

### 3. On Topological Dynamical Systems with Discrete Spectrum

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§1. Main results. Throughout this note  $(X, T)$  is a topological dynamical system, i.e., a pair of a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  and a continuous map  $T$  of  $X$  to itself. Let  $C(X)$  be the Banach space of all continuous complex functions on  $X$  with the usual supremum norm. By  $E(X, T)$  [resp.  $\sigma(X, T)$ ] we denote the set of all eigenfunctions [resp. eigenvalues] of  $U_T$  defined by  $U_T(f) = f \circ T$  ( $f \in C(X)$ ). We say that  $(X, T)$  has *discrete spectrum* if the norm closed linear span of  $E(X, T)$  is identical with  $C(X)$ . For any fixed  $x \in X$  we put  $O_T(x) = \{T^n x; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $O_T^+(x) = \{T^n x; n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$  is the set of all nonnegative [positive] integers.  $(X, T)$  is said to be *topologically transitive* if there exists some  $p \in X$  for which  $O_T(p)$  is dense in  $X$ . We distinguish the topological transitivity for  $(X, T)$  into the following two cases:

- (A) There exists some  $p \in X$  for which  $O_T^+(p)$  is dense in  $X$ .
- (B) There exists some  $p \in X$  for which  $O_T(p)$  is dense in  $X$ , and  $O_T^+(x)$  is not dense in  $X$  for all  $x \in X$ .

The purpose of this paper is to clarify the structure of topologically transitive  $(X, T)$  with discrete spectrum. We say that  $(X, T)$  is *topologically conjugate* to a topological dynamical system  $(Y, S)$ , in symbol  $(X, T) \cong (Y, S)$ , if there exists a homeomorphism  $\phi$  of  $X$  onto  $Y$  such that  $\phi \circ T = S \circ \phi$ . Let  $(X, T) \cong (Y, S)$ . Then  $\sigma(X, T) = \sigma(Y, S)$ ,  $(X, T)$  has discrete spectrum if and only if so has  $(Y, S)$ , and further  $(X, T)$  satisfies (A) [(B)] if and only if  $(Y, S)$  satisfies (A) [(B)].

Let  $G$  be a compact abelian semigroup,  $a \in G$  and  $L_a$  the translation on  $G$  defined by  $a$ . Then we get a topological dynamical system  $(G, L_a)$ . Let  $G_e = G \cup \{e\}$  be the adjunction of an identity  $e$  to  $G$ . This is also a compact abelian semigroup in which  $e$  is an isolated point. A semicharacter of  $G$  is a continuous function  $\chi$  on  $G$  such that  $\chi(g) \neq 0$  for some  $g \in G$  and  $\chi(st) = \chi(s)\chi(t)$  for all  $s, t$  in  $G$ . By  $\hat{G}$  we denote the set of all semicharacters of  $G$ .  $G$  is said to be *separative* if for any distinct  $s, t \in G$  there exists  $\chi \in \hat{G}$  with  $\chi(s) \neq \chi(t)$ . As seen easily  $G_e$  is separative if and only if so is  $G$ . Further if  $G$  is separative, then the norm closed linear span of  $\hat{G}$  is identical with  $C(G)$ . If there exists some  $a \in G$  such that  $\{a^n; n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is dense in  $G$ , then  $G$  is called a *monotetic semigroup* with the generator  $a$ . Under the above notations and terminology our main results are stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.**  $(X, T)$  has discrete spectrum and satisfies the condition