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## On the Baire system generated by a linear lattice of functions

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Suppose  $G$  is a linear space of real functions defined over a point set  $S$  such that if  $f$  is in  $G$ , then  $|f|$  is in  $G$ ;  $G$  is a linear lattice of functions over  $S$ . Also, suppose  $G$  contains the constant functions over  $S$ . Let  $B_0(G) = G$  and for each ordinal number  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \Omega$ , let  $B_\alpha(G)$  denote the collection of all pointwise limits of sequences from the collection  $\sum_{\gamma < \alpha} B_\gamma(G)$ . Sierpiński [1] and Tucker [2] have given necessary and sufficient conditions on a function  $f$  in order that it be in  $B_1(G)$ . These conditions are in terms of particular sequences of functions which converge in a uniform or a monotonic sense. Since for each ordinal  $\alpha > 0$ , the collection  $\sum_{\gamma < \alpha} B_\gamma(G)$  is a linear lattice of real functions over  $S$  and it contains the constant function over  $S$ , these results may be extended to give necessary and sufficient conditions on a function  $f$  in order that it be in  $B_\alpha(G)$ . In this paper we characterize the collection  $B_\alpha(G)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , in terms of an associated collection of Baire sets (Theorem 7) and give some relationships between these collections and the collections described by Hausdorff in [3].

Notation. If  $K$  is a lattice of functions, then  $K_u$  denotes the collection of all functions which are uniform limits of sequences from  $K$ ,  $USK$  the collection of all functions which are limits of nonincreasing sequences from  $K$  and  $LSK$  the collection of all functions which are limits of nondecreasing sequences from  $K$ . The Baire system of functions generated by  $K$  is denoted by  $B(K)$ . If  $f$  is a bounded function,  $\|f\|$  denotes the l.u.b. norm of  $f$ .

THEOREM 1. If  $f$  is a bounded function in  $G$ , then  $f^2$  is in  $G_u$ .

Proof. Suppose  $f$  is a bounded function in  $G$  and  $f \neq 0$ . Let  $h = f/(\|f\|)$ , so that  $h$  is in  $G$ . For each  $n$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} h_n(x) &= 2^n \left( \frac{i}{2^n} \right)^2 \left( h(x) - \frac{i-1}{2^n} \right) - 2^n \left( \frac{i-1}{2^n} \right)^2 \left( h(x) - \frac{i}{2^n} \right) \\ &= \frac{2i-1}{2^n} h(x) - \frac{i(i-1)}{2^n \cdot 2^n}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $\frac{i-1}{2^n} \leq h(x) \leq \frac{i}{2^n}$ , where  $-2^n+1 \leq i \leq 2^n$ .

If  $h(x) = i \cdot 2^{-n}$ , then  $h_n(x) = (i \cdot 2^{-n})^2 = h^2(x)$  and if  $h(x)$  is between  $(i-1) \cdot 2^{-n}$  and  $i \cdot 2^{-n}$ , then  $h_n(x)$  is between  $[(i-1) \cdot 2^{-n}]^2$  and  $(i \cdot 2^{-n})^2$ . So, for each  $x$  in  $S$ ,

$$|h_n(x) - h^2(x)| < |(i \cdot 2^{-n})^2 - [(i-1) \cdot 2^{-n}]^2| = 2^{-2n} |2i-1| \leq 2^{-2n} \cdot (2|i|+1).$$

So,  $|h_n(x) - h^2(x)| < 2^{-2n} \cdot (2 \cdot 2^n + 1) = 2^{-n+1} + 2^{-2n}$  and the sequence  $\{h_n\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converges uniformly to  $h^2$ .

For each  $n$ , let  $g_{ni} = \max[(i-1) \cdot 2^{-n}, \min(h, i \cdot 2^{-n})]$ , and let  $c_{ni} = 2^{-n}(2i-1)$ , for each  $i$ ,  $-2^n+1 \leq i < 2^n$ .

$$\text{Let } d_n = 1 - \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{2^n} c_{ni} \cdot i \cdot 2^{-n} = 1 - \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{2^n} i(2i-1) \cdot 2^{-n} \cdot 2^{-n}.$$

Since  $G$  is a linear lattice containing the constant functions, the function  $d_n + \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{2^n} c_{ni} \cdot g_{ni}$  is in  $G$ , for each  $n$ .

Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer and  $(p-1) \cdot 2^{-n} \leq h(x) \leq p \cdot 2^{-n}$ , where  $-2^n+1 \leq p \leq 2^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_n + \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{2^n} c_{ni} \cdot g_{ni}(x) &= \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{p-1} \frac{(2i-1)i}{2^n \cdot 2^n} + \frac{2p-1}{2^n} \cdot h(x) + \sum_{i=p+1}^{2^n} \frac{2i-1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{i-1}{2^n} + d_n, \\ &= \frac{2p-1}{2^n} h(x) - \frac{p(2p-1)}{2^n \cdot 2^n} + \sum_{i=-2^n+1}^{p-1} \frac{(2i-1)i}{2^n \cdot 2^n} + \sum_{i=p+1}^{2^n} \frac{(2i-1)(i-1)}{2^n \cdot 2^n} + d_n, \\ &= \frac{2p-1}{2^n} h(x) - \frac{p(2p-1)}{2^n \cdot 2^n} - \frac{1}{2^n \cdot 2^n} \cdot \sum_{i=p+1}^{2^n} (2i-1) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

But,  $\sum_{i=p+1}^{2^n} (2i-1) = 2^n \cdot 2^n - p^2$ . So,

$$\sum_{i=2^n+1}^{2^n} c_{ni} g_{ni}(x) + d_n = (2p-1) 2^{-n} h(x) - p(p-1) \cdot 2^{-n} \cdot 2^{-n} = h_n(x).$$

This shows that for each  $n$ ,  $h_n$  is in  $G$  and it follows that  $f^2$  is in  $G_u$ .

**THEOREM 2.** Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded functions in  $G_u$ . Then (1)  $f \cdot g$  is in  $G_u$ , (2) every polynomial in  $f$  is in  $G_u$ , and (3) if  $\varphi$  is a continuous real function whose domain includes the range of  $f$  and  $\varphi$  is the uniform limit of a sequence of polynomials, then  $\varphi[f]$  is in  $G_u$ .

Theorem 2 is a corollary to Theorem 1.

**DEFINITION.** The collection to which  $X$  belongs if and only if there is some  $f$  in  $G$  and segment  $(a, b)$  such that  $X = (a < f < b)$  is denoted by  $D$ .

**THEOREM 3.** Suppose  $X$  is a proper subset of  $S$  and  $X$  is in  $D$ . If  $g$  is the characteristic function of  $S-X$ , then  $g$  is in  $USG$ .

Proof. Let  $f$  be a function in  $G$  and  $(a, b)$  a segment such that  $X = (a < f < b)$ . Let  $h = 2 \cdot (b-a)^{-1} \cdot [\max(a, \min(f, b)) - (a+b) \cdot 2^{-1}]$ , so that  $h$  is in  $G$ ,  $-1 \leq h \leq 1$  and  $(-1 < h < 1) = (a < f < b) = X$ . It follows from Theorem 2 that, for each  $n$ ,  $h^{2^n}$  is in  $G_u$ . For each  $n$ ,  $(h^{2^n} = 1) = (f \leq a) + (f \geq b) = S-X$ , and  $h^{2^n} \geq h^{2^{n+2}}$ . The sequence  $\{h^{2^n}\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is a nonincreasing sequence from  $G_u$  converging to  $g$  so that  $g$  is in  $US(G_u)$ . It follows that  $g$  is in  $USG$ .

**THEOREM 4.** In order that  $f$  be in  $USG$  it is necessary that, if  $a$  is a number, then the set  $(f < a)$  should be the sum of countably many sets each belonging to  $D$ . In case  $f$  is bounded above, this condition is also sufficient.

Proof. Suppose  $f$  is in  $USG$ . Let  $\{f_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a nonincreasing sequence from  $G$  converging to  $f$  from above. If  $a$  is a number, then  $(f < a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (a - n < f_p < a)$  and is the sum of countably many sets from  $D$ .

Suppose  $f$  is bounded above and for each number  $a$ ,  $(f < a)$  is the sum of countably many sets from  $D$ . Let  $F = 1 + f - 1$ . u.b.f and let  $\{r_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of all rational numbers  $\leq 1$ .

For each  $i$ , let  $(F < r_i) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} X_{ip}$  where, for each  $p$ ,  $X_{ip}$  is in  $D$

and let  $g_{ip}(x) = 1$ , if  $x$  is in  $S - X_{ip}$ , and  $g_{ip}(x) = r_i$ , if  $x$  is in  $X_{ip}$ . For each  $n$ , let  $f_n = \min(g_{11}, \dots, g_{1n}, g_{21}, \dots, g_{2n}, \dots, g_{n1}, \dots, g_{nn})$ . The sequence  $\{f_n\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is nonincreasing and converges to  $F$ . Let  $u_{ip}(x) = 1$  if  $x$  is in  $S - X_{ip}$  and  $u_{ip}(x) = 0$ , if  $x$  is in  $X_{ip}$ . It follows from Theorem 3, that  $u_{ip}$  is in  $USG$ . So  $(1 - r_i) \cdot u_{ip} + r_i = g_{ip}$  is in  $USG$ . So, for each  $n$ ,  $f_n$  is in  $USG$  and since  $US(USG) = USG$ ,  $F$  is in  $USG$ . It follows that  $f$  is in  $USG$ .

**THEOREM 5.** If  $H$  is a linear lattice on  $S$  containing the constant functions such that  $USH \cdot LSH = H$ , then  $H_u = H$ .

*Proof.* If  $h$  is in  $H_u$ , let  $\{h_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence from  $H$  such that for each  $p$ ,  $\|h - h_p\| \leq p^{-1}$ . Let  $a_p = \min(h_1 + 1, \dots, h_p + p^{-1})$  for each  $p$ ;  $\{a_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is a non-decreasing sequence from  $H$  converging to  $h$ .  $h$  is in  $USH$ . Similarly,  $h$  is in  $LSH$ .

**THEOREM 6.** If  $g$  is in  $LSG$ ,  $h$  is in  $USG$  and  $g \geq h$ , then there is a function  $f$  in  $LX \cdot USG$  such that  $g \geq f \geq h$  and if  $g(x) > h(x)$ , then  $g(x) > f(x) > h(x)$ .

*Indication of Proof.* Suppose  $\{g_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is a nondecreasing sequence from  $G$  converging to  $g$  and  $\{h_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is a nonincreasing sequence from  $G$  converging to  $h$ . For each  $p$ , let  $\alpha_p = g_p - 2^{-p}$  and  $\beta_p = h_p + 2^{-p}$ , so that the sequence  $\{\alpha_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is an increasing sequence from  $G$  converging to  $g$  and the sequence  $\{\beta_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  is a decreasing sequence from  $G$  converging to  $h$ .

Let  $u_1 = \alpha_1$  and for each  $n$ ,  $v_n = \max(u_n, \beta_n)$  and  $u_{n+1} = \min(v_n, \alpha_{n+1})$ . It can be shown that there is a function  $f$  such that  $u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq \dots \rightarrow f \leftarrow \dots \leq v_3 \leq v_2 \leq v_1$  and that  $g \geq f \geq h$  and if  $g(x) > h(x)$ , then  $g(x) > f(x) > h(x)$ .

**DEFINITION.** If  $R$  is a collection of subsets of  $S$ , then  $W_1(R)$  is the collection to which  $X$  belongs if and only if  $X = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \bigcap_{p=1}^n X'_{np} \right)$  where, for each  $n, p$ ,  $X_{n,p}$  is in  $R$  and  $X'_{n,p}$  is the complement of  $X_{n,p}$ .

The next theorem includes a characterization of  $B_1(G)$  in terms of  $W_1(D)$ .

**THEOREM 7.** Suppose  $f$  is a function on  $S$ . Each two of the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is in  $B_1(G)$ ,
- (2)  $f$  is in  $US(LSG) \cdot LS(USG)$ ,
- (3)  $f$  is the uniform limit of a sequence each term of which is the difference of two functions in  $USG$ ,
- (4)  $f$  is in  $B_1(USG \cdot LSG)$ , and
- (5) for each segment  $(a, b)$ , the set  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $W_1(D)$ .

Sierpiński has proved that statements 1 and 2 are equivalent in [1] and Tucker that statements 1 and 3 are equivalent in [2].

*Proof* that 2 implies 4 and 5. Suppose  $f$  is in  $US(LSG) \cdot LS(USG)$ . Let  $\{g_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a nonincreasing sequence from  $LSG$  converging to  $f$  and let  $\{h_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a non-decreasing sequence from  $USG$  converging to  $f$ . For each  $p$ ,  $g_p \geq f \geq h_p$  and it follows from Theorem 5 that there is a function  $f_p$  in  $USG \cdot LSG$  between  $g_p$  and  $h_p$ . The sequence  $\{f_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $f$ . So,  $f$  is in  $B_1(USG \cdot LSG)$  and 2 implies 4. Suppose  $(a, b)$  is a segment.

The set  $(a < f < b) = \bigcap_{q=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} \left( a + \frac{b-a}{p} \leq h_q \right) \cdot \left( g_q \leq b - \frac{b-a}{p} \right)$   
 $= \bigcap_{q=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} \left( h_q < a + \frac{b-a}{p} \right)' \cdot \left( g_q > b - \frac{b-a}{p} \right)'$ . It follows from Theorem 4 that  $\left( h_q < a + \frac{b-a}{p} \right)$  and  $\left( g_q > b - \frac{b-a}{p} \right)$  are the sums of countably many sets in  $D$ . So  $\left( h_q < a + \frac{b-a}{p} \right)' \cdot \left( g_q > b - \frac{b-a}{p} \right)'$  is the common part of the complements of countably many sets in  $D$  and  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $W_1(D)$ . So, statement 2 implies statement 5.

*Proof* that 4 implies 2. Suppose  $f$  is in  $B_1(USG \cdot LSG)$ . Since  $USG \cdot LSG$  is a linear lattice and statements 1 and 2 are equivalent,  $f$  is in  $US[LS(USG \cdot LSG)]$  and in  $LS[US(USG \cdot LSG)]$ . But, it is easy to show that  $LS(USG \cdot LSG) = LSG$  and that  $US(USG \cdot LSG) = USG$ . So,  $f$  is in  $US(LSG) \cdot LS(USG)$ . Statements 2 and 4 are equivalent.

*Proof* that 5 implies 4. Suppose  $f$  is a function on  $S$  and for each segment  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $W_1(D)$ . Let  $f' = 2\pi^{-1} \tan^{-1} f$ . For each  $n$ , let  $L_n$  be the collection of all segments of the form  $(i - 1/2^n, i + 1/2^n)$  where,  $-2^n + 1 \leq i \leq 2^n + 1$ .  $L_n$  is a collection of segments covering  $(-1, 1)$ . For each  $n$ , let  $\{K_{np}\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence such that (1) each  $K_{np}$  is the common part of the complements of countably many sets in  $D$ , (2) for each  $p$ , there is some member  $(a, b)$  of  $L_n$  such that  $K_{np}$  is a subset of  $(a < f' < b)$ , and (3) for each segment  $(a, b)$  of  $L_n$ , there is a subsequence  $\{K_{np_i}\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $(a < f' < b) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} K_{np_i}$ .

For each positive integer pair  $n, p$ , let  $q_{np}(x) = 1$ , if  $x$  is in  $S - K_{np}$  and  $q_{np}(x) = b$ , if  $x$  is in  $K_{np}$  and  $K_{np}$  is a subset of  $(a < f' < b)$  and  $(a, b)$  is in  $L_n$  and let  $h_{np}(x) = -1$ , if  $x$  is in  $S - K_{np}$  and  $h_{np}(x) = a$ , if  $x$  is in  $K_{np}$  and  $K_{np}$  is a subset of  $(a < f' < b)$  and  $(a, b)$  is in  $L_n$ . For each  $n, p$ ,  $(h_{np} < c) = S$ , if  $c > a$  and  $(h_{np} < c) = S - K_{np}$ , if  $c \leq a$ . But  $S - K_{np}$  is the sum of countably many sets in  $D$ . It follows from Theorem 4 that  $h_{np}$  is in  $USG$ . Similarly,  $g_{np}$  is in  $LSG$ .

For each  $n$ , let  $\alpha_n = \min(g_{1n}, \dots, g_{1n}, g_{2n}, \dots, g_{2n}, \dots, g_{1n}, \dots, g_{nn})$  and let  $\beta_n = \max(h_{1n}, \dots, h_{1n}, h_{2n}, \dots, h_{2n}, \dots, h_{1n}, \dots, h_{nn})$ . For each  $n$ ,  $\alpha_n$  is in  $LSG$  and  $\beta_n$  is in  $USG$ ,  $\alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n+1}$  and  $\beta_n \leq \beta_{n+1}$ . Noting that for each  $n, p$ ,  $h_{np} < f' < g_{np}$ , we have that for each  $n$ ,  $\beta_n < f' < \alpha_n$ . It can be shown that the sequences  $\{\alpha_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\beta_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converge to  $f'$ . So,  $f'$  is in  $B_1(USG \cdot LSG)$ . Let  $\{t_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence from  $USG \cdot LSG$  converging to  $f'$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\|t_n\| = c_n < 1$ . For each  $n$ , let  $S_n = \tan \pi/2 t_n$ ; it follows from Theorems 2 and 5 that  $S_n$  is in  $USG \cdot LSG$ . The sequence  $\{S_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $f$ .  $f$  is in  $B_1(USG \cdot LSG)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 7.

Hausdorff in [3] defines an ordinary function system  $F$  as a collection of functions which is a linear lattice containing the constant functions such that if  $f$  and  $g$  are in  $F$ ,  $f \cdot g$  is in  $F$  and if there is no  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ ,  $f^{-1}$  is in  $F$ . A complete ordinary function system is an ordinary system which is closed under uniform limits. In [3] Hausdorff characterized  $B_1(F)$  where  $F$  is an ordinary function system in terms of associated Baire sets and proved that  $B_1(F)$  is a complete ordinary function system. Theorem 7 and the following theorem strengthen these results.

**THEOREM 8.** *If  $G$  is a linear lattice on  $S$  containing the constant functions, then  $B_1(G)$  is a complete ordinary function system.*

*Proof.* Certainly  $B_1(G)$  is a linear lattice on  $S$  containing the constant functions. Sierpiński [1] has shown that  $USB_1(G) \cdot LSB_1(G) = B_1(G)$ . So, by Theorem 5,  $B_1(G)$  is closed under uniform limits. Suppose  $f$  is in  $B_1(G)$ . Let  $\{f_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of bounded functions from  $G$  converging to  $f$ . According to Theorem 2,  $f_p^2$  is in  $G_u$  for each  $p$ . It follows that  $f^2$  is in  $B_1(G)$ . If  $g$  is in  $B_1(G)$ , since  $2f \cdot g = (f+g)^2 - f^2 - g^2$ , we have  $f \cdot g$  is in  $B_1(G)$ . Suppose there is no  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ . Let  $\{t_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence from  $G$  converging to  $f^2$  such that for each  $p$ ,  $t_p$  is bounded and  $t_p(x) \geq p^{-1}$ , for each  $x$  in  $S$ . Let  $s_p = t_p^{-1}$  for each  $p$ . Again, according to Theorem 2,  $s_p$  is in the  $G_u$ . So,  $f^{-2}$  is in  $B_1(G)$  and hence  $f^{-1} = f \cdot f^{-2}$  is in  $B_1(G)$ . So,  $B_1(G)$  is a complete ordinary function system.

**DEFINITION.** Let  $W_0(D) = D$  and for each ordinal number  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \Omega$ , let  $W_\alpha(D)$  be  $W_1(\sum_{\gamma < \alpha} W_\gamma(D))$ .

Use of transfinite induction and the fact that the collection  $\sum_{\gamma < \alpha} B_\gamma(G)$  is a linear lattice containing the constant functions, yields the following theorem.

**THEOREM 9.** *Suppose  $f$  is a function on  $S$  and  $0 < \alpha < \Omega$ . In order that  $f$  belong to  $B_\alpha(G)$  it is necessary and sufficient that, for each segment  $(a, b)$ , the set  $(a < f < b)$  should be in  $W_\alpha(D)$ .*

*Remark.* In case  $G$  is a complete ordinary function system, we have the following relationships between the method presented here and the method given by Hausdorff [3, pp. 292-293]. The functions in  $B_\xi(G)$  are the functions  $f^\xi$ , if  $0 \leq \xi < \omega$  and are the functions  $f^{\xi+1}$ , if  $\omega \leq \xi < \Omega$ . Also, the sets in  $W_\xi(D)$  are the sets  $M^\xi$ , if  $0 \leq \xi < \omega$  and are the sets  $M^{\xi+1}$  if  $\omega \leq \xi < \Omega$ .

**THEOREM 10.** *Suppose  $G$  is  $USG \cdot LSG$ . If for each  $n$ ,  $A_n$  is in  $D$ , then  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} A_p$  is in  $D$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $n$ ,  $A_n = (a_n < f_n < b_n)$ . For each  $n$ , let  $g_n = (b_n - a_n)^{-1}[\min(b_n, \max(a_n, f_n)) - a_n]$ ,  $g_n$  is in  $G$  and  $A_n = (0 < g_n < 1)$ .

For each  $n$ , let  $h_n = (1 - g_n) \cdot g_n$ . It follows from Theorems 2 and 5 that  $h_n$  is in  $G$ . Let  $h = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} 2^{-p} h_p$ . Again, it follows from Theorem 5 that  $h$  in  $G$  and

$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} A_p = (0 < h < 2) \text{ is in } D.$$

Theorem 10 allows us to make a simplification in describing the collection  $W_{\alpha+1}(D)$  where,  $0 < \alpha < \Omega$ . Since  $USB_\alpha(G) \cdot LSB_\alpha(G) = B_\alpha(G)$ , it follows from Theorem 10 that the sum of countably many sets in  $W_\alpha(D)$

belongs to  $W_\alpha(D)$ . If  $X$  is in  $W_{\alpha+1}(D)$ , then  $X = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{p=1}^{\infty} X'_{pn}$ . Since

$$\prod_{p=1}^{\infty} X'_{pn} = \left( \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} X_{pn} \right)'$$

and  $USB_\alpha(G) \cdot LSB_\alpha(G) = B_\alpha(G)$  (see Sierpiński [1], p. 13), it follows from Theorem 10, that  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} X_{pn}$  is in  $W_\alpha(D)$ . So,  $X$  is in

$W_{\alpha+1}(D)$  if and only if  $X = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X'_n$  where, each  $X_n$  is in  $W_\alpha(D)$ .

The preceding results characterize the collection  $B_\alpha(G)$  in terms of  $W_\alpha(D)$  for each  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \Omega$ . However,  $W_0(D) = D$  may not characterize  $B_0(G) = G$ . For example, let  $G$  be the collection of all bounded functions over the interval  $[0, 1]$  which are continuous except for a countable set and let  $H$  be the collection of all function on the interval  $[0, 1]$  which are continuous except for a countable set. The  $D$  sets for the collection  $G$  are the  $D$  sets for the collection  $H$ . The following theorem gives some conditions under which the collection  $D$  does characterize  $G$ .

**THEOREM 11.** *Suppose  $G$  is  $USG \cdot LSG$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

(1) *If  $f$  is in  $G$  and  $\varphi$  is a continuous real function on the range of  $f$ ,  $\varphi[f]$  is in  $G$ .*

(2) *A function  $f$  is in  $G$  if and only if for each segment  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $D$ .*

*Proof.* By definition if  $f$  is in  $G$ , then  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $D$  for each segment  $(a, b)$ .

Suppose  $f$  is a function on  $S$  such that for each segment  $(a, b)$ , the set  $(a < f < b)$  is in  $D$ . Let  $f' = 2/\pi \tan^{-1}f$ . For each  $n$ , let

$$g_{n,i}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is in } S - \left( \frac{i-1}{2^n} < f' < \frac{i+1}{2^n} \right), \\ \frac{i+1}{2^n} & \text{if } x \text{ is in } \left( \frac{i-1}{2^n} < f' < \frac{i+1}{2^n} \right), \end{cases}$$

and

$$h_{n,i}(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x \text{ is in } S - \left( \frac{i-1}{2^n} < f' < \frac{i+1}{2^n} \right), \\ \frac{i-1}{2^n}, & \text{if } x \text{ is in } \left( \frac{i-1}{2^n} < f' < \frac{i+1}{2^n} \right), \end{cases}$$

where  $-2^n + 1 \leq i \leq 2^n - 1$ . It follows from Theorem 4, that  $g_{n,i}$  is in  $USG$  and  $h_{n,i}$  is in  $LSG$  and we have  $g_{n,i} > f' > h_{n,i}$ .

Let  $\alpha_1 = \min(g_{1,-1}, g_{1,0}, g_{1,1})$  and  $\beta_1 = \max(h_{1,-1}, h_{1,0}, h_{1,1})$ , and for each  $n$ ,  $\alpha_{n+1} = \min(g_{n,2}, g_{n,1}, g_{n,0}, g_{n,-1}, \dots, g_{n,-2n+1}, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , and  $\beta_{n+1} = \max(h_{n,2n-1}, h_{n,2n-2}, \dots, h_{n,-2n+1}, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ . For each  $n$ ,  $\alpha_n$  is in  $USG$  and  $\beta_n$  is in  $LSG$  and it follows that  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3 \geq \dots \rightarrow f' \leftarrow \dots \leq \beta_3 \leq \beta_2 \leq \beta_1$ . So,  $f'$  is in  $USG \cdot LSG = G$ . By assumption,  $f = \tan \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} f' \right]$  is in  $G$ . So, statement 1 implies statement 2.

Now, suppose that  $h$  is in  $G$  if and only if for each segment  $(a, b)$ , the set  $(a < h < b)$  is in  $D$ . Suppose  $f$  is in  $G$  and  $\varphi$  is a continuous real function on  $Y_f$ , the range of  $f$ .

Suppose  $(a, b)$  is a segment. Let  $\{(a_p, b_p)\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of segments such that  $(a < \varphi < b) = Y_f \cdot \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (a_p, b_p)$  so that  $(a < \varphi[f] < b) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (a_p < f < b_p)$ . So, the set  $(a < \varphi[f] < b)$  is the sum of countably many sets in  $D$ . Since  $USG \cdot LSG = G$ , it follows from Theorem 10, that  $(a < \varphi[f] < b)$  is in  $D$ . So,  $\varphi[f]$  is in  $G$ . Statements 1 and 2 are equivalent.

**THEOREM 12.** *Suppose  $S$  is a countable set and  $F(S)$  denotes the collection of all real functions on  $S$ . In order that  $F(S) = B(G)$  it is necessary and sufficient that if  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $S$ , then there be a function  $f$  in  $G$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Moreover, if  $F(S) = B(G)$ , then  $F(S) = B_1(G)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that if  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $S$ , then there is some  $f$  in  $G$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Let  $\{s_p\}_{p=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of all the points of  $S$ .

It follows that for each two positive integers  $n$  and  $p$ , there is a function  $t_{np}$  in  $G$  such that  $\|t_{np}\| \leq 1$ ,  $t_{np}(s_p) = 0$  and  $t_{np}(s_n) = 1$ . Let  $t_{pp}(x) = 1$  for each  $p$  and each  $x$  in  $S$ .

Let  $h_{nq} = \prod_{p=1}^n t_{qp}$ , for each positive integer pair  $n, q$ . It follows from Theorem 2 that  $h_{nq}$  is in  $G_u$ . If  $i \leq n$ , then  $h_{nq}(s_i) = 0$  if  $i \neq q$  and  $= 1$  if  $i = q$ .

Suppose  $f$  is a function on  $S$ . For each  $n$ , let  $f_n = \sum_{q=1}^n f(s_q) h_{nq}$ . If  $i \leq n$ , then  $f_n(s_i) = f(s_i)$ . So,  $f$  is the pointwise limit of a sequence from  $G_u$  and  $f$  is in  $B_1(G)$ .

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