

## ON EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS INDUCED BY LOCALLY COMPACT ABELIAN POLISH GROUPS

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**Abstract.** Given a Polish group  $G$ , let  $E(G)$  be the right coset equivalence relation  $G^\omega/c(G)$ , where  $c(G)$  is the group of all convergent sequences in  $G$ . The connected component of the identity of a Polish group  $G$  is denoted by  $G_0$ .

Let  $G, H$  be locally compact abelian Polish groups. If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. The converse is also true when  $G$  is connected and compact.

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , the partially ordered set  $P(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  can be embedded into Borel equivalence relations between  $E(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ .

**§1. Introduction.** A topological space is *Polish* if it is separable and completely metrizable. For more details in descriptive set theory, we refer to [13]. It is an important application of descriptive set theory to study equivalence relations by using Borel reducibility. Given two Borel equivalence relations  $E$  and  $F$  on Polish spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, recall that  $E$  is *Borel reducible* to  $F$ , denoted  $E \leq_B F$ , if there exists a Borel map  $\theta : X \rightarrow Y$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$xEy \iff \theta(x)F\theta(y).$$

We denote  $E \sim_B F$  if both  $E \leq_B F$  and  $F \leq_B E$ , and denote  $E <_B F$  if  $E \leq_B F$  and  $F \not\leq_B E$ . We refer to [7] for background on Borel reducibility.

Polish groups are important tools in the research on Borel reducibility. A topological group is *Polish* if its topology is Polish. For a Polish group  $G$ , the authors [5] defined an equivalence relation  $E(G)$  on  $G^\omega$  by

$$xE(G)y \iff \lim_n x(n)y(n)^{-1} \text{ converges in } G$$

for  $x, y \in G^\omega$ . We say that  $E(G)$  is the *equivalence relation induced by  $G$* . Indeed,  $E(G)$  is the right coset equivalence relation  $G^\omega/c(G)$ , where  $c(G)$  is the group of all convergent sequences in  $G$ .

In this article, we focus on equivalence relations induced by locally compact abelian Polish groups. Some interesting results have been found in some special cases. For instance, for  $c_0, e_0, c_1, e_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $E(\mathbb{R}^{c_0} \times \mathbb{T}^{e_0}) \leq_B E(\mathbb{R}^{c_1} \times \mathbb{T}^{e_1})$  iff  $e_0 \leq e_1$  and  $c_0 + e_0 \leq c_1 + e_1$  (cf. [5, Theorem 6.19]).

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Given a group  $G$ , the identity element of  $G$  is denoted by  $1_G$ . If  $G$  is a topological group, the connected component of  $1_G$  in  $G$  is denoted by  $G_0$ . Recall that a Polish group  $G$  is *non-archimedean* if it has a neighborhood base of  $1_G$  consisting of open subgroups.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two locally compact abelian Polish groups. If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean.*

By restricting attention to compact connected abelian Polish groups, we prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.2 (Rigid Theorem).** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. Then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean.*

For every normal space  $X$ , denoted by  $\dim(X)$  the *covering dimension* of  $X$ , where  $\dim(X)$  is an integer  $\geq -1$  or the “infinite number  $\infty$ .” Let  $G$  be an abelian topological group. The topological group  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{T})$  is called the *dual group* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\widehat{G}$  (see Section 4). For any finite dimensional compact abelian Polish group  $G$ ,  $\dim(G) = \text{rank}(\widehat{G})$ , the torsion-free rank of  $\widehat{G}$  (cf. Lemma 8.13 and Corollary 8.26 of [11]). We say  $G$  is *n-dimensional* if  $\dim(G) = n$  for some integer  $n$ , or *infinite dimensional* if  $\dim(G)$  is infinite.

Recall that  $\mathbb{T}$  is the multiplicative group of all complex numbers with modulus 1. For finite dimensional compact abelian Polish groups, we obtain the following results.

**THEOREM 1.3.** *Let  $G, H$  be locally compact abelian Polish groups.*

- (1) *If  $G$  is non-archimedean, then  $E(G) \leq_B E_0^\omega$ .*
- (2) *If  $G$  is not non-archimedean, then  $E(\mathbb{R}) \leq_B E(G)$ .*
- (3) *If  $G$  is not non-archimedean and  $G_0$  is open, then  $E(G) \sim_B E(G_0)$ .*
- (4) *If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $E(\mathbb{T}^n) \leq_B E(G)$  iff  $\mathbb{T}^n$  embeds in  $G$ .*
- (5) *If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $G$  is compact, then  $G$  is  $n$ -dimensional iff  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) <_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of all primes. For  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ ,  $Q \preceq P$  means that there is a co-finite subset  $A$  of  $\omega$  and an injection  $f : A \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $Q(n) = P(f(n))$  for each  $n \in A$ .

For  $P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ , we consider the closed subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}^\omega$ , named *P-adic solenoid*,  $\Sigma_P = \{g \in \mathbb{T}^\omega : \forall l (g(l) = g(l+1)^{P(l)})\}$  (cf. [8]).

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be in  $\mathcal{P}^\omega$ . Then  $E(\Sigma_P) \leq_B E(\Sigma_Q)$  iff  $Q \preceq P$ .*

The partially ordered set  $P(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  is so complicated that every Boolean algebra of size  $\leq \omega_1$  embeds into it (see [2]). We usually express that some classes of Borel equivalence relations are extremely complicated under the order of Borel reducibility by showing that  $P(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  embeds into them. For instance, Louveau–Velickovic [14] and Yin [18] showed that  $P(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  embeds into both LV-equalities and Borel equivalence relations between  $\ell_p$  and  $\ell_q$ , respectively. As an application, we prove that, the partially ordered set  $P(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  embeds into the partially ordered set of all  $E(G)$ 's under the ordering of Borel reducibility.

**THEOREM 1.5.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Then for  $A \subseteq \omega$ , there is an  $n$ -dimensional compact connected abelian Polish group  $G_A$  such that  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) <_B E(G_A) <_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$  and for  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , we have*

$$A \subseteq^* B \iff E(G_A) \leq_B E(G_B).$$

We also get a sufficient and necessary condition concerning dual groups.

**THEOREM 1.6 (Dual Rigid Theorem).** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. Then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff there is a continuous homomorphism  $S^* : \widehat{H} \rightarrow \widehat{G}$  such that  $\widehat{G}/\text{im}(S^*)$  is a torsion group.*

**Notation convention.** In this article, the addition operation of any subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted by  $+$  and its identity element is denoted by  $0$ . Unless otherwise specified, for abstract abelian topological groups  $G$ , we still use multiplicative notation to express the group operation, and use  $1_G$  to express the identity element of  $G$ , since we often consider subgroups of  $\mathbb{T}^\omega$ .

This article is organized as follows: In Section 2, we prove Theorems 1.1–1.3. In Section 3, we consider  $P$ -adic solenoids and prove Theorems 1.4 and 1.5. Finally, In Section 4, we consider dual groups and prove Theorem 1.6.

## §2. Locally compact abelian Polish groups.

**DEFINITION 2.1** [5, Definition 6.1]. Let  $G$  be a Polish group. We define equivalence relation  $E_*(G)$  on  $G^\omega$  as, for  $x, y \in G^\omega$ ,

$$xE_*(G)y \iff \lim_n x(0)x(1) \dots x(n)y(n)^{-1} \dots y(1)^{-1}y(0)^{-1} \text{ converges.}$$

The following is an easy but important observation.

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *Let  $G$  be a Polish group. Then  $E(G) \sim_B E_*(G)$ .*

**PROOF.** To see that  $E(G) \leq_B E_*(G)$ , for  $x \in G^\omega$ , we define  $\theta(x) \in G^\omega$  as

$$\theta(x)(n) = \begin{cases} x(0), & n = 0, \\ x(n-1)^{-1}x(n), & n > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\theta$  witnesses that  $E(G) \leq_B E_*(G)$ .

To show the converse, for  $x \in G^\omega$ , we define  $\vartheta(x) \in G^\omega$  as

$$\vartheta(x)(n) = x(0)x(1) \dots x(n).$$

Then  $\vartheta$  witnesses that  $E_*(G) \leq_B E(G)$ . ⊣

In this article, we focus on abelian Polish groups. For abelian Polish groups  $G$ , it is more convenient to take  $E_*(G)$  as research object than  $E(G)$ .

Some reducibility results are obtained in [5]. Since we will use them again and again in this article, for the convenience of readers, we list them as follows.

**PROPOSITION 2.3** [5, Proposition 3.4]. *Let  $G, H$  be two Polish groups. If  $G$  is topologically isomorphic to a closed subgroup of  $H$ , then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ .*

A metric  $d$  on a group  $G$  is called *two-sided invariant* if  $d(ghl, gkl) = d(h, k)$  for all  $g, h, k, l \in G$ . We say that a Polish group  $G$  is TSI if it admits a compatible two-sided invariant metric. Any abelian Polish group is TSI (cf. [7, Exercise 2.1.4]).

LEMMA 2.4 [5, Theorem 6.5]. *Let  $G, H, K$  be three TSI Polish groups. Suppose  $\psi : G \rightarrow H$  and  $\varphi : H \rightarrow K$  are continuous homomorphisms with  $\varphi(\psi(G)) = K$  such that  $\ker(\varphi \circ \psi)$  is non-archimedean. If the interval  $[0, 1]$  embeds into  $H$ , then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ .*

LEMMA 2.5 [5, Theorem 6.13]. *Let  $G, H$  be TSI Polish groups such that  $H$  is locally compact. If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there exist an open normal subgroup  $G_c$  of  $G$  and a continuous map  $S : G_c \rightarrow H$  with  $S(1_G) = 1_H$  such that, for  $x, y \in G_c^\omega$ , if  $\lim_n x(n)y(n)^{-1} = 1_G$ , then*

$$xE_*(G_c)y \iff S(x)E_*(H)S(y),$$

where  $S(x)(n) = S(x(n))$ ,  $S(y)(n) = S(y(n))$  for each  $n \in \omega$ .

In particular, if  $G = G_c$  and the interval  $[0, 1]$  embeds in  $H$ , then the converse is also true.

REMARK 2.6. Since  $G_c$  in the preceding lemma is an open subgroup, it is also closed. So  $G_0 \subseteq G_c$  as it is connected. Since  $S$  is continuous, we have  $S(G_0) \subseteq H_0$ . Moreover, for all  $x, y \in G_0^\omega$ , if  $\lim_n x(n)y(n)^{-1} = 1_G$ , we have

$$xE_*(G_0)y \iff S(x)E_*(H_0)S(y).$$

The next lemma plays the key role in the proof of Theorem 2.8.

LEMMA 2.7. *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two abelian Polish groups such that:*

- (1)  $H$  is locally compact,
- (2)  $H_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\omega \times \mathbb{T}^\omega$ ,
- (3) there is a nonzero continuous homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow G$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}^+$ .

If  $E_*(G) \leq_B E_*(H)$ , then there is a continuous map  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that the map  $S$  restricted on  $f(\mathbb{R}^m)$  is a homomorphism to  $H_0$ .

PROOF. First, from Remark 2.6, we can obtain a continuous map  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  with  $S(1_{G_0}) = 1_{H_0}$  such that, for  $x, y \in G_0^\omega$ , if  $\lim_n x(n)y(n)^{-1} = 1_{G_0}$ , then

$$xE_*(G_0)y \iff S(x)E_*(H_0)S(y),$$

where  $S(x)(n) = S(x(n))$ ,  $S(y)(n) = S(y(n))$  for each  $n \in \omega$ .

Since  $H_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\omega \times \mathbb{T}^\omega$ , without loss of generality we may assume that  $h(2k) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h(2k + 1) \in \mathbb{T}$  for all  $h \in H_0$ . For  $k \in \omega$ , we define continuous homomorphisms  $\phi^{2k} : H_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi^{2k+1} : H_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  by  $\phi^j(h) = h(j)$ .

Now fix  $g_0, g_1 \in f(\mathbb{R}^m)$  and find  $a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $f(a_0) = g_0$  and  $f(a_1) = g_1$ . For  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $l \in \{1, 2\}$ , define  $a^l(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  as

$$a^l(t) = \begin{cases} a_0 + t(a_1 - a_0), & l = 1, \\ t(a_0 + a_1), & l = 2. \end{cases}$$

By the following claim, we can easily construct a continuous function  $F_j^l : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for each  $l \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $k \in \omega$  such that

$$F_{2k}^l(t) = \phi^{2k}(S(f(a^l(t)))) \quad \text{exp}(iF_{2k+1}^l(t)) = \phi^{2k+1}(S(f(a^l(t)))) \quad (*)$$

The nontrivial part of the construction, i.e.,  $j = 2k + 1$ , follows from a more general claim.

**CLAIM 1.** *Given a continuous function  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  and  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$  with  $\exp(is_0) = \gamma(t_0)$  for some  $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a continuous function  $\tilde{\gamma} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\exp(i\tilde{\gamma}(t)) = \gamma(t)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}(t_0) = s_0$ .*

**PROOF.** Note that the map  $t \mapsto \exp(it)$  is a covering map from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{T}$ , and the interval  $[0, 1]$  is simply connected (see Definitions A2.1 and Proposition A2.8 of [11]). So such a  $\tilde{\gamma}$  exists (cf. [11, Definition A2.6]).

For the convenience of readers, we briefly explain the construction of  $\tilde{\gamma}$ . Since the map  $t \mapsto \exp(it)$  is a local homeomorphism, by the continuity of  $\gamma$ , for each  $u \in [0, 1]$ , there is an open interval  $J_u$  containing  $u$  and a continuous function  $\tilde{\gamma}_u : J_u \cap [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sup_{t, t' \in J_u \cap [0, 1]} |\gamma(t) - \gamma(t')| < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\exp(i\tilde{\gamma}_u(t)) = \gamma(t)$  for  $t \in J_u \cap [0, 1]$ . Note that  $\exp(i(\tilde{\gamma}_u(t) + 2p\pi)) = \exp(i\tilde{\gamma}_u(t))$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the compactness of  $[0, 1]$ , there are  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_q \in [0, 1]$  such that  $[0, 1] \subseteq \bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq q} J_{u_i}$ . We can find  $0 = p_0, p_1, \dots, p_q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that for each  $t \in J_{u_i} \cap J_{u_j} \cap [0, 1]$ , we have  $\tilde{\gamma}_{u_i}(t) + 2p_i\pi = \tilde{\gamma}_{u_j}(t) + 2p_j\pi$ . Then for  $t \in [0, 1] \cap J_{u_i}$ , let  $\tilde{\gamma}'(t) = \tilde{\gamma}_{u_i}(t) + 2p_i\pi$ . In the end, we put  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \tilde{\gamma}'(t) - \tilde{\gamma}'(t_0) + s_0$ . It is obvious that  $\exp(i\tilde{\gamma}(t)) = \gamma(t)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}(t_0) = s_0$ . ◻

Note that  $S(f(a^2(0))) = 1_H$ . We can assume that  $F_j^l(0) = 0$  for each  $j$ .

Next we claim that  $F_j^l$  are linear functions.

**CLAIM 2.**  $F_j^l(t) = F_j^l(0) + t(F_j^l(1) - F_j^l(0))$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**PROOF.** We only verify the claim for  $l = 1$ . It is similar for  $l = 2$ .

Fix  $j_0 \in \omega$ . Define  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\gamma(t) = F_{j_0}^1(t) - F_{j_0}^1(0) - t(F_{j_0}^1(1) - F_{j_0}^1(0))$ . Note that  $\gamma$  is continuous and  $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = 0$ . We only need to prove that  $\gamma(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

If not, without loss of generality we may assume that  $\gamma(t_0) > 0$  for some  $t_0 \in (0, 1)$ . Similar to the proof of [5, Lemma 6.17], we can find  $0 < \xi_0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi < 1$  such that  $\gamma(\xi_k) = \frac{k+1}{k+2}\gamma(t_0)$  for each  $k \in \omega$ , and  $1 > \zeta_0 > \zeta_1 > \zeta_2 > \dots > \zeta > 0$ ,  $K \in \omega$  such that, for  $k \geq K$ , we have

$$\xi - \xi_k > \zeta_k - \zeta > \xi - \xi_{k+1}.$$

$\lim_k \xi_k = \xi$ ,  $\lim_k \zeta_k = \zeta$ ,  $\gamma(\xi) = \gamma(t_0)$ , and  $\gamma(\xi) > \gamma(\xi_k)$  for each  $k$ .

Note that  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow G$  is a nonzero continuous homomorphism. For  $p \in \omega$ , we set

$$x(p) = \begin{cases} f(a^1(\xi)), & p = 2k, \\ f(a^1(\zeta)), & p = 2k + 1, \end{cases} \quad y(p) = \begin{cases} f(a^1(\xi_k)), & p = 2k, \\ f(a^1(\zeta_k)), & p = 2k + 1. \end{cases}$$

From the alternating series test, the following series:

$$(\xi - \xi_0) + (\zeta - \zeta_0) + \dots + (\xi - \xi_k) + (\zeta - \zeta_k) + \dots$$

is convergent. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & x(0)x(1) \dots x(2k)y(2k)^{-1} \dots y(1)^{-1}y(0)^{-1} \\ &= x(0)y(0)^{-1}x(1)y(1)^{-1} \dots x(2k)y(2k)^{-1} \\ &= f(((\xi - \xi_0) + (\zeta - \zeta_0) + \dots + (\xi - \xi_k))(a_1 - a_0)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is continuous and  $\lim_p x(p)y(p)^{-1} = 1_G$ , we have  $x E_*(G)y$ . And hence, by Remark 2.6, we have  $S(x)E_*(H)S(y)$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\sum_k (\gamma(\xi) - \gamma(\xi_k) + \gamma(\zeta) - \gamma(\zeta_k)) \geq \sum_k (\gamma(\xi) - \gamma(\xi_k)) = \sum_k \frac{\gamma(t_0)}{k+2} = \infty.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{j_0}^1(\xi) - F_{j_0}^1(\xi_k) + F_{j_0}^1(\zeta) - F_{j_0}^1(\zeta_k) \\ &= \gamma(\xi) - \gamma(\xi_k) + \gamma(\zeta) - \gamma(\zeta_k) + (\xi - \xi_k + \zeta - \zeta_k)(F_{j_0}^1(1) - F_{j_0}^1(0)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $j_0 = 2i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi^{2i}(S(x(0))S(x(1)) \dots S(x(2k))S(y(2k))^{-1} \dots S(y(1))^{-1}S(y(0))^{-1}) \\ &= F_{j_0}^1(\xi) - F_{j_0}^1(\xi_0) + F_{j_0}^1(\zeta) - F_{j_0}^1(\zeta_0) + \dots + F_{j_0}^1(\xi) - F_{j_0}^1(\xi_k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $S(x)E_*(H)S(y)$  fails. We get a contradiction. If  $j_0 = 2i + 1$ , following similar arguments, we can also get a contradiction. This complete the proof of the claim.  $\dashv$

Now by Claim 2 and  $F_j^2(0) = 0$ , we know that

$$F_j^1(1/2) = F_j^1(0) + (F_j^1(1) - F_j^1(0))/2 = (F_j^1(0) + F_j^1(1))/2,$$

$$F_j^2(1/2) = F_j^2(1)/2.$$

By comparing equation (\*) before Claim 1, it follows that

$$S(f(a^1(1/2)))^2 = S(f(a_0))S(f(a_1)) = S(g_0)S(g_1),$$

$$S(f(a^2(1/2)))^2 = S(f(a_0 + a_1)) = S(g_0g_1).$$

Since  $a^1(1/2) = a^2(1/2)$ , we have  $S(g_0)S(g_1) = S(g_0g_1)$ .

So, the map  $S : f(\mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow H_0$  is a continuous homomorphism.  $\dashv$

Let us recall the structure of Hausdorff locally compact abelian groups. Let  $G$  be a Hausdorff locally compact abelian group, then  $G$  is topologically isomorphic to the group  $\mathbb{R}^n \times H$ , where  $H$  is a locally compact abelian group containing a compact open subgroup (cf. [10, Theorem 24.30]). Moreover, if  $G$  is also connected, then it is a direct product of a compact connected abelian group  $K$  and the group  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (cf. [10, Theorem 9.14]). Any locally compact connected metrizable abelian group can be embedded as a closed subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{T}^\omega$ . In particular, all compact metrizable abelian groups can be embedded in  $\mathbb{T}^\omega$  (see page 119 of [1]).  $G$  is said to be *solenoidal* if there is a continuous homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  such that  $f(\mathbb{R})$  is dense in  $G$  (see [10, (9.2)]). It is well known that a compact metrizable abelian group is solenoidal iff it is connected (see page 13 and Proposition 5.16 of [1]). Thus for each locally compact connected metrizable abelian group  $G$ , there is a

continuous homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow G$  which satisfies  $\overline{f(\mathbb{R}^m)} = G$ . For more details on locally compact abelian groups, we refer to [1, 10].

By applying Lemma 2.7 for locally compact abelian Polish groups, we get the following result.

**THEOREM 2.8.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two locally compact abelian Polish groups. If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean.*

**PROOF.** If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then  $E_*(G) \leq_B E_*(H)$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $G_0$  is nontrivial. First note that  $H_0$  can be embedded into  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{T}^\omega$ . Thus we may assume without loss of generality that  $H_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\omega \times \mathbb{T}^\omega$ . Let  $f$  be a continuous homomorphism from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $G_0$  with  $\overline{f(\mathbb{R}^m)} = G_0$ . Then by Lemma 2.7 there exists a continuous map  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that the map  $S$  restricted on  $f(\mathbb{R}^m)$  is a homomorphism to  $H_0$ . Since  $f(\mathbb{R}^m)$  is dense in  $G_0$ , we see that  $S$  is a homomorphism from  $G_0$  to  $H_0$ .

Then we only need to check that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. Assume toward a contradiction that  $\ker(S)$  is not non-archimedean.

Note that  $\ker(S)$  is an abelian Polish group. Fix a compatible two-sided invariant metric on  $\ker(S)$ . Let  $V_k \subseteq \ker(S)$ ,  $k \in \omega$  be an open symmetric neighborhood base of  $1_{\ker(S)} = 1_G$  with  $\lim_k \text{diam}(V_k) = 0$ . Then there exists a  $k_0 \in \omega$  such that  $V_{k_0}$  does not contain any open subgroup of  $\ker(S)$ . Since  $V_k$  is symmetric,  $\bigcup_m V_k^m$  is an open subgroup of  $\ker(S)$ , so  $\bigcup_m V_k^m \not\subseteq V_{k_0}$  for each  $k$ . Thus we can find an  $m_k \in \omega$  and  $g_{k,0}, \dots, g_{k,m_k-1} \in V_k$  such that  $g_{k,0}g_{k,1} \dots g_{k,m_k-1} \notin V_{k_0}$ .

Denote  $M_{-1} = 0$  and  $M_k = m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_k$  for  $k \in \omega$ . Now for  $n \in \omega$ , define

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} g_{k,j}, & n = M_{k-1} + j, 0 \leq j < m_k, \\ 1_G, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $x E_*(G) 1_{G^\omega}$  fails. Note that we have  $\lim_n x(n) = 1_G$  and  $S(x(n)) = 1_H$  for each  $n$ . So it is trivial that  $S(x) E_*(H_0) S(1_{G^\omega})$ , where  $S(x)(n) = S(x(n))$ , contradicting Lemma 2.5.  $\dashv$

In particular, if  $G$  is compact connected, then the converse of Theorem 2.8 is also true.

**THEOREM 2.9 (Rigid Theorem).** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. Then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean.*

**PROOF.** Let  $S$  be a continuous homomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. Since  $G$  is compact,  $S(G)$  is a compact, thus closed subgroup of  $H$ . So we have  $E(S(G)) \leq_B E(H)$ .

Note that  $S(G)$  is also a compact connected abelian Polish group. Let  $f$  be a continuous homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S(G)$  such that  $\overline{f(\mathbb{R})} = S(G)$ . Then  $\ker(f)$  is a proper closed subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\ker(f)$  is a discrete group. This gives that the interval  $[0, 1]$  embeds in  $S(G)$ . Then by Lemma 2.4, we get that  $E(G) \leq_B E(S(G)) \leq_B E(H)$ .

On the other hand, if  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , by Theorem 2.8, there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. Since  $G$  is connected, we have  $G = G_0$ .  $\dashv$

**COROLLARY 2.10.** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. Suppose  $H_0 \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times K$ , where  $K$  is a compact connected abelian group. Then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff  $E(G) \leq_B E(K)$ .*

**PROOF.** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) part is trivial, since  $E(K) \leq_B E(H_0) \leq_B E(H)$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ). If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $S : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. So  $S(G)$  is a connected compact subgroup of  $H$ , thus  $S(G) \subseteq H_0$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $H_0 = \mathbb{R}^n \times K$ . Let  $\pi : H_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\pi_K : H_0 \rightarrow K$  be canonical projections. Then  $\pi(S(G))$  is a compact subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $\pi(S(G)) = \{0\}$ . It follows that  $\ker(\pi_K \circ S) = \ker(S)$ . Applying Theorem 2.9 on  $\pi_K \circ S : G \rightarrow K$ , we have  $E(G) \leq_B E(K)$ .  $\dashv$

Recall that a topological group  $G$  is *totally disconnected* if  $G_0 = \{1_G\}$ . For any locally compact abelian Polish group, it is totally disconnected iff it is non-archimedean (cf. [11, Theorem 1.34]).

For every normal space  $X$ , denoted by  $\dim(X)$  the *covering dimension* of  $X$ , where  $\dim(X)$  is an integer  $\geq -1$  or the “infinite number  $\infty$ .” We omit the definition of covering dimension since it is very complicated (see page 54 of [6]). We recall the following useful facts concerning compact abelian group  $G$ :  $\dim(G) = n < \infty$  iff  $G$  has a totally disconnected closed subgroup  $\Delta$  such that  $G/\Delta \cong \mathbb{T}^n$  iff there is a compact totally disconnected subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  and a continuous surjective homomorphism  $\varphi : N \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow G$  which has a discrete kernel (see Theorem 8.22 and Corollary 8.26 of [11]). In this case, we say that  $G$  is *finite dimensional* (cf. [11, Definitions 8.23]). Clearly,  $\dim(G) = 0$  iff  $G$  is totally disconnected. For more details on compact abelian groups, see [11].

Now we recall two equivalence relations  $E_0^\omega$  and  $E(M; 0)$  (see [4, Definition 3.2]). The equivalence relation  $E_0^\omega$  on  $2^{\omega \times \omega}$  defined by

$$xE_0^\omega y \iff \forall k \exists m \forall n \geq m (x(n, k) = y(n, k)).$$

Fix a metric space  $M$ . The equivalence relation  $E(M; 0)$  on  $M^\omega$  defined by

$$xE(M; 0)y \iff \lim_n d(x(n), y(n)) = 0.$$

From the above discussions, we can establish the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.11.** *Let  $G, H$  be locally compact abelian Polish groups.*

- (1) *If  $G$  is non-archimedean, then  $E(G) \leq_B E_0^\omega$ .*
- (2) *If  $G$  is not non-archimedean, then  $E(\mathbb{R}) \leq_B E(G)$ .*
- (3) *If  $G$  is not non-archimedean and  $G_0$  is open, then  $E(G) \sim_B E(G_0)$ .*
- (4) *If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $E(\mathbb{T}^n) \leq_B E(G)$  iff  $\mathbb{T}^n$  embeds in  $G$ .*
- (5) *If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $G$  is compact, then  $G$  is  $n$ -dimensional iff  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) <_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) It follows from [5, Theorem 3.5(3)].

(2) Note that  $G$  is not totally disconnected (cf. [11, Theorem 1.34]), so  $G_0$  contains at least two points. We have  $G_0 \cong \mathbb{R}^n \times K$ , where  $K$  is a compact connected



abelian group. If  $n > 0$ , it is trivial that  $E(\mathbb{R}) \leq_B E(G)$ . By Proposition 2.3,  $E(K) \leq_B E(G_0) \leq_B E(G)$ . Thus we may assume that  $G$  is compact connected and  $G \subseteq \mathbb{T}^\omega$ . Note that there is a continuous homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$  such that  $\overline{f(\mathbb{R})} = G$ . For  $g \in G \subseteq \mathbb{T}^\omega$  and  $p \in \omega$ , let  $\phi_p(g) = g(p)$ . Since  $G$  contains at least two points, we can find  $p_0 \in \omega$  such that  $\phi_{p_0}(f(\mathbb{R})) \neq \{1_{\mathbb{T}}\}$ , so  $\phi_{p_0}(f(\mathbb{R})) = \mathbb{T}$ . By [11, Corollary 8.24], the interval  $[0, 1]$  embeds in  $G$ . Then by Lemma 2.4, we have  $E(\mathbb{R}) \leq_B E(G)$ .

(3) By [10, Section 24.45], we have  $G \cong G_0 \times G/G_0$ . Since  $G_0$  is open,  $G/G_0$  is countable and discrete. By [5, Corollary 3.6], this implies that  $E(G_0 \times G/G_0) \sim_B E(G_0)$  and thus  $E(G) \sim_B E(G_0)$ .

(4) The “if” part follows Proposition 2.3. Assume that  $E(\mathbb{T}^n) \leq_B E(G)$ . By Theorem 2.8 and [7, Corollary 2.3.4], there is a closed subgroup  $\Delta$  of  $\mathbb{T}^n$  such that the group  $\mathbb{T}^n/\Delta$  can be embedded in  $G$ , where  $\Delta$  is non-archimedean. It is obvious that  $\mathbb{T}^n/\Delta$  is a locally connected, connected and compact abelian Polish group. By [1, Proposition 8.17],  $\mathbb{T}^n/\Delta \cong \mathbb{T}^n$ .

(5) If  $n = \dim(G)$ , then we have  $(N \times \mathbb{R}^n)/\Delta_1 \cong G$  and  $G/\Delta_2 \cong \mathbb{T}^n$ , where  $N, \Delta_1$ , and  $\Delta_2$  are totally disconnected, and hence are non-archimedean. Then Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 imply that

$$E(\mathbb{R}^n) \leq_B E(N \times \mathbb{R}^n) \leq_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n).$$

So we only need to show that  $E(G) \not\leq_B E(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . To see this, assume toward a contradiction that  $E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By Theorem 2.8, there exists a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. Note that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has no nontrivial compact connected subgroup. So this implies that  $S(G_0) = \{0\}$ , contradicting that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean.

On the other hand, suppose  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) <_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ . Let  $m = \dim(G)$ . By (1) we have  $m > 0$ . Assume for contradiction that  $m = \infty$ , then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. Then we have  $\dim(G_0/\ker(S)) = \infty$ , and hence  $[0, 1]^\omega$  embeds into  $G_0/\ker(S)$  (cf. [11, Corollary 8.24]). By [7, Corollary 2.3.4],  $S$  induces an embedding from  $G_0/\ker(S)$  to  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . So  $[0, 1]^\omega$  embeds into  $\mathbb{T}^n$ , contradicting that  $n$  is finite. Therefore, we have  $0 < m < \infty$ , and hence  $E(\mathbb{R}^m) <_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^m)$ . Then [5, Theorem 6.19] gives  $m = n$ .  $\dashv$

**REMARK 2.12.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two locally compact abelian Polish groups. Suppose that  $G_0$  is an open subgroup of  $G$ , and that  $G_0$  is compact or  $G_0 \cong \mathbb{R}$ . Then Theorems 2.8, 2.9, and 2.11(2),(3) imply that  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G_0 \rightarrow H_0$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. This generalizes Rigid Theorem, i.e., Theorem 2.9. We don't know whether this can be generalized to all locally compact abelian Polish groups.

**QUESTION 2.13.** *Does the converse of Theorem 2.8 hold for all locally compact abelian Polish groups?*

**QUESTION 2.14.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. If  $G$  is not non-archimedean, does  $E(G) \sim_B E(G_0)$ ?*

**§3. *P*-adic solenoids.** Let  $P = (P(0), P(1), \dots)$  be a sequence of integers greater than 1. Recall that the *P*-adic solenoid  $S_P$  is defined by

$$S_P = \{g \in \mathbb{T}^\omega : \forall l (g(l) = g(l + 1)^{P(l)})\}.$$

In particular, if for each  $i$ ,  $P(i)$  is a prime number, then the *P*-adic solenoid is denoted by  $\Sigma_P$  (cf. [8]). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of all primes. The group  $S_P$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\Sigma_{P'}$  for some  $P' \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  satisfying that  $P(l) = P'(i_l) \dots P'(i_{l+1} - 1)$ , where  $0 = i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_l < \dots$ . For example, we have  $S_{(4,6,8,9,\dots,9,\dots)} \cong \Sigma_{(2,2,2,3,2,2,2,3,3,\dots,3,3,\dots)}$ .

It is well known that, the group  $\Sigma_P$  is a compact connected abelian group which is neither locally connected (cf. [8]), nor arcwise connected (see [1, Theorem 8.27]). Every nontrivial proper closed subgroup  $H$  of a *P*-adic solenoid is totally disconnected (cf. [12, Proposition 2.7]), and thus  $H$  is non-archimedean. Clearly,  $\Sigma_P$  is a 1-dimensional and metrizable group.

Denote  $\Omega = \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{T}, \Sigma_P : P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega\}$ .

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n \in \Omega$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $E(G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_m) \leq_B E(H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n)$ .
- (2) *There is a injective map  $\theta^* : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $E(G_i) \leq_B E(H_{\theta^*(i)})$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .*

*In particular,  $E(G_1^m) \leq_B E(H_1^n)$  iff  $m \leq n$  and  $E(G_1) \leq_B E(H_1)$ .*

**PROOF.** (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is obvious. We only prove (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).

Denote  $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_m$  and  $H = H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , let  $e^i$  be the canonical injection of  $G_i$  into  $G_1 \times \dots \times G_m$ , i.e.,  $e^i(g) = (1_{G_1}, \dots, 1_{G_{i-1}}, g, 1_{G_{i+1}}, \dots, 1_{G_m})$ .

Suppose  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ . Since  $G$  and  $H$  are both connected, by Theorem 2.8, there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. For each  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , let  $\pi_j$  be the canonical projection from  $H$  onto  $H_j$ .

Note that, except for  $\mathbb{R}$ , all groups in  $\Omega$  are compact. By rearranging, we may assume that there is an  $i_0 \leq m$  such that,  $G_i$  is compact for  $1 \leq i \leq i_0$ , and  $G_i = \mathbb{R}$  for  $i_0 < i \leq m$ .

For any  $1 \leq i \leq i_0$ , since  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean, there exists  $j$  satisfying that  $\pi_j(S(e^i(G_i))) \neq \{1_{H_j}\}$ . Note that  $H_j$  has no nontrivial proper connected compact subgroup. It follows that  $\pi_j(S(e^i(G_i))) = H_j$ . Now we construct a bipartite graph  $G[X, Y]$  as follows. Let  $X = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{i_0}\}$ ,

$$Y = \{H_j : \exists i (1 \leq i \leq i_0 \text{ and } \pi_j(S(e^i(G_i))) = H_j)\}.$$

For  $G_i \in X$  and  $H_j \in Y$ , we put an edge between  $G_i$  and  $H_j$  if  $\pi_j(S(e^i(G_i))) = H_j$ . Given  $K \subseteq X$ , we denote the set of all neighbors of the vertices in  $K$  by  $N(K)$ .

Next we show that  $|N(K)| \geq |K|$  for all  $K \subseteq X$ . Given  $K \subseteq X$ , denote

$$G^K = \{x \in G : x(i) = 1_{G_i} \text{ for all } G_i \notin K\},$$

$$H^{N(K)} = \{z \in H : z(j) = 1_{H_j} \text{ for all } H_j \notin N(K)\}.$$

Then the restriction of  $S$  on  $G^K$  is a continuous homomorphism to  $H^{N(K)}$ . By Theorem 2.9,  $E(G^K) \leq_B E(H^{N(K)})$ . Again by Theorem 2.11(5), this implies  $E(\mathbb{R}^{|K|}) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^{|N(K)|})$ . Then [5, Theorem 6.19] gives  $|N(K)| \geq |K|$ .

By Hall’s theorem (cf. [3, Theorem 16.4]), there is a injective map  $\theta^* : \{1, 2, \dots, i_0\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\pi_{\theta^*(i)}(S(e^i(G_i))) = H_{\theta^*(i)}$ . Since every proper closed subgroup of  $G_i$  is non-archimedean, from Theorem 2.9, we have  $E(G_i) \leq_B E(H_{\theta^*(i)})$ .

In the end, since  $\dim(G) = m$  and  $\dim(H) = n$ , by Theorem 2.11(5), we have  $E(\mathbb{R}^m) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ . So  $m \leq n$ . Since  $E(\mathbb{R}) \leq_B E(H_j)$  for each  $j$ , we can trivially extend  $\theta^*$  to an injection from  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $E(G_i) \leq_B E(H_{\theta^*(i)})$  for each  $i$ . ⊣

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be in  $\mathcal{P}^\omega$ . We write  $Q \preceq P$  provided there is a co-finite subset  $A$  of  $\omega$  and an injection  $f : A \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $Q(n) = P(f(n))$  for each  $n \in A$  (for more details, see [8, 9, 16]).

LEMMA 3.2 (folklore). *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be in  $\mathcal{P}^\omega$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) *There is a nonzero continuous homomorphism  $f : \Sigma_P \rightarrow \Sigma_Q$ .*
- (2) *There is a surjective continuous homomorphism  $g : \Sigma_P \rightarrow \Sigma_Q$ .*
- (3) *There is a surjective continuous map  $h : \Sigma_P \rightarrow \Sigma_Q$ .*
- (4)  $Q \preceq P$ .

PROOF. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are obvious. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows immediately from the fact that each nontrivial proper closed subgroup of a  $P$ -adic solenoid is totally disconnected. The equivalence of (3) and (4) follows from [16, Theorem 4.4].

It remains to show (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $h$  be a surjective continuous map from  $\Sigma_P$  to  $\Sigma_Q$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $h(1_{\Sigma_P}) = 1_{\Sigma_Q}$ . Then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $f : \Sigma_P \rightarrow \Sigma_Q$  such that  $h$  is homotopic to  $f$  (cf. [17, Corollary 2]). Since  $\Sigma_Q$  is not arcwise connected,  $\ker(f) \neq \Sigma_P$ . ⊣

THEOREM 3.3. *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be in  $\mathcal{P}^\omega$ . Then  $E(\Sigma_P) \leq_B E(\Sigma_Q)$  iff  $Q \preceq P$  iff there is a nonzero continuous homomorphism  $f : \Sigma_P \rightarrow \Sigma_Q$ .*

PROOF. Note that every nontrivial proper closed subgroup of  $\Sigma_P$  is non-archimedean. Then this follows from Theorem 2.9 and Lemma 3.2. ⊣

Let  $\text{Fin}$  denote the set of all finite subsets of  $\omega$ . For  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , we use  $A \subseteq^* B$  to denote  $A \setminus B \in \text{Fin}$ .

We prove that, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , the partially ordered set  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)/\text{Fin}$  can be embedded into Borel equivalence relations between  $E(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $E(\mathbb{T}^n)$ .

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $P$  be in  $\mathcal{P}^\omega$ . Then  $E(\mathbb{R}) <_B E(\Sigma_P) <_B E(\mathbb{T})$ .*

PROOF. By Theorem 2.11(5), we have that  $E(\mathbb{R}) <_B E(\Sigma_P) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T})$ .

Assume toward a contradiction that  $E(\mathbb{T}) \leq_B E(\Sigma_P)$ . From Theorem 2.11(4),  $\mathbb{T}$  embeds in  $\Sigma_P$ . This is impossible, since  $\Sigma_P$  is not arcwise connected and every proper closed subgroup of  $\Sigma_P$  is non-archimedean. ⊣

For  $P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  and  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}$ , we define  $t^P(\gamma) \in \omega \cup \{\omega\}$  as

$$t^P(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \omega, & \exists^\infty j \in \omega (P(j) = \gamma), \\ |\{j : P(j) = \gamma\}|, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Given  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ , denote

$$D(P, Q) = \{\gamma \in \mathcal{P} : t^P(\gamma) < t^Q(\gamma)\}.$$

From the definition of  $Q \preceq P$ , we can easily see that

$$E(\Sigma_P) \leq_B E(\Sigma_Q) \iff Q \preceq P \iff \sum_{\gamma \in D(P, Q)} (t^Q(\gamma) - t^P(\gamma)) \text{ is finite.}$$

LEMMA 3.5. *Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  with  $E(\Sigma_Q) \leq_B E(\Sigma_P)$ . Suppose that  $D(P, Q)$  is infinite. Then for  $A \subseteq \omega$ , there is a group  $\Sigma_{P_A}$  such that  $E(\Sigma_Q) <_B E(\Sigma_{P_A}) <_B E(\Sigma_P)$  and for  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , we have*

$$A \subseteq^* B \iff E(\Sigma_{P_A}) \leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_B}).$$

PROOF. Enumerate  $D(P, Q)$  as  $d_0 < d_1 < d_2 < \dots$ . Let  $P_0^* \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  such that  $P_0^*(i) = d_{3i}$  for all  $i \in \omega$ .

For  $L, M \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ , we define an element  $L \oplus M \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  as

$$(L \oplus M)(n) = \begin{cases} L(k), & n = 2k, \\ M(k), & n = 2k + 1. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that

$$t^{L \oplus M}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \omega, & t^L(\gamma) = \omega \text{ or } t^M(\gamma) = \omega, \\ t^L(\gamma) + t^M(\gamma), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Given a set  $A \subseteq \omega$ , define  $P_A \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  as follows. If  $\omega \setminus A$  is finite, put  $P_A = P_0^* \oplus P$ . Then

$$t^{P_A}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} t^P(\gamma) + 1, & \gamma = d_{3i}, i \in \omega, \\ t^P(\gamma), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If  $\omega \setminus A$  is infinite, enumerate it as  $a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots$ . Define  $P_A^* \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  as  $P_A^*(j) = d_{1+3a_j}$  for  $j \in \omega$ , and put  $P_A = P_A^* \oplus (P_0^* \oplus P)$ . Then

$$t^{P_A}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} t^P(\gamma) + 1, & (\gamma = d_{3i}, i \in \omega) \text{ or } (\gamma = d_{1+3a}, a \in (\omega \setminus A)), \\ t^P(\gamma), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Next we show that  $E(\Sigma_Q) <_B E(\Sigma_{P_A}) <_B E(\Sigma_P)$  for all  $A \subseteq \omega$ .

First, since  $t^P(\gamma) \leq t^{P_A}(\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}$ , we have  $D(P_A, P) = \emptyset$ . So  $P \preceq P_A$ , and hence  $E(\Sigma_{P_A}) \leq_B E(\Sigma_P)$ .

Since  $E(\Sigma_Q) \leq_B E(\Sigma_P)$ , by Theorem 3.3, we have  $P \preceq Q$ , and hence

$$\sum_{\gamma \in D(Q, P)} (t^P(\gamma) - t^Q(\gamma)) \text{ is finite.}$$

Note that  $t^{P_A}(\gamma) = t^P(\gamma) + 1$  only occurs when  $t^Q(\gamma) > t^P(\gamma)$  holds, in which case we always have  $\gamma \notin D(Q, P_A)$ . So we have  $D(Q, P_A) = D(Q, P)$  and  $t^{P_A}(\gamma) = t^P(\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in D(Q, P_A)$ . This gives  $E(\Sigma_Q) \leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_A})$ .

Since  $d_{3i} \in D(P, P_A)$  for  $i \in \omega$ ,  $D(P, P_A)$  is infinite, so  $E(\Sigma_P) \not\leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_A})$ . Similarly, since  $t^{P_A}(d_{2+3i}) = t^P(d_{2+3i}) < t^Q(d_{2+3i})$ , we have  $d_{2+3i} \in D(P_A, Q)$  for  $i \in \omega$ , so  $E(\Sigma_{P_A}) \not\leq_B E(\Sigma_Q)$ .

Given  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , note that  $A \subseteq^* B$  iff  $(\omega \setminus B) \setminus (\omega \setminus A) = (A \setminus B)$  is finite. We will check that  $A \subseteq^* B$  iff  $P_B \preceq P_A$ . We consider four cases as follows: (1) If both  $\omega \setminus A$  and  $\omega \setminus B$  are finite, then we have  $A \subseteq^* B$  and  $P_A = P_B = P_0^* \oplus P$ . (2) If  $\omega \setminus A$  is infinite and  $\omega \setminus B$  is finite, then we have  $A \subseteq^* B$  and  $P_B = P_0^* \oplus P \preceq P_A^* \oplus (P_0^* \oplus P) = P_A$ , since  $t^{P_B}(\gamma) \leq t^{P_A}(\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}$ . (3) If  $\omega \setminus A$  is finite and  $\omega \setminus B$  is infinite, then  $A \not\subseteq^* B$  and  $P_B = P_B^* \oplus (P_0^* \oplus P) \not\leq P_0^* \oplus P = P_A$ , since  $t^{P_A}(d_{1+3b}) < t^{P_B}(d_{1+3b})$  for  $b \in (\omega \setminus B)$ . (4) If both  $\omega \setminus A$  and  $\omega \setminus B$  are infinite, then  $t^{P_A}(\gamma) < t^{P_B}(\gamma)$  iff  $\gamma = d_{1+3b}$  for some  $b \in (\omega \setminus B) \setminus (\omega \setminus A) = (A \setminus B)$ . Moreover,  $t^{P_B}(d_{1+3b}) = t^P(d_{1+3b}) + 1 = t^{P_A}(d_{1+3b}) + 1$  for all  $b \in (A \setminus B)$ . So

$$\sum_{\gamma \in D(P_A, P_B)} (t^{P_B}(\gamma) - t^{P_A}(\gamma)) = |A \setminus B|,$$

and hence  $A \subseteq^* B$  iff  $P_B \preceq P_A$ .

Again by Theorem 3.3, we have  $A \subseteq^* B$  iff  $E(\Sigma_{P_A}) \leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_B})$ . ⊣

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Then for  $A \subseteq \omega$ , there is an  $n$ -dimensional compact connected abelian Polish group  $G_A$  such that  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) <_B E(G_A) <_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$  and for  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , we have*

$$A \subseteq^* B \iff E(G_A) \leq_B E(G_B).$$

**PROOF.** It follows from Theorem 2.11(5) and Lemmas 3.1, 3.4, and 3.5. ⊣

**§4. Dual groups.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two abelian topological groups. Denote the class of all continuous homomorphisms of  $G$  to  $H$  by  $\text{Hom}(G, H)$ , which is an abelian group under pointwise addition. We always equip  $\text{Hom}(G, H)$  with compact-open topology. The abelian topological group  $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{T})$  is called the *dual group* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\widehat{G}$  (cf. [11, Definition 7.4]).

Let  $(A, +)$  be an abelian group whose identity element denoted by  $0_A$ . We say that  $(A, +)$  is a *torsion group* if each element of  $A$  is finite order. We say that  $(A, +)$  is *torsion-free* if  $n \cdot g \neq 0_A$  for all  $g \in A$  with  $g \neq 0_A$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . A subset  $X$  of  $A$  is *free* if any equation  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x = 0_A$  implies  $n_x = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . The *torsion-free rank* of  $A$ , written  $\text{rank}(A)$ , is the cardinal number (uniquely determined) of any maximal free subset of  $A$ .

Each Hausdorff locally compact abelian group  $G$  is reflexive, thus it is topologically isomorphic to the double dual group  $\widehat{\widehat{G}}$  (cf. [11, Theorem 7.63]). A Hausdorff locally compact abelian group is compact and metrizable iff its dual group is a countable discrete group (cf. Proposition 7.5(i) and Theorem 8.45 of [11]). Let  $G$  be a Hausdorff compact abelian group, then  $G$  is connected iff  $\widehat{G}$  is torsion-free; and  $G$  is totally disconnected iff  $\widehat{G}$  is torsion (cf. [11, Corollary 8.5]). For any finite dimensional compact abelian Polish group  $G$ , the covering dimension of  $A$  is equal to  $\text{rank}(\widehat{G})$  (cf. Lemma 8.13 and Corollary 8.26 of [11]).

If  $H$  is a subset of an abelian topological group  $G$ , then the subgroup

$$H^\perp = \{\gamma \in \widehat{G} : \forall x \in H (\gamma(x) = 1_{\mathbb{T}})\}$$

is called the *annihilator* of  $H$  in  $\widehat{G}$  (cf. [11, Definition 7.12]).

Now we focus on compact connected abelian Polish groups.

**THEOREM 4.1 (Dual Rigid Theorem).** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. Then  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$  iff there is a continuous homomorphism  $S^* : \widehat{H} \rightarrow \widehat{G}$  such that  $\widehat{G}/\text{im}(S^*)$  is a torsion group.*

**PROOF.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ). We assume that  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ . By Theorem 2.8, there is a continuous homomorphism  $S : G \rightarrow H$  such that  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean. This implies that there is a homomorphism  $S^*$  from  $\widehat{H}$  to  $\widehat{G}$  such that  $\ker(S) \cong \text{im}(S^*)^\perp$  (cf. [1, P.22 and P.23(a)]). By [11, Lemma 7.13(ii)], we have that  $\ker(S) \cong (\widehat{G}/\text{im}(S^*))^\perp$ , and hence  $\ker(S) \cong \widehat{G}/\text{im}(S^*)$ . Since  $\ker(S)$  is non-archimedean, thus is totally disconnected, so  $\widehat{G}/\text{im}(S^*)$  is a torsion group.

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Since  $G \cong \widehat{\widehat{G}}$  and  $H \cong \widehat{\widehat{H}}$ , we can define  $S : G \rightarrow H$  via  $(S^*)^* : \widehat{\widehat{G}} \rightarrow \widehat{\widehat{H}}$  (cf. [10, (24.41)]). Then the similar arguments as the preceding paragraph give the desired result. +

**COROLLARY 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian Polish group and let  $H$  be a locally compact abelian Polish group. If  $E(G) \leq_B E(H)$ , then there is a nonzero continuous homomorphism  $S^* : \widehat{H} \rightarrow \widehat{G}$ .*

**PROOF.** It follows from Theorem 4.1 and that  $\widehat{G}$  is non-torsion. +

**EXAMPLE 4.3.**  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  (cf. [10, Examples 23.27(a)]). Fix a  $P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ , then  $\widehat{\Sigma}_P \cong \left\{ \frac{m}{P(0)P(1)\dots P(n)} : m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$  (see [10, (25.3)]). In view of Corollary 4.2, we get  $E(\mathbb{T}) \not\leq_B E(\Sigma_P)$  again.

Recall that  $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}} \cong S_{(2,3,4,5,6,\dots)}$  (see [10, (25.4)]). We have the following.

**COROLLARY 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact abelian Polish group with  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Then  $E((\widehat{\mathbb{Q}})^n) \leq_B E(G)$ .*

**PROOF.** By [11, Theorem 8.22(4)],  $G_0 \cong (\widehat{\mathbb{Q}})^n/\Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is a compact totally disconnected subgroup of  $(\widehat{\mathbb{Q}})^n$ . Again by Theorem 2.9, this means that  $E((\widehat{\mathbb{Q}})^n) \leq_B E(G_0)$ , and thus  $E((\widehat{\mathbb{Q}})^n) \leq_B E(G)$ . +

From the arguments above, if  $\Gamma$  is a countable discrete torsion-free abelian group, then  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  is a compact connected abelian Polish group.

**REMARK 4.5.** Let  $G$  be a compact connected Polish group with  $E(\mathbb{R}^n) \leq_B E(G) \leq_B E(\mathbb{T}^n)$  for some  $n > 0$ . By Theorem 2.11(5),  $\dim(G) = n$ , so  $\text{rank}(\widehat{G}) = n$ . Thus  $\widehat{G}$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^n$  (cf. [7, Exercise 13.4.3]). In particular, if  $n = 1$ , we have either  $G \cong \mathbb{T}$  or there exists a  $P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$  such that  $G \cong \Sigma_P$ .

The following proposition shows that, if  $n > 1$ , the structure of  $G$  can be more complicated.

**PROPOSITION 4.6.** *There is a 2-dimensional compact connected Polish group  $G$  such that  $E(G) \not\leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_0} \times \Sigma_{P_1} \times \dots \times \Sigma_{P_n})$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ . Moreover, if  $|\{i \in \omega : P(i) = 2\}| < \infty$ , then  $E(\Sigma_P) \not\leq_B E(G)$ .*

**PROOF.** Pontryagin has constructed a countable torsion-free abelian group  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^2$  whose rank is two (cf. [15, Example 2]). Then  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  is a 2-dimensional compact connected abelian Polish group. The group  $\Gamma$  defined by its generators  $\eta, \xi_i, (i = 0, 1, 2 \dots)$  and relations,

$$2^{k_i+1}\xi_{i+1} = \xi_i + \eta, \tag{**}$$

where  $i \in \omega$  and  $k_i \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that  $\sup\{k_i : i \in \omega\} = \infty$ .

Put  $G = \widehat{\Gamma}$ . We claim that  $E(G) \not\leq_B E(\Sigma_{P_0} \times \Sigma_{P_1} \times \dots \times \Sigma_{P_n})$ . Otherwise, by Corollary 4.2 and [10, Theorem 23.18], there exists  $i \leq n$  such that there is a nonzero continuous homomorphism  $f$  from  $\widehat{\Sigma_{P_i}}$  to  $\widehat{G}$ . Note that for any  $a \in \widehat{\Sigma_{P_i}}$ , there are infinitely many positive integers  $n$  such that the equation  $nx = a$  has a solution. But any element in  $\Gamma$  does not admit such property. This implies that  $f(\widehat{\Sigma_{P_i}}) = \{1_\Gamma\}$  contradicting that  $f$  is a nonzero homomorphism.

Now assume that  $E(\Sigma_P) \leq_B E(G)$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}^\omega$ . We show that  $\{i \in \omega : P(i) = 2\}$  is infinite. By Corollary 4.2, there is a nonzero homomorphism  $f$  from  $\widehat{G}$  to  $\widehat{\Sigma_P}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $\widehat{G} = \Gamma$  and  $\widehat{\Sigma_P} = \left\{ \frac{m}{P(0)P(1)\dots P(n)} : m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . From (\*\*), a straightforward calculation shows that

$$2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_i}\xi_i = \xi_0 + \eta(1 + 2^{k_1} + 2^{k_1+k_2} + \dots + 2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{i-1}}).$$

So we have

$$2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_i} f(\xi_i) = f(\xi_0) + f(\eta)(1 + 2^{k_1} + 2^{k_1+k_2} + \dots + 2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{i-1}}).$$

Note that  $\lim_i 2^{-(k_1+k_2+\dots+k_i)} f(\xi_0) = 0$  and

$$\frac{1 + 2^{k_1} + 2^{k_1+k_2} + \dots + 2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_{i-1}}}{2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_i}} f(\eta) \leq \frac{f(\eta)}{2^{k_{i-1}}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (i \rightarrow \infty).$$

This implies that  $\lim_i f(\xi_i) = 0$ .

Let  $f(\xi_0) = a/b$  and  $f(\eta) = c/d$  for some integers  $a, b, c, d$  with  $c, d > 0$ . Note that  $2^{k_{i+1}} f(\xi_{i+1}) = f(\xi_i) + f(\eta)$ . Since  $f$  is a nonzero homomorphism, there can be at most one  $f(\xi_i) = 0$ . For large enough  $i$ , we have  $f(\xi_i) \neq 0$ . So there exist integers  $m_i, m'_i, c', d', l_i$  with  $m_i, m'_i \neq 0$  and  $c', d' > 0$  such that

$$f(\xi_i) = \frac{m_i}{2^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_i} cd} = \frac{m'_i}{2^{l_i} c' d'},$$

where  $m'_i$  and  $2^{l_i} c' d'$  are coprime and  $c' | c, d' | d$ . It follows that

$$|f(\xi_i)| \geq \frac{1}{2^{l_i} c' d'} \geq \frac{1}{2^{l_i} cd} \rightarrow 0 \quad (i \rightarrow \infty).$$

So  $l_i \rightarrow \infty$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence  $\{i \in \omega : P(i) = 2\}$  is infinite. -1

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