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**Basic sets in the digital plane**

*Abstract:* A set  $K$  in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is said to be *basic* if each continuous function  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be expressed as a sum  $f(x, y) = g(x) + h(y)$  with  $g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous functions. Analogously we define a digital set  $K_k$  in the digital plane to be basic if for each digital function  $f: K_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there exist digital functions  $g, h: \mathbb{I}_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the digital unit interval  $\mathbb{I}_k$  such that  $f(x, y) = g(x) + h(y)$  for each pixel  $(x, y) \in K_k$ . Basic subsets of the plane were characterized by Sternfeld and Skopenkov.

In our talk we shall prove a digital analogy of their result. Moreover we shall explore the properties of digital basic sets, and their possible use in image analysis.