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THE OSCILLATORY BEHAVIOUR
OF \mathcal{J} -APPROXIMATE DERIVATIVES

The derivatives considered are the \mathcal{J} -approximate derivatives. We shall prove that if $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ exists everywhere on $[a, b]$ and is bounded above or below on (a, b) , then $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}} = f'$ on $[a, b]$ (one-sided at a and b).

Since the \mathcal{J} -approximate derivative possesses the Darboux property, the above forces $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ to attain every value indeed infinitely often on any interval where $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ is not f' . Thus $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ must oscillate between positive and negative values whose absolute value may be as large as desired.

On the other hand, since \mathcal{J} -approximate derivative is a function of Baire class one, the above implies the existence of an open dense subset V of I_0 on which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ is f' . So the question arises whether the oscillation mentioned in the above paragraph occurs on the component intervals of this set V . In what follows, an affirmative answer is furnished to this question.

Let R be the real line, N the set of all natural numbers, \mathcal{B} the σ -algebra of subsets of R having the Baire property, \mathcal{J} the σ -ideal of sets of the first category. If $A \subset R$ and $x_0 \in R$, denote $x_0 \cdot A = \{x_0 + x : x \in A\}$ and $A - x_0 = \{x - x_0 : x \in A\}$; χ_A will mean the characteristic function of the set A .

Recall that 0 is an I-density point of a set $A \in \mathcal{B}$ if and only if, for every increasing sequence $\{n_m\}_{m \in N}$ of natural numbers, there exists a subsequence $\{n_{m_p}\}_{p \in N}$ such that $\chi_{n_{m_p} \cdot A} \cap [-1, 1] \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} 1$ except on a set belonging to \mathcal{J} . Further, x_0 is an \mathcal{J} -density point of $A \in \mathcal{B}$ (denoted by $d_{\mathcal{J}}(A, x_0) = 1$) if and only

if 0 is an \mathcal{J} -density point of $A - x_0$. A point x_0 is an \mathcal{J} -dispersion point of $A \in \mathcal{B}$ (denoted by $d_{\mathcal{J}}(A, x_0) = 0$) if and only if $d_{\mathcal{J}}(R \setminus A, x_0) = 1$ (see [4]).

Throughout this paper, all functions are real-valued functions of one variable. The notations $\text{cl}(E)$ and $\text{int}(E)$ will denote, respectively, the closure and the interior of E in the natural topology.

DEFINITION 1. Let f be any function defined in some neighbourhood of x_0 and having there the Baire property.

$$\mathcal{J}\text{-}\liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \sup \{ \alpha : d_{\mathcal{J}}(\{x : f(x) < \alpha\}, x_0) = 0 \},$$

$$\mathcal{J}\text{-}\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \inf \{ \alpha : d_{\mathcal{J}}(\{x : f(x) > \alpha\}, x_0) = 0 \}.$$

We shall say that f is \mathcal{J} -approximately continuous at x_0 if and only if

$$\mathcal{J}\text{-}\liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \mathcal{J}\text{-}\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0).$$

DEFINITION 2. Let f be any function defined in some neighbourhood of x_0 and having there the Baire property, and let

$$C(x, x_0) = \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \quad \text{for } x \neq x_0.$$

We shall define the \mathcal{J} -approximate upper derivative as

$$\bar{f}'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0) = \mathcal{J}\text{-}\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}.$$

The \mathcal{J} -approximate lower derivative $\underline{f}'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0)$ is defined similarly. If $\bar{f}'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0) = \underline{f}'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0)$, their common value is called the \mathcal{J} -approximate derivative of f at x_0 , $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0)$.

To prove the above-mentioned results, we need a preliminary lemmas and some theorems:

THEOREM 1 [1]. Let G be an open subset of R . A point 0 is an \mathcal{J} -dispersion point of G if and only if, for each $n \in N$, there exist $k \in N$ and a real number $\delta > 0$ such that, for each $h \in (0, \delta)$ and for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, there exist $j_i, j_1 \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that

$$G \cap \left(\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r-1}{nk} \right)h, \left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r}{nk} \right)h \right) = \emptyset$$

and

$$G \cap \left(-\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1}{nk} \right)h, -\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1-1}{nk} \right)h \right) = \emptyset.$$

We shall use the above theorem for $x \in R$ by translating the set, if necessary. It is easily seen that if G in theorem 1 is replaced by an arbitrary set $A \in \mathcal{S}$, then in the above conditions we should write

$$A \cap \left(\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r-1}{nk} \right)h, \left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r}{nk} \right)h \right) \in \mathcal{V}$$

and

$$A \cap \left(-\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1}{nk} \right)h, -\left(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1-1}{nk} \right)h \right) \in \mathcal{V}.$$

THEOREM 2 [2]. Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ have a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Then:

- (a) the function f is a function of Baire class one;
- (b) the function f has the Darboux property;
- (c) the function $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ has the Darboux property.

THEOREM 3 [1]. If $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ has a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ at all $x \in [0, 1]$, then $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ is of Baire class one.

THEOREM 4 [2]. If f is \mathcal{V} -approximately differentiable on $[0, 1]$ and $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x) \geq 0$ at each $x \in [0, 1]$, then f is non-decreasing on $[0, 1]$.

THEOREM 5 [2]. Let f be an increasing function defined on $[0, 1]$. For each $x_0 \in (0, 1)$, $D_+f(x_0) = D_{+\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}f(x_0)$. The corresponding equalities for the other extrema derivatives and extrema \mathcal{V} -approximate derivatives are also valid.

THEOREM 6. If $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ exists everywhere on $[a, b]$ and is bounded above or below on (a, b) , then $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}} = f'$ on $[a, b]$ (one-sided at a and b).

P r o o f. We shall assume that there exists a real number M such that, for each $x \in (a, b)$, $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x) > M$ and let $h(x) =$

$= f(x) - Mx$ for each $x \in [a, b]$. For each $[c, d] \subset (a, b)$ and for each $x \in [c, d]$, $h'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x) > 0$. Then, by Theorem 4, the function h is nondecreasing on $[c, d]$. It is easy to see that h is increasing on $[c, d]$. Then, by the Darboux property, the function h is increasing on $[a, b]$. By Theorem 5, we have that $h'(x) = h'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x)$ at all $x \in (a, b)$. In the similar way as in Theorem 5, we can prove that $h'^+(a) = h'^+_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(a)$ and $h'^-(b) = h'^-_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(b)$. Therefore $f' = f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ on $[a, b]$ (one-sided at a and b), and the proof of Theorem 6 is completed.

LEMMA 1 ([3]). Let f be a function, x a point in the domain of f , λ a real number and K a positive number. If, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |y - x| < \delta$ and y in the domain of f imply there are numbers y_1 and y_2 with $y_1 < y < y_2$, satisfying:

$$(1) \quad |f(y_i) - f(x) - \lambda(y_i - x)| < \varepsilon|y_i - x| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2,$$

$$(2) \quad |y_i - y| < \varepsilon|y - x| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2 \text{ and}$$

$$(3) \quad \text{a) } f(z) + Kz \text{ is increasing on } [y_1, y_2] \text{ or}$$

$$\text{b) } f(z) - Kz \text{ is decreasing on } [y_1, y_2] \text{ or}$$

$$\text{c) } |f(y_i) - f(y)| \leq K|y_i - y| \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ or } i = 2,$$

then $f'(x)$ exists and equals λ .

LEMMA 2. Let f be a function and x a point at which f has an \mathcal{J} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x) = \lambda$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. There is a $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |y - x| < \delta$ implies there are numbers y_1 and y_2 with $y_1 < y < y_2$, satisfying:

$$(1) \quad |f(y_i) - f(x) - \lambda(y_i - x)| < \varepsilon|y_i - x| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2 \text{ and}$$

$$(2) \quad |y_i - y| < \varepsilon|y - x| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

Proof. It suffices to consider just $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Let $A = \{t: |f(t) - f(x) - \lambda(t - x)| < \varepsilon|t - x|\}$. Then $d_{\mathcal{J}}(A, x) = 1$ and, by Theorem 1, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq 3$ and $\frac{1}{n-1} < \varepsilon$, there exists a $\delta_1 > 0$ such that, for each $h \in (0, \delta_1)$ and for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$A \cap \left(x + \frac{i-1}{n}h, x + \frac{i}{n}h\right) \notin \mathcal{J},$$

$$A \cap \left(x - \frac{i}{n}h, x - \frac{i-1}{n}h\right) \notin \mathcal{J}.$$

Now, let $\delta = \frac{n-1}{n} \delta_1$ and y be fixed with $0 < |x - y| < \delta$. It may be assumed without loss of generality that $y > x$. Let $h = \frac{n}{n-1} (y - x)$. Then $h < \delta_1$ and $y = x + \frac{n-1}{n}h$. Therefore $(x + \frac{n-2}{n}h, y) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and $(y, x + h) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, which implies the existence of two points $y_1 < y < y_2$ such that $y_1, y_2 \in A$, $|y - y_1| < \frac{1}{n}h < \frac{1}{n-1} |y - x| < \varepsilon |y - x|$ and $|y - y_2| < \frac{1}{n}h < \varepsilon |y - x|$, which completes the proof of the lemma.

LEMMA 3. Suppose f is \mathcal{V} -approximately continuous on an interval I_0 . Let $K > 0$ be given and let $A(x) = \{y: |f(y) - f(x)| < K|y - x|\}$. Let $n, m, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $H_{nmp} = \{x: \text{for each } h \in (0, \frac{1}{p}), \text{ there exist } i_1(x), i_p(x) \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ such that}$

$$(x - \frac{i_1(x)}{n}h, x - \frac{i_1(x) - 1}{n}h) \setminus A(x) \in \mathcal{V}$$

and

$$(x + \frac{i_r(x) - 1}{n}h, x + \frac{i_r(x)}{n}h) \setminus A(x) \in \mathcal{V},$$

and, for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, there exist $j_i(x, i), j_r(x, i) \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that

$$(x - (\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1(x, i)}{nm})h, x - (\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_1(x, i) - 1}{nm})h) \setminus A(x) \in \mathcal{V}$$

and

$$(x + (\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r(x, i) - 1}{nm})h, x + (\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r(x, i)}{nm})h) \setminus A(x) \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Then:

(a) if $x, y \in \text{cl}(H_{nmp})$ and $|x - y| < \frac{1}{p}$, then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x - y|,$$

(b) if $x \in \text{cl}(H_{nmp})$ and $h < \frac{1}{p}$, then for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$(x + \frac{i-1}{n}h, x + \frac{i}{n}h) \cap \{y: |f(y) - f(x)| \leq K|y - x|\} \neq \emptyset$$

and

$$(x - \frac{i}{n}h, x - \frac{i-1}{n}h) \cap \{y: |f(y) - f(x)| \leq K|y - x|\} \neq \emptyset.$$

P r o o f. Let $x, y \in \text{cl}(H_{\text{nmp}})$ and $|x - y| < \frac{1}{p}$. It may be assumed without loss of generality that $y > x$. Since f is an \mathcal{V} -approximately continuous function at x and y , thus, by Theorem 1, for each $s \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that, for each $h \in (0, \delta)$ and for each $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$(x + \frac{j-1}{n}h, x + \frac{j}{n}h) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{s}\} \notin \mathcal{V},$$

$$(x - \frac{j}{n}h, x + \frac{j-1}{n}h) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{s}\} \notin \mathcal{V},$$

$$(y + \frac{j-1}{n}h, y + \frac{j}{n}h) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{s}\} \notin \mathcal{V},$$

$$(y - \frac{j}{n}h, y - \frac{j-1}{n}h) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{s}\} \notin \mathcal{V}.$$

Let $\delta_0 > 0$ be such that $\delta_0 < \min(\frac{1}{sK}, \frac{1}{p}, \delta)$ and $|x - y| + 2\delta_0 < \frac{1}{p}$. We choose $x_1 \in (x - \delta_0, x + \delta_0) \cap H_{\text{nmp}}$ and $y_1 \in (y - \delta_0, y + \delta_0) \cap H_{\text{nmp}}$. We may assume that $x_1 < x < y_1 < y$. Then $x - x_1 < \delta$ and, for each $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$(x - \frac{j}{n}(x - x_1), x - \frac{j-1}{n}(x - x_1) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{s}\} \in \mathcal{V}$$

and there exists $i_p(x_1) \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$(x_1 + \frac{i_p(x_1) - 1}{n}(x - x_1), x_1 + \frac{i_p(x_1)}{n}(x - x_1)) \cap A(x_1) \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Thus there exists $x'_1 \cap (x_1, x) \cap A(x_1) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{s}\}$.

Analogously, we can choose $y'_1 \in (y_1, y) \cap A(y_1) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{s}\}$. Since $x_1, y_1 \in H_{\text{nmp}}$ and $|y_1 - x_1| \leq |y_1 - y| + |x - y| + |x - x_1| < 2\delta_0 + |x - y| < \frac{1}{p}$ there exists $i_r(x_1) \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$(x_1 + \frac{i_r(x_1) - 1}{n}(y_1 - x_1), x_1 + \frac{i_r(x_1)}{n}(y_1 - x_1)) \cap A(x_1) \in \mathcal{V},$$

and, for each $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$(y_1 - \frac{j}{n}(y_1 - x_1), y_1 - \frac{j-1}{n}(y_1 - x_1)) \cap A(y_1) \notin \mathcal{V}.$$

So, there exists $x_0 \in (x_1, y_1) \cap A(x_1) \cap A(y_1)$, and $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |f(x) - f(x'_1)| + |f(x'_1) - f(x_1)| + |f(x_1) - f(x_0)| + |f(x_0) - \\ &- f(y_1)| + |f(y_1) - f(y'_1)| + |f(y'_1) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{s} + K|x'_1 - x_1| + \\ &+ K|x_1 - x_0| + K|x_0 - y_1| + K|y_1 - y'_1| + \frac{1}{s} < \frac{4}{s} + K|x_1 - y_1| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{4}{s} + K|x_1 - x'_1| + K|x'_1 - x| + K|x - y| + K|y - y'_1| + K|y'_1 - y_1| < \\ &< \frac{8}{s} + K|x - y|. \text{ Thus } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{8}{s} + K|x - y| \right) = K|x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $x \in \text{cl}(H_{nmp})$, $0 < h < \frac{1}{p}$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Let $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{4nmp} \cdot h$ and $\{x_s\}_{s \in N} \subset H_{nmp}$ such that $x = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_s$ and, for each $s \in N$, $x_s \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$. Then, for each $s \in N$, there exists $j(x_s, i) \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that

$$\left(x_s + \frac{(i-1)m + j(x_s, i) - 1}{mn}h, x_s + \frac{(i-1)m + j(x_s, i)}{mn}h \right) \setminus A(x_s) \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Let $\{x_{s_r}\}_{r \in N} \subset \{x_s\}_{s \in N}$ such that, for all $r \in N$, $j(x_{s_r}, i)$ is common (for example, for each $s \in N$, $j(x_{s_r}, i) = j_0$). Then, for each $r \in N$,

$$(\alpha, \beta) = \left(x + \delta + \frac{(i-1)m + j_0 - 1}{nm}h, \right.$$

$$\left. x - \delta + \frac{(i-1)m + j_0}{nm}h \right)$$

$$\subset \left(x_{s_r} + \frac{(i-1)m + j_0 - 1}{nm}h, x_{s_r} + \frac{(i-1)m + j_0}{nm}h \right)$$

and $(\alpha, \beta) \setminus A(x_{s_r}) \in \mathcal{J}$. Thus $(\alpha, \beta) \setminus \bigcap_{r \in N} A(x_{s_r}) \in \mathcal{J}$ and, moreover,

$$(\alpha, \beta) \subset \left(x + \frac{i-1}{n}h, x + \frac{i}{n}h \right). \text{ Let } y \in \bigcap_{r \in N} A(x_{s_r}) \cap (\alpha, \beta). \text{ Then,}$$

for each $r \in N$,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(x_{s_r})| + |f(x_{s_r}) - f(y)|$$

$$< K|x - x_{s_r}| + K|x_{s_r} - y|$$

and

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (K|y - x_{s_r}| + K|x_{s_r} - x|) = K|x - y|.$$

Thus we have shown that

$$(x + \frac{i-1}{n}h, x + \frac{i}{n}h) \cap \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| \leq K|t - x|\} \notin \mathcal{J}.$$

The proof of the second condition is analogous.

By the above lemmas, we shall prove the main result of this paper. Its proof is similar to that of [3, Theorem 4.1]. We shall denote by I and I_0 arbitrary intervals.

THEOREM 7. Suppose f has a finite \mathcal{J} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x)$ at each $x \in I_0$ and let $M \geq 0$. If $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ attains both M and $-M$ on I_0 , then there is a subinterval I of I_0 on which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}} = f'$ and f' attains both M and $-M$ on I .

P r o o f. Suppose no such interval I exists. Then, for each interval $I \subset I_0$ on which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}} = f'$, we have $f'(y) > -M$ for all $y \in I$ or $f'(y) < M$ for all $y \in I$, for otherwise the Darboux property of f' would imply that f' attains M and $-M$ on I . Let $V = \{x \in I_0: \text{there is an open interval } I \subset I_0 \text{ such that } x \in I \text{ and } f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(y) = f'(y) \text{ for all } y \in I\}$. By Theorems 2 and 6, V is an open dense subset of I_0 . Since $f' > -M$ or $f' < M$ on each component (a, b) of V , it follows from Theorem 6 that f has a right-sided derivative at b and f has a left-sided derivative at a . Thus the set $I_0 \setminus V = P$ is a perfect nowhere dense set.

Since the function $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ is Baire 1, P contains points at which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ is continuous relative to P . At any such point x_0 , $|f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0)| \leq M$. Suppose that $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x_0) > M$. (A similar argument holds if $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}} < -M$. Then there is an open interval I containing x_0 for which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x) > M$ for $x \in I \cap P$. For any component (a, b) of V with $(a, b) \subset I$, a is in $I \cap P$, and thus, $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(a) > M$. Hence $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}(x) > -M$ for $x \in (a, b)$. By combining these two facts, it follows that $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}} > -M$ on I . Therefore, by Theorem 6, $I \subset V$, which contradicts $x_0 \in P$.

Now, by selecting any point x_0 of P at which $f'_{\mathcal{J}\text{-ap}}$ is continuous at x_0 relative to P , we can choose an open interval $(c,$

d) with c and d in V , $c < x_0 < d$ and $|f'_{\mathcal{G}-ap}(x)| < M + 1$ on $(c, d) \cap P$. Then, for $K = M + 1$, the sets H_{nmp} defined as in Lemma 3 have the property that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} H_{nmp} \cap P_1 = P_1$ where $P_1 = P \cap [c_1, d_1]$ and $[c_1, d_1] \cap (c, d)$. Indeed, let $x \in P_1$. Then $|f'_{\mathcal{G}-ap}(x)| < K$ and $d_{\mathcal{G}}(\{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < K|t - x|\}, x) = 1$. Therefore, by Theorem 1, there exist $q, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for each $0 < h < \frac{1}{q}$, there exist $i_r(x), i_1(x) = \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$\left(x + \frac{i_r(x) - 1}{n}h, x + \frac{i_r(x)}{n}h\right) \setminus \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < K|t - x|\} \in \mathcal{G}$$

and

$$\left(x - \frac{i_1(x)}{n}h, x - \frac{i_1(x) - 1}{n}h\right) \setminus \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < K|t - x|\} \in \mathcal{G}$$

Again by Theorem 1, there exist $m, r \in \mathbb{N}$ for n , such that, for each $0 < h < \frac{1}{r}$ and for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, there exist $j_1(x, i), j_r(x, i) \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that

$$\left(x + \left(\frac{i - 1}{n} + \frac{j_r(x, i) - 1}{nm}\right)h, x + \left(\frac{i - 1}{n} + \frac{j_r(x, i)}{nm}\right)h\right) \setminus \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < K|t - x|\} \in \mathcal{G}$$

and

$$\left(x - \left(\frac{i - 1}{n} + \frac{j_1(x, i)}{nm}\right)h, x - \left(\frac{i - 1}{n} + \frac{j_1(x, i) - 1}{nm}\right)h\right) \setminus \{t: |f(t) - f(x)| < K|t - x|\} \in \mathcal{G}$$

Now, let $p \geq \max\{q, s\}$. Then $x \in H_{nmp}$ and $P_1 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} H_{nmp} \cap P_1$. The Baire category theorem guarantees the existence of integers n_0, m_0, p_0 and an open interval $J \subset (c, d)$ with $J \cap P \neq \emptyset$ and $J \cap P \subset J \cap \text{cl}(H_{n_0}, m_0, p_0)$. It may be assumed that $n_0 > 1$, $\mu(\mathcal{G}) < \frac{1}{p_0}$, and that the endpoints of J are in V . However, as will be shown below, under these conditions f is differentiable on J , which contradicts $J \cap P \neq \emptyset$.

Now, we shall show that, for each $x \in V$, if (a, b) is a component of V such that $(a, b) \subset J$ and $x \in (a, b)$, then

$$|f(x) - f(a)| \leq 3(M + 1)|x - a|$$

and

$$|f(x) - f(b)| \leq 3(M + 1)|x - b|.$$

It will suffice to prove only the first of these inequalities in the case where $f' < M$ on (a, b) . The other inequality and the case where $f' > -M$ on (a, b) have parallel proofs.

By the assumption that $f' < M$ on (a, b) and by the Darboux property of f , we have that, for all $x, y \in [a, b]$ such that $x \leq y$,
 (*) $f(y) - f(x) \leq M(y - x)$.

Therefore, it need only be established that $f(x) - f(a) \geq -3(M + 1)(x - a)$. First, let $(a, b)/2 \leq x \leq b$. Since $a, b \in J \cap P$, it follows that

$$f(b) \geq f(a) - (M + 1)(b - a)$$

and, by (*), we have

$$f(x) \geq f(b) - M(b - x).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\geq f(a) - (M + 1)(b - a) - M(b - x) = \\ &= f(a) - (M + 1)(b - x) - (M + 1)(x - a) - M(b - x) \end{aligned}$$

and $0 \leq b - x \leq x - a$. So, we have

$$f(x) \geq f(a) - 3(M + 1)(x - a).$$

Let $a < x < \frac{a+b}{2}$. Let x_0 be such that $x = a + \frac{n_0 - 1}{n_0}(x_0 - a)$.

Then $x_0 = x + \frac{1}{n_0}(x_0 - a) \leq x + \frac{1}{2}(x_0 - a)$ and $x_0 \leq 2x - a < b$.

Since $a \in \text{cl}(H_{n_0}, m_0, p_0)$, it follows that

$$\{t: |f(t) - f(a)| \leq (M + 1)|t - a|\} \cap (x, x_0) \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus there exists $y \in (x, x_0)$ such that

$$|f(y) - f(a)| \leq (M + 1)|y - a|,$$

and hence,

$$f(y) \geq f(a) - (M + 1)(y - a).$$

Again by (*), we have

$$f(x) \geq f(y) - M(y - x).$$

Finally, $0 < y - x < \frac{1}{n_0}(x_0 - a) \leq \frac{n_0 - 1}{n_0}(x_0 - a) = x - a$ and

$$f(x) \geq f(a) - 3(M + 1)(x - a).$$

It is further shown that, for any two points $x, y \in J$ which are not in the same component of V ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 3(M + 1) |x - y|.$$

This is clear if x and y both belong to $P \cap J$. Then $x, y \in \text{cl}(H_{n_0}, m_0, p_0) \cap J$ and $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq (M + 1) |x - y| < 3(M + 1) |x - y|$. We assume that $x \in V$ and $y \in P \cap J$. We may assume that $x < y$ and let (a, b) be a component of V such that $a < x < b \leq y$. Then, by the above,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &\leq |f(x) - f(b)| + |f(b) - f(y)| \\ &\leq 3(M + 1) |x - b| + (M + 1) |b - y| < \\ &< 3(M + 1) |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we assume that $x < y$, $x \in (a, b)$, $y \in (c, d)$, $(a, b) \cap (c, d) = \emptyset$ and $(a, b), (c, d)$ are components of V . Then, by the above,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &< |f(x) - f(b)| + |f(b) - f(c)| + \\ &+ |f(c) - f(y)| < 3(M + 1) |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we shall apply Lemma 1. Let $x_0 \in J$, $\lambda = f'_{y-\text{ap}}(x_0)$, $L = 3(M + 1)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Then, by Lemma 2, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |y - x_0| < \delta$ implies there are numbers y_1 and y_2 with $y_1 < y < y_2$, satisfying $|f(y_i) - f(x_0) - \lambda(y_i - x_0)| < \varepsilon |y_i - x_0|$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $|y_i - y| < \varepsilon |y - x_0|$ for $i = 1, 2$. Now, let $\delta_0 > 0$ be such that $(x_0 - 2\delta_0, x_0 + 2\delta_0) \subset J$ and $\delta_0 < \delta$. Then, by the above, for $0 < |y - x_0| < \delta_0$, there are y_1, y_2 such that $y_1 < y < y_2$, $|y_i - x_0| < 2\delta_0$ for $i = 1, 2$ and y_1, y_2 satisfy conditions (1), (2) of Lemma 1. We shall show that y_1, y_2 satisfy condition (3) of Lemma 1. If there exists (a, b) such that it is a component of V , and $y_1, y_2 \in (a, b)$, then $f' < M$ on $[y_1, y_2]$ or $f' > -M$ on $[y_1, y_2]$. Therefore $f(x) - Mx$ is decreasing on $[y_1, y_2]$ or $f(x) + Mx$ is increasing on $[y_1, y_2]$. If y_1, y_2 are not in the same component of V , then y_1, y are not on the same component of V or y, y_2 are not in the same component of V . Therefore, by the above,

$$|f(y) - f(y_1)| \leq L|y - y_1| \quad \text{or} \quad |f(y) - f(y_2)| \leq L|y - y_2|.$$

So, all conditions of Lemma 1 are satisfied and f is differen-

tiabile at x_0 . Since x_0 was an arbitrary point of J , we know that f is a differentiable function on J , which contradicts $J \cap P \neq \emptyset$. Thus the proof of Theorem 7 is completed.

To finish with, we shall give applications of Theorem 7.

THEOREM 8. Let f have a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ for each $x \in I_0$ and let α be a real number. If $\{x: f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x) = \alpha\} \neq \emptyset$, then there is $x_0 \in \text{int}(\{x: f'(x) \text{ exists}\})$ such that $f'(x_0) = \alpha$.

P r o o f. It may be assumed that $\text{int}(\{x: f'(x) \text{ exists}\}) \neq I_0$, for otherwise the conclusion is obvious. Let M be any number with $M > |\alpha|$. Theorem 7 guarantees the existence of a component (a, b) of $\text{int}(\{x: f'(x) \text{ exists}\})$ on which f' takes the values M and $-M$. Since f' has the Darboux property on (a, b) , f' also attains α on (a, b) .

COROLLARY 1. Let f have a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ for each x in I_0 . If $\{x: f(x) = 0\}$ is dense in I_0 , then f is identically zero on I_0 .

COROLLARY 2. Let f and g have finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivatives $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ and $g'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$, respectively, for each x in I_0 . If $\{x: f(x) = g(x)\}$ is dense on I_0 , then $f = g$ on I_0 .

COROLLARY 3. Let f have a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ and g a finite derivative $g'(x)$ for each x in I_0 . If $f' = g'$ on $\text{int}(\{x: f'(x) \text{ exists}\})$, then $f' = g'$ on I_0 .

P r o o f. Let $h = f - g$. Then h has a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative on I_0 and $\text{int}(\{x: h'(x) \text{ exists}\}) = \text{int}(\{x: f'(x) \text{ exists}\})$. Moreover, $h' = 0$ on $\text{int}(\{x: h'(x) \text{ exists}\})$. Theorem 8 guarantees that $h'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}} = 0$ on I_0 and the conclusion follows.

THEOREM 9. Let \mathcal{P} be a property of functions saying that any function which is differentiable and possesses \mathcal{P} on an interval I is monotone on I . If f has a finite \mathcal{V} -approximate derivative $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x)$ at each x in I_0 and if f has property \mathcal{P} on I_0 , then f is monotone on I_0 .

P r o o f. It suffices to show that $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ is unsigned on I_0 (see Theorem 4). Suppose the contrary. It follows from Theorem 7 that there is a subinterval I of I_0 on which $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}} = f'$ and f'

attains both positive and negative values. Then f is not monotone on I , which contradicts the assumption.

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OSCYLACYJNE ZACHOWANIE \mathcal{V} -APROKSYMATYWNEJ POCHODNEJ

W pracy rozważano \mathcal{V} -aproksymatywną pochodną. Udowodniono w niej dwa twierdzenia.

Twierdzenie. Jeżeli \mathcal{V} -aproksymatywna pochodna $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ funkcji f istnieje w każdym punkcie przedziału $[a, b]$ i jest ograniczona z góry lub z dołu w przedziale (a, b) , to dla każdego $x \in [a, b]$ $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}(x) = f'(x)$.

Twierdzenie. Niech $M \geq 0$ oraz niech f będzie funkcją posiadającą skończoną \mathcal{V} -aproksymatywną pochodną $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ w każdym punkcie pewnego przedziału I_0 . Jeżeli $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}}$ osiąga M i $-M$ na I_0 , to istnieje podprzedział $I \subset I_0$, na którym $f'_{\mathcal{V}\text{-ap}} = f'$ oraz f' osiąga M i $-M$ na I_0 .