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MAXIMAL ADDITIVE AND MAXIMAL MULTIPLICATIVE FAMILY FOR THE CLASS OF SIMPLY CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

Abstract

A function $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is simply continuous if for each open set V in \mathbb{R} , the set $f^{-1}(V)$ is the union of an open and a nowhere dense set in X. The maximal additive and maximal multiplicative family for the class of all simply continuous functions is investigated.

1 Introduction

In what follows X denotes a topological space. For a subset A of a topological space Cl A and Int A denote the closure and the interior of A, respectively. The letters \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R} stand for the set of natural and real numbers, respectively.

If \mathcal{F} is a family of real functions on X, then a family $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{F})$ ($\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{F})$) is called the maximal additive (maximal multiplicative) family for \mathcal{F} , if $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{F})$ ($\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{F})$) is the set of all functions f on X such that $f + g \in \mathcal{F}$ ($f \cdot g \in \mathcal{F}$) for every $g \in \mathcal{F}$ (see [4]).

We recall that a function $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is *cliquish* at a point $x \in X$ (see [10]) if for each $\epsilon > 0$ and each neighborhood U of x there is a nonempty open set $G \subset U$ such that $|f(y) - f(z)| < \epsilon$ for each $y, z \in G$. A function $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is said to be cliquish if it is cliquish at each point $x \in X$.

A function $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is simply continuous (see [1]) if for each open set V in \mathbb{R} , the set $f^{-1}(V)$ is the union of an open set and a nowhere dense set in X.

A function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$ is quasicontinuous at a point $x \in X$ (see [10]) if for each neighborhood U of x and each neighborhood V of f(x) there is a nonempty open set $G \subset U$ such that $f(G) \subset V$. Denote by Q_f the set of

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all points at which f is quasicontinuous. If $Q_f = X$, then f is said to be quasicontinuous.

It is easy to see that every quasicontinuous function is simply continuous and cliquish. In [11] it is shown that if X is a Baire space, then every simply continuous function $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is cliquish.

In [3] the set S_f of all simply continuity points of $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined as $S_f = \{x \in X : \text{ for each open neighborhood } V \text{ of } f(x) \text{ and for each neighborhood } U \text{ of } x, \text{ the set } f^{-1}(V) \setminus \text{Int } f^{-1}(V) \text{ is not dense in } U\}$. It is shown that f is simply continuous iff $S_f = X$. Further it is shown that $Q_f \subset S_f$ and the set $S_f \setminus C_f$ (where C_f is the set of all continuity points of f) is of the first category.

The aim of this paper is to investigate the maximal additive and the maximal multiplicative family for the class of all real simply continuous functions. Denote by S the set of all simply continuous functions and let

$$\mathcal{T} = \{ f : X \to \mathbb{R} : \cup \mathcal{G}(f) \text{ is dense in } X \},\$$

where $\mathcal{G}(f) = \{G \subset X : G \text{ is open and } f \text{ is constant on } G\}$. (The class \mathcal{T} contains nonmeasurable functions (for $X = \mathbb{R}$)). We shall show that $\mathfrak{A}(S) = \mathfrak{M}(S) = \mathcal{T}$ for "nice" spaces X.

In [3] it is shown that the set S_f is pre-closed (i.e. Cl Int $S_f \subset S_f$). From this we obtain

Lemma 1.1 If $X \setminus S_f$ is nowhere dense, then f is simply continuous.

PROOF. We have $\emptyset = \text{Int Cl}(X \setminus S_f) = \text{Int}(X \setminus \text{Int } S_f) = X \setminus \text{Cl Int } S_f$. Therefore $X = \text{Cl Int } S_f \subset S_f$.

The following lemma is proved in [2]. We recall that a π -base for X is a family \mathcal{A} of open subsets of X such that every nonempty open subset of X contains some nonempty $A \in \mathcal{A}$ (see [12]).

Lemma 1.2 (See [2].) Let X be a topological space such that the family of all open connected sets is a π -base for X. Let $h : X \to \mathbb{R}$ be a cliquish function such that $h^{-1}(0)$ is dense in X. Let $g : X \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function which is constant on no nonempty open subset of X. Then f = g + h is simply continuous.

Remark 1.1 The assumption that X has a π -base of open connected sets cannot be omitted. Let X = C (the Cantor set) and let $[0,1] \setminus C = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n)$ (contiguous intervals). Define g(x) = x for all $x \in X$ and $h(x) = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2}$ for $x = a_n$, h(x) = 0 otherwise. Then g is continuous and injective, h is cliquish and $h^{-1}(0)$ is dense in X. However f = g + h is not simply continuous.

The following lemma is obvious.

Lemma 1.3 Let X, Y and Z be topological spaces.

- 1) If $f: Y \to Z$ is continuous and $g: X \to Y$ is simply continuous, then $f \circ g$ is simply continuous.
- 2) If $f: Y \to Z$ is a homeomorphism, then $g: X \to Y$ is simply continuous if and only if $f \circ g$ is simply continuous.

2 Result

Theorem 2.1 Let X be a Baire space such that the family of all connected open sets is a π -base for X and there is a dense set in X of the first category. Then $\mathfrak{A}(S) = \mathfrak{M}(S) = \mathcal{T}$.

Proof. $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{S})$:

Let $f \in \mathcal{T}$ and $g \in S$. Let $x \in \mathcal{G}(f)$. Then there is an open G such that $x \in G$ and f is constant on G. Therefore f(y) = a for each $y \in G$ and some $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Let U be a neighborhood of x and V be an open neighborhood of (f + g)(x) = a + g(x). Then $V - a = \{z \in \mathbb{R} : z + a \in V\}$ is an open neighborhood of g(x). Since $g^{-1}(V-a) \setminus \operatorname{Int} g^{-1}(V-a)$ is not dense in $U \cap G$ and $G \cap (f+g)^{-1}(V) = G \cap g^{-1}(V-a)$, we have $(f+g)^{-1}(V) \setminus \operatorname{Int} (f+g)^{-1}(V)$ is not dense in U. Therefore $x \in S_{f+g}$. This yields $\cup \mathcal{G}(f) \subset S_{f+g}$. However $\cup \mathcal{G}(f)$ is open and dense. Hence $X \setminus S_{f+g}$ is nowhere dense and hence by Lemma 1.1 f + g is simply continuous, i.e. $f \in \mathfrak{A}(S)$.

 $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{S}) \subset \mathcal{T}$:

Let $f \notin \mathcal{T}$. We shall show that there is $g \in S$ such that $f + g \notin S$. Evidently, we can assume that $f \in S$ (otherwise we choose g = 0). Since $f \notin \mathcal{T}$, the set $\cup \mathcal{G}(f)$ is not dense in X and hence there is a nonempty open subset B of X such that $B \cap (\cup \mathcal{G}(f)) = \emptyset$. Then f is constant on no nonempty open subset of B. We have two possibilities:

a) The set $B \setminus C_f$ is not dense in B. Then there is a nonempty open $H \subset B$ such that $H \subset C_f$. Therefore f is continuous on H and it is constant on no nonempty open subset of H. Evidently H satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2.1.

Let $T \subset H$ be a dense set in H of the first category. Then $T = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n$, where each $T_n \subset H$ is a nowhere dense set in H. We can assume that the sets T_n are pairwise disjoint. Define $h: X \to \mathbb{R}$ as

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } x \in T_n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Since $h^{-1}((\varepsilon, \infty))$ is a nowhere dense set for each $\varepsilon > 0$, the function h is cliquish. Further $h^{-1}(0)$ is dense in X. However, $h^{-1}((0,\infty)) = T$ is a dense set in H with the empty interior and hence h is not simply continuous.

We put g = h - f. Then $g_{|H} = h_{|H} - f_{|H}$ is a cliquish function on H, $(h_{|H})^{-1}(0)$ is dense in H and $f_{|H}$ is continuous and constant on no nonempty open subset of H. Hence by Lemma 1.2 $g_{|H}$ is simply continuous on H. Since h = 0 on $X \setminus H$, we have g is simply continuous on Int $(X \setminus H)$. Therefore $S_g \subset H \cup (X \setminus Cl H)$. However $X \setminus (H \cup (X \setminus Cl H)) = Cl H \setminus H$ is nowhere dense and thus $X \setminus S_g$ is nowhere dense. According to Lemma 1.1 $g \in S$. However $f + g = h \notin S$.

b) The set $B \setminus C_f$ is dense in B.

Since X is Baire and f is simply continuous, $X \setminus C_f$ is of the first category ([1]) and therefore C_f is dense in X. Denote by $\mathcal{U}(x)$ the family of all neighborhoods of x and $C(f, x) = \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}(x)} \operatorname{Cl} f(C_f \cap U)$.

Further set

$$E = \{ \mathbf{x} \in B : C(f, \mathbf{x}) = \emptyset \},$$

$$D = \{ \mathbf{x} \in B : C(f, \mathbf{x}) = \{ f(\mathbf{x}) \} \}.$$

Let $x \in C_f$ and W = [f(x) + 1, f(x) - 1]. Then there is an open neighborhood U_x of x such that $\operatorname{Cl} f(U_x) \subset W$. Let $u \in U_x$. Then $(\operatorname{Cl} f(U_x \cap U \cap C_f))_{U \in \mathcal{U}(u)}$ is a family of closed subsets of W with the finite intersection property. Hence $\bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}(u)} \operatorname{Cl} f(U \cap U_x \cap C_f)) \neq \emptyset$ and therefore $C(f, u) \neq \emptyset$. This yields $U_x \cap E = \emptyset$. From this we obtain

(1)
$$C_f \cap \operatorname{Cl} E = \emptyset$$

and therefore E is a nowhere dense set. Evidently $C_f \subset D$. Now put

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \{ \boldsymbol{x} \in B : \forall U \in \mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{x}) \; \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \; \exists t \in U \cap C_f : \; f(t) > n \}, \\ A_2 &= \{ \boldsymbol{x} \in B : \; \forall U \in \mathcal{U}(\boldsymbol{x}) \; \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \; \exists t \in U \cap C_f : \; f(t) < -n \}, \\ A_3 &= D \setminus (A_1 \cap A_2). \end{aligned}$$

Let $J \subset B$ be a nonempty open set. Then there is $v \in J \cap C_f$. Hence there is an open neighborhood $P \subset J$ of v and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f(P) \subset (-k,k)$. Therefore $P \cap A_1 = \emptyset = P \cap A_2$ and A_1, A_2 are nowhere dense sets. Hence there is a nonempty open set $L \subset B$ such that $L \cap (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup E) = \emptyset$. Since $C_f \subset D$, we have D is dense in L.

Now we shall show that the set $B \setminus (D \cup E)$ is not nowhere dense in B. Suppose to the contrary that $B \setminus (D \cup E)$ is nowhere dense in B. Then there is a nonempty open $M \subset L$ such that $M \cap (B \setminus (D \cup E)) = \emptyset$. Therefore $M \subset D \cup E$ and since $L \cap (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup E) = \emptyset$, $M \subset A_3$. Let $x \in M$. Then there is a neighborhood $U \subset M$ of x and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f(t) \in (-n, n)$ for each $t \in U \cap C_f$. Then for every $t \in U \cap C_f$ there is an open neighborhood $U_t \subset U$ such that $f(U_t) \subset (-n, n)$. Let $K = \bigcup_{t \in U \cap C_f} U_t$. Then K is an open dense set in U and $f(K) \subset (-n, n)$.

Since $B \setminus C_f$ is dense in B, there is $u \in K \setminus C_f$. Since $u \notin C_f$, there is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for each neighborhood $S \subset K$ of u there is $w_S \in S$ such that

$$|f(u) - f(w_S)| > 2\varepsilon.$$

Since $K \subset U$, we have $u \in M \subset D$.

Suppose that for each neighborhood $P \subset K$ of u there is $y_P \in P \cap C_f$ such that $|f(y_P) - f(u)| \geq \varepsilon$. Then $f(y_P) \in [-n, f(u) - \varepsilon] \cup [f(u) + \varepsilon, n]$. Therefore (Cl $f(P \cap C_f) \setminus (f(u) - \varepsilon, f(u) + \varepsilon))_{P \in \mathcal{U}(u), P \subset K}$ is a family of closed subsets of [-n, n] with the finite intersection property. Therefore there is

$$s \in \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{U}(u), P \subset K} \operatorname{Cl} f(P \cap C_f) \setminus (f(u) - \varepsilon, f(u) + \varepsilon)$$

Thus $s \in C(f, u)$ and since $|s - f(u)| \ge \varepsilon$, we obtain $s \ne f(u)$. However then $u \notin D$, a contradiction.

Therefore there is an open neighborhood $Z \subset K$ of u such that $f(y) \in (f(u) - \varepsilon, f(u) + \varepsilon)$ for each $y \in Z \cap C_f$. Since $w_Z \in Z \subset D$, there is an open neighborhood $J \subset K$ of w_Z such that $|f(w_Z) - f(t)| < \varepsilon$ for each $t \in J \cap C_f$. Since $J \cap Z$ is a nonempty open set, there is $z \in J \cap Z \cap C_f$. Then we have $|f(w_Z) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$ and $|f(z) - f(u)| < \varepsilon$. Therefore

$$|f(u) - f(w_Z)| \le |f(u) - f(z)| + |f(z) - f(w_Z)| < 2\varepsilon,$$

contrary to (2). Therefore the set $B \setminus (D \cup E)$ is not nowhere dense in B.

Then there is a nonempty open $H \subset B$ such that $B \setminus (D \cup E)$ is dense in H. If $x \in B \setminus (D \cup E)$, then there is $x^* \in C(f, x)$ such that $f(x) \neq x^*$. Define a function $g: X \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^*, & \text{if } x \in H \setminus (D \cup E), \\ f(x), & \text{if } x \in H \cap (D \cup E), \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus H. \end{cases}$$

We shall show that g is simply continuous. Let $x \in C_f \cap H$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there is an open neighborhood $F \subset H$ of x such that $f(F) \subset (f(x) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, f(x) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$. According to (1) $U = F \setminus \text{Cl } E$ is an open neighborhood of x. Let $u \in U$. Then $u \notin E$. If $u \in H \cap D$, then $g(u) = f(u) \in (f(x) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, f(x) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$. If $u \notin D$, then $u \in H \setminus (D \cup E)$ and hence $g(u) \in C(f, u) \subset \text{Cl } f(F) \subset$ $[f(x) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, f(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}] \subset (f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon)$. Therefore $x \in C_g$. If $x \in X \setminus \operatorname{Cl} H$, then evidently $x \in C_g$. Therefore

$$(3) (C_f \cap H) \cup (X \setminus \operatorname{Cl} H) \subset C_g$$

and C_g is dense set in X.

Let $x \in H \setminus E$. Let $U \subset H$ be a neighborhood of x and $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $g(x) \in C(f, x)$, we have $f(U \cap C_f) \cap (g(x) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, g(x) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \neq \emptyset$. Let $t \in U \cap C_f$ be such that $|g(x) - f(t)| < \varepsilon$. By (3) we have $t \in C_g$. Since $C_f \subset D$, we have g(t) = f(t). Then there is a nonempty open $G \subset U$ such that $t \in G$ and $|g(u) - g(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for each $u \in G$. Then for each $u \in G$ we have

$$|g(u)-g(x)| \leq |g(u)-g(t)|+|g(t)-g(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore $x \in Q_g$.

This and (3) give $X \setminus Q_g \subset E \cup (\operatorname{Cl} H \setminus H)$ and thus $X \setminus Q_g$ is a nowhere dense set. Since $Q_g \subset S_g$, according to Lemma 1.1 we get that g is a simply continuous function and also $-g \in S$. However the function h = f - g is not simply continuous, since $h^{-1}(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) \cap H = H \setminus (D \cup E)$ is a dense set with the empty interior in H

 $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{S})$:

If $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$ is simply continuous, then similar to the proof that c+f we can prove that $c \cdot f$ is simply continuous. Let $f \in \mathcal{T}$ and $g \in \mathcal{S}$. Then $\cup \mathcal{G}(f) \subset S_{f \cdot g}$ and by Lemma 1.1 $f \cdot g \in \mathcal{S}$.

$$\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{S})\subset\mathcal{T}$$

Let $f \notin \mathcal{T}$. We can assume that $f \in \mathcal{S}$. (Otherwise we choose g = 1.)

 α) Let f be positive. Then by Lemma 1.3 $\ln f \notin \mathcal{T}$ and since $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{T}$, there is a simply continuous function $h: X \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\ln f + h$ is not simply continuous. Then by Lemma 1.3 $e^h \in \mathcal{S}$ and $f \cdot e^h = e^{\ln f + h} \notin \mathcal{S}$. Similarly for negative f.

 β) Let f be positive (negative) on some nonempty open set G. Then by α) there is a simply continuous function $h: G \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $f \cdot h$ is not simply continuous (on G). Let $g: X \to \mathbb{R}$, g(x) = h(x) for $x \in G$ and g(x) = 0 otherwise. Then by Lemma 1.1 $g \in S$ and $f \cdot g \notin S$.

 γ) Let $f^{-1}((0,\infty))$ be dense on some nonempty open set G. Then simply continuity of f gives Int $f^{-1}((0,\infty)) \neq \emptyset$ and by β) there is $g \in S$ such that $f \cdot g \notin S$. Similarly if $f^{-1}((-\infty,0))$ is dense on some nonempty open set G.

 δ) Let $f^{-1}((0,\infty))$ and $f^{-1}((-\infty,0))$ be nowhere dense sets. Then there is a nonempty open dense set G such that f(y) = 0 for each $y \in G$. However then $f \in \mathcal{T}$, a contradiction.

3 Remarks

Remark 3.1 By [8, Proposition 1.9] every T_1 -space with no isolated points having a σ -locally finite base has a dense subspace of the first category.

Remark 3.2 Theorem 2.1 does not hold for an arbitrary topological space. Let X be as in [5], i.e. $X = \mathbb{N}$, \mathcal{D} an ultrafilter on X, which contains no finite sets and $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{D} \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a topology on X. Then each function on X is simply continuous and each nonempty open subset of X is infinite. Hence $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{R}^X = \mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{S}) = \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{S}) \neq \mathcal{T}$.

Denote by C the class of all continuous functions and by Q the class of all quasicontinuous functions. Further set

$$\mathcal{C}^{\star} = \{f : X \to \mathbb{R} : X \setminus C_f \text{ is nowhere dense}\},\$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^{\star} = \{f : X \to \mathbb{R} : X \setminus Q_f \text{ is nowhere dense}\}.$$

By [9] Q^* is the lattice generated by Q (if X is a separable metrizable space without isolated points). In [7] it is shown that $\mathfrak{A}(Q) = \mathcal{C}$ and in [6] that $\mathfrak{M}(Q) = \{f \in Q : \text{ if } x \notin C_f, \text{ then } f(x) = 0 \text{ and } x \in \mathrm{Cl} (C_f \cap f^{-1}(0))\}$ (X is an arbitrary topological space). Therefore $\mathfrak{A}(Q) \neq \mathfrak{M}(Q)$. We shall show that for Q^* we have $\mathfrak{A}(Q^*) = \mathfrak{M}(Q^*)$.

Theorem 3.1 Let X be a Baire space. Then $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{Q}^*) = \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{Q}^*) = \mathcal{C}^*$.

PROOF. It is easy to see that $Q_f \cap C_g \subset Q_{f+g} \cap Q_{f \cdot g}$. Hence $X \setminus Q_{f+g} \subset (X \setminus Q_f) \cup (X \setminus C_g)$. Therefore $\mathcal{C}^* \subset \mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{Q}^*) \cap \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{Q}^*)$.

Let $f \in Q^* \setminus C^*$. Then there is a nonempty open set B such that $B \setminus C_f$ is dense in B. The function g from part b) of the proof of Theorem 2.1 is such that $X \setminus Q_f$ is nowhere dense and $X \setminus Q_{f-g}$ is not nowhere dense.

Now if $f^{-1}(0)$ is dense, then there is an open dense set G such that f(y) = 0 for every $y \in G$. However then $X \setminus C_f$ is nowhere dense, a contradiction. Hence $f^{-1}(0)$ is not dense and the proof is the same as for $\mathfrak{M}(S)$.

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