

6. BOCHNER'S THEOREM.

LET G, m, Γ BE AS IN THE PRECEDING SECTION.

For $\mu \in M(G)$ define $\hat{\mu}: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$\hat{\mu}(\gamma) := \int \bar{\gamma} d\mu \quad (\gamma \in \Gamma).$$

Note that $(f\mu)^\wedge = \hat{f}$ for $f \in L^1(G)$. The function $\hat{\mu}$ is called the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of μ .

6.1. THEOREM. The Fourier-Stieltjes Transformation is a norm-decreasing homomorphism of $M(G)$ into $C_u(\Gamma)$. ($C_u(\Gamma)$ is the Banach algebra of all uniformly continuous bounded functions $\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.)

Proof. From our Fubini Theorem 1.17 it follows that $(\mu * \nu)^\wedge = \hat{\mu} \hat{\nu}$ for all $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$. Each $\mu \mapsto \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ is a homomorphism $M(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, hence is a contraction (Theorem 2.4). Thus, $\hat{\mu}$ is bounded and $\|\hat{\mu}\|_\infty \leq \|\mu\|$. It remains to prove $\hat{\mu} \in C_u(\Gamma)$.

Here we may assume $\mu \geq 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By the regularity of the measure μ there exists a compact $K \subset G$ with $\mu(G \setminus K) < \varepsilon$. As we know, $N(K; \varepsilon)$ is a neighborhood of $1 \in \Gamma$. If now $\beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ and $\gamma \in N(K; \varepsilon)$, then $|\mu(\gamma) - \mu(\beta)| \leq \int_K |\bar{\gamma} - \bar{\beta}| d\mu + \int_{G \setminus K} |\bar{\gamma} - \bar{\beta}| d\mu \leq \int_K |\gamma \beta^{-1} - 1| d\mu + 2\mu(G \setminus K) \leq \varepsilon \|\mu\| + 2\varepsilon$.

The set of all Fourier-Stieltjes transforms of elements of $M(G)$ we call $B(\Gamma)$. It is a subalgebra of $C_u(\Gamma)$ and contains $A(\Gamma)$.

6.2. LEMMA. If $j \in B(\Gamma)$ then $\bar{j} \in B(\Gamma)$, $j_\gamma \in B(\Gamma)$ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, and for each $x_0 \in G$ the function $\gamma \mapsto j(\gamma)\gamma(x_0)$ is an element of $B(\Gamma)$.

The proof of this lemma is quite analogous to the proof of Theorem 5.6.

Every element μ of $M(\Gamma)$ has a Fourier-Stieltjes transform $\hat{\mu} \in C_u(\hat{\Gamma})$. We have already found a natural continuous homomorphism α of G into $\hat{\Gamma}$. (See Exercise 5.A.) Then for every $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$, $\hat{\mu} \circ \alpha$ is an element of $C_u(G)$. We denote this element by $\check{\mu}$:

$$\check{\mu}(x) = \int \overline{\chi(x)} d\mu(\chi) \quad (\mu \in M(\Gamma); x \in G).$$

From our Fubini Theorem 1.17 one derives

6.3. LEMMA. If $\mu \in M(G)$ and $\nu \in M(\Gamma)$, then $\int \hat{\mu} d\nu = \int \check{\nu} d\mu$.

In particular, if $\check{\nu} = 0$, then $\int \hat{\mu} d\nu = 0$ for all $\mu \in L^1(G)$. In other words, if $\check{\nu} = 0$, then $\int j d\nu = 0$ for all $j \in A(\Gamma)$. But $A(\Gamma)$ is a dense subset of $C_\infty(\Gamma)$ (Theorem 5.5). Hence,

6.4. UNIQUENESS THEOREM. If $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ and if $\check{\mu} = 0$, then $\mu = 0$.

Let H be any abelian group. A function $\varphi: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be positive definite if for all $p \in \mathbb{N}$, all $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{C}$ and all $x_1, \dots, x_p \in H$ we have

$$\sum_{n,m=1}^p c_n \overline{c_m} \varphi(x_n x_m^{-1}) \geq 0.$$

An example: every group homomorphism $\varphi: H \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ is positive definite. In fact, for such φ and for arbitrary $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{C}$, $x_1, \dots, x_p \in H$ we find
$$\sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} \varphi(x_n x_m^{-1}) = \sum_{n,m} c_n \varphi(x_n) \overline{c_m \varphi(x_m)} = \left(\sum_n c_n \varphi(x_n) \right) \overline{\left(\sum_m c_m \varphi(x_m) \right)} = \left| \sum_n c_n \varphi(x_n) \right|^2 \geq 0.$$

Another example: If $\mu \in M(G)$ is positive, then $\hat{\mu}$ is positive definite on Γ . Proof. If $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_p \in \Gamma$,

$$\text{then } \sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} \hat{\mu}(\gamma_n \gamma_m^{-1}) = \sum_{n,m} \int c_n \overline{c_m} \overline{\gamma_n} \gamma_m d\mu = \int \left| \sum c_n \gamma_n \right|^2 d\mu \geq 0.$$

6.5. LEMMA. Let H be an abelian group; let $\varphi: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be positive definite. Then (1 denoting the identity element of H),

(a) $\varphi(1) = \|\varphi\|_\infty$. In particular, $\varphi(1) \geq 0$ and φ is bounded.

(b) $\varphi(x^{-1}) = \overline{\varphi(x)}$ for all $x \in H$.

(c) If $x, y \in H$, then $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|^2 \leq 2\varphi(1) \operatorname{Re}(\varphi(1) - \varphi(xy^{-1}))$.

Proof. Choosing $p=1$, $c_1=1$, $x_1=1$ we find $\varphi(1) \geq 0$.

For all $x \in G$ and $c \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$(1+|c|^2)\varphi(1)+\overline{c}\varphi(x^{-1})+c\varphi(x) \geq 0.$$

(This formula is obtained by taking $p=2$, $x_1=1$, $x_2=x$, $c_1=1$, $c_2=c$.) The substitutions $c=1$ and $c=i$ show that both $\varphi(x^{-1})+\varphi(x)$ and $i(\varphi(x)-\varphi(x^{-1}))$ are real numbers. Then $\varphi(x^{-1}) = \overline{\varphi(x)}$ ($x \in H$). Taking $c \in \mathbb{T}$ so that $c\varphi(x) = -|\varphi(x)|$ we find $2\varphi(1)-2|\varphi(x)| \geq 0$, so $|\varphi(x)| \leq \varphi(1)$, and we have proved (a) and (b).

For (c), let $x, y \in H$, $\varphi(x) \neq \varphi(y)$. Choose $p=3$, $x_1=1$, $x_2=x$, $x_3=y$, $c_1=1$, $c_2 = \lambda \frac{|\varphi(x)-\varphi(y)|}{\varphi(x)-\varphi(y)}$ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, and $c_3 = -c_2$. Applying (b) one obtains $(1+2\lambda^2)\varphi(1)+2\lambda|\varphi(x)-\varphi(y)|-2\lambda^2\operatorname{Re}\varphi(xy^{-1}) \geq 0$. For given x and y this inequality is valid for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the discriminant of the quadratic form $\lambda \mapsto \lambda^2[2\varphi(1)-2\operatorname{Re}\varphi(xy^{-1})] + \lambda \cdot 2|\varphi(x)-\varphi(y)| + \varphi(1)$ is ≤ 0 , so that $|\varphi(x)-\varphi(y)|^2 \leq 2\varphi(1)[\varphi(1) - \operatorname{Re}\varphi(xy^{-1})]$.

From (c) we have

6.6. COROLLARY. If $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is positive definite and continuous at 1, then $\varphi \in C_u(G)$.

For the construction of an important example of a positive definite function on G we use a convolution $L^2(G) \times L^2(G) \rightarrow C_\infty(G)$. We begin with a bit of pedantry. For $f \in L^2(G)$ define $\tilde{f}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\tilde{f}(x) := \overline{f(x^{-1})}$ ($x \in G$). It follows from Theorem 3.18 that $\tilde{f} \in L^2(G)$ and $\|\tilde{f}\|_2 = \|f\|_2$. If $f_1, f_2 \in L^2(G)$ are a.e. equal, then $\tilde{f}_1 = \tilde{f}_2$ a.e. (again Theorem 3.18). Thus, $f \mapsto \tilde{f}$ defines a (conjugate linear, surjective and isometric) map of $L^2(G)$ into $L^2(G)$, and without ambiguity we can use the symbol \tilde{f} not only for $f \in L^2(G)$ but also for $f \in L^2(G)$.

Let $(\cdot | \cdot)$ be the inner product in $L^2(G)$. For $f, g \in L^2(G)$ set

$$(f * g)(x) := (f_{x^{-1}} | g) \quad (x \in G).$$

Then for all f, g, x

$$\begin{aligned}(f * g)(x) &= \int f_{x^{-1}}(y) \overline{g(y)} dy = \\ &= \int f(xy) g(y^{-1}) dy = \int f(y) g(y^{-1}x) dy,\end{aligned}$$

and for our new convolution we get the same formula we had for the convolution in $L^1(G)$. We also see that

$|(f * g)(x)| \leq \|f_{x^{-1}}\|_2 \|\tilde{g}\|_2 = \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$, so $\|f * g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$. Further, by Theorem 3.13 $f * g$ is continuous.

Let $f, g \in L^2(G)$, $\varepsilon > 0$. By Lemma 1.8 there exist $f_1, g_1 \in C_{00}(G)$ with $\|f - f_1\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$, $\|g - g_1\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$. Then $\|f * g - f_1 * g_1\|_\infty \leq \|f * (g - g_1)\|_\infty + \|(f - f_1) * g_1\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_2 \|g - g_1\|_2 + \|f - f_1\|_2 \|g_1\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 \varepsilon + \varepsilon (\|g\|_2 + \varepsilon)$. It follows that for every $\delta > 0$ we can find $f_1, g_1 \in C_{00}(G)$ such that $|f * g| \leq \delta$ outside the support of $f_1 * g_1$. This support being compact (Exercise 4.B) we obtain $f * g \in C_\infty(G)$.

6.7. LEMMA. For $f, g \in L^2(G)$ there exists a function $f * g$ defined by

$$(f * g)(x) := \int f(y) g(y^{-1}x) dy \quad (x \in G).$$

Then $f * g \in C_\infty(G)$ and $\|f * g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$.

Returning to our positive definite functions we have

6.8. THEOREM. For every $f \in L^2(G)$, $f * \tilde{f}$ is positive definite.

Proof. For $c_1, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x_1, \dots, x_p \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} (f * \tilde{f})(x_n x_m^{-1}) &= \sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} (f_{x_m x_n^{-1}} | f) = \\ &= \sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} (f_{x_n^{-1}} | f_{x_m^{-1}}) = \left\| \sum_n c_n f_{x_n^{-1}} \right\|^2 \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

(note that $(f_{x^{-1}} | g) = (f | g_x)$ for all $f, g \in L^2(G)$, $x \in G$.)

6.9. BOCHNER'S THEOREM. (a) If $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ is positive, then $\check{\mu}$ is a continuous positive definite function on G , and $\|\check{\mu}\|_\infty = \|\mu\|$.

(b) Conversely, for every continuous positive definite

function φ on G there exists a unique $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ such that $\check{\mu} = \varphi$. This μ is positive, and $\|\mu\| = \|\varphi\|_\infty$.

Proof. (a) For $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ we have already seen that $\check{\mu}$ is continuous (beginning of page 6.2); if μ is also positive, then an easy computation shows that $\check{\mu}$ is positive definite. (See the second example on page 6.2.)

(b) Let φ be continuous, positive definite on G . By the Uniqueness Theorem 6.4 there is at most one $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ with $\check{\mu} = \varphi$; it only remains to prove existence and positivity.

For $f, g \in L^1(G)$ set

$$\begin{aligned} [f, g] &:= \int (f * \tilde{g}) \varphi = \iint f(x) \overline{g(y^{-1}x)} \varphi(y) dx dy = \\ &= \iint f(x) \overline{g(yx)} \varphi(y^{-1}) dx dy = \\ &= \iint f(x) \overline{g(y)} \varphi(xy^{-1}) dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

(We use the Fubini Theorem and Theorem 3.18.) Notice that

$$(*) \quad |[f, g]| \leq \varphi(1) \|f\| \|g\| \quad (f, g \in L^1(G)).$$

We first prove $[,]$ to be a semi-inner product, i.e.

(a) $f \mapsto [f, g]$ is linear for every g ;

(b) $\overline{[f, g]} = [g, f]$ for all f, g ;

(c) $[f, f] \geq 0$ for every f .

Formulas (a) and (b) are clearly true. For (c), by (*) it suffices to consider $f \in C_{00}(G)$. Let $f \in C_{00}(G)$; let $\delta > 0$.

According to Corollary 6.6 there is a neighborhood W of 1 such that

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq \delta \quad \text{if } x \in yW.$$

The continuity of the map $(x, y) \mapsto xy^{-1}$ guarantees the existence of a neighborhood U of 1 for which $UU^{-1} \subset W$. Let $K := \text{supp } f$. As K is compact there exist $a_1, \dots, a_p \in K$ and

disjoint Borel subsets E_1, \dots, E_p of K such that $K = E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_p$

and $E_n \subset a_n U$ ($n=1, \dots, p$). If $x \in E_n$ and $y \in E_m$, then $xy^{-1} \in a_n a_m^{-1} U U^{-1} \subset a_n a_m^{-1} W$, so $|\varphi(xy^{-1}) - \varphi(a_n a_m^{-1})| \leq \delta$. Hence,

for all n and m ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{E_n} \int_{E_m} f(x) \overline{f(y)} \varphi(xy^{-1}) dx dy - \int_{E_n} \int_{E_m} f(x) \overline{f(y)} \varphi(a_n a_m^{-1}) dx dy \right| \\ & \leq \int_{E_n} \int_{E_m} |f(x)| |f(y)| \delta dx dy, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\left| \int_{E_n} \int_{E_m} f(x) \overline{f(y)} \varphi(xy^{-1}) dx dy - \left(\int_{E_n} f \right) \left(\int_{E_m} \overline{f} \right) \varphi(a_n a_m^{-1}) \right| \\ \leq \delta \left(\int_{E_n} |f| \right) \left(\int_{E_m} |f| \right).$$

Summation over all n, m yields (set $c_n := \int_{E_n} f$)

$$(**) \quad | [f, f] - \sum_{n, m} c_n \overline{c_m} \varphi(a_n a_m^{-1}) | \leq \delta \|f\|^2.$$

Here $\sum c_n \overline{c_m} \varphi(a_n a_m^{-1}) \geq 0$. For all δ we can find a_1, \dots, a_p and c_1, \dots, c_p that satisfy (**). This is possible only if $[f, f] \geq 0$.

We have now proved (a), (b) and (c). From these formulas one derives in the usual way Schwarz's Inequality:

$$|[f, g]|^2 \leq [f, f][g, g] \quad (f, g \in L^1(G)).$$

In particular,

$$|\int (f * \tilde{g}) \varphi|^2 \leq \varphi(1) \|g\|^2 \int (f * \tilde{f}) \varphi \quad (f, g \in L^1(G)).$$

We know from Theorem 4.2 that $L^1(G)$ has an approximate identity $(e_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ with $\|e_\lambda\| = 1$ for each λ . For every $f \in L^1(G)$, $\lim f * e_\lambda = f$ in $L^1(G)$. φ being bounded we get

$$(***) \quad \int |f \varphi|^2 = \lim_\lambda \int |(f * e_\lambda) \varphi|^2 \leq \sup_\lambda \varphi(1) \|\tilde{e}_\lambda\|^2 \int (f * \tilde{f}) \varphi = \\ = \varphi(1) \int (f * \tilde{f}) \varphi \quad (f \in L^1(G)).$$

Take $f \in L^1(G)$. Define $h_1, h_2, \dots \in L^1(G)$ by

$$h_1 := f * \tilde{f}, \\ h_{n+1} := h_n * \tilde{h}_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

For all $g_1, g_2 \in L^1(G)$, $(g_1 * g_2)^\sim = \tilde{g}_2 * \tilde{g}_1$; consequently,

$$h_{n+1} = h_n * h_n.$$

By repeatedly applying (***) we arrive at

$$\int |f \varphi|^2 \leq \varphi(1) \int h_1 \varphi \leq \varphi(1)^{1+\frac{1}{2}} (\int h_2 \varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \dots \\ \leq \varphi(1)^{1+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{4}+\dots+(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}} \cdot (\int h_n \varphi)^{(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}} \\ \leq \varphi(1)^{1+\frac{1}{2}+\dots+(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}} \cdot (\|\varphi\|_\infty \|h_n\|)^{(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}} \\ = \varphi(1)^2 \|h_n\|^{(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}}$$

By the Spectral Radius Formula 2.7,

$$\lim \|h_n\|^{2^{n-1}} = \|\hat{h}_1\|_\infty = \|(f \star \tilde{f})^\wedge\|_\infty = \|\hat{f}\hat{f}\|_\infty = \|\hat{f}\bar{\hat{f}}\|_\infty = \|\hat{f}\|_\infty^2.$$

We have proved

$$|\int f\varphi| \leq \varphi(1)\|\hat{f}\|_\infty \quad (f \in L^1(G)).$$

Now we are almost done. Apparently, if $\hat{f} = 0$, the $\int f\varphi = 0$, and we can define a map $T: A(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$T(\hat{f}) := \int f\varphi \quad (f \in L^1(G)).$$

Clearly, T is linear, and, by what we have just proved, $|T(j)| \leq \varphi(1)\|j\|$ for all $j \in A(\Gamma)$. As we know, $A(\Gamma)$ is a dense subspace of $C_\infty(\Gamma)$ (Theorem 5.5). Therefore, T has a unique extension $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$, and $\|\mu\| \leq \varphi(1)$. For all $f \in L^1(G)$, $\int f\varphi = \int \hat{f}d\mu = \int \check{\mu}f$ (see Lemma 6.3). Hence, as both φ and $\check{\mu}$ are continuous, they must be equal. We have $\|\mu\| \leq \varphi(1) = \check{\mu}(1) = \mu(\Gamma)$ and, by Exercise 1.C, $\mu \geq 0$.

By $B(G)$ we denote $\{\check{\mu}: \mu \in M(\Gamma)\}$. By the above theorem, $B(G)$ is the linear span of the set of all continuous positive definite functions on G . $B(G)$ is a subset of $C_u(G)$.

For $f \in L^1(G)$, $\varphi \in C(G)$ and $x \in G$, it is easy to see that $\int f(y)\varphi(y^{-1}x)dy$ exists: we denote it by $f \star \varphi(x)$. (Note that $f \star \varphi$ is everywhere defined.)

6.10. LEMMA. (a) If $f \in L^1(G)$ and $\varphi \in B(G)$, then $f \star \varphi \in B(G)$.
 (b) $L^1(G) \cap B(G)$ is a dense subset of $L^1(G)$.

Proof. (a) By the Fubini Theorem, for $f \in L^1(G)$ and $\mu \in M(\Gamma)$ we have $f \star \check{\mu} = (\hat{f}\mu)^\vee \in B(G)$.

(b) If $u \in C_{00}(G)$, then $u \star \tilde{u} \in L^1(G) \cap B(G)$. (See Theorem 6.8.) It follows from Exercise 4.B and Lemma 4.3 that $L^1(G)$ has a right approximate identity $(e_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ that lies in $L^1(G) \cap B(G)$. For every $f \in L^1(G)$ we now have $f = \lim f \star e_\lambda$ while (by (a)) $f \star e_\lambda \in L^1(G) \cap B(G)$.

For every compact $K \subset \Gamma$ there exists a positive definite $f \in C_{00}(G)$ such that $\hat{f} \geq 0$ and $\hat{f} \geq \chi_K$. (By compactness it suffices to consider the case $K = \{\gamma\}$ ($\gamma \in \Gamma$). As $A(\Gamma)$ separates the points of Γ and $C_{00}(G)$ is dense in $L^1(G)$, for $\gamma \in \Gamma$

we find $u \in C_{00}(G)$ for which $|\hat{u}(\gamma)| \geq 1$. Then $f := u * \tilde{u}$ is a positive definite element of $C_{00}(G)$, and $\hat{f}(\gamma) = \hat{u}(\gamma) \overline{\hat{u}(\gamma)} = |\hat{u}(\gamma)|^2 \geq 1$.)

6.11. INVERSION THEOREM. There exists a (unique) Haar measure m_Γ on Γ with the following property. If $f \in B(G)$ is integrable then $\hat{f} \in L^1(\Gamma)$ and

$$f(x) = \int \hat{f}(\gamma) \gamma(x) dm_\Gamma(\gamma) \quad (x \in G).$$

i.e.

$$f(x) = \hat{f}^\vee(x^{-1}) \quad (x \in G).$$

Proof. If $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is positive definite, then so is $x \mapsto \varphi(x^{-1})$. Therefore, if $f \in B(G)$, then $x \mapsto f(x^{-1})$ is an element of $B(G)$ and there exists a $\mu_f \in M(G)$ such that $\check{\mu}_f = f'$. By Lemma 6.3,

$$(a) \quad \int \hat{h} d\mu_f = \int h(x) f(x^{-1}) dx \quad (h \in L^1(G); f \in B(G)).$$

Further, if φ is positive definite on G and if $\gamma \in \Gamma$, then $\gamma\varphi$ is positive definite. Hence, if $f \in B(G)$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, then $\gamma f \in B(G)$, and for all $h \in L^1(G)$,

$$\int \hat{h} d\mu_{\gamma f} = \int h \gamma f' dm = \int (h \gamma)^\wedge d\mu_f = \int (\hat{h})_\gamma d\mu_f.$$

As $A(\Gamma)$ is dense in $C_\infty(\Gamma)$ we may infer

$$(b) \quad \int \varphi d\mu_{\gamma f} = \int \varphi_\gamma d\mu_f \quad (f \in B(G); \varphi \in C_\infty(\Gamma)).$$

If $f, g \in L^1(G) \cap B(G)$, then (by the proof of Lemma 6.10 (a)), $(\hat{f}\mu_g)^\vee = f' * \check{\mu}_g = f' * g'$ and $(\hat{g}\mu_f)^\vee = g' * f'$. But G is commutative, so that $f' * g' = g' * f'$. Applying Theorem 6.4 we find

$$(c) \quad \hat{f}\mu_g = \hat{g}\mu_f \quad (f, g \in L^1(G) \cap B(G)).$$

If $k, h \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$ and $k \neq 0$ on $\text{supp } h$, by (h/k) we denote the unique $\varphi \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$ for which $k\varphi = h$ and $\varphi = 0$ on $\{\gamma \in \Gamma : k(\gamma) = 0\}$. For $h \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$ and $f \in C_{00}(G)$ we write $h \prec f$ if f is positive definite and $\hat{f} \geq 1$ on $\text{supp } h$: by the remark after Lemma 6.10, for every h such an f exists.

We want to define a function T on $C_{00}(\Gamma)$ by

$$(d) \quad T(h) := \int (h/\hat{f}) d\mu_f \quad (h \prec f)$$

and then prove T to be a Haar integral on Γ .

First we have to prove that the right hand member of (d) does not depend on the choice of f . Suppose $h \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$ and let $h \prec f, h \prec g$. Then by (c),

$$\int (h/\hat{f}) d\mu_f = \int (h/\hat{f}\hat{g})\hat{g} d\mu_f = \int (h/\hat{f}\hat{g})\hat{f} d\mu_g = \int (h/\hat{g}) d\mu_g.$$

Thus, T is well-defined.

If $h_1, h_2 \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$, there exists a positive definite $f \in C_{00}(G)$ such that $\hat{f} \geq 1$ on $(\text{supp } h_1) \cup (\text{supp } h_2)$. Then $h_1 \prec f, h_2 \prec f, h_1 + h_2 \prec f$ and $((h_1 + h_2)/\hat{f}) = (h_1/\hat{f}) + (h_2/\hat{f})$. It follows that $T(h_1 + h_2) = T(h_1) + T(h_2)$, so that T is linear.

If $h \in C_{00}^+(G)$ and $h \prec f$, then $(h/\hat{f}) \geq 0$. As $\mu_f \geq 0$ we have $T(h) \geq 0$: T is positive.

Finally we prove T to be invariant. Let $h \in C_{00}(\Gamma)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Choose a positive definite $f \in C_{00}(G)$ such that $\hat{f} \geq 1$ on $\text{supp } h$. Then (as we have seen) γf is positive definite and $(\gamma f)^\wedge = (\hat{f})_\gamma \geq 1$ on $\text{supp } h_\gamma$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T(h_\gamma) &= \int (h_\gamma / (\hat{f})_\gamma) d\mu_{\gamma f} = \int (h/\hat{f})_\gamma d\mu_{\gamma f} = (\text{by (b)}) \\ &= \int (h/\hat{f}) d\mu_f = T(h). \end{aligned}$$

We see that T is a Haar integral. Let m_Γ denote the corresponding Haar measure. We have

$$(e) \quad \int \varphi d\mu_f = \int \varphi \hat{f} dm_\Gamma \quad (\varphi \in C_{00}(\Gamma); f \in L^1(G) \cap B(G)).$$

To prove this formula, choose g so that $\varphi \prec g$; applying (c) one obtains

$$\int \varphi d\mu_f = \int (\varphi/\hat{g})\hat{g} d\mu_f = \int (\varphi/\hat{g})\hat{f} d\mu_g = \int (\varphi\hat{f}/\hat{g}) d\mu_g = \int \varphi \hat{f} dm_\Gamma.$$

From (e) we infer that $\mu_f = \hat{f} m_\Gamma$. Therefore, \hat{f} is m_Γ -integrable and

$$f(x) = \int \chi(x) d\mu_f(\chi) = \int \hat{f}(x) \chi(x) dm_\Gamma(\chi) \quad (x \in G).$$

In the following examples we let m_G denote the Haar measure on G and m_Γ the corresponding Haar measure on Γ .

Example. G is compact. Choose m_G so that $m_G(G)=1$. Every $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$ is positive definite and integrable, so that by the Inversion Theorem, for all x we must have $\gamma_0(x) = \int \hat{\gamma}_0(\gamma) \gamma(x) dm_\Gamma(\gamma) = \int \xi_{\{\gamma_0\}}(\gamma) \gamma(x) dm_\Gamma(\gamma) = \gamma_0(x) m_\Gamma(\gamma_0)$. Consequently, m_Γ is the counting measure. (Remember that Γ is discrete!)

Example. G is discrete. For m_G we choose the counting measure. We prove that then $m_\Gamma(\Gamma)=1$. In fact, $\xi_{\{1\}}$ is a continuous positive definite function on G and an element of $L^1(G)$. Its Fourier transform is the constant function 1 on Γ . Hence, $1 = \xi_{\{1\}}(1) = \int \hat{\xi}_{\{1\}}(\gamma) \gamma(1) dm_\Gamma(\gamma) = m_\Gamma(\Gamma)$.

Example. $G = \mathbb{R}$. We have already found a homeomorphic isomorphism $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{R}}$. We shall identify \mathbb{R} with $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ without, however, mixing up $m_{\mathbb{R}}$ and $m_{\hat{\mathbb{R}}}$. Both of these measures are multiples of the Lebesgue measure m : there exist $a, b > 0$ such that $m_{\mathbb{R}} = am$, $m_{\hat{\mathbb{R}}} = bm$. If a function f is Lebesgue-integrable, then $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f = a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$, $\int_{\hat{\mathbb{R}}} f = b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$. If g is a positive integrable function on $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ then $\check{g} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is positive definite. Assume $\check{g} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then $\check{g}^{\wedge} \in L^1(\hat{\mathbb{R}})$ and $\check{g}(x) = \check{g}^{\wedge\wedge}(-x)$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}$). By the Uniqueness Theorem 6.4 it follows that $g(y) = \check{g}^{\wedge}(-y)$ ($y \in \hat{\mathbb{R}}$). In particular, $g(0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \check{g}$.

We apply the above to the function $g : y \mapsto e^{-|y|}$. By a simple computation, $\check{g}(x) = \frac{2b}{1+x^2}$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}$), so $\check{g} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then $1 = g(0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \check{g} = 2ab \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = 2ab\pi$. We conclude that for am and bm to be Haar measures $m_{\mathbb{R}}$ and $m_{\hat{\mathbb{R}}}$, respectively, it is necessary (and sufficient) that $ab = \frac{1}{2\pi}$.

6.A. EXERCISE. Use these computations to prove that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ixy}}{1+x^2} dx = \pi e^{-|y|} \quad (y \in \mathbb{R}).$$

6.B. EXERCISE. For $\mu \in M(G)$ let ζ_μ be its Gelfand transform $M(M(G)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Every $\gamma \in \Gamma$ induces a $j(\gamma) \in M(M(G))$ by

$$j(\gamma)(\mu) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma) \quad (\mu \in M(G)).$$

j is a homeomorphism of Γ onto a subset of $M(M(G))$, and

$$\hat{\mu} = \zeta_\mu \circ j.$$

Hint. Consider convergence of nets in Γ and in $j(\Gamma)$.