

**Title:** Exceptional Sets in Mathematical Analysis

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**Abstract:** The present thesis consists of four research articles. In the first paper we study the notion of  $\sigma$ -lower porous set; our main result is the existence of two closed sets  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  which are not  $\sigma$ -lower porous, but their product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is lower porous. In the second and third article we use a set-theoretical method of elementary submodels involving the Löwenheim-Skolem theorem to prove that certain  $\sigma$ -ideals of sets in Banach spaces are separably determined. In the second article we do so for  $\sigma$ -porous sets and  $\sigma$ -lower porous sets. In the next article we refine these methods obtaining separable determination of a wide class of  $\sigma$ -ideals. In both cases we derive interesting corollaries which extend known theorems in separable spaces to the nonseparable setting; for example, we obtain the following theorem. Any continuous convex function on an Asplund space is Frchet differentiable outside a cone small set. In the fourth article we introduce the following notion. A closed set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be  $c$ -removable if the following is true: Every real function on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is convex whenever it is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and locally convex on  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus A$ . We then give new sufficient conditions for a set to be  $c$ -removable and we construct an example proving that these conditions are more general than those previously known.

**Keywords:**  $\sigma$ -porous set, elementary submodel, Banach space,  $c$ -removable set, convex function.