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## ON H-CLOSED PARATOPOLOGICAL GROUPS

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A Hausdorff paratopological group is H-closed if it is closed in every Hausdorff paratopological group containing it as a paratopological subgroup. We give a criterion of the H-closedness of an abelian topological group for some classes of abelian paratopological groups are obtained simple criteria of the H-closedness.

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All topological spaces considered in this paper are Hausdorff, if the opposite is not stated. We shall use the following notations. Let  $A$  be a subset of a group and  $n$  be an integer. Put  $A^n = \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n : a_i \in A\}$  and  $nA = \{a^n : a \in A\}$ . For a group topology  $\tau$  the closure of a set  $A$  is denoted by  $\overline{A}^\tau$  and  $B_\tau$  stands for a neighborhood base of the unit.

A topological space  $X$  is  $C$ -closed in a class  $C$  of topological spaces provided  $X$  is closed in any space  $Y \in C$  containing  $X$  as a subspace. It is well known that when  $C$  is the class of Tychonoff spaces, then the  $C$ -closedness coincides with the compactness. For the class of Hausdorff spaces the following conditions for a space  $X$  are equivalent [1, 3.12.5]:

- 1) The space  $X$  is H-closed;
- 2) If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a centered family of open subsets of  $X$  then  $\bigcap \{\overline{V} : V \in \mathcal{V}\} \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 3) Every ultrafilter in the family of all open subsets of  $X$  is convergent;
- 4) Every cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of the space  $X$  contains a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  such that  $\bigcup \{\overline{V} : V \in \mathcal{V}\} = X$ .

The group  $G$  with a topology  $\tau$  is called a *paratopological group* if the multiplication on the group  $G$  is continuous. If the inversion on the group  $G$  is continuous, then  $(G, \tau)$  is a *topological group*. A group  $(G, \tau)$  is paratopological if and only if the following conditions (known as Pontrjagin conditions) are satisfied for a neighborhood base  $\mathcal{B}$  at unit  $e$  of  $G$  [4, 5]:

1.  $\bigcap \{UU^{-1} : U \in \mathcal{B}\} = \{e\}$ ;
2.  $(\forall U, V \in \mathcal{B})(\exists W \in \mathcal{B}) : W \subset U \cap V$ ;
3.  $(\forall U \in \mathcal{B})(\exists V \in \mathcal{B}) : V^2 \subset U$ ;
4.  $(\forall U \in \mathcal{B})(\forall u \in U)(\exists V \in \mathcal{B}) : uV \subset U$ ;
5.  $(\forall U \in \mathcal{B})(\forall g \in G)(\exists V \in \mathcal{B}) : g^{-1}Vg \subset U$ .

The paratopological group  $G$  is a topological group if and only if

6.  $(\forall U \in \mathcal{B})(\exists V \in \mathcal{B}) : V^{-1} \subset U$ .

A topological group is *absolutely closed* if it is closed in every Hausdorff topological group containing it as a topological subgroup. A topological group  $G$  is closed in the class of topological groups if and only if it is *Rajkov-complete*, that is complete with respect to the upper uniformity which is defined as the least upper bound  $\mathcal{L} \vee \mathcal{R}$  of the left and the right uniformities on  $G$ . Recall that the sets  $\{(x, y) : x^{-1}y \in U\}$ , where  $U$  runs over a base at unit of  $G$ , constitute a base of entourages for the left uniformity  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $G$ . In the case of the right uniformity  $\mathcal{R}$ , the condition  $x^{-1}y \in U$  is replaced by  $yx^{-1} \in U$ . The *Rajkov completion*  $\hat{G}$  of a topological group  $G$  is the completion of  $G$  with respect to the upper uniformity  $\mathcal{L} \vee \mathcal{R}$ . For every topological group  $G$  the space  $\hat{G}$  has a natural structure of a topological group. The group  $\hat{G}$  can be defined as a unique (up to an isomorphism) Rajkov complete group containing  $G$  as a dense subgroup.

A paratopological group is *H-closed* if it is closed in every Hausdorff paratopological group containing it as a subgroup. In the present section we shall consider H-closed paratopological groups.

**Question.** Let  $G$  be a regular paratopological group which is closed in every regular paratopological group containing it as a subgroup. Is  $G$  H-closed?

**1. Lemma.** Let  $(G, \tau)$  be a paratopological group. If there exists a paratopology  $\sigma$  on the group  $G \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\sigma|_G \subset \tau$  and  $e \in \overline{(G, 1)}^\sigma$  then  $(G, \tau)$  is not H-closed.

*Proof.* We shall build the paratopology  $\rho$  on the group  $G \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\rho|_G = \tau$  and  $\overline{G}^\rho \neq G$ . Determine a base of unit  $\mathcal{B}_\rho$  as follows. Let  $S = \{(x, n) : x \in G, n > 0\}$ . For every neighborhoods  $U_1 \in \tau$ ,  $U_2 \in \sigma$  such that  $U_1 \subset U_2$  put  $(U_1, U_2) = U_1 \cup (U_2 \cap S)$ . Put  $\mathcal{B}_\rho = \{(U_1, U_2) : U_1 \in \mathcal{B}_\tau, U_2 \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma\}$ . Verify that  $\mathcal{B}_\rho$  satisfies the Pontrjagin conditions.

1. It is satisfied since  $(U_1, U_2) \subset U_2$ .
2. It is satisfied since  $(U_1 \cap V_1, U_2 \cap V_2) \subset (U_1, U_2) \cap (V_1, V_2)$ .
3. Select  $V_2 \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}_\tau$  such that  $V_2^2 \subset U_2$ ,  $V_1^2 \subset U_1$  and  $V_1 \subset V_2$ . Let  $y_1, y_2 \in (V_1, V_2)$ . The following cases are possible
  - A.  $y_1, y_2 \in V_1$ . Then  $y_1 y_2 \in V_1^2 \subset (U_1, U_2)$ .
  - B.  $y_1 \in V_1, y_2 \in V_2 \cap S$ . Then  $y_1 y_2 \in V_2^2 \subset U_2$ . Since  $y_1 \in G$  and  $y_2 \in S$ , we get  $y_1 y_2 \in S$  and hence  $y_1 y_2 \in U_2 \cap S$ .
  - C.  $y_1 \in V_2 \cap S, y_2 \in V_1$  is similar to the case B.
  - D.  $y_1, y_2 \in V_2 \cap S$ . Since  $S$  is a semigroup,  $y_1 y_2 \in U_2 \cap S$ .
4. Let  $y \in (U_1, U_2)$ . There exist  $V_2 \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}_\tau$  such that  $yV_2 \subset U_2$  and  $V_1 \subset V_2$ . The following cases are possible:
  - A.  $y \in U_1$ . We may suppose that  $yV_1 \subset U_1$ . Since  $y \in G$ ,  $y(V_2 \cap S) \subset U_2 \cap S$ .
  - B.  $y \in U_2 \cap S$ . Since  $V_1 \subset G$  then  $yV_1 \in U_2 \cap S$ . Since  $S$  is a semigroup and  $y \in S$  then  $y(V_2 \cap S) \subset U_2 \cap S$ . Therefore  $y(V_1, V_2) \subset (U_1, U_2)$ .
5. Let  $(g, n) \in G \times \mathbb{Z}$ . There exist  $V_2 \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}_\tau$  such that  $V_1 \subset V_2$ ,  $g^{-1}V_1g \subset U_1$  and  $g^{-1}V_2g \subset U_2$ . Then  $(g, n)^{-1}(V_1, V_2)(g, n) = g^{-1}(V_1, V_2)g = g^{-1}(V_1 \cup (V_2 \cap S))g \subset U_1 \cup (U_2 \cap S) = (U_1, U_2)$ .

Therefore  $(H, \rho)$  is a paratopological group. Taking into account that  $(U_1, U_2) \cap G = U_1$  we get  $\rho|_G = \tau$ .

Since  $e \in \overline{(G, 1)}^\sigma$ , for every  $U_2 \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma$  there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $(g, 1) \in U_2$ . Then  $g \in (e, -1)(U_2 \cap S)$  and therefore  $(e, -1) \in \overline{G}^\rho$ .  $\square$

A group topology  $\tau_1$  on the group  $G$  is called *complementable* if there exist a nondiscrete group topology  $\tau_2$  on  $G$  and neighborhoods  $U_i \in \tau_i$  such that  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \{e\}$ . In this case we say that  $\tau_2$  is a *complement* to  $\tau_1$ . Proposition 1.4 from [1] implies that in this case the topology  $\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2$  is Hausdorff.

A *Banach measure* is a real function  $\mu$  defined on the family of all subsets of a group  $G$  and satisfies the following conditions:

- a)  $\mu(G) = 1$ ;
- b) if  $A, B \subset G$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$ ;
- c)  $\mu(gA) = \mu(A)$  for every element  $g \in G$  and for every subset  $A \subset G$ .

**2. Lemma.** [3, p.37]. Let  $G$  be an abelian group and let  $\mu$  be a Banach measure on  $G$ . Let  $\tau$  be a group topology on  $G$ . Suppose that the set  $nG$  is  $U$ -unbounded for some natural number  $n$  and for some neighborhood  $U$  of zero in  $(G, \tau)$ . Then  $\mu(\{x \in G : nx \in gW\}) = 0$  for every element  $g \in G$  and for every neighborhood  $W$  of zero satisfying  $WW^{-1} \subset U$ .

Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of zero in a topological group  $(G, \tau)$ . We say that a subset  $A \subset G$  is  $U$ -unbounded if  $A \not\subset KU$  for every finite subset  $K \subset G$ .

Given any elements  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  of an abelian group  $G$  put

$$Y(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{a_0^{x_0} a_1^{x_1} \dots a_n^{x_n} : 0 \leq x_i \leq i+1, i \leq n, \sum x_i^2 > 0\},$$

$$X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{a_0^{x_0} a_1^{x_1} \dots a_n^{x_n} : -(i+1) \leq x_i \leq i+1, i \leq n\}.$$

Then  $X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = Y(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)Y(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)^{-1}$ .

**3. Lemma.** Let  $(G, \tau)$  be an abelian paratopological group of infinite exponent. If there exists a neighborhood  $U \in \mathcal{B}_\tau$  such that the group  $nG$  is  $UU^{-1}$ -unbounded for every natural number  $n$ , then the paratopological group  $(G, \tau)$  is not  $H$ -closed.

*Proof.* Define a seminorm  $|\cdot|$  on the group  $G$  such that  $|xy| \leq |x| + |y|$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Suppose that there exists a non periodic element  $x_0 \in G$ . Determine a map  $\phi_0 : \langle x_0 \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  putting  $\phi_0(x_0^n) = n$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a divisible group, the map  $\phi_0$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ . Put  $|x| = |\phi(x)|$  for every element  $x \in G$ . If  $G$  is periodic, then put  $|e| = 0$  and  $|x| = [\ln \text{ord}(x)] + 1$ , where  $\text{ord}(x)$  denotes the order of the element  $x$ .

Fix a neighborhood  $V \in \mathcal{B}_\tau$  such that  $V^2 \subset U$  and put  $W = VV^{-1}$ . We shall construct a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  such that

- a)  $|a_n| > n$ ;
- b)  $W \cap X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{e\}$ ;
- c)  $Y(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \not\ni e$ ;
- d) if  $-n \leq k \leq n, k \neq 0$  then  $a_n^k \notin 2X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ .

Take any element  $a_0 \notin W$ . Suppose that the elements  $a_0, \dots, a_n$  have been chosen to satisfy conditions (a) and (b). Put

$$B_n = \{x \in G : (\forall g \in X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}))(\forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} : -e^{n+1} \leq k \leq e^{n+1}) : kx \notin gW\}$$

If the group  $G$  is periodic, then  $|x| > n$  for every element  $x \in B_n$ . Lemma 2 implies that  $\mu(B_n) = 1$ . If the group  $G$  is not periodic, then the construction of the

seminorm  $|\cdot|$  implies that  $\mu(\{x \in G : |x| \leq n\}) = \mu(\phi^{-1}[-n; n]) = 0$ . In both cases there exists an element  $a_n \in B_n$  such that  $|a_n| > n$ . Then  $W \cap X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \emptyset$ . Considering a subsequence and applying condition (a) we can satisfy conditions (c) and (d) also.

Define a base  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau\{a_n\}}$  at the unit of group topology  $\tau\{a_n\}$  on the group  $G \times \mathbb{Z}$  as follows. Put  $A_n^+ = \{(e, 0)\} \cap \{(a_k, 1) : k \geq n\}$ . For every increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}$  put  $A[n_k] = \bigcup_{l \in \mathbb{N}} A_{n_1}^+ \cdots A_{n_l}^+$ . Put  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau\{a_n\}} = \{A[n_k]\}$ . We claim that  $(G \times \mathbb{Z}, \tau\{a_n\})$  is a zero dimensional paratopological group.

Put  $F = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . Let  $A[n_k] \in \mathcal{B}_{\tau\{a_n\}}$ ,  $(x, n_x) \notin A[n_k]$ . If  $x \notin F$ , then  $(x, n_x)A[n] \cap A[n_k] = \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in X(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m)$ . Put  $m_k = m + k$ . Suppose that  $(x, n_x)A[m_k] \cap A[n_k] \neq \emptyset$ . Select the minimal  $k$  such that  $(x, n_x)(A_{m_1}^+ \cdots A_{m_k}^+) \cap A[n_k] \neq \emptyset$ . Let

$$(*) \quad (x, n_x)(a_{l_1}, 1) \cdots (a_{l_k}, 1) = (a_{l'_1}, 1) \cdots (a_{l'_k}, 1)$$

and for all  $i, i'$  holds  $m_i \leq l_i \leq l_{i+1}$ ,  $n'_i \leq l'_{i'} \leq l'_{i'+1}$ . Remark that a member  $a_q$  occurs in each part of the equality  $(**)$  no more than  $q$  times. If  $l_k > l'_{k'}$ , then if we move all members which are not equal to  $(a_{l_k}, 1)$  from the left side of the equality  $(*)$  to the right one, we obtain contradiction to condition (d). The case  $l_k < l'_{k'}$  is considered similarly. Therefore  $l_k = l'_{k'}$ , a contradiction with the choice of  $k$  as a minimal number satisfying the equality  $(*)$ . It is showed similarly that if  $x \neq e$  and  $m_k = m + k + 1$ , then  $(x, n_x) \notin A[m_k]$ . If  $x = e$  and  $n_x \neq 0$ , then the condition (c) implies that  $A[n] \not\ni (x, n_x)$ . Hence Pontrjagin condition 1 for  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau\{a_n\}}$  is satisfied. Since  $A[n_{2k}]^2 \subset A[n_k]$ , Pontrjagin condition 3 is satisfied. All the other Pontrjagin conditions are obvious.

Condition (b) implies that  $A[n]A[n]^{-1} \cap VV^{-1} = \{(e, 0)\}$ . Therefore the topology  $\tau\{a_n\}_g$  is a complement to the topology  $(\tau \times \{0\})_g$ , where  $\tau \times \{0\}$  is the product topology on the group  $(G, \tau) \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore the topology  $\sigma = \tau\{a_n\}(\tau \times \{0\})$  is Hausdorff. Since  $(e, 0) \in \overline{(G, 1)}^{\tau\{a_n\}} \subset \overline{(G, 1)}^\sigma$  we can apply Lemma 1 to show that  $(G, \tau)$  is not H-closed.  $\square$

We shall need the following lemma.

**4. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be a paratopological group and  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $H$  and  $G/H$  are topological groups then so is the group  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be an arbitrary neighborhood of the unit. There exist neighborhoods  $V, W$  of the unit such that  $V \subset U$ ,  $(V^{-1})^2 \cap H \subset U$  and  $W \subset V$ ,  $W^{-1} \subset VH$ . If  $x \in W^{-1}$ , then there exist elements  $v \in V, h \in H$  such that  $x = vh$ . Then  $h = v^{-1}x \in V^{-1}W^{-1} \cap H \subset U$ . Therefore  $x \in VU \subset U^2$ . Hence  $G$  is a topological group.  $\square$

The following criterion was suggested by T. Banach.

**5. Theorem.** *An abelian topological group  $(G, \tau)$  is H-closed if and only if  $(G, \tau)$  is Rajkov complete and for every group topology  $\sigma \subset \tau$  on  $G$  the quotient group  $\hat{G}/G$  is periodic, where  $\hat{G}$  is the Rajkov completion of the group  $(G, \sigma)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists a group topology  $\sigma \subset \tau$  on  $G$  such that the quotient group  $\hat{G}/G$  is not periodic, where  $\hat{G}$  is the Rajkov completion of the group



$(G, \sigma)$ . Select a non periodic element  $x \in \hat{G}$  such that  $\langle x \rangle \cap G = \{e\}$ . Then  $G \times \langle x \rangle$  is naturally isomorphic to the group  $G \times \mathbb{Z}$  and Lemma 1 implies that the group  $(G, \tau)$  is not H-closed.

Let a paratopological group  $(H, \tau')$  contains  $(G, \tau)$  as non closed subgroup. Since  $G$  is abelian,  $\overline{G}$  is an abelian semigroup. Choose an arbitrary element  $x \in \overline{G} \setminus G$ . Then the group hull  $F = \langle G, x \rangle$  with the topology  $\tau'|_F$  is an abelian paratopological group. Then the group  $G$  is dense in  $(F, \tau'_g)$ . Since the Rajkov completion  $\hat{F}$  of the topological group  $(F, \tau'|_{F_g})$  is periodic, there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $x^n \in G$ . Therefore  $F^n \subset G$ . Lemma 4 implies that  $F$  is a topological group and therefore  $G$  is closed in  $(F, \tau'_g)$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**6. Corollary.** *A Rajkov completion of a isomorphic condensation of H-closed abelian topological group is H-closed.*

**7. Proposition.** *Let  $G$  be a Rajkov complete topological group,  $H$  be H-closed paratopological subgroup of the group  $G$ . If a group  $G/H$  has finite exponent then  $G$  is an H-closed paratopological group.*

*Proof.* Select a number  $n$  such that  $g^n \in H$  for every element  $g \in G$ . Let  $F \supset G$  be a paratopological group. Since  $H$  is closed in  $F$  then for every element  $g \in \overline{G}$  we get  $g^n \in H$ . Denote the continuous maps  $\phi : \overline{G} \rightarrow \overline{G}$  as  $\phi(g) = g^{n-1}$  and  $\psi : \overline{G} \rightarrow H$  as  $\psi(g) = (g^n)^{-1}$ . Then for every element  $g \in \overline{G}$  we get  $g^{-1} = \phi(g)\psi(g)$  and hence the inversion on the group  $\overline{G}$  is continuous. Since  $\overline{G}$  is a topological group and  $G$  is Rajkov complete,  $\overline{G} = G$ .  $\square$

**8. Proposition.** *Let  $G$  be a paratopological group and  $K$  be a compact normal subgroup of the group  $G$ . If the group  $G/K$  is H-closed then the group  $G$  is H-closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists a paratopological group  $F$  containing the group  $G$  such that  $\overline{G} \neq G$ . Since  $K$  is compact then  $F/K$  is a Hausdorff paratopological group by Proposition 1.13 from [4]. Let  $\pi : F \rightarrow F/K$  be the quotient homomorphism map. Then  $\overline{G/K} \supset \pi(\overline{\pi^{-1}(G/K)}) \supset \pi(\overline{G}) \neq \pi(G) = G/K$ . This implies that the group  $G/K$  is not H-closed, a contradiction.  $\square$

Let  $G$  be a topological group,  $N$  be a closed normal subgroup of the group  $G$ . If  $N$  and  $G/N$  are Rajkov complete, then so is the group  $G$  [5]. This suggests the following

**9. Question.** Let  $G$  be a paratopological group,  $N$  be a closed normal subgroup of the group  $G$  and the groups  $N$  and  $G/N$  are H-closed. Is the group  $G$  H-closed?

Let  $(G, \tau)$  be a paratopological group. Then there exists the finest group topology  $\tau_g$  coarser than  $\tau$  (see [2]), which is called the *group reflection* of the topology  $\tau$ .

**10. Proposition.** *Let  $(G, \tau)$  be an abelian paratopological group. If  $(G, \tau_g)$  is H-closed then  $(G, \tau)$  is H-closed. If  $(G, \tau)$  is H-closed and  $(G, \tau_g)$  is Rajkov complete then  $(G, \tau_g)$  is H-closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the group  $(G, \tau_g)$  is H-closed and  $(G, \tau)$  is not. Suppose a paratopological group  $(H, \hat{\tau})$  contains  $(G, \tau)$  as a non closed subgroup. Without loss of generality we may suppose that there exists an element  $x \in H \setminus G$  such that  $H = \langle G, x \rangle$  and the group  $H$  is abelian. Let  $\hat{\tau}_g$  be the group reflection of the topology  $\hat{\tau}$ . Since  $\hat{\tau}_g|_G \subset \tau_g$ , Theorem 5 implies that the group  $H/G$  is periodic. Without loss of generality we may suppose that  $x^p \in G$  for some prime  $p$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\tau}}$  the family of neighborhoods at unit in the topology  $\tau$ . Let  $U \in \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\tau}}$ . If  $U \cap xG = \emptyset$  then there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of unit such that  $V^p \subset U$  and thus  $V \subset G$  and  $G$  is open in  $(H, \hat{\tau})$ . Therefore a set  $\mathcal{F} = \{x^{-1}(xG \cap U) : U \in \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\tau}}\}$  is a filter. Let  $U \in \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\tau}}$ . There exists  $V \in \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\tau}}$  such that  $V^p \subset U$ . Then  $(xG \cap V)^p \subset U$ . Let  $xg \in (xG \cap V)$ . Then  $x^{-1}(xG \cap V) \subset x^{-1}((xg)^{1-p}(xG \cap V)^p) \cap G \subset x^{-p}g^{1-p}(U \cap G)$  and hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Cauchy filter in the group  $(G, \tau_g)$ . Let  $h \in G$  be a limit of the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on the group  $(G, \tau_g)$ . But then for every neighborhood of the unit  $U$  in the topology  $\hat{\tau}_g$  we get  $U \cap xhU \supset U \cap xh(U \cap G) \neq \emptyset$  and therefore  $(H, \hat{\tau}_g)$  is not Hausdorff, a contradiction.

Let  $(G, \tau_g)$  is Rajkov complete and  $(G, \tau_g)$  is not H-closed. Then Theorem 5 implies that there exists a group topology  $\sigma \subset \tau$  on  $G$  such that the quotient group  $\hat{G}/G$  of the Rajkov completion  $\hat{G}$  of the group  $(G, \sigma)$  is not periodic. Then Lemma 1 implies that a group  $(G, \tau)$  is not H-closed.  $\square$

**11. Lemma.** *Let topological group  $(H, \sigma_H)$  be a closed subgroup of an abelian topological group  $(G, \tau)$  and  $\sigma_H \subset \tau|_H$ . Then there exists a group topology  $\sigma \subset \tau$  on the group  $G$  such that  $\sigma|_H = \sigma_H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{B}_{\tau}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{\sigma_H}$  be bases of unit of  $(G, \tau)$  and  $(H, \sigma_H)$  respectively.

Put  $\mathcal{B}_{\sigma} = \{U_1U_2 : U_1 \in \mathcal{B}_{\tau}, U_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\sigma_H}\}$ . Verify that the family  $\mathcal{B}_{\sigma}$  satisfies the Pontrjagin conditions.

2. It is satisfied since  $(U_1 \cap V_1)(U_2 \cap V_2) \subset U_1U_2 \cap V_1V_2$ .

3. Select  $V_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\sigma_H}$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}_{\tau}$  such that  $V_2^2 \subset U_2$ ,  $V_1^2 \subset U_1$ . Then  $(V_1V_2)^2 \subset U_1U_2$ .

4. Let  $y \in U_1U_2$ . Then there exist points  $y_1 \in U_1$  and  $y_2 \in U_2$  such that  $y = y_1y_2$ . Therefore there exist neighborhoods  $V_1 \in \mathcal{B}_{\tau}$  and  $V_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\sigma_H}$  such that  $y_iV_i \subset U_i$ . Then  $yV_1V_2 \subset U_1U_2$ .

5. It is satisfied since  $G$  is abelian.

6.  $(U_1^{-1}U_2^{-1})^{-1} \subset U_1U_2$ .

1. Since all others Pontrjagin conditions are satisfied, it suffices to show that  $\bigcap \mathcal{B}_{\sigma} = \{e\}$ . Let  $x \in G$  and  $x \neq e$ . If  $x \in H$  then there exists  $U_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\sigma_H}$  such that  $U_2^2 \not\supset x$  and  $U_1 \in \mathcal{B}_{\sigma}$  such that  $U_1 \cap H \subset U_2$ . Then  $U_1U_2 \cap \{x\} = U_1U_2 \cap \{x\} \cap H \subset U_2^2 \cap \{x\} = \emptyset$ . If  $x \notin H$  then  $(G \setminus xH)H \not\supset x$ .

Therefore  $(G, \sigma)$  is a topological group. Since  $U_1U_2 \cap H = (U_1 \cap H)U_2$ , we conclude  $\sigma|_H = \sigma_H$ .  $\square$

**12. Proposition.** *A closed subgroup of an H-closed abelian topological group is H-closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of an H-closed abelian group  $(G, \tau)$ . Then  $G$  and  $H$  are Rajkov complete. Let  $\sigma_H \subset \tau|_H$  be a group topology on the group  $H$ . Lemma 11 implies that there exists a group topology  $\sigma$  on the group  $G$  such that  $\sigma|_H = \sigma_H$ . Let  $(\hat{G}, \hat{\sigma})$  be the Rajkov completion of the group  $(G, \sigma)$ . Then a closure  $\overline{H}^{\hat{\sigma}}$  of the group  $H$  in the group  $(\hat{G}, \hat{\sigma})$  is a Rajkov completion of the group  $(H, \sigma_H)$ . Let  $x \in \overline{H}^{\hat{\sigma}}$ . Theorem 5 implies that there exists  $n > 0$  such that  $x^n \in G$ . Since  $\overline{H}^{\hat{\sigma}} \cap G = H$  then  $x^n \in H$ . Therefore Theorem 5 implies that  $H$  is H-closed.  $\square$

**13. Proposition.** *Let  $G$  be a  $H$ -closed abelian topological group. Then  $K = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{nG}$  is compact and for each neighborhood  $U$  of zero in  $G$  there exists a natural  $n$  with  $\overline{nG} \subset KU$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi$  be the filter on  $G$  generated by base  $\{\overline{nG} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and  $\Psi$  be an arbitrary ultrafilter on  $G$  with  $\Psi \supset \Phi$ . Let  $U$  be a closed neighborhood of the unit in  $G$ . Lemma 2 implies that there exists a number  $n$  such that the set  $\overline{nG}$  is  $U$ -bounded. Since  $\overline{nG} \in \Phi$  and  $\Psi$  is an ultrafilter, there exists  $g \in G$  with  $gU \in \Psi$ . Hence  $\Psi$  is a Cauchy filter on  $G$ . By the completeness of  $G$ ,  $\Psi$  is convergent. Therefore each ultrafilter  $\Psi$  on  $G$  with  $\Psi \supset \Phi$  converges. In particular each ultrafilter on  $K$  is convergent, and since  $K$  is closed,  $K$  is compact.

To show that there exists a number  $n$  with  $\overline{nG} \subset KU$ , it suffices to prove that  $KU \in \Phi$ . Assume that  $KU \notin \Phi$ . Then there exists an ultrafilter  $\Psi \supset \Phi$  with  $G \setminus KU \in \Psi$ . As we have proved,  $\Psi$  is convergent. Clearly  $\lim \Psi \in K$ . Therefore  $KU \in \Psi$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $KU \in \Phi$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

**14. Corollary.** *A divisible abelian  $H$ -closed topological group is compact.*  $\square$

**15. Proposition.** *Every  $H$ -closed abelian topological group is a union of compact groups.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be such a group. It suffice to show that every element  $x \in G$  is contained in a compact subgroup. Let  $X$  be the smallest closed subgroup of  $G$  containing the element  $x$ . Then  $X = \bigcup_{k=0}^n (kx + \overline{nX})$  for every natural  $n$ . Let  $U$  be an arbitrary neighborhood of the zero. By Lemma 15 there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $nG$  is  $U$ -bounded. Then  $X$  is also  $U$ -bounded. Hence  $X$  is a precompact group. Since  $X$  is Rajkov complete then  $X$  is compact.  $\square$

**16. Conjecture.** *An abelian topological group  $G$  is  $H$ -closed if and only if  $G$  is Rajkov complete and  $nG$  is precompact for some natural  $n$ .*

**17. Proposition.** *The Conjecture 16 is true provided the group  $(G, \tau)$  satisfies the following two conditions:*

- 1) *There exists a  $\sigma$ -compact subgroup  $L$  of  $G$  such that  $G/L$  is periodic.*
- 2) *There exists a group topology  $\tau' \subset \tau$  such that the Rajkov completion  $\hat{G}$  of the group  $(G, \tau')$  is Baire.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be such a group and  $L = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} L_k$  be a union of compact subsets  $L_k$ . Put  $G(n, k) = \{x \in \hat{G} : nx \in L_k\}$  for every natural  $n$  and  $k$ . Then every set  $G(n, k)$  is closed. By Theorem 5  $\hat{G} = \bigcup_{n, k \in \mathbb{N}} G(n, k)$ . Since  $\hat{G}$  is Baire, there exist natural numbers  $n$  and  $k$  such that  $\text{int } G(n, k) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $F = G(n, k) - G(n, k)$  is a neighborhood of the zero. By Corollary 6 the group  $\hat{G}$  is  $H$ -closed. Put  $K = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{n\hat{G}}$ . By Proposition 13 there exists a natural  $m$  such that  $m\hat{G} \subset F + K$ . Then  $mnG \subset mn\hat{G} \subset L_k - L_k + K$  and hence the group  $mnG$  is precompact.  $\square$

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## ПРО Н-ЗАМКНЕНІ ПАРАТОПОЛОГІЧНІ ГРУПИ

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Гаусдорфова паратопологічна група називається Н-замкненою, якщо вона замкнена у довільній гаусдорфівій паратопологічній групі, що її містить. Отримано критерій Н-замкненості абелевої топологічної групи і для деяких класів абелевих паратопологічних груп одержано прості критерії Н-замкненості.

*Ключові слова:* паратопологічна група, мінімальна топологічна група, абсолютно замкнена топологічна група.

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