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ON A THEOREM OF HOLICKÝ AND ZELENÝ CONCERNING BOREL MAPS WITHOUT σ -COMPACT FIBERS

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Abstract. The paper is concerned with a recent very interesting theorem obtained by Holický and Zelený. We provide an alternative proof avoiding games used by Holický and Zelený and give some generalizations to the case of set-valued mappings.

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1. INTRODUCTION

We shall consider only separable metrizable spaces. Our terminology follows Kuratowski [8] and Kechris [6]. We denote by $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ the Cantor set and $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is the space of irrationals.

Holický and Zelený [5] proved recently a very interesting theorem that if $f: X \to Y$ is a Borel map between complete spaces with uncountably many non- σ -compact fibres, then f takes a closed set in X to a non-Borel set in Y.

More specifically, Holický and Zelený established that for any such map $f: X \to Y$, there is a Cantor set K in Y and a homeomorphism $k: K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \to P, P \subset X$, such that $f \circ k(y,t) = y$ for $(y,t) \in K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$, and $f(x) \notin K$ for $x \in \overline{P} \setminus P$.

A key element in the proof in [5] is a parametric version of the Kechris-Louveau-Woodin theorem, cf. Section 2. The proof given by Holický and Zelený involves a closed game introduced by Louveau and Saint Raymond.

In this note we use an approach from [10] to present a proof of a certain parametric version of the Kechris-Louveau-Woodin theorem, based directly on a classical theorem of Hurewicz. We shall also give an extension of the Holický-Zelený theorem to the case of set-valued functions. We would like to thank the referee for remarks which improved the exposition.

2. Some background

Let X be a complete space and let A be an analytic not F_{σ} set in X. A classical theorem of Hurewicz asserts that there is a copy T of $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ in X with $T \setminus A$ countable and dense in T, cf. [6, 21.18]. Kechris, Louveau and Woodin [7], [6, 21.22] strengthened this result as follows: if $B \subset X \setminus A$ and each F_{σ} set in X containing A hits B, then there is a copy T of $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ in $A \cup B$ with $T \cap B$ countable and dense in T.

We shall use the following closely related fact.

2.1. Lemma. Let G be a G_{δ} set in a complete space X, let $H \subset X \setminus G$, and let $R \subset X \times X$ be a closed symmetric relation on X. Assume that each F_{σ} set in X containing G intersects H, and $G \times H \cap R = \emptyset$. Then there is a copy T of $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ in $G \cup H$ with $T \cap H$ countable and dense in T and $(s,t) \notin R$ for any distinct $s,t \in T$.

A justification requires only some adaptations of standard proofs of the Hurewicz theorem, cf. [4, p. 333]. To be more specific, first one removes from X all open sets U such that $U \cap G$ is contained in some F_{σ} set disjoint from H, and next, one replaces H by its countable dense subset. This allows one to concentrate on the case where both G and H are dense in X and H is countable. In this case the classical Hurewicz's arguments need only a slight modification. One can also get Lemma 2.1 from [1, Proposition 2.1].

Incidentally, the Kechris-Louveau-Woodin theorem can be derived from Lemma 2.1, cf. [9].

We shall need also Jankov-von Neumann selection theorem [6, 29.9]. Let $\mathscr{BA}(X)$ be the σ -algebra generated by analytic sets in complete space X. A mapping $f: X \to Y$ is \mathscr{BA} -measurable if $f^{-1}[U] \in \mathscr{BA}(X)$ for any open U in Y. The Jankov-von Neumann theorem asserts that for any analytic set $E \subset X \times Y$ in the product of complete spaces, with all vertical sections E_x nonempty, there is a \mathscr{BA} measurable mapping $f: X \to Y$ such that $f(x) \in E_x$, for $x \in X$.

3. A parametric version of the Kechris-Louveau-Woodin theorem

Given an $M \subset S \times T$ we denote respectively the vertical and the horizontal sections of M by

(1)
$$M_s = \{t: (s,t) \in M\}, \quad M^t = \{s: (s,t) \in M\}.$$

Let Z be a complete space. We denote by $\mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Z)$ the space of embeddings of the Cantor set into Z with the topology of uniform convergence and by $\mathscr{K}(Z)$ the space of compact subsets of Z with the Vietoris topology, cf. [6]. Both spaces are completely metrizable.

Let us recall that $f: X \to Z$ is $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable if $f^{-1}[U]$ is in the σ -algebra generated by analytic sets in X, for any open U in Z, cf. Section 2.

3.1. Theorem. Let $A, B \subset X \times Y$ be disjoint analytic sets in the product of complete spaces X, Y such that every F_{σ} set in Y containing A_x hits $B_x, x \in X$. Let C, D be disjoint countable dense sets in $2^{\mathbb{N}}$. Then there are $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable mappings $h: X \to \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y)$ and $H_n: X \to \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}})$ such that, with $G(x) = 2^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n(x)$,

(2)
$$C \subset G(x), \quad h(x)[G(x)] \subset A_x, \quad \text{for } x \in X_x$$

and

(3)
$$h(x)[D] \subset B_x, \quad \text{for } x \in X.$$

Proof. Let $\pi: X \times Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \to X \times Y$, $p: Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \to Y$ be the projections. Let $G \subset X \times Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ be a G_{δ} set such that

(4)
$$A = \pi[G]$$
 and $H = \pi^{-1}[B]$.

Let

$$E = \{(x,f) \in X \times \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}) \colon f[C] \subset G_x, \ f[D] \subset H_x, \ p \circ f \in \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y)\}.$$

We shall check that

(6)
$$E$$
 is analytic and $E_x \neq \emptyset$ for $x \in X$.

For any $t \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ let us consider the continuous mapping $e_t \colon X \times \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}) \to X \times Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ defined by $e_t(x, f) = (x, f(t))$. Then the set

$$E' = \bigcap_{c \in C} e_c^{-1}[G] \cap \bigcap_{d \in D} e_d^{-1}[H]$$

is analytic, C, D being countable. The set $W = \{f \in \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}) : p \circ f \in \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y)\}$ is of type G_{δ} . We conclude that $E = E' \cap (X \times W)$ is analytic.

To check the second part of (6), let us fix $x \in X$. Since $p[G_x] = A_x$, $H_x = p^{-1}(B_x)$ and the projection parallel to the compact axis takes closed sets to closed sets, every F_{σ} set in $Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ containing G_x hits H_x . Let $R = \{(u, v) \in (Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}})^2 : p(u) = p(v)\}$. Then Lemma 2.1 can be applied to the triple G_x, H_x, R , providing a copy $T \subset G_x \cup H_x$ of $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ with $T \cap H_x$ countable and dense in T and p injective on T. Let $f: 2^{\mathbb{N}} \to T$ be a homeomorphism with $f[D] = T \cap H_x$, cf. [3, 4.3.H(e)]. Then $f[C] \subset G_x$ and $p \circ f \in \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y)$. It follows that $f \in E_x$.

Having checked (6), one can apply the Jankov-von Neumann theorem, cf. Section 2, to get a \mathscr{BA} -measurable mapping

(7)
$$k: X \to \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}), \quad k(x) \in E_x.$$

Let $X \times Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$, where F_n are closed. We set

(8)
$$h(x) = p \circ k(x), \quad H_n(x) = k(x)^{-1}[(F_n)_x]$$

Then $h: X \to \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y)$ and $H_n: X \to \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}})$ are $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable mappings. This is transparent for h. To check $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurability of H_n let us notice that $H_n = \varphi \circ \psi$, where $\varphi(f, K) = f^{-1}[K]$ $(f \in \mathscr{H}(2^{\mathbb{N}}, Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}), K \in \mathscr{H}(Y \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}))$ and $\psi(x) = (k(x), (F_n)_x)$. Since φ is Borel and ψ is $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable, $x \mapsto (F_n)_x$ being Borel, cf. [6, 11.4 ii)], the composition $\varphi \circ \psi$ is $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable. Therefore, h and H_n satisfy the assertion of the theorem, cf. (4), (5) and (7), (8). \Box

Let us comment on Theorem 3.1. Since the mappings h and H_n are \mathscr{BA} measurable, there is a dense G_{δ} set P in X such that the restrictions of h and H_n to P are continuous, cf. [6, 29.5]. Let K be any compact set in P. The continuity of H_n on K implies that $G = 2^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup \{H_n(x) \colon x \in K\}$ is a G_{δ} set. By (2) and (3), $C \subset G$, $h(x)[G] \subset A_x$, and $h(x)[D] \subset B_x$, for any $x \in K$. Since G and D are dense in $2^{\mathbb{N}}$, Lemma 2.1 (with R being the diagonal) provides a Cantor set $T \subset G \cup D$ with $\overline{T \cap D} = T$. The map $\Phi \colon K \times T \to K \times Y$ defined by $\Phi(x,t) = (x,h(x)(t))$ is an embedding which sends $K \times (T \setminus D)$ to A and $K \times (T \cap D)$ to B.

This is a parametric version of the Kechris-Louveau-Woodin theorem, established by Holický and Zelený [5, Lemma 1].

We shall close this section with a lemma containing some observations which will be useful in the next section. The expression "for almost every compact set in X" refers to the Baire category in $\mathscr{K}(X)$. Let us recall that in a complete space Xwithout isolated points almost every nonempty compact set is a Cantor set. **3.2. Lemma.** Let A, B, C, D and h be as in Theorem 3.1. Assume in addition that X has no isolated points and

(9)
$$A^y$$
 is meager in X for any $y \in Y$.

Then for almost every Cantor set K in X, there is a Cantor set T in $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that

(10)
$$\overline{T \cap D} = T$$

and

(11)
$$h(x_1)[T \setminus D] \cap h(x_2)[T] = \emptyset, \text{ for } x_1 \neq x_2, \ x_1, x_2 \in K.$$

Proof. Let P be a dense G_{δ} set in X such that the $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{A}$ -measurable mapping h restricted to P is continuous. Let us fix $c \in C$, $u \in C \cup D$, $c \neq u$, and let $\mathscr{G}_{c,u}$ be the collection of compact sets K in P such that

(12)
$$h(x_1)(c) \neq h(x_2)(c) \neq h(x_1)(u), \text{ for } x_1 \neq x_2, x_1, x_2 \in K.$$

Then $\mathscr{G}_{c,u}$ is a G_{δ} set in $\mathscr{K}(X)$. Let us check that $\mathscr{G}_{c,u}$ is dense, and hence comeager, in $\mathscr{K}(X)$. To this end let us consider nonempty open sets V_1, \ldots, V_n in X. We have to find $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ intersecting all V_i and satisfying (12). Let us set

(13)
$$k(x) = h(x)(c), \quad l(x) = h(x)(u), \quad x \in P.$$

The functions $k: P \to Y, l: P \to Y$ are continuous and $k^{-1}(y) \subset A^y$, cf. (2). By (9), the fibers of k are meager in P. If $l^{-1}(y)$ is nonmeager, then being closed in P, it contains the intersection of a nonempty open set with P. It follows that the set J of points y with $l^{-1}(y)$ nonmeager in P is at most countable. Therefore, one can choose inductively $a_j \in V_j \cap P \setminus k^{-1}[J]$ such that $a_j \notin \bigcup_{i < j} (k^{-1}[k(a_i)] \cup k^{-1}[l(a_i)] \cup l^{-1}[k(a_i)])$. Then $K = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ satisfies (12), cf. (13).

We have demonstrated that each $\mathscr{G}_{c,u}$ is comeager, and in effect almost every Cantor set K in P satisfies (12) simultaneously for all pairs $c \neq u$ with $c \in C$, $u \in C \cup D$. Let us fix any such K. We shall find a Cantor set T in $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ satisfying (10) and (11). Let

(14)
$$G = \{ t \in 2^{\mathbb{N}} : h(x_1)(t) \neq h(x_2)(t) \text{ for any } x_1 \neq x_2, \ x_1, x_2 \in K, \\ \text{and } h(x_1)(t) \neq h(x_2)(d) \text{ for any } d \in D \text{ and } x_1, x_2 \in K \}.$$

Using the continuity of the mapping $(x,t) \mapsto h(x)(t)$ on the product $K \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$, one easily verifies that G is a G_{δ} set. It is transparent that $G \cap D = \emptyset$ and, by (12), $C \subset G$. Let R be the closed symmetric set in $2^{\mathbb{N}} \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ consisting of pairs (s,t)such that $h(x_1)(s) = h(x_2)(t)$ for some $x_1, x_2 \in K$. Then $G \times D \cap R = \emptyset$, cf. (14). Therefore, Lemma 2.1 can be applied to the triple G, D, R, providing a Cantor set $T \subset G \cup D$ with $\overline{T \cap D} = T$ and $(s,t) \notin R$ for any distinct $s,t \in T$. One readily checks that T satisfies also (11).

4. Set-valued Borel functions

Let us recall that $\mathscr{K}(E)$ is the space of compact subsets of E with the Vietoris topology and the phrase "almost all" refers to the Baire category.

The following fact provides an extension of the Holický-Zelený theorem.

4.1. Theorem. Let S, E be complete spaces without isolated points and let $F: S \to \mathscr{K}(E)$ be a Borel mapping whose values are boundary in E. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) for almost all $x \in E$, the set $\{s \in S : x \in F(s)\}$ is not σ -compact,
- (ii) for almost all Cantor sets K in E there is a homeomorphism $k \colon K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \to P$, $P \subset S$, such that $x \in F(k(x,t))$ and $F(s) \cap K = \emptyset$ for $s \in \overline{P} \setminus P$.

We shall first establish a counterpart to Lemma 2 in [5].

4.2. Lemma. Let X be a dense G_{δ} subset of the complete space without isolated points E and let $H: X \to \mathscr{K}(E)$ be a Borel mapping such that $x \notin H(x)$ and the interior of H(x) is empty for all $x \in X$. Then for almost all $K \in \mathscr{K}(E)$, $K \cap \bigcup \{H(x): x \in K\} = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let P be a dense G_{δ} subset of X such that H restricted to P is continuous. Since $\mathscr{K}(P) \subset \mathscr{K}(E)$ is comeager and the set $\mathscr{L} = \{K \in \mathscr{K}(P): K \cap H(x) = \emptyset$ for $x \in K\}$ is open in $\mathscr{K}(P)$, it is sufficient to prove the density of \mathscr{L} . Let V_1, \ldots, V_n be nonempty open subsets of P. Since $\{(x,t): x \in P, t \in H(x)\}$ is Borel with all vertical sections meager, by the Kuratowski-Ulam theorem the set $Z = \{t \in E: \{x \in P: t \in H(x)\}$ is nonmeager} is meager. Therefore we can successively choose $t_i \in P \cap V_i \setminus \begin{bmatrix} i \\ j = 1 \end{bmatrix}^{i-1} H(t_j) \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} \{x \in P: t_j \in H(x)\} \cup Z \end{bmatrix}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Then $\{t_1, \ldots, t_n\}$ belongs to \mathscr{L} and hits every V_i .

Before passing to the proof of Theorem 4.1, let us make a simple observation. If \mathscr{L} is a comeager family of compact subsets of a complete space X, then $\bigcup \mathscr{L}$ is

comeager in X. Indeed, let $\mathscr{L}' \subset \mathscr{L}$ be dense G_{δ} in $\mathscr{K}(X)$. Then $\bigcup \mathscr{L}' \subset X$ is analytic. Thus $\bigcup \mathscr{L}' = (U \setminus M_1) \cup M_2$, where U is open and M_i are meager in X, cf. [6, 8.21, 29.5]. If $\overline{U \setminus M_1} = X$, $\bigcup \mathscr{L}'$ is comeager in X. Otherwise let us take the nonempty open $V = X \setminus \overline{U \setminus M_1}$. Then $\mathscr{K}(V \setminus M_2)$ is comeager in $\mathscr{K}(V)$ and disjoint from \mathscr{L}' , a contradiction.

Proof of Theorem 4.1. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $X \subset E$ be a dense G_{δ} set such that $\{s \in S : x \in F(s)\}$ is not σ -compact for all $x \in X$. Let us set

(15)
$$A = \{(x, s) \in X \times S \colon x \in F(s)\}, \quad B = X \times S \setminus A.$$

Every σ -compact set containing A_x hits B_x , $x \in X$. Therefore, the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and let h be the map described in this theorem. By Lemma 3.2 for almost all Cantor sets K in X, and hence in E, there is a Cantor set Tin $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ satisfying (10) and (11). Moreover, one can also demand that $(x, h(x)(t)) \in A$ for $x \in K$, $t \in T \setminus D$, using a simple argument that follows the proof of Theorem 3.1. The map h is continuous on a dense G_{δ} subset X' of X. To simplify the notation we shall assume that X' = X. Let $d \in D$ and let us define $H \colon X \to \mathscr{K}(E)$ by H(x) = F(h(x)(d)). By (15) and condition (3) in Theorem 3.1, $x \notin H(x)$. Therefore, by Lemma 4.2, we can assume in addition that

(16)
$$K \cap F(h(x)(d)) = \emptyset$$
 for all $x \in X$ and $d \in D$.

We shall verify that each such K satisfies (ii). Let $g \colon \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \to T \setminus D$ be any homeomorphism. Let us define $k \colon K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \to S$ by

(17)
$$k(x,t) = h(x)(g(t)), \quad P = k[K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}].$$

Using (11), one easily checks that k is an embedding. By (17), $x \in F(k(x,t))$ for $(x,t) \in K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$. Let us note that \overline{P} is included in the compact set $\bigcup_{x \in K} h(x)[T]$. Thus, if $s \in \overline{P} \setminus P$ then s = h(x)(d) for some $d \in D$. Therefore, by (16), $F(s) \cap K = \emptyset$ for $s \in \overline{P} \setminus P$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let us note that if K is a Cantor set described in (ii), then for every $x \in K$ the set $\{s \in S : x \in F(s)\}$ is not σ -compact. Therefore, (i) follows from the remark preceding the proof.

Corollary 4.3. Let S, E be complete spaces and let $F: S \to \mathscr{K}(E)$ be a Borel mapping. Suppose that the set $\{x \in S: y \in F(x)\}$ is not σ -compact for uncountably many $y \in E$. Then there is a closed subset \tilde{S} of S and a Borel function $f: S \to E$ with $f(x) \in F(x)$ whenever $F(x) \neq \emptyset$, such that $f[\tilde{S}]$ is not Borel.

Proof. Let us first assume that E is the ternary Cantor set $\mathscr{C} \subset [0,1]$, all values of F are nonempty and the set $\{x \in S : y \in F(x)\}$ is not σ -compact for all but countably many $y \in \mathscr{C}$. Let us set

$$A = \{(y,t) \colon t \in S, \ y \in F(t)\}, \quad B = \mathscr{C} \times S \setminus A.$$

For each open interval J_k with rational endpoints let us put $A(J_k) = \{s: J_k \subset F(s)\}$. Since every horizontal section of the Borel set $(J_k \times S) \cap B$ is σ -compact, the set $S \setminus A(J_k) = \pi_S[(J_k \times S) \cap B]$ is Borel, π_S being the projection. Let us consider two cases.

A. The set $A(J_k)$ is not σ -compact for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then by the Hurewicz theorem there is a Cantor set $T \subset S$ such that $T \setminus A(J_k)$ is countable and dense in T. Let $g_1: T \cap A(J_k) \to J_k$ be a continuous function with $g_1[T \cap A(J_k)]$ not Borel, and let $g_2: S \to \mathscr{C}$ be any Borel selection of F. Then $\tilde{S} = T$ and the function $f: S \to \mathscr{C}$ that agrees with g_1 on $\tilde{S} \cap A(J_k)$ and with g_2 on $S \setminus (A(J_k) \cap \tilde{S})$ has the required properties.

B. $A(J_k)$ is σ -compact for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let us put $A' = A \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \times A(J_k)$. Then every horizontal section of the Borel set A' is compact, boundary and nonempty. For any x, the section $(A')_x$ is the difference of A_x and its σ -compact subset, and hence it is not σ -compact. Therefore we can assume without loss of generality that the set F(x) is boundary for all $x \in S$. Let K and k be respectively a Cantor set and a homeomorphism, such as in Theorem 4.1. Let $M \subset K \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ be a closed set such that $\pi_K[M]$ is not Borel. Let us put N = k[M], $\tilde{S} = \overline{k[M]}$ and let $f \colon S \to \mathscr{C}$ coincides on N with $\pi_K \circ k^{-1}(x)$ and with any Borel selection for F on $S \setminus N$. Since $K \cap f[\tilde{S}] = \pi_K[M]$, the set $f[\tilde{S}]$ is not Borel.

Let us consider now the general case. Because the set of all $y \in E$ such that $\{t \in S : y \in F(t)\}$ is not σ -compact is analytic (see [2, Remarque (b), p. 255]), it contains a Cantor set \mathscr{C} . Let $X = \{x \in S : F(x) \cap \mathscr{C} \neq \emptyset\}$. We shall apply the reasoning from the first part of the proof to the Borel function F' on S which sends $x \in X$ to $F(x) \cap \mathscr{C}$ and associates to $x \in S \setminus X$ a fixed singleton $\{c_0\}, c_0 \in \mathscr{C}$. In effect, we obtain a closed set \tilde{S} in S and a Borel map $f \colon S \to \mathscr{C}, f(x) \in F'(x)$, with $f[\tilde{S}]$ non-Borel. It suffices to replace the function f on the set $\{x \in S \setminus X : F(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ by any Borel selection for F. The proof is completed.

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