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## Abstract

Most functions from the unit interval to itself have a graph with Hausdorff and lower entropy dimension 1 and upper entropy dimension 2. The same holds for several other Baire spaces of functions. In this paper it will be proved that this is the case also in the spaces of all mappings that are Lebesgue measurable, Borel measurable, integrable in the Riemann sense, continuous, uniform distribution preserving (and continuous).

## 1 Introduction

A result of P. M. Gruber (vgl. [G]) says that in the Baire space of all continuous functions  $f : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$  with the metric

$$d(f, g) = |f - g| = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x) - g(x)|$$

for the graph

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in [0, 1]\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$$

the typical situation is

$$\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) = \dim_E(\Gamma(f)) = 1 < \dim^B(\Gamma(f)) = 2.$$

This means the following: We say that a property is typical for an  $f \in F$  if those  $f$  that do not have the property form a meager subset of the topological space  $F$ . This statement is interesting if  $F$  is a Baire space (i.e. a space where every nonempty open subset is of second category), for instance a complete metric space. A subset  $G \subseteq X$  is called residual if its complement in  $F$  is meager.

The symbols  $\dim^H(A)$ ,  $\dim_E(A)$  and  $\dim^B(A)$  are denoting Hausdorff, lower and upper entropy dimension of a subset  $A$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . (We will have  $X = \mathbf{R}^2$  and take the maximum metric, since balls then are squares in the plane and more convenient to handle.) First we recall the definition of the Hausdorff dimension of  $A$ . We are using the following notations:  $\{U_i \mid i \in I\}$  is

called an  $\eta$ -covering of  $A$  if  $A$  is contained in the union of all  $U_i$  and each  $U_i$  has diameter

$$\text{diam}(U_i) = \sup\{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in U_i\} \leq \eta.$$

For open balls (squares) we will use the notation

$$B(x, \eta) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \eta\}.$$

Call a real function  $\varphi$  admissible if it is non-decreasing, continuous and satisfies  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(\eta) > 0$  for  $\eta > 0$ . For an admissible  $\varphi$  consider

$$\mu_{(\varphi, \eta)}(A) = \inf \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi(\text{diam}(U_i)),$$

where the infimum is taken over all countable  $\eta$ -coverings of  $A$ .

$$\mu_{\varphi}(A) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \mu_{(\varphi, \eta)}(A)$$

defines an outer measure on  $X$ . For  $\varphi(t) = t^{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , we also write  $\mu_{\alpha}$  instead of  $\mu_{\varphi}$ . The unique number  $\delta \in [0, \infty]$  such that  $\mu_{\alpha}(A) = \infty$  for all  $\alpha < \delta$  and  $\mu_{\alpha}(A) = 0$  for all  $\alpha > \delta$  is the Hausdorff dimension  $\dim^H(A)$  of  $A$ .

Upper and lower entropy dimension are quite similar concepts. If there exists a finite  $\eta$ -covering for the set  $A$  we denote by  $N(\eta, A)$  the minimal cardinality of such a covering. In the case  $A = \Gamma(f)$  we will use the shorter notation  $N(\eta, f)$  instead of  $N(\eta, \Gamma(f))$ . We say that  $A$  has upper entropy dimension  $\dim^E(A) = \delta$  if  $\delta$  is the supremum of all  $\alpha$  with the property that  $\eta^{\alpha} N(\eta, A)$  does not tend to 0 for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sup \eta^{\alpha} N(\eta, A) > 0.$$

Similarly the lower entropy dimension  $\dim^E(A)$  is defined to be the supremum  $\delta$  of all  $\alpha$  such that

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \inf \eta^{\alpha} N(\eta, A) > 0.$$

For the statements

1.  $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sup \varphi(\eta) N(\eta, A) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \varphi(\eta) N(\eta, A) = 0$
2.  $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \inf \varphi(\eta) N(\eta, A) = 0$
3.  $\mu_{\varphi}(A) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \mu_{\varphi, \eta}(A) = 0$

we have the implications 1.  $\implies$  2. and 2.  $\implies$  3. which gives the relation between upper entropy dimension, lower entropy dimension and Hausdorff dimension. The first implication is trivial. The second one follows from the fact that in the definition of  $\mu_{\varphi, \eta}(A)$  the infimum also respects all finite coverings by  $\eta$ -squares, i.e.

$$\mu_{\varphi, \eta}(A) \leq \varphi(\eta) N(\eta, A).$$

The inequality

$$\dim^H(A) \leq \dim_E(A) \leq \dim^E(A)$$

is an immediate consequence.

To state our results in a stronger version we use the following notations. Consider (instead of the power functions  $\varphi(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ) any admissible  $\varphi$  and define for  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  the sets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_\varphi^H &= \{f \in \mathcal{K} \mid \mu_\varphi(\Gamma(f)) = 0\}, \\ \mathcal{K}_\varphi &= \{f \in \mathcal{K} \mid \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \varphi(\eta)N(\eta, f) = 0\} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\varphi^H \quad \text{and} \\ \mathcal{K}^\varphi &= \{f \in \mathcal{K} \mid \limsup_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \varphi(\eta)N(\eta, f) > 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\varphi(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$  we have  $\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) \leq \alpha$  if  $f \in \mathcal{K}_\varphi^H$ ,  $\dim_E(\Gamma(f)) \leq \alpha$  if  $f \in \mathcal{K}_\varphi$  and  $\dim^E(\Gamma(f)) \geq \alpha$  if  $f \in \mathcal{K}^\varphi$ .

In this paper we are going to prove that P. M. Gruber's result holds in several Baire spaces of functions. We shall investigate the following spaces of transformations of the unit interval  $I = [0, 1]$  with the sup-metric.

$\mathcal{F} = \{f \mid f : I \rightarrow I\}$ , the set of all maps from  $I$  to itself.

$\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ , the set of all Lebesgue measurable selfmaps of  $I$ .

$\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ , the set of all Borel measurable selfmaps of  $I$ .

$\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ , the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  that are integrable in the Riemann sense.

$\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , the set of all maps that preserve uniform distribution of sequences on  $I$  (u.d.p.-maps).

$\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , the set of all continuous transformations of  $I$ .

$\mathcal{UC} = \mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{C}$ , the set of all continuous u.d.p.-maps.

Note that a map  $f : I \rightarrow I$  is called u.d.p. ( $f \in \mathcal{U}$ ) if for every uniformly distributed sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  the induced sequence  $(f(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly distributed too. From [PSS] it follows that  $f$  is u.d.p. if and only if it is Riemann integrable and preserves the Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$ , i.e.

$$\lambda(f^{-1}(A)) = \lambda(A)$$

for all intervals and hence for all measurable sets  $A$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{U}$  (as all other considered classes) is closed under uniform limits, hence, being a complete metric space with respect to the uniform metric, indeed a Baire space.

In [PSS] many results about piecewise linear or continuously differentiable u.d.p. maps are presented. Continuing investigations of [TW] our result on  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{UC}$  show in a more precise way that, in the sense of Baire categories, piecewise smooth functions  $f$  (fulfilling  $\dim^E(\Gamma(f)) = 1$ ) do not represent the typical situation in these spaces of functions.

## 2 The main results

**Lemma 1** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $0 < \eta_1 < \eta_2$  be arbitrary. Then there exists a  $\delta > 0$*

such that

1.  $N(\eta_2, g) \leq N(\eta_1, f)$  and
2.  $N(\eta_1, g) \geq N(\eta_2, f)$

for all  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $|g - f| < \delta$ .

**Proof:**

1. The first statement is trivial with  $\delta_1 = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{2}$ , since for every  $\eta_1$ -covering  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , of  $\Gamma(f)$  we find  $p_i$  such that  $U_i \subseteq B(p_i, \frac{\eta_1}{2})$  to get an  $\eta_2$ -covering  $B(p_i, \frac{\eta_2}{2})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , for all  $g$  close to  $f$ .
2. For the second statement we assume, by contradiction, that for every  $\delta_2 > 0$  there is a  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $|g - f| < \delta_2$  and  $N(\eta_1, g) < N(\eta_2, f) = N$ . We are going to construct an  $\eta_2$ -covering  $U_1, \dots, U_{N-1}$  of  $\Gamma(f)$ , contradicting  $N(\eta_2, f) = N$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we get a  $g_n$  with  $|g_n - f| < \frac{1}{n}$  and an  $\eta_1$ -covering of  $\Gamma(g_n)$  by balls

$$B_i^{(n)} = B(p_i^{(n)}, \frac{\eta_1}{2}), \quad p_i^{(n)} = (x_i^{(n)}, y_i^{(n)}), \quad i = 1, \dots, N - 1.$$

W.l.o.g. we may assume  $B_i^{(n)} \cap \Gamma(g_n) \neq \emptyset$ . The sequence  $(p_1^{(n)}, \dots, p_{N-1}^{(n)})$  of points in the compact set  $[0, 1]^{2(N-1)}$  has a subsequence converging to an  $(p_1, \dots, p_{N-1})$ ,  $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ , for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For some large  $n$  we have for every  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $p = (x, f(x))$  and some  $i \in \{1, \dots, N - 1\}$

$$\begin{aligned} d(p, p_i) &\leq d(p, (x, g_n(x))) + d((x, g_n(x)), p_i^{(n)}) + d(p_i^{(n)}, p_i) \\ &\leq |f - g_n| + \frac{\eta_1}{2} + d(p_i^{(n)}, p_i) < \frac{\eta_2}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $U_i = B(p_i, \frac{\eta_2}{2})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N - 1$ , is the desired covering of  $\Gamma(f)$ . Hence there is a  $\delta_2$  as stated in the assertion.

Now take  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$  to complete the proof. **q.e.d.**

**Theorem 1** *Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be any subclass of  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

1. *Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be admissible functions satisfying*

$$\psi(\eta) = o(\varphi(\eta)) \text{ for } \eta \rightarrow 0.$$

*Furthermore assume that for every  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $c > 0$  there is a  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  and a positive  $\eta < c$  such that  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$  and  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}_\psi$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\psi^H$  are residual. Therefore, if this assumption is satisfied for every  $\varphi$  of the form  $\varphi(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ ,*

$$\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) = \dim_E(\Gamma(f)) = 1$$

*for a typical  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .*

2. Let  $\varphi$  be an admissible function. Furthermore assume the existence of an  $a > 0$  such that for every  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $c > 0$  there is a  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  and a positive  $\eta < c$  such that  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$  and  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > a$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}^\varphi$  is residual. Therefore, if this assumption is satisfied for every  $\varphi$  of the form  $\varphi(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha < 2$ ,

$$\dim^B(\Gamma(f)) = 2$$

for a typical  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Proof:**

1. Since

$$\mathcal{K}_\psi = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\psi^H$$

with

$$\mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k} = \bigcup_{\eta < \frac{1}{n}} \{f \in \mathcal{K} \mid N(\eta, f)\psi(\eta) < \frac{1}{k}\}$$

we have to prove that every  $\mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k}$ ,  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a) dense and b) open in  $\mathcal{K}$ , yielding that  $\mathcal{K}_\psi$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\psi^H$  are residual.

ad a): For arbitrary  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have to find a  $g \in \mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k}$  with  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ . By  $\psi = o(\varphi)$  there is an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\psi(\eta) < \frac{1}{k}\varphi(\eta)$  for all  $\eta < \frac{1}{n_0}$ . Put  $c = \min(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n_0})$  and take  $g$  and  $\eta$  as in the assumption. By

$$N(\eta, g)\psi(\eta) < \frac{1}{k}N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < \frac{1}{k}$$

this  $g$  does the job.

ad b): Pick  $f \in \mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k}$ , i.e.

$$N(\eta, f)\psi(\eta) < \frac{1}{k}$$

for some  $\eta < \frac{1}{n}$ . By continuity of  $\psi$  there is an  $\eta'$  satisfying  $\eta < \eta' < \frac{1}{n}$  and

$$N(\eta, f)\psi(\eta') < \frac{1}{k}.$$

By Lemma 1.1 there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|g - f| < \delta$  implies  $N(\eta', g) \leq N(\eta, f)$ , hence

$$N(\eta', g)\psi(\eta') < \frac{1}{k}, \text{ i.e. } g \in \mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k},$$

proving that  $\mathcal{K}_{\psi, n, k}$  is open in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

The second assertion of the first part of the Theorem now is an easy consequence: By the first assertion every  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi_n}$ ,  $\varphi_n(\eta) = \eta^{1+\frac{1}{n}}$ , is residual, hence the countable intersection

$$\mathcal{K}^{(1)} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{K}_{\varphi_n}$$

is residual too. Since every  $f \in \mathcal{K}^{(1)}$  satisfies  $\dim_E(\Gamma(f)) \leq 1$  everything follows from  $1 \leq \dim^H(\Gamma(f)) \leq \dim_E(\Gamma(f))$ .

2. Since

$$\mathcal{K}^\varphi = \bigcup_{a>0} \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi$$

with

$$\mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi = \bigcup_{\eta < \frac{1}{n}} \{f \in \mathcal{K} \mid N(\eta, f)\varphi(\eta) > a\}$$

it suffices to prove that every  $\mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a) dense and b) open in  $\mathcal{K}$ , yielding that  $\mathcal{K}^\varphi$  is residual.

ad a): For arbitrary  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have to find a  $g \in \mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi$  with  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ . Put  $c = \frac{1}{n}$  and take  $g$  and  $\eta$  as in the assumption. By

$$N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > a$$

this  $g$  does the job.

ad b): Pick  $f \in \mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi$ , i.e.

$$N(\eta, f)\varphi(\eta) > a$$

for some  $\eta < \frac{1}{n}$ . By the continuity of  $\varphi$  there is an  $\eta' < \eta$  such that  $N(\eta, f)\varphi(\eta') > a$ . Hence Lemma 1.2 guarantees the existence of some  $\delta > 0$  with

$$N(\eta', g)\varphi(\eta') \geq N(\eta, f)\varphi(\eta') > a, \quad \text{i.e. } g \in \mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi,$$

for all  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $|g - f| < \delta$ . This proves that  $\mathcal{K}_{n,a}^\varphi$  is open.

The second assertion of the second part of the Theorem follows as in the first part: By the first assertion every  $\mathcal{K}_{\varphi_n}$ ,  $\varphi_n(\eta) = \eta^{2-\frac{1}{n}}$ , is residual, hence the countable intersection

$$\mathcal{K}^{(2)} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{K}_{\varphi_n}$$

is residual too. Since every  $f \in \mathcal{K}^{(2)}$  satisfies  $\dim^E(\Gamma(f)) = 2$  the proof is complete. **q.e.d.**

**Theorem 2** For  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{UC}$  the following holds:

1. For every admissible  $\varphi$  satisfying  $\varphi(\eta) = o(\eta)$  (for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ )  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi^H$  are residual. Hence

$$\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) = \dim_E(\Gamma(f)) = 1$$

for a typical  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .

2. For every admissible  $\varphi$  satisfying  $\eta^2 = o(\varphi(\eta))$  (for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ )  $\mathcal{K}^\varphi$  is residual. Hence

$$\dim^E(\Gamma(f)) = 2$$

for a typical  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Proof:**

1. Pick  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and an arbitrary admissible  $\varphi(\eta) = o(\eta)$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ . Theorem 1.1 implies the assertion when we find a  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  and a positive  $\eta < c$  satisfying  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$  and  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$ . We are going to treat the different cases for  $\mathcal{K}$ .

- (a)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}$ : Take an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  and define  $g(x) = \frac{k}{n}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , for  $\frac{k-1}{n} \leq f(x) < \frac{k}{n}$ , hence  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ . Since

$$\Gamma(g) \subseteq \{(x, \frac{k}{n}) \mid x \in I, k \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$$

we get

$$N(\eta, g) \leq n(\frac{1}{\eta} + 1).$$

Furthermore  $\varphi(\eta) < \frac{\eta}{2n}$  for sufficiently small  $\eta < c$  (w.l.o.g  $\eta < 1$ ), hence indeed

$$N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \eta) < 1.$$

- (b)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{R}$ : Again fix an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Call an interval  $J \subseteq [0, 1]$  regular if the following conditions hold:

- i.  $J = [\frac{l}{2^m}, \frac{l+1}{2^m}]$  for some nonnegative integers  $l$  and  $m$ .
- ii.  $\sup_{x \in J} f(x) - \inf_{x \in J} f(x) < \varepsilon$ .
- iii.  $J$  is maximal with the properties (i) and (ii).

Every  $J$  satisfying i. and ii. is contained in a unique regular one. On each regular  $J$  define  $g$  to be constant taking a value  $\frac{k}{n}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $|f(x) - \frac{k}{n}| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in J$ . Note that this is possible by property ii. If  $x$  is not contained in a regular  $J$  define  $g(x) = \frac{k}{n}$  such that  $|f(x) - \frac{k}{n}| < \varepsilon$ , hence  $|f - g| < \varepsilon$ . As in the case (a) we get

$$N(\eta, g) \leq n(\frac{1}{\eta} + 1) = O(\frac{1}{\eta}),$$

hence  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$  for sufficiently small  $\eta > 0$ . It remains to prove that  $g \in \mathcal{R}$ . Consider the sets  $D_f$  and  $D_g$  of all  $x \in I$  such that  $f$  resp.  $g$  is not continuous in  $x$ . If  $x \notin D_f$ ,  $x$  is contained in a regular  $J = [\frac{l}{2^m}, \frac{l+1}{2^m}]$ . If such an  $x$  is not an end point of  $J$  then  $x \notin D_g$ . This reasoning proves  $D_g \subseteq D_f \cup D$ ,

$$D = \{\frac{l}{2^m} \mid l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0\}.$$

$f \in \mathcal{R}$ , hence  $D_f$  has Lebesgue measure  $\lambda(D_f) = 0$ ,  $D$  is countable, hence  $\lambda(D) = 0$  and therefore  $\lambda(D_g) = 0$ , proving  $g \in \mathcal{R}$ .

(c)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{U}$ : Again fix an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Modifying the construction of (b) we now call an interval  $J \subseteq [0, 1]$  regular if the following conditions hold:

- i.  $J = [\frac{l}{2^m}, \frac{l+1}{2^m}]$  for some nonnegative integers  $l$  and  $m$ .
- ii.  $f(J) \subseteq (\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n})$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
- iii.  $J$  is maximal with the properties (i) and (ii).

Again every  $J$  satisfying i. and ii. is contained in a unique regular one. We are going to prove

$$\lambda(M) = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad M = \bigcup \{J \mid J \text{ regular}\}.$$

We have  $I \setminus M \subseteq D_f \cup D \cup f^{-1}(S)$  where  $D_f$  and  $D$  are defined as in (b) and

$$S = \{\frac{i}{n} \mid i \in \{0, \dots, n\}\}.$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$  we have  $\lambda(f^{-1}(S)) = \lambda(S) = 0$  and  $\lambda(D_f) = 0$ . This implies

$$\lambda(I \setminus M) \leq \lambda(D_f) + \lambda(D) + \lambda(f^{-1}(S)) = 0, \quad \lambda(M) = 1.$$

Now define the functions  $g_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , by

$$g_i(x) = \frac{i-1}{n} + \lambda\left([0, x] \cap f^{-1}\left([\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}]\right)\right).$$

Observe that  $g_i$  is monotonous non-decreasing,  $g_i(0) = \frac{i-1}{n}$ ,  $g_i(1) = \frac{i}{n}$  and

$$|g_i(y) - g_i(x)| \leq |y - x|.$$

In particular  $g_i$  is continuous. Now define  $g(x) = g_i(x)$  for  $\frac{i-1}{n} < f(x) < \frac{i}{n}$  or  $g(x) = f(x) = \frac{i}{n}$ . By construction we have  $|g - f| \leq \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ .

The set  $D_g$  of discontinuities of  $g$  is contained in  $I \setminus M$ , hence  $\lambda(D_g) = 0$  and  $g \in \mathcal{R}$ . To prove  $g \in \mathcal{U}$  it remains to show that  $g$  preserves

the Lebesgue measure. Consider an arbitrary regular  $J = (a, b)$ , say  $f(J) \subseteq (\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n})$ .  $g$  is linear on  $J$  with constant derivative  $g' \equiv 1$ , hence the restriction

$$g|_J : (a, b) \rightarrow g(J) = (c, d)$$

preserves the Lebesgue measure. By construction  $g$  is injective on  $M$ . Thus we conclude that

$$g|_M : M \rightarrow g(M)$$

is a measure preserving injection. Since

$$\lambda(I \setminus M) = \lambda(I \setminus g(M)) = 0$$

also  $g$  is measure preserving, hence  $g \in \mathcal{U}$ .

The last step is to show  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$  for small  $\eta > 0$ . For every  $\Gamma(g_i)$  we find an  $\eta$ -covering

$$U_j, j = 1, \dots, K, K = \lceil \frac{1}{\eta} \rceil + 1,$$

by taking

$$U_j = B(p_j, \frac{\eta}{2}), p_j = (x_j, g_i(x_j)), x_j = \frac{2j-1}{2K}.$$

Here we use the Lipschitz condition  $|g(y) - g(x)| \leq |y - x|$ . By construction

$$\Gamma(g) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \Gamma(g_i) \cup \bigcup_{i=0}^n \Gamma(c_i)$$

where  $c_i \equiv \frac{i}{n}$  are constant functions, trivially admitting an  $\eta$ -covering of cardinality  $K$ . Thus we get

$$N(\eta, g) \leq (2n+1)K = (2n+1)(\lceil \frac{1}{\eta} \rceil + 1) = O(\frac{1}{\eta})$$

for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , hence  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$  for sufficiently small  $\eta > 0$ .

- (d)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{C}$ : Take any continuous and piecewise linear approximation  $g$  of  $f$  with  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ . Since  $g$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition we conclude  $N(\eta, g) = O(\frac{1}{\eta})$  and hence  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) < 1$  for sufficiently small  $\eta$ .
- (e)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{UC}$ : By [TW], Theorem 3.2, there is a piecewise linear  $g \in \mathcal{UC}$  with  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ . Therefore the same argument works as for  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{C}$ .

2. Pick  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and an arbitrary admissible  $\varphi$  with  $\eta^2 = o(\varphi(\eta))$ . Theorem 1.2 implies the assertion when we find a  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  and a positive  $\eta < c$  satisfying  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$  and  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > 1$ . We are going to treat the different cases for  $\mathcal{K}$ .

- (a)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}$ : For irrational  $x \notin \mathbf{Q}$  define  $g(x) = f(x)$ . To construct  $g(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbf{Q}$  fix an integer  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Consider the factor groups  $\mathbf{Q}/(\frac{1}{n})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}/D$ ,

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \left\{\frac{k}{n} \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}\right\} \subseteq D = \left\{\frac{k}{2^l n} \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}, l \geq 0\right\}.$$

In a natural sense  $D + (\frac{1}{n})$  may be considered as a dense subgroup of  $\mathbf{Q}/(\frac{1}{n})$ .

The factor group

$$\left(\mathbf{Q}/\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) / \left(D + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \cong \mathbf{Q}/D$$

is infinite: Consider two odd primes  $p > q > n$ . The hypothesis  $\frac{1}{p} + D = \frac{1}{q} + D$  leads to  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{k}{n2^l}$ ,  $k$  odd,  $l \geq 0$  integer, hence

$$n2^l(q-p) = kpq.$$

The right hand side is odd, hence  $l = 0$ ,  $|\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}| \geq \frac{1}{n}$ , contradicting  $0 < \frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{n}$ . Therefore all classes  $\frac{1}{p} + D$ ,  $p > n$  prime, are distinct,  $\mathbf{Q}/D$  is indeed infinite.

Since all involved sets are countable there is a bijection

$$\beta: \mathbf{Q}/D \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Let  $\kappa: \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}/D$ ,  $x \mapsto x + D$ , denote the canonical map. For  $x \in \mathbf{Q}$  we define  $g(x)$  in such a way that

$$g(x) \in \beta(\kappa(x)) = \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

and  $|g(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .

Now  $g$  is defined on the whole interval  $I$  and satisfies  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ .  $g$  and  $f$  differ only on a subset of  $\mathbf{Q}$ , i.e. on a countable set, hence  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  implies  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  for all cases  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}$ . Thus it remains to find a positive  $\eta < c$  such that  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > 1$ . We are going to deduce  $N(\eta, g) \geq \frac{1}{n\eta^2}$  for all  $\eta > 0$ . Then  $\varphi(\eta) > n\eta^2$  for small  $\eta$  yields the assertion.

Consider an arbitrary finite covering of  $\Gamma(g)$  by squares  $U_1, \dots, U_N$  of length  $\eta$ , i.e.

$$\lambda(U) \leq N\eta^2$$

for  $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^N U_i$  ( $\lambda =$  two-dimensional Lebesgue measure). We are going to consider the topological closure  $\overline{\Gamma(g)}$  of the graph of  $g$ . Since  $\Gamma(g) \subseteq \overline{U}$  we have

$$\lambda(\overline{\Gamma(g)}) \leq N\eta^2.$$

Claim: For every point  $(x, y) \in I \times [0, \frac{1}{n}]$  there is a  $k \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  with

$$(x, y + \frac{k}{n}) \in \overline{\Gamma(g)}.$$

To prove this claim we construct a sequence  $(x_l, y_l) \in \Gamma(g)$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $|x_l - x| < \frac{1}{l}$  and  $|y_l - y - \frac{k(l)}{n}| < \frac{1}{l}$  for some  $k(l) \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ . First take any rational  $y'_l \in [0, \frac{1}{n}]$  with the property  $|y'_l - y| < \frac{1}{l}$ . There is an  $x'_l + D \in \mathbb{Q}/D$  and a  $k(l) \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  with  $g(x_l) = y_l = y'_l + \frac{k(l)}{n}$ . Since  $D$  is dense there is an  $x_l \in x'_l + D$  satisfying  $|x_l - x| < \frac{1}{l}$ . Among the  $k(l)$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is at least one  $k$  occurring infinitely many times. Hence the sequence  $(x_l, g(x_l) = y_l = y'_l + \frac{k(l)}{n})$  has the cluster point  $(x, y + \frac{k}{n}) \in \overline{\Gamma(g)}$ .

We now consider the sets

$$\Gamma_k = \Gamma(g) \cap I \times [\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}],$$

their outer Lebesgue measures  $\lambda^*(\Gamma_k)$  and the translations

$$\tau_k : (x, y) \mapsto (x, y - \frac{k}{n}),$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1$ . By the claim proved above

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} \tau_k(\overline{\Gamma_k}) = \overline{\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} \tau_k(\Gamma_k)} = [0, 1] \times [0, \frac{1}{n}].$$

$\lambda^*$  is subadditive and translation invariant, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} &= \lambda^* \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} \tau_k(\overline{\Gamma_k}) \right) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \lambda^*(\tau_k(\overline{\Gamma_k})) = \\ &= \lambda^*(\overline{\Gamma(g)}) = \lambda(\overline{\Gamma(g)}) \leq N\eta^2, \end{aligned}$$

yielding  $N \geq \frac{1}{n\eta^2}$ .

(b)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$ : Since  $f$  is integrable in the Riemann sense there is an interval  $J = [a, b] \subseteq I$  of length  $\lambda = b - a > 0$  and an  $y_0$  such that

$$f(J) \subseteq (y_0, y_0 + \varepsilon).$$

For  $x \notin J$  define  $g(x) = f(x)$ . To define  $g$  on  $J$  let  $K$  be an integer determined later and  $\alpha = \frac{\lambda}{2K+1}$ . Let  $\Gamma(g)$  on  $J$  be a zigzag line connecting the points  $p_0, \dots, p_{2K+1}$ , where  $p_0 = (a, f(a))$ ,  $p_i = (a + i\alpha, y_0 + \varepsilon)$  for odd  $i = 1, \dots, 2K-1$ ,  $p_i = (a + i\alpha, y_0)$  for even  $i = 2, \dots, 2K$  and  $p_{2K+1} = (b, f(b))$ .

We will show  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > 1$  for appropriate  $K$  and small  $\eta > 0$ . To cover the line segment  $g_j$  connecting  $p_{2j-1}$  and  $p_{2j}$  one needs at least  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\eta}$  squares of length  $\eta$ . For  $\eta < \frac{\lambda}{2K+1}$  none of these squares intersects with any other  $g_{j'}$ , hence  $N(\eta, g) \geq K \frac{\varepsilon}{\eta}$  in this case. Now take any positive  $\eta < c$ , w.l.o.g.  $\eta < \frac{\lambda}{6} \leq \frac{1}{6}$ , such that

$$\varphi(\eta) > \frac{4\eta^2}{\varepsilon\lambda}$$

and the unique integer  $K \in [\beta - 1, \beta)$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\eta} - 1)$ , then indeed

$$N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > (\beta - 1) \frac{\varepsilon}{\eta} \frac{4\eta^2}{\varepsilon\lambda} > 1.$$

- (c)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{U}$ :  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , hence we may define  $J = [a, b]$ ,  $y_0$  and  $g(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \notin J$  as in the case  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{R}$ . On  $J$  we have to give a construction for  $g$  such that  $g \in \mathcal{U}$ , i.e. such that  $g$  is integrable in the Riemann sense and satisfies

$$\lambda(g^{-1}(M) \cap J) = \lambda(f^{-1}(M) \cap J)$$

for all measurable  $M$ . This can be done by using the unique non-decreasing function  $h : I \rightarrow (y_0, y_0 + \varepsilon)$  defined by the relation

$$(b - a)\lambda(h^{-1}(M)) = \lambda(f^{-1}(M) \cap J)$$

for all intervals  $M \subseteq (y_0, y_0 + \varepsilon)$  (and hence for all measurable  $M$ ). For any integer  $K$  we may define

$$g(x) = h\left(\frac{x - a - k\alpha}{\alpha}\right), \quad \alpha = \frac{b - a}{K},$$

if  $a + k\alpha \leq x < a + (k + 1)\alpha$ ,  $k \in \{0, \dots, K - 1\}$ , and get a  $g$  that is integrable in the Riemann sense, measure preserving, i.e.  $g \in \mathcal{U}$ , and satisfying  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $g_k$  denote the restriction of  $g$  to the interval  $J_k = [a + k\alpha, a + (k + 1)\alpha]$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ . Suppose there is an  $\eta$ -covering  $U_i = (u_i, u_i + \eta) \times (v_i, v_i + \eta)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, l$  of  $\Gamma(g_k)$  with  $l < \frac{b-a}{\eta}$ . Consider the set

$$V = \bigcup_{i=1}^l (v_i, v_i + \eta),$$

satisfying  $\lambda(V) \leq l\eta < b - a$ . The contradiction

$$b - a = \lambda(J) \leq \lambda(g^{-1}(V)) = \lambda(V) \leq l\eta < b - a$$

proves  $N(\eta, g_k) \geq \frac{b-a}{\eta}$  for  $k = 0, \dots, K-1$ . Now a reasoning similar as in the case  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{R}$  shows that indeed

$$N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > 1$$

for appropriate  $K$  and  $\eta < c$ .

- (d)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{UC}$ : By [TW], Theorem 3.2, there is a piecewise linear  $f' \in \mathcal{UC}$  satisfying  $|f - f'| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Now apply the construction of the case  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{C}$  on  $f'$  instead of  $f$ ,  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  instead of  $\varepsilon$  and an interval  $[a, b]$  where  $f'$  is linear. Note that the resulting  $g$  satisfies

$$\lambda(g^{-1}(M)) = \lambda(f'^{-1}(M)) = \lambda(M)$$

for each measurable set  $M \subseteq I$ , hence  $g \in \mathcal{U}$ . Obviously  $g$  is continuous, therefore  $g \in \mathcal{UC}$ . Furthermore

$$|g - f| \leq |g - f'| + |f' - f| < \varepsilon$$

and  $N(\eta, g)\varphi(\eta) > 1$  for some  $\eta < c$ .

**q.e.d.**

**Remark:** Inspecting the proof of Theorem 2.2 one sees that it holds also for the restriction of  $f$  to any nontrivial subinterval  $J \subseteq I$ . Since each  $J$  contains at least one of the countably many nontrivial intervals with rational end points we even get the stronger result that the local upper entropy dimension which is defined by

$$\dim_{\text{loc}}^E(\Gamma(f)) = \inf_J \dim^E(\Gamma(f|_J))$$

equals 2 for a typical  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{UC}$ . (The infimum in the definition is taken over all nontrivial subintervals  $J \subseteq I$ .)

### 3 Some additional remarks

The results of section 2 said, for instance, that for several Baire spaces  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  and every admissible  $\varphi$ ,  $\eta^2 = o(\varphi(\eta))$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , the set  $\mathcal{K}^\varphi$  is residual. The following question arises: How big is the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  lying in all  $\mathcal{K}^\varphi$ . Since all admissible sequences form a set that is not countable we are not allowed to conclude that

$$\mathcal{K}^* = \bigcap_{\varphi} \mathcal{K}^\varphi \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{K}_* = \bigcap_{\varphi} \mathcal{K}_\varphi$$

is residual. (The intersection is taken over all admissible  $\varphi$  satisfying  $\eta^2 = o(\varphi(\eta))$  resp.  $\varphi(\eta) = o(\eta)$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ .) The following Theorem shows that, in general, this is indeed wrong.

**Theorem 3** Let  $f \in \mathcal{R}$  arbitrary. Then there is an admissible  $\varphi$ ,  $\eta^2 = o(\varphi(\eta))$ , such that  $f \notin \mathcal{R}^\varphi$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{K}^* = \bigcap_{\varphi} \mathcal{K}^\varphi = \emptyset$$

for  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{UC}$ .

**Proof:** The assertion follows if, for arbitrary  $c > 0$ , we can find an  $\eta \in (0, c)$  such that  $\eta^2 N(\eta, f) \leq c$  for all positive  $\eta < \eta_0$ . This relation would give rise to an admissible  $\varphi$  with the desired properties.

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  consider

$$\Delta_N^{(j)} = \sup_{\frac{j}{N} \leq x, y \leq \frac{j+1}{N}} f(x) - f(y)$$

for  $j = 0, \dots, N-1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^2 N(\eta, f) &\leq \eta^2 \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{1}{N\eta} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_N^{(j)}}{\eta} + 1 \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \Delta_N^{(j)} + \eta + \eta \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \Delta_N^{(j)} + N\eta^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}$  the first term is  $< \frac{c}{4}$  for sufficiently large  $N$ . For such an  $N$

$$\eta < \eta_0 = \min \left( \frac{c}{4}, \frac{c}{4} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \Delta_N^{(j)} \right)^{-1}, \sqrt{\frac{c}{4N}} \right)$$

implies  $\eta^2 N(\eta, f) < c$ . **q.e.d.**

For  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}$  Theorem 3 is wrong. This follows from the construction in the proof of Theorem 2.2. There, for arbitrary  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a function  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  was constructed satisfying  $|g - f| < \varepsilon$  and

$$\limsup_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \eta^2 N(\eta, g) > 0.$$

This proves that  $\mathcal{K}^*$  is dense in  $\mathcal{K}$ , i.e.  $\overline{\mathcal{K}^*} = \mathcal{K}$  for  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}$ . The constructions in the proof of Theorem 2.1 show that the analogous result  $\overline{\mathcal{K}_*} = \mathcal{K}$  holds for  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{UC}$ .

The question whether there are nontrivial Baire subspaces  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  for which Theorem 2 does not hold can be answered in the affirmative easily by examples:

$\dim^E(\Gamma(f)) = 1$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  holds if  $\mathcal{K}$  consists of all constant functions or all functions that are linear in every interval  $(0, x_1), (x_1, x_2), \dots, (x_n, 1)$ , where  $0 \leq x_1, \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq 1$  are fixed.

$\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) = 2$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  holds if

$$\mathcal{K} = \{cf \mid c \in [\varepsilon, 1]\},$$

$\varepsilon > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  arbitrary but fixed with  $\dim^H(\Gamma(f)) = 2$  (such  $f$  do exist).

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