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The generalized Cauchy equation for operator-valued functions

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Let \mathfrak{X} denote a Banach space and let $\mathscr{B}(\mathfrak{X})$ denote the family of bounded linear operators on \mathfrak{X} . Let $\{S(t); t \in R^+\}$, $S: R^+ \to \mathscr{B}(\mathfrak{X})$ be a one-parameter family of operators and let $H: \mathscr{B}(\mathfrak{X}) \times \mathscr{B}(\mathfrak{X}) \to \mathscr{B}(\mathfrak{X})$ be a function. The family $\{S(t)\}$ is said to be a generalized Cauchy system if it satisfies the generalized Cauchy equation $S(s+t) = H(S(s), S(t)), s, t \in R^+$. Let φ and ψ be real-valued functions defined on R^+ such that (i) $\lim_{t\to 0^+} \varphi(t) = 0$, (ii) φ is a non-negative strictly monotone increasing continuous function on $R^+ - \{0\}$, (iii) ψ is a non-negative function, bounded on each compact set of R^+ , (iv) $||H(S(s_1), S(t)) - H(S(s_2), S(t))|| \leq \varphi(||S(s_1) - S(s_2)||)$. $\psi(||S(t)||), s_1, s_2, t \in R^+$. Then, in the uniform operator topology, the Lebesgue measurability of S on $R^+ - \{0\}$ implies continuity of S on $R^+ - \{0\}$.

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Pairs of edge-disjoint Hamiltonian circuits

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Several authors have conjectured that there exists a pair of edge-disjoint Hamiltonian circuits in every 4-valent 4-connected graph, or at least in each planar graph of this kind. A negative answer to the general conjecture follows from a recent result of G. H. J. Meredith; the planar variant was recently refuted by Pierre Martin. We provide simpler counterexamples to both versions of the conjecture. One of our methods may also be used to establish that every 3-connected, 3-valent, cyclically-4connected planar graph has a simple circuit that contains at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the vertices, while for some such graphs (with arbitrarily many vertices) no simple circuit contains more than $\frac{76}{10}$ of the vertices.

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Matrix summability and a generalized Gibbs phenomenon

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Consider a real-valued function sequence $f = \{f_k\}$ that converges to φ on a deleted neighborhood of α . If there is a subsequence $\{f_{k(j)}\}$ and a number sequence x such that $\lim_j x_j = \alpha$ and either

$$\lim_{j \to a} f_{k(j)}(x_j) > \lim \sup_{x \to a} \varphi(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{j \to a} f_{k(j)}(x_j) < \lim \inf_{x \to a} \varphi(x),$$

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