

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF RELATIVE F-REGULAR RELATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Given a homomorphism  $\Pi : X \longrightarrow Y$ , with  $Y$  minimal, we will introduce the concept of a relative (to  $\Pi$ ) F-regular relation which generalize the notions of F-proximality, F-regularity and relative F-proximality, and will study its properties.

### 1. Introduction

The concepts of proximality and regularity have proved to be very fruitful for topological dynamics, giving rise to a rather extensive theory. H.S. Song [6] introduced the concept of a F-regular flow which is a slight generalization of that of a F-proximal flow. In this paper, we will introduce the concept of a relative (to  $\Pi$ ) F-regular relation which generalize the notions of F-proximality, F-regularity and relative F-proximality, and will study its properties.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this paper, let  $T$  be an arbitrary, but a fixed topological group and we consider a flow  $(X, T)$  with compact Hausdorff space  $X$ . The *enveloping semigroup*  $E(X)$  of  $(X, T)$  is the closure of  $\{t : x \mapsto xt \mid t \in T\}$  in  $X^X$ .

A pair of points  $(x, y), x, y \in X$  is said to be *proximal* if  $xp = yp$  for some  $p \in E(X)$ . The proximal pairs is denoted by  $P(X, T)$ .

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We denote the endomorphisms of  $(X, T)$  by  $H(X)$  and the automorphisms of  $(X, T)$  by  $A(X)$ . If  $\phi \in H(X)$ , we use the notation  $\phi \in H_1(X)$  to denote  $\phi|_M \in H(M)$  for any minimal subset  $M$  of  $(X, T)$ . Similarly, if  $\phi \in A(X)$ , we use the notation  $\phi \in A_1(X)$  to denote  $\phi|_M \in A(M)$  for any minimal subset  $M$  of  $(X, T)$ .

A pair of points  $(x, y)$ ,  $x, y \in X$  is said to be *regular* provided that  $(\phi(x), y) \in P(X, T)$  for some  $\phi \in H_1(X)$ . The regular pairs is denoted by  $R(X, T)$ .

For a flow  $(X, T)$ , we define the first prolongation set and the first prolongation limit set of  $x$  in  $X$  respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) &= \{y \mid x_i t_i \rightarrow y \text{ for some } x_i \rightarrow x, t_i \in T\}, \\ J(x) &= \{y \mid x_i t_i \rightarrow y \text{ for some } x_i \rightarrow x, t_i \rightarrow \infty\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_i \rightarrow \infty$  means that the net  $\{t_i\}$  is ultimately outside of each compact subset of  $T$ .

A point  $x \in X$  is said to *have property M* if whenever there are nets  $\{x_i\}$ ,  $\{y_i\}$  in  $X$  and a net  $\{t_i\}$  in  $T$  such that  $x_i \rightarrow x, y_i \rightarrow x$  and the net  $\{x_i t_i\}$  is convergent, then the net  $\{y_i t_i\}$  is also convergent.

A flow  $(X, T)$  is said to be *T-weakly equicontinuous* if  $J(x, x) \subset \Delta_X$  and  $x$  has property *M*, for every  $x \in X$ .

A pair of points  $(x, x')$ ,  $x, x' \in X$  is said to be *F-proximal* if  $D(x, x') \cap \Delta_X \neq \emptyset$ . Equivalently,  $(x, x')$ ,  $x, x' \in X$  is said to be *F-proximal* if there exist nets,  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{x'_i\}$  in  $X$ , and a net  $\{t_i\}$  in  $T$  such that  $x_i \rightarrow x$ ,  $x'_i \rightarrow x'$ , and  $\lim x_i t_i = \lim x'_i t_i$ . The F-proximal pairs is denoted by  $FP(X, T)$ .

A pair of points  $(x, x')$ ,  $x, x' \in X$  is said to be *F-regular* provided that  $(\phi(x), x') \in FP(X, T)$  for some  $\phi \in H_1(X)$ . The F-regular pairs is denoted by  $FR(X, T)$ .

Note that  $P(X, T) \subset FP(X, T) \subset FR(X, T)$  and  $P(X, T) \subset R(X, T) \subset FR(X, T)$ .

Given a homomorphism  $\Pi : X \rightarrow Y$ , with  $Y$  minimal, we suppose  $y \in Y$ . Then  $(X^{\Pi^{-1}(y)}, T)$  is a compact Hausdorff flow. We define  $z_y \in X^{\Pi^{-1}(y)}$  by  $z_y(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \Pi^{-1}(y)$  and let  $E(\Pi, y)$  be the orbit closure of  $z_y$ . Then  $(E(\Pi, y), T)$  is a compact Hausdorff subflow of  $(X^{\Pi^{-1}(y)}, T)$  and  $E(X)$  is an enveloping semigroup for  $E(\Pi, y)$ . However,  $E(\Pi, y)$  has no semigroup structure. Note that if  $Y$  is a singleton  $\{y\}$ ,  $E(\Pi, y)$  is just the  $E(X)$ , considered as a flow.

Now we define various fundamental notions as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\Pi} &= \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x'), (x, x') \in P(X, T)\}, \\
 P_{\Pi}(y) &= \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = y, (x, x') \in P(X, T)\}, \\
 R_{\Pi} &= \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x'), (\phi(x), x') \in P(X, T) \\
 &\quad \text{for some } \phi \in H_1(X)\}, \\
 R_{\Pi}(y) &= \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = y, (\phi(x), x') \in P(X, T) \\
 &\quad \text{for some } \phi \in H_1(X)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Relative F-regular relations

In this section we will work with a fixed homomorphism  $\Pi : X \longrightarrow Y$ , where  $Y$  is minimal.

DEFINITION 3.1. A pair of points  $(x, x')$ ,  $x, x' \in X$  is *relatively F-proximal* or belongs to the *relative (to  $\Pi$ ) F-proximal relation* if there exist nets  $\{x_i\}$ ,  $\{x'_i\}$  in  $X$  and a net  $\{t_i\}$  in  $T$  such that  $\Pi(x_i) = \Pi(x'_i)$  for each  $i$ ,  $x_i \rightarrow x$ ,  $x'_i \rightarrow x'$  and  $\lim x_i t_i = \lim x'_i t_i$ . The relative F-proximal relation is denoted by  $FP_{\Pi}$ .

Note that if  $(x, x') \in FP_{\Pi}$ , then  $\Pi(x) = \Pi(x')$ . Given  $y \in Y$ , define the set  $FP_{\Pi}(y) = \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = y, (x, x') \in FP(X, T)\}$ .

DEFINITION 3.2. The *relative F-regular relation*, denoted by  $FR_{\Pi}$ , is the set

$$\{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x'), (\phi(x), x') \in FP(X, T) \text{ for some } \phi \in H_1(X)\}.$$

Given  $y \in Y$ ,  $FR_{\Pi}(y) = \{(x, x') \in X \times X \mid \Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = y, (\phi(x), x') \in FP(X, T) \text{ for some } \phi \in H_1(X)\}$ .

REMARK 3.3. (1)  $P_{\Pi} \subset FP_{\Pi} \subset FR_{\Pi}$ .

(2)  $P_{\Pi} \subset R_{\Pi} \subset FR_{\Pi}$ .

REMARK 3.4. Note that  $P_{\Pi} = P_{\Pi}(1) = P(X, T)$ ,  $R_{\Pi} = R_{\Pi}(1) = R(X, T)$ ,  $FP_{\Pi} = FP_{\Pi}(1) = FP(X, T)$ , and  $FR_{\Pi} = FR_{\Pi}(1) = FR(X, T)$  when applied to the unique homomorphism  $\Phi : X \longrightarrow 1$ , where 1 is the one-point flow.

In [6], Song studied the F-regular relations and proved the following theorem :

**THEOREM 3.5.** (1) If  $(X, T)$  is  $T$ -weakly equicontinuous, then  $FP(X, T) = P(X, T)$  and  $FR(X, T) = R(X, T)$ .

(2) If  $(x, x') \in FP(X, T)$  and  $\phi \in H(X)$ , then  $(\phi(x), \phi(x')) \in FP(X, T)$ .

(3) If  $(x, x') \in FP(X, T)$  and  $\sigma : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, T)$  is a homomorphism, then  $(\sigma(x), \sigma(x')) \in FP(Y, T)$ .

(4) Let  $H_1(X)$  be algebraically transitive (that is, if  $x, x' \in X$ , there is a  $\eta \in H_1(X)$  with  $\eta(x) = x'$ ) and let  $(x, x') \in FR(X, T)$  and  $\phi \in H_1(X)$ . Then  $(\phi(x), \phi(x')) \in FR(X, T)$ .

(5) Let  $\sigma : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, T)$  be an epimorphism, and assume that  $H_1(Y)$  is algebraically transitive. If  $(X, T)$  is  $F$ -regular, then  $(Y, T)$  is  $F$ -regular.

**COROLLARY 3.6.** If  $(X, T)$  is  $T$ -weakly equicontinuous, then  $FP_\Pi = P_\Pi$  and  $FR_\Pi = R_\Pi$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Definition 3.1 and Theorem 3.5.1.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.7.** (1) If  $(x, x') \in P(X, T)$ , then  $(\Pi(x), \Pi(x')) \in P(Y, T)$ .

(2) If  $(x, x') \in FP(X, T)$ , then  $(\Pi(x), \Pi(x')) \in FP(Y, T)$ .

(3) If  $(x, x') \in R(X, T)$  and  $H_1(Y)$  is algebraically transitive, then  $(\Pi(x), \Pi(x')) \in R(Y, T)$ .

(4) If  $(x, x') \in FR(X, T)$  and  $H_1(Y)$  is algebraically transitive, then  $(\Pi(x), \Pi(x')) \in FR(Y, T)$ .

**THEOREM 3.8.** Let  $H_1(X)$  be algebraically transitive. If  $\Pi : X \rightarrow Y$  is an one-to-one extension of  $F$ -regular flow, then  $(X, T)$  is also  $F$ -regular.

*Proof.* For any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , there exist  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  such that  $\Pi(x_1) = y_1, \Pi(x_2) = y_2$ . Since  $(Y, T)$  is  $F$ -regular, there exists a  $\psi \in H_1(Y)$  such that  $(\psi(y_1), y_2) \in FP(Y, T)$ . Since an almost one-to-one extension of a minimal  $F$ -proximal flow is  $F$ -proximal, we have  $(\Pi^{-1}(\psi(y_1)), \Pi^{-1}(y_2)) \in FP(X, T)$  (see Proposition 2.7 in [4]). But since  $H_1(X)$  is algebraically transitive, there is a  $\zeta \in H_1(X)$  with  $\zeta(x_1) = \Pi^{-1}(\psi(y_1))$ , it follows that  $(x_1, x_2) \in FR(X, T)$ . We thus have  $(X, T)$  is  $F$ -regular.  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.9.** [5] Let  $y \in Y$ . Then  $P_\Pi(y)$  is an equivalence relation if and only if  $E(\Pi, y)$  contains just one minimal set.

**THEOREM 3.10.** If  $H_1(X)$  is a group, then  $R_\Pi(y)$  is a reflexive and symmetric relation on  $\Pi^{-1}(y)$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in \Pi^{-1}(y)$ , we have  $(x, x) \in P_{\Pi}(y) \subset R_{\Pi}(y)$ . To show that  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is symmetric, let  $(x, x') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Then  $\Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = y$  and there exists a  $\phi \in H_1(X)$  such that  $(\phi(x), x') \in P(X, T)$ . Hence  $(x', \phi(x)) \in P(X, T)$ . But since  $\phi^{-1} \in H_1(X)$ , it follows that  $(\phi^{-1}(x'), x) \in P(X, T)$ . Hence  $(x', x) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Therefore  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is symmetric.  $\square$

It is well-known that if  $(X, T)$  is regular minimal, then every endomorphism of  $(X, T)$  is an automorphism. Therefore we have

**COROLLARY 3.11.** *If  $(X, T)$  is regular minimal, then  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is a reflexive and symmetric relation on  $\Pi^{-1}(y)$ .*

**THEOREM 3.12.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be regular minimal. If  $E(\Pi, y)$  contains just one minimal set, then  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is an equivalence relation on  $\Pi^{-1}(y)$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is transitive. Suppose  $E(\Pi, y)$  contains just one minimal set. Let  $x, x'$  and  $x''$  be in  $X$  such that  $(x, x') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  and  $(x', x'') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Then  $\Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = \Pi(x'') = y$  and there exist  $\phi, \psi \in H_1(X)$  such that  $(\phi(x), x'), (\psi(x'), x'') \in P(X, T)$ . Hence  $(\psi\phi(x), \psi(x')), (\psi(x'), x'') \in P(X, T)$ . Lemma 3.9 shows that  $(\psi\phi(x), x'') \in P(X, T)$ . Therefore  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is transitive.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.13.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be regular minimal and let  $y \in Y$ . The following statements are equivalent :*

- (a)  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is an equivalence relation on  $\Pi^{-1}(y)$ .
- (b) Let  $u$  be an idempotent with  $yu = y$ . Then  $(xu, x'u) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  for every  $(x, x') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ .
- (c) Let  $u$  be an idempotent with  $yu = y$  and  $v$  be an equivalent idempotent with  $u$ . Then  $(xu, xv) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  for every  $x \in \Pi^{-1}(y)$ .

*Proof.* (a) implies (b). Let  $(x, x') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  and let  $u$  be an idempotent with  $yu = y$ . Note that  $(x, xu) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  for all  $x \in \Pi^{-1}(y)$ . Since  $(x, xu) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  and  $(x', x'u) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ , and  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is an equivalence relation on  $\Pi^{-1}(y)$ , it follows that  $(xu, x'u) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ .

(b) implies (c). Note that  $yv = y(u)v = y(uv) = yu = y$ . Because  $(xu, x) \in P_{\Pi}(y)$  for all  $x \in \Pi^{-1}(y)$  and  $P_{\Pi}(y) \subset R_{\Pi}(y)$ , we have that  $(xu, x) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Therefore  $(xuv, xv) = (xu, xv) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  by the condition (b).

(c) implies (a). It suffices to show that  $R_{\Pi}(y)$  is transitive. Let  $(x, x') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  and  $(x', x'') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Then  $\Pi(x) = \Pi(x') = \Pi(x'') = y$  and there exist  $\phi, \psi \in H_1(X)$  such that  $(\phi(x), x'), (\psi(x'), x'') \in P(X, T)$ .

Therefore there are minimal right ideals  $I$  and  $K$  in  $E(X)$  such that  $\phi(x)p = x'p$  and  $\psi(x')q = x''q$  for all  $p \in I$ ,  $q \in K$ . Now let  $u$  be an idempotent in  $I$  with  $yu = y$  and  $v$  be an equivalent idempotent with  $u$  in  $K$ . Then  $\phi(x)u = x'u$  and  $\psi(x')v = x''v$ . Thus we have from the condition (c) that  $(x'u, x'v) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$  and  $(x''u, x''v) \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ . Hence  $(\eta(x'u), x'v), (\zeta(x''u), x''v) \in P(X, T)$  for some  $\eta, \zeta \in H_1(X)$ . But since  $(\eta(x'u), x'v)$  and  $(\zeta(x''u), x''v)$  are almost periodic points, we have that  $\eta(x'u) = x'v$  and  $\zeta(x''u) = x''v$ . It follows that  $\zeta(x''u) = x''v = \psi(x')v = \psi(\eta(x'u)) = \psi(\eta(\phi(x)u)) = \psi\eta\phi(x)u$ . Therefore  $\zeta^{-1}\psi\eta\phi(x)u = x''$  and hence  $(x, x'') \in R_{\Pi}(y)$ .  $\square$

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