Differentiability versus continuity: Restriction and extension theorems and monstrous examples

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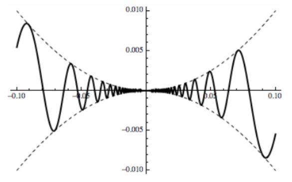

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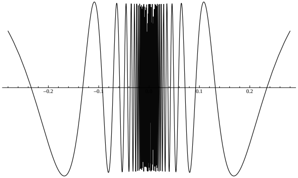

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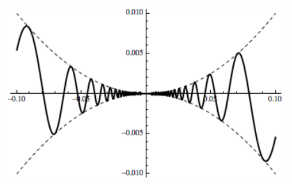

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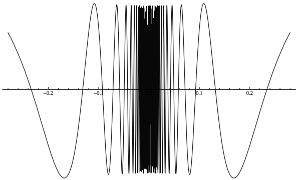

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(i) $g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r^i (x - q_i)^{1/3}$ *is continuous, "differentiable," strictly increasing, onto* $\mathbb{R}$*, with* $g'(q) = \infty$ *for all* $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

(ii) $h = g^{-1} \colon \mathbb{R} \nearrow \mathbb{R}$ *is everywhere differentiable with* $h' \ge 0$ *and* $Z = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \colon h'(x) = 0\}$ *being a dense* G_δ*-set.*

(iii) $Z^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus Z$ *is also dense in* $\mathbb{R}$.

Pr. (i) Continuity follows from $|g(x)| \le \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r^i (|x| + i + 1)$.

Differentiability requires $g'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r^i \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(x-q_i)^{2/3}}$. Easy when series $= \infty$. Other case follows from $0 < \frac{\psi_i(y) - \psi_i(x)}{y - x} \le 6\psi_i'(x)$.

(ii) and (iii) easily follow from (i).

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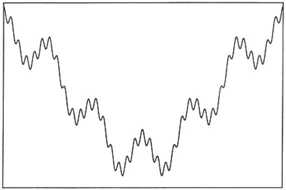

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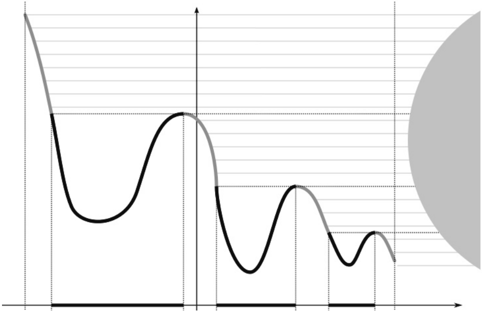

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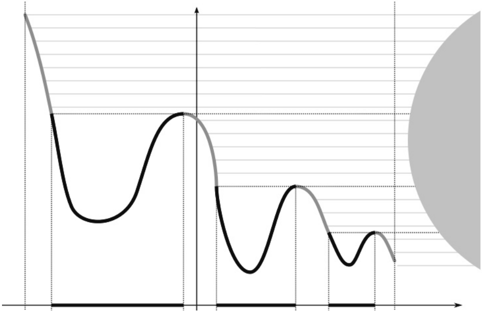

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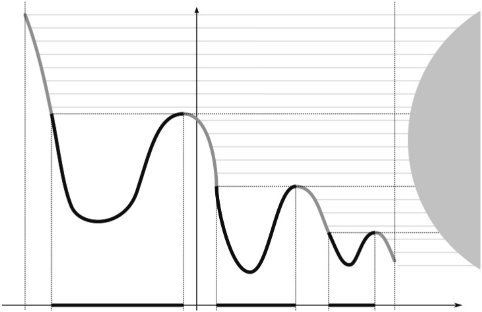

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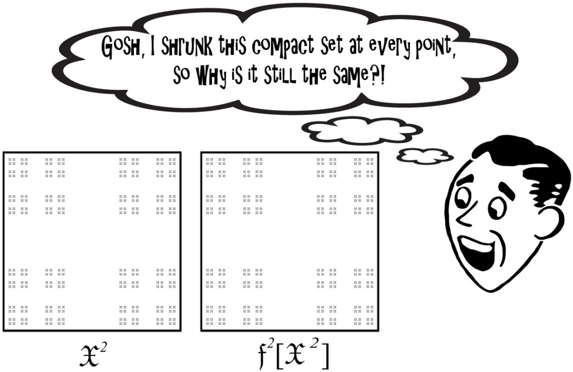

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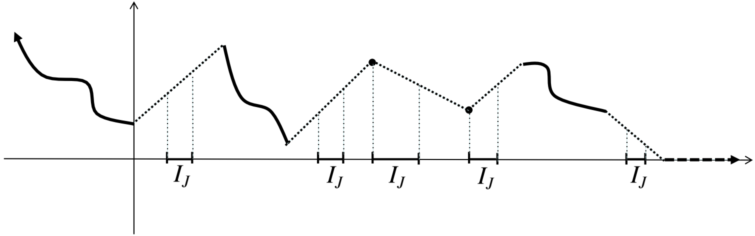

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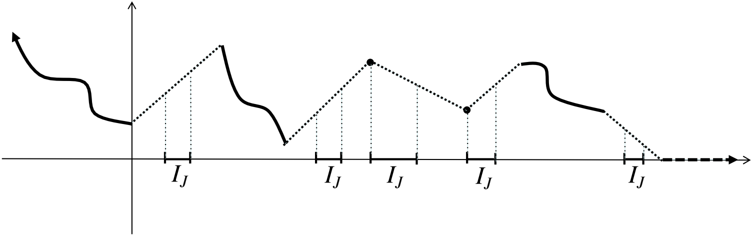

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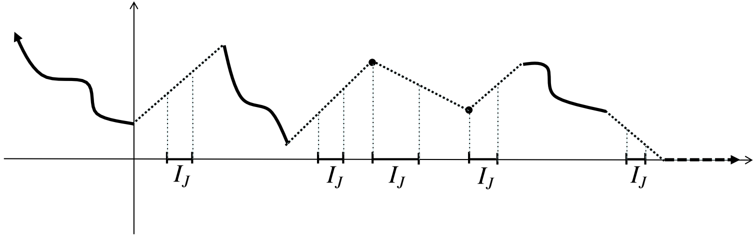

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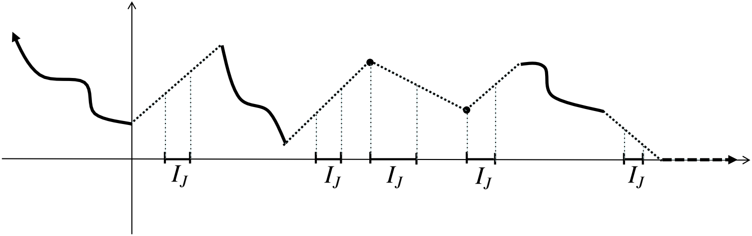

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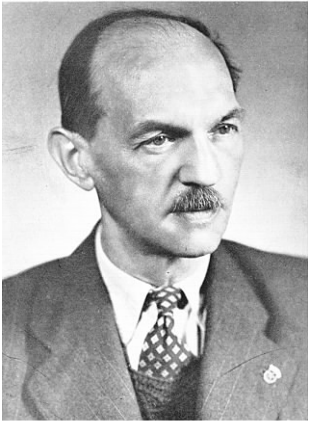

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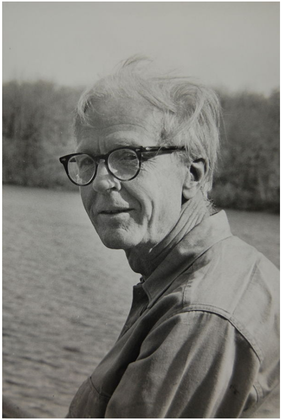

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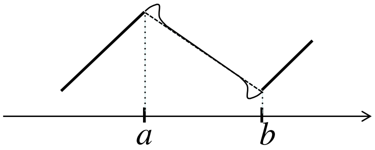

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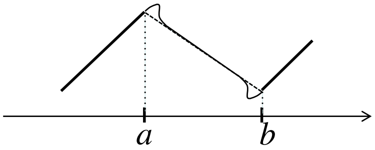

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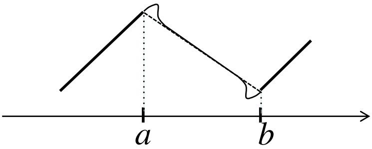

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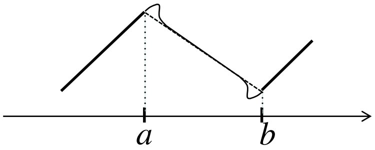

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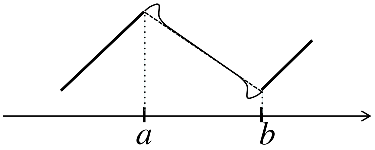

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