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ON THE FIRST AND THE FIFTH CLASS OF ZAHORSKI

Introduction. For a real-valued function of a real variable f , the associated sets of f are the sets $E^r(f) = \{x: f(x) < r\}$ and $E_r(f) = \{x: f(x) > r\}$ where r is real. It is well-known that f is in the first Baire class (\mathcal{B}_1) if and only if every associated set of f is of type F_σ . In [8], Zahorski considered a hierarchy $\{\mathcal{M}_i\}_{i=0}^5$ of subclasses of \mathcal{B}_1 ($\mathcal{M}_{i-1} \supset \mathcal{M}_i$). Each of these classes is defined in terms of associated sets: f is in \mathcal{M}_i if and only if every associated set of f is in M_i where M_i is a certain family of F_σ sets. Zahorski showed that $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}_1 = \mathcal{DB}_1$ (the class of all Darboux-Baire 1 functions) and $\mathcal{M}_5 = \mathcal{A}$ (the class of all approximately continuous functions).

Let \mathcal{H} denote the class of all homeomorphisms of the real line \mathbb{R} onto itself. A theorem of Maximoff [5] asserts that for any function $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$ there exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $f \circ h \in \mathcal{M}_5$. Gorman [2] showed that a set analogue of this theorem holds: If $E \in M_1$, then there exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $h(E) \in M_5$.

In Theorem 1 of this paper we characterize all countable collections $S \subset M_1$ for which there exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\{h(E): E \in S\} \subset M_5$. The idea is based on a lemma due to Preiss [7] ([7] contains a proof of Maximoff's

theorem). Maximoff's theorem is then stated as a simple corollary of Theorem 1.

It is known that $A = \mathcal{M}_5$ is exactly the class of continuous functions relative to a certain topology (the density topology) in the domain space. Thus a number of results concerning \mathcal{M}_5 -functions can be obtained by topological methods. No such topology exists for $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{M}_1$. Applying Theorem 1, we show that some of these results (two lemmas of Zahorski [8], extension theorems [6], [4]) have valid analogues in \mathcal{M}_1 .

Notations. In what follows, all sets dealt with are subsets of R and all functions, unless otherwise specified, have R as domain. N denotes the set of all natural numbers, λ the Lebesgue measure on R , \bar{E} and E° the closure and interior of the set E , $U(F, \varepsilon)$ the ε -neighbourhood of the set F , $f|_E$ the restriction of the function f to the domain E , and (x, y) the open interval from x to y where $x < y$ or $x > y$. For $h \in \mathcal{K}$, h^{-1} denotes the inverse of h . F_σ and G_δ denotes the collection of all sets of type F_σ and G_δ , respectively.

Homeomorphic transformation of \mathcal{M}_1 -sets into \mathcal{M}_5 -sets.

In this section, by a measure we mean a nonnegative locally finite non-atomic Borel regular measure on R . A measure μ is called positive if $\mu(I) > 0$ for every open interval I .

Definition. Let $E \in F_\sigma \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ and let μ be a positive measure. We shall say that E belongs to class M_0 if $E \cap I$ is infinite whenever I is a closed interval intersecting E (i.e., E is bilaterally dense-in-itself)

M_1 if $E \cap I$ is uncountable whenever I is a closed interval intersecting E (i.e., E is bilaterally c-dense-in-itself)

M_2^μ if $\mu(E \cap I) > 0$ whenever I is a closed interval intersecting E

M_5^μ if every point of E is a point of density of E relative to μ (i.e., $d_\mu(E, x) \equiv \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{\mu(E \cap (x, y))}{\mu(x, y)} = 1$ for every $x \in E$).

The empty set is considered to belong to each of these classes.

Remark 1. It is easy to verify that the following assertions are valid for any positive measure μ .

(a) $M_0 \supset M_1 \supset M_2^\mu \supset M_5^\mu$. Any open set E belongs to M_5^μ .

(b) If $E \in M_1$, $h \in \mathcal{H}$, then $h(E) \in M_1$.

(c) Each of the defined classes is closed under the formation of countable unions. M_5^μ is closed under the formation of finite intersections, but none of the other classes is. To see this, put

$$A = (-1, 0] \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n+1}, \frac{1}{2n} \right), \quad B = (-1, 0] \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2n-1} \right).$$

Then A and B are in M_2^μ , but $A \cap B = (-1, 0] \notin M_0$.

Lemma 1. Let $\{G_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_1$. Then there exists a positive measure μ such that $\mu(-\infty, 0) = \mu(0, \infty) = \infty$ and $\{G_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_2^*$.

Proof. For any uncountable Borel set B there exists a finite measure γ such that $\gamma(B) > 0$ (see [7, p. 101]).

Let $\{I_n\}$ be a sequence of all closed intervals with rational endpoints. Put $M = \{(m, n) : G_m \cap I_n \neq \emptyset\}$. If $(m, n) \in M$, then $G_m \cap I_n$ is uncountable, and we may find a measure $\gamma_{m,n}$ such that $\gamma_{m,n}(G_m \cap I_n) > 0$ and $\gamma_{m,n}(\mathbb{R}) = 2^{-m-n}$. We set $\mu = \lambda + \sum_{(m,n) \in M} \gamma_{m,n}$.

Lemma 2. Suppose that

- (a) $\varepsilon > 0$, η is a positive measure
- (b) F is a nonempty compact nowhere dense set
- (c) $E \in M_2^n$, $F \subset E$.

Then there exists a measure γ such that

- (1) $\gamma(\mathbb{R} \setminus (E \cap U(F, \varepsilon))) = 0$
- (2) $\gamma(\mathbb{R}) < \varepsilon$
- (3) if $x \in F$, then $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{\eta((x, y) \setminus E)}{\gamma(x, y)} = 0$.

Proof. This is a corollary of [7, Lemma 2]: Under the hypotheses (a), (b), (c) there exists a Borel measurable nonnegative function g such that

- (1') $\{x : g(x) \neq 0\} \subset (E \setminus F) \cap U(F, \varepsilon)$
- (2') $\int_{\mathbb{R}} g \, d\eta < \varepsilon$

(3') if $x \in F$, then $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \eta((x,y) \setminus F) \cdot \left(\int_{(x,y)} g \, d\eta \right)^{-1} = 0$.

It suffices to put $\gamma(B) = \int_B g \, d\eta$ for every Borel set B .

Lemma 3. Suppose that

- (a) $\varepsilon > 0$, μ and η are positive measures
- (b) A and B are compact nowhere dense sets
- (c) $E \in M_2^\eta$, $A \subset E$.

Then there exists a measure γ such that

- (4) $\gamma(R \setminus E) = 0$
- (5) $\gamma(R) < \varepsilon$
- (6) if $x \in A \setminus B$, then $\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{\eta((x,y) \setminus E)}{\gamma(x,y)} = 0$
- (7) if $x \in B$ and $y \neq x$, then $\gamma(x,y) < \varepsilon(\mu(x,y))^2$.

Proof. If $A \setminus B = \emptyset$, put $\gamma = 0$. If $A \neq \emptyset$, $B = \emptyset$, apply Lemma 2 with $F = A$. Now, let $A \setminus B$ and B be non-empty. We can write $A \setminus B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ where A_n are nonempty compact nowhere dense sets. For each n find $\delta_n > 0$ such that $B \cap \overline{U(A_n, \delta_n)} = \emptyset$ and put

$$\varepsilon_n = \min\{\varepsilon 2^{-n}, \delta_n, \varepsilon 2^{-n}(\inf\{\mu(x,y) : x \in B, y \in \overline{U(A_n, \delta_n)}\})^2\}.$$

Apply Lemma 2 with $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n$, $F = A_n$ to obtain a measure γ_n with properties (1), (2), (3). Set $\gamma = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n$.

Statements (4), (5) are easy consequences of (1), (2). Let $x \in A_m \subset A \setminus B$. Since $\gamma(x,y) \geq \gamma_m(x,y)$ for any $y \neq x$, (6) follows from (3). To prove (7), let $x \in B$, $y \neq x$.

If $\gamma_n(x,y) > 0$ for some n , then (1) implies $(x,y) \cap U(A_n, \varepsilon_n) \neq \emptyset$. Pick $z \in (x,y) \cap U(A_n, \varepsilon_n)$. We have $\gamma_n(x,y) \cong \gamma_n(R) < \varepsilon_n \cong \varepsilon 2^{-n} (\mu(x,z))^2 < \varepsilon 2^{-n} (\mu(x,y))^2$ which implies (7).

Theorem 1. Let $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a countable collection of sets. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $\bigcap_{j \in M} E_j \in M_1$ whenever $M \subset \mathbb{N}$ is finite.
(ii) There exists a positive measure ν such that $\nu(-\infty, 0) = \nu(0, \infty) = \infty$ and $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_5^\nu$.
(iii) There exists $h \in \mathcal{K}$ such that $\{h(E_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M_5^\lambda$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). By Lemma 1, we may find a positive measure μ such that $\mu(-\infty, 0) = \mu(0, \infty) = \infty$ and $E_M \equiv \bigcap_{j \in M} E_j \in M_2^\mu$ whenever $M \subset \mathbb{N}$ is finite.

We shall suppose that all the sets $H_n = E_n \setminus E_n^0$ are nonempty (if $H_n = \emptyset$, then E_n , being open, is in M_5^ν for any positive measure ν). Since for each n , $H_n \in F_\sigma$ and $H_n^0 = \emptyset$, we may write $H_n = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} H_n^k$ where $\{H_n^k\}_{k=n}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of compact nowhere dense sets such that $\emptyset \neq H_n^k \subset H_n^{k+1}$ for every $k \geq n$.

Let P_n denote the collection of all nonempty subsets of $N_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $M \in P_n$ put

$$\varepsilon_n = 2^{-(2n-1)}, \quad A_M^n = \bigcap_{j \in M} H_j^n, \quad B_M^n = \bigcup_{j \in N_n \setminus M} H_j^n$$

(if $M = N_n$, then $B_M^n = \emptyset$). Note that $A_M^n \subset E_M$.

We shall construct a sequence $\{\gamma_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of measures. We set $\gamma_0 = \mu$. Assume that $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n-1}$ have already been defined. Put

$$\nu_{n-1} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_{n-1}.$$

For each set $M \in P_n$ apply Lemma 3 with $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n, \eta = \nu_{n-1}, A = A_M^n, B = B_M^n, E = E_M$ to obtain a measure γ_M^n such that

$$(4') \quad \gamma_M^n(R \setminus E_M) = 0$$

$$(5') \quad \gamma_M^n(R) < \varepsilon_n$$

$$(6') \quad \text{if } x \in A_M^n \setminus B_M^n, \text{ then } \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{\nu_{n-1}((x,y) \setminus E_M)}{\gamma_M^n(x,y)} = 0$$

$$(7') \quad \text{if } x \in B_M^n, y \neq x, \text{ then } \gamma_M^n(x,y) < \varepsilon_n (\mu(x,y))^2.$$

Put

$$\gamma_n = \sum_{M \in P_n} \gamma_M^n.$$

Having defined the sequence $\{\gamma_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, set

$$\nu = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_n.$$

Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in E_m$. We need to show that $d_\nu(E_m, x) = 1$.

If $x \in E_m^0$, then it is obvious. Suppose that $x \in H_m$.

Choose $i \geq m$ so that $x \in H_m^i$. For $y \neq x$ we can write

$$\nu((x,y) \setminus E_m) = \nu_{i-1}((x,y) \setminus E_m) + \sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \gamma_n((x,y) \setminus E_m).$$

Let $n \geq i, M \in P_n$. If $m \in M$, then $E_M \subset E_m$, and (4')

yields $\gamma_M^n(R \setminus E_m) = 0$. If $m \notin M$, then $x \in H_m^i \subset H_m^n \subset B_M^n$,

hence $\gamma_M^n((x,y) \setminus E_m) \leq \gamma_M^n(x,y) < \varepsilon_n (\mu(x,y))^2$, by (7').

Putting $P_n^* = \{M \in P_n : m \notin M\}$, we obtain $\gamma_n((x,y) \setminus E_m) =$
 $= \sum_{M \in P_n^*} \gamma_M^n((x,y) \setminus E_m) < 2^{n-1} \varepsilon_n(\mu(x,y))^2 = 2^{-n} (\mu(x,y))^2,$

consequently

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n((x,y) \setminus E_m) < (\mu(x,y))^2 \cong \mu(x,y) \nu(x,y).$$

Put $Q = \{j : x \in H_j^i\}$. Then $m \in Q$ and $x \in A_Q^i \setminus B_Q^i$. Since $E_Q \subset E_m$, we have

$$\nu_{i-1}((x,y) \setminus E_m) \cong \nu_{i-1}((x,y) \setminus E_Q) \cong \frac{\nu_{i-1}((x,y) \setminus E_Q)}{\gamma_Q^i(x,y)} \nu(x,y).$$

Thus

$$\nu((x,y) \setminus E_m) \cong \left(\frac{\nu_{i-1}((x,y) \setminus E_Q)}{\gamma_Q^i(x,y)} + \mu(x,y) \right) \nu(x,y)$$

and (6') proves that $d_\nu(E_m, x) = 1 - \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{\nu((x,y) \setminus E_m)}{\nu(x,y)} = 1.$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Define a function h by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \nu(0, x) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -\nu(x, 0) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}, \quad h(0) = 0.$$

Then $h \in \mathcal{H}$. Since $\nu(I) = \lambda(h(I))$ for every open interval I , we have $\nu(B) = \lambda(h(B))$ for every Borel set B .

Let $a = h(u)$, $u \in E_n = E$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_\lambda(h(E), a) &= \lim_{b \rightarrow a} \frac{\lambda(h(E) \cap (a, b))}{\lambda(a, b)} = \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow u} \frac{\lambda(h(E) \cap (h(u), h(v)))}{\lambda(h(u), h(v))} = \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow u} \frac{\nu(E \cap (u, v))}{\nu(u, v)} = d_\nu(E, u) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). We have $\bigcap_{j \in M} E_j = h^{-1}(\bigcap_{j \in M} h(E_j))$ for every finite set $M \subset N$. Apply Remark 1.

Classes \mathfrak{M}_1 and \mathfrak{M}_5 . The only measure which will be used throughout the rest of this paper is the Lebesgue measure λ . So we shall write simply $M_5, d(E, x)$ instead of $M_5^\lambda, d_\lambda(E, x)$.

Definition. A function f is said to be in class \mathfrak{M}_i ($i = 1, 5$) if every associated set of f is in M_i . (The associated sets of f are the sets $E^r(f) = \{x: f(x) < r\}$ and $E_r(f) = \{x: f(x) > r\}$ where $r \in \mathbb{R}$.)

Remark 2. Referring to Remark 1, we immediately derive the following facts.

(a) $\mathfrak{M}_5 \subset \mathfrak{M}_1$.

(b) If $f \in \mathfrak{M}_1, h \in \mathcal{H}$, then $f \circ h \in \mathfrak{M}_1$.

(c) For a function f and $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ put

$$E_p^q(f) = E_p(f) \cap E^q(f) = \begin{cases} \{x: p < f(x) < q\} & \text{if } p < q \\ \emptyset & \text{if } p \geq q \end{cases}.$$

If $f \in \mathfrak{M}_5$, then $E_p^q(f) \in M_5$ for all $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$. Conversely, if $\{E_p^q(f): p, q \text{ rational}\} \subset M_5$, then $f \in \mathfrak{M}_5$.

If $f \in \mathfrak{M}_1$, it is not immediately clear whether or not $E_p^q(f) \in M_1$ for all $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ (see Remark 1.c). To give an affirmative answer to this question, we need the following

Lemma 4. Suppose that A and B are in $M_1 \setminus \{\emptyset\}$, $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$. Then $A \cap B \in M_1 \setminus \{\emptyset\}$.

Proof (cf. [3, Lemma 3.2.1]). By [8, Lemma 7], no open interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ can be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint M_0 -sets. Therefore $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.

Let I be an open interval such that $A \cap B \cap \bar{I} \neq \emptyset$. Then $A \cap I$ and $B \cap I$ are uncountable. We show that $A \cap B \cap I$ is uncountable. If $I \subset A$ or $I \subset B$, then it is obvious. Suppose $I \setminus A \neq \emptyset$, $I \setminus B \neq \emptyset$. Since $R \setminus A \subset B$, $R \setminus A \in G_\delta$, $B \in F_\sigma$, there is a set $E \in F_\sigma \cap G_\delta$ such that $R \setminus A \subset E \subset B$. Using [8, Lemma 7] again, we obtain $\{E \cap I, I \setminus E\} \notin M_0$. Assume $E \cap I \notin M_0$, the other case being similar. Then there is an open interval $J \subset I$ with $E \cap \bar{J} \neq \emptyset$ and $E \cap J = \emptyset$. Since $E \subset B$, we have $B \cap \bar{J} \neq \emptyset$, so $B \cap J$ is uncountable. Furthermore, $J \subset R \setminus E \subset A$. Thus $A \cap B \cap I \supset A \cap B \cap J = B \cap J$ which implies the result.

Corollary. If $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$, then $E_p^q(f) \in M_1$ for all $p, q \in R$. (Proof: If $p < q$, then $E_p(f) \cup E^q(f) = R$.)

Definition. A function f is said to be approximately continuous ($f \in \mathcal{A}$) if for each $x \in R$ there exists a measurable set E_x such that $x \in E_x$, $d(E_x, x) = 1$ and $f|_{E_x}$ is continuous at x .

A measurable set E is said to be D-open provided that $d(E, x) = 1$ for every $x \in E$.

Remark 3. The collection D of all D-open sets forms a topology (see e.g. [1, p. 20]). A function f belongs to \mathcal{A} if and only if every associated set of f belongs to D (see e.g. [1, Chap. II, Theorem 5.6]). Thus \mathcal{A} is exactly the class of all D-continuous functions. Consequently, if f, g, h are in \mathcal{A} , $h(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in R$, then $f+g, f.g, \frac{f}{h}$ are in \mathcal{A} .

The class \mathcal{DB}_1 of all Darboux Baire 1 functions does not behave well with respect to the algebraic operations. To see this, put $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = -\sin \frac{1}{x}$ if $x \neq 0$, $f(0) = g(0) = 1$. Then f, g are in \mathcal{DB}_1 , but neither $f+g$ nor $f \cdot g$ is. So, for any topology τ on \mathbb{R} , \mathcal{DB}_1 cannot coincide with the class of all τ -continuous functions. Hence there is no topology τ on \mathbb{R} for which \mathcal{DB}_1 is the class of all τ -continuous functions.

Remark 4. Since $M_5 = F_\sigma \cap D$ and since $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}_1$ (see e.g. [1, Chap. II, Theorem 5.5]), we conclude that $\mathcal{M}_5 = \mathcal{A}$. Zahorski proved that $\mathcal{M}_1 = \mathcal{DB}_1$ ([8, Theorem 1]).

Maximoff's theorem.

Theorem 2 (Maximoff [5], Preiss [7]). For any function f , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$.
- (ii) There exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $f \cdot h \in \mathcal{M}_5$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Put $S = \{E_p^q(f) : p, q \text{ rational}\}$. By the corollary of Lemma 4, $S \subset M_1$. The intersection of any collection of finitely many sets from S belongs to S . Applying Theorem 1, we construct a homeomorphism $g \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\{g(E) : E \in S\} \subset M_5$. Put $h = g^{-1}$.

Let p, q be rational numbers. Then

$$E_p^q(f \cdot h) = h^{-1}(E_p^q(f)) = g(E_p^q(f)) \in M_5.$$

Hence $f \cdot h \in \mathcal{M}_5$, by Remark 2.c.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). This follows from the equality $f = (f \cdot h) \cdot h^{-1}$ and from Remark 2.a, b.

Zero sets and separation properties of \mathfrak{M}_1 and \mathfrak{M}_5 .

First we state two well-known lemmas of Zahorski concerning \mathfrak{M}_5 -functions and their analogues for \mathfrak{M}_1 -functions.

Theorem 3.1 ($i = 1, 5$). If $E \in \mathfrak{M}_i$, then there exists an upper-semicontinuous function $f \in \mathfrak{M}_i$ such that

$$0 < f(x) \leq 1 \text{ if } x \in E, \quad f(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \in R \setminus E.$$

Theorem 3.5 is due to Zahorski ([8, Lemma 11]). Theorem 3.1 is due to Agronsky (see Bruckner [1, p. 28-31]).

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Let $E \in \mathfrak{M}_1$. By Theorem 1 (or by [2]), there exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $h(E) \in \mathfrak{M}_5$. Using Theorem 3.5, we find a function $g \in \mathfrak{M}_5$ such that $0 < g(y) \leq 1$ if $y \in h(E)$, $g(y) = 0$ if $y \in R \setminus h(E)$. We put $f = g \circ h$.

Theorem 4.1 ($i = 1, 5$). Let H_1 and H_2 be nonempty disjoint sets such that $R \setminus H_1$ and $R \setminus H_2$ are in \mathfrak{M}_i . Then there exists a function $f \in \mathfrak{M}_i$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \text{ if } x \in H_1, \quad f(x) = 1 \text{ if } x \in H_2, \\ 0 < f(x) < 1 &\text{ if } x \in R \setminus (H_1 \cup H_2). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.5 is due to Zahorski ([8, Lemma 12]). We give the original proof here in order to show that the same method fails to work in \mathfrak{M}_1 (see Remark 3):

Suppose that $R \setminus H_1$ and $R \setminus H_2$ are in \mathfrak{M}_5 . By Theorem 3.5, there are functions $f_k \in \mathfrak{M}_5$ ($k = 1, 2$) such that $0 < f_k(x) \leq 1$ if $x \in R \setminus H_k$ and $f_k(x) = 0$ if $x \in H_k$.

It suffices to put $f = \frac{f_1}{f_1 + f_2}$.

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Let $\{R \setminus H_1, R \setminus H_2\} \subset M_1$. Since $(R \setminus H_1) \cup (R \setminus H_2) = R$, we have $(R \setminus H_1) \cap (R \setminus H_2) \in M_1$, by Lemma 4. According to Theorem 1, there exists $h \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\{R \setminus h(H_1), R \setminus h(H_2)\} \subset M_5$. Now take a function $g \in \mathbb{M}_5$ from Theorem 4.5 applied to $h(H_1), h(H_2)$ and put $f = g \circ h$.

Definition (Laczkovich [3]). Let $i \in \{1, 5\}$.

A set H is said to be an \mathbb{M}_i -zero set if there exists a function $f \in \mathbb{M}_i$ such that $H = \{x: f(x) = 0\}$.

A set F is said to be \mathbb{M}_i -closed if F coincides with the intersection of all \mathbb{M}_i -zero sets which contain F .

A pair G_1, G_2 of disjoint sets is said to be separated by \mathbb{M}_i if there exists a function $f \in \mathbb{M}_i$ such that $G_1 \subset \{x: f(x) = 0\}$, $G_2 \subset \{x: f(x) = 1\}$.

Remark 5. Let $i \in \{1, 5\}$. If $f \in \mathbb{M}_i$ and $r \in R$, then $R \setminus \{x: f(x) = r\} = E_r(f) \cup E^r(f) \in M_i$. Combining this fact with Theorem 3.i and Theorem 4.i, we obtain the following characterizations:

- (a) A set H is an \mathbb{M}_i -zero set if and only if $R \setminus H \in M_i$.
- (b) A pair G_1, G_2 of disjoint sets is separated by \mathbb{M}_i if and only if there is a pair of disjoint sets H_1, H_2 such that $R \setminus H_1, R \setminus H_2$ are in M_i and $G_1 \subset H_1, G_2 \subset H_2$.

Remark 6. A set F is \mathbb{M}_5 -closed if and only if F is D-closed (see [3, p. 408]).

It remains to characterize all \mathfrak{M}_1 -closed sets.

Definition. The class of sets C is defined by $A \in C$ if and only if $A \cap I$ contains a nonempty perfect set whenever I is a closed interval intersecting A .

Remark 7. If $A \in C$, then obviously A is bilaterally c -dense-in-itself. If E is a Borel set, then E is in C if and only if E is bilaterally c -dense-in-itself (apply the fact that any uncountable Borel set contains a nonempty perfect set). Thus $M_1 = F_\sigma \cap C$.

Lemma 5. Any set $A \in C$ contains a set E of type F_σ such that $E \cap I$ is uncountable whenever I is a closed interval intersecting A (i.e., E is bilaterally c -dense in A). (Observe that $E \in M_1$.)

Proof. Let $\{I_n\}$ be a sequence of all closed intervals with rational endpoints. Put $M = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : A \cap I_n \neq \emptyset\}$. If $n \in M$, then $A \cap I_n$ contains a nonempty perfect set P_n . Define $E = \bigcup_{n \in M} P_n$.

Lemma 6. A set F is \mathfrak{M}_1 -closed if and only if $R \setminus F \in C$.

Proof. Let F be an \mathfrak{M}_1 -closed set, $F \neq R$. Choose a closed interval I intersecting $R \setminus F$, $x \in I \setminus F$. There is an \mathfrak{M}_1 -zero set H such that $F \subset H$ and $x \notin H$. We have $x \in I \setminus H \subset I \setminus F$. Since $R \setminus H \in M_1$ by Remark 5.a, there is a nonempty perfect set P such that $P \subset I \setminus H \subset I \setminus F$. Hence $R \setminus F \in C$.

Suppose that $R \setminus F \in C$, $F \neq R$. Choose $x \in R \setminus F$. By Lemma 5, $R \setminus F$ contains a set $G \in F_\sigma$ which is bilaterally c -dense in $R \setminus F$. Put $E = G \cup \{x\}$. Then $E \in M_1$. Applying Theorem 3.1, we find a function $f \in M_1$ such that $f(y) > 0$ if $y \in E$, $f(y) = 0$ if $y \in R \setminus E$. So, $f(x) \neq 0$ and f vanishes on $F \subset R \setminus E$. This proves that F is M_1 -closed.

Clearly, if $F = R$, then F is M_1 -closed and $R \setminus F = \emptyset \in C$.

Remark 8. Let $i \in \{1, 5\}$. If H is an M_i -closed set of type G_δ , then $R \setminus H \in M_i$ (see Lemma 6 and Remark 6). So, Theorem 4.1 implies that any pair of disjoint M_i -closed sets of type G_δ is separated by M_i . This fact with $i = 1$ is due to Laczkovich (see [3, Theorem 3.2.2]).

Extension theorems for M_5 and M_1 . This section is devoted to modifications of the classical Tietze's theorem.

Theorem 5.5 (Petruska, Laczkovich [6, Theorem 3.2]). For any set H , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $\lambda(H) = 0$.
- (ii) For each $g \in \mathcal{B}_1$ there exists $f \in M_5$ such that $f|_H = g|_H$.

Theorem 6.5 (Lukeš [4, Theorem 4]). Let F be a D -closed set and let $g \in \mathcal{B}_1$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $g|_F$ is D -continuous on F .
- (ii) There exists a function $f \in M_5$ such that $f|_F = g|_F$.

Remark 9. Let g be a function, F a set, $p, q, r \in R$.

We introduce the following notations:

$$E^r(g, F) = E^r(g) \cup (R \setminus F), \quad E_r(g, F) = E_r(g) \cup (R \setminus F),$$

$$E_p^q(g, F) = E_p^q(g) \cup (R \setminus F).$$

Let F be D -closed. Then g/F is D -continuous on F if and only if $E^r(g, F) \in D$ and $E_r(g, F) \in D$ for all $r \in R$.

Remark 10. Suppose that $\lambda(H) = 0$ and $g \in \beta_1$. Then H is D -closed and g/H is D -continuous on H . Thus the implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) of Theorem 5.5 is a corollary of Theorem 6.5.

Theorem 6.1 Let F be an \mathbb{M}_1 -closed set (i.e., $R \setminus F \in C$), and let $g \in \beta_1$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) $E^r(g, F) \in C$ and $E_r(g, F) \in C$ for all $r \in R$.
- (ii) There exists a function $f \in \mathbb{M}_1$ such that $f/F = g/F$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). By Lemma 5, there is a set H such that $F \subset H$, $R \setminus H \in F_\sigma$ and $R \setminus H$ is bilaterally c -dense in $R \setminus F$ (hence $R \setminus H \in M_1$). It is easy to show that $E^r(g, H) \in M_1$ and $E_r(g, H) \in M_1$ for all $r \in R$. Hence $E_p^q(g, H) \in M_1$ for all $p, q \in R$, $p < q$ (apply Lemma 4). If $p \geq q$, then $E_p^q(g, H) = R \setminus H \in M_1$.

Put $S = \{E_p^q(g, H) : p, q \text{ rational}\}$. Obviously, S is closed under the formation of finite intersections. Using Theorem 1, we construct a homeomorphism $h \in \mathcal{K}$ such that $\{h(E) : E \in S\} \subset M_5$. Since $R \setminus h(H) \in M_5$, $h(H)$ is D -closed.

Define $g^* = g \circ h^{-1}$. Clearly, $g^* \in \beta_1$. For all rational p, q we have $E_p^q(g^*, h(H)) = h(E_p^q(g, H)) \in M_5$. Hence $g^*/_{h(H)}$ is D-continuous on $h(H)$.

According to Theorem 6.5, there exists $f^* \in \mathcal{M}_5$ such that $f^*/_{h(H)} = g^*/_{h(H)}$. Put $f = f^* \circ h$. Then $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$ and $f/H = g/H$, so a fortiori $f/F = g/F$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). This follows from the equalities

$$E^r(g, F) = E^r(g) \cup (R \setminus F) = E^r(f) \cup (R \setminus F),$$

$$E_r(g, F) = E_r(g) \cup (R \setminus F) = E_r(f) \cup (R \setminus F)$$

and from the fact that $E^r(f), E_r(f), R \setminus F$ are in C .

Theorem 5.1 For any set H , the following conditions are equivalent.

(i) For any interval I , $I \setminus H$ contains a nonempty perfect set.

(ii) For each $g \in \beta_1$ there exists $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$ such that $f/H = g/H$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). It is clear that $E^r(g, H) \in C$ and $E_r(g, H) \in C$ for any $g \in \beta_1$ and $r \in R$. The result follows from Theorem 6.1.

not(i) \Rightarrow not(ii). Suppose that there is an interval I such that $I \setminus H$ does not contain any nonempty perfect set. Choose $x \in H \cap I$. Put $g(x) = 1, g(y) = 0$ for all $y \neq x$. Obviously, $g \in \beta_1$. Assume that there exists $f \in \mathcal{M}_1$ such that $f/H = g/H$. Then $E \equiv E_0(f) \in M_1$. Since $x \in E \cap I$, $E \cap I$ is uncountable. Therefore $(E \cap I) \setminus \{x\}$ contains some nonempty perfect set P . But $(E \cap I) \setminus \{x\} \subset I \setminus H$, hence $P \subset I \setminus H$ - a contradiction.

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