

A Mazurkiewicz Set as the union of two Sierpiński-Zygmund functions

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Nowakowski-Pan Theorem (Submitted)

If $\mathcal{C} \subseteq [0, 1]$ is a Cantor set that contains 0 and 1, then

$$\sup m(\mathcal{C}^c - \mathcal{C}) = 2, \quad \inf m(\mathcal{C}^c - \mathcal{C}) = \frac{3}{2}.$$

[NPb] P. Nowakowski and C.-H. Pan, *The algebraic difference of a Cantor set and its complement*. arXiv.2505.03170.

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Theorem (Kuratowski)

If $g: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **continuous** for some $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then g has a **continuous extension** $\bar{g}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for some G_δ set $S \subseteq G \subseteq \bar{S}$.

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Answer (Balcerzak, Ciesielski, Natkaniec)

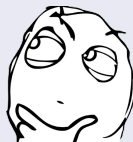
The answer $SZ \cap D \neq \emptyset$ or $SZ \cap D = \emptyset$ is **independent** of ZFC.

[BCN97] M. Balcerzak, K. Ciesielski, and T. Natkaniec, *Sierpiński-Zygmund functions that are Darboux, almost continuous, or have a perfect road*, Arch. Math. Logic **37** (1997), no. 1, 29–35, DOI 10.1007/s001530050080. MR1485861

Mazurkiewicz Set

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There is a **plane subset** that...
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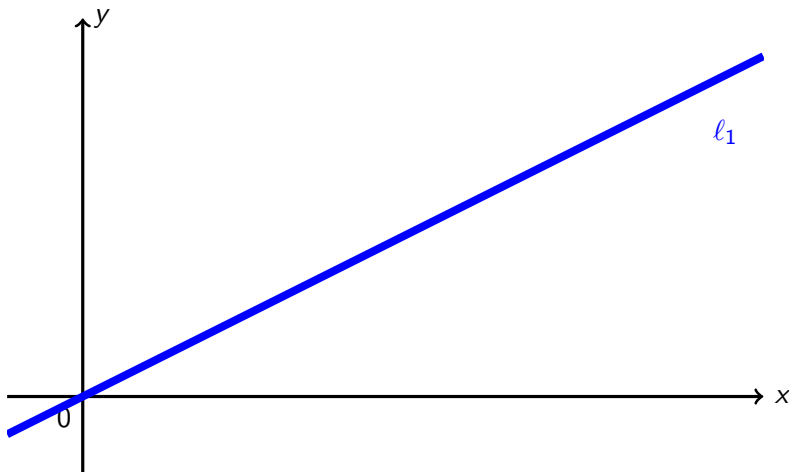
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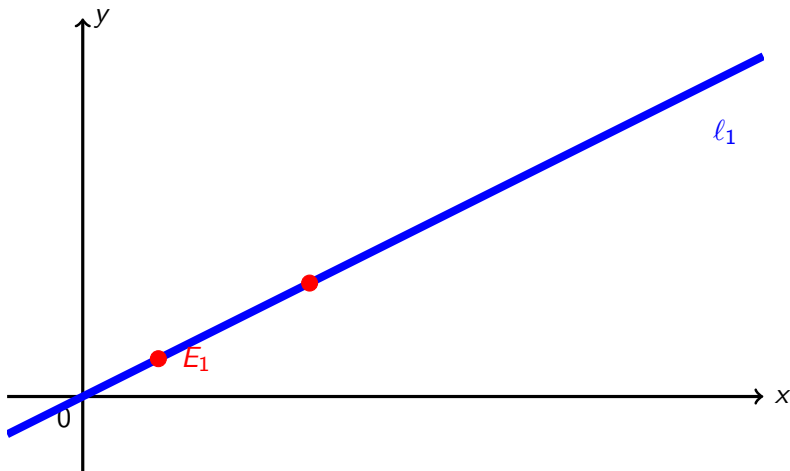
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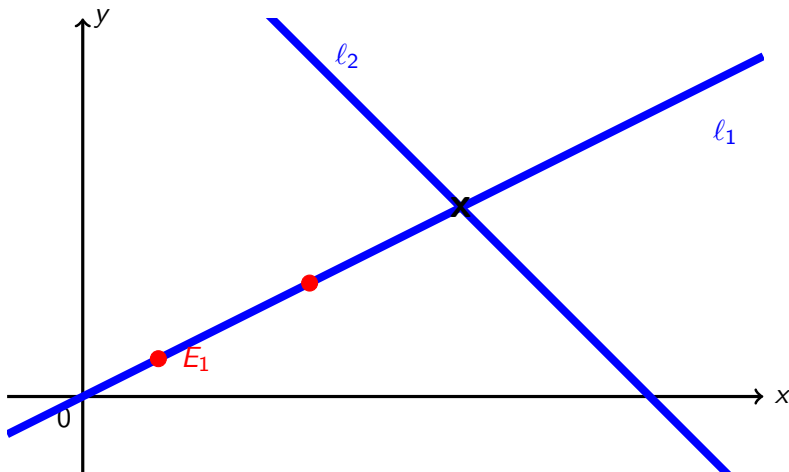
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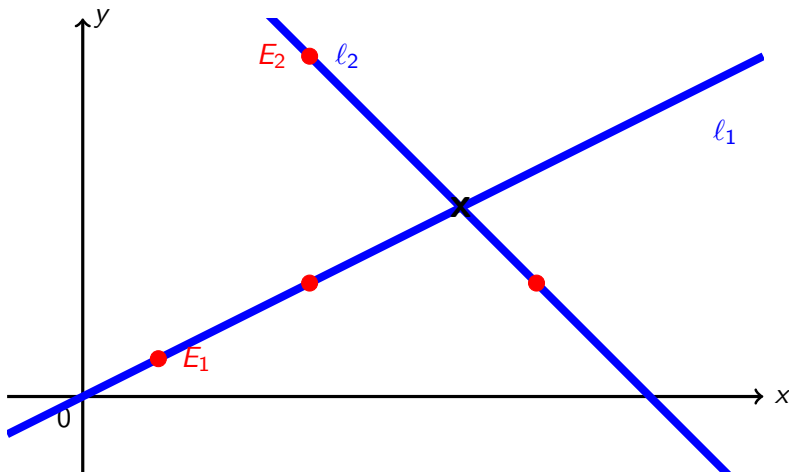
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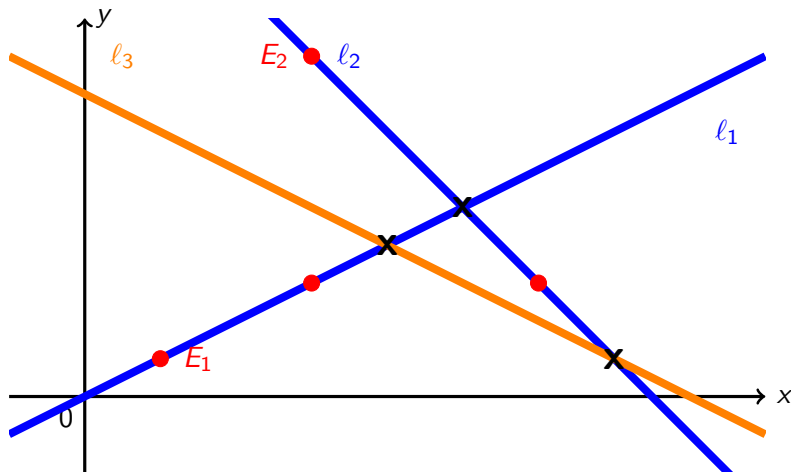
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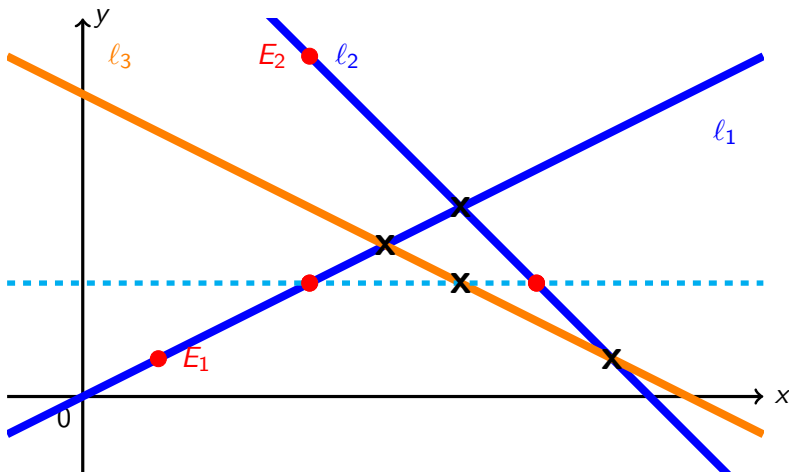
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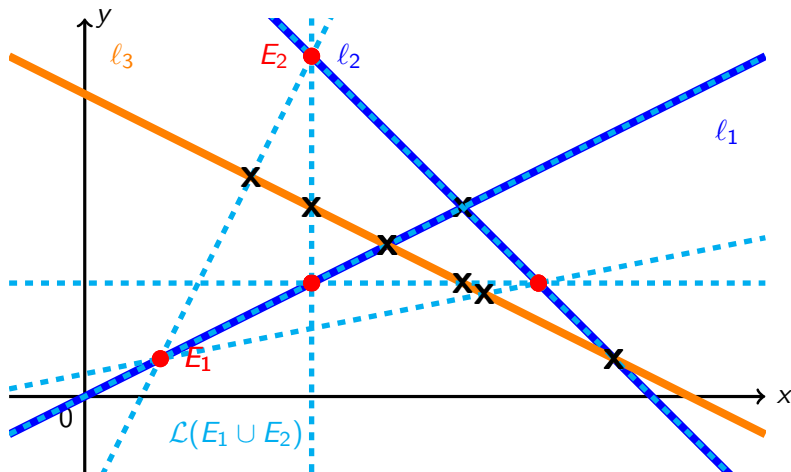
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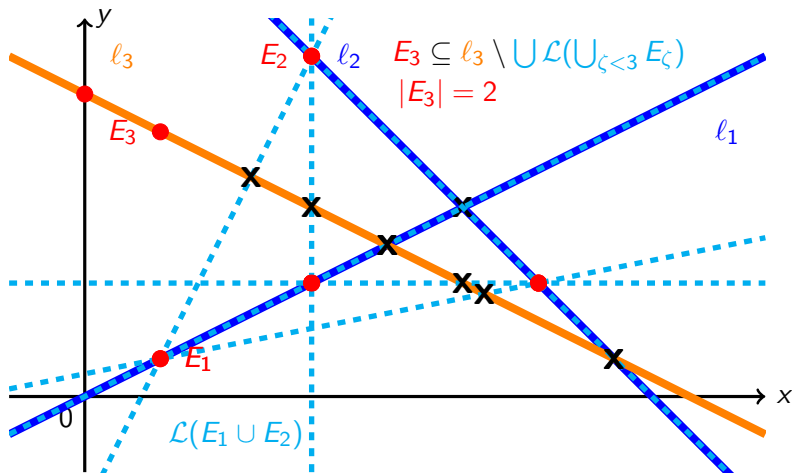
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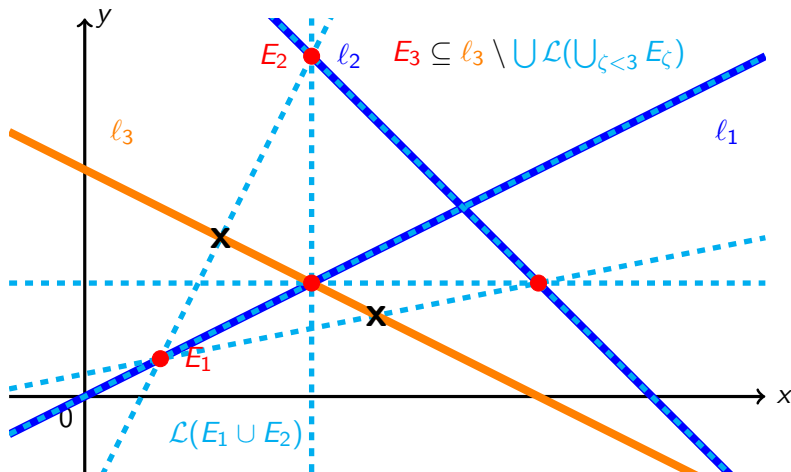
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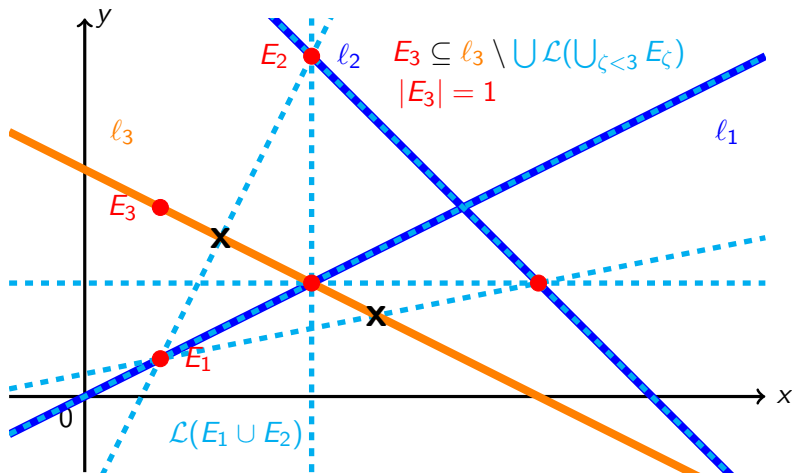
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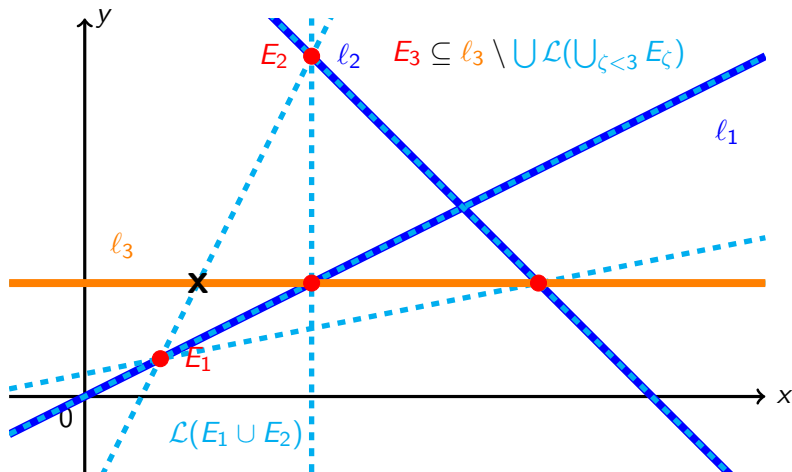
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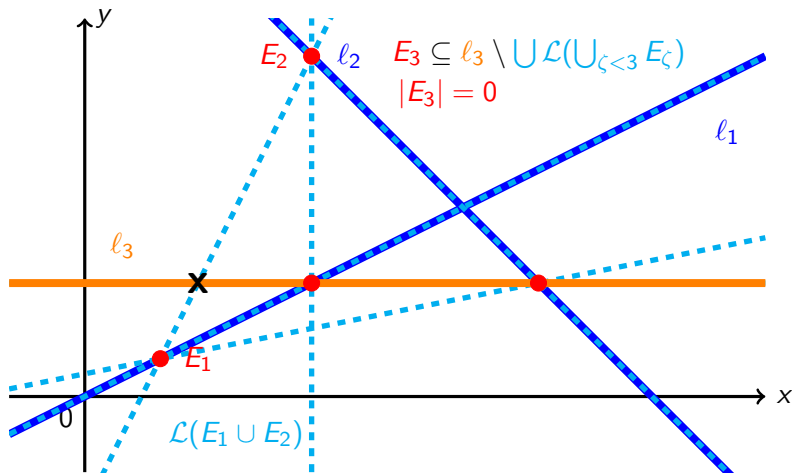
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Lebesgue measurable?

Yes and No

Baire property?

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How about **Borel**?

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Mazurkiewicz Set



**Union of
Two Functions!**

**Closed under
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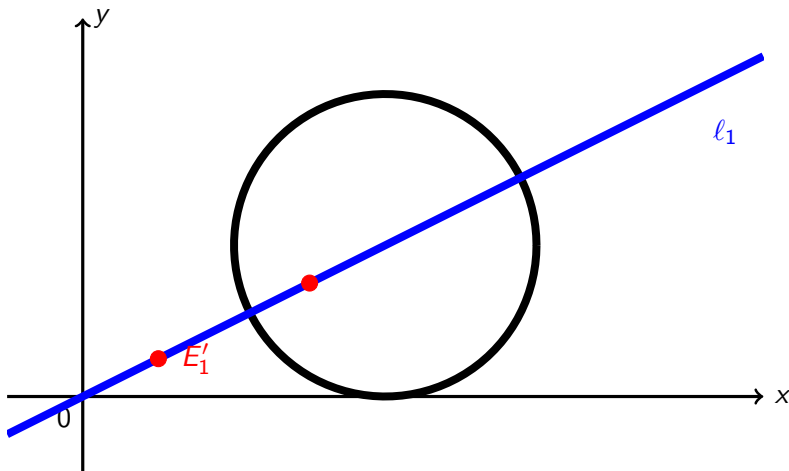
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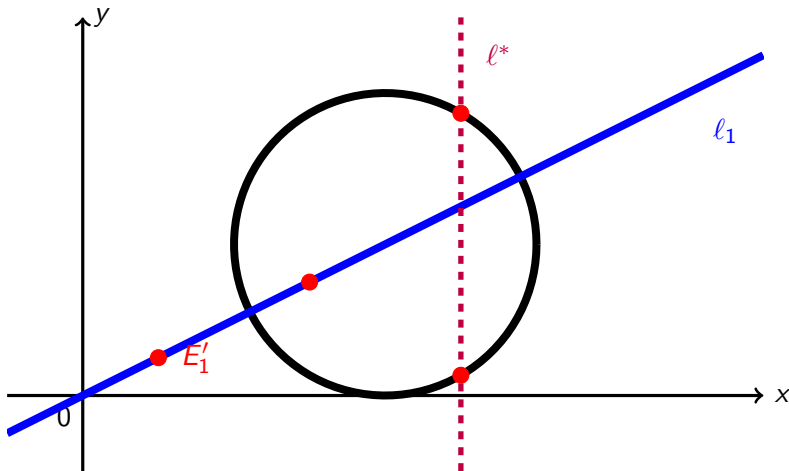
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- $\ell^* \in \mathbb{L}_o$ such that $|\ell^* \cap \bigcirc \setminus \mathcal{L}(E'_\xi \cup \bigcup_{\zeta < \xi} E_\zeta)| = 2$.

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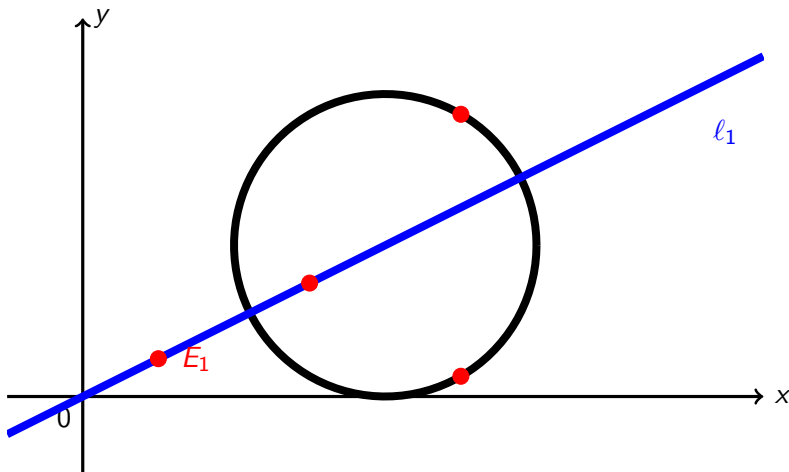
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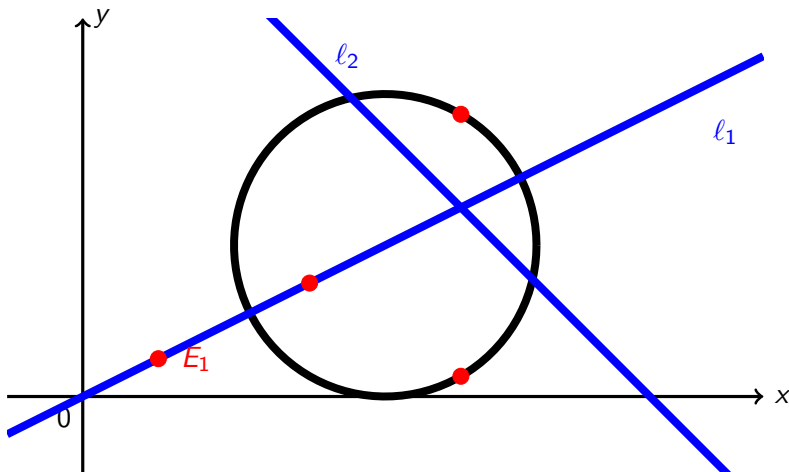
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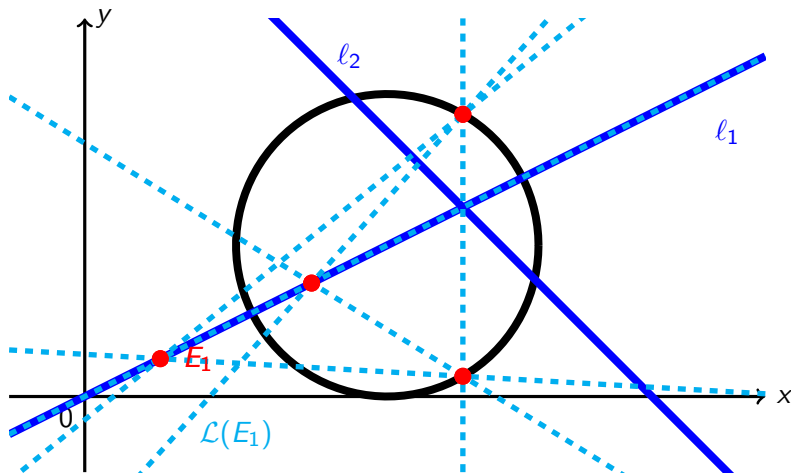
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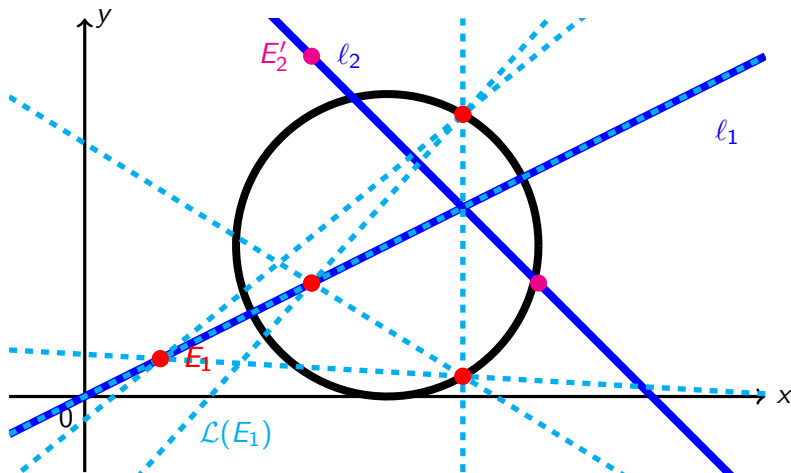
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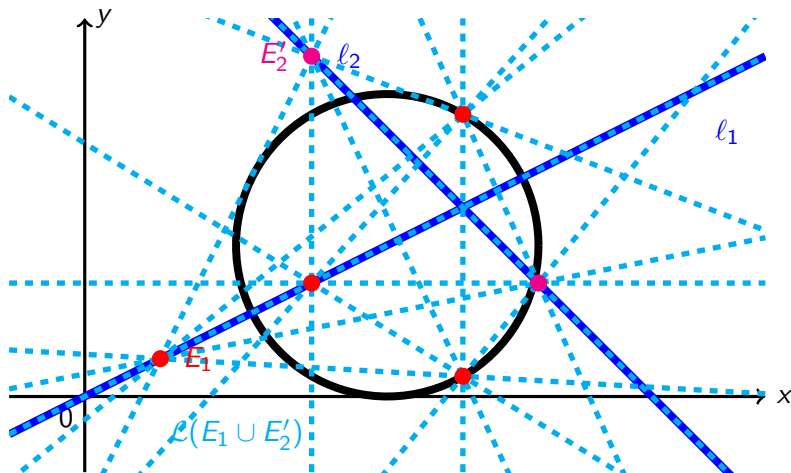
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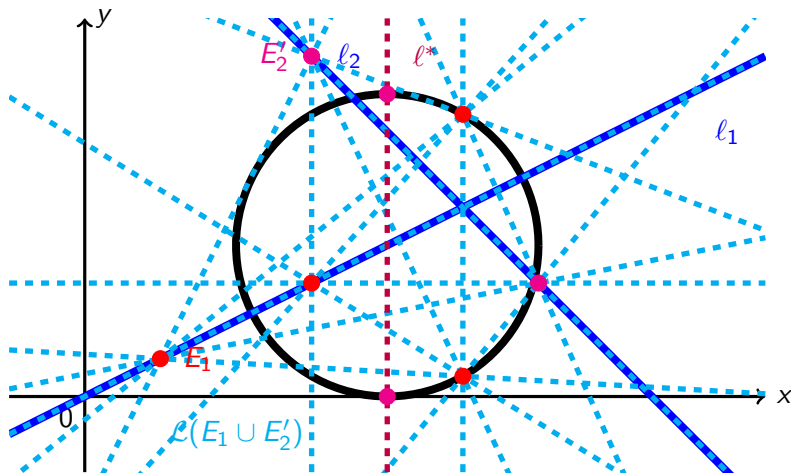
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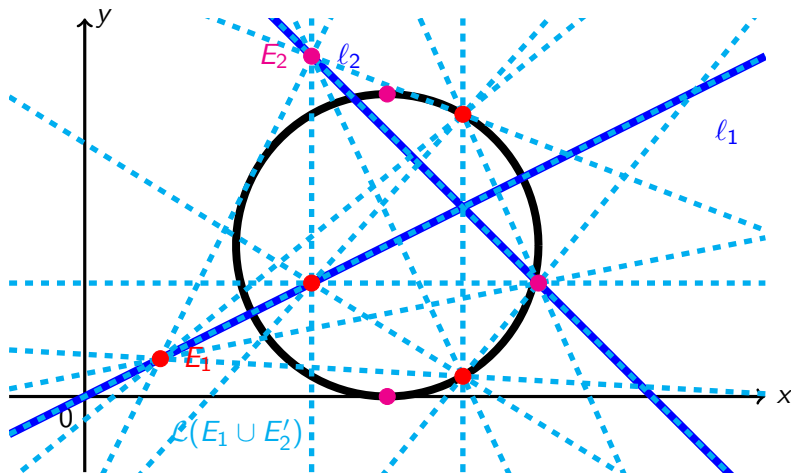
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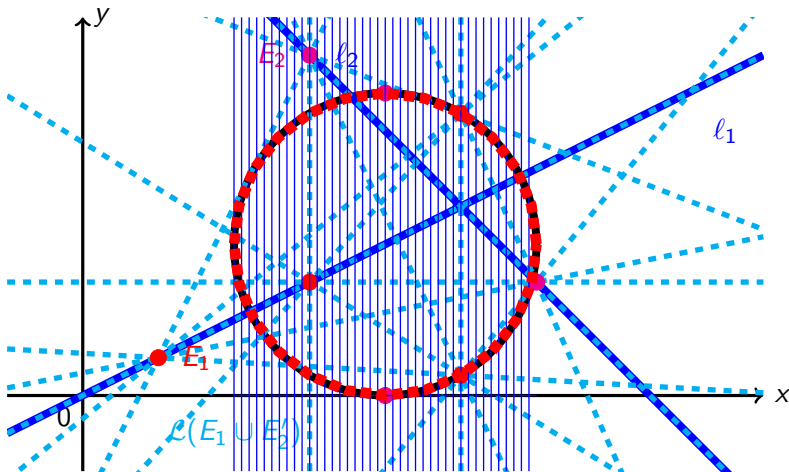
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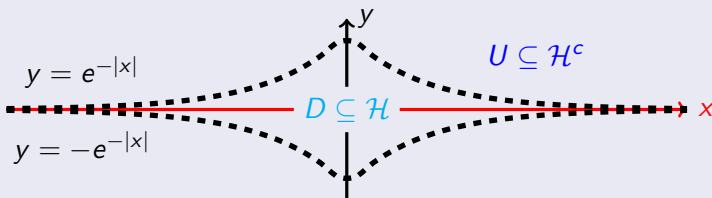
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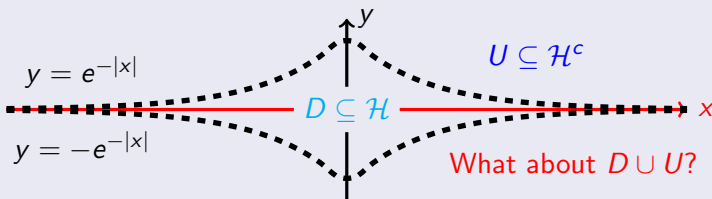


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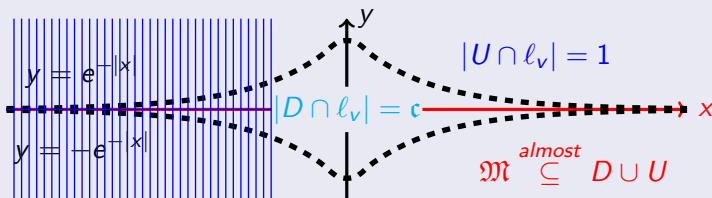


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Definition (Płotka)

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[Pł02b] K. Płotka, *Sum of Sierpiński-Zygmund and Darboux like functions*,
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Final Claim: $\mathbb{L}_\xi$ is at most countable

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Assume $\mathcal{SZ} \cap \mathcal{D} = \emptyset$. No $\mathfrak{M}$ set contains **two** $\mathcal{SZ}$ functions.

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