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## ON A TYPICAL PROPERTY OF SOME FUNCTION SPACES

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In the present paper we shall point out a typical property of the spaces of real functions which are determined by the  $n$ -th symmetric difference ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). For a function  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow R$  ( $R$  — the real line,  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ ), we define the  $n$ -th symmetric difference of  $f$  at  $x$  to be

$$\Delta^n f(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n - 2i)h).$$

We shall deal with functions from a local point of view. For every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  let  $LS_n$  and  $SC_n$  be classes of functions defined in the following way:

$$LS_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \exists_{\delta_x > 0} \forall_{h: 0 < h < \delta_x} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\},$$

$$SC_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\}.$$

Note that some properties of the functions of classes  $LS_1$ ,  $LS_2$ ,  $SC_1$  and of the measurable functions of  $SC_2$  are known (locally symmetric functions [F], locally Jensen functions [Ko], symmetrically continuous and symmetric functions [L]). The  $n$ -th symmetric difference  $\Delta^n f(x, h)$  is investigated also from a global point of view. A function  $f: R \rightarrow R$  fulfilling the functional equation  $\Delta^n f(x, h) = 0$  is called a polynomial function of the  $n$ -th order (see e.g. [Ku]).

First we shall investigate the relations between the classes  $LS_n$  and  $SC_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

**Theorem 1.** (a) For every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  the class  $LS_n$  is a proper subset of the class  $SC_n$ ;

(b) We have  $SC_1 \subset SC_{2k-1}$ ,  $SC_2 \subset SC_{2k}$ ,  $LS_1 \subset LS_{2k-1}$  and  $LS_2 \subset LS_{2k}$  for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

(c) Inequalities  $LS_{2m-1} - SC_{2k} \neq \emptyset$  and  $LS_{2m} - SC_{2k-1} \neq \emptyset$  hold for each  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

**Proof.** (a) Let  $n$  be fixed. The inclusion  $LS_n \subset SC_n$  is an easy consequence of the definition of classes  $LS_n$  and  $SC_n$ . We prove  $SC_n - LS_n \neq \emptyset$ . First we show that  $f \in SC_n$  holds for each continuous function  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow R$ . Continuity of  $f$  at  $x$  implies that  $f(x + (n - 2i)h) = f(x) + \varepsilon_i(h)$  for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\varepsilon_i(h) \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\Delta^n f(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} (f(x) + \varepsilon_i(h)) = f(x) \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \varepsilon_i(h)$ . Hence  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0$  and  $f \in SC_n$ .

To prove  $SC_n - LS_n \neq \emptyset$ , it is sufficient to show that there is a continuous function  $g: (a, b) \rightarrow R$  such that  $g \notin LS_n$ . Put  $g(t) = c^t$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $c \neq 1$ . Using the binomial formula we have:

$$c^x (c^{2h} - 1)^n = c^{nh} \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i g(x + (n - 2i)h) = c^{nh} \Delta^n g(x, h), \text{ hence}$$

$$\Delta^n g(x, h) = c^{x-nh} (c^{2h} - 1)^n.$$

For every  $x \in (a, b)$  and  $h \neq 0$  we have  $\Delta^n g(x, h) \neq 0$ . Consequently  $g \notin LS_n$ .

(b) In this part of the proof of Theorem 1 we shall use the identity

$$\Delta^{n+2} f(x, h) = \Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) - 2\Delta^n f(x, h) + \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h), \quad (\text{I})$$

which is an easy consequence of the identity

$$\Delta^n f(x, h) = \Delta^{n-1} f(x + h, h) - \Delta^{n-1} f(x - h, h)$$

(the last identity can be proved by a straightforward verification).

The principle of induction will be used to prove the inclusion  $SC_1 \subset SC_{2k-1}$ . We show  $SC_1 \cap SC_n \subset SC_{n+2}$  for  $n = 2k - 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . We have

$$\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n + 2 - 2i)h) \text{ and } \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n - 2 - 2i)h).$$

If we put  $j = n - i$ , then the last equality can be expressed in the form  $\Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^{n-j} \binom{n}{n-j} f(x - (n + 2 - 2j)h) = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^{j+1} \binom{n}{j} f(x - (n + 2 - 2j)h)$ . Hence  $\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) + \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} [f(x + (n + 2 - 2i)h) - f(x - (n + 2 - 2i)h)]$ . The identity (I) and  $f \in SC_1 \cap SC_n$  imply  $|\Delta^{n+2} f(x, h)| \leq |\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) + \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h)|$ .

$+ \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) + 2|\Delta^n f(x, h)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} |f(x + (n + 2 - 2i)h) - f(x - (n + 2 - 2i)h)| + 2|\Delta^n f(x, h)| \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently,  $f \in SC_{n+2}$ .

Analogously, the inclusion  $SC_2 \cap SC_n \subset SC_{n+2}$  for  $n = 2k, k = 1, 2, \dots$ , is sufficient to  $SC_2 \subset SC_{2k}$ . We have  $\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n + 2 - 2i)h)$  and  $\Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n - 2 - 2i)h)$ . If we put  $j = n - i$ , then the last equality can be expressed in the form  $\Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} f(x - (n + 2 - 2j)h)$ . Then, using  $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} = 0$ , we have  $\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) + \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} [f(x + (n + 2 - 2i)h) - 2f(x) + f(x - (n + 2 - 2i)h)] = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \Delta^2 f\left(x, \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 - i\right)h\right)$ . The identity (I) and  $f \in SC_2 \cap SC_n$  imply  $|\Delta^{n+2} f(x, h)| \leq |\Delta^n f(x + 2h, h) + \Delta^n f(x - 2h, h)| + 2|\Delta^n f(x, h)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \left| \Delta^2 f\left(x, \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 - i\right)h\right) \right| + 2|\Delta^n f(x, h)| \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Hence  $f \in SC_{n+2}$ .

Proofs of inclusions  $LS_1 \subset LS_{2k-1}$  and  $LS_2 \subset LS_{2k}$  are obvious modifications of the above ones.

(c) Choose  $x \in (a, b)$ . Let  $\chi_x$  be the characteristic function of the set  $\{x\}$ , i.e.  $\chi_x(x) = 1$  and  $\chi_x(t) = 0$  for  $t \in (a, b) - \{x\}$ . The fact  $\chi_x \in LS_{2m-1}$  follows from  $\chi_x \in LS_1$  and  $LS_1 \subset LS_{2m-1}$  (Theorem 1 (b)). Further we have  $\Delta^{2k} \chi_x(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^{2k} (-1)^i \binom{2k}{i} \chi_x(x + (2k - 2i)h) = (-1)^k \binom{2k}{k} \neq 0$ , hence  $\chi_x \notin SC_{2k}$ .

Let  $x \in (a, b)$ . Define the function  $g_x: (a, b) \rightarrow R$  as follows:  $g_x(t) = 1$  for  $t > x$ ,  $g_x(t) = -1$  for  $t < x$  and  $g_x(x) = 0$ . Obviously  $g_x \in LS_{2m}$ . A straightforward verification gives  $\Delta^{2k-1} g_x(x, h) = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i \binom{2k-1}{i} = 2(-1)^{k-1} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} \neq 0$  (the last equality is a consequence of a combinatoric identity  $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{x}{i} = (-1)^n \binom{x-1}{n}$ , see e.g. [Ka], p. 42). Hence  $g_x \in LS_{2m} - SC_{2k-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space. Let  $F$  be a linear space of bounded functions  $f: X \rightarrow R$  furnished with the sup norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in X} \{|f(x)|\}$ . Suppose that in  $F$  there exists a function  $h$  such that the set of all its discontinuity points  $D(h)$  is uncountable. Then the family

$$G = \{f \in F: D(f) \text{ is uncountable}\}$$

is a residual open set in  $(F, d)$ ,  $d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$ .

**Proof.** Let  $C(f)$  be the set of all continuity points of the function  $f$ . If  $f_n \in F - G$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  (i.e. each of the sets  $D(f_n)$  is countable) and  $d(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$ , then obviously  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C(f_n) \subset C(f)$ . We have  $D(f) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D(f_n)$  and  $f \in F - G$  — the set  $G$  is open in  $(F, d)$ . The fact that  $G$  is residual in  $(F, d)$  is an easy consequence of the structure of the linear space  $F$  (see e.g. [NSS], Lemma 1).

Let  $bSC_n$  ( $bSC_n^L$ ) stand for the class of all bounded (bounded Lebesgue measurable) functions of  $SC_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . (Note that each function in  $SC_1$  is Lebesgue measurable [P]. Since each additive function belongs to  $SC_2$  this does not hold for the class  $SC_2$ .)

**Corollary.** Let  $F$  be one of the introduced classes  $bSC_n$ , or  $bSC_n^L$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , furnished with the sup norm. Then  $F$  is a Banach space and

$$G = \{f \in F: D(f) \text{ is uncountable}\}$$

is a residual open set of the second category in  $(F, d)$ .

**Proof.**  $F$  is a linear space closed with respect to the uniform convergence, i.e.  $F$  is a Banach space. In the paper [P] ([T]) there is constructed such a function  $h \in SC_1$  ( $h \in SC_2$ ,  $h$  — Lebesgue measurable), that  $D(h)$  is an uncountable set. Obviously, we can arrange  $h \in bSC_1$  ( $h \in bSC_2^L$ ). The statement of the Corollary is a consequence of Theorem 1 (b) and Theorem 2.

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## SÚHRN

### O JEDNEJ TYPICKEJ VLASTNOSTI NIEKTORÝCH FUNKCIONÁLNYCH PRIESTOROV

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Práca sa zaoberá reálnymi funkciami definovanými na reálnom otvorenom intervale  $(a, b)$ . Ak označíme symbolom  $\Delta^n f(x, h)$   $n$ -tú symetrickú diferenciu ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) funkcie  $f$  v bode  $x$  (t. j.  $\Delta^n f(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n - 2i)h)$ ), tak môžeme definovať triedy funkcií  $LS_n$  a  $SC_n$  nasledujúcim spôsobom:

$$LS_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \exists_{\delta_x > 0} \forall_{h: 0 < h < \delta_x} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\},$$

$$SC_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\}.$$

V práci sa študujú vlastnosti tried  $LS_n$  a  $SC_n$ . Napríklad je dokázané, že v normovanom priestore všetkých ohraničených (ohraničených Lebesgueovsky merateľných) funkcií z  $SC_n$  so supremovou normou je množina všetkých funkcií s nespočítateľnou množinou bodov nespojitosti reziduálnou otvorenou množinou druhej Baireovej kategórie.

## РЕЗЮМЕ

### ОБ ОДНОМ ТИПИЧНОМ СВОЙСТВЕ НЕКОТОРЫХ ПРОСТРАНСТВ ФУНКЦИЙ

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Работа занимается действительными функциями определенными на действительном открытом интервале  $(a, b)$ . Если обозначим символом  $\Delta^n f(x, h)$   $n$ -тую симметрическую разность ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) функции  $f$  в точке  $x$  (т. е.  $\Delta^n f(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} f(x + (n - 2i)h)$ ), то можем определить классы функций  $LS_n$  и  $SC_n$  следующим образом:

$$LS_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \exists_{\delta_x > 0} \forall_{h: 0 < h < \delta_x} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\},$$

$$SC_n = \left\{ f: \forall_{x \in (a, b)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Delta^n f(x, h) = 0 \right\}.$$

В работе изучаются свойства классов  $LS_n$  и  $SC_n$ . Доказано например, что в пространстве всех ограниченных (ограниченных измеримых по Лебегу) функций принадлежащих  $SC_n$  с нормой равномерной сходимости система всех функций, множество точек разрыва которых несчетно является открытым резидуальным множеством второй категории Бэра.

