

ON  $C$ -SETS AND PRODUCTS OF IDEALS

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Let  $X, Y$  be uncountable Polish spaces and let  $\mu$  be a complete  $\sigma$ -finite Borel measure on  $X$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  the families of all meager subsets of  $X$  and of all subsets of  $Y$  with  $\mu$  measure zero, respectively. It is shown that the product of the ideals  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  restricted to  $C$ -sets of Selivanovskiĭ is  $\sigma$ -saturated, which extends Gavalec's results.

**0. Preliminaries.** For a set  $X$ , let  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{P}^{<\omega}(X)$  denote the families of all subsets of  $X$  and of all finite subsets of  $X$ , respectively.

For  $A \subset X_1 \times X_2$  and  $x_1 \in X_1$ , we set  $A_{x_1} = \{x_2 \in X_2 : (x_1, x_2) \in A\}$ . Consider  $\sigma$ -fields  $\mathcal{S}_1 \subset \mathcal{P}(X_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_2 \subset \mathcal{P}(X_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X_1 \times X_2)$  and ideals  $\mathcal{I}_1 \subset \mathcal{S}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_2 \subset \mathcal{S}_2$ . Set  $A(\mathcal{I}_2) = \{x_1 \in X_1 : A_{x_1} \notin \mathcal{I}_2\}$ . Assuming that

$$(*) \quad A_{x_1} \in \mathcal{S}_2 \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{S} \text{ and } x_1 \in X_1,$$

$$(**) \quad A(\mathcal{I}_2) \in \mathcal{S}_1 \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{S},$$

let us define

$$(***) \quad \mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2 = \{A \in \mathcal{S} : A(\mathcal{I}_2) \in \mathcal{I}_1\}.$$

This is an ideal in  $\mathcal{S}$  called the *product* of  $\mathcal{I}_1$  and  $\mathcal{I}_2$  (cf. [5], [4], [7]).

For a family  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  and an ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  define

$$\mathcal{I}|\mathcal{F} = \{A \subset X : A \subset B \text{ for some } B \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{F}\} \quad (\text{cf. [4]}).$$

We say that an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  contained in a field  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $\sigma$ -saturated in  $\mathcal{S}$  if, whenever  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{I}$  is uncountable, there are distinct  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \cap B \notin \mathcal{I}$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal and  $\mathcal{S}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field, then  $\mathcal{I}$  is  $\sigma$ -saturated if there is no uncountable family  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{I}$  of disjoint sets.

We shall consider the  $\sigma$ -fields  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  of all Borel sets and of all  $C$ -sets of Selivanovskiĭ (cf. [9]), respectively, in a given uncountable Polish space  $X$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is the smallest class containing the open sets which is closed under complementation and Suslin's operation ( $A$ ); it forms a  $\sigma$ -field properly containing  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  (cf. [2]) and can be described by the following hierarchy (cf. [2], [10]):

$$\mathcal{A}_0(X) = \mathcal{C}_0(X) = \mathcal{B}(X),$$

$\mathcal{A}_\beta(X)$  = the sets obtainable by (A) from indexed systems of elements of  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} \mathcal{C}_\alpha(X)$  (for  $0 < \beta < \omega_1$ ),

$\mathcal{C}_\beta(X)$  = the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\mathcal{A}_\beta(X)$ ,

$$\mathcal{C}(X) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \mathcal{C}_\alpha(X).$$

By induction through that hierarchy one can easily prove

(0.1) PROPOSITION. *If  $X_1, X_2$  are Polish spaces, then for any  $x_1 \in X_1$  and  $A \in \mathcal{C}(X_1 \times X_2)$  we have  $A_{x_1} \in \mathcal{C}(X_2)$ .*

Consequently, condition (\*) is fulfilled by  $\mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{C}(X_2)$  and  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}(X_1 \times X_2)$ .

In [5] Gavalec described general assumptions under which condition (\*\*) holds if ideals  $\mathcal{I}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}(X_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_2 \subset \mathcal{B}(X_2)$  are given and  $X_1, X_2$  denote topological spaces; moreover, he proved that then the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2 \subset \mathcal{B}(X_1 \times X_2)$  is  $\sigma$ -saturated if  $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2$  are  $\sigma$ -saturated. In particular, it turns out that the mixed measure-category product of ideals (i.e. the product of the ideal of all meager sets and the ideal of all sets having measure zero) restricted to the plane Borel sets is  $\sigma$ -saturated. A simple extension of that result, however still for the Borel case, can be found in [1]. Gavalec's method is based on quasi-maximal systems of quasi-ideals arising from certain properties of linear sets concerning measure and category. In this paper we adopt the ideals of [5] to the case where the fields of Borel sets are replaced by the fields of  $\mathcal{C}$ -sets in uncountable Polish spaces. Some point of difficulty is to verify condition (\*\*). Fortunately, for the ideal of meager sets and for the ideal of sets having measure zero, the results of Vaught ([11]; for category), Kechris ([6]), Burgess ([2]) and Srivatsa ([10]) make it possible to overcome that trouble. Thus we establish the  $\sigma$ -saturation of the mixed measure-category products of ideals for the case of  $\mathcal{C}$ -sets. We do not think that our result can be deduced directly from Gavalec's, since the field of Borel sets is properly included in the field of  $\mathcal{C}$ -sets. However, we do not know whether the restrictions of the mixed measure-category product to Borel sets and to  $\mathcal{C}$ -sets are distinct. That problem is discussed in the last section.

**1. Some results of Gavalec.** Let us recall some basic definitions from [5]. Our terminology is slightly modified.

A family  $\mathcal{I}$  contained in a  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideal if

- (i) for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A \subset B$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ , we have  $A \in \mathcal{I}$ ,
- (ii) for any  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$ , we have  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{I}$ .

A  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is called *proper* if

- (iii)  $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{I} \neq \mathcal{S}$ .

A system  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}$  is called  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal if

(iv) for each  $\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{F}$  there is a countable  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}$  such that for each  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  the conditions “ $A \notin \mathcal{I}$ ” and “ $X \setminus A \in \bigcup \mathcal{F}_0$ ” are equivalent.

The system  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *closed* if

(v) for each finite  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}$  we have  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_0 \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\bigcap \mathcal{F}_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

The theorems of this section are quoted from [5] with the  $\sigma$ -fields of Borel sets replaced by arbitrary  $\sigma$ -fields, since it is easily observed that the proofs from [5] can then be repeated.

(1.1) THEOREM (cf. [5], Th. 1.1). *If  $Q$  is a  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal system of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in a  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ , then*

$$\bar{Q} = \{\bigcup \{\bigcap d : d \in \mathcal{D}\} : \mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{P}^{<\omega}(\mathcal{P}^{<\omega}(Q))\}$$

*is the least closed  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal system of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}$  extending  $Q$ .*

A  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  in a  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{S}$  is called  $(i, j)$ -*quasi-saturated* (where  $i$  and  $j$  belong to the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of all positive integers) if each family  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{S}$  of cardinality  $\geq j$  such that  $X \setminus A \in \mathcal{I}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  contains a subfamily  $\mathcal{F}_0$  of cardinality  $\geq i$  such that  $\bigcap \mathcal{F}_0$  is nonempty. We say that  $\mathcal{I}$  is  $\sigma$ -*quasi-saturated* in  $\mathcal{S}$  if for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  there is  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{I}$  is  $(i, j)$ -quasi-saturated.

Let further  $\mathcal{S}_1 \subset \mathcal{P}(X_1)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_2 \subset \mathcal{P}(X_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}(X_1 \times X_2)$  be fixed  $\sigma$ -fields. Assuming that  $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2$  are  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$ , respectively, satisfying (\*), (\*\*), we define  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  by (\*\*\*)

(1.2) THEOREM (cf. [5], Th. 2.1). *If  $Q_1, Q_2$  are  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal systems of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$ , respectively, such that conditions (\*), (\*\*) are satisfied for each  $\mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$  and if, moreover,  $Q_1$  is closed, then*

$$Q = \{\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2 : \mathcal{I}_1 \in Q_1, \mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2\}$$

*is a  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal system of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

(1.3) Remark. It is easy to verify that if, moreover,  $\mathcal{I}_1 \in Q_1, \mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$  are ideals (thus  $\sigma$ -ideals), then  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal.

(1.4) THEOREM (cf. [5], Th. 2.3). *If  $Q_1, Q_2$  are  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal systems of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-saturated  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$ , respectively, such that conditions (\*), (\*\*) are satisfied for each  $\mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$ , then for any  $\mathcal{I}_1 \in Q_1, \mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$  the product  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-saturated in  $\mathcal{S}$ . If, moreover,  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  is an ideal, then it is  $\sigma$ -saturated.*

**2. The main result.** Assume that  $X, Y$  are uncountable Polish spaces. Denote by  $\mathcal{K}$  the family of all meager subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\mu$  be a complete Borel measure on  $Y$  satisfying  $0 < \mu(Y) < \infty$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the family of all subsets of  $Y$  having measure zero. Recall that every  $C$ -set in a Polish

space has the Baire property and is measurable with respect to any complete  $\sigma$ -finite Borel measure (cf. [8], pp. 110–111).

Now, we associate with the ideals  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  (analogously to [5]) certain  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal systems of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(Y)$ , respectively.

Let  $\{U_n\}$  ( $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ) be a fixed countable base of open sets in  $X$ . We may assume that  $U_0 = X$ . Let  $K$  consist of the families

$$\mathcal{K}^n = \{A \in \mathcal{C}(X) : A \cap U_n \text{ is meager in } U_n\}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Then  $K$  is a  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal system of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ . It can be extended to a closed system  $\bar{K}$ , according to Theorem (1.1). Note that  $\mathcal{K} \cap \mathcal{C}(X) = \mathcal{K}^0 \in \bar{K}$ .

Assume that  $\mu(Y) = a$  and let  $L$  consist of the families

$$\mathcal{L}^r = \{A \in \mathcal{C}(Y) : \mu(A) \leq r\}$$

where  $r$  runs over all rationals from  $[0, a)$ . It is easy to verify that  $L$  is a closed  $\sigma$ -quasi-maximal system of proper  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals in  $\mathcal{C}(Y)$ . In particular, we have  $\mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{C}(Y) = \mathcal{L}^0 \in L$ .

To obtain our main result we need the following

(2.1) PROPOSITION. *Assume that one of the following conditions holds:*

- (a)  $X_1 = X$ ,  $X_2 = Y$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}(X \times Y)$ ,  $Q_2 = L$ ,
- (b)  $X_1 = Y$ ,  $X_2 = X$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \mathcal{C}(Y)$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}(Y \times X)$ ,  $Q_2 = \bar{K}$ .

Then **(\*\*)** holds for each  $\mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$ .

This follows immediately from [10], Corollaries 2.7 and 3.10 (cf. also [2], [6], [11]).

Analogously to [5], Th. 2.4, one can prove

(2.2) PROPOSITION. *Elements of the systems  $\bar{K}$ ,  $L$  are  $\sigma$ -quasi-saturated.*

Finally, by combining Theorem (1.4) with Propositions (0.1), (2.1), (2.2) and Remark (1.3), we get

(2.3) THEOREM. *Assume that one of the following conditions holds:*

- (a\*)  $X_1 = X$ ,  $X_2 = Y$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{C}(Y)$ ,  $Q_1 = \bar{K}$ ,  $Q_2 = L$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}(X \times Y)$ ,
- (b\*)  $X_1 = Y$ ,  $X_2 = X$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \mathcal{C}(Y)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,  $Q_1 = L$ ,  $Q_2 = \bar{K}$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{C}(Y \times X)$ .

Then for any  $\mathcal{I}_1 \in Q_1$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_2 \in Q_2$  the product  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  is  $\sigma$ -quasi-saturated in  $\mathcal{S}$ . If, moreover,  $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2$  are ideals, then  $\mathcal{I}_1 \times \mathcal{I}_2$  is a  $\sigma$ -saturated  $\sigma$ -ideal in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

From the last assertion of Theorem (2.3) it follows, in particular, that the products  $\mathcal{K}^0 \times \mathcal{L}^0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^0 \times \mathcal{K}^0$  are  $\sigma$ -saturated in the respective fields of

$C$ -sets. Furthermore, a standard argument allows us to extend the above to the case where the measure is  $\sigma$ -finite.

(2.4) **THEOREM.** *Assume that  $\mu$  is a complete  $\sigma$ -finite Borel measure on  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}$  are defined as above. Let  $\mathcal{K}^0 = \mathcal{K} | \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^0 = \mathcal{L} | \mathcal{C}(Y)$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}^0 \times \mathcal{L}^0$  and  $\mathcal{L}^0 \times \mathcal{K}^0$  are  $\sigma$ -saturated  $\sigma$ -ideals in  $\mathcal{C}(X \times Y)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(Y \times X)$ , respectively.*

(2.5) **Remark.** Similarly to [5] (where only the Borel case is considered) we may, by Theorem (1.2) and Proposition (2.1), construct any finite products of  $\sigma$ -quasi-ideals of  $C$ -sets associated either with measure or with category in Polish spaces. Moreover, it is easy to verify the associativity of producting. Thus, by applying Theorem (1.4) inductively, we can get a general version of Theorem (2.3) for any finite number of factors when each of them is associated either with measure or with category.

**3. Some problems.** According to the terminology of [8], the symbols  $\Sigma_1^1, \Pi_1^1$  will stand for the point-classes of analytic and coanalytic sets, respectively. It is well known that for any uncountable Polish space  $Z$  all subsets of  $Z$  belonging to  $\Sigma_1^1 \cup \Pi_1^1$  are  $C$ -sets (moreover, they belong to  $\mathcal{C}_1(Z)$  in the hierarchy described in Section 0, and  $\mathcal{C}_1(Z) \neq \mathcal{C}(Z)$ ; cf. [2]). Further, for any point-class  $\mathcal{F}$  and an ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{P}(Z)$  we shall write briefly  $\mathcal{I} | \mathcal{F}$  instead of  $\mathcal{I} | (\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{P}(Z))$ . We shall omit the letter  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{B}(Z)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(Z)$  since it will be clear which space  $Z$  is used.

Let  $X, Y, \mu, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}$  have the meaning from Theorem (2.4). Define (cf. [4])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}^* &= \{E \subset Y \times X : E_y \in \mathcal{K} \text{ for all } y \in Y\}, \\ \mathcal{L}^* &= \{E \subset X \times Y : E_x \in \mathcal{L} \text{ for all } x \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $\mathcal{K}^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}^*$  are  $\sigma$ -ideals included in  $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}$ , respectively. From Section 2 of [4] it follows that

$$\mathcal{K}^* | \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{K}^* | \Sigma_1^1 \subsetneq \mathcal{K}^* | \Pi_1^1, \quad \mathcal{L}^* | \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{L}^* | \Sigma_1^1 \subsetneq \mathcal{L}^* | \Pi_1^1.$$

We conjecture that the analogous properties for  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}$  hold. One part of this conjecture is settled by the following proposition based on ideals from [4].

(3.1) **PROPOSITION.**

- (a)  $(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \Sigma_1^1$ ,
- (b)  $(\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \Sigma_1^1$ .

**Proof.** We shall show (a); the proof of (b) is analogous. It is enough to verify the inclusion  $(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \Sigma_1^1 \subset (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{B}$ . Consider any  $A \in (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \Sigma_1^1$ . Then there are  $B \in \mathcal{L}^*$  and  $C \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $A \subset B \cup (C \times Y) \in \Sigma_1^1$ . We may assume that  $C$  is Borel and  $B, C \times Y$  are disjoint. Thus  $B \in \Sigma_1^1$ . By

[3], Th. 4.2, there is  $B^* \in \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{L}^*$  including  $B$ . Hence  $A \subset B^* \cup (C \times Y) \in (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{B}$ , which ends the proof.

(3.2) PROBLEM. Are the properties

$$(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \Pi_1^1 \neq (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \Sigma_1^1, \quad (\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \Pi_1^1 \neq (\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \Sigma_1^1$$

true? If so, then, by Proposition (3.1), we would have

$$(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{B} \subsetneq (\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{C}, \quad (\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \mathcal{B} \subsetneq (\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \mathcal{C}.$$

(Note that  $(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}) | \mathcal{B} \subsetneq \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}$  and  $(\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}) | \mathcal{B} \subsetneq \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{K}$  by [7], Th. 1.3.)

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