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$$\lambda_i = \min_{j \leq i} \inf_{t \in q_j(G_i)} \lambda(t, G_i, q_j, \{p_i^k\}) > \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{\delta}{2}, \min_{j < i} \lambda_j \right\}.$$

Thus, the regular regions  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  can be constructed. The regular region  $G = G_n$  satisfies all the requirements of our lemma ( $\lambda = \lambda_n$ ), which is now proved.

### § 5. *The set of linear superpositions in the space of continuous functions is closed*

**THEOREM 4.5.1.** *Suppose that continuous functions  $p_m(x, y)$  and continuously differentiable functions  $q_m(x, y)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ) are fixed. Then in any region  $D$  of the plane of the variables  $x, y$ , there exists a closed subregion  $G \subset D$  such that the set of superpositions of the form*

$$\sum_{m=1}^N p_m(x, y) f_m(q_m(x, y)),$$

*where  $\{f_m(t)\}$  are arbitrary continuous functions, is closed (in the uniform metric) in the set of all functions continuous on the set  $G$ .*

By Lemma 4.2.2 and 4.4.3 we can find a subset  $G \subset D$ , determine constants  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , and renumber the functions  $\{p_m(x, y)\}$  and  $\{q_m(x, y)\}$  with two indices so that the functions obtained after the renumbering,  $\{p_i^k(x, y)\}$  and  $\{q_i^k(x, y)\}$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$ ;  $\sum_{i=0}^n m_i \leq N$ ) that is, some functions may be omitted in the renumbering) satisfy conditions (1), (2), (3) of Lemma 4.2.2, and also the conditions:

(4') for any continuous functions  $\{f_m(t)\}$  there exists continuous functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$  such that on  $G$

$$\sum_{m=1}^N p_m(x, y) f_m(q_m(x, y)) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x, y) f_i^k(q_i^k(x, y));$$

(5') for every  $i$  and  $t \in q_i^1(G)$  and for any functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$

$$\max_{(x, y) \in e(q_i^1, t) \cap G} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x, y) f_i^k(q_i^1(x, y)) \right| \leq \lambda \max_k |f_i^k(t)|;$$

(6')  $G$  is a regular region with respect to the functions  $\{q_i^k(x, y)\}$ .

LEMMA 4.5.1. In the sets  $\{q_i^1(G)\}$  we can select subsets consisting of a finite number of points  $t_{i,j} \in q_i^1(G)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s_i$ ) such that for any continuous functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$

$$\max_{i,k} \max_{t \in q_i^1(G)} |f_i^k(t)| \leq c \left( \max_{(x,y) \in G} \left| \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x,y) f_i^k(q_i^1(x,y)) \right| + \max_k |f_i^k(t_{i,j})| \right),$$

where  $C$  is a constant not depending on the functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $G$  is polyhedral, for each  $i$  we can choose in  $q_i(G)$  a finite set of points  $\{t_{i,j}\}$  so dense that the components of the level curves  $e(q_i^1, t_{i,j}) \cap G$  form a  $\delta$ -net in the set of all components of the level curves  $e(q_i^1, t) \cap G$ ,  $t \in q_i^1(G)$ . A sufficiently small  $\delta$ , not depending on the functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$ , will be chosen below. We put

$$\mu = \max_{i,k} \max_{(x,y) \in G} |f_i^k(q_i^1(x,y))|; \\ \varepsilon_1 = \max_{(x,y) \in G} \left| \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x,y) f_i^k(q_i^1(x,y)) \right|; \quad \varepsilon_2 = \max_{k,i,j} |f_i^k(t_{i,j})|.$$

For definiteness, let  $f_1^1(q_1^1(a)) = \mu$  at the point  $a \in G$ . By (5') there exists a point  $a' \in G$  such that  $\left| \sum_{k=1}^{m_1} p_1^k(a') f_1^k(q_1^1(a')) \right| \geq \lambda \mu$ . Let  $[a', a^*]$  be a segment of the level curve of the function  $q_1^1(x, y)$  with end-points at  $a'$  and  $a^*$  such that  $h_1([a', a^*]) \geq \gamma G/2$  (see the definition of a regular region in § 4). On the arc  $[a', a^*]$  we fix a point  $a''$  such that  $\omega(\alpha) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2m_1}$ , where  $\alpha = h_1([a', a''])$ . Then on the segment  $[a', a'']$  the function  $\varphi_1(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{m_1} p_1^k(x, y) f_1^k(q_1^1(x, y))$  keeps a constant sign and satisfies the inequality  $|\varphi_1(x, y)| \geq \lambda \mu / 2$ . In fact,  $|\varphi_1(a')| \geq \lambda \mu$  at the point  $a'$ , and for any point  $s \in [a', a'']$

$$|\varphi_1(s) - \varphi_1(a')| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^{m_1} (p_1^k(s) - p_1^k(a')) f_1^k(a') \right| \leq m_1 \mu \omega(\alpha) \leq \frac{\lambda \mu}{2}.$$

Consequently,

$$\left| \int_{s \in [a', a'']} \varphi_1(s) ds \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \lambda \mu \alpha.$$

By construction there is an index  $j$  and a segment  $[b', b'']$  of the level curve  $e(q_1^1, t_{1,j}) \cap G$  such that  $\rho([a', a''], [b', b'']) < \delta$ . We have

$$\left| \int_{s \in [b', b'']} \varphi_1(s) ds \right| \leq c_1 \varepsilon_2 \beta,$$

where  $\beta = h_1([b', b''])$ ,  $C_1 = m_1 \max_k \max_{(x, y) \in G} |p_1^k(x, y)|$ . And since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are commensurable ( $\delta$  will be chosen small in comparison with  $\alpha$ ),

$$\left| \int_{s \in [a', a'']} \varphi_1(s) ds - \int_{s \in [b', b'']} \varphi_1(s) ds \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \lambda \mu \alpha - c'_1 \varepsilon_2 \alpha.$$

By Lemma 4.2.3

$$\left| \int_{s \in [a', a'']} \varphi_1(s) ds - \int_{s \in [b', b'']} \varphi_1(s) ds \right| \leq c_3 (\alpha \varepsilon_1 + \mu \alpha \omega(\delta) + \mu \delta).$$

Thus,  $c_3 (\alpha \varepsilon_1 + \mu \alpha \omega(\delta) + \mu \delta) \geq \lambda \mu \alpha / 2 - c'_1 \alpha \cdot \varepsilon_2$ . If  $\delta$  is taken sufficiently small in comparison with  $\alpha$  (in order that  $c_3 (\alpha \omega(\delta) + \delta) < \lambda \alpha / 2$ ), then we have  $\mu \leq C(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)$ . This proves the lemma.

Let  $B$  be the Banach space consisting of all systems of functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$ , defined and continuous on the sets  $\{q_i^1(G)\}$ , with the norm

$$\|\{f_i^k(t)\}\|_B = \max_{i, k} \max_{t \in q_i^1(G)} |f_i^k(t)| \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n; k = 1, 2, \dots, m_i).$$

We denote by  $C(G)$  the space of all functions  $f(x, y)$  continuous on  $G$  with the uniform metric:

$$\|f(x, y)\|_{C(G)} = \max_{(x, y) \in G} |f(x, y)|.$$

LEMMA 4.5.2. *The linear operator  $T: B \rightarrow C(G)$  acting by the formula*

$$T(\{f_i^k(t)\}) = f(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x, y) f_i^k(q_i^1(x, y)),$$

*maps bounded closed sets of  $B$  onto closed sets of  $C(G)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \subset B$  be a closed and bounded set of elements of  $B$ . Suppose that  $f_n(x, y)$  is a sequence of functions in  $T(F) \subset C(G)$ , and that  $f(x, y) \in C(G)$ , where  $\|f(x, y) - f_n(x, y)\|_{C(G)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We show that then  $f(x, y) \in T(F)$ . Since  $f_n(x, y) \in T(F)$ , there exists a sequence of elements  $\{f_{i,n}^k(t)\} \in F$  such that  $T(\{f_{i,n}^k(t)\}) = f_n(x, y)$ . By Lemma 4.5.1 we can select in the sets  $\{q_i^1(G)\}$  subsets consisting of a finite number of points  $t_{i,j} \in q_i^1(G)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, s_i$ ) such that for each element  $\{f_i^k(t)\} \in B$  the inequality

$$\|\{f_i^k(t)\}\|_B \leq c (\|f(x, y)\|_{C(G)} + \max_{k, j, i} |f_i^k(t_{i,j})|),$$

is satisfied, where the constant  $C$  does not depend on the functions  $\{f_i^k(t)\}$ . Since  $F$  is a bounded set, there exists a subsequence of suffixes  $n_1, n_2, \dots$  such that for any  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ;  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m_i$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s_i$  the numerical sequence  $f_{i,n_v}^k \rightarrow C_{k,i,j}$  as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ . From this and the previous inequality it follows that  $\{f_{i,n_v}^k(t)\} \in F$  ( $v=1, 2, \dots$ ) is a Cauchy sequence, because it is known that the sequence  $f_n(x, y) \in T(F)$  is Cauchy sequence. Consequently there exists an element  $\{f_i^k(t)\} \in B$  such that  $\| \{f_i^k(t) - f_{i,n_v}^k(t)\} \|_B \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $F$  is a closed set,  $\{f_i^k(t)\} \in F$ . The operator  $T: B \rightarrow C(G)$  is bounded. Therefore  $T(\{f_i^k(t)\}) = f(x, y)$ . Consequently  $f(x, y) \in T(F)$ . This proves the lemma.

The following lemma from the theory of linear operators [28] turns out to be useful.

**LEMMA 4.5.3.** *Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be Banach spaces. If a linear operator  $T: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  maps bounded closed sets of  $B_1$  onto closed sets of  $B_2$ , then its domain of values is closed.*

*Proof of Theorem 4.5.1.* The set of superpositions of the form  $\sum_{m=1}^N p_m(x, y) f_m(g_m(x, y))$  coincides on  $G$  with the set of superpositions of the form  $\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^{m_i} p_i^k(x, y) f_i^k(q_i^1(x, y))$ . By Lemma 4.5.2 and 4.5.3 the set of the latter superpositions is closed in the space  $C(G)$ . This proves the theorem.

## § 6. *The set of linear superpositions in the space of continuous functions is nowhere dense*

**THEOREM 4.6.1.** *For any continuous functions  $p_m(x, y)$  and continuously differentiable functions  $q_m(x, y)$  ( $m=1, 2, \dots, N$ ) and any region  $D$  of the plane of the variables  $x, y$  the set of superpositions of the form*

$$\sum_{m=1}^N p_m(x, y) f_m(q_m(x, y)),$$

*where  $\{f_m(t)\}$  are arbitrary continuous functions, is nowhere dense in the space of all functions continuous in  $D$  with uniform convergence.*

By Lemma 4.2.2 we can find a subregion  $G^* \subset D$ , determine a constant  $\gamma^* > 0$ , and renumber the functions  $\{q_m(x, y)\}$ , with two indices so that