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 .

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- (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 $n \in \text{dom } f$, then there exists k such that $k \in \text{dom Rev}(f)$ and n + k = len f + 1 and $\pi_n f = \pi_k \text{Rev}(f)$.
- (6) If $n \in \text{dom Rev}(f)$, then there exists k such that $k \in \text{dom } f$ and n + k = len f + 1 and $\pi_n \text{Rev}(f) = \pi_k f$.

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}_{T}^{2} , p denotes a point of \mathcal{E}_{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 $1 \le k$ and $k \le \text{len } f$, then $\pi_k f \in \text{Values } G$.
- (9) If $n \leq \text{len } f$ and $x \in \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f_{|n})$, then there exists a natural number *i* such that $n+1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } f$ and $x \in \mathcal{L}(f,i)$.
- (10) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \le k$ and $k+1 \le \text{len } f$, then $\pi_k f \in \text{left_cell}(f, k, G)$ and $\pi_k f \in \text{right_cell}(f, k, G)$.
- (11) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \le k$ and $k+1 \le \text{len } f$, then Int left_cell $(f, k, G) \ne \emptyset$ and Int right_cell $(f, k, G) \ne \emptyset$.
- (12) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \le k$ and $k + 1 \le \text{len } f$. Then Int left_cell(f, k, G) is connected and Int right_cell(f, k, G) is connected.
- (13) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \le k$ and $k+1 \le \text{len } f$, then $\overline{\text{Int left_cell}(f, k, G)} = \text{left_cell}(f, k, G)$ and $\overline{\text{Int right_cell}(f, k, G)} = \text{right_cell}(f, k, G)$.
- (14) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $\mathcal{L}(f,k)$ is horizontal. Then there exists j such that $1 \leq j$ and $j \leq \text{width } G$ and for every p such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(f,k)$ holds $p_2 = (G_{1,j})_2$.
- (15) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $\mathcal{L}(f,k)$ is vertical. Then there exists i such that $1 \leq i$ and $i \leq \text{len } G$ and for every p such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(f,k)$ holds $p_1 = (G_{i,1})_1$.

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- (16) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and special and $i \leq \text{len } G$ and $j \leq \text{width } G$, then Int cell(G, i, j) misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$.
- (17) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and special and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$. Then $\text{Int left_cell}(f,k,G)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and $\text{Int right_cell}(f,k,G)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$.
- (18) Suppose $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$. Then $(G_{i,j})_{\mathbf{1}} = (G_{i,j+1})_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $(G_{i,j})_{\mathbf{2}} = (G_{i+1,j})_{\mathbf{2}}$ and $(G_{i+1,j+1})_{\mathbf{1}} = (G_{i+1,j})_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $(G_{i+1,j+1})_{\mathbf{2}} = (G_{i,j+1})_{\mathbf{2}}$.
- (19) Let i, j be natural numbers. Suppose $1 \le i$ and $i + 1 \le \text{len } G$ and $1 \le j$ and $j + 1 \le \text{width } G$. Then $p \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (i) $(G_{i,j})_1 \leq p_1$,
- (ii) $p_1 \leqslant (G_{i+1,j})_1$,
- (iii) $(G_{i,j})_2 \leq p_2$, and
- (iv) $p_2 \leqslant (G_{i,j+1})_2$.
- (20) If $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \operatorname{width} G$, then $\operatorname{cell}(G, i, j) = \{[r, s] : (G_{i,j})_1 \leq r \land r \leq (G_{i+1,j})_1 \land (G_{i,j})_2 \leq s \land s \leq (G_{i,j+1})_2\}.$
- (21) Suppose $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq len G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq width G$ and $p \in Values G$ and $p \in cell(G, i, j)$. 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 $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \operatorname{len} G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \operatorname{width} G$, 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 $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$ and $p \in \text{Values } G$ and $p \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$, then p is extremal in cell(G, i, j).
- (24) Suppose $2 \leq \text{len } G$ and $2 \leq \text{width } G$ and f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$. Then there exist i, j such that $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$ and $\mathcal{L}(f,k) \subseteq \text{cell}(G,i,j).$
- (25) Suppose $2 \leq \text{len } G$ and $2 \leq \text{width } G$ and f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$ and $p \in \text{Values } G$ 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 $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq$ width G, then $(G_{i,j})_1 \leq (G_{\operatorname{len} G,k})_1$.
- (27) If $\langle i, j \rangle \in$ the indices of G and $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq \text{len } G$, then $(G_{i,j})_2 \leq (G_{k,\text{width } G})_2$.
- (28) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and special and $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g) \subseteq \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$. Let A be a subset of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^2$. If $A = \text{right_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$ or $A = \text{left_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$, 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 $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq$ len f, then right_cell $(f, k, G) \setminus \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq$ RightComp(f) and left_cell $(f, k, G) \setminus$ $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq$ LeftComp(f).

3. CAGES

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

Next we state three propositions:

- (30) There exists *i* such that $1 \leq i$ and $i + 1 \leq \text{len} \text{Gauge}(C, n)$ and N-min $C \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i, \text{width} \text{Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and N-min $C \neq (\text{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text{width} \text{Gauge}(C, n) - 1}$.
- (31) Suppose that

 $\begin{array}{lll} 1 &\leqslant i_1 \ \text{and} \ i_1 + 1 &\leqslant \operatorname{len}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n) \ \text{and} \ \operatorname{N-min} C \in \operatorname{cell}(\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n),i_1,\operatorname{width}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n)-'1) \ \text{and} \ \operatorname{N-min} C \neq (\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n))_{i_1,\operatorname{width}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n)-'1} \ \text{and} \ 1 \leqslant i_2 \ \text{and} \ i_2+1 \leqslant \operatorname{len}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n) \ \text{and} \ \operatorname{N-min} C \in \operatorname{cell}(\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n),i_2,\operatorname{width}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n)-'1) \ \text{and} \ \operatorname{N-min} C \neq (\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n))_{i_2,\operatorname{width}\operatorname{Gauge}(C,n)-'1}. \ \operatorname{Then} \ i_1 = i_2. \end{array}$

- (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 $1 \leq k$ and $k + 1 \leq \text{len } f$ holds $\text{left_cell}(f, k, \text{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap C = \emptyset$ and $\text{right_cell}(f, k, \text{Gauge}(C, n)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$, and
- (iii) there exists *i* such that $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C,n)$ and $\pi_1 f = (\text{Gauge}(C,n))_{i,\text{width Gauge}(C,n)}$ and $\pi_2 f = (\text{Gauge}(C,n))_{i+1,\text{width Gauge}(C,n)}$ and N-min $C \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C,n), i, \text{width Gauge}(C,n)-'1)$ and N-min $C \neq (\text{Gauge}(C,n))_{i,\text{width Gauge}(C,n)-'1}$. Then N min $\widetilde{C}(f) = f$

Then N-min $\mathcal{L}(f) = \pi_1 f.$

Let C be a compact non vertical non horizontal non empty subset of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^2$ and let n be a natural number. Let us assume that C is connected. The functor $\operatorname{Cage}(C, n)$ 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 $1 \leq i$ and $i + 1 \leq \text{len} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)$ and $\pi_1 \operatorname{Cage}(C, n) = (\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text{width} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)}$ and $\pi_2 \operatorname{Cage}(C, n) = (\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i+1, \text{width} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n)}$ and N-min $C \in \text{cell}(\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n), i, \text{width} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and N-min $C \neq (\operatorname{Gauge}(C, n))_{i, \text{width} \operatorname{Gauge}(C, n) - 1}$, and (iii) for every k such that $1 \leq k$ and $k + 2 \leq \text{len} \text{Cage}(C, n)$ holds if front_left_cell(Cage(C, n), k, 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, Gauge(C, n) and if front_left_cell(Cage(C, n), k, Gauge(C, n)) \cap $C = \emptyset$ and front_right_cell(Cage(C, n), k, 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, Gauge(C, n).

One can prove the following propositions:

- (33) If C is connected and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len} \text{Cage}(C,n)$, then $\text{left_cell}(\text{Cage}(C,n),k,\text{Gauge}(C,n)) \cap C = \emptyset$ and $\text{right_cell}(\text{Cage}(C,n),k,$ $\text{Gauge}(C,n)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$.
- (34) If C is connected, then N-min $\mathcal{L}(\operatorname{Cage}(C, n)) = \pi_1 \operatorname{Cage}(C, n)$.

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