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**\*\*I arrived late.\*\*** When  $G$  is compact,  $\hat{G}$  is discrete, (if  $G$  is not abelian,  $\hat{G}$  are the equivalence classes of irreps of  $G$ ) and given the right set-up **\*\*an action of  $G$  on Banach space  $B$ ?\*\***, we can average and define an “isotypic subspace”:  $B_m = \{\xi : \alpha_x(\xi) = \langle x, m \rangle \xi\}$ .

Another view: Let  $e_m(x) = \overline{\langle x, m \rangle}$ . Then  $e_m \in L^1(G)$ , and  $(e_m \star e_n)(x) = \int_G e_m(y) e_n(x - y) dy = \int_G \overline{\langle y, m \rangle} \langle x - y, n \rangle dy = \overline{\langle x, n \rangle} \int \langle y, m - n \rangle dy$ . Based on experience with these things over, e.g. the torus, we can show that this integral is  $\int \langle y, m - n \rangle dy = \delta_{m,n}$ . So  $e_m$  is an idempotent in  $L^1(G)$  and  $e_m \star e_n = 0$  if  $m \neq n$ . So set  $\xi_m = \alpha_{e_m}(\xi)$ ; then  $\alpha_{e_m}$  is a projection of  $B$  onto  $B_m$ .

**Prop:** If  $\xi_m = 0$  for all  $m$ , then  $\xi = 0$ .

**Proof:**

$\alpha_{e_m}(\xi) = 0$ . The finite linear combinations of the  $e_m$ s form a subalgebra under pointwise multiplication —  $e_m e_n = e_{m+n}$  — and under complex conjugation. There are lots of characters of a compact group: we even have the machinery to show this **\*\*and sketched the proof verbally, but I didn't catch it\*\***. This algebra separates points, hence is dense in  $C(G)$  with  $\infty$ -norm, so dense in  $L^1(G)$ . Thus  $\alpha_f(\xi) = 0$  for any  $f \in L^1(G)$ . But let  $f_\lambda$  be an approximate identity for  $L^1(G)$ , so  $0 = \alpha_{f_\lambda}(\xi) \rightarrow \xi$ .  $\square$

**Question from the audience:** So this is saying that if all the Fourier coefficients of a function are zero, then it's zero? **Answer:** Precisely. And more generally.

**Cor:** If  $a \in A_\theta = C^*(\mathbb{Z}^d, c_\theta)$ , and if  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , then  $a = 0$ .

If  $G$  compact Abelian,  $\alpha$  and action on  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , we can define  $A_m$  for each  $m \in \hat{G}$ . We pick  $a \in A_m$  and  $b \in A_n$ ; then  $\alpha_x(ab) = \alpha_x(a)\alpha_x(b) = \langle x, m \rangle a \langle x, n \rangle b = \langle x, m + n \rangle ab$ . So  $ab \in A_{m+n}$ . And  $a^* \in A_{-m}$ . So then  $\bigoplus A_m$  is a dense subalgebra fibered over  $\hat{G}$ . **\*\*I would call this “graded”.\*\*** We can even do this in the nonabelian case. These are often called “Fell bundles”.

So, back in our torus case, let  $U_m$  be a unitary generator for  $A_\theta$  (corresponds to  $\delta_m$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} (U_m)_n &= \int \overline{\langle x, m \rangle} \alpha_x(U_m) dx \\ &= \int \overline{\langle x, b \rangle} \langle x, m \rangle U_m dx \\ &= \int \langle x, m - n \rangle dx U_m \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ 1, & m = n \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So  $(A_\theta)_m = \text{span}(U_m)$ . We can try to ask at a convergence level whether  $a \sim \sum a_m U_m$ . This doesn't have a good answer, even in the continuous case: Which collections of Fourier coefficients come from continuous functions?

For  $G$  acting on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , the fiber over 0 is a  $C^*$ -subalgebra.  $A_0 = \{a : \alpha_x(a) = a \forall x\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^G$ . If  $P = \alpha_{e_0}$ , then  $P(a) = \int_G \alpha_x(a) dx$ .

**Prop:**  $P$  is a *conditional expectation* from  $A$  onto  $A^G$ :

- (a) If  $a > 0$ , then  $P(a) > 0$ .
- (b) If  $a \in A$  and  $b \in A^G$ , then  $P(ba) = bP(a)$  and  $P(ab) = P(a)b$ .
- (c)  $P(\alpha_x(a)) = P(a) \forall x \in G$ .

For  $A_\theta$ ,  $P(a) = \int_{T^d} \alpha_x(a) dx = a_0 U_0 = a_0 \mathbb{1}$ . So we can view  $P$  as a linear functional  $\tau : a \mapsto a_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . It's positive, from what we've seen, and  $P(\mathbb{1}) = P(U_0) = 1$ , so it's a state, but also *tracial*:  $\tau ab = \tau(ba)$ . It's enough to check this on generators:

$$\tau(U_m U_n) = \int \langle m, x \rangle U_m \langle n, x \rangle U_n dx = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq -n \\ U_m U_{-m} = c_\theta(m, -m), & m = -n \end{cases}$$

**Cor:**  $A_\theta$  contains no proper  $\alpha$ -invariant ideal.

**Proof:**

If  $I$  is an ideal,  $a \in I$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , then  $a^*a \in I$  and  $a^*a \neq 0$ . So  $P(a^*a) = \int \alpha_x(a^*a) dx > 0$ , but it is in  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{1}$ , so  $1 \in I$ , so  $I = A_\theta$ .  $\square$

**Cor:** The rep of  $A_\theta$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  is faithful.

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**Cor:**  $\tau$  is the only  $\alpha$ -invariant tracial state.

**Proof:**

If  $\tau_0$  is another one, then  $\tau_0(a) = \tau_0(\alpha_x(a)) = \int_G \tau_0(\alpha_x(a)) dx = \tau_0(\int \alpha_x(a) dx) = \tau_0(a_0) = \tau_0(\tau(a)\mathbb{1}) = \tau(a)$ .  $\square$