

Differentiable extensions with uniformly continuous derivatives

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Problem ($C^{1,\omega}$ extension of 1-jets)

Let X be a Hilbert space. Let $E \subset X$ be arbitrary, let $(f, G) : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times X$ be a 1-jet, and let $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a modulus of continuity.

- Find necessary and sufficient conditions on (f, G) for the existence of $F \in C^{1,\omega}(X)$ such that $(F, \nabla F) = (f, G)$ on E .
- Construct such extension F (if it exists), estimate the seminorm

$$M_\omega(\nabla F) := \sup_{x,y \in X; x \neq y} \frac{|\nabla F(x) - \nabla F(y)|}{\omega(|x - y|)},$$

and compare it to the $C^{1,\omega}$ -trace seminorm of (f, G) on E :

$$\|(f, G)\|_{E,\omega} := \inf \left\{ M_\omega(\nabla H) : H \in C^{1,\omega}(X), (H, \nabla H) = (f, G) \text{ on } E \right\}.$$

Previous results

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Corollary (Kirschbraun's theorem via an explicit formula; Azagra-Le Gruyer-M.; 2017)

Let X, Y two Hilbert spaces, $E \subset X$ and $G : E \rightarrow Y$ a Lipschitz mapping. The following mapping $\tilde{G} : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies $\tilde{G} = G$ on E and $\text{Lip}(\tilde{G}, X) = \text{Lip}(G, E)$:

$$\tilde{G}(x) := \nabla_Y(\text{conv}(g))(x, 0) \quad \text{for every } x \in X; \quad \text{where}$$

$$g(x, y) = \inf_{z \in E} \left\{ \langle G(z), y \rangle_Y + \frac{\text{Lip}(G)}{2} |x - z|_X^2 \right\} + \frac{\text{Lip}(G)}{2} |x|_X^2 + \text{Lip}(G) |y|_Y^2$$

for every $(x, y) \in X \times Y$.

$C^{1,\omega}$ extensions of 1-jets, arbitrary ω

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- Unlike for $C^{1,1}$, there is no relation between $C^{1,\omega}$ and $C_{\text{conv}}^{1,\omega}$.
- More sophisticated techniques are needed: [paraconvex functions](#) and [paraconvex envelopes](#).

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$$M_\omega(\nabla F) \leq (16/\sqrt{15})\|(f, G)\|_{E,\omega} \quad \text{and}$$

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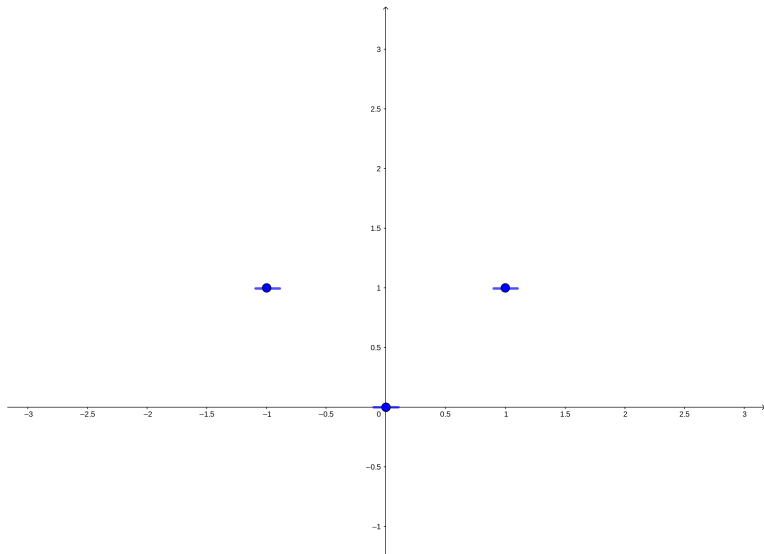
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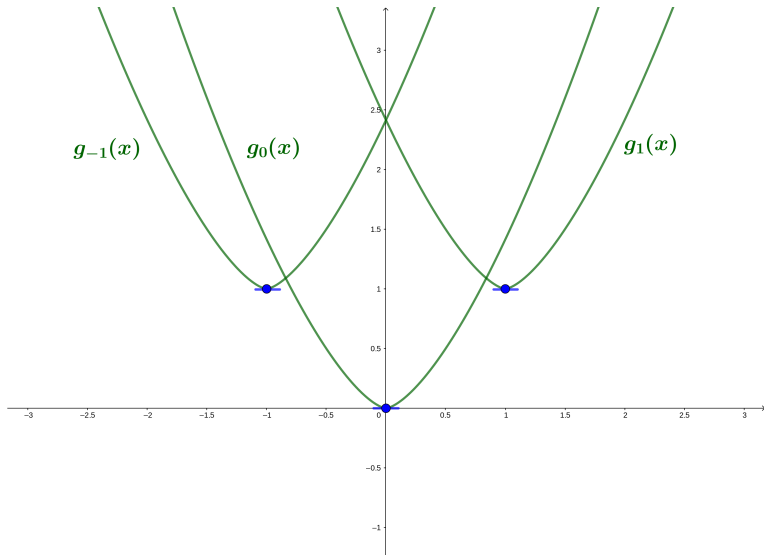
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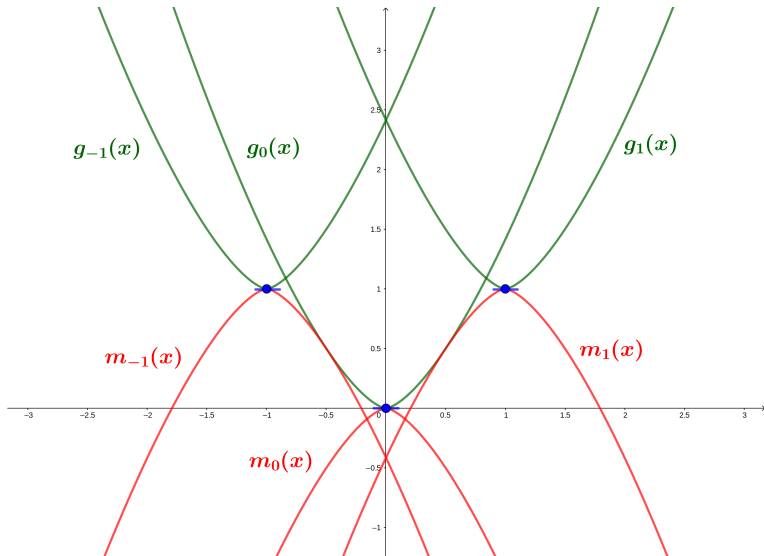
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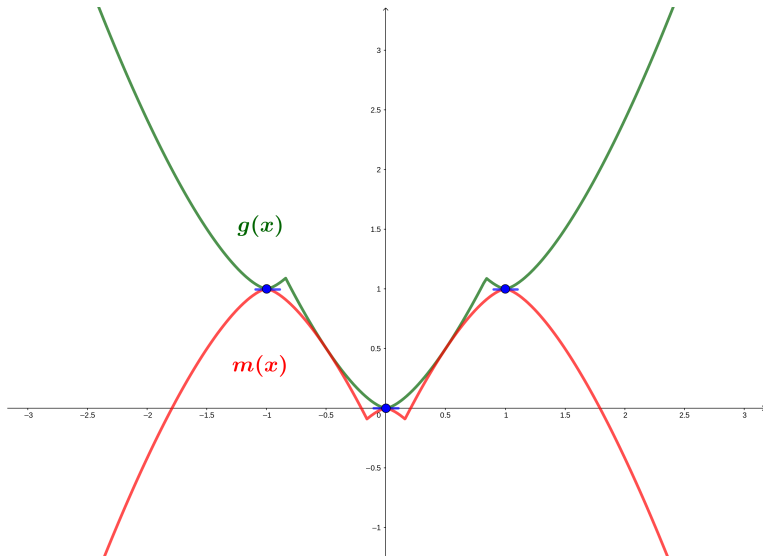
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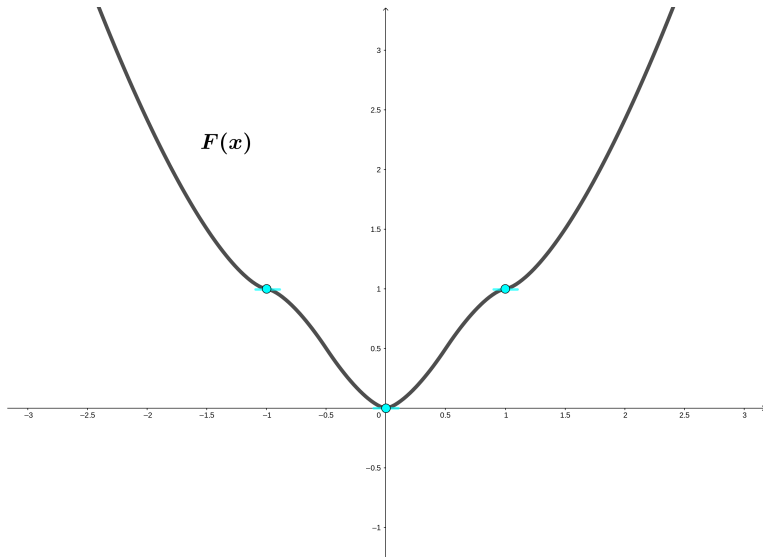
For every $y \in E$, set $m_y(x) := f(y) + G(y)(x - y) - \frac{2A(f,G)}{3}|x - y|^{3/2}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.



Define $g = \inf(g_y)_{y \in E}$ and $m = \sup(m_y)_{y \in E}$.



A suitable paraconvex envelope F of g defines a $C^{1,1/2}$ extension of (f, G) .



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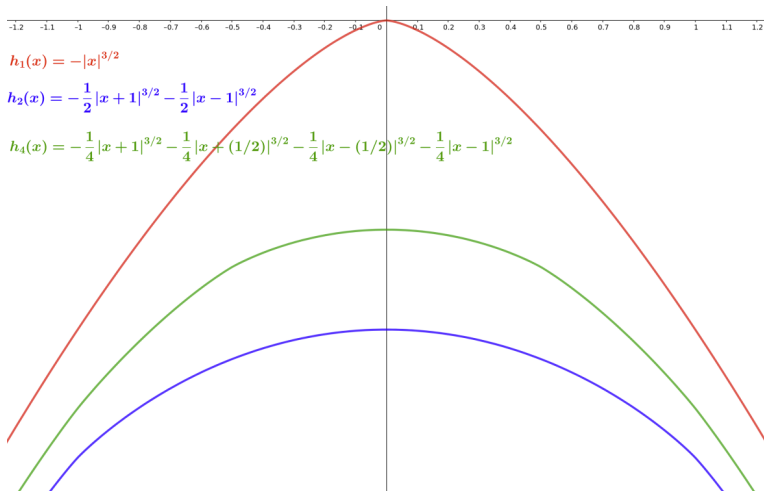
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Bounded and/or Lipschitz functions. Banach spaces

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- If $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space, ω is a modulus of continuity, and $\varphi = \int \omega$. All the results are true for $C^{1,\omega}(X)$ extensions, provided $\varphi \circ \|\cdot\| \in C^{1,\omega}(X)$.

Thank you for your attention!