

Transitivities of Conservative Mechanism.

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Some statistical phenomena are connected with conservative mechanisms. These mechanisms may be mathematically described in the following way. Let $\beta(E)$ be a completely additive, non-negative set function defined in a closed family (σ -Körper) \mathfrak{R} in an abstract space Ω . And let T_t be a one parameter group of one to one transformations of Ω into itself, with the properties

- (1) $T_t T_s A = T_{t+s} A$, $T_0 A = A$, for any set A in \mathfrak{R} ;
- (2) $T_t A$ belongs to \mathfrak{R} , and

$$\beta(T_t A) = \beta(A)$$

for any set A in \mathfrak{R} and t ;

- (3) T_t is continuous in the following sense :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \beta(T_t A \cdot B) = \beta(BA)$$

for any sets A and B in \mathfrak{R} .

A number of writers have already discussed the conditions in which the ergodic theory

$$\frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q \beta(T_t A \cdot B) dt \rightarrow \frac{\beta(A)\beta(B)}{\beta(\Omega)} \quad (q-p \rightarrow \infty),$$

and the mixing property

$$\beta(T_t A \cdot B) \rightarrow \frac{\beta(A)\beta(B)}{\beta(\Omega)} \quad (t \rightarrow \infty)$$

hold in the conservative mechanism.⁽¹⁾

(1) For detailed discussions, cf. J. v. Neumann, „Zur Operatorenmethode in der klassischen Mechanik“, *Annals of Math.*, (2) **33** (1932), 587-642; and E. Hopf, „On Causality, Statistics and Probability,“ *Jour. of Math. and Physics*, Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, **13** (1934), 51-102.

In this paper I intend to treat these problems generally from standpoint of the theory of set functions. First, I discuss the behavior of set functions under the one parameter group of unitary transformations. And then, I apply these results to the conservative mecha-

Set Functions under One Parameter Group of Unitary Transformations.

1. Let $\beta(E)$ be a completely additive, non-negative set function defined in a closed family (σ -Körper) \mathfrak{R} of sets in an abstract space Ω , including Ω itself. When a complex-valued completely additive set function $\phi(E)$ is absolutely continuous with respect to $\beta(E)$, $\int_{\Omega} |D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a)|^2 d\beta(E)$ is finite, then we say that $\phi(E)$ belongs to $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Then $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$ is a linear space with the inner product

$$(\phi, \psi) = \int_{\Omega} D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a)\overline{D_{\beta(E)}\psi(a)}d\beta(E),$$

and is complete.⁽¹⁾

Thus $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$ satisfies the essential axioms of the abstract Hilbert space except the axiom of separability. Hence almost all the conditions of the abstract Hilbert space can be used also in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$.

If $U(t)$, $-\infty < t < +\infty$, is a family of unitary transformations with the group property

$$U_{s+t}\phi = U_s U_t \phi \quad \text{for all } \phi \text{ in } \mathfrak{L}_2(\beta),$$

and the continuity property

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow s} \|(U_t - U_s)\phi\| = 0 \quad \text{for all } \phi \text{ in } \mathfrak{L}_2(\beta),$$

then there exists a resolution of identity $E(U)$ defined in the space of real numbers R_1 such that

$$U_t \phi = \int_{R_1} e^{it\lambda} dE(U)\phi. \quad (1.1)$$

This last expression is an integral with respect to the vector va-

(1) Cf. F. Maeda, "On the Space of Real Set Functions," this journal, **3** (1934) 3-5; and "Space of Differential set Functions," this volume, 29.

set function,⁽¹⁾ i. e. its functional value is the set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. This theorem can be proved, with slight modifications of J. v. Neumann's method, without using the separability of the Hilbert space.⁽²⁾

Conversely, let $E(U)$ be a resolution of identity defined in R_1 , then

$$\int_{R_1} e^{it\lambda} dE(U)\phi$$

is a unitary transformation⁽³⁾ with parameter t , which has the group property⁽⁴⁾ and the continuity property.⁽⁵⁾

Denote by V the sum of all open sets O such that $E(O) = 0$, and put $W = R_1 - V$. If λ is a point in W , such that $E(\lambda) \neq 0$,⁽⁶⁾ we say that λ is a characteristic value of $E(U)$. The set of all such characteristic values is the point spectrum, and the other part of W is the continuous spectrum.

Denote by \mathfrak{M}_U the set of all set functions ϕ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, which satisfy

$$E(U)\phi = \phi.$$

Then \mathfrak{M}_U is a closed linear manifold, and $E(U)$ is the projection on \mathfrak{M}_U . When $UU' = 0$, then \mathfrak{M}_U and $\mathfrak{M}_{U'}$ are orthogonal.⁽⁷⁾ When U is composed of only one element λ , then all set functions in \mathfrak{M}_λ are the characteristic functions of $E(U)$ with respect to λ .

Denote by D the set of all characteristic values except 0, and by C the continuous spectrum, then we have

$$\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta) = \mathfrak{M}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{M}_D \oplus \mathfrak{M}_C. \quad (8)$$

(1) I investigated the integral with respect to the vector valued set function in my previous paper (this journal, **4** (1934), 57-91). Almost all the theorems in this previous paper also hold without the separability.

(2) J. v. Neumann, *Annals of Math.*, (2) **33** (1932), 569-573.

(3) M. H. Stone, *Linear Transformations in Hilbert Space*, (1932), 232.

(4) Cf. *ibid.*, 222.

(5) Cf. F. Maeda, this journal, **4** (1934), 68. For

$$[\lim_{t \rightarrow s} |e^{it\lambda} - e^{is\lambda}| = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathfrak{L}_2(\|E(U)\phi\|^2).$$

(6) $E(\lambda)$ means the resolution of identity $E(U)$ where U is the set which has only one element λ .

(7) Cf. F. Maeda, this journal, **4** (1934), 78.

(8) $\mathfrak{M}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{M}_2$ means the closed linear manifold determined by the element of \mathfrak{M}_1 and \mathfrak{M}_2 . Cf. M. H. Stone, *loc. cit.*, 21.

In what follows, I investigate the properties of set functions which belong to these three closed linear manifolds.

2. Since $U_t\phi$ is a continuous function of t in the sense of strong convergence, like the Riemann integral, we can define the integral of $e^{-i\lambda_0 t}U_t\phi$ as follows:

$$\int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi dt = [\lim]_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\nu} e^{-i\lambda_0 t_{\nu}} U_{t_{\nu}} \phi \Delta t_{\nu}. \quad (1)$$

Since the integral is defined by the strong convergence, the integral itself is a set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Now, by (1.1)

$$\int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi dt = [\lim]_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int_{R_1} \sum_{\nu} e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t_{\nu}} \Delta t_{\nu} dE(U)\phi. \quad (2.1)$$

Let I_{ε} be the closed interval $[\lambda_0 - \varepsilon, \lambda_0 + \varepsilon]$, and put

$$\phi_{\varepsilon} = \phi - E(I_{\varepsilon})\phi, \quad \phi_0 = \phi - E(\lambda_0)\phi,$$

$$\text{then} \quad [\lim]_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \phi_{\varepsilon} = \phi_0. \quad (2.2)$$

Since, in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\|E(U)\phi_{\varepsilon}\|^2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} [\lim]_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\nu} e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t_{\nu}} \Delta t_{\nu} &= \int_p^q e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)} (e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)q} - e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)p}) \end{aligned}$$

when $\lambda \neq \lambda_0$, we have⁽³⁾

$$\int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_{\varepsilon} dt = \int_{R_1} \frac{1}{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)} (e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)q} - e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)p}) dE(U)\phi_{\varepsilon}.$$

But, since $[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)q} - e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)p}}{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)(q - p)} = 0$ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\|E(U)\phi_{\varepsilon}\|^2)$,

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_{\varepsilon} dt = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

(1) Cf. S. Bochner, *Acta Math.*, **61** (1933), 165-166; and *Fund. Math.*, **20** (1933), 262-276. $[\lim]$ means the strong convergence in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$.

(2) Cf. F. Maeda, this journal, **4** (1934), 79.

(3) Cf. F. Maeda, *ibid.*, 68.

Since $\| e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_\varepsilon - e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_0 \| = \| \phi_\varepsilon - \phi_0 \|$,

we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_\varepsilon dt - \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_0 dt \right\| \leq \| \phi_\varepsilon - \phi_0 \|.$$

Hence, by (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi_0 dt = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.1), we have directly

$$\frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t E(\lambda_0) \phi dt = E(\lambda_0) \phi. \quad (2.5)$$

By (2.4) and (2.5), we have the results

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q e^{-i\lambda_0 t} U_t \phi dt = E(\lambda_0) \phi. \quad (2.6)$$

Especially, when $\lambda_0 = 0$,

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q U_t \phi dt = E(0) \phi. \quad (2.7)$$

3. Now put $\phi_t = U_t \phi$. And I proceed to investigate the property of ϕ_t when ϕ belongs to \mathfrak{M}_0 , \mathfrak{M}_D and \mathfrak{M}_C respectively.⁽²⁾

From (2.7), it is evident that when

$$\phi_t = \phi \quad \text{for all } t,$$

then $\phi = E(0) \phi$.

Conversely, if $\phi = E(0) \phi$, by (1.1)

$$\phi_t = \int_{R_1} e^{it\lambda} dE(U) E(0) \phi = E(0) \phi,$$

(1) This has already been proved by J. v. Neumann (Annals of Math., (2) **33** (1932), 599-600). Here I give another proof using the theory of vector valued set functions.

(2) E. Hopf (Sitzber. Preus. Akad. Wiss., (1932) 183) decomposed U_t . Here I decompose set functions.

that is $\phi_t = \phi$.

Hence we have the theorem :

ϕ belongs to \mathfrak{M}_0 , that is $\phi = \mathbf{E}(0)\phi$, when and only when $\phi_t = \phi$ for all t .

4. Let ϕ be a set function in \mathfrak{M}_D , that is $\mathbf{E}(D)\phi = \phi$. Then by (1.1)

$$\phi_t = \int_{R_1} e^{it\lambda} d\mathbf{E}(U)\mathbf{E}(D)\phi = \int_D e^{it\lambda} d\mathbf{E}(U)\phi. \quad (4.1)$$

Since $\|\mathbf{E}(U)\phi\|^2$ is a completely additive finite set function, the set of discontinuous points is at most enumerable.⁽¹⁾ Denote these discontinuous points by $\{\lambda_n\}$. Then (4.1) becomes

$$\phi_t [=] \sum_n e^{it\lambda_n} \mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi. \quad (4.2)$$

$$\text{Since } \|\phi_t - \sum_{n=1}^N e^{it\lambda_n} \mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi\|^2 = \|\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda_n} \mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi\|^2 = \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi\|^2,$$

(4.2) converges uniformly for all t . Hence ϕ_t is an almost periodic function of t in the sense that for any positive number ε , the set of τ which satisfy

$$\|\phi_{t+\tau} - \phi_t\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } t,$$

is relatively dense.⁽³⁾

Especially when λ is a characteristic value of $\mathbf{E}(U)$ and ϕ is in \mathfrak{M}_λ , that is $\mathbf{E}(\lambda)\phi = \phi$, then by (4.2)

$$\phi_t = e^{it\lambda} \mathbf{E}(\lambda)\phi = e^{it\lambda} \phi.$$

Hence ϕ_t is a periodic function with period $\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$.

(1) Cf. H. Hahn, *Theorie der reellen Funktionen*, I (1921), 410.

(2) [=] means the strong convergence of the series.

(3) Cf. S. Bochner, *Acta Math.*, **61** (1933), 167-168. When $\phi \in \mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, (2.6) shows that $\mathbf{E}(\lambda)\phi$ is the Fourier coefficient of ϕ_t . And Bessel's inequality $\|\phi_t\|^2 \geq \sum_n \|\mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi\|^2$ holds. Especially when $\phi \in \mathfrak{M}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{M}_D$, from (4.2) Parseval's equality $\|\phi_t\|^2 = \sum_n \|\mathbf{E}(\lambda_n)\phi\|^2$ holds.

5. Let ϕ be any set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, then by (1.1)

$$U_t E(C)\phi = \int_{R_1} e^{it\lambda} dE(U)E(C)\phi.$$

Put the closed interval $(-\infty, \lambda]$ instead of U , and let

$$g(\lambda) = (E((-\infty, \lambda])E(C)\phi, \phi) = \|E((-\infty, \lambda])E(C)\phi\|^2,$$

then
$$(U_t E(C)\phi, \phi) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{it\lambda} dg(\lambda).^{(1)}$$

Since $g(\lambda)$ is continuous, non-decreasing and bounded in $(-\infty, +\infty)$, by the theorem proved by E. Hopf,⁽²⁾

$$\lim_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q (U_t E(C)\phi, \phi) dt = 0.$$

Hence as B. O. Koopman and J. v. Neumann did,⁽³⁾ we find a set I in R_1 such that

$$\lim_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(I[p \leq t \leq q])}{q-p} = 0,^{(4)} \quad (5.1)$$

and
$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow \pm\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} (U_t E(C)\phi, \phi) = 0.$$

Hence
$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow \pm\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} (U_t E(C)\phi, \psi) = 0.^{(5)}$$

Therefore, putting $\psi(E) = \beta(EE')$, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow \pm\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} U_t E(C)\phi(E) = 0.$$

(1) F. Maeda, this journal, **4** (1934), 80.

(2) E. Hopf, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., **18** (1932), 208.

(3) B. O. Koopman and J. v. Neumann, *ibid.*, 256-259.

(4) m is the Lebesgue measure in R_1 . $I[p \leq t \leq q]$ means the set of points t in I where $p \leq t \leq q$. I depends on ϕ unless $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$ is separable.

(5) For $(U_t E(C) \frac{\phi + \psi}{2}, \frac{\phi + \psi}{2}) - (U_t E(C) \frac{\phi - \psi}{2}, \frac{\phi - \psi}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} (U_t E(C)\phi, \psi) + \frac{1}{2} (U_t E(C)\psi, \phi)$, and put $i\phi$ instead of ϕ . I depends on ϕ and ψ , and it satisfies (5.1).

When ϕ be a set function in \mathfrak{M}_C , that is $E(C)\phi = \phi$, we have

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} U_t \phi(E) = 0. \quad (1)$$

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6. Let T_t be the linear one parameter group of one to one transformations of the abstract space \mathcal{Q} into itself, with the properties

- (i) $T_t T_s A = T_{t+s} A$, $T_0 A = A$ for any set A in \mathfrak{R} ;
- (ii) $T_t A$ belongs to \mathfrak{R} , and

$$\beta(T_t A) = \beta(A) \quad \text{for all } t \text{ and } A \text{ in } \mathfrak{R};$$

- (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \beta(T_t A \cdot B) = \beta(AB)$ for any sets A, B in \mathfrak{R} .

Let $\phi(E)$ be any set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. And put

$$\phi_t(E) = \phi(T_t E).$$

Then, as B. O. Koopman showed,⁽²⁾ there is a family of unitary transformations U_t

$$\phi_t = U_t \phi$$

which has the group property and continuity property. For, by (i)

$$U_t U_s \phi = U_{t+s} \phi, \quad U_0 \phi = \phi. \quad (6.1)$$

And $(U_t \phi, \psi) = \int_{\mathcal{Q}} D_{\beta(E)} \phi(T_t \alpha) \overline{D_{\beta(E)} \psi(\alpha)} d\beta(E)$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{Q}} D_{\beta(E)} \phi(\alpha) \overline{D_{\beta(E)} \psi(T_{-t} \alpha)} d\beta(E) = (\phi, U_{-t} \psi),$$

for any ϕ, ψ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Hence

$$U_t^* \phi = U_{-t} \phi.$$

Therefore, by (6.1)

(1) I depends on ϕ and E .

(2) B. O. Koopman, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., **17** (1931), 315-518.

$$U_t U_t^* \phi = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad U_t^* U_t \phi = \phi.$$

Consequently, U_t is a unitary transformation with the group property (6.1).

When $\phi(E) = \beta(EA)$, then by (i) and (iii)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow s} \phi_t(E) = \phi_s(E). \quad (6.2)$$

Hence (6.2) holds for any set function in $\mathfrak{L}'_2(\beta)$.⁽¹⁾ But

$$\| U_t \phi \| = \| U_s \phi \|, \quad \text{that is} \quad \| \phi_t \| = \| \phi_s \|,$$

Hence,
$$[\lim]_{t \rightarrow s} \phi_t(E) = \phi_s(E). \quad (6.3)$$

Next, let $\phi(E)$ be any set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Then there exists a sequence $\{\phi^{(\nu)}\}$ of set functions in $\mathfrak{L}'_2(\beta)$, such that

$$[\lim]_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \phi^{(\nu)}(E) = \phi(E). \quad (6.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since} \quad \| \phi_t - \phi_s \| &\leq \| \phi_t - \phi_t^{(\nu)} \| + \| \phi_s - \phi_s^{(\nu)} \| + \| \phi_t^{(\nu)} - \phi_s^{(\nu)} \| \\ &= 2 \| \phi - \phi^{(\nu)} \| + \| \phi_t^{(\nu)} - \phi_s^{(\nu)} \|, \end{aligned}$$

we have, by (6.3) and (6.4),

$$[\lim]_{t \rightarrow s} \phi_t(E) = \phi_s(E).$$

That is, U_t has the continuity property.

Thus $U_t \phi(E) = \phi(T_t E)$ being a unitary transformation with the group property and the continuity property, we can apply the theorems of the preceding sections to the conservative mechanism.

For instance, from (2.7) we have

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q \phi(T_t E) dt = E(0) \phi(E). \quad (6.5)$$

If \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension, then

(1) $\mathfrak{L}'_2(\beta)$ is the linear manifold determined by the system $\{\beta(EE')\}$, E' being the parameter. $\mathfrak{L}'_2(\beta)$ is dense in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Cf. F. Maeda, this journal, **5** (1935), 109.

(2) In $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, if $\lim \phi_n(E) = \phi(E)$ and $\lim \| \phi_n \| = \| \phi \|$, then $[\lim] \phi_n(E) = \phi(E)$. For the proof, cf. F. Maeda, this volume, 29.

$$E(0)\phi(E) = \frac{\phi(\Omega)}{\beta(\Omega)}\beta(E) \quad (6.6)$$

for any set function $\phi(E)$ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$.

For, since $\beta(E)$ belongs to \mathfrak{M}_0 ,

$$E(0)\phi(E) = c\beta(E).$$

Put $E = \Omega$ in (6.5), then since $\phi(T_i\Omega) = \phi(\Omega)$, we have

$$\phi(\Omega) = c\beta(\Omega).$$

Thus, (6.6) holds.

Especially when $\phi(E) = \beta(EA)$,

$$E(0)\beta(EA) = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)}\beta(E) \quad (6.7)$$

for any set A .

Conversely, when (6.7) holds for any set A , \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension.

For, let $\phi(E)$ be any set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, then

$$(E(0)\beta(EA), E(0)\phi(E)) = (\beta(EA), E(0)\phi(E)) = E(0)\phi(A).$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} (E(0)\beta(EA), E(0)\phi(E)) &= (E(0)\beta(EA), \phi(E)) \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)}\beta(E), \phi(E) \right) = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)}\phi(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore
$$E(0)\phi(A) = \frac{\phi(\Omega)}{\beta(\Omega)}\beta(A)$$

for any set A . Hence, \mathfrak{M}_0 is composed of set functions of the form $c\beta(E)$, that is \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension.

7. Let $\phi(E)$ be a real set function in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, which has the period t_0 , that is,

$$\phi_{t_0}(E) = \phi(E). \quad (7.1)$$

And put $A = \Omega[D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a) > p]$,⁽¹⁾ p being any real number, then, $T_{t_0}A$ coincides with A except the set whose β -value is zero. In this case, we write as follows

$$T_{t_0}A \equiv A \quad (\beta). \quad (7.2)$$

Since
$$\phi(E) = \int_E D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a)d\beta(E),$$

it is evident that

$$\phi(E) \geq p\beta(E) \quad \text{for all } E \subseteq A, \quad (7.3)$$

and
$$\phi(E) \leq p\beta(E) \quad \text{for all } E \subseteq \Omega - A. \quad (7.4)$$

When $\beta(A) \neq 0$, (7.3) can be replaced by

$$\phi(E) > p\beta(E) \quad \text{for all } E \subseteq A, \beta(E) \neq 0. \quad (7.5)$$

For, let A_1 be a subset of A , such that

$$\phi(A_1) = p\beta(A_1), \quad \beta(A_1) \neq 0.$$

Then, by (7.3)

$$\phi(E) = p\beta(E) \quad \text{for all } E \subseteq A_1,$$

therefore,

$$D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a) = p$$

in A_1 , which is absurd.

When $\beta(A) = 0$, (7.2) is evident. If $\beta(A) \neq 0$, and (7.2) does not hold, then there exists a subset E of A , such that

$$T_{t_0}E \subseteq \Omega - A, \quad \beta(E) \neq 0.$$

By (7.4), we have

$$\phi(T_{t_0}E) \leq p\beta(T_{t_0}E).$$

That is, by (7.1),

(1) $\Omega[f(a) > p]$ means the set of all points in Ω for which $f(a) > p$. For the definition of the derivative $D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a)$, cf. F. Maeda, this journal, 4 (1934), 143.

$$\phi(E) \leq p\beta(E),$$

which contradicts (7.5). Hence, the theorem is proved.

$$\text{Put } B = \mathcal{Q}[D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a) \leq q],$$

then since $T_{t_0}\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}$, by (7.2) we have

$$T_{t_0}B \equiv B \quad (\beta).$$

$$\text{Next, put } C = \mathcal{Q}[p < D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a) \leq q], \quad (7.6)$$

then since $C = AB$, by (7.2) and (7.6) we have

$$T_{t_0}C \equiv C \quad (\beta). \quad (7.7)$$

8. When $\phi(E)$ has the period t_0 , that is $\phi_{t_0}(E) = \phi(E)$, then $\phi(E)$ is a strongly convergent limit of the sequence of set functions which are written in the form

$$\sum_i p_i \beta(EA_i),$$

where $T_{t_0}A_i \equiv A_i \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } i.$

Since, the real and imaginary parts of $\phi(E)$ have also the period t_0 , we can assume that $\phi(E)$ is real. Consider a sequence $\{p_i\}$ of real numbers such that

$$\dots < p_{-n} < \dots < p_{-1} < p_0 < p_1 < \dots < p_n < \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{-n} = -\infty,$$

$$p_{i+1} - p_i < \varepsilon \quad (i = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots),$$

ε being any positive number. And put

$$A_i = \mathcal{Q}[p_i < D_{\beta(E)}\phi(a) \leq p_{i+1}] \quad (i = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

Then, by (7.7)

$$T_{t_0}A_i \equiv A_i \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } i.$$

Since $\phi(EA_i) - p_i \beta(EA_i)$ and $\phi(EA_j) - p_j \beta(EA_j)$ are orthogonal when $i \neq j$, we have

$$\|\phi(E) - \sum_i p_i \beta(EA_i)\|^2 = \sum_i \|\phi(EA_i) - p_i \beta(EA_i)\|^2 \leq \varepsilon^2 \beta(\Omega).$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

9. By sec. 3, \mathfrak{M}_0 is composed of the set functions $\phi(E)$, such that

$$\phi_t(E) = \phi(E) \quad \text{for all } t.$$

Now, we have the following theorem :

\mathfrak{M}_0 is a closed linear manifold determined by the set functions of the form $\beta(EA)$ where

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } t. \quad (9.1)$$

Let A be the set which satisfies (9.1). Then

$$\beta(T_t E \cdot A) = \beta(E \cdot T_{-t} A) = \beta(EA).$$

Hence $\beta(EA)$ belongs to \mathfrak{M}_0 .

Next let $\phi(E)$ be any set function in \mathfrak{M}_0 . Then, since

$$\phi_t(E) = \phi(E) \quad \text{for all } t,$$

by the preceding section,⁽¹⁾ $\phi(E)$ is a strongly convergent limit of the sequence of the set functions of the form

$$\sum_i p_i \beta(EA_i),$$

where $T_t A_i \equiv A_i \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } t, \quad (i = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$

Hence, the theorem is proved.

The necessary and sufficient condition that \mathfrak{M}_0 be a linear manifold of one dimension, is that

$$\beta(A) = \beta(\Omega) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta(A) = 0,$$

for any set A , which satisfies

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } t. \quad (9.2)$$

The sufficiency is evident. For, by the preceding theorem \mathfrak{M}_0 is determined by only one set function $\beta(EA) = \beta(E)$.

(1) Since A_i depends only on $\phi(E)$, and not on t_0 .

Next, when \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension, all set functions $\phi(E)$ in \mathfrak{M}_0 being of the form $c\beta(E)$. Let A be a set which satisfies (9.2), then

$$\beta(EA) = c\beta(E) \quad \text{for all } E.$$

When $\beta(A) \neq 0$, put $E = A$, then $c = 1$. Hence

$$\beta(EA) = \beta(E).$$

Put $E = \mathcal{Q}$, then we have

$$\beta(A) = \beta(\mathcal{Q}).$$

10. *The necessary and sufficient condition that $\lambda = 0$ be the only characteristic value of $E(U)$ is that any set A which has the following relation*

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta), \quad \beta(A) \neq 0, \quad (10.1)$$

for a definite value $t = t_0$, satisfies the same relation for all t .

To prove the necessity, assume that $\lambda = 0$ is the only characteristic value of $E(U)$, and let A be the set which satisfies (10.1) for a definite value $t = t_0$. And put

$$\phi(E) = \beta(EA).$$

Then
$$\phi(T_{t+t_0}E) = \phi(T_tE) \quad \text{for all } t. \quad (10.2)$$

Since, \mathfrak{M}_D is absent, by sec. 1 $\phi(E)$ is decomposed as follows

$$\phi(E) = \phi_0(E) + \phi_C(E),$$

where
$$\phi_0(E) \in \mathfrak{M}_0, \quad \phi_C(E) \in \mathfrak{M}_C.$$

Then, by (10.2)

$$\phi_0(T_{t+t_0}E) + \phi_C(T_{t+t_0}E) = \phi_0(T_tE) + \phi_C(T_tE) \quad \text{for all } t,$$

But, by sec. 3

$$\phi_0(T_tE) = \phi_0(E) \quad \text{for all } t.$$

Hence
$$\phi_C(T_{t+t_0}E) = \phi_C(T_tE) \quad \text{for all } t.$$

That is, $\phi_C(T_tE)$ is periodic. This contradicts the result of sec. 5:

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \phi_C(T_tE) = 0,$$

unless $\phi_C(E) = 0$.⁽¹⁾

Hence $\phi(E)$ belongs to \mathfrak{M}_0 . Consequently,

$$\phi(T_t E) = \phi(E) \quad \text{for all } t,$$

that is, $T_t A \equiv A$ (β) for all t .

Next, to prove the sufficiency, assume that any set A which satisfies (10.1) for $t = t_0$, satisfies (10.1) for all t . And let λ_0 be a characteristic value which is not zero, and $\phi(E)$ be a characteristic function of $E(U)$ with respect to λ_0 . Then, by sec. 4

$$\phi_{t_0}(E) = \phi(E),$$

where $\lambda_0 t_0 = 2\pi$. Then by sec. 8, $\phi(E)$ is a strongly convergent limit of the sequence of set functions

$$\sum_i p_i \beta(EA_i)$$

where $T_{t_0} A_i \equiv A_i$ (β) .

Then by the assumption

$$T_t A_i \equiv A_i \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } t.$$

Therefore, by sec. 9, $\phi(E)$ is a set function in \mathfrak{M}_0 , which is absurd.

Combining this theorem with that of the preceding section, we have the following theorem.

The necessary and sufficient condition that $\lambda = 0$ be the only, and a simple, characteristic value of $E(U)$ is that

$$\beta(A) = \beta(\Omega) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta(A) = 0$$

should hold for any set A , which satisfies

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta)$$

for a definite value $t = t_0$.⁽²⁾

11. In the conservative mechanism, the *ergodic theory* may be stated as follows:

(1) Since $\phi_C(T_t E)$ is a continuous function of t , when $\phi_C(E) \neq 0$, $\phi_C(T_t E) \neq 0$ for all t such that $|t - nt_0| < \epsilon$.

(2) Cf. E. Hopf, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., **18** (1932), 207.

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q \beta(T_t E \cdot A) dt = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)} \beta(E) \quad (11.1)$$

for any set A .

Since, by sec. 6,

$$E(0)\beta(EA) = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)} \beta(E)$$

when and only when \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension, by (2.7), the ergodic theory holds when and only when \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension.

Hence, from sec. 9, we have the following theorem :

The ergodic theory (11.1) holds when and only when

$$\beta(A) = \beta(\Omega) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta(A) = 0$$

for any set A , which satisfies

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta) \quad \text{for all } t. \quad (1)$$

In this case the conservative mechanism T_t is called *metrically transitive*.

When (11.1) holds, \mathfrak{M}_0 is of one dimension. Hence by (6.6),

$$E(0)\phi(E) = \frac{\phi(\Omega)}{\beta(\Omega)} \beta(E).$$

Therefore, by (2.7),

$$[\lim]_{q-p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q-p} \int_p^q \phi(T_t E) dt = \frac{\phi(\Omega)}{\beta(\Omega)} \beta(E). \quad (11.2)$$

for any set function $\phi(E)$ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$. Consequently, in order that (11.2) may hold for any set function $\phi(E)$ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, it is sufficient that (11.2) holds only for any set function of the form $\beta(EA)$.

$$\mathbf{12.} \quad \text{When} \quad \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \beta(T_t E \cdot A) = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\Omega)} \beta(E) \quad (12.1)$$

for any sets E and A , the conservative mechanism is said to have the *mixing property*.

(1) Cf. J. v. Neumann, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., **18** (1932), 79.

(2) I depends on E and A , and it satisfies (5.1).

The necessary and sufficient condition for the mixing property is that

$$\beta(A) = \beta(\mathcal{Q}) \quad \text{or} \quad \beta(A) = 0$$

should hold for any set A , which satisfies

$$T_t A \equiv A \quad (\beta)$$

for a definite value $t = t_0$ ⁽¹⁾

In this case, the conservative mechanism is said to be *completely transitive*.

To prove the necessity, let A be a set such that

$$T_{t_0} A \equiv A \quad (\beta), \quad \beta(A) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$\beta(T_{t+t_0} E \cdot A) = \beta(T_t E \cdot A)$$

for all t . Hence, when $\beta(A) \neq \beta(\mathcal{Q})$, $\beta(T_t E \cdot A)$ is periodic, which contradicts (12.1). Therefore it must be that $\beta(A) = \beta(\mathcal{Q})$.

Next, assume that the condition of the theorem is satisfied, then by sec. 10, $\lambda = 0$ is the only, and a simple, characteristic value. Then by sec. 1,

$$\beta(EA) = \phi_0(E) + \phi_C(E) \quad \text{where} \quad \phi_0(E) \in \mathfrak{M}_0, \phi_C(E) \in \mathfrak{M}_C.$$

But by sec. 3 and 5,

$$\phi_0(T_t E) = \phi_0(E) \quad \text{for all } t, \quad \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \phi_C(T_t E) = 0.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \beta(T_t E \cdot A) = \phi_0(E) = E(0)\beta(EA)$.

Hence by (6.7)

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow +\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \beta(T_t E \cdot A) = \frac{\beta(A)}{\beta(\mathcal{Q})} \beta(E).$$

That is, (12.1) holds. Hence the theorem is proved.

When (12.1) holds, then $\lambda = 0$ is the only, and a simple, characteristic value. Hence, as above, instead of (12.1) we have

(1) Cf. B. O. Koopman and J. v. Neumann, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., **18** (1932), 256 and 259.

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow \pm\infty \\ t \text{ not on } I}} \phi(T_t E) = \frac{\phi(\mathcal{Q})}{\beta(\mathcal{Q})} \beta(E). \quad (12.2)$$

That is, (12.2) holds for any set function $\phi(E)$ in $\mathfrak{L}_2(\beta)$, only when (12.2) holds for any set function of the form $\beta(EA)$.