# Recent advances in differentiability in metric measure spaces

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$$0 < \mu(B(x,2r)) \le C \,\mu(B(x,r)) < \infty \quad \forall x \in X, r > 0.$$

*X* complete +  $\mu$  doubling  $\Longrightarrow$  *X* proper

- Lebesgue points
- Vitali Coverings
- Maximal operator...

#### Examples

• 
$$(\mathbb{R}^n, |\cdot|, \mathscr{L}^n) C = 2^n$$
  
•  $(C, |\cdot|, \mathscr{H}^{\frac{\log 2}{\log 3}})$ 





A curve in *X* is a continuous mapping  $\gamma : [a, b] \to X$ . A rectifiable curve is a curve with finite length.

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**Stepanov Theorem**  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable  $\mathscr{L}^n$ -a.e. in S(f),

$$S(f) := \Big\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \operatorname{Lip} f(x) := \limsup_{\substack{y \to x \\ y \neq x}} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|} < \infty \Big\}.$$

### First order analysis on metric spaces



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Example If  $f \in C^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega \stackrel{\text{op}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$  (or of a Riemannian manifold), then  $\operatorname{Lip} f(x) = |\nabla f(x)| \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$ 

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Notation:

$$\int_{B} f \, d\mathcal{L}^{n} = f_{B} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}^{n}(B)} \int_{B} f \, d\mathcal{L}^{n}$$

Applications: Harmonic Analysis and PDEs

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 $\forall x, y \in X$  and every rectifiable curve  $\gamma_{xy}$ .

### Examples

- If there are no rectifiable curves in *X* then  $g \equiv 0$  is an upper gradient of every function.
- If  $f \in LIP(X)$  then  $g \equiv LIP(f)$  and g(x) = Lip f(x) are upper gradients for f.

### Poincaré inequalities in metric measure spaces

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A metric space (X, d) is quasiconvex if there exists a constant  $C \ge 1$  such that for each pair of points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a curve  $\gamma$  connecting x and y with

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• Heinonen-Koskela 98, Kinnunen-Latvala 02, Saloff-Coste 02, Keith 03, Miranda 03, Korte 07, ....

$$Q_0 = [0, 1]^2$$



# A counterexample: Sierpiński carpet








## Sierpiński carpet



Sierpiński carpet:  $S_3 = (X, d, \mu)$ 

 $d = d_{e|X}$ 



Equally distributing unit mass over  $Q_n$  leads to a natural probability doubling measure  $\mu$  on  $S_3$ . ( $\mu$  is comparable to  $\mathcal{H}^s$ ,  $s = \frac{\log 8}{\log 3}$ ).

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Let  $T_n$  be the vertical strip of width  $3^{-n}$ .

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$$\int_{B(x,r)} |f - f_{B(x,r)}| \, d\mu \le C \, r \Big( \int_{B(x,r)} g^p d\mu \Big)^{1/p}$$



Define 
$$f_n \in \text{LIP}(S_3)$$
 such that  $\int_{S_3} |f_n - (f_n)_{S_3}| d\mu > C$  but

$$\int_{S_3} \lim (f_n) d\mu = 3^n \cdot \mu(T_n) = 3^n \cdot \frac{2}{8^n} \to 0 \ (n \to \infty)$$

#### • $(S_3, d, \mu)$ does not admit any *p*-PI

Bourdon-Pajot 02 Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a bounded metric measure space with  $\mu$  doubling and p-PI, and let  $f : X \longrightarrow I$  be a surjective Lipschitz function from X onto an interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $\mathscr{L}^1_{|I} \ll f_{\#}\mu$ . Here  $f_{\#}\mu$  denotes the push-forward measure of  $\mu$  under f.

#### Proof.

Let *f* be the projection on the horizontal axis. It can be checked that  $f_{\#}\mu \perp \mathscr{L}^1$ .

Question Higher dimensions?

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#### Mackay, Tyson, Wildrick 13

- $(S_{\mathbf{a}}, d, \mu)$  supports a 1-PI if and only if  $\mathbf{a} \in \ell^1$
- $(S_{\mathbf{a}}, d, \mu)$  supports a *p*-PI for some p > 1 if and only if  $\mathbf{a} \in \ell^2$

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 $\begin{array}{c|c} & & \text{Example} \\ & & & \text{v}_{0.75} \\ & & & \text{v}_{0.5} \\ & & & \text{v}_{0.5} \\ & & & \text{v}_{0.25} \\ & & & & \text{v}_{0.25} \end{array} & (X, |\cdot|, \mathscr{L}^2_{|X}) \ X \text{ has } p - \text{PI} \iff \\ & & & p > m + 1 \end{array}$ 

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- (*X*, *d*) is quasiconvex
- $(X, d, \mu)$  does not admit any *p*-PI,  $1 \le p \le \infty$

#### And a differentiable structure?

## Modulus of a family of curves

#### Definition

Let  $\Gamma \subset \Upsilon = \{\text{non constant rectifiable curves of } X\}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . For  $\Gamma \subset \Upsilon$ , let  $F(\Gamma)$  be the family of all Borel measurable functions  $\rho : X \to [0, \infty]$  such that

$$\int_{\gamma} \rho \ge 1 \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

$$\mathsf{Mod}_{p}(\Gamma) = \begin{cases} \inf_{\rho \in F(\Gamma)} \int_{X} \rho^{p} d\mu, & \text{if } p < \infty \\ \inf_{\rho \in F(\Gamma)} \|\rho\|_{L^{\infty}}, & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

If some property holds for all curves  $\gamma \in \Upsilon \setminus \Gamma$ , where  $Mod_p \Gamma = 0$ , then we say that the property holds for *p*-a.e. curve.

Remark $Mod_p$  is an outer measure

Lemma

Let  $\Gamma \subset \Upsilon$  and  $1 \le p \le \infty$ . The following conditions are equivalent: (a) Mod<sub>p</sub>  $\Gamma = 0$ .

(b) There exists a Borel function  $0 \le \rho \in L^p(X)$  such that  $\int_{\gamma} \rho = +\infty$ , for each  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\|\rho\|_{L^{\infty}} = 0$ .

#### Examples

 $\mathbb{R}^n, n \ge 2$ 





## *p*-"thick" quasiconvexity

#### Definition

 $(X, d, \mu)$  is a *p*-"thick" quasiconvex space if there exists  $C \ge 1$  such that  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4}d(x, y)$ ,

$$\operatorname{Mod}_p(\Gamma(B(x,\varepsilon),B(y,\varepsilon),C))>0,$$

where  $\Gamma(B(x, \varepsilon), B(y, \varepsilon), C)$  denotes the set of curves  $\gamma_{p,q}$ connecting  $p \in B(x, \varepsilon)$  and  $q \in B(y, \varepsilon)$  with  $\ell(\gamma_{p,q}) \leq Cd(p,q)$ .



## Geometric characterization: $p = \infty$

## D-C, Jaramillo, Shanmugalingam 11

Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a complete metric space with  $\mu$  doubling. Then,

X is  $\infty$ -"thick" quasi-convex  $\iff$  X admits  $\infty$ -PI

# D-C, Jaramillo, Shanmugalingam 11 Let $(X, d, \mu)$ be a connected complete metric space supporting a doubling Borel measure $\mu$ . Then

$$LIP^{\infty}(X) = N^{1,\infty}(X)$$
 with c.e.s.  $\iff X$  admits  $\infty$ -PI

## Geometric implications of *p*-PI

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Remarks

- *p*-"thick" quasiconvex  $\implies$  quasiconvex
- The characterization is no longer true for  $p < \infty$   $\Leftarrow$



## A counterexample

$$\mu = \sum_{j} \chi_{Q_j} \cdot \mu_j$$
 doubling measure



- *X* is *p*-thick quasi-convex  $1 \le p \le \infty \Longrightarrow \infty$ -PI
- X admits an  $\infty$ -PI but does not admit any *p*-PI  $(1 \le p < \infty)$

## *p*–Poincaré inequalities

D-C, Shanmugalingam 13+n,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a connected complete Ahlfors *Q*-regular space. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) *X* supports a *p*-Poincaré inequality for some p > Q.
- (2) There are constants  $C > 0, \tau > 1$  such that every  $u \in N^{1,p}(X)$  is  $(1 \frac{Q}{p})$ -Hölder continuous.
- (3) There is a constant C > 0 such that whenever  $x_0, y_0 \in X$ ,

$$\operatorname{Mod}_p(\Gamma_{x_0,y_0}) \geq rac{C}{d(x_0,y_0)^{p-Q}},$$

where  $\Gamma_{x_0,y_0}$  denotes the family of *C*-quasiconvex curves connecting  $x_0$  to  $y_0$ .

## Persistence of *p*-PI under GH-limits

Cheeger 99 If  $\{X_n, d_n, \mu_n\}_n$  with  $\mu_n$  doubling measures supporting a *p*-PI  $p < \infty$  (with constants uniformly bounded), and  $\{X_n, d_n, \mu_n\}_n \xrightarrow{G-H} (X, d, \mu)$ , then  $(X, d, \mu)$  has  $\mu$  doubling and supports a *p*-PI.

Corollary

The  $\infty$ -PI is non-stable under measured Gromov-Hausdorff limits.

## Not Self-improvement of $\infty$ -PI

Keith-Zhong 08 If *X* is a complete metric space equipped with a doubling measure satisfying a *p*-Poincaré inequality for some  $1 , then there exists <math>\varepsilon > 0$  such that *X* supports a *q*-Poincaré inequality for all  $q > p - \varepsilon$ .



## **Cheeger Analysis**

#### Definition

A measurable differentiable structure on  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a countable collection  $\{(X_{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_{\alpha})\}_{\alpha}$  of measurable sets  $X_{\alpha} \subset X$  and Lipschitz coordinates  $\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} = (x_{\alpha}^{1}, \dots, x_{\alpha}^{N(\alpha)}) : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N(\alpha)}$  such that (*i*)  $\mu(X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}) = 0$ ; (*ii*)  $\exists N \ge 0$  (dimension) such that  $N(\alpha) \le N$  for each  $(X_{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_{\alpha})$ ; (*iii*) If  $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitz, then for each  $(X_{\alpha}, \mathbf{x}_{\alpha})$  there exists a unique (up to a set of zero measure) map  $d^{\alpha}f \in L^{\infty}(X_{\alpha}; \mathbb{R}^{N(\alpha)})$  such that

$$\lim_{\substack{y \to x \\ y \neq x}} \frac{|f(y) - f(x) - d^{\alpha}f(x) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}(y) - \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}(x))|}{d(y, x)} = 0$$

for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in X_{\alpha}$ .

## **Cheeger Analysis**

Cheeger differential of *f* (linear operator)

$$f \mapsto df := \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \chi_{X_{\alpha}} \cdot d^{\alpha} f \qquad |df(x)| = \operatorname{Lip} f(x)$$

- By Rademacher Euclidean spaces: single coordinate chart  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{x})$ , with  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \cdots, x_n)$  coordinate functions,  $df = \nabla f$
- By Pansu 89: Carnot groups  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z)\}$  with Carnot-Caratheodory metric,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2), df = \nabla_H f$ .

Measured differentiable structures

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Where is the *p*?

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X satisfies Lip-lip  $\Longrightarrow$  X admits a "differentiable structure"

"The infinitesimal behaviour at a generic point is essentially independent of the scales used for the blow-up at that point"

#### Definition

*X* satisfies Lip-lip if  $\exists C > 0$  such that  $\forall f \in LIP(X)$ ,

 $\operatorname{Lip} f(x) \le C \operatorname{lip} f(x) \quad \mu\text{-}a.e.x$ 

Here,  $\operatorname{Lip} f(x) := \limsup_{r \to 0} \sup_{0 < d(y,x) < r} \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{r},$ and  $\operatorname{lip} f(x) := \liminf_{r \to 0} \sup_{0 < d(y,x) < r} \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{r}.$ 

**Remark** If  $\mu \sim \lambda \Longrightarrow (X, d, \mu)$  has Lip-lip iff  $(X, d, \lambda)$  has Lip-lip

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#### Proof.

For  $\mu$ -a.e.x,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C}\operatorname{Lip} f(x) &\leq \limsup_{r \to 0} \frac{1}{r} \oint_{B(x,r)} |f - f_{B(x,r)}| \, d\mu \\ &\leq L \limsup_{r \to 0} \left( \int_{B(x,r)} \operatorname{lip} f(x)^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = L \operatorname{lip} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

### And $\infty$ -PI?

## $X \text{ complete and } \infty \text{-PI} \\ \mu \text{ doubling} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{NO a.s.}} X \text{ has the Lip-lip condition}$ Bate 12, Gong 12 $X \text{ satisfies } \sigma - \text{Lip-lip} \\ \mu \text{ pointwise doubling} \end{cases} \iff X \text{ admits a Cheeger MDS}$
### Alberti representations

- $\Gamma(X)$  set of biLipschitz  $\gamma : A \subset \mathbb{R} \to X$ , A compact
- $\mathcal{P}$  probability measure on  $\Gamma(X)$
- $\forall \gamma \in \Gamma(X)$ ,  $\mu_{\gamma}$  Borel measure on *X* with  $\mu_{\gamma} \ll \mathcal{H}^{1}_{|\gamma}$

#### Definition

 $(\mathcal{P}, \{\mu_{\gamma}\}_{\gamma})$  is an Alberti representation of  $\mu$  if for each Borel set  $B \subset X$ 

$$\mu(B) = \int_{\Gamma(X)} \mu_{\gamma}(B) d\mathcal{P}$$

**Bate12** Cheeger MDS  $\iff \exists$  "collection" of AR

### Alberti representations

- By Fubini's theorem there exists *n* independent Alberti representations of Lebesgue measure
- For  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz and  $\gamma$  curve (from AR),  $f \circ \gamma$  is Lipschitz therefore differentiable a.e. (Lebesgue)
- By combining such derivatives from each AR one prove that partial derivatives exists a.e.
- Partial derivatives form a derivative a.e.

Bate 12 Let  $\mu$  be a Radon measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, |\cdot|), n = 1, 2$ . Every Lipschitz function is differentiable  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\iff \mu \ll \mathscr{L}^n$ .

#### Derivations

#### Definition Weaver 99 A bounded linear operator

 $\delta: \operatorname{Lip}_b(X) \to L^\infty(X,\mu)$ 

is called a (metric) derivation if it satisfies

- product rule:  $\delta(fg) = f \, \delta g + g \delta f \, \forall f, g \in \operatorname{Lip}^{\infty}(X);$
- weak-star continuity: if  $f_i \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} f$  in  $\operatorname{Lip}^{\infty}(X) \Rightarrow \delta f_i \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \delta f$  in  $L^{\infty}_{\mu}$

 $\Upsilon(X,\mu)$  space of derivations with respect to  $\mu$  on X.

We call a set  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^k$  linearly dependent in  $\Upsilon(X, \mu)$  if there exist  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^k$  in  $L^{\infty}(X, \mu)$ , not all zero, so that

$$\lambda_1 \delta_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k \delta_k = 0 \quad \operatorname{rank} k.$$

Gong 12 (*X*, *d*,  $\mu$ ) admits a non-trivial basis of derivations  $\iff$  Cheeger MDS

Gong 13 Let  $\mu$  be a Radon measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, |\cdot|)$ . Then  $\Upsilon(X, \mu)$  has rank- $n \iff \mu \ll \mathscr{L}^n$ . Moreover, derivations with respect to  $\mu$  are linear combinations of the differential operators  $\{\partial/\partial x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  with scalars in  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mu)$ .

D-C, Gong, Jaramillo 13 a.s Sierpiński fractals are differentiably trivial with respect to the Euclidean metric.

So...

a doubling | p- ₽I 1≤p<∞ => Lip-lip Cheeger MDS ∞-91 ≠> AR measure 1 Basis of derivations

# Merci pour votre attention!



## Isoperimetric inequality

The isoperimetric problem is to determine a plane figure of the largest possible area whose boundary has a specified length.

Let us consider the inequality:

$$\left(\int_{\Omega}|u|^{q}d\mu\right)^{1/q}\leq C\int_{\Omega}|\nabla u|d\mu$$

where  $q \ge 1$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open,  $\mu$  is a measure and  $u \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . Federer-Fleming, Mazýa 1960 The inequality is satisfied with  $q \ge 1$  if and only if

$$(\mu(\Omega))^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C\mathscr{H}^{n-1}(\partial\Omega),$$