

# Separate continuity and its generalizations history, recent progress, and open problems

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# Basic definitions; separate and linear continuities

We consider mainly functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  fixed.

For a fixed collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- $f$  is  **$\mathcal{F}$ -continuous** iff  $f \upharpoonright F$  is continuous for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$

For  $k \leq n$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ : all  **$k$ -dimensional flats** (affine subspaces) of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathcal{F}_{k,n}^+$ : all  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{k,n}$  parallel to spaces spanned by **coordinate vectors**

- $f$  is **separately continuous** iff it is  $\mathcal{F}_{1,n}^+$ -continuous
- $f$  is **linearly continuous** iff it is  $\mathcal{F}_{1,n}$ -continuous

# Continuity vs $\mathcal{F}$ -continuity: prehistory (for $n = 2$ )

Cauchy, in **1821** book *Cours d'analyse*, **incorrectly** claimed:

**separate continuity implies continuity!**

Counterexamples:

- J. Thomae calculus text **1870** (and 1873), due to E. Heine:

$$F(x, y) = \sin\left(4 \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right) \text{ for } \langle x, y \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle, F(0, 0) = 0.$$

- **1884** treatise on calculus by Genocchi and Peano:

$$P(x, y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4} \text{ for } \langle x, y \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle, P(0, 0) = 0.$$

# Baire classification of separate continuous functions

Theorem ([Baire 1899] for  $n = 1$ , [Lebesgue 1905] for all  $n$ )

*Every separately continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is Baire class  $n - 1$ , but need not be of lower Baire class, as*

- *for every Baire class  $n - 1$  function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there is a separately continuous function  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

$$F(x, \dots, x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

## Corollary

*Every linearly continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is Baire class  $n - 1$*

Question (I believe open and **very interesting**)

Is the Baire class the best in the Corollary above?

Nothing is known for  $n \geq 3$ .

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Theorem (KC, very partial answer, preliminary work)

*For every Baire class 1 function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there is a linearly continuous function  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that*

$$F(x, x^2) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

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# Sets of discontinuity points for $\mathcal{F}$ -continuous functions

$D(f)$  denotes the **set of points of discontinuity of  $f$**

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}) = \{D(f) : f \text{ is } \mathcal{F}\text{-continuous}\}$$

Theorem (Kershner 1943, characterization of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{1,n}^+)$ )

For any set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

- $D = D(f)$  for some separately continuous  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff
- $D$  is an  $F_\sigma$  set and every orthogonal projection of  $D$  onto a coordinate hyperplane has first category image.

Question (Kronrod 1944, still not fully answered)

Find a characterization of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{1,n})$  (similar to that of Kershner) that is, of sets  $D(f)$  for linearly continuous functions  $f$ .

# On sets $D(f)$ for linearly continuous functions $f$

Theorem (Slobodnik 1976: upper bound for  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{1,n})$ )

If  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of discontinuity points of some linearly continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$D = \bigcup_{i < \omega} D_i,$$

where each  $D_i$  is isometric to the graph of a **Lipschitz** function  $\phi_i: K_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $K_i$  being compact nowhere dense in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ .

In particular, such  $D$  must have Hausdorff dimension  $\leq n - 1$ ,

while there is a separately continuous  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $D(f)$  having positive Lebesgue (so,  $n$ -Hausdorff) measure.

# New results on sets $D(f)$ for linearly continuous $f$

Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer: lower bound for  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{1,n})$ )

If  $D$  is a restriction of a **convex**  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to a compact nowhere dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , then

$D = D(f)$  for a linearly continuous  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

For  $n = 2$  the results remains true when  $\phi$  is  $\mathcal{C}^2$  (continuously twice differentiable).

In particular,  $D$  may have positive  $(n - 1)$ -Hausdorff measure.

Note a gap between classes of **convex** and **Lipschitz** functions

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# Can $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ -continuity imply continuity?

Recall:  $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$  – all  $k$ -dimensional flats (affine subspaces) of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$P(x, y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4}$  is discontinuous and  $\mathcal{F}_{1,n}$ -continuous.

Theorem (KC, submitted)

$$f_n(\vec{x}) = \frac{x_0(x_0)^{4^0}(x_1)^{4^1} \cdots (x_{n-1})^{4^{n-1}}}{(x_0)^{2^n} + (x_1)^{2^{n+1}} + \cdots + (x_{n-1})^{2^{n+(n-1)}}} = \frac{x_0 \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i)^{2^{2^i}}}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i)^{2^{n+i}}}$$

for  $\vec{x} = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle \neq \theta$ ,  $f_n(\theta) = 0$ , is  $\mathcal{F}_{n-1,n}$ -continuous but not continuous (on a path  $\vec{p}(t) = \langle t^{2^n}, t^{2^{n-1}}, \dots, t^{2^2}, t^{2^1} \rangle$ ).

- $f_2(x_0, x_1) = \frac{(x_0)(x_0)(x_1)^4}{(x_0)^4 + (x_1)^8} = P((x_0)^2, (x_1)^2)$
- $f_3(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_0)(x_0)(x_1)^4(x_2)^{16}}{(x_0)^8 + (x_1)^{16} + (x_2)^{32}}$ , etc

# Can $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ -continuity imply continuity?

Here  $\mathcal{F}_k$  denotes  $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_k^+$  denotes  $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}^+$

$\mathcal{F}_n^+$ - and  $\mathcal{F}_n$ -continuities are the standard continuity

Every function is  $\mathcal{F}_0^+$ - and  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -continuous

Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer, to appear)

For every  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{F}_n\text{-cont} & \implies & \mathcal{F}_{n-1}\text{-cont} & \implies & \dots & \implies & \mathcal{F}_1\text{-cont} \\
 \updownarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{F}_n^+\text{-cont} & \implies & \mathcal{F}_{n-1}^+\text{-cont} & \implies & \dots & \implies & \mathcal{F}_1^+\text{-cont}
 \end{array}$$

None of the implications can be reversed.

# On the families $\mathcal{D}_{k,n}^+ = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{k,n}^+)$ , $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}^+$ – right $k$ -flats

Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer, to appear)

For any  $k < n$ ,  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{k,n}^+$  iff  $D$  is an  $F_\sigma$ -set whose *orthogonal projection*  $\pi_F[D]$  on any  $(n-k)$ -flat  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{n-k}^+$  is of first category.

Corollary (KC and T. Glatzer)

$P^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \in \mathcal{D}_{k-1,n}^+ \setminus \mathcal{D}_{k,n}^+$  for any nowhere dense perfect  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In particular, these sets can have positive  $n$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure.

$$\{\emptyset\} = \mathcal{D}_{n,n}^+ \subsetneq \mathcal{D}_{n-1,n}^+ \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \mathcal{D}_{1,n}^+ \subsetneq \mathcal{D}_{0,n}^+$$

Corollary (KC and T. Glatzer)

If  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{k,n}$ , then  $\pi_F[D]$  is of first category for any  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{n-k}$ .

# On the families $\mathcal{D}_{k,n} = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{k,n})$ , $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ – all $k$ -flats

Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer, to appear)

*For any  $0 < k < n$  and  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{k,n}$  there exists a sequence  $\langle f_i \rangle_{i < \omega}$  of Lipschitz functions  $f_i$  from  $V_i \in \mathcal{F}_{n-k}$  into a perpendicular  $k$ -flat whose graphs cover  $D$ .*

*So, every  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{k,n}$  has Hausdorff dimension  $\leq n - k$ .*

Proposition (KC and T. Glatzer)

$\{\emptyset\}^k \times P \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k-1} \in \mathcal{D}_{k,n}$  for any compact nowhere dense  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In particular,

$\mathcal{D}_{k,n}$  contains the sets of positive  $(n - k)$ -Hausdorff measure.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \{\emptyset\} & = & \mathcal{D}_{n,n} & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{n-1,n} & \subsetneq & \cdots & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{1,n} & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{0,n} \\ & & \parallel & & \cap & & & & \cap & & \parallel \\ & & \mathcal{D}_{n,n}^+ & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{n-1,n}^+ & \subsetneq & \cdots & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{1,n}^+ & \subsetneq & \mathcal{D}_{0,n}^+ \end{array}$$



# Characterization of $\mathcal{D}_{k,n} = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{k,n})$ for $k \geq n/2$

## Definition (Topology on $\mathcal{F}_{k,n}$ )

Generated by a **subbase** formed by the sets

$$\mathcal{F}(U) = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_k : F \cap U \neq \emptyset\}, \text{ where } U \text{ is an open set in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

## Definition (Ideal $\mathcal{J}_{k,n}$ )

$\mathcal{J}_{k,n}$  – all bounded sets  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t. there is an increasing sequence  $\langle \mathcal{L}_i : i < \omega \rangle$  of closed subsets of  $\mathcal{F}_k$  such that

$\bigcup_{i < \omega} \mathcal{L}_i = \mathcal{F}_k$  and, for every  $i < \omega$ ,

$S$  is disjoint with the interior  $\text{int}(\bigcup \mathcal{L}_i)$  of the set  $\bigcup \mathcal{L}_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer, to appear)

Let  $0 < k < n$  be such that  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$ . A set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_{k,n}$  iff  $D$  is a countable union of compact sets from  $\mathcal{J}_{k,n}$ .

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# More history; $\mathcal{F}$ consisting of graphs of functions

Scheefer **1890**, Lebesgue **1905**: for  $\mathcal{A}$  =analytic functions

$\mathcal{A}$ -continuity (for  $n = 2$ ) does not imply continuity.

Theorem ([Rosenthal **1955**])

- $D^2$ -continuity (for  $n = 2$ ) does not imply continuity; however
- $C^1$ -continuity is equivalent to continuity (for every  $n$ ),

where  $C^1$  and  $D^2$  are, respectively, continuously and twice differentiable functions.

Here, functions are with respect of any of coordinate hyperplanes, e.g., **from  $x$  to  $y$  and from  $y$  to  $x$** .

# On sets $D(f)$ for $D^2$ -continuous functions $f$

Remember (Rosenthal) that  $C^1$ -continuity implies continuity.

Theorem (KC and T. Glatzer)

*There exists a  $D^2$ -continuous  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which  $D(f)$  has positive one dimensional Hausdorff measure.*

The example can be “lifted” to a  $D^2$ -continuous  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $D(f)$  of positive  $(n - 1)$ -Hausdorff measure.

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# For which families $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}) = \emptyset$ ?

- $\mathcal{D}(\text{all converging sequences}) = \emptyset$ .

Luzin's 1948 text: If  $f_h(x) = f(x, h(x))$  is continuous for every continuous  $h$ , then  $f(x, y)$  is continuous. In particular,

- $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})) = \emptyset$  (only graphs from  $x$  to  $y$ !)

Theorem (KC and Joseph Rosenblatt, submitted)

- $\mathcal{D}(\text{"C}^1\text{"}) = \emptyset$  (we allow infinite derivatives)
- $\mathcal{D}(\text{D}^1) \neq \emptyset$  (basically, example of KC and TG)

# $T(h)$ -continuity, $T(h)$ translations of single $h$

## Theorem (KC and Joseph Rosenblatt, submitted)

- $\mathcal{D}(T(h)) \neq \emptyset$  for every *continuous*  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{D}(T(h)) = \emptyset$  for a *Baire class 1* function  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;  
We can have  $D(h) = P^n$  with  $P$  compact measure 0.

## Theorem (KC and Joseph Rosenblatt)

- $\mathcal{D}(T(X)) = \emptyset$  for any Borel set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  which is either of positive measure or of the second category
- $\mathcal{D}(T(P^n)) = \emptyset$  for a compact  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$  of measure zero.

# $I(h)$ -continuity, $I(h)$ all isometric copies of $h$

## Theorem (KC and Joseph Rosenblatt, submitted)

- *$T(h)$ -continuity does not imply  $I(h)$ -continuity*

For  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $h(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ ,

$h \upharpoonright \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  having a dense graph in  $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ .

## Question

- Does there exist a continuous  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathcal{D}(I(h)) = \emptyset$ ?
- What can be said about the sets  $X$  with  $\mathcal{D}(I(X)) = \emptyset$ ?



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# Separately continuous $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$ is Baire class $\leq n - 1$

Follows immediately, by induction on  $n$ , from the following result used with  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Theorem (From Z. Piotrowski's book, in preparation)**

*Let  $X$  be Polish space and  $f: X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that*

- *$f(x, \cdot)$  is continuous for every  $x \in X$ , and*
- *$f(\cdot, r)$  is Baire class  $n - 1$  for every  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*For every  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  let  $f_k: X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the linear interpolation of  $f \upharpoonright X \times \{m/2^k : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,*

*i.e.,  $f_k(x, \cdot)$  is linear on  $[m/2^k, (m+1)/2^k]$  for all  $x$  and  $m$ .*

*Then each  $f_k$  is of Baire class  $n - 1$  and  $f_k \rightarrow_k f$  pointwise.*

# Separately continuous $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$ is not Baire $n - 2$

Theorem (**Lebesgue**); simplified proof of Maslyuchenko 1999)

For every Baire class  $n - 1$  function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there is a separately continuous function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$f(x, \dots, x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

By induction on  $n$ . Obvious for  $n = 1$ .

Notation, for  $n \geq 1$ :

$$d_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad d_n(x) = \langle x, \dots, x \rangle.$$

Notation, for  $n > 1$  and  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ :

$$q_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, \quad q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle.$$

# Notation and inductive step

$$d_n(x) = \langle x, \dots, x \rangle, \quad q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

$\Delta_n$  – diagonal in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ;

$G_k$ 's: open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\Delta_n = \bigcap_k G_k$  &  $\text{cl}(G_{k+1}) \subset G_k$

$\varphi_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ :  $\{\varphi_k\}_k$  is a **partition of unity** of  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$  with respect to the open cover  $\{G_{k-1} \setminus \text{cl}(G_{k+2})\}_k$ :

$\varphi_k(x) = 0$  outside  $G_{k-1} \setminus \text{cl}(G_{k+2})$ ;  $\sum_k \varphi_k(x) = 1$  outside  $\Delta_n$

$g_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of Baire class  $n - 2$ ,  $g_k \rightarrow_k g$ .

By inductive assumption, for every  $k$  there exists a **separately continuous function**  $f_k: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g_k = f_k \circ d_{n-1}$ .

Need **separately cont.**  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $g = f \circ d_n$ .

# Inductive step

$$d_n(x) = \langle x, \dots, x \rangle, \quad q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

$\varphi_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ :  $\{\varphi_k\}_k$  is a **partition of unity** of  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$

$g_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of Baire class  $n - 2$ ,  $g_k \rightarrow_k g$ .

$f_k: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  **separately continuous** s.t.  $g_k = f_k \circ d_{n-1}$ .

For  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  define  $h_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$h_i(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_k \varphi_k(x) f_k(q_i(x)) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n \\ g(d_n^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Delta_n. \end{cases}$$

## Claim

$h_i$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ ;

$h_i$  is **continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate**

# Proof modulo Claim, $n = 2$

$$q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

$$h_i(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_k \varphi_k(x) f_k(q_i(x)) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n \\ g(d_n^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Delta_n. \end{cases}$$

## Claim

$h_i$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ ;

$h_i$  is continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate

Now, for  $n = 2$ ,  $f = h_1$  works, since

$h_1$  is also continuous with respect to the second coordinate, as

for every distinct  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$h_1(s, t) = \sum_k \varphi_k(s, t) f_k(q_1(s, t)) = \sum_k \varphi_k(s, t) g_k(s)$$

which, by Claim, converges to  $g(s) = h_1(s, s)$  as  $t \rightarrow s$ .

# Proof modulo Claim, $n > 2$

$$q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

## Claim

$h_i$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ ;

$h_i$  is continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate

For  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $D_i = q_i^{-1}(\Delta_{n-1})$ .

Sets  $D_i \setminus \Delta_n$  are pairwise disjoint and closed in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ .

By normality of  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ , for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  there is continuous  $\psi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\psi_i(x) = 1$  for  $x \in D_i \setminus \Delta_n$ , and  $\psi_i(x) = 0$  for  $x \in D_j \setminus \Delta_n$ ,  $j \neq i$ .

# Proof modulo Claim, $n > 2$ , continuation

$$q_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

## Claim

$h_i$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ ;

$h_i$  is continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate

$D_i = q_i^{-1}(\Delta_{n-1})$ ;  $\psi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta \rightarrow [0, 1]$  s.t.  $\psi_i(x) = 1$  for  $x \in D_i \setminus \Delta_n$ , and  $\psi_i(x) = 0$  for  $x \in D_j \setminus \Delta_n$ ,  $j \neq i$ .

Define  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x) h_i(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n \\ g(d_n^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Delta_n. \end{cases}$$

$f$  works, as:  $g = f \circ d_n$ ,  $f$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$ , and  $f$  is separately continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th variable, since  $f \upharpoonright D_i = h_i \upharpoonright D_i$ .



# Proof of Claim

$d_n(x) = \langle x, \dots, x \rangle$ ,  $\{\varphi_k\}_k$  is a **partition of unity** of  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$   
 $g_k \rightarrow_k g$ ;  $f_k: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  **separately cont.** &  $g_k = f_k \circ d_{n-1}$ .

$$h_i(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_k \varphi_k(x) f_k(q_i(x)) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n \\ g(d_n^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Delta_n. \end{cases}$$

## Claim

$h_i$  is separately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$  – **obvious**

$h_i$  is **continuous on  $\Delta_n$  with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate**

Fix  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$  with  $q_i(x) = q_i(d_n(t))$ :

$$|h_i(x) - h_i(d_n(t))| = |\sum_k \varphi_k(x) f_k(q_i(x)) - g(t)| =$$

$$|\sum_k \varphi_k(x) g_k(t) - g(t)| = |\sum_k \varphi_k(x) g_k(t) - \sum_k \varphi_k(x) g(t)| \leq$$

$$\sum_k \varphi_k(x) |g_k(t) - g(t)| \leq \sum_k \varphi_k(x) \varepsilon = \varepsilon \text{ whenever } x \text{ is so close}$$

to  $d_n(t)$  that  $\varphi_k(x) = 0$  for every  $k < m$ , where  $m$  is such that

$$|g_k(t) - g(t)| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for every } k \geq m.$$



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# Summary of new results

- Big progress on characterization of sets of points of discontinuity of linearly continuous function
- Deep study of functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  continuous when restricted to  $k$ -dimensional affine spaces
- Construction of  $D^2$ -continuous functions  $f$  with large set of points of discontinuity
- Discussion a theorem of Luzin
- Discussion of when  $T(h)$ -continuity implies continuity, for  $h$  being a graph of function

Thank you for your attention!