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ON FUNCTIONS WITH ALMOST EVERYWHERE CONTINUOUS, APPROXIMATELY CONTINUOUS SECTIONS

The present article is devoted to giving a solutions of a problem published by Z.Grände in [5], p.14 and related problems 6 a₃ on p.17, 6c on p.18, 7a on p.19, 12 on p.22 from collection of open problems [6]. All problems under consideration concern real functions defined on the plane, $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that all the sections $f_x := f(x, \cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f^y := f(\cdot, y) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $y \in \mathbb{R}$ are approximately continuous and/or almost everywhere continuous.

We give some preliminaries about various "fine" typologies to be used in the sequel. A common feature of various kinds of metric density that have hitherto been studied /see [21, 11, 19, 9, 10]/ is that the density of a set E at a point $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is the limit as n tends to infinity of the mean density of E in C_n , where $\{C_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is any sequence of sets convergent to z , belonging to some family fixed in advance. We recall /of. [21, 9]/ that a sequence of sets $E_n \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ is convergent to a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ if $z_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ and $\text{diam } E_n \rightarrow 0$ as n tends to infinity.

The parameter of regularity of a bounded measurable set E of positive diameter is the number $p(E) = \sup_J \{ m_k(E) / m_k(J) \}$ for cubes J containing E , where m_k denotes Lebesgue measure on the Euclidean space R^k . A convergent sequence of measurable sets E_n is regular if there exists a positive constant $A > 0$ such that $p(E_n) \geq A > 0$ for all $n \in N$. Let us mention that an interval in R^k is understood to have sides parallel to axes of coordinates and a cube is an interval with equal non-zero sides.

Let \mathcal{A} be a family of convergent sequences of measurable sets and for each $z \in R^k$ let $\mathcal{A}(z)$ denote the subfamily consisting of those that converge to z . A measurable set E is said to have a density $d(\mathcal{A}, z, E)$ at z relative to \mathcal{A} if $\mathcal{A}(z)$ is nonempty and $m_k(C_n \cap E) / m_k(C_n) \rightarrow d(\mathcal{A}, z, E)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every sequence $(C_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{A}(z)$. It is easy to see that if \mathcal{A} is the family of all convergent sequences of cubes /resp. non-degenerate intervals/ then $d(\mathcal{A}, z, E) = 1$ if and only if z is an ordinary /resp. strong/ density point of E .

The Lebesgue measure m_k induces on R^k a topology called the \mathcal{A} -density topology T_d / see [9, 10] /. A set is open in this topology if it is measurable and each of its points is a point of \mathcal{A} -density one of the set. The \mathcal{A} -density topology is known to be a completely regular, Hausdorff non-normal topology. Moreover a function $f: R^k \rightarrow R$ is ordinarily /resp. strongly/ approximately continuous /cf. [19, 11, 24, 21] / if and only if it is continuous with respect to the \mathcal{A} -density topology for a suitable family \mathcal{A} .

Let $T_{a.e.}^{\mathcal{A}}$ be a collection of all subsets $U \subset R^k$ for which $U \in T_d^{\mathcal{A}}$ and $U = G \cup Z$ where G is open /in the Euclidean topology on R^k / and $m_k(Z) = 0$. It can be proved / see [18] / that $T_{a.e.}^{\mathcal{A}}$ is a

topology on R^k lying between the Euclidean topology T_e and T_d^{\wedge} .

We have /cf. [13, 14] where $k=1$ / that:

$$/1/ T_{a.e.}^{\wedge} = \{U \in T_d^{\wedge} : m_k(U) = m_k(\text{Int } U)\},$$

where $\text{Int } U$ denotes the Euclidean interior of U . For further generalization using lifting theory see [8].

$T_{a.e.}^{\wedge}$ is a completely regular Hausdorff non-normal topology on R^k and the class of \wedge -approximately continuous functions whose points of T_e - discontinuity form a set of m_k - measure zero is precisely the collection of $T_{a.e.}^{\wedge}$ - continuous functions. Moreover $T_{a.e.}^{\wedge}$ is the coarsest topology T making each such m_k - almost everywhere continuous, \wedge -approximately continuous function T - continuous.

Let T_R^{\wedge} be the collection of all sets which are the union of some subfamily of the family $F_{\sigma}(R^k) \cap G_{\delta}(R^k) \cap T_d^{\wedge}$. The collection T_R^{\wedge} forms a topology which is the coarsest topology making each \wedge -approximately differentiable function continuous /see [13] for

the case $k=1$ /. We have $T_e \subset T_{a.e.}^{\wedge} \subset T_R^{\wedge} \subset T_d$ with proper inclusions. Particular cases of the following auxiliary proposition are already known:

PROPOSITION 1^{1/}. Let (X, T) be an arbitrary topological space and (I, T_e) the unit interval endowed with the Euclidean topology.

Assume that the function $f: X \times I \rightarrow R$ is such that all its Y -sections $f^y: X \rightarrow R, y \in I$ are T -continuous and all X -sections $f_x: I \rightarrow R$ are increasing. If a section $f_u: I \rightarrow R$ is continuous at some point $v \in I$ /and increasing/ then f is $T \otimes T_e$ - continuous at the point $(u, v) \in X \times I$.

P r o o f: Let $\epsilon > 0$ be a fixed but arbitrary positive real number. Since f_u is continuous at v , there is a closed ball

$\bar{K}(v,r) \subset K(v,2r) \subset I$ such that:

$$/2/ \quad |f(u,v) - f(u,y)| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{for all } y \in \bar{K}(v,r).$$

Since the sections f^{v+r} and f^{v-r} are both continuous at $u \in X$, there are two open neighbourhoods U_1 and U_2 of this point u such that:

$$/3/ \quad |f(x, v+r) - f(u, v+r)| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{for all } x \in U_1, \text{ and}$$

$$/4/ \quad |f(x, v-r) - f(u, v-r)| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{for all } x \in U_2.$$

Observe that $U := U_1 \cap U_2$ is an open neighbourhood of $u \in X$ for which the inequalities /4/ and /3/ are satisfied simultaneously. By virtue of the assumed monotonicity of all sections f_x we have the inequality:

$$/5/ \quad f(x, v-r) \leq f(x, y) \leq f(x, v+r); \quad x \in X.$$

For $x \in U = U_1 \cap U_2$ and $y \in \bar{K}(v,r)$ we have by the triangle inequality from /3/ and /2/ the subsequent relation:

$$/6/ \quad |f(x, v+r) - f(u, v)| \leq |f(x, v+r) - f(u, v+r)| + \\ + |f(u, v+r) - f(u, v)| < \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon.$$

Similarly from /4/ and /2/ we obtain:

$$/7/ \quad |f(x, v-r) - f(u, v)| \leq |f(x, v-r) - f(u, v-r)| + |f(u, v-r) - \\ - f(u, v)| < \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon.$$

For $(x,y) \in U \times K(v,r)$ the above inequalities yield in the presence of /5/:

$$/8/ \quad -\varepsilon < f(x, v-r) - f(u, v) \leq f(x,y) - f(u,v) \leq f(x, v+r) - \\ - f(u, v) < +\varepsilon \quad \text{and}$$

$$/9/ \quad -\varepsilon < f(u,v) - f(u, v+r) \leq f(u,v) - f(x,y) \leq f(u,v) - f(u, v-r) < \varepsilon.$$

Combining /8/ and /9/ and using /6/ and /7/ we obtain immediately:

$$/10/ \quad |f(x,y) - f(u,v)| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for } (x,y) \in U \times K (v,r).$$

Since $U \times K(v,r)$ is an open neighbourhood of a point (u,v) in the space $X \times I$ endowed with the product topology $T \otimes T_{\varepsilon}$, we infer that $/u,v/$ is a continuity point of f . The proof is thereby achieved. The subsequent proposition gives an affirmative answer to the question^{2/} published by Z. Grande in [5], p.14.

PROPOSITION 2. Let $f : I^2 \rightarrow R$ be a function whose all X -sections f_x and Y -sections f^y are approximately continuous and m_1 - almost everywhere continuous. Then there is a sequence $f_n : R^2 \rightarrow R$ of ordinarily approximately continuous and m_2 - almost everywhere continuous functions pointwise convergent to a given function f .

P r o o f: We may assume without any loss of generality that our function f is bounded and positive since in the opposite case the superposition $h \circ f$ may be considered, where $h : R \rightarrow (0,2)$ is an increasing homeomorphism given for example by the formula:

$$/11/ \quad R \ni x \mapsto h(x) := 1 + \frac{\exp x - \exp(-x)}{\exp x + \exp(-x)} \in (0,2)$$

Let us introduce the auxiliary function:

$$/12/ \quad I^2 \ni (x,y) \mapsto g(x,y) := \int_0^y f(x,u) du \in [0,2]$$

Observe that the x -sections g_x of the function /12/ are continuous and increasing for all $x \in I$. Next define the set:

$$/13/ \quad A := \left\{ (x,y) \in I^2 : f^y \text{ is continuous at the point } x \in I \right. \\ \left. \text{and } f_x \text{ is continuous at the point } y \in I \right\}.$$

All Y - sections $A^Y : = \{ x \in I : (x, y) \in A \}$ of the set /13/ are of full measure because of the assumption that all f^Y are m_x - almost everywhere continuous. Moreover the set A is m_2 - measurable being a intersection of the countable family of sets open in the topology:

/14/ $T_0 : = \{ U \subset I^2 : U \text{ is } m_2 \text{ - measurable and all sections } U_x, U^Y \text{ are open in the Euclidean topology for any } (x, y) \in I^2 \}$.

For topologies of this kind see [15], [7].

The functions continuous on (I^2, T_0) are exactly those separately continuous on the square I^2 and it is well - known that the set of continuity points of a function defined on an arbitrary topological space is a G_δ subset of this space. Then by virtue of famous Fubini theorem we have $m_2(A) = m_2(I^2) = 1$ so that also the sections $A_x = \{ y \in I : (x, y) \in A \} \subset \{ y \in I : x \text{ is a continuity point of the section } f^Y \}$ are of full measure m_y for m_x - almost all points x belonging to I .

Subsequently let us define the set:

/15/ $B : = \{ (x, y) \in I^2 : g^Y \text{ is continuous at } x \}$.

In compliance with the theorem 6.1 on page 306 from [22] the section $g^Y : I \rightarrow (0, 2)$, $y \in I$ is continuous at all points $x \in I$ for which m - almost all sections f^Y are continuous at x . Therefore $m_x(B^Y) = 1$ for $y \in I$ so that we get that the Y - sections of the function g are m_x - almost everywhere continuous. Any point $(x, y) \in I^2$ with the property that the section g_x is continuous at y and increasing and simultaneously the section g^Y is continuous at x is by virtue of Proposition 1 a point of joint continuity of g . Applying once again Fubini theorem we conclude that the set of

joint continuity points of g is of full plane measure. Thus we have already proved that g is m_2 - almost everywhere continuous. To see that g is ordinarily approximately continuous on the square I^2 firstly let us observe that:

$$/16/ \lim_{v \rightarrow x} \text{appr } g(v, y) = \lim_{\substack{v \rightarrow x \\ v \in E(x)}} g(v, y) = g(x, y)$$

where $E(x)$ is a subset of I /called sometimes a path leading to x / such that x is a density point and an accumulation point of $E(x)$ with the property that the restriction $f^y | E(x)$ is continuous at x . Such path exists by virtue of the assumed approximate continuity of the sections $f^y, y \in I$.

To prove the equality /16/ it suffices to verify that^{3/}:

$$\frac{m(\{t : |g(x, y) - g(t, y)| < \varepsilon\} \cap [x-h, x+h])}{2h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 1$$

But this follows from the fact that f^u is approximately continuous:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2h} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} f(v, u) dv = f(x, u) \quad \text{and from inclusion}$$

$$\{t : |g(x, y) - g(t, y)| < \varepsilon\} \supset \{t : \int_0^y |f(x, u) - f(t, u)| du < \varepsilon\}$$

It shows the approximate continuity of all sections g^y .

Specializing the topology T in Proposition 1 to be the density topology T_d on the interval I we deduce that g is $T_d \otimes T_e$ - continuous on the square I^2 . But each $T_d \otimes T_e$ - open set is open in the density topology on the square I^2 with respect to the ordinary differentiation base. Thus the function g is ordinarily approxima-

tely continuous. Combining this fact with the proved m_2 - almost everywhere continuity of g we obtain that g is $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous on I^2 . ($\mathcal{A}=\square$ is regular) 4/.

Let $h_n, n=1,2,\dots$ be a fixed sequence of positive real numbers tending to zero as n tends to infinity. Define the sequence of functions:

$$/17/ \quad I^2 \ni (x,y) \mapsto f_n(x,y) := h_n^{-1} \cdot [g(x,y + h_n) - g(x,y)].$$

All functions /17/ have sectionwise properties the same as the function g and thus are also jointly $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous on I^2 .

All X - sections f_x of our starting function f are approximately continuous and bounded. Hence $f_x, x \in I$ are integrable derivatives and we have the equality:

$$/18/ \quad f(x,y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x,y) \quad \text{for all } (x,y) \in I^2.$$

The proof of Proposition 2 is thereby completed.

COROLLARY 1. Let $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$ be a function with $T_{a.e.}$ - continuous all sections f_x and $f^y; (x,y) \in R^2$. Then f is the pointwise limit of the sequence of $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous functions.

P r o o f: Let us decompose the plane R^2 as the countable union of unit squares:

$$/19/ \quad R^2 = \bigcup_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \bigcup_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} [k, k+1] \times [m, m+1].$$

Applying Proposition 2 to each restriction $f|_{[k, k+1] \times [m, m+1]}$ and sticking the obtained sequences of functions together we obtain the claimed assertion. /cf. Proposition 6 bellow/.

In connection with Corollary 1 let us recollect the following facts:

a/ Each function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $T_{a.e.}$ - continuous all X- and Y-sections belongs to the Baire class two. Paper [3] contains an example of such function not belonging to the first class of Baire.

b/ There exists a function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ whose all X - sections and Y-sections are approximately continuous which is totally discontinuous and which is not the pointwise limit of any sequence of m_2 - almost everywhere continuous functions / see [5] /

COROLLARY 2. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the same as in Corollary 1. Then f satisfies the following condition /AP₁/ : for each $a < b$ and nonempty sets U and V satisfying

$$/20/ \quad U \subset \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x,y) < a\}, \quad V \subset \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : f(x,y) > b\}$$

$$/21/ \quad U \subset \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : C_1 U \text{ has positive ordinary upper density at } (x,y)\} \text{ and}$$

$$V \subset \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : C_1 V \text{ has positive ordinary upper density at } (x,y)\}$$

it is true that $U \setminus C_1 V \neq \emptyset$ or $V \setminus C_1 U \neq \emptyset$. The sign C_1 stands here for the closure operator in the Euclidean topology on the plane.

P r o o f: This follows easily from Theorem 4.5 on p. 323 from [18], see also [2].

COROLLARY 3. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be as in the Corollary 1. Then f and - f satisfy the following condition /AP₂/: for each $a < b$ and an arbitrary closed subset $F \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$/22/ \quad m_2(F) = m_2(F \cap \{(x,y) : f(x,y) < a\}) < +\infty$$

it is true that the set

$$/23/ \quad W := F \cap \{(x,y) : f(x,y) \geq b\}$$

possesses the property that

$$/24/ \quad (Cl \ S \setminus Cl \ (W \cap S)) \cap \{(x,y) \in R^2 : f(x,y) \geq b\}$$

is a countable intersection of cozero sets in the $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - topology on the plane where

$$/25/ \quad S := \{(x,y) \in R^2 : Cl \ W \text{ has positive upper ordinary density at the point } (x,y)\}.$$

Let us recall that cozero sets in the a.e. topology are exactly the sets of the form $G \cup Z$ where $G \cup Z$ is open in the ordinary density topology, G is open in the Euclidean topology and Z is an F_{σ} set of m_2 - measure zero.

P r o o f: This follows from theorems 4.7 and 5.1 on p. 323 in [18].

COROLLARY 4. Let $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$ be as in the Corollary 1. Then there is a function $f_1: R^2 \rightarrow R$ in the first Baire class and an F_{σ} set $Z_0 \subset R^2$ of m_2 - measure zero such that:

$$/26/ \quad \{(x,y) \in R^2 : f(x,y) \neq f_1(x,y)\} \subset Z_0.$$

P r o o f: Since all functions /17/ are m_2 - almost everywhere continuous, the inclusion /26/ follows directly from the Theorem 3 of Mauldin [17] generalized in an obvious manner onto the case of functions of two variables see also [16].

The following proposition, based upon results of [18] answers problem 6 b on p. 18 in [6] in the negative:

PROPOSITION 3. There is a function $f: R^k \rightarrow R$ being the pointwise limit of m_k - almost everywhere continuous functions and

satisfying condition $/AP_1/$ from Corollary 2 but non expressible as a pointwise limit of $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous functions $f_n: R^k \rightarrow R$.

P r o o f: As in example 6.8 on p. 327 from [18] a function satisfying Grande's condition $/AP_1/$ but that fails to satisfy condition $/AP_2/$ formulated in Corollary 3 can be exhibited. Bearing in mind that each pointwise limit of $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous functions must fulfil the condition $/AP_2/$ in accordance with theorem 4.7 on p. 323 in [18] we obtain the desired thesis.

The subsequent proposition decides the problem 6 a₃ on p.17 from [6] in the positive^{5/}.

PROPOSITION 4. Let $f: I^2 \rightarrow R$ be a function whose all sections f_x and $f^y (x,y) \in I^2$ are approximately continuous. Then f is a pointwise limit of sequence of $T_d \otimes T_d$ - continuous functions, where T_d is the density topology on the interval I .

P r o o f: As in the proof of Proposition 2 let us assume that f is positive and bounded, Then define the function g by the formula /12/ and observe that it has approximately continuous all sections g^y , $y \in I$ and increasing and continuous all sections g_x ,

$x \in I$. These properties are inherited by functions f_n defined by the formula /17/. Invoking Proposition 1 for $T = T_d$ we obtain that the functions f_n are $T_d \otimes T_e$ - continuous and thus also $T_d \otimes T_d$ - continuous. That ends the proof.

COROLLARY 5. Each function $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$ separately approximately continuous /and therefore continuous with respect to the topology d_{xy} defined in [15] /is a pointwise limit of a sequence of $T_d \otimes T_d$ - continuous functions.

P r o o f: It is exactly the same as the proof of Corollary 1. Corollaries 1 and 5 may be viewed as a generalization onto the

case of a.e. - topology /resp. the density topology/ of the well-known fact that any separately continuous function of two variables being in the Baire class one is the pointwise limit of the sequence of jointly continuous functions. The r - topology defined in [13] occupies an intermediate place between $T_{a.e.}$ and T_d and also for it we have a similar result:

PROPOSITION 5. Each function $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$ whose all sections f_x and f_y , $(x,y) \in R^2$, are r - continuous is a pointwise limit of a sequence of $T_r \otimes T_r$ - continuous functions.

The proof will be omitted, since it is very similar to the given ones. The following extension theorem will be useful in order to solve the problem 12 a on p. 22 in [6]:

PROPOSITION 6. /cf.[23], thm. 3/ The following conditions are equivalent:

/i/ for each Baire 1 function $g: R^k \rightarrow R$ there is $T_{a.e.}^{\square}$ - continuous function $f: R^k \rightarrow R$ such that the following inclusion holds:

$$/27/ \left\{ z \in R^k : f(z) = g(z) \right\} \supseteq A, \quad A \subset R^k \text{ (cf. formula (26))}$$

/ii/ the set $A \subset R^k$ fulfils the equality:

$$/28/ m_k (Cl A) = 0.$$

In case $k=1$ this theorem is proved in [4]. The proof given in [4] does not carry over the multidimensional case. This theorem is obtained in a full generality (Chaika spaces as domains and Frechet spaces as ranges /in [23] as a consequence of some selection theorem for multifunctions. Proposition 6 itself solves another problem 13 a on p. 23 from [6], but we use it here to decide the question 12 a from [6]. Namely we have:

PROPOSITION 7. There is a function ordinarily approximately con-

tinuous and m_2 - a.e. continuous, $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$, such that the set:
/29/ $D(f) := \{(x,y) \in R^2 : f_x \text{ fails to be approximately continuous at } y \text{ or } f^y \text{ fails to be approximately continuous at } x\}$
is uncountable.

P r o o f: Let C be a Cantor ternary set in unit interval I . Take $A = I \times C \cup C \times I$ and let $g = R^2 \rightarrow R$ be the indicator of the set $C \times C$. The equality /28/ is obviously fulfilled since A is a perfect subset of plane measure zero. Thus the restriction g/A has $T_{a.e.}$ - continuous extension $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$. For this extension we have $D(f) = C \times C$ so that the set /29/ is uncountable.

In accordance with [20] for each perfect set P of measure zero - $m(P) = 0$, there is an bounded, upper semicontinuous, in the Zahorski class M_4 , function $\tilde{f}: R \rightarrow R$ such that the set of points of approximate discontinuity of \tilde{f} is exactly the prescribed set P and each point $x \notin P$ is a point of T_0 - continuity of \tilde{f} . We may use such function \tilde{f} in place of g to obtain the function f in proposition 7 with some additional properties.

Moreover let us recall that the set of approximate continuity points of Baire 1 function $g: R^k \rightarrow R$ is residual, Borel and has full measure. Nevertheless a characterisation problem for sets /29/ remains still unresolved.

NOTES:

- 1/ As it has been remarked by Mirosław Filipczak, the thesis of Proposition 1 holds under significantly weaker assumptions, e.g. if the set $\{y \in I: f^y \text{ is continuous at } x\}$ is dense in I . A modification of Proposition 1 with still more local character may be also given.
- 2/ Original formulation /in French/ of the problem is the following
La fonction $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ayant toutes ses sections f_x and f^y continues presque partout et approximativement continues doit-elle etre la limite d'une suite de fonctions continues presque partout?
- 3/ We omit a piece of routine but tedious verification.
- 4/ The sign \square means here and in the sequel the family of rectangles $[x-h, x+h] \times [y-k, y+k]$ for which a positive constant K exists, such that the ratio h/k fulfils a double inequality: $K^{-1} \leq h/k \leq K$.
That means, \square is an ordinary differentiation basis.
- 5/ Soit $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ une fonction approximativement continue par rapport a chacune de deux variables. Existe-t-il une suite de fonctions continues par rapport a la topologie produite de x et y convergente en tout point vers f ?
- 6/ On sait que l'ensemble /29/ peut être dénombrable infini.
Peut-il etre indénombrable?

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O FUNKCJACH KTÓRYCH CIĘCIA SĄ APROKSYMATYWNIE CIĄGŁE I PRAWIE
WSZĘDZIE CIĄGŁE

Streszczenie

W tym artykule pokazano, że każda funkcja dwóch zmiennych, której wszystkie cięcia poziome i pionowe są ciągłe w topologii a.e. O'Malleya na prostej jest punktową granicą ciągu funkcji ciągłych w topologii a.e. na płaszczyźnie. Rozwiązuje to z nawiązką problem opublikowany przez Z. Grandego w [5] i powtórzony jako problem 6c w [6]. Zastosowana metoda pozwoliła również udzielić odpowiedzi na pytanie 6 a₃ z [6] tzn. pokazać, że funkcja dwóch zmiennych o aproksymatywnie ciągłych wszystkich cięciach jest punktową granicą ciągu funkcji $T_d \otimes T_d$ - ciągłych.

Kolejnym wynikiem tej pracy jest częściowa charakteryzacja zbioru /30/ punktów, w których któreś z cięć aproksymatywnie ciągłej względem zwykłej bazy różniczkowania / i nawet dodatkowo prawie wszędzie ciągłej / funkcji dwóch zmiennych może być aproksymatywnie nieciągłe. Stwierdzenie 7 pokazując że taki zbiór /30/ może być nieprzeliczalny odpowiada na pytanie 12 a z [6]. Ponadto zauważono, że jeden z przykładów zamieszczonych w [18] stanowi rozwiązanie problemu 6 b z [6], a mianowicie świadczy o tym, że warunek konieczny na to, aby funkcja była granicą ciągu funkcji a.e. - ciągłych sformułowany przez Z. Grandego w [2] nie jest jednocześnie warunkiem wystarczającym. Tematyka tego artykułu może też być rozpatrywana jako badanie własności pewnych topologii na płaszczyźnie skonstruowanych na wzór prac [15] i [7].