

## 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  $\sigma$  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  $\sigma$ ).

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\sigma$  be a pruned subtree of the tree of all legal positions  $T$ . By  $[\sigma]$  we denote *the set of all infinite branches of  $\sigma$* , 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)  $\sigma$  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  $\sigma$  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  $\sigma$  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  $\sigma$  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  $\sigma$ ,
- (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  $\sigma$ . 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 its maximality – if there was any open set  $\tilde{U}_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$  disjoint from  $\bigcup \mathcal{U}_p$ , then 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  $\sigma$ . 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 chosed  $x$  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  $\sigma$ . 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  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy.  $\square$

## 2.2. Fraïssé classes.

**Fact 2.15** (Fraïssé theorem). *Then there exists a unique up to isomorphism countable  $L$ -structure  $M$  such that...*

**Definition 2.16.** For  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $M$  as in Fact 2.15, we write  $\text{FLim}(\mathcal{C}) := M$ .

**Fact 2.17.** *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).*