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ABSTRACT

In this paper we present a brief summary of some results concerning the
topics, mentioned in the title.

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injective object*

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1. Introduction. A *topological transformation group* (ttg), or a *G-space* is a triple $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$, where G is a topological group, X is a topological space and π is a *continuous action* of G on X , i.e. $\pi: G \times X \rightarrow X$ is a continuous function such that $\pi(t, \pi(s, x)) = \pi(ts, x)$ and $\pi(e, x) = x$ ($s, t \in G$; $x \in X$; e denotes the identity of G). We shall use the following notation: $\pi^t x := \pi(t, x) =: \pi_x(t)$ for $t \in G$, $x \in X$. Then $\pi^t: X \rightarrow X$ is a homeomorphism, and $\pi_x: G \rightarrow X$ is continuous. If $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ and $\langle G, Y, \sigma \rangle$ are ttg's, then a mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called *equivariant* whenever $f \circ \pi^t = \sigma^t \circ f$ for all $t \in G$. A continuous equivariant mapping will also be called a *morphism of G-spaces*. For example, if $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ is a ttg such that G is locally compact, then the ttg $\langle G, C_c(G, X), \tilde{\rho} \rangle$ is defined by $\tilde{\rho}^t f(s) := f(st)$ ($s, t \in G$, $f \in C_c(G, X)$; local compactness of G guarantees the continuity of $\tilde{\rho}$), and the mapping $x \rightarrow \pi_x: X \rightarrow C_c(G, X)$ is easily seen to be equivariant. For further definitions and elementary properties of ttg's and equivariant mappings, we refer to [17].

Let Top be the category of all topological spaces and let G be a fixed topological group. Then Top^G denotes the following category:

- objects: all ttg's $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$;
- morphisms: all continuous equivariant mappings f between objects of Top^G .

Our general problem is as follows: consider Top as the category Top^G with $G = \{e\}$, and try to generalize results which are valid in Top to the case of Top^G with more general group G . In this paper the following results in Top will

be considered:

- every metric space can be embedded in a Hilbert space;
- every Tychonov space can be embedded in a compact Hausdorff space;
- $I := [0, 1]$ is an extensor for closed embeddings into normal spaces.

There is a certain overlap of this paper with [15]; the results have been obtained independantly of each other. In [15] also attention is paid to dimension theory, projective objects and absolutes. Our results in §2 and §3 have been published earlier, and proofs of the results of §4 will be published elsewhere.

2. Linearization. A ttg $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ will be called a *linear ttg* if X is a topological vector space and $\pi^t : X \rightarrow X$ is a linear homeomorphism (hence a topological isomorphism) for every $t \in G$. The following is easy to prove (cf. [17], 8.1.4; also [14]): *if $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ is any ttg, then it can equivariantly be embedded in a linear ttg $\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$ with E a locally convex tvs if and only if X is a Tychonov space.* In fact, the linear ttg $\langle G, C_c(G, \mathbb{R}^k), \tilde{\rho} \rangle$ will do for any cardinal number $k \geq w(X)$, the weight of X . Now the following interesting problem arises: given a linear ttg $\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$, determine the class $\tilde{E}\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$ of all ttg's $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ which can equivariantly be embedded in $\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$. The following list contains some results in this direction

$\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$	$\langle G, X, \pi \rangle \in \tilde{E}\langle G, E, \sigma \rangle$ if	References
$\langle G, C_c(G), \tilde{\rho} \rangle$	G connected, X loc. cpt. sep. metr. and $X := \{x \in X : \pi^t x = x \text{ for all } t \in G\}$ is homeomorphic with a closed subset of \mathbb{R} .	[11]; also [12],[10],[6],[23]
$\langle \mathbb{R}, C_v^\infty, \tau \rangle$	$G = \mathbb{R}$, X sep. metr.	[21]
$\langle G, C_c(G \times G), r \rangle$	X Tychonov with $w(X) \leq L(G)$	[18]
$\langle G, L^2(G \times G, \nu \otimes \nu), r \rangle$	G σ -compact, X sep. metr.	[19],[21]
$\langle G, L^2(G, H, \nu), \tilde{\rho} \rangle$	G σ -compact, X metr., $w(X) \leq w(H)$	[16]
$\langle G, \mathbb{R}^\tau, \alpha \rangle$ ($\tau \geq w(G)$)	G either compact, or G loc. cpt and $w(G) = \aleph_0$, X Tychonov and $w(X) \leq \tau$	[1] or [15]

Remarks. 1^o. The first result in the above list is a special case of a more general theorem. It generalizes the classical BEBUTOV-KAKUTANI-HAJEK theorem.

2^o. The space C_v^∞ has been defined by D.H. CARLSON in [5].

3^o. In the third and fourth results, $r^t f(u, v) := f(ut, vt)$ for $t, u, v \in G$ and $f: G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (one would obtain an isomorphic system if one would define

$r^t f(u,v) := f(ut,v)$; this has been done in [23;3.14]). For the measure ν in the 4th and 5th result, cf. [23;1.3, Example 7].

4^o. The 4th result follows from [21; last remark] under the additional condition $w(G) \leq \aleph_0$; one can get rid of this condition if one uses the inequality of Theorem 2 below.

5^o. Our 5th result generalizes and, in a certain sense, simplifies, earlier results of BAAYEN and DE GROOT [2]. It is the generalization to Top^G of the well known fact that every metric space can be embedded in a Hilbert space.

For more results, we refer to [23], where also for some results proofs are given which are shorter than those in the original references.

3. Compactification. A G -compactification of a G -space $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ is an equivariant continuous mapping $f: \langle G, X, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, Y, \sigma \rangle$ with dense range, where Y is a compact Hausdorff space. If f is an equivariant topological embedding, then it will be called a *proper G -compactification*. Necessary for the existence of a proper G -compactification is, that X is a Tychonov space and, still assuming G to be locally compact, this turns out to be also sufficient; cf. [20], [21] and also [15].

The original proof of the existence of proper G -compactifications in [21] is based on results in [18] concerning certain uniformities. A more elegant approach is the following one: in [20], Propositions 2.6 and 2.7, the following has been shown:

Theorem 1. *Let $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ be a ttg with X a Hausdorff space and G not necessarily locally compact. Then there is a natural 1,1-correspondence between G -compactifications of $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ and closed, invariant subalgebras of $C(X)$, containing the constant functions, and which are contained in $\pi UC(X)$. A G -compactification is proper if and only if the corresponding subalgebra of $\pi UC(X)$ separates points and closed subsets of X .*

Here $\pi UC(X) := \{f \in C(X) : \{f \circ \pi_x\}_{x \in X} \text{ is equicontinuous on } G\}$, and "invariant" in the theorem is with respect to the set of all mappings $\tilde{\pi}^t$:
 $\tilde{\pi}^t: f \rightarrow f \circ \pi^t: C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$, $t \in G$. Now $\pi UC(X)$ itself turns out to be a closed invariant subalgebra of $C(X)$, containing the constant functions. Consequently, to $\pi UC(X)$ corresponds the maximal G -compactification of $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ (i.e. its reflection into $Comp^G$; cf. [17;Section 4.3]. Obviously, a proper G -compactification exists if and only if $\pi UC(X)$ separates points and closed subsets of X . In the following situations this has been shown to be the case:

- G locally compact, and X a Tychonov space ([20] and [21]);

- G acts equicontinuously on X w.r.t. some separated uniformity for X ; cf [13];
- a neighbourhood of e in G acts equicontinuously on X w.r.t. some separated uniformity for X (unpublished; see however [24]).

Clearly, the last result comprises the first and the second one. In the case of a locally compact group, slightly more can be shown (cf. [20]):

Theorem 2. *If G is locally compact and X is Tychonov, then $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ has a proper G -compactification $f: \langle G, X, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, Y, \sigma \rangle$ where Y is a compact Hausdorff space with*

$$w(Y) \leq \max\{L(G/G_0), w(X)\}.$$

Here $G_0 := \{t \in G: \pi^t = \pi^e\}$ and $L(\cdot)$ denotes the Lindelöf degree.

In the case that a neighbourhood of e acts equicontinuously on X , but G is not locally compact, the existence of a proper G -compactification of weight $\leq \max\{w(G/G_0), w(X)\}$ can be proved; using an idea of H. LUDESCHER (personal communication), this can be improved to $w(Y) \leq \max\{d(G/G_0), w(X)\}$ (observe that for locally compact groups, $L(G/G_0) \leq d(G/G_0)$, so in that case the estimation in Theorem 2 is better).

Problem. Which nice properties of a ttg can be inherited by its compactifications? For example, if G acts equicontinuously on X , can $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ equivariantly be embedded in a ttg $\langle G, Y, \sigma \rangle$ with Y compact Hausdorff and σ an equicontinuous action of G on Y ? The answer is yes, if orbit-closures in X are compact (use [7; Thm.7]).

4. Extensors. An *injective object* or an *extensor* for a morphism $\phi: A \rightarrow X$ in a category \mathcal{C} is an object K in \mathcal{C} such that for every morphism $f: A \rightarrow K$ there exists a (not necessarily unique) morphism $f': X \rightarrow K$ such that $f = f' \circ \phi$. It is well-known that in the category Top the unit interval I is an extensor for every closed embedding into a normal space. It is also known [10'] that every metrizable compact convex subset of a locally convex tvs is an extensor in Top for every embedding for which I is an extensor. For brevity, a metrizable, compact convex subset of a locally convex tvs will be called an *MC-set*. (Some of the results below using MC-sets can easily be modified to C-sets (= compact, convex subsets of locally convex tvs's) by restricting one's attention to closed embeddings into metrizable spaces, and using Dugundji's extension theorem.) We want to study (the existence of) non-trivial extensors for closed equi-

variant embeddings in the category Top^G . For other results in this direction, cf. [1] and [22]. In particular, it follows from [22; Prop.4.1] that for every MC-set K the ttg $\langle G, C_c(G, K), \tilde{\rho} \rangle$ is an extensor in Top^G for every closed equivariant embedding $\phi: \langle G, A, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X a normal space. The disadvantage of this result is, that $C_c(G, K)$ has bad topological properties; in particular, it is not compact, and we would like to have a ttg with a compact Hausdorff phase space which is an extensor in Top at least for all closed equivariant embeddings $\phi: \langle G, A, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X compact Hausdorff. For compact groups G , the following is essentially due to GLEASON, and a similar proof can be given as in [13'; 1.4.3], using [4], §1.2, Cor. to Prop.5: every ttg $\langle G, K, \alpha \rangle$ with K an MC-set is an extensor in Top^G for all equivariant closed embeddings $\phi: \langle G, A, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X normal.

For general non-compact groups, I know of no satisfactory results. However, the following observations show, that dynamical properties of ttg's may play a role; we shall restrict ourselves to compact ttg's, although for non-compact ones something might be said as well, using results from §3 above.

If $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ is a ttg with X a compact Hausdorff space, then let $Q_X := \bigcap \{ \overline{G\alpha} : \alpha \in U \}$; here U is the uniformity for X , and $G\alpha := \{ (\pi_x^t, \pi_y^t) : t \in G \text{ \& } (x, y) \in \alpha \}$. Usually, Q_X is not an equivalence relation; let $Q_X^\#$ denote the smallest invariant closed subset of $X \times X$ which contains Q_X and which is an equivalence relation. More about the set $Q_X^\#$ (the so-called *regionally proximal relation* on X) and the space $X^\# := X/Q_X^\#$ (the so-called *maximal equicontinuous factor* of X) can be found in [3] or [8]. If A is a closed invariant subset of X , then A and also the embedding mapping $\phi: \langle G, A, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ are called $Q^\#$ -admissible whenever $Q_A^\# = Q_X^\# \cap (A \times A)$ or, equivalently, whenever the induced mapping $\phi^\#: A^\# \rightarrow X^\#$ is injective (the assignment $X \rightarrow X^\#$ turns out to be functorial on $Comp^G$). The following can be shown (details will be published elsewhere):

Theorem 3. Let $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ be a ttg with X a compact Hausdorff space and G locally compact. Then the following conditions are equivalent for a closed invariant subset A of X , $A \neq \emptyset$:

- (i) A is $Q^\#$ -admissible;
- (ii) Every equicontinuous ttg $\langle G, K, \alpha \rangle$ with K an MC-set is an extensor for the embedding $\phi: \langle G, A, \pi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G, X, \pi \rangle$.

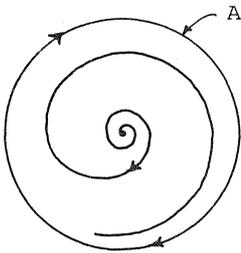
The implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) is also valid if G is not locally compact.

It follows from the theorem, that any equicontinuous ttg $\langle G, K, \alpha \rangle$ with K an MC-set is extensor in Top^G for every $Q^\#$ -admissible closed invariant embedding into a ttg $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X compact Hausdorff. It can be shown that non-trivial

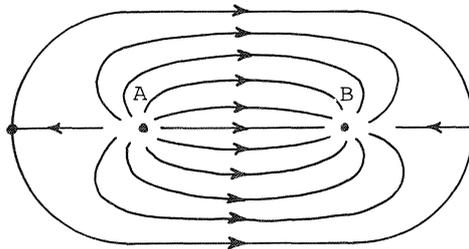
equicontinuous ttg's $\langle G, K, \alpha \rangle$ with K an MC-set actually exist if and only if non-trivial equicontinuous ttg's $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X compact Hausdorff exist, if and only if the Bohr-compactification of G is non-trivial (G arbitrary).

Problem. To find characterizations for $Q^\#$ -admissibility. The following one is a consequence of a result in [12']. For any ttg, let $\pi A(X) := \{f \in C(X) : \{f \circ \pi^t\}_{t \in G} \text{ is rel. cpt. in } C_u(X)\}$ (almost periodic functions on $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$). Then for a closed invariant subset A of a ttg $\langle G, X, \pi \rangle$ with X compact Hausdorff the following are equivalent: (i) A is $Q^\#$ -admissible, and (ii) every $f \in \pi A(X)$ can be extended to an $f' \in \pi A(X)$.

In connection with this problem, observe that if A^π consists of one point (A a closed invariant subset of a compact Hausdorff G -space) then A is $Q^\#$ -admissible. For conditions, guaranteeing that A^π is trivial, cf. [9]. The following pictures indicate examples where we have non- $Q^\#$ -admissible closed subsets:



$A^\# = A$; $X^\# = \{\text{one point}\}$.



each of $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$ is $Q^\#$ -embedded;
 $\{A\} \cup \{B\}$ is not $Q^\#$ -embedded.

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