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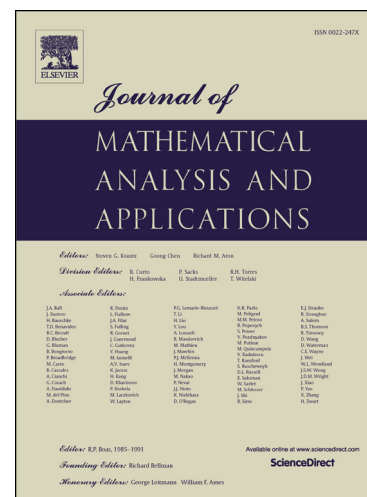
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Abstract

Suppose that f belongs to a suitably defined complete metric space \mathcal{C}^α of Hölder α -functions defined on $[0, 1]$. We are interested in whether one can find large (in the sense of Hausdorff, or lower/upper Minkowski dimension) sets $A \subset [0, 1]$ such that $f|_A$ is monotone, or convex/concave. Some of our results are about generic functions in \mathcal{C}^α like the following one: we prove that for a generic $f \in C_1^\alpha[0, 1]$, $0 < \alpha < 2$ for any $A \subset [0, 1]$ such that $f|_A$ is convex, or concave we have $\dim_H A \leq \dim_M A \leq \max\{0, \alpha - 1\}$. On the other hand we also have some results about all functions belonging to a certain space. For example the previous result is complemented by the following one: for $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ for any $f \in C^\alpha[0, 1]$ there is always a set $A \subset [0, 1]$ such that $\dim_H A = \alpha - 1$ and $f|_A$ is convex, or concave on A .

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