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Regularity of a type of free boundary problem with volume constraint

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Abstract

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 2$ and $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a smooth manifold. We use \mathcal{M}_{Ω} to denote the collection of all pairs of (A, u) such that $A \subset \Omega$ is a set of finite perimeter and $u \in H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^p)$ satisfies

$$u(z) \in \Sigma$$
 a.e. $x \in A$.

We consider the energy functional

$$E_{\Omega}(A, u) = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 + P_{\Omega}(A)$$

defined on \mathcal{M}_{Ω} , where $P_{\Omega}(A)$ denotes the perimeter of A inside Ω . Let $(A, u) \in \mathcal{M}_{\Omega}$ be a minimizer with volume constraint. We will consider regularity of the free boundary in different settings.