

II.  $L^1(G)$  AND  $M(G)$ .

## 3. LOCALLY COMPACT GROUPS.

A topological group is a group  $G$  provided with a topology such that the maps  $(x,y) \mapsto xy$  and  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$  are continuous:  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  and  $G \rightarrow G$ . This is the case if and only if  $(x,y) \mapsto xy^{-1}$  is continuous. Then for every  $a \in G$  the maps  $x \mapsto xa$  and  $x \mapsto ax$  are homeomorphisms of  $G$ , and so is the map  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ .

IN THIS SECTION  $G$  IS A TOPOLOGICAL GROUP WITH UNIT ELEMENT 1. For  $X, Y \in G$  set  $XY := \{xy : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  and  $X^{-1} := \{x^{-1} : x \in X\}$ . A set  $X \subset G$  is symmetric if  $X^{-1} = X$ . Note that every neighborhood  $X$  of 1 contains a symmetric neighborhood of 1 (e.g.  $X \cap X^{-1}$ ). If  $U \subset G$  is open and  $a \in U$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of 1 such that  $aV \subset U$  and  $Va \subset U$ .

## 3.1. LEMMA.

- (a) If  $X, Y \subset G$  are compact, then  $XY$  and  $X^{-1}$  are compact.
- (b) If  $X, Y \subset G$  and if  $X$  is open, then  $XY$  and  $YX$  are open.
- (c) Every open subgroup of  $G$  is closed. Every subgroup of  $G$  that is a neighborhood of 1 is open.
- (d) For every neighborhood  $U$  of 1 there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of 1 such that  $UV \subset U$ .
- (e) If  $U \subset G$  is open and  $K \subset G$  is compact, then the sets  $\{x \in G : xK \subset U\}$  and  $\{x \in G : Kx \subset U\}$  are open.

Proof. (a)  $XY$  is the image of the compact subset  $X \times Y$  of  $G \times G$  under the (continuous) multiplication  $G \times G \rightarrow G$ . The compactness of  $X^{-1}$  follows from the continuity of  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ .

- (b)  $XY = \bigcup \{xy : y \in Y\}$  and  $YX = \bigcup \{yx : y \in Y\}$ .
- (c) If  $H$  is an open subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G \setminus H = \bigcup \{xH : x \in G \setminus H\}$ , so  $G \setminus H$  is open and  $H$  is closed. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  that contains a non-empty open set  $U$ , then  $H = HU$  is open.
- (d) As multiplication is a continuous map  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  and  $1 \cdot 1 = 1$ , there exist neighborhoods  $V_1, V_2$  of 1 such that  $V_1 V_2 \subset U$ . Take  $V := V_1 \cap V_2$ .

(e) Apply Lemma 3.2 below.

3.2. LEMMA. If  $X, Y$  are topological spaces and if  $U \subset X \times Y$  is open, then for every compact  $K \subset X$  the set  $\{y \in Y : K \times \{y\} \subset U\}$  is open.

Proof. Let  $K \times \{b\} \subset U$ . By compactness there exist open  $V_1, \dots, V_m \subset X$  and  $W_1, \dots, W_m \subset Y$  with  $K \times \{b\} \subset \bigcup_j V_j \times W_j$  and  $b \in \bigcap W_j$ . Then  $\bigcap W_j \subset \{y : K \times \{y\} \subset U\}$ .

A few examples.  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are abelian topological groups under addition.  $\mathbf{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  is an abelian topological group under multiplication. Every group is a topological group if we provide it with the discrete topology. Every normed vector space is an additive topological group.

The invertible complex  $n \times n$ -matrices form a group  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  which can be topologized as a subset of  $\mathbb{C}^{n^2}$  (the general linear group). The matrices with determinant 1 form a closed subgroup  $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$  (the special linear group). Other closed subgroups are the unitary group  $U(n)$  of all unitary matrices and the special unitary group  $SU(n)$  which is  $U(n) \cap SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ . These groups are non-commutative (if  $n \neq 1$ ) and locally compact.  $U(n)$  and  $SU(n)$  are compact.  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$  are defined analogously to  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  and  $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ , respectively. The orthogonal group  $O(n)$  of all orthogonal matrices is  $U(n) \cap GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ ; the special orthogonal group  $SO(n)$  is  $O(n) \cap SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

A function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is left uniformly continuous if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of 1 such that

$$\sup_{x \in G} |f(x) - f(ax)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{all } a \in V.$$

$f$  is right uniformly continuous if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $V$  of 1 for which

$$\sup_{x \in G} |f(x) - f(xa)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{all } a \in V.$$

We call  $f$  uniformly continuous if it is both left and right uniformly continuous. Obviously, on an abelian group left and right uniform continuity are the same.

3.A. EXERCISE. Let  $G$  be the closed subgroup of  $GL(2, \mathbb{C})$  that consists of all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for which  $|\alpha|=1$ . The function

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \beta$$

is right uniformly continuous but not left uniformly continuous.

3.3. THEOREM. Let  $G$  be locally compact. Every element  $f$  of  $C_\infty(G)$  is uniformly continuous. (Hence if  $G$  is compact, every continuous function is uniformly continuous.)

Proof. Take  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists a compact  $K \subset G$  such that  $|f| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  off  $K$ . For every  $a \in K$  the set  $\{x \in G : |f(x)-f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$  is a neighborhood of  $a$ , so there exists an open set  $U_a$  containing 1 for which  $U_a a \subset \{x : |f(x)-f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$ . Take a symmetric neighborhood  $V_a$  of 1 such that  $V_a V_a \subset U_a$ . The sets  $V_a a$  cover  $K$ , so  $K \subset V_{a_1} a_1 \cup \dots \cup V_{a_m} a_m$  for certain  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in K$ .

Let  $V := V_{a_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{a_m}$ . Then  $V$  is a symmetric neighborhood

of 1. We prove  $|f(x)-f(ax)| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $a \in V$  and all  $x \in G$ .

If neither  $x$  nor  $ax$  lie in  $K$ , then  $|f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and  $|f(ax)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , so  $|f(x)-f(ax)| < \varepsilon$ . If  $x \in K$ , then  $x \in V_{a_i} a_i$  for some  $i$ ; then both  $x$  and  $ax$  are elements of  $U_{a_i} a_i$ , and  $|f(x)-f(ax)| \leq |f(x)-f(a_i)| + |f(ax)-f(a_i)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$ . If  $ax \in K$  then  $ax \in V_{a_i} a_i$  for some  $i$ ; as  $V$  is symmetric, we again have  $x \in U_{a_i} a_i$ ,  $ax \in U_{a_i} a_i$ , and  $|f(x)-f(ax)| \leq \varepsilon$ .

For a function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $a \in G$  define  $f_a : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$f_a(x) := f(a^{-1}x).$$

We have

$$(f_a)_b = f_{ba} \quad (a, b \in G).$$

(The reader is advised to check the truth of this assertion!)

An  $f \in C(G)$  is left uniformly continuous if and only if

$a \mapsto f_a$  is continuous  $G \rightarrow C(G)$ . If  $f \in C_\infty(G)$ , then  $f_a \in C_\infty(G)$ , and  $\|f_a\| = \|f\|$ . Theorem 3.3 implies

3.4. COROLLARY. Let  $G$  be locally compact. For every  $f \in C_\infty(G)$ ,  $a \mapsto f_a$  is a continuous map  $G \rightarrow C_\infty(G)$ .

Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of  $G$ , let  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/H$  be the natural surjection. In  $G/H$  we consider the quotient topology: a subset  $W$  of  $G/H$  is open if and only if  $\pi^{-1}(W)$  is open in  $G$ . If  $H$  is open,  $G/H$  is discrete.

3.5. LEMMA. (a)  $\pi$  is an open map, i.e. if  $U \subset G$  is open, then  $\pi(U)$  is open in  $G/H$ .

(b)  $G/H$  is a Hausdorff space. (In particular, if  $\{1\} \in G$  is closed, then  $G$  is Hausdorff.)

(c) The map  $(x, yH) \mapsto xyH$  is continuous  $G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$ .

(d) If  $H$  is a normal subgroup, then  $G/H$  is a topological group.

(e) If  $G$  is locally compact, so is  $G/H$ .

Proof. (a)  $\pi^{-1}(\pi U) = UH = \bigcup\{Ux : x \in H\}$ .

(b) Let  $a, b \in G$ ,  $\pi(a) \neq \pi(b)$ . Then  $b^{-1}a$  lies in the open set  $G \setminus H$ , so there exist open sets  $V \ni a$ ,  $W \ni b$  such that  $W^{-1}V \subset G \setminus H$ . Then  $\pi(V)$  and  $\pi(W)$  are open (see (a)!) neighborhoods of  $\pi(a)$  and  $\pi(b)$ , respectively, and  $\pi(V) \cap \pi(W) = \emptyset$ .

(c) Define  $\sigma: G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$  by  $\sigma(x, yH) := xyH$  ( $x, y \in G$ ), i.e.  $\sigma(x, \pi(y)) = \pi(xy)$  ( $x, y \in G$ ). If  $W \subset G/H$  is open and  $(a, \pi(b)) \in \sigma^{-1}(W)$  then  $\pi(ab) \in W$ , so  $ab \in \pi^{-1}(W)$ . There exist open sets  $U \ni a$ ,  $V \ni b$  with  $UV \subset \pi^{-1}(W)$ . Then  $U \times \pi(V) \subset \sigma^{-1}(W)$ .

(d) Let  $W \subset G/H$  be open,  $\pi(a)\pi(b)^{-1} \in W$ . As  $ab^{-1} \in \pi^{-1}(W)$  there exist open sets  $U \ni a$ ,  $V \ni b$  with  $UV^{-1} \subset \pi^{-1}(W)$ . Now  $\pi(U)$  and  $\pi(V^{-1})$  are open subsets of  $G/H$ , containing  $\pi(a)$  and  $\pi(b)^{-1}$ , respectively, and  $\pi(U)\pi(V)^{-1} \subset W$ : we see that the map  $(\pi(x), \pi(y)) \mapsto \pi(x)\pi(y)^{-1}$  is continuous, so  $G/H$  is a topological group.

(e) There exist open  $U \subset G$  and compact  $K \subset G$  with  $1 \in U \subset K$ . For every  $a \in G$ ,  $\pi(a) \in \pi(aU) \subset \pi(aK)$ , while  $\pi(aU) \subset G/H$  is open and  $\pi(aK) \subset G/H$  is compact.

3.6. ISOMORPHISM THEOREM. Let  $G_1, G_2$  be topological groups, and let  $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an open surjective group homomorphism. Then  $(x \bmod \text{Ker } \varphi) \mapsto \varphi(x)$  is not only a group isomorphism of  $G_1/\text{Ker } \varphi$  onto  $G_2$ , but also a homeomorphism.

Proof. Let  $\pi$  be the natural homomorphism  $G_1 \rightarrow G_1/\text{Ker } \varphi$ . We know that  $\varsigma: \pi(x) \mapsto \varphi(x)$  is well-defined and is a surjective isomorphism  $G_1/\text{Ker } \varphi \rightarrow G_2$ . If  $W \subset G_2$  is open, then  $\varphi^{-1}(W) \subset G_1$  is open, so  $\pi(\varphi^{-1}(W))$  is open in  $G_1/\text{Ker } \varphi$ . But  $\pi(\varphi^{-1}(W)) = \varphi^{-1}(W)$ . Thus,  $\varphi$  is continuous. By a similar argument,  $\varphi^{-1}$  is continuous.

3.7. LEMMA. Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of a locally compact group  $G$ ; let  $\pi$  be the natural map  $G \rightarrow G/H$ . Then every compact subset of  $G/H$  can be written as  $\pi(X)$  for some compact  $X \subset G$ .

Proof. Let  $K$  be a compact neighborhood of  $1 \in G$ . For every  $a \in G$ ,  $\pi(aK)$  is a compact neighborhood of  $\pi(a)$  (see Lemma 3.5 (a)). If  $Y \subset G/H$  is compact, there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G$  such that  $Y \subset \pi(a_1K) \cup \dots \cup \pi(a_nK)$ . Set  $X := \pi^{-1}(Y) \cap \bigcup_j \pi(a_jK)$ .

3.8. LEMMA. Let  $I$  be any index set. For each  $i \in I$  let  $G_i$  be a topological group. With coordinatewise multiplication,  $\prod_i G_i$  is a group. Under the product topology, it is a topological group.

Proof. It is easy to check that  $G := \prod_i G_i$  is a group. Let  $(x_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  and  $(y_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be nets in  $G$ ,  $x = \lim_\lambda x_\lambda$ ,  $y = \lim_\lambda y_\lambda$ . We are done if we can prove that  $xy^{-1} = \lim_\lambda x_\lambda(y_\lambda)^{-1}$ . But this is easy: convergence in  $\prod_i G_i$  is coordinatewise convergence and each  $G_i$  is a topological group.

We shall use two special cases:

3.9. LEMMA. (a) The product of any family of compact groups is a compact group.

(b) A product of finitely many locally compact groups is a locally compact group.

3.8. EXERCISE. Let  $G$  be a group. A metric  $d$  on  $G$  is called left invariant if

$$d(xa, xb) = d(a, b) \quad (a, b, x \in G)$$

and right invariant if

$$d(ax, bx) = d(a, b) \quad (a, b, x \in G).$$

It is (two-sided) invariant if it is both left and right invariant.

(a) Let  $D$  be a function  $G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with the properties

$$D(x) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = 1,$$

$$D(x) = D(x^{-1}) \text{ for every } x \in G,$$

$$D(xy) \leq D(x) + D(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Then the formula

$$d(x, y) := D(y^{-1}x)$$

yields a left invariant metric  $d$  on  $G$ . Every left invariant metric can be obtained in this way.

(b) Let  $d$  be a left invariant metric on  $G$ . Under the topology induced by  $d$ ,  $G$  is a topological group. If the topology induced by  $d$  is locally compact, then  $G$  is complete relative to  $d$ .

(c) Let  $G$  be abelian, with a (left) invariant metric  $d$ . Then the completion  $\bar{G}$  of  $G$  can in a unique way be made into an (abelian) topological group, such that  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ . (For non-abelian groups the situation is less simple.)

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. A positive linear function  $m : C_{\text{oo}}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is left invariant if

$$m(f_a) = m(f) \quad (f \in C_{\text{oo}}(G); a \in G).$$

By the Riesz Representation Theorem such an  $m$  determines a regular measure  $m$  on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of all Borel subsets of  $G$  that is left invariant, i.e. for which

$$m(aX) = m(X) \quad (X \in \mathcal{B}; a \in G).$$

A non-zero left invariant regular measure on  $\mathcal{B}$  is a (left)

Haar measure on  $G$ . The induced integral is a (left) Haar integral.

3.10. THEOREM. Let  $G$  be a locally compact group.

- (a) There exists a Haar measure on  $G$ .
- (b) If  $m_1, m_2$  are Haar measures on  $G$ , then  $m_1 = cm_2$  for some  $c \in (0, \infty)$ .

Although this theorem is basic to harmonic analysis, we are not going to prove it in this course. We refer the reader to Hewitt-Ross, "Abstract Harmonic Analysis I", 15.5.

The basic example is, of course, Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The following observation is almost trivial.

3.11. THEOREM. On a discrete group the counting measure is a Haar measure. On a non-discrete group every one-point set is negligible relative to every Haar measure.

On a compact group  $G$  there exists a unique Haar measure  $m$  for which  $m(G) = 1$ : we call this  $m$  the normalized Haar measure of  $G$ .

IN THE REST OF THIS SECTION  $G$  IS A LOCALLY COMPACT GROUP WITH A LEFT HAAR MEASURE  $m$  (OR  $m_G$ ). Instead of  $\int f(x)dm(x)$  we usually write  $\int f(x)dx$ , or  $\int f$ .

3.12. LEMMA.  $m(U) > 0$  for every non-empty open  $U \subset G$ .

Proof. Suppose  $U$  is open, non-empty and  $m(U)=0$ . Every compact  $K \subset G$  can be covered by finitely many left translates  $x_1U, \dots, x_mU$  of  $U$ . Then  $m(K) \leq \sum m(x_iU) = 0$ , so  $m(K)=0$  for all compact  $K$ . By the regularity of  $m$ ,  $m(G) = \sup\{m(K) : K \subset G \text{ compact}\} = 0$ .

Instead of  $L^p(m)$  ( $p=1, 2$ ) we write  $L^p(G)$ . (This notation is not quite honest, as Haar measure on  $G$  is not unique. However, if  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are Haar measures, then  $m_1 = cm_2$  for

some  $c > 0$ . Then  $L^p(m_1)$  and  $L^p(m_2)$  are the same sets, and  
 $\|f\|_{L^p(m_1)} = \frac{p}{c} \|f\|_{L^p(m_2)}.$

3.13. THEOREM. Let  $p = 1, 2$ ,  $f \in L^p(G)$ . Then  $a \mapsto f_a$  is a continuous map  $G \rightarrow L^p(G)$ .

Proof. Clearly if  $f \in L^p(G)$ , then  $f_a \in L^p(G)$  for every  $a \in G$  and  $\|f_a\|_p = \|f\|_p$ .

Take  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Lemma 1.8 there exists a  $k \in C_{\text{co}}(G)$  for which  $\|f-k\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . Then  $\|f_x - k_x\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  for every  $x \in G$ . Let  $K := \text{supp } k$ . By the regularity of the Haar measure  $m$ , there exists an open  $U \supset K$  with  $m(U) < \infty$ . By Lemma 3.1 (e) and Corollary 3.4 there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of 1 such that  $VK \subset U$  and such that  $\|k - k_x\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt[p]{m(U)}}$ . For all  $x \in V$  we now have  $k=0$  and  $k_x=0$  outside  $U$ , so  $\|k - k_x\|_p \leq \sqrt[p]{(\|k - k_x\|_\infty)^p m(U)} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ . Then for such  $x$ ,  $\|f - f_x\|_p < \|f - k\|_p + \|k - k_x\|_p + \|k_x - f_x\|_p < \varepsilon$ .

If  $a \in G$  is arbitrary, then  $\|f_a - f_{xa}\|_p = \|f - f_x\|_p < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in V$ . Thus,  $a \mapsto f_a$  is continuous.

For every  $a \in G$ , the measure  $X \mapsto m(Xa)$  is a left Haar measure, so there exists a number  $\Delta(a) > 0$  such that

$$m(Xa) = \Delta(a)m(X) \quad (X \subset G \text{ Borel}).$$

Obviously,  $\Delta$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into the multiplicative group  $(0, \infty)$ , and it does not depend on the choice of  $m$ .  $\Delta$  is called the modular function of  $G$ .

The following is obvious.

3.14. THEOREM.  $\int f(xa)dx = \Delta(a)^{-1} \int f(x)dx \quad (f \in L^1(G); a \in G).$

3.C. EXERCISE.  $\Delta$  is continuous. (Let  $X \subset G$  be a compact neighborhood of 1; then  $0 < m(X) < \infty$ . Use the regularity of  $m$  and Lemma 3.1 (e) to prove that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a neighborhood of 1 on which  $\Delta < 1 + \varepsilon$ .)

$G$  is called unimodular if  $\Delta = 1$ .

3.15. THEOREM. All abelian groups, all discrete groups and all compact groups are unimodular. For any  $G$ , the modular function is identically 1 on the center of  $G$  (i.e.  $\{a \in G : xa = ax \text{ for all } x \in G\}$ ) and on all compact subgroups of  $G$ .

Proof. The abelian case is trivial, the discrete case follows from Theorem 3.11. Further, if  $H$  is a compact subgroup of  $G$  and if  $\Delta$  is the modular function of  $G$ , then (use Exercise 3.C)  $\Delta(H)$  is a compact subgroup of  $(0, \infty)$ , so  $\Delta(H) = \{1\}$  and  $\Delta = 1$  on  $H$ .

(Another proof for compact  $G$ : For all  $a \in G$ ,  $m(G) = m(Ga) = \Delta(a)m(G)$ , so  $\Delta(a) = 1$ .)

Example. The closed subgroup

$$H := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x^{-1} \end{pmatrix} : x > 0; y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is not unimodular. In fact, for all  $x, y$ ,

$$\Delta\left(\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x^{-1} \end{pmatrix}\right) = x^{-2}.$$

Proof. The map  $(x, y) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$  is a homeomorphism of  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$  onto  $H$ . For simplicity we write  $(x, y)$  instead of  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & x^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $f \in C_{00}(H)$  set

$$I(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} x^{-2} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

If  $(a, b) \in H$  and if we put

$$g(x, y) = f((a, b)(x, y)) = f(ax, ay + bx^{-1}),$$

$$h(x, y) = f((x, y)(a, b)) = f(ax, bx + a^{-1}y),$$

then, by direct computation,  $I(g) = I(f)$ ,  $I(h) = a^2 I(f)$ . Thus,  $I$  is a left Haar integral, and  $\Delta(a, b) = a^{-2}$ .

In §11 we shall see that  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is unimodular. Thus, closed subgroups of unimodular groups may fail to be unimodular. (See also Exercise 3.I and Corollary 13.6.)

3.D. EXERCISE. On the subgroup  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : x > 0, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  of  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  the modular function is  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto x$ .

3.E. EXERCISE. The group mentioned in Exercise 3.A is not abelian, discrete or compact, but it is unimodular. (For every  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta(1-\alpha)} & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \alpha \in \mathbb{T} \right\}$  is a compact subgroup, and on compact subgroups  $\Delta$  must be 1.)

A trivial remark: If  $G, H$  are locally compact groups with modular functions  $\Delta_G, \Delta_H$ , and if  $\tau$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto  $H$  that is also a homeomorphism, then  $\Delta_G = \Delta_H \circ \tau$ . Thus:

3.16. THEOREM. If  $\tau$  is an automorphism of  $G$  that is also a homeomorphism, then  $\Delta(\tau(x)) = \Delta(x)$  ( $x \in G$ ).

For application of the Fubini Theorem we need  $\sigma$ -finite measures, but the Haar measure is in general not  $\sigma$ -finite. The following lemma 3.17 leads to Exercise 3.F which makes the Fubini Theorem easier to handle.

3.17. LEMMA.  $G$  contains a (closed) open  $\sigma$ -compact subgroup  $G_0$ .

Proof.  $1 \in G$  has a symmetric compact neighborhood  $V$ . Let  $G_0 := V \cup VV \cup VVV \cup \dots$ . Then  $G_0$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . As  $V, VV, VVV, \dots$  are compact,  $G_0$  is  $\sigma$ -compact. By Lemma 3.1 (c)  $G_0$  is open and closed.

3.F. EXERCISE. Let  $G$  be a locally compact group with left Haar measure  $m$ .

(a) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are  $\sigma$ -compact subsets of  $G$ , there exists an open  $\sigma$ -compact subgroup  $G_0$  of  $G$  that contains every  $X_n$ .

(b) For every  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(G)$  there is a  $\sigma$ -compact  $X \subset G$  such that  $\mu(Y) = 0$  for every Borel set  $Y \subset G \setminus X$ .

(c) If  $f \in C_c(G)$ , there is a  $\sigma$ -compact  $X \subset G$  outside which  $f = 0$ .

(d) If  $X$  is a Borel set of finite Haar measure, then  $X$  is contained in a  $\sigma$ -compact set. (Hint. We may assume  $X$  to be open. Let  $G_0$  be an open  $\sigma$ -compact subgroup of  $G$ . If  $S$  is a coset of  $G_0$ , then either  $X \cap S = \emptyset$  or  $m(X \cap S) > 0$ .)

(e) If  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $m$ -integrable, there exists a  $\sigma$ -compact subset of  $G$  outside which  $f = 0$ .

Let  $f, g \in L^1(G)^*$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$ . Choose a  $\sigma$ -compact open subgroup  $G_0$  of  $G$  such that  $f=g=0$  outside  $G_0$ . The functions

$$(x, y) \mapsto f(x)g(x^{-1}y)$$

and

$$(z, y) \mapsto f(yz)g(z^{-1})$$

are Borel measurable on  $G \times G$  and vanish outside  $G_0 \times G_0$ . By our Fubini Theorem 1.14,<sup>1.17</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(x)dx \int g(y)dy &= \int f(x) [\int g(y)dy] dx = \int f(x) [\int g(x^{-1}y)dy] dx = \\ &= \iint f(x)g(x^{-1}y)dxdy = \iint f(yz)g(z^{-1})dzdy = \\ &= \int g(z^{-1}) \int f(yz)dy dz = \int g(z^{-1}) \Delta(z^{-1}) \int f(y)dy dz = \\ &= \int f(y)dy \cdot \int g(z^{-1}) \Delta(z^{-1})dz. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

3.18. THEOREM. If  $g \in L^1(G)$  then  $x \mapsto \Delta(x^{-1})g(x^{-1})$  is also integrable and  $\int \Delta(x^{-1})g(x^{-1})dx = \int g(x)dx$ . (Hence, if  $X \subset G$  is negligible then so is  $X^{-1}$ .)

In particular, if  $f \in C_{\text{oo}}(G)$ , then  $\int f(x^{-1})dx = \int \Delta(x^{-1})f(x)dx = \int \Delta(x)^{-1}f(x)dx$ . As  $f \mapsto \int f(x^{-1})dx$  is right translation invariant, we obtain

3.19. THEOREM.  $\Delta^{-1}m$  is a right Haar measure.

For  $\mu \in M(G)$  define  $\mu' \in M(G)$  by

$$\mu'(X) := \mu(X^{-1}) \quad (X \subset G \text{ Borel}).$$

We also introduce  $\tilde{\mu} := \overline{\mu'} = \tilde{\mu}'$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(X) = \overline{\mu(X^{-1})}$  ( $X \subset G$  Borel).

For  $f \in L^1(G)$  define  $f' : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$f'(x) := \Delta(x^{-1}) f(x^{-1}) \quad (x \in G).$$

Instead of  $\overline{f'}$  (which is the same as  $\tilde{f}'$ ) we also write  $\tilde{f}$ .

3.G. EXERCISE.  $\mu \mapsto \mu'$  and  $f \mapsto f'$  are linear isometries  $M(G) \rightarrow M(G)$  and  $L^1(G) \rightarrow L^1(G)$ . If  $f \in L^1(G)$  then  $(fm)' = f'm$  and  $(fm)'' = fm$ . (Observe that  $\mu \mapsto \tilde{\mu}$  and  $f \mapsto \tilde{f}$  are not linear.)

3.H. EXERCISE. If  $n$  is a right Haar measure on  $G$ , then

$$\int g(ax) dn(x) = \Delta(a) \int g(x) dn(x) \quad (a \in G; g \in C_{\text{oo}}(G))$$

where  $\Delta$  is the modular function of  $G$ .

3.I. EXERCISE. Let  $H$  be an open subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $\Delta|_H$  is the modular function of  $H$ .

3.J. EXERCISE. A countable locally compact group is discrete.

3.K. EXERCISE. If  $G$  is connected, it is  $\epsilon$ -compact.

For arbitrary locally compact group  $G$  let  $G_c$  be the union of all connected subsets of  $G$  that contain 1. Then  $G_c$  is a closed connected subgroup of  $G$ .

3.L. EXERCISE. Obviously, if  $G$  is metrizable, then  $\{1\}$  is an intersection of countably many open sets.

Conversely, if  $\{1\}$  is an intersection of countably many open sets, then the topology of  $G$  is given by a left invariant metric. (See Exercise 3.B.)

(Hint. There exist open sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  so that  $\overline{U}_1$  is compact,  $\overline{U}_{n+1} \subset U_n$  for every  $n$ , and  $\bigcap U_n = \{1\}$ . Then every neighborhood of 1 contains a  $U_n$ . There exists an  $f \in C_{\text{oo}}^+(G)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \text{if } x \in G, x \notin U_n \text{ then } f(x) \leq 1 - 2^{-n}, \\ f(1) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$D(x) := \|f_x - f\|_\omega.$$

$D$  is continuous and has the three properties mentioned in Exercise 3.B (a), hence determines a left invariant metric  $d$  on  $G$ . For every  $n$ ,  $\{x : D(x) < 2^{-n}\} \subset U_n$ . The topology induced by  $d$  is just the given topology of  $G$ .)

3.M. EXERCISE. By the preceding exercise, the topology of a metrizable locally compact group  $G$  is given by a left invariant metric  $d$ . Then, of course,  $G$  also carries a right invariant metric  $d'$  that yields the same topology (e.g.  $d'(x,y) := d(x^{-1},y^{-1})$ .) However, a locally compact group whose topology is given by a two-sided invariant metric is unimodular. (Hint. If  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $A := \{x : d(x, 1) \leq \varepsilon\}$ , then  $aAa^{-1} = A$  for all  $a \in G$ .)

It follows that the group mentioned in the example on page 3.9 does not carry a two-sided invariant metric. A fortiori this is true for the groups  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $GL(2, \mathbb{C})$ , etc., which are metrizable and unimodular. (See Exercise 11.C.)

The topology of a compact metrizable group is given by a two-sided invariant metric.