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CAUCHY SEQUENCES IN  $\mathcal{L}$ -GROUPS

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The relationship between Cauchy sequences in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  and Cauchy filters in the first countable filter modification  $\gamma G$  of  $G$  (introduced by R. Beattie and H.-P. Butzmann in [4]) is investigated. In particular, an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  (without the Urysohn axiom of convergence) and a Cauchy sequence  $S$  in  $G$  such that the corresponding elementary filter of sections of  $S$  fails to be a Cauchy filter in  $\gamma G$  is constructed.

## 1.

In what follows,  $N$  denotes the positive integers,  $MON$  the set of all strictly monotone mappings of  $N$  into  $N$  and  $FTON$  the set of all finite-to-one mappings of  $N$  into  $N$  (i.e.,  $\{n \in N; s(n) = k\}$  is a finite set whenever  $s \in FTON$  and  $k \in N$ ). Let  $G$  be a nonempty set; a sequence  $S = \langle S(n) \rangle$  of points of  $G$  is a mapping of  $N$  into  $G$ , and for  $s \in MON$  the composition  $S \circ s$  denotes the subsequence of  $S$  the  $n$ -th term of which is  $S(s(n))$ ; for  $x \in G$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  denotes the constant sequence each term of which is  $x$ ; if  $S, T$  are sequences in  $G$ , then  $S \wedge T$  is defined by  $(S \wedge T)(2n - 1) = S(n)$  and  $(S \wedge T)(2n) = T(n)$ ,  $n \in N$ ; if  $S$  is a sequence in  $G$  then the sets  $\{S(n); n > k\}$ ,  $k \in N$ , form a base of the so-called *elementary (Fréchet) filter*  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  of sections of  $S$ ; by a sequential convergence on  $G$  we understand a subset  $\mathfrak{G} \subset G^N \times G$  satisfying certain axioms of convergence (throughout the paper we assume that every constant sequence  $\langle x \rangle$  converges to  $x$ , each subsequence of a convergent sequence converges to the same limit and, with the exception of Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, every convergent sequence has a unique limit),  $(S, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$  means that  $S$  converges (i.e.  $\mathfrak{G}$ -converges) to  $x$ , and for  $x \in G$  the set of all sequences converging to  $x$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{G}^{\sim}(x)$ . Let  $G$  be a group equipped with a sequential convergence  $\mathfrak{G}$  such that  $(ST^{-1}, xy^{-1}) \in \mathfrak{G}$  whenever  $(S, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$  and  $(T, y) \in \mathfrak{G}$ . Then  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$ , or simply  $G$ , is said to be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group (cf. [7]). We are mainly interested in abelian groups and in such cases the additive notation will be used.

Besides the basic axioms of convergence, we consider the following ones (cf. [6]):

( $\mathcal{FL}$ ) if  $(S, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$  and  $\mathcal{F}(S) = \mathcal{F}(T)$ , then  $(T, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$ ;

( $\mathcal{ML}$ ) if  $(S, x), (T, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$ , then  $(S \wedge T, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$ .

Starting with a filter convergence  $\lambda$  on a set  $X$  (we assume that for each  $x \in X$  the ultrafilter  $\dot{x}$  converges to  $x$ , and if a filter converges to  $x$ , then each finer filter converges to  $x$ ), the most natural way to define a sequential convergence on  $X$  is to let a sequence  $S$  converge to a point  $x$  whenever the elementary filter  $\mathcal{F}(S)$   $\lambda$ -converges to  $x$ ; denote by  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  the resulting sequential convergence. As shown in [4], [2], [1] and [3], among all known opposite functors (assigning to suitable sequential convergences certain filter convergences) the one introduced by R. Beattie and H.-P. Butzmann plays a fundamental role: starting with a sequential convergence  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $X$ , a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  converges to a point  $x$  whenever there is a finer filter  $\mathcal{G}$  with a countable basis such that every sequence  $\mathcal{Q}$ -converges to  $x$  whenever  $\mathcal{F}(S) \supset \mathcal{G}$ ; denote by  $\gamma(\mathcal{Q})$  the resulting filter convergence.

The importance of  $\gamma$  follows, for instance, from the fact that the Novák completion of an abelian sequential convergence (the convergence is maximal, i.e., satisfies the Urysohn axiom) group  $G$  (cf. [11], [8]) can be constructed via the completion of the filter convergence group  $\gamma G$  (see Corollary 3.16 in [1]) and, for every sequentially determined filter convergence group  $H$  (i.e.  $H = \gamma \mathcal{L}H$ ) with a maximal sequential convergence, the completion of  $H$  can be constructed via the Novák completion of  $\mathcal{L}H$  (see Corollary 3.18 in [1], cf. Theorem 8 in [3]). This is partly due to the fact that in case of a maximal sequential convergence a sequence  $S$  is Cauchy in  $G$  iff  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is a Cauchy filter in  $\gamma G$ . In view of Proposition 3.11 in [1], if the sequential convergence in  $G$  is not maximal then this might be not true any more. Indeed, answering a question by R. Beattie and H.-P. Butzmann, we construct an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  and a Cauchy sequence  $S$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  fails to be a Cauchy filter in  $\gamma G$ .

Our construction is based on the fact that in a group  $G$  every compatible sequential convergence on  $G$  can be identified with a certain subgroup of  $G^N$ . The straightforward proofs of the next two propositions are omitted. Similar propositions (with different axioms of convergence) can be found in [9] and [12].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group and let  $e$  be the neutral element of  $G$ . Then  $\mathfrak{G}^-(e)$  has the following properties:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{G}^-(e)$  is a subgroup of  $G^N$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{G}^-(x) = \langle x \rangle \mathfrak{G}^-(e) = \mathfrak{G}^-(e) \langle x \rangle$  for all  $x \in G$ ;
- (iii) if  $S \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$  and  $s \in \text{MON}$ , then  $S \circ s \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ ;
- (iv)  $\mathfrak{G}$  has unique limits iff  $\langle e \rangle$  is the only constant sequence in  $\mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ ;
- (v)  $\mathfrak{G}$  satisfies axiom  $(\mathcal{ML})$  iff the following implication holds: if  $S \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ , then  $S \wedge \langle e \rangle \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ ;
- (vi)  $\mathfrak{G}$  satisfies axiom  $(\mathcal{FL})$  iff the following implication holds: if  $S \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ ,  $T \in G^N$  and  $\mathcal{F}(S) = \mathcal{F}(T)$ , then  $T \in \mathfrak{G}^-(e)$ .

Let  $G$  be a group. Identifying  $x \in G$  with  $\langle x \rangle \in G^N$ , we can consider  $G$  to be a subgroup of  $G^N$ . A subgroup  $H$  of  $G^N$  is said to be *normal with respect to  $G$*  if  $gSg^{-1} = \langle g S(n) g^{-1} \rangle \in H$  whenever  $g \in G$  and  $S \in H$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a subset of  $G^N$ . Let  $\mu\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all sequences  $S \wedge \langle e \rangle$  such that  $S \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $\delta\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all sequences

$S \circ s$  such that  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $s \in \text{MON}$ , and let  $\varphi\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all sequences  $T \in G^N$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(T) = \mathcal{F}(S)$  for some  $S \in \mathcal{A}$ . Consider the set of all subgroups of  $G^N$  containing  $\mathcal{A}$  and normal with respect to  $G$ . Denote by  $[\mathcal{A}]_G$  the intersection of all such subgroups. Then  $G^N$  is the largest and  $[\mathcal{A}]_G$  the smallest element of the set.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a subset of  $G^N$ .*

(i)  $[\mathcal{A}]_G$  consists precisely of the finite products of sequences of the form  $gS^\varepsilon g^{-1} = \langle g S(n)^\varepsilon g^{-1} \rangle$ , where  $g \in G$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ .

(ii)  $[\varphi\delta\mathcal{A}]_G$  is the smallest subgroup of  $G^N$  containing  $\mathcal{A}$ , normal with respect to  $G$  and closed with respect to  $\delta$  and  $\varphi$ .

(iii) There is a sequential convergence  $\mathfrak{H}_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $G$  satisfying axiom  $(\mathcal{FL})$  such that  $(G, \mathfrak{H}_{\mathcal{A}})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group and  $\mathcal{A} \subset [\varphi\delta\mathcal{A}]_G = \mathfrak{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\leftarrow}(e)$ .

(iv) If  $(G, \mathfrak{H})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group such that  $\mathfrak{H}$  satisfies axiom  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathfrak{H}^{\leftarrow}(e)$ , then  $\mathfrak{H}_{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathfrak{H}$ .

(v)  $\mathfrak{H}_{\mathcal{A}}$  has unique limits iff  $[\varphi\delta\mathcal{A}]_G$  contains no constant sequence except  $\langle e \rangle$ .

(vi)  $[\varphi\delta\mu\mathcal{A}]_G$  is the smallest subgroup of  $G^N$  containing  $\mathcal{A}$ , normal with respect to  $G$  and closed with respect to  $\mu$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\varphi$ .

(vii) There is a sequential convergence  $\mathfrak{G}_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $G$  satisfying axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$  such that  $(G, \mathfrak{G}_{\mathcal{A}})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group and  $\mathcal{A} \subset [\varphi\delta\mu\mathcal{A}]_G = \mathfrak{G}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\leftarrow}(e)$ .

(viii) If  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group such that  $\mathfrak{G}$  satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$  and  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathfrak{G}^{\leftarrow}(e)$ , then  $\mathfrak{G}_{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathfrak{G}$ .

(ix)  $\mathfrak{G}_{\mathcal{A}}$  has unique limits iff  $[\varphi\delta\mu\mathcal{A}]_G$  contains no constant sequence except  $\langle e \rangle$ .

## 2.

Cauchy sequences in  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups have been studied, e.g., in [5] and [10]. Recall that a sequence  $S$  in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group is Cauchy if  $S \circ s - S \circ t$  converges to 0 for all  $s, t \in \text{MON}$ .

**Definition.** Let  $G$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group. A sequence  $S$  of points of  $G$  is said to be *FTON-Cauchy* if  $S \circ s - S \circ t$  converges to 0 for all  $s, t \in \text{FTON}$ .

By Proposition 3.11 in [1], in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  a sequence  $S$  is FTON-Cauchy iff  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is a Cauchy filter in  $\gamma G$ . Further (cf. Corollary 3.12 in [1]), if the sequential convergence in  $G$  is maximal, then each Cauchy sequence in  $G$  is FTON-Cauchy. In this section we construct (Example 1) an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  satisfying axiom  $(\mathcal{FL})$  in which a Cauchy sequence need not be FTON-Cauchy. The construction is then modified (Example 2) so that  $G$  satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $X$  be a countably infinite set arranged into a one-to-one sequence  $S = \langle S(n) \rangle$ . Let  $G$  be the free abelian group generated by  $X$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  the set of all sequences of the form  $S \circ s - S \circ t$ , where  $s, t \in \text{MON}$ . Observe that for each  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  and each  $s \in \text{MON}$  we have  $-T \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $T \circ s \in \mathcal{A}$ . We shall define a sequential convergence  $\mathfrak{H}$  on  $X$  satisfying axiom  $(\mathcal{FL})$  in such a way that, first, each sequence

in  $\mathcal{A}$  will  $\mathfrak{H}$ -converge to 0 (hence  $S$  will be a Cauchy sequence), and, secondly, for  $u \in FTON$  defined by  $u(1) = 1$ ,  $u(2) = u(3) = 2$ ,  $u(4) = u(5) = u(6) = 3, \dots$ , the sequence  $S \circ u$  will not  $\mathfrak{H}$ -converge to 0 (hence  $S$  will not be a  $FTON$ -Cauchy sequence).

In view of Proposition 2 it suffices to construct  $\mathcal{N} \subset G^N$  such that:

- (i)  $\mathcal{N}$  is a subgroup of  $G^N$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{N}$ ;
- (iii)  $T \circ s \in \mathcal{N}$  whenever  $T \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $s \in MON$ ;
- (iv) if  $T \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $U \in G^N$  and  $\mathcal{F}(T) = \mathcal{F}(U)$ , then  $U \in \mathcal{N}$ ;
- (v)  $\langle x \rangle \notin \mathcal{N}$  whenever  $x \neq 0$ ;
- (vi)  $S - S \circ u \notin \mathcal{N}$ ;

and then put  $(T, x) \in \mathfrak{H}$  iff  $T - \langle x \rangle \in \mathcal{N}$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{N} = \mathfrak{H}^{\leftarrow}(0)$ .

Define  $\mathcal{N}$  as follows:  $T \in \mathcal{N}$  iff there are  $k \in N$ ,  $T_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $s_i \in FTON$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , such that  $T(n) = (T_1 \circ s_1 + \dots + T_k \circ s_k)(n)$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ .

**Claim.**  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfies all conditions (i)–(vi).

*Proof.* Clearly,  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iii). Condition (iv) follows immediately from Proposition 2 in [2] which asserts that (in sequential convergence spaces in which the convergence of a sequence does not depend on finitely many terms of the sequence) axiom ( $\mathcal{FL}$ ) is equivalent to the fact that a sequence  $T \circ t$  converges to  $x$  whenever  $T$  converges to  $x$  and  $t \in FTON$ . Since  $G$  is a free group over the set  $\{S(n); n \in N\}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle \notin \mathcal{N}$  for all  $x \in G$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , and hence  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfies condition (v). Finally, given  $k \in N$  and  $s_i, t_i \in MON$ ,  $u_i \in FTON$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , consider for each  $n \in N$  the following proposition:

$$(S - S \circ u)(n) = ((S \circ s_1 - S \circ t_1) \circ u_1)(n) + \dots + ((S \circ s_k - S \circ t_k) \circ u_k)(n);$$

denote it by  $P(n, (s_1, \dots, s_k), (t_1, \dots, t_k), (u_1, \dots, u_k))$  or, simply by  $P(n)$ . To prove condition (vi) it suffices to prove that for each  $p \in N$  there exists  $q \in N$ ,  $q > p$ , such that proposition  $P(q)$  is false. The proof is based on the so called box principle (if we place more than  $n$  objects into  $n$  boxes, then one of the boxes contains at least two objects) and the following observations.

(O<sub>1</sub>) For each  $j \in N$  there exists  $m \in N$  such that  $j < |\{p \in N; u(p) = m\}|$  and  $j < m < \min\{p \in N; u(p) = m\}$ ; hence the sequence  $S \circ u$  has arbitrarily long (finite) constant segments, while  $\langle (S - S \circ u)(n + 2) \rangle$  is a one-to-one sequence.

(O<sub>2</sub>) For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  we have  $(S \circ s_i - S \circ t_i) \circ u_i = S \circ s_i \circ u_i - S \circ t_i \circ u_i$  and  $(S \circ s_i \circ u_i)(n) = (S \circ s_i \circ u_i)(m)$  iff  $(S \circ t_i \circ u_i)(n) = (S \circ t_i \circ u_i)(m)$ , i.e., the sequences  $S \circ s_i \circ u_i$  and  $S \circ t_i \circ u_i$  are constant on the same segments of  $N$ .

Now assume that, on the contrary, for some  $k \in N$  and for some  $s_i, t_i \in MON$ ,  $u_i \in FTON$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , proposition  $P(n)$  holds for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . We claim that then for each  $p \in N$  there exist  $j_1, j_2 \in N$  such that  $p < j_1 < j_2$  and

proposition  $(P_{j_1})$  is of the form

$$x_1 - x = (y_1 - z_1) + \dots + (y_k - z_k),$$

and at the same time proposition  $P(j_2)$  is of the form

$$x_2 - x = (y_1 - z_1) + \dots + (y_k - z_k),$$

where  $x, x_1, x_2$  and also  $y_i, z_i, i = 1, \dots, k$ , are generators of the free group  $G$  and  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since this is clearly impossible, either  $P(j_1)$  or  $P(j_2)$  is a false proposition. However, the claim is a straightforward consequence of  $(O_1)$  and  $(O_2)$  and the box principle. Indeed, using  $(O_1)$ , start with a sufficiently large set  $M \subset N$  such that propositions  $P(j), j \in M$ , have the form

$$x_j - x = (y_{j1} - z_{j1}) + \dots + (y_{jk} - z_{jk}),$$

where  $x$  and  $x_j, y_{j1}, \dots, y_{jk}, z_{j1}, \dots, z_{jk}, j \in M$ , are generators of the free group  $G$  and  $x_j \neq x_m$  whenever  $j, m \in M$  and  $j \neq m$ ; using repeatedly  $(O_2)$  and the box principle, we find a subset  $\{j_1, j_2\}$  of  $M$  such that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  we have  $y_{j_1 i} = y_{j_2 i}$  and  $z_{j_1 i} = z_{j_2 i}$ . This complete the proof.

**Example 2.** Let  $X, G, S$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be the same as in Example 1. Let  $\mu\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all sequences  $T$  in  $G$  such that  $T = U \wedge \langle 0 \rangle$  for some  $U \in \mathcal{A}$ . Define  $\mathfrak{G}^+(0) \subset G^N$  as follows:  $T$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{G}^+(0)$  iff there are  $k \in N, T_i \in \mu\mathcal{A}, s_i \in FTON, i = 1, \dots, k$ , such that  $T(n) = (T \circ s_1 + \dots + T \circ s_k)(n)$  for all but finitely many  $n \in N$ . Finally, define  $\mathfrak{G} \subset G^N \times G$  by putting  $(T, x) \in \mathfrak{G}$  iff  $(T - \langle x \rangle) \in \mathfrak{G}^+(0)$ . In a similar way as in Example 1 it can be proved that  $G$  equipped with  $\mathfrak{G}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group satisfying axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$  in which  $S$  is a Cauchy sequence but fails to be FTON-Cauchy.

**Corollary 1.** *There exists an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$  satisfying axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$ , and a Cauchy sequence  $S$  in  $G$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  fails to be a Cauchy filter in  $\gamma G$ .*

The following result has been announced in [3].

**Corollary 2.** *There exists an incomplete  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $H$  satisfying axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$  such that  $\gamma H$  is complete.*

*Proof.* Consider the  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$  from Example 2. Then  $G$  equipped with  $\lambda = \gamma(\mathfrak{G})$  is a sequentially determined convergence group. Let  $(\hat{G}, \hat{\lambda}, e_G)$  be the categorical completion of  $(G, \lambda)$ . By Theorem 3.9 in [1],  $(\hat{G}, \hat{\lambda})$  is sequentially determined. Put  $H = (\hat{G}, \mathcal{L}(\hat{\lambda}))$ . Then  $\gamma H = (\hat{G}, \hat{\lambda})$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\lambda})$  satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{FL})$  and  $(\mathcal{ML})$ , and  $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\lambda})$  restricted to  $G$  equals  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Then  $S$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H$  but fails to converge. Otherwise,  $\hat{\lambda}$  being sequentially determined,  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  would be  $\hat{\lambda}$ -convergent and hence  $\hat{\lambda}$ -Cauchy. But Proposition 3.11 in [1] would imply that  $S$  is FTON-Cauchy in  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$ , a contradiction.

### 3.

Motivated by Example 2 let us consider the following problem. Let  $(G, \mathfrak{G})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of all Cauchy sequences in  $G$  and let  $\sim$  be the usual equivalence for  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,  $S \sim T$  iff  $S - T$  converges to 0. Let  $f$  be a mapping of  $\mathcal{C}$  into the set  $\mathcal{P}(G^N)$  of all subsets of  $G^N$ . Under what conditions is  $f(S)$  a set of Cauchy sequences each of which is equivalent to  $S$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{C}$ ? For instance, if  $f(S) = \{T \in G^N; \mathcal{F}(S) = \mathcal{F}(T)\}$  and  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a maximal sequential convergence, then each  $T \in f(S)$  is a Cauchy sequence equivalent to  $S$ . Is this true if  $\mathfrak{G}$  satisfies axioms  $(\mathcal{F}\mathcal{L})$  and  $(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{L})$  but fails to be maximal?

A similar question can be asked for general Cauchy structures, namely, given a Cauchy structure and an equivalence relation, under what conditions what operations on Cauchy objects preserve the equivalence classes?

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