

GEOMETRY OF 1-CODIMENSIONAL MEASURES IN THE HEISENBERG GROUPS

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In the Euclidean spaces the notion of rectifiability of a measure is linked to the metric by the celebrated:

Theorem 1 (Preiss, [1]). *Suppose $0 \leq m \leq n$ are integers, ϕ is a Radon measure on \mathbb{R}^n and:*

$$(1) \quad 0 < \Theta^m(\phi, x) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(U_r(x))}{r^m} < \infty \quad \text{at } \phi\text{-almost every } x,$$

where $U_r(x)$ is the Euclidean ball of centre x and radius r . Then ϕ is m -rectifiable, i.e., ϕ -almost all of \mathbb{R}^n can be covered by countably many m -dimensional Lipschitz submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^n .

The most difficult part of the proof of Theorem 1 is to show that the existence of the density, namely that (1) holds, implies that the measure ϕ has flat tangents, i.e.:

$$(2) \quad \text{Tan}(\phi, x) \subseteq \Theta^m(\phi, x) \{ \mathcal{H}^m \llcorner V : V \text{ is an } m\text{-plane} \} \quad \text{at } \phi\text{-almost every point.}$$

The fact that the inclusion (2) implies Theorem 1 is a consequence of the Marstrand-Mattila rectifiability criterion, see for instance [1, Corollary 5.4]. The proof of such inclusion depends on the structure of the Euclidean ball and it is not known whether it is possible to extend it to a general finite dimensional Banach space. The only progress in this direction, to our knowledge, was achieved by A. Lorent, who proved that 2-locally uniform measures in ℓ_∞^3 are rectifiable, see Theorem 5 in [4].

In this talk, I will give present the first extension of Theorem 1 outside Euclidean spaces:

Theorem 2 ([5, 6]). *Suppose ϕ is a Radon measure in \mathbb{H}^n such that:*

$$(3) \quad 0 < \Theta^{2n+1}(\phi, x) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(B_r(x))}{r^{2n+1}} < \infty \quad \text{for } \phi\text{-a.e. } x,$$

where $B_r(x)$ is the Koranyi ball. Then \mathbb{H}^n can be covered ϕ -almost all by countably many $C_{\mathbb{H}^n}^1$ -regular surfaces, which are smooth surfaces in a very intrinsic sense and were introduced in [3] and are fractals from the Euclidean point of view [2].

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