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*Approximation and interpolation by entire functions with restriction of the values of the derivatives*

A theorem of Hoischen states that given a positive continuous function  $\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , an unbounded sequence  $0 \leq c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots$  and a closed discrete set  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , any  $C^\infty$  function  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be approximated by an entire function  $f$  so that for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $|x| \geq c_k$ , and for each multi-index  $\alpha$  such that  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ,

(a)  $|(D^\alpha f)(x) - (D^\alpha g)(x)| < \varepsilon(x)$ ;

(b)  $(D^\alpha f)(x) = (D^\alpha g)(x)$  if  $x \in T$ .

We show that if  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is meager,  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is countable and for each multi-index  $\alpha$  and  $p \in A$  we are given a countable dense set  $A_{p,\alpha} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , then we can require also that

(c)  $(D^\alpha f)(p) \in A_{p,\alpha}$  for  $p \in A$  and  $\alpha$  any multi-index;

(d) if  $x \notin T$ ,  $q = (D^\alpha f)(x)$  and there are values of  $p \in A$  arbitrarily close to  $x$  for which  $q \in A_{p,\alpha}$ , then there are values of  $p \in A$  arbitrarily close to  $x$  for which  $q = (D^\alpha f)(p)$ ;

(e) for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (x, (D^\alpha f)(x)) \in C\}$  is meager in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Clause (d) is a surjectivity property which can be strengthened to allow for finding solutions in  $A$  to equations of the form  $q = h^*(x, (D^\alpha f)(x))$  under similar assumptions, where  $h(x, y) = (x, h^*(x, y))$  is one of countably many given fiber-preserving homeomorphisms of open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ .

We also prove a weaker corresponding result with “meager” replaced by “Lebesgue null.” In this context, the approximating function is  $C^\infty$  rather than entire, and we do not know whether it can be taken to be entire.