

**Lemma:** The punctual product  $x_n(a) = x(a)n(a)$  makes to  $\hat{A}$  an abelian group, called the dual group or Pontryagin's dual of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x, n \in \hat{A}$ , as in the case of finite groups  $x_n$  and  $n^*$  are homomorphisms.

To see that  $x_n$  is continuous, let a succession in  $A$  converges to  $a \in A$ . Then

$$x_n(a_n) = x(a_n)n(a_n)$$

and how  $x(a_n) \xrightarrow{} x(a)$ , and  $n(a_n) \xrightarrow{} n(a)$ , then  $x_n(a_n) \xrightarrow{} x(a)n(a) = x_n(a)$ , thus the multiplication is continuous, in the same way for the inverse.

Therefore,  $\hat{A}$  is an abelian group.

$\hat{A}$  is a LCA group when ( $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1}$ ,  $A = \bigcup_n K_n$ )

Taking a compact cover  $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$ , for  $n, x \in \hat{A}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $\hat{d}_n(x, n) = \sup_{x \in K_n} |x(x) - n(x)|$  and  $\hat{d}(x, n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \hat{d}_n(x, n)$

**Lemma:** The function  $\hat{d}$ , is a metric on  $\hat{A}$ .

**Proof:** For  $x, n, \alpha \in \hat{A}$ , we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}(x, n) &= \sup_{x \in K_n} |x(x) - n(x)| = \sup_{x \in K_n} |x(x) - \alpha(x) + \alpha(x) - n(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in K_n} |x(x) - \alpha(x)| + \sup_{x \in K_n} |\alpha(x) - n(x)| \\ &= \hat{d}_n(x, \alpha) + \hat{d}_n(\alpha, n) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}(x, n) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \hat{d}_n(x, n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} (\hat{d}_n(x, \alpha) + \hat{d}_n(\alpha, n)) \\ &= \hat{d}(x, \alpha) + \hat{d}(\alpha, n). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:** With the define metric, the group  $\hat{A}$  is an abelian group. A succession  $x_n$  converges in this metric if and only if, converges locally uniform, with this topology makes that  $\hat{A}$  be a LCA group.

Proof: First we have to prove that the group operations are continuous. For this, let  $x_j$  and  $n_j$  be two convergent successions in  $\hat{A}$  to  $x$  and  $n$ .

Then, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{d}_n(x_j n_j, x n) &= \sup_{x \in K_n} |x_j(x) n_j(x) - x(x) n(x)| \\ &= \sup_{x \in K_n} |(x_j(x) - x(x)) n_j(x) + x(x) (n_j(x) - n(x))| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in K_n} |x_j(x) - x(x)| |n_j(x)| + \sup_{x \in K_n} |n_j(x) - n(x)| |x(x)| \\ &= \hat{d}_n(x_j, x) |n_j(x)| + \hat{d}_n(n_j, n) |x(x)|\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2^n}$  and adding

$$\hat{d}(x_j n_j, x n) \leq \sum_n \frac{1}{2^n} (\hat{d}_n(x_j, x) + \hat{d}_n(n_j, n)) \longrightarrow 0$$

Therefore, the multiplication is continuous, and the inverse is equal.

## Pontryagin Duality

Proposition: If  $A$  is compact,  $\hat{A}$  is discrete. If  $A$  is discrete,  $\hat{A}$  is compact

Proof: Let's suppose that  $A$  is compact. Let's choose a compact cover  $K_1 = K_2 = \dots = A$ , and the metric of  $\hat{A}$  given by

$$d(x, n) = \sup_{x \in A} |x(x) - n(x)|.$$

To prove that  $\hat{A}$  is discrete, it's enough to prove that for any two characters  $x, n$ , if

$$d(x, n) \leq \sqrt{2}, \quad x = n$$

For this, let  $\alpha = x^{-1} n$  and let's assume that  $d(\alpha, 1) \leq \sqrt{2}$ , it means

$$\alpha(A) \subseteq \{Re(z) \geq 0\}$$

$$|z-1|^2 = (z-1)(\bar{z}-1) \leq 2$$

$$2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq 2$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 0$$

As  $\alpha(A)$  is a subgroup of  $\pi$ , then  $\alpha(A) = \{1\}$ . Thus  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $x = n$ .

Let  $A$  be discrete. As  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, is numerable.

Let  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , numerable of  $A$ ,  $x_j$  a succession in  $A$ , there is a subsuccession  $x_j^o$  of  $x_j$  that converges locally uniform and these limits are characters and  $\hat{A}$  is compact.

**Example:** Let  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  invertible matrices of  $n \times n$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . As  $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ , taking the usual topology, it is locally compact.

Let  $f$  a valued continuous function in the reals with compact support in  $\mathbb{R}$ , which is non-negative, i.e.,  $f(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\operatorname{supp}(f) = \overline{\{x \in X / f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

The Riemann integral of  $f$ , is given by the infimum of the Riemann integrals of the step functions that domains to  $f$ .

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $1_n$  the characteristic function of the interval  $\left[-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right]$

$$1_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \left[-\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right] \\ 0 & \text{in other way} \end{cases}$$

There is  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $c_1, \dots, c_m > 0$ , such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j 1_n(x-x_j)$$

Let ( $f: 1_n$ ) the

$$\inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \mid \begin{array}{l} c_1, \dots, c_m > 0 \\ \text{such that} \end{array} \text{and there are } x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j 1_n(x-x_j)$$

The Riemann's integral is:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(f : \underline{1}_n)}{n}$$

In a general group  $G$ , we can replace  $[-\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2n}]$  by a neighbourhood around the identity. But we don't know what means  $\frac{1}{n}$ . We have to modify the definition of integral.

Let  $f_0$ , the characteristic function of the interval  $[0,1]$

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [0,1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin [0,1] \end{cases}$$

Then  $(f_0 : \underline{1}_n) = n$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(f : \underline{1}_n)}{(f_0 : \underline{1}_n)}$$

$$\int_G f(x) dx = \lim_{0 \rightarrow \text{et}} \frac{(f : \underline{1}_n)}{(f_0 : \underline{1}_n)} \longrightarrow \text{Haar's Measure.}$$