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## MINIMALITY OF THE GROUP AUTOHOMEOM ( $C$ )

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**ABSTRACT.** The main results are the following:

**Theorem 1.** The group Autohomeom ( $I^n$ )  $\in \mathbb{N}$  is a minimal topological group iff  $h = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.** The group Autohomeom ( $D^{\aleph_0}$ ) where  $D^{\aleph_0}$  is a Cantor cube with a countable weight is minimal.

These results are partly an answer to the general question raised by Prodanov & Stojanov (1984), Dierolf et.al. (1979) & (1977).

A Hausdorff topological group  $(G, \tau_0)$  is called minimal, if no Hausdorff group topology  $\tau$  on  $G$  is strictly coarser than  $\tau_0$ .

Let  $(G, \tau)$  be a topological group and let  $N_e(\tau)$  denote the set of all  $\tau$ -neighbourhoods of the identity element  $e \in G$ . Suppose we have an action  $\alpha : G \times X \rightarrow X$  where  $X$  is a set with a uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then  $\alpha$  is called quasibounded if for every  $P \in \mathcal{U}$  there exist  $Q_P \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $U_P \in N_e(\tau)$  such that if  $(x, y) \in Q_P$  and  $g \in U_P$  then  $(gx, gy) \in P$ . A Hausdorff group topology  $\tau$  on the group  $\text{Aut}(K)$  of homeomorphisms of a compact set  $K$  is called quasibounded if the natural action  $\alpha : \text{Aut}(K) \times K \rightarrow K$  is quasibounded [5].

Our first step is to prove the following proposition:

**Proposition.** Let  $\text{Aut}(K)$  be the group of homeomorphisms of a compact set  $K$ . The compact-open topology  $\tau_0$  is minimal in the class of all quasibounded topologies on  $\text{Aut}(K)$ .

First we recall the following characteristic property of compacts.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an ultrafilter on a set  $X$  and let  $\varphi$  be any mapping from  $X$  into a compact set  $K$ . Then there exists one and only one point  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that for each open set  $O(\bar{x})$  containing  $\bar{x}$  we have  $\varphi^{-1}(O(\bar{x})) \in \mathcal{F}$ . In other words,  $\bar{x}$  is a limit point of  $\varphi$  under  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Now suppose  $\tau$  a quasibounded topology on  $\text{Aut}(K)$  that is strictly coarser than the compact open-topology  $\tau_0$ . It can easily be verified that if an action  $\text{Aut}(K) \times K \rightarrow K$  is continuous from left, i.e. if the orbit maps  $\text{Aut}(K) \rightarrow K$  given by  $g \rightarrow gk_0$  (where  $k_0 \in K$ ) are continuous, then  $\tau = \tau_0$ . So we admit the existence of  $x_0 \in K$  and  $P_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  ( $\mathcal{U}$ -the natural uniformity on  $K$ ) such that for every  $U \in N_e(\tau)$  there exists  $g_u \in U$  for which  $(gx_0, x_0) \notin P_0$ . Consider a filter on the set  $N_e(\tau)$  with the filter base  $\{F(U)\}_{U \in N_e(\tau)}$  where  $F(U) = \{V \in N_e(\tau) | V \subset U\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an ultrafilter containing this one. For each  $x \in K$  we consider the map from  $N_e(\tau)$  to  $K$  given by the rule:  $U \rightarrow g_u x$ . Let  $\bar{x}$  be a point defined as in Lemma 1. Consider the mapping  $h : k \rightarrow k$  where  $h(x) = \bar{x}$ .

**Lemma 2.**  $H$  is nontrivial homeomorphism of  $K$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $x, y \in K$  are such that  $x \neq y$  and  $h(x) = h(y) = z$ . Let  $P \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $(x, y) \notin P$ . We may choose  $Q_P \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $U_P \in N_e(\tau)$  from the definition of the quasibounded topology and choose  $Q \in U$  such that  $Q^2 \subset Q_P$ . By the definition of  $h$  we have  $\{U \in N_e(\tau) | (g_u x, z) \in Q\} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\{U \in N_e(\tau) | (g_u y, z) \in Q\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . But only  $F(U_P^{-j}) \in \mathcal{F}$ , hence the intersection of these three sets is nonempty. Suppose  $U_0$  is an element of this intersection. Then  $g_{u_0} \in U_0 \subset U_P^{-1}$  and  $(g_{u_0} x, g_{u_0} y) \in Q^2 \subset Q_P$ ; but  $(x, y) \notin P$  - which is a contradiction.

Suppose  $y \in K$ . Consider the mapping  $N_e(\tau) \rightarrow k$  given by  $U \rightarrow g_u^{-1}y$  and take  $x = \bar{x}$  as in Lemma 1. We prove that  $h(x) = y$ . Suppose  $P$  is any element of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $Q_P \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $U_P \in N_e(\tau)$  are taken as above. Then from the definition of  $\mathcal{F}$  we have  $\{U \in N_e(\tau) | (g_u^{-1}y, x) \in Q_P\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . On the other hand  $F(U_P) \in \mathcal{F}$ . For each  $U$  from the intersection of these sets we obtain  $U \subset U_P$  and  $(g_u^{-1}y, x) \in Q_P$  hence  $(y, g_u x) \in P$  and  $\{U \in N_e(\tau) | (g_u x, y) \in P\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . This means  $y = h(x)$ . We conclude that  $h$  is a bijection. Now we prove that if there exists a pair  $(x, y) \in Q_P$  such that  $(h(x), h(y)) \in P$ , then there exists neighbourhoods  $O_1, O_2$  of points  $h(x)$  and  $h(y)$  such that for every  $t' \in O_1$  and  $t'' \in O_2$ ,  $(t', t'') \notin P$ . From the definition of  $h$ :

$$\{U \in N_e(\tau) | g_u x \in O_1\} \in \mathcal{F} \quad \text{and} \quad \{U \in N_e(\tau) | g_u y \in O_2\} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Besides this we have  $F(U_P) \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $U_0$  is an element of all these sets, then  $g_{U_0} \in U_P$  and  $(g_{u_0} x, g_{u_0} y) \notin P$ , but  $(x, y) \in Q_P$ . This contradiction proves that  $h$  is continuous. Hence  $h$  is a homeomorphism. For each  $U \in N_e(\tau)(g_{u_0} x, x_0) \notin P$ . Hence  $h(x_0) \neq x_0$  and  $h \neq e$ .  $\square$

The next Lemma shows that the topology  $\tau$  is not Hausdorff.

**Lemma 3.** For every  $U \in N_e(\tau)$ ,  $h \in U$ .

*Proof.* For every  $g \in \text{Aut}(K)$  and  $P \in \mathcal{U}$  let  $\tilde{P}(g' \in \text{Aut}(K) | \forall x \in K (gx, g'x) \in P)$ . It is well-known that  $\{\tilde{P}(g) : P \in \mathcal{U}, g \in \text{Aut}(K)\}$  form a base for the compact-open topology  $\tau$  on  $\text{Aut}(U)$ . In order to prove our statement it is enough to show that for every  $U_0 \in N_e(\tau)$  and  $P \in \mathcal{U}$ , we have  $h \in [\tilde{P}(e)]^{-1}U$ . Indeed, for any  $U \in N_e(\tau)$  we can find  $V \in N_e(\tau)$ ,  $V^2 \subset U$ ,  $V^{-1} = V$ . But  $\tau \subset \tau_0$ , hence there exists  $P \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\tilde{P}^3(e) \subset V$ , hence  $[\tilde{P}^3(e)]^{-1}V \subset V^{-1}V \subset U$ .

Let  $Q_P \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $U_P \in N_e(\tau)$  be chosen for  $P \in \mathcal{U}$  according to the definition of the quasibounded topology. Suppose  $x \in K$  and  $x' = h^{-1}(x)$ . From the definition of  $h$ ,  $A(x) = \{U \in N_e(\tau) | (g_u x', x) \in P\}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$ . We can choose  $R \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $R \subset P$  such that if  $(t', t'') \in R$ , then  $(h^{-1}(t'), h^{-1}(t'')) \in Q_P$ . Consider an  $R$ -net of  $K$ , i.e. a finite subset  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset K$  such that for every  $x \in K$  there exists an  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $(x, x_i) \in R$ . Suppose that  $U \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n A(x_i) \cap F(U_P \cap U_0)$ . Thus for any  $x \in K$  for some  $i$  we obtain  $(h^{-1}(x), h^{-1}(x_i)) \in Q_P$  and  $(g_u h^{-1}(x), g_u h^{-1}(x_i)) \in P$ . But  $R \subset P$ , hence  $(x, x_i) \in P$  and from  $U \in A(x_i)$  it follows that  $(g_u h^{-1}(x_i), x_i) \in P$ . It is not difficult to see that  $(g_u h^{-1}(x_i), x_i) \in P^3$ , hence  $g_u h^{-1} \in \tilde{P}^3(e)$ . Since  $g_u \in U_0$ , we have  $h \in [\tilde{P}^3(e)]^{-1}U_0$  and our proposition is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The group  $\text{Aut}(I^n, \tau_0)$  of homeomorphisms of  $I^n$  with the compact-open topology  $\tau_0$  is minimal iff  $n = 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tau$  be a group topology on  $\text{Aut}(I)$  strictly coarser than  $\tau_0$ . From proposition 1 we see that  $\tau$  is not quasibounded. Thus there exists  $c > 0$  such that for every pair  $\alpha = (n, U) \in \mathbb{N} \times N_e(\tau)$  there exists  $x_\alpha y_\alpha \in I$  and  $g_\alpha \in U$  such that  $|x_\alpha - y_\alpha| < 1/n$ , but  $|g_\alpha x_\alpha - g_\alpha y_\alpha| \geq c$ . On the set  $\mathbb{N} \times N_e(\tau)$ , which we denote by  $\mathcal{N}$ , we consider an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  containing the filter base  $\{F(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{N}}$ , where for  $\alpha_0 \in (n_0, U_0) \in \mathcal{N}$  we let  $F(\alpha_0) = \{(n, U) \in \mathcal{N} | n \geq n_0, U \subset U_0\}$ . We obtain four mappings from  $\mathcal{N}$  to  $I$  given by the rules:  $\alpha \rightarrow x_\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow y_\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow g_\alpha x_\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow g_\alpha y_\alpha$  for  $\alpha = (n, U) \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $z_1, z_2, x_0$  and

$y_0$  be points for these mappings specified as in Lemma 1. It is clear that  $z_1 = z_2 = z$  and  $|x_0 - y_0| \geq c$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $x_0 < y_0$ . Let us take  $t_1, t_2 \in I$  with  $x_0 < t_1 < t_2 < y_0$  and fix a nontrivial homeomorphism  $\xi \in \text{Aut}(I)$  which is trivial on the set  $I \setminus (t_1, t_2)$ , i.e. if  $t < t_1$  or  $t > t_2$  then  $\xi(t) = t$ .

**Lemma 4.** For every  $U \in N_\epsilon(\tau)$  we have  $\xi \in U$ .

**Proof.** We will show that for every  $U_0 \in N_\epsilon(\tau)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  we have  $\xi \in U_0 O_\epsilon(e) U_0^{-1}$ , where  $O_\epsilon(e) = \{g \in \text{Aut}(I) | \forall x \in I, |gx - x| < \epsilon\}$ . Since  $[0, 1)$  and  $(t_2, 1]$  are neighbourhoods of  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  we obtain:

$$\{\alpha \in \mathcal{N} | g_\alpha x_\alpha < t_1\} \in \mathcal{F} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\alpha \in \mathcal{N} | g_\alpha y_\alpha > t_2\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

Let us choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1/n_0 < \epsilon$  and let us assume that  $\alpha_0 = (n_0, U_0)$ . Because of  $F(\alpha_0) \in \mathcal{F}$  there exists an  $\alpha_1(n_1, U_1)$  which belongs to all these sets; hence  $|x_{\alpha_1} - y_{\alpha_1}| < 1/n_1 < 1/n_0 < \epsilon$ ,  $g_{\alpha_1} \in U_1 \subset U_0$ . Because  $g_{\alpha_1} x_{\alpha_1} < t_1$  and  $g_{\alpha_1} y_{\alpha_1} > t_2$  we obtain:  $g_{\alpha_1}^{-1}((t_1, t_2)) \subset (x_{\alpha_1}, y_{\alpha_1})$  or  $g_{\alpha_1}^{-1}((t_1, t_2)) \subset (y_{\alpha_1}, x_{\alpha_1})$ . Let us consider  $g_{\alpha_1}^{-1} \xi g_{\alpha_1}$ . If  $t \notin (x_{\alpha_1}, y_{\alpha_1})$  or  $t \notin (y_{\alpha_1}, x_{\alpha_1})$  then  $(g_{\alpha_1}^{-1} \xi g_{\alpha_1})(t) = t$ . Hence  $g_{\alpha_1}^{-1} \xi g_{\alpha_1} \in O_\epsilon(e)$ ; but  $g_{\alpha_1} \in U_0$  hence  $\xi \in U_0 O_\epsilon(e) U_0^{-1}$ . But  $\{O_\epsilon(e)\}_{\epsilon > 0}$  is a base of neighbourhoods of the identity in the compact-open topology. We conclude that the  $\tau$ -topology is not Hausdorff.  $\square$

Now let us prove the second part of our theorem for  $n > 1$ . Suppose  $F$  is a boundary of  $I^n$ , and  $|\cdot|$  is a natural norm in  $I^n$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$  define

$$O_\epsilon(e) = \{g \in \text{Aut}(I^n) | \forall x \in I^n |gx - x|, |g^{-1}x - x| < \epsilon\}$$

$$F_\epsilon = \{x \in I^n | \exists y \in F |x - y| < \epsilon\}$$

$$O_\epsilon(e) = \{g \in \text{Aut}(I^n) | \forall x \in I^n \setminus F_\epsilon |gx - x|, |g^{-1}x - x| < \epsilon\}$$

**Lemma 5.** The family  $\{\tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)\}_{\epsilon > 0}$  is a neighbourhood base of the identity in some group topology  $\tau$  that is strictly coarser than compact-open topology  $\tau$ .

**Proof.** Note the following facts:

(i) For every  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 > 0$ ,  $\tilde{O}_{\epsilon_1}(e) \cap \tilde{O}_{\epsilon_2}(e) \supset \tilde{O}_\delta(e)$  where  $\delta < \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2\}$ .

(ii) Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta < \epsilon/2$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in \tilde{O}_\delta(e)$ . If  $x \notin F_\epsilon$ , then  $x \notin F_\delta$  i.e.  $|g_1 x - x| < \delta$  and  $g_1 x \in F_\delta$ . This means  $|g_2 g_1 x - g_0 x| < \delta$ , i.e.  $|g_2 g_1 x - x| < \epsilon$ . The same reasoning shows that  $|g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1} x - x| < \epsilon$  if  $x \notin F_\epsilon$ , and we obtain  $\tilde{O}_\delta(e) \tilde{O}_\delta(e) \subset \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$ .

(iii) From the definition we have  $\tilde{O}_\epsilon^{-1}(e) = \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$ .

(iv) If  $g \in \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$  and  $\epsilon_1 = \sup_{x \notin F_\epsilon} \{|gx - x|, |g^{-1}x - x|\}$ , then  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon$ . For  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon - \epsilon_1$ , we can

take  $\delta < \epsilon_2$  such that from  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  it follows that  $|gt' - gt''| < \epsilon_2$  and  $|g^{-1}t' - g^{-1}t''| < \epsilon_2$ . For  $g' \in \tilde{O}_\delta(e)$  and  $x \notin F_\epsilon$  we obtain  $x \notin F_\delta$  and  $|g'x - x| < \delta$ . Consequently,  $|gg'x - x| < |gg'x - gx| + |gx - x| < \epsilon$ . Besides this, from  $x \notin F_\epsilon$  it follows that  $|g^{-1}x - x| < \epsilon$  and  $g^{-1}x \notin F_{\epsilon_2}$ , i.e.  $g^{-1}x \in F_\delta$ . Then we get  $|g_1^{-1} g^{-1} - g^{-1}x| < \delta < \epsilon_2$  and  $|g_1^{-1} g^{-1}x - x| < \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_1 = \epsilon$ . Hence  $g \tilde{O}_\delta(e) \subset \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$ .

(v) Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $g_0 \in \text{Aut}(I^n)$ . There exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $F_\delta \subset g_0(F_\epsilon)$ , and from  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  it follows that  $|g_0 t' - g_0 t''| < \epsilon$ . If  $x \notin F_\epsilon$  then  $g_0 x \notin F_\delta$ . Thus for each  $g$  from  $\tilde{O}_\delta(e)$  we conclude that  $|gg_0 x - g_0 x| < \delta$ ,  $|g^{-1} g_0 x - g_0 x| < \delta$ , and hence that  $|g_0^{-1} gg_0 x - x| < \epsilon$ ,  $|g_0^{-1} g^{-1} g_0 x - x| < \epsilon$  i.e.  $g_0^{-1} \tilde{O}_\delta(e) g_0 \subset \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$ .

Suppose  $g \neq e$ . The set  $U = \{x \in I^n | gx \neq x\}$  is open in  $I^n$ . Hence  $U \setminus F \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $x_0 \in U \setminus F$ ,  $\epsilon < |gx_0 - x_0|$  and  $\epsilon < |x_0 - x|$  for every  $x \in F$ . Then we have  $x_0 \notin F_\epsilon$  and  $g \in \tilde{O}_\epsilon(e)$ . This proves that  $\tau$  is a Hausdorff topology.

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are two distinct points of  $F$ . It can easily be verified that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $g \in \tilde{O}_\varepsilon(e)$  such that  $ga = b$ . Thus if  $\varepsilon_0 = |a - b|$ , the condition  $\tilde{O}_\varepsilon(e) \subset O_{\varepsilon_0}(e)$  does not hold for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\tau \neq \tau_0$ .  $\square$

Let  $K = D^{\aleph_0}$  be a Cantor cube with a countable weight and a metric  $d$  and let  $\tau$  be a Hausdorff topology on  $\text{Aut}(K)$  that is strictly coarser than the compact-open topology  $\tau_0$ .

**Lemma 6.** *For every  $U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  and  $x, y \in K$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that every element  $g \in \text{Aut}(K)$  that is trivial on  $K \setminus B(x, \delta) \cup B(y, \delta)$  satisfies  $g \in U$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 1 we know that the topology  $\tau$  is not quasibounded on  $\text{Aut}(K)$ , i.e. for each  $\alpha = (n, U)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  there exist  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha \in U$  and  $g_\alpha \in \text{Aut}(K)$  such that  $d(x_\alpha, y_\alpha) < g_\alpha/n \in U$ . But  $d(g_\alpha x_\alpha, g_\alpha y_\alpha) \geq c$  where  $c$  is a positive constant. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter containing the natural filter on the set  $\{(n, U) | n \in \mathbb{N}, U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)\} \equiv \mathcal{N}$  and that  $z_1, z_2, x_0, y_0$  are limits for the following mappings from  $\mathcal{N}$  to  $K$ :  $\alpha \rightarrow x_\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow y_\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow g_\alpha, x_\alpha$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow g_\alpha, y_\alpha$ . Then  $z_1 = z_2 = z$  and  $d(x_0, y_0) \geq c$ .

First we shall prove this lemma for  $x = x_0, y = y_0$ . Suppose  $U_0 \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  are fixed. It is enough to find a  $\delta > 0$  such that every element  $g \in \text{Aut}(K)$  that is trivial on  $K \setminus B(x_0, \delta) \cup B(y_0, \delta)$  belongs to  $V_\varepsilon(e)U_0V_\varepsilon(e)U_0V_\varepsilon(e)$ . Suppose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\frac{1}{n_0} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . For  $x_0, y_0$  and  $\alpha_0 = (n_0, U_0)$  we obtain:

$$\{\alpha \in \mathcal{N} | d(g_\alpha x_\alpha, x_0) < \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\alpha \in \mathcal{N} | d(g_\alpha y_\alpha, y_0) < \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

There exists  $\alpha_1 = (n_1, U_1)$  which belongs to both these sets and  $F = (\alpha_0)$ , i.e.  $n_1 \geq n_0, U_1 \subset U_0$ . Because  $d(g_\alpha x_\alpha, x_0), d(g_\alpha y_\alpha, y_0) < \varepsilon$ , there exists a  $\bar{g} \in V_\varepsilon(e)$  such that  $\bar{g}(g_\alpha, x_\alpha) = x_0$  and  $\bar{g}(g_\alpha, y_\alpha) = y_0$ . Let  $\tilde{g} = \bar{g}g_\alpha$ , and let  $\delta > 0$  be chosen such that if  $d(t', t'') < \delta$ , then  $d(\tilde{g}^{-1}t', \tilde{g}^{-1}t'') < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . Let us consider the element  $g \in \text{Aut}(K)$  trivial on  $K \setminus B(x_0, \delta) \cup B(y_0, \delta)$ . From  $\tilde{g}^{-1}x_0 = x_{\alpha_1}$ ,  $\tilde{g}^{-1}y_0 = y_{\alpha_1}$ , we obtain  $\tilde{g}^{-1}(B(x_0, \delta)) \subset B(x_{\alpha_1}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3})$  and  $\tilde{g}^{-1}(B(y_0, \delta)) \subset B(y_{\alpha_1}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3})$ ; but  $d(x_{\alpha_1}, y_{\alpha_1}) < \frac{1}{n_1} \leq \frac{1}{n_0} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ , so there exists a ball  $B$  with diameter  $\varepsilon$  such that  $\tilde{g}^{-1}(B(x_0, \delta)) \cup \tilde{g}^{-1}(B(y_0, \delta)) \subset B$ . From the definition of  $g$  it follows that  $\tilde{g}^{-1}g\tilde{g} \in V_\varepsilon(e)$ . But  $\tilde{g} = \bar{g}g_{\alpha_1} \in V_\varepsilon(e)U_0$ , which means that  $g \in V_\varepsilon(e)U_0V_\varepsilon(e)U_0V_\varepsilon(e)$ , what was to be proved.

Now suppose  $x, y \in K$  and  $U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$ . We can find  $g_0 \in \text{Aut}(K)$  such that  $gy_0 = y, gx_0 = x$ , and  $V \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  such that  $g_0Vg_0^{-1} \subset U$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be chosen for  $x_0, y_0$  and  $V$  as above. We can choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d(t', t'') < \delta$  implies  $d(g_0^{-1}t', g_0^{-1}t'') < \varepsilon$ . Suppose  $g \in \text{Aut}(K)$  is trivial on  $K \setminus B(x, \delta) \cup B(y, \delta)$ ; then  $g_0^{-1}gg_0$  is trivial on  $K \setminus B(x_0, \varepsilon) \cup B(y_0, \varepsilon)$ , i.e.  $g_0^{-1}gg_0 \in V$  and  $g \in g_0Vg_0^{-1} \subset U$ .

**Theorem 2.** *The group  $\text{Aut}(D^{\aleph_0})$  is minimal.*

*Proof.* We represent  $K = D^{\aleph_0}$  as a set of sequences  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots)$  containing only zeros and units. For  $a = 0 (a = 1)$  we define  $\bar{a} = 1 (\bar{a} = 0)$ . Suppose  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots) \in K$ , and define  $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n, \dots)$ . Let us consider  $\Delta : K \rightarrow K$  defined by  $\Delta : x \rightarrow \bar{x}$  and let  $\tau$  be any topology strictly coarser than the compact-open topology  $\tau_0$  on  $\text{Aut}(K)$ .

The following Lemma shows that  $\tau$ -topology is not Hausdorff which proves Theorem 2.

**Lemma 7.** *For each  $U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  we have  $\Delta \in U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U_0$  be any element of  $N_\varepsilon(\tau)$ ,  $U^6 \subset U_0, U \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  and choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $V_\varepsilon^2(e) \subset U$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$ . Let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\} = \{x \in K | x_{n+1} = x_{n+2} = \dots = 0\}$  i.e.  $A$  is a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net in  $K$ , which consists of  $m = 2^n$  elements. Let  $W \in N_\varepsilon(\tau)$  be such that  $W^m \subset U$  and choose  $\delta > 0$  so that the condition of Lemma 6 holds for pairs  $(a_1, \bar{a}_1), \dots, (a_m, \bar{a}_m)$  and  $W$ . Take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} < \delta$ . For every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , we consider  $\psi_i \in \text{Aut}(K)$  defined by following rule: if coordinates of  $x$  coincide with  $a_i$  or  $\bar{a}_i$

till  $N$  and particularly  $x_{n+1} = x_{n+2} = \dots = x_N = O$ , then  $\psi_i(x) = \bar{x}$  for all the other elements  $x \in K$  we put  $\psi_i(x) = x$ . Then  $\psi_i \in W$  and  $\psi = \psi_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \psi_m \in W^m \subset U$ .

On the set  $K$  we consider four subsets:

$$K_1 = \{x \in K | x_{n+1} = 0 \text{ and there exists an } i, n+2 \leq i \leq N \text{ such that } x_i = 1\},$$

$$K_2 = \{x \in K | x_{n+1} = x_{n+2} = \dots = x_N = 0\},$$

$$K_3 = \{x \in K | x_{n+1} = 1 \text{ and there exists an } i, n+2 \leq i \leq N \text{ such that } x_i = 1\},$$

$$K_4 = \{x \in K | x_{n+1} = x_{n+2} = \dots = x_N = 0\}.$$

Let us consider the mappings:

$$\varphi_1 : K_1 \cup K_2 \rightarrow K_2 \text{ if } x \in K_1 \cup K_2, \text{ then } \varphi_1(x) = y, \text{ where } y_i = x_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, y_{n+1} = \dots = y_N = 0, \text{ and } y_{N+i} = x_{n+1+i} \text{ for } i \geq 1,$$

$$\varphi_2 : K_3 \rightarrow K_1 \text{ if } x \in K_3 \text{ then } \varphi_2(x) = y, \text{ where } y_i = x_i \text{ for } i \neq n+1 \text{ and } y_{n+1} = 0,$$

$$\varphi_3 : K_4 \rightarrow K_3 \cup K_4 \text{ if } x \in K_4 \text{ then } \varphi_3(x) = y, \text{ where } y_i = x_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } y_{n+1+i} = x_{N+i} \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

We obtain  $\varphi = \varphi_3 \Delta \varphi_2 \Delta \varphi_1 \in \text{Aut}(K)$  and because the coordinates of the points for  $i \leq n$  do not change it follows that  $\varphi \in V_\epsilon(e)$ . Let us consider  $\varphi^{-1}\psi\varphi(x)$ . If  $x \in K$  and  $x_{n+1} = 0$ , then it is not difficult to see that  $\varphi_1\psi\varphi(x) = \bar{x}$ , and if  $x_{n+1} = 1$ , then  $\varphi_1\psi\varphi(x) = x$ . On the other hand we have  $\varphi_1\psi\varphi \in V_\epsilon(e)UV_\epsilon(e) \subset U^3$ .

Let  $\tilde{\varphi}$  be the element of  $\text{Aut}(K)$  such that if  $x \in K$  then  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) = x'$ , where  $x'_i = x_i$  for  $i \neq n+1$  and  $x'_{n+1} = \bar{x}_{n+1}$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}^* \in V_3(e)$  and  $\varphi_0 = (\varphi\tilde{\varphi})^{-1}\psi(\varphi\tilde{\varphi}) \in V_\epsilon^2(e)UV_\epsilon^2(e) \subset U^3$ . But from the definition of  $\varphi_0$  it follows that if  $x \in K$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1$ , then  $\varphi_0(x) = \bar{x}$ ; if  $x_{n+1} = 0$ , then  $\varphi_0(x) = x$ . Finally we see that the composition  $\varphi_0(\varphi^{-1}\psi\varphi) \in U^3U^3 \subset U_0$ ; but  $\varphi_0(\varphi^{-1}\psi\varphi) = \Delta$ , i.e.  $\Delta \in U_0$ . ■

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