

# On Steinhaus properties and families of "small" sets

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All groups considered here are Abelian.

A family  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of a Polish group  $X$  is defined to be

- ▶ *Steinhaus-Smital* if for any Borel subsets  $A, B \notin \mathcal{F}$  the difference  $A - B$  has non-empty interior in  $X$ ;
- ▶ *weak Steinhaus-Smital* if for any Borel subsets  $A, B \notin \mathcal{F}$  the difference  $A - B$  is non-meager in  $X$ ;
- ▶ *Steinhaus* if for any Borel subset  $A \notin \mathcal{F}$  the difference  $A - A$  is a neighborhood of zero in  $X$ ;
- ▶ *weak Steinhaus* if for any Borel subset  $A \notin \mathcal{F}$  the difference  $A - A$  is non-meager in  $X$ .

It is clear that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Steinhaus-Smital} & \Rightarrow & \text{weak Steinhaus-Smital} \\
 & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{Steinhaus} & \Rightarrow & \text{weak Steinhaus}
 \end{array}$$

Steinhaus-Smital  $\not\Rightarrow$  Steinhaus

## Example 1 (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the semi-ideal of all subsets  $A \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that for any unit circle  $S(z_0; 1)$  the intersection  $A \cap S(z_0; 1)$  has empty interior in  $S(z_0; 1)$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is Steinhaus-Smital but not Steinhaus in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## Problem 1

Is there an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of subsets of a Polish group such that  $\mathcal{I}$  is Steinhaus-Smital but not weak Steinhaus?

$\mathcal{M}$  – the  $\sigma$ -ideal of meager sets in a topological space  $X$ .

$\mathcal{N}$  – the  $\sigma$ -ideal of sets of Haar measure zero in a locally compact topological group  $X$ .

$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}}$  – the  $\sigma$ -ideal generated by closed sets of Haar measure zero in a locally compact topological group  $X$ .

## Steinhaus Theorem (1920)

For every locally compact Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{N}$  is Steinhaus-Smital and Steinhaus.

- ▶ H. Steinhaus, *Sur les distances des points des ensembles de mesure positive*, Fund. Math. 1 (1920), 99-104.

## Pettis–Piccard Theorem (1939, 1951)

For every Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{M}$  is Steinhaus-Smital and Steinhaus.

- ▶ S. Piccard, *Sur les ensembles de distances des ensembles de points d'un espace Euclidien*, Mem. Univ. Neuchâtel, vol. 13, Secrétariat Univ., Neuchâtel, 1939.
- ▶ B.J. Pettis, *Remarks on a theorem of E. J. McShane*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 2 (1951), 166-171.

## Corollary

For every locally compact Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$  is Steinhaus.

## Example (Bartoszewicz-Filipczak-Natkaniec, 2011)

For every locally compact Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$  is not Steinhaus-Smital.

- ▶ A. Bartoszewicz, M. Filipczak, T. Natkaniec, *On Smital properties*, *Topology Appl.* 158 (2011), 2066-2075.

## Theorem (Banach-Głąb-J.-Swaczyna)

For every locally compact Polish group the ideal  $\sigma\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$  is weak Steinhaus-Smital.

## Example (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

For the compact metrizable topological group  $X = \prod_{n \in \omega} C_{2^n}$ , where  $C_{2^n} := \mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z}$ , the ideal  $\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}}$  is neither Steinhaus-Smital nor Steinhaus. ( $A$  is a  $G_\delta$ -subset of the set  $\prod_{n \in \omega} C_{2^n}^*$ )

For every locally compact Polish group:

Ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{M} = \sigma\overline{\mathcal{M}}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{N}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$	N	Y	Y	Y
$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}}$	N	N	Y	Y

## Definition 1 (Christensen, 1972)

A subset  $A$  of a Polish group  $X$  is called *Haar null*, if there are a Borel set  $B \subset X$  containing  $A$  and a probability  $\sigma$ -additive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  such that  $\mu(x + B) = 0$  for each  $x \in X$ .

- ▶ The family  $\mathcal{HN}$  of all Haar null sets is a  $\sigma$ -ideal.
- ▶ If  $X$  is locally compact, then  $\mathcal{HN} = \mathcal{N}$ .

## Theorem (Christensen, 1972, Matoušková-Zelený, 2003)

In every Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{HN}$  is Steinhaus.

In any non-locally compact Polish group  $\mathcal{HN}$  is not Steinhaus-Smital.

- ▶ J.P.R. Christensen, *On sets of Haar measure zero in abelian Polish groups*, Israel J. Math. 13 (1972), 255-260.
- ▶ E. Matoušková, M. Zelený, *A note on intersections of non-Haar null sets*, Colloq. Math. 96 (2003), 1-4.

## Definition 2 (Darji, 2013)

Let  $X$  be a Polish group. A set  $A \subset X$  is called *Haar meager*, if there exists a Borel set  $B \subset X$  containing  $A$ , a compact metric space  $K$  and a continuous function  $f : K \rightarrow X$  such that  $f^{-1}(B + x)$  is meager in  $K$  for each  $x \in X$ .

- ▶ The family  $\mathcal{HM}$  of all Haar meager sets is a  $\sigma$ -ideal.
- ▶ If  $X$  is locally compact, then  $\mathcal{HM} = \mathcal{M}$ .
- ▶ If  $X$  is not locally compact, then  $\mathcal{HM} \subsetneq \mathcal{M}$ .
- ▶ U.B. Darji, *On Haar meager sets*, Topology Appl. 160 (2013), 2396-2400.

## Theorem (J., 2015)

In every Polish group the ideal  $\mathcal{HM}$  is Steinhaus.

In any non-locally compact Polish group  $\mathcal{HM}$  is not Steinhaus-Smital.

- ▶ E. Jabłońska, *Some analogies between Haar meager sets and Haar null sets in abelian Polish groups*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 421 (2015), 1479-1486.



## Example (folklore)

For the group  $X = \mathbb{Z}^\omega$  the ideals  $\mathcal{HN}$  and  $\mathcal{HM}$  are not weak Steinhaus-Smital. ( $A = \omega^\omega$ )

In a locally compact Polish group:

Ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{HM}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{HN}$	Y	Y	Y	Y

In a non-locally compact Polish group:

Ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{M}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{HM}$	N	Y	N	Y
$\mathcal{HN}$	N	Y	N	Y

## Theorem (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

Each closed Haar null subset of a Polish group is Haar meager.  
 Consequently  $\overline{\mathcal{HN}} \subset \overline{\mathcal{HM}}$  and  $\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HN}} \subset \sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}}$ .

## Example 2 (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

The Polish group  $\mathbb{Z}^\omega$  contains a meager  $\sigma$ -Polish subgroup  $Y$ , which does not belong to the ideal  $\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^\omega$ , Consequently,  $\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}}$  is not weak Steinhaus.

In a locally compact Polish group:

Ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HN}} = \overline{\sigma\mathcal{N}}$	N	N	Y	Y
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HM}} = \overline{\sigma\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{M}$	Y	Y	Y	Y

In a non-locally compact Polish group:

Ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HN}}$	N	N	N	N
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HM}}$	N	N	N	N

### Definition 3 (Dodos, 2004)

Let  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  be the space of all probability  $\sigma$ -additive Borel measures on a Polish group  $X$ . For a Borel set  $A \subset X$

$$T(A) := \{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(X) : \mu(x + A) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

### Theorem (Dodos, 2004)

If  $A$  is a Borel Haar null subset of a Polish group  $X$ , then  $T(A)$  is either meager or comeager in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

- ▶ P. Dodos, *Dichotomies of the set of test measures of a Haar null set*, Israel J. Math. 144 (2004), 15-28.
- ▶ P. Dodos, *On certain regularity properties of Haar-null sets*, Fund. Math. 181 (2004), 97-109.

### Definition 4 (Dodos, 2004)

A subset  $A$  of a Polish group  $X$  is called *generically Haar null* provided  $T(A)$  is comeager in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

$\mathcal{GHN}$  – the  $\sigma$ -ideal generated by Borel generically Haar null sets in  $X$ .

### Theorem (Dodos, 2009)

The ideal  $\mathcal{GHN}$  in a Polish group  $X$  is weak Steinhaus.

- ▶ P. Dodos, *The Steinhaus property and Haar-null sets*, Bull. Lond. Math. Soc. 41 (2009), 377–384.

### Proposition (Banach-Głęb-J.-Swaczyna)

Let  $A \subset X$  be a Borel set. The following conditions are equivalent:

- $A$  is Haar meager;
- there exists a continuous function  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow X$  such that the set  $f^{-1}(A + x)$  is meager in  $2^\omega$  for  $x \in X$ .

### Definition 5 (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

Let  $C(2^\omega, X)$  be the space of all continuous functions  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow X$ , where  $X$  is a Polish group. For a Borel set  $A \subset X$

$$W(A) := \{f \in C(2^\omega, X) : f^{-1}(x + A) \text{ is meager in } 2^\omega \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

### Theorem (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

If  $A$  is a Borel Haar meager subset of a Polish group  $X$ , then  $W(A)$  is either meager or comeager in  $C(2^\omega, X)$ .

### Definition 6 (Banach-Głab-J.-Swaczyna)

A subset  $A$  of a Polish group  $X$  is called *generically Haar meager* provided  $W(A)$  is comeager in  $C(2^\omega, X)$ .

$\mathcal{GHM}$  – the  $\sigma$ -ideal generated by Borel generically Haar meager sets in  $X$ .

## Theorem (Banach-Karchevska-Ravsky, 2015)

The ideal  $\mathcal{GHM}$  in a Polish group  $X$  is weak Steinhaus.

- ▶ T. Banach, L. Karchevska, A. Ravsky, *The closed Steinhaus properties of  $\sigma$ -ideals on topological groups*, arXiv:1509.09073v1 [math.GN] 30 Sep 2015.

In a locally compact Polish group:

$$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}} \subset \mathcal{GHN} \subset \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$$

Semi-ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{GHM} = \mathcal{M}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$	N	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{GHN}$	N	?	Y	Y
$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}}$	N	N	Y	Y

In a non-locally compact Polish group:

$$\mathcal{GHN} \subset \mathcal{HN}, \quad \mathcal{GHM} \subset \mathcal{HM}$$

Semi-ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{HM}$	N	Y	N	Y
$\mathcal{HN}$	N	Y	N	Y
$\mathcal{GHM}$	N	?	N	Y
$\mathcal{GHN}$	N	?	N	Y



In every **locally compact** Polish group:

$$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}} = \sigma\overline{\mathcal{HN}} \subset \mathcal{GHN} \subset \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{HN} = \mathcal{N},$$

$$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{M}} = \sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}} = \mathcal{GHM} = \mathcal{HM} = \mathcal{M}.$$

Semi-ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{HM} = \mathcal{GHM} = \sigma\overline{\mathcal{M}}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{HN}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$	N	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{GHN}$	N	?	Y	Y
$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{N}}$	N	N	Y	Y

In every **non-locally compact** Polish group:

$$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HN}} \subset \mathcal{GHN} \subset \mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{HN} \subset \mathcal{HN},$$

$$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}} \subset \mathcal{GHM} \subset \mathcal{HM} \subset \mathcal{M}.$$

Semi-ideal	S-S	S	weak S-S	weak S
$\mathcal{M} = \sigma\overline{\mathcal{M}}$	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{HN}$	N	Y	N	Y
$\mathcal{HM}$	N	Y	N	Y
$\mathcal{GHM}$	N	?	N	Y
$\mathcal{GHN}$	N	?	N	Y
$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HM}}$	N	N	N	N
$\sigma\overline{\mathcal{HN}}$	N	N	N	N

Semi-ideal	S-S		S		weak S-S		weak S	
	l.c.	n.l.c.	l.c.	n.l.c.	l.c.	n.l.c.	l.c.	n.l.c.
$\mathcal{M}$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
$\mathcal{HN}$	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
$\mathcal{HM}$	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
$\mathcal{GHM}$	Y	N	Y	?	Y	N	Y	Y
$\mathcal{GHN}$	N	N	?	?	Y	N	Y	Y
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HN}}$	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
$\overline{\sigma\mathcal{HM}}$	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N