

Generalized amenability of topological groups and Banach representations

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A topological group G is

- ① *extremely amenable* if every continuous action on a compact space admits a fixed point.
(Equiv.: universal minimal G -system $M(G)$ is trivial).
- ② *amenable* if every continuous affine action on a compact convex space admits a fixed point.
(Equiv.: universal irreducible affine G -system $IA(G)$ is trivial).

idea in the context of (extreme) amenability:

"let us free fixed point"

replacing fixed point by a "dynamically small" G -system
from some class \mathbf{P} of compact G -systems.

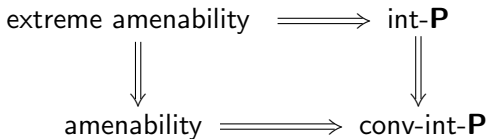
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Let \mathbf{P} be a (nice) class of (dynamically small) compact G -spaces. Assume, at least, $\mathbf{P} \supseteq \{\text{one point trivial } G\text{-systems}\}$.

Definition

We say that a topological group G is:

- 1 **intrinsically \mathbf{P}** if every continuous action of G on a compact space X admits a compact G -subsystem $Y \subseteq X$ such that $(G, Y) \in \mathbf{P}$.
- 2 **convexly intrinsically \mathbf{P}** if every continuous affine action of G on a compact affine space X admits a compact G -subsystem $Y \subseteq X$ such that $(G, Y) \in \mathbf{P}$.



We study the case $\mathbf{P} = \{\text{Tame DS}\}$.

Definition

(General compact G -system X) $G \times X \rightarrow X$ is tame iff
 $\forall p \in E(X), f \in C(X), f \circ p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has PCP
(Point of Cont. Prop.)^a

^a(Envel. sem. $E(X) := \text{cls}_p(G) \subset X^X$)

$\{\text{Tame}\}$ is closed under products, factors, subsystems.

Definition

(for metrizable X) $G \times X \rightarrow X$ is tame iff $\text{card}E(X) \leq 2^{\aleph_0}$

Example

$(H_+[0, 1], [0, 1])$ is tame.

$$G = H_+[0, 1] \hookrightarrow E(H_+, [0, 1]) \subset \text{Helly compact}$$

which is first countable (and cardinality = 2^ω).

Some interesting classes of tame actions

- ① $\underbrace{\text{WAP} \subset \text{HNS} \subset \text{Tame}}_{\text{dynamically "small" systems}} \subset \text{Dynamical systems}$

(smallness via Dynamical version of BFT dichotomy for compact metric DS)

- ② (Ellis, Akin) Projective actions
($GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$) and ($GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$)
- ③ circularly (e.g., linearly) ordered dynamical systems
- ④ Sturmian like \mathbb{Z} -subshifts $X \subset \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ in symbolic dynamics
- ⑤ almost canonical model sets (tilings, models of quasicrystals)
[Aujogue15], [Aujogue-Kellendonk15], ...
- ⑥ (New) Continuous group actions on (local) dendrons D
Corollary: ($\text{Homeo}(D), D$) is Rosenthal representable

Definition (Köhler95)

$f \in C(X)$ is said to be *regular* (**tame**, in the terminology of Glasner) if the family of functions $f \circ G^n$ does not contain an independent sequence. Notation: $f \in \text{Tame}(X)$.
 (G, X) is tame if $\text{Tame}(X) = C(X)$.

Definition

A sequence $\{f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of functions on a set X is **independent** if $\exists a < b$ s.t.

$$\bigcap_{n \in P} f_n^{-1}(-\infty, a) \cap \bigcap_{n \in M} f_n^{-1}(b, \infty) \neq \emptyset$$

for all finite disjoint subsets P, M of \mathbb{N} .

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Remark (GI-Me-06, GI-Me-Usp-08)

If X is metrizable then TFAE:

- 1 compact G -system X is tame.
- 2 $\text{card } E(X) \leq 2^\omega$.
- 3 In $E(X)$ the topology can be defined by conv. sequences.
- 4 $E(X)$ does not contain a topological copy of $\beta(\mathbb{N})$.
- 5 (G, X) is representable on a (separable) Rosenthal Banach space.

Representations of actions on Banach spaces

Which actions $G \times X \rightarrow X$
(X is not necessarily compact)
are representable on Banach spaces $V \in \mathcal{K}$?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times X & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow \alpha \\ Is(V) \times V^* & \longrightarrow & V^* \end{array}$$

h is a contin. homomorphism, α is weak-star continuous bounded

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Circular (cyclic) order

Definition ([Huntington], [Cech], [Kok], ...)

Circular order on a set X is a ternary relation $R \subset X^3$ on X s.t.

- 1 Cyclicity: $[a, b, c] \Rightarrow [b, c, a]$;
- 2 Asymmetry: $[a, b, c] \Rightarrow (a, c, b) \notin R$;
- 3 Transitivity: $\begin{cases} [a, b, c] \\ [a, c, d] \end{cases} \Rightarrow [a, b, d]$;
- 4 Totality: if $a, b, c \in X$ are distinct, then $[a, b, c]$ or $[a, c, b]$.

Constructions for circular orders

- inverse limit
- "Split construction" $\text{Split}(X_o; A)$ – doubling elements $A \subset X_o$
- *lexicographic product* $X_o \times L_<$
of a c-ordered X_o and a linearly ordered $L_<$.

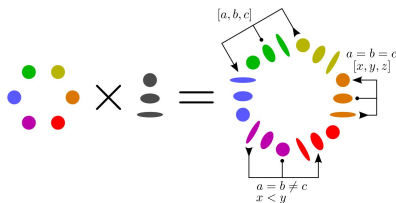


Figure: c-ordered lexicographic product (from Wikipedia)

Sturmian like system $X_\alpha \subset \mathbb{T}_\mathbb{T} := \mathbb{T} \times \{0, 1\}$ "double circle"

Circularly ordered dynamical systems

Definition

We say that a compact G -system (X, τ) is **circularly orderable** if there exists a τ -compatible circular order R on X such that X is COTS and every g -translation $\tilde{g} : X \rightarrow X$ is C-OP.

Denote by CODS the class of all c-orderable dynamical systems.

For every linearly (circularly) ordered **compact** space X and every topological subgroup $G \leq H_+(X)$, with its compact open topology, the corresponding action $G \curvearrowright X$ defines a linearly (circularly) ordered G -system.

Theorem

$\text{LODS} \subset \text{CODS} \subset \{\text{Rosenthal representable}\} \subset \{\text{Tame}\}$

Sturmian systems are circularly ordered

Example

Sturmian like symbolic system $X_\alpha \subset \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ (rotation by angle α) is a **circularly ordered** \mathbb{Z} -system embedded into the c-ordered lexicographic order $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{T}} := \mathbb{T} \times \{-, +\}$ (split any point of the dense orbit of 0 on \mathbb{T}).

Example

Moreover, the enveloping semigroup

$$E(X_\alpha) = \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{T}} \cup \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{T} \times \{-, 0, +\} \text{ (lexic. prod.)}$$

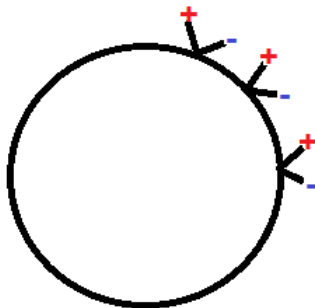
is also a **circularly ordered** system.

Remark

Such "animals" are not metrizable but they are "tamed animals"

Sturmian system

split the points of the orbit $\langle \text{Rot}(\alpha) \rangle$ in T



[GI-Me, arxiv March 2018]

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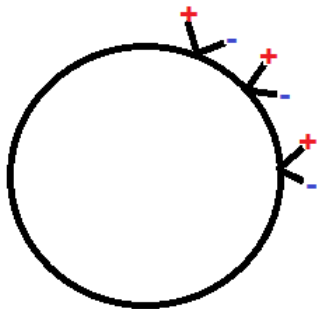
Corollary

The following topological groups are intrinsically circularly ordered

- 1 Polish group $G := \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_o)$;
Furthermore, $M(G)$ is metrizable.
- 2 $H_+(\mathbb{T})$ in the pointwise topology with respect to the action $H_+(\mathbb{T}) \curvearrowright (\mathbb{T}, \tau_{discr})$;
- 3 Polish group $H_+(\mathbb{T})$ in the compact open topology;
($2 \Rightarrow 3$: $H_+(\mathbb{T}, \tau_{discr}) \rightarrow H_+(\mathbb{T})$ is a cont. dense homom.)
- 4 **Thompson's circular group** T with the pointwise topology
(acting ultrahomogeneously on "circled dyadic rationals" D_o).

$M(\text{Aut}(Q_0))$ universal minimal space

split the points of Q_0 in T



Automatic continuity and metr-int-c-ord

Corollary

For every action of the **discrete** group $G := \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_o)$ by homeomorphisms on a **metric** compact space there exists a compact circularly ordered G -subsystem.

Lemma

The Polish group $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_o)$ has the **automatic continuity property** (every group homomorphism $h : \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_o) \rightarrow H$ to a separable topological group H is continuous).

Proof.

by Rosendal-Solecki thm Polish group $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_{<})$ has the automatic continuity property. $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_{<})$ open subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}_o)$. \square

Some new classes of Tame DS

[GI-Me, arxiv June 2018]

- Group actions on (local) dendrons.
- Monotone actions on compact median algebras.

Hint: $median(u, v, w) = [u, v] \cap [u, w] \cap [v, w]$

Theorem

Let D be a dendron. \forall topol. gr. action $G \curvearrowright D$, the dynamical G -system D is Rosenthal representable, hence also tame.

Sketch: $CM(D)$ is a G -invariant point separating family which **has no independent sequence**.

$\forall \phi \in cl_p(CM(D))$ is fragmentable that is, has PCP.

Lemma

Let $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a monotone map (preserves the betweenness).
Then ϕ has PCP (Baire 1 if D is a dendrite).

Theorem

For every compact median pretree X and its automorphism group $G = H_+(X, R)$ the action of the topological group G on X is Rosenthal representable.

Corollary

Let X be a \mathbb{Z} -tree. Denote by $\text{Ends}(X)$ the set of all its ends. Then for every monotone group action $G \curvearrowright X$ with continuous transformations the induced action of G on the compact space $\hat{X} := X \cup \text{Ends}(X)$ is Rosenthal representable.

Example

Polish group $G := \text{Homeo}_+(\mathbb{T})$ is int-tame and nonamenable.

Sketch: $M(G) = \mathbb{T}$ (by [Pestov98]).

Circular-order preserving dynamical systems are tame [Gl-Me17].

For $G := \text{Homeo}_+(\mathbb{T})$ in any compact G -space we can find a G -circle or a fixed point (which are tame)

Example

$G := \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ($\forall n \geq 2$) is nonamenable but conv-int-tame and not int-tame.

Sketch: for $n = 2$. $IA(G) = P(K)$ – probability measures on K , where K is the 1-dimensional real projective space $\simeq \mathbb{T} = \text{circle}$. Into any compact **affine** G -space there exists:

1-dim real projective G -space or a fixed point (which are tame).

Some questions

Question

(Besides $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$) Find more natural locally compact groups G which are conv-int-tame but nonamenable.

Question

What if G is DISCRETE ?^a

Is it true that there exists a nonamenable but conv-int-tame DISCRETE group ?

^a F_2 does not work here

discrete group G is int-tame iff G is finite

very probably a lc group G is int-tame iff G is compact.

Question

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YES, if D is a connected linearly ordered space such that $H_+[a, b]$ is not trivial for all $a < b$ (Me-Polev 2016)

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