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## Intersection of sectorial cluster sets and directional essential cluster sets

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**Abstract.** Let  $f: H \rightarrow W$ , where  $H$  is the upper half plane and  $W$  is a second countable topological space, and let  $R$  be the real line. It is proved that, except a set of points  $x$  on  $R$ , which is of the first category and measure zero, every essential directional cluster set of  $f$  is a subset of every sectorial cluster set of  $f$  at  $x$ ; and if  $W$  is compact and normal, then except a countable set of points  $x$  on  $R$ , every essential directional cluster set intersects every sectorial cluster set of  $f$  at  $x$ .

1. Let  $H$  denote the open upper half plane and let  $z$  denote points of  $H$ . Let  $x$  denote points on the real line  $R$ . For each  $x \in R$ ,  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$  and  $h > 0$ , let

$$L_\theta(x) = \{z: z \in H; \arg|z-x| = \theta\}$$

and

$$L_\theta(x, h) = \{z: z \in H; |z-x| < h\} \cap L_\theta(x).$$

For each pair of directions  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ,  $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \pi$ ,  $\sigma_{\theta_1, \theta_2}$  denotes the sector in  $H$  with vertex at the origin, defined by

$$\sigma_{\theta_1, \theta_2} = \{z: z \in H; \theta_1 < \arg z < \theta_2\}.$$

If there is no ambiguity, we shall simply write  $\sigma$  instead of  $\sigma_{\theta_1, \theta_2}$ . By  $\sigma(x)$  we mean the sector in  $H$  with vertex at  $x$  and which is obtained by a translation of  $\sigma$ . That is,

$$\sigma(x) = \{z: z \in H; \theta_1 < \arg(z-x) < \theta_2\}.$$

Also for  $x \in R$  and  $h > 0$  we shall write

$$\sigma(x, h) = \sigma(x) \cap \{z: z \in H; |z-x| < h\}.$$

For  $E \subset H$ , the upper outer density  $\bar{d}_\theta^*(E, x)$  and outer density  $d_\theta^*(E, x)$  of  $E$  at  $x$  in the direction  $\theta$  are defined by

$$(1) \quad \bar{d}_\theta^*(E, x) = \limsup_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu^*[E \cap L_\theta(x, h)]}{\mu(L_\theta(x, h))}$$

and

$$(2) \quad d_\theta^*(E, x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu^*[E \cap L_\theta(x, h)]}{\mu(L_\theta(x, h))},$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\mu^*$  denote one-dimensional measure and outer measure (Lebesgue). When the sets concerned are measurable, one gets the definitions of upper density  $\bar{d}_\theta(E, x)$  and density  $d_\theta(E, x)$  of a measurable set  $E$  at  $x$  in the direction  $\theta$  by replacing  $\mu^*$  in (1) and (2) respectively by  $\mu$ .

Let  $f: H \rightarrow W$ , where  $W$  is a topological space. The sectorial (directional) cluster set relative to the sector (direction)  $\sigma(\theta)$  of  $f$  at  $x$ , designated by  $C(f, x, \sigma)$  ( $C(f, x, \theta)$ ), is defined to be the set of all  $w$  in  $W$  such that for every open set  $U$  in  $W$  containing  $w$ ,  $x$  is a limiting point of  $f^{-1}(U) \cap \sigma(x)(f^{-1}(U) \cap L_\theta(x))$ . Replacing the condition that  $x$  is a limiting point of  $f^{-1}(U) \cap L_\theta(x)$  by the stronger condition that  $\bar{d}_\theta^*(f^{-1}(U), x) > 0$ , one gets the definition of directional essential cluster set  $C_e(f, x, \theta)$  of  $f$  at  $x$  in the direction  $\theta$ . The essential cluster set  $C_e(f, x)$  of  $f$  at  $x$  is the set of all  $w$  in  $W$  such that for every open set  $U$  in  $W$  containing  $w$ ,  $\bar{d}^*(f^{-1}(U), x) > 0$ , where  $\bar{d}^*(E, x)$  is defined as in (1) but  $L_\theta(x, h)$  being replaced by

$$S(x, h) = \{z: z \in H; |z-x| < h\}$$

and the measure here is the two dimensional Lebesgue measure.

A set  $P \subset R$  is said to be porous at a point  $x \in R$  if

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(x, r, P)}{r} > 0,$$

where  $\gamma(x, r, P)$  is the length of the largest open interval in the complement of  $P$  which is contained in  $(x-r, x+r)$ . A set  $P \subset R$  is said to be porous if it is porous at each of its points. A set  $T \subset R$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -porous if it is a countable union of porous sets. Clearly every subset of a porous set is porous and every subset of a  $\sigma$ -porous set is  $\sigma$ -porous. Also it can be verified that a  $\sigma$ -porous set is both of the first category and of measure zero. But there exists a perfect set of measure zero which is not  $\sigma$ -porous (see L. Zajček, *Časopis pro pěstování matematiky* 101 (1976), pp. 350-359).

2. It is known [6] that if  $f: H \rightarrow R$  is measurable and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are fixed directions, then except a set of measure zero on  $R$ , the set  $C_e(f, x, \theta_1)$  is a subset of  $C(f, x, \theta_2)$  and if  $f$  is continuous then the exceptional set is also of the first category. It is also known [4] that if  $f: H \rightarrow R$  is arbitrary and  $\sigma$  is a fixed sector in  $H$ , then the total cluster set  $C(f, x)$  of  $f$  at  $x$  is equal to the set  $C(f, x, \sigma)$  except a set of points  $x$  of the first category on  $R$  (see also [2, 5]). In [1] it is also proved that the set of points  $x$  at which there exist two arcs  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  in  $H$  with the property that the arc cluster sets  $C_{\gamma_1}(f, x)$  and  $C_{\gamma_2}(f, x)$  are disjoint, is countable (see [3, p. 85]).

In this paper, we prove in Theorem 1 that if  $f$  is arbitrary and if  $\{\sigma\}$  is the collection of all sectors in  $H$  then, except a  $\sigma$ -porous set of points  $x$  on  $R$ , the set  $C(f, x, \theta)$  is a subset of  $\bigcap \{C(f, x, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}$  for every direction  $\theta$ ,  $0 < \theta < \pi$ . We also prove in Theorem 2 that if  $f$  is arbitrary then, except a countable set of points  $x$  on  $R$ , the sets  $C(f, x, \sigma)$  and  $C_e(f, x, \theta)$  intersect for every  $\sigma$  and every  $\theta$ .

Throughout the paper we shall consider  $f: H \rightarrow W$ , where  $W$  is a topological space with a countable basis. The closure of a set  $E$  will be denoted by  $\bar{E}$ .

3. Let  $E \subset H$  be arbitrary and  $x \in R$ . Let

$$\mathcal{S}(E, x) = \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \pi; x \in \overline{L_\theta(x) \cap E}\}.$$

This will be used in the sequel.

LEMMA 1. Let  $E \subset H$  be arbitrary and let  $\sigma \subset H$  be a fixed sector. Then the set

$$T(E) = \{x: x \in R; \mathcal{S}(E, x) \neq \emptyset; x \notin \overline{\sigma(x) \cap E}\}$$

is a  $\sigma$ -porous set.

Proof. Let for fixed positive integer  $m$

$$T_m(E) = \{x: x \in R; \mathcal{S}(E, x) \neq \emptyset; \sigma(x, 1/m) \cap E = \emptyset\}.$$

Then clearly

$$(1) \quad T(E) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} T_m(E).$$

Let, if possible for some  $m$ , the set  $T_m(E)$  be a non-porous set. Then there is  $x_0 \in T_m(E)$  such that

$$(2) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(x_0, r, T_m(E))}{r} = 0,$$

where  $\gamma(x_0, r, T_m(E))$  is the length of the largest open interval in the complement of  $T_m(E)$  and is contained in  $(x_0-r, x_0+r)$ . Again since  $x_0 \in T_m(E)$ ,

$$\sigma(x_0, 1/m) \cap E = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S}(E, x_0) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $\theta_0 \in \mathcal{S}(E, x_0)$ . Then since  $x_0 \in \overline{L_{\theta_0}(x_0) \cap E}$  and

$$\sigma(x_0, 1/m) \cap E = \emptyset,$$

we have  $L_{\theta_0}(x_0) \not\subset \sigma(x_0)$ . Let  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$  be any sector such that  $\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \subset \sigma$ . Then either  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \theta_0$  or  $\theta_0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ . Let us first assume that  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \theta_0$ . Let

$$K = \frac{\sin \theta_0 \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin \beta \sin(\theta_0 - \alpha)}.$$

Then from (2) there is a  $\delta$  such that

$$0 < \delta < \frac{1}{m \sin \theta_0} \min[\sin(\theta_0 - \alpha), \sin(\theta_0 - \beta)]$$

and

$$(3) \quad \gamma(x_0, r, T_m(E)) < \frac{1}{2} Kr \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < r < \delta.$$

Then both  $L_\alpha(x_0 - \delta, 1/m)$  and  $L_\beta(x_0 - \delta, 1/m)$  intersect  $L_{\theta_0}(x_0)$ . Let

$$h_0 = \delta \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin(\theta_0 - \alpha)}.$$

Since  $x_0 \in \overline{L_{\theta_0}(x_0) \cap E}$ , there is  $z \in L_{\theta_0}(x_0, h_0) \cap E$ . Let  $x' \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0)$  be such that

$$z = L_\alpha(x', 1/m) \cap L_{\theta_0}(x_0).$$

Let  $I(x')$  be the open interval in  $R$  whose left end point is  $x'$  and right end point is  $x''$  such that

$$z = L_\beta(x'', 1/m) \cap L_{\theta_0}(x_0).$$

By a simple calculation,  $\mu(I(x')) = K(x_0 - x')$ . Hence from (3), since  $0 < x_0 - x' < \delta$ , we have

$$(4) \quad \gamma(x_0, x_0 - x', T_m(E)) < \frac{1}{2} \mu(I(x')).$$

Since  $I(x') \subset (x', 2x_0 - x')$ , from (4) and from the definition of  $\gamma(x_0, x_0 - x', T_m(E))$  it follows that  $I(x') \cap T_m(E) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x''' \in I(x') \cap T_m(E)$ . Clearly,  $z \in \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x''', 1/m)$ . Also since  $z \in E$ ,  $z \in \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x''', 1/m) \cap E$ . But since  $x''' \in T_m(E)$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x''', 1/m) \cap E = \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. If  $\theta_0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ , then we would also arrive at a similar contradiction by considering the interval  $(x_0, x_0 + \delta)$ . Thus each  $T_m(E)$  is porous and hence, from (1), the set  $T(E)$  is  $\sigma$ -porous.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $f: H \rightarrow W$  is arbitrary and  $\{\sigma\}$  is the collection of all sectors in  $H$ , then the set*

$$\Theta(x) = \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \pi; C(f, x, \theta) \not\subset \bigcap \{C(f, x, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}\}$$

is void, except a  $\sigma$ -porous set of points  $x$  on  $R$ .

*Proof.* For each pair of rationals  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ , denote by  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$  the sector

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \{z: z \in H; \alpha < \arg z < \beta\}$$

and let  $\{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\}$  be the collection of all such sectors. Let  $\{V_n\}$  be a countable basis for the topology of  $W$  and let

$$E_n = f^{-1}(V_n),$$

$$\mathfrak{D}(E_n, x) = \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \pi; x \in \overline{L_\theta(x) \cap E_n}\},$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta}(E_n) = \{x: x \in R; \mathfrak{D}(E_n, x) \neq \emptyset, x \notin \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x) \cap E_n\}$$

and

$$T = \{x: x \in R, \Theta(x) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Now if  $x_0 \in T$ , then there is  $\theta_0 \in \Theta(x_0)$ . Hence

$$C(f, x_0, \theta_0) \not\subset \bigcap \{C(f, x_0, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}.$$

So there is  $\sigma_0 \in \{\sigma\}$  such that  $C(f, x_0, \theta_0) \not\subset C(f, x_0, \sigma_0)$ . Hence there is  $E_{n_0}$  such that  $x_0 \in \overline{L_{\theta_0}(x_0) \cap E_{n_0}}$  and  $x_0 \notin \overline{\sigma_0(x_0) \cap E_{n_0}}$ . Let  $\sigma_{\alpha_0\beta_0} \in \{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\}$  be such that  $\sigma_{\alpha_0\beta_0} \subset \sigma_0$ .

So,  $x_0 \notin \overline{\sigma_{\alpha_0\beta_0}(x_0) \cap E_{n_0}}$ . Also since  $x_0 \in \overline{L_{\theta_0}(x_0) \cap E_{n_0}}$ ,  $\theta_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(E_{n_0}, x_0)$ . Therefore,  $x_0 \in T_{\alpha_0\beta_0}(E_{n_0})$ . Thus we have

$$(5) \quad T \subset \bigcup T_{\alpha\beta}(E_n)$$

where the union is taken for all integers  $n$  and for all pair of rationals  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ . By Lemma 1, each of the sets  $T_{\alpha\beta}(E_n)$  is a  $\sigma$ -porous set. So, by (5) the set  $T$  is a  $\sigma$ -porous set and this completes the proof the theorem.

**COROLLARY 1.** *If  $f: H \rightarrow W$  is arbitrary and if  $\{\sigma\}$  is the collection of all sectors in  $H$ , then except a  $\sigma$ -porous set of points  $x$  on  $R$ ,*

$$\bigcup \{C(f, x, \theta): 0 < \theta < \pi\} \subset \bigcap \{C(f, x, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $C(f, x, \sigma)$  is closed for each  $\sigma \in \{\sigma\}$ ,  $\bigcap \{C(f, x, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}$  is closed and so the proof follows from Theorem 1.

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $f: H \rightarrow W$  is measurable and  $\{\sigma\}$  is the collection of all sectors in  $H$ , then the set*

$$Q = \{x: x \in R; C_\alpha(f, x) \not\subset \bigcap \{C(f, x, \sigma): \sigma \in \{\sigma\}\}\}$$

is of measure zero.

*If, further,  $f$  is continuous, then this set is also of the first category.*

*Proof.* From [5] it follows that if  $f$  is measurable then for a fixed  $\theta$ ,  $0 < \theta < \pi$ , the set

$$S = \{x: x \in R; C_\alpha(f, x) \not\subset C_\alpha(f, x, \theta)\}$$

is of measure zero and if further,  $f$  is continuous then the set  $S$  is also of the first category. Since  $\sigma$ -porous set is both of the first category and of measure zero, the proof follows from Theorem 1.

**Remark.** In Corollary 2, the essential cluster set  $C_\alpha(f, x)$  can be replaced by the strong essential cluster set  $C_s(f, x)$  to get a stronger result. (For the definition of  $C_s(f, x)$  see [7].) The proof is the same except that one is to consider  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  and replace  $C_\alpha(f, x)$  by  $C_s(f, x)$  and apply a result of O'Malley [7].

**4.** Throughout this section  $W$  is a compact normal space which have a countable basis. In particular,  $W$  may be a compact metric space.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $f: H \rightarrow W$  be arbitrary and let  $G$  be an open subset of  $W$ . If  $C_\alpha(f, x, \theta) \subset G$  then  $d_\theta^*(f^{-1}(G), x) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $W \setminus G$  is closed and disjoint from  $C_\alpha(f, x, \theta)$ , there exist points  $w_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , in  $W \setminus G$  and neighbourhoods  $V(w_i)$  of  $w_i$  such that

$$W \setminus G \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k V(w_i)$$

and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu^*[f^{-1}(V(w_i)) \cap L_\theta(x, r)]}{r} = 0$$

for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Hence

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu^*[f^{-1}(W \setminus G) \cap L_\theta(x, r)]}{r} = 0$$

and the proof is complete.

LEMMA 3. Let  $f: H \rightarrow W$  be arbitrary, and let  $G$  be an open subset of  $W$ . If  $C(f, x, \sigma) \subset G$ , then there is a positive integer  $n$  such that

$$f^{-1}(G) \cap \sigma(x, 1/n) = \sigma(x, 1/n).$$

Proof. Since  $W \setminus G$  is closed and disjoint from  $C(f, x, \sigma)$ , there exists points  $w_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , in  $W \setminus G$  and neighbourhoods  $V(w_i)$  of  $w_i$  such that

$$W \setminus G \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k V(w_i)$$

and

$$x \notin \overline{f^{-1}(V(w_i)) \cap \sigma(x)}$$

for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  be positive integers such that

$$f^{-1}(V(w_i)) \cap \sigma(x, 1/n_i) = \emptyset$$

for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Set

$$n = \max[n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k].$$

Then

$$f^{-1}(W \setminus G) \cap \sigma(x, 1/n) = \emptyset$$

which proves the lemma.

THEOREM 2. Let  $f: H \rightarrow W$  be arbitrary and let  $E$  be the set of all points  $x \in R$  for which there exist a sector  $\sigma_x$  in  $H$  and a direction  $\theta_x$ ,  $0 < \theta_x < \pi$ , with the property that

$$C(f, x, \sigma_x) \cap C_e(f, x, \theta_x) = \emptyset.$$

Then  $E$  is countable.

Proof. For each pair of rationals  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ , let

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \{z: z \in H; \alpha < \arg z < \beta\}$$

and let  $\{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\}$  be the collection of all such sectors in  $H$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a countable basis for the topology of  $W$  and let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the collection of all open sets which can be expressed as a finite union of sets  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is countable. Let  $\mathcal{G}^*$  be the set of all ordered pair  $(G_1, G_2)$  of sets of  $\mathcal{G}$  with  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ . So,  $\mathcal{G}^*$  is also countable. Let, for  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $x \in R$ ,

$$\Theta(f^{-1}(G), x) = \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \pi; d_\theta^*(f^{-1}(G), x) = 1\}$$

and let for a fixed positive integer  $n$ , for a fixed pair  $(G_1, G_2) \in \mathcal{G}^*$  and for a fixed sector  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \in \{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\}$

$$P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n) = \{x: x \in R; \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x, 1/n) \cap f^{-1}(G_1) = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x, 1/n); \Theta(f^{-1}(G_2), x) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Let  $x \in E$ . Then there exists a sector  $\sigma_x$  and a direction  $\theta_x$ , such that  $C(f, x, \sigma_x) \cap C_e(f, x, \theta_x) = \emptyset$ . Then since the sets  $C(f, x, \sigma_x)$  and  $C_e(f, x, \theta_x)$  are closed and since  $W$  is normal, there exist two open sets  $G_1^0, G_2^0$  in  $W$  with  $G_1^0 \cap G_2^0 = \emptyset$  such that  $C(f, x, \sigma_x) \subset G_1^0$  and  $C_e(f, x, \theta_x) \subset G_2^0$ . Again, the sets  $C(f, x, \sigma_x)$  and  $C_e(f, x, \theta_x)$  being closed, they are compact and so there exist two open sets  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $C(f, x, \sigma_x) \subset G_1$  and  $C_e(f, x, \theta_x) \subset G_2$  and  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ . So,  $(G_1, G_2) \in \mathcal{G}^*$ . Hence, by applying Lemma 3 and Lemma 2, there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that

$$\sigma_x(x, 1/n) \cap f^{-1}(G_1) = \sigma_x(x, 1/n)$$

and

$$d_{\theta_x}^*(f^{-1}(G_2), x) = 1,$$

Thus  $\Theta(f^{-1}(G_2), x) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \in \{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\}$  be such that  $\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \subset \sigma_x$ . Then

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x, 1/n) \cap f^{-1}(G_1) = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x, 1/n).$$

Hence,  $x \in P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$ . Thus

$$(6) \quad E \subset \bigcup P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$$

where the union will be taken for all pair  $(G_1, G_2) \in \mathcal{G}^*$ , for all positive integers  $n$ , and for all rationals  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ . Since this is a countable union, the theorem will be proved if we show that each  $P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  is countable. Let, if possible, for some  $(G_1, G_2) \in \mathcal{G}^*$ , positive integer  $n$ , and rationals  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \pi$ , the set  $P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  be uncountable. Then there is a point  $x \in P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  which is a limiting point of  $P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  from both sides. Since

$$x \in P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n), \quad \Theta(f^{-1}(G_2), x) \neq \emptyset;$$

so there is  $\theta_x$  at  $x$  such that  $d_{\theta_x}^*(f^{-1}(G_2), x) = 1$ . We observe that  $\theta_x \notin (\alpha, \beta)$ . For, if  $\theta_x \in (\alpha, \beta)$  then  $f^{-1}(G_1) \cap f^{-1}(G_2) \neq \emptyset$ , which contradicts the fact that  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ . Hence we consider the two cases  $\beta \leq \theta_x < \pi$  and  $0 < \theta_x \leq \alpha$ . Let us first consider the case  $\beta \leq \theta_x < \pi$ . Let  $\sigma' \subset \sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ , where

$$\sigma'(x) = \{z: z \in H; \theta_1 < \arg(z-x) < \theta_2; \alpha < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \beta\}.$$

Since  $x$  is a limiting point of the set  $P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  from both sides, there is a sequence  $\{x_m\} \subset P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  such that  $x_{m-1} < x_m < x$  for all  $m$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = x$ . Let  $m_1$  be the first integer such that

$$x_{m_1} \geq x - \frac{1}{n \sin \theta_x} \min[\sin(\theta_x - \theta_2), \sin(\theta_x - \theta_1)].$$

Then both sides of  $\sigma'(x_m, 1/n)$ , namely  $L_{\theta_1}(x_m, 1/n)$  and  $L_{\theta_2}(x_m, 1/n)$ , will intersect  $L_{\theta_x}(x)$  for all  $m \geq m_1$ . For  $m \geq m_1$  let  $J_m$  denote the open segment on  $L_{\theta_x}(x)$  with endpoints

$$z_m = L_{\theta_1}(x_m, 1/n) \cap L_{\theta_x}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad z'_m = L_{\theta_2}(x_m, 1/n) \cap L_{\theta_x}(x).$$

Let

$$Q = \bigcup_{m=m_1}^{\infty} J_m.$$

Clearly  $Q \subset f^{-1}(G_1)$ . Let  $h_m$  denote the distance between  $x$  and  $z'_m$ . Then  $J_m \subset Q \cap L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m)$  for all  $m \geq m_1$ . So, by a simple calculation,

$$\mu(Q \cap L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m)) \geq \mu(J_m) = \frac{h_m \sin \theta_x \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}{\sin \theta_2 \sin(\theta_x - \theta_1)}$$

which shows that

$$\frac{\mu(Q \cap L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m))}{h_m} \geq \frac{\sin \theta_x \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}{\sin \theta_2 \sin(\theta_x - \theta_1)} > 0.$$

Since  $h_m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , taking limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$(7) \quad \bar{d}_{\theta_x}(Q, x) > 0.$$

Now since  $Q \subset f^{-1}(G_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(G_1) \cap f^{-1}(G_2) = \emptyset$ ,

$$L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m) \cap f^{-1}(G_2) \subset L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m) \setminus Q.$$

Also since  $d_{\theta_x}^*(f^{-1}(G_2), x) = 1$ ,

$$(8) \quad d_{\theta_x}(L_{\theta_x}(x, h_m) \setminus Q, x) = 1.$$

But (7) and (8) are contradictory. If  $0 < \theta_x \leq \alpha$  then we can arrive at a similar contradiction by considering a sequence  $\{x_m\} \subset P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  such that  $x_{m-1} > x_m > x$  for all  $m$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = x$ . This contradiction shows that each of the sets

$P(G_1, G_2, \alpha, \beta, n)$  is countable and the proof is complete by (6).

**COROLLARY 3.** If  $f: H \rightarrow W$  is arbitrary and  $\sigma$  is a fixed sector in  $H$  then the set

$$\Theta(x) = \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \pi; C(f, x, \sigma) \cap C_\sigma(f, x, \theta) = \emptyset\}$$

is void, except a countable set of points  $x$  on  $R$ .

**COROLLARY 4.** If  $f: H \rightarrow W$  and if  $\{\sigma\}$  is the collection of all sectors in  $H$  and  $\psi$  be a fixed direction,  $0 < \psi < \pi$ , then the set

$$\mathfrak{D}(x) = \{\sigma: \sigma \in \{\sigma\}; C(f, x, \sigma) \cap C_\sigma(f, x, \psi) = \emptyset\}$$

is void, except a countable set of points  $x$  on  $R$ .

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