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ON SETS ALWAYS OF THE FIRST CATEGORY

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We obtain topological analogies of some results from [2] and [3] concerning measures. We work in ZFC set theory.

$|S|$ denotes the cardinality of a set S . If f is a function from a set S into a set T and $\mathcal{F}$ is a family of subsets of S then by $f(\mathcal{F})$ we denote the family $\{f(F) : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ of subsets of T . Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a separable σ -field on S (i.e. $\mathcal{C}$ is a countably additive algebra of subsets of S such that $\mathcal{C}$ is countably generated and $\{s\} \in \mathcal{C}$ for every $s \in S$). We will write $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{N}$ iff there is no continuous probability on $\mathcal{C}$. If $\mathcal{C}_1$ and $\mathcal{C}_2$ are σ -fields on S then $\sigma(\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2)$ denotes the σ -field on S generated by $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$. We will write $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{Q}$ iff there is no metrizable separable without isolated points topology $\mathcal{T}$ on S such that $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{T}) \supset \mathcal{C}$ and $3 \notin I(\mathcal{T})$, where $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{T})$ is the usual Borel σ -field on S w.r.t. (with respect to) $\mathcal{T}$ and $I(\mathcal{T})$ denotes the σ -ideal of the first category subsets of S w.r.t. $\mathcal{T}$. By $\mathcal{B}$ we will denote the usual Borel σ -field on $\mathbb{R}$ (= the real line) w.r.t. the usual topology on $\mathbb{R}$.

REMARK. If in the above definition of the class $\mathcal{Q}$ we will replace $I(\mathcal{T})$ by $I^*(\mathcal{T})$, where $I^*(\mathcal{T})$ denotes the σ -ideal of subsets of S which are always of the first category w.r.t. $\mathcal{T}$, then we obtain the same class $\mathcal{Q}$. It

can be also observed that if $X \subset S$, $\mathcal{C}$ is a separable σ -field on S and $\tau \in \mathcal{Q}$ then $\tau \cap X$ is a separable σ -field on X such that $\tau \in \mathcal{Q}$.

Recall that a subset X of S is always of the first category w.r.t. metrizable separable topology $\mathcal{T}$ on S iff each dense in itself subset Y of X is of the first category on itself w.r.t. the topology on Y induced by $\mathcal{T}$.

It is known the following

THEOREM 1 ([3]). There exist a separable σ -field $\mathcal{C}$ on a set S such that $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{N}$ and a permutation φ of S such that $\sigma(\mathcal{C}, \varphi(\mathcal{C})) \in \mathcal{N}$.

If all subsets of R of cardinality $< 2^{\aleph_0}$ are Lebesgue measurable then we can additionally have $S = R$ and $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{B}$.

We give sketch of the proof of the following topological analogue of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. There exist a separable σ -field $\mathcal{C}$ on a set S such that $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{Q}$ and a permutation φ of S such that $\sigma(\mathcal{C}, \varphi(\mathcal{C})) \in \mathcal{Q}$.

If all metrizable separable spaces without isolated points of cardinality $< 2^{\aleph_0}$ are of the first category then we can additionally have $S = R$ and $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{B}$.

Proof. Our proof is a modification of Prikry's method from [4]. Let $m = \min \{n: \text{there exists a separable } \sigma\text{-field}$

$\mathcal{C}$ on a set T such that $|T| = n$ and $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{Q}$. Hence there exists a set T with $|T| = m$ and a metrizable separable without isolated points topology $\mathcal{T}_0$ on T such that $T \notin I(\mathcal{T}_0)$.

It can be easily observed the following

LEMMA. Let $\mathcal{T}$ be a metrizable separable without isolated points topology on a set T such that $|T| = m$. Then $T' \subset T$ and $|T'| < m$ imply $T' \in I(\mathcal{T})$.

Let $\{t_\xi : \xi \in m\}$ be an one-to-one enumeration of T . Let for every $\xi \in m$, F_ξ be an F_σ (w.r.t. $\mathcal{T}$) subset of T such that $F_\xi \in I(\mathcal{T})$ and $F_\xi \supset \{t_\eta : \eta \leq \xi\}$. Put $Z = \bigcup_{\xi \in m} \{t_\xi\} \times F_\xi$. We have $Z \subset m \times T$. It can be proved (compare [4], [1] and [2]) that there exists a separable σ -field $\mathcal{C}$ on m such that Z belongs to the product σ -field $\mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{T})$. We claim $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{Q}$. If not, let $\mathcal{T}_1$ be a metrizable separable without isolated points topology on m such that $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{T}_1) \supset \mathcal{C}$ and $m \notin I(\mathcal{T}_1)$. Applying Kuratowski-Ulam category version of Fubini's theorem and our Lemma to $\mathcal{T}_0$, $\mathcal{T}_1$ and Z one can easily obtain a contradiction (compare [4] and [3]). So $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{Q}$.

Let S be a set such that $|S| = m$ and let $S = S_1 \cup S_2$, $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$ and $|S_1| = |S_2|$. Since $|S_1| = m$ and $|S_2| = m$ it follows that there exist a separable σ -field $\mathcal{C}_1$ on S_1 such that $\mathcal{C}_1 \in \mathcal{Q}$ and a separable σ -field $\mathcal{C}_2$ on S_2 such that $\mathcal{C}_2 \notin \mathcal{Q}$. Let $\mathcal{C}$ be the σ -field on S generated by $\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$. Since $\mathcal{C} \cap S_2 = \mathcal{C}_2$ and $\mathcal{C}_2 \notin \mathcal{Q}$ we have, by Remark, $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{Q}$. Let φ be a permutation of S

such that $\varphi(S_1) = S_2$. It can be checked that our $\mathcal{C}$ and φ have the required properties.

We omit the easy proof of the additional claim of Theorem 2.

If $\mathcal{J}$ is a σ -ideal on R then we put $\mathcal{J}^+ = \{A \subset R: \text{for every } B \subset R \text{ such that there exists 1-1 } \mathcal{B}\text{-measurable function } f: B \longrightarrow A \text{ we have } B \in \mathcal{J}\}$.

Observe that $\mathcal{J}^+$ is a σ -ideal on R and $\mathcal{J}^+ \subset \mathcal{J}$. Denote by $\mathcal{L}_0$ the σ -ideal of subsets of R of the Lebesgue measure zero, by I the σ -ideal of the first category subsets of R w.r.t. usual topology on R and by I^* the σ -ideal of subsets of R which are always of the first category w.r.t. usual topology on R .

Let $m_0 = \min \{n: \exists(Y \subset R) (|Y| = n \text{ and } Y \notin \mathcal{L}_0)\}$,
 $m_1 = \min \{n: \exists(Y \subset R) (|Y| = n \text{ and } Y \notin I)\}$, and
 $m_2 = \min \{n: \exists(Y \subset R) (|Y| = n \text{ and } Y \notin I^*)\}$.

We omit the proof of the following

THEOREM 3. There exist $A_1 \subset R$ ($1 \leq 3$) such that $|A_1| = m_1$ ($1 \leq 2$), $|A_3| = \min\{m_0, m_1\}$, $A_0 \in \mathcal{L}_0^+$, $A_1 \in I^+$, $A_2 \in (I^*)^+$ and $A_3 \in \mathcal{L}_0^+ \cap I^+$.

It is known that the σ -ideal $\mathcal{L}_0^+$ is equal to the σ -ideal of so called universal null subsets of R [5].

The part of Theorem 3 concerning A_0 was proved in fact in [2].

COROLLARY. There exists $A, B \subset R$ such that $|A| = |B|$,
 $A \in I^*$ and $B \notin I^*$.

A similar result for universal null subsets of R can be found in [2]. In connection with I^* it is worth to mention that Morgan II has proved [3a] that there exists a linear set every homeomorphic image of which is in I , but which is not in I^* .

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