

Characterizing sets where $\text{lip } f$ is finite

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Given a continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the upper and lower scaled oscillation functions are defined as follows:

$$\text{Lip}f(x) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{L_f(x, r)}{r},$$
$$\text{lip}f(x) = \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{L_f(x, r)}{r},$$

where

$$L_f(x, r) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| : |x - y| \leq r\}.$$

We also define $L_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{Lip}f(x) < \infty\}$ and $l_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{lip}f(x) < \infty\}$. In my talk I will consider the problem of characterizing L_f and l_f . It is pretty straightforward to show that $S = L_f$ for some continuous function f if and only if S is an F_σ set. It is also not hard to show that every l_f is a $G_{\delta\sigma}$ set. I will consider the more difficult question of determining whether or not every $G_{\delta\sigma}$ set is equal to l_f for some f .