

## AN EXTENDED JIANG SUBGROUP AND ITS REPRESENTATION

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### 0. Introduction.

F.Rhodes [4] introduced the fundamental group  $\sigma(X, x_0, G)$  of a transformation group  $(X, G)$  as a generalization of the fundamental group of a topological space  $X$  and showed that  $\sigma(X, x_0, G)$  is isomorphic to  $\pi_1(X, x_0) \times G$  if  $(G, G)$  admits a family of preferred paths at  $e$ . B.J. Jiang [3] introduced the Jiang subgroup  $J(f, x_0)$  of the fundamental group of a topological space  $X$ .

In this paper, we introduce an extended Jiang subgroup  $J(f, x_0, G)$  of the fundamental group of a transformation group as a generalization of the Jiang subgroup  $J(f, x_0)$  and give a necessary and sufficient condition for  $J(f, x_0, G)$  to be isomorphic to  $J(f, x_0) \times G$ .

### 1. Preliminaries and main results.

Let  $(X, G, \pi)$  be a transformation group, where  $X$  is a path connected space with  $x_0$  as base point. Given any element  $g$  of  $G$ , a path  $f$  of order  $g$  with base point  $x_0$  is a continuous map  $f : I \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(0) = x_0$  and  $f(1) = gx_0$ . A path  $f_1$  of order  $g_1$  and a path  $f_2$  of order  $g_2$  give rise to a path  $f_1 + g_1 f_2$  of order  $g_1 g_2$  defined by the equations

$$(f_1 + g_1 f_2)(s) = \begin{cases} f_1(2s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1/2 \\ g_1 f_2(2s - 1), & 1/2 \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

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Two paths  $f$  and  $f'$  of the same order  $g$  are said to be homotopic if there is a continuous map  $F : I^2 \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} F(s, 0) &= f(s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1, \\ F(s, 1) &= f'(s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1, \\ F(0, t) &= x_0, & 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ F(1, t) &= gx_0, & 0 \leq t \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

The homotopy class of a path  $f$  of order  $g$  was denoted by  $[f : g]$ . Two homotopy classes of paths of different orders  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are distinct, even if  $g_1x_0 = g_2x_0$ . F. Rhodes showed that the set of homotopy classes of paths of prescribed order with the rule of composition  $*$  is a group, where  $*$  is defined by  $[f_1 : g_1] * [f_2 : g_2] = [f_1 + g_1f_2 : g_1g_2]$ . This group was denoted by  $\sigma(X, x_0, G)$ , and was called the fundamental group of  $(X, G)$  with base point  $x_0$ .

Let  $f$  be a self-map of  $X$ . A homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  is called an  $f$ -cyclic homotopy [3] if  $H(x, 0) = H(x, 1) = f(x)$ . This concept of a topological space is generalized to that of a transformation group. A continuous map  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  is called an  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$  if  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $H(x, 1) = gf(x)$ , where  $g$  is an element of  $G$ . If  $H$  is an  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$ , then the path  $\alpha : I \rightarrow X$  given by  $\alpha(t) = H(x_0, t)$  will be called the trace of  $H$ .

The trace subgroup of  $f$ -homotopies of prescribed order is defined by  $J(f, x_0, g) = \{[\alpha : g] \in \sigma(X, f(x_0), G) \mid \text{there exists an } f\text{-homotopy of order } g \text{ with trace } \alpha\}$ .

In particular,  $J(1_X, x_0, G)$  was defined by  $E(X, x_0, G)$  in [5] and  $J(f, x_0, \{e\})$  was also defined by  $J(f, x_0)$  in [3]. From this fact, we say that  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is an extended Jiang subgroup.

It is easy to show that an extended Jiang subgroup  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is a subgroup of  $\sigma(X, f(x_0), G)$ .

Let  $(X, G)$  be a transformation group and  $X^X$  be the space of all continuous mappings from  $X$  to  $X$  with compact-open topology. Let  $G$  act on  $X^X$  continuously by  $\pi'(f, g) = gf$ . Then  $(X^X, G, \pi')$  is a transformation group.

Let  $P : X^X \rightarrow X$  be the evaluation map given by  $P(f) = f(x_0)$ . If  $X$  is a locally compact, then the evaluation map  $P$  is continuous. Since  $P(gf) = gf(x_0) = gP(f)$ , where  $g \in G$  and  $f \in X^X, (P, 1_G)$  :

$(X^X, G) \rightarrow (X, G)$  is a category mapping. Thus we know that  $P_* : \sigma(X^X, 1_X, G) \rightarrow \sigma(X, x_0, G)$  defined by  $P_*[\alpha : g] = [P \circ \alpha : g]$  is a homomorphism

There is a natural homeomorphism  $\phi : (X^X)^I \rightarrow X^{X \times I}$  given by  $\phi(f)(x, s) = f(s)(x)$  for  $x \in X$  and  $s \in I$ .

Note that  $f \sim f'$  if and only if  $\phi(f) \sim \phi(f')$ . Motivated by the following theorem, we can consider  $J(f, x_0, G)$  as a generalized evaluation subgroup of the fundamental group of a transformation group  $(X, G)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X$  be a pathwise connected CW-complex. Then  $P_*\sigma(X^X, f, G) = J(f, x_0, G)$ .*

*Proof.* By the above remark, the path  $\alpha : I \rightarrow X^X$  of order  $g$  with base point  $f$  corresponds to the  $f$ -homotopy  $\phi(\alpha) : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$ .

For every element  $[\alpha : g] \in \sigma(X^X, f, G)$ ,  $P_*[\alpha : g] = [P \circ \alpha : g]$  and there exists an  $f$ -homotopy  $\phi(\alpha)$  of order  $g$  with trace  $P \circ \alpha$ . Thus  $P_*[\alpha : g] \in J(f, x_0, G)$ .

Conversely, for each element  $[\alpha : g]$  of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ , there exists an  $f$ -homotopy  $F : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$  with trace  $\alpha$ . Since  $\phi : (X^X)^I \rightarrow X^{X \times I}$  is a homeomorphism such that  $\phi(f)(x, s) = (f(s))(x)$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(F)$  is a path of order  $g$  with base point  $f$  in  $X^X$ , for  $\phi^{-1}(F) : I \rightarrow X^X$  such that  $\phi^{-1}(F)(0)(x) = F(x, 0) = f(x)$  and  $\phi^{-1}(F)(1)(x) = F(x, 1) = gf(x)$ . Thus  $[\phi^{-1}(F) : g]$  belongs to  $\sigma(X^X, f, G)$ . Since  $P \circ \phi^{-1}(F)(s) = \phi^{-1}(F)(s)(x_0) = F(x_0, s) = \alpha(s)$ , we have  $[\alpha : g] \in P_*\sigma(X^X, f, G)$ . This completes the proof.

The Jiang's result ([3], Lemma 2.1) can be generalized as follows.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f$  and  $k$  be self maps of  $X$ .*

- (1)  $J(k, f(x_0), G) \subset J(k \circ f, x_0, G)$ .
- (2) If  $k$  is a homomorphism of  $(X, G)$ , i.e.,  $kg(x) = gk(x)$  for any element  $g$  of  $G$ , then  $k_\pi(J(f, x_0, G)) \subset J(k \circ f, x_0, G)$  where  $k_\pi[\alpha : g] = [k\alpha : g]$  for any element  $[\alpha : g]$  of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ .

*Proof.* (1). Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be an element of  $J(k, f(x_0), G)$ . Then there exists an  $k$ -homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$  such that  $H(x, 0) = k(x)$ ,  $H(x, 1) = gk(x)$  and  $H(f(x_0), t) = \alpha(t)$ . Therefore there exists a homotopy  $H' = H \circ (f \times 1_I) : X \times$

$I \rightarrow X$  such that  $H'(x, 0) = H(f(x), 0) = kf(x)$ ,  $H'(x, 1) = H(f(x), 1) = gkf(x)$  and  $H'(x_0, t) = H(f(x_0), t) = \alpha(t)$ . Thus  $[\alpha : g]$  belongs to  $J(k \circ f, x_0, G)$ .

(2). Since  $k : (X, G) \rightarrow (X, G)$  is a homomorphism,  $k$  induces a homomorphism  $k_\sigma : \sigma(X, f(x_0), G) \rightarrow \sigma(X, kf(x_0), G)$ . Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be an element of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then there exists an  $f$ -homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$  such that  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $H(x, 1) = gf(x)$  and  $H(x_0, t) = \alpha(t)$ . Therefore there exists a homotopy  $K = k \circ H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $K(x, 0) = k \circ H(x, 0) = kf(x)$ ,  $K(x, 1) = k \circ H(x, 1) = kgf(x) = gkf(x)$  and  $K(x_0, t) = kH(x_0, t) = k\alpha(t)$ .

Thus  $k_\sigma[\alpha : g]$  belongs to  $J(k \circ f, x_0, G)$ . Therefore, we show that

$$k_\sigma(J(f, x_0, G)) \subset J(k \circ f, x_0, G).$$

COROLLARY 3 [3]. Let  $f$  and  $k$  be selfmaps of  $X$ . Then

- (1)  $J(k, f(x_0)) \subset J(k \circ f, x_0)$ ,
- (2)  $k_\pi(J(f, x_0)) \subset J(k \circ f, x_0)$ .

If we take a map  $i_* : J(f, x_0) \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G)$  such that  $i_*[\alpha] = [\alpha : e]$ , then we can identify  $J(f, x_0)$  as a subgroup of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . In this case,  $J(f, x_0)$  is a normal subgroup of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ .

In [4], F. Rhodes showed that if  $\lambda$  is a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ , then  $\lambda$  induces an isomorphism  $\lambda_* : \sigma(X, x_0, G) \rightarrow \sigma(X, x_1, G)$  such that  $\lambda_*[\alpha : g] = [\lambda\rho + \alpha + g\lambda : g]$ .

THEOREM 4. Assume that  $X$  is a pathwise connected CW-complex. Let  $(X, G)$  be a transformation group. If  $\lambda$  is a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  in  $X$ , then the induced homomorphism  $(f\lambda)_*$  carries  $J(f, x_0, G)$  isomorphically onto  $J(f, x_1, G)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(f\lambda)_* : \sigma(X, f(x_0), G) \rightarrow \sigma(X, f(x_1), G)$  is an isomorphism, it is sufficient to show that  $(f\lambda)_*(J(f, x_0, G))$  is a subset of  $J(f, x_1, G)$ .

Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be any element of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then there exists an  $f$ -homotopy  $W : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$  with trace

$\alpha$ . Consider a homotopy  $H : X \times 0 \cup x_1 \times I \rightarrow X$  given by  $H(x, 0) = x$  and  $H(x_1, t) = \lambda\rho(t)$ . Then there exists a homotopy  $\tilde{H} : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $\tilde{H}(x, 0) = x$  and  $\tilde{H}(x_1, t) = H(x_1, t) = \lambda\rho(t)$ . Define  $K : X \times I \rightarrow X$  by

$$K(x, t) = \begin{cases} f\tilde{H}(x, 3t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/3 \\ W(\tilde{H}(x, 1), 3t - 1), & 1/3 \leq t \leq 2/3 \\ gf\tilde{H}(x, 3(1 - t)), & 2/3 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $K$  is an  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$ , for

$$\begin{aligned} K(x_1, t) &= \begin{cases} f\tilde{H}(x_1, 3t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/3 \\ W(\tilde{H}(x_1, 1), 3t - 1), & 1/3 \leq t \leq 2/3 \\ gf\tilde{H}(x_1, 3(1 - t)), & 2/3 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} f\lambda\rho(3t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/3 \\ \alpha(3t - 1), & 1/3 \leq t \leq 2/3 \\ gf\lambda(3t - 2), & 2/3 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases} \\ &= [f\lambda\rho + \alpha + gf\lambda](t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(f\lambda)_*([\alpha : g]) = [f\lambda\rho + \alpha + gf\lambda : g]$  belongs to  $J(f, x_1, G)$ . So, the induced homomorphism  $(f\lambda)_*$  is an isomorphism from  $J(f, x_0, G)$  to  $J(f, x_1, G)$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *If two functions  $f, k : X \rightarrow X$  are homotopic, then  $J(f, x_0, G)$  and  $J(k, x_0, G)$  are isomorphic.*

*Proof.* Let  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy from  $f$  to  $k$  and  $P(t) = H(x_0, t)$ . Then  $P$  is a path from  $f(x_0)$  to  $k(x_0)$ . It is sufficient to show that  $P_\sigma(J(f, x_0, G)) \subset J(k, x_0, G)$ .

Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be any element of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then there exists a homotopy  $W : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $W(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $W(x, 1) = gf(x)$  and  $W(x_0, t) = \alpha(t)$ . If we define a homotopy  $K : X \times I \rightarrow X$  given by

$$K(x, t) = \begin{cases} H(x, 1 - 3t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/3 \\ W(x, 3t - 1), & 1/3 \leq t \leq 2/3 \\ gH(x, 3t - 2), & 2/3 \leq t \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

then  $K(x, 0) = H(x, 1) = k(x)$ ,  $K(x, 1) = gH(x, 1) = gk(x)$  and

$$K(x_0, t) = \begin{cases} H(x_0, 1 - 3t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/3 \\ W(x_0, 3t - 1), & 1/3 \leq t \leq 2/3 \\ gH(x_0, 3t - 2), & 2/3 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $[P\rho + \alpha + gP : g]$  belongs to  $J(k, x_0, G)$ . Therefore  $P_\sigma(J(f, x_0, G))$  is contained in  $J(k, x_0, G)$ .

**COROLLARY 6.** *If  $f, k : X \rightarrow X$  are homotopic, then  $J(f, x_0)$  and  $J(k, x_0)$  are isomorphic.*

**THEOREM 7.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a homeomorphism,  $k$  is a self map of  $X$  and  $f(x_0) = k(x_0)$ , then  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is contained in  $J(k, x_0, G)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be any element of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then there exists an  $f$ -homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$  with trace  $\alpha$ . If we define  $K : X \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy such that  $K = H \circ (f^{-1}k \times 1_I)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, 0) &= H(f^{-1}k(x), 0) = k(x), \\ K(x, 1) &= H(f^{-1}k(x), 1) = gk(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} K(x_0, t) &= H(f^{-1}k(x_0), t) = H(f^{-1}f(x_0), t) \\ &= H(x_0, t) = \alpha(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $[\alpha : g]$  belongs to  $J(k, x_0, G)$ .

**COROLLARY 8.**

- (1) *If  $f, k : X \rightarrow X$  are homeomorphisms and  $f(x_0) = k(x_0)$ , then  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is equal to  $J(k, x_0, G)$ . In particular,  $J(f, x_0)$  is also equal to  $J(k, x_0)$  for homeomorphisms  $f$  and  $k$ .*
- (2) *If  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a homeomorphism and  $f(x_0) = x_0$ , then  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is equal to  $E(X, x_0, G)$ .*

In [4], a transformation group  $(X, G)$  is said to admit a family  $K$  of preferred paths at  $x_0$  if it is possible to associate with every element  $g$  of  $G$  a path  $k_g$  from  $gx_0$  to  $x_0$  such that the path  $k_e$  associated with the identity element  $e$  of  $G$  is  $\hat{x}_0$  which is the constant map such that  $\hat{x}_0(t) = x_0$  for each  $t \in I$  and for every pair of elements  $g, h$ , the path  $k_{gh}$  from  $ghx_0$  to  $x_0$  is homotopic to  $gk_h + k_g$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** A family  $K$  of preferred paths at  $f(x_0)$  is called a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$  if for every preferred path  $k_g$  in  $K$ ,  $k_g\rho$  is the trace of  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$ .

**THEOREM 9.** Let  $(X, G, \pi)$  be a transformation group. If  $(G, G)$  admits a family of preferred paths at  $e$ , then  $(X, G)$  admits a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$  for any self map  $f$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be a family of preferred paths at  $e$  in  $(G, G)$ . Define  $K = \{k_g | k_g(t) = h_g(t)(f(x_0)), h_g \in H\}$ . Let  $F : X \times I \rightarrow X$  be the map such that

$$F(x, t) = \pi(f(x), h_g\rho(t)), \rho(t) = 1 - t.$$

So,

$$F(x, 0) = \pi(f(x), h_g(1)) = h_g(1)f(x) = f(x),$$

$$F(x, 1) = \pi(f(x), h_g(0)) = h_g(0)f(x) = gf(x)$$

and

$$F(x_0, t) = \pi(f(x_0), h_g\rho(t)) = h_g\rho(t)f(x_0) = k_g\rho(t).$$

Thus,  $F$  is a  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$  with trace  $k_g\rho$ . So,  $K$  is a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ .

**LEMMA 10.** Let  $(X, G)$  be a transformation group and let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a self map. If  $k$  is a trace of a  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$ , then for every loop  $\alpha$  at  $x_0$ ,  $f\alpha$  is homotopic to

$k + gf\alpha + k\rho$ . In particular, if  $f$  is a homeomorphism and  $\alpha$  is a loop at  $f(x_0)$ ,  $\alpha$  is homotopic to  $k + g\alpha + k\rho$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  be a  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g$  with trace  $k$  and  $\alpha$  be a loop at  $x_0$ . Define  $F : I \times I \rightarrow X$  by

$$F(s, t) = \begin{cases} k(4s), & 0 \leq s \leq t/4 \\ H(\alpha((4s - t)/(4 - 2t)), t), & t/4 \leq s \leq (4 - t)/4 \\ k\rho(4s - 3), & (4 - t)/4 \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $F$  is well defined and

$$\begin{aligned} F(s, 0) &= H(\alpha(s), 0) = (f\alpha)(s), \\ F(s, 1) &= (k + gf\alpha + k\rho)(s). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, suppose that  $f$  is a homeomorphism. Define  $F : X \times I \rightarrow X$  by

$$F(s, t) = \begin{cases} k(4s), & 0 \leq s \leq t/4 \\ H(f^{-1}\alpha((4s - t)/(4 - 2t)), t), & t/4 \leq s \leq (4 - t)/4 \\ k\rho(4s - 3), & (4 - t)/4 \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $F(s, 0) = H(f^{-1}\alpha(s), 0) = f(f^{-1}\alpha(s)) = \alpha(s)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(s, 1) &= \begin{cases} k(4s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1/4 \\ H(f^{-1}(\alpha((4s - 1)/2)), 1), & 1/4 \leq s \leq 3/4 \\ k\rho(4s - 3), & 3/4 \leq s \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} k(4s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1/4 \\ gff^{-1}(\alpha((4s - 1)/2)), & 1/4 \leq s \leq 3/4 \\ k\rho(4s - 3), & 3/4 \leq s \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} k(4s), & 0 \leq s \leq 1/4 \\ g\alpha((4s - 1)/2), & 1/4 \leq s \leq 3/4 \\ k\rho(4s - 3), & 3/4 \leq s \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ &= (k + g\alpha + k\rho)(s). \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\alpha$  is homotopic to  $k + g\alpha + k\rho$ .



**THEOREM 11.** A transformation group  $(X, G)$  admits a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$  if and only if  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is a split extension of  $J(f, x_0)$  by  $G$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, G)$  admits a family  $K = \{k_g | g \in G\}$  of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ . Consider the sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow J(f, x_0) \xrightarrow{i_G} J(f, x_0, G) \xrightarrow{j_G} G \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $i_G([\alpha]) = [\alpha : e]$  and  $j_G[\alpha : g] = g$ .

Since  $i_G$  is a monomorphism,  $j_G$  is an epimorphism and  $\text{Ker } j_G = \text{Im } i_G$ , the sequence is a short exact sequence. Define  $\psi : G \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G)$  by  $\psi(g) = [k_g \rho : g]$ . Then  $\psi$  is a homomorphism. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(g_1 g_2) &= [k_{g_1 g_2} \rho : g_1 g_2] \\ &= [(g_1 k_{g_2} + k_{g_1}) \rho : g_1 g_2] \\ &= [k_{g_1} \rho + g_1 k_{g_2} \rho : g_1 g_2] \\ &= [k_{g_1} \rho : g_1] * [k_{g_2} \rho : g_2] \\ &= \psi(g_1) * \psi(g_2). \end{aligned}$$

By definition of  $\psi$ , we have  $j_G \circ \psi = 1_G$ . Thus  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is a split extension of  $J(f, x_0)$  by  $G$ .

Conversely, suppose  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is a split extension of  $J(f, x_0)$  by  $G$ . Then there is a monomorphism  $\psi : G \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G)$  such that  $j_G \circ \psi = 1_G$ .

Let  $H = \{\alpha_g | \alpha_g \rho \text{ is a representation path of } \psi(g)\}$ . Since  $\psi(e) = [\hat{f}(x_0) : e]$  and  $\psi(g_1 g_2) = \psi(g_1) * \psi(g_2)$ ,  $\alpha_g$  is a path from  $gf(x_0)$  to  $f(x_0)$  for each element  $g$  of  $G$  and  $\alpha_e = \hat{f}(x_0)$  and  $\alpha_{g_1 g_2}$  is homotopic to  $g_1 \alpha_{g_2} + \alpha_{g_1}$ . So,  $H$  is a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ . Therefore, a transformation group  $(X, G)$  admits a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ .

**THEOREM 12.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a homeomorphism. A transformation group  $(X, G)$  admits a family of preferred

$f$ -traces at  $x_0$  if and only if there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : J(f, x_0, G) \rightarrow J(f, x_0) \times G$  such that the diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & J(f, x_0, G) & & \\
 & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\
 O & \longrightarrow & J(f, x_0) & & G \longrightarrow O \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
 & & J(f, x_0) \times G & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\downarrow \phi$

*Proof.* Let  $K = \{k_g | g \in G\}$  be a family of preferred  $f$ -trace at  $x_0$ . Define  $\phi : J(f, x_0, G) \rightarrow J(f, x_0) \times G$  by  $\phi([\alpha : g]) = ([\alpha + k_g], g)$ . Let  $[\alpha : g]$  be an element of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then there exists a  $f$ -homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $H(x, 1) = gf(x)$  and  $H(x_0, t) = \alpha(t)$ , and  $k_g \rho$  is a trace of  $f$ -homotopy  $J : X \times I \rightarrow X$  of order  $g$ .

Define  $F : X \times I \rightarrow X$  by

$$F(x, t) = \begin{cases} H(x, 2t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ J(x, 2(1-t)), & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $F$  is a cyclic homotopy with trace  $\alpha + k_g$ , for

$$F(x, 0) = H(x, 0) = f(x), \quad F(x, 1) = J(x, 0) = f(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x_0, t) &= \begin{cases} H(x_0, t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ J(x_0, 2(1-t)), & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases} \\
 &= (\alpha + k_g)(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[\alpha + k_g]$  belongs to  $J(f, x_0)$ . Let  $[\alpha : g] = [\alpha' : g']$ . Then  $\alpha$  is homotopic to  $\alpha'$  and  $\alpha + k_g$  is also homotopic to  $\alpha' + k_g$ . Thus  $\phi$  is well-defined. Suppose  $\phi([\alpha : g]) = \phi([\alpha' : g'])$ . Then  $\alpha + k_g$  is homotopic to  $\alpha' + k_g$ . This implies that  $\alpha (= \alpha + k_g + k_g \rho)$  is homotopic to  $\alpha' (= \alpha' + k_g + k_g \rho)$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is injective.

For any element  $([\alpha], g) \in J(f, x_0) \times G$ , there exists a cyclic homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $H(x, 0) = f(x) = H(x, 1)$  and  $H(x_0, t) = \alpha(t)$ .

Since  $\{k_g | g \in G\}$  is a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ , there exists a  $f$ -homotopy  $W : X \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $W(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $W(x, 1) = gf(x)$  and  $W(x_0, t) = k_g \rho(t)$ . Define

$$F(x, t) = \begin{cases} H(x, 2t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2 \\ W(x, 2t - 1), & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

then  $F(x_0, t) = (\alpha + k_g \rho)(t)$ . So, there exists an element  $[\alpha + k_g \rho : g]$  in  $J(f, x_0, G)$  such that  $\phi([\alpha + k_g \rho : g]) = ([\alpha + k_g \rho + k_g], g) = ([\alpha], g)$ . Therefore,  $\phi$  is surjective.

Next, we show that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism. Let  $[\alpha_1 : g_1]$  and  $[\alpha_2 : g_2]$  be elements of  $J(f, x_0, G)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi([\alpha_1 : g_1] * [\alpha_2 : g_2]) &= \phi([\alpha_1 + g_1 \alpha_2 : g_1 g_2]) \\ &= ([\alpha_1 + g_1 \alpha_2 + k_{g_1 g_2}], g_1 g_2). \end{aligned}$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} \phi([\alpha_1 : g_1]) \circ \phi([\alpha_2 : g_2]) &= ([\alpha_1 + k_{g_1}], g_1) \circ ([\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}], g_2) \\ &= ([\alpha_1 + k_{g_1} + \alpha_2 + k_{g_2}], g_1 g_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}$  is a loop at  $f(x_0)$  and  $k_{g_1} \rho$  is a trace of a  $f$ -homotopy of order  $g_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}$  is homotopic to  $k_{g_1} \rho + g_1(\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}) + k_{g_1}$  by Lemma 4-2.

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 + k_{g_1} + \alpha_2 + k_{g_2} &\sim \alpha_1 + k_{g_1} + k_{g_1} \rho + g_1(\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}) \\ &+ k_{g_1} \sim \alpha_1 + g_1(\alpha_2 + k_{g_2}) + k_{g_1} \sim \alpha_1 + g_1 \alpha_2 + g_1 k_{g_2} \\ &+ k_{g_1} \sim \alpha_1 + g_1 \alpha_2 + k_{g_1 g_2}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

Conversely, given a commutative diagram with exact rows and  $\phi$  which is an isomorphism :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & J(f, x_0, G) & & \\
 & i_G \nearrow & & \searrow j_G & \\
 O & \longrightarrow & J(f, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & G \longrightarrow O. \\
 & i_1 \searrow & & \nearrow \pi_2 & \\
 & & J(f, x_0) \times G & & \\
 & & & & i_2
 \end{array}$$

define  $\psi : G \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G)$  to be  $\phi^{-1} \circ i_2$ . Use the commutativity of the diagram to show  $j_G \circ \psi = 1_G$ . Then there is a monomorphism  $\psi : G \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G)$  such that  $j_G \circ \psi = 1_G$ . So,  $J(f, x_0, G)$  is a split extension of  $J(f, x_0)$  by  $G$ . By Theorem 11,  $(X, G)$  admits a family of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$ .

**COROLLARY 13.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a homeomorphism. A transformation group  $(X, G)$  admits of preferred  $f$ -traces at  $x_0$  and  $G$  abelian if and only if  $O \rightarrow J(f, x_0) \rightarrow J(f, x_0, G) \rightarrow G \rightarrow O$  is a split exact sequence of  $Z$ -module.

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