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ON THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR AT INFINITY OF RING Q -HOMEOMORPHISMS WITH RESPECT TO p -MODULUS

We study the asymptotic behavior at infinity of ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to p -modulus for $p > n$. We obtain an analogue of the Martio–Rickman–Väisälä theorem on the growth at infinity of quasi-regular mappings. Examples of mappings are constructed that show the accuracy of the estimates obtained in the main theorem.

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1. Introduction.

Let us recall some definitions, see [37]. Let Γ be a family of paths γ in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$. A Borel function $\rho : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called an *admissible* for a family Γ of paths γ in \mathbb{R}^n , (abbr. $\rho \in \text{adm } \Gamma$), if

$$\int_{\gamma} \rho(x) ds \geq 1$$

holds for any locally rectifiable path $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. The quantity

$$M_p(\Gamma) = \inf_{\rho \in \text{adm } \Gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho^p(x) dm(x)$$

is called p -modulus of the family Γ . Here $dm(x)$ corresponds to the Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$.

Let D and D' be domains in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and let $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a measurable function. A homeomorphism $f : D \rightarrow D'$ is called a Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus if

$$M_p(f\Gamma) \leq \int_D Q(x) \rho^p(x) dm(x) \quad (1)$$

for every family Γ of curves in D and every admissible function ρ for Γ .

This conception is a natural generalization of the geometric definition of a quasiconformal mapping: if $Q(x) \leq K < \infty$ a.e., then f is quasiconformal for $p = 2$ in \mathbb{C} , (see definition A, p. 21–22 in [1]), for $p = n$ in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, (see 13.1 and 34.6 in [37]), and has local Lipschitz property, for $n - 1 < p < n$, (see [5]). Note that the estimate of the

type (1) was first established in the classical quasiconformal theory, (see [18, p. 221]). Next, it was obtained in [2], Lemma 2.1, for quasiconformal mappings in space \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$.

The class of Q -homeomorphisms with respect to the n -modulus was first considered in the papers [21–23], see also the monograph [25]. The main goal of the theory of Q -homeomorphisms is to clear up various interconnections between properties of the majorant $Q(x)$ and the corresponding properties of the mappings themselves. In particular, the problem of the local and boundary behavior of Q -homeomorphisms has been studied in \mathbb{R}^n first in the case $Q \in BMO$ (bounded mean oscillation) in the papers [22–24] and then in the case of $Q \in FMO$ (finite mean oscillation) and other cases in the papers [10, 11, 27, 31].

For arbitrary sets E, F and G of \mathbb{R}^n we denote by $\Delta(E, F, G)$ a set of all continuous curves $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ that connect E and F in G , i.e., such that $\gamma(a) \in E$, $\gamma(b) \in F$ and $\gamma(t) \in G$ for $a < t < b$.

Let D be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, $x_0 \in D$ and $d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$. Set

$$\mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r_1 < |x - x_0| < r_2\},$$

$$S_i = S(x_0, r_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r_i\}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

The following concept generalizes and localizes the concept of a Q -homeomorphism. It is motivated by the ring definition of quasiconformal mappings in the sense of Gehring (see [4]), introduced originally by V. Ryazanov, U. Srebro, and E. Yakubov on the plane, and later extended by V. Ryazanov and S. Sevost'yanov in the space \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, (see [25, 29], Chapters VII and XI).

Let a function $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be Lebesgue measurable. We say that a homeomorphism $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus at $x_0 \in D$ if the relation

$$M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2, fD)) \leq \int_{\mathbb{A}} Q(x) \eta^p(|x - x_0|) dm(x) \quad (2)$$

holds for any ring $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2)$, $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0$, $d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$, and for any measurable function $\eta : (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \eta(r) dr = 1.$$

The theory of ring Q -homeomorphisms for $p = n$ was studied in works [25, 28–30], for $1 < p < n$ in works [6–8, 32–35] and for $p > n$ in works [13–17]. In this paper, we obtain an analogue by Martio–Rickman–Väisälä's theorem on the growth at infinity of quasi-regular mappings, (see [20]).

The theory of ring Q -homeomorphisms can be applied to mappings of finite distortion belonging to the Orlicz–Sobolev classes $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\varphi}$ under the Calderon condition, and, in particular, to the Sobolev classes $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}$ with $p > n - 1$, (see [6, 12]).

Denote by ω_{n-1} the area of the unit sphere $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n and by

$$q_{x_0}(r) = \frac{1}{\omega_{n-1} r^{n-1}} \int_{S(x_0, r)} Q(x) d\mathcal{A}$$

the integral mean over the sphere $S(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| = r\}$, here $d\mathcal{A}$ is the element of the surface area.

Now we formulate a criterion which guarantees for a homeomorphism to be the ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to p -modulus for $p > 1$ in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$.

Proposition 1. *Let D be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, and let $Q : D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a Lebesgue measurable function such that $q_{x_0}(r) \neq \infty$ for a.e. $r \in (0, d_0)$, $d_0 = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial D)$. A homeomorphism $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus at a point $x_0 \in D$ if and only if the quantity*

$$M_p(\Delta(fS_1, fS_2, f\mathbb{A})) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dr}{r^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(r)} \right)^{p-1}}$$

holds for any $0 < r_1 < r_2 < d_0$ (see [33], Theorem 2.3).

Following the paper [19], a pair $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ where $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set and C is a nonempty compact set contained in A , is called *condenser*. We say that a condenser $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ lies in a domain D if $A \subset D$. Clearly, if $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a homeomorphism and $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ is a condenser in D then (fA, fC) is also condenser in fD . Further, we denote $f\mathcal{E} = (fA, fC)$.

Let $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ be a condenser. Denote by $\mathcal{C}_0(A)$ a set of continuous functions $u : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ with compact support. Let $\mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{W}_0(A, C)$ be a family of nonnegative functions $u : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ such that 1) $u \in \mathcal{C}_0(A)$, 2) $u(x) \geq 1$ for $x \in C$ and 3) u belongs to the class ACL and

$$|\nabla u| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For $p \geq 1$ the quantity

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = \text{cap}_p(A, C) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{W}_0(\mathcal{E})} \int_A |\nabla u|^p dm(x)$$

is called p -capacity of the condenser \mathcal{E} . It is known that for $p > 1$

$$\text{cap}_p \mathcal{E} = M_p(\Delta(\partial A, \partial C; A \setminus C)), \quad (3)$$

see in [36], Theorem 1. For $p > n$ the inequality

$$\text{cap}_p(A, C) \geq n \Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left[m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(A) - m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(C) \right]^{1-p} \quad (4)$$

holds where Ω_n is a volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n (see, e.g., the inequality 8.7 in [26]).

Let us recall the so-called isodiametric inequality or Bieberbach inequality (1915), see Corollary 2.10.33 in [3]. Here and in what follows, $\text{diam}(\cdot)$ denotes the Euclidean diameter in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$.

Proposition 2. *Let E be a compact set in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$. Then*

$$m(E) \leq 2^{-n} \Omega_n (\text{diam } E)^n,$$

where Ω_n is a volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n .

2. Main results.

Now we consider the main result of our paper on the behavior at infinity of ring Q -homeomorphisms with respect to p -modulus for $p > n$. The case $p = n$ was studied in the work [30].

Theorem 1. *Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus at a point x_0 with $p > n$ where x_0 is some point in \mathbb{R}^n and for some numbers $r_0 > 0$, $\kappa = \kappa(x_0) > 0$ the condition*

$$q_{x_0}(t) \leq \kappa t^\alpha \tag{5}$$

holds for a.e. $t \in [r_0, +\infty)$. If $\alpha \in [0, p - n)$ then

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R))}{R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}} \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} > 0.$$

If $\alpha = p - n$ then

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} > 0,$$

where $B(x_0, R) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| \leq R\}$.

Proof. Consider a condenser $\mathcal{E} = (A, C)$ in \mathbb{R}^n , where $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| < R\}$, $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| \leq r_0\}$, $0 < r_0 < R < \infty$. Then $f\mathcal{E} = (fA, fC)$ is a ringlike condenser in \mathbb{R}^n and by (3) we have equality

$$\text{cap}_p f\mathcal{E} = M_p(\Delta(\partial fA, \partial fC; f(A \setminus C))).$$

Due to the inequality (4)

$$\text{cap}_p(fA, fC) \geq n \Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left[m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(fA) - m^{\frac{p-n}{n(p-1)}}(fC) \right]^{1-p}$$

we obtain

$$\text{cap}_p(fA, fC) \geq n \Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} [m(fA)]^{\frac{n-p}{n}}. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, by Proposition 1, one gets

$$\text{cap}_p(fA, fC) \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)}\right)^{p-1}}. \quad (7)$$

Combining the inequalities (6) and (7), we obtain

$$n \Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1}\right)^{p-1} [m(fA)]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)}\right)^{p-1}}.$$

Due to $\omega_{n-1} = n \Omega_n$, the last inequality can be rewritten as

$$\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}-1} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1}\right)^{p-1} [m(fA)]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \left(\int_{r_0}^R \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)}\right)^{1-p}. \quad (8)$$

Consider a case when $\alpha \in [0, p-n]$. Then from the condition (5) the estimate

$$\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}-1} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1}\right)^{p-1} [m(fA)]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \kappa \left(\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}\right)^{p-1} \left(R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}} - r_0^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}}\right)^{1-p}$$

holds. Therefore

$$m(fA) \geq \Omega_n \kappa^{\frac{n}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}} \left(R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}} - r_0^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}}\right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}}.$$

Hence, by Proposition 2, we have

$$\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R)) \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} \left(R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}} - r_0^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

Dividing the last inequality by $R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}$ and taking the lower limit as $R \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R))}{R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}} \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

Now we consider a case when $\alpha = p-n$. Then from (8) we get

$$\Omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}-1} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1}\right)^{p-1} [m(fA)]^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \leq \kappa \left(\ln \frac{R}{r_0}\right)^{1-p}.$$

Therefore

$$m(fB(x_0, R)) \geq \Omega_n \kappa^{\frac{n}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1}\right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}} \left(\ln \frac{R}{r_0}\right)^{\frac{n(p-1)}{p-n}}.$$

Hence, by Proposition 2, we obtain

$$\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R)) \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} \left(\ln \frac{R}{r_0} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

Finally, dividing the last inequality by $(\ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}$ and taking the lower limit for $R \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R))}{(\ln R)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}} \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}.$$

This completes the proof of Main Theorem. \square

Corollary 1. *Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus at a point x_0 with $p > n$ where x_0 is some point in \mathbb{R}^n and for some numbers $r_0 > 0$, $\kappa = \kappa(x_0) > 0$ the condition $q_{x_0}(t) \leq \kappa$ holds for a.e. $t \in [r_0, +\infty)$. Then*

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f(B(x_0, R))}{R} \geq 2 \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} > 0,$$

where $B(x_0, R) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| \leq R\}$.

Let us consider some examples.

Example 1. Let $f_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, where

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} |x - x_0|^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}} \frac{|x-x_0|}{|x-x_0|}, & x \neq x_0 \\ 0, & x = x_0. \end{cases}$$

Note that the mapping f_1 maps the ball $B(x_0, R)$ onto the ball $B(0, \tilde{R})$, where

$$\tilde{R} = \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}.$$

It can be easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } f_1(B(x_0, R))}{R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}} &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{diam } B(0, \tilde{R})}{R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}} \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\tilde{R}}{R^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}} = 2\kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us show that the mapping f_1 is a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus with the function $Q(x) = \kappa |x - x_0|^\alpha$ at the point x_0 . Clearly, $q_{x_0}(t) = \kappa t^\alpha$. Consider a ring $\mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2)$, $0 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \infty$. Note that the mapping f_1 maps the ring $\mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2)$ onto the ring $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}(0, \tilde{r}_1, \tilde{r}_2)$, where

$$\tilde{r}_i = \kappa^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-n-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-n}} r_i^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-n}}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Denote by Γ a set of all curves that join the spheres $S(x_0, r_1)$ and $S(x_0, r_2)$ in the ring $\mathbb{A}(x_0, r_1, r_2)$. Then one can calculate p -modulus of the family of curves $f_1\Gamma$ in implicit form:

$$M_p(f_1\Gamma) = \omega_{n-1} \left(\frac{p-n}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left(\tilde{r}_2^{\frac{p-n}{p-1}} - \tilde{r}_1^{\frac{p-n}{p-1}} \right)^{1-p}$$

(see, e.g., the relation (2) in [5]). Substituting in the above equality the values \tilde{r}_1 and \tilde{r}_2 , defined above, one gets

$$M_p(f_1\Gamma) = \omega_{n-1} \kappa \left(\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1} \right)^{p-1} \left(r_2^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}} - r_1^{\frac{p-n-\alpha}{p-1}} \right)^{1-p}.$$

Note that the last equality can be written by

$$M_p(f_1\Gamma) = \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\left(\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n-1}{p-1}} q_{x_0}^{\frac{1}{p-1}}(t)} \right)^{p-1}},$$

where $q_{x_0}(t) = \kappa t^\alpha$.

Hence, by Proposition 1, the homeomorphism f_1 is a ring Q -homeomorphism with respect to p -modulus for $p > n$ with the function $Q(x) = \kappa |x - x_0|^\alpha$.

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Про асимптотичну поведінку на нескінченності кільцевих Q -гомеоморфізмів відносно p -модуля.

Інтегральні оцінки вигляду (1) зустрічаються в роботах Л. Альфорса (див., напр., теорему 3, п. D, розд. I в [1]), О. Лехто і К. Віртанена (див. нерівність (6.6), п. 6.3, розд. V в [18]) для квазіконформних відображень на площині. У роботі В.Я. Гутляньського, К. Бішоп, О. Мартіо і М. Вуорінена (2003), див. [2], при вивченні локальних властивостей просторових квазіконформних відображень доведено нерівність вигляду (1), що стало безпосереднім поштовхом для введення поняття Q -гомеоморфізму. Цей термін був запропонований професором О. Мартіо (2001), див. [21–23]. По суті, Q -гомеоморфізми – це відображення зі скінченим спотворенням, оскільки функція Q не передбачається обмеженою. Означення Q -гомеоморфізму має геометричний характер і є аналогічним означенню Ю. Вайсяля для квазіконформних відображень, див. 13.1 і 34.6 в [37]. Поняття кільцевого Q -гомеоморфізму узагальнює поняття квазіконформного відображення за Герінгом, див. [4], і вперше зустрічається у роботі В.І. Рязанова, У. Сребро і Е. Якубова (2005) при $p = n = 2$ на комплексній площині при дослідженні вироджених рівнянь Бельтрамі, див. [28]. У просторі \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$, кільцеві Q -гомеоморфізми вперше зустрічаються у статті В.І. Рязанова, Є.О. Севостьянова (2007), див. [29]. У роботі В.Я. Гутляньського і А. Гольберга (2009) оцінка вигляду (2) при $p = n$ з деякою функцією Q була встановлена для просторових квазіконформних відображень, див. [9]. Також теорія кільцевих Q -гомеоморфізмів була застосована до дослідження локальних та граничних властивостей відображень зі скінченим спотворенням класів Орліча–Соболева $W_{loc}^{1,\varphi}$ за умови типу Кальдерона на функцію φ та, зокрема, до класів Соболева $W_{loc}^{1,p}$ при $p > n - 1$, див. [6, 12]. У даній роботі досліджується асимптотична поведінка на нескінченності кільцевих Q -гомеоморфізмів відносно p -модуля при $p > n$. Випадок $p = n$ вивчався у роботі [30]. Отримано аналог результату Мартіо–Рікмана–Вайсяля (1970) про оцінку швидкості зростання відображень з обмеженим спотворенням на нескінченності, див. [20]. Знайдені достатні умови на інтегральне середнє значення функції Q по сферах, при яких відображення мають степеневий та логарифмічний порядок зростання, див. теорему 1. Також у

роботі побудовані приклади кільцевих Q -гомеоморфізмів відносно p -модуля при $p > n$, які показують точність отриманих оцінок, див. приклад 1.

Ключові слова: кільцеві Q -гомеоморфізми, p -модуль сім'ї кривих, квазіконформні відображення, конденсатор, p -ємність конденсатора.

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