A REMARK ON QUASI-CONFORMAL MAPPINGS AND BMO-FUNCTIONS

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Let $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ $(n \ge 2)$ be a domain and let $u: G \to \mathbb{R}$ be a locally integrable function. We say that u has bounded mean oscillation in G, and denote $u \in BMO(G)$, if

$$||u||_{*,G} \equiv \sup_{B \subset G} \left[\frac{1}{m(B)} \int_{B} |u(x) - u_{B}| dx \right] < \infty.$$

Here the supremum is taken over all balls $B \subset G$; m(B) stands for the Lebesgue-measure of B and u_B for the mean value of u over B, i.e.

$$u_B = \frac{1}{m(B)} \int_B u(x) \ dx.$$

- H. M. Reimann [5] has established a close connection between quasi-conformal mappings and the spaces BMO(G) by proving the following theorems:
- 1. THEOREM ([5: Theorem 4]; see also [4: p. 58]). If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a K-quasi-conformal homeomorphism, then

(1)
$$\frac{1}{C} \|u\|_{*,G'} \leq \|u \circ f\|_{*,G} \leq C \|u\|_{*,G'}$$

for all functions $u \in BMO(G')$. The constant C in (1) depends only on K and the dimension n.

- 2. THEOREM ([5: Theorem 3]). If an orientation preserving homeomorphism $f: G \to G'$ has the properties
 - (a) f is differentiable a.e. and $f \in ACL$,
- (b) the mapping $u \to u \circ f$ is a bijective isomorphism of the spaces BMO(G') and BMO(G) for which $\|u \circ f\|_{*,G} \leq C \|u\|_{*,G'}$, then f is quasi-conformal.

For definitions of quasi-conformal and ACL mappings see [8].

The purpose of this note is to show that by localizing the problem the analytic assumptions (a) in Theorem 2 can be dropped. More precisely, we shall prove

3. THEOREM. Let $f: G \to G'$ be an orientation preserving homeomorphism. If there exists a constant C such that

(2)
$$\frac{1}{C} \|u\|_{*,D'} \leq \|u \circ f\|_{*,D} \leq C \|u\|_{*,D'}$$

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