

# Course notes for PMATH 833

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## 1 Introduction

Rough outline:

- Locally compact grapes, Haar measures
- Abelian grapes, Pontryagin duality
- Compact grapes, Peter-Weyl, aspects of duality
- Amenable grapes, Hulanicki's theorem

## 2 Locally compact grapes

Recall:

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$  is a set. A *topology* on  $X$  is a family  $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  satisfying the following:

- $\emptyset, X \in \tau$
- If  $U, V \in \tau$  then  $U \cap V \in \tau$  (and hence closed under finite intersections)
- If  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \tau$  then

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau$$

We call the pair  $(X, \tau)$  a *topological space*.

*Example 2.2* (Initial topologies). Suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ ; suppose we have topological spaces  $\{(Y_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I}$  and maps  $f_i: X \rightarrow Y_i$  for each  $i$ . We define

$$\sigma(X, \{f_i\}_{i \in I}) = \left\{ U \in \mathcal{P}(X) : \begin{array}{l} \text{for each } x \in U \text{ there are } i_1, \dots, i_n \in I \text{ and} \\ V_{i_1} \in \tau_{i_1}, \dots, V_{i_n} \in \tau_{i_n} \text{ such that } x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^n f_{i_k}^{-1}(V_{i_k}) \subseteq U \end{array} \right\}$$

Sets of the form

$$\bigcap_{k=1}^n f_{i_k}^{-1}(V_{i_k})$$

as above form a base for  $\sigma(X, \{f_i\}_{i \in I})$ ; sets of the form  $f_i^{-1}(V_i)$  form a sub-base.

*Example 2.3.*

**Product topology** Suppose

$$X = \prod_{i \in I} Y_i$$

with projections  $\pi_i: X \rightarrow Y_i$ . We let

$$\times_{i \in I} \tau_i = \sigma(X, \{\pi_i\}_{i \in I})$$

The basic open sets are of the form

$$\prod_{i \in I} V_i$$

where each  $V_i \in \tau_i$  and all for all but finitely many  $i$  we have  $V_i = Y_i$ .

**Metric topology** If  $\rho: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a metric, then the metric topology is given by  $\tau_\rho = \sigma(X, \{\rho(x, \cdot)\}_{x \in X})$ .

Recall:

**Definition 2.4.** If  $(X, \sigma), (Y, \tau)$  are topological spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then we say  $f$  is *continuous* if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \sigma$  for each  $V \in \tau$ . A subset  $K \subseteq X$  is *compact* (with respect to  $\sigma$ ) if whenever

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$$

for  $U_i \in \sigma$ , there are  $i_1, \dots, i_n \in I$  such that

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n U_{i_k}$$

**Definition 2.5.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is *locally compact* if for any  $x \in X$  there is  $U \in \tau$  with  $x \in U$  such that  $\bar{U}$  is compact. (Recall

$$\bar{U} = \bigcap \{ X \setminus V : V \in \tau, V \cap U = \emptyset \}$$

is the *closure* of  $U$ .)

*Example 2.6.*

1.  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{|\cdot|})$  is locally compact.
2. Suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ ; consider the *discrete topology*  $(X, \mathcal{P}(X))$ . This is locally compact.
3. Suppose  $\{(X_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of locally compact spaces. Then

$$\left( \prod_{i \in I} X_i, \times_{i \in I} \tau_i \right)$$

is locally compact if and only if all but finitely many  $(X_i, \tau_i)$  are compact.

*Rough.*

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Use Tychonoff's theorem.  
 ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Each basic open set is of the form

$$U = V_{i_1} \times \cdots \times V_{i_n} \times \prod_{i \in I \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}} X_i$$

If  $(X_{i_0}, \tau_{i_0})$  is not compact for some  $i_0 \in I \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$  then  $\pi_{i_0}(\overline{U}) = X_{i_0}$  is not compact, so  $\overline{U_{i_0}}$  is not compact.  $\square$

4. Suppose  $\mathcal{X}$  be an infinite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $\mathcal{X}$ . A lemma of Riesz tells us that if  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  is a closed subspace, then there is  $x \in b_1(\mathcal{X})$  (the unit ball) such that  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{Y}) > \frac{1}{2}$ . (This is a good exercise; use the Hahn-Banach theorem.) Inductively, we can find a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq b_1(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $\|x_n - x_m\| > \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n \neq m$ . Hence no ball  $x + b_r(\mathcal{X}) = B(x, r)$  (where  $r > 0$ ) is *pre-compact*; i.e. has compact closure.
5. Suppose  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{X}'$  (the algebraic dual) be a subspace which separates points; i.e.

$$\bigcap_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \ker(f) = \{0\}$$

Then  $(\mathcal{X}, \sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}))$  is not locally compact. For example, if  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  are neighbourhoods of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then

$$U = \bigcap_{k=1}^n f_k^{-1}(V_k)$$

contains a subspace  $\mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Using the Hahn-Banach theorem, we can find  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $f(\mathcal{Y}) = \mathbb{R}$ ; so  $f(U)$  is not compact, so  $\overline{U}$  is not compact.

**Definition 2.7.** Suppose  $G$  is a grape. A topology  $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{P}(G)$  is called a *grape topology* if the following maps are continuous:

- $\cdot: (G \times G, \tau \times \tau) \rightarrow (G, \tau)$
- $(\cdot)^{-1}: (G, \tau) \rightarrow (G, \tau)$

*Remark 2.8.* In fact, this is equivalent to requiring that the map  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  given by  $(x, y) \mapsto xy^{-1}$  be continuous. Indeed, if this holds, then  $y \mapsto (e, y) \mapsto ey^{-1} = y^{-1}$  is continuous, so  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y^{-1}) \mapsto x(y^{-1})^{-1} = xy$  is as well.

**Proposition 2.9.** *Suppose  $(G, \tau)$  is a topological grape.*

1. If  $U \in \tau$  and  $x \in G$  then

$$xU = \{xy : y \in U\}, Ux = \{yx : y \in U\} \in \tau$$

and if  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq G$  then

$$AU = \{ay : a \in A, y \in U\}, UA = \{ya : y \in U, a \in A\} \in \tau$$

2. If  $U \in \tau$  with  $e \in U$  then there is  $V \in \tau$  with  $e \in V$  such that  $V^2 = VV \subseteq U$ . Furthermore, we can arrange that  $V$  be symmetric: i.e. that  $V^{-1} = \{y^{-1} : y \in V\} = V$ .
3. If  $H$  is a subgrape of  $G$ , then so too is  $\overline{H}$ .
4. If  $H$  is an open subgrape of  $G$ , then  $H$  is closed.
5. If  $K, L$  are compact subsets of  $G$ , then so too is  $KL$ .
6. If  $K$  is compact in  $G$  and  $C$  is closed, then  $KC$  is closed.

*Proof.*

1. If  $x \in G$ , let  $L_x : G \rightarrow G$  be  $y \mapsto xy$ ; then  $L_x$  is continuous as the composition of  $y \mapsto (x, y) \mapsto xy$ . But  $L_x^{-1} = L_{x^{-1}}$  is also continuous; so  $L_x$  is a homeomorphism. Hence  $xU = L_x(U) \in \tau$ . Furthermore

$$AU = \bigcup_{a \in A} aU \in \tau$$

Right multiplication is similar.

2. Let  $\mu : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$ . Then  $\mu^{-1}(U)$  is an open neighbourhood of  $(e, e)$ , and hence contains a basic open set  $V_1 \times V_2$  with  $e \in V_1$  and  $e \in V_2$ . Let  $V = V_1 \cap V_2$ . We can replace  $V$  with  $V^{-1} \cap V$  to get symmetry;  $V^{-1}$  is open, being the image of an open set by the homeomorphism  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ .
3. If  $x, y \in \overline{H}$ , write

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \lim_{\alpha} x_{\alpha} \\ y &= \lim_{\beta} y_{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(x_{\alpha}), (y_{\beta})$  are nets in  $H$ . Then

$$xy = \lim_{\beta} xy_{\beta} = \lim_{\beta} \lim_{\alpha} \underbrace{x_{\alpha} y_{\beta}}_{\in H} \in \overline{H}$$

By continuity of  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ , we see that for  $x \in \overline{H}$  we have  $x^{-1} \in \overline{H}$  as well.

4. Note that

$$H = G \setminus \underbrace{\bigcup_{x \in G \setminus H} \underbrace{xH}_{\text{open}}}_{\text{open}}$$

So  $H$  is closed.

5. Tychonoff's theorem tells us that  $K \times L \subseteq G \times G$  is compact; hence  $KL = \mu(K \times L)$  is compact.
6. Suppose  $xk \in \overline{KC}$ . Then  $x = \lim_{\alpha} k_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}$  with  $k_{\alpha} \in K$  and  $y_{\alpha} \in C$ . By dropping to subnet, we may assume that  $k = \lim_{\alpha} k_{\alpha} \in K$ . Then

$$k^{-1}x = \lim_{\alpha} k_{\alpha}^{-1} k_{\alpha} y_{\alpha} = \lim_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}$$

So  $\lim_{\alpha} y_{\alpha} = k^{-1}x \in C$ . □ [Proposition 2.9](#)

Let  $(G, \tau)$  be a topological grape and  $H$  a subgrape of  $G$ . The collection of left cosets  $G/H$  comes equipped with a *quotient topology*  $\tau_{G/H} = \{W \subseteq \mathcal{P}(G/H) : q^{-1}(W) \in \tau\}$ , where  $q : G \rightarrow G/H$  is  $x \mapsto xH$ . (This is the *final topology* determined by  $q$ .)

Notice that if  $U \in \tau$  then  $q^{-1}(q(U)) = UH \in \tau$ . Hence  $\{q(U) : U \in \tau\} \subseteq \tau_{G/H}$ ; i.e. the map  $q$  is open.

**Definition 2.10.** The space  $(G/H, \tau_{G/H})$  is called a *homogeneous space*.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Suppose  $(G, \tau)$  is a topological grape,  $H$  a subgrape of  $G$ . Then*

1. *If  $H$  is closed in  $G$  then  $(G/H, \tau_{G/H})$  is Hausdorff.*
2. *If  $H$  is normal in  $G$  then  $(G/H, \tau_{G/H})$  is a topological grape.*
3. *If there is  $x \in G$  such that  $\{x\}$  is closed then  $(G, \tau)$  is Hausdorff.*

*Proof.*

1. If  $x, y \in G$  have  $q(x) \neq q(y)$  then  $e \notin xHy^{-1}$  (indeed if we had  $e = xhy^{-1}$  then  $y = xh$ ). Since  $H$  is assumed to be closed we have  $xHy^{-1}$  is closed. So by [Proposition 2.9](#) there is some  $V = V^{-1} \in \tau$  with  $e \in V$  such that  $V^2 \subseteq G \setminus (xHy^{-1})$ . But then  $e \notin VxHy^{-1}V = (VxH)(VyH)^{-1}$ ; indeed, if we had  $e = vxhy^{-1}v'$  for  $h \in H$  and  $v, v' \in V$ , then  $v^{-1}(v')^{-1} = xh^{-1}y \in V^2 \cap xHy^{-1}$ , contradicting our choice of  $V$ . Hence  $VxH \cap VyH = \emptyset$ , so  $q(Vx) \cap q(Vy) = \emptyset$  in  $G/H$ .
2. If  $H$  is normal, then  $q$  is a homomorphism:

$$q(x)q(y) = xHyH = xyHy^{-1}yH = xyH = q(xy)$$

If  $x, y \in G$  and  $W \in \tau_{G/H}$  with  $q(x)q(y) \in W$  then  $xy \in q^{-1}(W) \in \tau$ ; so, by continuity of multiplication in  $G$ , there are  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$ , and  $UV \subseteq q^{-1}(W)$ . So  $q(U)q(V) = q(UV) \subseteq W$ ; this shows continuity of  $(xH, yH) \mapsto xyH$  as a map  $(G/H) \times (G/H) \rightarrow G/H$ . Continuity of  $xH \mapsto x^{-1}H$  is similar.

3. We have  $\{e\} = L_{x^{-1}}(\{x\})$  is a closed subgrape, as the image of a closed set under a homeomorphism. So  $G \cong G/\{e\}$  is Hausdorff by (1).  $\square$  [Proposition 2.11](#)

*Remark 2.12.* If  $\{e\}$  is not closed then  $\overline{\{e\}}$  is the smallest closed subgrape containing  $e$ . (This follows from [Proposition 2.9](#).) Hence

$$\overline{\{e\}} = \bigcap_{x \in G} x\overline{\{e\}}x^{-1}$$

since the  $x\overline{\{e\}}x^{-1}$  are closed subgrapes containing  $e$ ; this is then normal. So  $G/\overline{\{e\}}$  is a Hausdorff topological grape.

Our convention will then be to replace any topological grape  $(G, \tau)$  with  $(G/\overline{\{e\}}, \tau_{G/\overline{\{e\}}})$  and thus assume  $(G, \tau)$  is Hausdorff.

**Definition 2.13.** A *locally compact* (Hausdorff) grape (abbreviated l.c.g.) is a topological grape  $(G, \tau)$  which is also a locally compact (Hausdorff) space.

*Remark 2.14.*

1. If  $x \in G$  and  $U \in \tau$  has  $x \in U$  and  $\overline{U}$  is compact (in which case we say  $U$  is *relatively compact*), then for any  $y \in G$  we have  $yx^{-1}U = \overline{L_{yx^{-1}}(U)} \subseteq L_{yx^{-1}}(\overline{U})$ . Hence to check local compactness of a topological grape, it suffices, to exhibit a compact neighbourhood of one point (usually  $e$ ).
2. If  $G$  is a l.c.g. and  $H$  is a normal subgrape, then  $G/N$  is locally compact. Indeed, if  $e \in U \in \tau$  with  $\overline{U}$  compact, then  $q(\overline{U}) \subseteq q(\overline{U})$  is compact in  $G/N$ .
3. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a locally compact (Hausdorff) space, then any open subset  $U \subseteq X$  and any closed subset  $C \subseteq X$ , each with the relativized topology, is itself locally compact.

*Example 2.15.*

1. Let  $G$  be any grape with  $\tau_d = \mathcal{P}(G)$  the discrete topology. Then  $(G, \tau_d)$  is a l.c.g.
2. Consider  $((\mathbb{R}, +), \tau_{|\cdot|})$  is a l.c.g.

3. If  $\{(G_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I}$  are l.c.g.'s, then

$$\left( \prod_{i \in I} G_i, \times_{i \in I} \tau_i \right)$$

is a l.c.g. if and only if all but finitely many of the  $(G_i, \tau_i)$  are compact.

In particular,  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$  with the product topology (equivalently, any norm topology) is a locally compact grape. Also, if  $\{F_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of finite grapes, then

$$\prod_{i \in I} F_i$$

(where the  $F_i$  is endowed with the discrete topology) is a compact grape and hence a l.c.g.

If  $F \subseteq I$  is finite then

$$G_F = \left\{ (x_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} F_i : x_i = e \text{ for all } i \in F \right\}$$

is an open normal subgrape.

4. We give a construction of the  $p$ -adic numbers.

**Set construction** Fix a prime number  $p$ . Let

$$R_p = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z}$$

which is a compact ring; i.e.  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$  and  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  are continuous. As a notational convention, we identify  $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\{0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1\}$ . The quotient map  $[\cdot]_{p^n} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring homomorphism which factors through  $\mathbb{Z}/p^m\mathbb{Z}$  for  $m \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ . We let

$$\mathbb{O}_p = \{ (x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} \in R_p : [x_n]_{p^n} = x_{n-1} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

This is clearly a subring of  $R_p$ . If  $(x^\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subseteq \mathbb{O}_p$  is a net converging to  $x \in R_p$ , then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is  $\alpha_n \in A$  such that for  $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$  we have  $x_k^\alpha = x_k$ . Thus for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  we have  $x_{k-1} = x_{k-1}^\alpha = [x_k^\alpha]_{p^k} = [x_k]_{p^k}$ . Hence  $x \in \mathbb{O}_p$ , so  $\mathbb{O}_p$  is closed, and is thus a compact subring of  $R_p$ .

Let  $\mathbb{1} = (1, 1, \dots)$ , which is the identity in  $R_p$  and  $\mathbb{O}_p$ .

**Density of  $\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{1}$  (and  $\mathbb{N}_0\mathbb{1}$ ) in  $\mathbb{O}_p$  and  $p$ -series representations** The map  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{O}_p$  given by  $m \mapsto m\mathbb{1} = ([m]_p, [m]_{p^2}, \dots)$  is a ring homomorphism. If  $x = (x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} \in \mathbb{O}_p$  (where  $x_n \in \mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \dots, p^{n+1} - 1\}$ ) then

$$x_k\mathbb{1} = ([x_k]_p, \dots, [x_k]_{p^k}, x_k, x_k, \dots) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} x$$

and hence  $\overline{\mathbb{N}_0\mathbb{1}} = \mathbb{O}_p$  (where  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ); hence  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{1}} = \mathbb{O}_p$ . We call  $\mathbb{O}_p$  the *ring of  $p$ -adic integers*. Notice that if  $x = (x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} \in \mathbb{O}_p$  then each

$$x_n = x_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k - [x_k]_{p^k}}{p^k} p^k = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k p^k$$

where each  $a_k \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$  is uniquely determined. Hence we may think of

$$x \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$$

One can check that the map  $\mathbb{O}_p \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  given by  $x \mapsto (a_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$  is a homeomorphism, though not a homomorphism. (Here the latter is endowed with the product topology.)

**Valuation and norm** Given  $x \in \mathbb{O}_p$ , we let

$$v_p(x) = \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : x_n \neq 0\} = \sup\{k \in \mathbb{N}_0 : p^k \mid x_n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

We have  $v_p(0) = \inf \emptyset = \sup \mathbb{N}_0 = \infty$ . We let  $|x|_p = p^{-v_p(x)}$  (where  $|0|_p = p^{-\infty} = 0$ ).

*Proposition 2.16.* For  $x, y \in \mathbb{O}_p$  we have

- (a)  $v_p(x) = \infty$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ; i.e.  $|x|_p = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
- (b)  $v_p(xy) = v_p(x) + v_p(y)$ ; i.e.  $|xy|_p = |x|_p |y|_p$ .
- (c)  $v_p(x + y) \geq \min\{v_p(x), v_p(y)\}$ ; i.e.  $|x + y|_p \leq \max\{|x|_p, |y|_p\}$ .
- (d)  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times = \{u \in \mathbb{O}_p : u^{-1} \text{ exists}\} \subseteq \{u \in \mathbb{O}_p : |u|_p = 1\}$ .

*Proof.*

- (a) Obvious.
- (b) Notice that by the series representation we have

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < v_p(x) \\ \sum_{k=v_p(x)}^n a_k p^k & \text{if } n \geq v_p(x) \end{cases}$$

The result then follows.

- (c) Also follows from the series representation.
- (d) Notice that if  $u \in \mathbb{O}_p^\times$  then

$$0 = v_p(\mathbb{1}) = v_p(uu^{-1}) = v_p(u) + v_p(u^{-1})$$

where  $v_p(u), v_p(u^{-1}) \geq 0$ . Hence  $v_p(u) = 0$ .

□ [Proposition 2.16](#)

*Corollary 2.17.* The map  $\rho: \mathbb{O}_p \times \mathbb{O}_p \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by  $(x, y) \mapsto |x - y|_p$  is a metric on  $\mathbb{O}_p$  with

$$\tau_\rho = \left( \bigtimes_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \tau_d \right) \upharpoonright \mathbb{O}_p$$

(the restriction of the product topology).

*Proof.*  $-\mathbb{1} \in \mathbb{O}_p^\times$ , so if  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{O}_p$ , then

$$\rho(x, z) = |x - z|_p = |x - y + y - z|_p \leq \max\{|x - y|_p, |y - z|_p\} \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$$

and  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|_p = |(-\mathbb{1})(y - x)|_p = \rho(y, x)$ . Also  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ . Finally, note

$$V_\rho(x, p^{-n}) = \{x_0\} \times \cdots \times \{x_{n-1}\} \times \left( \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^{k+1}\mathbb{Z} \cap \mathbb{O}_p \right)$$

with the former a base for  $\tau_\rho$  at  $x$  and the latter a base for the product topology at  $x$ .

□ [Corollary 2.17](#)

*Proposition 2.18.*

- (a)  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times = \{u \in \mathbb{O}_p : |u|_p = 1\}$ ; note the latter set is  $\{u \in \mathbb{O}_p : u_0 \neq 0\} = \mathbb{O}_p \setminus p\mathbb{O}_p$ .
- (b) If  $x \in \mathbb{O}_p \setminus \{0\}$  then  $x = p^{v_p(x)}u$  for some  $u \in \mathbb{O}_p^\times$ .

*Proof.*

- (a) The containment  $\subseteq$  is given above. For the reverse containment, suppose  $u \in \mathbb{O}_p$  with  $u_0 \neq 0$ . There is a unique  $v_0 \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $u_0 v_0 = 1$ . Then, since  $[u_1]_p = u_0$  we have  $\gcd(u_1, p) = 1$ ; so  $u_1$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence there is  $v_1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $v_1 u_1 = 1$ , and we necessarily have that  $[v_1]_p = v_0$  since  $[v_1 u_1]_p = 1 = v_0 u_0$ ; we proceed inductively. We find for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  a  $v_n \in \mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(v_n, p) = 1$  and  $v_n u_n = 1$ ; so  $[v_n]_p = v_{n-1}$ . Thus  $v = (v_n)_{n=0}^\infty = u^{-1}$ .

(b) This follows from the first part and our series representation of  $x_n$ .  $\square$  [Proposition 2.18](#)

*Remark 2.19.* If  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\gcd(m, p) = 1$ , then  $m\mathbb{1} \in \mathbb{O}_p^\times$ . Hence  $\{\frac{n}{m} : n \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{N}, \gcd(m, p) = 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is in fact isomorphic to a dense subring of  $\mathbb{O}_p$ .

*Corollary 2.20.*

(a)  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times$  is open and closed in  $\mathbb{O}_p$ , and is a topological grape.

(b) The family of non-trivial ideals, and hence of closed subgrapes of  $\mathbb{O}_p$ , is  $p\mathbb{O}_p \supseteq p^2 \supseteq \mathbb{O}_p \supseteq \dots$ .

*Proof.*

(a)  $p\mathbb{O}_p$  is the  $\rho$ -open ball around 0 of radius  $p^{-1}$ , and is a subgrape. Then  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times = \mathbb{O}_p \setminus p\mathbb{O}_p$ . It remains to check that  $u \mapsto u^{-1}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times$ . If  $u, u' \in \mathbb{O}_p$  with  $|u - u'|_p = p^{-n}$ , then  $u_k = u'_k$  for  $k \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ . Thus  $|u^{-1} - (u')^{-1}|_p = p^{-n} = |u - u'|_p$ .

(b)  $p\mathbb{O}_p = \mathbb{O}_p \setminus \mathbb{O}_p^\times$  is clearly the unique maximal ideal. Using [Proposition 2.18](#), we see that  $p^{n+1}\mathbb{O}_p$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $p^n\mathbb{O}_p$ . Since  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{1}} = \mathbb{O}_p$ , we see that any closed subgrape is a (closed) ideal.  $\square$  [Corollary 2.20](#)

*Remark 2.21.* Note that  $\mathbb{1} + p^n\mathbb{O}_p$  is an open subgrape of  $\mathbb{O}_p^\times$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**$p$ -adic numbers** Since  $|\cdot|_p$  is multiplicative on  $\mathbb{O}_p$  and  $|x|_p = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ , we see that  $\mathbb{O}_p$  is an integral domain. Hence we may consider the field of quotients

$$\mathbb{Q}_p = \left\{ \frac{x}{y} : x, y \in \mathbb{O}_p, y \neq 0 \right\}$$

with  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{u}{w}$  if and only if  $xw = uy$ . We have that any  $y \in \mathbb{O}_p \setminus \{0\}$  admits form  $p^{v_p(y)}u$  for  $u \in \mathbb{O}_p^\times$ ; hence

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{xu^{-1}}{p^{v_p(y)}}$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{Q}_p = \left\{ \frac{x}{p^k\mathbb{1}} : x \in \mathbb{O}_p, k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\}$$

Recall that

$$x_n = x_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k - [x_k]_{p^k}}{p^k} p^k$$

so

$$\frac{x_n}{p^m} = \frac{x_0}{p^m} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k - [x_k]_{p^k}}{p^k} p^{k-m}$$

As before, we may thus write  $r \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  as

$$r = \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k p^k$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with each  $a_k \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ . Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q}_p &\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus(-\mathbb{N})} \times (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\mathbb{N}_0} \\ r &\mapsto (\dots, 0, 0, a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus(-\mathbb{N})} = \bigoplus_{i \in -\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \{(\dots, a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_{-1} : m \in -\mathbb{N}, a_k = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many } k)\}$$

is endowed with the discrete topology.

*TODO 1. Something about this being isomorphic to a dense subring?*



Hence  $\mathbb{Q}_p \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$  is an open subgrape, and determines the topology. We have that  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a *topological field*; i.e. all reasonable field operations are continuous.

5. Suppose  $(\mathbb{K}, \tau)$  is a locally compact topological field.

*Aside 2.22.* If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a finite field, then  $\mathbb{F}((X))$  (the ring of Laurent series over  $\mathbb{F}$ ) is a topological field. (Regarded as a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  with power series operations.)

*TODO 2.* Does this work?

Then  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K}) = \{a \in M_n(\mathbb{K}) : \det(a) \neq 0\}$  is open in  $M_n(\mathbb{K}) \cong \mathbb{K}^{n^2}$  and hence locally compact. Multiplication is given by polynomials, and hence is continuous, and inversion is given by Cramer's rule via rational functions, and is thus continuous. Thus  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  is a locally compact grape.

6.  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{K}) = \{a \in M_n(\mathbb{K}) : \det(a) = 1\}$  is closed in  $M_n(\mathbb{K}) = \mathbb{K}^{n^2}$ , and hence is locally compact; it is a locally compact grape. Also  $O_n(\mathbb{K}) = \{u \in M_n(\mathbb{K}) : uu^T = e\}$  is a closed subgrape. (Note that  $uu^T = e$  is given by polynomial equations.)

7.  $U(n) = \{u \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : uu^* = e\}$  is a closed subgrape of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ . It is bounded, hence compact (by Heine-Borel).

### 3 Haar integral and Haar measures

Let  $G$  be a locally compact grape. If  $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , let  $f \cdot x, x \cdot f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be  $(f \cdot x)(y) = f(xy)$  and  $(x \cdot f)(y) = f(yx)$ . (We write  $f \cdot x(y)$  to mean  $(f \cdot x)(y)$ .) Notice if  $x, x' \in G$  and  $y \in G$ , then  $(f \cdot (xx'))(y) = f(xx'y) = (f \cdot x)(x'y) = ((f \cdot x) \cdot x')(y)$ ; i.e.  $f \cdot (xx') = (f \cdot x) \cdot x'$ . Likewise we get  $(xx') \cdot f = x \cdot (x' \cdot f)$ .

Let  $C_c(G) = \{f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ continuous, } \text{supp}(f) = \{x \in G : f(x) \neq 0\} \text{ compact}\}$ . We call this the linear space of *compactly supported functions* on  $G$ . Thanks to Urysohn's lemma, we get  $C_c(G) \supsetneq \{0\}$ . By Tietze's extension theorem, given  $K, E \subseteq G$  with  $K$  compact,  $E$  closed, and  $K \cap E = \emptyset$ , we have that there is  $f \in C^+(G) = \{f \in C_c(G) \setminus \{0\} : f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in G\}$  such that  $f \upharpoonright K = 1$  and  $f \upharpoonright E = 0$ . (This is a strong form of "regularity".)

*Exercise 3.1.* Prove this in a locally compact metric space.

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $f \in C_c(G)$  then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow e} \|f \cdot x - f\|_\infty = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow e} \|x \cdot f - f\|_\infty$$

*In this case we say that  $f$  is (left and right) uniformly continuous.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $K = \overline{\text{supp}(f)}$  where  $W = W^{-1}$  is a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$ . For each  $y \in K$  we have  $|y \cdot f - f(y)1|: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  (where 1 is the constant function) is continuous with value 0 at  $e$ ; hence there is a neighbourhood  $U_y$  of  $e$  such that

$$|f(xy) - f(y)| = |y \cdot f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

for  $x \in U_y$ . Find a neighbourhood  $V_y = V_y^{-1}$  of  $e$  such that  $V_y^2 \subseteq U_y$ . Then

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in K} V_y y$$

so

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n V_{y_j} y_j$$

Let

$$V = W \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^n V_{y_j}$$

so  $e \in V$  and  $V^{-1} = V$ . Suppose now  $x \in V$ . If  $y \in K$  then  $y \in V_{y_j}y_j \subseteq U_{y_j}y_j$  for some  $j$ ; in particular, we have  $yy_j^{-1} \in V_y$ . Thus

$$xy = xyy_j^{-1}y_j \in VV_{y_j}y_j \subseteq V_{y_j}^2y_j \subseteq U_{y_j}y_j$$

Hence by our choice of  $U_{y_j}$  we have

$$|f(xy) - f(y)| \leq |f(xy) - f(y_j)| + |f(y_j) - f(y)| < 2\varepsilon$$

If  $y \notin K$ , suppose we had  $W_y \cap \text{supp}(f) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there would be  $z \in W_y \cap \text{supp}(f)$ ; so  $z = wy$  for some  $w \in W$ , and hence  $y = w^{-1}z \in W \text{supp}(f) \subseteq K$ , a contradiction. So  $W_y \cap \text{supp}(f) = \emptyset$ . Hence if  $x \in V \subseteq W$  we would have  $f(xy) = 0 = f(y)$ , so  $|f(xy) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ .  $\square$  [Proposition 3.2](#)

**Theorem 3.3** (Existence of the left Haar integral). *There exists a (linear) functional  $I: C_c(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfying:*

1.  $I(f) > 0$  if  $f \in C_c^+(G) = \{g \in C_c(G) \setminus \{0\} : g(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in G\}$ .
2.  $I(f \cdot x) = I(f)$  for all  $f \in C_c(G)$  and  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* We give a construction in stages.

1. Fix  $\varphi$  in  $C_c^+(G)$ . Then for  $f$  in  $C_c^+(G)$ , we let

$$(f : \varphi) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n c_j : \text{there exist } x_1, \dots, x_n \in G, c_1, \dots, c_n > 0, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } f \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi \cdot x_j \right\}$$

Notice that if  $U = \{x \in G : \varphi(x) > \frac{1}{2}\|\varphi\|_\infty\}$ , we see that  $\text{supp}(f)$  is covered by finitely many translates  $x^{-1}U$ ; it follows that  $(f : \varphi) < \infty$ .

**Claim 3.4.** *For  $f, g \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $c > 0$  we have the following:*

- (a)  $(f \cdot x : \varphi) = (f : \varphi)$ .
- (b)  $(f + g : \varphi) \leq (f : \varphi) + (g : \varphi)$ .
- (c)  $(cf : \varphi) = c(f : \varphi)$ .
- (d)  $f \leq g \implies (f : \varphi) \leq (g : \varphi)$ .
- (e)  $(f : \varphi) \leq (f : g)(g : \varphi)$ .

*Proof.* The first four are straightforward; we sketch the last. If

$$\begin{aligned} f &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n c_j g \cdot x_j \\ g &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \varphi \cdot y_i \end{aligned}$$

for  $c_j, b_i > 0$  and  $x_j, y_i \in G$ , then

$$f \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m c_j b_i \varphi \cdot (y_i x_j)$$

and hence

$$(f : \varphi) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \sum_{i=1}^m b_i$$

and the result follows.  $\square$  [Claim 3.4](#)

Now, fix another  $\psi \in C_c^+(G)$ , and for  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  let

$$I_\varphi(f) = \frac{(f : \varphi)}{(\psi : \varphi)}$$

Then the first three properties tell us that  $I_\varphi : C_c^+(G) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is left translation-invariant, subadditive, and  $\mathbb{R}^{>0}$ -homogeneous. Furthermore, the last property yields that

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi : \varphi) &\leq (\psi : f)(f : \varphi) \\ (f : \varphi) &\leq (f : \psi)(\psi : \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

whence it follows that

$$0 < \frac{1}{(\psi : f)} \leq I_\varphi(f) \leq (f : \psi) \quad (1)$$

2. A somewhat technical claim:

**Claim 3.5.** *If  $f, g \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  then there is a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  such that  $I_\varphi(f) + I_\varphi(g) \leq I_\varphi(f + g) + \varepsilon$  whenever  $\text{supp}(f) \subseteq V$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $k \in C_c^+(G)$  satisfy  $k \upharpoonright \text{supp}(f + g) = 1$ ; let  $\delta > 0$ , and set  $h = f + g + \delta k$ . We then let

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= \frac{f}{h} \\ g' &= \frac{g}{h} \end{aligned}$$

(with each of them 0 outside of the supports of  $f, g$ ). Then by [Proposition 3.2](#) applied to  $f', g'$  we get a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  such that

$$|f'(x) - f'(y)| < \delta, |g'(x) - g'(y)| < \delta \quad (2)$$

whenever  $y^{-1}x \in V$ . Suppose  $\varphi \in C_c^+(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(\varphi) \subseteq V$ ; suppose  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n > 0$  satisfy

$$h \leq \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \varphi \cdot x_j^{-1}$$

Then for  $x \in G$  we have

$$f(x) = f'(x)h(x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n f'(x)c_j \varphi(x_j^{-1}x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (f'(x_j) + \delta)c_j \varphi_j(x_j^{-1}x)$$

where the last inequality follows from the choice of  $\varphi$  and (2). Likewise we see that

$$g \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (g'(x_j) + \delta)c_j \varphi \cdot x_j^{-1}$$

Now

$$f' + g' = \frac{f + g}{h} = \frac{f + g}{f + g + \delta k} \leq 1$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} (f \cdot \varphi) + (g : \varphi) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (f'(x_j) + \delta)c_j + \sum_{j=1}^n (g'(x_j) + \delta)c_j \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (1 + 2\delta)c_j \end{aligned}$$

Recall that our  $\psi$  is fixed. Now, dividing by  $(\psi : \varphi)$  and taking infimum in the  $c_j$  relative to the definition of  $(h : \varphi)$ , and applying [Claim 3.4](#), we see that

$$I_\varphi(f) + I_\varphi(g) \leq (1 + 2\delta)I_\varphi(h) \leq (1 + 2\delta)(I_\varphi(f + g) + \delta I_\varphi(k))$$

Now, choose  $\delta > 0$  (and hence  $V$ ) small enough so that

$$2\delta I_\varphi(f + g) + (1 + 2\delta)\delta I_\varphi(k) < \varepsilon$$

and the claim follows. □ [Claim 3.5](#)

3. We are now ready to draw our conclusion. Consider

$$X = \prod_{f \in C_c^+(G)} \left[ \frac{1}{(\psi : f)}, (\varphi : f) \right]$$

which is compact by Tychonoff's theorem. By [Equation \(1\)](#) we get  $(I_\varphi(f))_{f \in C_c^+(G)} \in X$  for any  $\varphi \in C_c^+(G)$ .

Given a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  we let

$$K(V) = \overline{\left\{ (I_\varphi(f))_{f \in C_c^+(G)} : \text{supp}(\varphi) \subseteq V \right\}} \subseteq X$$

Then  $K$  is a closed set of a compact space, and is thus compact. Then if  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  are neighbourhoods of  $e$ , then

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^n K(V_j) \supseteq K\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^n V_j\right) \neq \emptyset$$

Thus  $S = \bigcap \{K(V) : V \text{ a neighbourhood of } e\} \neq \emptyset$  by finite intersection property; let  $(I(f))_{f \in C_c^+(G)} \in S$ . Given  $f, g \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  and  $\varphi \in C_c^+(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(\varphi) \subseteq V$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |I(f) - I_\varphi(f)| &< \varepsilon \\ |I(g) - I_\varphi(g)| &< \varepsilon \\ |I(f + g) - I_\varphi(f + g)| &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and further by [Claim 3.5](#) and [Claim 3.4](#) we can arrange  $V$  such that

$$|I_\varphi(f) + I_\varphi(g) - I_\varphi(f + g)| < \varepsilon$$

We then find that

$$|I(f) + I(g) - I(f + g)| < 4\varepsilon$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we find that  $I : C_c^+(G) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is an additive functional. By [Claim 3.4](#), we get that  $I$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{>0}$ -homogeneous.

We now extend  $I$  to all of  $C_c(G)$ . We set  $I(0) = 0$ . Suppose  $f \in C_c^{\mathbb{R}}(G)$  (i.e. it is real-valued) and we can write  $f = f_1 - f_2 = g_1 - g_2$  for  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 \geq 0$ . Then  $f_1 + g_2 = g_1 + f_2$ , so  $I(f_1 + g_2) = I(g_1 + f_2)$ , and by additivity we get that  $I(f) = I(f_1) - I(f_2) = I(g_1) - I(g_2)$  is well-defined. This clearly is  $\mathbb{R}$ -homogeneous. Now for arbitrary  $f \in C_c(G)$ , we let

$$I(f) = I(\text{Re } f) + iI(\text{Im } f)$$

It is straightforward to check that  $I$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -homogeneous. It then follows from [Claim 3.4](#) and the definition of  $S$  that  $I(f \cdot x) = I(f)$  for  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $x \in G$ . Hence this left-invariance holds generally. Finally, for  $f \in C_c^+(G)$ , we have  $I(f) > 0$  by definition of  $S \subseteq X$ . □ [Theorem 3.3](#)

**Theorem 3.6** (Existence of left Haar measure). *Let  $\mathcal{B}(G) = \sigma\langle\tau\rangle$  (the  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $G$  generated by open sets) be the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra. Then there is a measure  $m: \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  satisfying the following:*

1.  *$m$  is a Radon measure: it is outer regular ( $m(E)$  is the infimum of the measures of the open sets containing  $E$ ), inner regular on open sets ( $m(E)$  is the supremum of the measures of compact sets contained in  $E$ , if  $E$  is open), finite on compact sets.*
2.  *$m$  is left-invariant: if  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  and  $x \in G$  then  $m(xE) = m(E)$ .*
3.  *$m(U) > 0$  for any  $U \in \tau \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .*

*Sketch of proof.* The Riesz representation theorem provides a Radon measure  $m$  for which

$$I(f) = \int_G f dm$$

for all  $f \in C_c(G)$ . We have for  $x \in G$  that

$$\int_G f(xy) dm(y) = I(f \cdot x) = I(f) = \int_G f dm$$

In particular, if  $U$  is open then for  $f \in C_c(G)$  we have  $\text{supp}(f) \subseteq U$  if and only if  $\text{supp}(f \cdot x) \subseteq x^{-1}U$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} m(U) &= \sup\{I(f) : f \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G), \text{supp}(f) \subseteq U\} \\ &= \sup\{I(f \cdot x) : f \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G), \text{supp}(f \cdot x) \subseteq x^{-1}U\} \\ &= m(x^{-1}U) \end{aligned}$$

So we see that  $m(U) = m(xU)$  for  $x \in G$ . Then if  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  we have

$$m(E) = \inf\{m(U) : E \subseteq U \in \tau\}$$

and it follows that  $m(xE) = m(E)$ . That  $m(U) > 0$  for  $U \in \tau \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  follows from

$$m(U) = \sup\{I(f) : f \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G), \text{supp}(f) \subseteq U\}$$

and that  $I(f) > 0$  for  $f \in C_c^+(G)$ . □ [Theorem 3.6](#)

**Theorem 3.7** (“Uniqueness” of left Haar measure). *If  $m': \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a left-invariant measure, then there is  $c \geq 0$  such that  $m' = cm$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that the map

$$f \mapsto \frac{\int_G f dm'}{\int_G f dm}$$

is constant for  $f$  in  $C_c^+(G)$ . This constant  $c \geq 0$  hence satisfies that

$$\int_G f dm' = c \int_G f dm$$

and it will follow that  $m' = cm$ . To this end, fix  $f, g \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By uniform continuity of  $f$  and  $g$  there is a neighbourhood  $V = V^{-1}$  of  $e$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(xy) - f(yx)| &< \varepsilon \\ |g(xy) - g(yx)| &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in V, y \in G$ . Fix  $h \in C_c^+(G)$  satisfying  $h(x^{-1}) = h(x)$  for  $x \in G$  and  $\text{supp}(h) \subseteq V$ . (One could for example pick  $h' \in C_c^+(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(h') \subseteq V$  and let  $h(x) = h'(x) + h'(x^{-1})$ .) We use Tonelli’s theorem:

$$\int h dm \int f dm' = \int \int h(x) f(y) dm(x) dm'(y) = \int \int h(x) f(xy) dm(x) dm'(y)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\int h dm' \int f dm &= \int \int h(y) f(x) dm'(y) dm(x) \\
&= \int \int h(x^{-1}y) f(x) dm'(y) dm(x) \\
&= \int \int h(x^{-1}y) f(x) dm(x) dm'(y) \\
&= \int \int h(x^{-1}) f(yx) dm(x) dm'(y) \\
&= \int \int h(x) f(yx) dm(x) dm'(y)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int h dm \int f dm' - \int h dm' \int f dm \right| &\leq \int \int h(x) \underbrace{|f(xy) - f(yx)|}_{< \varepsilon} dm'(y) dm(x) \\
&\leq \varepsilon m'(\underbrace{V \text{supp}(f) \cup \text{supp}(f)V}_{S_{f,V}}) \int h dm
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\left| \frac{\int f dm'}{\int f dm} - \frac{\int h dm'}{\int h dm} \right| \leq \varepsilon \frac{m'(S_{f,V})}{\int f dm}$$

Likewise we get

$$\left| \frac{\int g dm'}{\int g dm} - \frac{\int h dm'}{\int h dm} \right| \leq \varepsilon \frac{m'(S_{g,V})}{\int g dm}$$

so

$$\left| \frac{\int f dm'}{\int f dm} - \frac{\int g dm'}{\int g dm} \right| \leq \varepsilon \left( \frac{m'(S_{f,V})}{\int f dm} + \frac{m'(S_{g,V})}{\int g dm} \right)$$

Notice though that if  $V' \subseteq V$  then  $S_{f,V'} \subseteq S_{f,V}$ ; thus if we shrink  $\varepsilon > 0$  we shrink  $V$ .

□ [Theorem 3.7](#)

**TODO 3.** *Missing stuff*

Last time: introduced  $L^1(G) = \overline{S^1(G)}^{\|\cdot\|_1} = \overline{C_c(G)}^{\|\cdot\|_1}$  the closure of the simple integrable functions. (The latter equality because  $m$  is regular on open sets.)

## 4 The modular function

Given  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  we have that  $Ex \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  for  $x \in G$ . (Since  $R_x: G \rightarrow G$  is a homeomorphism and  $Ex = R_{x^{-1}}^{-1}(E)$ .) Define  $m_x: \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  by  $m_x(E) = m(Ex)$ . One can check that  $m_x$  is left-invariant and positive on open sets. Hence by [Theorem 3.7](#) we get  $m_x = \Delta(x)m$  for some  $\Delta(x) \in (0, \infty)$ .

Notice that if  $y \in G$  then for  $E$  with  $0 < m(E) < \infty$  we get

$$\Delta(xy)m(E) = m(Exy) = \Delta(y)m(Ex) = \Delta(x)\Delta(y)m(E)$$

so  $\Delta: G \rightarrow (0, \infty) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\times$  is a homomorphism.

**Definition 4.1.** We call this the *modular function*. We say  $G$  is *unimodular* if  $\Delta = 1$ .

**Proposition 4.2.**

1. For  $f \in L^1(G)$  (or  $f \in C_c(G)$ ) we have for  $x \in G$  that

$$\int_G f dm = \Delta(x) \int_G x \cdot f dm$$

2.  $\Delta: G \rightarrow (0, \infty) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\times$  is continuous.

*Proof.*

1. If  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  with  $m(E) < \infty$  then

$$\Delta(x) \int_G 1_E dm = \Delta(x)m(E) = m(Ex) = \int_G 1_{Ex} dm = \int_G x^{-1} \cdot 1_E dm$$

So, replacing  $x$  by  $x^{-1}$ , we see that

$$\Delta(x) \int_G x \cdot 1_E dm = \int_G 1_E dm$$

Then, if  $\varphi \in S^1(G)$ , then

$$\int_G \varphi dm = \Delta(x) \int_G x \cdot \varphi dm$$

Now, if  $f \in L^1_+(G)$  (i.e.  $f \geq 0$   $m$ -almost-everywhere), then there is  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq S^1_+(G)$  such that  $\varphi_n \nearrow f$  (increasing pointwise converges)  $m$ -almost-everywhere. Then by monotone convergence theorem we get

$$\int_G x \cdot f dm = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_G x \cdot \varphi_n dm = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} \int_G \varphi_n dm = \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} \int_G f dm$$

We are now done, since  $L^1(G) = \text{span}(L^1_+(G))$ .

2. Suppose  $f \in C_c^+(G)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $V = V^{-1}$  is a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$  such that  $\|x \cdot f - f\|_\infty < \varepsilon$  for  $x \in V$ . Then for  $x \in V$  we have

$$|\Delta(x) - 1| = \frac{|\int_G x \cdot f dm - \int_G f dm|}{\int_G f dm} \leq \frac{\int_G |x \cdot f - f| dm}{\int_G f dm} \leq \varepsilon \frac{m(\text{supp}(f)V)}{\int_G f dm}$$

Picking  $\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$  necessitates taking  $V' \subseteq V$ , so we see that  $\Delta$  is continuous at  $e$ . Now if  $y \in G$  and  $x \in V$  then

$$|\Delta(xy) - \Delta(y)| = |\Delta(x) - 1| \Delta(y) \leq \varepsilon \Delta(y)$$

so  $\Delta$  is continuous at  $y$ . □ [Proposition 4.2](#)

**Notation 4.3.** For the left integral we write

$$\int_G f(x) dx$$

or less commonly

$$\int_G f(x) dm(x)$$

to mean

$$\int_G f dm$$

**Proposition 4.4.**

1. The integral on  $C_c(G)$  given by

$$f \mapsto \int_G f(x) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx$$

is right-invariant.

2. For  $f \in L^1(G)$  we have

$$\int_G f(x^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f(x) dx$$

*Proof.*

1. If  $y \in G$  and  $f \in C_c(G)$  we have

$$\int_G y \cdot f(x) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f(xy) \frac{1}{\Delta(xy)} \Delta(y) dx = \frac{\Delta(y)}{\Delta(y)} \int_G f(x) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f(x) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx$$

2. We have for  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  and  $y \in G$  that

$$0 < \int_G f \cdot y(x^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f(yx^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f((xy^{-1})^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = \int_G f(x^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx$$

by the first part. (Notice that  $\iota: G \rightarrow G$  given by  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is a homeomorphism, and hence Borel measurable, so  $f \circ \iota$  is Borel measurable if  $f$  is.) Hence there is  $c > 0$  such that

$$\int_G f(x^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx = c \int_G f(x) dx$$

for  $f \in C_c(G)$  (and hence  $f \in L^1(G)$ ).

Now, if  $c \neq 1$  then there is a relatively compact neighbourhood  $U = U^{-1}$  of  $e$  such that

$$\left| \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{2} |c - 1|$$

for  $x \in U$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left| \int_G \underbrace{1_U(x)}_{=1_U(x^{-1})} \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} dx - c \int_G 1_U(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_U \left( \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - c \right) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_U \left( 1 - c + \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right) dx \right| \\ &= \left| (1 - c)m(U) + \int_U \left( \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right) dx \right| \\ &\geq (1 - c)m(U) - \left| \int_U \left( \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right) dx \right| \\ &> m(U) \left( |1 - c| - \frac{1}{2} |c - 1| \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |c - 1| m(U) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. So  $c = 1$ .

□ [Proposition 4.4](#)

**Notation 4.5.** If  $x \in G$  and  $f \in L^1(G)$ , we define  $x * f, f * x, f^* \in L^1(G)$  by declaring for  $m$ -almost-every  $y$  that

$$\begin{aligned} x * f(y) &= f(x^{-1}y) \\ f * x(y) &= f(yx^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} \\ f^*(y) &= \overline{f(y^{-1})} \frac{1}{\Delta(y)} \end{aligned}$$



The last proposition then tells us that

$$\|f\|_1 = \int_G |f(x)| dx = \|x * f\|_1 = \|f * x\|_1 = \|f^*\|_1$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} x * (y * f) &= (xy) * f \\ (f * x) * y &= f * (xy) \\ (f * x)^* &= x^{-1} * f \\ (f^*)^* &= f \\ x * f &= f \cdot x^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.6.** For  $f \in L^1(G)$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow e} \|x * f - f\|_1 = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow e} \|f * x - f\|_1$$

*Proof.* First, consider  $g \in C_c(G)$ . Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; let  $V = V^{-1}$  be a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x \cdot g - g\|_\infty &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right| &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in V$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|g * x - g\|_1 &\leq \|g * x - g\|_\infty m(\text{supp}(g)V) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} \|x^{-1} \cdot g - g\|_\infty + \left| \frac{1}{\Delta(x)} - 1 \right| \|g\|_\infty \right) m(\text{supp}(g)V) \\ &\leq ((1 + \varepsilon)\varepsilon + \varepsilon \|g\|_\infty) m(\text{supp}(g)V) \end{aligned}$$

So we're done. Now if  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find  $g \in C_c(G)$  such that  $\|f - g\|_1 < \varepsilon$ ; it then follows by the usual estimates that

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow e} \|f * x - f\|_1 < 3\varepsilon$$

and so, as  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we get the limit, as desired. □ [Proposition 4.6](#)

**Theorem 4.7** (Weil's integral relation). Let  $N$  be a closed normal subgroup of  $G$ .

1. If  $f \in C_c(G)$  then the map  $x \mapsto \int_N f(xn) dn$  is constant of cosets of  $N$ , and hence defines a map  $T_N f$  on  $G/N$ . Furthermore  $T_N f \in C_c(G/N)$ , and the operator  $T_N: C_c(G) \rightarrow C_c(G/N)$  satisfies

- (a)  $T_N(C_c^+(G)) \subseteq C_c^+(G/N)$
- (b)  $T_N(f \cdot y) = (T_N f) \cdot (yN)$  for  $y \in G$ .

2. The functional

$$f \mapsto \int_{G/N} T_N f(xN) dxN$$

is a left Haar integral. Hence we may write

$$\int_{G/N} \int_N f(xn) dn dxN$$

(Notice that the constant on  $m_G$  is thus dictated by choices of  $m_N$  and  $m_{G/N}$ .)

*Proof.*

1. Notice that if  $n' \in N$  then

$$\int_N f(xn'n)dn = \int_N f(xn)dn$$

Hence we get a function  $T_N f: G/N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

We check continuity on  $G/N$ . Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ , fix  $V = V^{-1}$  a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$ ; so  $\|f \cdot y - f\|_\infty < \varepsilon$  for  $y \in V$ . Then fix  $x \in G$  and  $h \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G)$  with  $h \upharpoonright Vx^{-1} \text{supp}(f) = 1$ . Then for  $y \in V$  (so  $yN \in q_N(V)$  where  $q_N: G \rightarrow G/N$  is the quotient map) we have

$$|T_N f(\underbrace{yxN}_{yNxN}) - T_N f(xN)| = \left| \int_N (f(yxn) - f(xn))dn \right| \leq \int_N |f(yxn) - f(xn)|h(n)dn \leq \varepsilon m_N(\text{supp}(h) \cap N)$$

which shows continuity since if  $\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$  we can build  $h$  with smaller support. So  $T_N f$  is continuous. Also  $\text{supp}(T_N f) \subseteq q_N(\text{supp}(f))$  is compact, so  $T_N f \in C_c(G/N)$ .

If  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  has  $f(x) > 0$  for some  $x \in G$ , we can find an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $e$  such that  $f(xy) > \frac{1}{2}f(x)$  for  $y \in U$ . Then

$$T_N f(xN) = \int_N f(xn)dn \geq \int_{U \cap N} \frac{1}{2}f(x)dn = \frac{1}{2}f(x)m_N(U \cap N) > 0$$

(Clearly  $f(xN) \geq 0$  for general  $x$ .) Finally

$$T_N(f \cdot y)(xN) = \int_N f \cdot y(xn)dn = \int_N f(yxn)dn = T_N f(yxN) = (T_N f) \cdot (yN)(xN)$$

2. Follows from the first part immediately. □ [Theorem 4.7](#)

**Corollary 4.8.** *The modular functions on  $G$  and  $N$  satisfy  $\Delta_N = \Delta_G \upharpoonright N$ .*

*Proof.* If  $n' \in N$  and  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G n' \cdot f(x)dx &= \int_{G/N} \int_N n' \cdot f(xn)dndxN \\ &= \int_{G/N} \int_N f(xnn')dndxN \\ &= \int_{G/N} \frac{1}{\Delta_N(n')} \int_N f(xn)dndxN \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta_n(n')} \int_G f(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

so  $\Delta_n(n') = \Delta_G(n')$ . □ [Corollary 4.8](#)

Unimodularity makes computing integrals simpler. Indeed,

$$\int_G f(x)dx = \int_G f(yx)dx = \int_G f(xy)dx = \int_G f(x^{-1})dx$$

**Proposition 4.9.**  *$G$  is unimodular in the following cases:*

1.  $G$  is abelian, compact, or discrete
2.  $G$  is perfect: i.e.  $G = \overline{[G, G]}$  (the closure of the grape generated by the commutators  $[x, y] = xyx^{-1}y^{-1}$ ).
3.  $G/Z(G)$  is unimodular ( $Z(G)$  is the centre).
4.  $G$  admits a unimodular closed normal subgrape  $N$  for which  $G/N$  is compact.

*Proof.*

1. Trivial for  $G$  abelian; for  $G$  compact, the (left) Haar measure is the counting measure.

Let us fully consider the compact case. Here  $\Delta(G)$  is a compact subgrape of  $(0, \infty) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^\times$ . The map  $\log: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an isomorphism. If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  then  $Z\alpha$  is not compact. Hence  $\{0\}$  is the only compact subgrape of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence  $\{1\}$  is the only compact subgrape of  $(0, \infty)$ .

2. It is clear that  $\Delta([x_1, y_1] \cdots [x_n, y_n]) = 1$ ; by continuity, we then get  $\Delta(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in G$ .
3. We should note that  $Z = Z(G)$  is closed and normal. If  $y \in G$  and  $f \in C_c(G)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G y \cdot f(x) dx &= \int_{G/Z} \int_Z y \cdot f(xz) dz dx Z \\ &= \int_{G/Z} \int_Z f(xzy) dz dx Z \\ &= \int_{G/Z} \int_Z f(xyz) dz dx Z \\ &= \int_{G/Z} T_Z f(xZY) dx Z \\ &= \int_{G/Z} T_Z f(xZ) dx Z \\ &= \int_G f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\Delta(y) = 1$ .

4. Since  $\Delta_G \upharpoonright N = \Delta_N = 1$ , we get a homomorphism  $\bar{\Delta}: G/N \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  (by 1st isomorphism theorem) with  $\bar{\Delta} \circ q_N = \Delta_G$ . If  $W \subseteq (0, \infty)$  is open, then

$$\bar{\Delta}^{-1}(W) = \underbrace{q_N}_{\text{open map}} \left( \underbrace{\Delta^{-1}(W)}_{\text{open in } G} \right)$$

Thus  $\bar{\Delta}$  is continuous. By (1), we get that  $\bar{\Delta}(G/N) = \{1\}$ .

□ [Proposition 4.9](#)

*Example 4.10.*

1. Suppose  $\mathbb{K}$  is a locally compact field. Let  $|\mathbb{K}| > 3$ . (Aside: we will use capital letters for singular matrices and lower-case for invertible matrices.) Let  $\{E_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$  be the matrix unit for  $M_n(\mathbb{K})$ : i.e.  $E_{ij}E_{k\ell} = \delta_{jk}E_{i\ell}$ . We will show that  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  is perfect, and hence unimodular.

- (a) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $i, j, k$  are distinct (for  $n \geq 3$ ) then

$$[e + \lambda E_{ik}, e + E_{kj}] = (e + \lambda E_{ik})(e + E_{kj})(e - \lambda E_{ik})(e - E_{kj}) = e + \lambda E_{ij}$$

If  $n = 2$  we have

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (1 - \alpha^2)\beta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the equation  $\lambda = (1 - \alpha^2)\beta$  always admits solutions for  $|\mathbb{K}| > 3$ .

- (b) We claim  $S = \langle e + \lambda E_{ij} : \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i \neq j \rangle$  is all of  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ . Indeed, using only elementary operations of adding one row to another, for any  $a \in \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  there is  $s \in S$  for which  $sa$  is diagonal:

$$sa = \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & & \\ & \alpha_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then see that

$$(e + E_{12} \operatorname{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \left( e + \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_2} E_{21} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ 1 - \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ & & \alpha_3 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$(e + (\alpha_1 - 1)E_{21}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ 1 - \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ & & \alpha_3 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} (e - \alpha_2 E_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ \alpha_1 \alpha_2 & & & & \\ & \alpha_3 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

An evident induction shows that  $a \in S$ .

(c) Combining the two statements, we get  $\operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K}) = S \subseteq [\operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K}), \operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})] \subseteq \operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ .

2. Let  $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $G = \operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ . We observe that  $Z = Z(\operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})) = \mathbb{K}^\times e$ . Also from the first example we have that  $\operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K}) = [G, G]$ . Let  $H = Z \cdot \operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ .

If  $n$  is odd and  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $n$  is arbitrary and  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  then  $H = G$ . If  $n$  is even and  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $H = \operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})_0 = \det^{-1}((0, \infty))$  is open, and thus closed; furthermore, we get  $\operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})_0 \sqcup a \operatorname{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$  where  $\det(a) = -1$ .

Either way, we get that  $H$  is open and normal in  $G$  with  $G/H$  finite, and hence compact. We have  $H/Z \cong \operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})/Z \cap \operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$ . But  $\operatorname{SL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  is perfect, and hence the quotient is perfect; so  $H/Z$  is unimodular. Thus so is  $H$  and hence  $G$ .

3. (Euclidean motion.) We let  $E(n) = \mathbb{R} \rtimes \operatorname{SO}(n)$ . ( $\operatorname{SO}(n)$  is the orthogonal real matrices of determinant 1.) Then  $N = \mathbb{R} \rtimes \{e\}$  is normal and unimodular, with  $E(n)/N \cong \operatorname{SO}(n)$  compact. Hence  $E(n)$  is unimodular.

4. (Heisenberg.) Let

$$\mathbb{H} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ & 1 & y \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq \operatorname{GL}_3(\mathbb{R})$$

a closed subgrape. We have

$$Z(\mathbb{H}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & z \\ & 1 & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

and  $\mathbb{H}/Z(\mathbb{H}) \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus  $\mathbb{H}$  is unimodular.

5. (Conjugation automorphism.) For  $x \in G$ , let  $\gamma(x) \in \operatorname{Aut}(G)$  be  $\gamma(x)(y) = xyx^{-1}$ . Notice  $\gamma(xx') = \gamma(x)\gamma(x')$ . Then

$$\delta(\gamma(x)) = \frac{1}{\Delta(x)}$$

(where  $\delta$  is as in assignment 1).

Suppose  $\alpha \in \operatorname{Aut}(G)$ . If  $G$  is compact, then  $\alpha(G) = G$  implies  $\delta(\alpha) = 1$ . If  $G$  is discrete, then  $|\alpha(F)| = |F|$  for each finite  $F \subseteq G$  implies  $\delta(\alpha) = 1$ .

Suppose  $G, A$  are unimodular and  $A$  acts continuously on  $G$  by automorphisms. Consider  $S = G \rtimes A$ . Then by assignment 1 we get  $\Delta(y, \beta) = \delta(\beta)$ .

6. If  $H$  is open in  $G$  and  $G$  is unimodular, then  $H$  is unimodular.

However, if  $H$  is closed and non-open in  $G$ , we may have that  $G$  is unimodular and  $H$  is not. Consider for example  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} : \alpha \in (0, \infty), b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Then  $H = \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$  with  $a(b) = ab$  (non-unimodular action) so  $H$  is not unimodular thanks to the first item.

7. It is possible that  $N$  is a unimodular open normal subgrape of  $G$  yet  $G$  is not unimodular. Indeed, consider  $G = \mathbb{R} \times \{2^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ; this is an open subgrape of  $\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$ .

## 5 The convolution algebra of measures

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M(G) &= \{ \mu : \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \mu \text{ a Radon measure} \} \\ M_+(G) &= \{ \mu : \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow [0, \infty) \mid \mu \text{ a (finite) measure} \} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 5.1.** If  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ , we define the *total variation* to be

$$|\mu|(E) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\mu(E_j)| : E = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j, \text{ each } E_j \in \mathcal{B}(G) \right\}$$

**Fact 5.2.** If  $\mu \in M(G)$  then  $|\mu| \in M_+(G)$ .

**Fact 5.3** (Hahn-Jordan decomposition). *Each  $\mu \in M(G)$  can be written  $\mu = (\mu_1 - \mu_2) + i(\mu_3 - \mu_4)$  where  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4 \in M_+(G)$ . Furthermore, we can arrange that  $\mu_1 \perp \mu_2$  and  $\mu_3 \perp \mu_4$  (i.e.  $G = E_1 \sqcup E_2$  such that  $\mu_2 \upharpoonright E_1 = 0$  and  $\mu_1 \upharpoonright E_2 = 0$ ), and in this context the decomposition is unique.*

Generally we have

$$\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4 \leq |\mu| \leq |\mu_1 - \mu_2| + |\mu_3 - \mu_4|$$

and  $|\mu_1 - \mu_2| \leq \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , etc. If  $\mu_1 \perp \mu_2$  then  $|\mu_1 - \mu_2| = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , etc.

**Theorem 5.4** (Riesz representation theorem). *Let  $C_0(G) = \overline{C_c(G)}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty}$ ; this is a Banach space. Then  $C_0(G)^* \cong M(G)$  via the pairing*

$$\langle f, \mu \rangle = \mu(f) = \int_G f d\mu$$

Furthermore,

$$\sup \left\{ \left| \int_G f d\mu \right| : f \in C_0(G), \|f\|_\infty \leq 1 \right\} = |\mu|(G)$$

which we define to be  $\|\mu\|_1$ .

**Remark 5.5** (Approximation by “compactly supported” measures). Given  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the inner regularity of  $|\mu|$  provides compact  $K \subseteq G$  such that  $|\mu|(G) < |\mu|(K) + \varepsilon$ ; thus  $|\mu|(G \setminus K) < \varepsilon$ . If we let  $\mu_K : \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be  $\mu_K(E) = \mu(E \cap K)$ , then

$$\|\mu - \mu_K\|_1 = \|\mu_{G \setminus K}\|_1 = |\mu_{G \setminus K}|(G) = |\mu|(G \setminus K) < \varepsilon$$

**Theorem 5.6.** *Given  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$  there is a unique measure  $\mu * \nu$  such that for  $f \in C_0(G)$  (or  $f \in C_c(G)$ ) we have*

$$\int_G f d(\mu * \nu) = \int_G \int_G f(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y)$$

*Then  $(\mu, \nu) \mapsto \mu * \nu$  is bilinear and associative (i.e.  $(\mu * \nu) * \rho = \mu * (\nu * \rho)$  where  $\rho \in M(G)$ ) and satisfies  $\|\mu * \nu\|_1 \leq \|\mu\|_1 \|\nu\|_1$ . Hence  $(M(G), *)$  is a Banach algebra.*

This product is called the *convolution product*.

Before we begin, we give some facts about the Radon product measure.

Our setup: suppose  $X, Y$  are locally compact Hausdorff spaces. We define the product of the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebras by

$$\mathcal{B}(X) \otimes \mathcal{B}(Y) = \sigma\langle E \times F : E \in \mathcal{B}(X), F \in \mathcal{B}(Y) \rangle$$

Clearly  $\mathcal{B}(X) \otimes \mathcal{B}(Y) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$ .

A problem: unless both  $X$  and  $Y$  are separable, we cannot guarantee equality.

*Example 5.7.* Let  $X = Y = \{0, 1\}^I$  where  $|I| > \aleph_0$  or  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}_d$ . Nico suspects that  $\subseteq$  holds in both cases.

**Theorem 5.8.** *Given two Radon measures  $\mu: \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  and  $\nu: \mathcal{B}(Y) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , there is a unique measure  $\mu \times \nu$  on  $\mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$  such that*

$$\int_{X \times Y} f d(\mu \times \nu) = \int_Y \int_X f(x, y) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) = \int_X \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y) d\mu(x)$$

for  $f \in C_c(X \times Y)$ . (We call this the restricted Fubini property ( $F_c$ ).) This is the unique measure on  $\mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$  such that  $(\mu \times \nu)(E \times F) = \mu(E)\nu(F)$  for  $E \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  and  $F \in \mathcal{B}(Y)$ . (We call this the product property ( $P$ ).)

We call this the *Radon product measure*.

**Corollary 5.9.** *If  $\mu \in M(X), \nu \in M(Y)$  are complex Radon measures, then there is  $\mu \times \nu \in M(X \times Y)$  for which ( $F_c$ ) and ( $P$ ) hold.*

**Fact 5.10** (Fubini for Radon products). *For  $\mu \in M(X), \nu \in M(Y)$ , and  $f \in \mathcal{B}^\infty(X \times Y)$  (i.e.  $f$  is uniformly bounded and Borel measurable), we have that*

$$\begin{aligned} x &\mapsto \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y) \\ y &\mapsto \int_X f(x, y) d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

are Borel measurable on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, and

$$\int_{X \times Y} f d(\mu \times \nu) = \int_Y \int_X f(x, y) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) = \int_X \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y) d\mu(x)$$

*Proof of Theorem 5.6.*

1. We define “actions” of  $M(G)$  on  $C_c(G)$ . Given  $f \in C_0(G)$  and  $\mu \in M(G)$  we let  $f \cdot \mu, \mu \cdot f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be

$$\begin{aligned} (f \cdot \mu)(x) &= \mu(x \cdot f) \\ &= \int_G f(yx) d\mu(y) \\ (\mu \cdot f)(x) &= \mu(f \cdot x) \\ &= \int_G f(xy) d\mu(y) \end{aligned}$$

Let us see that  $\mu \cdot f \in C_0(G)$ . Let  $V$  be a neighbourhood of  $e$  such that  $|f(x) - f(x')| < \varepsilon$  if  $x'x^{-1} \in V$ . Then for such  $x, x'$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mu \cdot f)(x) - (\mu \cdot f)(x')| &= \left| \int_G (f(xy) - f(x'y)) d\mu(y) \right| \\ &\leq \int_G \underbrace{|f(xy) - f(x'y)|}_{< \varepsilon} d|\mu|(y) \\ &\leq \varepsilon |\mu|(G) \end{aligned}$$

(Note that complex measures are by definition finite.) So  $\mu \cdot f$  is continuous. Furthermore, we have

$$|(\mu \cdot f)(x)| \leq \int_G \underbrace{|f(xy)|}_{\leq \|f\|_\infty} d|\mu|(y) \leq \|f\|_\infty |\mu|(G) = \|f\|_\infty \|\mu\|_1$$

Again, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $K \subseteq G$  be compact and  $f' \in C_c(G)$  satisfy  $\|\mu - \mu_K\|_1 < \varepsilon$  and  $\|f - f'\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu \cdot f - \mu_K \cdot f'\|_\infty &\leq \|\mu \cdot f - \mu_K \cdot f\|_\infty + \|\mu_K \cdot f - \mu_K \cdot f'\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|\mu - \mu_K\|_1 \|f\|_\infty + \underbrace{\|\mu_K\|_1}_{\leq \|\mu\|_1} \|f - f'\|_\infty \\ &< \varepsilon(\|f\|_\infty + \|\mu\|_1) \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $\text{supp}(\mu_K \cdot f') \subseteq \text{supp}(f)K^{-1}$ ; hence  $\mu \cdot f \in C_0(G)$ . The case  $f \cdot \mu$  is similar.

2. We check an ‘‘associativity’’: that if  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$  and  $f \in C_0(G)$ , then  $\mu \cdot (f \cdot \nu) = (\mu \cdot f) \cdot \nu$ .

For  $x \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cdot (f \cdot \nu))(x) &= \int_G (f \cdot \nu)(xy) d\mu(y) \\ &= \int_G \int_G f(zxy) d\nu(z) d\mu(y) \\ &= \int_G \int_G f(zxy) d\mu(y) d\nu(z) \text{ (by Fubini)} \\ &= ((\mu \cdot f) \cdot \nu)(x) \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

3. We now come to the finale. We define for  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$  and  $f \in C_0$

$$\int_G f d(\mu * \nu) = (\mu * \nu)(f) = \mu \cdot (\nu \cdot f)$$

(By Riesz representation theorem this specifies  $\mu * \nu$ .) The map  $(\mu, \nu) \mapsto \mu * \nu$  is bilinear and also

$$|(\mu * \nu)(f)| = |\mu \cdot (\nu \cdot f)| \leq \|\mu\|_1 \|\nu \cdot f\|_\infty \leq \|\mu\|_1 \|\nu\|_1 \|f\|_\infty$$

so it follows that  $\mu * \nu$  defines a bounded linear functional on  $C_0(X)$ , and hence an element of  $M(G)$  with  $\|\mu * \nu\|_1 \leq \|\mu\|_1 \|\nu\|_1$ .

It remains to check associativity. Let also  $\rho \in M(G)$ . We have for  $f \in C_0(G)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu * (\nu * \rho))(f) &= \int_G \int_G f(xy) d\mu(x) d(\nu * \rho)(y) \\ &= (\nu * \rho)(f \cdot \mu) \\ &= \nu \cdot (\rho \cdot (f \cdot \mu)) \\ &= \nu \cdot ((\rho \cdot f) \cdot \mu) \text{ (by associativity above)} \\ &= (\mu * \nu)(\rho \cdot f) \\ &= ((\mu * \nu) * \rho)(f) \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □ [Theorem 5.6](#)

*Remark 5.11.*

1. Fix  $\nu \in M(G)$ . Then both  $\mu \mapsto \mu * \nu$  and  $\mu \mapsto \nu * \mu$  are weak\*-weak\* continuous on  $M(G) \cong C_0(G)^*$ . Indeed, let  $R_\nu: C_0(G) \rightarrow C_0(G)$  be  $R_\nu(f) = f \cdot \nu$ . Then  $\nu * \mu = R_\nu^*(\mu)$ .

2. For  $x \in G$  let  $\delta_x : \mathcal{B}(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be given by

$$\delta_x(E) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

(We call this a *Dirac measure*.) If  $f \in C_0(G)$  then  $f = f(x)1_{\{x\}}$   $\delta_x$ -almost-everywhere. So

$$\int_G f d\delta_x = f(x)$$

Then if  $x, y \in G$  and  $f \in C_0(G)$ , then

$$(\delta_x \delta_y)(f) = \int_G \int_G f(x'y') d\delta_x(x') d\delta_y(y') = f(xy) = \delta_{xy}(f)$$

i.e.  $\delta_x * \delta_y = \delta_{xy}$ . Also  $\delta_x \cdot f = x \cdot f$  and  $f \cdot \delta_x = f \cdot x$ .

3. Let  $B_1^+(M(G)) = \{\mu \in M_+(G) : \mu(G) \leq 1\}$ .

*Exercise 5.12.* This is a convex set with  $\text{Ext}(B_1^+(M(G))) = \{0\} \cup \{\delta_x : x \in G\}$ .

Then by Krein-Milman theorem, we have that convolution is the unique weak\*-weak\* continuous product on  $M(G)$  satisfying [Item 2](#).

## 6 Atomic/continuous and Lebesgue decompositions

Let  $\mu \in M(G)$ . Let

$$A(\mu) = \{x \in G : |\mu|(\{x\}) > 0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x \in G : |\mu|(\{x\}) > \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

So  $A(\mu)$  is countable, and hence Borel. Furthermore, we have

$$\infty > |\mu|(A(\mu)) = \sum_{x \in A(\mu)} |\mu|(\{x\}) = \sum_{x \in A(\mu)} |\mu(\{x\})|$$

It follows that

$$\mu_d = \sum_{x \in A(\mu)} \mu(\{x\}) \delta_x$$

is a measure. We let  $\mu_c = \mu - \mu_d$ ; so  $\mu_c \perp \mu_d$  (with  $G = A(\mu) \sqcup (G \setminus A(\mu))$ ). Hence  $\mu = \mu_d + \mu_c$  and  $|\mu| = |\mu_d| + |\mu_c|$ ; so

$$\|\mu\|_1 = |\mu|(G) = \|\mu_d\|_1 + \|\mu_c\|_1$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M_d(G) &= \overline{\text{span}}\{\delta_x : x \in G\} \\ &\cong \ell^1(G) \\ M_c(G) &= \{\mu \in M(G) : \mu(\{x\}) = 0 \text{ for any } x \in G\} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M_d(G)$  is a closed subspace and  $M_c(G)$  is a subspace, which is closed since the defining formula of convolution yields that  $\mu \mapsto \mu_c$  is a bounded idempotent map on  $M(G)$  with range  $M_c(G)$ . We write  $M(G) = M_d(G) \oplus_1 M_c(G)$  since all  $\mu \in M(G)$  admit a decomposition  $\mu = \mu_d + \mu_c$  with  $\|\mu\|_1 = \|\mu_d\|_1 + \|\mu_c\|_1$ .

**Theorem 6.1** (Lebesgue decomposition). *Let  $\mu \in M(G)$ . We have  $\mu = \mu_s + \mu_a$  where  $\mu_s \perp m$ ,  $\mu_a \ll m$  with  $\frac{d\mu}{dm} = \frac{d\mu_a}{dm} \in L^1(G)$ . i.e. for  $f \in C_0(G)$  we have*

$$\int_G f d\mu = \int_G f d\mu_s + \int_G f \frac{d\mu_a}{dm} dm$$



We have  $\mu_s \perp \mu_a$  so  $\|\mu\|_1 = \|\mu_s\|_1 + \|\mu_a\|_1$ . Write

$$M(G) = \underbrace{M_s(G)}_{\text{space of singular}} \oplus_1 \underbrace{M_a(G)}_{\text{space of absolutely continuous}}$$

Suppose  $G$  is discrete; then

$$|\mu_c|(G) = \sup\{\underbrace{|\mu_c|(K)}_{=0} : K \subseteq G \text{ compact (hence finite)}\} = 0$$

So  $\mu = \mu_d$ , and  $M(G) = M_d(G) = \ell^1(G)$ . One can check that  $\ell^1(G) = \overline{\text{span}}\{\delta_x : x \in G\}$  is a Banach algebra.

Suppose  $G$  is not discrete. Then  $m(\{x\}) = m(x\{x\}) = m(\{e\}) = 0$ . ( $\{e\}$  is a non-open closed set, and hence locally null.) Thus  $M_a(G) \subseteq M_c(G)$ . Thus if  $\nu \in M_c(G)$  we get the Lebesgue decomposition  $\nu = \nu_{cs} + \nu_a$  with  $\nu_{cs} \perp m$  and  $\nu_a \ll m$ .

In summary, if  $\mu \in M(G)$ , we write

$$\mu = \mu_d + \mu_c = \mu_d + \mu_{cs} + \mu_d$$

all mutually singular. We then have

$$M(G) = M_d(G) \oplus_1 \underbrace{M_{cs}(G) \oplus_1 M_d(G)}_{M_c(G)} \cong \ell^1(G) \oplus_1 M_{cs}(G) \oplus_1 L^1(G)$$

**Fact 6.2.**  $M_d(G) = \ell^1(G)$  is a closed subalgebra.

*Question 6.3.* What about  $M_c(G)$ ,  $M_a(G) \cong L^1(G)$ , or  $M_{cs}(G)$ ?

## 7 More convolutions

What does  $\mu * \nu$  look like as a measure?

**Theorem 7.1.** If  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$  and  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ , then  $(\mu * \nu)(E) = (\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(E))$ , where  $\pi: G \times G \rightarrow G$  is the product map.

*Remark 7.2.*

1.  $\pi$  is continuous, and hence Borel measurable; so  $\pi^{-1}(E) \in \mathcal{B}(G \times G)$  for  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ .
2. Fubini's theorem yields that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(E)) &= \int_{G \times G} 1_{\pi^{-1}(E)} d(\mu \times \nu) \\ &= \int_{G \times G} 1_E \circ \pi d(\mu \times \nu) \\ &= \int_{G \times G} 1_E(xy) d(\mu \times \nu)(x, y) \\ &= \int_G \int_G 1_E(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof of Theorem 7.1.* We have

$$\mu = (\mu_0 - \mu_2) + i(\mu_1 - \mu_3) = \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \mu_k$$

where  $\mu_k \in M_+(G)$ ; likewise for  $\nu$ . So

$$\mu * \nu = \sum_{k=0}^3 \sum_{\ell=0}^3 i^{k+\ell} \mu_k * \nu_\ell$$

We can thus assume that  $\mu * \nu \in M_+(G)$ .

1. Let us first consider compact  $K \subseteq G$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; let  $U$  be open with  $U \supseteq K$  and  $(\mu * \nu)(U \setminus K) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $f \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G)$  satisfy  $f \upharpoonright K = 1$  and  $\text{supp}(f) \subseteq U$  (by Urysohn's lemma). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(K)) &= \int_G \int_G 1_K(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \\
&\leq \int_G \int_G f(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \\
&= \int_G f d(\mu * \nu) \\
&\leq \int_G 1_U d(\mu * \nu) \\
&= (\mu * \nu)(U) \\
&< (\mu * \nu)(K) + \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary, we get that

$$(\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(K)) \leq (\mu * \nu)(K)$$

2. Now consider a  $(\mu * \nu)$ -null set  $N \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ . If  $K \subseteq \pi^{-1}(N) \subseteq G \times G$  is compact, then  $\pi(K)$  is compact with  $\pi(K) \subseteq N$ , and is thus  $(\mu * \nu)$ -null. Then by [Item 1](#) we have

$$0 \leq (\mu \times \nu)(K) \leq (\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(\pi(K))) \leq (\mu * \nu)(\pi(K)) = 0$$

Since Radon measures are inner regular, on bounded sets, we get

$$(\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(N)) = \sup\{(\mu \times \nu)(K) : K \subseteq \pi^{-1}(N), K \text{ compact}\} = 0$$

So  $\pi^{-1}(N)$  is  $(\mu \times \nu)$ -null.

3. Suppose  $U \subseteq G$  is open. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we can find compact  $K_n \subseteq U$  so  $(\mu * \nu)(U) < (\mu \times \nu)(K_n) + n^{-1}$ . Then find  $f_n \in C_c^{[0,1]}(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(f_n) \subseteq U$  and  $f_n \upharpoonright K_n = 1$ ; let  $g_n = \max\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ . Then  $(\mu * \nu)$ -almost-everywhere we have  $g_n \nearrow 1_U$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (We let

$$F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$$

so  $U \setminus F$  is  $(\mu * \nu)$ -null, and  $g_n \rightarrow 1_U$  on  $F \cup (G \setminus U)$ .)

Hence by monotone convergence theorem, using the fact that  $(\mu \times \nu)$ -almost-everywhere we have  $g_n \circ \pi \nearrow 1_U \circ \pi$  (by [Item 2](#)), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(U)) &= \int_{G \times G} 1_U \circ \pi d(\mu \times \nu) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{G \times G} g_n \circ \pi d(\mu \times \nu) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_G g_n d(\mu * \nu) \\
&= \int_G 1_U d(\mu * \nu) \\
&= (\mu * \nu)(U)
\end{aligned}$$

4. Now let  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ , and find open  $U_n \supseteq E$  such that  $(\mu * \nu)(U_n \setminus E) < n^{-1}$ . Then let

$$V_n = \bigcap_{k=1}^n U_k$$

so we have  $1_{V_n} \rightarrow 1_E$  on

$$G \setminus \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n \cup E$$

i.e.  $(\mu * \nu)$ -almost-everywhere. Hence by [Item 2](#), we get  $(\mu \times \nu)$ -almost-everywhere that  $1_{V_n} \circ \pi \rightarrow 1_E \circ \pi$ . Thus by Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we get that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \times \nu)(\pi^{-1}(E)) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{G \times G} 1_{V_n} \circ \pi d(\mu * \nu) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_G 1_{V_n} d(\mu * \nu) \\ &= (\mu * \nu)(E) \end{aligned}$$

□ [Theorem 7.1](#)

*Remark 7.3.* Some consequences:

1. For  $\mu, \nu, E$  as above we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu * \nu)(E) &= \int_G \int_G 1_E(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \\ &= \int_G \int_G 1_{Ey^{-1}}(x) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \\ &= \int_G \mu(Ey^{-1}) d\nu(y) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$(\mu * \nu)(E) = \int_G \nu(x^{-1}E) d\mu(x)$$

2. Let

$$B^\infty(G) = \overline{\text{span}\{1_E : E \in \mathcal{B}(G)\}}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty} = \{\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \varphi \text{ bounded and Borel-measurable}\}$$

By LDCT we have for  $\varphi \in B^\infty(G)$  that

$$\int_G \varphi d(\mu * \nu) = \int_{G \times G} \varphi \circ \pi d(\mu \times \nu) = \int_G \int_G \varphi(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y)$$

3. Let  $L^\infty(G) = B^\infty(G)/\mathcal{N}_m$ , where

$$\mathcal{N}_m = \{f \in B^\infty(G) : f = 0 \text{ } m\text{-locally-almost-everywhere}\}$$

i.e. if  $K \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$  is compact then  $m(K) = 0$ . Then a version of Riesz representation theorem tells us that  $L^1(G)^* \cong L^\infty(G)$  via

$$\langle f, \varphi \rangle = \int_G f \varphi dm$$

**Corollary 7.4.**  $M_c(G)$  and  $M_a(G)$  are ideals in  $M(G)$ .

*Proof.* If  $N \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  and  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$ , we have

$$(\mu * \nu)(N) = \int_G \mu(Ny^{-1}) d\nu(y) = \int_G \nu(x^{-1}N) d\mu(x)$$

Suppose one of  $\mu, \nu$  lies in  $M_c(G)$  and  $N = \{x_0\}$ . Then clearly  $(\mu * \nu)(\{x_0\}) = 0$ . Thus  $\mu * \nu \in M_c(G)$ .

Likewise if  $N$  is  $m$ -(locally)-null and one of  $\mu, \nu$  lies in  $M_a(G)$ , then for  $N' \subseteq N$  with  $N' \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  we have for any  $x \in G$  that  $x^{-1}N', N'x^{-1}$  are also  $m$ -(locally)-null. Thus  $(\mu * \nu)(N') = 0$ . Thus  $\mu * \nu \in M_a(G)$ .

□ [Corollary 7.4](#)

*Remark 7.5.*  $M_{cs}(G)$  need not be a subalgebra of  $M(G)$ . Consider  $G = K \times K$  for  $K$  an infinite compact space, and  $m_K$  the normalized Haar measure on  $K$ . Then one can check that

$$(m_K \times \delta_e) * (\delta_e \times m_K) = m_K \times m_K = m_G \ll m_G$$

and  $K \times \{e\}, \{e\} \times K$  are  $m_G$ -null. So  $m_K \times \delta_e, \delta_e \times m_K \in M_{cs}(G)$ .

**Fact 7.6** (Hard).  $M_{cs}(\mathbb{R})$  is not a subalgebra of  $M(\mathbb{R})$ .  $M_{cs}(\mathbb{T})$  is not a subalgebra of  $M(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Theorem 7.7** (Bochner integral for bounded continuous functions). *Suppose  $X$  is a locally compact space and  $\mathcal{L}$  a Banach space, and let*

$$C_b(X, \mathcal{L}) = \left\{ F: X \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \mid F \text{ continuous, } \|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in X} \|f(x)\| < \infty \right\}$$

Then there is a bilinear map (integral)

$$\begin{aligned} C_b(X, \mathcal{L}) \times M(X) &\rightarrow \mathcal{L} \\ (F, \mu) &\mapsto \int_X F d\mu \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\left\| \int_X F d\mu \right\| \leq \|F\|_\infty \|\mu\|_1$$

Furthermore if  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}')$  (bounded linear operator), then

$$T \left( \int_X F d\mu \right) = \int_X T \circ F d\mu$$

*Proof.*

1. Let

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{L}) = \text{span}\{1_E(\cdot)\xi : E \in \mathcal{B}(G), \xi \in \mathcal{L}\}$$

Each  $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$  admits a standard form

$$\Phi = \sum_{j=1}^n q_{E_j}(\cdot)\xi_j$$

where  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_n \in \mathcal{B}(G)$  satisfy  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is a linear space of  $\mathcal{L}$ -valued functions.

For  $\mu \in M(X)$  and  $\Phi$  as above, we let

$$\int_X \Phi d\mu = \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(E_j)\xi_j$$

One checks that this is well-defined, that the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} \times M(X) &\rightarrow \mathcal{L} \\ (\Phi, \mu) &\mapsto \int_X \Phi d\mu \end{aligned}$$

is bilinear, that

$$\left\| \int_X \Phi d\mu \right\| \leq \|\Phi\|_\infty \|\mu\|_1$$

and that if  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}')$  then

$$T \left( \int_X \Phi d\mu \right) = \int_X T \circ \Phi d\mu$$

2. Let  $\bar{\mathcal{S}} = \overline{\mathcal{S}(X, \mathcal{L})}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty}$ . Hence if  $\Psi \in \bar{\mathcal{S}}$  then

$$\Psi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_n$$

for some  $(\Phi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Then

$$\left( \int_X \Phi_n d\mu \right)_{n=1}^\infty$$

is Cauchy in  $\mathcal{L}$ , and hence has a limit

$$\int_X \Psi d\mu$$

This value is independent of the choice of  $\Phi_n$ ; thus the “usual” norm estimate and composition with bounded linear operators holds.

3. Let  $K \subseteq X$  be compact. If  $F \in C_b(X, \mathcal{L})$ , then  $F(K)$  is compact in  $\mathcal{L}$ , and hence is totally bounded. i.e. given  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$F(K) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n B(\xi_j, \varepsilon)$$

where  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in \mathcal{L}$ . Let  $E_1 = F^{-1}(B(\xi_1, \varepsilon)) \cap K$ , and let

$$E_j = F^{-1} \left( B(\xi_j, \varepsilon) \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{j-1} B(\xi_i, \varepsilon) \right) \cap K$$

for  $j \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ . Then

$$\Phi = \sum_{j=1}^n 1_{E_j}(\cdot) \xi_j$$

and we have

$$\max_{x \in K} \|F(x) - \Phi(x)\| = \|(F \upharpoonright K) - \Phi\|_\infty < \varepsilon$$

Hence by [Item 2](#) we have

$$\int_K F d\mu$$

is “good”.

4. Given  $\mu \in M(X)$ , find a sequence of compact sets for which

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\mu|(X \setminus K_n) = 0$$

Given  $F \in C_b(X, \mathcal{L})$ , let

$$\xi_n = \int_{K_n} F d\mu = \int_X F d\mu_{K_n}$$

(recall  $\mu_K(E) = \mu(E \cap K)$ ). Then for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi_n - \xi_m\| &= \left\| \int_X F d(\mu_{K_n} - \mu_{K_m}) \right\| \\ &\leq \|F\|_\infty \|\mu_{K_n} - \mu_{K_m}\| \\ &\leq \|F\|_\infty |\mu|(K_n \Delta K_m) \\ &\leq \|F\|_\infty (|\mu|(G \setminus K_m) + |\mu|(G \setminus K_n)) \end{aligned}$$

So  $(\xi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is Cauchy in  $\mathcal{L}$ . We call the limit

$$\int_X F d\mu$$

one checks that this is independent of the sequence  $(K_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ . This integral is “good”.  $\square$  [Theorem 7.7](#)

**Definition 7.8.** A Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  is a *Banach  $G$ -module* if there is an action

$$\begin{aligned} G \times \mathcal{X} &\rightarrow \mathcal{X} \\ (x, \xi) &\mapsto x \cdot \xi \end{aligned}$$

such that

- for a fixed  $x$  the map  $\xi \mapsto x \cdot \xi$  is linear
- there is  $C > 0$  such that  $\|x \cdot \xi\| \leq C\|\xi\|$  for all  $x, \xi$
- for any fixed  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$  the map  $x \mapsto x \cdot \xi$  is a continuous map  $G \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ . (Strong operator continuity.)

**Theorem 7.9.**  $\mathcal{X}$  is a Banach  $M(G)$ -module with the action  $(\mu, \xi) \mapsto \mu \cdot \xi$  satisfying

- *Bilinearity*
- $\|\mu \cdot \xi\| \leq C\|\mu\|_1\|\xi\|$
- $(\mu * \nu) \cdot \xi = \mu \cdot (\nu \cdot \xi)$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$\mu \cdot \xi = \int_G x \cdot \xi d\mu(x)$$

We use properties of the integral to check the last property. Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{X}^*$  so  $s \mapsto \langle \omega, s \cdot \xi \rangle$  is in  $C_b(G) \subseteq B^\infty(G)$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \omega, (\mu * \nu) \cdot \xi \rangle &= \int_G \int_G \langle \omega, (xy) \cdot \xi \rangle d\nu(x) d\mu(y) \\ &= \int_G \left\langle \omega, x \cdot \underbrace{\int_G y \cdot \xi d\nu(y)}_{\nu \cdot \xi} \right\rangle d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_G \langle \omega, x \cdot (\nu \cdot \xi) \rangle d\mu(x) \\ &= \langle \omega, \mu \cdot (\nu \cdot \xi) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(One should check the first equality.) So  $(\mu * \nu) \cdot \xi = \mu \cdot (\nu \cdot \xi)$ . □ [Theorem 7.9](#)

Recall our notation

$$\begin{aligned} (x * f)(y) &= f(x^{-1}y) \\ (f * x)(y) &= f(yx^{-1})(\Delta(x))^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

for  $m$ -almost-every  $y$ . These make  $L^1(G)$  both a left and right contractive  $G$ -module; i.e.  $\|x * f\|_1 = \|f\|_1 = \|f * x\|_1$ . Thus we have that  $L^1(G)$  is a contractive Banach  $M(G)$ -module with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu * f &= \int_G x * f d\mu(x) \\ f * \mu &= \int_G f * x d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\|\mu * f\|_1 \leq \|\mu\|_1\|f\|_1$  and  $\|f * \mu\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1\|\mu\|_1$ .

Recall that  $M_a(G) \cong L^1(G)$  by Radon-Nikodym theorem. (Recall  $M_a(G)$  is the family of complex measures that are absolutely continuous with respect to  $m$ ; recall further that this is an ideal of  $M(G)$ .) Thus if  $\nu \in M_a(G)$  with  $\nu \ll m$ , say with  $\frac{d\nu}{dm} = f \in L^1(G)$ . We write  $\nu = fm$ ; i.e.

$$(fm)(E) = \int_E f dm$$

So for  $h \in C_0(G)$  we get

$$\langle fm, h \rangle = \int_G h f dm$$

**Proposition 7.10.**

1. For  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $f \in L^1(G)$  (so  $fm \in M_a(G)$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu * (fm) &= (\mu * f)m \\ (fm) * \mu &= (f * \mu)m\end{aligned}$$

2. For  $f, g \in L^1(G)$  we define

$$f * g = (fm) * g = \int_G f(x)x * g dx$$

(Bochner integral). Then

$$f * (gm) = f * g = \int_G f * yg(y) dy$$

and

$$(f * g)m = (fm) * (gm)$$

*Proof.*

1. If  $h \in C_0(G)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_G h d(\mu * (fm)) &= \int_G \int_G h(xy) d\mu(x) f(y) dy \\ &= \int_G \int_G h(xy) f(y) dy d\mu(x) \text{ (Fubini)} \\ &= \int_G \int_G h(y) f(x^{-1}y) dy d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_G h(y) \int_G f(x^{-1}y) d\mu(x) dy \text{ (Fubini)} \\ &= \int_G h \mu * f dm\end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\mu * (fm) = (\mu * f)m$ . The rest is similar.

2. Similar. □ [Proposition 7.10](#)

So  $(L^1(G), *)$  is a Banach algebra, canonically isomorphic to  $M_a(G) \triangleleft M(G)$ . We call this the  $(L^1\text{-})$ grape algebra.

**Theorem 7.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a non-degenerate Banach  $L^1(G)$ -module; i.e. there is a bilinear map  $L^1(G) \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  written  $(f, \xi) \rightarrow f \cdot \xi$  such that*

- $\|f \cdot \xi\| \leq C \|f\|_1 \|\xi\|$  (where  $C > 0$  is independent of  $f, \xi$ ).
- $(f * g) \cdot \xi = f \cdot (g \cdot \xi)$ .
- $\mathcal{X}_0 = \text{span}\{f \cdot \xi : f \in L^1(G), \xi \in \mathcal{X}\}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is a Banach  $G$ -module.

*Proof.* Let  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  in  $L^1(G)$  be a contractive summability kernel. (We'll see these on A2; in particular, we require  $\|f_\alpha\|_1 \leq 1$  and

$$\lim_\alpha f_\alpha * f = f$$

for  $f \in L^1(G)$ .) Define an action  $G \times \mathcal{X}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_0$  by

$$x \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n (x * f_j) \cdot \xi_j$$

We first check that this is well-defined. It is sufficient to check that if

$$\sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j = 0$$

then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x * f_j) \cdot \xi_j = 0$$

Note, however, that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j \\ &= \underbrace{x * f_\alpha}_{\in L^1(G)} \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (x * \underbrace{f_\alpha * f_j}_{\xrightarrow{\alpha} f_j}) \\ &\xrightarrow{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^n (x * f_j) \cdot \xi_j \\ &= x \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $x \cdot 0 = 0$ . Similarly, this action is linear on  $\mathcal{X}_0$ , and is thus well-defined.

Now if

$$\xi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j \in \mathcal{X}_0$$

and  $x \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x \cdot \xi_0\| &= \left\| \lim_{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^n (x * f_\alpha * f_j) \cdot \xi_j \right\| \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \|x * f_\alpha \cdot \xi_0\| \\ &\leq \limsup_{\alpha} C \underbrace{\|x * f_\alpha\|_1}_{\leq 1} \|\xi_0\| \\ &\leq C \|\xi_0\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence if we define  $\pi_0(x) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}_0)$  by  $\pi_0(x)\xi_0 = x \cdot \xi_0$  for  $\xi_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ , then  $\{\pi_0(x) : x \in G\}$  is a uniformly bounded family of operators, and hence extends to a uniformly bounded family of operators  $\{\pi(x) : x \in G\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$ . We let  $x \cdot \xi = \pi(x)\xi$  and  $\|x \cdot \xi\| \leq \|\pi(x)\| \|\xi\| \leq C \|\xi\|$ .

It remains to check continuity in  $G$ . Suppose  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; pick

$$\xi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cdot \xi_j \in \mathcal{X}_0$$

with  $\|\xi - \xi_0\| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $V$  be a neighbourhood of  $e$  such that

$$\|x * f_j - f_j\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n(\|\xi_j\| + 1)}$$



for  $x \in V$ . Then for  $x \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi - x \cdot \xi\| &\leq \|\xi - \xi_0\| + \|\xi_0 - x \cdot \xi_0\| + \|x \cdot \xi_0 - x \cdot \xi\| \\ &< (1 + C)\varepsilon \sum_{j=1}^n C \|f_j - x * f_j\|_1 \|\xi_j\| \\ &< (1 + 2C)\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □ [Theorem 7.11](#)

Our conclusion: there is a bijective correspondence between Banach  $G$ -modules and Banach  $L^1(G)$ -modules: given a Banach  $G$ -module, [Theorem 7.9](#) gives rise to a Banach  $M(G)$ -module (non-degenerate for  $L^1(G)$ ), which restricts to a Banach  $L^1(G) \cong M_a(G)$ -module, which by the last theorem gives rise to a  $G$ -module. (We will see on A2 that if  $\mathcal{X}$  is a  $G$ -module then  $f_\alpha \cdot \xi \xrightarrow{\alpha} \xi$  for  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ , which gives non-degeneracy.)

*Example 7.12.* Consider  $M_c(G) \triangleleft M(G)$  a closed ideal, with

$$M(G) = \underbrace{M_a(G)}_{\cong \ell^1(G)} \oplus_{\ell^1} M_c(G)$$

Then  $\ell^1(G) \cong M(G)/M_c(G)$  is a quotient algebra, and hence a Banach  $M(G)$ -module. Note that

$$\mu \cdot \delta_x = \sum_{y \in A(\mu)} \mu(\{y\}) \delta_{yx}$$

Since  $\|\delta_x - \delta_{x'}\|_1 = 1$  for  $x \neq x'$ , this is *not* a continuous  $G$ -module.

**Theorem 7.13** (Wendel). *Suppose  $G$  and  $H$  are locally compact grapes. If there is an isometric isomorphism  $\Phi: L^1(G) \rightarrow L^1(H)$ , then there is a continuous isomorphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  with continuous inverse.*

The requirement that  $\Phi$  be isometric is important:

*Example 7.14.* Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . It transpires that  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_4) \cong \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \cong C(\{1, \dots, 4\})$  via a non-isometric isomorphism.

*Proof of [Theorem 7.13](#).* 1. Let

$$\mathcal{M}L^1(G) = \{T \in \mathcal{B}(L^1(G)) : T(f * g) = T(f) * g \text{ for } f, g \in L^1(G)\}$$

(Here  $\mathcal{B}(L^1(G))$  refers to bounded linear operators, not Borel sets.)

**Claim 7.15.** *Then  $\mathcal{M}L^1(G) = \{T_\mu : \mu \in M(G)\}$  where  $T_\mu(f) = \mu * f$  and  $\|T_\mu\| = \|\mu\|_1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{M}L^1(G)$ , and let  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  be a contractive summability kernel in  $L^1(G)$ . Then  $(T(f_\alpha))_\alpha$  is a bounded net in  $L^1(G) \hookrightarrow M(G)$ , and hence admits a weak\*-cluster-point by Banach-Alaoglu. By taking a subnet, we may assume that in the weak\* topology we have

$$\mu = \lim_{\alpha} T(f_\alpha)$$

Hence in  $M(G)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu * f)m &= \mu * (fm) \\ &= \text{w}^* \text{-} \lim_{\alpha} T(f_\alpha) * (fm) \\ &= \text{w}^* \text{-} \lim_{\alpha} (T(f_\alpha) * f)m \\ &= \text{w}^* \text{-} \lim_{\alpha} T(f_\alpha * f)m \end{aligned}$$

But since  $f_\alpha * f \xrightarrow{\alpha} f$  in  $L^1(G)$  and  $T$  is bounded (and hence continuous), we have that  $T(f_\alpha * f) = T(f)$  in  $L^1(G)$ , so

$$\lim_{\alpha} T(f_\alpha * f)m = T(f)m$$

in norm, and in particular in the weak\* topology.

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so  $\mu * f = T(f)$ ; i.e.  $T = T_\mu$ .

We have  $\|T_\mu\| \leq \|\mu\|_1$  already. Conversely, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|T_\mu\| &\geq \sup_\alpha \|T_\mu(f_\alpha)\|_1 \\
&= \sup_\alpha \|\mu * f_\alpha\|_1 \\
&= \sup_\alpha \sup_{\substack{h \in C_0(G) \\ \|h\|_\infty \leq 1}} |\langle \mu * f_\alpha, h \rangle| \\
&\geq \sup_{\|h\|_\infty \leq 1} \limsup_\alpha |\langle \mu, \underbrace{f_\alpha \cdot h}_{\xrightarrow{\alpha} h \text{ (A2)}} \rangle| \\
&= \sup_{\|h\|_\infty} |\langle \mu, h \rangle| \\
&= \|\mu\|_1
\end{aligned}$$

as desired. □ Claim 7.15

2. We define  $\tilde{\Phi}: M(G) \rightarrow M(H)$  by letting  $T_{\tilde{\Phi}(\mu)} = \Phi \circ T_\mu \circ \Phi^{-1}$ . (Exercise, using Item 1.) Then  $\tilde{\Phi}$  is an isometric isomorphism which is *strictly continuous*: if  $(\mu_\alpha)_\alpha$  is a net in  $M(G)$  and  $\mu \in M(G)$  has

$$\lim_\alpha \mu_\alpha * f = \mu * f$$

for any  $f \in L^1(G)$ , then

$$\lim_\alpha \tilde{\Phi}(\mu_\alpha) * g = \tilde{\Phi}(\mu) * g$$

for any  $g \in L^1(H)$ . Notice that  $x_i \xrightarrow{i} x$  in  $G$  if and only if  $\delta_{x_i} \xrightarrow{i, \text{strict}} \delta_x$  in  $M(G)$ . (Forward direction obvious, reverse an easy exercise.)

3. Let

$$\tilde{G} = \underbrace{\text{Ext } B(M(G))}_{\text{closed unit}} = \{z\delta_x : z \in \mathbb{T}, x \in G\}$$

Then  $\tilde{G} = \mathbb{T} \times G$  (as sets, and by a weak\*-homeomorphism). Then  $\tilde{\Phi}$ , being a surjective isometry, has

$$\tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{G}) = \tilde{H} = \text{Ext } B(M(H))$$

(Note that this together with linearity imply that  $\varphi$  is surjective.) We define  $\zeta: G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  and  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  by

$$\tilde{\Phi}(\delta_x) = \zeta(x)\delta_{\varphi(x)}$$

Then

$$\zeta(xy)\delta_{\varphi(xy)} = \tilde{\Phi}(\delta_{xy}) = \tilde{\Phi}(\delta_x)\tilde{\Phi}(\delta_y) = \zeta(x)\zeta(y)\delta_{\varphi(x)\varphi(y)}$$

So  $\zeta(xy)\overline{\zeta(x)\zeta(y)}\delta_{e_H} = \delta_{\varphi(xy)^{-1}\varphi(x)\varphi(y)}$ . But  $\delta_{e_H}$  is supported on  $\{e_H\}$ , and  $\delta_{\varphi(xy)^{-1}\varphi(x)\varphi(y)}$  is a probability measure. So  $\varphi$  and  $\zeta$  are homomorphisms.

Now suppose  $x_i \xrightarrow{i} x$  in  $G$ . So  $\delta_{x_i} \xrightarrow{i, \text{strict}} \delta_x$  in  $M(G)$ . Then

$$\zeta(x_i)\delta_{\varphi(x)} = \tilde{\Phi}(\delta_{x_i}) \xrightarrow{i, \text{strict}} \tilde{\Phi}(\delta_x) = \zeta(x)\delta_{\varphi(x)}$$

So  $\zeta(x_i x^{-1})\delta_{\varphi(x_i x^{-1})} \xrightarrow{i, \text{strict}} \delta_{e_H}$ . We see by taking subsets if we must that 1 is the only cluster point of  $\zeta(x_i x^{-1})$  in  $\mathbb{T}$ . It follows that  $\zeta$  and  $\varphi$  are continuous.

4. We check that  $\varphi^{-1}: H \rightarrow G$  is continuous. Note that  $\Phi^{-1}: L^1(H) \rightarrow L^1(G)$  gives rise to a continuous homomorphism  $\chi: H \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  and a continuous isomorphism  $\varphi: H \rightarrow G$ . If  $x \in G$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_x &= \underbrace{\widetilde{\Phi}^{-1}}_{\tilde{\Phi}^{-1} \text{ (check)}} \circ \tilde{\Phi}(\delta_x) \\ &= \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(\zeta(x)\delta_{\varphi(x)}) \\ &= \zeta(x)\widetilde{\Phi}^{-1}(\delta_{\varphi(x)}) \\ &= \zeta(x)\chi(\varphi(x))\delta_{\psi(\varphi(x))} \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that  $(\psi \circ \varphi)(x) = x$ . So  $\psi \circ \varphi = \text{id}$ , and  $\psi = \varphi^{-1}$ .

□ [Theorem 7.13](#)

## 8 Unitary representations

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $U(\mathcal{H}) = \{U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : U^*U = I = UU^*\}$ .

*Warning 8.1.* In the infinite-dimensional setting, we must check both equalities  $U^*U = I = UU^*$ ; it's possible for one to be satisfied but not the other.

**Notation 8.2.** For dual pairings, we will use  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . For sesquilinear forms, we will use  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ . In this class we will use the physics convention: conjugate-linearity in the first argument, and linearity in the second argument.

On  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  we consider, in addition to the norm topology, the *weak operator topology* and the *strong operator topology*:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\text{WO}} &= \sigma(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \{T \mapsto \langle \xi, T\eta \rangle : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}\}) \\ \tau_{\text{SO}} &= \sigma(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \{T \mapsto T\xi : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow (H, \|\cdot\|), \xi \in \mathcal{H}\}) \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\tau_{\text{WO}} \subseteq \tau_{\text{SO}}$ ; i.e.  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\text{SO}, \alpha} T$  implies  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\text{WO}, \alpha} T$ .

**Proposition 8.3.**

1. The map  $B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})) \times B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})) \rightarrow B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$  (closed unit balls) given by  $(S, T) \mapsto ST$  is  $\tau_{\text{SO}} \times \tau_{\text{SO}} \text{-}\tau_{\text{SO}}$  continuous.
2. On  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ , the relativized topologies  $\tau_{\text{SO}} \upharpoonright \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}) = \tau_{\text{WO}} \upharpoonright \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ .

Hence  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}), \tau_{\text{WO}})$  is a topological grape.

*Proof.*

1. Suppose  $S_\alpha \xrightarrow{\text{SO}, \alpha} S$  and  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\text{SO}, \alpha} T$  in  $B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ . Then for  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_\alpha T_\alpha \xi - ST\xi\| &\leq \|S_\alpha T_\alpha \xi - S_\alpha T\xi\| + \|S_\alpha T\xi - ST\xi\| \\ &\leq \|T_\alpha \xi - T\xi\| + \|S_\alpha T\xi - ST\xi\| \\ &\xrightarrow{\alpha} 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose  $U_\alpha \xrightarrow{\text{WO}, \alpha} U$  in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then for  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_\alpha \xi - U\xi\|^2 &= \langle U_\alpha \xi - U\xi | U_\alpha \xi - U\xi \rangle \\ &= 2\|\xi\|^2 - 2\text{Re}\langle U_\alpha \xi | U\xi \rangle \\ &\xrightarrow{\alpha} 2\|\xi\|^2 - 2\text{Re}\langle U\xi | U\xi \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

□ [Proposition 8.3](#)

*Remark 8.4.*

1. The second item fails in  $B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ . Indeed, let  $U: \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  be the bilateral shift  $U\delta_n = \delta_{n+1}$ ; so  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ . One can check that  $U^n \xrightarrow{\text{WO},n} 0$  while  $\|U^n \xi\| = \|\xi\|$  for  $\xi \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ .
2. The map  $(S, T) \mapsto ST$  is not  $(\tau_{\text{WO}} \times \tau_{\text{WO}})$ - $\tau_{\text{WO}}$  continuous. Let  $U$  be as above. So  $U^n, U^{-n} \xrightarrow{\text{WO},n} 0$  but  $U^n U^{-n} = I \xrightarrow{\text{WO},n} 0$ .
3. For a fixed  $S$  the maps  $T \mapsto TS$ ,  $T \mapsto ST$ , and  $T \mapsto T^*$  are  $\tau_{\text{WO}}$ - $\tau_{\text{WO}}$  continuous. (Check this.)
4.  $T \mapsto T^*$  is not  $\tau_{\text{SO}}$ - $\tau_{\text{SO}}$  continuous. (Consider the unilateral shift  $S: \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  so  $S\delta_n = S\delta_{n+1}$ . Then  $(S^*)^n \rightarrow 0$  but  $S^n$  is always an isometry.)

**Proposition 8.5.**  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  is the only subgrape of  $B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ .

*Proof.* If  $U, U^{-1} \in B(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$  then for  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\|\xi\| = \|U^{-1}U\xi\| \leq \|U\xi\| \leq \|\xi\|$$

so  $\|U\xi\| = \|\xi\|$ . hence

$$\langle \xi | \xi \rangle = \|\xi\|^2 = \|U\xi\|^2 = \langle \xi | U^*U\xi \rangle$$

where  $(U^*U)^* = U^*U$ , so we can use the polarization identity: on any  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$4\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \langle \xi + i^k \eta | \xi + i^k \eta \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \langle \xi + i^k \eta | U^*U(\xi + i^k \eta) \rangle = 4\langle \xi | U^*U\eta \rangle$$

So  $U^*U = I$ , and  $U^* = U^*UU^{-1} = U^{-1}$ . □ [Proposition 8.5](#)

**Definition 8.6.** A *unitary representation* is a homomorphism  $\pi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$ , with  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space, which is  $\tau_G$ - $\tau_{\text{SO}}$  continuous. (If  $x \cdot \xi = \pi(x)\xi$ , we get a “unitary” Banach  $G$ -module.)

**Theorem 8.7.** *There is a bijective correspondence between*

- (i) *Unitary representations  $\pi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space.*
- (i') *Contractive (i.e.  $C = 1$ ) Banach  $G$ -modules on a Hilbert space.*
- (ii) *Non-degenerate  $*$ -representations  $\pi_1: L^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space.*
- (ii') *Contractive representations  $\pi_1: L^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space.*

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*Proof.* For (i)  $\iff$  (i') and (ii)  $\iff$  (ii'), we collect prior propositions on unitaries and the  $G$ -module to  $L^1(G)$ -module correspondence. It remains to check that (i)  $\iff$  (ii).

If  $\pi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  is a unitary representation, then for  $f \in L^1(G)$  we let  $\pi_1(f) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be

$$\pi_1(f)\xi = \int_G f(x)\pi(x)\xi$$

(Bochner integral) for  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi_1(f)^*\xi | \eta \rangle &= \langle \xi | \pi_1(f)\eta \rangle \\ &= \int_G f(x)\langle \xi | \pi(x)\eta \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G f(x)\langle \pi(x^{-1}\xi | \eta \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G \underbrace{f(x^{-1})(\Delta(x))^{-1}}_{f^*(x)} \langle \pi(x)\xi | \eta \rangle dx \quad (\text{using } \pi(x^{-1}) = \pi(x)^*) \\ &= \int_G \langle f^*(x)\pi(x)\xi | \eta \rangle dx \\ &= \langle \pi_1(f^*)\xi | \eta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So  $\pi_1(f)^* = \pi_1(f^*)$ . Conversely, if  $\pi_1: L^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  is a  $*$ -homomorphism and  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  is a summability kernel for  $L^1(G)$ , then  $(f_\alpha^*)_\alpha$  is a summability kernel (check, might be useful on assignment), and we define

$$\pi(x)^* = \text{WO-}\lim_{\alpha} \pi_1(x * f_\alpha)^* = \text{WO-}\lim_{\alpha} \pi_1(f_\alpha^* * x^{-1}) = \pi(x^{-1})$$

One should check the first equality.

**TODO 6.** *What?*

□ **TODO 5**

## 9 Gelfand theory for commutative Banach algebras

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a commutative Banach algebra: so  $\|ab\| \leq \|a\|\|b\|$  and  $ab = ba$ , etc.

*Example 9.1.*

1. Consider  $C_0(X)$  where  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space. This is unital if and only if  $X$  is compact.
2. Consider  $(L^1(G), *)$  with  $G$  abelian. This is unital if and only if  $G$  is discrete (so  $L^1(G) = \ell^1(G)$ ). (For the left-to-right implication, consider the multiplier  $T_{fm-\delta_e}$  if  $f$  is the identity for  $L^1(G)$ . Then  $\|T_{fm-\delta_e}\| = \|fm - \delta_e\|_1$ , and the latter is  $\geq 1 = \|\delta_e\|$  if  $G$  is non-discrete, while  $T_{fm-\delta_e} = 0$  if  $L^1(G)$  is unital.)
3. If  $S$  is an abelian semigrade, consider  $(\ell^1(S), *)$  with

$$\sum_{s \in S} a(s)\delta_s * \sum_{t \in S} b(t)\delta_t = \sum_{u \in S} \left( \sum_{\substack{s, t \in S \\ st=u}} a(s)b(t) \right) \delta_u$$

It is possible for  $\ell^1(S)$  to be unital, with  $S$  being unital.

4. Consider  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}) = \{f \in C(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) : f|_{\mathbb{D}} \text{ is holomorphic}\}$$

**Definition 9.2.** We let the (*Gelfand spectrum*) of  $\mathcal{A}$  be

$$\widehat{\mathcal{A}} = \{\chi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \chi \neq 0, \chi \text{ linear, } \mathbb{C}\text{-multiplicative}\}$$

We refer to the elements of  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$  as *characters*.

We from now on assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital.

**Proposition 9.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be as above and  $\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}$ . Then*

1.  $\chi(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = 1$ .
2. If  $a \in \mathcal{A}^\times$  (i.e.  $a$  is invertible) then  $\chi(a) \neq 0$ .
3.  $|\chi(a)| \leq \|a\|$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.*

1. Since  $\chi \neq 0$  we have  $a$  so  $\chi(a) \neq 0$ , and  $\chi(1_{\mathcal{A}})\chi(a) = \chi(a)$ .
2. We have  $1 = \chi(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = \chi(aa^{-1}) = \chi(a)\chi(a^{-1})$ .

3. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\lambda| > \|a\|$  then  $\|\lambda^{-1}a\| < 1$ , and

$$(\lambda 1_{\mathcal{A}} - a)^{-1} = \lambda^{-1}(1_{\mathcal{A}} - \lambda^{-1}a)^{-1} = \lambda^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{-n} a^n$$

(convergence in the Banach space  $\mathcal{A}$ ), so  $\chi(\lambda 1_{\mathcal{A}} - a) \neq 0$ . i.e.  $\lambda \neq \chi(a)$  if  $|\lambda| > \|a\|$ . The result follows. □ Proposition 9.3

**Corollary 9.4.** *With  $\mathcal{A}$  as above we have that  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$  is  $w^*$ -compact.*

*Proof.* Since  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq B(\mathcal{A}^*)$ , it suffices to show that  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$  is  $w^*$ -closed (by Banach-Alaoglu). If  $(\chi_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$  is a net in  $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$  with  $\chi_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*, \alpha} \chi$ , then for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\chi(ab) = \lim_{\alpha} \chi_{\alpha}(ab) = \lim_{\alpha} \chi_{\alpha}(a)\chi_{\alpha}(b) = \chi(a)\chi(b)$$

and

$$1 = \lim_{\alpha} \chi_{\alpha}(1_{\mathcal{A}}) = \chi(1_{\mathcal{A}})$$

so  $\chi \neq 0$ . □ Corollary 9.4

**Lemma 9.5.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is as above and  $\mathcal{I} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$  is an ideal. Then*

1.  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{A}^{\times} = \emptyset$ .
2.  $\overline{\mathcal{I}} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$  and is also an ideal.
3.  $\mathcal{I}$  is contained in a maximal ideal  $\mathcal{M} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$ .
4. If  $\mathcal{I}$  is maximal then it is closed.

*Proof.*

1. If  $a \in \mathcal{A}^{\times}$  then  $1_{\mathcal{A}} \in a\mathcal{A}$ , so  $a \notin \mathcal{I}$ .
2. If  $\|b\| < 1$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $1 - b \in \mathcal{A}^{\times}$ . Indeed,

$$(1 - b)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b^n$$

so the open set  $U = \{a \in \mathcal{A} : \|a - 1_{\mathcal{A}}\| < 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\times}$ . Then  $\mathcal{I} \cap U = \emptyset$ , hence  $\overline{\mathcal{I}} \cap U = \emptyset$ , and  $\overline{\mathcal{I}} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$ . Also if

$$a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

for  $a_n \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $b \in \mathcal{A}$  then

$$ba = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ba_n \in \overline{\mathcal{I}}$$

So  $\overline{\mathcal{I}}$  is an ideal.

3. Let  $\Xi = \{\mathcal{J} \subsetneq \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{J} \text{ an ideal, } \mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}\}$ . Then  $\Xi$  is partially ordered by inclusion. If  $\Gamma \subseteq \Xi$  is a chain then

$$\mathcal{K} = \bigcup_{\mathcal{J} \in \Gamma} \mathcal{J} \in \Xi$$

(using (1.)), and  $\mathcal{K}$  is an upper bound for  $\Gamma$ . By Zorn's lemma we are done.

4. We use (2.) and maximality. □ Lemma 9.5

**Theorem 9.6.**

1. If  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $\sigma(a) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda 1 - a \notin \mathcal{A}^{\times}\} \neq \emptyset$ .

2. (Gelfand-Mazur) If a (commutative, unital) Banach algebra is a division ring, then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}1_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

*Proof.*

1. This is done exactly as in the case  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$  (bounded operators on  $\mathcal{X}$ ).

2. If there were  $a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbb{C}1_{\mathcal{A}}$ , then  $\lambda 1_{\mathcal{A}} - a \notin \mathcal{A}^{\times}$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , contradicting the first point.  $\square$  [Theorem 9.6](#)

**Theorem 9.7.** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a unital commutative Banach algebra, then its set of distinct maximal ideals is  $\{\ker(\chi) : \chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}\}$ . (i.e. if  $\chi_1 \neq \chi_2$  then  $\ker(\chi_1) \neq \ker(\chi_2)$ .)*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{A}/\ker(\chi) \cong \mathbb{C}$  is a field, each  $\ker(\chi)$  is a maximal ideal. If  $\ker(\chi) = \ker(\chi')$  then for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$\chi(a)1_{\mathcal{A}} - a \in \ker(\chi) = \ker(\chi')$$

so

$$\chi'(a) = \chi'(\chi(a)1_{\mathcal{A}} - (\chi(a)1_{\mathcal{A}} - a)) = \chi(a)$$

so  $\chi = \chi'$ .

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M}$  (with quotient norm

$$\|a + \mathcal{M}\| = \inf_{b \in \mathcal{M}} \|a - b\|$$

which one should check forms a Banach algebra) admits no proper ideals. Indeed, if  $\mathcal{J} \subsetneq \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M}$  is an ideal, then  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq q^{-1}(\mathcal{J}) \subsetneq \mathcal{A}$  (where  $q: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M}$  is the quotient map) and  $q^{-1}(\mathcal{J})$  is an ideal, so  $q^{-1}(\mathcal{J}) = \mathcal{M}$ , and  $\mathcal{J} = \{0 + \mathcal{M}\}$ . Thus for  $a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{M}$  we have

$$1_{\mathcal{A}} + \mathcal{M} \in \underbrace{(a + \mathcal{M}) \cdot (\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M})}_{\text{principal ideal}}$$

and  $a + \mathcal{M} \in (\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M})^{\times}$ . By the Gelfand-Mazur theorem, we have  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{C}(1_{\mathcal{A}} + \mathcal{M})$ . Let  $\chi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by  $\chi(a)(1_{\mathcal{A}} + \mathcal{M}) = a + \mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\mathcal{M} = \ker(\chi)$ .  $\square$  [Theorem 9.7](#)

**Corollary 9.8.**

1. We have

$$\mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{A}^{\times} = \bigcup_{\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}} \ker \chi$$

2. If  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  then

$$\sup_{\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}} |\chi(a)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

*Proof.*

1. If  $a \in \mathcal{A}^{\times}$ , we already saw that

$$a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \bigcup_{\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}} \ker(\chi)$$

If  $a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{A}^{\times}$  then  $a\mathcal{A}$  is a proper ideal, and hence is contained in a maximal ideal  $\ker(\chi)$ .

2. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \in \sigma(a) &\iff \lambda 1_{\mathcal{A}} - a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{A}^{\times} \\ &\iff \lambda 1_{\mathcal{A}} - a \in \ker(\chi) \text{ for some } \chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \\ &\iff \lambda = \chi(a) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sup_{\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}} |\chi(a)| = \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(a)} |\lambda| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

by Beurling's spectral radius formula.

$\square$  [Corollary 9.8](#)

## 10 Abelian harmonic analysis

Let  $G$  be a locally compact abelian grape.

*Remark 10.1.* Both  $L^1(G)$  and  $M(G)$  are abelian Banach algebras. (Indeed we have

$$\int_G h d(\mu * \nu) = \int_G \int_G h(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y)$$

at which point we can apply Fubini-Tonelli.)

**Proposition 10.2.** *Suppose  $\tau: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a continuous homomorphism. Then*

1.  $\tau = |\tau|\sigma$  where  $\sigma: G \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is a continuous homomorphism.
2.  $\tau$  is bounded if and only if  $\tau(G) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ .
3. The set  $\widehat{G} = \{\sigma: G \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \mid \sigma \text{ a continuous homomorphism}\}$  is a grape under pointwise operations.

*Proof.*

1. We let

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{\tau(x)}{|\tau(x)|}$$

for  $x \in G$ .

2. We have  $|\tau|(G) \subseteq (0, \infty)$ . Then  $\tau$  is bounded if and only if  $|\tau|(G) = \{1\}$ .
3. Obvious. Notice that  $\sigma^{-1} = \bar{\sigma}$  (pointwise conjugation). □ [Proposition 10.2](#)

**Definition 10.3.** We call  $\widehat{G}$  the *dual grape* of  $G$ .

**Theorem 10.4.** *We have*

1.  $\widehat{L^1(G)} = \{\chi_\sigma : \sigma \in \widehat{G}\}$  where

$$\chi_\sigma(f) = \int_G f \sigma dm$$

(Recall  $\widehat{L^1(G)}$  is the Gelfand spectrum.) Note that  $\widehat{G} \subseteq C_b(G) \subseteq L^\infty(G)$ .

2.  $\widehat{G} \cup \{0\}$  is a  $w^*$ -compact set in  $L^\infty(G)$ , and hence  $\widehat{G}$  is  $w^*$ -locally compact.
3.  $(\widehat{G}, w^*)$  is a locally compact grape.

*Proof.*

1. Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{cases} L^1(G) = \ell^1(G) & \text{if } G \text{ discrete} \\ L^1(G) \oplus_{\ell^1} \mathbb{C}\delta_e \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}(G) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

If  $\chi \in \widehat{L^1(G)}$ , define  $\tilde{\chi}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $\tilde{\chi}(f + \lambda\delta_e) = \chi(f) + \lambda$  and  $\tilde{\chi} \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}$ . Hence  $\|\tilde{\chi}\| \leq 1$ , so  $\|\chi\| = \|\tilde{\chi}|_{L^1(G)}\| \leq 1$ , and in particular  $\chi$  is bounded.

We fix  $\chi \in \widehat{L^1(G)}$  and let  $f, g \in L^1(G)$  with  $\chi(f), \chi(g) \neq 0$ . Then for  $x \in G$  we have

$$\chi(x * f)\chi(g) = \chi(x * f * g) = \chi(x * g * f) = \chi(x * g)\chi(f)$$

Hence

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{\chi(x * f)}{\chi(f)}$$



is independent of  $f \in L^1(G) \setminus \ker(\chi)$ . Notice that  $\sigma$  is bounded in  $x$ :

$$|\sigma(x)| = \frac{|\chi(x * f)|}{|\chi(f)|} \leq \frac{\|x * f\|_1}{|\chi(f)|} = \frac{\|f\|_1}{|\chi(f)|}$$

and  $\sigma$  is continuous as the map  $G \rightarrow L^1(G)$  given by  $x \mapsto x * f$  is continuous.

If  $x, y \in G$  and  $f \in L^1(G) \setminus \ker(\chi)$  then  $\chi(f * f) = \chi(f)^2 \neq 0$ , so

$$\sigma(xy) = \frac{\chi(x * y * f * f)}{\chi(f * f)} = \frac{\chi(x * f * y * f)}{\chi(f)^2} = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$$

so  $\sigma: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a bounded homomorphism, and  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$ .

Notice that if  $\sigma \neq \tau$  in  $\widehat{G}$  then  $\{x \in G : \sigma(x) \neq \tau(x)\}$  is open in  $G$ , and hence not locally  $m$ -null, and  $\chi_\sigma \neq \chi_\tau$ .

Finally, notice that for  $g \in L^1(G)$  we have

$$\chi_\sigma(g) = \int_G g \sigma dm = \int_G g(x) \frac{\chi(x * f)}{\chi(f)} dx = \frac{1}{\chi(f)} \chi \left( \underbrace{\int_G g(x) x * f dy}_{g * f} \right) = \chi(g)$$

2. By Banach-Alaoglu it suffices to show that  $\widehat{G} \cup \{0\} \subseteq B(L^\infty(G))$  is  $w^*$ -closed. If  $(\sigma_\alpha)_\alpha$  is a net in  $\widehat{G} \cup \{0\}$  converging to  $\sigma \in B(L^\infty(G))$ , we can see for  $f, g \in L^1(G)$  that

$$\langle f * g, \sigma \rangle = \lim_\alpha \langle f * g, \sigma_\alpha \rangle = \lim_\alpha \langle f, \sigma_\alpha \rangle \langle g, \sigma_\alpha \rangle = \langle f, \sigma \rangle \langle g, \sigma \rangle$$

so  $\sigma \in \widehat{G} \cup \{0\}$ . (Note that if  $\tau \in \widehat{G}$  then

$$\langle f * g, \tau \rangle = \int_G \int_G f(x) g(x^{-1}y) \tau(y) dx dy = \int_g \int_G f(x) g(y) \tau(xy) dx dy = \langle f, \tau \rangle \langle g, \tau \rangle$$

which yields the desired result.)

If  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  then since the weak\*-topology is Hausdorff, there is a  $w^*$ -openset  $W$  containing  $\sigma$  such that  $0 \notin \overline{W}$ . But  $\overline{W} \cap \widehat{G} = \overline{W} \cap (\widehat{G} \cup \{0\})$  is compact.

3. Let  $M: L^\infty(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(G))$  (bounded linear operators) be given by  $M(\varphi)\xi = \varphi \cdot \xi$  ( $m$ -almost-everywhere pointwise multiplication). Then for  $\xi, \eta \in L^2(G)$  we have

$$\langle \xi | M(\varphi)\eta \rangle = \int_G \varphi \underbrace{\overline{\xi}\eta}_{\substack{\in L^1(G), \\ \text{Cauchy-Schwarz}}} dm$$

Also, if  $f \in L^1(G)$ , then

$$\langle \varphi, f \rangle = \int_G \varphi f dm = \langle \overline{\text{sgn}f} \cdot |f|^{\frac{1}{2}} |M(\varphi)|f|^{\frac{1}{2}} \rangle$$

Hence  $M$  is a  $w^*$ -WO homeomorphism onto its range; i.e.  $\varphi_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*, \alpha}$  in  $L^\infty(G)$  if and only if  $M(\varphi_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\text{WO}, \alpha} M(\varphi)$  in  $M(L^\infty(G))$ . Now, since for  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  we have  $\sigma(G) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$  we see that  $M(\sigma) \in U(L^2(G))$ . (One checks that  $M(\overline{\varphi}) = M(\varphi)^*$ . Hence  $M \upharpoonright \widehat{G}: \widehat{G} \rightarrow M(\widehat{G}) \subseteq U(L^2(G))$  is a  $w^*$ -WO homeomorphism. The result then follows.  $\square$  [Theorem 10.4](#)

### Proposition 10.5.

1. If  $G$  is discrete, then  $\widehat{G}$  is compact.

2. If  $G$  is compact, then  $\widehat{G}$  is discrete.

*Proof.*

1.  $L^1(G) = \ell^1(G)$  is unital, so  $\widehat{G} \cong \widehat{\ell^1(G)}$  is compact.

2. We normalize  $m$  so  $m(G) = 1$ . if  $\sigma \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{1\}$ , then there is  $y \in G$  with  $\sigma(y) \neq 1$ . hence

$$\int_G \sigma(x) dx = \int_G \sigma(yx) dx = \sigma(y) \int_G \sigma(x) dx$$

and hence

$$\int_G \sigma(x) dx = 0$$

Clearly

$$\int_G 1(x) dx = 1$$

Hence

$$\left\{ \tau \in \widehat{G} : |\langle \tau, 1 \rangle - \underbrace{\langle 1, 1 \rangle}_1| < \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

is a  $w^*$ -open neighbourhood of 1 and equals 1. Thus  $\widehat{G}$  is discrete. □ [Proposition 10.5](#)

*Example 10.6.*

1. Consider  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ; we use additive notation. if  $\sigma \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , let  $z = \sigma(1)$  (where 1 is the generator of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , not its identity). Then for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $\sigma(n) = z^n$ . Write  $\sigma = \sigma_z$ . Clearly for any  $z \in \mathbb{T}$  we have  $\sigma_z$  defines an element of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Thus  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \{\sigma_z : z \in \mathbb{T}\}$ , and if  $z \neq z'$  then  $\sigma_z \neq \sigma_{z'}$ .

Let us consider a  $w^*$ -open neighbourhood of  $1 = \sigma_1 \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$U = \bigcap_{k=-n}^n \{ \sigma_z \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} : |\langle \sigma_z, \delta_k \rangle - \langle \sigma_z, \delta_0 \rangle| < 1 \} = \bigcap_{k=-n}^n \{ \sigma \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} : |z^k - 1| < 1 \}$$

Write  $z = \exp(it)$  for  $-\pi < t \leq \pi$ . For  $k \in \{-n, \dots, n\}$  we have

$$1 > |z^k - 1|^2 = |\exp(ikt) - 1|^2 = 2 - 2 \cos(kt)$$

So  $\cos(kt) > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $kt \in (-\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3})$  (modulo  $2\pi$ ). Hence  $U = \{ \exp(it) : t \in (-\frac{\pi}{3n}, \frac{\pi}{3n}) \}$ . Hence a  $w^*$ -neighbourhood of  $\sigma_1$  in  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is a neighbourhood base of 1 in  $\mathbb{T}$ . Thus  $\mathbb{T} \cong \{\sigma_z : z \in \mathbb{T}\}$  has an induced  $w^*$ -topology finer than the ambient topology. On sets, comparable compact Hausdorff topologies coincide.

2. Consider  $G = \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $\sigma \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then  $\sigma$  is continuous with  $\sigma(0) = 1$ , so there is  $\alpha > 0$  so

$$\int_0^\alpha \sigma(x) dx \neq 0$$

Now if  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$\sigma(y) \int_0^\alpha \sigma(x) dx = \int_0^\alpha \sigma(y+x) dx = \int_{-y}^{\alpha-y} \sigma(x) dx$$

The fundamental theorem of calculus then tells us that  $\sigma$  is differentiable. Now, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\sigma'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sigma(x+h) - \sigma(x)}{h} = \sigma(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sigma(h) - \sigma(0)}{h} = \sigma(x) \sigma'(0)$$

Let  $f(x) = \exp(-\sigma'(0)x)\sigma(x)$ . Then  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f'(x) = 0$  (product rule) so by the mean value theorem we have  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x$ ; i.e.  $\sigma(x) = \exp(zx)$  (where  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ). Moreover  $\sigma(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ , so  $a = is$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\sigma = \sigma_s$ , where  $\sigma_s(x) = \exp(isx)$ . Clearly  $s \neq t$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , so  $\sigma_s \neq \sigma_t$ , and  $\sigma_s \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Consider a  $w^*$ -open neighbourhood of  $\sigma_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} U_{a,\varepsilon} &= \{ \sigma \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}} : |\langle \sigma_s, 1_{[-a,a]} \rangle - \langle \sigma_0, 1_{[-a,a]} \rangle| < \varepsilon \} \\ &= \left\{ \sigma_s \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}} : \left| \int_{-a}^a (\exp(isx) - 1) dx \right| < \varepsilon \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sigma_s \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}} : 2 \left| \underbrace{\frac{\sin(as)}{s}}_{\psi_a(s)} - a \right| < \varepsilon \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi_a$  is an analytic and hence continuous function. Also

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \pm\infty} |\psi_a(s)| = |a|$$

and

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \psi_a(s) = \infty$$

We conclude that  $\{U_{a,\varepsilon} : a > 0, \varepsilon > 0\}$  is a usual neighbourhood basis of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence the weak\* topology is finer than the ambient topology. But

$$w^* - \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \sigma_s = \sigma_t$$

(easy exercise). So the weak\* topology is coarser than the ambient topology. So

$$\widehat{\mathbb{R}} = \{ \sigma_s : s \in \mathbb{R} \} \cong \mathbb{R}$$

as locally compact grapes.

3. Consider  $G = \mathbb{T}$ . Consider  $\sigma_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  with  $\sigma_1(t) = \exp(it)$ ; so  $\ker(\sigma_1) = 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\tau \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  then  $\tau \circ \sigma_1 \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}$  so  $\tau \circ \sigma_1(x) = \exp(isx)$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $1 = \tau \circ \sigma_1(2\pi) = \exp(i2\pi s)$ , so  $s = n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $\tau \circ \sigma_1(x) = \exp(ixn) = \sigma_1(x)^n$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}} = \{z \mapsto z^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . The topology is discrete.

Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a commutative unital Banach algebra; e.g.  $\mathcal{A} = L^1(G) + \mathbb{C}\delta_e \subseteq M(G)$ . Recall Beurling's spectral radius formula:

$$\sup_{\chi \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}}} \|\chi(a)\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \|a\|$$

**Definition 10.7.** For  $f \in L^1(G)$  we define the *Fourier transform* of  $f$  to be  $\widehat{f} : \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\widehat{f}(\sigma) = \int_G f \bar{\sigma} dm$$

**Theorem 10.8** (Riemann-Lebesgue, Gelfand). *The map  $L^1(G) \rightarrow C_0(\widehat{G})$  given by  $f \mapsto \widehat{f}$  is a homomorphism with*

1.  $\|\widehat{f}\|_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f^{*n}\|_1^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \|f\|_1$ .
2.  $A(\widehat{G}) = \{\widehat{f} : f \in L^1(G)\}$  is dense in  $C_0(\widehat{G})$ .

*Proof.* We recall that  $\widehat{G} \cup \{0\}$  is compact. We have that  $\widehat{f}(\sigma) = \chi_\sigma(f)$  is continuous in  $\sigma$  as  $\widehat{G}$  has the weak\* topology. If we let  $\widehat{f}(0) = 0$ , then  $\widehat{f}$  is continuous on  $\widehat{G} \cup \{0\}$  (from the proof of a previous theorem)

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Hence  $\widehat{f} \in C_0(\widehat{G})$ . We now verify the required conditions.

1. This is simply Beurling's spectral radius formula.
2. We notice that  $A(\widehat{G})$  is point-separating on  $\widehat{G}$ . (If  $\sigma \neq \tau$  in  $\widehat{G}$  then  $\chi_\sigma \neq \chi_\tau$ , so there is  $f \in L^1(G)$  with

$$\widehat{f}(\sigma) = \chi_\sigma(f) \neq \chi_\tau(f) = \widehat{f}(\tau)$$

Since  $f \mapsto \widehat{f}$  is (almost) the Gelfand transform, we get that  $f \mapsto \widehat{f}$  is multiplicative, so  $A(\widehat{G})$  is a subalgebra. We also have for  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  that

$$\widehat{f^*}(\sigma) = \int_G f^*(x) \overline{\sigma(x)} dx = \int_G \overline{f(x^{-1}) \sigma(x)} dx = \int_G \overline{f(x)} \sigma(x) dx = \overline{\widehat{f}(\sigma)}$$

So  $\widehat{f^*} = \overline{\widehat{f}}$  (pointwise conjugate). So by Stone-Weierstrass theorem, we're done. □ Theorem 10.8

**Lemma 10.9.** *The map  $G \times \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  given by  $(x, \sigma) \mapsto \sigma(x)$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* Fix  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  and  $x \in G$ . Let  $f \in L^1(G)$  have  $\widehat{f}(\sigma) \neq 0$ . Then

$$\widehat{f}(\sigma) \sigma(x) = \int_G f(x) \overline{\sigma(yx^{-1})} dy = \int_G f(xy) \overline{\sigma(y)} dy = \widehat{f \cdot x}(\sigma)$$

Now if also  $\tau \in \widehat{G}$  and  $y \in G$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{f}(\sigma) \sigma(x) - \widehat{f}(\tau) \tau(y) \right| &= \left| \widehat{f \cdot x}(\sigma) - \widehat{f \cdot y}(\tau) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \widehat{f \cdot x}(\sigma) - \widehat{f \cdot x}(\tau) \right| + \left| \widehat{f \cdot x}(\tau) - \widehat{f \cdot y}(\tau) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \widehat{f \cdot y}(\sigma) - \widehat{f \cdot y}(\tau) \right| + \|f \cdot x - f \cdot y\|_1 \\ &\xrightarrow{y \rightarrow x, \tau \rightarrow \sigma} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\widehat{f}$  is continuous, this shows that  $\tau(y) \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow x, \tau \rightarrow \sigma} \sigma(x)$ . □ Lemma 10.9

**Definition 10.10.** A function  $u: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called *positive-definite* if for each  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the matrix  $[u(x_j^{-1} x_i)]$  is positive semidefinite; i.e. if for  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \overline{\lambda_j} u(x_j^{-1} x_i) = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \middle| [u(x_j^{-1} x_i)] \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \geq 0$$

**Proposition 10.11.** *A positive-definite function  $u: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies*

1.  $u(x^{-1}) = \overline{u(x)}$  for  $x \in G$
2.  $|u(x)| \leq u(e)$  for  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u = 2$ ,  $x_1 = e$ , and  $x_2 = x$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(e) & u(x^{-1}) \\ u(x) & u(e) \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive semidefinite. Then the claims are just exercises in linear algebra. □ Proposition 10.11

**Notation 10.12.** We let  $B^+(G)$  denote the space of continuous positive definite functions on  $G$ .

So  $B^+(G) \subseteq C_b(G)$ .

*Example 10.13.*

1. Note that  $\widehat{G} \subseteq B^+(G)$ . Indeed, if  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \overline{\lambda_j} \underbrace{\sigma(x_j^{-1} x_i)}_{\overline{\sigma(x_j)\sigma(x_i)}} = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \sigma(x_j) \right|^2 \geq 0$$

2. (Reverse Fourier-Stieltjes transform) If  $\mu \in M(\widehat{G})$ , we let  $\check{\mu}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be

$$\check{\mu}(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \sigma(x) d\mu(\sigma)$$

If  $\mu \in M_+(G)$  then  $\check{\mu}$  is positive definite. Indeed, suppose  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \overline{\lambda_j} \underbrace{\check{\mu}(x_j^{-1} x_i)}_{\int_{\widehat{G}} \overline{\sigma(x_j)\sigma(x_i)} d\mu(\sigma)} = \int_{\widehat{G}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \sigma(x_j) \right|^2 d\mu(\sigma) \geq 0$$

**Proposition 10.14.** *If  $\mu \in M(\widehat{G})$  then  $\check{\mu}$  is uniformly continuous.*

*Proof.* First, suppose  $K = \text{supp}(\mu)$  is compact in  $\widehat{G}$ . Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and for each  $\sigma \in K$  let

- $U_\sigma$  be a neighbourhood of  $e$  in  $G$  such that  $x \in U_\sigma$  implies  $|\sigma(x) - 1| < \varepsilon$
- $W_\sigma$  be a neighbourhood of  $\sigma$  in  $\widehat{G}$ ,  $V_\sigma \subseteq U_\sigma$  be such that

$$\tau \in W_\sigma, x \in V_\sigma \implies |\tau(x) - 1| < \varepsilon$$

(by joint continuity of  $G \times \widehat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ ). We have that

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_{\sigma_i}$$

for some  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n \in K$ , and we let

$$V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{\sigma_i} \subseteq G$$

Hence if  $x \in V$  and  $\tau \in K$  then  $|\tau(x) - 1| < \varepsilon$ . Now, if  $x, y \in G$  with  $xy^{-1} \in V$  then

$$|\check{\mu}(x) - \check{\mu}(y)| \leq \int_{\widehat{G}} |\sigma(x) - \sigma(y)| d|\mu|(\sigma) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \underbrace{|\sigma(xy^{-1}) - 1|}_{< \varepsilon} d|\mu|(G) \leq \varepsilon |\mu|(G)$$

Now if  $\mu \in M(\widehat{G})$ , we can find compact  $K \subseteq \widehat{G}$  so  $\|\mu - \mu_K\|_1 < \varepsilon$ . The usual approximation of  $\check{\mu}$  by  $\check{\mu}_K$  applies □ [Proposition 10.14](#)

**Corollary 10.15.** *If  $\mu \in M_+(\widehat{G})$ , then  $\check{\mu} \in B^+(G)$ .*

A problem: we don't yet know that  $f \neq 0$  in  $L^1(G)$  implies  $\widehat{f} \neq 0$  in  $C_0(\widehat{G})$ .

**Proposition 10.16** (Injectivity of the reverse Fourier-Stieltjes transform). *If  $\mu \neq \nu$  in  $M(\widehat{G})$  then  $\check{\mu} \neq \check{\nu}$  in  $C_b(G)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $f \in L^1(G)$ , we have for  $\mu \in M(G)$  that

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{f} d\mu = \int_{\widehat{G}} \int_G f(x) \overline{\sigma(x)} dx d\mu(\sigma) = \int_G f(x) \int_{\widehat{G}} \sigma(x^{-1}) d\mu(\sigma) dx = \int_G f(x) \check{\mu}(x^{-1}) dx \quad (3)$$

Let  $\nu(E) = \mu(E^{-1})$  for  $E \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ . One can check that  $\check{\nu}(x) = \check{\mu}(x^{-1})$ . Hence if  $\check{\mu} = 0$ , then since  $A(\widehat{G})$  is dense in  $C_0(\widehat{G})$ , we see that for  $h \in C_0(\widehat{G})$  we have

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} h d\mu = 0$$

and thus  $\mu = 0$ . It is evident that  $\mu \mapsto \check{\mu}$  is linear. □ [Proposition 10.16](#)

**Theorem 10.17** (Bochner's theorem).  $B^+(G) = \{ \check{\mu} : \mu \in M_+(G) \}$ . Hence the map  $M_+(G) \rightarrow B^+(G)$  given by  $\mu \mapsto \check{\mu}$  is a bijection.

*Proof.* Suppose  $u \in B^+(G) \setminus \{0\}$ . We normalize so  $u(e) = \|u\|_\infty = 1$ . Define a sesquilinear form on  $L^1(G) \times L^1(G)$  by

$$[f | g] = \int_G f^* * g u dm$$

Notice that

$$|[f | g]| \leq \|f^* * g\|_1 \|u\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_1$$

so  $[\cdot | \cdot]$  is continuous on  $L^1(G) \times L^1(G)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} [f | g] &= \int_G \int_G \overline{f(x^{-1})} g(x^{-1}y) u(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_G \int_G \overline{f(x^{-1})} g(y) u(xy) dx dy \\ &= \int_G \int_G \overline{f(x)} g(y) u(x^{-1}y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

(since  $G$  is unimodular). Suppose

$$\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 1_{E_i} \in S^1(G)$$

(i.e. simple, integrable,  $E_i \in \mathcal{B}(G)$ ,  $m(E_i) < \infty$ , and  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ ). (Assume also that  $\text{supp}(\varphi)$  is compact.)

Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We can assume by taking Borel decompositions of each  $E_i$  that there are  $x_i \in E_i$  for each  $i$  such that

$$|u(x^{-1}y) - u(x_j^{-1}x_i)| m(E_j) m(E_i) < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_i| |a_j| + 1}$$

by continuity of  $u$ . Then

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{a_j} a_i u(x_j^{-1}x_i) m(E_j) m(E_i) \geq 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |[\varphi | \varphi] - S| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{a_j} a_i \int_{E_i} \int_{E_j} (u(x^{-1}y) - u(x_j^{-1}x_i)) dx dy \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| |a_i| \sup_{(x,y) \in E_j \times E_i} |u(x^{-1}y) - u(x_j^{-1}x_i)| m(E_j) m(E_i) \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[\varphi | \varphi] > -\varepsilon$ . The decomposition above can be done for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; hence  $[\varphi | \varphi] \geq 0$ . Approximating  $f$  in  $L^1(G)$  by elements  $\varphi$  as above, and using continuity of  $[\cdot | \cdot]$  we get that  $[f | f] \geq 0$ .

We may apply Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to see that

$$|[f | g]|^2 \leq [f | f][g | g]$$

We let  $\mathcal{V}$  denote a base at  $e$  in relatively compact symmetric neighbourhoods. If  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ , we let  $k_V = (m(V))^{-1}1_V$ . Notice that  $k_V^* = k_V$  by unimodularity. Also  $(k_V * k_V)_{V \in \mathcal{V}}$  is a summability kernel; i.e.  $\|k_V * k_V\|_1 \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp}(k_V * k_V) \subseteq V^2$ , and

$$\int_G k_V * k_V dm = \chi_1(k_V * k_V) = 1$$

In particular, we have

$$\lim_V [k_V | k_V] = \lim_V \int_G k_V * k_V u dm = u(e) = 1$$

and

$$[k_V | f] = \int_G k_V * f u dm \xrightarrow{V \searrow \{e\}} \int_G f u dm$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_G f u dm \right|^2 = \lim_V [k_V | f]^2 \leq \limsup_V [k_V | k_V] [f | f] = [f | f]$$

Let  $h = f^* * f$ , so  $h^* = h$ . (One should check this.) Let  $h^{*2} = h * h$ ,  $h^{*4} = h^{*2} * h^{*2}$ , etc. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_G f u dm \right|^2 \leq [f | f] &= \int_G h u dm \\ &\leq [h | h]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int_G h^{*2} u dm \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq [h^{*2} | h^{*2}]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &\leq [h^{*4} | h^{*4}]^{\frac{1}{8}} \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq [h^{*2^n} | h^{*2^n}]^{2^{-(n+1)}} \\ &= \left( \int_G h^{*2^{n+1}} u dm \right)^{2^{-(n+1)}} \\ &\leq \left\| h^{*2^{n+1}} \right\|_1^{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}} \\ &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \widehat{h} \right\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left| \int_G f u dm \right|^2 \leq \left\| \widehat{h} \right\|_\infty = \left\| \widehat{f^* f} \right\|_\infty = \left\| \widehat{f} \right\|_\infty^2 = \left\| \widehat{f} \right\|_\infty$$

Since  $A(\widehat{G})$  is dense in  $C_0(\widehat{G})$  we have that

$$\widehat{f} \mapsto \int_G f u dm$$

extends to a continuous linear functional on  $C_0(\widehat{G})$ . So, by the Riesz representation theorem, there is  $\mu \in M(\widehat{G})$  with

$$\int_G f u dm = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{f} d\mu$$

By [Equation \(3\)](#), we have

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{f} d\mu = \int_G f(x) \check{\mu}(x^{-1}) dx = \int_G f(x) \check{\nu}(x) dx$$

for some  $\nu$ . Hence  $u = \check{\nu}$ . If  $\varphi \in C_0(\widehat{G})$  then we may write

$$\varphi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{f}_n$$

by density of  $A(\widehat{G})$ . Then

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} |\varphi|^2 d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\widehat{G}} \overline{\widehat{f}_n} \widehat{f}_n d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_G f_n^* * f_n u dm \geq 0$$

so  $\mu \in M_+(G)$ . □ Theorem 10.17

**Proposition 10.18** (Another class of positive definite functions). *Suppose  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$ . Then  $f^* * f \in B^+ \cap L^1(G)$ .*

*Proof.* That  $f^* * f \in L^1(G)$  follows from the closure of  $L^1(G)$  under convolution. We compute, for almost every  $x \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (f^* * f)(x) &= \int_G \overline{f(y^{-1})} f(y^{-1}x) dx \\ &= \int_G \overline{\widetilde{f}(y)} \widetilde{f}(x^{-1}y) dy \\ &= \langle \widetilde{f} \mid x * \widetilde{f} \rangle \\ &= \langle x^{-1} * \widetilde{f} \mid \widetilde{f} \rangle \text{ (inner product on } L^2(G)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\widetilde{f}(y) = f(y^{-1})$  for almost every  $y$ ; note that  $\widetilde{f} \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$  by unimodularity. Since  $C_c(G)$  is dense in  $L^2(G)$ , we get that  $L^2(G)$  has continuity of translation (same proof as for  $L^1(G)$ ). Hence  $x \mapsto \langle \widetilde{f}, x * \widetilde{f} \rangle$  is continuous, so  $f^* * f$  may be taken to be continuous. Now let  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\lambda_j} \lambda_i f^* * f(x_j^{-1}x_i) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\lambda_j} \lambda_i \langle x_j * \widetilde{f} \mid x_i * \widetilde{f} \rangle \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i * \widetilde{f} \right\|_2^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □ Proposition 10.18

**Corollary 10.19.** *If  $f \in C_c(G)$  then  $f^* * f \in B^+ \cap L^1(G)$ .*

We let  $B(G) = \{ \check{\mu} : \mu \in M(\widehat{G}) \}$ . Since the map  $M(\widehat{G}) \rightarrow V(G) \subseteq C_{ub}(G)$  (where the latter is the collection of uniformly continuous bounded functions on  $G$ ) given by  $\mu \mapsto \check{\mu}$  is linear (easily seen). The Hahn-Jordan decomposition of measures then shows that  $B(G) = \text{span } B^+(G)$ .

*Exercise 10.20* (Probably on A3). Show that the map  $G \rightarrow B^1(G)$  given by  $x \mapsto x * f$  is continuous in  $G$  and isometric in the norm on  $B^1(G)$  given by  $\|f\|_{B^1(G)} = \|f\|_1 + \|\mu\|_1$  where  $f = \check{\mu}$  by Bochner's theorem.

**Theorem 10.21** (Inversion theorem). *Let  $B^1(G) = B \cap L^1(G)$ .*

1. *If  $f \in B^1(G)$  then  $\widehat{f} \in L^1(\widehat{G})$ .*
2. *For a suitable normalization of the Haar measures  $m_G$  and  $m_{\widehat{G}}$  we have for  $f \in V^1(G)$  that*

$$f(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{f}(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma$$

$$\text{i.e. } f = \check{\check{f}}.$$

*Proof.* We proceed in stages.



(I) If  $h \in L^1(G)$  and  $f = \check{\mu} \in B^1(G)$ , then

$$(h * \check{\mu})(e) = \int_G h(x)\check{\mu}(x^{-1}e)dx = \int_G \int_{\widehat{H}} h(x)\overline{\sigma(x)}d\mu(\sigma)dx = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{h}d\mu$$

If also  $g = \check{\nu} \in B(G)$  then

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{h}\widehat{\nu}d\mu = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{h * \check{\nu}}d\mu = (h * \check{\nu} * \check{\mu})(e) = (h * \check{\mu} * \check{\nu}) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{h}\widehat{\mu}d\nu$$

Since  $A(\widehat{G}) = \{\widehat{f} : f \in L^1(G)\}$  is dense in  $C_0(G)$ , we have

$$\widehat{\nu}d\mu = \widehat{\mu}d\nu \tag{4}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{d\mu}{d\nu} = \frac{\widehat{\mu}}{\widehat{\nu}},$$

almost everywhere on  $\widehat{G}$ .

(II) We will define a functional  $J$  on  $C_c(\widehat{G})$ , which will give (1). Fix  $\psi \in C_c(\widehat{G})$ . For each  $\sigma \in \text{supp}(\psi)$  there is  $u \in C_c(G)$  with  $\widehat{u}(\sigma) \neq 0$  (since  $C_c(G)$  is dense in  $L^1(G)$ ). Then

$$\widehat{u^* * u}(\sigma) = \overline{\widehat{u}(\sigma)}\widehat{u}(\sigma) > 0$$

and hence, by compactness, we may find  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in C_c(G)$  such that

$$g = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^* * u_i$$

- $\text{supp}(\psi) \subseteq \text{supp}^\circ(\widehat{g}) = \{\sigma \in \widehat{G} : \widehat{g}(\sigma) \neq 0\}$
- $g \in B^+ \cap L^1(G) \subseteq B^1(G)$  (by the previous corollary), and hence  $g = \check{\nu}_0$  for some  $\nu_0 \in M_+(\widehat{G})$  (by Bochner's theorem).

We let

$$J(\psi) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi}{\check{\nu}_0} d\nu_0$$

If  $f = \check{\mu} \in B^1(G)$  then we use [Equation \(4\)](#):

$$\begin{aligned} J(\psi) &= \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi}{\check{\nu}_0} \widehat{\mu} d\nu_0 \\ &= \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi}{\check{\nu}_0 \widehat{\mu}} \widehat{\nu}_0 d\mu \\ &= \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi}{\widehat{\mu}} d\mu \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi \frac{\widehat{f}}{\widehat{f}} = \psi 1_{\text{supp}^\circ(\widehat{f})}$$

Again, [Equation \(4\)](#) tells us that this is independent of the choice of  $\mu \in M(\widehat{G})$  with  $\check{\mu} \in B^1(G)$ . Notice that since  $\widehat{g} = \widehat{\check{\nu}_0} \geq 0$ , we see that  $J(\psi) > 0$  if  $\psi \in C_c^+(G)$ . Also

$$J(\psi \widehat{\mu}) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \psi d\mu \tag{5}$$

for appropriate  $\mu$ . Now let  $\psi \in C_c(G)$  and  $\tau \in \widehat{G}$ ; then for suitable  $\nu \in M(\widehat{G})$  we have

$$J(\psi \cdot \tau) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi(\tau\sigma)}{\widehat{\nu}(\sigma)} d\nu(\sigma) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi(\sigma)}{\widehat{\nu}(\overline{\tau}\sigma)} d\nu(\overline{\tau}\sigma)$$

(Recall the change-of-variables formula

$$\int_X f \circ T d\nu = \int_X f d(\nu \circ T^{-1})$$

for integration with respect to pushforward measures.)

*Exercise 10.22* (Probably A3). Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\check{\mu}(x) &= \tau(x)\check{\mu}(x) \\ \widehat{\mu}(\sigma) &= \widehat{\nu}(\overline{\tau}\sigma)\end{aligned}$$

In particular, the first equation shows that  $\check{\mu} \in B^1(G)$ .

We hence see, using [Equation \(4\)](#), that

$$J(\psi \cdot \tau) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \frac{\psi(\sigma)}{\widehat{\mu}(\sigma)} d\mu(\sigma) = J(\psi)$$

So  $J$  is the Haar integral. Furthermore, [Equation \(5\)](#) yields for suitable  $\mu$  and  $\psi \in C_c(G)$  that

$$\int_{\widehat{G}} \psi d\mu = J(\psi\widehat{\mu}) \tag{6}$$

i.e.  $d\mu(\sigma) = \widehat{\mu}(\sigma)d\sigma$ . Hence  $\mu \in M_a(\widehat{G})$ ; i.e.  $d\mu = \widehat{\mu}dm_{\widehat{G}}$  with  $\widehat{\mu} \in L^1(G)$  (by Radon-Nikodym). This proves (1).

To see (2), note that [Equation \(6\)](#) yields for  $x \in G$  and suitable  $\mu$  that

$$\check{\mu}(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \sigma(x)d\mu(\sigma) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \sigma(x)\widehat{\mu}(\sigma)d\sigma$$

Writing  $f = \check{\mu}$ , we are done. □ [Theorem 10.21](#)

We consider what constitutes “suitable” normalizations of  $m_G$  and  $m_{\widehat{G}}$ , as in the statement of the previous theorem.

1. Suppose  $G$  is compact and  $m_G(G) = 1$ . Then for  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  we have, as in the proof of discreteness of  $\widehat{G}$ , that

$$\widehat{1}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Since  $1 \in B^+ \cap L^1(G) \subseteq B^1(G)$ . Hence by the inversion theorem we have

$$1 = 1(e) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{1}(\sigma) \underbrace{\sigma(e)}_{=1} d\sigma = m_{\widehat{G}}(\{1\})$$

So  $m_{\widehat{G}}$  is the counting measure.

2. Suppose  $G$  is discrete. Let  $m_G(\{e\}) = 1$ ; i.e. that  $m_G$  is the counting measure. Let  $f = 1_{\{e\}} = 1_{\{e\}}^* * 1_{\{e\}} \in B^+ \cap L^1(G) \subseteq B^1(G)$ . Then

$$\widehat{f}(\sigma) = \sum_{x \in G} \overline{\sigma(x)} 1_{\{e\}}(x) = 1$$

and the inversion theorem yields that

$$m_{\widehat{G}}(\widehat{G}) = \int_{\widehat{G}} 1 dm_{\widehat{G}} = \int_G \widehat{f}(\sigma) d\sigma = f(e) = 1$$

3. Let  $G = \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $m_{\mathbb{R}}$  satisfy  $m_{\mathbb{R}}([0, 1]) = 1$ . We shall choose  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that  $\alpha m_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\beta m_{\mathbb{R}}$  (also normalized as above) satisfy the inversion theorem. Since  $\exp(-|x|) \geq 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get on  $\mathbb{R} \cong \widehat{\mathbb{R}}$  that

$$s \mapsto \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-isx) \exp(-|x|) dx = 2\alpha \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2\alpha}{1+s^2} ds$$

is positive-definite. Hence by the inversion theorem we have that

$$\exp(-|x|) = 2\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\exp(isx)}{1+s^2} \beta ds$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular, letting  $x = 0$ , we get that

$$1 = 2\alpha\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{1+s^2} ds = 2\alpha\beta\pi$$

i.e.  $\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ . Typical choices are  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{2\pi}$  or  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ .

*Remark 10.23.*

1. If  $\mu, \nu \in M(\widehat{G})$ , then  $\widehat{\mu * \nu} = \widehat{\mu} \widehat{\nu}$  (pointwise product), so  $B(G) = \{\check{\mu} : \mu \in M(\widehat{G})\}$  is a subalgebra of  $C_b(G)$ .
2. Let  $B^2(G) = B \cap L^2(G)$ . If  $f \in B^1(G)$ , then

$$\int_G |f|^2 dm \leq \|f\|_1 \|f\|_{\infty} < \infty$$

so  $B^1(G) \subseteq B^2(G)$ .

**Theorem 10.24** (Plancherel theorem). *If  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$ , then  $\|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2(\widehat{G})} = \|f\|_{L^2(G)}$  (provided the measures are normalized as in the inversion theorem). Furthermore, there is a unitary  $U: L^2(G) \rightarrow L^2(\widehat{G})$  such that  $Uf = \widehat{f}$  for  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$ .*

*Proof.* We have by a previous proposition

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that  $f^* * f \in B^+ \cap L^1(G) \subseteq B^1(G)$ , so the inversion theorem applies. Thus, using unimodularity of  $G$  and the inversion theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G |\widehat{f}|^2 dm_G &= \int_G f^*(x^{-1}f(x)) dx \\ &= \int_G f^*(x)f(x^{-1}e) dx \\ &= (f^* * f)(e) \\ &= \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{f^* * f}(\sigma) \underbrace{\sigma(e)}_{=1} d\sigma \\ &= \int_{\widehat{G}} \overline{\widehat{f}(\sigma)} \widehat{f}(\sigma) d\sigma \\ &= \int_{\widehat{G}} |\widehat{f}|^2 dm_{\widehat{G}} \end{aligned}$$

so we get the first statement.

We have that  $L^1 \cap L^2(G)$  is dense in  $L^2(G)$ . Let  $\mathcal{K} = \{\widehat{f} : f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)\} \subseteq L^2(\widehat{G})$ . It remains to show that  $\mathcal{K}$  is dense in  $L^2(\widehat{G})$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{K}$  is invariant under translation: we have  $\sigma * \widehat{f} = \widehat{\sigma \cdot f}$  for  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  and  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$ . Furthermore,  $\mathcal{K}$  is invariant under multiplication by  $\{\widehat{x} : x \in G\}$ : we have  $\widehat{x}\widehat{f} = \widehat{x * f}$  for  $x \in G$  and  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(G)$ . We shall use this to show that  $\mathcal{K}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which in a Hilbert space suffices to show density.

Suppose then that  $\psi \in \mathcal{K}^\perp$ . Then for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$  we have

$$0 = \langle \psi | \widehat{x}\varphi \rangle = \int_{\widehat{G}} \overline{\psi(\sigma)} \varphi(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma$$

So  $\overline{\psi}\varphi = 0$  by the uniqueness proposition for inverse transform.

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Fix  $f \in C_c^+(G)$  with

$$\int_G f dm = 1$$

Then  $\varphi_0 = \widehat{f} \in \mathcal{K}$  has

$$\varphi_0(1) = \int_G f dm_G = 1$$

so there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of 1 with  $\varphi_0(\tau) > 0$  for  $\tau \in U$ . In particular, for  $\psi$  as above we have

$$0 = \overline{\psi}(\overline{\sigma} * \varphi_0) = \sigma * (\overline{\psi}(\overline{\sigma} * \varphi_0)) = \sigma * \overline{\psi}\varphi_0$$

(One should check this.) Hence  $\sigma * \overline{\psi}(\tau) = 0$  for almost every  $\tau \in U$ ; i.e.  $\overline{\psi}(\overline{\sigma}\tau) = 0$  for such  $\tau$ . Thus  $m_{\widehat{G}}$ -almost-everywhere we have  $\overline{\psi} = 0$ . □ [Theorem 10.24](#)

*Remark 10.25.* If  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(\widehat{G})$  (with  $\mathcal{K}$  as above), then  $U^*f = \check{f}$ ,

$$\check{f}(x) = \int_G f(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma$$

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We do this using the first computation in the proof of the Plancherel theorem.

**Lemma 10.26.**

1. If  $\varphi, \psi \in C_c(\widehat{G})$ , then  $\varphi * \psi = \widehat{h}$  for some  $h \in B^1(G)$ .
2. Let  $A^p(\widehat{G}) = \{ \widehat{f} : f \in B^p(G) \}$  for  $p \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then  $A^p(\widehat{G})$  is dense in  $L^p(\widehat{G})$ .

*Proof.*

1.  $C_c(\widehat{G}) \subseteq L^2(\widehat{G})$ , so  $\check{\varphi} = U^*\varphi, \check{\psi} = U^*\psi \in L^2(G)$ , and  $\widehat{\varphi * \psi} = \check{\varphi}\check{\psi} \in L^1(G)$ . But  $\check{\omega} \in B(G)$  for any  $\omega \in L^1(\widehat{G})$ ; so  $\widehat{\varphi * \psi} \in B^1(G)$ . Let  $h = \varphi * \psi$ , and apply the inversion theorem.
2. Suppose  $f \in L^p(\widehat{G})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $(k_i)_i$  be a contractive summability kernel for  $L^1(\widehat{G})$ . Then for some  $i$  we have  $\|f - k_i * f\|_p < \varepsilon$  (A2Q1). Let  $\varphi, \psi \in C_c(\widehat{G})$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \|k_i - \varphi\|_1 &< \varepsilon \\ \|\psi - f\|_p &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - \varphi * \psi\|_p &\leq \|f - k_i * f\|_p + \|k_i * f - k_i * \psi\|_p + \|k_i * \psi - \varphi * \psi\|_p \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon + \varepsilon \underbrace{\|\psi\|_p}_{\leq \varepsilon + \|f\|_p} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by the first item, we have  $\varphi * \psi \in A^1(\widehat{G}) \subseteq A^2(\widehat{G})$ , so we are done. □ [Lemma 10.26](#)

Our goal now is Pontryagin duality. If  $x \in G$ , we let  $\widehat{\widehat{x}} \in \widehat{\widehat{G}}$  be  $\widehat{\widehat{x}}(\sigma) = \sigma(x)$ . We wish to show that the map  $G \rightarrow \widehat{\widehat{G}}$  given by  $x \mapsto \widehat{\widehat{x}}$  is a surjective homeomorphism.

*Remark 10.27.* It is evident that  $x \mapsto \hat{x}$  is a homomorphism.

Given a symmetric relatively compact neighbourhood  $V \subseteq G$  of  $e$ , we let  $h_V = \frac{1}{m(V)} 1_V * 1_V$ . Then

1. Since  $1_V^* = 1_V$  (using unimodularity), we have that  $h_V \in B^+ \cap L^1(G) \subseteq B^1(G)$ .
2.  $\text{supp}(h_V) \subseteq V^2$ .
3. The value at  $e$  is given by

$$h_V(e) = \frac{1}{m(V)} \int_V 1_V(x) 1_V(x^{-1}e) dx = 1$$

*Warning 10.28.*  $(h_V)_{V \in \mathcal{V}}$  (where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the class of symmetric neighbourhoods of  $e$ ) is *not* a summability kernel.

**Proposition 10.29.** *The map  $G \rightarrow \widehat{\widehat{G}}$  given by  $x \mapsto \hat{x}$  is injective.*

*Proof.* For  $h_V$  as above, the inversion theorem yields that

$$h_V(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{h}_V(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma = \int_G \widehat{h}_V \widehat{x} dm_{\widehat{G}}$$

If  $x \neq e$ , find  $V$  so  $x \notin V^2$ ; then

$$\int_G \widehat{h} \widehat{x} dm_{\widehat{G}} = h_V(x) = 0 \neq 1 = h_V(1) = \int_G \widehat{h} \underbrace{\widehat{e}}_1 dm_{\widehat{G}}$$

So  $\hat{x} \neq 1 = \widehat{e}$ .

□ [Proposition 10.29](#)

**Theorem 10.30** (Pontryagin duality theorem). *The map  $G \rightarrow \widehat{\widehat{G}}$  given by  $x \mapsto \hat{x}$  is a surjective homeomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma = \{ \hat{x} : x \in G \} \subseteq \widehat{\widehat{G}}$ .

(I) We show that the map  $G \rightarrow \Gamma$  given by  $x \mapsto \hat{x}$  is a homeomorphism onto its image. Suppose  $(x_\alpha)_\alpha$  is a net in  $G$  and  $x_0 \in G$ . Consider the following convergences:

1.  $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{\alpha} x_0$  in  $G$ .
2.  $f(x_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha} f(x_0)$  for all  $f \in B^1(G)$ . (This is  $\sigma(G, B^1(G))$ -convergence.)
3.  $\widehat{x}_\alpha \xrightarrow{\alpha} \widehat{x}_0$  in  $\widehat{\widehat{G}}$ .

We will show that these are equivalent.

Since  $B^1(G) \subseteq C_b(G)$ , we get (1) implies (2). For  $h_V$  as above we have  $x_0 * h_V \in B^1(G)$ . If (2) holds, then

$$h_V(x_0^{-1}x_\alpha) = (x_0 * h_V)(x_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (x_0 * h_V)(x_0) = h_V(e) = 1$$

Hence by construction of  $h_V$  we see that  $x_0^{-1}x_\alpha$  is eventually inside  $V^2$ . Thus (2) implies (1).

On  $\widehat{\widehat{G}}$  the topology  $w^* = \sigma(L^\infty(\widehat{G}), L^1(\widehat{G}))$  coincides with  $\tau = \sigma(L^\infty(\widehat{G}), A^1(\widehat{G}))$ . Indeed,  $\tau \subseteq w^*$ , and since  $A^1(\widehat{G})$  is dense in  $L^1(\widehat{G})$ , we get that  $\tau \upharpoonright \text{ball}(L^\infty(\widehat{G}))$  (closed unit ball) is Hausdorff. Two comparable compact Hausdorff topologies on  $\text{ball}(L^\infty(\widehat{G}))$  must coincide. Now we use the inversion theorem: if  $f \in B^1(G)$  and  $x \in G$  then

$$f(x) = \int_G \widehat{f}(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma = \int_G \widehat{f} \widehat{x} dm_{\widehat{G}}$$

It is then immediate that (2) and (3) are equivalent.

(II)  $\Gamma$  is closed in  $\widehat{\widehat{G}}$ . By A1Q1, since  $\Gamma$  is homeomorphic to  $G$ , we get that  $\Gamma$  is complete, and thus closed.

(III) We show that  $\Gamma = \widehat{G}$ . If  $\Gamma \subsetneq \widehat{G}$ , then there is  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$  and a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $1_{\widehat{G}}$  such that  $U^2\chi \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$ . Hence if  $\varphi, \psi \in C_c^+(\widehat{G})$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subseteq U$  and  $\text{supp } \psi \subseteq U\chi$ , then  $\varphi * \psi \neq 0$  but  $(\varphi * \psi)(\hat{x}) = 0$  for each  $\hat{x} \in \Gamma$ . By lemma

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there is  $h \in B^1(\widehat{G})$  such that  $\widehat{h} = \varphi * \psi$ ; so, by inversion theorem, we have

$$0 = \widehat{h}(\hat{x}) = \int_{\widehat{G}} h(\sigma) \overline{\widehat{x}(\sigma)} d\sigma = \int_{\widehat{G}} h(\sigma) \sigma(x^{-1}) d\sigma = \check{h}(x^{-1})$$

(Recall if  $h \in L^1(\widehat{G})$  then  $\widehat{h} \in A(\widehat{G})$ .) Hence  $h = 0$  on  $\widehat{G}$  by uniqueness proposition

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This contradicts our construction, so  $\Gamma = \widehat{G}$ . □ [Theorem 10.30](#)

**Definition 10.31.** If  $\mu \in M(G)$ , we let the *Fourier-Stieltjes transform* of  $\mu$  be

$$\widehat{\mu}(\sigma) = \int_G \overline{\sigma(x)} d\mu(x)$$

for  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$ . We let  $B(\widehat{G}) = \{\widehat{\mu} : \mu \in M(G)\} \subseteq C_b(\widehat{G})$ .

**Theorem 10.32** (Uniqueness theorem). *The Fourier-Stieltjes transform  $M(G) \rightarrow B(\widehat{G})$  is injective. Hence the Fourier transform  $L^1(G) \rightarrow A(\widehat{G})$  given by  $f \mapsto \widehat{f}$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Let  $\iota: G \rightarrow \widehat{G}$  be  $\iota(x) = \hat{x}$ . Given  $\mu \in M(G)$ , we have  $\mu \circ \iota^{-1} \in M(\widehat{G})$ . Then for  $\sigma \in \widehat{G}$  we have

$$\widehat{\mu}(\sigma) = \int_G \underbrace{\overline{\sigma(x)}}_{\widehat{x}(\sigma)} d\mu(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{x}(\sigma) d(\mu \circ \iota^{-1})(x) = \widehat{\mu \circ \iota^{-1}}(\sigma)$$

Hence if  $\mu \neq 0$  then  $\mu \circ \iota^{-1} \neq 0$ ; by the uniqueness proposition

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we then have that  $\widehat{\mu \circ \iota^{-1}} \neq 0$ , and  $\widehat{\mu} \neq 0$ . (It is clear that  $\mu \mapsto \widehat{\mu}$  is linear.) □ [Theorem 10.32](#)

## 11 Harmonic analysis on compact grapes

Let  $G$  be a compact grape. We *always* assume  $m(G) = 1$ .

**Fact 11.1.**

1. If  $\pi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^\times$  is a representation, then there is  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^\times$  such that  $S\pi(G)S^{-1} \subseteq U(\mathcal{H})$ .
2. If  $\pi: G \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})^\times$  where  $\mathcal{X}$  is a finite-dimensional Banach space, then there is invertible  $S: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $S\pi(G)S^{-1} \subseteq U(\mathcal{H})$ . (For us  $\mathcal{H}$  always means a Hilbert space.)

The moral is that for us it suffices to consider unitary representations of  $G$ .

**Fact 11.2** (Projections on Hilbert spaces).

- (i) If  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is a closed subspace, then there is a unique orthogonal projection  $P_{\mathcal{L}} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $P_{\mathcal{L}}^2 = P_{\mathcal{L}}^* = P_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\text{Ran } P_{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L}$ .
- (ii) If  $P = P^2 = P^*$  in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $P = P_{\mathcal{L}}$  with  $\mathcal{L} = \text{Ran}(P)$  (automatically closed).

(iii) If  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  has  $\|\xi\| = 1$  then  $P_\xi = P_{\mathbb{C}\xi} = \xi\langle\xi|\cdot\rangle$ . (i.e.  $P_\xi(\eta) = \xi\langle\xi|\eta\rangle = \langle\xi|\eta\rangle\xi$ .)

(iii') If  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|\xi\| = \|\eta\|$ , then

$$\|P_\xi - P_\eta\| \leq \|\xi\langle\xi|\cdot\rangle - \xi\langle\eta|\cdot\rangle\| + \|\xi\langle\eta|\cdot\rangle - \eta\langle\eta|\cdot\rangle\| \leq 2\|\xi - \eta\|$$

Hence the map  $\xi \mapsto P_\xi$  is continuous.

**Definition 11.3.** Suppose  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  be a unitary.

- A closed subspace  $\mathcal{L}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $\pi$ -invariant if  $\pi(x)\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  for each  $x \in G$ .
- We say  $\pi$  is *irreducible* if the only non-zero closed  $\pi$ -invariant subspace is  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Lemma 11.4.**

1. A closed subspace  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is  $\pi$ -invariant if and only if  $\pi(x)P_{\mathcal{L}} = P_{\mathcal{L}}\pi(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .
2. A closed subspace  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is  $\pi$ -invariant if and only if  $\mathcal{L}^\perp$  is  $\pi$ -invariant.

*Proof.*

1. ( $\implies$ ) For  $x \in G$  we have  $\pi(x)P_{\mathcal{L}} = P_{\mathcal{L}}\pi(x)P_{\mathcal{L}}$ . Hence

$$P_{\mathcal{L}}\pi(x) = (\pi(x^{-1})P_{\mathcal{L}})^* = (P_{\mathcal{L}}\pi(x^{-1})P_{\mathcal{L}})^* = P_{\mathcal{L}}\pi(x)P_{\mathcal{L}} = \pi(x)P_{\mathcal{L}}$$

(since  $\pi(x^{-1}) = (\pi(x))^{-1} = (\pi(x))^*$ ).

( $\impliedby$ ) Obvious.

2. We have  $P_{\mathcal{L}^\perp} = I - P_{\mathcal{L}}$  commutes with each  $\pi(x)$  exactly when  $P_{\mathcal{L}}$  does. □ Lemma 11.4

**Proposition 11.5.** If  $\mathcal{H}$  is finite-dimensional then it admits an irreducible  $\pi$ -invariant subspace.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L} \neq \{0\}$  be a  $\pi$ -invariant subspace of minimal dimension. □ Proposition 11.5

**Theorem 11.6.** Suppose  $G$  is a compact group and  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  a unitary representation. Then

1.  $\pi$  admits a non-zero, finite-dimensional  $\pi$ -invariant subspace.
2. If  $\pi$  is irreducible, then it is finite-dimensional.
3. Generally (without assuming irreducibility),  $\pi$  is completely reducible: there is a family  $\{\mathcal{L}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of closed subspaces such that
  - (a) Each  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  is  $\pi$ -invariant.
  - (b) Each  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  is irreducible for  $\pi$ .
  - (c)  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha \perp \mathcal{L}_\beta$  for  $\alpha \neq \beta$  in  $A$ .
  - (d) The internal direct sum

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{L}_\alpha = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{\alpha_i} : n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \text{ distinct in } A, \xi_{\alpha_i} \in \mathcal{L}_{\alpha_i} \right\}$$

is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

(Note that these conditions together with the assumption that the  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  are closed will imply that the  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  are finite-dimensional.) We write

$$\pi = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} \pi(\cdot) \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}_\alpha$$

on

$$\mathcal{H} = \ell\text{-}\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{L}_\alpha$$

Note that by Pythagoras' theorem every  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  can be written uniquely in the form

$$\xi = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \xi_\alpha$$

with each  $\xi_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_\alpha$  and

$$\|\xi\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \|\xi_\alpha\|^2$$

*Proof.*

1. Fix  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|\xi\| = 1$ . Consider the operator

$$K_\xi = \int_G P_{\pi(x)\xi} dx$$

(Bochner integral, since  $x \mapsto P_{\pi(x)\xi}$  is continuous). Each of these is rank 1 and thus a compact operator; so  $K_\xi \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  (the Banach space of compact operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ ). Also if  $\eta, \zeta \in \mathcal{H}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle K_\xi \eta | \zeta \rangle &= \int_G \langle \pi(x)\xi \langle \pi(x)\xi | \eta \rangle | \zeta \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G \langle \pi(x)\xi | \zeta \rangle \langle \eta | \pi(x)\xi \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G \langle \eta | \pi(x)\xi \langle \pi(x)\xi | \zeta \rangle \rangle dx \\ &= \langle \eta | K_\xi \zeta \rangle \end{aligned}$$

so  $K_\xi^* = K_\xi$ . If we let  $\eta = \xi = \zeta$ , then we get

$$\langle \xi | K_\xi \xi \rangle = \int_G |\langle \xi | \pi(x)\xi \rangle|^2 dx$$

where  $\langle \xi | \pi(e)\xi \rangle = 1 > 0$ ; hence  $\langle \xi | K_\xi \xi \rangle > 0$ , and  $K_\xi \neq 0$ . Also, if  $y \in G$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{H}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(y)K_\xi \eta &= \int_G \pi(yx) \langle \pi(x)\xi | \eta \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G \pi(x) \langle \pi(x)\xi | \pi(y)\eta \rangle dx \\ &= K_\xi \pi(y)\eta \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\pi(y)K_\xi = K_\xi \pi(y)$ . We now apply the spectral theorem to  $K_\xi$  to get a sequence of orthogonal projections  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$  (perhaps finite) and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = 0$$

and

- $K_\xi = \sum_{n=1,2,\dots} \lambda_n P_n$  (converges in norm, if the sequence is infinite).
- Each  $1 \leq \dim(P_n(\mathcal{H})) < \infty$ .
- $P_n P_m = 0$  if  $n \neq m$ .
- For  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  we have  $T K_\xi = K_\xi T$  if and only if  $T P_n = P_n T$  for each  $n$ .

We thus have  $\pi(x)P_n = P_n \pi(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ ; so  $\mathcal{L}_n = \text{Ran } P_n$  is  $\pi$ -invariant.

2. By (1) and the last proposition, if  $\pi$  is infinite dimensional, then it admits an (irreducible)  $\pi$ -invariant subspace.



3. We let

$$\Lambda = \{ \lambda = \{ \mathcal{L}_\alpha \}_{\alpha \in A_\lambda} : \lambda \text{ satisfies (a)-(c) above} \}$$

By (1) and the last proposition we get  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda$  is partially ordered by  $\subseteq$ . Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda$  be a chain; so  $\{ \mathcal{L} : \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_\alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in A_\lambda, \lambda \in \Gamma \} \in \Lambda$  is an upper bound for  $\Lambda$ . By Zorn's lemma, there is a maximal element  $\mu = \{ \mathcal{L}_\alpha \}_{\alpha \in A_\mu} \in \Lambda$ . Let

$$\mathcal{M} = \overline{\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A_\mu} \mathcal{L}_\alpha}$$

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\pi$ -invariant by continuity of each  $\pi(x)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}^\perp \neq \{0\}$ , then (1) and the last proposition yield an irreducible  $\pi$ -invariant subspace  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^\perp$ . Then  $\mu \cup \{ \mathcal{L} \} \in \Lambda$  violates maximality of  $\mu$ , a contradiction.  $\square$  [Theorem 11.6](#)

**Lemma 11.7** (Schur's lemma). *Suppose  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  is a finite-dimensional unitary representation. Then*

1.  $\pi$  is irreducible if and only if  $(\pi(G))' = \{ T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : T\pi(x) = \pi(x)T \text{ for all } x \in G \}$  is  $\mathbb{C}I$ .
2. If  $\pi': G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}')$  is another unitary representation and  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  are irreducible, then if  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}')$  satisfies  $A\pi(x) = \pi'(x)A$  for each  $x \in G$ , then  $A = cU$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  and unitary  $U$ . (In particular, if  $c \neq 0$  we get  $\dim(\mathcal{H}) = \dim(\mathcal{H}')$ ).

We sometimes call elements of  $(\pi(G))'$  *intertwiners*. The finite dimensional assumption is actually superfluous, once we know the spectral theorem for von Neumann algebras.

*Proof.*

1. If  $T \in (\pi(G))'$  then so too is  $T^*$ . Indeed, for  $x \in G$  we have

$$T^*\pi(x) = (\pi(x^{-1}T))^* = (T\pi(x^{-1}))^* = \pi(x)T^*$$

Hence each  $\operatorname{Re}(T) = \frac{1}{2}(T + T^*)$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(T) = \frac{1}{2i}(T - T^*) \in (\pi(G))'$ . If  $A = A^* \in (\pi(G))'$ , we can use spectral theorem to write

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k P_k$$

Then each  $P_k$  has  $P_k\pi(x) = \pi(x)P_k$  for all  $x \in G$ ; so  $\operatorname{Ran}(P_k)$  is  $\pi$ -invariant.

( $\implies$ ) If  $\pi$  is irreducible, then  $A = A^* \in (\pi(G))'$  implies  $A = cI$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) The only orthogonal projections in  $(\pi(G))'$  are 0 and  $I$ ; we then use the previous lemma.

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2. If  $A\pi(x) = \pi'(x)A$  then

- $\ker(A)$  is  $\pi$ -invariant, and hence either  $\{0\}$  or  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- $\operatorname{Ran}(A)$  is  $\pi'$ -invariant, and hence respectively either  $\mathcal{H}$  or  $\{0\}$ .

So  $A$  is either 0 or invertible. In the latter case we have

$$A^*A\pi(x) = A^*\pi'(x)A = \pi(x)A^*A$$

(where the last equality follows as in (1)). So  $A^*A = cI$  for some  $c > 0$ . Let  $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}A$ .  $\square$  [Lemma 11.7](#)

**Corollary 11.8.** *If  $G$  is a compact abelian group, then each irreducible representation is multiplication by a character  $\sigma \in \hat{G}$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

Again, had we more spectral theory, we could dispense with the compactness hypothesis.

*Proof.* If  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  is an irreducible representation, then for  $x \in G$  we have  $\pi(x) \in (\pi(G))' = \mathbb{C}I$ . Hence we can write  $\pi(x) = \sigma(x)I$  for  $\sigma(x) \in \mathbb{T}$  (since  $\pi$  is unitary). Moreover we have

$$\sigma(xy)I = \pi(xy) = \pi(x)\pi(y) = (\sigma(x)I)(\sigma(y)I) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)I$$

Clearly  $x \mapsto \sigma(x)$  is continuous, as  $\pi$  is. By irreducibility, we get  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_\pi) = 1$ .  $\square$  **Corollary 11.8**

**Definition 11.9.** If  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\pi': G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}')$  are unitary representations (not necessarily irreducible or finite dimensional), then we say  $\pi$  is *unitarily equivalent* to  $\pi'$  if there is a unitary  $U \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}', \mathcal{H})$  such that  $U\pi'(x) = \pi(x)U$  for  $x \in G$ ; i.e.  $\pi'(x) = U^*\pi(x)U$ . We then set

$$\text{Irr}(G) = \{ \pi: G \rightarrow U(d) : \pi \text{ a continuous homomorphism, } (\pi(G))' = \mathbb{C}I_d \text{ (in } M_d(\mathbb{C})) \}$$

where  $U(d)$  is the  $d \times d$  unitary grape. We let  $\widehat{G} = \text{Irr}(G)/\approx$  where  $\pi \approx \pi'$  if  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  are unitarily equivalent. ‘‘Properly’’ speaking, we have

$$\widehat{G} = \{ [\pi] \mid \pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}_\pi) \text{ (finite dimensional irreducible unitary representation)} \}$$

We have a ‘‘standard abuse of notation’’: we consider  $\widehat{G}$  as a full set of representation of its equivalence classes; i.e. we write ‘‘ $\pi \in \widehat{G}$ ’’ rather than  $[\pi] \in \widehat{G}$ . We have the convention that  $\pi \neq \pi'$  in  $\widehat{G}$  means that  $\pi \not\approx \pi'$ .

## 11.1 Matrix coefficient functions

Given  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$ , we let

$$\mathcal{T}_\pi = \text{span}\{ \langle \xi \mid \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle : \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_\pi \} \subseteq C(G) \subseteq L^2(G)$$

since  $m(G) = 1$ . (Note that if  $U \in U(H_\pi)$  then  $\langle U\xi \mid \pi(\cdot)U\eta \rangle = \langle \xi \mid U^*\pi(\cdot)U\eta \rangle$ ; so  $\pi \mapsto \mathcal{T}_\pi$  is independent of equivalence class.)

Let  $d_\pi = \dim(\mathcal{H}_\pi)$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{d_\pi}\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$ . Then for  $\xi, \eta \in H_\pi$  we have

$$\langle \xi \mid \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^{d_\pi} \langle e_j \mid \xi \rangle e_j \mid \pi(\cdot) \sum_{i=1}^{d_\pi} \langle e_i \mid \eta \rangle e_i \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{d_\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{d_\pi} \langle \xi \mid e_j \rangle \langle e_i \mid \eta \rangle \underbrace{\langle e_j \mid \pi(\cdot)e_i \rangle}_{\pi_{ij}}$$

Then with respect to the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{d_\pi}\}$  we have that  $\pi(x) = [\pi_{ij}(x)]$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_\pi = \text{span}\{ \pi_{ij} : i, j \in \{1, \dots, d_\pi\} \}$ . This leads to:

**Theorem 11.10** (Schur’s orthogonality relations). *Suppose  $\pi, \pi' \in \widehat{G}$ . Then*

1. *If  $\pi \neq \pi'$  (i.e. they aren’t unitarily equivalent) then  $\mathcal{T}_\pi \perp \mathcal{T}_{\pi'}$  in  $L^2(G)$ .*
2. *If  $\xi, \eta, \zeta, \omega \in \mathcal{H}_\pi$ , then*

$$\int_G \overline{\langle \xi \mid \pi(x)\eta \rangle} \langle \zeta \mid \pi(x)\omega \rangle dx = \frac{1}{d_\pi} \langle \zeta \mid \xi \rangle \langle \eta \mid \omega \rangle$$

In particular, with the notation as above, we get that  $\{ \sqrt{d_\pi} \pi_{ij} : i, j \in \{1, \dots, d_\pi\} \}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{T}_\pi$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{\pi'}, \mathcal{H}_\pi)$ , and let

$$\tilde{A} = \int_G \pi(x) A \pi'(x^{-1}) dx$$

(Bochner integral in a finite-dimensional Banach space). Then for  $y \in G$  we have

$$\tilde{A}\pi'(y) = \int_G \pi(x) A \pi' \left( \underbrace{x^{-1}y}_{(y^{-1}x)^{-1}} \right) dx = \int_G \pi(yx) A \pi'(x^{-1}) dx = \pi(x) \tilde{A}$$

Hence, by Schur's lemma, we have

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \pi \neq \pi' \\ cI & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where  $c \neq 0$ . Now suppose  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_{\pi'}$ ,  $\zeta, \omega \in \mathcal{H}_{\pi}$ , and  $A = \omega \langle \eta | \cdot \rangle \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{\pi'}, \mathcal{H}_{\pi})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A} &= \int_G \pi(x) \omega \langle \pi'(x) \eta | \cdot \rangle dx \\ \langle \zeta | \tilde{A} \xi \rangle &= \int_G \langle \zeta | \pi(x) \omega \rangle \langle \pi'(x) \eta | \xi \rangle dx \\ &= \int_G \overline{\langle \xi | \pi'(x) \eta \rangle} \langle \zeta | \pi(x) \omega \rangle dx \end{aligned}$$

Hence if  $\pi \neq \pi'$ , we get the first result. If  $\pi = \pi'$ , then  $\tilde{A} = cI$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ; we compute

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \text{Tr}(\tilde{A}) \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \int_G \text{Tr}(\pi(x) A \pi(x^{-1})) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \int_G \text{Tr}(A) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \text{Tr}(A) \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^{d_{\pi}} \langle e_i | A e_i \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^{d_{\pi}} \langle e_i | \omega \rangle \langle \eta | e_i \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{d_{\pi}} \langle \eta | \omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(where the last equality follows from Parseval).

□ [Theorem 11.10](#)

**Definition 11.11.** We set

$$\mathcal{T}(G) = \bigoplus_{\pi \in \hat{G}} \mathcal{T}_{\pi} \subseteq C(G) \subseteq L^2(G)$$

We look to defining the tensor product of representations. If  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}'$  are finite dimensional Hilbert spaces, then on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'$ , the quantity

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \otimes \xi'_i \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n'} \eta_j \otimes \eta'_j \right. \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n'} \langle \xi_i | \eta_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \langle \xi'_i | \eta'_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}'}$$

is well-defined and sesquilinear. (To check this, one fixes  $\eta \otimes \eta'$  and checks that  $(\xi, \xi') \mapsto \langle \xi \otimes \xi' | \eta \otimes \eta' \rangle$  is bilinear on  $\overline{\mathcal{H}} \times \overline{\mathcal{H}'}$  (where  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$  has the same addition and conjugated scalar multiplication; i.e.  $a \cdot \xi = \overline{a} \xi$ ). One then does the same on the right.) If  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}'$  have orthonormal bases  $\{e_1, \dots, e_d\}$  and  $\{e'_1, \dots, e'_{d'}\}$ , then  $\{e_i \otimes e'_j : i \in \{1, \dots, d\}, j \in \{1, \dots, d'\}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'$  with  $\langle e_i \otimes e'_j | e_k \otimes e'_{\ell} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{j\ell}$  (Kronecker  $\delta$ ). So  $\{e_i \otimes e'_j : i \in \{1, \dots, d\}, j \in \{1, \dots, d'\}\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'$ . If  $\omega \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'$ , we write

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^{d'} \omega_{ij} e_i \otimes e'_j$$

and

$$\langle \omega | \omega \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^{d'} |\omega_{ij}|^2 \geq 0$$

is non-zero if  $\omega \neq 0$ . So  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}'$ .

If  $U \in U(\mathcal{H})$  and  $U' \in U(\mathcal{H}')$ , then

$$(U \otimes U') \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \otimes \xi'_i = \sum_{i=1}^n U \xi_i \otimes U' \xi'_i$$

is a well-defined unitary operator. Given  $\pi, \pi' \in \widehat{G}$ , the map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \otimes \pi' : G &\rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}_\pi \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\pi'}) \\ x &\mapsto \pi(x) \otimes \pi'(x) \end{aligned}$$

defines a unitary representation of  $G$  that is independent of unitary equivalence class up to unitary equivalence.

*Warning 11.12.* There is no reason to expect that  $\pi \otimes \pi'$  be irreducible.

By complete reducibility, we have

$$\pi \otimes \pi' = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}$$

for  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n \in \widehat{G}$  and  $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$  the ‘‘multiplicity’’. So  $\mathcal{T}(G)$  is an algebra of functions. Indeed, given  $\pi, \pi' \in \widehat{G}$  and  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_\pi, \zeta, \omega \in \mathcal{H}_{\pi'}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle \langle \zeta | \pi'(\cdot)\omega \rangle &= \langle \xi \otimes \zeta | \pi \otimes \pi'(\cdot)\eta \otimes \omega \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \xi \otimes \zeta \left| \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)} \right) \eta \otimes \omega \right. \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \xi \otimes \zeta \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} P_{ij} \pi_i(\cdot) P_{ij} \eta \otimes \omega \right. \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \langle P_{ij}(\xi \otimes \zeta) | \pi_i(\cdot) P_{ij}(\eta \otimes \omega) \rangle \\ &\in \mathcal{T}(G) \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{ij}$  are orthogonal projections.

**Definition 11.13** (Conjugate representation). Suppose  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{d_\pi}\}$  an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$  with  $\pi_{ij}(\cdot) = \langle e_j | \pi(\cdot)e_i \rangle$ . We define  $\bar{\pi} : G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}_\pi)$  by  $\bar{\pi}(x) = [\pi_{ij}(x)]$  (with respect to the chosen orthonormal basis).

Suppose  $\pi = U^* \pi'(\cdot) U$  for unitary  $U$ . Then  $(U^*)_{ik} = \overline{U_{ki}}$ . Then

$$\pi = U^* \pi'(\cdot) U = \left[ \sum_{k, \ell=1}^{d_\pi} \overline{U_{ik}} \pi'_{k\ell}(\cdot) U_{\ell j} \right]$$

So

$$\bar{\pi} = \left[ \sum_{k, \ell=1}^{d_\pi} U_{ik} \overline{\pi'_{k\ell}(\cdot)} \overline{U_{\ell j}} \right] = (\overline{U})^* \bar{\pi}'(\cdot) \overline{U}$$

(where  $\overline{U} = [\overline{U_{ij}}]$ ). Thus  $\pi \approx \pi'$  implies  $\bar{\pi} \approx \bar{\pi}'$ .

Note also that  $\mathcal{T}(G)$  is conjugate-closed: we have  $\overline{\langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle} = \langle \bar{\xi} | \bar{\pi}(\cdot)\bar{\eta} \rangle$  where  $\bar{\xi}$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  are pointwise conjugated with respect to some orthonormal basis.

*Remark 11.14.* If  $G$  is abelian then for  $\sigma, \sigma' \in \widehat{G}$  we have  $\sigma \otimes \sigma' \cong \sigma \sigma'$  as  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}$ ; hence  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma^{-1}$ .

**Notation 11.15.** We let  $\lambda : G \rightarrow U(L^2(G))$  be the left regular representation, so  $\lambda(x)f(y) = f(x^{-1}y)$  for almost every  $y$ . Note that  $C(G) \subseteq L^2(G)$  is a dense (hence not closed)  $\lambda$ -invariant subspace.

**Theorem 11.16** (Peter-Weyl).

1. For  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$  let  $\{e_1^\pi, \dots, e_{d_\pi}^\pi\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_\pi$ , and let

$$\mathcal{T}_{\pi,j} = \text{span}\{\pi_{ij} : i \in \{1, \dots, d_\pi\}\} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_\pi \subseteq C(G) \subseteq L^2(G)$$

Then  $\mathcal{T}_{\pi,j}$  is  $\lambda$ -invariant, and  $\lambda_{\pi,j} = P_{\pi,j}\lambda(\cdot)|_{\mathcal{T}_{\pi,j}} \approx \bar{\pi}$  (where  $P_{\pi,j}$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{T}_{\pi,j}$ ).

2. We have

$$\mathcal{T}(G) = \bigoplus_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{T}_\pi$$

is uniformly dense in  $C(G)$ , and hence  $L^2$ -dense in  $L^2(G)$ .

3. We have

$$\lambda = \bigoplus_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} \pi^{(d_\pi)}$$

on

$$L^2(G) = \ell^2 \cdot \bigoplus_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{d_\pi} \mathcal{T}_{\pi,j} \cong \ell^2 \cdot \bigoplus_{\pi \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{H}_\pi^{(d_\pi)}$$

and in particular  $\{\sqrt{d_\pi}\pi_{ij} : i, j \in \{1, \dots, d_\pi\}, \pi \in \widehat{G}\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(G)$ .

*Proof.*

1. If  $x, y \in G$  then using the matrix product we have

$$\lambda(x)\pi_{ij}(y) = \pi_{ij}(x^{-1}y) = \sum_{k=1}^{d_\pi} \underbrace{\pi_{ik}(x^{-1})}_{\bar{\pi}_{ki}(x)} \pi_{kj}(y)$$

i.e.

$$\lambda(x)\pi_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{d_\pi} \bar{\pi}_{ki}(x)\pi_{kj}$$

Let  $U_j: \mathcal{H}_\pi \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\pi,j}$  be given by  $U_j e_i^\pi = \sqrt{d_\pi}\pi_{ij}$ . Then for  $x \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_j^* \lambda_{\pi,j}(x) U_j e_i^\pi &= U_j^* \lambda_{\pi,j}(x) \sqrt{d_\pi} \pi_{ij} \\ &= U_j^* \sqrt{d_\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{d_\pi} \bar{\pi}_{ki}(x) \pi_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{d_\pi} \overline{\pi_{ki}(x)} e_k^\pi \\ &= \bar{\pi}(x) e_i^\pi \end{aligned}$$

so  $U_j^* \lambda_{\pi,j}(\cdot) U_j = \bar{\pi}$ .

2. Let us see that  $\mathcal{T}(G)$  is point separating. Notice that if  $x \neq e$  in  $G$  and  $V$  is a symmetric relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$  with  $x \in V^2$  then  $\lambda(x)1_V = 1_{xV}$  and  $1_{xV} \neq 1_V = \lambda(e)1_V$  so  $\lambda(x) \neq \lambda(e)$ . Hence if  $x \neq y$  in  $G$  then  $\lambda(x) \neq \lambda(y)$  (as  $\lambda(x^{-1}y) = \lambda(e)$ ). By complete reducibility there is a finite-dimensional  $\lambda$ -invariant  $\lambda$ -irreducible subspace  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq L^2(G)$  such that  $\lambda(x)|_{\mathcal{L}} \neq \lambda(y)|_{\mathcal{L}}$ . Then there are  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\pi = \lambda(\cdot)|_{\mathcal{L}}$  satisfies  $\langle \xi | \pi(x)\eta \rangle \neq \langle \xi | \pi(y)\eta \rangle$ . Hence, by Stone-Weierstrass we have  $\mathcal{T}(G)$  is uniformly dense in  $C(G)$ .

3. We simply use (1), and use (2) to see that  $\{\sqrt{d_\pi}\pi_{ij}(\cdot) : i, j \in \{1, \dots, d_\pi\}, \pi \in \widehat{G}\}$  is a maximal orthonormal set in  $L^2(G)$ .

□ [Theorem 11.16](#)

## 11.2 Fourier analysis on compact grapes

**Definition 11.17** (Fourier transform). If  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\pi \in \hat{G}$  we let

$$\hat{f}(\pi) = \int_G f(x) \pi(x^{-1}) dx \in \mathcal{B}(H_\pi)$$

(Bochner integral). This is also

$$\left[ \int_G f(x) \underbrace{\pi_{ij}(x^{-1})}_{\pi_{ji}(x)} dx \right]$$

where we've chosen an orthonormal basis for  $H_\pi$ .

If  $f \in L^2(G) \subseteq L^1(G)$  (by the last result of Hölder/Cauchy-Schwarz inequality), then by the results on orthonormal bases in Hilbert spaces we get  $L^2$ -convergence

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{d_\pi} \langle \sqrt{d_\pi} \pi_{ij} | f \rangle \sqrt{d_\pi} \pi_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \sum_{i,j=1}^{d_\pi} \underbrace{\left( \int_G f(x) \overline{\pi_{ij}(x)} dx \right)}_{\int_G f(x) \pi_{ji}(x^{-1})} dx \pi_{ij} \\ &= \vdots \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \text{Tr}((\hat{f}(\pi))\pi(\cdot)) \end{aligned}$$

where there may be an arithmetic error in the last formula. This leads to:

**Theorem 11.18** (Inversion theorem). If  $f \in \mathcal{T}(G)$  then for  $x \in G$  we have

$$f(x) = \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \text{Tr}(\hat{f}(\pi)\pi(x))$$

*Proof.* The right hand side (call it  $\tilde{f}$ ) is in  $\mathcal{T}(G)$ , and  $\|f - \tilde{f}\|_2 = 0$ , so  $f = \tilde{f}$  on  $G$  as each is continuous. □ [Theorem 11.18](#)

**Theorem 11.19** (Plancherel/Riesz-Fischer). If  $f \in L^1(G)$  then

$$f \in L^2(G) \iff \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \|\hat{f}(\pi)\|_{\text{HS}(H_\pi)}^2 < \infty$$

where

$$\|A\|_{\text{HS}(H_\pi)}^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{d_\pi} |\langle e_j^\pi | A e_i^\pi \rangle|^2$$

is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm. Furthermore we have

$$\|f\|_2 = \left( \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \|\hat{f}(\pi)\|_{\text{HS}(H_\pi)}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

i.e.

$$L^2(G) = \ell^2 \text{-} \bigoplus_{\pi \in \hat{G}} \sqrt{d_\pi} \text{HS}(H_\pi)$$

*Proof.* Riesz-Fischer theorem.

□ [Theorem 11.19](#)

**Theorem 11.20** (Parseval's formula). *If  $f, g \in L^2(G)$  then*

$$\int_G \bar{f}g dm = \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} d_\pi \operatorname{Tr}((\hat{f}(\pi))^* \hat{g}(\pi))$$

**Proposition 11.21** (Uniqueness). *If  $\mu \in M(G)$  then the Fourier-Stieltjes transform is given on  $\pi$  in  $\hat{G}$  by*

$$\hat{\mu}(\pi) = \int_G \pi(x^{-1}) d\mu(x)$$

*Then if  $\hat{\mu}(\pi) = 0$  for every  $\pi \in \hat{G}$  we must have  $\mu = 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\hat{\mu}(\pi) = 0$  for all  $\pi$  then

$$\int_G f d\mu = 0$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{T}(G)$ . So

$$\int_G f d\mu = 0$$

for all  $f \in C(G)$ , since  $\overline{\mathcal{T}(G)}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty} = C(G)$  by Peter-Weyl. Hence  $\mu = 0$  (by Riesz representation theorem).

□ [Proposition 11.21](#)

### 11.3 Character theory

If  $\rho: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  is a finite-dimensional unitary representation, we define its character to be  $\chi_\rho = \operatorname{Tr} \circ \rho: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition 11.22.** *Suppose  $\pi, \pi' \in \hat{G}$  and  $\rho: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  is a finite dimensional representation. Then*

$$1. \chi_\pi \chi_{\pi'} = \chi_{\pi \otimes \pi'} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \chi_{\pi_i}, \text{ where}$$

$$\pi \otimes \pi' = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}$$

with  $\pi_i \in \hat{G}$ .

$$2. \int_G \overline{\chi_\pi} \chi_\rho dm = m(\pi, \rho) := \max\{m \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N} : \pi^{(m)} \text{ is equivalent to a subring of } \rho\}.$$

$$3. \rho \in \hat{G} \iff \int_G |\chi_\rho|^2 dm = 1$$

4. *If we let 1 be the trivial representation then*

$$m(1, \pi \otimes \pi') = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \pi' = \pi \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.*

1. Suppose  $x \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi(x) \chi_{\pi'}(x) &= \operatorname{Tr}(\pi(x)) \operatorname{Tr}(\pi'(x)) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}(\pi(x) \otimes \pi'(x)) \text{ (check, linear algebra)} \\ &= \operatorname{Tr} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}(x) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \operatorname{Tr}(\pi_i(x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \chi_{\pi_i} \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose

$$\rho = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}$$

then

$$\pi \otimes \rho = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\pi \otimes \pi_i)^{(m_i)}$$

We then use the first item and the Schur orthogonality relations.

3. If

$$\rho = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}$$

then as above we have

$$\chi_\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \chi_{\pi_i}$$

So

$$\overline{\chi_\rho} \chi_\rho = \sum_{i,j=1}^n m_i m_j \overline{\chi_{\pi_j}} \chi_{\pi_i}$$

So

$$\int_G |\chi_\rho|^2 dm = \sum_{i,j=1}^n m_i m_j \underbrace{\int_G \overline{\chi_{\pi_j}} \chi_{\pi_i} dm}_{\delta_{ij}} = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k^2$$

This is  $> 1$  unless  $\rho$  is irreducible.

4. Combine the second and third items.

□ [Proposition 11.22](#)

**Definition 11.23** (Normalized characters). If  $\pi \in \widehat{G}$  we let  $\psi_\pi = \frac{1}{d_\pi} \chi_\pi$ .

Then if

$$\pi \otimes \pi' = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{(m_i)}$$

for distinct  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n \in \widehat{G}$ , then

$$\psi_\pi \psi_{\pi'} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i}{d_\pi d_{\pi'}} \chi_{\pi_i} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i d_{\pi_i}}{d_\pi d_{\pi'}} \psi_{\pi_i}}_{\text{convex combination}}$$

This motivates the following:

**Definition 11.24.** A *discrete hypergrape* is a set  $\Gamma$  such that  $\ell^1(\Gamma)$  admits a product which satisfies

1.  $\delta_\gamma \cdot \delta_{\gamma'} \in \text{Prob}(\Gamma) = \left\{ (p_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma} : \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} p_\gamma = 1, p_\gamma \geq 0 \right\}$ .
2. There is an identity for  $\cdot$ , call it  $\delta_1$
3. There is an involution  $\gamma \mapsto \bar{\gamma}$  (i.e. with  $\gamma = \bar{\bar{\gamma}}$ ) such that  $\delta_1 \in \text{supp}(\delta_\gamma \cdot \delta_{\gamma'})$  if and only if  $\gamma' = \bar{\gamma}$ .



## 12 Amenability

**Definition 12.1** (von Neumann). A discrete grape  $G$  is called *amenable* (Day) provided there is a finitely additive probability measure  $\mu: \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying

- $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$  when  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- $\mu(G) = 1$ .
- $\mu(xE) = \mu(E)$  for  $x \in G$  and  $E \in \mathcal{P}(G)$ .

**Proposition 12.2.** *There is a bijective correspondence between finitely additive probability measures on a set  $X$  and*

$$\mathcal{M}\ell^\infty(X) = \{ M \in \ell^\infty(X)^* : M(\varphi) \geq 0 \text{ if } \varphi \geq 0 \text{ in } \ell^\infty(X), M(1) = 1 \}$$

(These are called means.)

*Proof.* Given  $M \in \mathcal{M}\ell^\infty(X)$ , let  $\mu(E) = M(1_E)$ . Conversely, given a finitely additive probability measure  $\mu$  consider  $S(X) = \text{span}\{1_E : E \in \mathcal{P}(X)\}$ . Then check that

- $S(X)$  is dense in  $\ell^\infty(X)$ .
- Each  $\psi \in S(X)$  can be uniquely represented in the form

$$\psi = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 1_{E_i}$$

with the  $a_i$  distinct elements of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Define  $M_0: S(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$M_0(\psi) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu(E_i)$$

Then this is a bounded linear functional on  $S(X)$ , and hence extends uniquely to  $\ell^\infty(X)$ . □ [Proposition 12.2](#)

*Example 12.3* (Ultrafilter limits). Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$ ; i.e.  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  with  $A, B \in \mathcal{U} \implies A \cap B \in \mathcal{U}$ , and if  $E \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  then exactly one of  $E$  and  $X \setminus E$  lies in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Define  $\delta_{\mathcal{U}}: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\delta_{\mathcal{U}}(E) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E \in \mathcal{U} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The associated mean on  $\ell^\infty(X)$  will be denoted  $L_{\mathcal{U}}$  (ultrafilter limit).

**Definition 12.4.** We say a discrete grape is *amenable* if there is  $M \in \mathcal{M}\ell^\infty(G)$  such that  $M(\varphi \cdot x) = M(\varphi)$  for  $\varphi \in \ell^\infty(G)$  and  $x \in G$ .

*Question 12.5.* Now let  $G$  be a (not necessarily discrete) locally compact grape. What space replaces  $\ell^\infty(G)$ ?  $L^\infty(G)$ ?  $C_b(G)$ ?  $C_{\text{lu}}(G) = \{\varphi \in C_b(G) : x \mapsto \varphi \cdot x : G \rightarrow C_b(G) \text{ is continuous}\}$ ? (One should check that  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$  is closed in  $C_b(G)$ .)

**Definition 12.6.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be any of  $L^\infty(G), C_b(G), C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ . We let  $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{E} = \{M \in \mathcal{E}^* : M(\varphi) \geq 0 \text{ if } \varphi \geq 0, M(1) = 1\}$  denote the *means* on  $\mathcal{E}$ . We call  $M \in \mathcal{M}\mathcal{E}$  *left-invariant* if  $M(\varphi \cdot x) = M(\varphi)$  for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $x \in G$ .

We will tend to prefer  $L^\infty(G)$  and  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .

*Remark 12.7.* Since the map  $C_{\text{lu}}(G) \times G \rightarrow C_{\text{lu}}(G)$  given by  $(\varphi, x) \mapsto \varphi \cdot x$  is continuous, we may define an action of  $L^1(G)$  on  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$

$$\varphi \cdot f = \int_G (\varphi \cdot x) f(x) dx$$

(Bochner integral) for  $\varphi \in L^1(G)$  and  $f \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .

**Notation 12.8.** Let

$$P^1(G) = \left\{ f \in L^1(G) : f \geq 0 \text{ almost everywhere, } \int_G f dm = 1 \right\}$$

**Proposition 12.9.** *Suppose  $M \in \mathcal{M}C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ . Then  $M$  is left-invariant if and only if  $M(\varphi \cdot f) = M(\varphi)$  for all  $\varphi \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$ .*

*Proof.*

( $\implies$ ) Note that

$$M(\varphi \cdot f) = \int_G \underbrace{M(\varphi \cdot x)}_{=M(\varphi)} f(x) dx = M(\varphi)$$

( $\impliedby$ ) If  $x \in G$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$ , then  $x * f \in P^1(G)$ . Then for  $\varphi \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ ,  $x \in G$ , and  $f \in P^1(G)$  we have

$$M(\varphi \cdot x) = M((\varphi \cdot x) \cdot f) = M(\varphi \cdot (x * f)) = M(\varphi)$$

(One should check the second equality.)

□ [Proposition 12.9](#)

**Notation 12.10.** We run into a problem: for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  the map  $x \mapsto \varphi \cdot x$  may not be norm continuous. For  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$ , we define  $\varphi \cdot f$  by

$$\langle \varphi \cdot f, g \rangle = \int_G \varphi \cdot f = \int_G \varphi f * g dm$$

i.e. if  $L_f: L^1(G) \rightarrow L^1(G)$  is convolution on the left by  $f$ , then we set  $\varphi \cdot f = L_f^* \varphi$  (adjoint operator).

*Remark 12.11.* Notice that if  $f, f' \in L^1(G)$  and  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$ , then

$$\varphi \cdot (f * f') = L_{f * f'}^* \varphi = (L_f L_{f'})^* \varphi = L_f^* L_{f'}^* \varphi = (\varphi \cdot f) \cdot f'$$

Likewise we have  $(\varphi \cdot f) \cdot x = \varphi \cdot (f * x)$  for  $x \in G$ . (One should check this.) Finally, note that

$$\|\varphi \cdot f\|_\infty = \|L_f^* \varphi\|_\infty \leq \|L_f\| \|\varphi\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1 \|\varphi\|_\infty$$

**Proposition 12.12.** *If  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  and  $f \in L^1(G)$ , then  $\varphi \cdot f \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .*

*Proof.* First note that for  $x, y \in G$  we have

$$\|(\varphi \cdot f) \cdot x - (\varphi \cdot f) \cdot y\|_\infty \leq \|\varphi\|_\infty \|f * x - f * y\|_1 \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow y} 0$$

One checks that this implies that  $\varphi \cdot f$  is equal almost everywhere to an element of  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .

□ [Proposition 12.12](#)

**Theorem 12.13.** *The following are equivalent:*

1.  $L^\infty(G)$  admits a left-invariant mean.
2.  $C_c(G)$  admits a left-invariant mean.
3.  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$  admits a left-invariant mean.

*Proof.*

**(1)  $\implies$  (2)** Restriction.

**(2)  $\implies$  (3)** Restriction.

**(3)  $\implies$  (1)** Let  $(k_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subseteq P^1(G)$  be a summability kernel. If  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  then  $\varphi \cdot k_\alpha \in C_{1u}(G)$  for each  $\alpha$  by previous lemma. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $A$  containing all cofinal subsets. If  $a, b \in \ell^\infty(A)$  with  $\lim_{\alpha \in A} (a_\alpha - b_\alpha) = 0$ , then  $L_{\mathcal{U}}(a) = L_{\mathcal{U}}(b)$ . (Recall that  $L_{\mathcal{U}}$  denotes the ultrafilter limit mean.) Given left-invariant  $M \in \mathcal{M}C_{1u}(G)$ , we let

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mathcal{U}}: L^\infty(G) &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \varphi &\mapsto L_{\mathcal{U}}((M(\varphi \cdot k_\alpha))_{\alpha \in A}) \end{aligned}$$

It is now straightforward to check that

- $M_{\mathcal{U}}$  is linear and bounded with  $\|M_{\mathcal{U}}\| \leq \|M\|$ .
- $M_{\mathcal{U}}(\varphi) \geq 0$  if  $\varphi \geq 0$  in  $L^\infty(G)$ .
- $M_{\mathcal{U}}(1) = 1$ .

So  $M \in \mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$ . Now if  $f \in P^1(G)$  then

$$\lim_{\alpha \in A} k_\alpha * f = f = \lim_{\alpha \in A} f * k_\alpha$$

(by A2). Hence for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\mathcal{U}}(\varphi \cdot f) &= L_{\mathcal{U}}((M(\varphi \cdot (f * k_\alpha)))_{\alpha \in A}) \\ &= L_{\mathcal{U}}((M(\underbrace{\varphi \cdot (k_\alpha * f)}_{(\varphi \cdot k_\alpha) \cdot f}))_{\alpha \in A}) \\ &= L_{\mathcal{U}}((M(\varphi \cdot k_\alpha))_{\alpha \in A}) \\ &= M_{\mathcal{U}}(\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

□ [Theorem 12.13](#)

**Corollary 12.14.**  $G$  is amenable if and only if there is  $M \in \mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$  such that  $M(\varphi \cdot f) = M(\varphi)$  for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$ .

*Proof.* Built into the proof of the previous theorem. □ [Corollary 12.14](#)

**Notation 12.15.** Since  $(L^1(G))^* = L^\infty(G)$ , we regard  $L^1(G) \subseteq (L^\infty(G))^*$ .

**Lemma 12.16.**

1.  $\mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$  is  $w^*$ -compact and convex.
2.  $\overline{P^1(G)}^{w^*} = \mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$ .

*Proof.*

1. It is straightforward that  $\mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$  is convex and  $w^*$ -closed. Moreover,  $\mathcal{M}L^\infty(G) \subseteq \text{ball}((L^\infty(G))^*)$  (closed unit ball); hence by Banach-Alaoglu it follows that  $\mathcal{M}L^\infty(G)$  is  $w^*$ -compact. Indeed, note that since  $\|\varphi\|_\infty 1 - |\varphi| \geq 0$ , we have  $M(|\varphi|) \leq \|\varphi\|_\infty$ . Next, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$|M(\overline{\varphi}\psi)| \leq (M(\overline{\varphi}\varphi))^{\frac{1}{2}} (M(\psi\overline{\psi}))^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left\| |\varphi|^2 \right\|_\infty^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\| |\psi|^2 \right\|_\infty^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|\varphi\|_\infty \|\psi\|_\infty$$

(note that Cauchy-Schwarz applies since  $M(\overline{\varphi}\psi)$  is a Hermitian bilinear form). So

$$|M(\varphi)| = |M(1\varphi)| \leq \|1\|_\infty \|\varphi\|_\infty = \|\varphi\|_\infty$$

2. Since  $P^1(G) \subseteq \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$ , we get  $\overline{P^1(G)}^{w^*} \subseteq \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$  by (1). Let  $M \in \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G) \subseteq \text{ball}((L^\infty(G))^*)$  (by proof of (1)). Then by Goldstine's theorem we have a net  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  in  $\text{ball}(L^1(G))$  such that

$$M = w^*-\lim_\alpha f_\alpha$$

Write each

$$f_\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k f_{\alpha,k}$$

with each  $f_{\alpha,k} \geq 0$  and  $f_{\alpha,k} \leq |f_\alpha|$ ; so  $\|f_{\alpha,k}\|_1 \leq \|f_\alpha\|_1$ . If  $\varphi \geq 0$  in  $L^\infty(G)$  then

$$0 \leq M(\varphi) = \lim_\alpha i^k \underbrace{\int_G f_{\alpha,k} \varphi \, dm}_{\geq 0}$$

So since positives span  $L^\infty(G)$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} M &= w^*-\lim_\alpha (f_{\alpha,0} - f_{\alpha,2}) \\ 0 &= w^*-\lim_\alpha (f_{\alpha,1} - f_{\alpha,3}) \end{aligned}$$

But also

$$1 = M(1) = \lim_\alpha \int_G (f_{\alpha,0} - f_{\alpha,2}) \, dm = \lim_\alpha (\|f_{\alpha,0}\|_1 - \|f_{\alpha,2}\|_1)$$

But each of  $\|f_{\alpha,0}\|_1, \|f_{\alpha,2}\|_1$  lies in  $[0, 1]$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_\alpha \|f_{\alpha,0}\|_1 &= 1 \\ \lim_\alpha \|f_{\alpha,2}\|_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$M = w^*-\lim_\alpha \frac{1}{\|f_{\alpha,0}\|_1} f_{\alpha,0} \in \overline{P^1(G)}^{w^*}$$

as desired. □ [Lemma 12.16](#)

**Theorem 12.17** (Reiter). *The following are equivalent:*

1.  $G$  is amenable.
2. There is a net  $(f_\alpha)_\alpha$  in  $P^1(G)$  such that

$$\lim_\alpha \|f * f_\alpha - f_\alpha\|_1 = 0$$

for  $f \in P^1(G)$ .

3. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $K \subseteq G$  compact there is  $r \in P^1(G)$  such that  $\|x * r - r\|_1 < \varepsilon$  for  $x \in K$ .
4. There is a net  $(r_\alpha)$  in  $P^1(G)$  such that for  $K \subseteq G$  compact we have

$$\lim_\alpha \sup_{x \in K} \|x * r_\alpha - r_\alpha\|_1 = 0$$

(We call such a net a Reiter net.)

5. There is a net  $(r_\alpha)$  in  $P^1(G)$  such that

$$\lim_\alpha \|x * r_\alpha - r_\alpha\| = 0$$

for  $x \in G$ . (We call such a net an asymptotically invariant net.)

*Proof.*

(1)  $\implies$  (2) Let  $M \in \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$  satisfy that  $M(\varphi \cdot f) = M(\varphi)$  for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$  (by last corollary).

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Let  $(g_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $P^1(G)$  satisfy

$$M = w^* \lim_{\alpha \in A} g_\alpha$$

(by lemma). Then for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$  we have

$$0 = M(\varphi - \varphi \cdot f) = \lim_{\alpha \in A} \int_G g_\alpha(\varphi - \varphi \cdot f) dm = \lim_{\alpha \in A} \int_G (f * g_\alpha - g_\alpha) \varphi dm$$

So

$$w\text{-}\lim_{\alpha \in A} (f * g_\alpha - g_\alpha) = 0$$

(weak limit). If  $F \subseteq P^1(G)$  is finite, we let

$$C_F = \text{conv}\{(f * g_\alpha - g_\alpha)_{f \in F} : \alpha \in A\} \subseteq (L^1(G))^F$$

(finite product of Banach spaces). By the Hahn-Banach theorem we have  $\overline{C_F}^w = \overline{C_F}^{\|\cdot\|}$  (where  $\|\cdot\|$  is any ‘‘natural’’ norm on  $(L^1(G))^F$ ). So  $0 \in \overline{C_F}^w = \overline{C_F}^{\|\cdot\|}$ . Now let

$$C_{P^1(G)} = \text{conv}\{(f * g_\alpha - g_\alpha)_{f \in P^1(G)} : \alpha \in A\} \subseteq (L^1(G), \|\cdot\|_1)^{P^1(G)}$$

Since  $0 \in \overline{C_F}^{\|\cdot\|}$  for each  $F$ , we have that  $0 \in \overline{C_{P^1(G)}}^{\text{prod}}$ . Hence there is a net  $(f_\beta)$  in  $\text{conv}\{g_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  such that

$$0 = \text{prod-}\lim_{\beta} (f * f_\beta - f_\beta)$$

for  $f \in P^1(G)$ . So

$$0 = \lim_{\beta} \|f * f_\beta - f_\beta\|_1$$

for each  $f \in P^1(G)$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3) Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $f \in P^1(G)$ , and  $K \subseteq G$  compact. Let  $U$  be a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$  such that  $\|x * f - f\|_1 < \varepsilon$  for  $x \in U$ . Then

$$\left\| \frac{1}{m(U)} 1_U * f - f \right\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{m(U)} \int_U \|x * f - f\|_1 dx \leq \varepsilon$$

Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$  be such that

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n x_k U$$

Use the hypothesis to find  $\alpha_0$  such that

$$\left\| \underbrace{\frac{1}{m(U)} 1_{x_k U} * f}_{\in P^1(G)} * f_{\alpha_0} - f_{\alpha_0} \right\|_1 < \varepsilon$$

for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . So  $\|f * f_{\alpha_0} - f_{\alpha_0}\|_1 < \varepsilon$ . We let  $r = f * f_{\alpha_0}$ . Then for  $x \in U$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x_k x) * r - r\|_1 &\leq \left\| (x_k x) * r - \frac{1}{m(U)} 1_{x_k U} * r \right\|_1 + \left\| \frac{1}{m(U)} 1_{x_k U} * r - f_{\alpha_0} \right\|_1 + \|f_{\alpha_0} - r\|_1 \\ &\leq \left\| x_k * \left( x * f x * f - \frac{1}{m(U)} 1_U * f \right) * f_{\alpha_0} \right\|_1 + 2\varepsilon \\ &\leq \|x * f - f\|_1 + \left\| f - \frac{1}{m(U)} 1_U * f \right\|_1 + 2\varepsilon \\ &< 4\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sup_{x \in K} \|x * r - r\|_1 \leq 4\varepsilon$$

(3)  $\implies$  (4) Let  $A = \{(K, \varepsilon) : K \subseteq G \text{ compact}, \varepsilon > 0\}$ , preordered by  $(K, \varepsilon) \leq (K', \varepsilon')$  if  $K \subseteq K'$  and  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon'$ . For each  $\alpha = (K, \varepsilon) \in A$  we let  $r_\alpha$  satisfy (3).

(4)  $\implies$  (5) Clear.

(5)  $\implies$  (1) Any  $w^*$ -cluster point of an asymptotically invariant net is left-invariant.

□ [Theorem 12.17](#)

**Corollary 12.18.** *The following are equivalent:*

1.  $G$  is amenable.
2.  $L^\infty(G)$  admits a right-invariant mean.
3.  $L^\infty(G)$  admits a two-sided invariant mean.

Note: we are not suggesting that any left-invariant mean is also right-invariant; just that such means exist.

*Proof.*

(1)  $\implies$  (2) Let  $M \in \mathcal{MC}_b(G)$  be a left-invariant mean. Consider the map  $\varphi \mapsto \check{\varphi}$  for  $\varphi \in C_b(G)$  give by  $\check{\varphi}(x) = \varphi(x^{-1})$ . This is an isomorphism of the algebra  $C_b(G)$  with  $\check{1} = 1$  and  $\check{\varphi} \geq 0$  if  $\varphi \geq 0$ . Let  $\check{M}$  be given by  $\check{M}(\varphi) = M(\check{\varphi})$ . Then  $\check{M}$  is right-invariant. Hence there is a right-invariant mean on  $C_{\text{ru}}$ , and hence on  $L^\infty(G)$ .

(1)  $\implies$  (3) Let  $(f_\alpha)$  be an asymptotically left-invariant net in  $P^1(G)$ . Then  $(f_\alpha^*)$  is an asymptotically right invariant net. Consider the net  $(f_\alpha * f_\alpha^*)$  in  $P^1(G)$ . (Recall that  $P^1(G)$  is closed under convolution.) Now if  $x, y \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x * f_\alpha * f_\alpha^* * y - f_\alpha * f_\alpha^*\|_1 &\leq \|x * f_\alpha * f_\alpha^* * y - x * f_\alpha * f_\alpha^*\|_1 + \|x * f_\alpha * f_\alpha^* - f_\alpha * f_\alpha^*\|_1 \\ &\leq \|f_\alpha^* * y - f_\alpha^*\|_1 + \|x * f_\alpha - f_\alpha\|_1 \\ &\xrightarrow{\alpha} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Any  $w^*$ -cluster point of this last net in  $\mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$  is thus a two-sided invariant mean. □ [Corollary 12.18](#)

## 13 Extent of amenable grapes

*Remark 13.1.* If  $G$  is compact then  $G$  is amenable.

**Proposition 13.2.** *If  $G$  is abelian then  $G$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* For  $x \in G$  we let  $L_x \in \mathcal{B}(L^1(G))$  be  $L_x(f) = x * f$ . Then  $L_x^*(\varphi) = \varphi \cdot x$  for  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$ . We recall that  $\mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$  is  $w^*$ -compact and convex, and each  $L_x^*(\mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)) \subseteq \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$ . Since  $G$  is abelian we get that  $\{L_x^* : x \in G\}$  is a commuting (semi)grape of affine maps in  $\mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$ . We then apply Markov-Kakutani; any fixed point is then a left-invariant mean. □ [Proposition 13.2](#)

*Remark 13.3.* Suppose  $\beta : G \rightarrow H$  is a continuous homomorphism with dense range. Then the map  $C_{\text{lu}}(H) \rightarrow C_{\text{lu}}(G)$  given by  $\varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ \beta$  satisfies:

- It is a linear isometry (dense range)

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- $1_H \circ \beta = 1_G$
- $\varphi \circ \beta \geq 0$  if  $\varphi \geq 0$ .

Note that  $(\varphi \circ \beta) \cdot x = (\varphi \cdot \beta(x)) \circ \beta$ , which is why each  $\varphi \circ \beta \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .

**Proposition 13.4.** *If  $\beta: G \rightarrow H$  is a continuous homomorphism with dense range and  $G$  is amenable, then  $H$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* Let  $M_G$  be a left-invariant mean on  $C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ . Define  $M_H$  on  $C_{\text{lu}}(H)$  by  $M_H(\varphi) = M_G(\varphi \circ \beta)$ . Then  $M_H$  is a left-invariant mean on  $C_{\text{lu}}(H)$ . □ Proposition 13.4

*Remark 13.5.* Some consequences:

1. Let  $G_d$  be  $G$  with the discrete topology. If  $G_d$  is amenable, then so is  $G$ . Indeed, we just consider the identity map  $\beta: G_d \rightarrow G$ . (In this case we say that  $G$  is *discretely amenable*.)
2. If  $N$  is a closed normal subgrape of  $G$  and  $G$  is amenable then so too is  $G/N$ . Indeed, we just consider the quotient map  $\beta: G \rightarrow G/N$ .

**Proposition 13.6.** *Suppose  $G$  admits an amenable closed normal subgrape  $N$  for which  $G/N$  is amenable. Then  $G$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* (The philosophy is to use Weil's "integral" formula.) Let  $q: G \rightarrow G/N$  denote the quotient map. Then  $\varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ q$  is a map

$$C_{\text{lu}}(G/N) \rightarrow C_{\text{lu}}(G : N) = \{ \varphi \in C_{\text{lu}}(G) : \varphi = n \cdot \varphi \text{ for } n \in N \}$$

that is surjective. Indeed, if  $\varphi \in C_{\text{lu}}(G : N)$ , we let  $\tilde{\varphi}(xN) = \varphi(x)$ . Since  $q$  is an open map it follows that  $\tilde{\varphi} \in C_{\text{lu}}(G/N)$ , and  $\tilde{\varphi} \circ q = \varphi$ .

Let  $M_N \in \mathcal{MC}_b(N)$  be left-invariant. Let  $T_{M_N}: C_{\text{lu}}(G) \rightarrow C_{\text{lu}}(G : N)$  be given by

$$T_{M_N}\varphi(x) = M_N(\varphi \cdot x \upharpoonright N) = M_N(n \mapsto \varphi(xn))$$

Then

- $|T_{M_N}\varphi(x)| \leq \|\varphi \cdot x\|_\infty = \|\varphi\|_\infty$ , and  $T_{M_N}$  is linear.
- $|T_{M_N}\varphi(x) - T_{M_N}\varphi(y)| \leq \|\varphi \cdot x - \varphi \cdot y\|_\infty$ ; so  $T_{M_N}\varphi$  is continuous and  $(T_{M_N}\varphi) \cdot z = T_{M_N}(\varphi \cdot z)$ , so  $T_{M_N}\varphi \in C_{\text{lu}}(G)$ .
- $T_{M_N}(C_{\text{lu}}(G)) \subseteq C_{\text{lu}}(G : N)$  since for  $x \in G$  and  $n \in N$  we have

$$T_{M_N}\varphi(xn) = M_N(\varphi \cdot (xn) \upharpoonright N) = M_N(n' \mapsto \varphi(xnn')) = M_N(\varphi \cdot x \upharpoonright N) = T_{M_N}\varphi(x)$$

Let  $\widetilde{T_{M_N}\varphi} \in C_{\text{lu}}(G/N)$  be the associated element, as above. We have left-invariant  $M_{G/N} \in \mathcal{MC}_{\text{lu}}(G/N)$ .

Let  $M_G: C_{\text{lu}}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by  $M_G(\varphi) = M_{G/N}(\widetilde{T_{M_N}\varphi})$ . One checks that  $\widetilde{T_{M_N}\varphi}(\varphi \cdot x) = \widetilde{T_{M_N}\varphi} \cdot xN$ ; it then follows that  $M_G$  is a left-invariant mean. □ Proposition 13.6

**Corollary 13.7.** *Solvable grapes are amenable.*

*Proof.* Evident induction. (Recall here that  $G^{(n)} = \overline{[G^{(n-1)}, G^{(n-1)}]}$  (closure) with  $G^{(0)} = G$ .)

□ Corollary 13.7

*Example 13.8.* Euclidean motion  $\mathbb{R}^n \rtimes \text{SO}(n)$ .

*Remark 13.9* (Tits). If  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field and  $G \leq \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{K})$  (discrete) then either

- $G \supseteq F$  with  $F \cong F_2$  (free grape on two generators)
- $G \supseteq G_1$  with  $[G : G_1] < \infty$  and  $G_1$  is solvable.

**Proposition 13.10.** *If  $G$  is amenable and  $H$  is an open subgrape, then  $H$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be a transversal for right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . We define  $S_T: C_b(H) \rightarrow C_b(G)$  by  $S_T\varphi(ht) = \varphi(h)$  with  $h \in H$  and  $t \in T$ . Then  $S_T$  is a linear isometry with  $S_T 1_H = 1_G$  and  $S_T\varphi \geq 0$  if  $\varphi \geq 0$ . Let  $M_H \in \mathcal{MC}_b(H)$  be given by  $M_H(\varphi) = M_G(S_T\varphi)$  (where  $M_G$  is a left-invariant mean in  $\mathcal{MC}_B(G)$ ). □ Proposition 13.10

**Proposition 13.11.** *Suppose there is a family  $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  of open subgrapes indexed over a directed set  $A$  with  $G_\alpha \subseteq G_{\alpha'}$  if  $\alpha \leq \alpha'$ ; suppose each  $G_\alpha$  is amenable, and that*

$$G = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$$

*Then  $G$  is amenable.*

*Proof.* For each  $\alpha$  let  $M_\alpha$  be a left-invariant mean in  $\mathcal{MC}_B(G_\alpha)$ . Let  $\widetilde{M}_\alpha \in \mathcal{MC}_b(G)$  be given by  $\widetilde{M}_\alpha(\varphi) = M_\alpha(\varphi 1_{G_\alpha})$ . Then  $(\widetilde{M}_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  lies in  $\mathcal{MC}_b(G)$ , and hence has a cluster point  $M$ . If  $x \in G$ , say  $x \in G_{\alpha_0}$ , and  $\varphi \in C_b(G)$ , then for  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , we have

$$\widetilde{M}_\alpha(\varphi \cdot x) = M_\alpha((\varphi 1_{G_\alpha}) \cdot x) = M_\alpha(\varphi 1_{G_\alpha}) = \widetilde{M}_\alpha(\varphi)$$

It follows that  $M$  is left-invariant. □ Proposition 13.11

*Remark 13.12.* If we do not have an increasing family of open amenable subgrapes, then we can't conclude that  $G$  is amenable. Consider for example

$$F_2 = \bigcup_{x \in F_2} \langle x \rangle$$

**Theorem 13.13** (Følner). *The following are equivalent:*

1.  $G$  is amenable.
2. Given  $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$  and  $K \subseteq G$  compact, there are  $E \subseteq G$  compact and Borel  $N \subseteq K$  such that  $m(N) < \delta$  and

$$\frac{m(xE \Delta E)}{m(E)} < \varepsilon$$

for  $x \in K \setminus N$ . (Here  $\Delta$  denotes the symmetric difference.)

3. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $K \subseteq G$  compact, there is compact  $F \subseteq G$  such that

$$\frac{m(xF \Delta F)}{m(F)} < \varepsilon$$

for  $x \in K$ . (This is the Følner condition.)

4. There is a net  $(F_\alpha)$  of compact subsets of  $G$  such that for any compact  $K \subseteq G$  we have

$$\limsup_{\alpha} \sup_{x \in K} \frac{m(xF_\alpha \Delta F_\alpha)}{m(F_\alpha)} = 0$$

(We call this a Følner net.)

Before the proof, some consequences:

*Example 13.14* (Discrete abelian grapes are amenable). Suppose  $G$  is an abelian grape; then

$$G = \bigcup_{F \subseteq G \text{ finite}} \langle F \rangle$$

By the previous proposition

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it suffices to consider a finitely generated grape. There is an obvious quotient map  $q_F: \mathbb{Z}^F \rightarrow \langle F \rangle$ . Hence it suffices to see that any  $\mathbb{Z}^k$  (for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) is amenable. Consider the sequence  $F_n = \{-n, -(n-1), \dots, n-1, n\}^k$ . One checks that this is a Følner sequence. In fact  $\frac{1}{(2n+1)^k} 1_{F_n}$  is a Reiter sequence.

*Example 13.15.* Consider  $F_2 = \langle a, b \rangle$ . If  $K \subseteq F_2$  is finite, we let

$$\partial K = \{x \in K : \{ax, bx, a^{-1}x, b^{-1}x\} \not\subseteq K\}$$

Then an inequality something like  $|K| \leq 2|\partial K|$  holds (see Cayley graph), which implies that the Følner condition must fail.

*Proof of Theorem 13.13.*

(1)  $\implies$  (2)

(I) Given  $\varepsilon' > 0$ , let us find

- compact  $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq E_n$  with  $m(E_n) > 0$  and
- $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$$

such that

$$\psi = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} 1_{E_j}$$

satisfies

$$\|x * \psi - \psi\|_1 < \varepsilon' \text{ for } x \in K \quad (7)$$

First, Retier's, theorem gives  $r \in P^1(G)$  such that  $\|x * r - r\|_1 < \varepsilon'$  for  $x \in K$ . There is a sequence  $(f'_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $C_c(G)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f'_n - r\|_1 = 0$$

Then let

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\|f'_n\|_1} |f'_n| \in P^1(G)$$

and check that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - r\|_1 = 0$$

Hence there is  $f \in C_c(G)$  such that  $\|x * f - f\|_1 < \varepsilon'$ .

Now we perform a "layer cake" construction. Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let

$$E_j = f^{-1}\left(\left[\frac{j}{n+1} \|f\|_\infty, \infty\right)\right)$$

So  $\text{supp}(f) \supseteq E_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq E_n$  with  $m(E_n) > 0$ . We then define

$$\psi'_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\|f\|_\infty}{n+1} 1_{E_j}$$

This then satisfies

$$\psi'_n \leq f \leq \psi'_n + \frac{1}{n+1} 1_{\text{supp}(f)}$$

It follows that

$$0 < \int_G \psi'_n dm = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\|f\|_\infty m(E_j)}{n+1}}_{\|\psi'_n\|_1} \leq \int_G f dm = 1 \leq \int_G \psi'_n dm + \frac{m(\text{supp}(f))}{n+1}$$

Let

$$\psi_n = \frac{1}{\|\psi'_n\|_1} \psi'_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{\|f\|_\infty m(E_j)}{(n+1)\|\psi'_n\|_1}}_{\lambda_j > 0} \frac{1}{m(E_j)} 1_{E_j}$$

and observe that  $\psi_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} 1_{E_j}$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$ . Furthermore, it is a routine computation that

$$\|\psi_n - f\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}n + 1m(\text{supp}(f))$$

and hence for large enough  $n$ , say  $\frac{2}{n+1} \text{supp}(f) < \frac{\varepsilon'}{2}$ , we are done.

(II) We let  $\psi$  satisfy Equation (7), with  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon\delta}{m(K)}$ , provided  $m(K) > 0$  (otherwise we let  $N = K$  and we are done). Note that if  $E, F \subseteq G$  with  $E \cap F = \emptyset$  and  $x \in G$  then

$$xE \triangle E \cap (xF \triangle F) = \emptyset$$

so

$$(xE \triangle E) \cup (xF \triangle F) = (x(E \cup F)) \triangle (E \cup F)$$

Write

$$\psi = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} \sum_{i=1}^j 1_{E_i \setminus E_{i+1}}$$

(with  $E_{n+1} = \emptyset$ ). We thus have that

$$\begin{aligned} |x * \psi - \psi| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} \sum_{i=1}^j (1_{x(E_i \setminus E_{i+1})} - 1_{E_i \setminus E_{i+1}}) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} (1_{x(E_i \setminus E_{i+1})} - 1_{E_i \setminus E_{i+1}}) \right| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_i}{m(E_j)} |1_{x(E_i \setminus E_{i+1})} - 1_{E_i \setminus E_{i+1}}| \quad (\text{pairwise disjoint supports}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} \sum_{i=1}^j 1_{x(E_i \setminus E_{i+1}) \triangle (E_i \setminus E_{i+1})} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{m(E_j)} 1_{xE_j \triangle E_j} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\delta\varepsilon}{m(K)} > \|x * \psi - \psi\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{m(xE_j \triangle E_j)}{m(E_j)}$$

Then we have

$$\delta\varepsilon > \int_K \|x * \psi - \psi\|_1 dx = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \int_K \frac{m(xE_j \triangle E_j)}{m(E_j)} dx$$

so at least one  $\delta\varepsilon > \int_K \frac{m(xE_j \triangle E_j)}{m(E_j)} dx$ ; we let  $E = E_j$  for this  $j$ . Let

$$N = \left\{ x \in K : \frac{m(xE \triangle E)}{m(E)} \geq \varepsilon \right\}$$

which is closed, and thus Borel. Then  $N$  satisfies  $\varepsilon 1_N(x) \leq \frac{m(xE \triangle E)}{m(E)}$ , so

$$m(N) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_K \frac{m(xE \triangle E)}{m(E)} dx < \delta$$

**(2)  $\implies$  (3)** First note that if  $G$  is discrete and  $m$  is the counting measure, we could just let  $\delta < 1$  and be done. The hard part of the proof, then, is when  $G$  is not discrete.

Let  $K \subseteq G$  be compact; let  $A = K \cup K^2$ . Hence if  $x \in K$  then  $m(xA \cap A) \geq m(xK) = m(K)$ . Let  $0 < \delta < \frac{m(K)}{2}$ . If  $B \subseteq A$  is Borel with  $m(A \setminus B) < \delta$  then for  $x \in K$  we have

$$xA \cap A \subseteq (xB \cap B) \cup (x(A \setminus B)) \cup (A \setminus B)$$

so

$$2\delta < m(K) \leq m(xA \cap A) \leq m(xB \cap B) + 2 \underbrace{m(A \setminus B)}_{< \delta}$$

Hence  $0 < m(xB \cap B)$ . So  $xB \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , and  $x \in BB^{-1}$ . Thus  $K \subseteq BB^{-1}$ . Now for  $\varepsilon > 0$  the hypothesis gives a compact  $F \subseteq G$  such that  $\frac{m(xF \triangle F)}{m(F)} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  for  $x \in A \setminus N$  and  $m(N) < \delta$ . Let  $B = A \setminus N$ . Notice for  $C, D \subseteq G$  we have  $C \setminus D \subseteq (C \setminus F) \cup (F \setminus D)$ ; so  $C \triangle D \subseteq (C \triangle F) \cup (F \triangle D)$ . Thus if  $x, y \in B^{-1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(x^{-1}yF \triangle F) &= m(xF \triangle yF) \\ &= m(xF \triangle F) + m(F \triangle yF) \\ &= m(F \triangle x^{-1}F) + m(y^{-1}F \triangle F) \\ &< \varepsilon m(F) \end{aligned}$$

by [Equation \(7\)](#). Hence for  $z \in K \subseteq BB^{-1}$  we are done.

**(3)  $\implies$  (4)** Straightforward. (Just like Reiter's theorem.)

**(4)  $\implies$  (1)** If  $(F_\alpha)$  is a Følner net, then  $(\frac{1}{m(F_\alpha)}1_{F_\alpha})$  in  $P^1(G)$  is a Reiter net.  $\square$  [Theorem 13.13](#)

*Remark 13.16.* The construction of a Følner net above does not provide  $F_\alpha \subseteq F_{\alpha'}$  for  $\alpha \leq \alpha'$ . This can be arranged, generally, but is technical. However, in practice, most Følner nets one encounters do satisfy this.

**Fact 13.17.** *If  $G$  is separable and amenable, then  $L^1(G)$  is separable. If  $L^1(G)$  is separable, then we can extract a Reiter sequence from a Reiter net. If this last holds, then Følner sequences can be found.*

### 13.1 Hulanicki's theorem

Let  $\lambda: G \rightarrow U(L^2(G))$  be the left regular representation:  $\lambda(x)h(y) = h(x^{-1}y)$  for almost every  $y \in G$ . Let

$$A^+(G) = \left\{ \langle h | \lambda^{(\mathbb{N})}(\cdot)h \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle h_j | \lambda(\cdot)h_j \rangle : h = (h_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \in L^2(G)^{(\mathbb{N})} \right\}$$

Note that

$$L^2(G)^{(\mathbb{N})} = \left\{ h = (h_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} : \text{each } h_j \in L^2(G), \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|h_j\|_2^2 < \infty \right\}$$

**Fact 13.18.**  $A^+(G) \subseteq B^+(G) = \{u: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid u \text{ continuous, positive definite}\}$ .

Notice that for  $h = (h_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \in L^2(G)^{(\mathbb{N})}$  we have

$$\left\| \langle h | \lambda^{(\mathbb{N})}(\cdot)h \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^n \langle h_j | \lambda(\cdot)h_j \rangle \right\|_{\infty} = \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \|\langle h_j | \lambda(\cdot)h_j \rangle\|_{\infty}$$

*Remark 13.19.* 1. If  $|J| > |\mathbb{N}|$  and  $h = (h_j)_{j \in J} \in L^2(G)^{(J)}$ , so  $\sum_{j \in J} \|h_j\|_2^2 < \infty$ , then  $h_j \neq 0$  for at most countably many  $j \in J$ . Hence  $\langle h | \lambda^{(J)}(\cdot)h \rangle \in A^+(G)$ . (Easy check.)

2. (Eymard, 64) Each  $u \in A^+(G)$  can be written in the form  $u = \langle h | \lambda(\cdot)h \rangle$  for some  $h \in L^2(G)$ . (This is the *standard form of von Neumann algebras*.)

**Theorem 13.20** (Hulanicki's theorem I).  $G$  is amenable if and only if there is a net  $(u_\alpha)$  in  $A^+(G)$  such that  $\lim_\alpha u_\alpha = 1$  uniformly on compact sets.

*Proof.*

( $\implies$ ) Let  $(r_\alpha)$  in  $P^1(G)$  be a Reiter net. Let  $h_\alpha = r_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; so

$$\|h\|_2 = \left( \int_G |h_\alpha|^2 dm \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \int_G r_\alpha dm \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

Note for  $a, b \geq 0$  we have  $|a - b|^2 \leq |a - b|(a + b) = |a^2 - b^2|$ ; so for  $x \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda(x)h_\alpha - h_\alpha\|_2^2 &= \int_G |h_\alpha(x^{-1}y) - h_\alpha(y)|^2 dy \\ &\leq \int_G |r_\alpha(x^{-1}y) - r_\alpha(y)| dy \\ &= \|x * r_\alpha - r_\alpha\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |1 - \langle h_\alpha | \lambda(x)h_\alpha \rangle| &= |\langle h_\alpha | h_\alpha \rangle - \langle h_\alpha | \lambda(x)h_\alpha \rangle| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|h_\alpha\|_2}_{=1} \|h_\alpha - \lambda(x)h_\alpha\|_2 \text{ (by Cauchy-Schwarz)} \\ &= \|x * r_\alpha - r_\alpha\|_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and it follows that  $u_\alpha = \langle h_\alpha | \lambda(\cdot)h_\alpha \rangle$  converges uniformly on compact sets to 1.

□ [Theorem 13.20](#)

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**Corollary 13.21** (To Fell's absorption). If  $u \in A^+(G)$  then  $\langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\xi \rangle u \in A^+(G)$ . If  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  a unitary representation then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \in M(G), \pi(\mu) &= \int_G \pi(x) d\mu(x) \\ f \in L^1(G), \pi(f) &= \int_G f(x) \pi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

both in the strong operator sense.

**Proposition 13.22** (Choi's multiplicative domain). If  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\tau \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^*$  a state such that  $\tau(A^*A) = |\tau(A)|^2$  for  $A \in \mathcal{M}$ , then

$$\tau(AB) = \tau(A)\tau(B) = \tau(BA)$$

for  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Theorem 13.23** (Hulanicki's theorem II).  $G$  is amenable if and only if for any unitary representation  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  we have  $\|\pi(f)\| \leq \|\lambda(f)\|$  for all  $f \in L^1(G)$ . In diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L^1(G) & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & C_\lambda^* \\ & \searrow \pi & \downarrow \exists \lambda_\pi \\ & & C_\pi^* \end{array}$$

(where  $C_\pi^* = \overline{\pi(L^1(G))}^{\|\cdot\|} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ). We call  $C_\lambda^*$  the reduced  $C^*$ -algebra, sometimes denoted  $C_r^*(G)$ .

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Let  $(u_\alpha)$  in  $A^+(G)$  satisfy

$$1 = \lim_{\alpha} u_\alpha$$

uniformly on compact sets. Since  $\lambda: L^1(G) \rightarrow C_\lambda^*$  is injective (just as shown in the proof of Peter-Weyl)

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the map  $\lambda(f) \mapsto \pi(f)$  is well-defined on  $\lambda(L^1(G)$  (non-closed subspace of  $\mathcal{B}(L^2(G))$ )).

Fix  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; find  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|\xi\| = 1$  such that

$$\|\pi(f)\|^2 < \|\pi(f)\xi\|^2 + \varepsilon$$

For each  $\alpha$  we have  $v_\alpha = u_\alpha \langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\xi \rangle \in A^+(G)$  (by [Corollary 13.21](#)), and write

$$v_\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle h_{\alpha_{ij}} | \lambda(\cdot) h_{\alpha_{ij}} \rangle$$

where

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|h_{\alpha_{ij}}\|_2^2 = v_\alpha(e) = u_\alpha(e) \underbrace{\langle \xi | \pi(e)\xi \rangle}_{=\|\xi\|^2=1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} 1$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi(f)\|^2 &\leq \langle \pi(f)\xi | \pi(f)\xi \rangle + \varepsilon \\ &= \langle \xi | \pi(f^* * f)\xi \rangle + \varepsilon \\ &= \int_G (f^* * f)(x) \langle \xi | \pi(x)\xi \rangle dx + \varepsilon \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \int_G (f^* * f)(x) \underbrace{u_\alpha(x) \langle \xi | \pi(x)\xi \rangle}_{v_\alpha(x)} dx + \varepsilon \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_G (f^* * f)(x) \langle h_{\alpha_{ij}} | \lambda(x) h_{\alpha_{ij}} \rangle dx + \varepsilon \text{ (LDCT)} \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle h_{\alpha_{ij}} | \lambda(f^* * f) h_{\alpha_{ij}} \rangle + \varepsilon \\ &= \lim_{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|\lambda(f) h_{\alpha_{ij}}\|_2^2 + \varepsilon \\ &\leq \lim_{\alpha} \|\lambda(f)\|^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|h_{\alpha_{ij}}\|_2^2 + \varepsilon \\ &= \|\lambda(f)\|^2 + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, we get that  $\|\pi(f)\| \leq \|\lambda(f)\|$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) (Adapted from Brown and Ozawa). Let  $\sigma: G \rightarrow \mathbb{T} = U(\mathbb{C})$  be the trivial character. Then the integrated forms are as follows:

- $\sigma: M(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\sigma(\mu) = \int_G 1 d\mu(x) = \mu(G)$$

- $\sigma: L^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$  given by

$$\sigma(f) = \int_G f(x) dx$$

(sometimes called the *augmentation character*).

Notice that  $\sigma(\mu^*) = \overline{\mu(G^{-1})} = \overline{\sigma(\mu)}$ , so  $\sigma(f^*) = \overline{\sigma(f)}$  for  $f \in L^1(G)$ ; so  $\sigma$  is a  $*$ -homomorphism. By assumption we have  $|\sigma(f)| \leq \|\lambda(f)\|$  for  $f \in L^1(G)$ .

If  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $f \in P^1(G)$  satisfies  $\sigma(f) = 1$ , we have  $\sigma(\mu * f) = \sigma(\mu)\sigma(f) = \sigma(\mu)$ . So

$$|\sigma(\mu)| = |\sigma(\mu * f)| \leq \|\lambda(\mu * f)\| \leq \|\lambda(\mu)\| \underbrace{\|\lambda(f)\|}_{\leq \|f\|_1=1} \leq \|\lambda(\mu)\|$$

i.e.  $|\sigma(\mu)| \leq \|\lambda(\mu)\|$ . Hence it follows that  $\sigma$  extends to a functional, again called  $\sigma$ , on  $M_\lambda^* = \overline{\lambda(M(G))}^{\|\cdot\|}$ . Then  $\sigma(I) = \sigma(\delta_e) = 1$ , and

$$\sigma(\lambda(\mu)^* \lambda(\mu)) = \sigma(\lambda(\mu^* * \mu)) = \sigma(\mu^* * \mu) = \overline{\sigma(\mu)} \sigma(\mu) \geq 0$$

and it follows that  $\sigma$  is a state on  $M_\lambda^*$ . (Note that this also implies that  $\sigma(A^*A) = (\sigma(A))^2$  for  $A \in M_\lambda^*$ .) Let  $\tau \in \mathcal{B}(L^2(G))^*$  be any norm-preserving extension of  $\sigma$ ; i.e.  $\tau \upharpoonright M_\lambda^* = \sigma$ . We have (by the black box) that  $\tau$  is a state on  $\mathcal{B}(L^2(G))$ .

Let  $M: L^\infty(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(G))$  be  $M(\varphi)f = \varphi f$   $m$ -almost-everywhere (representation of  $L^\infty(G)$  as multiplication operators). Then  $M(\overline{\varphi}) = M(\varphi)^*$  and  $M(\varphi\psi) = M(\varphi)M(\psi)$ . We compute for  $x \in G$ , almost every  $y \in G$ , and  $h \in L^2(G)$

$$\lambda(x)M(\varphi)\lambda(x)^*h(y) = \lambda(x)M(\varphi)(y \mapsto h(xy)) = \lambda(x)(y \mapsto \varphi(y)h(xy)) = \varphi(x^{-1}y)h(y)$$

Hence  $\lambda(x)M(\varphi)\lambda(x)^* = M(\varphi \cdot x^{-1})$ . By Choi's multiplicative domain technique, we see that (since  $\tau(A^*A) = \sigma(A^*A) = |\sigma(A)|^2 = |\tau(A)|^2$ , for  $A \in M_\lambda^*$ )

$$(\tau \circ M)(\varphi \cdot x) = \tau(\lambda(\delta_{x^{-1}})M(\varphi)\lambda(\delta_x)) = \tau(\lambda(\delta_{x^{-1}}))(\tau \circ M)(\varphi)\tau(\lambda(\delta_x)) = (\tau \circ M)(\varphi)$$

since

$$\tau(\lambda(\delta_x)) = \sigma(\delta_x) = \int_G 1 d\delta_x = 1$$

Also if  $\varphi \geq 0$  then

$$(\tau \circ M)(\varphi) = (\tau \circ M)(\overline{\varphi^{\frac{1}{2}}}\varphi^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \tau(M(\varphi^{\frac{1}{2}})^*M(\varphi^{\frac{1}{2}})) \geq 0$$

and  $(\tau \circ M)(1) = 1$ . So  $\tau \circ M \in \mathcal{ML}^\infty(G)$  is left-invariant. □ [Theorem 13.23](#)

## 13.2 A final fact about amenability: closed subgrapes

Consider the grape ring

$$\mathbb{C}[G] = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i : \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{C}, x_1, \dots, x_n \in G \right\}$$

Suppose

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$$

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j$$

are elements of  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ . We define the multiplication

$$ST = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \beta_j x_i y_j$$

and the involution

$$S^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha_i} x_i^{-1}$$

so

$$S^*S = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{\alpha_i} \alpha_j x_i^{-1} x_j$$

We define a pairing: for  $u \in C_b(G)$  and  $S \in \mathbb{C}[G]$  we set

$$\langle u, S \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i u(x_i)$$

**Fact 13.24.** For  $u \in C_b(G)$  we have  $u \in B^+(G)$  if and only if  $\langle u, S^*S \rangle \geq 0$  for any  $S \in \mathbb{C}[G]$ .

We define a partial order on  $B^+(G)$ : for  $u, v \in B^+(G)$  we say  $u \leq v$  if and only if  $\langle u, S^*S \rangle \leq \langle v, S^*S \rangle$  for all  $S \in \mathbb{C}[G]$ ; i.e. if and only if  $v - u \in B^+(G)$ .

**Lemma 13.25.** Suppose  $\pi: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  is a unitary representation.

1. If  $u \in B^+(G)$  and  $u \leq \langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\xi \rangle$  for some  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  then there is  $\eta \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $u = \langle \eta | \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle$ .
2. If  $u = \langle \eta | \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle \in B^+(G)$  for some  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ , then there is  $\zeta \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $u = \langle \zeta | \pi(\cdot)\zeta \rangle$ .

*Proof.*

1. We observe that

- $\pi$  extends to a  $*$ -homomorphism  $\pi: \mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  by

$$\pi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \pi(x_i)$$

and  $\pi(S^*) = \pi(S)^*$ .

- The map  $\mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  given by  $S \mapsto \pi(S)\xi$  is linear.

We let  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \pi(\mathbb{C}[G])\xi$  (the image of this second map); we let  $\mathcal{L} = \overline{\mathcal{L}_0}$  (norm closure). For  $(S, T) \in \mathbb{C}[G] \times \mathbb{C}[G]$  we let

$$[S | T]_u = \langle u, S^*T \rangle$$

Then  $[\cdot | \cdot]_u: \mathbb{C}[G] \times \mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is sesquilinear and positive  $[S | S]_u = \langle u, S^*S \rangle \geq 0$  for  $S \in \mathbb{C}[G]$ . Hence Cauchy-Schwarz inequality applies, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} |[S | T]_u| &\leq [S | S]_u^{\frac{1}{2}} [T | T]_u^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \langle u, S^*S \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle u, T^*T \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \langle \xi | \pi(S^*S) \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle \xi | \pi(T^*T) \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{by assumption}) \\ &= \|\pi(S)\xi\| \|\pi(T)\xi\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[\cdot | \cdot]_u$  extends to a bounded sesquilinear form  $[\cdot | \cdot]_u$  on  $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L}$ . Notice on  $\mathcal{L}_0 \times \mathcal{L}_0$  we have  $[\pi(S)\xi | \pi(T)\xi]_u = \langle u, S^*T \rangle$  and  $[\pi(S)\xi | \pi(S)\xi]_u = \langle u, S^*S \rangle \geq 0$ , so this is a positive form. So the Riesz representation theorem for Hilbert spaces provides  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L})$  such that

$$[S | T]_u = [\pi(S)\xi | \pi(T)\xi]_u = \langle \pi(S)\xi | A\pi(T)\xi \rangle$$

Notice also that  $\langle \pi(S)\xi | A\pi(S)\xi \rangle \geq 0$ ; so  $A$  is positive on  $\mathcal{L}$ . Also for  $x \in G$  we have

$$[xS | xT]_u = \langle u, S^*x^{-1}xT \rangle = \langle u, S^*T \rangle = [S | T]_u$$

so  $\langle \pi(x)\pi(S)\xi | A\pi(x)\pi(T)\xi \rangle = \langle \pi(S)\xi | A\pi(T)\xi \rangle$ , and hence  $\pi(x)^*A\pi(x) = A$  on  $\mathcal{L}_0$ , and hence on  $\mathcal{L}$ . So  $A\pi(x) = \pi(x)A$ . We use black box the second to get  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  which satisfies  $\pi(x)A^{\frac{1}{2}} = A^{\frac{1}{2}}\pi(x)$  for  $x \in G$ . We then let  $\eta = A^{\frac{1}{2}}\xi$ .

2. We use polar decomposition: for  $S \in \mathbb{C}[G]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \langle \xi | \pi(S^*S)\eta \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^3 i^k \underbrace{\langle \xi + i^k \eta | \pi(S^*S)(\xi + i^k \eta) \rangle}_{\geq 0} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} (\langle \xi + \eta | \pi(S^*S)(\xi + \eta) \rangle - \langle \xi - \eta | \pi(S^*S)(\xi - \eta) \rangle) \\
&\leq \left\langle \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) \middle| \pi(S^*S) \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

so  $\langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle \leq \langle \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) | \pi(\cdot)(\xi + \eta) \rangle$ . We then appeal to the first item to get our  $\zeta$ .  $\square$  [Lemma 13.25](#)

**Corollary 13.26.**  $B^+ \cap C_c(G)$  is contained in  $A^2(G)$  and is a dense subset.

*Proof.* Suppose  $u \in B^+ \cap C_c(G)$ . Let  $K = \text{supp}(u)$ . Let  $U$  be a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $e$ , and let

$$v = \frac{1}{m(U)} \langle 1_{KU} | \lambda(\cdot) 1_U \rangle$$

(matrix coefficient of  $\lambda$ ). So

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{m(U)} \int_G 1_{KU}(y) 1_{xU}(y) dy = \frac{m(KU \cap xU)}{m(U)}$$

so  $v \upharpoonright K = 1$ . Hence we write  $u = \langle \xi | \pi(\cdot)\xi \rangle$  (appealing to Adam's talk) and

$$u = uv = \frac{1}{m(U)} \langle \xi \otimes 1_{KU} | (\pi \otimes \lambda)(\cdot) \xi \otimes 1_U \rangle = \langle \omega' | \lambda^{(J)}(\cdot) \omega \rangle$$

for some  $\omega', \omega \in L^2(G)^{(J)}$  (and we have used Fell's absorption principle). By the lemma

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we write  $u = \langle \zeta | \lambda^{(J)}(\cdot)\zeta \rangle \in A^+(G)$ . Furthermore, if

$$u = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle h_j | \lambda(\cdot) h_j \rangle$$

we can approximate by

$$u_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle h_j | \lambda(\cdot) h_j \rangle$$

and each  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  can be  $L^2$ -approximated by  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in_c(G)$ . One checks that  $u$  can be uniformly approximated by

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \langle f_j | \lambda(\cdot) f_j \rangle \in B^+ \cap C_c(G)$$

$\square$  [Corollary 13.26](#)

**Corollary 13.27** (Hulanicki  $\Gamma$ ).  $G$  is amenable if and only if there is a net  $(u_\alpha)$  in  $B^+ \cap C_c(G)$  such that

$$1 = \lim_{\alpha} u_\alpha$$

uniformly on compact sets.

**Corollary 13.28.** If  $G$  is amenable and  $H$  is a closed subgroup then  $H$  is amenable.

*Proof.* Let  $(u_\alpha)$  in  $B^+ \cap C_c(G)$  be as in Hulanicki  $\Gamma$  above. Then each  $u_\alpha \upharpoonright H \in B^+ \cap C_c(H)$  (as  $H$  is closed), and the net  $(u_\alpha \upharpoonright H)$  in  $B^+ \cap C_c(H)$  shows that  $H$  is amenable.  $\square$  [Corollary 13.28](#)