

## LIMITS OF SEQUENCES OF FEEBLY-TYPE CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** We consider the following families of real-valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : feebly continuous functions (FC), very feebly continuous functions (VFC), and two-feebly continuous functions (TFC). It is known that the inclusions  $FC \subset VFC \subset TFC$  are proper. We study pointwise and uniform limits of sequences with terms taken from these families.

### 1. Introduction

In the paper, we continue our former investigations from [1] on various classes of feebly-like continuous real-valued functions in two variables. Let us recall basic definitions.

According to [3], we say that a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *feebly continuous at a point*  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2$  if there exist sequences  $x_n \searrow x$  and  $y_m \searrow y$  such that

$$(1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n, y_m) = f(x, y).$$

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Here the symbol  $x_n \searrow x$  means that the sequence  $(x_n)$  is strictly decreasing and convergent to  $x$ . The equality (1) means that, for every  $n$ , a limit  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n, y_m) = a_n$  exists and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = f(x, y)$ .

In [3], Leader considered also another notion which is weaker than feebly continuity. Namely,  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *very feebly continuous* at a point  $\langle x, y \rangle$  if there exist a sequence  $x_n \searrow x$  and, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a sequence  $y_m^{(n)} \searrow y$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n, y_m^{(n)}) = f(x, y).$$

In [1], we proposed a related notion. We say that  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *two-feebly continuous* at  $\langle x, y \rangle$  if there exist sequences  $x_n \searrow x$  and  $y_n \searrow y$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n, y_n) = f(x, y)$ .

We say that  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is feebly (very feebly, two-feebly) continuous whenever it has this property at every point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The families of feebly (very feebly, two-feebly) continuous functions will be denoted by FC (VFC, TFC). It follows that

$$C \subset FC \subset VFC \subset TFC$$

and the inclusions are proper; see [1]. Here  $C$  denotes, as usual, the family of all continuous functions. Note that Leader in [3] constructed, under the Continuum Hypothesis, a function which is nowhere feebly continuous. However, such functions are neither measurable nor with Baire property, see [1, Theorem 1].

Our purpose in this paper is to study pointwise and uniform limits of sequences with terms taken from the classes FC, VFC and TFC.

## 2. Pointwise limits

Given functions  $f$  and  $f_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , the symbol  $f_n \rightarrow f$  will stand for the pointwise convergence of a sequence  $(f_n)$  to  $f$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Every function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a pointwise limit of sequences  $(f_k)$ ,  $(g_k)$  and  $(h_k)$  with terms taken from FC,  $VFC \setminus FC$ , and  $TFC \setminus VFC$ , respectively. If, moreover,  $f$  is Borel (Lebesgue, Baire) measurable, then all functions  $f_k$ ,  $g_k$ ,  $h_k$  have the same property. Consequently, each of the sets FC,  $VFC \setminus FC$ , or  $TFC \setminus VFC$  is dense in the space  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}^2}$  with the topology of pointwise convergence.*

PROOF. Fix  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

I. First, we will construct a sequence  $(f_k)$ , with terms in FC, and such that  $f_k \rightarrow f$ . Write  $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $\{A_{k,n}: k, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a family of pairwise disjoint countable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , each dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define  $f_k: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by the formula

$$f_k(x, y) := \begin{cases} q_n & \text{if } x \in A_{k,n}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ f(x, y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, each  $f_k$  is feebly continuous,  $f_k \rightarrow f$ , and the functions  $f_k$  are measurable whenever  $f$  has this property.

II. We will define a sequence  $(g_k)$ , with terms in  $\text{VFC} \setminus \text{FC}$ , pointwise convergent to  $f$ . We use some ideas from [1] (cf. Lemma 16 and Theorem 17). Choose distinct reals  $v_n^k$ , for  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that each set  $\{v_n^k: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\{D_{n,m}^k: k, n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a family of pairwise disjoint countable dense subsets of  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{N}$ .

Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . List  $D_{n,1}^k = \{d_{n,m}^k: m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and put  $D_n^k := \bigcup_m \{d_{n,m}^k\} \times D_{n,m}^k$ ,  $D^k := \bigcup_n D_n^k$ . Then define functions  $f^k$  and  $g_k$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  by the formulas

$$f^k := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} v_n^k \chi_{D_n^k},$$

$$g_k(x, y) := \begin{cases} f^k(x, y) & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in D^k, \\ k + 1 & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle k, k \rangle, \\ \max(\min(f(x, y), k), -k) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $g_k$  is well-defined because  $\langle k, k \rangle \notin D^k$ . It follows from [1, Lemma 16] that every extension of  $f^k|_{D^k}$  to the whole plane is very feebly continuous. Hence  $g_k|_{D^k} = f^k|_{D^k}$  implies that  $g_k \in \text{VFC}$ . Clearly,  $g_k \rightarrow f$ .

Now, observe that  $g_k$  is not feebly continuous at the point  $\langle k, k \rangle$ . This is a consequence of the fact that  $g_k(k, k) \neq 0$  while the sets  $A_x := \{y > k: g_k(x, y) \neq 0\} \subset D_{n,m}^k$ , where  $x = d_{n,m}^k$ , and the sets  $D_{n,m}^k$  are pairwise disjoint.

Finally, assume that the function  $f$  is measurable. Then the function  $\hat{f}_k = \max(\min(f(x, y), k), -k)$  is measurable, too. Since  $g_k = \hat{f}_k$  on a co-countable set,  $g_k$  is measurable, too.

III. Finally, we construct a sequence  $(h_k)$ , with terms in  $\text{TFC} \setminus \text{VFC}$ , pointwise convergent to  $f$ . By the first assertion,  $f$  is the pointwise limit of a sequence  $(f_k)$  with terms in FC. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $S_k := [k - \frac{1}{4}, k + \frac{1}{4}] \times [k - \frac{1}{4}, k + \frac{1}{4}]$  and define  $h_k: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$h_k(x, y) := \begin{cases} f_k(x, y) & \text{if } \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S_k, \\ x & \text{if } \langle x, y \rangle \in S_k \text{ and } x = y, \\ 0 & \text{if } \langle x, y \rangle \in S_k \text{ and } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\lim_k h_k = \lim_k f_k = f$ . Moreover, each  $h_k$  is in TFC and it is not very feebly continuous at the point  $\langle k, k \rangle$ . Finally, it is easy to observe that  $h_k$  is measurable whenever  $f$  has this property.  $\square$

REMARK 2. It is easy to observe that sequences  $(f_n)$ ,  $(g_n)$  and  $(h_n)$  defined in the proof of Proposition 1 converge discretely to the function  $f$ . Recall that  $(f_n)$  is *discretely convergent* to a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $x \in X$  there is  $N$  with  $f_n(x) = f(x)$  for  $n > N$ . This notion was introduced by Császár and Laczkovich [2]. It is much stronger than pointwise convergence.

### 3. Uniform limits

Recall that the topology of uniform convergence in the space  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}^2}$  of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  is metrizable by the metric

$$d(f, g) := \min \left( 1, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} |f(x) - g(x)| \right).$$

PROPOSITION 3. *The families VFC and TFC are closed in the topology of uniform convergence in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}^2}$ .*

PROOF. Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the uniform limit of a sequence  $(f_n)$  with terms in VFC. We may assume that  $d(f_n, f) < \frac{1}{n}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Fix  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We will show that  $f$  is very feebly continuous at  $\langle x, y \rangle$ . For a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $f_n$  is very feebly continuous at  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , there are:  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y_m^{(n)} \searrow y$  such that

- (i)  $|x_n - x| < \frac{1}{n}$ ;
- (ii)  $|\lim_m f_n(x_n, y_m^{(n)}) - f_n(x, y)| < \frac{1}{n}$ .

The condition (ii) implies that the sequence  $(f_n(x_n, y_m^{(n)}))_m$  is bounded, hence  $(f(x_n, y_m^{(n)}))_m$  is bounded too. Let  $k_m \nearrow \infty$  be such that  $(f(x_n, y_{k_m}^{(n)}))_m$  is convergent to some  $\lambda_n$ . Then  $|\lambda_n - f(x, y)| < \frac{2}{n}$ , and for  $z_m^{(n)} := y_{k_m}^{(n)}$  we have  $z_m^{(n)} \searrow y$ . We may assume that  $x_n \searrow x$ . Then  $\lim_n \lim_m f(x_n, z_m^{(n)}) = f(x, y)$ , so  $f$  is very feebly continuous at  $\langle x, y \rangle$ .

The argument for TFC is similar. Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the uniform limit of a sequence  $(f_n)$  with terms in TFC, and assume that  $d(f_n, f) < \frac{1}{n}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Fix  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . For a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $f_n$  is two-feebly continuous at  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , pick sequences  $x_m^{(n)} \searrow x$  and  $y_m^{(n)} \searrow y$  such that  $\lim_m f_n(x_m^{(n)}, y_m^{(n)}) = f_n(x, y)$ . Then choose inductively a sequence  $m_n \nearrow \infty$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|f_n(x_{m_n}^{(n)}, y_{m_n}^{(n)}) - f_n(x, y)| < \frac{1}{n}.$$

This implies that  $|f(x_{m_n}^{(n)}, y_{m_n}^{(n)}) - f(x, y)| < \frac{3}{n}$  for every  $n$  which shows that  $f \in \text{TFC}$ .  $\square$

In the sequel, we will use the following notation. We will write  $p \in FC(f)$  whenever  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is feebly continuous at a point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (similarly, for very feebly continuity and two-feebly continuity).

We need the following lemma which results directly from the definition of very feebly continuity.

LEMMA 4 ([1, Lemma 3]). *Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . A point  $z = \langle x, y \rangle$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus VFC(f)$  if and only if there exist an interval  $(p, q)$  containing  $f(z)$ , a real  $t > 0$  and real numbers  $r_s > 0$ , chosen for every  $s \in (0, t)$ , such that  $f$  does not attain values in  $(p, q)$  at any point of the set*

$$G(z) := \{\langle x + a, y + b \rangle : 0 < a < t, 0 < b < r_a\}.$$

PROPOSITION 5. *The family  $\text{TFC} \setminus \text{VFC}$  is uniformly dense in TFC. Consequently, VFC is nowhere dense in TFC with the topology of uniform convergence.*

PROOF. Let  $f \in \text{TFC}$ . For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will find a function  $g \in \text{TFC} \setminus \text{VFC}$  with  $d(f, g) \leq 2\varepsilon$ . Since  $f \in \text{TFC}$ , there are sequences  $\hat{x}_n \searrow 0$ ,  $\hat{y}_n \searrow 0$  with  $\lim_n f(\hat{x}_n, \hat{y}_n) = f(0, 0)$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $L_n$  denote the closed segment with end-points  $\langle \hat{x}_n, \hat{y}_n \rangle$ ,  $\langle \hat{x}_{n+1}, \hat{y}_{n+1} \rangle$ , and let  $L := \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\} \cup \bigcup_n L_n$ . Then define

$$T := \left\{ \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in (0, \hat{x}_1) \text{ \& } y \in \left[ 0, \frac{1}{2}L(x) \right] \right\},$$

where  $L(x)$  denotes the unique  $y$  with  $\langle x, y \rangle \in L$ . For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , put

$$W := \{\langle x, y \rangle \in T : |f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| < \varepsilon\},$$

$$W^+ := \{\langle x, y \rangle \in W : f(0, 0) < f(x, y) < f(0, 0) + \varepsilon\},$$

$$W^- := \{\langle x, y \rangle \in W : f(0, 0) > f(x, y) > f(0, 0) - \varepsilon\}.$$

Moreover, decompose the set  $V := W \cap f^{-1}[\{f(0, 0)\}]$  into two parts. Let  $V^+$  be the set of all  $\langle x, y \rangle \in V$  for which there are sequences  $x_n \searrow x$ ,  $y_n \searrow y$  with  $f(x_n, y_n) \geq f(0, 0)$  and  $\lim_n f(x_n, y_n) = f(x, y)$ , and set  $V^- := V \setminus V^+$ . Note that for any  $\langle x, y \rangle \in V^-$ , there are  $x_n \searrow x$ ,  $y_n \searrow y$  such that  $f(x_n, y_n) < f(0, 0)$  and  $\lim_n f(x_n, y_n) = f(x, y)$ .

Now, define  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by the formula

$$g(x, y) := \begin{cases} f(0, 0) + \varepsilon & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in W^+ \cup V^+, \\ f(0, 0) - \varepsilon & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in W^- \cup V^-, \\ f(x, y) & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus W. \end{cases}$$

Then obviously,  $d(g, f) \leq 2\varepsilon$ .

Let us verify that  $g \in \text{TFC}$ . Since  $g(\hat{x}_n, \hat{y}_n) = f(\hat{x}_n, \hat{y}_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle \in \text{TFC}(g)$ . For every point  $\langle x, y \rangle \notin Z := \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\} \cup T$  there is a right-hand open square  $S$  centered at  $\langle x, y \rangle$  and disjoint with  $Z$ , so from  $g = f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Z$  and  $f \in \text{TFC}$  it follows that  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Z \subset \text{TFC}(g)$ . Now, assume that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in T$ . Since  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{TFC}(f)$ , there are  $x_n \searrow x$ ,  $y_n \searrow y$  with  $\lim_n f(x_n, y_n) = f(x, y)$ . We consider a few cases.

1. First, suppose that  $|f(x, y) - f(0, 0)| > \varepsilon$ . Then  $|f(x_n, y_n) - f(0, 0)| > \varepsilon$  for almost all  $n$ , hence  $g(x_n, y_n) = f(x_n, y_n)$ , so  $\lim_n g(x_n, y_n) = \lim_n f(x_n, y_n) = f(x, y) = g(x, y)$  and therefore,  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{TFC}(g)$ .

2. Suppose that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in W^+$ . Then  $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \in W^+$  for almost all  $n$ , and we have  $\lim_n g(x_n, y_n) = f(0, 0) + \varepsilon = g(x, y)$ . Similarly, if  $\langle x, y \rangle \in W^-$ .

3. Now, let  $f(x, y) = f(0, 0) + \varepsilon$ . Then there is a sequence  $i_n \nearrow \infty$  such that either  $f(x_{i_n}, y_{i_n}) > f(0, 0) + \varepsilon$  for every  $n$ , or  $f(x_{i_n}, y_{i_n}) = f(0, 0) + \varepsilon$  for all  $n$ , or  $\langle x_{i_n}, y_{i_n} \rangle \in W^+$  for each  $n$ . In each of such cases  $\lim_n g(x_{i_n}, y_{i_n}) = f(0, 0) + \varepsilon = g(x, y)$ . Similarly, if  $f(x, y) = f(0, 0) - \varepsilon$ .

4. Finally, suppose that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in V^+$ . We may assume that  $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \in W^+ \cup V^+$  for all  $n$ . Then  $\lim_n g(x_n, y_n) = f(0, 0) + \varepsilon = g(x, y)$ , hence  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{TFC}(g)$ . Similarly, if  $\langle x, y \rangle \in V^-$ .

Also,  $g$  is not very feebly continuous at the point  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$  by Lemma 4.

Thus the above argument leads to the first assertion stating that  $\text{TFC} \setminus \text{VFC}$  is uniformly dense in  $\text{TFC}$ . Now, the second assertion follows since  $\text{VFC}$  is closed by Proposition 3.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 6.** *The family FC is not closed in the space  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}^2}$  with the topology of uniform convergence.*

PROOF. Let  $\{p_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be the set of all prime numbers in  $\mathbb{N}$ . For any triple  $\langle k, i, j \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^3$ , let  $S(k, i, j)$  denote a right-hand open square in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered at the point  $\langle \frac{1}{p_k^i}, \frac{1}{p_k^j} \rangle$ ,  $S(k, i, j) := I(k, i, j) \times J(k, i, j)$ , where  $I(k, i, j)$  and  $J(k, i, j)$  are intervals of the form  $[a, b)$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ . We may require that the closures of different intervals  $J(k, i, j)$  and  $J(k', i', j')$  are disjoint.

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define a function  $f_k : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows

$$f_k(x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{k} & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\} \cup \bigcup_{n > k} \bigcup_{i, j \in \mathbb{N}} S(n, i, j), \\ 1 - \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in \bigcup_{i, j \in \mathbb{N}} S(n, i, j), \quad n \leq k, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that each  $f_k$  is feebly continuous. In fact we only need to check that  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle \in FC(f)$  but this can be provided by the sequences  $(x_n) := (\frac{1}{p_k^n})$  and  $(y_m) := (\frac{1}{p_k^m})$ .

Moreover, the sequence  $(f_k)$  is uniformly convergent to the function

$$f(x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in \bigcup_{i, j \in \mathbb{N}} S(n, i, j), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

which is not feebly continuous at the point  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ . □

PROPOSITION 7. *The family FC is not uniformly dense in the class VFC.*

PROOF. Choose reals  $r_n$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the following properties:

- $0 < r_n < 1/n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- $\frac{r_n}{r_m} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  for  $n \neq m$ .

For all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $x_n := \frac{1}{n}$  and  $y_m^{(n)} := \frac{r_n}{m}$ , and let  $S(n, m)$  be a right-hand open square centered at the point  $\langle x_n, y_m^{(n)} \rangle$ ,  $S(n, m) := I(n, m) \times J(n, m)$ , where  $\text{cl}(J(n, m)) \cap \text{cl}(J(i, j)) = \emptyset$  whenever  $\langle n, m \rangle \neq \langle i, j \rangle$ . Let  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the following modification of the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  from [1, Example 8]:

$$\tilde{f} := \chi_B, \quad \text{where } B := \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\} \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} S(n, m).$$

Observe that the function  $\tilde{f}$  is very feebly continuous, while there is no  $g \in FC$  with  $d(g, \tilde{f}) < \frac{1}{2}$ . □

PROPOSITION 8. *The family  $VFC \setminus FC$  is uniformly dense in  $VFC$ .*

PROOF. For given  $f \in FC$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will construct  $g \in VFC \setminus FC$  with  $d(f, g) \leq \varepsilon$ . Clearly, we may assume that  $f(0, 0) = 0$ . Since  $f$  is feebly continuous at the point  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ , there are sequences  $x_n \searrow 0$ ,  $y_m \searrow 0$  with  $\lim_n \lim_m f(x_n, y_m) = 0$ . Divide the set  $\mathbb{N}$  into infinitely many sets which are ordered as increasing sequences  $(i_m^k)_m$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $y_m^{(n)} := y_{i_m^n}$ . For any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $S(n, m) := I(n, m) \times J(n, m)$  be a right-side open square centered at the point  $\langle x_n, y_m^{(n)} \rangle$ . We may assume that, for all pairs  $\langle i, j \rangle$ ,  $\langle n, m \rangle$  of natural numbers, the following conditions hold:

- (1) if  $i < n$  then  $\sup I(i, j) < \inf I(n, m)$ ;
- (2) if  $j < m$  then  $\sup J(n, m) < \inf J(n, j)$ .

Let  $S := \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\} \cup \bigcup_{n, m} S(n, m)$ . Decompose the set  $Z := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S$  into three parts  $A_+$ ,  $A_-$ , and  $A_0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A_+ &:= Z \cap f^{-1}((0, +\infty)), \\ A_- &:= Z \cap f^{-1}((-\infty, 0)), \\ A_0 &:= Z \setminus (A_+ \cup A_-). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, divide the set  $A_0$  into two subsets  $A_0^+$  and  $A_0^-$  where  $A_0^+$  is the set of all points  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_0$  for which there are  $s_n \searrow x$ ,  $t_m \searrow y$  such that  $f(s_n, t_m) \geq 0$  and  $\lim_n \lim_m f(s_n, t_m) = 0$ , and let  $A_0^- := A_0 \setminus A_0^+$ . Note that, if  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_0^-$ , then there are  $s_n \searrow x$ ,  $t_m \searrow y$  such that  $f(s_n, t_m) \in A_0^-$  and  $\lim_n \lim_m f(s_n, t_m) = 0$ .

Now, we are ready to define the function  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Set

$$g(x, y) := \begin{cases} f(x, y) & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in S, \\ f(x, y) + \varepsilon & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in A_+ \cup A_0^+, \\ f(x, y) - \varepsilon & \text{for } \langle x, y \rangle \in A_- \cup A_0^-. \end{cases}$$

Then  $g$  is as we need. Indeed, it is clear that  $d(f, g) \leq \varepsilon$ . To see that  $g$  is very feebly continuous at the point  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ , consider the sequences  $(x_n)$ ,  $(y_m^{(n)})_m$ . For every  $n$ ,  $(y_m^{(n)})_m$  is a subsequence of  $(y_m)$ , therefore  $\lim_m g(x_n, y_m^{(n)}) = \lim_m f(x_n, y_m)$ . Hence  $\lim_n \lim_m g(x_n, y_m^{(n)}) = \lim_n \lim_m f(x_n, y_m) = f(0, 0) = g(0, 0)$ .

Now, we will verify that  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle \notin FC(g)$ . Suppose to the contrary that exist  $s_n \searrow 0$ ,  $t_m \searrow 0$  such that  $\lim_n \lim_m g(s_n, t_m) = g(0, 0) = 0$ . We can assume that  $|\lim_m g(s_n, t_m)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . This means that  $\langle s_n, t_m \rangle \in \bigcup_{i, j} S(i, j)$ , so  $t_m$  belongs to infinitely many intervals  $J(i, j)$  which is impossible. Finally,

similarly as in the proof of Proposition 5, one can check that  $g$  is feebly continuous at each point  $\langle x, y \rangle \neq \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ .  $\square$

PROBLEM.

1. *Is the set  $VFC \setminus FC$  residual (non-meager, or Borel) in the space  $VFC$  with the topology of uniform convergence?*
2. *Can every Borel (Lebesgue, or Baire) measurable function  $f \in VFC$  be a uniform limit of a sequence of Borel (Lebesgue, or Baire) measurable functions from the class  $VFC \setminus FC$ ?*

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