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Generalized versions of Ilmanen lemma: Insertion of $C^{1,\omega}$ or $C_{\text{loc}}^{1,\omega}$ functions

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Abstract: We prove that for a normed linear space X , if $f_1: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and semiconvex with modulus ω , $f_2: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and semiconcave with modulus ω and $f_1 \leq f_2$, then there exists $f \in C^{1,\omega}(X)$ such that $f_1 \leq f \leq f_2$. Using this result we prove a generalization of Ilmanen lemma (which deals with the case $\omega(t) = t$) to the case of an arbitrary nontrivial modulus ω . This generalization (where a $C_{\text{loc}}^{1,\omega}$ function is inserted) gives a positive answer to a problem formulated by A. Fathi and M. Zavidovique in 2010.

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