DETECTING $\sigma Z_n$-SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL GROUPS AND LINEAR METRIC SPACES

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Abstract. We prove that if an analytic subset $A$ of a linear metric space $X$ is not contained in a $\sigma Z_n$-subset of $X$ then for every Polish convex set $K$ with dense affine hull in $X$ the sum $A + K$ is non-meager in $X$ and the sets $A + A + K$ and $A - A + K$ have non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$. This implies two results:

- an analytic subgroup $A$ of a linear metric space $X$ is a $\sigma Z_n$-space if $A$ is not Polish and $A$ contains a Polish convex set $K$ with dense affine hull in $X$;
- a dense convex analytic subset $A$ of a linear metric space $X$ is a $\sigma Z_n$-space if $A$ contains no open Polish subspace and $A$ contains a Polish convex set $K$ with dense affine hull in $X$.

A topological space $X$ is analytic if it is a metrizable continuous image of a Polish space. A Polish space is a separable topological space homeomorphic to a complete metric space. It is well-known [11, 1.2] that each Borel subset of a Polish space is analytic. By Lusin-Sierpinski Theorem [3][Ke], each analytic subset $A$ of a Polish space $X$ has the Baire property, i.e., $(A \setminus U) \cup (U \setminus A)$ is meager in $X$ for some open set $U \subset X$.

By the classical result of S. Banach [1], each non-complete analytic linear metric space is meager, i.e., can be represented as the countable union of nowhere dense subsets. This result can be easily derived from the following known fact attributed to Piccard [14] and Pettis [16] (see [9.9]Ke).

Theorem 1 (Piccard-Pettis). If two analytic subsets $A, B$ of a Polish group $X$ are non-meager in $X$, then the set $AB$ has non-empty interior and $AA^{-1}$ is a neighborhood of unit in $G$.

Meager subsets of a topological space $X$ form a $\sigma$-ideal $M(X) = \sigma Z_0(X)$ which is the largest ideal among $\sigma$-ideals $\sigma Z_n(X)$ generated by $Z_n$-sets in $X$. A subset $A \subset X$ of a topological space $X$ is called a $Z_n$-set in $X$ if $A$ is closed in $X$ and the complement $X \setminus A$ is $n$-dense in $X$. A subset $B \subset X$ is called $n$-dense in $X$ if the set $C(\mathbb{I}^n, B)$ of maps $\mathbb{I}^n \to B$ is dense in the space $C(\mathbb{I}^n, X)$ of all continuous functions $f : \mathbb{I}^n \to X$ defined on the $n$-dimensional cube $\mathbb{I}^n = [0, 1]^n$. The function space $C(\mathbb{I}^n, X)$ is endowed with the compact-open topology.

Observe that a subset $D \subset X$ is dense if and only if $D$ is 0-dense in $X$ and each $n$-dense set $D \subset X$ is $m$-dense in $X$ for every $m \geq n$.

The following properties of $Z_n$-sets follow immediately from the definitions:

- a subset $A \subset X$ is a $Z_0$-set if and only if $A$ is closed and nowhere dense in $X$;
- for any numbers $0 \leq n \leq m \leq \omega$ every $Z_m$-set in $X$ is a $Z_n$-set in $X$;
- a subset $A \subset X$ is a $Z_n$-set in $X$ if and only if $A$ is a $Z_n$-set in $X$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

By $\sigma Z_n(X)$ we shall denote the $\sigma$-ideal generated by $Z_n$-sets in $X$. It consists of subsets that can be covered by countably many $Z_n$-sets in $X$. A topological space $X$ is called a $\sigma Z_n$-space if $X \in \sigma Z_n(X)$. It follows that $\sigma Z_m(X) \subset \sigma Z_n(X)$ for any numbers $0 \leq n \leq m \leq \omega$. So, the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma Z_\omega(X)$ is the smallest ideal among the $\sigma$-ideals $\sigma Z_n(X)$.

$Z_\omega$-Sets and $\sigma Z_\omega$-spaces play an important role in Infinite-Dimensional Topology, see [6], [7], [8], [12], [13].

In [9, 4.4] Dobrowolski and Mogilski asked the following problem related to the mentioned classical result of Banach [1].

Problem 2 (Dobrowolski, Mogilski, 1990). Is each non-complete analytic linear metric space a $\sigma Z_\omega$-space?

This problem was answered in negative by Banakh [3] (see also [6, 5.5.19]) who proved that the linear hull $\text{lin}(E)$ of the Erdős set $E = \ell_2 \cap \mathbb{Q}^\omega$ in the separable Hilbert space $\ell_2$ fails to be a $\sigma Z_\omega$-space.

Yet, the following weaker version of Problem 2 still remains open (see [2, 4.2.22]).

Problem 3 (Banakh, 1997). Is each non-complete analytic linear metric space a $\sigma Z_n$-space for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$?

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In this paper we shall give some partial positive answers to Problems 2 and 3 detecting analytic subsets in metrizable topological groups $G$ that belong to the $\sigma$-ideals $\sigma \mathcal{Z}_n(G)$ for $n \leq \omega$. In fact, we shall work with the smaller $\sigma$-ideals $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n(G)$ and $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n(G)$ defined as follows.

By a metrizable group we shall understand a metrizable topological group. It is known that for any metrizable group $G$ there exists a completely-metrizable group $\tilde{G}$ containing $G$ as a dense subgroup. The group $\tilde{G}$ is unique up to isomorphism and is called the Raikov completion of $G$. The Raikov completion of a separable metrizable group is a Polish group. For two subsets $A, B$ of a group $G$ by $A \cdot B$ or just $AB$ we denote their product $\{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$ in $G$.

Let $G$ be a topological group and $\tilde{G}$ be its Raikov completion. Let $D$ be a family of subsets of $G$. A closed subset $A \subset G$ is called a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D$-set in $X$ if there exists a set $D \subset D$ such that the set $D \cdot \tilde{A}$ has interior in $\tilde{G}$, where $\tilde{A}$ denotes the closure of $A$ in $\tilde{G}$. By $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D(G)$ we denote the $\sigma$-ideal generated by $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D$-sets in $G$.

**Proposition 4.** Let $D$ be a family of $n$-dense subsets of a topological group $G$. Then each $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D$-set $A$ in $G$ is a $\mathcal{Z}_n$-set in $G$ and hence $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D(G) \subset \sigma \mathcal{Z}_n(G)$.

**Proof.** Assume that $A$ is a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D$-set in $X$. Given a continuous map $f : \mathbb{I}^n \to G$ and a neighborhood $U_0 \subset G$ of the unit $1_G$, we need to find a continuous map $f' : \mathbb{I}^n \to G \setminus A$ such that $f'(z) \in f(z) \cdot U_0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{I}^n$. Let $G$ be the Raikov completion of the topological group $G$ and $\tilde{A}$ be the closure of $A$ in $\tilde{G}$.

Find an open neighborhood $\tilde{U}_0 \subset \tilde{G}$ of the unit $1_G$ such that $\tilde{U}_0 \cap G = U_0$ and choose a neighborhood $\tilde{U}_1 \subset X$ of $1_G$ such that $\tilde{U}_1 \cup \tilde{U}_1 \cap U_0$. Since $A$ is a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_D$-set in $G$, there exists a set $D \subset D$ such that the set $D \cdot \tilde{A}$ has empty interior in $\tilde{G}$. The $n$-density of the set $D$ in $G$ implies the $n$-density of its inverse $D^{-1} = \{x^{-1} : x \in D\}$. Then there exists a continuous map $f_1 : \mathbb{I}^n \to D^{-1}$ such that $f_1(z) \in f(z) \cdot \tilde{U}_1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{I}^n$.

Since the set $D \cdot \tilde{A}$ has empty interior in $\tilde{G}$, there is a point $w \in \tilde{U}_1 \setminus D \cdot \tilde{A}$. For this point we get $(D^{-1} \cdot w) \cap \tilde{A} = \emptyset$. Consider the map $f_2 : \mathbb{I}^n \to \tilde{G}$, $f_2 : z \mapsto f_1(z) w$, and observe that $f_2(\mathbb{I}^n) \cap \tilde{A}_n \subset (D^{-1} \cdot w) \cap \tilde{A}_n = \emptyset$. Since the set $f_2(\mathbb{I}^n)$ is compact, there is a neighborhood $\tilde{U}_2 \subset \tilde{U}_1$ of the unit $1_G$ such that $(f_2(\mathbb{I}^n) \cdot \tilde{U}_2) \cap \tilde{A} = \emptyset$. Using the density of $G$ in $\tilde{G}$, choose a point $w \in G \cap (\tilde{U}_2 \cdot \tilde{A})$. Then the map $f_3 : \mathbb{I}^n \to G$ defined by $f_3(z) = f_2(z) \cdot w^{-1}w = f_1(z) w^{-1}w = f_1(z) \cdot w \in G$ for $z \in \mathbb{I}^n$ has the properties: $f_3(\mathbb{I}^n) \subset G \setminus \tilde{A} = G \setminus A$ and for every $z \in \mathbb{I}^n$

$$f_3(z) = f_1(z) w^{-1}w = f_1(z) \tilde{U}_1 \tilde{U}_2 \subset f(z) \tilde{U}_1 \tilde{U}_2 \subset f(z) \tilde{U}_0,$$

which implies $f(z)^{-1} f_3(z) \in G \cap \tilde{U}_0 = \emptyset$ and finally $f_3(z) \in f(z) \tilde{U}_0$. The map $f_3 : \mathbb{I}^n \to G \setminus A$ witnesses that $A$ is a $\mathcal{Z}_n$-set in $G$. $\square$

For a topological group $G$ by $\mathcal{D}_n(G)$ we shall denote the family of all $n$-dense subsets in $G$. To simplify notation, $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_n(G)$-sets will be called $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-sets in $G$. Also we shall denote the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_n(G)$ by $\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n(G)$. This $\sigma$-ideal is generated by all $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-sets in $G$. It consists of subsets that can be covered by countably many $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-sets in $G$. Proposition 4 implies that

$$\sigma \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n(G) \subset \sigma \mathcal{Z}_n(G)$$

for any topological group $G$. $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-Sets in separable metrizable groups admit the following convenient characterization.

**Proposition 5.** A closed subset $A$ of a separable metrizable group $G$ is a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-set in $G$ for some $n \leq \omega$ if and only if there exists a $\sigma$-compact $n$-dense subset $D \subset G$ such that for every compact set $K \subset D$ the set $K \cdot D$ is nowhere dense in $G$.

**Proof.** Since $G$ is separable and metrizable, the Raikov completion $\tilde{G}$ of $G$ is a Polish group. To prove the “if” part, assume that there exists a $\sigma$-compact $n$-dense subset $D \subset G$ such that for every compact set $K \subset D$ the set $K \cdot A$ is nowhere dense in $G$. Then the set $K \cdot A \subset K \cdot \tilde{A}$ is nowhere dense in $\tilde{G}$ and the set $D \cdot \tilde{A}$ is meager in $\tilde{G}$. Since $\tilde{G}$ is Polish, the set $D \cdot \tilde{A}$ has empty interior in $\tilde{G}$ and hence $A$ is a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-set in $G$.

To prove the “only if” part, assume that $A$ is a $\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n$-set and find an $n$-dense subset $D' \subset G$ such that the set $D' \cdot \tilde{A}$ has empty interior in $\tilde{G}$. The function space $C(\mathbb{I}^n, D')$ is dense in $C(\mathbb{I}^n, G)$. Since the function space $C(\mathbb{I}^n, D')$ is metrizable and separable, we can find a countable dense subset $\{f_k\}_{k \in \omega}$ in $C(\mathbb{I}^n, D')$. Then $D = \bigcup_{k \in \omega} f_k(\mathbb{I}^n)$ is a $\sigma$-compact $n$-dense subset in $G$. It remains to show that for each compact set $K \subset D$ the set $K \cdot \tilde{A}$ is nowhere dense in $\tilde{G}$. Consider the multiplication map $\mu : K \times \tilde{A} \to G$, $\mu : (x, y) \mapsto xy$, and observe that for any compact subset $C \subset G$ the preimage $\mu^{-1}(C) = \{(x, y) \in K \times \tilde{A} : xy \in C\} \subset K \times (\mathbb{I}^{-1} C)$
is compact. By [10] 3.7.18], the map $\mu$ is closed, which implies that the set $K\bar{A} = \mu(K \times A)$ is closed in $G$. Since the set $D \times \bar{A}$ has empty interior in $\bar{G}$, the closed subset $K\bar{A} \subset D\bar{A}$ is nowhere dense in $\bar{G}$. Then its subset $K\bar{A}$ is nowhere dense in $G$. \hfill \Box

Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a family of subsets of a topological group $G$. A subset $T \subset G$ is called $\mathcal{D}$-thick if for every non-empty open set $U \subset T$ there exist a set $D \in \mathcal{D}$ and a countable set $C \subset G$ such that $D \subset C \cdot \bar{U}$. A set $T \subset G$ is called $n$-thick in $G$ if it is $\mathcal{D}_n(G)$-thick. The latter means that for every non-empty open set $U \subset T$ there is a countable set $C \subset G$ such that the set $C\bar{U}$ in $n$-dense in $G$.

**Corollary 7.** Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a family of subsets of a separable metrizable group $G$. If analytic subsets $A, B$ of $G$ do not belong to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\bar{Z}_D(X)$, then for any densely-Polish $\mathcal{D}$-thick sets $E, F$ in $X$ the sets $E A, F B$ are not meager in $G$ and the sets $E A F B$ and $E A B^{-1} F^{-1}$ have non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

**Theorem 6.** Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a family of subsets in a separable metrizable group $G$. If an analytic subset $A$ of $G$ does not belong to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\bar{Z}_D(X)$, then for any $\mathcal{D}$-thick subset $T \subset G$ and any dense Polish subspace $P \subset T$ the set $P A P A$ has non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$, and the set $P A A^{-1} P^{-1}$ is a neighborhood of the unit in $\bar{G}$.

**Proof.** Assume that $A \notin \sigma\bar{Z}_D(G)$ and $T$ is a $\mathcal{D}$-thick set in $G$. On the Polish group $\bar{G}$ consider the $\sigma$-ideal $\mathcal{I}$ generated by the family $\{\bar{A} : A \in \sigma\bar{Z}_D(G)\}$ of closed subsets of the Polish group $\bar{G}$. It follows from $A \notin \mathcal{I}$, the family $A \notin \mathcal{I}$ contains a Polish subspace $B \notin \mathcal{I}$. Replacing $B$ by a smaller closed subset of $B$, we can assume that each non-empty open subspace $U \subset B$ does not belong to the ideal $\mathcal{I}$.

By the choice of $P$, the non-empty open set $U \subset P$ does not belong to the ideal $\mathcal{I}$ and hence $\bar{U} \cap G$ is not a $\bar{Z}_D$-set in $G$. Then for the set $D \in \mathcal{D}$ the set $D \bar{U}$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{G}$ and hence is meager in $G$. On the other hand, the set $D \bar{U} \subset {SVU \subset S \cdot N_k}$ is meager in $\bar{G}$ being the union of countably many translations of the nowhere dense set $N_k$. This contradiction shows that the set $P B$ is not meager in $G$ and consequently the analytic subset $P A \supset P B$ is not meager in the Polish group $\bar{G}$. By the Piccard-Pettis Theorem [10] the set $P A A^{-1} P^{-1}$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{G}$ and the set $P A A^{-1} P^{-1}$ is a neighborhood of the unit in $\bar{G}$. \hfill \Box

A topological space $X$ is called densely-Polish if $A$ contains a dense Polish subspace. It is known that an analytic space $A$ is densely-Polish if and only if $A$ is Baire.

**Corollary 8.** Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a family of subsets of a separable metrizable group $G$. If analytic subsets $A, B$ of $G$ do not belong to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\bar{Z}_D(X)$, then for any densely-Polish $\mathcal{D}$-thick sets $E, F$ in $X$ the sets $E A, F B$ are not meager in $G$ and the sets $E A F B$ and $E A B^{-1} F^{-1}$ have non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

**Proof.** Let $E, F \subset E$ and $F \subset F$ be dense Polish subspaces of the densely-Polish spaces $E$ and $F$, respectively. By Theorem 6, the analytic sets $E A$ and $F B$ are not meager in the Polish space $G$. By the Piccard-Pettis Theorem [10] the sets $E A F B \subset E A F B$ and $E A B^{-1} F^{-1} \subset E A B^{-1} F^{-1}$ have non-empty interior in the Polish group $\bar{G}$. \hfill \Box

**Corollary 9.** Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a family of subsets of a separable metrizable group $G$. If $G$ is not Polish and $G$ contains a densely-Polish $\mathcal{D}$-thick subset $P$, then each analytic subset $A$ of $X$ belongs to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\bar{Z}_D(X)$.

**Proof.** By Corollary 7 for every analytic set $A \notin \sigma\bar{Z}_D(G)$ of $G$ the set $P A A \subset G$ has non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$. Then $G$ also has non-empty interior in $\bar{G}$ and hence coincide with the Polish group $\bar{G}$, which is a desired contradiction. \hfill \Box
A subset $A$ of an abelian group $G$ is called additive if $A + A \subseteq A$. In particular, each subgroup of $G$ is an additive set. Corollary 7 implies:

**Corollary 10.** Let $D$ be a family of subsets in an abelian separable metrizable group $G$ and $A$ be an additive set in $G$. If $A \notin \sigma \tilde{Z}_D(X)$, then for any densely-Polish $D$-thick subsets $E, F \subset X$ the set $A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

A similar result holds for convex subsets in linear metric spaces.

**Corollary 11.** Let $D$ be a family of subsets of a separable linear metric space $X$, and let $A$ be a convex subset of $X$. If $A \notin \sigma \tilde{Z}_D(X)$, then for any densely-Polish $D$-thick subsets $E, F \subset X$ the set $A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$.

**Proof.** It follows that the homothetic copy $\frac{1}{2}A = \{\frac{1}{2}a : a \in A\}$ of $A$ does not belong to the ideal $\sigma \tilde{Z}_D(X)$. By Corollary 7, the set $\frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$. The convexity of $A$ guarantees that $\frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A \subseteq A$ and hence the set $A + E + F \supseteq \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$, too. \hfill $\square$

Applying the above results to the family $D_n(G)$ of $n$-dense subsets in a topological group $G$, we get the following corollaries. In these corollaries we use the obvious fact that a topological group $G$ containing an $n$-thick separable subset is separable. By Proposition 4, $\sigma \tilde{Z}_n(G)$ is a $\tilde{Z}_n$-set in $X$ if and only if there exists a $\sigma$-compact $n$-dense set $D \subset G$ such that for every compact set $K \subset D$ the set $K \cdot A$ is nowhere dense in $G$.

We recall that a subset $T$ of a topological group $G$ is $n$-thick if and only if for any non-empty open set $U \subset T$ there is a countable subset $A \subset G$ such that the set $A \cdot U$ is $n$-dense in $G$. Observe that each non-empty subset of a separable metrizable group is 0-thick. Because of that the following corollary of Theorem 1 can be considered as a generalization of the Piccard-Pettis Theorem.

**Corollary 12.** If for some $n \leq \omega$ an analytic subset $A$ of a metrizable group $G$ does not belong to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma \tilde{Z}_n(X)$, then for any $n$-thick subset $T \subset G$ and any dense Polish subspace $P \subset T$ the set $PA$ is not meager in $G$, the set $PAPA$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{G}$, and the set $PAA^{-1}P^{-1}$ is a neighborhood of unit in $G$.

**Corollary 13.** If for some $n \leq \omega$ analytic subsets $A, B$ of a metrizable group $G$ do not belong to the ideal $\sigma \tilde{Z}_n(G)$, then for any densely-Polish $n$-thick sets $E, F$ in $X$ the sets $EA, FB$ are not meager in $G$ and the sets $EAFB$ and $EAB^{-1}F^{-1}$ have non-empty interior in the Raikov completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

**Corollary 14.** Let $A$ be an analytic subgroup of a separable metrizable group $G$. If $A \notin \sigma \tilde{Z}_n(X)$ for some $n \in \omega$, then for any densely-Polish $n$-thick subsets $E, F \subset G$ the set $EAF^{-1}$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

**Corollary 15.** If for some $n \leq \omega$ a non-complete metrizable topological group $G$ contains a densely-Polish $n$-thick subset, then each analytic subset of $X$ belongs to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma \tilde{Z}_n(X) \subset \sigma Z_n(X)$.

**Corollary 16.** Let $A$ be an additive subset of an abelian metrizable topological group $G$. If $A \notin \sigma \tilde{Z}_n(X)$ for some $n \leq \omega$, then for any densely-Polish $n$-thick subsets $E, F \subset X$ the set $A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{G}$ of $G$.

**Corollary 17.** Let $A$ be a convex analytic subset of a linear metric space $X$. If $A \notin \sigma \tilde{Z}_n(X)$ for some $n \leq \omega$, then for any densely-Polish $n$-thick subsets $E, F \subset X$ the set $A + E + F$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$.

In light of the above results, it is important to recognize $n$-thick sets in topological groups and linear metric spaces. A characterization of $n$-thick convex sets is quite simple.

**Proposition 18.** For a convex subset $C$ in a separable linear metric space $X$ the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $C$ is $n$-thick in $X$ for every $n \leq \omega$;
2. $C$ is $n$-thick in $X$ for some $n \geq 1$;
3. the linear space $\mathbb{R} \cdot (C - C)$ is dense in $X$;
4. the affine hull of $C$ is dense in $X$;
(5) $C$ is \(\{L\}-\)thick in $X$ for some dense linear subspace $L$ of $X$.

Proof. We shall prove the implications (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) $\Rightarrow$ (5). The first implications (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is trivial.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Assuming that the convex set $C$ is $n$-thick in $X$ for some $n \geq 1$, we shall prove that the linear space $L = \mathbb{R} \cdot (C - C)$ is dense in $X$. Since $C$ is $n$-thick in $X$, there is a countable set $S \subset X$ such that the set $S + C$ is $n$-dense in $X$. Then the set $S + L$ also is $n$-dense in $X$. Consider the quotient space $X/L$ and the quotient linear operator $q : X \to X/L$. Since the set $q(S + L) = q(S)$ is countable, for each connected subspace $A$ of $S + L$ the image $q(A)$ is a singleton, which means that contained in a single coset $x + L$. Now the density of the $C(\mathbb{R}^n, S + L)$ in $C(\mathbb{R}^n, L)$ implies that $L = X$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Assume that the linear space $L = \mathbb{R} \cdot (C - C)$ is dense in $X$. Since for any point $c \in C$ the shift $c + L$ coincides with the affine hull $\text{aff}(C)$ of $C$, the set $\text{aff}(C)$ is dense in $X$, too.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Assume that the affine hull $\text{aff}(C)$ of $C$ is dense in $X$. Replacing $C$ by a suitable shift, we can assume that zero belongs to $C$ and hence the affine hull of $C$ coincides with the linear hull of $C$. We shall prove that the convex set $C$ is \(\{L\}\)-thick for any dense linear subspace $L \subset \mathbb{R} \cdot (C - C)$ of countable algebraic dimension. In this case we can find a countable subset \(\{x_k\}_{k \in \omega}\) in $C$ such that \(x_0 = 0\) and the linear hull of the set \(\{x_k\}_{k \in \omega}\) contains the linear space $L$. For every \(n \in \omega\) by $\Delta_n$ and $L_n$ denote the convex and linear hulls of the finite set $F_n = \{x_0, \ldots, x_n\} \subset C$. It is clear $L \subset \bigcup_{n \in \omega} L_n$ and $L_n = S_n + \Delta_n \subset S_n + C$ for some countable set $S_n \subset L_n$. Given a non-empty open subset $U \subset C$, we should find a countable set $S \subset X$ such that $L \subset S + U$. Fix any point $u \in U$ and find a neighborhood $\tilde{U} \subset X$ of zero such that $(u + \tilde{U}) \subset C \subset U$. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ find a neighborhood $\tilde{V} \subset X$ of zero such that for any points $v_1, \ldots, v_n \in \tilde{V}$ and real numbers $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in [0, 1]$ we get $\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i v_i \in \tilde{U}$. Then, find $\varepsilon_n \in (0, 1]$ such that $\varepsilon_n \cdot (F_n - u) \subset \tilde{V}$. The choice of $\tilde{V}$ guarantees that $\varepsilon_n(\Delta_n - u) \subset \tilde{U}$ and hence

$$L_n = (1 - \varepsilon_n)u + \varepsilon_n \cdot L_n = (1 - \varepsilon_n)u + \varepsilon_n(S_n + \Delta_n) = \varepsilon_n S_n + (1 - \varepsilon_n)u + \varepsilon_n \Delta_n = \varepsilon_n S_n + u + \varepsilon_n(\Delta_n - u) \subset \varepsilon_n S_n + (C \cap (u + \tilde{U})) \subset \varepsilon_n S_n + U.$$

Then the countable set $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n S_n$ has the required property: $L \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} L_n \subset S + U$.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Assume that $C$ is \(\{L\}\)-thick for some dense linear subspace $L \subset X$. By Lemma 19 $L$ is $\omega$-dense in $X$, so $C$ is $\omega$-thick and hence $n$-thick for every $n \leq \omega$.

Lemma 19. Let $A \subset B$ be convex sets in a linear metric space $X$. If $A$ is dense in $B$, then $A$ is $\omega$-dense in $B$.

Proof. It suffices to check that $A$ is $n$-dense in $B$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (see [7, V.2.1]). Given a continuous map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to B$ and a neighborhood $U_0 \subset X$ of zero, we need to find a continuous map $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to A$ such that $g(z) \in f(z) + U_0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Choose an open neighborhood $W \subset X$ of zero such that for any points $w_0, \ldots, w_n \in W + W - W$ and numbers $\lambda_0, \ldots, \lambda_n \in [0, 1]$ we get $\sum_{i=0}^{n} \lambda_i w_i \in U_0$. Consider the open cover $W = \{f^{-1}(x + W) : x \in X\}$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$. Since $\mathbb{R}^n$ is an $n$-dimensional (para)compact space, there exists an finite open cover $V$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$ such that for every $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the family $\mathcal{V}_z = \{V \in V : z \in V\}$ contains at most $n+1$ sets and its union $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_z$ is contained in some set of the cover $W$. By the paracompactness of $\mathbb{R}^n$, there is a partition of unity $\{\lambda_V : \mathbb{R}^n \to [0, 1]\}_{V \in V}$ subordinate to the cover $V$. The latter means that $\lambda_V^{-1}((0,1]) \subset V$ for all $V \in \mathcal{V}$, and $\sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} \lambda_V \equiv 1$. For every set $V \in \mathcal{V}$ fix a point $z_V \in V$ and by the density of $A$ in $B$ find a point $y_V \in A \cap (f(z_V) + W)$. Consider the map $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to L$ defined by the formula $g(z) = \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} \lambda_V(z) y_V$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It is clear that $(g, \mathcal{V})$ is contained in the convex hull $\Delta$ of the finite set $\{y_V\}_{V \in \mathcal{V}} \subset A$. We claim that $g(z) - f(z) \in U_0$ for all $z \in Z$. By the choice of the cover $V$, the set $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_z$ is contained in some set $f^{-1}(W + x), x \in X$. Then for every $V \in \mathcal{V}_z$ we get $f(z_V) - f(z) \in W + W - W$ and hence $g(z) - f(z) \subset W + f(z_V) - f(z) \subset W + W - W$. Then $g(z) - f(z) = \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}_z} \lambda_V(z)(y_V - f(z)) \in U_0$ by the choice of the neighborhood $W$. The map $g$ witnesses that $A$ is $n$-dense in $B$.

A convex subset $C$ of a linear topological space $X$ is called $\text{aff-dense}$ in $X$ if the affine hull of $C$ is dense in $X$. By Proposition 13 a convex subset of a separable linear metric space is $\text{aff-dense}$ if and only if it is $\omega$-thick in $X$.

Theorem 20. If a non-complete linear metric space $X$ contains a densely-Polish $\text{aff-dense}$ convex set $C$, then every analytic subset of the space metric $\sigma$ belongs to the ideal $\hat{Z}(L)(X)$ for some dense linear subspace $L$ of $X$.  


Proof. Being densely-Polish, the convex set $C$ is separable and so is its affine hull $\text{aff}(C)$. Since $\text{aff}(C)$ is dense in $X$, the space $X$ is separable and its completion $\bar{X}$ is a Polish linear metric space. By Proposition\[13\] the Polish convex set $C \subset X$ is $\{L\}$-thick for some dense linear subspace $L \subset X$. To finish the proof apply Corollary\[7\] to the family $D = \{L\}$. □

For a separable linear metric space $X$ by $\mathcal{L}_\infty(X)$ we denote the family of dense linear subspaces in $X$. To simplify notation, denote the union $\bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{L}_\infty(X)} \sigma\hat{Z}_1(L)(X)$ by $\sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(X)$. Observe that a set $A \subset X$ belongs to the family $\sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(X)$ if and only if there exists a dense linear subspace $L \subset X$ (of countable algebraic dimension) in $X$ and a sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of closed subsets of $X$ such that $A \subset \bigcup_{n \in \omega} A_n$ and for every compact subset $K \subset L$ the sets $K + \tilde{A}_n$, $n \in \omega$, are nowhere dense in $X$.

It follows that

$$\sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(X) \subset \sigma\hat{Z}_\omega(X) \subset \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(X)$$

for every separable linear metric space $X$.

**Theorem 21.** For any analytic subsets $A, B \notin \sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(X)$ of a linear metric space $X$ and any densely-Polish $\text{aff}$-dense convex set $C$ in $X$ the sunset $A + B + C$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$. Moreover, if $A$ is additive or convex, then the sum $A + C$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$.

Proof. By Proposition\[13\] the $\text{aff}$-dense convex sets $C$ is $\{L\}$-thick for some dense linear subspace $L$ of $X$. Then its homothetic copy $\frac{1}{\lambda}C$ also is $\{L\}$-thick. The convexity of $C$ implies that $\frac{1}{\lambda}C + \frac{1}{\lambda}C \subset C$. Applying Corollary\[7\] to the family $D = \{L\}$ and observing that the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\hat{Z}_1(L)(G) \subset \sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(G)$ does not contain the analytic sets $A, B$, we conclude that the sets $A + \frac{1}{\lambda}C + B + \frac{1}{\lambda}C \subset A + B + C$ have non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$. By the same reason, the sets $A + A + \frac{1}{\lambda}C + \frac{1}{\lambda}C \subset A + A + C$ and $A + A + C + C$ have non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$.

If $A$ is additive, then $A + A \subset A$ and hence the set $A + C \supset A + A + C$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$. If $A$ is convex in $X$, then $\frac{1}{\lambda}(A + A) \subset A$ and hence the set $A + C \supset \frac{1}{\lambda}(A + A + C + C)$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$. □

The following two theorems detect analytic groups and analytic convex sets which are $\sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega$-spaces, thus giving partial positive answers to Problems\[2\] and\[3\].

**Theorem 22.** An analytic subgroup $A$ of a linear metric space $X$ is a $\sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega$-space provided that $A$ is not Polish and $A$ contains a densely-Polish $\text{aff}$-dense convex subset $C$ of $X$.

Proof. Since $A$ is a group, the set $\mathbb{N} \cdot (C - C)$ is contained in the group $A$. The convexity of $C$ implies that $L = \mathbb{N} \cdot (C - C) = \mathbb{R} \cdot (C - C)$ is a linear subspace in $X$. The $\text{aff}$-density of $C$ implies that the linear space $L \subset A$ is dense in $X$. By Lemma\[19\] the dense linear subspace $L$ is $\omega$-dense in $X$ and so is the subgroup $A \supset L$. Since the sum $A + C = A$ has empty interior in $\bar{X}$, the set $A$ belongs to the $\sigma$-ideal $\sigma\hat{Z}_\infty(X) \subset \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(X)$ by Theorem\[21\]. Since $A$ is $\omega$-dense in $X$, the inclusion $A \in \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(X)$ implies $A \in \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(A)$, which means that $A$ is a $\sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega$-space. □

A similar result holds for convex sets.

**Theorem 23.** A dense convex subset $A$ of a linear metric space $X$ is a $\sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega$-space provided that $A$ is analytic, $A$ contains an $\text{aff}$-dense densely-Polish convex subset $C$ of $X$ and $A$ has empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$.

Proof. Since the sets $\frac{1}{\lambda}(A + C) \subset A$ has empty interior in $\bar{X}$, we can apply Corollary\[20\] and conclude that $A \in \sigma\hat{Z}_\omega(X) \subset \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(X)$. By Lemma\[19\] the dense convex subset $A$ of $X$ is $\omega$-dense in $X$, which implies that $A \in \sigma\mathcal{Z}_\omega(A)$. □

Finally, we study properties of analytic linear metric spaces containing $\text{aff}$-dense Polish convex sets.

A linear subspace $L$ of a linear metric space $X$ is called an operator image if $L = T(B)$ for some linear continuous operator $T : B \to X$ defined on a Banach space $B$. The topology of operator images was studied in\[12\]. We shall prove that each $\text{aff}$-dense Polish convex set in a linear metric space is $\{L\}$-thick for some dense operator image $L \subset X$. For this we need the following known folklore fact.
Proposition 24. Each Polish convex set $A$ in a linear metric space contains a shift of a compact convex subset $K = -K$ such that the linear space $L = \mathbb{R} \cdot K$ is dense in the linear hull of $A - A$.

Proof. Replacing the convex set $A$ by a suitable shift of $A$, we can assume that $A$ contains zero.

Fix an invariant metric $d$ generating the topology of the linear metric space $X$ and let $X$ be the completion of the linear metric space $(X, d)$. For a point $x \in X$ and a real number $\varepsilon > 0$ by $B(x, \varepsilon) = \{ y \in X : d(x, y) < \varepsilon \}$ and $\bar{B}(x, \varepsilon) = \{ y \in X : d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon \}$ we denote the open and closed $\varepsilon$-balls centered at $x$, respectively. The space $A$, being Polish, is a $G_\delta$-set in $\bar{X}$. So, we can write it as $A = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} U_n$ for a decreasing family $(U_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of open sets in $\bar{X}$. Fix a countable dense set $\{a_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ in $A$.

Construct inductively two sequences of positive real numbers $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in \omega}$ and $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \omega}$ such that for every $n \in \omega$ the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $\max\{\lambda_n, \varepsilon_n\} < \frac{1}{2^n}$;
2. for every point $x$ in the compact set $\Delta_n = \{ \sum_{k=0}^{n} t_k \lambda_k a_k : t_0, \ldots, t_n \in [0, 2] \} \subset A$ we get $\bar{B}(x, \varepsilon_n) \subset U_n$ and $x + [0, 2\lambda_n]a_n \subset B(x, \varepsilon_n)$.

The conditions (1), (2) imply that for every sequence $(t_n)_{n \in \omega} \in [0, 2]^{\omega}$ the series $\sum_{n} t_n \lambda_n a_n$ converges in $X$ to some point of the convex set $A = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} U_n$. Put $c = \sum_{n} \lambda_n a_n$ and observe that for every sequence $(t_n)_{n \in \omega} \in [-1, 1]^{\omega}$ the series $c + \sum_{n} t_n \lambda_n a_n = \sum_{n} (1 + t_n) \lambda_n a_n$ converges to a point of $A$. It follows that the set $K = \{ \sum_{n \in \omega} t_n \lambda_n a_n : (t_n)_{n \in \omega} \in [-1, 1]^{\omega} \}$ is compact, convex, symmetric, and $c + K \subset A$. It is clear that $\mathbb{R} \cdot K \supset \{a_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ is dense in the linear hull $\mathbb{R} \cdot (A - A)$ of the set $A - A$.

Lemma 25. If a linear metric space $X$ contains an aff-dense Polish convex set $P$, then $X$ contains an aff-dense compact convex set $K = -K$, which is $\{\cdot\}$-thick for some dense operator image $L \subset X$.

Proof. By Proposition 24, there is a compact convex set $S = -S$ in $X$ such that $p + S \subset P$ for some $p \in P$ and the linear space $\mathbb{R} \cdot S$ is dense in $\mathbb{R} \cdot (P - P)$ and hence is dense in $X$. Choose a countable dense set $\{x_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ in $S$ and find a sequence of real numbers $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \omega} \in (0, 1]^{\omega}$ such that the linear operator $T : \ell_1 \to X$, $T : (t_n)_{n \in \omega} \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n \lambda_n x_n$, is well-defined and continuous. Here $\ell_1$ is the Banach space of real sequences $t = (t_n)_{n \in \omega}$ with the norm $||t|| = \sum_{n} |t_n| < \infty$. It is clear that the operator image $T(\ell_1)$ is dense in $X$. Denote by $B = \{ t \in \ell_1 : ||t|| \leq 1 \}$ the closed unit ball of the Banach space $\ell_1$ and let $K$ be the closure of the set $T(B)$ in $S$. It is clear that $K$ is a compact convex symmetric subset of $S$ and the affine hull $\mathbb{R} \cdot K \supset T(\ell_1)$ is dense in $X$. We claim that the convex set $K$ is $(T(\ell_1))$-thick. Given a non-empty open set $U \subset K$ we need to find a countable set $A \subset X$ such that $T(\ell_1) \subset A + U$. Since the set $T(B)$ is dense in $K$, the intersection $U \cap T(B)$ is not empty and hence the preimage $V = T^{-1}(U)$ contains some non-empty open subset of the ball $B$. The separability of the Banach space $\ell_1$ yields a countable set $A_1 \subset \ell_1$ such that $\ell_1 = A_1 + V$. Then the countable set $A = T(A_1)$ has the required property: $T(\ell_1) = T(A_1) + T(V) \subset A + U$.

For a linear metric space $X$ denote by $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\infty}(X)$ the family of dense operator images in $X$. To simplify notations, denote the family $\bigcup_{L \in \mathcal{E}_{\infty}(X)} \sigma \tilde{Z}(L)(X)$ by $\sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X)$. Since $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\infty}(X) \subset L_{\infty}(X)$, we get the inclusions
\[
\sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X) \subset \sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X) \subset \sigma \tilde{Z}_{\omega}(X) \subset \sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X).
\]

Proposition 26. A subset $A$ of a separable metric linear space $X$ belongs to the family $\sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X)$ if and only if there exists a $\sigma$-compact dense operator image $L$ in $X$ and a sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of closed subsets of $X$ such that $A \subset \bigcup_{n \in \omega} A_n$ for every $n \in \omega$ and compact subset $K \subset L$ the set $K \cdot A_n$ is nowhere dense in $X$.

Proof. The “if” part of this proposition can be proved by analogy with Proposition 3. To prove the “only” if part, assume that $A \in \sigma \tilde{Z}_{\infty}(X)$. Then $A \in \sigma \tilde{Z}(L)(X)$ for some dense operator image $L$ in $X$. Write $L = T(B)$ for some linear continuous operator $T : B \to X$ defined on a Banach space $B$. Since the space $L$ is separable, we can find a separable Banach subspace $B' \subset B$ such that the operator image $L' = T(B')$ is dense in $T(B)$. Choose a bounded sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$ in $B'$ whose linear hull is dense in $B'$. It is standard to show that the operator $T' : \ell_2 \to B'$, $T' : (t_n)_{n \in \omega} \mapsto \sum_{n} t_n \frac{x_n}{\sqrt{n}}$, is well-defined, compact, and has dense image $T'(\ell_2)$ in $B'$. Then the operator $T' \circ T : \ell_2 \to X$ is compact and has dense image $L' = T' \circ T(\ell_2)$ in $X$. It follows from $L' \subset L$ that $A \in \sigma \tilde{Z}(L')(X) \subset \sigma \tilde{Z}_{\ell_2}(X)$. So, we lose no generality assuming that $B = \ell_2$ and the operator $T$ is compact. By the compactness of the operator $T$ and the reflexivity of $\ell_2$, the image $T(B_1)$ of the closed unit ball in $B_1$ of the Hilbert space $\ell_2$ is compact. This implies that the operator image $L = T(\ell_2)$ is $\sigma$-compact. Since $A \in \sigma \tilde{Z}(L)(X)$, there is a sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$ of closed subsets $A_n$ of $X$ such that $L + A_n$ has empty
interior in $X$. Then for every compact subset $K \subset L$ the closed set $K + A_n$ has empty interior and hence is nowhere dense in $X$. Then the set $K + A_n$ is nowhere dense in $X$.

Applying Corollary 7 and Lemma 28 to the family $\mathcal{L}^\infty(X)$, we can prove the following corollary (by analogy with Theorem 21).

**Theorem 27.** For any analytic subsets $A, B \notin \sigma \bar{\mathcal{L}}(X)$ of a linear metric space $X$ and any aff-dense convex Polish set $C$ in $X$, the sumset $A + B + C$ has non-empty interior in the completion $\bar{X}$ of $X$. Moreover, if $A$ is additive or convex, then the sumset $A + C$ has non-empty interior in $\bar{X}$.

This theorem has

**Corollary 28.** If a non-complete linear metric space $X$ contains a Polish aff-dense convex set $C$, then every analytic subset of $X$ belongs to the $\sigma$-ideal $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}(L)(X)$ for some dense operator image $L$ in $X$.

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