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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEW RESULTS

REMOVABLE SINGULARITIES OF SOLUTIONS OF THE HEAT EQUATION WITH SPECIAL GROWTH

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Let us denote by ρ the metric on \mathbb{R}_{m+1} defined for any $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{m+1})$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_{m+1}) \in \mathbb{R}_{m+1}$ by the formula

$$\rho(x, y) = (|x_{m+1} - y_{m+1}| + \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i - y_i|^2)^{1/2}.$$

For any $q \geq 0$ we shall define set functions \mathcal{M}^q and \mathcal{H}^q as follows. If A is a Borel set in \mathbb{R}_{m+1} then

$$\mathcal{M}^q(A) = \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+} \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R}_{m+1} \mid \text{dist}_\rho(x, A) \leq \varepsilon\}) / \varepsilon^{m+2-q}$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}^q(A) = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\text{diam}_\rho S_i)^q \mid A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} S_i \text{ \& } \right. \\ \left. \& (\forall i = 1, 2, \dots : \text{diam}_\rho S_i \leq \varepsilon) \right\}$$

where λ denotes the Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}_{m+1} . For metric ρ with respect to the heat equation compare [3].

Theorem 1: Let G be an open set in \mathbb{R}_{m+1} and F be a relatively closed set in G . Let $0 \leq q \leq m$ and suppose f is a locally integrable function in G satisfying

$$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(\text{dist}_\rho(x, F)^{-q}) \text{ (resp. } f(x) = \mathcal{O}(\text{dist}_\rho(x, F)^{-q}) \text{)}$$

as $\text{dist}_\rho(x, F) \rightarrow 0_+$ locally in G . If f satisfies (in the sense of distributions) the heat equation $(\partial/\partial x_{m+1} - \sum_{i=1}^m \partial^2/\partial x_i^2)f = 0$ on $G \setminus F$ and $\mathcal{M}^{m-q}(K) < +\infty$ (resp. $\mathcal{M}^{m-q}(K) = 0$) for any compact set $K \subset F$ then f satisfies the same equation on G .

Theorem 2: Let K be a compact set in \mathbb{R}_{m+1} and let $0 < q \leq m$.

Suppose \mathcal{H}^{m-q} is not σ -finite on K (resp. $\mathcal{H}^{m-q}(K) > 0$). Then there exists a locally integrable function f on \mathbb{R}_{m+1} satisfying

$$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(\text{dist}_\rho(x, K)^{-q}) \text{ (resp. } f(x) = \mathcal{O}(\text{dist}_\rho(x, K)^{-q}) \text{)}$$

as $\text{dist}_\rho(x, K) \rightarrow 0_+$ such that f is a solution of the heat equation on $\mathbb{R}_{m+1} \setminus K$ but not on \mathbb{R}_{m+1} . Such a function f can be found as a heat potential of some non-negative Radon measure supported by K .

The proofs of both Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 are included in my thesis submitted to the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University in April 1984. For Theorem 1 compare the Bochner's removable singularity theorem as formulated in [2]. Note that our Theorem 1 is not implied by the Bochner's theorem. For Theorem 2 compare an analogous result of Hamann in [1] dealing with elliptic equations.

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A CLOSED SEPARABLE SUBSPACE NOT BEING A RETRACT OF $\beta\mathbb{N}$

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D. Maharam [M] proved that the following are equivalent:

- (a) For each ideal $I \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, if there is a one-to-one homomorphism from $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})/I$ to $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, then there is a lifting from $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})/I$ to $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, too;
 (b) every non-void closed separable subspace of $\beta\mathbb{N}$ is a retract of $\beta\mathbb{N}$, and has raised the question, whether (a) or (b) is a true statement.

The answer to the Maharam's problem is in negative. We can prove the two theorems below.

Theorem 1. There exists a subspace $X \in \beta\mathbb{N} - \mathbb{N}$ satisfying the following:

- (1) $X = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} X_n$, where $|X_0| = 1$ and for each $n \in \omega$, the set X_n is countable discrete;
 (2) for each $n < m < \omega$, $X_n \subseteq \overline{X_m} - X_m$;
 (3) for each $n < \omega$ and for each $x \in X_n$, x is a ϕ -OK point in $\overline{X_{n+1}} - X_{n+1}$;
 (4) suppose $\{U_k : k \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ to be a family of sets such that for some $n_0 < \omega$, $U_0^* \cap X_{n_0}$ is finite and for each $i < k < \omega$, $U_i^* \cap X_{n_0+i} \subseteq U_k^*$. Then there is a family $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \phi\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ such that for each $\alpha \in \phi$, $V_\alpha^* \supseteq X \cap \bigcap_{k \in \omega} U_k^*$ and for each $k < \omega$ and for each finite set $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k < \phi$, $\bigcap_{i=0}^k V_{\alpha_i}^* \subseteq \bigcap_{i=0}^k U_i^*$;
 (5) for each mapping $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ there is a set $T \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and an integer $n_1 < \omega$ such that $T^* \cap X \neq \emptyset$ and for each $n > n_1$, $X_n \cap f[T] \cap X_{n+1} = \emptyset$.

Theorem 2. If a subspace $X \in \beta\mathbb{N}$ satisfies (1) - (5) from Theorem 1, then X is not a retract of $\beta\mathbb{N}$.

It should be noted that the first example of a closed separable subspace of $\beta\mathbb{N}$ which is not a retract of $\beta\mathbb{N}$ was given by M. Talagrand under CH in [T] and the second one by A. Szymanski under MA in [S].

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