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On the Maximal Dilatation of the Douady-Earle Extension[†]

Abstract. This paper provides a new bound of the functional $|\varphi(0)|$ in the class $Q^0(K; \Delta)$ of all K -quasiconformal self-mappings φ of the unit disc Δ normalized by a vanishing integral of their boundary values. Let Φ_K , $K \geq 1$, denote the Hersch-Pfluger distortion function. Using some properties of the function $[0, 1] \ni r \mapsto \Phi_K^2(\sqrt{r}) - r$ a bound of $|\varphi(0)|$, as well as an improved estimate of the maximal dilatation of the Douady-Earle extension of a quasisymmetric automorphism of the unit circle are derived.

0. Introduction. Notations. Statement of results

Let $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ denote the extended complex plane. A sense-preserving homeomorphism φ of a domain $\Omega \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ onto a domain $\Omega' \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is said to be K -quasiconformal (abbreviated: K -qc.), $1 \leq K < \infty$, if for every quadrilateral $Q = Q(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$ whose closure is contained in Ω , $\text{Mod}(\varphi(Q)) \leq K \text{Mod}(Q)$ (the geometric definition). Here $\text{Mod}(Q)$ stands for the module of Q , cf. [LV]. We will write $\mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega, \Omega')$ for the class of all such mappings and $\mathcal{Q}(\Omega, \Omega') := \bigcup_{1 \leq K < \infty} \mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega, \Omega')$. The value $K[\varphi] = \inf\{K \geq 1 :$

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$\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega, \Omega')$ is called the maximal dilatation of $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(\Omega, \Omega')$. In order to shorten the notation we write $\mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega)$ and $\mathcal{Q}(\Omega)$ for $\Omega = \Omega'$. If $\zeta \in \Omega$ is arbitrarily fixed then the notation $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}_\zeta(K; \Omega)$ ($\mathcal{Q}_\zeta(\Omega)$) means that $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega)$ ($\mathcal{Q}(\Omega)$) and $\varphi(\zeta) = \zeta$. Assume $\Omega \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is a simply connected domain bounded by a Jordan curve $\Gamma = \partial\Omega \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$. If F is a complex-valued function on Ω then we put $\hat{\partial}F(z) = \lim_{u \rightarrow z} F(u)$ if the limit exists as u approaches z in Ω and $\hat{\partial}F(z) = 0$ otherwise. It is well known that every $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(\Omega)$ has a continuous extension to Γ being a sense-preserving homeomorphic self-mapping of Γ , cf. [LV]. Set $\hat{\partial}\mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega) = \{\hat{\partial}\varphi : \varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \Omega)\}$ and $\hat{\partial}\mathcal{Q}(\Omega) = \{\hat{\partial}\varphi : \varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(\Omega)\}$. Let us denote by Δ , \mathbf{T} and \mathbf{C}_+ the unit disk $\{z : |z| < 1\}$, the unit circle $\{z : |z| = 1\}$ and the upper half plane $\{z : \text{Im } z > 0\}$, respectively.

In the famous paper [BA] Beurling and Ahlfors characterized the class $\hat{\partial}\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{C}_+)$ by means of so-called quasymmetric (abbreviated: qs.) homeomorphisms of the real axis \mathbb{R} , cf. also [LV]. Moreover, if $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \mathbf{C}_+)$ then $\hat{\partial}\varphi$ is $\lambda(K)$ -qs., cf. [LV] for the proof and the definition of the λ -distortion function. Conversely, if f is an M -qs. homeomorphism of \mathbb{R} , $k \geq 1$, then the extension formula of the Beurling-Ahlfors type generates $F \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{C}_+)$ and the best bound known so far

$$(0.1) \quad K[F] \leq \max\{2M - 1, M^{3/2}\}$$

was found by Lehtinen in [Le].

Let $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{T})$, ($\text{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$) stand for the class of all (sense-preserving) homeomorphic self-mappings of \mathbf{T} . A counterpart of an M -qs. homeomorphism of \mathbb{R} is an M -qs. automorphism γ of \mathbf{T} , i.e. $\gamma \in \text{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$ satisfies the inequality $M^{-1} \leq |\gamma(I_1)|_1 / |\gamma(I_2)|_1 \leq M$ for each pair of adjacent closed arcs $I_1, I_2 \subset \mathbf{T}$ of equal arc-length measure $0 < |I_1|_1 = |I_2|_1 \leq \pi$. Krzyż introduced this notion in [K1] and proved that $\gamma \in \text{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$ is M -qs. iff there exists $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$ such that $\hat{\partial}\varphi = \gamma$ and the correspondence between M and K is the same as in the case of $\Omega = \mathbf{C}_+$, after a small modification of his proof. A more sophisticated but conformally invariant characterization of $\hat{\partial}\mathcal{Q}(\Omega)$ for arbitrary Ω by means of quasihomographies, or 1-dimensional qc. mappings of Γ due to many formal similarities to the class of plane qc. mappings, was studied by Zajac in [Z]. Also cf. [K3].

We use the symbol $\mathcal{P}[f]$ to denote the Poisson integral of a complex-valued $|\cdot|_1$ -integrable function f on \mathbf{T} , i.e.

$$(0.2) \quad \mathcal{P}[f](z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} f(u) \operatorname{Re} \frac{u+z}{u-z} |du|, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

It follows from the noteworthy Kneser–Choquet theorem for convex domains, cf. [Kn], [C]; that $\mathcal{P}[\gamma]$ is a sense-preserving diffeomorphic self-mapping of Δ and obviously $\hat{\partial}\mathcal{P}[\gamma] = \gamma$ for each $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$. Consequently, for every $z \in \Delta$ there exists the unique $w = F_\gamma(z) \in \Delta$ satisfying the equality

$$(0.3) \quad \mathcal{P}[h_z \circ \gamma](w) = 0$$

where

$$(0.4) \quad h_a(u) = \frac{u-a}{1-\bar{a}u}, \quad a \in \Delta, z \in \hat{\mathbf{C}}.$$

This shows that F_γ is a sense-preserving real-analytic diffeomorphic self-mapping of Δ , $\hat{\partial}F_\gamma = \tilde{\gamma}$ and

$$(0.5) \quad F_{\hat{\partial}\mu \circ \gamma \circ \hat{\partial}\nu} = \tilde{\nu} \circ F_\gamma \circ \tilde{\mu}, \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{Q}(1; \Delta),$$

provided $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$, cf. [LP, Theorem 1.1]. Following [BS] we use the symbol \bar{f} to denote the inverse mapping of f if it exists, while $f^{-1} = 1/f$. The inverse mapping $E_\gamma := \bar{F}_\gamma$ is a continuous extension of $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$ to Δ conformally invariant, i.e.

$$(0.6) \quad E_{\hat{\partial}\mu \circ \gamma \circ \hat{\partial}\nu} = \mu \circ E_\gamma \circ \nu, \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{Q}(1; \Delta),$$

by (0.5). As a matter of fact $E_\gamma := \bar{F}_\gamma$ coincides with the mapping $E(\gamma)$ found by Douady and Earle in [DE, Theorem 1], and so we call E_γ the Douady–Earle extension of γ . It was the first conformally invariant analytic extension of $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$ to Δ . In the already mentioned eminent paper [DE] Douady and Earle showed that $E_\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}(\Delta)$ iff $\gamma \in \hat{\partial}\mathbb{Q}(\Delta)$. In fact, they proved that $K^* := \sup\{K[E_\gamma] : \gamma \in \hat{\partial}\mathbb{Q}(K; \Delta)\} < 4 \cdot 10^8 e^{35K}$, cf. [DE, Proposition 7], and given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $K^* \leq K^{3+\varepsilon}$ if $K \leq 1 + \delta$, cf.

[DE; Corollary 2]. This means that $K^* \rightarrow 1$ as $K \rightarrow 1^+$ and so their explicit estimate, starting from $4 \cdot 10^8 e^{35}$ for $K = 1$, is very inaccurate in the range of small K close to 1. Thus, analogously to (0.1), a natural problem appeared, to find an explicit estimate $L(K)$ of K^* for all $K \geq 1$ which is asymptotically sharp, i.e. $L(K) \rightarrow 1$ as $K \rightarrow 1^+$. The first bound L of this kind was found for small K , $1 \leq K \leq 1.01$, in [P1, Theorem] and then it was improved for all $K \geq 1$ in [P2, Theorem 3.1]. In this paper we proceed with the study of this topic. We extensively borrow from the techniques developed in [P1] and [P2]. However, an essential progress in this direction could be achieved due to two circumstances. The first one is the following equality, cf. [P5, Theorem 1.1, Corollary 1.2],

$$(0.7) \quad \max_{0 \leq r \leq 1} |\Phi_K^2(\sqrt{r}) - r| = M(K), \quad K > 0,$$

where Φ_K is the Hersch–Pfluger distortion function, cf. [HP], [LV], and

$$(0.8) \quad M(K) = 2\Phi_K^2(1/\sqrt{2}) - 1 = \frac{\lambda(\sqrt{K}) - 1}{\lambda(\sqrt{K}) + 1},$$

$$M(1/K) = M(K), \quad K \geq 1.$$

The second one is the inequality (1.8). Combining these ideas we derive in Section 1 Theorem 1.4 which is the main proving tool of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 for K close to 1 in Section 2. The proof of (2.3) in Lemma 2.1 is an adaptation of the first part of the proof of Theorem 3.1 and the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [P2]. Roughly speaking, we modify those proofs by using the quasiconformal invariance of the harmonic measure instead of the quasisymmetric characterization of the class $\hat{\partial}\mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$. Lemma 2.2 is an improvement of [P1, Lemma] for small $K \geq 1$. Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 imply Theorem 2.3 which is our main result. It provides a new explicit and asymptotically sharp estimate $L(K)$ of K^* for all $K \geq 1$ which essentially improves those in [P1, Theorem] and [P2, Theorem 3.1*]. Combining this

* There is a minor error in the proof of this theorem. The theorem remains true after replacing the coefficient $1/(2\pi\sqrt{6})$ by $9\sqrt{3}/(32\pi)$ in the formula defining $F(K)$.

result with (0.1) yields a new bound of K^* which depends on the quasisymmetry constant M only. The problem of estimating K^* for quasihomographies was studied by Sakan and Zajac in [SZ]. They also applied (0.7) to get asymptotically sharp estimate of K^* . Section 3 provides comments dealing with two previous sections.

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1. Some estimates involving the function $M(K)$

It was shown in [P5, Theorem 3.1] that

$$(1.1) \quad \max_{0 \leq r \leq 1} |\hat{\partial}F(r) - r| \leq M(K)$$

for every $F \in \mathbb{Q}(K; \mathbb{C}_+)$ satisfying $\hat{\partial}F(z) = z$, $z = 0, 1, \infty$, and the equality is attained for some extremal mapping F_K such that $\hat{\partial}F_K(r_K) = 1 - r_K$ where $1 - 2r_K = M(K)$. Let $f(t) = \hat{\partial}F(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$. If $f(t) \geq t$ then we put $g(t) = f(t)$. Otherwise, we put $g(t) = a_t + b_t - f(a_t + b_t - t)$ where $(a_t, b_t) \subset [0, 1]$ is the biggest open interval such that $f(r) < r$ for every $a_t < r < b_t$. g is an increasing function on $[0, 1]$ because f does so. Furthermore, $0 < g(t) - t = a_t + b_t - t - f(a_t + b_t - t) < b_t - t \leq 1 - t$ if $f(t) < t$. Therefore $0 < g(t) - t \leq \min\{1 - t, M(K)\}$ for every $0 \leq t \leq 1$ by (1.1) and the inequality $f(t) \leq 1$. Since $\int_{a_t}^{b_t} |f(r) - r| dr = \int_{a_t}^{b_t} (g(r) - r) dr$ if $f(t) < t$, we obtain

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^1 |\hat{\partial}F(r) - r| dr = \int_0^1 (g(r) - r) dr \\ \leq \int_0^1 \min\{1 - r, M(K)\} dr = M(K) - \frac{1}{2}M^2(K)$$

provided $F \in \mathbb{Q}(K; \mathbb{C}_+)$. In what follows we derive counterparts of the estimates (1.1) and (1.2) for the unit disk. We will use the symbol $\text{Arg } z$ to denote the argument of $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, i.e. the unique t , $-\pi < t \leq \pi$, satisfying $z = |z|e^{it}$.

Theorem 1.1. *If $K \geq 1$, $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$ satisfies*

$\hat{\partial}\varphi(\zeta) = \zeta, \hat{\partial}\varphi(-\zeta) = -\zeta$ then

$$(1.3) \quad \max_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |\text{Arg}(\hat{\partial}\varphi(z)/z)| \leq \pi M(K),$$

as well as

$$(1.4) \quad \max_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |\hat{\partial}\varphi(z) - z| \leq 2 \sin(\pi M(K)/2).$$

Proof. Let $K \geq 1$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$ satisfies $\hat{\partial}\varphi(\zeta) = \zeta, \hat{\partial}\varphi(-\zeta) = -\zeta$ for some $\zeta \in \mathbf{T}$. Without loss of generality we can assume that $\zeta = 1$. It can be always achieved after a suitable rotation. Following Krzyż, cf. [K1], we assign to φ a K -qc. self-mapping F of \mathbb{C}_+ such that

$$(1.5) \quad \varphi(e^{\pi iz}) = e^{\pi i F(z)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}_+,$$

and $\hat{\partial}F$ keeps the points 0, 1, 2 fixed. It follows from (1.1) that $|\hat{\partial}F(t) - t| \leq M(K)$ for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$. By this and (1.5) we have $|\text{Arg}(\hat{\partial}\varphi(e^{it})e^{-it})| = |\pi \hat{\partial}F(t/\pi) - t| \leq \pi M(K)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, which proves (1.3); (1.4) is an obvious consequence of (1.3). \square

Remark. Unfortunately, the estimates (1.3) and (1.4) are not sharp for $K > 1$. It is caused by the fact that the extremal function F_K is not periodic with the period 2. Therefore the strict inequality holds in (1.3) and (1.4) for $K > 1$. However, the obtained results seem to be fairly accurate at least for K close to 1.

Theorem 1.2. *If $K \geq 1, \zeta \in \mathbf{T}$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$ satisfies $\hat{\partial}\varphi(\zeta) = \zeta, \hat{\partial}\varphi(-\zeta) = -\zeta$ then*

$$(1.6) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\text{Arg}(\hat{\partial}\varphi(z)/z)| |dz| \leq \pi(M(K) - \frac{1}{2}M^2(K)).$$

Moreover,

$$(1.7) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\hat{\partial}\varphi(z) - z| |dz| \leq 2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}(2M(K) - M^2(K))).$$

Proof. Let φ and F be as in the proof of the previous theorem. Applying (1.2) and (1.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(\hat{\partial}\varphi(z)/z)| |dz| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |\pi \hat{\partial}F(t/\pi) - t| dt \\ &\leq \pi(M(K) - \frac{1}{2}M^2(K)), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (1.6). Similarly, by using Jensen's inequality for concave functions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\hat{\partial}\varphi(z) - z| |dz| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \sin \frac{1}{2} |\pi \hat{\partial}F(\frac{t}{\pi}) - t| dt \leq \\ 2 \sin(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} |\pi \hat{\partial}F(\frac{t}{\pi}) - t| dt) &\leq 2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}(2M(K) - M^2(K))), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (1.7). \square

We proceed with extending the above theorem to any $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \Delta)$. We first prove the basic statement in this paper.

Lemma 1.3. *For every $a \in \Delta$ and $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$*

$$(1.8) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}((h_a \circ \gamma)(z)/h_a(z))| |dz| \leq \max_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(\gamma(z)/z)|.$$

Proof. Fix $a \in \Delta$ and $\gamma \in \operatorname{Hom}^+(\mathbf{T})$. Let

$$(1.9) \quad m = \max_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(\gamma(z)/z)|.$$

Clearly, if $m = \pi$ then (1.8) holds. Assume $m < \pi$. For any $z, w \in \mathbf{T}$ we denote by $I(z, w)$ the closed arc directed counterclockwise from z to w . Consider the function $f : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(z) = |I(h_a(z), h_a \circ \gamma(z))|_1$ as $\operatorname{Arg}(\gamma(z)/z) \geq 0$ and $f(z) = |I(h_a \circ \gamma(z), h_a(z))|_1$ otherwise. We assign to f two functions f_+ and f_- defined on \mathbf{T} as follows: $f_+(z) = f(z)$ for $\operatorname{Arg}(\gamma(z)/z) > 0$ and $f_-(z) = 0$ otherwise, $f_-(z) = f(ze^{im})$ for $\operatorname{Arg}(\gamma(ze^{im})/ze^{im}) < 0$

and $f_-(z) = 0$ otherwise. Evidently, $f(z) = f_+(z) + f_-(ze^{-im})$ and consequently

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{T}} f(z)|dz| &= \int_{\mathbf{T}} f_+(z)|dz| + \int_{\mathbf{T}} f_-(ze^{-im})|dz| \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{T}} (f_+(z) + f_-(z))|dz|. \end{aligned}$$

Since γ and h_a are sense-preserving, we conclude from (1.9) that $f_+(z) + f_-(z) \leq |I(h_a(z), h_a(ze^{im}))|_1$. Hence by (1.10) and Fubini's and Cauchy's integral theorems

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} f(z)|dz| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |I(h_a(z), h_a(ze^{im}))|_1 |dz| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |h_a(I(z, ze^{im}))|_1 |dz| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} \int_0^m \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}ze^{it}|^2} dt |dz| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^m \int_{\mathbf{T}} \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}ze^{it}|^2} |dz| dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^m 2\pi dt = m. \end{aligned}$$

This and the obvious inequality $|\text{Arg}((h_a \circ \gamma)(z)/h_a(z))| \leq f(z)$, $z \in \mathbf{T}$, imply (1.8). \square

Theorem 1.4. *If $K \geq 1$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}(K; \Delta)$ and $a = \varphi(0)$ then $\gamma := \hat{\partial}\varphi$ satisfies*

$$(1.11) \quad \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\text{Arg}(h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)/\gamma(z))| |dz| \leq \pi M(K),$$

as well as

$$(1.12) \quad \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z) - \gamma(z)| |dz| \leq 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} M(K)\right).$$

Proof. Fix $K \geq 1$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}(K; \Delta)$. By the Darboux property there exist two points $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \mathbf{T}$ such that $\hat{\partial}(h_a \circ \varphi)(\zeta_1) = \zeta_2$ and $\hat{\partial}(h_a \circ \varphi)(-\zeta_1) = -\zeta_2$. Then, setting $e^{i\theta} = \zeta_2/\zeta_1$ and $\psi(z) := h_a \circ$

$\varphi(e^{-i\theta}z)$, $z \in \Delta$, we see that $\psi \in \mathcal{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$ and $\hat{\partial}\psi$ keeps the points $\zeta_2, -\zeta_2$ fixed. Applying Lemma 1.3 and Theorem 1.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)/\gamma(z))| |dz| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(h_{-a}(z)/h_{-a} \circ h_a \circ \gamma(e^{-i\theta}z))| |dz| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(h_{-a}(z)/h_{-a} \circ \hat{\partial}\psi(z))| |dz| \\ &\leq \max_{z \in \mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(\hat{\partial}\psi(z)/z)| \leq \pi M(K), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (1.11). Hence by Jensen's inequality for concave functions

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z) - \gamma(z)| |dz| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} 2 \sin \frac{1}{2} |\operatorname{Arg}(h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)/\gamma(z))| |dz| \\ &\leq 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |\operatorname{Arg}(h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)/\gamma(z))| |dz|\right) \leq 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} M(K)\right), \end{aligned}$$

and this yields (1.12). \square

2. An estimate of $K[E_\gamma]$ for $\gamma \in \hat{\partial}\mathcal{Q}(K; \Delta)$

Suppose $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a domain and φ is a sense-preserving diffeomorphism of Ω onto $\Omega' = \varphi(\Omega)$. Then the Jacobian $|\partial\varphi(\zeta)|^2 - |\bar{\partial}\varphi(\zeta)|^2$ is positive at every $\zeta \in \Omega$. Define $k[\varphi](\zeta) = |\bar{\partial}\varphi(\zeta)/\partial\varphi(\zeta)|$ for $\zeta \in \Omega$ and $k[\varphi] = \sup_{\zeta \in \Omega} k[\varphi](\zeta)$. It is well known that $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(\Omega, \Omega')$ if $k[\varphi] < 1$, and

$$(2.1) \quad K[\varphi] = (1 + k[\varphi])(1 - k[\varphi])^{-1},$$

cf. [LV]: We denote by $\mathcal{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$ the class of all $\varphi \in \mathcal{Q}(K; \Delta)$ normalized by

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{P}[\hat{\partial}\varphi](0) = 0.$$

It follows from (0.3) that $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$ iff $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}(K; \Delta)$ and $F_{\partial\varphi}(0) = 0$.

Lemma 2.1. *If $K \geq 1$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$, $\gamma := \hat{\partial}\varphi$ and $r_l = \cos(\pi/2^{l+1})$, $r'_l = \sin(\pi/2^{l+1})$, $l = 1, 2, 3$, then*

$$(2.3) \quad k^2[F_\gamma](0) \leq 1 - \frac{2^7\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \left(\frac{1-|\varphi(0)|}{1+|\varphi(0)|} \right)^5 \times \\ \Phi_K^2(r_1)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_1)\Phi_K^2(r_2)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_2)\Phi_K(r_3)\Phi_{1/K}(r'_3)(2\Phi_K^2(r_3) - 1)$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad k^2[F_\gamma](0) \leq \sin 2P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \\ + (1 - \sin 2P(K, |\varphi(0)|))(2 \sin(\pi M(K)/2) \\ + |\varphi(0)|^2 + \sin P(K, |\varphi(0)|))$$

where

$$(2.5) \quad P(K, r) = \frac{\pi}{4} - 2(1-r)(1+r)^{-1} \arccos \Phi_K(\cos \frac{\pi}{8}).$$

Moreover,

$$(2.6) \quad k[F_\gamma](0) \leq \sin 2P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \\ + \sin P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \cos^2 2P(K, |\varphi(0)|)(1 - 2 \sin(\pi M(K)/2) \\ - |\varphi(0)|^2 - \sin P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \sin 2P(K, |\varphi(0)|))^{-1}$$

as the denominator is positive and $P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \leq \pi/8$.

Proof. Fix $K \geq 1$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$. Let $a = \varphi(0) \in \Delta$. Then $\psi := h_a \circ \varphi \in \mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$. Assume I is an arbitrary subarc of \mathbf{T} . It follows from the quasi-invariance of the harmonic measure ω that

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{1}{K} \mu(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\omega(0, \Delta)[I])) \leq \mu(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\omega(\psi(0), \Delta)[\hat{\partial}\psi(I)])) \\ \leq K \mu(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\omega(0, \Delta)[I])),$$

cf. [H]. Here μ stands for the module of the Grötzsch extremal domain $\Delta \setminus [0, r]$, cf. [LV]. Since $\psi(0) = 0$ and $2\pi\omega(0, \Delta)[I] = |I|_1$ for any arc $I \subset \mathbf{T}$, we get by (2.7) and the definition of Φ_K

$$(2.8) \quad \Phi_{1/K} \left(\cos \frac{|I|_1}{4} \right) \leq \cos \frac{|h_a \circ \gamma(I)|_1}{4} \leq \Phi_K \left(\cos \frac{|I|_1}{4} \right).$$

Set $\alpha_{K,l} = 4 \arccos \Phi_K(r_l)$, $l = 1, 2, 3$. An easy computation applying the identity

$$(2.9) \quad \Phi_K^2(r) + \Phi_{1/K}^2(\sqrt{1-r^2}) = 1, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1,$$

cf. [AVV, Theorem 3.3], shows that

$$(2.10) \quad \sin(\alpha_{K,l}/2) = 2\Phi_K(r_l)\Phi_{1/K}(r'_l), \quad l = 1, 2,$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \sin(\alpha_{K,3}) = 4\Phi_K(r_3)\Phi_{1/K}(r'_3)(2\Phi_K^2(r_3) - 1).$$

It follows from (2.8) and the inequality $|h_{-a}(I)|_1 = \int_I |h'_{-a}(z)| |dz| \geq (1 - |a|)(1 + |a|)^{-1}|I|_1$ that

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} |\gamma(I)|_1 &= |h_{-a} \circ h_a \circ \gamma(I)|_1 \geq (1 - |a|)(1 + |a|)^{-1} |h_a \circ \gamma(I)|_1 \\ &\geq (1 - |a|)(1 + |a|)^{-1} \alpha_{K,l} \end{aligned}$$

for $|I|_1 = \pi/2^{l-1}$, $l = 1, 2, 3$. The inequalities (2.12), $l = 1, 2$, correspond to (1.2) and (1.3) in [P2] after replacing $2\pi/(1+k)$ and $2\pi/(1+k)^2$ by $\alpha_{K,1}$ and $\alpha_{K,2}$, respectively. Define for every $\eta \in \text{Hom}(\mathbf{T})$ and any integers $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(2.13) \quad \eta_m^n := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} z^m (\eta(z))^n |dz|.$$

A calculation similar to that in the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [P2] shows that

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} |\gamma_0^2| &\leq \cos\left(\alpha_{K,2} \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|}\right) = \sin 2P(K, |a|); \\ |\gamma_1^1| &\leq \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\alpha_{K,2}}{2} \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|}\right) = \sin P(K, |a|); \\ 1 &\geq |\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2 \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \sin^2\left(\frac{\alpha_{K,1}}{2} \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|}\right) \sin\left(\alpha_{K,3} \frac{1-|a|}{1+|a|}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$, $F_\gamma(0) = 0$. Differentiating at the point $z = 0$ both sides of the equality $\mathcal{P}[h_z \circ \gamma](F_\gamma(z)) = 0$, $z \in \Delta$, we see that

$$\gamma_{-1}^1 \partial F_\gamma(0) + \gamma_1^1 \overline{\partial F_\gamma(0)} = 1, \quad \gamma_{-1}^1 \partial F_\gamma(0) + \gamma_1^1 \overline{\partial F_\gamma(0)} = -\gamma_0^2,$$

hence

$$(2.15) \quad \partial F_\gamma(0) = \frac{\overline{\gamma_{-1}^1} + \overline{\gamma_0^2} \gamma_1^1}{|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2}, \quad \bar{\partial} F_\gamma(0) = \frac{-\overline{\gamma_{-1}^1} \gamma_0^2 - \gamma_1^1}{|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2},$$

and finally

$$(2.16) \quad 1 - \left| \frac{\bar{\partial} F_\gamma(0)}{\partial F_\gamma(0)} \right|^2 = \frac{(1 - |\gamma_0^2|^2)(|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2)}{|\overline{\gamma_{-1}^1} + \overline{\gamma_0^2} \gamma_1^1|^2}.$$

From this, (2.16) and (2.14)

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 - \left| \frac{\bar{\partial} F_\gamma(0)}{\partial F_\gamma(0)} \right|^2 &= \frac{(1 - |\gamma_0^2|^2)(|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2)}{|\overline{\gamma_{-1}^1} + \overline{\gamma_0^2} \gamma_1^1|^2} \geq \frac{1 - |\gamma_0^2|}{1 + |\gamma_0^2|} (|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2) \\ &\geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \tan^2 \left(\frac{\alpha_{K,2}}{2} \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \right) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\alpha_{K,1}}{2} \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \right) \sin \left(\alpha_{K,3} \frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \left(\frac{1 - |a|}{1 + |a|} \right)^5 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha_{K,1}}{2} \sin^2 \frac{\alpha_{K,2}}{2} \sin \alpha_{K,3}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (2.10) and (2.11) the bound (2.3) follows. We derive now (2.4). By (2.13) we get for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| |\gamma_{-1}^1| - 1 \right| &\leq |\gamma_{-1}^1 - e^{i\theta}| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} (\gamma(z)\bar{z} - e^{i\theta}) |dz| \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\gamma(z) - h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)| |dz| + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} (h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)\bar{z} - e^{i\theta}) |dz| \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\gamma(z) - h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)| |dz| + |a|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by Theorem 1.4

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 - |\gamma_{-1}^1| &\leq \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\gamma(z) - h_{-a}(e^{i\theta}z)| |dz| + |a|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} M(K)\right) + |a|^2. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.16) that

$$1 - \left| \frac{\bar{\partial} F_\gamma(0)}{\partial F_\gamma(0)} \right|^2 \geq \frac{(1 - |\gamma_0^2|^2)(|\gamma_{-1}^1|^2 - |\gamma_1^1|^2)}{(1 + |\gamma_0^2|)(|\gamma_{-1}^1| + |\gamma_1^1|)} = (1 - |\gamma_0^2|)(|\gamma_{-1}^1| - |\gamma_1^1|).$$

Combining this, (2.14) and (2.18) gives (2.4). The last bound (2.6) is a direct conclusion from (2.14), (2.15), (2.18) and the following estimate

$$\begin{aligned} k[F_\gamma](0) &= \frac{|\overline{\gamma_{-1}^1} \gamma_0^2 - \gamma_1^1|}{|\gamma_{-1}^1 + \overline{\gamma_0^2} \gamma_1^1|} \\ &\leq |\gamma_0^2| + |\gamma_1^1| (1 - |\gamma_0^2|^2) (|\gamma_{-1}^1| - |\gamma_0^2| |\gamma_1^1|)^{-1}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The estimate of $k[F_\gamma](0)$ in the above lemma depends on K and $|a|$. The next lemma provides a bound of $|a|$ which depends on K only. Consider in the class $\mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$ the basic distortion functional

$$(2.19) \quad \rho(K) = \sup\{|\varphi(0)| : \varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)\}.$$

Lemma 2.2. *For every $K \geq 1$*

$$(2.20) \quad \rho(K) \leq p(K) := \min\left\{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} M(K)\right), 1 - 2(\sqrt{3} \Phi_K(\sqrt{3}/2) \Phi_{1/K}^{-1}(1/2) + 1)^{-1}\right\}.$$

Proof. Fix $K \geq 1$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$ and set $\gamma = \hat{\partial}\varphi$, $a = \varphi(0)$. It follows from $\mathcal{P}[\gamma](0) = 0$ that for every arc $I \subset \mathbf{T}$ of length $|I|_1 = 2\pi/3$, $|\gamma(I)|_1 \leq 4\pi/3$, cf. [LP] for details. Applying now (2.8) gives $|\varphi(0)| \leq 1/2 + \sqrt{3}/2 \cot(\pi/3 + \arccos \Phi_K(\sqrt{3}/2))$, cf. [P1, (4)]. Hence by (2.9) we derive

$$(2.21) \quad \rho(K) \leq 1 - 2(\sqrt{3} \Phi_K(\sqrt{3}/2) \Phi_{1/K}^{-1}(1/2) + 1)^{-1}.$$

This estimate is not sharp because the right hand side tends to $1/2$ as $K \rightarrow 1^+$. To improve it for small K close to 1 we will use Theorem 1.4. Since $\mathcal{P}[\gamma](0) = 0$, we have for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(0)| = |a| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\mathbf{T}} h_{-a}(e^{i\theta} z) |dz| - \int_{\mathbf{T}} \gamma(z) |dz| \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{T}} |h_{-a}(e^{i\theta} z) - \gamma(z)| |dz|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, applying Theorem 1.4 gives $|\varphi(0)| \leq 2 \sin(\pi M(K)/2)$ and so $\rho(K) \leq 2 \sin(\pi M(K)/2)$ for $K \geq 1$. Combining this and (2.21) leads to (2.20). \square

Consider the second distortion functional $\rho_*(K)$ in the class $\mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta)$ given by

$$(2.22) \quad \rho_*(K) = \sup \left\{ \frac{1+|\varphi(0)|}{1-|\varphi(0)|} : \varphi \in \mathbb{Q}^0(K; \Delta) \right\} .$$

In view of the above lemma $\rho(K) < 1$ and so

$$(2.23) \quad \rho_*(K) = \frac{1+\rho(K)}{1-\rho(K)} \leq p_*(K) := \frac{1+p(K)}{1-p(K)} < \infty, \quad K \geq 1 .$$

Now we are ready to prove the main result in this section which improves Theorem in [P1] and Theorem 3.1 in [P2] in the whole range of $K \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.3. *If $K \geq 1$ and $\gamma \in \hat{\partial}\mathbb{Q}_T(K)$ then F_γ and E_γ are $(1+k)(1-k)^{-1}$ -qc. mappings and $k = k[E_\gamma] = k[F_\gamma]$ satisfies*

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{aligned} k^2 \leq & 1 - \frac{2^7\sqrt{2}}{\pi} p_*^{-5}(K) \times \\ & \Phi_K^2(r_1)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_1)\Phi_K^2(r_2)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_2)\Phi_K(r_3)\Phi_{1/K}(r'_3)(2\Phi_K^2(r_3) - 1) \leq \\ & 1 - \frac{2^7\sqrt{6}}{3^3\pi} \Phi_K^{-5}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\Phi_{1/K}^5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \\ & \Phi_K^2(r_1)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_1)\Phi_K^2(r_2)\Phi_{1/K}^2(r'_2)\Phi_K(r_3)\Phi_{1/K}(r'_3)(2\Phi_K^2(r_3) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} k^2 \leq & \sin 2P(K) + (1 - \sin 2P(K))(2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}M(K))) \\ & + 4 \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2}M(K)) + \sin P(K) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.26) \quad P(K) = P(K, p(K)) = \frac{\pi}{4} - 2p_*^{-1}(K) \arccos \Phi_K(\cos \frac{\pi}{8}),$$

and $r_l, r'_l, l = 1, 2, 3$, were defined in Lemma 2.1. Moreover,

$$(2.27) \quad \begin{aligned} k \leq & \sin 2P(K) + \sin P(K) \cos^2 2P(K)(1 - 2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}M(K))) \\ & - 4 \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2}M(K)) - \sin P(K) \sin 2P(K))^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

whenever $P(K) \leq \pi/8$.

Proof. Fix $K \geq 1$ and $\gamma \in \hat{\partial}Q(K; \Delta)$. If $z \in \Delta$ then $\gamma_z := h_z \circ \gamma \circ h_{-F_\gamma(z)} \in \hat{\partial}Q(K; \Delta)$ and by (0.5) $h_{-F_\gamma(z)} \circ F_{\gamma_z}(0) = F_\gamma(h_{-z}(0)) = F_\gamma(z)$. Hence $F_{\gamma_z}(0) = h_{F_\gamma(z)}(F_\gamma(z)) = 0$ and applying (0.5) once again we have $k[F_\gamma](z) = k[h_{F_\gamma(z)} \circ F_\gamma \circ h_{-z}](0) = k[F_{\gamma_z}](0)$ for every $z \in \Delta$. Consequently,

(2.28)

$$k := k[F_\gamma] = \sup_{z \in \Delta} k[F_{\gamma_z}](0) \leq \sup\{k[F_{\partial\varphi}](0) : \varphi \in Q^0(K; \Delta)\} .$$

It follows from (2.5), (2.23) and (2.26) that for each $\varphi \in Q^0(K; \Delta)$, $P(K, |\varphi(0)|) \leq P(K)$. From this, (2.28) and the formulas (2.3), (2.4) and (2.6) we easily derive corresponding bounds (2.24), (2.25) and (2.27)^{*)} in our theorem. Moreover, by (2.20) we get $p_*(K) \leq \sqrt{3}\Phi_K(\sqrt{3}/2)\Phi_{1/K}^{-1}(1/2)$, which completes the proof of (2.24). By definition, $E_\gamma = \bar{F}_\gamma$. Therefore $k = k[E_\gamma] = k[F_\gamma]$ and $E_\gamma \in Q((1+k)(1-k)^{-1}; \Delta)$. \square

Corollary 2.4. *If γ is an M -qs. automorphism of \mathbf{T} , $1 \leq M < \infty$, then F_γ and E_γ are $(1+k)(1-k)^{-1}$ -qc. mappings and $k = k[E_\gamma] = k[F_\gamma]$ satisfies the inequalities (2.24), (2.25) and (2.27) after K has been replaced by $\min\{M^{3/2}, 2M - 1\}$.*

Proof. Modifying the proof of Krzyż's Theorem from [K1] by applying Lehtinen's result (0.1) we deduce that M -qs. automorphism of \mathbf{T} has a K -qc. extension to Δ with $K \leq \min\{M^{3/2}, 2M - 1\}$. In this way the corollary follows immediately from Theorem 2.3. \square

3. Complementary remarks

Remark 1. Let $\phi_K(x) = \min\{4^{1-1/K}x^{1/K}, 1\}$ and $h(x) = (1-x)(1+x)^{-1}$ for all $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $K > 0$. Consider the following functions

$$\Phi_0[K, t](x) = \Phi_t \circ \phi_K \circ \Phi_{1/t}(x) ,$$

$$\Phi_1[K, t](x) = h \circ \Phi_0[1/K, t] \circ h(x) , \quad K > 0 ,$$

$$\Phi[K, t](x) = \begin{cases} \min\{\Phi_0[K, t](x) , \Phi_1[K, t](x)\} & , K \geq 1 \\ \max\{\Phi_0[K, t](x) , \Phi_1[K, t](x)\} & , 0 < K \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

^{*)} see Remark 1 in Section 3 for the completion of the proof of (2.27).

for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $t > 0$. Since, as shown in [LV], $\Phi_2(r) = 2\sqrt{r}(1+r)^{-1}$, $0 \leq r \leq 1$, and $\Phi_{2^{n+1}} = \Phi_{2^n} \circ \Phi_2$, $\Phi_{2^{-n}} = \Phi_{2^n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, all functions $\Phi[K, 2^n]$, $K > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, are elementary. Moreover, it follows from [P3, Theorem 1.3, Corollary 1.4] that $\Phi[K, 2^n]$ approaches monotonically Φ_K as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, it follows from [P3, Theorem 1.5, Corollary 1.6] that

$$0 \leq \Phi_0[K, 2^n](x) - \Phi_K(x) \leq x^{2^{n+1}/K} \Phi_0[K, 2^n](x)$$

for $K \geq 1$, $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$,

$$0 \leq \Phi_1[K, 2^n](x) - \Phi_K(x) \leq 2((1 - h(x)^{2^{n+1}})^{-K2^{-n}} - 1)h^K(x)$$

for $K \geq 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$0 \leq \Phi_K(x) - \Phi_0[K, 2^n](x) \leq ((1 - x^{2^{n+1}})^{-1/K2^n} - 1)\Phi_0[K, 2^n](x)$$

for $0 < K \leq 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \Phi_K(x) - \Phi_1[K, 2^n](x) \\ &\leq 2((1 - h(x)^{K2^{n+1}})^{-1} - 1) \min\{4^{1-K}h^K(x), 1\} \end{aligned}$$

for $0 < K \leq 1$, $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$.

All bounds in Lemma 2.2 and Theorem 2.3 depend on Φ_K . Applying the approximating sequence $\Phi[K, 2^n]$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, of Φ_K , we can estimate the right-hand side of (2.24), (2.25) and (2.27) by elementary functions with arbitrarily preassigned accuracy due to the above inequalities, cf. [P4, Theorem 3.1]. For example, we can determine the constants K_1 and K_2 such that the bound (2.27) is better than that given in (2.25) for $1 \leq K < K_1$ and the bound (2.25) is better than that in (2.24) for $1 \leq K < K_2$. Relevant computer calculations give $0 < K_1 - 1.053180 < 10^{-6}$ and $0 < K_2 - 1.113057 < 10^{-6}$. Moreover, $P(1.1) > \pi/8$ and $2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}M(1.1)) + 4 \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2}M(1.1)) + \sin P(1.1) \sin 2P(1.1) < 1$, which completes the proof of (2.27).

Remark 2. Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 are counterparts of Corollaries 2.4 and 2.7 in [K2], respectively, for M -qs. functions h on \mathbb{R} such that σ , $\sigma(t) = h(t) - t$, is 2π -periodic on \mathbb{R} normalized by

$\int_0^{2\pi} \sigma(t) dt = 0$. They enable us to adopt some Krzyż's result from [K2] for functions of the form $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto h(t) - t \in \mathbb{R}$ where $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function satisfying $\gamma(e^{it}) = e^{ih(t)}$, $-\pi < h(0) \leq \pi$ and $\gamma \in \hat{\partial}\mathbb{Q}_0(K; \Delta)$, but we will not develop this point here.

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