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A DIRECTIONAL CLUSTER SET EXAMPLE

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§0. INTRODUCTION

Let f be a mapping from the open upper half plane H into the Riemann sphere W . For each point x on the real line R , let $C(f, x)$ and $C(f, x, \theta)$ denote respectively the total cluster set of f at x and the cluster set of f at x in the direction θ ($0 < \theta < \pi$); then let $\Theta(x)$ denote the set of directions θ for which $C(f, x, \theta) = C(f, x)$. E. F. Collingwood [3, Theorem 2 combined with Theorem 3] established the following result.

THEOREM C. *Let $f: H \rightarrow W$ be continuous. Then the set $\Theta(x)$ is residual at each point x of a residual subset S of R .*

A. M. Bruckner and Casper Goffman [2, p. 510] raised the question as to whether or not there exists a residual set of directions Θ such that $\Theta \subset \Theta(x)$ for each $x \in S$. Here we prove

THEOREM 1. *There exists a continuous $f: H \rightarrow W$ such that $\bigcap_{x \in Q} \Theta(x)$ is a first category set of directions for each residual subset Q of R .*

To construct this function (§3), we use certain sets of J.-P. Kahane [5] as building blocks¹⁾. Two important properties of these sets are established in §2, and the necessary technical preliminaries are presented in §1. Finally, in §4 we present an example concerning essential directional cluster sets.

§1. (1/2)-TRAPEZOIDS AND THEIR FOUR DESCENDANTS

By a (1/2)-trapezoid we mean any closed trapezoid T having bases L and L' which lie respectively on the lines $y = 0$ and $y = 1$ and for which $|L| = 2|L'|$. (Here and throughout this paper, we use $|\tau|$ to denote the length of the line segment τ .) For each (1/2)-trapezoid T , we set

$$T(1/2) = \{z \in T: \text{Im}(z) = 1/2\}.$$

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