

Title: The geometry of spaces with L^∞ Riemannian metrics.

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Abstract: A *Riemannian metric* on \mathbf{R}^n is a sum $g = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$ where each g_{ij} is a real valued function on \mathbf{R}^n and for each $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ the matrix $[g_{ij}(x)]$ is positive definite. When the functions g_{ij} are continuous, then for any C^1 curve $c(t) = (x^1(t), x^2(t), \dots, x^n(t))$ with $a \leq t \leq b$ we define the length of c with respect to this metric by

$$L(c) = \int_a^b \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} g_{ij}(c(t)) \dot{x}_i(t) \dot{x}_j(t)} dt.$$

We will investigate the geometry of this metric in the case where the functions $g_{i,j}$ are only L^∞ . This involves modifying the definition of length given, as the functions g_{ij} may not be defined along the curve c . We are particularly interested in getting an explicit formula for the Hausdorff measures defined by the metric. This is joint work with Reid Harris.