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SOME MULTIPLICATIVE PROPERTIES OF SETS OF REAL NUMBERS

Through this paper, the real line will be denoted by  $R$  and  $m$  denotes Lebesgue measure in  $R$ .

If  $A, B \subseteq R$ , then  $A+B = \{a+b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,  $A \cdot B = \{a \cdot b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,

$\frac{A}{B} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a \in A, b \in B - \{0\} \right\}$ ,  $\exp A = \{\exp a : a \in A\}$ ,

$\ln A = \{\ln a : a > 0, a \in A\}$  and  $\sqrt{A} = \{\sqrt{a} : a \geq 0, a \in A\}$ .

P. Erdős, K. Kunen and R.D. Mauldin proved in [2] the following theorems. 1) If  $P$  is a nonempty perfect subset of  $R$ , then there is a perfect set  $M$  with Lebesgue measure zero so that  $P + M = R$ .

2) (CH) There is a subset  $X$  of  $R$  such that  $|X| = \mathfrak{C}$  and if  $m(G) = 0$  then  $m(G + X) = 0$  for each  $G \subseteq X$ .

In [4] Steinhaus proved that if  $A$  and  $B$  are linear sets of positive Lebesgue measure, then the set  $A + B$  contains an interval (cf. [1]).

The same conclusion holds when  $A$  and  $B$  have the property of Baire and are of the second category (Piccard [3], cf [1]).

J. Ceder and D.K. Ganguly proved in [1] that there exists a second category set  $A$  such that  $A + A$  does not contain an interval.

In this note we investigate the multiplicative analogues of these results.

REMARK 1. a) If  $A \subseteq R$  is of the first category, then  $\exp A$  is of the first category.

b) If  $A \subseteq (0, \infty)$  is of the first category, then  $\ln A$  is of the first category.

Remark 1 follows because the functions  $\exp$  and  $\ln$  are homeomorphism of the spaces  $R$  and  $(0, \infty)$ .

Remark 2. a) If  $A \subseteq R$  and  $m(A) = 0$  then  $m(\exp A) = 0$ .

b) If  $A \subseteq (0, \infty)$  and  $m(A) = 0$  then  $m(\ln A) = 0$ .

Proof. a) Let  $A_n = A \cap (-\infty, n)$ . Since  $\exp A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \exp A_n$ , it suffices to show  $m(\exp A_n) = 0$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Notice that if  $G$  is an open set in  $(-\infty, n)$ , then  $m(\exp G) \leq (\exp n) \cdot m(G)$ . If  $m(A_n) = 0$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an open set  $G \subseteq (-\infty, n)$  such that  $m(G) \leq \exp(-n)\varepsilon$  and  $A_n \subseteq G$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an open set  $\exp G$  such that  $\exp A_n \subseteq \exp G$  and  $m(\exp G) \leq \varepsilon$ . Hence  $m(\exp A_n) = 0$ .

The proof of b) is similar.

**PROPOSITION 1.** Let  $P$  be a nonempty perfect subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then there is a perfect set  $M$  so that  $m(M) = 0$  and  $P \cdot M = \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $M$  is a perfect set and  $m(M) = 0$ ,  $M$  is of the first category.

Proof. Let  $P$  be a nonempty perfect subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . If there is a nonempty perfect subset  $T \subseteq P \cap (0, \infty)$  then  $\ln T$  is a perfect subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then there is a perfect set  $N$  so that  $m(N) = 0$  and  $\ln T + N = \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $T = \exp(\ln T)$  and for  $M = \exp N \cup \{0\} \cup (-\exp N)$  we have  $P \cdot M \supseteq T \cdot M = \exp(\ln T) \cdot \exp N \cup \exp(\ln T) \cdot (-\exp N) \cup \{0\} = \exp(\ln T + N) \cup \{0\} \cup (-\exp(\ln T + N)) = \mathbb{R}$ .

Assume that  $P \subseteq (-\infty, 0)$ . Then there is a nonempty perfect subset  $T \subset P \subseteq (-\infty, 0)$ . Then there is a perfect set  $N$  so that  $m(N) = 0$  and  $\ln(-T) + N = \mathbb{R}$ . Then for  $M = \exp N \cup \{0\} \cup (-\exp N)$  we have  $-P \cdot M \supseteq -T \cdot M = \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $M = -M$ ,  $-P \cdot M = (-P) \cdot (-M) = P \cdot M$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.** (CH) There is a subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $|X| = \mathfrak{c}$  and if  $m(I) = 0$  then  $m(X \cdot I) = 0$  for each  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof. Let  $B$  a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $|B| = \mathfrak{c}$  and if  $m(I) = 0$  then  $m(B + I) = 0$  for every  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $X = \exp B$ .

Let  $I = J \cup K \cup L$ , where  $J = I \cap (-\infty, 0)$ ,  $K = I \cap \{0\}$  and  $L = I \cap (0, \infty)$ . Since  $X \cdot I = X \cdot J \cup X \cdot K \cup X \cdot L$ , it suffices to show  $m(X \cdot J) = m(X \cdot K) =$

$= m(X \cdot L) = 0$ . Since  $m(\ln J) = 0$ ,  $m(B + \ln J) = 0$  and

$m(X \cdot J) = m(\exp(B + \ln J)) = 0$ .

It is clear that  $m(X \cdot K) = 0$ .

Since  $m(\ln(-L)) = 0$ ,  $m(B + \ln(-L)) = 0$  and  $m(X \cdot L) =$

$= m(-(X \cdot (-L))) = m(X \cdot (-L)) = 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.** a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets of positive Lebesgue measure, then the set  $A \cdot B$  contains a nonempty interval.  
 b) If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets of the second category and  $A, B$  have the property of Baire, then the set  $A \cdot B$  contains a nonempty interval.

Proposition 3 follows from theorems of Steinhaus [4] and Piccard [3]. The proof of this proposition is similar to the proof of Proposition 2.

**PROPOSITION 4.** Let  $C$  be the set of cardinality less than continuum.

a) Then there is a set  $A$  of the second category such that  $C \cap A \cdot A = \emptyset$ .

b) Then there is a set  $A$  of the full external measure such that  $C \cap A \cdot A = \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(G_\gamma)_{\gamma < \omega}$  be an well-ordering of all residual  $G_\delta$  subsets of the line. Choose  $a_0 \in G_0 - \{0\}$  and

$$a_\gamma \in G_\gamma - \left( \frac{C}{\{a_\beta : \beta < \gamma\}} \cup \{0\} \cup \sqrt{C} \right).$$

Let  $A = \{a_\gamma : \gamma < \omega\}$ . Then  $A$  is of the second category because it intersects each residual  $G_\delta$  set.

Suppose that there is  $0 \in C \cap A \cdot A$ . Then  $c = a_\beta \cdot a_\gamma$  and  $\beta \leq \gamma$ .

If  $\beta < \gamma$  then  $a_\gamma = \frac{c}{a_\beta}$  - a contradiction. If  $\beta = \gamma$  then  $a_\gamma = \pm \sqrt{c}$  and it is impossible. Hence  $C \cap A \cdot A = \emptyset$ .

The proof of b) is similar.

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O PEWNYCH MULTYPLIKATYWNYCH WŁASNOŚCIACH ZBIÓRÓW LICZB  
RZECZYWISTYCH

Streszczenie

W pracy odnotowano następujące fakty:

1. Jeśli  $P \subseteq R$  jest niepustym zbiorem doskonałym, to istnieje zbiór doskonały  $M$  taki, że miara Lebesgue'a zbioru  $M$  jest równa zero oraz  $P \cdot M = R$ , gdzie  $P \cdot M$  oznacza zbiór  $\{xy : x \in P, y \in M\}$ .
2. (CH) Istnieje zbiór  $X \subseteq R$  mocy continuum taki, że jeśli  $J$  jest zbiorem miary Lebesgue'a zero, to zbiór  $X \cdot J$  jest miary zero,
3. Jeżeli  $A, B \subseteq R$  są zbiorami o dodatniej mierze Lebesgue'a (drugiej kategorii i z własnością Baire'a), to zbiór  $A \cdot B$  zawiera odcinek niepusty,
4. Dla dowolnego zbioru  $C$  mocy mniejszej niż continuum istnieje zbiór drugiej kategorii (miary zewnętrznej pełnej) taki, że  $C \cap A \cdot A = \emptyset$ .