# Cages - the External Approximation of Jordan's Curve 

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Summary. On the Euclidean plane Jordan's curve may be approximated with a polygonal path of sides parallel to coordinate axes, either externally, or internally. The paper deals with the external approximation, and the existence of a Cage - an external polygonal path - is proved.

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The papers [17], [25], [8], [18], [9], [2], [3], [23], [4], [22], [14], [16], [21], [6], [5], [11], [1], [19], [7], [13], [12], [15], [24], [20], [10], and [26] provide the terminology and notation for this paper.

## 1. Generalities

We adopt the following rules: $k, n$ are natural numbers, $D$ is a non empty set, and $f, g$ are finite sequences of elements of $D$.

One can prove the following propositions:
(1) For all sets $A, B$ such that $A$ meets $B$ holds $A \cap B$ meets $B$.
(2) For every non empty set $A$ and for all sets $B_{1}, B_{2}$ such that $A \subseteq B_{1}$ and $A \subseteq B_{2}$ holds $B_{1}$ meets $B_{2}$.

[^0](3) Let $T$ be a non empty topological space and $B, C_{1}, C_{2}, D$ be subsets of $T$. Suppose $B$ is connected and $C_{1}$ is a component of $D$ and $C_{2}$ is a component of $D$ and $B$ meets $C_{1}$ and $B$ meets $C_{2}$ and $B \subseteq D$. Then $C_{1}=C_{2}$.
(4) If for every $n$ holds $f \upharpoonright n=g \upharpoonright n$, then $f=g$.
(5) If $n \in \operatorname{dom} f$, then there exists $k$ such that $k \in \operatorname{dom} \operatorname{Rev}(f)$ and $n+k=$ len $f+1$ and $\pi_{n} f=\pi_{k} \operatorname{Rev}(f)$.
(6) If $n \in \operatorname{dom} \operatorname{Rev}(f)$, then there exists $k$ such that $k \in \operatorname{dom} f$ and $n+k=$ len $f+1$ and $\pi_{n} \operatorname{Rev}(f)=\pi_{k} f$.

## 2. Go-Board Preliminaries

For simplicity, we adopt the following convention: $G$ denotes a Go-board, $f$, $g$ denote finite sequences of elements of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}, p$ denotes a point of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}, r, s$ denote real numbers, $i, j, k$ denote natural numbers, and $x$ denotes a set.

Next we state a number of propositions:
(7) $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ iff $\operatorname{Rev}(f)$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$.
(8) If $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$, then $\pi_{k} f \in$ Values $G$.
(9) If $n \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$ and $x \in \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}\left(f_{\text {ln }}\right)$, then there exists a natural number $i$ such that $n+1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$ and $x \in \mathcal{L}(f, i)$.
(10) If $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$, then $\pi_{k} f \in$ left_cell $(f, k, G)$ and $\pi_{k} f \in \operatorname{right}$ _cell $(f, k, G)$.
(11) If $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$, then Int left_cell $(f, k, G) \neq \emptyset$ and Int $\operatorname{right\_ cell~}(f, k, G) \neq \emptyset$.
(12) Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+$ $1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$. Then Int left_cell $(f, k, G)$ is connected and Int $\operatorname{right\_ cell}(f, k, G)$ is connected.
(13) If $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$, then $\overline{\text { Int left_cell }(f, k, G)}=\operatorname{left}$ _cell $(f, k, G)$ and $\overline{\operatorname{Intright}} \operatorname{cell}(f, k, G)=$ right_cell $(f, k, G)$.
(14) Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, k)$ is horizontal. Then there exists $j$ such that $1 \leqslant j$ and $j \leqslant$ width $G$ and for every $p$ such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(f, k)$ holds $p_{\mathbf{2}}=\left(G_{1, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}$.
(15) Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, k)$ is vertical. Then there exists $i$ such that $1 \leqslant i$ and $i \leqslant l$ len $G$ and for every $p$ such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(f, k)$ holds $p_{\mathbf{1}}=\left(G_{i, 1}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}$.
(16) If $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and special and $i \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $j \leqslant$ width $G$, then $\operatorname{Int} \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$.
(17) Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and special and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$. Then Int left_cell $(f, k, G)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and Int right_cell $(f, k, G)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$.
(18) Suppose $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$. Then $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}=\left(G_{i, j+1}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}=\left(G_{i+1, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}$ and $\left(G_{i+1, j+1}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}=\left(G_{i+1, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\left(G_{i+1, j+1}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}=\left(G_{i, j+1}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}$.
(19) Let $i, j$ be natural numbers. Suppose $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant$ len $G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant \operatorname{width} G$. Then $p \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
(i) $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}} \leqslant p_{\mathbf{1}}$,
(ii) $p_{\mathbf{1}} \leqslant\left(G_{i+1, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}$,
(iii) $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}} \leqslant p_{\mathbf{2}}$, and
(iv) $p_{\mathbf{2}} \leqslant\left(G_{i, j+1}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}$.
(20) If $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$, then $\operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)=\left\{[r, s]:\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}} \leqslant r \wedge r \leqslant\left(G_{i+1, j}\right)_{1} \wedge\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}} \leqslant s \wedge s \leqslant\right.$ $\left.\left(G_{i, j+1}\right)_{2}\right\}$.
(21) Suppose $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$ and $p \in \operatorname{Values} G$ and $p \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$. Then $p=G_{i, j}$ or $p=G_{i, j+1}$ or $p=G_{i+1, j+1}$ or $p=G_{i+1, j}$.
(22) If $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$, then $G_{i, j} \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G_{i, j+1} \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G_{i+1, j+1} \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G_{i+1, j} \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$.
(23) If $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$ and $p \in$ Values $G$ and $p \in \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$, then $p$ is extremal in $\operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$.
(24) Suppose $2 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $2 \leqslant$ width $G$ and $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$. Then there exist $i, j$ such that $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leqslant j$ and $j+1 \leqslant$ width $G$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, k) \subseteq \operatorname{cell}(G, i, j)$.
(25) Suppose $2 \leqslant \operatorname{len} G$ and $2 \leqslant$ width $G$ and $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$ and $p \in \operatorname{Values} G$ and $p \in \mathcal{L}(f, k)$. Then $p=\pi_{k} f$ or $p=\pi_{k+1} f$.
(26) If $\langle i, j\rangle \in$ the indices of $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k \leqslant$ width $G$, then $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{1}} \leqslant$ $\left(G_{\text {len } G, k}\right)_{\mathbf{1}}$.
(27) If $\langle i, j\rangle \in$ the indices of $G$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k \leqslant$ len $G$, then $\left(G_{i, j}\right)_{\mathbf{2}} \leqslant$ $\left(G_{k, \text { width } G}\right)_{2}$.
(28) Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$ and special and $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g) \subseteq \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$. Let $A$ be a subset of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}$. If $A=\overline{\operatorname{right}}$ cell $(f, k, G) \backslash \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$ or $A=\operatorname{left} \operatorname{cell}(f, k, G) \backslash \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$, then $A$ is
connected.
(29) Let $f$ be a non constant standard special circular sequence. Suppose $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to $G$. Let given $k$. If $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant$ len $f$, then right_cell $(f, k, G) \backslash \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq \operatorname{RightComp}(f)$ and left_cell $(f, k, G) \backslash$ $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq \operatorname{Left} \operatorname{Comp}(f)$.

## 3. Cages

We follow the rules: $C$ is a compact non vertical non horizontal non empty subset of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}$ and $i, k, n, i_{1}, i_{2}$ are natural numbers.

Next we state three propositions:
(30) There exists $i$ such that $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and N -min $C \in \operatorname{cell}\left(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i\right.$, width Gauge $\left.(C, n)-^{\prime} 1\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \neq$ (Gauge $(C, n))_{i, \text { width Gauge }(C, n)-^{\prime} 1}$.
(31) Suppose that
$1 \leqslant i_{1}$ and $i_{1}+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \quad \in$ $\operatorname{cell}\left(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i_{1}\right.$, width Gauge $\left.(C, n)-^{\prime} 1\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \neq$ (Gauge $(C, n))_{i_{1} \text {,width Gauge }(C, n)-^{\prime} 1}$ and $1 \leqslant i_{2}$ and $i_{2}+1 \leqslant$ len Gauge $(C, n)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \in \operatorname{cell}\left(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i_{2}\right.$, width Gauge $\left.(C, n)-^{\prime} 1\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \neq(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i_{2}, \text { width } \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)-\prime^{\prime} 1}$. Then $i_{1}=i_{2}$.
(32) Let $f$ be a standard non constant special circular sequence. Suppose that
(i) $f$ is a sequence which elements belong to Gauge $(C, n)$,
(ii) for every $k$ such that $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} f$ holds left_cell $(f, k$, Gauge $(C, n)) \cap C=\emptyset$ and $\operatorname{right\_ cell}(f, k$, Gauge $(C, n)) \cap C \neq$ Ø, and
(iii) there exists $i$ such that $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and $\pi_{1} f=$ $(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text { width Gauge }(C, n)}$ and $\pi_{2} f=(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i+1, \text { width Gauge }(C, n)}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \in \operatorname{cell}\left(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i\right.$, width $\left.\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)-{ }^{\prime} 1\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \neq$ (Gauge $(C, n))_{i, \text { width Gauge }(C, n)-{ }^{\prime} 1}$.
Then $\mathrm{N}-\min \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)=\pi_{1} f$.
Let $C$ be a compact non vertical non horizontal non empty subset of $\mathcal{E}_{T}^{2}$ and let $n$ be a natural number. Let us assume that $C$ is connected. The functor Cage $(C, n)$ yields a clockwise oriented standard non constant special circular sequence and is defined by the conditions (Def. 1).
(Def. 1)(i) Cage $(C, n)$ is a sequence which elements belong to Gauge $(C, n)$,
(ii) there exists $i$ such that $1 \leqslant i$ and $i+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and $\pi_{1} \operatorname{Cage}(C, n)=(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text { width Gauge }(C, n)}$ and $\pi_{2} \operatorname{Cage}(C, n)=$ $(\text { Gauge }(C, n))_{i+1, \text { width } \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \in \operatorname{cell}(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i$, width Gauge $\left.(C, n)-^{\prime} 1\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}-\min C \neq(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text { width } \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)-^{\prime} 1}$, and
(iii) for every $k$ such that $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+2 \leqslant$ len Cage $(C, n)$ holds if front_left_cell( $\operatorname{Cage}(C, n), k, \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap C=\emptyset$ and front_right_cell(Cage $(C, n), k$, Gauge $(C, n)) \cap C=\emptyset$, then Cage $(C, n)$ turns right $k$, $\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and if front_left_cell $(\operatorname{Cage}(C, n), k, \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap$ $C=\emptyset$ and front_right_cell $(\operatorname{Cage}(C, n), k, \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$, then Cage $(C, n)$ goes straight $k$, Gauge $(C, n)$ and if front_left_cell(Cage $(C, n), k$, Gauge $(C, n)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$, then Cage $(C, n)$ turns left $k, \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$.
One can prove the following propositions:
(33) If $C$ is connected and $1 \leqslant k$ and $k+1 \leqslant$ len Cage $(C, n)$, then left_cell(Cage $(C, n), k, \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap C=\emptyset$ and right_cell(Cage $(C, n), k$, Gauge $(C, n)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$.
(34) If $C$ is connected, then $N-\min \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}($ Cage $(C, n))=\pi_{1}$ Cage $(C, n)$.

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