

Differentiability of typical Lipschitz functions.

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Theorem (Preiss, Maleva, 2017)

Let P be an F_σ , p.u. set. Then there is a Lipschitz function $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is non-differentiable in the strongest possible sense at every point of P .

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Thank you for you attention!