

DYNAMICAL EQUIVALENCE ON G^*

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For every infinite group G , the remainder $G^* = \beta G \setminus G$ of the Stone-Čech compactification βG of G has a natural structure of G -space. The orbit equivalence $((x, y) \in E \iff gx = y$ for some $g \in G$) determines the smallest by inclusion, closed in $G^* \times G^*$ equivalence \check{E} on G^* containing E which is called a *dynamical equivalence*, and the factor-space $\gamma(G) = G^*/\check{E}$ is called a *corona* of G . To clarify the virtual equivalence \check{E} we use the slowly oscillating functions (see [3]) and [4, Chapter 8]).

A function $f : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called *slowly oscillating* if, for any $g \in G$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a finite subset F of G such that

$$|f(gx) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

for every $x \in G \setminus F$. Then $(p, q) \in \check{E}$ if and only if, for every slowly oscillating function $f : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $f^\beta(p) = f^\beta(q)$ where f^β is the extension of f to βG .

The space βG has also a natural structure of compact right topological semigroup (see [1], [2]). Given $p \in G^*$, the orbit closure \overline{Gp} is the left ideal βGp of βG . An ultrafilter $p \in G^*$ is called *strongly prime* if $p \notin \overline{G^*G^*}$.

Theorem. *Let G be a countable discrete group, $p \in \beta G$ and \check{p} be an \check{E} -equivalence class containing p . Then*

- (1) if p is a P -point in G^* then $\check{p} = \beta Gp$;
- (2) if p is strongly prime and $\check{p} = \beta Gp$ then p is a P -point in G ;
- (3) there exist the strongly prime ultrafilters $p, q \in G^*$ such that $\check{p} = \check{q}$ but $\beta Gp \cap \beta Gq = \emptyset$;
- (4) $\gamma(G)$ contains a topological copy of $\omega^* = \beta\omega \setminus \omega$;
- (5) if G is locally finite then $\gamma(G)$ contains a topological copy of ω^* which is a retract of $\gamma(G)$;
- (6) there exists a continuous surjective mapping $f : \gamma(G) \rightarrow \gamma(\mathbb{N})$, where $\gamma(\mathbb{N}) = \{\check{p} \in \gamma(\mathbb{Z}) : \mathbb{N} \in p\}$.

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