

Upper content of a subset E of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \text{diam}(E_i) \right\}$$

where \inf is taken over all finite families of sets E_1, \dots, E_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $E \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$. Lower content of E is defined as

$$\mathcal{K}(E) = \sup \{ \text{length}(L) \mid L \text{ is a closed line segment onto which } E \text{ can be contracted} \}.$$

Show that

- (a) $\mathcal{C}(L) = \text{length}(L)$ if L is a closed line segment;
- (b) $\mathcal{C}(E) \geq \mathcal{K}(E)$;
- (c) the equality in (b) needs not hold even if E is compact.

Remarks: All *distances* used in this Problem are Euclidian. *Diameter* of a set E is $\text{diam}(E) = \sup\{\text{dist}(x, y) \mid x, y \in E\}$. *Contraction* of a set E to a set F is a mapping $f : E \rightarrow F$ such that $\text{dist}(f(x), f(y)) \leq \text{dist}(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in E$. A set E can be contracted *onto* a set F if there is a contraction f of E to F which is onto, i.e., such that $f(E) = F$.