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**Analisi matematica.** — *Some measure theoretic properties of completely regular spaces.* Nota I di A. G. A. G. BABIKER, presentata (\*) dal Socio B. SEGRE.

RIASSUNTO. — In questa Nota I ed in una successiva Nota II gli spazi completamente regolari compatti rispetto ad una misura vengono studiati col nome di spazi « essentially Lindelöf », ottenendone due diverse caratterizzazioni.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of certain classes of completely regular spaces which are characterized by their measure theoretic properties have received the attention of a few authors in the literature, e.g. [8], [10], [11] and [14]. One such class is defined by the requirement that every Baire measure be net additive. We call these spaces *essentially Lindelöf* spaces (the term “measure compact” has also been used [11]).

We give two characterizations of these spaces. In § 2 the notion of a sequential subspace of  $C^*(X)$ , the ring of the bounded continuous functions on  $X$ , is introduced and is used to characterize essentially Lindelöf spaces as well as realcompact and pseudocompact spaces. In § 3 (Part II of this Note) a locally convex topology  $\sigma$  on  $C^*(X)$  is defined, and essentially Lindelöf spaces are characterized in terms of ideals of  $C^*(X)$  which are closed w.r.t.  $\sigma$ . This topology which was introduced, in a different form, in [1] and [3], is equivalent to topologies studied extensively in [6] and [13]. However, the description we give here is more suitable to our purposes. Specializing to locally compact spaces in § 4, we give a simple characterization of essentially Lindelöf locally compact spaces, and we show by an example how a locally compact realcompact locally metrizable space can admit measures which are not net additive, thus answering, in the negative, a question raised by Kirk in [9].

The notation we use is, by now, fairly standard. A signed Baire measure on  $X$  is a finite realvalued  $\sigma$ -additive set function defined on the Baire sets (the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the family  $\{f^{-1}(0) : f \in C^*(X)\}$  of zero sets); a Baire measure is a positive valued signed Baire measure. A Baire measure  $\mu$  is *net-additive* if for each net  $\{Z_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of zero sets, decreasing to  $\emptyset$  (i.e.  $Z_\alpha \subset Z_\beta$  if  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} Z_\alpha = \emptyset$ ) we have  $\mu(Z_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ ; and  $\mu$  is *compact-regular* if, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a compact set  $K \subset X$  such that, if  $Z$  is zero set with  $K \cap Z = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu(Z) < \varepsilon$ . This terminology will be applied to signed mea-

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ures if it applies to both the positive and negative parts in the Hahn-Jordan decomposition, and may be transferred to norm bounded linear functionals on  $C^*(X)$  by means of the integral representation theorem. For further information we refer to Varadarajan [14] and Knowles [10].

A space in which every Baire measure is compact-regular will be called *essentially compact*. The term strongly measure compact was been used in this context [12]. The use of the term *essentially Lindelöf* for spaces in which every Baire measure is net-additive is justified by the following proposition whose proof is straightforward.

PROPOSITION.  $X$  is essentially Lindelöf if, and only if, for every Baire measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  and every open cover  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of  $X$ ,  $\exists$  a countable subcover  $\{G_{\alpha_i}\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that

$$\mu^* \left( X \setminus \left[ \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{\alpha_i} \right] \right) = 0.$$

Throughout,  $C^*(X)$  will be denoted by  $C^*$  when no ambiguity can arise. By a "subspace" we mean a proper linear subspace of  $C^*$  considered as a vector space, and by an "ideal", we mean a proper ideal of  $C^*$  considered as a ring. When no topology on  $C^*$  is explicitly given, all topological notions are taken relative to the uniform norm topology.

## § 2. FIRST CHARACTERIZATION OF ESSENTIALLY LINDELÖF SPACE

A family  $\mathcal{F} \subset C^*$  will be called *sequential* if for any sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $C^*$  with  $f_n \searrow 0$ , and any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  an integer  $N$  such that for each integer  $m > N$  there exists  $g_m \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfying  $\|g_m - f_m\| < \varepsilon$ . Alternatively,  $\mathcal{F}$  is sequential if and only if for any sequence  $\{f_n\}$  in  $C^*$  with  $f_n \searrow 0$  there exists a sequence  $\{g_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\|f_n - g_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

By a hyperplane in  $C^*$ , we mean a uniformly closed vector subspace  $H$  of  $C^*$  of codimension one, i.e.  $C^*/H \cong \mathbf{R}$ . Clearly any hyperplane  $H$  can be written in the form  $H = L^{-1}(0)$ , for some linear functional  $L$  on  $C^*$  with  $\|L\| = 1$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *A hyperplane  $H = L^{-1}(0)$  is sequential if and only if  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -additive.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $H = L^{-1}(0)$  where  $L$  is a  $\sigma$ -additive linear functional with  $\|L\| = 1$ .  $\exists g \in C^* \setminus H$  such that for each  $f \in C^*$ ,  $\exists h \in H$  satisfying  $f = h + L(f)g$ . Let  $f_n \searrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -additive,  $\exists N$  such that for all  $m > N$ ,  $|L(f_m)| < \varepsilon/\|g\|$ . Write:

$$f_m = h_m + L(f_m)g, \quad h_m \in H.$$

Then

$$\|h_m - f_m\| = \|L(f_m)g\| = |L(f_m)| \cdot \|g\| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus  $H$  is sequential.

Conversely, suppose that  $H$  is sequential. Let  $f_n \searrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. By hypothesis,  $\exists N$  such that for each  $m > N$ ,  $\exists h_m \in H$  such that  $\|h_m - f_m\| < \varepsilon$ . But,  $|L(f_m)| = |L(h_m - f_m)| < \|h_m - f_m\| < \varepsilon$ . Therefore  $L(f_n) \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -additive.

We now give a characterization of essentially Lindelöf spaces. For the definition of 'fixed' and 'free' ideals, we refer to [7].

**THEOREM 2.2.** *A completely regular space  $X$  is essentially Lindelöf if and only if every ideal contained in a closed sequential subspace of  $C^*(X)$  is fixed.*

*Proof.* Since every closed subspace is contained in a hyperplane, and since any hyperplane containing a sequential subspace is itself sequential, it is sufficient to prove the theorem with 'subspace' replaced by 'hyperplane'.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that no free ideal is contained in a sequential hyperplane. If  $X$  is not essentially Lindelöf,  $X$  admits a Baire measure  $\mu$  without support [11]. Let  $L$  be the positive functional corresponding to  $\mu$ . Let  $\tilde{\mu}$  be the induced measure on  $\beta X$ , the Stone-Cech compactification of  $X$  [10]. For each  $f \in C^*$  let  $\tilde{f}$  be its unique extension to  $\beta X$ .

Let  $K \subset \beta X \setminus X$  be the support of  $\mu$ . Then  $I = \{f \in C^* : \tilde{f}(K) = 0\}$  is a free ideal in  $C^*$ .

For each  $f \in I$ , we have

$$L(f) = \tilde{L}(\tilde{f}) = \int_{\beta X} \tilde{f} d\tilde{\mu} = \int_K \tilde{f} d\tilde{\mu} = 0.$$

Write  $H = L^{-1}(0)$ . Then by (2.1)  $H$  is a sequential hyperplane. But  $I \subset H$ . This contradicts the hypothesis.

*Necessity.* Suppose that  $X$  is essentially Lindelöf, and  $H$  is a sequential hyperplane in  $C^*$  containing a free ideal  $I$ . By Lemma (2.1)  $H = L^{-1}(0)$  for some  $\sigma$ -additive linear functional  $L$ . Let  $\mu$  be the signed measure corresponding to  $L$ . Then  $\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-$ , where  $\mu^+, \mu^-$  are Baire measures on  $X$ .

Write  $K = \bigcap_{f \in I} \tilde{f}^{-1}(0)$ . Since  $I$  is free  $K \subset \beta X \setminus X$ . We now show that  $\text{supp}(|\tilde{\mu}|) \subset K$ , ( $|\tilde{\mu}| = \tilde{\mu}^+ + \tilde{\mu}^-$ ).

Let  $x \in \beta X \setminus K$ . Then there exists  $f \in I$  such that  $\tilde{f}(x) = \alpha > 0$ , and  $\|f\| = 1$ . Write:

$$V = \left\{ y \in \beta X : \tilde{f}(y) > \frac{\alpha}{2} \right\}.$$

Then  $V$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$  and  $V \cap K = \emptyset$ .

Let  $\beta X = P \cup N$  be a Hahn decomposition of  $\beta X$  with respect to  $\tilde{\mu}$ . Find compact  $G_\delta$  sets  $Z_1 \subset P \cap V$  and  $Z_2 \subset N \cap V$  such that, for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\tilde{\mu}^+(Z_1) \geq \frac{\tilde{\mu}^+(V)}{2} \quad ; \quad \tilde{\mu}^-(Z_2) \geq \tilde{\mu}^-(V) - \varepsilon.$$

Let  $g \in C^*(X)$  be such that,

$$\tilde{g}(Z_1) = 1 \quad ; \quad \tilde{g}(Z_2) = 0 \quad ; \quad \tilde{g}(\beta X \setminus V) = 0; \quad 0 \leq g \leq 1.$$

Write  $h = fg$ . Then  $h \in I$ , and,

$$1 \geq \tilde{h}(Z_1) > \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad ; \quad \tilde{h}(Z_2) = 0;$$

$$\tilde{h}(\beta X \setminus V) = 0 \quad ; \quad 0 \leq h \leq 1.$$

Now

$$L(h) = \int_X h d\mu^+ - \int_X h d\mu^- = \int_{V \setminus Z_1} \tilde{h} d\tilde{\mu}^+ - \int_{V \setminus Z_2} \tilde{h} d\tilde{\mu}^- \geq$$

$$\geq \int_{Z_1} \tilde{h} d\tilde{\mu}^+ - \int_{V \setminus Z_2} \tilde{h} d\tilde{\mu}^- \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \tilde{\mu}^+(Z_1) - \tilde{\mu}^-(V \setminus Z_2) \geq \alpha \frac{\tilde{\mu}^+(V)}{4} - \varepsilon.$$

But  $h \in I$ . Therefore  $L(h) = 0$ . Hence  $\tilde{\mu}^+(V) = 0$ . Similarly  $\tilde{\mu}^-(V) = 0$ . So  $|\tilde{\mu}|(V) = 0$ , i.e.  $x \notin \text{supp}(|\tilde{\mu}|)$ . Thus  $|\mu|$  is a Baire measure without support in  $X$ . This contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  is essentially Lindelöf and establishes the theorem.

Theorem 4.2 implies that essentially Lindelöf spaces have the property that every sequential ideal in  $C^*$  is fixed. The following theorem shows that this property characterizes realcompact spaces.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  is realcompact.
- (ii) For every sequential ideal  $I \subset C^*(X)$ ,  $\bigcap_{f \in I} \tilde{f}^{-1}(0) \subset X$ .

(where  $\tilde{f}$  is the extension of  $f$  to  $\beta X$ )

- (iii) Every sequential ideal in  $C^*(X)$  is fixed.
- (iv) Every sequential maximal ideal in  $C^*(X)$  is fixed.

*Proof.* We only need to prove (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) and (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose that  $X$  is realcompact and let  $I \subset C^*(X)$  be a sequential ideal. Suppose that  $\mathcal{p} \in \bigcap_{f \in I} \tilde{f}^{-1}(0)$ . Define  $L_{\mathcal{p}}$  on  $C^*$  by:

$$L_{\mathcal{p}}(f) = \tilde{f}(\mathcal{p}).$$

$L_{\mathcal{p}}$  is a non-negative linear functional. Furthermore,  $H = L_{\mathcal{p}}^{-1}(0) = \{f \in C^* : \tilde{f}(\mathcal{p}) = 0\}$  is a maximal ideal and hence is also a hyperplane. Since  $H$  contains the sequential ideal  $I$ ,  $H$  is sequential.

By Lemma 2.  $L_p$  is  $\sigma$ -additive. The Baire measure  $\mu$  corresponding to  $L_p$  is the unit-point-mass at  $p$ . As  $X$  is realcompact,  $p \in X$  [2, th. 5.1]. Thus  $\bigcap_{f \in I} \check{f}^{-1}(0) \subset X$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $p \in \nu X$ , the realcompactification of  $X$  [cf. 7]. The linear functional  $L_p$ , defined as above, is  $\sigma$ -additive.  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is a maximal ideal which is sequential (2.1). By (iv)  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is fixed. i.e.  $p \in X$ . Thus  $X = \nu X$ . This completes the proof.

For pseudocompact spaces we have the following characterization.

THEOREM 2.4. *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  is pseudocompact.
- (ii) Every ideal in  $C^*$  is contained in a sequential hyperplane.
- (iii) Every ideal in  $C^*$  is contained in a closed sequential subspace.
- (iv) Every maximal ideal in  $C^*$  is sequential.

*Proof.* (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) is plain.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $I$  be an ideal in  $C^*(X)$  and let  $p \in \beta X$  be such that  $\check{f}(p) = 0$  for all  $f \in I$ . Let  $L_p$  be as in the proof of (2.3). Then  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is a hyperplane containing  $I$ . Since  $X$  is pseudocompact,  $L_p$  is  $\sigma$ -additive [10, th. 3.1]. By (2.1)  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is sequential.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $X$  is not pseudocompact. Then  $\exists$  a non-empty zero set  $Z$  in  $\beta X$  such that  $Z \cap X = \emptyset$ . Let  $p \in Z$ . Then  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is a maximal ideal. By (iv)  $L_p^{-1}(0)$  is sequential. The set function  $\mu$  corresponding to  $L_p$  is induced by the unit-point-mass at  $p$ . As  $p \in Z \subset \beta X \setminus X$ ,  $\mu$  is not  $\sigma$ -additive. This contradicts Lemma (2.1) and completes the proof.

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