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## On Certain Transformations of Measurable Sets in $R_N$

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In this paper some properties of Lebesgue measurable sets in  $R_N$  ( $N$ -dimensional Euclidean space) have been studied under certain transformations as introduced by T. Neubrunn and T. Šalát. Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 extend some results of M. Pal [3] and N. G. Saha and K. C. Ray [5] under less-restricted conditions.

Let  $\Omega$  be a metric space and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then T. Neubrunn and T. Šalát [2] introduced certain transformations  $T_\omega$  of Lebesgue measurable sets into Lebesgue measurable sets of the real line under some conditions. Among other results M. Pal [3] in Theorem 1 extended Theorem 1.1 of [2] where the transformation  $T_\omega$  transforms a measurable set in  $R_N$  ( $N$ -dimensional Euclidean space) into a measurable set in  $R_N$ . For this the transformations had to satisfy the three conditions (I), (II) and (III) as stated below, which are equivalent to the set of conditions as imposed by Neubrunn and Šalát. But before stating these conditions we explain some notations:

(1)  $|x|$  denotes the norm of the vector  $x$  in  $R_N$ . (2)  $A \setminus B$  denotes the set of all those vectors of the set  $A$  which do not belong to the set  $B$ . (3) For  $a \in R_N$ ,  $A \subset R_N$  the symbol  $\{|a - A|\}$  denotes the set of all numbers  $|a - x|$  where  $x \in A$ . (4)  $S[a, r]$  denotes a closed sphere in  $R_N$  with centre at  $a$  and radius  $r$ . (5) The Lebesgue measure of a measurable set  $A$  in  $R_N$  is denoted by  $|A|$ .

(I). There exists  $\omega_0 \in \Omega$  such that for every sphere  $K = S[a, r] \subset R_N$  and every sequence  $\{\omega_n\}$  ( $\omega_n \in \Omega$ ) converging to  $\omega_0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\sup \{|a - T_{\omega_n}(K)|\}] = r$$

holds.

(II). If  $E$  and  $F$  are measurable sets in  $R_N$  such that  $F \subset E$ , then for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,

$$T_\omega(F) \subset T_\omega(E).$$

(III). If  $E$  be a measurable set in  $R_N$  and  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  (in  $\Omega$ ), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |T_{\omega_n}(E)| = |T_{\omega_0}(E)| = |E|.$$

It appears that in condition (III) the transformation  $T_{\omega_0}$  is measure-preserving. In this paper we see that this condition may be relaxed in the following way:

Let  $T$  be a non-singular linear transformation in  $R_N$  given by

$$T: x'_i = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\text{where } \det T = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \dots & a_{NN} \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $\Phi(x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1N}; \dots; x_{N1}, x_{N2}, \dots, x_{NN})$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1+x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1N} \\ x_{21} & 1+x_{22} & \dots & x_{2N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{N1} & x_{N2} & \dots & 1+x_{NN} \end{vmatrix}$$

then  $\Phi(x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1N}; \dots; x_{N1}, x_{N2}, \dots, x_{NN})$  is a continuous function of  $N^2$  variables and  $\Phi(0, 0, \dots, 0; \dots; 0, 0, \dots, 0) = 1$ . So, for arbitrary  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  there exists a  $\delta' (> 0)$  such that

$$\Phi(x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1N}; \dots; x_{N1}, x_{N2}, \dots, x_{NN}) > 1 - \varepsilon$$

for  $|x_{ij}| < \delta'$ .

It, therefore, follows that corresponding to  $1/2p^2$  ( $p$  being a positive integer) there exists a  $\delta (> 0)$  and a class of non-singular linear transformations  $J$  of the form

$$x'_i = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N$$

for which  $1 - \delta < a_{ij} < 1 + \delta$  when  $i=j$  and  $-\delta < a_{ij} < \delta$  when  $i \neq j$  ( $i, j=1, 2, \dots, N$ ) and so

$$|\det J| > 1 - \frac{1}{2p^2}.$$

Now if  $J$  is any non-singular linear transformation defined as above, we replace the condition (III) by the following:

(III)'. If  $E$  be a measurable set in  $R_N$  and  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  (in  $\Omega$ ), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |T_{\omega_n}(E)| = |T_{\omega_0}(E)| = |J(E)|$$

where  $J$  is a suitable non-singular linear transformation in  $R_N$ .

The transformation  $J$  as derived above will be applied to Theorem 1. But in Theorem 2 we need to change the positive number  $1/2p^2$  (and so  $\delta > 0$ ) to choose a transformation  $J$  from a different class. However, this change will be evident from the context.

The result of Theorem 1 is a generalised form of Theorem 1 of [3] where the transformations  $T_\omega$  satisfy the conditions (I), (II) and (III)'. Theorem 2 is an extension of Theorem 1 in which we prove the result contained in Theorem 1 of [5] under a set of less restricted conditions. In Theorem 3 we prove a result which may be compared to a theorem of S. Kurepa [1]. However, in doing so we follow the method of proof as adopted by K. C. Ray [4].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $T_\omega$  be the transformations satisfying the conditions (I), (II) and (III)' and  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  (in  $\Omega$ ). Let  $A$  be a set of positive measure in  $R_N$  and  $p$  be a positive integer. Then there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ ,

$$A \cap T_{\omega_{N_1}}(A) \cap T_{\omega_{N_2}}(A) \cap \dots \cap T_{\omega_{N_p}}(A)$$

is a set of positive measure.

**Proof.** First, we observe that in view of [6] the expression in condition (III)' may be stated as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |T_{\omega_n}(E)| = |T_{\omega_0}(E)| = |J(E)| = |\det J| |E| = \alpha |E|$$

where  $1 - 1/2p^2 < \alpha < 1 + 1/2p^2$ .

Next, since  $A$  is a set of positive measure, there exists a sphere  $K_1 = S[a, r]$  such that  $|K_1 \setminus A| < \varepsilon |K_1|$ , where  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(2p^2 + 2p + 1)}$ . Let  $K_2 = S[a, s]$ , where  $s = (p/p + 1)^{1/N}$  and  $\sup \{|a - T_{\omega_n}(K_2)|\} = d_n$ . By (I) there exists a positive integer  $N_1$  such that for  $n \geq N_1$ ,  $|d_n - s| < r - s$ . So, for  $n \geq N_1$ ,  $T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap A) \subset K_1$ . Also by (III)' there exists a positive integer  $N_2$  such that for  $n \geq N_2$ ,  $||T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap A)| - \alpha |K_2 \cap A|| < \frac{|K_2|}{4p^2} = \mu$ , say where  $1 - \frac{1}{2p^2} < \alpha < 1 + \frac{1}{2p^2}$ .

Again, let  $N_0 = \max(N_1, N_2)$  and  $C = K_1 \cap A$ ,  $C_k = T_{\omega_{N_k}}(K_2 \cap A)$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ). Since  $C \cap C_1 \cap \dots \cap C_p = K_1 \setminus [C' \cup C'_1 \cup C'_2 \cup \dots \cup C'_p]$  (dashes denote the complements with respect to  $K_1$ ), we have for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_0 \geq N_0$

$$\begin{aligned} |C \cap C_1 \cap C_2 \cap \dots \cap C_p| &\geq |K_1| - [|C'| + |C'_1| + \dots + |C'_p|] \\ &= |K_1| - [|K_1 \setminus A| + p|K_1| - \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^p |T_{\omega_{N_k}}(K_2 \cap A)| \right\}] \\ &> |K_1| - [|K_1 \setminus A| + p|K_1| - p\alpha |K_2 \cap A| + p\mu] \\ &> |K_1| - [|K_1 \setminus A| + p|K_1| - p(1 - \frac{1}{2p^2})(|K_2| - |K_2 \setminus A|) + p\mu] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= |K_1| - |K_1 \setminus A| + p|K_1| - p|K_2| + (p - \frac{1}{2p})|K_2 \setminus A| + \frac{1}{2p}|K_2| + p\mu \\
&> |K_1| - [\varepsilon|K_1| + |K_2| + (p - \frac{1}{2p})\varepsilon|K_2| + \frac{1}{2p}|K_2| + \frac{1}{4p}|K_2|] \\
&= |K_2| \left[ \frac{p+1}{p} - \frac{4p+3}{4p} - \varepsilon \frac{2p^2+2p+1}{2p} \right] \\
&= |K_2| \left[ \frac{1}{4p} - \varepsilon \frac{2p^2+2p+1}{2p} \right] \\
&> 0, \text{ since } 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(2p^2+2p+1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ , we obtain by (II), that

$$A \cap T_{\omega_{N_1}}(A) \cap T_{\omega_{N_2}}(A) \cap \dots \cap T_{\omega_{N_p}}(A)$$

is a set of positive measure.<sup>1</sup>

**Corollary.** If  $p=1$  and  $|\det J|=1$ , then follows Theorem 1 of [3].

For the next theorem we require the following condition:

(i) For every pair of points  $a, b$  in  $R_N$  and  $\omega_n \in \Omega$ ,  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  (in  $\Omega$ ) and for any two spheres  $K_1 = S[a, r_1]$ ,  $K_2 = S[b, r_2]$  ( $r_2 < r_1$ ) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\sup \{ |a - T_{\omega_n}(K_2)| \}] = r_2.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets of positive measure in  $R_N$  and  $a$  and  $b$  be points of density of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Also let  $T_{\omega_n}$  ( $\omega_n \in \Omega$ ) be transformations satisfying (i), (II) and (III)' with respect to  $(a, b, \omega_0)$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $n \geq N_0$ ,  $A \cap T_{\omega_n}(B)$  is a set of positive measure.

**Proof.** Since  $A$  and  $B$  are of positive measure, there exist spheres  $K_1 = S[a, r_1]$  and  $K_2 = S[b, r_2]$  ( $r_2 < r_1$ ) such that

$$|K_1 \setminus A| < \varepsilon |K_1| \text{ and } |K_2 \setminus B| < \varepsilon |K_2|$$

where  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{p^N}{2p^{N+1} + 2p^N - 1}$ ,  $p (> 1)$  being a number such that  $p|K_2| \geq |K_1|$ .

Now, if  $\sup \{ |a - T_{\omega_n}(K_2)| \} = d_n$ , then by condition (i) there exists a positive integer  $N_1$  such that for  $n \geq N_1$

$$|d_n - r_2| < r_1 - r_2.$$

Thus for  $n \geq N_1$ ,  $T_{\omega_n}(K_2) \subset K_1$ , so that  $T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap B) \subset K_1$ . Also, by the condition similar to (III)' there exists a positive integer  $N_2$  such that for  $n \geq N_2$ ,

$$||T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap B) - \alpha|K_2 \cap B|| < |K_2| \frac{p^N - 1}{2p^N} = \lambda, \text{ say}$$

where  $1 - \frac{1}{2p^N} < \alpha < 1 + \frac{1}{2p^N}$ .

Next, if  $C = K_1 \cap A$  and  $C_n = T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap B)$ , then  $C \cap C_n = K_1 \setminus [C' \cup C'_n]$  (complements being taken with respect to  $K_1$ ). If  $N_0 = \max(N_1, N_2)$ , then for  $n \geq N_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |C \cap C_n| &\geq |K_1| - [|C'| + |C'_n|] \\ &= |K_1| - [|K_1 \setminus A| + |K_1| - |T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap B)|] \\ &= |T_{\omega_n}(K_2 \cap B)| - |K_1 \setminus A| \\ &> \alpha |K_2 \cap B| - \lambda |K_2| - |K_1 \setminus A| \\ &= \alpha [|K_2| - |K_2 \setminus B|] - \lambda |K_2| - |K_1 \setminus A| \\ &> (1 - \frac{1}{2p^N}) |K_2| - (1 - \frac{1}{2p^N}) \varepsilon |K_2| - p\varepsilon |K_2| - \lambda |K_2| \\ &= |K_2| [1 - \frac{1}{2p^N} - \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2p^N} \varepsilon - p\varepsilon - \frac{p^N - 1}{2p^N}] \\ &= |K_2| \frac{p^N - (2p^{N+1} + 2p^N - 1) \varepsilon}{2p^N} \\ &> 0, \text{ since } 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{p^N}{2p^{N+1} + 2p^N - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by (II) we have, for  $n \geq N_0$  is a set of positive measure  $A \cap T_{\omega_n}(B)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A \subset R_N$  be a bounded set of positive measure. Let the transformations  $T_\omega$  ( $\omega \in \Omega$ ) satisfy the condition (I). Then there exist a sphere  $K_0$  (with centre at the origin) and a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for every  $x \in K_0$ , there are vectors  $a_0(x), a_{N_1}(x), \dots, a_{N_p}(x)$  in  $A$  such that for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ ,

$$a_0(x) = a_k(x) - T_{\omega_{N_k}}(x) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, p).$$

**Proof.** Since  $A$  is a set of positive measure, there exists a sphere  $K = S[x_0, r]$  in  $R_N$  such that  $|K \setminus A| < \varepsilon |K|$ , where  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4^N(p+1)}$ .

To prove the theorem we shall prove that there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$

$$X(x) = (A - x_0) \cap [A - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_1}}(x)] \cap \dots \cap [A - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_p}}(x)]$$

is a set of positive measure for every  $x \in K_0 = S[0, r/4]$ .

Now, in view of condition (I) we can easily verify that there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ .

$$S[x_0 + T_{\omega_{N_k}}(x), r/4] \subset K$$

for every  $x \in K_0 = S[0, r/4]$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

If possible, let  $|X(y)| = 0$  for some  $y \in K_0$ . Then for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |K_0| &= |S[0, r/4]| = |K_0 \setminus X(y)| \\ &= |K_0 \setminus [(A - x_0) \cap (A - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_1}}(y)) \cap \dots \\ &\quad \dots \cap (A - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_p}}(y))]| \\ &\leq |K_0 \setminus A - x_0| + \sum_{k=1}^p |K_0 \setminus (A - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_k}}(y))| \\ &= |S[x_0, r/4] \setminus A + \sum_{k=1}^p |Sx_0 + T_{\omega_{N_k}}(y), r/4] \setminus A| \\ &\leq |K \setminus A| + \sum_{k=1}^p |K \setminus A| \\ &= (p+1) |K \setminus A| \\ &< (p+1)\varepsilon |K| \\ &< \frac{|K|}{4^N}, \text{ since } 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{4^N(p+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is clearly a contradiction. So, for each  $x \in K_0$  and  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ , there exist vectors  $a_0(x), a_1(x), a_2(x), \dots, a_p(x)$  in  $A$  such that

$$a_0(x) - x_0 = a_1(x) - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_1}}(x) = \dots = a_p(x) - x_0 - T_{\omega_{N_p}}(x)$$

i. e.,

$$a_0(x) = a_k(x) - T_{\omega_{N_k}}(x) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, p)$$

For the next theorem we require the following condition:

(IV). If  $A$  and  $B$  are measurable sets in  $R_N$  and  $\omega_n \rightarrow \omega_0$  (in  $\Omega$ ), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |A \cap T_{\omega_n}(B)| = |A \cap T_{\omega_0}(B)| = |A \cap B|.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets of positive measure in  $R_N$  and  $T_{\omega_n}$  be a sequence of transformations in  $R_n$  satisfying the conditions (II) and (IV). If there is a common point of density of  $A$  and  $B$ , then there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$

$$A \cap T_{\omega_{N_1}}(B) \cap T_{\omega_{N_2}}(B) \cap \dots \cap T_{\omega_{N_p}}(B)$$

is a set of positive measure.

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha$  be a point of density of  $A$  and  $B$ . Then there exists a sphere  $K = S[\alpha, r]$  such that  $|K \setminus A| < \varepsilon |K|$  and  $|K \setminus B| < \varepsilon |K|$ , where  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(p+1)^2}$ .

Now by condition (IV) there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that for  $n \geq N_0$ ,

$$||K \cap T_{\omega_n}(B)| - |K \cap B|| < \frac{|K|}{2(p+1)} = \lambda, \text{ say,}$$

i. e.

$$|K \cap B| - \lambda < |K \cap T_{\omega_n}(B)| < |K \cap B| + \lambda.$$

Let  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$  and  $C = K \cap A$ ,  $C_k = K \cap T_{\omega_{N_k}}(B)$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ). Also let  $X = C \cap C_1 \cap \dots \cap C_p$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |X| &\geq |K| - [|K \setminus A| + |K \setminus T_{\omega_{N_1}}(B)| + \dots + |K \setminus T_{\omega_{N_p}}(B)|] \\ &= |K| - [|K \setminus A| + p|K| - |K \cap T_{\omega_{N_1}}(B)| - \dots - |K \cap T_{\omega_{N_p}}(B)|] \\ &> |K| - [|K \setminus A| + p|K| - p|K \cap B| + p\lambda] \\ &= |K| - [|K \setminus A| + p|K \setminus B| + p\lambda] \\ &> |K| - [\varepsilon|K| + p\varepsilon|K| + p\lambda] \\ &> |K| - \frac{1}{2}|K| > 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(p+1)^2}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{|K|}{2(p+1)}$ .

Thus by (II), for  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_p \geq N_0$ ,

$$A \cap T_{\omega_{N_1}}(B) \cap T_{\omega_{N_2}}(B) \cap \dots \cap T_{\omega_{N_p}}(B)$$

is a set of positive measure.

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