

## SETS OF UNIQUENESS FOR THE GROUP OF INTEGERS OF A $p$ -SERIES FIELD

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**§ 1. Introduction.** Let  $G$  denote the group of integers of a  $p$ -series field, where  $p$  is a prime  $\geq 2$ . Thus, any element  $\bar{x} \in G$  can be represented as a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  with  $0 \leq x_i < p$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Moreover, the dual group  $\{\Psi_m\}_{m=0}^\infty$  of  $G$  can be described by the following process. If  $m$  is a non-negative integer with  $m = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \alpha_k p^k$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_k < p$  for each  $k$ , and if  $\bar{x} \in G$  then

$$(1) \quad \Psi_m(\bar{x}) = \prod_{k=0}^\infty \phi_k^{\alpha_k}(\bar{x}),$$

where for each integer  $k \geq 0$  and for each  $x = \{x_i\} \in G$ , the functions  $\phi_k$  are defined by

$$(2) \quad \phi_k(\bar{x}) = \exp(2\pi i x_k/p).$$

In the case that  $p = 2$ , the group  $G$  is the dyadic group introduced by Fine [1] and the functions  $\{\Psi_m\}_{m=0}^\infty$  are the Walsh-Paley functions. A detailed account of these groups and basic properties can be found in [4].

One of these basic properties is that the group  $G$  can be identified with the unit interval  $[0, 1)$ . This is accomplished by associating with each element  $\bar{x} = \{x_i\} \in G$ ,  $0 \leq x_i < p$ , the point  $x = \sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i/p^{i+1}$ . It is well-known that the map  $\bar{x} \rightarrow x$  takes Haar measure on  $G$  to Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1)$ . Moreover, if we neglect the set  $D$ , of  $p$ -rationals, this map is one-to-one and onto. It becomes a group homomorphism if we define the  $p$ -sum of two real numbers  $x, y \in [0, 1)$  by

$$x \dot{+} y = \sum_{i=0}^\infty (x_i \oplus y_i)/p^{i+1}$$

where

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i/p^{i+1}, \quad y = \sum_{i=0}^\infty y_i/p^{i+1},$$

and  $x_i \oplus y_i$  represents the sum of  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ , modulo  $p$ . Abusing the notation slightly, we shall set  $\Psi_m(x) = \Psi_m(\bar{x})$  for  $x \in [0, 1)$  and  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ . Since each  $\Psi_m$  is a character on  $G$ , we have that

$$(3) \quad \Psi_m(x \dot{+} y) = \Psi_m(x)\Psi_m(y),$$

for  $x, y \in [0, 1)$  and  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ .

Define the  $p$ -sum of two non-negative integers  $n$  and  $l$  as follows. If  $m =$

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$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^i$  and if  $l = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^i$ , with  $0 \leq \alpha_i, \beta_i < p$ , then

$$m \dot{+} l = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_i \oplus \beta_i) p^i.$$

It is clear from equation (1) that

$$(4) \quad \Psi_{m \dot{+} l}(x) = \Psi_m(x) \Psi_l(x),$$

for  $x \in [0, 1)$  and  $m, l = 0, 1, \dots$ . We shall denote the  $p$ -sum of an integer  $l$  with itself  $(p - 1)$  times by  $\dot{-}l$ . Since addition of coordinates is modulo  $p$ , we observe that  $l \dot{-} l = 0$ .

Define the  $p$ -product of a non-negative integer  $m = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k p^k$  with a real number  $x$  (which either belongs to  $[0, 1)$  or to the set  $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ ) by

$$m \circ x = (\alpha_0 \circ x) \dot{+} (\alpha_1 p \circ x) \dot{+} (\alpha_2 p^2 \circ x) \dot{+} \dots,$$

where the numbers  $\alpha p^l \circ x$  are defined as follows. If  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i/p^{i+1}$  belongs to the interval  $[0, 1)$ , then

$$\alpha p^l \circ x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha \otimes x_{i+l}/p^{i+1},$$

where  $\alpha \otimes x_{i+l}$  represents the product of  $\alpha$  with  $x_{i+l}$ , modulo  $p$ . If  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^i$  is a non-negative integer, then

$$\alpha p^l \circ x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha \otimes \beta_i p^{i+l}$$

where  $\alpha \otimes \beta_i$  represents the product of  $\alpha$  with  $\beta_i$ , modulo  $p$ .

Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer, and denote the set of  $n$ -dimensional vectors whose coordinates are non-negative integers by  $I^n$ . If  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  belong to  $I^n$ , then define the  $p$ -dot product of  $A$  and  $B$  by

$$A \circ B = (a_1 \circ b_1) \dot{+} (a_2 \circ b_2) \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} (a_n \circ b_n);$$

for  $x \in [0, 1)$  define the  $p$ -scalar product of  $x$  and  $A$  by

$$x \circ A = (a_1 \circ x, a_2 \circ x, \dots, a_n \circ x).$$

A sequence  $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq I^n$  is said to be  $p$ -normal if given any non-zero vector  $A \in I^n$ , we have  $A \circ V_j \rightarrow +\infty$ , as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

Finally, let  $E$  be a subset of the interval  $[0, 1)$  and for any character series  $S = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \Psi_k$  set

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k \Psi_k(x), \quad x \in [0, 1), \quad N = 1, 2, \dots$$

The set  $E$  is said to be a  $p$ -set of uniqueness if the only character series  $S$  which satisfies  $S_N(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $x \in [0, 1) \sim E$ , is the zero series. The set  $E$  is said to be a  $pH^{(m)}$ -set if there exists an open, connected set  $\Delta \subseteq R^n$  and a  $p$ -normal sequence  $\{V_j\}$  of vectors in  $I^n$  such that for all  $x \in E$  and for all integers  $j \geq 1$ , the point  $x \circ V_j$  never belongs to  $\Delta$ . For the trigonometric analogues of these concepts, see [6, p. 346].

In Section 2, we shall sketch proofs of the following two theorems.

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose that  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1)$ , that  $Z$  is a countable subset of  $[0, 1)$ , and that  $S = \sum a_k \Psi_k$  is a character series which satisfies  $p^{-m} S_{p^m}(x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for each  $x \in [0, 1)$ . If  $S_{p^m}(x)$  converges to  $f(x)$ , as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $x \in [0, 1) \sim Z$ , then  $S$  is the  $G$ -Fourier series of  $f$ , i.e.,*

$$a_k = \int_0^1 f(x) \Psi_k(x) dx, \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $E$  be a subset of  $[0, 1)$ . A sufficient condition that  $E$  be a  $p$ -set of uniqueness is the existence of a sequence of polynomials on  $G$ , say*

$$\lambda_j(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_j} c_k^{(j)} \Psi_k(x) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

*which vanish for  $x \in E \sim Z_j$ , where  $Z_j$  is a countable set ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ), and whose coefficients satisfy three properties:*

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n_j} |c_k^{(j)}| \leq C < \infty \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(4) \quad |c_0^{(j)}| \geq A > 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(5) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} c_k^{(j)} = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

In both cases, the proofs we outline follow closely those given earlier in the Walsh-Paley case. For Theorem 1, see [2]; for Theorem 2, see [3].

In Section 3, we shall apply these results to prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $E$  be a subset of  $[0, 1)$ . If  $E$  is countable or if  $E$  is a  $pH^{(m)}$ -set, then  $E$  is a  $p$ -set of uniqueness.*

In Section 4 we shall discuss specific examples of  $2H^{(1)}$ -sets, thereby providing the first new perfect sets of uniqueness for Walsh-Paley series since 1949 (see [3] and [5].)

**§ 2. Uniqueness and Localization.** For each  $x \in [0, 1)$  and each non-negative integer  $m$ , we define  $\alpha_m(x) = q/p^m$  by insisting that  $q \leq p^m x < q + 1$ . We also set  $\beta_m(x) = \alpha_m(x) + p^{-m}$  and  $\alpha_m'(x) = \alpha_m(x) - p^{-m}$ .

Recall that  $D$  represents the set of  $p$ -rationals in the interval  $[0, 1)$ . The following lemma is the key to the proof of Theorem 1. It was proved in the special case  $p = 2$  in [2]. By replacing each occurrence of  $2^m$  by  $p^m$ , and by subdividing each interval into  $p$  even subintervals instead of halves, the proof in [2] can also be used to establish this result:

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $G$  be a function defined on  $D$  which satisfies the following three properties:*

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} G(\alpha_m'(x)) \geq G(x) \quad x \in D;$$

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} [G(\beta_m(x)) - G(\alpha_m(x))] \leq 0 \quad x \in [0, 1);$$

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} p^m [G(\beta_m(x)) - G(\alpha_m(x))] \leq 0 \quad x \in [0, 1) \sim Z,$$

*for some countable set  $Z$ . Then  $G$  is monotone decreasing on  $D$ .*

The proof of Theorem 1 proceeds as follows: Set

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$$

and, when it exists,

$$L(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \int_0^x \Psi_k(t)dt,$$

for  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Observe that  $L(x)$  is defined for each  $x \in D$ . In fact, since each character  $\Psi_k$  is constant on any interval of the form  $J = [q/p^m, (q + 1)/p^m)$  when  $k < p^m$ , and satisfies  $\int_J \Psi_k(t)dt \equiv 0$  when  $k \geq p^m$ , it is the case that

$$(6) \quad L(\beta_m(x)) - L(\alpha_m(x)) = (\beta_m(x) - \alpha_m(x))S_{p^m}(x)$$

for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x \in [0, 1)$ .

Apply the Vitali-Caratheodory Theorem to  $F$ , to choose an absolutely continuous function  $\phi$  which uniformly approximates  $F$ , and whose derivative is dominated by  $f$ . Verify, using (6) and the hypotheses of Theorem 1, that  $\phi - L$  satisfies the three conditions in Lemma 1. Hence,  $\phi - L$  is monotone decreasing on  $D$ . Since  $\phi$  approximates  $F$ , it follows that  $F - L$  is monotone decreasing on  $D$ . By symmetry,  $L - F$  is also monotone decreasing on  $D$ .

Consequently,  $L(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in D$ . Now, instead of showing that  $L$  is essentially absolutely continuous, [2], verify directly that  $S$  is the  $G$ -Fourier series of  $f$ . Indeed, fix an integer  $k$  and choose  $p$ -rationals  $\alpha_m$  and  $\beta_m$  such that  $\Psi_k(x) = \Psi_k(\alpha_m)$  for  $x \in [\alpha_m, \beta_m)$ , and so that  $[0, 1) = \cup_{m=1}^M [\alpha_m, \beta_m)$ . Then by what we just showed,

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\Psi_k(x)dx \equiv \sum_{m=1}^M \int_{\alpha_m}^{\beta_m} f(x)\Psi_k(x)dx \equiv \sum_{m=1}^M \Psi_k(\alpha_m) \times [L(\beta_m) - L(\alpha_m)].$$

However, we can choose  $n_0$  so large (see (6)) that

$$L(\beta_m) - L(\alpha_m) = \int_{\alpha_m}^{\beta_m} S_{n_0}(t)dt.$$

Consequently,

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\Psi_k(x)dx = \int_0^1 \Psi_k(t)S_{n_0}(t)dt.$$

Since the functions  $\{\Psi_k\}$  are orthonormal, the right hand side reduces to  $a_k$ , as required.

The proof of Theorem 2 in the Walsh-Paley case relies heavily on a formal product of polynomials with series.

LEMMA 2. Let  $\lambda(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N_0} c_k \Psi_k(x)$  be a polynomial on  $G$ , and let  $S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \Psi_k(x)$  be a character series on  $G$ . Define a series  $\lambda S$  by

$$\lambda S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_k \Psi_k(x), x \in [0, 1),$$

where  $\tilde{a}_k = \sum_{l=0}^{N_0} c_l a_{k-l}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . If  $a_k \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\tilde{a}_k \rightarrow 0$  and

$$(7) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} [\lambda S_m(x) - \lambda(x) S_m(x)] = 0$$

uniformly on  $[0, 1)$ .

To prove this lemma we begin with a simple observation. If  $k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j p^j$  is a non-negative integer, with  $0 \leq \beta_j < p$ , and if  $q$  and  $N$  are fixed natural numbers, then a necessary and sufficient condition that  $(q - 1)p^N \leq k < qp^N$  is that

$$\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \beta_j p^j = (q - 1)p^N.$$

It follows that if  $k$  and  $l$  are non-negative integers which satisfy  $l < p^N$  and  $(q - 1)p^N \leq k < qp^N$ , then

$$(8) \quad (q - 1)p^N \leq k \dot{+} l < qp^N.$$

In particular, since  $\dot{-} l = l \dot{+} l \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} l$  ( $(p - 1) -$  terms), we see that  $k \dot{-} l \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , for each integer  $l \geq 0$ . Thus  $\tilde{a}_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  because  $a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

To show that (7) holds, fix  $N$  so large that  $\dot{-} l < p^N$  for all  $l < N_0$ , and fix  $x \in [0, 1)$ . By (8), if  $l < N_0$  then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{qp^N-1} a_{k-l} \Psi_{k-l}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{qp^N-1} a_k \Psi_k(x).$$

Since  $\Psi_{k-l}(x) \Psi_l(x) = \Psi_k(x)$  for all integers  $k, l \geq 0$ , we therefore obtain the following identity:

$$\lambda S_{qp^N}(x) = \lambda(x) S_{qp^N}(x)$$

for  $q = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Let  $m$  be a positive integer. Choose a non-negative integer  $q$  which satisfies  $qp^N \leq m < (q + 1)p^N$ . By the identity derived in the preceding paragraph, we have

$$\lambda S_m(x) - \lambda(x) S_m(x) \equiv \sum_{k=qp^N}^{m-1} \tilde{a}_k \Psi_k(x) - \lambda(x) \sum_{k=qp^N}^{m-1} a_k \Psi_k(x).$$

In particular,

$$|\lambda S_m(x) - \lambda(x) S_m(x)| \leq p^N \{ \sup_{k \geq qp^N} |\tilde{a}_k| + \|\lambda\|_{\infty} \sup_{k \geq qp^N} |a_k| \}.$$

Since both  $a_k$  and  $\tilde{a}_k$  tend to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have verified (7), and thus have completed the proof of Lemma 2.

To prove Theorem 2, let  $S = \sum a_k \Psi_k$  be a character series which converges to zero off  $E$ . Fix an integer  $j$ , and consider the product  $\lambda_j S$ . By Lemma 2, the assumption concerning  $S$ , and the hypothesis concerning the vanishing of  $\lambda_j$ , the Walsh series  $\lambda_j S$  converges to zero off the countable set  $Z_j$ . Hence by Theorem 1, the coefficients of  $\lambda_j S$  must vanish. By writing down the explicit formula for those coefficients, as given by Lemma 2, we are therefore lead to the equation

$$a_k = (-1/c_0^{(j)}) \sum_{i=0}^j c_i^{(j)} a_{k-i}$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . By using (3), (4) and (5) to estimate this sum, for large  $j$ , one can easily show that  $a_k = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . In particular,  $S$  is the zero series, as required.

**§ 3. A proof of theorem 3.** Suppose first that  $E$  is countable. Observe, since every  $p$ -rational  $x$  has a  $p$ -adic expansion which terminates in zeros, that

$$S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \Psi_k(x)$$

which converges at a  $p$ -rational, necessarily satisfies  $a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that such a series also satisfies  $p^{-m} S_{p^m}(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for each  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Consequently, Theorem 1 proves that  $E$  is a  $p$ -set of uniqueness.

Suppose that  $E$  is a  $pH^{(n)}$ -set. That is to say, suppose that there is an open, connected set  $\Delta \subseteq R^n$  and a  $p$ -normal sequence  $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq I^n$  such that for all  $x \in E$  and for all integers  $j \geq 1$ , the point  $x \circ V_j$  never belongs to  $\Delta$ . For simplicity, we suppose that  $n = 2$ , and set  $V_j = (a_j, b_j)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . We may suppose that  $\Delta = J_1 \times J_2$ , where each  $J_i$  is a subinterval of  $[0, 1)$  with  $p$ -rational endpoints, say  $J_i = [\alpha_i, \beta_i)$ .

Denote, for  $i = 1$  and  $2$ , the characteristic function of the interval  $J_i$  by  $\mu_i$ , and observe that  $\mu_i$  is a polynomial on  $G$ , say

$$\mu_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^M \gamma_m \Psi_m(x)$$

and

$$\mu_2(x) = \sum_{l=0}^L \delta_l \Psi_l(x).$$

We intend to show that the functions  $\lambda_j(x) = \mu_1(a_j \circ x) \mu_2(b_j \circ x)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 2 with respect to  $E$ , thereby showing that  $E$  is a  $p$ -set of uniqueness. Above all, we need to be sure that each  $\lambda_j$  is a polynomial.

**LEMMA 3.** *Suppose that  $m$  and  $k$  are non-negative integers. Then  $\Psi_k(m \circ x) = \Psi_{m \circ k}(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1)$ .*

To verify this lemma, we begin by observing that by (2), and the definition of  $\alpha p^l \circ k$ , the following formula subsists for  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i/p^{i+1}$  and for non-negative integers  $N, l$ , and  $\alpha$ , with  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ :

$$\phi_N(\alpha p^l \circ x) = \exp(2\pi i \alpha \otimes x_{N+l}/p).$$

But  $\exp(2\pi i) = 1$ , so we can replace the product modulo  $p$  by  $\alpha x_{N+i}$ . Hence by (1), and the definition of  $\alpha p^l \circ p^N$ , we obtain

$$\phi_N(\alpha p^l \circ x) = \Psi_{\alpha p^l \circ p^N}(x).$$

Hence the lemma holds in the special case when  $k = p^N$  and  $m = \alpha p^l$ . In the case when  $k = \sum_{i=0}^\infty \beta_i p^i$  but  $m = \alpha p^l$ , we have by (1) that

$$\Psi_k(\alpha p^l \circ x) = \prod_{i=0}^\infty \phi_i^{\beta_i}(\alpha p^l \circ x).$$

By the previous case, then,

$$(9) \quad \Psi_k(\alpha p^l \circ x) = \prod_{i=0}^\infty \phi_{i+l}^{\alpha \beta_i}(x).$$

According to (1) and the definition of  $\alpha p^l \circ k$ , the right hand side of (9) is identical to  $\Psi_{\alpha p^l \circ k}(x)$ , as required. Finally, if  $m = \sum_{i=0}^\infty \alpha_i p^i$  then by definition of  $m \circ x$  and (3), we have

$$\Psi_k(m \circ x) = \Psi_k(\alpha_0 \circ x) \Psi_k(\alpha_1 p \circ x) \dots$$

By the preceding case, and equation (4), this leads directly to  $\Psi_k(m \circ x) = \Psi_{m \circ k}(x)$ , and thus establishes the lemma.

We are now prepared to verify that the functions  $\lambda_j$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 2.

For the time being, let  $j$  be fixed. Since each  $\mu_i$  is the characteristic function of  $J_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and since  $x \in E$  implies that  $(a_j \circ x, b_j \circ x) \notin J_1 \times J_2$ , it is clear that  $\lambda_j(x) = 0$  for  $x \in E$ .

Next, by Lemma 3, we know that

$$\mu_1(a_j \circ x) = \sum_{m=0}^M \gamma_m \Psi_{a_j \circ m}(x)$$

and

$$\mu_2(b_j \circ x) = \sum_{l=0}^L \delta_l \Psi_{b_j \circ l}(x),$$

for  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Hence

$$\lambda_j(x) \equiv \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{l=0}^L \gamma_m \delta_l \Psi_{a_j \circ m + b_j \circ l}(x)$$

is a polynomial on  $G$ . In fact, using the notation of Theorem 2, we see that

$$(10) \quad c_k^{(j)} = \sum \{ \gamma_m \delta_l : k = a_j \circ m + b_j \circ l \}$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ .

Condition (3) is therefore satisfied since

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty |c_k^{(j)}| \leq \sum_{m=0}^M |\gamma_m| \cdot \sum_{l=0}^L |\delta_l| < \infty.$$

To verify condition (4) for large  $j$ , which is all that is required, we set

$$T = \sum \{ \gamma_m \delta_l : \mathbf{0} = a_j \circ m + b_j \circ l \text{ but } |m| + |n| \neq 0 \},$$

and observe that since  $(a_j, b_j)$  is  $p$ -normal, the sum  $T$  is empty for large  $j$ .

However, by (10),  $c_0^{(j)} = \gamma_0 \delta_0 + T$ . Since  $\gamma_0 = m(J_1)$  and  $\delta_0 = m(J_2)$  are both positive, we see that  $c_0^{(j)} = \gamma_0 \delta_0 > 0$ , for large  $j$ .

Condition (5) is similarly verified. Indeed, if  $k = a_j \circ m \dot{+} b_j \circ l$  is non-zero, then the vector  $(m, l)$  is necessarily non-zero. For such vectors  $(m, l)$ , however, we have

$$a_j \circ m \dot{+} b_j \circ l \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows from (10) that  $c^{(j)}$  is identically zero, for  $j$  large. This completes the proof that the functions  $\lambda_j$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 2, and, therefore, that  $E$  is a  $p$ -set of uniqueness.

**§ 4. Examples.** It is clear (see Example 1 below) that the Cantor set  $C(1/p)$  is a  $pH^{(1)}$ -set, and thus a  $p$ -set of uniqueness, for each prime  $p \geq 2$ . However, it seems difficult to decide whether  $C(1/q)$  is a  $pH^{(1)}$ -set when  $p \neq q$ . In particular, a problem open since 1949 [3] is that of determining whether the usual Cantor set  $C(1/3)$  is a set of uniqueness for Walsh-Paley series.

We close with some examples for the case  $p = 2$ . We shall abbreviate “ $2H^{(1)}$ -set” by “ $\dot{H}$ -set”. Sneider [3] has shown that the set  $C(1/2)$  is a set of uniqueness for Walsh-Paley series. Our first example shows that this result follows from Theorem 3.

(1) Let  $C_1$  denote the set whose complement is given by the union of intervals of the form  $(1/4, 3/4)$ ;  $(1/16, 3/16)$ ,  $(13/16, 15/16)$ ;  $(1/64, 3/64)$ ,  $(13/64, 15/64)$ ,  $(49/64, 51/64)$ ;  $(61/64, 63/64)$ ; . . . . It is clear that the dyadic expansion of a point in the complement of  $C_1$  consists of  $n$  pairs of 0's of 1's ( $n \geq 0$ ) followed by a 01 or a 10. It follows that a necessary and sufficient condition for a point  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i/2^{i+1}$  to belong to  $C_1$  is that  $x_{2j+1} = x_{2j}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus, if  $n_j = 2^{2j} + 2^{2j+1}$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , then  $n_j \circ x \notin (1/2, 1)$  for  $x \in C_1$  and  $j \geq 0$ . In particular,  $C_1$  is an  $\dot{H}$ -set.

Minor variations on this technique can be used to show that each of the following sets is an  $\dot{H}$ -set. Note that  $C_2$  contains  $C_1$ , and that  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  are unsymmetric.

(2)  $C_2 = \{x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i/2^{i+1}$ : for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , the set  $\{x_{4j+1}, x_{4j+2}\}$  contains an even (possibly 0) number of 1's}. The complement of  $C_2$  is the union of intervals  $(1/4, 3/4)$ ;  $(1/64, 3/64)$ ,  $(5/64, 7/64)$ ,  $(9/64, 11/64)$ ,  $(13/64, 15/64)$ ,  $(49/64, 51/64)$ ,  $(53/64, 55/64)$ ,  $(57/64, 59/64)$ ,  $(61/64, 63/64)$ ;  $(1/1024, 3/1024)$ , . . . .

(3)  $C_3 = \{x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i/2^{i+1}$ : for each integer  $j \geq 0$ , the set  $\{x_{3j+1}, x_{3j+2}, x_{3j+3}\}$  contains an even (possibly zero) number of 1's}. The complement of  $C_3$  is the union of intervals  $(1/8, 3/8)$ ,  $(4/8, 5/8)$ ,  $(7/8, 1)$ ;  $(1/64, 3/64)$ ,  $(4/64, 5/64)$ ,  $(7/64, 8/64)$ ,  $(25/64, 27/64)$ ,  $(28/64, 29/64)$ ,  $(31/64, 32/64)$ ,  $(41/64, 43/64)$ ,  $(44/64, 45/64)$ ,  $(47/64, 48/64)$ ,  $(49/64, 51/64)$ ,  $(52/64, 53/64)$ ,  $(55/64, 56/64)$ ; . . . .

(4)  $C_4 = \{ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i/2^{i+1} : \text{for each integer } j \geq 0, \text{ the set } \{x_{4j+1}, x_{4j+2}, x_{4j+3}, x_{4j+4}\} \text{ always contains an odd number of 1's} \}$ . The complement of  $C_4$  is the union of intervals  $(0, 1/16)$ ,  $(3/16, 4/16)$ ,  $(5/16, 7/16)$ ,  $(9/16, 10/16)$ ,  $(11/16, 13/16)$ ,  $(15/16, 1)$ ;  $(16/256, 17/256)$ ,  $(19/256, 20/256)$ ,  $(21/256, 23/256), \dots ; \dots$ .

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