

**A TOPOLOGICAL ZERO-ONE LAW  
FOR OPEN CONTINUOUS MAPS**

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We obtain a topological zero-one law for sets with the Baire property which are invariant under a semigroup of open continuous maps acting on a topological space.

INTRODUCTION

In [1] a topological zero-one law was obtained for sets with the Baire property which are invariant under a group of homeomorphisms. Generalising the results of [1], in [2] another topological zero-one law was obtained for sets with the Baire property which are invariant under an equivalence relation. The purpose of the present paper is to generalise the results of [1] in a different direction, namely, we obtain a topological zero-one law for sets with the Baire property which are invariant under a semigroup of open continuous maps acting on a topological space.

For unexplained notions see [1, 2, 5 and 6].

1. THE MAIN RESULT

We denote by  $S$  a semigroup (under composition) of open continuous maps from a topological space  $X$  to itself.

**THEOREM.** *Consider the statements:*

- (1) *There is a point  $x$  in  $X$  for which  $\{S(x); S \in S\}$  and  $\bigcup\{S^{-1}(x); S \in S\}$  are dense in  $X$ .*
- (2) *For any two nonempty open sets  $U$  and  $V$ , there is an  $S$  in  $S$  such that  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .*
- (2') *For any two nonempty open sets  $U$  and  $V$ , there is an  $S$  in  $S$  such that  $S^{-1}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .*
- (3) *Any nonempty open set  $U$  for which  $S(U) \subseteq U$  for every  $S$  in  $S$ , is dense in  $X$ .*
- (3') *Any nonempty open set  $U$  for which  $S^{-1}(U) \subseteq U$  for every  $S$  in  $S$ , is dense in  $X$ .*
- (4) *For any subset  $D$  of  $X$  with the Baire property for which  $S^{-1}(D) \subseteq D$  for every  $S$  in  $S$ , either  $D$  or  $X - D$  is of first category in  $X$ .*

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Then

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (2') \Leftrightarrow (3) \Leftrightarrow (3') \Rightarrow (4)$$

If  $X$  is a Baire space then  $(4) \Rightarrow (2)$ .

If further  $X$  has a countable pseudo-base, then  $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ .

PROOF:

(1)  $\rightarrow$  (2): Let  $x$  be a point satisfying (1). If  $U$  is a nonempty open set, we can find an  $S_1$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  and a point  $y$  in  $U$  for which  $S_1(y) = x$ . If  $V$  is another nonempty open set, we can also find an  $S_2$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  for which  $S_2(x) \in V$ . Now  $S_2(S_1(y))$  is in  $V$  and  $y$  is in  $U$ . So we have  $S_2S_1(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2'):

Let us observe that  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow U \cap S^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  then let  $y \in S(U) \cap V$ . Let  $x \in U$  be such that  $S(x) = y$ . Since  $y \in V$ , we have that  $x \in S^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $U \cap S^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ . Conversely, if  $x \in U \cap S^{-1}(V)$  then  $S(x) \in S(U)$  and  $S(x) \in V$ , so that  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3);

If  $U$  is a set as in (3) and if  $V$  is any nonempty open set, then from (2) we have  $U \cap V \supset S(U) \cap V$  for every  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  and for some  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$   $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $U$  is dense in  $X$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2):

If  $U$  and  $V$  are nonempty open sets and we define  $U_0 = \bigcup\{S(U); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  then  $U_0$  is an open set satisfying condition (3) and so  $U_0$  is dense in  $X$ . Hence  $U_0 \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and this tells us that there is an  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  such that  $S(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

(2')  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3'):

can be proved similarly to  $(2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4):

Suppose that  $D$  is a subset of  $X$  with the property of Baire for which  $S^{-1}(D) \subset D$  for every  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ . Let  $D = U \Delta P$  where  $U$  is open in  $X$  and  $P$  is of first category in  $X$ . If  $D$  is not of first category, then  $U$  is of second category and hence nonempty. Since  $D = U \Delta P$ , we have  $(X - D) \cap U \subset P$ . For every  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$S^{-1}(X - D) \cap S^{-1}(U) \subset S^{-1}(P)$$

and the later set is of first category since  $S$  is an open continuous map. Since  $S^{-1}(D) \subset D$ , we have that  $X - D \subset S^{-1}(X - D)$  and hence  $(X - D) \cap S^{-1}(U) \subset S^{-1}(P)$ . Thus  $(X - D) \cap S^{-1}(U)$  is of first category for every  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ . By (3)  $U' = \bigcup\{S^{-1}(U); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  is an open dense set in  $X$ . Now  $X - D \subset ((X - D) \cap U') \cup (X - U')$ . By the Banach category Theorem [6, Theorem 16.1, p. 62]  $(X - D) \cap U'$  is of first category and by (3)  $X - U'$  is nowhere dense. Thus  $X - D$  is of first category.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (2'):

Let  $X$  be a Baire space and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two nonempty open subsets of  $X$ . The subset  $U' := \bigcup\{S^{-1}(U); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  is a nonempty open set such that  $S^{-1}(U') \subset U'$  for every  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ . By (4)  $U'$  or  $X - U'$  is of first category in  $X$ . By the fact that  $X$  is a Baire space it follows that  $X - U'$  is of first category in  $X$  and then that  $U'$  is dense in  $X$ . Hence  $S^{-1}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for some  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1):

Let  $X$  be a Baire space with a countable pseudo-base. Then consider the sets  $A = \{x: \{S(x); S \in \mathbf{S}\} \text{ is dense in } X\}$  and  $B = \{x: \bigcup\{S^{-1}(x); S \in \mathbf{S}\} \text{ is dense in } X\}$ . We can show easily that the two sets are countable intersections of dense open sets. Then  $A \cap B$  is also countable intersection of dense open sets. Hence  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . This is exactly what we need. Look also at remark  $E$  below.

## 2. REMARKS AND EXAMPLES

**A.** If  $\mathbf{S}$  is a group the theorem reduces to the Theorem of [1].

**B.** Our theorem is of course connected with [3] in the case  $\mathbf{S}$  is a group and  $X$  is a complete metric space.

**C.** A better version of this theorem can be obtained using the techniques of [2].

**D.** An appropriate version of this theorem to give only:

(4') For any subset  $D$  of  $X$  with the property of Baire which is invariant (that is  $S^{-1}(D) = D$  for all  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ ), either  $D$  or  $X - D$  is of first category in  $X$ , in place of (4) can be formulated and proved.

**E.** Since for any set  $D$  and for any  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$S(D) \subset D \Leftrightarrow D \subset S^{-1}(D) \Leftrightarrow S^{-1}(X - D) \subset X - D$$

" $S^{-1}(D) \subset D$ " in (4) can be replaced by " $S(D) \subset D$ " or " $D \subset S^{-1}(D)$ ".

However if  $D$  is a subset of  $X$  with the Baire property, for which  $D \subset S(D)$  for all  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ , neither  $D$  nor  $X - D$  need be of first category in  $X$ . For example, consider the shift transformation  $S'$  on the unilateral product of countably many copies of the real line equipped with its usual topology. If  $\mathbf{S}$  is the semigroup generated by  $S'$  and if  $D = (0, 1) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots$  then  $D \subseteq S(D)$  for all  $S$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ , whereas neither  $D$  nor its complement is of first category. However (2) is satisfied for this set-up.

**F.** The theorem still remains true (with the same proof), even if  $\mathbf{S}$  is a semigroup of continuous feebly open (that is  $S(U)$  contains a nonempty open set for every nonempty open set  $U$ ) maps.

**G.** Since condition (1) of the theorem is in two parts, we give two examples to show that neither part implies the other.

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  equipped with the discrete topology and  $S: X \rightarrow X$  be the map defined by  $S(x) = 1$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ . Then  $\mathbf{S} = \{S\}$  is a semigroup of open continuous maps for which  $S^{-1}(1)$  is dense in  $X$ . Also there is no  $x$  in  $X$  for which  $\{S(x); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  is dense in  $X$ . For this set up (2) is not true.

Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  equipped with the discrete topology and  $S_n$  be defined by  $S_n(x) = x$  if  $x \neq 1$  and  $S_n(1) = n$ . Then  $\mathbf{S} = \{S_n, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$  is a semigroup of open continuous maps and  $\{S(1); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  is dense in  $X$ . Also there is no  $x$  in  $X$  for which  $\bigcup\{S^{-1}(x); S \in \mathbf{S}\}$  is dense in  $X$ . For this set up (2) is not true.

**H.** Probably an analogue of this theorem can be proved in the setup of Morgan II [4].

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