

Locally moving groups and the reconstruction of structures from their automorphism group

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The plan of this lecture

- (1) Reconstruction problems (Explanation).
- (2) Statement of a reconstruction theorem for locally compact spaces.
- (3) Example: Symmetric groups.
- (4) Locally moving groups, definition and examples.
- (5) Statement of the Reconstruction Theorem for Locally Moving Groups.
- (6) Proof of a reconstruction theorem for locally compact spaces.
- (7) An open question on the reconstruction of locally convex spaces.
- (8) Theorems which are consequences of the Reconstruction Theorem for Locally Moving Groups.

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- In general the answer is of course no.

Take $M = \langle \{0, \dots, m\}, < \rangle$ and $N = \langle \{0, \dots, n\}, < \rangle$. Both have only one automorphism, namely Id . So their automorphism groups are isomorphic, but the structures are not.

Reconstruction problems (cont.)

In order to achieve (\star) , one has to assume that $\text{Aut}(M)$ and $\text{Aut}(M)$ are “sufficiently rich”. Here is an example of such a theorem.

Theorem 1 (J. Whittaker 1963) Let X and Y be open subsets of respectively \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n (or more generally Euclidean manifolds). If $\phi : \mathbb{H}(X) \cong \mathbb{H}(Y)$, then there exists a homeomorphism τ between X and Y such that

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- Theorems which prove that a certain class is faithful are called faithfulness theorems or reconstruction theorems.

A reconstruction theorem for locally compact spaces

We shall “prove” a strengthening of Whittaker’s Theorem.

A pair $\langle X, G \rangle$, where X is a regular space and $G \leq H(X)$ is called a space-group pair.

We define a class K_{LC} of space-group pairs which will be proved to be faithful.

A subset $D \subseteq X$ is somewhere dense, if there is a nonempty open set $U \subseteq X$ such that $D \cap U$ is dense in U .

K_{LC} is the class of all space-group pairs $\langle X, G \rangle$ such that

- (1) X is locally compact without isolated points.
- (2) For every open $U \subseteq X$ and $x \in U$,
 $\{g(x) \mid g \in G \text{ and } g \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) = \text{Id}\}$ is somewhere dense.

Theorem 3 (1989) K_{LC} is faithful.

A simple example of a faithful class

Example Let A be a nonempty set. $M_A := \langle A, =^M \rangle$ denotes the structure whose universe is A , and which does not have any relations and any operations other than equality. Clearly, $\text{Aut}(M_A) = \text{Sym}(A)$.

A simple example of a faithful class (cont.)

Theorem 4 (Who proved this?) Let $K_{\approx} = \{\langle M_A, \text{Sym}(A) \rangle \mid |A| \neq 6\}$.

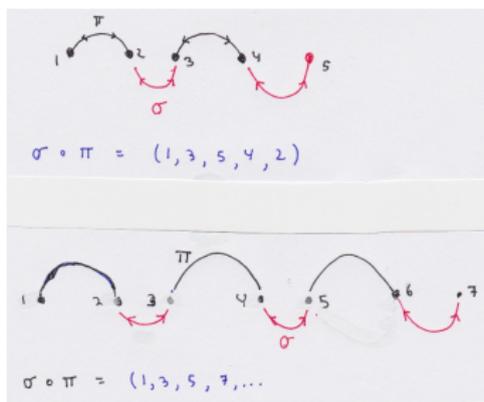
Then K_{\approx} is faithful.

Proof Let $\varphi_{\text{tr}}(x)$ be the following formula in the language of groups.

$$(\text{or}(x) = 2) \wedge (\forall y \sim x)((x \approx y) \vee (\text{or}(xy) = 2) \vee (\text{or}(xy) = 3)).$$

Then for every A such that $|A| \neq 6$, and for every $g \in \text{Sym}(A)$,

$\text{Sym}(A) \models \varphi_{\text{tr}}[g]$ iff g is a transposition.



A simple example of a faithful class (cont.)

Let $a \in A$ and g_1, g_2 be transpositions. We say that $\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle$ represent a , if the intersection of the supports of g_1 and g_2 is $\{a\}$. We then write:

$\text{pt}(g_1, g_2) = a$. Let $\varphi_{\text{pt}}(x_1, x_2)$ be the formula

$$x_1 x_1 \neq x_2 x_1.$$

Clearly, two transposition represent some point iff they satisfy φ_{pt} .

Next we need a formula $\varphi_{\approx}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ which expresses the fact that $\text{pt}(x_1, x_2) = \text{pt}(x_3, x_4)$. Define $\varphi_{\approx}(x_1, \dots, x_4)$ to be the following formula:

(1) For every distinct $x, y \in \{x_1, \dots, x_4\}$, $\varphi_{\text{pt}}(x, y)$

and

(2) If $|\{x_1, \dots, x_4\}| = 3$, then $\text{or}(\prod\{x_1, \dots, x_4\}) = 4$.

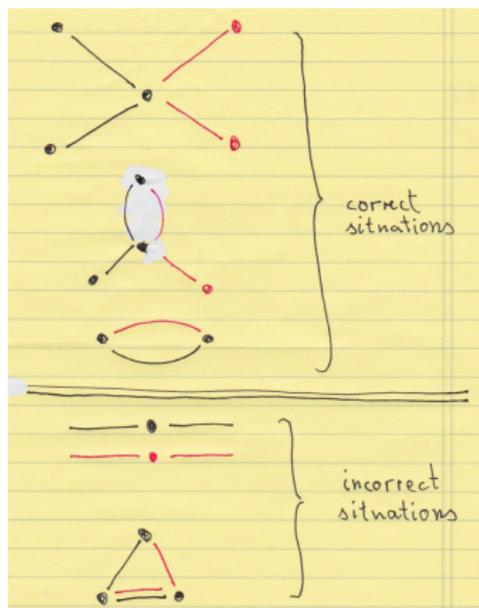
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Let $\phi : \text{Sym}(A) \cong \text{Sym}(B)$. We define $\tau : A \rightarrow B$.

Let $a \in A$. Choose a representing pair $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle$ such that $\text{pt}(f_1, f_2) = a$.

Then $\text{Sym}(A) \models \varphi_{\text{pt}}[f_1, f_1]$. So $\text{Sym}(B) \models \varphi_{\text{pt}}[\phi(f_1), \phi(f_1)]$. So $\langle \phi(f_1), \phi(f_2) \rangle$ is a representing pair. Define $\tau(a)$ to be

$$\tau(a) = \text{pt}(\phi(f_1), \phi(f_2)).$$

Suppose that $\langle \phi(g_1), \phi(g_2) \rangle$ is another representing pair such that $\text{pt}(g_1, g_2) = a$. Then $\text{Sym}(A) \models \varphi_{\approx}[f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2]$. So $\text{Sym}(B) \models \varphi_{\approx}[\phi(f_1), \phi(f_2), \phi(g_1), \phi(g_2)]$. So

$$\text{pt}(\phi(f_1), \phi(f_2)) = \text{pt}(\phi(g_1), \phi(g_2)).$$

This means that τ is well defined.

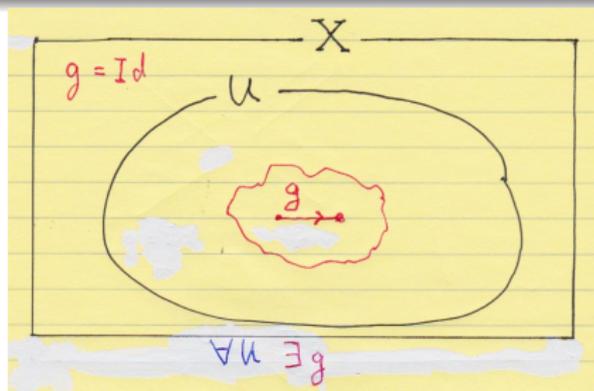
We skip the proof that τ is a bijection and that ϕ is the function

$$h \mapsto \tau \circ h \circ \tau^{-1}.$$

Locally moving groups, definition and examples

Whittaker's Reconstruction Theorem and all the reconstruction theorems that will be mentioned later in this lecture are based on a notion called a "locally moving group". We define this notion and state the theorem which serves as "Step 1" in all these theorems. This theorem is called "The reconstruction theorem for locally moving groups".

Definition 5 Let X be a regular space and $G \leq H(X)$. We say that G is a locally moving (LM) group for X , if for every nonempty open subset U of X there is $g \in G \setminus \{\text{Id}_B\}$ such that $g \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) = \text{Id}$.



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- Note that if $\langle X, G \rangle$ is a topological LM-pair and $G \leq H \leq H(X)$, then $\langle X, H \rangle$ too is a topological LM-pair.

Locally moving groups, definition and examples (cont.)

Examples: The following groups are topologically locally moving.

- (1) The group of auto-homeomorphisms of any nonempty open subset of any Euclidean space.
- (2) The Thompson Group = The group of all piecewise linear homeomorphisms g of $[0, 1]$ such that every slope of g is an integral power of 2, and every break-point of g is a dyadic number.
- (3) The automorphism group of the binary tree.

Let α be a limit ordinal and $\mu > 1$ be a cardinal. Let $\mathbb{T}_{\alpha, \mu}$ be the tree of all sequences with entries in μ and with length $< \alpha$. Then $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{T}_{\alpha, \mu})$ is locally moving.

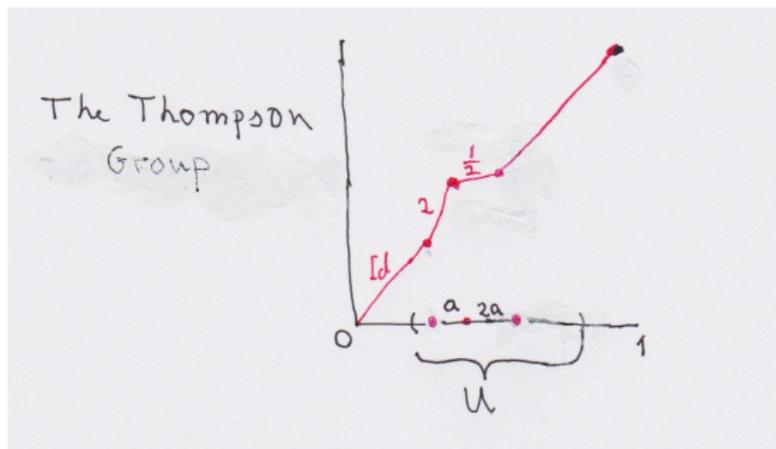
- (4) The group of measure preserving automorphisms of the quotient of the Borel field of $[0, 1]$ over the ideal of measure 0 sets.

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Observation 6 For every group G , the following statements are equivalent.

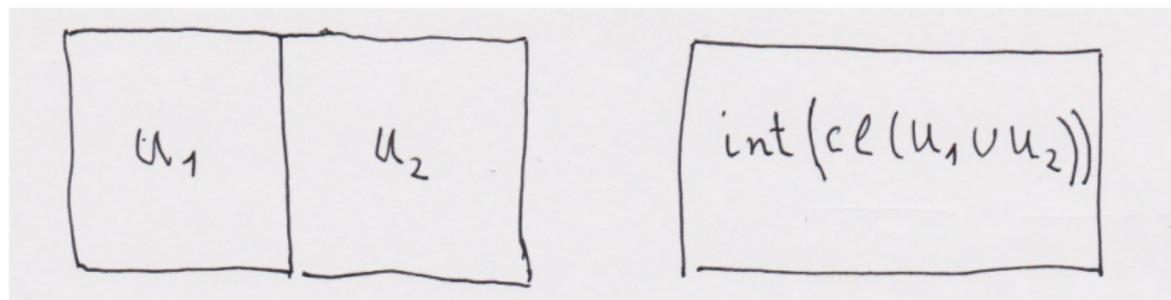
- (1) There is a regular space X and a locally moving group H for X such that G is isomorphic to H .
- (2) There is an atomless complete Boolean algebra B and a locally moving group H for B such that G is isomorphic to H .

A group satisfying (1) or (2) above, is called a locally moving group.

The Boolean algebraic definition of an LM group (cont.)

An open subset U of a topological space X is regular open, if

$$U = \text{int}(\text{cl}(U)).$$



For a topological space X , let $\text{Ro}(X)$ denote the set of regular open subsets of X . Define the following operations on $\text{Ro}(X)$.

- (1) $U \cdot V = U \cap V$,
- (2) $U + V = \text{int}(\text{cl}(U \cup V))$ and
- (3) $-U = \text{int}(X \setminus U)$.

$\mathbf{Ro}(X) := \langle \text{Ro}(X), \cdot, +, - \rangle$ is a complete Boolean algebra, and $\mathbf{Ro}(X)$ is atomless iff X has no isolated points.

The Boolean algebraic definition of an LM group (cont.)

Proof of Observation 5 Suppose that G is locally moving for X . Then G is locally moving for $\mathbf{Ro}(X)$.

Suppose that G is locally moving for B . Then G is locally moving for the space of ultrafilters of B (= the Stone space of B). ■

The Reconstruction Theorem for LM groups

Let $\langle B, G \rangle$ be an LM-pair. We define a structure based on B and G . We call this structure The action structure of B and G and denote it by $\text{ACT}(B, G)$.

(1) $|\text{ACT}(B, G)| = B \cup G$.

(2) The relations of $\text{ACT}(B, G)$ are equality and \leq^B .

(3) The operations of $\text{ACT}(B, G)$ are \circ^G and the application operation, namely,

$$\text{Ap}^{(B,G)}(g, a) = g(a), \quad g \in G \quad \text{and} \quad a \in B.$$

The Reconstruction Theorem ... (Cont.)

Let K_{LM} be the class of all LM-pairs. Set

$$K_{\text{LM}}^{\text{ACT}} := \{\text{ACT}(B, G) \mid \langle B, G \rangle \in K_{\text{LM}}\}$$

and

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Theorem 7 (The Reconstruction Theorem for LM Groups) Let $\langle B, G \rangle, \langle C, H \rangle \in K_{\text{LM}}$ and $\phi : G \cong H$. Then there is $\psi : B \cong C$ such that

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• Saying that $\psi \cup \phi : \text{ACT}(B, G) \cong \text{ACT}(C, H)$ is equivalent to saying that ϕ is the function $g \mapsto \psi \circ g \circ \psi^{-1}$. So Theorem 7 can be restated as follows.

Theorem 7* K_{LM} is faithful.

The second order extension of a structure

Definition 8 Let \mathcal{L} be a f.o. language. \mathcal{L}^{II} is the language obtained from \mathcal{L} by adding to \mathcal{L} a binary relation symbol ε^1 and a 3-place relation symbol ε^2 . If M is an \mathcal{L} -structure, then M^{II} is the structure

$(M, \mathcal{P}(|M|), \mathcal{P}(|M|^2), \varepsilon_M^1, \varepsilon_M^2)$, where

$\varepsilon_M^1 = \{\langle a, P \rangle \mid a \in |M|, P \in \mathcal{P}(|M|) \text{ and } a \in P\}$ and

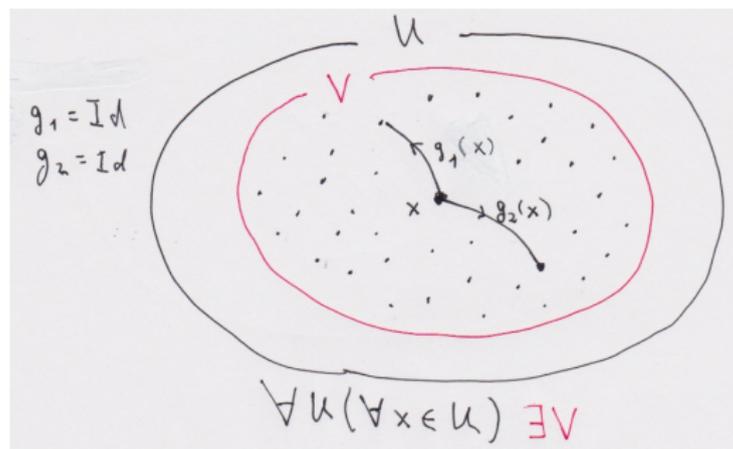
$\varepsilon_M^2 = \{\langle a, b, P \rangle \mid a, b \in |M|, P \in \mathcal{P}(|M|^2) \text{ and } \langle a, b \rangle \in P\}$.

Clearly, if $\phi : M \cong N$, there there is a unique $\phi^{\text{II}} : M^{\text{II}} \cong^{\text{II}} N$ such that $\phi^{\text{II}} \supseteq \phi$.

A reconstruction theorem for locally compact spaces

We prove Theorem 3. Recall that Theorem 3 says that the class K_{LC} is faithful. K_{LC} is the class of all space-group pairs $\langle X, G \rangle$ such that

- (1) X is locally compact without isolated points.
- (2) For every open $U \subseteq X$ and $x \in U$,
 $\{g(x) \mid g \in G \text{ and } g \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) = \text{Id}\}$ is somewhere dense.



The faithfulness of K_{LC}

We describe informally the general plan of the proof, omitting many of the details. Let $\langle X, G \rangle \in K_{LC}$. We represent the points of X by certain ultrafilters in $\text{Ro}(X)$. These ultrafilters are called good ultrafilters. Note that $\text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X)) \subseteq (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}$.

The following two facts play a role in the proof:

- (1) If p is a good ultrafilter, then there is $x \in X$ such that

$$\bigcap_{U \in p} \text{cl}^X(U) = \{x\}.$$

- (2) For every $x \in X$ there is a good ultrafilter p such that

$$\bigcap_{U \in p} \text{cl}^X(U) = \{x\}.$$

For a good ultrafilter p we denote by a_p^X that element x such that

$$\bigcap_{U \in p} \text{cl}^X(U) = \{x\}.$$

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

The third important fact is

(3) The property of being good is expressible by a first order formula

$$\varphi_{\text{good}}(x) \text{ in } (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}.$$

So being good is preserved under isomorphisms between

$$(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \text{ and } (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H))^{\text{II}}.$$

Consider the following property $\text{Eq}(p, q)$ of a pair of good ultrafilters p and q :

$$\text{Eq}(p, q) \Leftrightarrow a_p^X = a_q^X.$$

(4) The property $\text{Eq}(p, q)$ is also expressible by a first order formula

$$\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(x, y) \text{ in } (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}.$$

Hence $\text{Eq}(p, q)$ is preserved under isomorphisms between

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The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

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$\hat{\psi} : \text{Ro}(X) \rightarrow \text{Ro}(Y)$ such that

$\hat{\psi} \cup \phi : \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G) \cong \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H)$. Let $\bar{\psi} = \hat{\psi} \cup \phi$ and ψ be the extension of $\bar{\psi}$ to $(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}$.

We now define a bijection τ between X and Y . Let $x \in X$. Choose a good ultrafilter p such that $a_p^X = x$. Define $\tau(x) = a_{\psi(p)}^Y$. Since $\text{Eq}(p, q)$ is preserved under isomorphisms, τ is well-defined. One has to show that τ is a homeomorphism between X and Y . For this one needs the following fact.

(5) For a good ultrafilter p and $U \in \text{Ro}(X)$ the property

$$a_p^X \in U$$

is expressible by a first order formula $\varphi_U(x, y)$ in $(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}$.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

We fill in the details, and give a more formal argument.

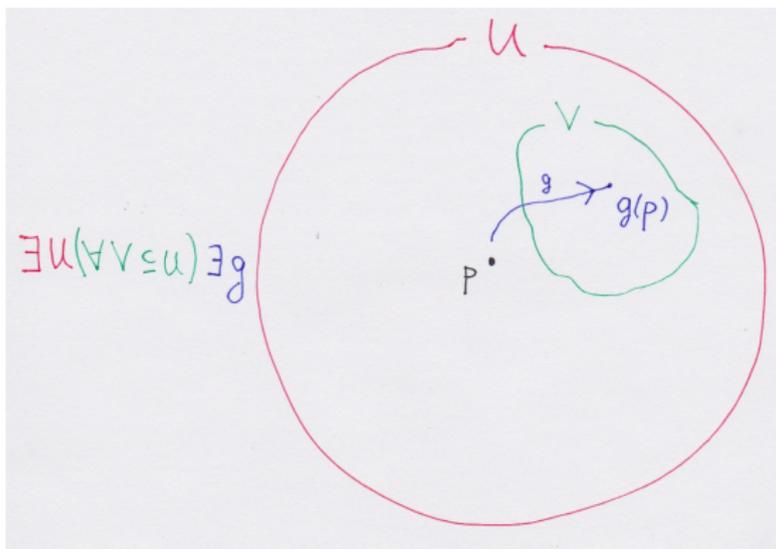
Claim 1 For $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ define $A_p^X = \bigcap_{U \in p} \text{cl}^X(U)$. Then A_p^X is either a singleton or the empty set.

Proof Let $x, y \in X$ be distinct. There are regular open sets $U \in \text{Nbr}(x)$ and $V \in \text{Nbr}(y)$ such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$. Either $U \notin p$ or $V \notin p$. If the former happens then $x \notin A_p^X$, and if the latter happens then $y \notin A_p^X$. So $|A_p^X| \leq 1$. ■

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

We say that $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ is a good ultrafilter if the following holds:

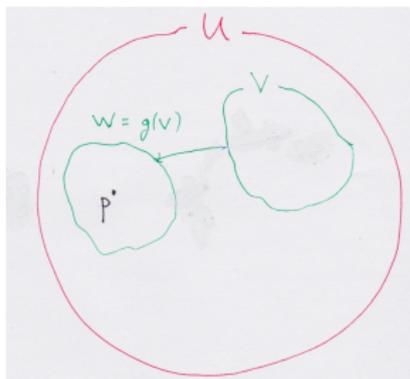
There is $U \in \text{Ro}(X) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ such that for every $V \in (\text{Ro}(X) \upharpoonright U) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ there is $g \in G$ such that $V \in g(p)$.



The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

Claim 2 If p is good, then there is $x \in X$ such that $A_p^X = \{x\}$. **Proof**

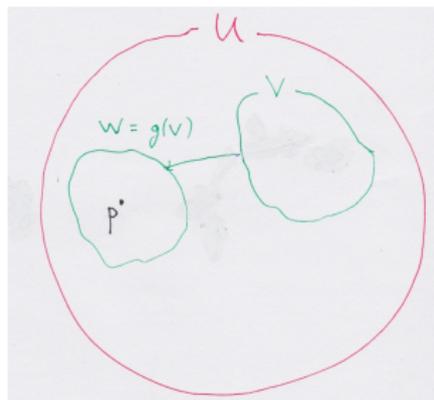
Let p be good and U be as assured by the goodness of p . There is $V \in (\text{Ro}(X) \upharpoonright U) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ such that $\text{cl}(V)$ is compact. Let $g \in G$ be such that $W := g(V) \in p$. So $\text{cl}(W)$ is compact.



For every $S \in p$, $\text{cl}(S \cap W) \subseteq \text{cl}(S)$. So

$$A := \bigcap_{S \in p} \text{cl}(S \cap W) \subseteq \bigcap_{S \in p} \text{cl}(S) = A_p^X.$$

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Now, $\{\text{cl}(S \cap W) \mid S \in \mathcal{p}\}$ is a family of compact sets with the finite intersection property. This is so, since $\{S \cap W \mid S \in \mathcal{p}\} \subseteq \mathcal{p}$. So $A \neq \emptyset$ and hence $A_p^X \neq \emptyset$.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

Suppose that p is a good ultrafilter and $A_p^X = \{a\}$. Then a is denoted by a_p^X .

If p is good and $g \in G$ then $g(p)$ is good. This is so, since $g \in H(X)$. Also, because of the same reason, $g(a_p^X) = a_{g(p)}^X$.

Let $\text{Good}(X, G)$ denote the set of good ultrafilters of $\langle X, G \rangle$.

Claim 3 For every $x \in X$ there is $p \in \text{Good}(X, G)$ such that $a_p^X = x$.

Proof We show the following facts:

(F1) For every $x \in X$ there is $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ such that $A_p^X = \{x\}$.

(F2) Suppose that $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ and $A_p^X = \{x\}$. Then
 $p \in \text{Good}(X, G)$.

Clearly, Facts (F1) and (F2) imply Claim 3.

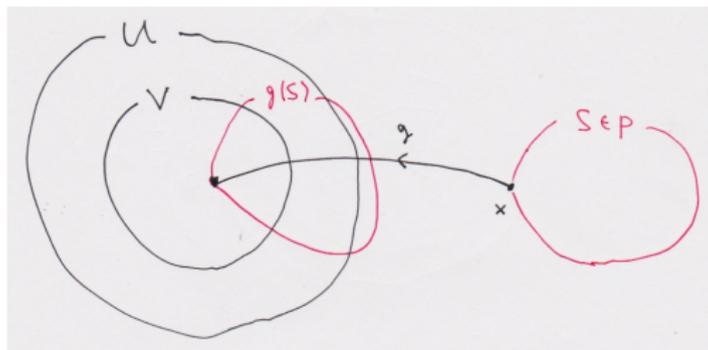
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The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

(F2) Suppose that $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ and $A_p^X = \{x\}$. Then $p \in \text{Good}(X, G)$.

So let $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ be such that $A_p^X = \{x\}$. Let U be such that $\text{Orb}(x, G)$ is dense in U . We show that U is as required in the definition of goodness. Let $V \in (\text{Ro}(X) \upharpoonright U) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$. So there is $g \in G$ such that $g(x) \in V$. It is trivial to verify that $\{V\} \cup g(p)$ has the finite intersection property. Since p is an ultrafilter, $g^{-1}[V]$ must belong to p .



This proves (F2), and hence Claim 3 is proved.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

We shall also use the following trivial observation.

(F3) If $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ and $A_p^X = \{x\}$, then $\text{Nbr}(x) \cap \text{Ro}(X) \subseteq p$.

Next we wish to show that:

(*) If $\eta : \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G) \cong \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H)$ and $p \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ is good with respect to X and G , then $\eta(p)$ is good with respect to Y and H .

In fact, we shall show that

(**): There is a first order formula $\varphi_{\text{Good}}(x)$ in the language of $(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}$, which is equivalent to the fact that x is good.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

Recall that

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Claim 4 Let $\eta : \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G) \cong \text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H)$. and let p be a good ultrafilter in $\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G)$. Then $\eta(p)$ is a good ultrafilter in $\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H)$,

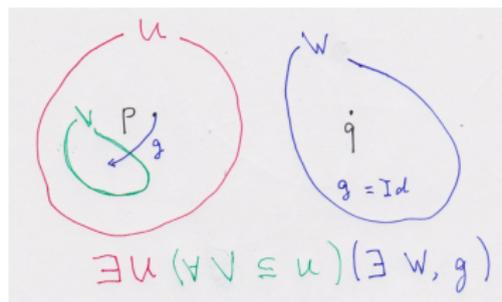
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Our next goal is to express the fact that $a_p^X = a_q^X$ by a first order formula in $(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}}$.

Let $g \in G$ and $V \in \text{Ro}(X)$. Set $g \upharpoonright V := g \upharpoonright \{W \in \text{Ro}(X) \mid W \subseteq V\}$.

Consider the following property $\text{Diff}(p, q)$ of p and q :

There is $U \in p$ such that for every $V \in (\text{Ro}(X) \upharpoonright U) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ there are $W \in q$ and $g \in G$ such that $g \upharpoonright W = \text{Id}$ and $V \in g(p)$.



Note that there is a formula $\varphi_{\text{Diff}}(x, y)$ in $\mathcal{L}((\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}})$ which expresses the property $\text{Diff}(x, y)$.

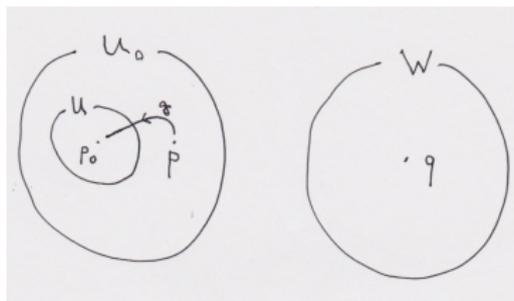
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Claim 5 Let $p, q \in \text{Good}(X, G)$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $a_p^X \neq a_q^X$.
- (2) $\text{Diff}(p, q)$ holds.

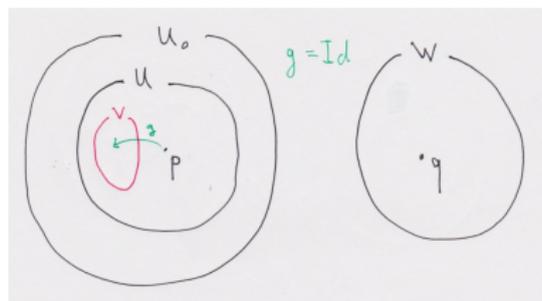
Proof Let p, q be good ultrafilters, and suppose that $x := a_p^X \neq a_q^X := y$. Let U_0 and W be disjoint regular open neighborhoods of respectively x and y .

There is $U \in \text{Ro}^+(X) \upharpoonright U_0$ be such that $G|_{U_0}(x)$ is dense in U . We may assume that $x \in U$.



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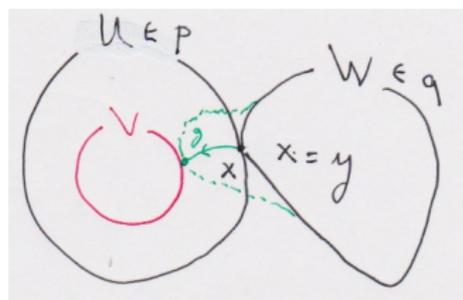
Let $V \subseteq U$ be a nonempty regular open set.



There is $g \in G[U_0]$ such that $g(x) \in V$. Then $V \in p$. Also $g \upharpoonright W = \text{Id}$.
So $\text{Diff}(p, q)$ holds.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

Now assume that $x = y$, and we show that $\text{Diff}(p, q)$ does not hold.



Suppose that $U \in p$ and $W \in q$. Then $x \in \text{cl}(W)$. Let V be a nonempty regular open set such that $V \subseteq U$ and $x \notin \text{cl}(V)$. For every $g \in G$: if $V \in g(p)$, then $g(x) \neq x$. It follows that for every such g , $g \upharpoonright W \neq \text{Id}$. ■

Let $\text{Eq}(p, q) = \neg \text{Diff}(p, q)$. Then there is a formula $\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(u, v)$ in $\mathcal{L}((\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}})$ which expresses the property $\text{Eq}(u, v)$. Hence

$$a_p^X = a_q^X \quad \text{iff} \quad (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \models \varphi_{\text{Eq}}[p, q].$$

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Proof Suppose that $a_p^X \in U$ and $\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(p, q)$ holds. Then $a_q^X = a_p^X$. Since $U \in \text{Nbr}(a_q^X) \cap \text{Ro}(X)$, it follows that $U \in q$.

Suppose that $a_p^X \notin U$. Then $r := (\text{Nbr}(a_p^X) \cap \text{Ro}(X)) \cup \{\text{int}(X \setminus U)\}$ has the finite intersection property. Let $q \in \text{Ult}(\text{Ro}(X))$ be such that $q \supseteq r$. Then $A_q^X = \{a_p^X\}$. So q is good. Also $\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(p, q)$ holds. But $U \notin q$. So (2) does not hold. ■

Let $\varphi_{\in}(p, U)$ denote the formula

$$(\forall q \in \text{Good}(X, G))(\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(p, q) \rightarrow (U \in q)).$$

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

Summary There are first order formulas $\varphi_{\text{Good}}(p)$, $\varphi_{\text{Eq}}(p, q)$ and $\varphi_{\in}(p, U)$ in $\mathcal{L}((\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}})$ such that for every $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Ro}(X))$ and $U \in \text{Ro}(X)$

(1) $(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \models \varphi_{\text{Good}}[p]$ iff p is a good ultrafilter.

(2) Suppose that p, q are good ultrafilters. Then

$$(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \models \varphi_{\text{Eq}}[p, q] \quad \text{iff} \quad a_p^X = a_q^Y.$$

(3) Suppose that p is a good ultrafilter and $U \in \text{Ro}(X)$. Then

$$(\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \models \varphi_{\in}[p, U] \quad \text{iff} \quad a_p^X \in U.$$

It follows that for every $\eta^{\text{II}} : (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \cong (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H))^{\text{II}}$:

(1) p is good iff $\eta^{\text{II}}(p)$ is good,

(2) $a_p^X = a_q^X$ iff $a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(p)}^Y = a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(q)}^Y$, and

(3) $a_p^X \in U$ iff $a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(p)}^Y \in \eta^{\text{II}}(U)$.

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

We now define τ . Suppose that $\varphi : G \cong H$ is given. We concluded that there is $\psi : \text{Ro}(X) \cong \text{Ro}(Y)$ such that $\eta := \varphi \cup \psi$ is an isomorphism between $\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G)$ and $\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H)$. Clearly there is a unique $\eta^{\text{II}} : (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(X), G))^{\text{II}} \cong (\text{ACT}(\text{Ro}(Y), H))^{\text{II}}$ such that $\eta^{\text{II}} \supseteq \eta$.

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- Let $x \in X$. By Claim 3, there is $p \in \text{Good}(X, G)$ such that $a_p^X = x$. Then $\eta^{\text{II}}(p) \in \text{Good}(Y, H)$. Define $\tau(x) = a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(p)}^Y$. The definition of τ is valid, since if q is another good ultrafilter such that $a_q^X = x$, then $a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(q)}^Y = a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(p)}^Y$. It is to verify that τ is a bijection between X and Y .

The faithfulness of K_{LC} (cont.)

We show that τ is a homeomorphism between X and Y . Indeed we show that for every $U \in \text{Ro}(X)$,

$$(*) \quad \tau[U] = \eta^{\text{II}}(U).$$

Let $x \in X$ and let $p \in \text{Good}(X, G)$ be such that $a_p^X = x$. Then

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$a_{\eta^{\text{II}}(p)}^Y \in \eta^{\text{II}}(U)$ iff

$\tau(x) \in \eta^{\text{II}}(U)$.

We have proved (*).

So $\tau[U]$ is open for every regular open U . The same is true for τ^{-1} . So τ is a homeomorphism.

Consequences of the Reconstruction Theorem

Theorem 9 Let L be the class of all unary trees M which satisfy the following conditions:

- (1) M is complete.
- (2) For every $s \in |M|$, $|\text{Suc}(s)| \neq 1$. (I.e. s never has a unique successor).
- (3) For every $s \in |M|$: either for every $u, v \in \text{Suc}(s)$, $u \sim^M v$; or for every distinct $u, v \in \text{Suc}(s)$, $u \not\sim^M v$.
- (4) For every $s \in |M|$ and $t > s$: if $|\text{Orb}(t; s)| \leq 2$, then $t \in \text{Suc}(s) \setminus \text{Max}(M)$.

Then L is faithful.

Consequences of the Reconstruction Theorem (cont.)

Let X be a nonempty open subset of a Banach space E . Denote by $\text{Diff}^k(X)$ the group of all auto-homeomorphisms g of X such that g and g^{-1} are k times continuously differentiable.

Theorem 10 (Y. Yomdin, M. Rubin) Let E, F be Banach spaces whose norms are k times continuously differentiable away from 0. Let $X \subseteq E$ and $Y \subseteq F$ be open and nonempty, and $\phi : \text{Diff}^k(X) \cong \text{Diff}^k(Y)$. Then there is $\tau : X \cong Y$ such that τ and τ^{-1} are k times continuously differentiable and such that ϕ is conjugation by τ .

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- There are many types of locally convex spaces: Normed spaces, weak topologies on normed spaces, $C_p(X)$.

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Other faithfulness theorems

After the paper of Whittaker there were more faithfulness theorems.

R. McCoy 1972,

M. Rubin 1979,

W. Ling 1980,

M. Rubin 1989,

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K. Kawamura 1995,

M. Brin 1996,

M. Rubin 1996,

T. Rybicki 1996,

A. Banyaga 1997,

A. Leiderman and R. Rubin 1999,

M. Rubin and Y. Yomdin 2000,

J. Borzellino and V. Brunsden 2000,

T. Rybicki 2002,

Y. Maissel 2008,

V. P. Fonf and M. Rubin submitted 2013.

Other faithfulness theorems (Cont.)

Theorems on orbit equivalence of full groups of transformations are also reconstruction theorems. Such theorems were proved by

H.A. Dye, 1959 or 1963,

T. Giordano, H. Matui, I. Putnam, C. Skau 1999 and

K. Medynets 2010.

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There are non-metrizable normal locally convex spaces which are bounded-on-lines. And there are also bounded-on-lines locally convex spaces which are not normal.

Solved special cases of Conjecture 1 (cont.)

Theorem 13 (V. P. Fonf, M. Rubin) Let $\mathcal{K}_{\text{MTRZ}}$ be the class of all pairs $\langle U, \mathbb{H}(U) \rangle$ such that U is an open subset of a metrizable locally convex space. Then $\mathcal{K}_{\text{MTRZ}}$ is faithful.