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Throughout this paper  $D$  will denote a bounded domain in Euclidean  $n$ -space  $R^n$ , and  $T$  will be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D$  into  $R^n$ . For such transformations, concepts of essential bounded variation and essential absolute continuity have been defined and studied by Rado and Reichelderfer ([3], IV. 4). In this paper a characterization of essential absolute continuity will be given. The characterization suggests a definition of uniform essential absolute continuity and some of the consequences of this definition will be investigated.

1. For every point  $x$  in  $R^n$  a multiplicity function  $K(x, T, D)$  is defined ([3], II. 3.2).  $T$  is said to be essentially of bounded variation (briefly  $eBV$ ) in  $D$  provided  $K(x, T, D)$  is Lebesgue summable in  $R^n$  ([3], IV. 4.1, Definition 1). Let  $X_\infty = X_\infty(T, D)$  denote the set of points  $x$  in  $R^n$  for which  $K(x, T, D)$  is infinite. Thus if  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$ , then  $\mathcal{L}X_\infty = 0$  (if  $A$  is a subset of  $R^n$ , then  $\mathcal{L}A$  denotes its exterior Lebesgue measure). Since  $K(x, T, D)$  is a lower semicontinuous function of  $x$  ([3], II. 3.2, Remark 10),  $X_\infty$  is a Borel set and, by Theorem 1 of [3], IV. 1.1, the set  $T^{-1}X_\infty$  is also a Borel set.

2. If  $x$  is a point in  $R^n$  and  $C$  is a component of  $T^{-1}x$  which is closed relative to  $R^n$ , then  $C$  is termed a maximal model continuum ( $x, T, D$ ) ([3], II. 3.1, Definition 1). Denote by  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathfrak{C}(T, D)$  the class composed of all sets  $C$  for which  $TC$  is a point in  $R^n$  and  $C$  is a maximal model continuum for  $(TC, T, D)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathfrak{C}(T, D)$  be the subset of  $\mathfrak{C}$  consisting of those elements  $C$  each of which is an essential maximal model continuum (briefly e.m.m.c.) for  $(TC, T, D)$  ([3], II. 3.3, Definition 1); the set  $E = E(T, D) = \cup C, C \in \mathfrak{C}$  ([3], II. 3.6). Let  $\mathfrak{C}_i = \mathfrak{C}_i(T, D)$  be the subset of  $\mathfrak{C}$  consisting of those elements  $C$  each of which is an essentially isolated e.m.m.c. (briefly e.i. e.m.m.c.) for  $(TC, T, D)$  ([3], II. 3.3, Definition 2); the set  $E_i = E_i(T, D) = \cup C, C \in \mathfrak{C}_i$  ([3], II. 3.6.). Finally, let  $\mathfrak{C}_i^p = \mathfrak{C}_i^p(T, D)$  be the subset of  $\mathfrak{C}_i$  consisting of those elements of  $\mathfrak{C}_i$  which consist of single points; the set  $E_i^p = E_i^p(T, D) = \cup C, C \in \mathfrak{C}_i^p$  ([3], II. 3.6). The sets  $E$ ,  $E_i$  and  $E_i^p$  are Borel sets ([3], II. 3.6, Theorem 1).

If  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$ , then a necessary and sufficient condition that  $T$  be essentially absolutely continuous (briefly  $eAC$ ) in  $D$  ([3], IV. 4.2) is

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that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on the set  $E(T, D)$  ([3], IV. 4.2, Theorem 3) i.e., if  $S \subseteq E$  and  $\mathcal{L}S = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{L}TS = 0$ .

**DEFINITION 1.**  $T$  will be said to satisfy the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on a subset  $A$  of  $D$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $S \subseteq A$  and  $\mathcal{L}S < \delta$ , then  $\mathcal{L}TS < \varepsilon$ . Clearly if  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on each of a finite number of subsets of  $D$ , then  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on any subset of their union. Also, if  $A$  is a Borel subset of  $D$ , then  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $A$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $S$  is a Borel subset of  $A$  and  $\mathcal{L}S < \delta$ , then  $\mathcal{L}TS < \varepsilon$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Suppose  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$ . Then a necessary and sufficient condition that  $T$  be  $eAC$  in  $D$  is that  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on the set  $E(T, D)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is assumed to be  $eBV$  in  $D$  it suffices to prove that a necessary and sufficient condition that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on the set  $E$  is that  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $E$ . Since the proof of the sufficiency is immediate, we proceed to a proof of the necessity. If  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $E$ , then, by Lemma 4 of [3], IV. 4.2,  $\mathcal{L}T(E - E_i^p) = 0$  and so  $T$  clearly satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $E - E_i^p$ . Since  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$ ,  $\mathcal{L}X_\infty = 0$  and so  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $T^{-1}X_\infty$ . Since  $E$  is a subset of the union of the sets  $E - E_i^p$ ,  $T^{-1}X_\infty$  and  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$ , in view of the remarks following Definition 1 it remains only to be shown that  $T$  satisfies the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  whenever  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $E$ . Assume then that  $T$  does not satisfy the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$ . The proof will be completed by showing that  $T$  does not satisfy the condition (N) on  $E$ . Since  $E_i^p$  and  $T^{-1}X_\infty$  are Borel sets, their difference is a Borel set. Thus the assumption that  $T$  fails to satisfy the  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  condition on  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  implies, in view of the remarks following Definition 1, that there is an  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for every positive integer  $k$  there is a Borel set  $S_k \subseteq E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  such that  $\mathcal{L}S_k < 1/2^k$  and  $\mathcal{L}TS_k \geq \varepsilon_0$ . Let  $S^* = \limsup S_k (= \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \bigcup_{k \geq n} S_k)$ .  $S^*$  is a subset of  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  and so

$$(1) \quad S^* \subseteq E.$$

For every positive integer  $n$ ,  $S^* \subseteq \bigcup_{k \geq n} S_k$  and so  $\mathcal{L}S^* \leq 1/2^{n-1}$ . Hence

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}S^* = 0.$$

Let  $k$  be a positive integer and suppose  $x \in TS_k$ . Since  $S_k \subseteq E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$ ,  $K(x, T, D) < \infty$  and there is a point  $u$  in  $E_i^p$  such that  $Tu = x$ ,

Since  $K(x, T, D) < \infty$  there are at most a finite number of e.m.m.c.s. for  $(x, T, D)$  ([3], II. 3.3, Definition 1 and II. 3.4, Theorem 3). But for every point  $u$  in  $E_i^p$  such that  $Tu = x$  the set consisting of the point  $u$  is an e.m.m.c. for  $(x, T, D)$ . Thus there are at most a finite number of points  $u$  in  $E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  for which  $Tu = x$ . Thus it has been shown that

(3) For every integer  $k$ , if  $x$  is in  $TS_k$  then  $(E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty) \cap T^{-1}x$  is a finite set.

Since  $\bigcup S_k \subseteq E_i^p - T^{-1}X_\infty$  it is easy to show that (3) implies that  $\limsup TS_k = T(\limsup S_k)$  and so

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{L}(\limsup TS_k) = \mathcal{L}TS^*.$$

By Theorem 4 of [3], IV. 1. 1, the sets  $TS_k$  are measurable. Since  $T$  is a bounded transformation,  $\mathcal{L}(\bigcup TS_k)$  is finite. Thus ([5], p. 17)

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{L}(\limsup TS_k) \geq \limsup \mathcal{L}TS_k.$$

But  $\mathcal{L}TS_k \geq \varepsilon_0 > 0$  for all  $k$  and so

$$(6) \quad \limsup \mathcal{L}TS_k > 0$$

By (4), (5) and (6),

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{L}TS^* > 0$$

Now (1), (2) and (7) imply that  $T$  does not satisfy condition (N) on  $E$ .

3. DEFINITION 2. For every positive integer  $j$  let  $D_j$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$  and let  $T_j$  be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D_j$  into  $R^n$ . The transformations  $T_j$  will be termed uniformly essentially absolutely continuous (briefly UEAC) provided:

(i) For each  $j$ ,  $T_j \in BV$  in  $D_j$  and

(ii) Given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$ , depending only on  $\varepsilon$ , such that for all  $j$  the following is true: if  $S$  is a subset of  $E(T_j, D_j)$  and  $\mathcal{L}S < \delta$ , then  $\mathcal{L}T_j S < \varepsilon$ .

Note that if the transformations  $T_j$  are UEAC, then, by Theorem 1, for each  $j$ ,  $T_j$  is  $eAC$  in  $D_j$ .

Each point  $u$  in  $D$  is contained in a unique component of  $T^{-1}Tu$  denoted by  $C_u$ . A subset  $U$  of  $D$  is termed a  $T$  set if  $u \in U$  implies  $C_u \subseteq U$  ([4], 1).

THEOREM 2. Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in Euclidean  $n$ -space  $R^n$  and let  $T$  be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D$  into  $R^n$ . For every positive integer  $j$  let  $D_j$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$  and let  $T_j$  be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D_j$  into  $R^n$ ,

If

- (i) The mappings  $T_j$  are UEAC
  - (ii) The mappings  $T_j$  converge to  $T$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$  ([3], II. 3. 2, Remark 9) and
  - (iii)  $A$  is a  $T$  set contained in  $E(T, D)$  and  $\mathcal{L}A = 0$ ,
- then  $\mathcal{L}TA = 0$ .

*Proof* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $\delta$  be the corresponding positive number in (ii) of Definition 2. Since  $A$  is a subset of the open set  $D$  and  $\mathcal{L}A = 0$ , there is an open set  $O$ , containing  $A$  and contained in  $D$ , such that  $\mathcal{L}O < \delta$ . Let  $x \in TA$ . Since  $A \subseteq E(T, D)$ , there is a set  $C$ , e.m.m.c. for  $(x, T, D)$ , such that  $C$  meets  $A$ .  $C \subseteq A$  since  $A$  is a  $T$  set and so  $C \subseteq O$ . By Definition 1 in [3], II. 3.3 there is a set  $D$ , which contains  $C$  and whose closure  $\mathcal{K}D$  is contained in  $O$ , such that  $D$  is an indicator domain for  $(x, T, D)$  ([3], II. 3.2). By definition  $\mathcal{K}D \subseteq D$ ,  $x$  is not in  $T\mathcal{B}D$  (where  $\mathcal{B}D$  denotes the boundary of  $D$ ) and the topological index  $\mu(x, T, D)$  ([3], II. 2) is not zero. Since  $T\mathcal{B}D$  is compact, the ecart of  $x$  from  $T\mathcal{B}D$ ,  $e(x, T\mathcal{B}D)$ , is positive ([3], I.1.4, Exercise 3). Since  $\mathcal{K}D \subseteq D$ , by (ii) there is a positive integer  $j_x$  such that, for  $j > j_x$ ,  $\mathcal{K}D \subseteq D_j$  and  $\rho(T, T_j, \mathcal{K}D)$  the deviation of  $T_j$  from  $T$  on  $\mathcal{K}D$  ([3], I. 1.5, Definition 5) is less than  $e(x, T\mathcal{B}D)$ . Clearly  $\rho(T, T_j, \mathcal{B}D) \leq \rho(T, T_j, \mathcal{K}D)$ . Thus, for  $j > j_x$ ,  $\mathcal{K}D \subseteq D \cap D_j$  and  $\rho(T, T_j, \mathcal{B}D) < e(x, T\mathcal{B}D)$ . By Theorem 6 of [3], II. 2.3,  $\mu(x, T_j, D)$  is defined and equals  $\mu(x, T, D)$ . Thus  $D$  is an indicator domain for  $(x, T_j, D_j)$  and, by Lemma 4 of [3], II. 3.3, there is a set  $C_j$ , e.m.m.c. for  $(x, T_j, D_j)$ , such that  $C_j \subseteq D$ . Now  $C_j \subseteq O \cap E(T_j, D_j)$  and  $T_j C_j = x$ . Thus  $x \in T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)]$  for all  $j > j_x$  and hence  $x \in \liminf T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)]$ . Since  $x$  was any point in  $TA$ , it has been shown that  $TA \subseteq \liminf T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)]$  and so

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}TA \leq \mathcal{L}\liminf T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)].$$

Since  $E(T_j, D_j)$  is a Borel set,  $O \cap E(T_j, D_j)$  is also a Borel set and so  $T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)]$  is Lebesgue measurable. Thus ([5], p. 17)

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}\liminf T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)] \leq \liminf \mathcal{L}T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)].$$

Now

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{L}[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)] \leq \mathcal{L}O < \delta.$$

By the choice of  $\delta$ , (3) implies that  $\mathcal{L}T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)] < \varepsilon$  and hence

$$(4) \quad \liminf \mathcal{L}T_j[O \cap E(T_j, D_j)] \leq \varepsilon.$$

By (1), (2) and (4)

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{L}TA \leq \varepsilon.$$

Since (5) has been proved for an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{L}TA = 0$ .

4. Theorem 2 suggests the question: under the hypotheses of Theorem 2 does  $T$  satisfy the condition (N) on  $E(T, \mathbf{D})$ ? Note that  $T$  does satisfy the condition (N) on  $E_i^p(T, \mathbf{D})$ . In the remainder of the paper some results pertinent to this question will be presented.

Reichelderfer introduced the concept of the  $T$  magnification ([4], 6). It will be useful to have the definition repeated here.

Let  $\mathfrak{D}^* = \mathfrak{D}^*(T, \mathbf{D})$  be the class composed of all domains  $D$  for each of which  $\mathcal{K}D$  is contained in  $\mathbf{D}$  and there exists an open oriented  $n$ -cube  $Q$  in  $R^n$  such that  $D$  is a component of  $T^{-1}Q$ . If  $C$  is a maximal model continuum for  $(x, T, \mathbf{D})$  for some point  $x$  in  $R^n$ , for every positive number  $\varepsilon$  define

$$\bar{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T, \varepsilon) = \text{l.u.b. } \mathcal{L}TD / \mathcal{L}D, C \equiv D \in \mathfrak{D}^*, \delta TD \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T, \varepsilon) = \text{g.l.b. } \mathcal{L}TD / \mathcal{L}D, C \equiv D \in \mathfrak{D}^*, \delta TD \leq \varepsilon$$

(If  $A$  is a subset of  $R^n$ ,  $\delta A$  denotes the diameter of  $A$ ).

$$\bar{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \bar{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T, \varepsilon)$$

and

$$\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T, \varepsilon).$$

If  $\bar{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T)$  and  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T)$  are finite and equal, their common value is denoted by  $M(C, T)$  and is termed the  $T$  magnification at  $C$ .

*Lemma 1.* Let  $p$  be a positive number and let  $A$  be a  $T$  set with the following properties:

(i) If  $u \in A$ , then there is a set  $C \in \mathfrak{G}_i(T, \mathbf{D})$  such that  $u \in C$  and  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) > p$ .

(ii) If  $C \in \mathfrak{G}_i(T, \mathbf{D})$  and  $C \equiv A$ , then for every domain  $G$  in  $R^n$  which contains  $TC$  and has a sufficiently small diameter it is true that  $T^{-1}G$  possesses exactly one component  $D$  which meets  $A$ . Note that  $D$  must contain  $C$  and (provided only that the diameter of  $G$  is sufficiently small) be a m.i.d.  $T$  ([4], 4 and 5, Lemma 2).

Then  $\mathcal{L}A \leq 1/p \mathcal{L}TA$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\eta$  be any positive number. The proof will be completed

by showing that  $\mathcal{L}A \leq 1/p \mathcal{L}TA + \eta$ .

Let  $x \in TA$  (the inequality is trivial if  $A$  is empty) and let  $u \in A$  such the  $Tu = x$ . By (i) there is a set  $C \in \mathfrak{C}_i(T, D)$  such that  $u \in C$  and  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) > p$ . Thus there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T, \varepsilon) > p$  and so

$$(1) \quad \text{If } C \equiv D \in \mathfrak{D}^* \text{ and } \delta TD \leq \varepsilon, \text{ then } \mathcal{L}TD/\mathcal{L}D > p$$

Since  $A$  is a  $T$  set,  $C \equiv A$  and, by (ii), there exists a positive number  $r$  such that for every domain  $G$  in  $R^n$  which contains  $TC(=x)$  and for which  $\delta G \leq r$  it is true that  $T^{-1}G$  possesses exactly one component which meets  $A$  and, moreover, this component is a m.i.d.  $T$  containing  $C$ . For every positive integer  $i$  let  $Q_i$  be the open oriented  $n$ -cube with center at  $x$  and diameter equal to the smaller of  $\varepsilon, r$  and  $1/i$ . Then  $T^{-1}Q_i$  possesses exactly one component  $D_i$  which meets  $A$  and  $D_i$  is a m.i.d.  $T$  containing  $C$ . By the Lemma in [4], 4,  $TD_i = Q_i$  and  $\mathcal{H}D_i \equiv D$ . By definition,  $D_i \in \mathfrak{D}^*$  and so, with the aid of (1),  $\mathcal{L}D_i < 1/p \mathcal{L}TD_i$ . Thus

(2) For every point  $x$  in  $TA$  there is associated a sequence of open oriented  $n$ -cubes  $Q_i$  with centers at  $x$  and a corresponding sequence of domains  $D_i$  such that, for all  $i$ ,  $\delta Q_i \leq 1/i$ ,  $\mathcal{L}D_i < 1/p \mathcal{L}Q_i$ ,  $D_i$  is a component of  $T^{-1}Q_i$  and the only component of  $T^{-1}Q_i$  which meets  $A$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be the class of all  $n$ -cubes associated with points of  $TA$  in this manner.  $\mathcal{L}TA$  is finite since  $T$  is bounded, and by a theorem of Rademacher ([2], p. 190) there is a  $\mathfrak{Q}^*$ , countable subclass of  $\mathfrak{Q}$ , such that

$$(3) \quad TA \equiv \bigcup Q^*, Q^* \in \mathfrak{Q}^*$$

and

$$(4) \quad \Sigma \mathcal{L}Q^* \leq \mathcal{L}TA + \eta p.$$

(Rademacher's theorem is stated in terms of a covering made up of open  $n$ -spheres, but the corresponding theorem for a covering of open  $n$ -cubes is readily obtained from it). Let  $Q^*$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{Q}^*$ . By (2) there is a corresponding domain  $D^*$ ,  $D^*$  a component  $T^{-1}Q^*$  such that  $\mathcal{L}D^* < 1/p \mathcal{L}Q^*$  and  $D^*$  is the only component of  $T^{-1}Q^*$  which meets  $A$ . In this way exactly one domain  $D^*$  is associated with each  $Q^* \in \mathfrak{Q}^*$ . The class of domains  $D^*$  is countable and

$$(5) \quad \Sigma \mathcal{L}D^* \leq 1/p \Sigma \mathcal{L}Q^*.$$

Let  $u \in A$ . Then  $Tu \in TA$  and by (3) there is a  $Q^* \in \mathfrak{Q}^*$  such that  $Tu \in Q^*$ . Since the corresponding  $D^*$  is the only component of  $T^{-1}Q^*$

which meets  $A$  it must contain  $u$ . Thus  $A \equiv \bigcup D^*$  and

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{L}A \leq \Sigma \mathcal{L}D^*.$$

By (4), (5) and (6),  $\mathcal{L}A \leq 1/p \mathcal{L}TA + \eta$ . Since  $\eta$  is any positive number, the conclusion of the lemma is established.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be a subclass of  $\mathfrak{E}_i(T, D)$  such that if  $C \in \mathfrak{S}$  then  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) > 0$ . Put  $H = \bigcup C, C \in \mathfrak{S}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}TH = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{L}H = 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is not empty (the equality is trivial otherwise) then  $\mathfrak{E}_i(T, D)$  is not empty and hence, by the Lemma in [4], 14, the set  $E_i$  can be expressed as the union of a countably infinite sequence of  $T$  sets  $U_k$  with the following property:

(1) If  $C \in \mathfrak{E}_i$  and  $U_k \equiv C$ , then for every domain  $G$  in  $R^n$  which contains  $TC$  and has a sufficiently small diameter it is true that  $T^{-1}G$  possesses exactly one component  $D$  which meets  $U_k$ .

For every positive integer  $n$  let  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  be the subclass of  $\mathfrak{S}$  consisting of those elements  $C$  for which  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) > 1/n$ . Put  $H_n = \bigcup C, C \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  and let  $H_{nk} = H_n \cap U_k$ . Then  $H = \bigcup H_n$  and, for each  $n$ ,  $H_n = \bigcup H_{nk}$ . The proof will be completed by showing that  $\mathcal{L}H_{nk} = 0$  for arbitrary  $n$  and  $k$ . Since  $H_n$  and  $U_k$  are  $T$  sets,

(2)  $H_{nk}$  is a  $T$  set.

Clearly

(3) If  $u \in H_{nk}$ , then there is a set  $C \in \mathfrak{E}_i$  such that  $u \in C$  and  $\underline{d}(C, \mathcal{L}T) > 1/n$ .

By (1) and the definition of  $H_{nk}$ ,

(4) If  $C \in \mathfrak{E}_i$  and  $C \equiv H_{nk}$ , then for every domain  $G$  in  $R^n$  which contains  $TC$  and has a sufficiently small diameter it is true that  $T^{-1}G$  possesses exactly one component  $D$  which meets  $H_{nk}$ .

(2), (3), (4) and Lemma 1 imply that  $\mathcal{L}H_{nk} \leq n\mathcal{L}TH_{nk}$ . Since  $TH_{nk} \equiv TH$  and  $\mathcal{L}TH = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}TH_{nk} = 0$  and consequently  $\mathcal{L}H_{nk} = 0$ . Since  $n$  and  $k$  are arbitrary, it follows that  $\mathcal{L}H = 0$ .

5. THEOREM 3. *Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in Euclidean  $n$ -space  $R^n$  and let  $T$  be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D$  into  $R^n$ . For every positive integer  $j$  let  $D_j$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$  and let  $T_j$  be a bounded, continuous, single-valued transformation from  $D_j$  into  $R^n$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the subclass of  $\mathfrak{E}_i(T, D)$*

consisting of those elements  $C$  for each of which  $M(C, T)$  exists and is positive and  $C$  contains more than a single point. Put  $B = \bigcup C$ ,  $C \in \mathfrak{B}$ . If

- (i) The mappings  $T_j$  are UEAC.
- (ii) The mappings  $T_j$  converge to  $T$  uniformly on compact subsets  $D$  and
- (iii)  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$

then the following statements are equivalent:

- (iv)  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $B$ ,
- (iv)'  $\mathcal{L}TB = 0$  and
- (iv)''  $\mathcal{L}B = 0$

and (i), (ii) and (iii) together with (iv) or (iv)' or (iv)'' imply that  $T$  is  $eAC$  in  $D$ .

*Proof.* First it will be shown that (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) imply that  $T$  is  $eAC$  in  $D$ . By the Theorem in [4], 16, there exist  $T$  sets  $V'$  and  $V''$  contained in  $D$  such that  $\mathcal{L}V' = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}TV'' = 0$  and if  $C \in \mathfrak{G}_i(T, D)$  and  $C$  does not meet  $V' \cup V''$ , then  $M(C, T)$  exists and is positive. In view of (iii), in order to conclude that  $T$  is  $eAC$  in  $D$  it is sufficient to prove that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $E = E(T, D)$ . Clearly it is sufficient to show that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on each of the following sets whose union is  $E$ :  $S_1 = E - E_i$ ,  $S_2 = E_i^p$ ,  $S_3 = (E_i - E_i^p) \cap V'$ ,  $S_4 = (E_i - E_i^p) \cap V''$  and  $S_5 = (E_i - E_i^p) - (V' \cup V'')$ . Since  $T$  is  $eBV$  in  $D$ ,  $\mathcal{L}TS_1 = 0$  (this is proved in the first step in the proof of the theorem in [4], 18) and so  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $S_1$ . Any subset of  $S_2$  is a  $T$  set contained in  $E$  and it follows by Theorem 2 that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $S_2$ . Again by Theorem 2,  $\mathcal{L}TS_3 = 0$  and so  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $S_3$ .  $\mathcal{L}TS_4 \leq \mathcal{L}TV'' = 0$  and so  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $S_4$ .  $S_5$  is a subset of  $B$  and so (iv) implies that  $T$  satisfies condition (N) on  $S_5$ .

If (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are satisfied, then it has just been shown that  $T$  satisfies the condition (N) on  $E(T, D)$ . Hence, by Lemma 4 of [3], IV. 4.2,  $\mathcal{L}T(E - E_i^p) = 0$ . Since  $B$  is a subset of  $E - E_i^p$ , (iv)' must be satisfied. On the other hand, (iv)' clearly implies (iv). Thus if (i), (ii) and (iii) are satisfied, (iv) and (iv)' are equivalent.

By Lemma 2,  $\mathcal{L}B = 0$  if  $\mathcal{L}TB = 0$ . On the other hand, since  $B$  is a  $T$  set contained in  $E(T, D)$ , (i) and (ii) imply, by Theorem 2, that  $\mathcal{L}TB = 0$  if  $\mathcal{L}B = 0$ . Hence if (i) and (ii) are satisfied, then (iv)' and (iv)'' are equivalent.

6. It is reasonable to inquire whether (i), (ii) and (iii) in Theorem 3 are sufficient to conclude that  $T$  is  $eAC$  in  $D$ . After all, each of the sets  $C$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a non-point continuum for which the  $T$  magnification is

positive and yet whose image under  $T$  is a single point in  $R^n$ . Might not (i), (ii) and (iii) imply, say, (iv)' (or equivalently (iv) or (iv)'')? Since the class  $\mathfrak{B}$  is clearly countable when  $T$  is a transformation into  $R^1$ ,  $T\mathfrak{B}$  is then a countable set. Thus (iv)' is always satisfied when  $T$  is a transformation into  $R^1$ . However, the author has constructed an example in  $R^2$  for which (i), (ii) and (iii) are satisfied and for which the limit transformation is not  $eAC$  ([6]). In the example the limit transformation  $T$  is modeled on an example by Cesari ([1], IV. 13.1, Example A). The transformation that Cesari defined provides an example of a plane mapping that is  $eBV$  but not  $eAC$ . The example in [6] is somewhat more complicated by the need for (i) and (ii) to be satisfied.

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