

## A STRENGTHENING OF THE POINCARÉ RECURRENCE THEOREM ON MV-ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

The strong version of the Poincaré recurrence theorem states that for any probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{S}, P)$ , any  $P$ -measure preserving transformation  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  and any  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  almost every point of  $A$  returns to  $A$  infinitely many times. In [8] (see also [4]) the theorem has been proved for MV-algebras of some type. The present paper contains a remarkable strengthening of the result stated in [8].

### 1. Introduction

The Poincaré recurrence theorem [5] has been proved for Boolean algebras [7], topological spaces [2] and for MV-algebras of some types in [8]. Recall that MV-algebras play an analogous role in multivalued logics as Boolean algebras in two valued logics. Any MV-algebra can be simply characterized by the help of an  $l$ -group as an interval in it.

An  $l$ -group is an algebraic structure  $(G, +, \leq)$ , where  $(G, +)$  is a commutative group,  $(G, \leq)$  is a lattice, and the implication  $a \leq b \implies a + c \leq b + c$  holds. MV-algebra is an algebraic structure

$$(M, 0, u, \neg, \oplus, \odot),$$

where  $0$  is the neutral element in  $G$ ,  $u$  is a positive element,  $M = \{x \in G; 0 \leq x \leq u\}$ ,  $\neg : M \rightarrow M$  is a unary operation given by the equality

$$\neg x = u - x,$$

and  $\oplus, \odot$  are two binary operations given by

$$a \oplus b = (a + b) \wedge u,$$

$$a \odot b = (a + b - u) \vee 0.$$

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be an algebra of subsets of a set  $\Omega$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is an MV-algebra. If we identify sets  $A$  with their characteristic functions, then the corresponding  $l$ -group  $(G, +, \leq)$  consists of all measurable functions,  $+$  is the sum of functions,  $\leq$  corresponds to the set inclusion. Then  $0 = 0_\Omega, u = 1_\Omega$ ,

$$\neg\chi_A = \chi_{A^c} = 1_\Omega - \chi_A,$$

$$\chi_A \oplus \chi_B = \chi_{A \cup B},$$

$$\chi_A \odot \chi_B = \chi_{A \cap B}.$$

**Example 2.** Let  $[0, 1]$  be the unit interval in the set  $R$  of real numbers. Then  $(R, +, \leq)$  is an  $l$ -group, so that  $[0, 1]$  is an MV-algebra

$$\neg a = 1 - a,$$

$$a \oplus b = \min(a + b, 1),$$

$$a \odot b = \max(a + b - 1, 0).$$

In the following definitions we shall use the symbols  $a_n \nearrow a$  and  $b_n \searrow b$ . It means that  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}, b_n \geq b_{n+1}, n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $a = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, b = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

**Definition 1.** A  $\sigma$ -complete MV-algebra is called weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive, if for any double sequence  $(a_{ij})_{ij}$  of elements of  $M$  such that

$$a_{ij} \searrow 0 (j \rightarrow \infty)$$

there holds

$$\bigwedge_{\phi: N \rightarrow N} \bigvee_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{i\phi(j)} = 0.$$

(The name distributive is motivated by the equality

$$\bigwedge_{\phi: N \rightarrow N} \bigvee_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{i\phi(j)} = \bigvee_{i=1}^{\infty} \bigwedge_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} = 0.)$$

**Definition 2.** An MV-algebra with product is an MV-algebra with a commutative and associative binary operation  $\star$  satisfying the following conditions (see [6], equivalently [3]):

- (i)  $a \star u = a$ ,
- (ii)  $a \star (b \oplus c) = (a \star b) \oplus (a \star c)$
- (iii)  $a_n \nearrow a \implies a_n \star b \nearrow a \star b$ .

**Definition 3.** A state on an MV-algebra  $M$  is a mapping  $m : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $m(u) = 1, m(0) = 0,$
- (ii)  $a \odot b = 0 \implies m(a \oplus b) = m(a) + m(b),$
- (iii)  $a_n \nearrow a \implies m(a_n) \nearrow m(a).$

**Definition 4.** Let  $M$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete MV-algebra with product,  $m : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a state. By an  $m$ -preserving transformation of  $M$  we understand a mapping  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\tau(u) = u, \tau(0) = 0;$
- (ii)  $\tau(a \odot b) = \tau(a) \odot \tau(b);$
- (iii)  $\tau(a \oplus b) = \tau(a) \oplus \tau(b);$
- (iv)  $\tau(a \star b) = \tau(a) \star \tau(b);$
- (v)  $\tau(a \vee b) = \tau(a) \vee \tau(b);$
- (vi)  $\tau(a \wedge b) = \tau(a) \wedge \tau(b);$
- (vii)  $a_n \nearrow a \implies \tau(a_n) \nearrow \tau(a);$
- (viii)  $m(\tau(a)) = m(a).$

The following theorem has been proved in [8]. In the following text we use the notation  $\text{text } \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} c_i = \bigwedge_{j=1}^{\infty} (c_k \star c_{k+1} \star \dots \star c_{k+j}).$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(M, \star)$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive MV-algebra with product,  $m : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a state,  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be a measure preserving transformation. Then

$$m \left( \bigvee_{k=1}^{\infty} a \star \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \tau^i(\neg a) \right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m \left( a \star \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \tau^i(\neg a) \right) = 0.$$

## 2. Strong Poincaré recurrence theorem

The following theorem is a strengthening of Theorem 1. The proof of the theorem is new, too.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(M, \star)$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete MV-algebra with product. Let  $m : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfy the following conditions:

1.  $m(0) = 0,$
2.  $a \leq b \implies m(a) \leq m(b),$
3.  $a \odot b = 0 \implies m(a \oplus b) = m(a) + m(b).$

Let  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  satisfy the conditions

4.  $\tau(0) = 0$ ,
5.  $a \leq b \implies \tau(a) \leq \tau(b)$ ,
6.  $\tau(a \odot b) = \tau(a) \odot \tau(b)$ ,
7.  $m(\tau(a)) = m(a)$  for all  $a \in M$ .

Then there holds for any  $a \in M$  and any  $k \in N$

$$m(a \star \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \tau(\neg a)) = 0.$$

(Here  $\prod_{i=k}^{\infty} c_i = \bigwedge_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=k}^{k+j} c_i$ ,  $\prod_{i=k}^{k+j} c_i = c_k \star c_{k+1} \star \dots \star c_{k+j}$ .)

**Proof.** Let  $a \in M$ . Put

$$b = a \star \tau(\neg a) \star \tau^2(\neg a) \star \dots \star \tau^n(\neg a) \star \dots = a \star \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \tau^i(\neg a).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} b &\leq a, \\ b &\leq \tau^n(\neg a). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\tau^n(b) \leq \tau^n(a), b \leq \tau^n(\neg a),$$

hence

$$b \odot \tau^n(b) \leq \tau^n(a) \odot \tau^n(\neg a) = \tau^n(a \odot \neg a) = \tau^n(0) = 0.$$

Also if  $l, j \in N, l < j$ , then

$$\tau^l(b) \odot \tau^j(b) = \tau^l(b \odot \tau^{(j-l)}(b)) = \tau^l(0) = 0.$$

We see that  $(\tau^j(b))_{j=0}^{\infty}$  is a disjoint system, hence

$$\sum_{j=1}^n m(\tau^j(b)) = m(\oplus_{j=1}^n \tau^j(b)) \leq 1.$$

Of course,  $m(\tau(b)) = m(b)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , hence

$$\sum_{j=1}^n m(\tau^j(b)) = \sum_{j=1}^n m(b) = nm(b).$$

From the relation

$$m(b) \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

for any  $n \in N$  we obtain

$$0 = m(b) = m(a \star \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \tau(\neg a)). \quad (\star)$$

If we use  $s = \tau^k : M \rightarrow M$  instead of  $\tau$  we obtain by  $(\star)$

$$m(a \star \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \tau^i(\neg a)) \leq m(a \star \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (\tau^k)^i(\neg a)) = m(a \star \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} s^i(\neg a)) = 0,$$

hence

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(a \star (\prod_{j=k}^{\infty} (\tau^j(\neg a)))) = 0.$$

**Corollary.** Let  $m$  satisfy in addition the continuity condition

$$a_n \nearrow a \implies m(a_n) \nearrow m(a).$$

Then

$$m\left(\bigvee_{k=1}^{\infty} a \star (\prod_{j=k}^{\infty} \tau_j(\neg a))\right) = 0$$

### 3. Conservative mappings

P. R. Halmos [1] has shown that it is not necessary to assume that  $\tau$  is measure preserving for the proof of the Poincaré theorem. It suffices to assume that there is no set  $A$  of positive measure such that the family  $(\tau^i(A))_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is disjoint. We shall show that this works also in MV-algebras. Of course, instead of the family of sets of zero measure we shall consider an ideal  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an MV-algebra with product. A subset  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  is called a weak ideal if it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $0 \in \mathcal{N}$ .
2. If  $a \leq b, a \in \mathcal{M}, b \in \mathcal{N}$ , then  $a \in \mathcal{N}$ .

A mapping  $\tau : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is called conservative if the following conditions hold:

3. If  $(\tau^i(b))_{i=0}^{\infty}$  forms a disjoint system (i.e.  $\tau^i(b) \odot \tau^j(b) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ) then  $b \in \mathcal{N}$ .
4.  $\tau(a \odot b) = \tau(a) \odot \tau(b)$  for any  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ .
5.  $a \leq b$  implies  $\tau(a) \leq \tau(b)$ .
6.  $b \in \mathcal{N} \iff \tau(b) \in \mathcal{N}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete MV-algebra with product,  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}$  be its weak ideal,  $\tau : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a conservative mapping. Then

$$a \star \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \tau^i(\neg a) \in \mathcal{N}$$

for any  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  and any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** Put

$$b = a \star \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \tau^i(\neg a).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} b &\leq a \\ b &\leq \tau^n(\neg a), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$b \odot \tau^n(b) \leq \tau^n(a \odot \neg a) = \tau^n(0) = 0.$$

It is easy to see that  $(\tau^i(b))_{i=0}^\infty$  is a disjoint system, i.e.

$$\tau^i(b) \odot \tau^j(b) = 0$$

for  $i \neq j$ , hence

$$a \star (\prod_{i=1}^\infty \tau^i(\neg a)) = b \in \mathcal{N}. \quad (**)$$

If  $\tau$  is conservative, then also  $s = \tau^k$  is conservative. Namely, if

$$s^i(b) \odot s^j(b) \in \mathcal{N}$$

for  $i \neq j$  and  $b \in \mathcal{M}$ , then

$$\tau^i(c) \odot \tau^j(c) \in \mathcal{N}$$

for  $i \neq j$  and  $c = \tau^k(b)$ . Therefore

$$\tau^k(b) = c \in \mathcal{N}$$

hence

$$b \in \mathcal{N}.$$

The equality  $(**)$  implies

$$a \star \prod_{i=1}^\infty s^i(\neg a) \in \mathcal{N}$$

and since

$$a \star \prod_{j=k}^\infty \tau^j(\neg a) \leq a \star \prod_{i=i}^\infty \tau^{ki}(\neg a) = a \star \prod_{i=1}^\infty s^i(\neg a) \in \mathcal{N}$$

we have

$$a \star \prod_{j=k}^\infty \tau^j(\neg a) \in \mathcal{N}.$$

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