# QUALITATIVE PROPERTIES OF IDEAL CONVERGENT SUBSEQUENCES AND REARRANGEMENTS

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ABSTRACT. We investigate the Baire category of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent subsequences and rearrangements of a divergent sequence  $s = (s_n)$  of reals, if  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  having the Baire property. We also discuss the measure of the set of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent subsequences for some classes of ideals on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Our results generalize theorems due to H. Miller and C. Orhan (2001).

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Denote  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, ...\}$ . Let  $s = (s_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a given sequence. Firstly, we are interested in subsequences of s. Let  $T \subset \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  denote the set of all sequences with infinite number of ones. For  $x = (x_n) \in T$  we generate a subsequence sx of s in such a way that, if  $t_n$  is a position of the *n*th "1" in the sequence x, then  $(sx)_n := s_{t_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Clearly, all subsequences of s can be coded in this manner (and the coding is one-to-one). It is known that the Cantor space  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  equipped with the product topology is complete. Observe that T is a  $G_{\delta}$  subset of  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , therefore by the Alexandrov theorem, it is completely metrizable. So, we may apply the Baire category theorem to the space Twhile studying sets of subsequences of s.

Secondly, we are interested in rearrangements of the sequence s. Recall that  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  equipped with the product topology is a complete space, and the set  $P \subset \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  of all bijections from  $\mathbb{N}$  onto itself (permutations of  $\mathbb{N}$ ) is a  $G_{\delta}$  subspace [19, p. 66], so it is completely metrizable. Hence the Baire category theorem works in P. Rearrangements of s are sequences of the form  $(s_{p(n)})$  for  $p \in P$ .

Let us recall some useful definitions and facts on ideals of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  (cf. [14],[8]). We say that an ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is *admissible* if  $\mathbb{N} \notin \mathcal{I}$  and the ideal Fin of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{I}$ . From now on, we will consider only admissible ideals; we will simply call them *ideals on*  $\mathbb{N}$ . Ideals on  $\mathbb{N}$  can be treated (via the characteristic functions) as subsets of the Polish space  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , so they can have the Baire property, be Borel, analytic, coanalytic, and so on.

The following important fact is due to Jalali-Naini [12] and Talagrand [20]; see also [21, Theorem 1, Section 8].

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- *I* has the Baire property;
- $\mathcal{I}$  is meager;
- there is an infinite sequence n<sub>1</sub> < n<sub>2</sub> < ... of integers in N such that no member of I contains infinitely many intervals [n<sub>i</sub>, n<sub>i+1</sub>) in N.

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An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is called *maximal* if there is no ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  which is a proper superset of  $\mathcal{I}$ . It is well known that  $\mathcal{I}$  is maximal if and only if, for every partition  $\{A, B\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  into infinite sets, exactly one of the conditions  $A \notin \mathcal{I}, B \notin \mathcal{I}$  is true.

If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(s_n)$  is a sequence of reals, we say (cf. [14]) that  $(s_n)$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  (and write  $\mathcal{I}$ -lim<sub>n</sub>  $s_n = t$ ) if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : |s_n - t| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . It is easy to see that if  $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Fin}$ , we get the usual convergence of  $(s_n)$  to t. Also, let us mention the case when  $\mathcal{I}$  equals  $\mathcal{I}_d$ , the density ideal which consists of sets  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  with asymptotic density zero. (Recall that the asymptotic density of  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  is given by  $d(A) := \lim_n |A \cap [1, n]|/n$ , provided the limit exists.) In this case we speak about statistical convergence (see [9], [11]). For several interesting applications of statistical and ideal convergence, see for instance [10], [5], [7], [1], [4].

# 2. Results on the Baire category

Given an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  and a divergent sequence  $s = (s_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , the Baire category (in the spaces T and P, respectively) of the following two sets will be investigated:

 $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} := \{ x \in T : sx \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent} \}, \quad R_s^{\mathcal{I}} := \{ p \in P : (s_{p(n)}) \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent} \}.$ 

The motivation of such studies comes from the results by Miller and Orhan [16] who proved that for  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{I}_d$  these sets are of the first category. From now on, sets of the first category will be called *meager*, and residual sets will be called *comeager*.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  with the Baire property and let  $s = (s_n)$  be a divergent sequence of reals. Then the sets  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  are meager in T and P, respectively.

Proof. Note that, if s is divergent to  $\infty$  or to  $-\infty$ , then  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset = R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Indeed, if a subsequence s' of s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then a subsequence of s' is convergent to t which is impossible. Also, if a rearrangement  $s'' = (s_{p(n)})$  of s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then a subsequence of s'' is convergent to t which is impossible. Consequently, from now on we assume that s has at least two different partial limits a, b where  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ . Pick  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  such that  $a < \alpha < \beta < b$ .

At first we will show that  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is meager. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  has the Baire property, by Lemma 1.1 fix an infinite sequence  $n_1 < n_2 < \ldots$  of integers in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that no member of  $\mathcal{I}$  contains infinitely many intervals  $[n_i, n_{i+1})$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$A_m := \{ x \in T : (\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) (n_k > m \& (sx) \upharpoonright_{[n_k, n_{k+1})} \le \alpha \& (sx) \upharpoonright_{[n_{k+1}, n_{k+2})} \ge \beta ) \}.$$

(Here  $(sx) \upharpoonright_{[n_k, n_{k+1})} \leq \alpha$  means that  $(sx)_i \leq \alpha$  for each  $i \in [n_k, n_{k+1})$ .)

Note that  $\bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N}} A_m \subset T \setminus S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Indeed, if  $x \in \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N}} A_m$ , each of the sets  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (sx)_n \leq \alpha\}$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (sx)_n \geq \beta\}$  contains infinitely many intervals of the form  $[n_k, n_{k+1})$ , hence it does not belong to  $\mathcal{I}$ . Thus sx is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent. Consequently, it suffices to show that every set  $A_m$  is comeager in T.

Fix  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We will prove that every open set U from a standard countable base of topology in T (inherited from  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ) contains an open subset included in  $A_m$ . This will demonstrate that  $A_m$  contains a dense  $G_{\delta}$  set, hence it is comeager.

So, consider a basic open set

$$U := T \cap \left\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \colon x \text{ extends } (x_1, \dots, x_d) \right\}.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that the sequence  $\overline{x} := (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$  contains at least m ones (in fact, we may assume that every member of the base satisfies this property). Let the number of ones in  $\overline{x}$  be equal to  $t \ge m$ . Put  $k := \min\{i \in \mathbb{N} : n_i > t\}$ . We can extend  $\overline{x}$  to a sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_q)$  in which there are precisely  $n_k - 1$  ones and  $x_q := 1$ . Then proceed as follows. Since a is a limit point of the sequence s, find inductively indices

$$i_{n_k} < i_{n_k+1} < \dots < i_{n_{k+1}-1}$$

greater than d, for which the respective terms of the sequence s are  $\leq \alpha$ . Let  $x_i$ , for these indices i, be equal to 1, and consider the next extension of  $\overline{x}$  to a sequence

$$(x_1,\ldots,x_q,\ldots,x_{i_{n_k}},\ldots,x_{i_{n_{k+1}}-1})$$

where the remaining terms are filled up by zeros.

In the same manner, since b is a limit number of s, we can find the next indices

$$i_{n_{k+1}} < i_{n_{k+1}+1} \dots < i_{n_{k+2}-1}$$

for which the respective terms of the sequence s are  $\geq \beta$ . Let  $x_i$ , for these indices i, be equal to 1, and consider the final extension of  $\overline{x}$  to a sequence

$$\overline{\overline{x}} := (x_1, \dots, x_q, \dots, x_{i_{n_k}}, \dots, x_{i_{n_{k+1}-1}}, x_{i_{n_{k+1}}}, \dots, x_{i_{n_{k+2}-1}})$$

where the remaining terms are filled up by zeros. Let

$$V := T \cap \left\{ x \in \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \colon x \text{ extends } \overline{\overline{x}} \right\}$$

Then V is an open subset of U. Moreover,  $V \subset A_m$  since, if  $x \in V$ , then conditions  $n_k > m$ ,  $(sx) \upharpoonright_{[n_k, n_{k+1}]} \leq \alpha$  and  $(sx) \upharpoonright_{[n_{k+1}, n_{k+2}]} \geq \beta$  are fulfilled.

The proof for  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is similar. For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$A_m := \left\{ p \in P \colon (\exists k \in \mathbb{N}) (n_k > m \& (s_{p(\cdot)} \upharpoonright_{[n_k, n_{k+1}]} \le \alpha \& s_{p(\cdot)} \upharpoonright_{[n_{k+1}, n_{k+2}]} \ge \beta) \right\}.$$

We show that every set  $A_m$  is comeager in P. So, fix  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and consider a basic open set

$$U := P \cap \left\{ p \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \colon p \text{ extends } \overline{x} \right\}$$

where  $\overline{x} := (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$  is a sequence with distinct terms. We may assume that  $d \ge m$ . Pick the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_k > d$ . Then we can choose distinct numbers

$$p(d+1), \ldots, p(n_k), \ldots, p(n_{k+1}-1), p(n_{k+1}), \ldots, p(n_{k+2}-1)$$

taken from  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{x_1, \ldots, x_d\}$  and fulfilling the following conditions:

•  $s_{p(i)} \leq \alpha$  for  $i = n_k, n_k + 1, \dots, n_{k+1} - 1;$ 

•  $s_{p(i)} \ge \beta$  for  $i = n_{k+1}, n_{k+1} + 1, \dots, n_{k+2} - 1$ .

Put

$$\overline{\overline{x}} := (x_1, \dots, x_d, \dots, p(n_k), \dots, p(n_{k+1} - 1), p(n_{k+1}) \dots, p(n_{k+2} - 1))$$

and

$$V := P \cap \left\{ \ p \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \colon x \text{ extends } \overline{\overline{x}} \right\}$$

Then V is open and included in  $A_m \cap U$ . This implies that  $A_m$  is comeager in P, and so is  $A := \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N}} A_m$ . Hence  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  included in  $P \setminus A$  is meager.  $\Box$ 

Theorem 2.1 generalizes results of [16, Theorems 3.1, 5.1(b)] dealing with a special case when  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{I}_d$ . Note that, in [16], a different (but equivalent) approach was proposed to code subsequences (instead of  $x \in \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , binary expansions of reals  $x \in (0,1]$  are used).

Let us show some consequences of Theorem 2.1. We will formulate several equivalent conditions for the usual convergence of a sequence in the language of the Baire category of ideal convergent subsequences and rearrangements.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $s = (s_n)$  be a sequence of reals and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  with the Baire property. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) s is convergent;
- (ii)  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = T;$
- (iii)  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = T$ ; (iii)  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is comeager in T;
- (iv)  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is nonmeaser in T.

*Proof.* To show (i) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) recall that, if (i) holds, say s is convergent to  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then all subsequences of s are convergent to t, and also  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to t. Hence  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = T$  and so, (ii) is true. Implications (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) and (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) are trivial, and Theorem 2.1 yields implication (iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i).

Analogously, we obtain

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $s = (s_n)$  be a sequence of reals and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  with the Baire property. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) s is convergent;
- (ii)  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}} = P;$
- (iii)  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is comeager in P;
- (iv)  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is nonmeaser in P.

Observe that, if  $\mathcal{I}$  is a maximal ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ , the assertion of Theorem 2.1 is false. Indeed, it is known that every bounded sequence of reals is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent (cf. [14, Lemma 5.2]). Hence it suffices to consider a bounded divergent sequence s and then  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = T$ ,  $R_s^{\mathcal{I}} = P$ . Note that maximal ideals do not have the Baire property (cf. [13, 8.50]).

# 3. Some results in the measure case

It is natural to ask whether a measure counterpart of Theorem 2.1 is true in the case of the set  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Namely, consider the uniform probability measure on  $\{0,1\}$  and let  $\mu$  denote the respective product measure on  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  which sometimes is called *Lebesgue measure on*  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  (cf. [19, Example 3.4.10]). In fact,  $\mu$  is strictly associated with linear Lebesgue measure on [0,1] (when one uses the Cantor continuous function from  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  onto [0,1]). Then, by measurable subsets of  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  we mean sets belonging to the  $\mu$ -completion of the respective product  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Of course, T as a coccountable subset of  $\{0,1\}$  is of full  $\mu$ -measure (that is  $\mu(T) = 1$ ). If we treat  $\{0,1\}$  as the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , the space  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  can be treated as the compact metric group  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^{\mathbb{N}}$ , and then  $\mu$  is the respective Haar measure.

We propose a preliminary observation (Proposition 3.1) which shows a dichotomy for  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$ , provided that  $\mathcal{I}$  is an analytic or a coanalytic ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  (thus it is a special measurable subset of  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ).

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We need one more notion. Given an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , we say that a sequence  $(s_n)$  of reals satisfies  $\mathcal{I}$ -Cauchy condition (cf. [6]) if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : |s_n - s_N| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . In a similar way, one can define  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence and  $\mathcal{I}$ -Cauchy condition in a metric space.

Recall that (cf. [6]), in a complete metric space, the classes of  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent and of  $\mathcal{I}$ -Cauchy sequences are equal. So, the sets  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  can be expressed in the form

(1) 
$$S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} \bigcup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \{ x \in T \colon \{ i \in \mathbb{N} \colon |(sx)_i - (sx)_N| \ge \varepsilon \} \in \mathcal{I} \};$$

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  which is an analytic or a coanalytic subset of  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is analytic or coanalytic in T, and either of measure 0 or 1.

*Proof.* A set  $E \subset \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  (see [17]) is called a *tail set* if, whenever  $x \in E$  and  $y \in \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  differs from x in a finite number of coordinates, then  $y \in E$ . By [17, Theorem 21.3] if a tail set is measurable then it is either of measure 0 or 1. Observe that  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$ , treated as a subset of  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , is a tail set. If we show that  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  is measurable, we will get the second assertion (note that  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus T$  is countable).

We consider the expression (1) with  $\varepsilon$  taken from the set  $\mathbb{Q}_+$  of positive rationals. For  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  define  $f_{\varepsilon,N} \colon T \to \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  as the sequence of characteristic functions

$$f_{\varepsilon,N}(x) := (\chi_{\{i \in \mathbb{N} : |(sx)_i - (sx)_N| \ge \varepsilon\}}(j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad x \in T.$$

Then  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}} = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+} \bigcup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} f_{\varepsilon,N}^{-1}[\mathcal{I}]$ . To finish the proof we need to show that every function  $f_{\varepsilon,N}$  is continuous since then (by the respective properties of analytic and coanalytic sets; see [19]) the set  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  will be analytic or coanalytic, hence it will be measurable.

Let  $f := f_{\varepsilon,N}$ . It suffices to prove that every coordinate  $f_j := \chi_{\{i \in \mathbb{N}: |(sx)_i - (sx)_N| \ge \varepsilon\}}(j)$  of f is continuous. Fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $x_n \in T$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume that  $x_n \to x \in T$ . We will show that  $f_j(x_n) \to f_j(x)$ . Let for example  $f_j(x) = 1$  (the second case is analogous). Hence  $|(sx)_j - (sx)_N| \ge \varepsilon$ . Denote by k the maximum of the Nth and the jth positions of ones in the sequence x. Since  $x_n \to x$ , there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for any  $n \ge n_0$ , the first k terms of  $x_n$  and x are equal. That is why  $|(sx_n)_j - (sx_n)_N| \ge \varepsilon$ , and finally  $f_j(x_n) = f_j(x) = 1$  for any  $n \ge n_0$ .

**Remark 1.** In an analogous way, one can prove that, if  $\mathcal{I}$  is analytic or coanalytic, then for any sequence  $s \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set

$$\left\{x \in T \colon \mathcal{I}\text{-}\lim_{i} (sx)_{i} = t\right\} = \bigcap_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^{+}} \left\{x \in T \colon \{i \in \mathbb{N} \colon |(sx)_{i} - t| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}\right\}$$

is analytic or coanalytic, and either of measure 0 or 1 (observe that this is a tail set).

In [15], [16], the measure of  $S_s^{\mathcal{I}}$  was investigated, in the case  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{I}_d$ . Note that  $\mathcal{I}_d$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$  subset of  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  (cf. [8]). We summarize the respective results of [15] and [16] in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** ([15],[16]) For  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{I}_d$  and a sequence  $s = (s_n)$  of reals, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent;
- (ii)  $\mu(\{x \in T : \mathcal{I}\text{-}\lim_n (sx)_n = t\}) = 1 \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R};$
- (iii)  $\mu(S_s^{\mathcal{I}}) = 1.$

Proof. The equivalence (i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (ii) was shown in [15, Theorem 3], with  $\mathcal{I}$ -lim<sub>n</sub>  $s_n = t$  in (i). Implication (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) is obvious. By [16, Theorem 3.5], if s is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent, then  $\mu(T \setminus S_s^{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$ . Consequently, if  $\mu(S_s^{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$ , then s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent. This yields (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i).

Theorem 3.2 shows that the measure analogue of Theorem 2.1 is false. Indeed, it suffices to consider a divergent sequence s which is  $\mathcal{I}_d$ -convergent and then  $\mu(S_s^{\mathcal{I}_d}) = 1$  by Theorem 3.2.

Now, we are going to extend Theorem 3.2 to a wider class of ideals. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ . A function  $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  is called *bi-I-invariant* if  $A \in \mathcal{I} \Leftrightarrow f[A] \in \mathcal{I}$  for every  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  (if " $\Rightarrow$ " is true, we say that f is  $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant). We will need the following fact (cf. [3, Proposition 24]).

**Proposition 3.3** ([3]). Let  $f, g: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant injections such that  $f[\mathbb{N}] \cap g[\mathbb{N}] = \emptyset$  and  $f[\mathbb{N}] \cup g[\mathbb{N}] = \mathbb{N}$ . Then, for any sequence  $(s_n)$  of reals and a point  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{I}\text{-}\lim_n s_n = t \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{I}\text{-}\lim_n s_{f(n)} = t \text{ and } \mathcal{I}\text{-}\lim_n s_{g(n)} = t)$$

For a 0-1 sequence  $x \in T$  let  $\{n_1 < n_2 < ...\} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k = 1\}$ . Define  $f_x : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  by  $f_x(k) = n_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $T_{\mathcal{I}} := \{x \in T : f_x \text{ is bi-}\mathcal{I}\text{-invariant}\}$ . We will say that an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  has property (G) if  $\mu(T_{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$ . For a sequence  $s = (s_n)$  of reals, consider the following conditions:

- (i) s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent;
- (ii)  $\mu(\{x \in T : \mathcal{I} \lim_{n \to \infty} (sx)_n = t\}) = 1$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (iii)  $\mu(S_s^{\mathcal{I}}) = 1.$

Then (i) and (ii) are equivalent, provided that  $\mathcal{I}$  has property (G). Implication (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) is always true. Implication (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) holds provided that  $\mathcal{I}$  is analytic or coanalytic and  $\mathcal{I}$  has property (G). Consequently, under these two assumptions on  $\mathcal{I}$ , conditions (i),(ii),(iii) are equivalent.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{I}$  has property (G). To show (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii), assume that  $\mathcal{I}$ -lim<sub>n</sub>  $s_n = t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x \in T_{\mathcal{I}}$ . Hence  $f_x$  is bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant. Let  $\{n_1 < n_2 < \dots\} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k = 1\}$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$\{i \in \mathbb{N} \colon |(sx)_i - t| \ge \varepsilon\} = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \colon |s_{n_i} - t| \ge \varepsilon\} = f_x^{-1}[\{i \in \mathbb{N} \colon |s_i - t| \ge \varepsilon\}].$$

We have  $\{i \in \mathbb{N} : |s_i - t| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Thus  $f_x^{-1}[\{i \in \mathbb{N} : |s_i - t| \ge \varepsilon\}] \in \mathcal{I}$  by the bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariance of  $f_x$ . Consequently, sx is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to t. By property (G) and the choice of x, we obtain (ii).

To show (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i), let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $\mu(B) = 1$  where  $B := \{x \in T : \mathcal{I} - \lim_n (sx)_n = t\}$ . If  $x \in T$ , denote by  $x^c := \mathbf{1} - x$ , the converse of x in the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\mathbf{1} := (1, 1, ...)$ . By property (G) we have  $\mu(T_{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$ , hence  $\mu(\mathbf{1} - T_{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$  since  $\mu$  is the Haar measure. Pick  $x \in B \cap T_{\mathcal{I}} \cap (\mathbf{1} - T_{\mathcal{I}})$ . Let  $\{n_1 < n_2 < ...\} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k = 1\} = f_x[\mathbb{N}]$  and  $\{m_1 < m_2 < ...\} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k^c = 1\} = f_{x^c}[\mathbb{N}]$ . Then  $f_x[\mathbb{N}] \cap f_{x^c}[\mathbb{N}] = \emptyset$ ,  $f_x[\mathbb{N}] \cup f_{x^c}[\mathbb{N}] = \mathbb{N}$  and

$$\mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} (sx)_{n} = t \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} s_{n_{i}} = t \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} s_{f_{x}(n)} = t,$$
$$\mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} (sx^{c})_{n} = t \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} s_{m_{i}} = t \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}-\lim_{n} s_{f_{x^{c}}(n)} = t.$$

Hence, using the bi-invariance of  $f_x$  and  $f_{x^c}$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{I}$ -lim<sub>n</sub>  $s_n = t$  by Proposition 3.3.

Implication (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) is obvious (no extra assumption on  $\mathcal{I}$  is needed).

Now, let  $\mathcal{I}$  be analytic or coanalytic, with property (G). To prove (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i), we follow some ideas from [16, Theorem 3.5]. Assume that  $\mu(S_s^{\mathcal{I}}) = 1$ . Pick  $x_0$  from the set  $H := T_{\mathcal{I}} \cap (\mathbf{1} - T_{\mathcal{I}}) \cap S_s^{\mathcal{I}} \cap (\mathbf{1} - S_s^{\mathcal{I}})$ which is of  $\mu$ -measure 1. Then  $f_{x_0}$  and  $f_{x_0^c}$  are bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant, and the subsequences  $sx_0$  and  $sx_0^c$  are  $\mathcal{I}$ convergent to t and t', respectively. If t = t', then (i) follows from Proposition 3.3. Assume that  $t \neq t'$ . Fix any  $x \in H$  and suppose that sx is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to some  $u \notin \{t, t'\}$ . Take  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that the sets  $(t - \varepsilon, t + \varepsilon), (t' - \varepsilon, t' + \varepsilon)$  and  $(u - \varepsilon, u + \varepsilon)$  are pairwise disjoint. Then  $\{n: |(sx_0)_n - t| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$  and since  $f_{x_0}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant, we have  $\{f_{x_0}(n): |(sx_0)_n - t| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Thus  $\{f_{x_0}(n): |(sx_0)_n - u| < \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Similarly  $\{f_{x_0^c}(n): |(sx_0^c)_n - u| < \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since  $\{n: |(sx_0)_n - u| \ge \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $\{f_x(n): |(sx_0)_n - u| \ge \varepsilon\}$ . Therefore  $f_x$  maps  $\mathbb{N}$  onto a set from  $\mathcal{I}$  which contradicts the bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariance of  $f_x$ . Hence, for  $\mu$ -almost every  $x \in T$ , the sequence sx is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent either to t or to t'.

Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is analytic or coanalytic, by Remark 1 we infer that  $\{x \in T : (sx) \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent to } t\}$ and  $\{x \in T : (sx) \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-convergent to } t'\}$  are 0-1 sets with respect to  $\mu$ . However, their union is of full  $\mu$ -measure. Hence one of them has full  $\mu$ -measure. Now, we can use (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i).

Let  $NR := \{x \in T : d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = 1\}) = 1/2\}$ . Recall that  $\mu(NR) = 1$ , by the Borel theorem on normal numbers. If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_d$ , the set  $\{x \in T : f_x \text{ is bi-}\mathcal{I}\text{-invariant}\}$  contains NR and therefore it is of full  $\mu$ -measure. (This was used in the proofs of [15, Theorem 3] and [16, Theorem 3.5].) We will present two classes of ideals  $\mathcal{I}$  that fulfil the inclusion  $NR \subset T_{\mathcal{I}}$ . This will witness that the class of ideals with property (G) is quite rich.

Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers with  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n = \infty$ . By  $\mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$  denote the ideal of all sets  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  with  $\sum_{n \in A} a_n < \infty$ . This is called the *summable ideal* associated with  $(a_n)$ ; cf. [8]. Another class consists of density-like ideals considered in [2]. For any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  let

$$\mathcal{I}\langle \alpha \rangle := \left\{ A \subset \mathbb{N} : \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{|A \cap [1, n]|}{n^{\alpha}} = 0 \right\}.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{I}\langle 1 \rangle = \mathcal{I}_d$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** (I) Let  $(a_n)$  be a nonincreasing sequence of positive reals with  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n = \infty$ . Assume that there is C > 0 such that  $a_n/a_{2n} \leq C$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$  has property (G).

(II) The ideal  $\mathcal{I}\langle \alpha \rangle$  has property (G) for each  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $x \in NR$ . We claim that  $f_x(n) \leq 4n$  for all but finitely many n's. Suppose not. Then there are infinitely many n's such that  $f_x(n) > 4n$ . Fix  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{|\{i \le n \colon x_i = 1\}|}{n} > \frac{1}{3}$$

for every  $n \ge n_0$ . Take  $n_1 \ge n_0$  with  $f_x(n_1) > 4n_1$ . Since  $f_x$  is increasing,  $f_x(n) > 4n_1$  for every  $n \ge n_1$ . Thus

$$\frac{|\{i \le 4n_1 \colon x_i = 1\}|}{4n_1} \le \frac{1}{4},$$

a contradiction. From now on, we fix  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f_x(n) \leq 4n$  for all  $n \geq m_0$ . We will prove that  $f_x$  is bi- $\mathcal{I}$ -invariant for ideals  $\mathcal{I}$  considered in statements (I) and (II). (I) Let  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $(a_n)$  is nonincreasing,  $A \in \mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$  implies  $f_x[A] \in \mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$ . Assume that  $f_x[A] \in \mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$ . Then

$$\sum_{\in A, n \ge m_0} a_n \le C^2 \sum_{n \in A, n \ge m_0} a_{4n} \le \sum_{n \in A, n \ge m_0} a_{f_x(n)} < \infty$$

which shows that  $A \in \mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$ .

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(II) Note that each increasing injection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $\mathcal{I}\langle\alpha\rangle$ -invariant. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  and assume that  $f_x[A] \in \mathcal{I}\langle\alpha\rangle$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and find  $k_0 \ge m_0$  such that for all  $k \ge k_0$  we have

$$\frac{|\{f_x(n) \le k \colon n \in A\}|}{k^{\alpha}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4^{\alpha}}$$

Then for all  $k \ge k_0$  we have

$$\frac{\{n \le k \colon n \in A\}|}{k^{\alpha}} \le 4^{\alpha} \frac{|\{f_x(n) \le 4k \colon n \in A\}|}{(4k)^{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon$$

which shows that  $A \in \mathcal{I}\langle \alpha \rangle$ .

Now, we present an example of summable ideal and a sequence of reals for which implication  $(i) \Rightarrow (iii)$  in Theorem 3.4 is false.

**Example 2.** Define  $\mathcal{I}$  as follows: for  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  let  $A \in \mathcal{I} \Leftrightarrow A \cap (2\mathbb{N} + 1) \in \text{Fin.}$  Note that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a summable ideal; namely  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_{(a_n)}$  where  $a_{2n} := 0$  and  $a_{2n+1} := 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the Borel-Cantelli lemma, a sequence  $x \in T$  contains infinitely many blocks (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1) with probability 1 (i.e. with  $\mu$ -measure 1). Define

$$E := \{ x \in T \colon x_k = x_{k+2} = x_{k+3} = x_{k+5} = 1, x_{k+1} = x_{k+4} = 0, \text{ for infinitely many } k \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

Let  $s := (a_n)$ . Clearly, s is  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to 1. Observe that every  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent subsequence of s with odd indices is convergent in the usual way. We will show that sx is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for every  $x \in E$ .

Fix  $x \in E$ . By K denote the infinite set of indices k such that  $(x_k, \ldots, x_{k+5}) = (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1)$ . Let  $\{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k = 1\} = \{n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \ldots\}$ . To prove that sx is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent, we need to show that the sequence  $(a_{n_{2k+1}})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  contains infinitely many zeros and infinitely many ones. This holds since, for infinitely many even k's, the indices  $n_k$  are odd, and for infinitely many odd k's, the indices  $n_k$  are also odd. Ideed, fix  $k \in K$ . Consider the following four cases.

Case 1. k is even and  $n_k$  is even. Then k + 2 is even and  $n_{k+2}$  is odd, and k + 5 is odd and  $n_{k+5}$  is odd.

Case 2. k is even and  $n_k$  is odd. Then k + 3 is odd and  $n_{k+3}$  is odd.

Case 3. k is odd and  $n_k$  is even. Then k + 2 is odd and  $n_{k+2}$  is odd, and k + 5 is even and  $n_{k+5}$  is odd.

Case 4. k is odd and  $n_k$  is odd. Then k + 3 is even and  $n_{k+2}$  is odd.

Since sx is not  $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent for every  $x \in E$ , we have  $\mu(S_c^{\mathcal{I}}) = 0$ .

Note that summable ideals and ideals of the form  $\mathcal{I}\langle \alpha \rangle$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , are analytic P-ideals. An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is called a *P-ideal* if for any sequence  $(A_n)$  of sets in  $\mathcal{I}$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $A_n \setminus A \in F$  in for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We leave unsolved the problem how to describe the class of analytic P-ideals for which the equivalence of conditions (i),(ii),(iii) in Theorem 3.2 is true. Recall an important theorem

of Solecki [18]:  $\mathcal{I}$  is an analytic P-ideal on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Exh}(\varphi)$  for some lower semicontinuous submeasure  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  (where  $\operatorname{Exh}(\varphi) := \{A \subset \mathbb{N} \colon \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi(A \setminus [1, n]) = 0\}$ ).

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