

1. INTRODUCTION

2. PRELIMINARIES

2.1. Descriptive set theory.

Definition 2.1. Suppose X is a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. We say that A is *meagre* in X if $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, where A_n are nowhere dense subsets of X (i.e. $\text{Int}(\bar{A}_n) = \emptyset$).

Definition 2.2. We say that A is *comeagre* in X if it is a complement of a meagre set. Equivalently, a set is comeagre iff it contains a countable intersection of open dense sets.

Every countable set is meagre in any T_1 space, so, for example, \mathbb{Q} is meagre in \mathbb{R} (though being dense), which means that the set of irrationals is comeagre. Another example is...

Definition 2.3. We say that a topological space X is a *Baire space* if every comeagre subset of X is dense in X (equivalently, every meagre set has empty interior).

Definition 2.4. Suppose X is a Baire space. We say that a property P holds *generically* for a point in $x \in X$ if $\{x \in X \mid P \text{ holds for } x\}$ is comeagre in X .

Definition 2.5. Let X be a nonempty topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. The *Banach-Mazur game of A* , denoted as $G^{**}(A)$ is defined as follows: Players I and II take turns in playing nonempty open sets $U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1, \dots$ such that $U_0 \supseteq V_0 \supseteq U_1 \supseteq V_1 \supseteq \dots$. We say that player II wins the game if $\bigcap_n V_n \subseteq A$.

There is an important theorem on the Banach-Mazur game: A is comeagre iff II can always choose sets V_0, V_1, \dots such that it wins. Before we prove it we need to define notions necessary to formalise and prove the theorem.

Definition 2.6. T is the *tree of all legal positions* in the Banach-Mazur game $G^{**}(A)$ when T consists of all finite sequences (W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n) , where W_i are nonempty open sets such that $W_0 \supseteq W_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq W_n$. In another words, T is a pruned tree on $\{W \subseteq X \mid W \text{ is open nonempty}\}$.

Definition 2.7. We say that σ is a *pruned subtree* of the tree of all legal positions T if $\sigma \subseteq T$ and for any $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \sigma, n \geq 0$ there is a W such that $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n, W) \in \sigma$ (it simply means that there's no finite branch in σ).

Definition 2.8. Let σ be a pruned subtree of the tree of all legal positions T . By $[\sigma]$ we denote *the set of all infinite branches of σ* , i.e. infinite sequences (W_0, W_1, \dots) such that $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \sigma$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 2.9. A *strategy for II* in $G^{**}(A)$ is a pruned subtree $\sigma \subseteq T$ such that

- (i) σ is nonempty,
- (ii) if $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in \sigma$, then for all open nonempty $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$, $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n, U_{n+1}) \in \sigma$,
- (iii) if $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n) \in \sigma$, then for a unique V_n , $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in \sigma$.

Intuitively, a strategy σ works as follows: I starts playing U_0 as any open subset of X , then II plays unique (by (iii)) V_0 such that $(U_0, V_0) \in \sigma$. Then I responds by playing any $U_1 \subseteq V_0$ and II plays unique V_1 such that $(U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1) \in \sigma$, etc.

Definition 2.10. A strategy σ is a *winning strategy for II* if for any game $(U_0, V_0, \dots) \in [\sigma]$ player II wins, i.e. $\bigcap_n V_n \subseteq A$.

Now we can state the key theorem.

Theorem 2.11 (Banach-Mazur, Oxtoby). *Let X be a nonempty topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then A is comeagre $\Leftrightarrow II$ has a winning strategy in $G^{**}(A)$.*

In order to prove it we add an auxiliary definition and lemma.

Definition 2.12. Let $S \subseteq \sigma$ be a pruned subtree of tree of all legal positions T and let $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$. We say that S is *comprehensive for p* if the family $\mathcal{V}_p = \{V_{n+1} \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1}, V_{n+1}) \in S\}$ (it may be that $n = -1$, which means $p = \emptyset$) is pairwise disjoint and $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$ is dense in V_n (where we think that $V_{-1} = X$).

We say that S is *comprehensive* if it is comprehensive for each $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$.

Fact 2.13. *If σ is a winning strategy for II then there exists a nonempty comprehensive $S \subseteq \sigma$.*

Proof. We construct S recursively as follows:

- (1) $\emptyset \in S$,
- (2) if $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n) \in S$, then $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in S$ for the unique V_n given by the strategy σ ,
- (3) let $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$. For a possible player I 's move $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$ let U_{n+1}^* be the unique set player II would respond with by σ . Now, by Zorn's Lemma, let \mathcal{U}_p be a maximal collection of nonempty open subsets $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$ such that the set $\{U_{n+1}^* \mid U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p\}$ is pairwise disjoint. Then put in S all $(U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1})$ such that $U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p$. This way S is comprehensive for p : the family $\mathcal{V}_p = \{V_{n+1} \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1}, V_{n+1}) \in S\}$ is exactly $\{U_{n+1}^* \mid U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p\}$, which is pairwise disjoint and $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$ is obviously dense in V_n by the maximality of \mathcal{U}_p – if there was any open set $\tilde{U}_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$ disjoint from $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$, then $\tilde{U}_{n+1}^* \subseteq \tilde{U}_{n+1}$ would be also disjoint from $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$, so the family $\mathcal{U}_p \cup \{\tilde{U}_{n+1}^*\}$ would violate the maximality of \mathcal{U}_p . \square

Lemma 2.14. *Let S be a nonempty comprehensive pruned subtree of a strategy σ . Then:*

- (i) *For any open $V_n \subseteq X$ there is at most one $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in S$.*
- (ii) *Let $S_n = \{V_n \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (i.e. S_n is a family of all possible choices player II can make in its n -th move according to S). Then $\bigcup S_n$ is open and dense in X .*
- (iii) *S_n is a family of pairwise disjoint sets.*

Proof. (i): Suppose that there are some $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n)$, $p' = (U'_0, V'_0, \dots, U'_n, V'_n)$ such that $V_n = V'_n$ and $p \neq p'$. Let k be the smallest index such that those sequences differ. We have two possibilities:

- $U_k = U'_k$ and $V_k \neq V'_k$ – this cannot be true simply by the fact that S is a subset of a strategy (so V_k is unique for U_k).
- $U_k \neq U'_k$: by the comprehensiveness of S we know that for $q = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_{k-1}, V_{k-1})$ the set \mathcal{V}_q is pairwise disjoint. Thus $V_k \cap V'_k = \emptyset$, because $V_k, V'_k \in \mathcal{V}_q$. But this leads to a contradiction – V_n cannot be a nonempty subset of both V_k, V'_k .

(ii): The lemma is proved by induction on n . For $n = 0$ it follows trivially from the definition of comprehensiveness. Now suppose the lemma is true for n . Then the set $\bigcup_{V_n \in S_n} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$ (where p_{V_n} is given uniquely from (i)) is dense and open in X by the induction hypothesis. But $\bigcup S_{n+1}$ is exactly this set, thus it is dense and open in X .

(iii): We will prove it by induction on n . Once again, the case $n = 0$ follows from the comprehensiveness of S . Now suppose that the sets in S_n are pairwise disjoint. Take some $x \in V_{n+1} \in S_{n+1}$. Of course $\bigcup S_n \supseteq \bigcup S_{n+1}$, thus by the inductive hypothesis $x \in V_n$ for the unique $V_n \in S_n$. It must be that $V_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$, because V_n is the only superset of V_{n+1} in S_n . But $\mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$ is disjoint, so there is no other $V'_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$ such that $x \in V'_{n+1}$. Moreover, there is no such set in $S_{n+1} \setminus \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$, because those sets are disjoint from V_n . Hence there is no $V'_{n+1} \in S_{n+1}$ other than V_n such that $x \in V'_{n+1}$. We choose x and V_{n+1} arbitrarily, so S_{n+1} is pairwise disjoint. \square

Now we can move to the proof of the Banach-Mazur theorem.

Proof of theorem 2.11. \Rightarrow : Let (A_n) be a sequence of dense open sets with $\bigcap_n A_n \subseteq A$. The simply II plays $V_n = U_n \cap A_n$, which is nonempty by the denseness of A_n .

\Leftarrow : Suppose II has a winning strategy σ . We will show that A is comeagre. Take a comprehensive $S \subseteq \sigma$. We claim that $\mathcal{S} = \bigcap_n \bigcup S_n \subseteq A$. By the lemma 2.14, (ii) sets $\bigcup S_n$ are open and dense, thus A must be comeagre. Now we prove the claim towards contradiction.

Suppose there is $x \in \mathcal{S} \setminus A$. By the lemma 2.14, (iii) for any n there is unique $x \in V_n \in S_n$. It follows that $p_{V_0} \subset p_{V_1} \subset \dots$. Now the game $(U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1, \dots) = \bigcup_n p_{V_n} \in [S] \subseteq [\sigma]$ is not winning for player II, which contradicts the assumption that σ is a winning strategy. \square

Corollary 2.15. *If we add a constraint to the Banach-Mazur game such that players can only choose basic open sets, then the theorem 2.11 still suffices.*

Proof. If one adds the word *basic* before each occurrence of word *open* in previous proofs and theorems then they all will still be valid (except for \Rightarrow , but its an easy fix – take V_n a basic open subset of $U_n \cap A_n$). \square

This corollary will be important in using the theorem in practice – it's much easier to work with basic open sets rather than any open sets.

2.2. Fraïssé classes.

Fact 2.16 (Fraïssé theorem). *Then there exists a unique up to isomorphism countable L -structure M such that...*

Definition 2.17. For \mathcal{C} , M as in Fact 2.16, we write $\text{FLim}(\mathcal{C}) := M$.

Fact 2.18. *If \mathcal{C} is a uniformly locally finite Fraïssé class, then $\text{FLim}(\mathcal{C})$ is \aleph_0 -categorical and has quantifier elimination.*

3. CONJUGACY CLASSES IN AUTOMORPHISM GROUPS

3.1. Prototype: pure set. In this section, $M = (M, =)$ is an infinite countable set (with no structure beyond equality).

Proposition 3.1. *If $f_1, f_2 \in \text{Aut}(M)$, then f_1 and f_2 are conjugate if and only if for each $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\aleph_0\}$, f_1 and f_2 have the same number of orbits of size n .*

Proposition 3.2. *The conjugacy class of $f \in \text{Aut}(M)$ is dense if and only if...*

Proposition 3.3. *If $f \in \text{Aut}(M)$ has an infinite orbit, then the conjugacy class of f is meagre.*

Proposition 3.4. *An automorphism f of M is generic if and only if...*

Proof.

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3.2. More general structures.

Proposition 3.5. *Suppose M is an arbitrary structure and $f_1, f_2 \in \text{Aut}(M)$. Then f_1 and f_2 are conjugate if and only if $(M, f_1) \cong (M, f_2)$.*

Definition 3.6. We say that a Fraïssé class \mathcal{C} has *weak Hrushovski property (WHP)* if for every $A \in \mathcal{C}$ and partial automorphism $p: A \rightarrow A$, there is some $B \in \mathcal{C}$ such that p can be extended to an automorphism of B , i.e. there is an embedding $i: A \rightarrow B$ and a $\bar{p} \in \text{Aut}(B)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\bar{p}} & B \\ i \uparrow & & i \uparrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{p} & A \end{array}$$

Proposition 3.7. *Suppose \mathcal{C} is a Fraïssé class in a relational language with WHP. Then generically, for an $f \in \text{Aut}(\text{FLim}(\mathcal{C}))$, all orbits of f are finite.*

Proposition 3.8. *Suppose \mathcal{C} is a Fraïssé class in an arbitrary countable language with WHP. Then generically, for an $f \in \text{Aut}(\text{FLim}(\mathcal{C}))$...*

3.3. Random graph.

Definition 3.9. *The random graph is...*

Fact 3.10. *The*

Proposition 3.11. *Generically, the set of fixed points of $f \in \text{Aut}(M)$ is isomorphic to M (as a graph).*