

## The General Random Ergodic Theorem. II

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### § 1. Introduction

The present paper continues the investigations of “The general random ergodic theorem I”, and the following problem is considered:

Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, m)$  and  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  are two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces, and  $\{f(t, \omega)(x)\}$  and  $\{g(t, \omega)(x)\}$  are two  $(t, \omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$ . Then we can ask under what conditions there exists a function  $F^*(\omega, x)$  in  $L_1(\Omega \otimes X)$  such that

$$\frac{\int_0^T f(t, \omega)(x) dt}{\int_0^T g(t, \omega)(x) dt}$$

converges (as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ) to the function  $F^*(\omega, x)$  almost everywhere on  $\Omega \otimes X$ .

The problem analogous to a continuous case arises for discrete families of measurable functions.

In § 2 we state the general random ergodic theorems for a continuous parameter case in connection with this question, of which proofs appear in § 3. In § 4 we shall indicate similar results in a discrete parameter case.

The idea of the proofs, which appeal to the representation into an infinite product space, is due to the author [1] being a slight modification of the method given by Doob [2].

### § 2. The Continuous Case

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, m)$  and  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces and  $\{S_t: t \geq 0\}$  a measurable non-singular semi-flow on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, m)$ . We recall that, by virtue of the non-singularity and the group property of  $\{S_t\}$ , there exists a family  $\{\beta(t, \omega)\}$  of positive integrable functions such that, by the Radon-Nikodym theorem,

$$m(S_t A) = \int_A \beta(t, \omega) dm$$

for any  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ , and

$$\beta(t+s, \omega) = \beta(t, \omega) \beta(s, S_t \omega)$$

for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , and that if we take  $\{S_t\}$  to be measure preserving, the density function  $\beta(t, \omega)$  is identically equal to one. Throughout this paper, we shall restrict ourselves to real valued functions, and further, unless otherwise stated,  $p$  will be an arbitrary positive integer and each  $E_k$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots$ ) will be a 1-dimensional Borel set.

The following theorem, a continuous analogue of the generalization of Hopf's theorem [3] proved by Halmos [4] and Dowker [5], plays an essential role in our present paper.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f(\omega)$  be an integrable function on  $\Omega$  and  $g(\omega)$  a non-negative measurable function on  $\Omega$  satisfying*

$$\int_0^\infty g(S_t \omega) \beta(t, \omega) dt = \infty$$

almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ . Then the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T f(S_t \omega) \beta(t, \omega) dt}{\int_0^T g(S_t \omega) \beta(t, \omega) dt}$$

exists and is finite almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ .

Now suppose  $f = \{f(t, \omega)(x): t \geq 0\}$  and  $g = \{g(t, \omega)(x): t \geq 0\}$  are two  $(t, \omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$ . We consider the mapping  $H_{(f, g)}$  from  $\Omega \otimes X$  to  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t) \otimes (\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^1$  defined by

$$H_{(f, g)}(\omega, x) = (\theta, \sigma) \\ \xi_t(\theta) = f(t, \omega)(x), \quad \eta_t(\sigma) = g(t, \omega)(x)$$

where  $\xi_t(\theta)$  and  $\eta_t(\sigma)$  are the  $t$ -coordinate functions of  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  respectively, and consider the shift transformation semi-group  $\{Q_t: t \geq 0\}$  on  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^2$  defined by

$$Q_t((\theta_u, \sigma_u): u \geq 0) = ((\theta_{u+t}, \sigma_{u+t}): u \geq 0).$$

By  $\mathcal{L}_{(f, g)}$  we stand for the  $\sigma$ -field generated by all finite unions of sets of the form: for every sequence  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  with  $0 \leq t_1 < \dots < t_n < \infty$ ,

$$\{(\theta, \sigma): \xi_{t_1}(\theta) \in E_1, \dots, \xi_{t_p}(\theta) \in E_p, \eta_{t_1}(\sigma) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, \eta_{t_p}(\sigma) \in E_{2p}\},$$

and put, for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}_{(f, g)}$ ,

$$\lambda_{(f, g)}(A) = m \otimes \mu(H_{(f, g)}^{-1} A).$$

Obviously  $\{Q_t\}$  is  $\mathcal{L}_{(f, g)}$ -measurable. Moreover, for a function  $h(\omega)$  fixed in  $L_1(\Omega)$ , we consider the mapping  $\Pi_h$  from  $\Omega$  to  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)$  given by  $\Pi_h \omega = \theta$ , where  $\xi_t(\theta) = h(t, \omega)$ ,  $h(t, \omega) = h(S_t \omega)$  and denote by  $\mathcal{A}_h$  the  $\sigma$ -field generated by all finite unions of sets of the form: for any sequence  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  of non-negative real numbers with  $t_1 < \dots < t_n$ ,

$$\{\theta: \xi_{t_1}(\theta) \in E_1, \dots, \xi_{t_p}(\theta) \in E_p\}$$

and define  $\pi_h(B) = m(\Pi_h^{-1} B)$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{A}_h$ .

<sup>1</sup>  $\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t = \overset{+}{\otimes}_{t \geq 0} R_t, R_t = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

We say that the pair  $(f, g)$  of two families has the property  $A$  if for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}_{(f, g)}$ , there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that  $\lambda_{(f, g)}(Q_t^{-1} A) \leq K \cdot \lambda_{(f, g)}(A)$  for any  $t$  with  $t \geq 0$ , and that the pair  $(f, g)$  has the property  $B$  if for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}_{(f, g)}$  with  $\lambda_{(f, g)}(A) > 0$ ,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \lambda_{(f, g)}(Q_t^{-1} A) dt > 0.$$

Then our main result reads as follows:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f = \{f(t, \omega)(x) : t \geq 0\}$  and  $g = \{g(t, \omega)(x) : t \geq 0\}$  be two  $(t, \omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$  satisfying that

- (i)  $f(0, \omega)(x)$  belongs to  $L_1(\Omega \otimes X)$ ,
- (ii) for almost all  $(\omega, x) \in \Omega \otimes X$ ,  $g(t, \omega)(x)$  is positive for any  $t \geq 0$  and  $\int_0^\infty g(t, \omega)(x) dt = \infty$ ,

(iii) the pair  $(f, g)$  has the properties  $A$  and  $B$ .

Then there exists a null set  $N$  in  $\Omega$  such that, for any  $\omega \in \Omega - N$ , the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T f(t, \omega)(x) dt}{\int_0^T g(t, \omega)(x) dt}$$

exists and is finite for almost all  $x \in X$ .

In case the measures  $m$  and  $\mu$  are finite, take  $\{S_t : -\infty < t < \infty\}$  to be a measurable non-singular flow and consider the product set  $(\otimes R_t) \otimes (\otimes R_t)$ , where  $\otimes R_t = \otimes_{-\infty < t < \infty} R_t$ ,  $R_t = (-\infty, \infty)$ . Then we have the following

**Theorem 3.** Suppose  $\{f(t, \omega)(x) : -\infty < t < \infty\}$  and  $\{g(t, \omega)(x) : -\infty < t < \infty\}$  are two  $(t, \omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$  satisfying that

- (i)  $f(0, \omega)(x)$  belongs to  $L_1(\Omega \otimes X)$ ,
- (ii)  $g(t, \omega)(x)$  is positive for almost all  $(\omega, x) \in \Omega \otimes X$  and for any  $t$ , and
- (iii) there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu \{x : f(t_1 + t, \omega)(x) \in E_1, \dots, f(t_p + t, \omega)(x) \in E_p, \\ g(t_1 + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, g(t_p + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}\} \beta(-t, \omega) dt \\ \leq K \cdot \mu \{x : f(t_1, \omega)(x) \in E_1, \dots, f(t_p, \omega)(x) \in E_p, \\ g(t_1, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, g(t_p, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}\} \end{aligned}$$

holds almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ , where  $(t_1, \dots, t_p)$  is an arbitrary sequence of real numbers with  $t_1 < \dots < t_p$ . Then, except for a set of  $m \otimes \mu$ -measure zero, the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T f(t, \omega)(x) dt}{\int_0^T g(t, \omega)(x) dt}$$

exists and is finite.

*Remark.* Note that Theorem 2 extends Theorem 4 obtained by the author in [1] which generalizes Doob's ergodic theorem [2] and that Theorem 3 extends Theorem 1 obtained by the author in the same paper.

The following corollary together with Theorem 1 generalizes Anzai's theorem [6] and Hopf's ergodic theorem [3] which extends Birkhoff-Khinchine's theorem [7].

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\{T(t, \omega) x: t \geq 0\}$  be a  $(t, \omega, x)$ -measurable quasi semi-group of endomorphisms of  $X$  with respect to  $\{S_t: t \geq 0\}$ . If  $m$  is finite, then for any  $f \in L_1(X)$  and a positive measurable function  $g$  defined on  $X$  with  $\int_0^\infty g(T(t, \omega) x) dt = \infty$   $m \otimes \mu$ -almost everywhere, the average*

$$\frac{\int_0^T f(T(t, \omega) x) dt}{\int_0^T g(T(t, \omega) x) dt}$$

converges (as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ) to a finite function almost everywhere on  $\Omega \otimes X$ .

### § 3. Proofs of Theorems

The proof of Theorem 1 depends essentially on the following lemmas which are the continuous analogues of those given by Dowker [5].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $u(t)$  be a real valued measurable function defined on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $T$  any fixed positive real number. Suppose*

$$\sup_{0 < r \leq T} \int_0^r u(t+s) dt \geq 0$$

for any non-negative real number  $s$ . Then

$$\int_0^v u(t) dt + \int_v^{v+T} (u(t))^+ dt \geq 0$$

for any positive real number  $v$ , where  $(u(t))^+ = \max(u(t), 0)$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f(\omega)$  be a measurable function defined on  $\Omega$  such that either the positive part or the negative part is integrable. If we put*

$$E(x) = \left\{ \omega: \sup_{0 < v \leq \alpha} \int_0^v f(S_t \omega) \beta(t, \omega) dt \geq 0 \right\}$$

for an arbitrary positive rational number  $\alpha$ , then

$$\int_{E(\alpha)} f(\omega) dm \geq 0.$$

In this time, the proof of Theorem 1 can be easily proved by the same manner as used by Halmos [4].

*Proof of Theorem 2.* We shall establish the proof by returning to Theorem 1 in which  $\{S_t: t \geq 0\}$  is considered a measurable semi-flow.

Let  $(f, g)$  be the pair given in the theorem and  $h(\omega)$  belong to  $L_1(\Omega)$ . We define the mapping  $\varphi$  of  $\Omega \otimes X$  into  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t) \otimes (\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t) \otimes (\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)$  (simply,  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^3$ ) as follows:  $\varphi(\omega, x) = (\tau, \theta, \sigma)$ , where  $\zeta_t(\tau) = h(S_t \omega)$ ,  $\xi_t(\theta) = f(t, \omega)(x)$  and  $\eta_t(\sigma) = g(t, \omega)(x)$ , and consider the shift transformation semi-group  $\{Z_t: t \geq 0\}$  on  $(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^3$  given by

$$Z_t((\tau_u, \theta_u, \sigma_u): u \geq 0) = ((\tau_{u+t}, \theta_{u+t}, \sigma_{u+t}): u \geq 0).$$

Furthermore, we denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the  $\sigma$ -field generated by all finite unions of sets of the form

$$\{(\tau, \theta, \sigma): \zeta_{t_1}(\tau) \in E_1, \dots, \zeta_{t_p}(\tau) \in E_p, \xi_{t_1}(\theta) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, \xi_{t_p}(\theta) \in E_{2p}, \eta_{t_1}(\sigma) \in E_{2p+1}, \dots, \eta_{t_p}(\sigma) \in E_{3p}\},$$

and put  $\lambda(A) = m \otimes \mu(\varphi^{-1} A)$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ . Clearly  $\{Z_t\}$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ -measurable and  $\lambda$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure which is not necessarily invariant under  $\{Z_t\}$ . The following three lemmas contribute essentially to the proof of the theorem.

- Lemma 3.** 1°.  $\{Z_t\}$  is non-singular with respect to  $\lambda$ .  
 2°. There exists such a positive constant  $K$  as for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}$  with  $\lambda(A) > 0$ ,

$$0 < \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \lambda(Z_t^{-1} A) dt \leq K \cdot \lambda(A).$$

*Proof.* Cf. [1], Lemma 4.

From Lemma 3 we have

**Lemma 4.** There exists a  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfying

- (i)  $\nu(A) \leq K^2 \lambda(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ ,
- (ii)  $\nu$  is equivalent to  $\lambda$ , and
- (iii)  $\nu$  is invariant under  $\{Z_t\}$ .

*Proof.* Cf. [1], Lemma 5.

**Lemma 5.** If  $\Phi$  is an arbitrary 3  $p$ -dimensional Borel function, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^3} \Phi(\zeta_{t_1}(\tau), \dots, \zeta_{t_p}(\tau), \xi_{t_1}(\theta), \dots, \xi_{t_p}(\theta), \eta_{t_1}(\sigma), \dots, \eta_{t_p}(\sigma)) d\lambda(\tau, \theta, \sigma) \\ &= \int_{\Omega \otimes X} \Phi(h(t_1, \omega), \dots, h(t_p, \omega), f(t_1, \omega)(x), \dots, f(t_p, \omega)(x), \\ & \quad g(t, \omega)(x), \dots, g(t, \omega)(x)) dm \otimes \mu(\omega, x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $h(t_i, \omega) = \zeta_{t_i}(\tau)$ ,  $f(t_i, \omega)(x) = \xi_{t_i}(\theta)$  and  $g(t_i, \omega)(x) = \eta_{t_i}(\sigma)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ).

*Proof.* Cf. [1], Lemma 2.

Let us continue the proof of the theorem.

Notice that Lemma 4 implies that  $\{Z_t\}$  is a measurable semi-flow on  $((\overset{+}{\otimes} R_t)^3, \mathcal{L}, \nu)$ . In order to apply Theorem 1 to  $\{Z_t\}$ , we consider the functions  $\psi_0^{(1)}$  and  $\psi_0^{(2)}$  given by

$$\psi_0^{(1)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma) = \xi_0(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_0^{(2)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma) = \eta_0(\sigma).$$

Then, for any  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\psi_0^{(1)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) = \psi_t^{(1)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma)$$

and

$$\psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) = \psi_t^{(2)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma).$$

In view of Lemma 4, Lemma 5 and the conditions (i), (ii) in the theorem, we see that  $\psi_0^{(1)}$  is  $\nu$ -integrable,  $\psi_0^{(2)}$  is positive and

$$\int_0^\infty \psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt = \infty \quad \text{for almost all } (\tau, \theta, \sigma) \in (\otimes^+ R_t)^3.$$

Thus, from Theorem 1, it follows that the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T \psi_0^{(1)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt}{\int_0^T \psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt}$$

exists and is finite  $\nu$ -almost everywhere on  $(\otimes^+ R_t)^3$ . Again, by Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, we come to the desired conclusion.

*Proof of Theorem 3.* In the sequel, we make use of the mapping and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -measurable shift transformation group  $\{Z_t; -\infty < t < \infty\}$  as in the proof of the preceding theorem.

The following lemmas stand by the proof of the theorem.

**Lemma 6.** *For the constant  $K$  given in the theorem, it follows that*

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T m \otimes \mu \{(\omega, x): & h(t_1 + t, \omega) \in E_1, \dots, h(t_p + t, \omega) \in E_p, \\ & f(t_1 + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, f(t_p + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}, \\ & g(t_1 + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p+1}, \dots, g(t_p + t, \omega)(x) \in E_{3p}\} dt \\ & \leq K \cdot m \otimes \mu \{(\omega, x): h(t_1, \omega) \in E_1, \dots, h(t_p, \omega) \in E_p, f(t_1, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots \\ & f(t_p, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}, g(t_1, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p+1}, \dots, g(t_p, \omega)(x) \in E_{3p}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(t_1, \dots, t_p)$  is an arbitrary finite sequence of real numbers with  $t_1 < \dots < t_p$ .

*Proof.* Cf. [1], Lemma 1.

This lemma yields the next

**Lemma 7.** 1°. *For the constant  $K$  in Lemma 6, and for any  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ ,*

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \lambda(Z_t^{-1} A) dt \leq K \lambda(A).$$

2°. *There exists a finite measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{L}$  such that*

- (i)  $\nu(A) \leq K \lambda(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ ,
- (ii)  $\nu$  is invariant under  $\{Z_t\}$ , and
- (iii)  $\nu(A) = \lambda(A)$

for any  $\{Z_t\}$ -invariant set  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ .

*Proof.* Cf. [1], Lemma 3.

To establish the proof of the theorem, consider the functions  $\psi_0^{(1)}$  and  $\psi_0^{(2)}$  given by

$$\psi_0^{(1)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma) = \xi_0(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_0^{(2)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma) = \eta_0(\sigma).$$

Then we have, for any  $t$ ,

$$\psi_0^{(1)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) = \psi_t^{(1)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma)$$

and

$$\psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) = \psi_t^{(2)}(\tau, \theta, \sigma).$$

Since Lemma 7 implies that  $\{Z_t\}$  is a measurable flow, according to Lemma 5, Lemma 7 and the conditions (i), (ii) in the theorem, one can easily verify that  $\psi_0^{(1)}$  is  $\nu$ -integrable,  $\psi_0^{(2)}$  is positive and

$$\int_0^\infty \psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt = \infty$$

for almost all  $(\tau, \theta, \sigma) \in (\otimes R_t)^3$  (see Hopf [3]). Accordingly, by Theorem 1, the limit

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T \psi_0^{(1)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt}{\int_0^T \psi_0^{(2)}(Z_t(\tau, \theta, \sigma)) dt}$$

exists and is finite  $\nu$ -almost everywhere on  $(\otimes R_t)^3$ , so that the desired conclusion follows from Lemma 5 and Lemma 7.

### § 4. The Discrete Case

In this section, we shall state similar results in a discrete case as in a continuous case.

Let  $\{S_n: n \geq 0\}$  be a non-singular discrete semi-flow on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, m)$ . Then, by the non-singularity and the group property of  $\{S_n\}$ , there exists a family  $\{\beta(n, \omega)\}$  of multiplicative density functions with respect to  $\{S_n\}$  (see § 2). Here we need the following lemma due to E. Hopf (cf. [3, 4, 5]).

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $f(\omega)$  be an integrable function on  $\Omega$  and  $g(\omega)$  a non-negative measurable function on  $\Omega$  with  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty g(S_k \omega) = \infty$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , where  $\{S_n\}$  is measure preserving. Then the limit*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(S_k \omega)}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g(S_k \omega)}$$

*exists and is finite almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ .*

Owing to this lemma, Theorem 2 becomes

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f = \{f(n, \omega)(x) : n \geq 0\}$  and  $g = \{g(n, \omega)(x) : n \geq 0\}$  be two  $(\omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$  satisfying that

- (i)  $f(0, \omega)(x)$  belongs to  $L_1(\Omega \otimes X)$ ,
- (ii)  $g(n, \omega)(x)$  is positive for each  $n \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g(k, \omega)(x) = \infty$  for almost all  $(\omega, x) \in \Omega \otimes X$ ,
- (iii) the pair  $(f, g)$  has the properties A and B (see § 2).

Then, except for a set of  $m \otimes \mu$ -measure zero,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(k, \omega)(x)}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g(k, \omega)(x)}$$

exists and is finite.

In case  $m$  and  $\mu$  are finite, Theorem 3 becomes

**Theorem 5.** Suppose  $\{f(n, \omega)(x) : n = 0, \pm 1, \dots\}$  and  $\{g(n, \omega)(x) : n = 0, \pm 1, \dots\}$  are two  $(\omega, x)$ -measurable families of functions defined on  $X$  satisfying

- (i)  $f(0, \omega)(x)$  belongs to  $L_1(\Omega \otimes X)$ ,
- (ii)  $g(n, \omega)(x)$  is positive for each  $n$  and for almost all  $(\omega, x) \in \Omega \otimes X$ ,
- (iii) there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{R=0}^{n-1} \mu \{x : f(k_1 + k, \omega)(x) \in E_1, \dots, f(k_p + k, \omega)(x) \in E_p, \\ g(k_1 + k, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, g(k_p + k, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}\} \cdot \beta(-k, \omega) \\ \leq K \cdot \mu \{x : f(k_1, \omega)(x) \in E_1, \dots, f(k_p, \omega)(x) \in E_p, \\ g(k_1, \omega)(x) \in E_{p+1}, \dots, g(k_p, \omega)(x) \in E_{2p}\} \end{aligned}$$

holds almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ , where  $(k_1, \dots, k_p)$  is an arbitrary sequence of integers with  $k_1 < \dots < k_p$ . Then, except for a set of  $m \otimes \mu$ -measure zero, the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(k, \omega)(x)}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g(k, \omega)(x)}$$

exists and is finite.

In conclusion we note that Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 extend both Gladysz's theorems [8] and Tsurumi's theorem [9] which generalizes Doob's theorem [2] and Hopf's theorem [3].

**Corollary 2.** Let  $\{T(n, \omega) x : n \geq 0\}$  be a  $(\omega, x)$ -measurable discrete quasi semi-group of endomorphisms of  $X$  with respect to  $\{S_n : n \geq 0\}$ . If  $m$  is finite, then for any  $f \in L_1(X)$  and a positive measurable function  $g$  defined on  $X$  with  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g(T(k, \omega) x) = \infty$



for almost all  $(\omega, x) \in \Omega \otimes X$ , the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(T(k, \omega) x)}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g(T(k, \omega) x)}$$

exists and is finite almost everywhere on  $\Omega \otimes X$ .

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