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SCHWARZ $[0, 1] \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ continuous, $f(x+h) + f(x-h) - 2f(x) = o(h^2)$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$ implies $f(x) = ax + b$ is affine.

proof wlog $f(0) = f(1) = 0$. let $g_\varepsilon(t) = f(t) - \varepsilon t(1-t)$. then $\frac{g(t+h)+g(t-h)-2g(t)}{h^2} \rightarrow 2\varepsilon$ for $t \in (0, 1)$ meaning g_ε has maximum at 0 or 1. hence $g_\varepsilon \leq 0$ for all ε and $f \leq 0$. similarly $f \geq 0$. ■

claim $a_n = o(n)$ (weakly) increasing sequence of positive integers $\implies \frac{n}{a_n}$ contains all positive integers.

proof as ka_n has the same properties, it suffices to show $a_n = n$ has a solution. at $n = 1$ we have \geq , and at some point $<$. we cannot however have a flip from $>$ to $<$ as $a_n > n \implies a_{n+1} \geq n+1$. ■

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proof fix two points p, q . then $f(p) - f(q) = \frac{\int_{B_R(p) \Delta B_R(q)} \pm f}{\text{Vol} B_R}$, but $\text{Vol}(B_R(p) \Delta B_R(q)) = o(\text{Vol} B_R)$ is negligible. ■

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proof suppose not. let $r(x) = \Delta_{e_1} g(x) = g(x+e_1) - g(x)$. then $r(x) + r(x+e_1) + \dots + r(x+ke_1)$ is uniformly bounded. wlog $s = \sup r(x) > 0$. fix x_ε with $r(x_\varepsilon) > s - \varepsilon$. since $r(x) \leq s$ and $\frac{1}{2d} \sum_{x \sim y} r(x) = r(y)$, we get $g(x_\varepsilon + e_1) > s - 2d\varepsilon$. taking k big and ε small yields arbitrarily large $r(x_\varepsilon) + r(x_\varepsilon + e_1) + \dots + r(x_\varepsilon + ke_1) > (k+1)s - \varepsilon(1 + 2d + \dots + (2d)^k)$. ■