

Characterizing sets where $\text{lip } f$ is 0 and $\text{Lip } f$ is infinite

Given $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous, the Big and little lip functions are defined, respectively, as follows:

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

where

$$M_f(x, r) = \max_{|x-y| \leq r} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{r}.$$

Then $\text{Lip } f$ and $\text{lip } f$ each measure the local Lipschitzness of f and, of course, are closely related. For example $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Lipschitz if and only if $\text{Lip } f$ and $\text{lip } f$ are bounded. On the other hand, these two functions can behave quite differently. For example, there exist $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\text{lip } f = 0$ a.e. and $\text{Lip } f \equiv \infty$. In this talk, I will explore the question of characterizing various classes of *zero-infinity* sets, i.e. sets $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that there exists a continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\text{lip } f(x) = 0$ and $\text{Lip } f(x) = \infty$ on E .