

$$(6) \text{ Let } \mathcal{N} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

be the Heisenberg group. Then we

claim that, using $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

as parametrization of \mathcal{N} , for $f \in C_0(\mathcal{N})$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x, y, z) d\lambda(x) d\lambda(y) d\lambda(z)$$

is a left and right Haar measure.

Indeed: let $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

then $g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x+a & z+c+ay \\ 0 & 1 & y+b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Then

$$\mathbb{I}(\lambda^{-1} f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x+a, y+b, z+c+ay) d\lambda(x) d\lambda(y) d\lambda(z)$$

Since

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\lambda(z) f(x+a, y+b, z+c+ay)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\lambda(z) f(x+a, y+b, z)$$

We get

$$\mathbb{I}(\lambda^{-1} f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x+a, y+b, z) d\lambda(x) d\lambda(y) d\lambda(z)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x, y, z) d\lambda(x) d\lambda(y) d\lambda(z)$$

$$= \mathbb{I}(f)$$

A similar computation shows right invariance

Now we are going to exploit the uniqueness statement in Haar's theorem. Let

$\text{Aut}(G) = \{ \alpha: G \rightarrow G, \text{ is a group automorphism such that } \alpha \text{ and } \alpha^{-1} \text{ are continuous} \}$.

which is clearly a group under composition; we already saw special kinds of such automorphisms, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \text{int}(g) : G &\longrightarrow G \\ x &\longmapsto g x g^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

called inner automorphisms.

Define for $\alpha \in \text{Aut } G$ and $f \in C_0(G)$,

$$(\alpha.f)(x) := f(\alpha^{-1}x)$$

then this defines a left action of $\text{Aut } G$ on $C_0(G)$.

Let I be a left Haar functional and define $I_\alpha(f) := I(\alpha_* f)$, $f \in C_0(G)$

We claim that I_α is a left Haar

functional: we compute for $g \in G$

$$(\alpha \lambda(g))(f)(x) = f(g^{-1} \alpha^{-1}(x))$$

$$= f(\alpha^{-1}[\alpha(g)\alpha^{-1}(x)]) = (\alpha_* f)(\alpha(g)^{-1}x)$$

$$= \lambda(\alpha(g))(\alpha_* f)(x)$$

$$\text{Hence } I_\alpha(\lambda(g)f) = I(\alpha_* \lambda(g)f)$$

$$= I(\lambda(\alpha(g))(\alpha_* f))$$

$$= I(\alpha_* f) = I_\alpha(f).$$

Thus there exists a positive scalar

denote $\text{mod}_G(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^*$ with

$$I_\alpha(f) = \text{mod}_G(\alpha) I(f) \quad \forall f \in C_0(G)$$

Lemma 2.35 $\text{mod}_G : \text{Aut } G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}^*$
is a homomorphism.

Proof: The point here is that $\text{mod}_G(\cdot)$
is independent on the choice of left

Haar functional I : indeed any
other Haar functional I' satisfies
 $I' = c \cdot I$ for some $c > 0$ so that
 $I'_\alpha = c \cdot I_\alpha = c \cdot \text{mod}_G(\alpha) I = \text{mod}_G(\alpha) I'$.

With this we have $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \text{Aut } G$:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\alpha \cdot \beta}(f) &= I(\beta^{-1} \alpha^{-1}(f)) \\ &= I_\alpha(\alpha^{-1}(f)) \\ &= \text{mod}_G(\beta) I(\alpha^{-1}(f)) \\ &= \text{mod}_G(\beta) \text{mod}_G(\alpha) I(f) \end{aligned}$$

And $I_{\alpha \cdot \beta}(f) = \text{mod}_G(\alpha \cdot \beta) I(f)$.

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Applying this in particular to $\text{int}(g)$,
let's define the modular function Δ_G of
 G by $\Delta_G(g) = \text{mod}_G(\text{int}(g))$.

If μ is a left Haar measure we obtain
from left invariance of μ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_G(g) \int_G f(x) d\mu(x) &= \int_G f(\bar{g}xg) d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_G f(xg) d\mu(x)\end{aligned}$$

and thus Δ_G measures the extent to
which μ is not right invariant. We
have

Prop. 2.36 (i) $\Delta_G : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}^{\times}$ is
a continuous homomorphism.

(2) $\forall f \in C_0(G)$:

$$\int_G f(x^{-1}) \Delta_G(x) d\mu(x) = \int_G f(x) d\mu(x).$$

We will need a few preliminary facts of independent interest:

Def. 2.37 A map $F: G \rightarrow Y$,

where (Y, d) is a metric space, is

left uniformly continuous (resp. right uniformly continuous) if $\forall \epsilon > 0$

there is a neighborhood $U \ni e$ such

that $d(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon \quad \forall (x, y)$ with

$x^{-1}y \in U$ (resp. $xy^{-1} \in U$).

The terminology comes from the fact that

if F is left uniformly continuous and

$d(\overline{F}(x), \overline{F}(y)) < \varepsilon$ whenever $x, y \in U$
then $d(\overline{F}(gx), \overline{F}(gy)) < \varepsilon \quad \forall g \in G$
since $(gx), (gy) = x'g^{-1}y = x'y \in U$.

Lemma 2.38 (1) If $f \in C_{00}(G)$, then

$f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is left and right uniformly continuous.

(2) If we endow $C_{00}(G)$ with

the distance coming from $\|f\|_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in G} |f(x)|$

then $\forall f \in C_{00}(G)$, the maps

$$G \longrightarrow C_{00}(G)$$

$$g \longmapsto \lambda(g)f$$

and $G \longrightarrow C_{00}(G)$

$$g \longmapsto \rho(g)f$$

are continuous.

Observe that (2) is literally equivalent to (1).

Proof (of (1) in the case of left uniform continuity).

Let $V = V^{-1} \ni e$ be open with \bar{V} compact and let $K := \overline{\text{supp } f} \cdot \bar{V}$ which is compact (exercise).

If x, y are such that $x^{-1}y \in V$ and $x \notin K$, then from $y \in xV$ we get with $xV \cap \text{supp } f = \emptyset$ that $f(x) = f(y) = 0$. Similarly if $y \notin K$ using that $V = V^{-1}$.

Now $\forall x \in K$, $\exists W_x \ni e$ neighborhood with $W_x \subset V$ and

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall y \in K \cap (x \cdot W_x).$$

Now let $V_x \ni e$ open with $V_x^{-1} = V_x$
and $V_x \subset W_x$. Since $K \subset \bigcup_{x \in K} V_x$

there exist x_1, \dots, x_n with

$$K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n x_i V_{x_i}.$$

Let $V := \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{x_i}$; if $x^{-1}y \in V$,

$x \in K$ and $y \in K$ let $1 \leq i \leq n$ be

such that $x \in x_i V_{x_i}$. Then:

$$y \in x \cdot V \subset x_i V_{x_i} \subset x_i W_{x_i} \text{ and hence}$$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(x_i)| + |f(x_i) - f(y)|$$

$$< \varepsilon.$$

If $x^{-1}y \in V \subset U$ and either $x \notin K$

or $y \notin K$ then we have seen above that

$$f(x) = 0 = f(y).$$



Lemma 2.39 : Let μ be a left Haar measure on G .

(1) If $\Omega \subset G$ is open, non empty then $\mu(\Omega) > 0$; equivalently the support of $\mu = G$.

(2) Assume $F_1, F_2 : G \rightarrow Y$ are continuous maps into a top ^{Hausdorff} space such that $F_1(g) = F_2(g)$ for μ -almost every $g \in G$.

Then $F_1(g) = F_2(g) \forall g \in G$.

(3) ~~Let $\Omega \subset G$ open and~~ Let $f \in C_{00}(G)$ with ~~$\text{supp } f \subset \Omega$~~ with $0 \leq f \leq 1$ and $f \neq 0$, then $\int_G f(x) d\mu(x) > 0$.

Proof: (1) By definition a left Haar measure μ is not identically zero.

This means, there exists $f \in C_0(G)$

which we may assume $0 \leq f \leq 1$

and $\int_G f(x) d\mu(x) > 0$.

Now since $\text{supp } f$ is compact there exist J_1, \dots, J_n with

$$\text{supp } f \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n J_i \cap \mathcal{R}$$

which implies $f(x) \leq \|f\|_\infty \sum_{i=1}^n \chi_{J_i \cap \mathcal{R}}(x)$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \int_G f(x) d\mu(x) &\leq \|f\|_\infty \sum_{i=1}^n \int_G \chi_{J_i \cap \mathcal{R}}(x) d\mu(x) \\ &= n \cdot \mu(\mathcal{R}) \cdot \|f\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

which shows (1).