

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 articles [25], [30], [21], [3], [27], [2], [22], [31], [6], [7], [1], [4], [8], [29], [9], [18], [16], [17], [24], [32], [13], [23], [5], [14], [15], [19], [20], [12], [28], [26], [10], and [11] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

1. GENERALITIES

We adopt the following convention: i, j, 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 four propositions:

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

2. GO-BOARD PRELIMINARIES

For simplicity, we adopt the following convention: G is a Go-board, f, g are finite sequences of elements of \mathcal{E}_T^2 , p is a point of \mathcal{E}_T^2 , r, s are real numbers, and x is a set.

We now state a number of propositions:

- (7) Let D be a non empty set, G be a matrix over D , and f be a finite sequence of elements of D . Then f is a sequence which elements belong to G if and only if $\text{Rev}(f)$ is a sequence which elements belong to G .

¹ The propositions (1) and (2) have been removed.

- (8) Let G be a matrix over \mathcal{E}_T^2 and f be a finite sequence of elements of \mathcal{E}_T^2 . Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq \text{len } f$. Then $f_k \in \text{Values } G$.
- (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 $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$, then $f_k \in \text{left_cell}(f, k, G)$ and $f_k \in \text{right_cell}(f, k, G)$.
- (11) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\text{Intleft_cell}(f, k, G) \neq \emptyset$ and $\text{Intright_cell}(f, k, G) \neq \emptyset$.
- (12) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$. Then $\text{Intleft_cell}(f, k, G)$ is connected and $\text{Intright_cell}(f, k, G)$ is connected.
- (13) If f is a sequence which elements belong to G and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\overline{\text{Intleft_cell}(f, k, G)} = \text{left_cell}(f, k, G)$ and $\overline{\text{Intright_cell}(f, k, G)} = \text{right_cell}(f, k, G)$.
- (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 $p_2 = (G \circ (1, j))_2$.
- (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 $p_1 = (G \circ (i, 1))_1$.
- (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 $\text{Intcell}(G, i, j)$ 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 $\text{Intleft_cell}(f, k, G)$ misses $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and $\text{Intright_cell}(f, k, G)$ 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 $(G \circ (i, j))_1 = (G \circ (i, j+1))_1$ and $(G \circ (i, j))_2 = (G \circ (i+1, j))_2$ and $(G \circ (i+1, j+1))_1 = (G \circ (i+1, j))_1$ and $(G \circ (i+1, j+1))_2 = (G \circ (i, j+1))_2$.
- (19) Let i, j be natural numbers. Suppose $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$. Then $p \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) $(G \circ (i, j))_1 \leq p_1$,
 - (ii) $p_1 \leq (G \circ (i+1, j))_1$,
 - (iii) $(G \circ (i, j))_2 \leq p_2$, and
 - (iv) $p_2 \leq (G \circ (i, j+1))_2$.
- (20) If $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$, then $\text{cell}(G, i, j) = \{[r, s] : (G \circ (i, j))_1 \leq r \wedge r \leq (G \circ (i+1, j))_1 \wedge (G \circ (i, j))_2 \leq s \wedge s \leq (G \circ (i, j+1))_2\}$.
- (21) Suppose $1 \leq i$ 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 $p = G \circ (i, j)$ or $p = G \circ (i, j+1)$ or $p = G \circ (i+1, j+1)$ or $p = G \circ (i+1, j)$.
- (22) If $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len } G$ and $1 \leq j$ and $j+1 \leq \text{width } G$, then $G \circ (i, j) \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G \circ (i, j+1) \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G \circ (i+1, j+1) \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$ and $G \circ (i+1, j) \in \text{cell}(G, i, j)$.
- (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 $\text{cell}(G, i, j)$.
- (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 $p = f_k$ or $p = f_{k+1}$.

- (26) If $\langle i, j \rangle \in$ the indices of G and $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq \text{width } G$, then $(G \circ (i, j))_1 \leq (G \circ (\text{len } G, k))_1$.
- (27) If $\langle i, j \rangle \in$ the indices of G and $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq \text{len } G$, then $(G \circ (i, j))_2 \leq (G \circ (k, \text{width } G))_2$.
- (28) Suppose f is a sequence which elements belong to G and special and $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(g) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$. Let A be a subset of \mathcal{E}_T^2 . If $A = \text{right_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$ or $A = \text{left_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(g)$, 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 $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\text{right_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq \text{RightComp}(f)$ and $\text{left_cell}(f, k, G) \setminus \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f) \subseteq \text{LeftComp}(f)$.

3. CAGES

In the sequel C denotes a compact non vertical non horizontal non empty subset of \mathcal{E}_T^2 and i_1, i_2 denote natural numbers.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (30) There exists i such that $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C, n)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \neq \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$.
- (31) Suppose that $1 \leq i_1$ and $i_1+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C, n)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i_1, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \neq \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i_1, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $1 \leq i_2$ and $i_2+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C, n)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i_2, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \neq \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i_2, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$. 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 $\text{Gauge}(C, n)$,
 - (ii) for every k such that $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len } f$ holds $\text{left_cell}(f, k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ misses C and $\text{right_cell}(f, k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ meets C , and
 - (iii) there exists i such that $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C, n)$ and $f_1 = \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n))$ and $f_2 = \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i+1, \text{width Gauge}(C, n))$ and $N_{\min}(C) \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \neq \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$.

Then $N_{\min}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)) = f_1$.

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 $\text{Cage}(C, n)$ yields a clockwise oriented standard non constant special circular sequence and is defined by the conditions (Def. 1).

- (Def. 1)(i) $\text{Cage}(C, n)$ is a sequence which elements belong to $\text{Gauge}(C, n)$,
- (ii) there exists i such that $1 \leq i$ and $i+1 \leq \text{len Gauge}(C, n)$ and $(\text{Cage}(C, n))_1 = \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n))$ and $(\text{Cage}(C, n))_2 = \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i+1, \text{width Gauge}(C, n))$ and $N_{\min}(C) \in \text{cell}(\text{Gauge}(C, n), i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$ and $N_{\min}(C) \neq \text{Gauge}(C, n) \circ (i, \text{width Gauge}(C, n) - 1)$, and
 - (iii) for every k such that $1 \leq k$ and $k+2 \leq \text{len Cage}(C, n)$ holds if $\text{front_left_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ misses C and $\text{front_right_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ misses C , then $\text{Cage}(C, n)$ turns right k , $\text{Gauge}(C, n)$ and if $\text{front_left_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ misses C and $\text{front_right_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ meets C , then $\text{Cage}(C, n)$ goes straight k , $\text{Gauge}(C, n)$ and if $\text{front_left_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ meets C , then $\text{Cage}(C, n)$ turns left k , $\text{Gauge}(C, n)$.

Next we state two propositions:

- (33) If C is connected and $1 \leq k$ and $k+1 \leq \text{len Cage}(C, n)$, then $\text{left_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ misses C and $\text{right_cell}(\text{Cage}(C, n), k, \text{Gauge}(C, n))$ meets C .
- (34) If C is connected, then $N_{\min}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\text{Cage}(C, n))) = (\text{Cage}(C, n))_1$.

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