

## DERIVATIVES AND THE CARATHÉODORY SUPERPOSITION

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of reals. The density topology  $T_d$  ([1], [8], [10]) on  $\mathbf{R}$  consists of all measurable subsets  $A$  of  $\mathbf{R}$  such that, for every  $x \in A$ ,  $x$  is a density point of  $A$ . Let  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  be an interval. A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is density continuous ([5], [6], [7]) if it is continuous as a map from  $(I, T_d)$  into  $(\mathbf{R}, T_d)$ .

A family  $\mathcal{F}$  of maps of the topological space  $(\mathbf{R}, T_d)$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  (with the natural topology) is said to be  $T_d$ -equicontinuous at a point  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  ([9], p. 188), if, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a neighborhood  $V \in T_d$  of  $x$  such that  $|f(u) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  for each  $u \in V$  and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $T_d$ -equicontinuous on  $\mathbf{R}$  if it is  $T_d$ -equicontinuous at each point.

In the paper [2] I proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 0.** Suppose that  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  is a nonempty open set and  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a locally bounded function such that all sections  $f^y(t) = f(t, y)$  ( $t, y \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $(t, y) \in D$ ) are derivatives and all sections  $f_x(t) = f(x, t)$  ( $x, t \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $(x, t) \in D$ ) are equicontinuous. Then for every continuous function  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $(x, g(x)) \in D$  for  $x \in I$  and  $I$  is an interval, the function  $h(x) = f(x, g(x))$  is a derivative.

In this paper we approach the derivative structure of the function  $h$  in terms of density continuity.

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  is a nonempty open set and  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a locally bounded function such that all sections  $f^y$  are derivatives and all sections  $f_x$  are  $T_d$ -equicontinuous. Then for every continuous and density continuous function  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $I$  is an interval and  $(x, g(x)) \in D$  for  $x \in I$ , the superposition  $h(x) = f(x, g(x))$  is a derivative.

**Proof.** First, we remark that the function  $h$  is measurable in the Lebesgue sense ([4]). We shall prove that  $h$  is a derivative at each point  $x \in I$ , i.e.