

A Study on Topological Groups and Haar Measures

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Abstract -Compact right topological groups arise in topological dynamics and in other settings. Following H. Furstenberg's seminal work on distal flows, R. Ellis and I. Namioka have shown that the compact right topological groups of dynamical type always admit a probability measure invariant under the continuous left translations; however, this invariance property is insufficient to identify a unique probability measure (in contrast to the case of compact topological groups). We amplify on the confirmations of Ellis and Namioka to show that a right invariant probability measure on the compact right topological group G exists provided G admits an appropriate system of normal Subgroups, that it is uniquely determined and that it is also invariant under the continuous left translations. Using Namioka's work, we show that G has such a system of subgroups if topological centre contains a countable dense subset, or if it is a closed subgroup of such a group.

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I.INTRODUCTION

Topological groups and Haar measures. Our purpose in this section is to describe the connection between two different approaches to theory. The measure theory approach is commonly used in probability theory and so is familiar to most of us. However, the algebraic or linear functional approach is not so familiar. A good reference for the details of both approaches is Segal and Kunze (1978). A brief description of the linear functional approach and its relationship to the measure theory approach follows.

Let X be a locally compact topological space (Hausdorff) for which the topology has a countable base. That is, X is a topological space such that:

II. NECESSARY OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACE AND HAAR MEASURE

Definition 1. Topological spaces

If X is a set, a family U of subsets of X defines a topology on X if

- (i) $\emptyset \in U, X \in U$.
- (ii) The union of any family of sets in U belongs to U .
- (iii) The intersection of a finite number of sets in U belongs to U . If U defines a topology on X , we say that X is a topological space. The sets in U are called open sets. The sets of the form $X \setminus U, U \in U$, are called closed sets. If Y is a subset of X the closure of Y is the smallest closed set in X that contains Y .

Let Y be a subset of a topological space X . Then we may define a topology λ_Y on Y , called the subspace or relative topology, or the topology on Y induced by the topology on X , by taking $\lambda_Y = \{Y \cap R \mid R \in \lambda\}$

A system B of subsets of X is called a basis (or base) for the topology R if every open set is the union of certain sets in B . Equivalently, for each open set R , given any point $x \in R$, there exists $B \in B$ such that $x \in B \subset R$.

Definition 2

A Radon measure is a Borel measure on a Hausdorff locally compact topological space which is finite on compact sets, inner and outer-regular on all open sets.

Definition 3

A Haar measure on a locally compact topological group G is a non-zero Radon measure which is the right translation -invariant,

$$\text{i.e. } \lambda(gE) = \lambda(E)$$

For any Borel subset E of G and each $g \in G$.

One can similarly define left translation-invariant measures, or bi-invariant translation -invariant measures, which is a combination of both.

Definition 4

We say that (G, λ) is a topological group if (G, λ) is a group and (G, λ) a topological space such that, writing $M(y, x) = y \times x$ and $Jy = y^{-1}$ the multiplication map $M : G^2 \rightarrow G$ and the inversion map $J : G \rightarrow G$ is continuous

Definition 5

For G a topological group, there exists a measure λ_{Haar} or simply λ , which is left G -invariant. Formulated simplistically, this is a countably additive function $\lambda : \{\text{open sets of } G\} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ with the invariance property $\lambda(gA) = \lambda(A)$, for all $A \subset G$ and $g \in G$.

Here $gA = \{g \times x : x \in A\} \subset G$. Moreover, μ is unique up to a scalar multiple. We fix now on the Haar measure λ . For $A \subset G$ an open set, we may refer to $\lambda(A)$ also as $\text{vol}(A)$.

Definition 6

A group G is unimodular if $\lambda(g) = 1, \forall g \in G$. In other words, a group is unimodular if the Haar measure (by definition left-invariant) is right-invariant as well.

Theorem. 1

A group of the following type is necessarily unimodular:

- Abelian groups
- Compact groups
- $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

Proof

If G is a compact group, the image $\lambda(G)$ is a compact subgroup of $(0, \infty)$, in particular bounded. Hence $\lambda(G) = \{1\}$. c) But every element of $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ is of this form (check!), hence $\lambda_* \equiv 0$. Since $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is connected this determines $\equiv 1$.

Example

For $G = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \subset GL(2, \mathbb{R})$, let $d_{Haar} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \sigma(y, x) dx dy$.

$$\text{Since } \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} bx & by + a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Left-invariance of Haar measure means $\sigma(ay, ax + ba2dxdy) = \sigma(y, x) dx dy$, hence for $x=1$ and $y=0$ we obtain $\delta(a, b) = a^{-2}$, so the Haar measure is $\frac{dx dy}{y^2}$. To

compute the modulus,

$$\text{Let } \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} bx & bx + y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{|a| dx dy}{a^2 x^2} = \delta(g) \frac{dx dy}{x^2},$$

$$\text{Hence } \delta \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = |a|^{-1}.$$

This shows that G is not unimodular. In particular, for

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ we have}$$

$$\int_G \phi(h) dh = \int_{R^x} \int_{R^y} \phi \left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \frac{dx dy}{x^2}$$

$$\int_G \phi(gh) dh = \int_G \phi(h) dh$$

$$\int_G \phi(hg) dh = |a| \int_G \phi(h) dh$$

Let B_m the upper triangular sub group of $GL(m, \mathbb{R})$.

$$\text{Then } dg = \frac{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} dx_{ij}}{\prod_{i=1}^m x_{ii}^{m-i+1}} = \det(g)^{-n-1} \frac{\prod dx_{ij}}{\prod x_{ii}^i},$$

$$\delta_{B_n}(g) = x_{11}^{n-1} x_{22}^{3-n} \dots x_{mm}^{m-1} = \det(g)^{-n-1} \prod_{k=1}^n x_{ii}^{2i}$$

Theorem 2

Let G be a topological group. Then

- The map $g \leftrightarrow g^{-1}$ is a homeomorphism of G onto itself.
- Fix $g_0 \in G$. The maps $g \leftrightarrow g_0 g, g \leftrightarrow g g_0$, and $g \leftrightarrow g_0 g g_0^{-1}$ are homeomorphisms of G onto itself.

A subgroup H of a topological group G is a topological group in the subspace topology. Let H be a subgroup of a topological group G , and let $M: G \rightarrow G/H$ be the canonical mapping of G onto G/H . We define a topology $\lambda_U G/H$ on G/H , called the quotient topology, by $\lambda_{G/H} \{p(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \lambda_G\}$. (Here, λ_G is the topology on G). The canonical map p is open (by definition) and continuous. If H is a closed subgroup of G , then the topological space G/H is Hausdorff. If H is a normal subgroup of G , then G/H is a topological group.

If G and G' are topological groups, a map $M: G \leftrightarrow G'$ is a continuous homomorphism of G into G' if M is a homomorphism of groups and M is a continuous function. If H is a closed normal subgroup of a topological group G , then the canonical mapping of G onto G/H is an open continuous homomorphism of G onto G/H . A topological group G is a locally compact group if G is locally compact as a topological space.

III. APPLICATION TOPOLOGICAL GROUPS AND HAAR MEASURE

Example 1

Take $G = R^m$ with addition as the group operation and the usual topology on R^m . Obviously, $0 \in R^m$ is the identity and $-a$ is the inverse of $a \in R^m$. This group is commutative, that is, $a + b = b + a$, for $a, b \in R^m$. This example clearly extends to the case where G is a finite dimensional real vector space with the Euclidean topology

Let $G = G_{\lambda_n}$, which is the group of all $m \times m$ non-singular real matrices with matrix multiplication as the group operation—commonly called the general linear group. For $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$, g^{-1} means the matrix inverse of g so that the identity in G_{λ_n} is the $m \times m$ identity matrix.

Let $\phi_{m,m}$ be the real vector space of $m \times m$ real matrices so $G_{\lambda_n} \subseteq \phi_{m,m}$. The determinant function \det is defined on $\phi_{m,m}$ and is continuous.

$$\text{Since } G_{\lambda_n} = \{a/a \in \phi_{m,m}, \det(a) \neq 0\}$$

We see that G_{λ_n} is an open subset of the Euclidean space $\phi_{m,m}$. That is, G_{λ_n} is the complement of the closed set $\{a/a \in \phi_{m,m}, \det(a) = 0\}$. Thus, G_{λ_n} is a space with the topology inherited from $\phi_{m,m}$. That the group operations are continuous is not too hard to check.

Example 2.

Let G be the group G_{λ_n} of $m \times m$ lower triangular matrices whose diagonal elements are positive. The group operation is matrix multiplication and G_{λ_n} is easily shown to be closed under this operation. That $g^{-1} \in G_{\lambda_n}$ for $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$ is most easily established by induction. For $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$ partition p as

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where g_{11} is $(m-1) \times (m-1)$ and is lower triangular with positive diagonals, g_{21} is $1 \times (m-1)$ and $g_{22} \in (0, \infty)$ the inverse of g is

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ -g_{22}^{-1} g_{21} g_{11}^{-1} & g_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

which shows that $g^{-1} \in G_{\lambda_n}$. The topology for $\in G_{\lambda_n}$ is that obtained by regarding $\in G_{\lambda_n}$ a subset of $m(m+1)/2$ dimensional coordinate space and using the inherited topology for $\in G_{\lambda_n}$. Clearly a is an open subset of this $m(m+1)/2$ dimensional vector space. The continuity of the group operations follows from the fact that $\in G_{\lambda_n}$ is a (closed) subgroup of $\in G_{\lambda_n}$ and hence inherits the continuity of the group operations from $\in G_{\lambda_n}$.

Example 3

The final example of this chapter concerns G_{λ_n} the left and right Haar measures, the modular function and all the multipliers for G_{λ_n} are derived here. We are going to use the method described. For a $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$, x has the form.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \dots & x_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

With $x_{ii} > 0$ and $x_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$. Let dx denote Lebesgue measure restricted to the set of such x 's in $m(m+1)/2$ dimensional space. Define an integral $J(L_g M)$ by

$$J(L_g M) = \int M(x) dx$$

And for $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$ consider

$$J(L_g M) = \int M(g^{-1}x) dx$$

With $b = g^{-1}x$ so $a = gb$, Jacobian of this transformation on $m(m+1)/2$ coordinate space is

$$\lambda_0(g) = \prod_{i=1}^m g_{i,i}^i$$

Where $g_{11} \dots g_{mm}$ are the diagonal elements $g \in G_{\lambda_n}$. Hence $dx = \lambda_0(g) dy$ so that

$$J(L_g M) = \lambda_0(g) J(M)$$

$$v_i(dx) = \frac{dx}{\lambda_0(x)} = \frac{dx}{\prod_{i=1}^m x_{i,i}^i}$$

is a left Haar measure on $G_{\lambda_n} \subseteq \varphi_{m,m}$. The modulus of G_{λ_n} is computed. Thus, consider

$$\int M(xg^{-1}) v_i(dx) = \int M(xg^{-1}) \frac{dx}{\lambda_0(x)}$$

And let $b = xg^{-1}$ so that $x = bg$. Jacobian of this transform is

$$\lambda_1(g) = \prod_{i=1}^m g_{i,i}^{m-i+1}$$

Where $g_{11} \dots g_{mm}$ are the diagonal elements of g . making this change of variables in the above integral yields

$$\int M(xg^{-1}) v_i(dx) = \int M(y) \lambda_1(g) \frac{dx}{\lambda_0(x)}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1(g)}{\lambda_0(g)} \int M(y) \frac{dx}{\lambda_0(x)}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1(g)}{\lambda_0(g)} \int M(y) v_i(dx)$$

Thus by definition, the modulus of G_{λ_n} is

$$\Delta(g) = \frac{\lambda_1(g)}{\lambda_0(g)} = \prod_{i=1}^m g_{i,i}^{m-2i+1}$$

So a right Haar measure is

$$v_i(dx) = \frac{1}{\Delta(g)} v_i(dx) = \frac{dx}{\prod_{i=1}^m g_{i,i}^{m-i+1}}$$

Here is a characterization of the multipliers on $G_{\lambda_n} \subseteq \varphi_{m,m}$

IV. CONCLUSION

We have studied the topological group's structures on the Cantor set \mathbb{R} and shown that any such structure has an "equivalent" Abelian group structure, in the sense that the Haar measures are the same. We also showed any representation of "g" as an abelian group admits a continuous mapping onto the unit interval sending Haar measure to Lebesgue measure.

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