

ON QUASI-CONTINUOUS ITERATION SEMIGROUPS  
AND GROUPS OF REAL FUNCTIONS

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In this note we give a characterization of iteration semigroups and groups (semiflows and flows) defined in an interval  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  and continuous with respect to iterative parameter. First let us introduce the following

DEFINITIONS (cf. [5], [3], [2]). A family of functions  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$   $[\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}]$  mapping  $I$  into itself is said to be an *iteration semigroup* [group] if

$$f^t \circ f^s = f^{t+s} \quad \text{for } t, s \geq 0 \ [t, s \in \mathbf{R}].$$

If for every  $x \in I$  the mapping  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  is continuous, then the iteration semigroup [group] is said to be *quasi-continuous* (abbreviated to q.i.s. [q.i.g.]). If, moreover, all functions  $f^t$  are continuous, then the quasi-continuous iteration semigroup [group] will be called *continuous* (in abbreviation c.i.s. [c.i.g.]).

1. In [5], [6] and [1] a characterization and the general construction of c.i.s.'s and c.i.g.'s are given. On the base of these results we give a characterization of q.i.s.'s and q.i.g.'s. We begin with the following lemmas:

LEMMA 1 (Sklar [4]). Let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  be a q.i.s. defined in an interval  $I$  and let  $x_0$  be in  $I$ . If there exists an  $s > 0$  such that  $f^s(x_0) = x_0$ , then  $f^t(x_0) = x_0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

LEMMA 2 (Sklar [4]). Let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  be a q.i.s. defined in  $I$ . Then, for any  $x \in I$ , either the function  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  is strictly monotonic on the whole interval  $\langle 0, \infty \rangle$  or there exists an  $s \geq 0$  such that  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  is strictly monotonic on  $\langle 0, s \rangle$ , but  $f^t(x) = f^s(x)$  for all  $t \geq s$ .

LEMMA 3. If  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup defined in  $I$ , then

$$f^t[I] = f^t[f^0[I]] \quad \text{and} \quad f^t[I] \subset f^0[I] \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

The proof is trivial.

Now we prove the following

THEOREM 1. An iteration semigroup  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  is quasi-continuous iff there exists a family of disjoint intervals  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$ , where  $0 \leq \text{card } M \leq \aleph_0$ , such that

$$(1) \quad f^0[I] = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup \{x \in I: \bigwedge_{t \geq 0} f^t(x) = x\} \quad (1)$$

and, for every  $n \in M$ ,  $\{f^t|I_n, t \geq 0\}$  is a c.i.s. such that all  $f^t|I_n$  are increasing but can be constant only in neighbourhoods of its fixed points.

Proof. Let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  be a q.i.s. Put

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \{x \in I: f^1(x) = x\}, \\ h_x(t) &:= f^t(x), \quad x \in I, t \geq 0, \\ J_x &:= h_x[\langle 0, \infty \rangle], \quad x \in I. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $A \subset f^1[I]$ , so  $A \subset f^0[I]$  by Lemma 3. In view of Lemma 1 it follows that

$$A = \{x \in I: \bigwedge_{t \geq 0} f^t(x) = x\}.$$

Assume that  $\bar{x} \in f^0[I] \setminus A$ . The continuity and monotonicity of  $h_{\bar{x}}$  imply that  $J_{\bar{x}}$  is a proper interval with one end equal to  $\bar{x}$ , since  $h_{\bar{x}}(0) = \bar{x}$ . Note that by Lemma 3 it follows that  $J_{\bar{x}} \subset f^0[I]$ . First we shall show that, for every  $t \geq 0$ ,  $f^t|J_{\bar{x}}$  is continuous and increasing. Indeed, let  $y \in J_{\bar{x}}$ . Then there exists an  $s \geq 0$  such that  $y = f^s(\bar{x})$ , so

$$f^t(y) = f^t(f^s(\bar{x})) = f^{t+s}(\bar{x}) = h_{\bar{x}}(t+s).$$

By Lemma 2 the following two cases may occur:

(i)  $h_{\bar{x}}$  is strictly monotonic in  $\langle 0, \infty \rangle$ . Then  $s = h_{\bar{x}}^{-1}(y)$  and

$$(2) \quad f^t(y) = h_{\bar{x}}(t + h_{\bar{x}}^{-1}(y)) \quad \text{for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } y \in J_{\bar{x}}.$$

(ii)  $h_{\bar{x}}$  is strictly monotonic in  $\langle 0, \gamma \rangle$  for a  $\gamma > 0$  and  $h_{\bar{x}}(t) = h_{\bar{x}}(\gamma)$  for  $t \geq \gamma$ . We may assume that  $s \in \langle 0, \gamma \rangle$ . Then

$$s = (h_{\bar{x}}|_{\langle 0, \gamma \rangle})^{-1}(y)$$

and

$$(3) \quad f^t(y) = h_{\bar{x}}(t + (h_{\bar{x}}|_{\langle 0, \gamma \rangle})^{-1}(y)) \quad \text{for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } y \in J_{\bar{x}}.$$

Hence in both cases  $f^t|J_{\bar{x}}$  is continuous, increasing and

$$f^t[J_{\bar{x}}] \subset J_{\bar{x}} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Put

$$L_x := \{y \in f^0[I]: J_x \subset J_y\}$$

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(1) If  $M = \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcup_{n \in M} I_n := \emptyset$ .

and

$$(4) \quad I^x := \bigcup_{y \in L_x} J_y \quad \text{for } x \in f^0[I] \setminus A.$$

Let us note that, for every  $x \in f^0[I] \setminus A$ ,  $I^x$  is an interval,  $I^x \subset f^0[I]$  and  $\{f^t|I^x, t \geq 0\}$  is a c.i.s. such that all  $f^t|I^x$  are increasing.

The intervals  $I^x$  have the following property: for any  $x, y \in f^0[I] \setminus A$  either  $I^x = I^y$  or  $I^x \cap I^y = \emptyset$  or else  $I^x \cap I^y$  is a singleton. In fact, the interval  $J_x$  has one of the following forms:  $(p_x, x)$ ,  $\langle p_x, x \rangle$ ,  $\langle x, p_x \rangle$  or  $\langle x, p_x \rangle$ , where

$$p_x := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h_x(t).$$

From (2) and (3) we infer that  $f^t(p_x +) = p_x$  or  $f^t(p_x -) = p_x$  and  $f^t(p_x) = p_x$  if  $p_x \in J_x$  and, moreover, the difference  $f^t(y) - y \neq 0$  has constant sign for  $y \in J_x \setminus \{p_x\}$ ,  $t > 0$ . Hence by the continuity of  $f^t|J_x$  it follows that, for any  $x, y \in f^0[I] \setminus A$ ,  $p_x \notin \text{Int } J_y$ . Therefore the following three cases may occur:

- (i)  $J_x \subset J_y$  or  $J_y \subset J_x$ ; then  $p_y = p_x$  and  $I^y = I^x$ ;
- (ii)  $J_x \cap J_y = \emptyset$ ; then  $I^x \cap I^y = \emptyset$ ;
- (iii)  $J_x \cap J_y = \{p\}$ ; then  $p_x = p_y = p$  and  $I^x \cap I^y = \{p\}$ .

Let us note that  $p_x \in J_x$  iff  $h_x$  is constant in a neighbourhood of  $\infty$ . Hence (2) and (3) imply that  $p_x \in J_x$  iff every  $f^t|J_x$  is constant in a neighbourhood of  $p_x$ . In view of (4) it follows that also the interval  $I^x$  has the above property and, in consequence, if  $I^x \cap I^y = \{p\}$ , then  $I^x \cup I^y$  is an interval,  $p = p_x = p_y \in \text{Int}(I^x \cup I^y)$  and every function  $f^t|I^x \cup I^y$  is continuous. Moreover, every function  $f^t$  is constant in a neighbourhood of  $p$  and

$$f^t[I^x \cup I^y] \subset I^x \cup I^y \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be a set of intervals such that  $I_n \neq I_m$  for  $n \neq m$  and each  $I_n$  is either equal to  $I^x$  with the property that, for every  $y \in f^0[I] \setminus A$ ,  $I_x \cap I_y = \emptyset$  or  $I_x = I_y$ , or is a union of two intervals  $I^x$  and  $I^y$  such that

$$\text{card}(I^x \cap I^y) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n = \bigcup_{x \in f^0[I] \setminus A} I^x.$$

If  $A = f^0[I]$ , we take  $M = \emptyset$ . Obviously, the intervals  $I_n$ ,  $n \in M$ , are pairwise disjoint and  $\text{card } M \leq \aleph_0$ .

For every  $n \in M$ ,  $I_n \subset f^0[I]$ , since all  $J_x \subset f^0[I]$ , so

$$\bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A \subset f^0[I].$$

On the other hand, if  $x \in f^0[I] \setminus A$ , then there exists an  $n \in M$  such that  $J_x \subset I_n$ . Hence  $x \in I_n$  and, consequently, relation (1) holds.

By the definition of  $I_n$  and the properties of the functions  $f^t$  proved above

it follows that  $\{f^t|I_n, t \geq 0\}$  is a c.i.s. and  $f^t|I_n$  are increasing but can be constant only in neighbourhoods of their fixed points.

The sufficient condition is an immediate consequence of the property that, for every  $x \in I$ ,  $f^t(x) = f^t(f^0(x))$  and either  $f^0(x) \in I_n$  for an  $n \in M$  or  $f^t(f^0(x)) = f^0(x)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *An iteration group  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is quasi-continuous iff there exists a family of disjoint intervals  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  such that relation (1) holds and, for every  $n \in M$ ,  $\{f^t|I_n, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is a c.i.g. such that all  $f^t|I_n$  are strictly increasing functions. Moreover, then  $f^t[I_n] = I_n$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  be a quasi-continuous iteration group. Consider the restriction of the group  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  to the semigroup  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$ . Let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be a family of intervals determined in the previous theorem for the semigroup  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$ . For every  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$f^t[f^0[I]] = f^0[f^t[I]] \subset f^0[I],$$

$$f^0(x) = x \quad \text{for } x \in f^0[I]$$

and

$$f^t \circ f^{-t} = f^{-t} \circ f^t = f^0.$$

Hence every function  $f^t|f^0[I]$  is invertible and

$$f^{-t}|f^0[I] = f^t|f^0[I]^{-1}.$$

Hence in view of Theorem 1 and the construction of the intervals  $I_n$  it follows that  $f^t|I_n$  for  $t \geq 0$  are strictly increasing and  $I_n \cap A = \emptyset$  for every  $n \in M$ . Let  $x \in I_n$  and  $t > 0$ ; then  $f^{-t}(x) \in I_n$ . In fact,

$$f^{-t}(x) \in f^0[I] \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-t}(x) \notin A,$$

since  $x \notin A$ . By (1),  $f^{-t}(x) \in I_m$  for an  $m \in M$ . Note that  $m = n$ , since  $I_n \cap I_k = \emptyset$  for  $k \neq n$  and

$$x = f^t(f^{-t}(x)) \in f^t[I_m] \subset I_m.$$

Thus  $f^{-t}[I_n] \subset I_n$ . Hence in view of Theorem 1 we get the necessary condition. We have proved that, for every  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $n \in M$ ,  $f^t[I_n] \subset I_n$ . Hence  $I_n \subset f^{-t}[I_n]$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $n \in M$ , since  $f^0(x) = x$  for  $x \in I_n$  and, consequently,  $f^t[I_n] = I_n$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $n \in M$ .

The sufficient condition is obvious.

**Remark 1.** If  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  [ $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ ] is a q.i.s. [q.i.g.], then formula (1) in the necessary condition of Theorem 1 [Theorem 2] may be replaced by

$$(5) \quad f^0[I] = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup \{x \in I: f^1(x) = x\}.$$

However, the converse is not true. Consider the following example:

Let  $I = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $f^t(x) := x + t \pmod{1}$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . The family  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is an iteration group which is not quasi-continuous and satisfies relation (5) with  $M = \emptyset$ .

Now on the base of Theorems 1 and 2 we give the general construction of quasi-continuous iteration semigroups and groups. The general form of continuous iteration semigroups and groups is well known (see [5], [6], [1]). We use this fact in the following

CONSTRUCTION OF QUASI-CONTINUOUS ITERATION SEMIGROUPS AND GROUPS.

1° Let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be a sequence of pairwise disjoint intervals contained in  $I$  (we admit  $M = \emptyset$ ).

2° Let  $\{g_n^t, t \geq 0\}$  [ $\{g_n^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ ] be a c.i.s. [c.i.g.] in  $I_n$  such that all functions  $g_n^t$  are increasing and  $g_n^0(x) = x$  for  $x \in I_n$ .

3° Let  $A$  be an arbitrary subset of  $I \setminus \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n$ .

4° Put

$$J := \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A$$

and let  $a$  be an arbitrary function defined in  $I$  such that  $a[I] = J$  and  $a(x) = x$  for  $x \in J$ .

5° Put

$$(6) \quad f^t(x) = \begin{cases} a(x), & x \in a^{-1}[A], t \geq 0 [t \in \mathbf{R}], \\ g_n^t(a(x)), & x \in a^{-1}[I_n], t \geq 0 [t \in \mathbf{R}]. \end{cases}$$

Formula (6) gives the general form of quasi-continuous iteration semigroups and groups.

Proof. It is straightforward to verify that the family of functions  $f^t$  defined above is a quasi-continuous iteration semigroup [group].

Conversely, let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  [ $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ ] be a q.i.s. [q.i.g.]. Put

$$J = f^0[I] \quad \text{and} \quad A = \{x \in I: \bigwedge_{t \geq 0} f^t(x) = x\}.$$

Let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be a sequence of disjoint intervals determined in Theorem 1 [Theorem 2],  $g_n^t := f^t|_{I_n}$  for  $t \geq 0$  [ $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ] and  $a = f^0$ . We have

$$J = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A.$$

Hence Theorem 1 [Theorem 2] implies that  $f^t$  is of the form (6).

Remark 2. The general form of a c.i.g. in an interval  $I$  is the following: Let  $K \subset I$  be an interval relatively closed in  $I$  and  $a: I \rightarrow K$  be a continuous function such that  $a(x) = x$  for  $x \in K$ . Let  $\{g^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  be a c.i.g. in  $K$  such that all

$g^t$  are strictly increasing in  $K$  (then  $g^0(x) = x$  in  $K$  and  $g^t[K] = K$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ) – the general construction of such groups  $\{g^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is well known (see [6] and [1]). Then  $f^t(x) = g^t(a(x))$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $x \in I$ , is a c.i.g. and every c.i.g. is of this form.

2. Now we shall consider the problem of the embeddability of a given function into quasi-continuous iteration semigroups and groups. That is, we shall characterize functions  $f$  for which there exists a q.i.s.  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  or a q.i.g.  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  such that  $f^1 = f$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *The function  $f: I \rightarrow I$  is embeddable into a q.i.s. iff there exists a family of disjoint intervals  $\{I_n \subset I, n \in M\}$  such that*

$$(7) \quad f[I] = \bigcup_{n \in M} f[I_n] \cup \{x \in I: f(x) = x\}$$

and, for every  $n \in M$ ,  $f[I_n] \subset I_n$ , and  $f|_{I_n}$  is continuous and increasing but can be constant only in neighbourhoods of its fixed points.

*Proof.* Let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  be a q.i.s. such that  $f^1 = f$  and let  $I_n, n \in M$ , be the intervals determined in Theorem 1. From (1) and Lemma 3 we get immediately formula (7) since, by Lemma 1,

$$f[\{x \in I: \bigwedge_{t \geq 0} f^t(x) = x\}] = \{x \in I: f(x) = x\}.$$

Moreover, from Theorem 1 it follows that  $f[I_n] \subset I_n$ , and  $f|_{I_n}$  is continuous and increasing. By the construction of the intervals  $I_n, n \in M$ , in the proof of Theorem 1 it follows that  $f|_{I_n}$  can be constant only in neighbourhoods of its fixed points.

Conversely, let  $f$  satisfy the assumptions given in the theorem. Put

$$A := \{x \in I: f(x) = x\} \quad \text{and} \quad J := \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A.$$

From Theorem 2 in [5] (or Theorem 9.1 in [6]) it follows that  $f|_{I_n}$  is embeddable into a c.i.s.  $\{g_n^t, t \geq 0\}$  in  $I_n$ . Let  $a$  be an arbitrary function defined in  $I$  such that

$$a(x) = x \quad \text{for } x \in J$$

and

$$a(x) \in f^{-1}[\{f(x)\}] \cap J \quad \text{for } x \in J.$$

Then  $f(a(x)) = f(x)$ ,  $a[I] = J$ . Let  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  be the iteration semigroup defined by formula (6). This semigroup is quasi-continuous and  $f^1 = f$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *The function  $f: I \rightarrow I$  is embeddable into a q.i.g. iff there exists a family of disjoint intervals  $\{I_n \subset I, n \in M\}$  such that*

$$(8) \quad f[I] = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup \{x \in I: f(x) = x\}$$

and, for every  $n \in M$ ,  $f[I_n] = I_n$ , and  $f|_{I_n}$  is continuous and strictly increasing.

Proof. Let  $f$  be embeddable into a q.i.g.  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be the family of intervals determined in Theorem 2. By formula (1), Lemmas 1 and 3 and Theorem 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} f[I] &= f[f^0[I]] = \bigcup_{n \in M} f[I_n] \cup f[\{x \in I: \bigwedge_{t \geq 0} f^t(x) = x\}] \\ &= \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup \{x \in I: f(x) = x\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, from Theorem 2 it follows that  $f[I_n] = I_n$  and  $f|_{I_n}$  are strictly increasing for  $n \in M$ .

Conversely, for every  $n \in M$ ,  $f|_{I_n}$  is embeddable into a c.i.g.  $\{g_n^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  such that all  $g_n^t$  are strictly increasing (see [5]). Put  $J := f[I]$ . Obviously,  $f$  is invertible in  $J$ . The family of functions  $\{f^t, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  defined by (6) where  $a(x) := f|J^{-1}(f(x))$  is a q.i.g. such that  $f^1 = f$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *If  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  is a q.i.s. defined in an interval  $I$  and  $f^1$  is continuous in  $I$  and non-constant in neighbourhoods of its fixed points, then all  $f^t$  are continuous in  $I$ .*

Proof. Let  $\{I_n, n \in M\}$  be the intervals determined in Theorem 1. Put

$$J := f^0[I], \quad f := f^1 \quad \text{and} \quad A := \{x \in I: f(x) = x\}.$$

First we shall show that  $J$  is an interval. We can write formula (1) in the following form:

$$(9) \quad J = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A.$$

Hence, by Lemma 3,

$$(10) \quad f[I] = f[J] \quad \text{and} \quad f[J] \subset J,$$

since

$$(11) \quad f[I_n] \subset I_n \quad \text{and} \quad f[A] = A.$$

By the continuity of  $f$  the set  $K := f[I]$  is an interval. In view of (9)–(11) we have

$$K = \bigcup_{n \in M} f[I_n] \cup A \subset \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A,$$

whence

$$\bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup K \subset \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup A.$$

On the other hand,  $A \subset K$ , so, by (9),

$$(12) \quad J = \bigcup_{n \in M} I_n \cup K.$$

For every  $n \in M$ ,  $K \cap I_n \neq \emptyset$ , since  $f[I_n] \subset f[I] \cap I_n$ . Hence, by (12),  $J$  is an interval as a union of intervals which intersect the interval  $K$ . From the definition of the intervals  $I_n$  and formula (2) for  $t = 1$  it follows that  $f$  is strictly increasing in  $I_n$  and, consequently, also in  $J$ . Thus

$$f^0(x) = f|J^{-1}(f(x)),$$

since  $f(f^0(x)) = f(x)$  and  $f^0(x) \in J$  for  $x \in J$ . Moreover,  $f|J^{-1}$  is continuous since  $J$  is an interval and, consequently,  $f^0$  is continuous.

Denote the ends of the interval  $J$  by  $a$  and  $b$ , and the ends of  $I_n$  by  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ . In view of the continuity of  $f$  it follows that either  $a_n, b_n \in A$  or  $a_n = a$  and  $b_n \in A$  or else  $a_n \in A$  and  $b_n = b$ . Hence Theorem 1, Lemma 2 and (9) imply the inclusion

$$(13) \quad f^t[\bar{I}_n \cap J] \subset \bar{I}_n \cap J$$

and the continuity of  $f^t|I_n$  for  $t \geq 0$ . By Lemma 2 we have

$$|f^t(x) - x| \leq |f(x) - x| \quad \text{for } x \in I_n \text{ and } 0 < t < 1,$$

since  $f^0(x) = x$  for  $x \in I_n$ . Hence the continuity of  $f^t|I_n$  and Lemma 1 imply that  $f^t|\bar{I}_n \cap J$  for  $0 < t < 1$  are continuous. The ends of all intervals  $I_n$  except perhaps two of them belong to  $A$ . If the left (right) end  $a_n$  ( $b_n$ ) of  $I_n$  does not belong to  $A$ , then  $a_n = a$  ( $b_n = b$ ). Hence by (9), (13), Lemma 1 and the continuity of  $f^t|\bar{I}_n \cap J$  for  $0 < t < 1$  it is easy to see that  $f^t|J$  for  $0 < t < 1$  are continuous. For every  $t > 0$ ,  $f^t = (f^{t^m})^m$ , where  $m = [t] + 1$ , hence all  $f^t|J$  are continuous. Finally, the formula

$$f^t(x) = f^t|J(f^0(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in I, t \geq 0,$$

implies that all  $f^t$  are continuous in  $I$ .

From Theorems 4 and 5 we have the following

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $f[I] =: K$ . A continuous function  $f$  is embeddable into a q.i.g. iff  $f[K] = K$  and  $f|K$  is strictly increasing. Then every q.i.g. of  $f$  is continuous.*

In [6] the author has proved that in the definition of c.i.s.'s the continuity of the mappings  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  for  $x \in I$  can be replaced by the measurability of these mappings. The same is not true for quasi-continuous iteration semigroups. This is shown by the following



EXAMPLE. Let

$$f^t(x) = \begin{cases} 2^{-t}x, & t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle, x \in \langle 0, 2^{t-2} \rangle \text{ or } t \geq 1, x \in \langle 0, 2^{-1} \rangle, \\ 1 - 2^{-t}x, & t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle, x \in (2^{t-2}, 2^{-1}), \\ 1 - 2^{-t}(1-x), & t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle, x \in \langle 2^{-1}, 1 - 2^{t-2} \rangle, \\ 2^{-t}(1-x), & t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle, x \in \langle 1 - 2^{t-2}, 1 \rangle \text{ or } t \geq 1, x \in \langle 2^{-1}, 1 \rangle. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to verify that  $\{f^t, t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup with the following properties:

- 1° For  $t \geq 1$ ,  $f^t$  are continuous.
- 2° For  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $f^t$  have exactly two points of discontinuity.
- 3° For  $x \in \langle 0, 1/4 \rangle \cup \langle 3/4, 1 \rangle$  the mappings  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  are continuous.
- 4° For  $x \in (1/4, 3/4)$  the mappings  $t \rightarrow f^t(x)$  have exactly one point of discontinuity.

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