

We are closing this chapter with another application of the theory of Haar integral, namely:

Thm 2.48 Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable homomorphism between l.c.h. second countable groups. Then φ is continuous.

We will need two lemmas of general interest:

Lemma 2.49 Let G be a top. group, $A \subset W \subset G$ where A is compact and W is open. Then there is a neighborhood $N \ni e$ with $AN \subset W$ (resp. $NA \subset W$).

Proof: For every $x \in A$ let $V_x \ni e$
open with $x \cdot V_x^2 \subset W$. From

$A \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} V_x$ we deduce the existence
of x_1, \dots, x_ℓ in A with $A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} V_{x_i}$.

Let $N := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\ell} V_{x_i}$; then $N \ni e$ is

open and

$$A \cdot N \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} x_i V_{x_i} N \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} x_i V_{x_i}^2 \subset W. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.50. Let G be a l.c.h. group

μ a left Haar measure and $A \subset G$

compact with $\mu(A) > 0$. Then

$AA^{-1} \ni e$ is a neighborhood of e .

Proof: Observe that

$$AA^{-1} = \{x \in G : xA \cap A \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Let $W \supset A$ open with $\mu(W) < 2\mu(A)$

and $N \ni \epsilon$ open with $NA \subset W$.

Then $\forall x \in N$.

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu(W) < \mu(A) = \mu(xA) \leq \mu(W)$$

and $A \cup xA \subset W$

which implies that $\mu(A \cap xA) > 0$

and hence $xA \cap A \neq \emptyset$. This

shows $N \subset AA^{-1}$. \square

Proof of the Theorem.

By restricting to $\overline{\text{Im } \varphi}$ the closure

of the image of φ we may assume

$\text{Im } \varphi$ is dense in H . Since H is second

countable there is $\{h_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \text{Im } \varphi$

countable and dense in H .

Let $g_n \in G$ with $\varphi(g_n) = h_n$, $n \geq 1$.

Let $V \ni e_H$ neighborhood of e_H and

$U = U^{-1} \ni e_H$ open with $U^2 \subset V$.

Then $H = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} h_n \cdot U$ and hence $G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n \bar{\varphi}'(U)$

Since φ is a homomorphism. Let as

above μ_G be a left Haar measure on

G ; then there is n with $\mu_G(g_n \bar{\varphi}'(U)) > 0$

and hence $\mu(\bar{\varphi}'(U)) > 0$. Let then

$A \subset \bar{\varphi}'(U)$ be compact with $\mu(A) > 0$.

Then:

$\bar{\varphi}'(V) \supset \bar{\varphi}'(U) \bar{\varphi}'(U)^{-1} \supset A \bar{A}^{-1}$ and

by lemma 2. So, $A \bar{A}^{-1}$ is a neighborhood

of e_G . This shows that φ is continuous

at e_G and hence everywhere. \square

Example 2.51: The additive groups \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{R}^2 are isomorphic: indeed they have the same dimension as \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces. It follows then that no isomorphism $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is measurable.

To end this chapter we discuss another application of invariant integration in relation with the geometry of numbers.

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We fix once and for all the Lebesgue measure \mathcal{L} on \mathbb{R}^n normalized so that $\mathcal{L}([0,1]^n) = 1$.

Given a lattice $\Lambda < \mathbb{R}^n$ there is a unique \mathbb{R}^n -invariant measure $d\lambda_\Lambda$ on \mathbb{R}^n/Λ

such that:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda} \left(\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} f(x+\lambda) \right) d\lambda_\Lambda(x).$$

This formula is valid for $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and also for $f \geq 0$ measurable.

The fundamental theorem of the geometry of number is:

Thm 2.52: Let $\Lambda < \mathbb{R}^n$ be a lattice and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ compact, convex, balanced subset with

$$\lambda(V) \geq 2^n \lambda_\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda).$$

Then $V \cap (\Lambda - \{0\}) \neq \emptyset$.

Balanced means $V = -V$.

Proof:

Claim: $p: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \Lambda$ is not injective on $\frac{1}{2}V$.

Let's see how the claim implies the theorem. Let $x \neq y$ in $\frac{1}{2}V$ with $p(x) = p(y)$, that is $x - y = \lambda \in \Lambda$ and $\lambda \neq 0$. Now $x \in \frac{1}{2}V$, $-y \in \frac{1}{2}V$ and hence $\lambda = x - y \in \frac{1}{2}V + \frac{1}{2}V \subset V$.

Now we prove the claim by contradiction.

Let's assume p is injective on $\frac{1}{2}V$.

Then $p(\frac{1}{2}V) \neq \mathbb{R}^n / \Lambda$. Otherwise

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\lambda + \frac{1}{2}V)$$

This union is disjoint because p is injective on $\frac{1}{2}V$. In addition

this union is locally finite because Λ is discrete and $\frac{1}{2}V$ is compact.

Hence $\frac{1}{2}V$ and $\bigcup_{\lambda \neq 0} (\lambda + \frac{1}{2}V)$ are

disjoint closed with union \mathbb{R}^n , a contradiction.

Thus $p(\frac{1}{2}V) \subsetneq \mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda$.

Since p is injective on $\frac{1}{2}V$ we have:

$$\chi_{p(\frac{1}{2}V)}(x) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \chi_{\frac{1}{2}V}(x + \lambda)$$

and hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda} d\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda}(x) \chi_{p(\frac{1}{2}V)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda} d\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda}(x) \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \chi_{\frac{1}{2}V}(x + \lambda)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n}(x) \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \chi_{\frac{1}{2}V}(x + \lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n}(x) \chi_{\frac{1}{2}V}(x)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{2}v\right) \geq \mathcal{L}_\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda).$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathcal{L}_\Lambda\left(p\left(\frac{1}{2}v\right)\right) = \mathcal{L}_\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda)$$

But $p\left(\frac{1}{2}v\right)$ is compact hence closed and the support of \mathcal{L}_Λ being \mathbb{R}^n/Λ , open non-empty subsets have positive \mathcal{L}_Λ -measure, hence

$$p\left(\frac{1}{2}v\right) = \mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda. \text{ Contradiction.}$$

□

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{R}^{(1)} = \left\{ \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^n : \Lambda \text{ is a lattice} \right. \\ \left. \text{with } \mathcal{L}_\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda) = 1 \right\}.$$

By considering fundamental domains

for the Λ -action on \mathbb{R}^n , $\mathcal{L}_\Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda) = 1$

$$\text{iff } \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}f_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}f_n \text{ with}$$

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$$\det (f_1, \dots, f_n) = 1.$$

As a result : $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ acts transitively on $\mathbb{R}^{(n)}$ and hence

$$SL(n, \mathbb{R}) / SL(n, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(n)}$$
$$[g] \longmapsto g(\mathbb{Z}^n)$$

is a bijection.

By means of this bijection we transport the topology of $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) / SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ to $\mathbb{R}^{(n)}$; since $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and $SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ are unimodular there is an $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure on $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) / SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$; let μ be a fixed $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure on $\mathbb{R}^{(n)}$.

Given a lattice $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, call $\lambda \in \Lambda$ primitive if $\forall n \geq 2, \lambda/n \notin \Lambda$.

Let Λ_{prim} denote the set of primitive

vectors in Λ . Given $f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$

define
$$F(\lambda) := \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{\text{prim}}} f(\lambda).$$

Thm 2.53

(1) For $n \geq 1$, $\mu(\mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \mathbb{Z}^n) < +\infty$.

(2) For $n \geq 2$ there is a constant

$c_n > 0$ s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(1)}} F(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) = c_n \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx.$$

$\forall f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$

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Let's indicate how (2) \Rightarrow (1) using

Minkowski's theorem. Let

$$V = [-1, 1]^n$$

then $\lambda(V) = 2^n = \lambda_1(\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda)$

$\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{(n)}$. Let $0 \leq f \leq 1$ with

$f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\int_V f = 1$. By

Minkowski $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{(n)}$:

$$\Lambda \setminus \{0\} \cap V \neq \emptyset$$

and hence $\Lambda_{\text{prim}} \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

This implies

$$F(\lambda) \geq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_{\text{prim}}} \chi_V(\lambda) \geq 1$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\mathbb{R}^{(n)}) &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n)}} F(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) = c_n \lambda(V) \\ &= 2^n c_n < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$