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Singular points of order k of Clarke regular and arbitrary functions

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Abstract: Let X be a separable Banach space and f a locally Lipschitz real function on X . For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\Sigma_k(f)$ be the set of points $x \in X$, at which the Clarke subdifferential $\partial^C f(x)$ is at least k -dimensional. It is well-known that if f is convex or semiconvex (semiconcave), then $\Sigma_k(f)$ can be covered by countably many Lipschitz surfaces of codimension k . We show that this result holds even for each Clarke regular function (and so also for each approximately convex function). Motivated by a recent result of A.D. Ioffe, we prove also two results on arbitrary functions, which work with Hadamard directional derivatives and can be considered as generalizations of our theorem on $\Sigma_k(f)$ of Clarke regular functions (since each of them easily implies this theorem).

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