

A variant of a Yamaguchi's result

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Introduction

Yamaguchi extended the classical F. and M. Riesz theorem to a transformation group such that a compact abelian group acts on a locally compact Hausdorff space. In fact, he proved the following theorem.

THEOREM A. [5, Theorem 2.4] *Let (G, X) be a transformation group in which G is a compact abelian group and X is a locally compact Hausdorff space. Let σ be a positive Radon measure on X that is quasi-invariant and let Λ be a Riesz set in \widehat{G} . Let μ be a measure in $\mathcal{M}(X)$ with $\text{spec } \mu \subset \Lambda$. Then $\text{spec } \mu_a$ and $\text{spec } \mu_s$ are both contained in $\text{spec } \mu$, where $\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s$ is the Lebesgue decomposition of μ with respect to σ .*

Let us recall that a subset Λ of \widehat{G} is a Riesz set if $\mathcal{M}_\Lambda(G) \subset L^1(G)$ (where $\mathcal{M}_\Lambda(G)$ denotes the space of measures in $\mathcal{M}(G)$ whose Fourier transforms vanish off Λ). With this terminology, the classical F. and M. Riesz theorem asserts that N is a Riesz subset of \mathbb{Z} .

Godefroy introduced and studied the notion of nicely placed and Shapiro sets [2]. Let us recall the definitions.

DEFINITION 1. [2]

1. A subset Λ of \widehat{G} is said nicely placed if the unit ball of $L^\infty_\Lambda(G)$ is closed in measure.

2. A subset Λ of \widehat{G} is said Shapiro if every subset of Λ is nicely placed.

The Alexandrov's example shows that there exists a Riesz subset Λ of \mathbb{Z} which is not nicely placed [2]: take $\Lambda = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n$, where $D_n = \{k2^n, |k| \leq 2^n, k \neq 0\}$. On the other hand of course \mathbb{Z} is nicely placed in \mathbb{Z} but not Riesz in \mathbb{Z} .

But Godefroy proved that every Shapiro set is a Riesz set [2].

Our aim is to show that the conclusion of theorem A also holds for another class of subsets Λ of \widehat{G} : the nicely placed subsets. More precise-

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