

# Updates on Traveling Salesman in Banach Spaces

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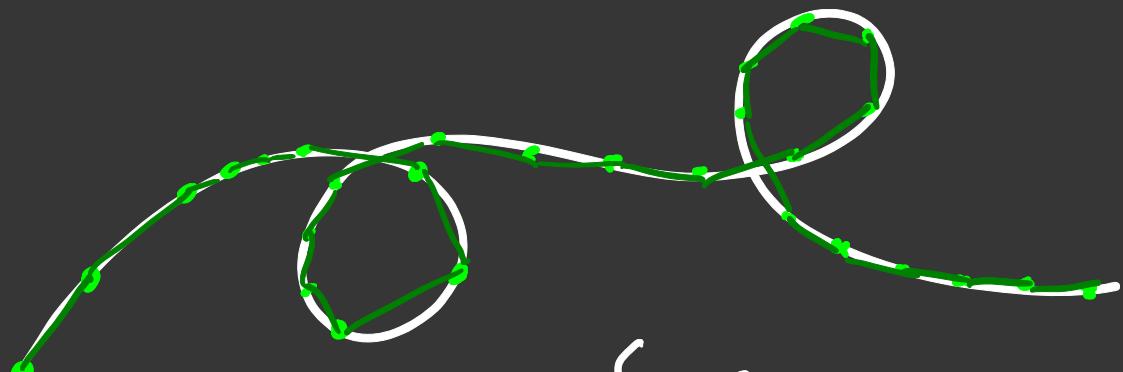
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$X$  metric space

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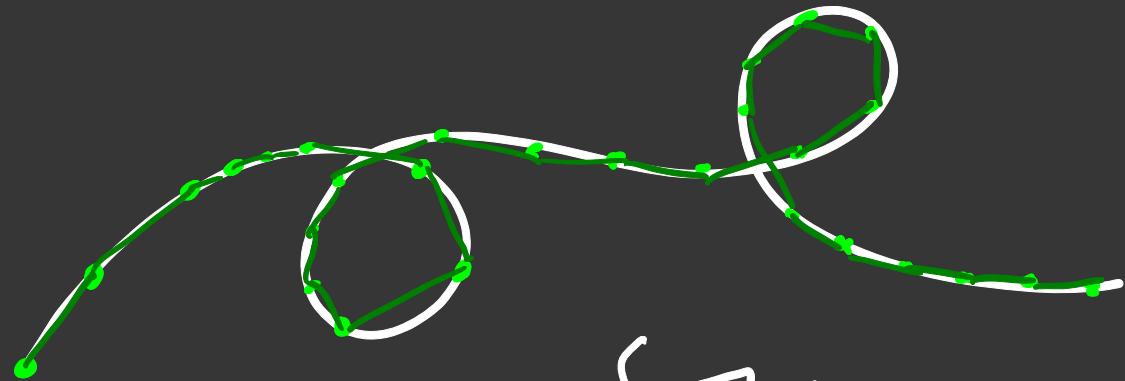
for some cts map  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$

$f$  is a parameterization of  $\Gamma$



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"Extrinsic  
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$$H^1(\Gamma) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf \left\{ \sum_i \text{diam } U_i : \begin{matrix} \Gamma \subset \bigcup_i U_i \\ \text{diam } U_i \leq \delta \end{matrix} \right\}$$

1-dimensional Hausdorff Measure

# Wazewski's Theorem

RECT

$X$  is a metric space

$\Gamma \subset X$  nonempty

T.F.A.E.

①  $\Gamma$  is a rectifiable curve, i.e.  $\Gamma = f([0, 1])$

for some  $f$  with  $\text{var}(f) < \infty$

②  $\Gamma$  is compact, connected, and  $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma) < \infty$

③  $\Gamma$  is a Lipschitz curve,  $\Gamma = f([0, 1])$

for some  $f$  s.t.  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x-y|$

$$l_p = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^\omega : \sum_i |x_i|^p < \infty \right\}$$

- Banach space when  $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad \text{dist}_p(x, y) = \|x - y\|_p$$

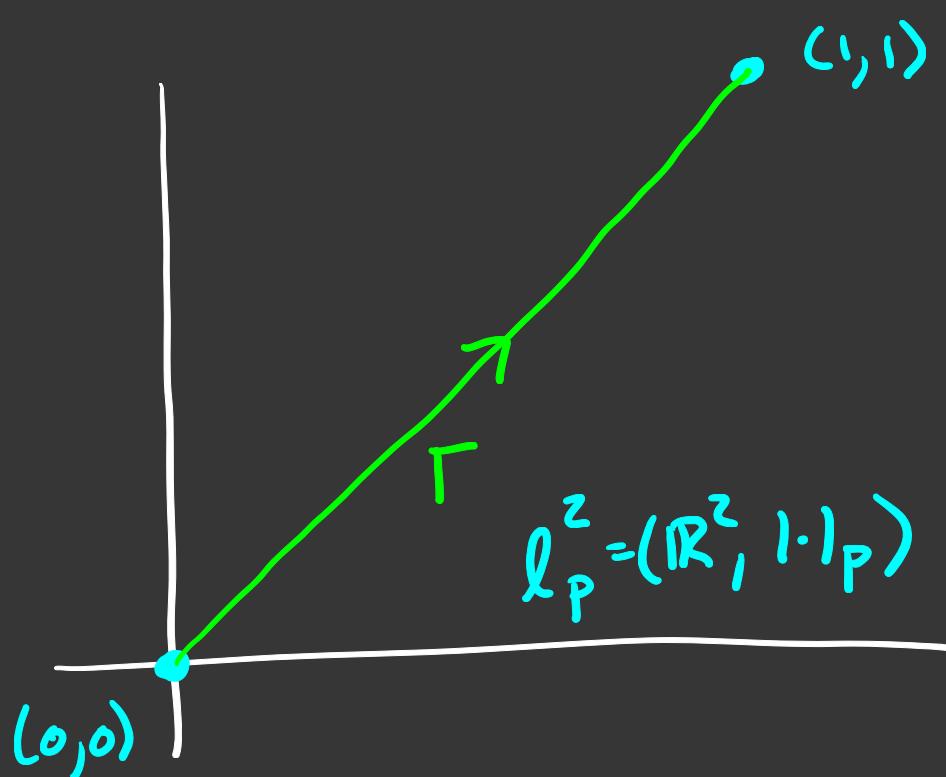
- separable ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ), reflexive ( $1 < p < \infty$ )

- increasing:

$$p < q \implies l_p \subset l_q$$

Identity is 1-Lipschitz embedding:  $\|x\|_q \leq \|x\|_p$

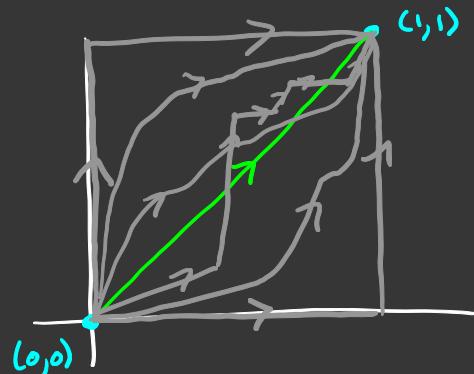
Corollary  $\Gamma$  rectifiable in  $l_p \implies \Gamma$  rectifiable in  $l_q$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma) &= |(1,1) - (0,0)|_p \\ &= 2^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

- rectifiable in each  $l_p$
- shorter as  $p \rightarrow \infty$

- In finite-dimensions, rectifiability independent of norm but length of curve depends on norm
- What about in infinite-dimensions?

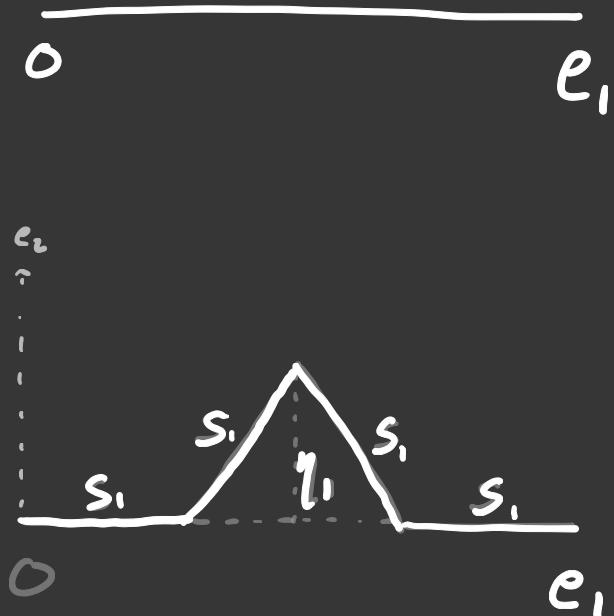


In  $\ell_1$ , there are infinitely many geodesics between  $(0,0)$  and  $(1,1)$

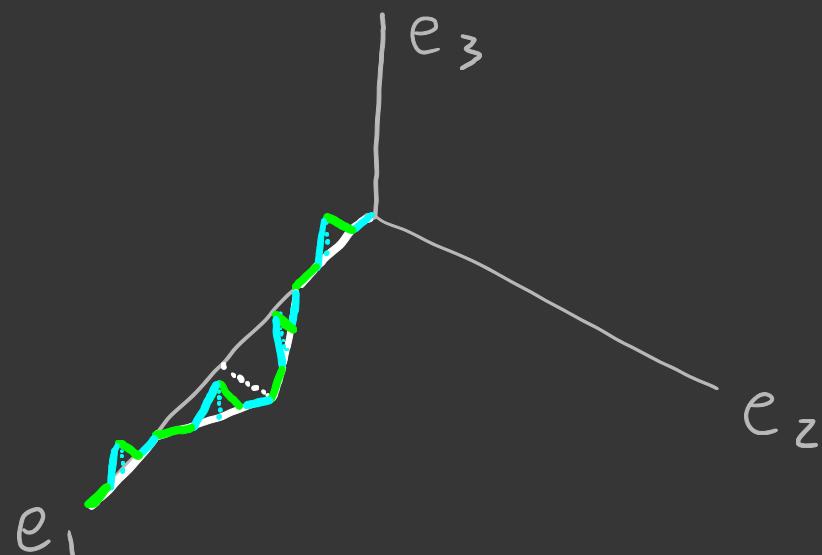
Example (B-McCordy) Related Example by Edelen -Naber-Valtorta

For all  $1 < p < \infty$ , there exists a curve  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  s.t.

$\mathcal{H}_{\ell_p}^1(\Gamma) = \infty$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\ell_q}^1(\Gamma) < \infty$  for all  $q < p$ .



Add blip of relative height  $l_1$  in  $e_2$ -direction



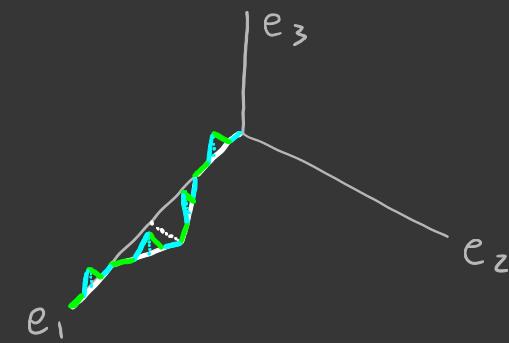
Add blips of relative height  $l_2$  in  $e_3$  direction

Add blips of relative height  $l_3$  in  $e_4$  direction ...

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$H'_{\ell_p}(\Gamma) = \infty$  and  $H'_{\ell_q}(\Gamma) < \infty$  for all  $q > p$



Basic Computation

$\Gamma \subset \ell_p$  relative heights  $\eta_i$

$$H'_{\ell_p}(\Gamma) \approx \exp\left(\sum_i \eta_i^p\right)$$

- Rectifiable  $\iff \sum_i \eta_i^p < \infty$
- If rectifiable, then  $\Gamma$  is Ahlfors regular

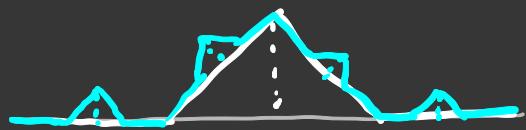
Choose  $\eta_i = \frac{\delta}{i \log(i+i_0)}$  with  $\delta > 0$ ,  $i_0 \geq 1$  so  $\eta_i \leq \frac{1}{i\delta}$

$H'_{\ell_p}(\Gamma) = \infty$ , but  $H'_{\ell_q}(\Gamma) \lesssim \exp\left(\sum_i \frac{\delta^{q/p}}{i \log(i+i_0)^{q/p}}\right) < \infty$

when  $p < q$

We still do not have a complete picture!

$$\ell_p^z = (\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_p)$$



von Koch curve

- add blips in "1" directions
- relative heights  $\gamma_i$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\ell_p}^1(\Gamma) \approx \mathcal{H}_{\ell_2}^1(\Gamma) \approx \exp\left(\sum_i \gamma_i^2\right)$$

Length gained by adding blips sensitive to direction of blip!

Question: Can you build  $\Gamma$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\ell_p}^1(\Gamma) \approx \exp\left(\sum_i \gamma_i^2\right)$ ,  $\gamma \in [z, p]$ ?

$$\ell_p \text{ infinite-dimensions}$$



von Koch curve

- add blips in new  $e_{i+1}$  directions
- relative heights " $\gamma_i$ "

$$\mathcal{H}_{\ell_p}^1(\Gamma) \approx \exp\left(\sum_i \gamma_i^p\right)$$

# Analyst's Traveling Salesman Problem

P. Jones (1990): Given a set  $E$  in a metric space  $X$ , decide whether or not  $E$  is contained in some rectifiable curve  $\Gamma$ . If so, find a curve  $\Gamma \supset E$  "short as possible".

Full solutions for sets in

$\mathbb{R}^2$  (P. Jones, 1990)

$\mathbb{L}^2$  (R. Schul, 2007)\*

proof has technical errors, but can be fixed (B-McCrory, forthcoming)

$\mathbb{R}^n$  (K. Okikiolu, 1992)

Carnot Groups (S. Li 2019)

Radon measures in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
(M. B., R. Schul 2017)

Graph Inverse Limit Spaces  
(G.C. David, R. Schul 2017)

# Partial Survey (Continued)

I. Hahlomaa (2005)

- Sufficient Conditions for  $\exists \Gamma \supset E$  in arbitrary metric space  $X$
- Condition is not necessary in  $l_1^2 = (\mathbb{R}^2, l_1)$

G.C. David, R. Schul (2019)

- Necessary Conditions for  $\Gamma$  to be rectifiable in arbitrary metric space  $X$  when  $\Gamma$  doubling

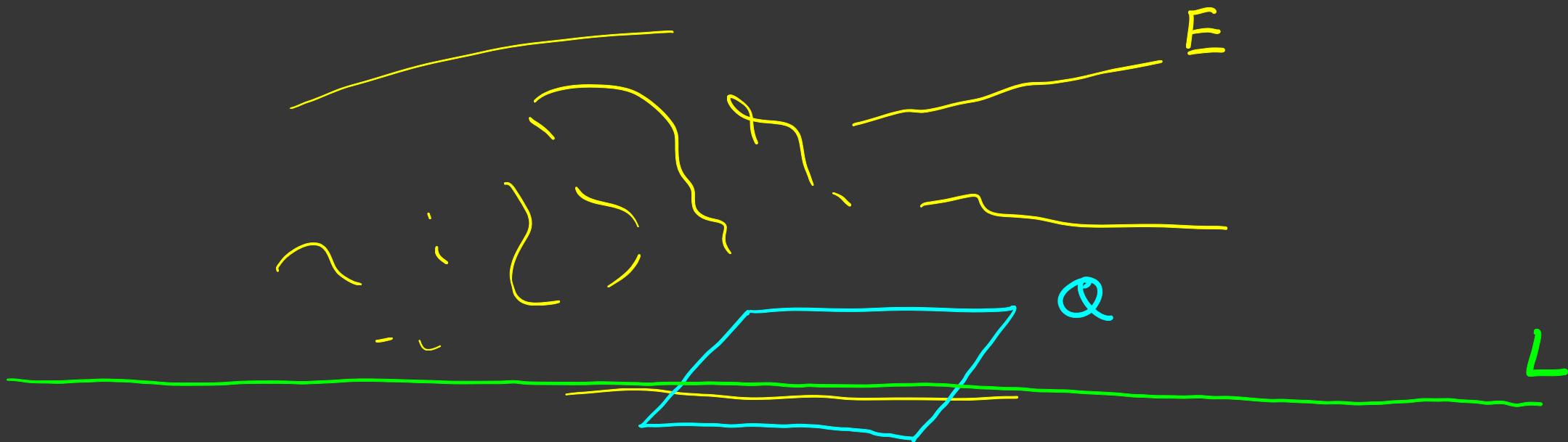
Reifenberg's  
Algorithm

N. Edelen, A. Naber, D. Valtorta (2019)

- Sufficient Conditions for  $\exists$  bi-Lipschitz surface  $\supset E$  in  $l_2$  and for  $\exists$  bi-Lip curve  $\supset E$  in  $l_p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$

P. Jones  $\beta$  number in a Banach space

"unilateral linear approximation"



set E

window Q

line L

$$\beta_E(Q, L) = \sup_{x \in E \cap Q} \frac{\text{dist}(x, L)}{\text{diam } Q} \in [0, 1]$$

$$\beta_E(Q) = \inf_L \beta_E(Q, L)$$

# Jones-Okikiolu Theorem in Banach spaces

$(\mathbb{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  finite-dimensional Banach space

$\Delta$  system of dyadic cubes (choice of basis)

$E \subset \mathbb{X}$  bounded set

$\exists \Gamma \supset E$  with  $\mathfrak{H}^1(\Gamma) < \infty$  iff

$$S_E = \sum_{Q \in \Delta} \beta_E(3Q)^2 \cdot \text{diam } Q < \infty$$

Moreover, can find  $\Gamma$  with  $\mathfrak{H}^1(\Gamma) \approx \text{diam } E + S_E$   
where implicit constants only depend on  $\dim \mathbb{X}$ ,  $\Delta$  (choice of basis)  
and norm  $\|\cdot\|$

# Challenges in Infinite-Dimensions

## ① No "Dyadic Cubes"

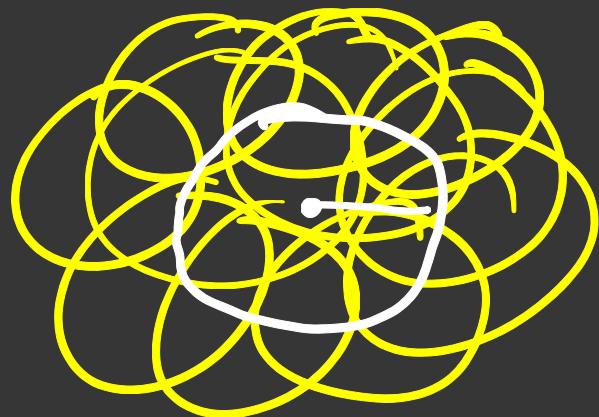
↳ Many Good Ideas  
by R.Schul

↳ Solution: Use  $2^{-k}$ -nets  $X_k$  for  $E$

and multi-resolution families  $\{B(x, 3 \cdot 2^{-k})\}_{x \in X_k}$

## ② Uncontrolled Overlap

↳ If  $E = \Gamma$  and  $H^1(\Gamma) < \infty$ ,  $X_k$  locally finite  
but can be arbitrarily large  
number of balls  $B(y, 3 \cdot 2^{-k})$   
that intersect  $B(x, 3 \cdot 2^{-k})$



↳ Soln: Complicated, but use fact when this happens  $\beta$  large

Theorem (R. Schul 2007) \* Proof corrected by B-McCurdy (forthcoming)

$E \subset l_2$  bounded is contained in rectifiable curve

iff  $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{G}} \beta_E(Q)^2 \operatorname{diam} E < \infty$

↑ Multiresolution Family for  $E$

Theorem (B-McCurdy 2020/2021)  $1 < p < \infty$

$E \subset l_p$  bounded

• If  $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{G}} \beta_E(Q)^{\min(p, 2)} \cdot \operatorname{diam} Q < \infty$ , then  $E \subset \Gamma$   
 $H'(\Gamma) < \infty$

• If  $E \subset \Gamma$   
 $H'(\Gamma) < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{G}} \beta_E(Q)^{\max(p, 2)} \operatorname{diam} Q < \infty$

Examples show gap b/w  $\min(p, 2)$  and  $\max(p, 2)$   
cannot be filled in.

↑ Modulus of Smoothness

↑ Modulus of Convexity

# Takeaways

## ① Analyst's TSP

Trying to understand what rectifiable curves and their subsets look like

## ② Still Open!

We only have solutions in a few metric spaces  
Euclidean/Caristi methods not strong enough

## ③ Length gain is sensitive to direction

In spaces like  $l_p$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , we don't understand how to effectively estimate length gain  
Beta numbers are not strong enough

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