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TOPOLOGICAL TRANSVERSALITY AND APPLICATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** A generalized version of the topological transversality theorem due to A. Granas is proved by using Urysohn's lemma in Császár's variant. Some applications are suggested.

§ 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a set and  $\{\prec_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  a sequence of relations  $\prec_n \subset 2^X \times 2^X$  such that the following conditions hold for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- (1)  $\emptyset \prec_n \emptyset, X \prec_n X$ ;
- (2)  $M \prec_n N$  implies  $M \subset N$ ;
- (3)  $M' \subset M \prec_n N \subset N'$  implies  $M' \prec_n N'$ ;
- (4)  $M_i \prec_n N_i, i = 1, 2$  implies  $M_1 \cup M_2 \prec_n N_1 \cup N_2$  and  $M_1 \cap M_2 \prec_n N_1 \cap N_2$ ;
- (5) if  $M \prec_n N$ , there is  $P$  with  $M \prec_{n+1} P \prec_{n+1} N$ .

**DEFINITION 1 ([2]).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow I, I = [0, 1]$ , is said to be associated with the sequence  $\{\prec_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  if

- (6)  $P, Q \subset I, d(P, Q) > 1/2^n$  implies  $f^{-1}(P) \prec_{n+2} f^{-1}(I \setminus Q)$ ,
- for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

**LEMMA 1 ([2]).** Let  $\{\prec_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of relations on  $2^X$  satisfying conditions (1)-(5). If  $M \prec_n N$ , then there

exists a function  $f$  associated with  $\{<_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \in M$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for  $x \in X \setminus N$ .

### § 2. THE TOPOLOGICAL TRANSVERSALITY THEOREM

Let  $X$  be a set endowed with a sequence  $\{<_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of relations on  $2^X$  satisfying conditions (1)-(5), let  $Y \subset X$  and  $\emptyset \neq A \subset Y$ . We consider a class of mappings

$$\mathcal{A}_A(Y; X) \subset \{T: Y \rightarrow X; \text{Fix}(T) \cap A = \emptyset\},$$

where  $\text{Fix}(T) = \{x \in Y : T(x) = x\}$ .

For a relation  $<$  on  $2^X$  we shall denote by  $<|_Y$  the restriction of  $<$  to  $Y$  ([1], (6.19)), i.e.

$$(7) \quad M <|_Y N \text{ if } M, N \subset Y \text{ and } M < N \cup (X \setminus Y).$$

It is easily seen that the sequence  $\{<_n|_Y : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  also satisfies conditions (1)-(5).

**DEFINITION 2.** A mapping  $T \in \mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$  is said to be essential if for each  $T' \in \mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$  having the same restriction to  $A$  as  $T$ , i.e.  $T'|_A = T|_A$ , one has  $\text{Fix}(T') \neq \emptyset$ . Otherwise,  $T$  is said to be inessential.

Let us consider an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$  such that:

$$(i) \text{ if } T'|_A = T|_A \text{ then } T' \sim T;$$

(ii) if  $T' \sim T$  there exists  $H : I \times Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $H(0, \cdot) = T'$ ,  $H(1, \cdot) = T$ ,  $\bigcup \{\text{Fix}(H(t, \cdot)) : t \in I\} = Z <_0 X \setminus A$  and  $H(\theta(\cdot), \cdot) \in \mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$  for any  $\theta : Y \rightarrow I$  associated to  $\{<_n|_Y : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , with  $\theta(x) = 1$  for  $x \in A$ .

**LEMMA 2.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$ .  $T$  is inessential if and only if there exists  $T' \in \mathcal{A}_A(Y; X)$  such that  $T' \sim T$  and  $\text{Fix}(T') = \emptyset$ .

Proof. The necessity part follows from condition (i). Conversely, assume now that  $T' \sim T$  and  $\text{Fix}(T') = \emptyset$  and let  $H$  be a mapping as in (ii). If  $Z = \emptyset$ , then  $\text{Fix}(H(1, \cdot)) = \emptyset$  and thus

$T = H(1, \cdot)$  is inessential. Suppose that  $Z = \emptyset$ . Since  $Z <_0 X \setminus A$ , we have  $Z <_0|_Y Y \setminus A$  and so, by Lemma 1, there exists a function  $\theta : Y \rightarrow I$  associated to  $\{<_n|_Y : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , such that  $\theta(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in Z$  and  $\theta(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$ . Define

$$H^{\theta} : Y \rightarrow X, H^{\theta}(x) = H(\theta(x), x) \text{ for } x \in Y.$$

According to (ii),  $H^{\theta} \in \mathcal{S}_A(Y; X)$ . In addition,  $H^{\theta}|_A = H(1, \cdot)|_A = T|_A$  and  $\text{Fix}(H^{\theta}) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $T$  is inessential.

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $T$  and  $T'$  be in  $\mathcal{S}_A(Y; X)$  such that  $T \sim T'$ . Then  $T$  and  $T'$  are both essential or both inessential.

**Proof.** Assume that  $T$  is inessential. Then, by Lemma 2, there exists  $T'' \in \mathcal{S}_A(Y; X)$  such that  $T'' \sim T$  and  $\text{Fix}(T'') = \emptyset$ , whence, since  $T \sim T'$  and relation  $\sim$  is symmetric and transitive, it follows that  $T'' \sim T'$ , where  $\text{Fix}(T'') = \emptyset$ . This, again by Lemma 2, shows that  $T'$  is inessential too, which completes the proof.

**REMARK.** The assumption  $Z <_0 X \setminus A$  in (ii) is satisfied if we require that  $Y \setminus A <_0 X \setminus A$  and  $\text{Fix}(H(t, \cdot)) \cap A = \emptyset$  for all  $t \in I$ . Indeed, this last condition implies that  $Z \subseteq Y \setminus A$  and then, by (3),  $Z <_0 X \setminus A$ .

### § 3. APPLICATIONS

**COROLLARY 1.** Let  $X$  be a normal topological space,  $\emptyset = A \subset Y \subset X$ ,  $A$  and  $Y$  closed in  $X$ . Let

$$\mathcal{S}_A(Y; X) \subset \{T : Y \rightarrow X : \text{Fix}(T) \cap A = \emptyset\}$$

and  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{S}_A(Y; X)$  satisfying condition (i) and

(ii') if  $T' \sim T$  there exists  $H : I \times Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $H(0, \cdot) = T'$ ,  $H(1, \cdot) = T$ ,  $\text{cl}(\cup\{\text{Fix}(H(t, \cdot)) : t \in I\}) \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $H(\theta(\cdot), \cdot) \in \mathcal{S}_A(Y; X)$  for any continuous  $\theta : Y \rightarrow I$  with  $\theta(x) = 1$  for  $x \in A$ .

If  $T \sim T'$ , then  $T$  and  $T'$  are both essential or both inessential.

Proof. According to classical Urysohn's lemma, condition (12.57) in [1] is satisfied. Consequently, by (12.56) in [1], the topology  $\mathcal{T}_0 = \{<\}$  on  $X$  can be derived from a symmetrical topogeneous structure  $\mathcal{T}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{T}_0 = \mathcal{T}^P$ . Moreover, by (12.58) in [1], we may assume that  $\mathcal{T}$  is finer than any other symmetrical topogeneous structure having this property. Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{<_0\}$ . Obviously, the constant sequence of relations  $\{<_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $<_n = <_0$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfies conditions (1)-(5). Now, if  $\theta : Y \rightarrow I$  is associated with the constant sequence  $\{<_0|Y\}$ , then by (6), it is  $(\mathcal{T}_0|Y, \mathcal{H})$ -continuous and according to (10.12) in [1] it is  $(\mathcal{T}_0|Y, \mathcal{H}^{tp})$ -continuous too. Thus,  $\theta$  is continuous (see (8.59) in [1]). Now, suppose that  $T \sim T'$  and let  $H$  be a mapping as in (ii'). We want to show that  $Z <_0 X \setminus A$ , where  $Z = \bigcup \{\text{Fix}(H(t, \cdot)) : t \in I\}$ . To do this, observe that since  $A$  is closed, we have  $X \setminus A < X \setminus A$  and taking into account that  $\text{cl}(Z) \subset X \setminus A$ , we obtain that  $\text{cl}(Z) < X \setminus A$ . Similarly, from  $A \subset X \setminus \text{cl}(Z)$  and  $X \setminus \text{cl}(Z) < X \setminus \text{cl}(Z)$ , we deduce that  $A < X \setminus \text{cl}(Z)$ . Now from  $\text{cl}(Z) < X \setminus A$ ,  $A < X \setminus \text{cl}(Z)$  and the fact that  $\{<_0\}$  is the finest symmetrical topogeneous structure on  $X$  satisfying  $< = <_0^P$  we may infer that  $\text{cl}(Z) <_0 X \setminus A$ , whence  $Z <_0 X \setminus A$ , as wished. Thus, Theorem 1 is applicable, which completes the proof.

In the paper [4] we use Corollary 1 to obtain fixed point theorems for several classes of nonlinear mappings.

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