

ON INTEGER-VALUED FOURIER-STIELTJES TRANSFORMS ON A LCA GROUP WITH A CERTAIN DIRECTION

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1. Introduction.

For a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω , $M(\Omega)$ denotes the Banach space of complex-valued bounded regular measures on Ω with the total variation norm. Let G be a LCA group with the dual group \hat{G} . G_d is the group G with the discrete topology and m_G is the Haar measure of G . Let $M(G)$ be the measure algebra and “ $\hat{}$ ” denotes the Fourier–Stieltjes transform. We denote by $B(\hat{G})$ the set $\{\hat{\mu}; \mu \in M(G)\}$. For $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$, we signify $\|\hat{\mu}\|$ by $\|\hat{\mu}\| = \|\mu\|$. According to the notation of [9], let $F(G)$ be the set of measures in $M(G)$ whose Fourier–Stieltjes transforms are integer-valued.

In their proof of the Cohen Idempotent Theorem, Ito and Amemiya proved the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.1 (See [5].) *Let μ be a measure in $F(G)$. Then μ can be represented as follows:*

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i},$$

where $n_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\gamma_i \in \hat{G}$ and H_i are compact subgroups of G such that $\{\sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i}\}$ are mutually singular.

In his Semi-Idempotent Theorem, Kessler proved the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.2 (See [6].) *Let G be a compact abelian group such that \hat{G} is ordered. Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ is integer-valued on $\{\gamma \in \hat{G}; \gamma > 0\}$. Then there exists a measure $\nu \in F(G)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ for $\gamma > 0$.*

On the other hand, Svensson has recently obtained the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.3 ([10, Theorem 3.3.1]). *Let Γ be a LCA group and Ω a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^n \times \Gamma)$ is integer-valued on $\Omega \times \Gamma$. Then there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^n \times \Gamma)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\Omega \times \Gamma$.*

In this paper we prove that Svensson's theorem is satisfied for a LCA group G such that there exists a continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n . We first state our result in this paper.

MAIN THEOREM. *Let G be a LCA group and ψ a nontrivial continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n . Let Ω be a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ is integer-valued on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then there exists a measure $\nu \in F(G)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.*

LEMMA 1.4. *Let G be a LCA group and ψ a nontrivial continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n . Let τ be an automorphism on \hat{G} , and let β be an automorphism on \mathbb{R}^n . We put $\psi_* = \beta \circ \psi \circ \tau$. Then the following are equivalent:*

(I) *For any bounded open convex set Ω' in \mathbb{R}^n and $\hat{\mu}' \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\mu}'$ is integer-valued on $\psi_*^{-1}(\Omega')$, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu}' \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu}'(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}'(\gamma)$ on $\psi_*^{-1}(\Omega')$;*

(II) *For any bounded open convex set Ω in \mathbb{R}^n and $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\mu}$ is integer-valued on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.*

PROOF. (I) \Rightarrow (II): We note that $\psi^{-1}(\Omega) = (\beta \circ \psi)^{-1}(\beta(\Omega))$ and $\beta(\Omega)$ is a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . We define $\hat{\mu}' \in B(\hat{G})$ by $\hat{\mu}' = \hat{\mu} \circ \tau$. Then $\hat{\mu}'$ is integer-valued on $(\beta \circ \psi \circ \tau)^{-1}(\beta(\Omega)) = \tau^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(\Omega))$. Hence, by the hypothesis, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu}' \in B(\hat{G})$ such that

$$\hat{\nu}'(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}'(\gamma) \quad \text{on } (\beta \circ \psi \circ \tau)^{-1}(\beta(\Omega)).$$

We define $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G})$ by $\hat{\nu} = \hat{\nu}' \circ \tau^{-1}$. Then $\hat{\nu}$ is integer-valued, and for $\gamma \in \psi^{-1}(\Omega)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\nu}(\gamma) &= \hat{\nu}'(\tau^{-1}(\gamma)) \\ &= \hat{\mu}'(\tau^{-1}(\gamma)) \quad (\tau^{-1}(\gamma) \in (\beta \circ \psi \circ \tau)^{-1}(\beta(\Omega))) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (I) \Rightarrow (II) is proved. Since $\psi = \beta^{-1} \circ \psi_* \circ \tau^{-1}$, (II) \Rightarrow (I) can be also proved as same as above. This completes the proof.

REMARK 1.5. Svensson proved in ([10, 4.2, p. 132]) the following:

Let Ω be a non-empty bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^n whose closure $\bar{\Omega}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is non-convex. Then there exists $\hat{\mu} \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^n)$, integer-valued on Ω and such that $\hat{\mu}|_\Omega \neq \hat{\nu}|_\Omega$ for all integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^n)$.

2. Several lemmas.

Let e_k be an unit vector in \mathbb{R}^n such that $e_k = (\overbrace{0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0}^k)$.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let G be a LCA group and ψ a continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n such that $e_k \in \psi(\hat{G})$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$). Let χ_k be an element in \hat{G} such that $\psi(\chi_k) = e_k$. We define a discrete subgroup A of \hat{G} by

$$A = \{m_1\chi_1 + \dots + m_n\chi_n; (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n\},$$

and we put $K = A^\perp$ (the annihilator of A).

The following lemma is due to [11].

LEMMA 2.2 ([11, Proposition 2.7]). $\{(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K); \gamma \in \hat{G}\}$ is a closed subgroup of $\mathbb{R}^n \oplus \hat{K}$ and topologically isomorphic to \hat{G} .

From above lemma, the following lemma is obtained.

LEMMA 2.3. If $\ker(\psi)$ is open $\{(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K); \gamma \in \hat{G}\}$ is an open subgroup of $\mathbb{R}_d^n \oplus \hat{K}$. In particular, \hat{G} is topologically isomorphic to an open subgroup $\{(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K); \gamma \in \hat{G}\}$ of $\mathbb{R}_d^n \oplus \hat{K}$.

PROOF. Since $\ker(\psi)$ is open, $\{\gamma|_K; \gamma \in \ker(\psi)\}$ is an open subgroup of \hat{K} . Hence $\{(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K); \gamma \in \hat{G}\}$ is an open subgroup of $\mathbb{R}_d^n \oplus \hat{K}$. This completes the proof.

The following proposition is a special case of Main Theorem.

PROPOSITION 2.4. Let G be a LCA group and ψ a continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n such that $\psi(\hat{G})$ contains e_k ($1 \leq k \leq n$). We assume that $\ker(\psi)$ is open. Let Ω be a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ is integer-valued on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then there exists a measure $\nu \in F(G)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.

PROOF. Let $\Gamma = \{(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K); \gamma \in \hat{G}\}$. Then, by Lemma 2.3, $\hat{\mu}$ can be regarded as a function in $B(\Gamma)$. Since Γ is an open subgroup of $\mathbb{R}_d^n \oplus \hat{K}$, there exists $\xi_\mu \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^n \oplus \hat{K})$ such that

$$\xi_\mu(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \hat{\mu}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in \Gamma \\ 0 & \text{for } \gamma \notin \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

Evidently ξ_μ is integer-valued on $\Omega \times \hat{K}$. Hence, by Theorem 1.3, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{v}_0 \in B(\mathbb{R}_d^k \oplus \hat{K})$ such that $\hat{v}_0(\sigma) = \xi_\mu(\sigma)$ for $\sigma \in \Omega \times \hat{K}$. We define $\hat{v} \in B(\hat{G})$ by $\hat{v}(\gamma) = \hat{v}_0(\psi(\gamma), \gamma|_K)$. Then \hat{v} is integer-valued and $\hat{v}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. This completes the proof.

We need the following two lemmas in order to prove Main Theorem.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let Γ_i be proper subgroups of \mathbb{R}^m ($i=1, 2, \dots, l$). Then, for any $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and open set V in \mathbb{R}^m , we have*

$$\sum_{i=1}^l n_i \chi_{(x_i + \Gamma_i)} \neq M \quad \text{on } V$$

for any M , where $\chi_{(x_i + \Gamma_i)}$ is the characteristic function of $x_i + \Gamma_i$.

PROOF. Suppose $\sum_{i=1}^l n_i \chi_{(x_i + \Gamma_i)} = M$ on V for some $M \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let H_i be the annihilator of Γ_i in $\bar{\mathbb{R}}^m$, and we put $I = \{1 \leq i \leq l; \Gamma_i \text{ is dense in } \mathbb{R}^m\}$. Then, by ([10, Theorem 3.1.2, p. 126]), we have

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i \in I} n_i x_i m_{H_i} = M \delta_0.$$

However, since Γ_i are proper subgroups of \mathbb{R}^m , m_{H_i} are continuous measures (cf. [4, (24.23) Theorem, p. 384]). Hence (1) yields a contradiction, and the proof is complete.

LEMMA 2.6. *Let F be a LCA group. Let E be an open coset in $\mathbb{R}_d^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$ such that E is not open in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$, where \mathbb{R}_d^k is the group \mathbb{R}^k with discrete topology. Then for each $u \in F$,*

$$E_u = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}; (x, u) \in E\}$$

is not open in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ if $E_u \neq \emptyset$.

PROOF. Suppose there is $u \in F$ with $E_u \neq \emptyset$ such that E_u is open. Let x_0 be an element in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ such that $(x_0, u) \in E$. Then, since E is open in $\mathbb{R}_d^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$, there is an open neighborhood U of u in F such that $\{x_0\} \times U \subset E$. Then $\{x_0\} \times U + E_u \times \{u\} - E_u \times \{u\}$ is an open set in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$, and it is contained in E because E is a coset. This contradicts the hypothesis that E is not open in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$, and the proof is complete.

3. Proof of Main Theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let G be a LCA group and ψ a continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n such that $[\psi(\hat{G})]$ coincides with \mathbb{R}^n , where $[\psi(\hat{G})]$ is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n generated by $\psi(\hat{G})$. Let Ω be a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ is integer-valued on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.*

PROOF. We prove the theorem by dividing two cases that $\ker(\psi)$ is open or not.

CASE 1. Suppose $\ker(\psi)$ is open. By the hypothesis that $[\psi(\hat{G})]$ coincides with \mathbb{R}^n , there exists an automorphism β on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\beta \circ \psi(\hat{G})$ contains e_k ($1 \leq k \leq n$). Hence, by Lemma 1.4 and Proposition 2.4, the theorem is obtained.

CASE 2. Suppose $\ker(\psi)$ is not open. By the structure theorem of LCA groups, we have $\hat{G} \cong \mathbb{R}^m \oplus F$, where m is a nonnegative integer and F is a LCA group which contains a compact open subgroup F_0 . Since $\ker(\psi)$ is not open, $\psi(\mathbb{R}^m) \neq \{0\}$. We put $k = \dim \psi(\mathbb{R}^m)$. Then $1 \leq k \leq \min(m, n)$, and there exist an automorphism τ on $\hat{G} (\cong \mathbb{R}^m \oplus F)$ and an automorphism β on \mathbb{R}^n such that

$$\beta \circ \psi \circ \tau(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0)$$

for $(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Hence, by Lemma 1.4, we may assume that ψ satisfies

$$\psi(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0)$$

for $(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Let $\hat{G}_\tau = \mathbb{R}_d^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \oplus F$, and let G_τ be the dual group of \hat{G}_τ . Then $\psi: \hat{G}_\tau \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous homomorphism and $\ker(\psi)$ is open in \hat{G}_τ . Hence by Case 1 there is an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G}_\tau)$ such that $\hat{\nu} = \hat{\mu}$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then ν can be written as follows:

$$\nu = \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i} \quad (n_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \gamma_{ij} \in \hat{G}_\tau),$$

where H_i are compact subgroups of G_τ . Let H_i^\perp be the annihilator of H_i in \hat{G}_τ , let I_1 be the set of those i such that H_i^\perp is open in \hat{G} and let I_2 be the set of those i such that H_i^\perp is not open in \hat{G} .

CLAIM. $(\sum_{i \in I_2} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i})^\wedge = 0$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.

Suppose there exist a nonzero integer M and $\gamma_0 = (x_0, u_0) \in \psi^{-1}(\Omega)$ ($x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$, $u_0 \in F$) such that $(\sum_{i \in I_2} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i})^\wedge(\gamma_0) = M$. Since $(\sum_{i \in I_2} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i})^\wedge$ is integer-valued and continuous on the open set $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$, there is an open neighborhood V of x_0 in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ such that

$$(1) \quad \left(\sum_{i \in I_2} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i} \right)^\wedge(x, u_0) = M \quad \text{for } x \in V.$$

We put $E_{ij} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}; (x, u_0) \in \gamma_{ij} + H_i^\perp\}$ and $I'_2 = \{i \in I_2; E_{ij} \neq \emptyset\}$. Then E_{ij} are cosets in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$, and it follows from (1) that

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i \in I'_2} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \chi_{E_{ij}}(x) = M \quad \text{for } x \in V.$$

By Lemma 2.6, if $i \in I'_2$, E_{ij} are not open in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$, hence proper cosets in $\mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$. Hence by Lemma 2.5 and (2) we have a contradiction. Thus Claim is obtained.

We put $\sigma = \sum_{i \in I_1} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} n_{ij} \gamma_{ij} m_{H_i}$. Then $\sigma \in M(G)$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ is integer-valued. Moreover, by Claim, we get $\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\mu}$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 3.2 (Main Theorem). *Let G be a LCA group and ψ a nontrivial continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^n . Let Ω be a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^n . Suppose $\hat{\mu} \in B(\hat{G})$ is integer-valued on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu} = \hat{\mu}$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.*

PROOF. Let $[\psi(\hat{G})]$ be the linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^n generated by $\psi(\hat{G})$. We put $k = \dim [\psi(\hat{G})]$. Then there exist independent vectors u_1, \dots, u_k in $\psi(\hat{G})$. Hence there exists an automorphism β on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\beta(u_i) = e_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$). Therefore, by Lemma 1.4, we may assume that ψ satisfies the following:

- (1) $e_i \in \psi(\hat{G}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq k)$;
- (2) $\psi(\hat{G}) \subset \mathbb{R}^k = \{(x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n; x_i \in \mathbb{R} \ (1 \leq i \leq k)\}$.

By (1) and (2), we can regard ψ as a nontrivial continuous homomorphism from \hat{G} into \mathbb{R}^k such that $[\psi(\hat{G})] = \mathbb{R}^k$. We put $\Omega_k = \mathbb{R}^k \cap \Omega$. Then Ω_k is a bounded open convex set in \mathbb{R}^k and $\psi^{-1}(\Omega_k) = \psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Hence, by Theorem 3.1, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu} \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu} = \hat{\mu}$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 3.3. *Under the assumption of Main Theorem, we suppose that $\hat{\mu}(\gamma) = 1$ or 0 on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. Then there exists an idempotent measure $\nu \in M(G)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$.*

PROOF. By Main Theorem, there exists an integer-valued $\hat{\nu}_0 \in B(\hat{G})$ such that $\hat{\nu}_0(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\gamma)$ on $\psi^{-1}(\Omega)$. By Theorem 1.1, $F = \{\gamma \in \hat{G}; \nu_0(\gamma) = 1\}$ belongs to the open coset ring of \hat{G} . Hence there exists an idempotent measure $\nu \in M(G)$ such that $\hat{\nu}(\gamma) = \chi_F(\gamma)$, where χ_F is the characteristic function of F . Since $F \supset \{\gamma \in \psi^{-1}(\Omega); \hat{\mu}(\gamma) = 1\}$, ν is the desired one. This completes the proof.

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