

ON SEMICONTINUITY POINTS.

Let f be a real function of one variable. Z.Granda gave in [1] some properties of the set of all points in which f is upper semicontinuous. In this paper we shall study the relationship between the sets $S(f)$ and $S^1(f)$ where $S(f)$ / resp. $S^1(f)$ / is the set of all points at which f is upper / resp. lower / semicontinuous.

We use the notation introduced in [1]:

$$C(f) = \left\{ x: f(x) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \right\},$$

$$S(f) = \left\{ x: f(x) \geq \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \right\},$$

$$S^1(f) = \left\{ x: f(x) \leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \right\},$$

$$T(f) = \left\{ x: f(x) > \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \right\},$$

$$T^1(f) = \left\{ x: f(x) < \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) \right\}.$$

A° denotes the set of the points of condensation of A .

Let us recall some useful facts /see for example [1]/ :

- i/ the set $T(f)$ is countable,
- ii/ $C(f)$ is a G_δ set,
- iii/ $C(f)$ is dense in the set $\text{Int } S(f)$. Similarly,
- i¹/ the set $T^1(f)$ is countable,
- iii¹/ $C^1(f)$ is dense in the set $\text{Int } S^1(f)$.

We are going to prove the following theorem:

THEOREM. If A, A^1, B, C, C^1 are subsets of R such that:

- i/ $A \cap A^1 = B$,
- ii/ B is dense in the set $\text{Int}(A) \cup \text{Int}(A^1)$,
- iii/ B is a G_δ set,
- iv/ $C \subseteq A - B$ and $C^1 \subseteq A^1 - B$,
- v/ $C \cup C^1$ is countable,

then there exists a function $f: R \rightarrow R$ such that

$$A = S(f), \quad A^1 = S^1(f), \quad B = C(f), \quad C = T(f) \quad \text{and} \quad C^1 = T^1(f).$$

Proof: Let $E = Cl(B)$. Then $E - B$ is a F_σ set and, moreover, it is of the first category. So, $E - B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n$, where F_n is closed for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $F_i \cap F_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ / cf [3] /.

By the Cantor - Bendixon theorem, there is a partition of the set F_n , say $F_n = H_n \cup G_n$, such that $G_n = F_n^\circ$ and H_n is countable for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

I. In the first step we shall construct a function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

such that $C(g) = \mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n$, $Sg = (\mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n) \cup (A \cap \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n)$,

$S^1(g) = A^1 \cap \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n$ and $T(g) = T^1(g) = \emptyset$.

Let $(a_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an enumeration of $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n$ and $(b_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} b_n = 1$.

The function g is defined as follows:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\{i: a_i \leq x\}} b_i & \text{for } x \in (\mathbb{R} - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n) \cup (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n \cap A), \\ \sum_{\{i: a_i < x\}} b_i & \text{for } x \in A^1 \cap \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n, \\ \sum_{\{i: a_i < x\}} b_i + \frac{1}{2} b_j & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n - (A \cup A^1) \text{ and } x = a_j: \end{cases}$$

It is easy to show that g satisfies the above conditions.

II. In the second step we shall construct a function $h:R \rightarrow R$

such that $S(h) = (R - (E - B)) \cup A$, $S^1(h) = (R - (E - B)) \cup A^1$,

$C(h) = R - (E - B)$ and $T(h) = T^1(h) = \emptyset$.

It is clear that $G_n = (G_n \cap A) \cup (G_n \cap A^1) \cup (G_n - (A \cup A^1))$.

By the Cantor - Bendixon theorem we have $G_n \cap A = K_n \cup L_n$, where

$K_n \cap L_n = \emptyset$, $K_n = (G_n \cap A)^\circ$ and L_n is countable.

Similarly, $G_n \cap A^1 = M_n \cup N_n$ and $G_n - (A \cup A^1) = S_n \cup T_n$, where

$M_n \cap N_n = \emptyset$, $S_n \cap T_n = \emptyset$ T_n and N_n are countable,

$M_n = (G_n \cap A^1)^\circ$, and $S_n = (G_n - (A \cup A^1))^\circ$.

For each n the sets K_n , M_n , S_n are either uncountable or empty.

For each nonempty set S_n let us define the function

$$i_n: S_n \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2n}\right)$$

Let the family of sets \mathcal{B} be a countable basis of S_n and \mathcal{C}

be a countable basis of $\left(-\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2n}\right)$. Then the family $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$

is the countable basis of $S_n \times \left(-\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2n}\right)$.

Now let $(B_n \times C_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an enumeration of $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$, (x_n) be

a transfinite enumeration of S_n and (y_α) be a transfinite

enumeration of $(-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n})$.

We shall construct inductively the function $i_n^1: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S_n$:

$$i_n^1(B_m \times C_m) = \min_{\alpha} \{ x_\alpha \in S_n : x_\alpha \in B_m - \bigcup_{k < m} i_n^1(B_k \times C_k) \}.$$

Define:

$$i_n(x) = \begin{cases} \min_{\beta} \{ y_\beta \in (-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n}) : y_\beta \in C_m \} & \text{for } x = i_n^1(B_m \times C_m), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The function i_n has the property that for each $x \in Cl(S_n)$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} i_n(t) = -\frac{1}{2^n} \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} i_n(t) = \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

We define the function $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) + \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } x \in K_n, \\ g(x) - \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } x \in M_n, \\ g(x) + i_n(x) & \text{for } x \in S_n, \\ g(x) + \frac{1}{2^n} & \text{for } x \in [L_n \cap Cl(S_n)] \cup [T_n \cap (R - Cl(M_n)) \cap Cl(K_n)], \\ g(x) - \frac{1}{2^n} & \text{for } x \in [\bar{N}_n \cap Cl(S_n)] \cup [\bar{T}_n \cap Cl(M_n)], \\ g(x) & \text{for } x \in [\bar{L}_n \cap Cl(M_n - Cl(S_n))] \cup [\bar{N}_n \cap Cl(K_n - Cl(S_n))] \cup [R - (E-B)] \cup \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} H_k. \end{cases}$$

Let us first prove that R is the domain of h . It is enough to show that $h(x)$ is defined for each $x \in G_n$.

If $x \in G_n$ then $x \in G_n \cap A$ or $x \in G_n \cap A^1$ or $x \in G_n - (A \cup A^1)$ but

$$a/ \quad G_n \cap A^1 = M_n \cup [N_n \cap Cl(S_n)] \cup [N_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(S_n)],$$

$$b/ \quad G_n \cap A = K_n \cup [L_n \cap Cl(S_n)] \cup [L_n \cap Cl(M_n) - Cl(S_n)],$$

$$c/ \quad G_n - (A \cup A^1) = S_n \cup [T_n \cap Cl(M_n)] \cup [T_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(M_n)].$$

In fact, if $x \in G_n \cap A$ and $x \notin K_n$, then $x \in L_n$. Since K_n is closed in $G_n \cap A$, there exists an open set U such that $x \in U$ and $U \cap K_n = \emptyset$.

Assume that $x \notin Cl S_n$. Then there exists an open set V such that $x \in V$, $V \subseteq U$ and $V \cap S_n = \emptyset$, but for each open $V_1 \subseteq V$, $V_1 \cap G_n$ is uncountable, so $V_1 \cap M_n \neq \emptyset$ and $x \in L_n \cap Cl(M_n) - Cl(S_n)$.

The same arguments work in the cases a/ and c/.

Since for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the sets $K_n, L_n, M_n, N_n, S_n, T_n$ are pairwise disjoint, the function h is well defined.

Let us now show that h satisfies the required conditions.

a/ Since $R - E$ is open, $h|_{R - E} = g|_{R - E}$, and $R - E \subseteq C(g)$,

it follows that $R - E \subseteq C(h)$.

b/ If $x \in B$ and (x_n) is a sequence of elements of $(R - E) \cup B$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = h(x)$.

If (x_n) is a sequence of elements of $E - B$, then there are sets $F_{j(n)}$

such that $x_n \in F_{j(n)}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} j(n) = \infty$ / because for every k $x \notin F_k$ /.

Then, $g(x_n) - \frac{1}{j(n)} \leq h(x_n) \leq g(x_n) + \frac{1}{j(n)}$, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = h(x)$.

Therefore for every sequence (x_n) , if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(x_n) = h(x)$

Thus $B \subseteq C(h)$.

c/ If $x \in H_n \cap A$ and (x_k) is a sequence of elements of $(R - E) \cup B$

such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$, then $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k) \leq h(x)$.

Assume that (x_k) is a sequence of elements of $E - B$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$.

The following two cases may happen:

1/ there exists a sequence $j(k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} j(k) = \infty$

and $x_k \in F_{j(k)}$ or

2/ there exist a subsequence (x_{k_m}) of (x_k) such that $x_{k_m} \in H_n$

for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

It is easy to show that in case 1/ $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k) \leq h(x)$ and in case 2/

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_{k_m}) \leq h(x). \text{ Therefore } \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) \leq h(x).$$

Let (x_k) be a sequence such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} g(t)$

and $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} g(t) = g(x)$. Then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) = h(x)$ and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) = h(x).$$

Let (x_k) be a sequence such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} g(t)$

/ and $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} g(t) < g(x)$ /. Then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) < h(x)$ and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) < h(x).$$

Thus $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n \cap A \subseteq S(h) - (C(h) \cup T(h))$. A similar reasoning shows

that $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n \cap A^1 \subseteq S^1(h) - (C(h) \cup T^1(h))$.

d/ Let $x \in H_n - (A \cup A^1)$ and (x_k) be a sequence such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} g(t) > g(x) = h(x). \text{ Then } \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k)$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(x_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(x_k) > g(x) = h(x).$$

Similarly, if (y_k) is a sequence such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(y_k) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} g(t)$

/ $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} g(t) < g(x) = h(x)$ /, then $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(y_k) < h(x)$

and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n - (A \cup A^1) \subseteq R - (S(h) \cup S^1(h))$.

e/ If $x \in K_n$, then there exists a sequence (x_m) such that for $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x_m \in K_n \text{ and } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = x. \text{ Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) = g(x) + \frac{1}{n} = h(x).$$

Since the set F_n is nowhere dense, there exists a sequence (x_m) such

that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = x$ and $x_m \in R - (E - B)$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \inf h(t) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m) \leq g(x) < h(x) \text{ and } K_n \subseteq S(h) - (C(h) \cup T(h)).$$

Similarly, if $x \in M_n$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \inf h(t) = g(x) - \frac{1}{n} = h(x)$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) \geq g(x) > h(x). \text{ Thus } M_n \subseteq S^1(h) - (C(h) \cup T^1(h)).$$

f/ If $x \in L_n \cap Cl(S_n)$, then there exists a sequence (x_m) in S_n such

$$\text{that for each } m \quad h(x_m) = g(x_m) + i_n(x_m) > g(x_m) + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{m}.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) \geq g(x) + \frac{1}{2n} = h(x).$$

Since $x \notin Cl(K_n)$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) < g(x) + \frac{1}{n}$. Therefore, $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) = h(x)$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \inf h(t) \leq g(x) < h(x)$. Thus $L_n \cap Cl(S_n) \subseteq S(h) - (C(h) \cup T(h))$.

Similarly, if $x \in N_n \cap Cl(S_n)$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \inf h(t) = h(x)$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) \geq g(x) > h(x), \text{ so } N_n \cap Cl(S_n) \subseteq S^1(h) - (C(h) \cup T^1(h)).$$

g/ If $x \in T_n \cap Cl(M_n)$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \inf h(t) = g(x) - \frac{1}{n} < h(x)$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sup h(t) \geq g(x) > h(x), \text{ so } T_n \cap Cl(M_n) \subseteq R - (S(h) \cup S^1(h)).$$

Similarly, if $x \in T_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(M_n)$, then

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) = g(x) + \frac{1}{n} > h(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) \leq g(x) < h(x), \text{ so}$$

$$T_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(M_n) \subseteq R - (S(h) \cup S^1(h)).$$

h/ If $x \in L_n \cap Cl(M_n) - Cl(S_n)$, then

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) = g(x) - \frac{1}{n} < h(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) \geq g(x) = h(x).$$

Since $x \notin Cl(K_n) \cup Cl(S_n)$, $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) < g(x) + \frac{1}{2n}$. Hence,

$$L_n \cap Cl(M_n) - Cl(S_n) \subseteq S(h) - (C(h) \cup T(h)).$$

Similarly, if $x \in N_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(S_n)$, then

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) = g(x) + \frac{1}{n} > h(x) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t), \text{ so}$$

$$N_n \cap Cl(K_n) - Cl(S_n) = S^1(h) - (C(h) \cup T^1(h)).$$

We have just proved that the function h has the following properties:

$$S(h) = (R - (E - B)) \cup (A \cap \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n) \cup (A \cap \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} G_n) = (R - (E - B)) \cup A,$$

$$S^1(h) = (R - (E - B)) \cup A^1, \quad C(h) = R - (E - B) \quad \text{and}$$

$$T(h) = T^1(h) = \emptyset.$$

III. Let (c_n, d_n) be a sequence of pairwise disjoint, open intervals such that $R - E = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (c_n, d_n)$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(c_n, d_n) = [(c_n, d_n) \cap A] \cup [(c_n, d_n) \cap A^1] \cup [(c_n, d_n) - (A \cup A^1)].$$

Let $(c_n, d_n) \cap A = A_n \cup B_n$, where $A_n = ((c_n, d_n) \cap A)^\circ$ and B_n is countable. Similarly,

$$(c_n, d_n) \cap A^1 = C_n \cup D_n, \quad C_n = ((c_n, d_n) \cap A^1)^\circ, \quad D_n \text{ is countable,}$$

$$(c_n, d_n) - (A \cup A^1) = I_n \cup J_n, \quad I_n = ((c_n, d_n) - (A \cup A^1))^\circ, \quad J_n \text{ is countable.}$$

In the third step we shall construct the function $m: R \rightarrow R$ such

$$\text{that } C(m) = B, \quad T(m) = T^1(m) = \emptyset, \quad S(m) = A \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap \text{Cl}(C_n) - \text{Cl}(A_n)$$

$$\text{and } S^1(m) = A^1 \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) - \text{Cl}(C_n),$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we shall define the function $l_n: I_n \rightarrow (-\frac{1}{2}, 0) \cup (0, \frac{1}{2})$

such that for every $x \in \text{Cl}(I_n)$, $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} l_n(t) = \frac{1}{2} = - \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} l_n(t)$.

The definition of l_n is very much similar to the definition of the functions i_n from section II.

Let

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} h(x) + \text{dist}(x, E) & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n, \\ h(x) - \text{dist}(x, E) & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n, \\ h(x) + \text{dist}(x, E) \cdot l_n(x) & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n, \\ h(x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \cap \text{Cl}(I_n), \\ h(x) - \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D_n \cap \text{Cl}(I_n), \\ h(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} (c_n, d_n) \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R} : m(x) = h(x)\} &= [J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) \cap \text{Cl}(C_n)] \cup \\ &\cup [J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) - \text{Cl}(I_n)] \cup [D_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) - \text{Cl}(I_n)] \cup \\ &\cup [B_n \cap \text{Cl}(C_n) - \text{Cl}(I_n)] \cup [J_n \cap \text{Cl}(C_n) - \text{Cl}(A_n)]. \end{aligned}$$

This is a direct consequence of the following:

i/ $(c_n, d_n) = A_n \cup C_n \cup I_n \cup B_n \cup D_n \cup J_n,$

ii/ the sets $A_n, C_n, I_n, B_n, D_n, J_n$ are pairwise disjoint,

iii/ $B_n \subseteq \text{Cl}(C_n) \cup \text{Cl}(I_n), D_n \subseteq \text{Cl}(A_n) \cup \text{Cl}(I_n), J_n \subseteq \text{Cl}(A_n) \cup \text{Cl}(C_n).$

The case iii/ follows from the fact that if e.g. $x \in B_n$, then there

exists an open set $U \subseteq (c_n, d_n)$ such that $x \in U$ and $U \cap A_n = \emptyset$

/since A_n is closed in $(c_n, d_n) \cap A$ /. Since U is uncountable and

$B_n \cup D_n \cup J_n$ is countable, $(C_n \cup I_n) \cap V \neq \emptyset$, where V is any open

subset of U such that $x \in V$.

a/ If $x \in E$ and (x_n) is a sequence such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, then for

every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $h(x_n) - \text{dist}(x_n, E) \leq m(x_n) \leq h(x_n) + \text{dist}(x_n, E)$. Then

$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t)$, $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} h(t)$ and

$m(x) = h(x)$. Hence,

$$E \cap S(m) = E \cap S(h) = E \cap A, \quad E \cap S^1(m) = E \cap S^1(h) = E \cap A^1,$$

$$E \cap C(m) = E \cap C(h) = E \cap B = B \quad \text{and} \quad E \cap T(m) = E \cap T^1(m) = \emptyset.$$

b/ If $x \in A_n$, then $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} h(t) + \text{dist}(t, E) = m(x)$.

Since $A_n \subseteq A$, $(c_n, d_n) \cap B = \emptyset$ and B is dense in $\text{Int}(A)$, there exists

a sequence (x_k) such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ and $x_k \notin A_n$ / for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ /. Then

$$m(x_k) \leq h(x_k) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x_k, E) \quad \text{and}$$

$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(x_k) \leq h(x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) < m(x)$. Hence,

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \subseteq S(m) - (C(m) \cup T(m)). \quad \text{Similarly,}$$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n \subseteq S^1(m) - (C(m) \cup T^1(m)).$$

c/ If $x \in I_n$, then $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) \geq h(x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) > m(x)$ and

$m(x) > h(x) - \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) \geq \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t)$. Therefore

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \subseteq \mathbb{R} - (S(m) \cup S^1(m)).$$

d/ If $x \in B_n \cap \text{Cl}(I_n)$, then $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) \leq h(x) - \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) < m(x)$

and $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = h(x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) = m(x)$. Hence,

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \cap \text{Cl}(I_n) \subseteq S(m) - (C(m) \cup T(m)). \text{ Similarly,}$$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D_n \cap \text{Cl}(I_n) \subseteq S^1(m) - (C(m) \cup T^1(m)).$$

e/ If $x \in J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) \cap \text{Cl}(C_n)$, then there exist sequences $(x_k), (y_k)$

such that $x_k \in A_n, y_k \in C_n$ / for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ / and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = x$.

Then $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(x_k) = h(x) + \text{dist}(x, E) > m(x)$ and

$m(x) > h(x) - \text{dist}(x, E) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(y_k) \geq \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t)$. Hence,

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) \cap \text{Cl}(C_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R} - (S(m) \cup S^1(m)).$$

f/ If $x \in J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) - \text{Cl}(C_n)$, then there exists an open set U

such that $x \in U, U \cap I_n = \emptyset$ and $U \cap C_n = \emptyset$. Because the set A_n is

boundary, $x \in \text{Cl}(J_n \cup B_n \cup D_n)$. But $U \cap B_n = \emptyset$. In fact, suppose

that there exists $y \in U \cap B_n$. Then there exists an open set $V \subseteq U$

such that $y \in V$ and $V \cap A_n = \emptyset$. Then $V \cap (C_n \cup I_n \cup A_n) = \emptyset$,

a contradiction. Then

$$U = (U \cap A_n) \cup [\bar{U} \cap J_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(C_n)] \cup [U \cap D_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(I_n)].$$

Therefore $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = h(x) + \text{dist}(x, E) > m(x) = h(x) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t)$,

and so

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(C_n) \subseteq S^1(m) - (C(m) \cup T^1(m)). \quad \text{Similarly,}$$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(I_n) \subseteq S^1(m) - (C(m) \cup T^1(m)),$$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(I_n) \subseteq S(m) - (C(m) \cup T(m)),$$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A_n) \subseteq S(m) - (C(m) \cup T(m)).$$

Notice that for $x \in J_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A_n)$, $\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = h(x) - \text{dist}(x, E)$

and $\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) = h(x)$. Hence,

$$S(m) = (A \cap E) \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (A_n \cup [B_n \cap Cl(I_n)] \cup [B_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(I_n)] \cup$$

$$\cup [\bar{J}_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A_n)]) = A \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A_n),$$

$$S^1(m) = (A^1 \cap E) \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (C_n \cup [D_n \cap Cl(I_n)] \cup [D_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(I_n)] \cup$$

$$\cup [\bar{J}_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(C_n)]) = A^1 \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap Cl(A_n) - Cl(C_n),$$

$$C(m) = B \quad \text{and} \quad T(m) = T^1(m) = \emptyset.$$

IV. In the next step we define a function $p:R \rightarrow R$ such that

$$S(p) = A, \quad S^1(p) = A^1, \quad C(p) = B \quad \text{and} \quad T(p) = T^1(p) = \emptyset.$$

The set $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n - (Cl(C_n) \cap Cl(A_n))$ is countable. Let $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

be an enumeration of this set and $(d_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of

positive real numbers such that $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} d_n = \frac{1}{2}$.

Let us define the function $p:R \rightarrow R$ as follows:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} m(x) + \text{dist}(x, E)_{\{n: c_n < x\}}^{d_n} & \text{for } x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A) \\ m(x) + \text{dist}(x, E)_{\{n: c_n \leq x\}}^{d_n} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

a/ If $x \notin \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n - (Cl(A_n) \cap Cl(C_n))$, then the function

$\text{dist}(x, E)_{\{n: c_n \leq x\}}^{d_n}$ is continuous in x , so

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} p(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) + \text{dist}(x, E)_{\{n: c_n \leq x\}}^{d_n} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} p(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} m(t) + \text{dist}(x, E)_{\{n: c_n \leq x\}}^{d_n}. \quad \text{Hence,}$$

$$S(p) - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n - (Cl(A_n) \cap Cl(C_n)) = A,$$

$$S^1(p) - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n - (Cl(A_n^1) \cap Cl(C_n)) = A^1,$$

$$C(p) - \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n - (Cl(A_n) \cap Cl(C_n)) = B.$$

b/ If $x \in J_n \cap Cl(C_n) - Cl(A_n)$, then

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow x} p(t) \leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow x} \left(m(t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(t, E) \right) = h(x) - \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(x, E) < h(x),$$

$$h(x) = m(x) < p(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow x} p(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} \left(m(t) + \text{dist}(t, E) \right)_{\{n: \sum_{c_n < t} d_n \cdot$$

Since there exists a sequence (t_k) such that for each k $t_k > x$,

$$t_k \in \left((J_n \cup B_n) - \text{Cl } I_n \right) - C_n, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k = x, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h(t_k) = h(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ m: \sum_{c_m < t_k} d_m \right\} > \left\{ m: \sum_{c_m < x} d_m \right\}, \text{ we have } \limsup_{t \rightarrow x} p(t) \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p(t_k) > p(x)$$

$$\text{Therefore } \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap \text{Cl}(C_n) - \text{Cl}(A_n) \subseteq R - (S(p) \cup S^1(p)).$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n \cap \text{Cl}(A_n) - \text{Cl}(C_n) \subseteq R - (S(p) \cup S^1(p)).$$

Thus the function p has the following properties:

$$S(p) = A, \quad S^1(p) = A^1, \quad C(p) = B \quad \text{and} \quad T(p) = T^1(p) = \emptyset.$$

V. The final step consists in the construction of the function

$f: R \rightarrow R$, such that

$$S(f) = A, \quad S^1(f) = A^1, \quad C(f) = B, \quad T(f) = C \quad \text{and} \quad T^1(f) = C^1.$$

Because the set $C \cup C^1$ is countable, there exists a sequence $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

of all elements of $C \cup C^1$.

Let us define the function f as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p(x) + \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } x = e_n \text{ and } x \in C, \\ p(x) - \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } x = e_n \text{ and } x \in C^1, \\ p(x) & \text{for } x \in R - (C \cup C^1). \end{cases}$$

It is clear that f satisfies the conditions of the theorem.

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