# On Transitivity and Mixing of *G*-maps

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**Abstract:** Let X be a G-space,  $f: X \to X$  be a G-map. In this paper, it is shown if f is weakly G-mixing then  $f_n$  is G-transitive for all integers  $n \ge 1$ , and two sufficient and necessary conditions for f to be weakly G-mixing are given.

**Keywords:** *G* – *space*, *G* – *map*, *G* – *transitivity*, *weakly G* – *mixing*.

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

Let (X, d) be a metric space,  $f: X \to X$  be a continuous map, and the iterates  $f^n$  are defined inductively by

 $f^1 = f, f^{n+1} = f(f^n) \quad (n \ge 1).$ 

We also take  $f^0$  to be the identity map, defined by  $f^0(x) = x$  for each  $x \in X$ . Evidently,  $f^n$  is also a continuous map of X into itself. The map  $f \times \cdots \times f$  (with *n*times f) on the product space  $X^n$  is denoted by  $f_n$ .

By a topological transformation group we mean a triple (*G*, *X*,  $\theta$ ), where *G* is a topological group, *X* is a Hausdorff topological space and $\theta$ :  $G \times X \to X$  is a map such that:

(i) $\theta(g, \theta(h, x)) = \theta(gh, x)$  for all  $g, h \in G$ , and  $x \in X$ ;

(ii)  $\theta(e, x) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ , where e is the identity of G.

The map  $\theta$  is called an action of G on X. If  $\theta$  is an open map, then G is called an open transformation. The space X together with a given action  $\theta$  of G is called a G-space ([1]). A continuous map  $h: X \to X$  between two G-spaces is called a G-map, if  $h(\theta(g, x)) = \theta(g, h(x))$  for each  $g \in G$  and each  $x \in X$ .

The dynamical properties of G-maps have been studied by several authors in recent years (see [2-7]). In [2], Ruchi Das and Tarun Das defined the transitivity on G –spaces and gave an example to show that a G – transitive map need not to be transitive. In [3], Ruchi Das defined the

G -transitive subset of X and proved that the following three statements are equivalent: (i) A is a G -transitive subset of (X, f), (ii) If  $V_A$  is a non-empty open subset of A and U is a non-empty open subset of X with  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , then there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $V_A \cap \theta(g, f^{-n}(U) \neq \emptyset$ , (iii) If U is a non-empty open subset of X with  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  then  $\bigcup \{\theta(g, f^{-n}(U) | n \in N, g \in G\}$  is dense in A. In [4], Ruchi Das introduced the notion of G -expansiveness and gave the sufficient and necessary condition for f to be G -expansive. In [5], T.Choi and J.Kim proved the decomposition theorem on G -spaces. Let  $(X, d), (Y, \tilde{d})$  be two G -spaces and  $F = \{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}, H = \{h_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be two sequences of maps on X, Y respectively. If there exists an equivariant uniform homeomorphism  $t: X \to Y$  such that F and H are t -conjugate, then F is G -chaotic implies H is G -chaotic ([6]).

We say that f is transitive if for every pair of non-empty open sets U and V in X, there is a positive integer n such that  $f^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . f is said to be weakly mixing if  $f_2$  is transitive. In [8], Liao Gongfu proved that the following three statements are equivalent: (i) f is weakly mixing, (ii) For any non-empty open subsets U and V there is a  $n \ge 1$  such that  $f^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^n(V) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . (iii) For any non-empty open subsets U, V and W there is a integer  $n \ge 1$  such that  $f^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^n(V) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

In this paper, we introduce the definitions of weakly G -mixing and G -mixing, and prove hat f is weakly G -mixing if and only if for any non-empty open sets U,V and W of X, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ .

It is well known that f is topological mixing implies f is topological weakly mixing. In this paper, an example is given to show that f is G –mixing doesn't imply f is weakly G –mixing.

## 2. G-TRANSITIVITY AND G-MIXING OF G-MAPS

**Definition 2.1** ([2] **Definition 3.1.**) Let X be a metric G – space and  $f: X \to X$  be a continuousmap. f is called G –transitive if for every pair of non-empty open subsets U and V of X, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let X be a G-space and  $f: X \to X$  be a continuous map. f is called weakly G-mixing if  $f_2$  is G-transitive.

**Definition 2.3** Let *X* be a *G*-space and  $f: X \to X$  be a continuous map. *f* is called *G*-mixing if for every pair of non-empty open subsets *U* and *V* of *X*, there exist  $N \ge 0$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \ge N$ .

**Proposition 2.4** Let X be a G-space and  $f: X \to X$  be a G-map. The following are equivalent:

(i) f is G -transitive.

(ii) For every pair of non-empty open subsets U and V of X, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $U \cap \theta(g, f^{-n}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ .

(iii) For any non-empty open subset U of X,  $\bigcup \{ \theta(g, f^{-n}(U)) : n \in N, g \in G \}$  is dense in X.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of the Theorem 3.4 in [3], and is omitted. ■

**Proposition 2.5** Let X be a G – space and  $f: X \to X$  be a G – map, where G is an open transformation. If f is weakly G – mixing, then  $f_n$  is G – transitive for all integers  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof.**We prove this proposition by induction on *k*.

By the definition of weakly G -mixing,  $f_2$  is G -transitive. Thus,  $f_1$  is G -transitive.

Assume that for  $k \ge 2$ ,  $f_k$  is G -transitive. Let  $U_1, \dots, U_k, U_{k+1}, V_1, \dots, V_k, V_{k+1}$  be any 2(k+1)

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non-empty open subsets of X. Since  $f_2$  is G-transitive, by Proposition 2.4, there exist  $l \in N$  and  $g' \in G$  such that

$$U_k \cap \theta(g', f^{-l}(U_{k+1})) \neq \emptyset$$
 and  $V_k \cap \theta(g', f^{-l}(V_{k+1})) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $U_0 = U_k \cap \theta(g', f^{-l}(U_{k+1}))$  and  $V_0 = V_k \cap \theta(g', f^{-l}(V_{k+1}))$ . Since *f* is a *G*-map and *G* is an open transf- ormation, both  $U_0$  and  $V_0$  are non-empty open subsets of *X*. By the induction hypothesis, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that

$$\theta(g, f^n(U_i)) \cap V_i \neq \emptyset$$
, for each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

Noting that

$$\theta(g, f^n(U_k)) \cap V_k \supset \theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset,$$

we have

$$\begin{split} &\theta(g, f^{n}(U_{k+1})) \cap V_{k+1} \supset \theta(g, f^{n}(\theta((g')^{-1}, f^{l}(U_{0})))) \cap \theta((g')^{-1}, f^{l}(V_{0})) \\ &\supset \theta((g')^{-1}, \theta(g, f^{n+l}(U_{0})) \cap f^{l}(V_{0})) \\ &\supset \theta((g')^{-1}, f^{l}(\theta(g, f^{n}(U_{0})) \cap V_{0})) \\ &\neq \emptyset. \end{split}$$

It follows that  $f_{k+1}$  is G -transitive. Thus,  $f_n$  is G -transitive for all integers  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proposition 2.6** Let X be a G-space and  $f: X \to X$  be a G-map, where G is an open transformation. If f is weakly G-mixing, then  $f^n$  is weakly G-mixing for all integers  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof.** Put  $n \ge 1$  and let U, V, U', V' be non-empty open subsets of X. Since f is continuous,  $U, f^{-1}(U), \dots, f^{-(n-1)}(U), V, f^{-1}(V), \dots, f^{-(n-1)}(V)$  are non-empty open subsets of X. It follows from Proposition 2.5 that  $f_n$  is G-transitive. Therefore, there exist  $k \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that

$$U' \cap \theta(g, f^{-(k+i)}(U)) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } V' \cap \theta(g, f^{-(k+i)}(V)) \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } 0 \le i \le n-1.$$

This means that there is  $i_0$ ,  $1 \le i_0 \le n - 1$ , such that  $k + i_0$  is multiple of n. Assume  $k + i_0 = np$ , we have

 $U^{'} \cap \theta(g, f^{-np}(U)) \neq \emptyset$  and  $V^{'} \cap \theta(g, f^{-np}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ .

Hence,  $f^n$  is weakly G -mixing.

**Theorem 2.7** Let X be a G – space and  $f: X \to X$  be a G – map, where G is an open transformation. Then f is weakly G –mixing if and only if for any non-empty open subsets U and V of X, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\theta(g, f^n(V)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** The necessity is obvious, so it is enough to prove the sufficiency.

Let  $U_1$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $U_2$ ,  $V_2$  be any non-empty open subsets of X. Since f is G-transitive, there exist  $n_1 \in N$  and  $g_1 \in G$  such that

$$A = V_1 \cap \theta(g_1, f^{-n_1}(V_2)) \neq \emptyset$$

and there exist  $n_2 \in N$  and  $g_2 \in G$  such that

$$B = \theta(g_1, f^{-n_1}(U_2)) \cap \theta(g_2, f^{-n_2}(A)) \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence, there exist  $n_3 \in N$  and  $g_3 \in G$  such that

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$$\begin{aligned} \theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(B)) \cap B \neq \emptyset \text{ and } \theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(U_1)) \cap B \neq \emptyset. \\ \text{Putting } n = n_2 + n_3 \text{ and } g = g_2^{-1}g_3, \text{ we have} \\ \theta(g, f^n(U_1)) \cap V_1 = \theta(g_2^{-1}g_3, f^{n_2+n_3}(U_1)) \cap V_1 \\ \supset \theta(g_2^{-1}g_3, f^{n_2+n_3}(U_1)) \cap A \\ = \theta(g_2^{-1}g_3, f^{n_2+n_3}(U_1)) \cap \theta(g_2^{-1}g_2, f^{n_2}(f^{-n_2}(A))) \\ \supset \theta(g_2^{-1}g_3, f^{n_2+n_3}(U_1)) \cap \theta(g_2^{-1}, f^{n_2}(\theta(g_2, f^{-n_2}(A)))) \\ \supset \theta(g_2^{-1}, f^{n_2}(\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(U_1)) \cap \theta(g_2, f^{-n_2}(A)))) \\ \supset \theta(g_2^{-1}, f^{n_2}(\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(U_1)) \cap B)) \\ \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(B)) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$\phi \neq \theta(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}, f^{n_2+n_1}(\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(B)) \cap B))$$

$$\subset \theta(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}, f^{n_2+n_1}(\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(B)))) \cap \theta(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}, f^{n_2+n_1}(B))$$

$$\subset \theta(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}, f^{n_2+n_1}(\theta(g_3, f^{n_3}(\theta(g_1, f^{-n_1}(U_2)))))) \cap \theta(g_2^{-1}g_1^{-1}, f^{n_2+n_1}(\theta(g_2, f^{-n_2}(A)))) = \theta(g, f^n(U_2)) \cap \theta(g_1^{-1}, f^{-n_1}(A))$$

 $\subset \theta(g, f^n(U_2)) \cap V_2.$ 

Hence, f is weakly G –mixing.

**Theorem 2.8** Let X be a G -space and  $f: X \to X$  be a G -map, where G is open transformation. Then f is weakly G -mixing if and only if for any non-empty open subsets U, V and W of X, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** The necessity is obvious, so it is enough to prove the sufficiency.

Let  $U_1$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $U_2$ ,  $V_2$  be any non-empty open subsets of X. By the hypothesis, there exist  $k \in N$  and  $g_1 \in G$  such that  $U' = \theta(g_1, f^k(U_1)) \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $V' = \theta(g_1, f^k(U_1)) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ ,

so

$$U = U_1 \cap \theta(g_1^{-1}, f^{-k}(U_2)) \neq \emptyset$$
 and  $V = U_1 \cap \theta(g_1^{-1}, f^{-k}(V_2)) \neq \emptyset$ .

Hence, there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in G$  such that

$$\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$$
 and  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset$ .

It follows that

$$\theta(g, f^n(U_1)) \cap V_1 \supset \theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset.$$

Noting that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \phi \neq \theta(g_1, f^k(\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V)) \\ & \subset \theta(g_1, f^k(\theta(g, f^n(U)))) \cap \theta(g_1, f^k(V)) \\ & \subset \theta(g, f^n(\theta(g_1, f^k(U)))) \cap V_2 \end{split}$$

$$\subset \theta(g, f^n(U_2)) \cap V_2.$$

Hence, f is weakly G –mixing.

#### **3. EXAMPLES**

It is obvious that f is transitive implies f is G -transitive.

Under trivial action of G on X, G – transitivity coincides with transitivity. However, under non-trivial action of G on X, the G – transitivity does not imply the transitivity. In [2], the following example was given to show that the G –transitivity does not imply the transitivity.

**Example 3.1** ([2] Example 3.3) Let  $X = \left\{ \pm \frac{1}{n}, \pm \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) | n \in N \right\}$  under usual metric. Consider action of  $Z_2$ , additive group of integers mod 2, on X given by  $\theta(0, t) = t$  and  $\theta(1, t) = -t$ ,  $t \in X$ . Map  $f: X \to X$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x_{+} & \text{if } x \in \left\{\frac{1}{n}, 1 - \frac{1}{n} \middle| n \neq 1, n \in N \right\}, \\ x_{-} & \text{if } x \in \left\{-\frac{1}{n}, -\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \middle| n \neq 1, n \in N \right\}, \\ x & \text{if } x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}. \end{cases}$$

Where  $x_+$  denotes element of X immediate to right of x,  $x_-$  denotes element of X immediate to left of x.

**Remark.** Example 3.1 can't be used to show that the *G*-transitivity does not imply the transitivity. In fact, let  $U = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}) \cap X$  and  $V = (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{7}) \cap X$ . For every  $n \ge 1, \theta(1, f^n(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $\theta(0, f^n(U)) \cap V = f^n(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Hence, *f* is neither  $Z_2$ -transitive nor transitive.

Inspired by the Example 3.1, we give the following example to show that the G -transitivity does not imply the transitivity.

**Example 3.2** Let  $f: [-1,1] \rightarrow [-1,1]$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x - 2 & \text{if } -1 \le x \le -\frac{1}{2} \\ 2x & \text{if } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ -2x + 2 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \le x \le 1. \end{cases}$$

Consider action of  $Z_2$ , additive group of integers mod 2, on [-1,1] given by  $\theta(0,t) = t$  and  $\theta(1,t) = -t, t \in [-1,1]$ . Then f is  $Z_2$ -transitive, but f is not transitive.

**Proof.It** follows by f([0,1]) = [0,1] that f is not transitive. It is easy to see that  $h_1 = f|_{[0,1]}$  and  $h_2 = f|_{[-1,0]}$  are transitive.

Let U, V be any non-empty open subsets of [-1,1] and let  $U_1 = U \cap (0,1)$ ,  $V_1 = V \cap (0,1)$ ,  $U_2 = U \cap (-1,0)$ ,  $V_2 = V \cap (-1,0)$ .

Case  $1.U_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $h_1$  is transitive, there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $h_1^n(U_1) \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\theta(0, f^n(U)) \cap V \supset \theta(0, h_1^n(U_1) \cap V_1) \neq \emptyset$ .

Case  $2.U_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $h_2$  is transitive, there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $h_2^n(U_2) \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\theta(0, f^n(U)) \cap V \supset \theta(0, h_2^n(U_2) \cap V_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Case 3.  $U_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $h_1$  is transitive, there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $h_1^n(U_1) \cap \theta(1, V_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\theta(1, f^n(U)) \cap V \supset \theta(1, f^n(U)) \cap \theta(1, V)) \supset \theta(1, h_1^n(U_1) \cap \theta(1, V_2)) \neq \emptyset$ .

Case  $4.U_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $h_2$  is transitive, there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $h_2^n(U_2) \cap \theta(1,V_1) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\theta(1, f^n(U)) \cap V \supset \theta(1, f^n(U)) \cap \theta(1,V)) \supset \theta(1, h_2^n(U_2) \cap \theta(1,V_1)) \neq \emptyset$ .

It follows by Case 1-4 that there exist  $n \in N$  and  $g \in Z_2$  such that  $\theta(g, f^n(U)) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus f is  $Z_2$ -transitive, but f is not transitive.

**Remark.**Under trivial action of G on X, if f is G -mixing then f is weakly G -mixing. But the following example shows that the G -mixing doesn't imply the weakly G -mixing.

**Example 3.3** Let f and  $Z_2$  be defined as Example 3.2. Then f is  $Z_2$  –mixing but not weakly  $Z_2$  –mixing.

**Proof.** The proof of  $Z_2$  –mixing is similar to that of  $Z_2$  –transitivity, and is omitted. The following we will show that f is not weakly  $Z_2$  –mixing.

Let 
$$U_1 = (-1,1), V_1 = (0,\frac{1}{3}), U_2 = (\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3}), V_2 = (\frac{2}{3},1)$$
. Since  $\theta(0,f^n(U_1)) \subset [-1,0]$  and

 $\theta(1, f^n(U_2)) \subset [-1, 0]$  for all integers  $n \ge 0$ , then

 $\theta(0, f^n(U_1)) \cap V_1 = \emptyset \text{ and } \theta(1, f^n(U_2)) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ 

for all integers  $n \ge 0$ . Hence f is not weakly  $Z_2$ -mixing.

## 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper we study some properties and two equivalent conditions of G –weakly mixing.

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