

THE F. AND M. RIESZ THEOREM AND SOME FUNCTION SPACES

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§ 1. Introduction

In 1916 F. and M. Riesz published the following result : if μ is a bounded complex Borel measure on the unit circle T such that

$$\hat{\mu}(n) = \int_T e^{-in\theta} d\mu(\theta) = 0 \quad \text{for } n = -1, -2, \dots,$$

then μ is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure on T . Some forty years later, Helson and Lowdenslager generalized this theorem to compact Abelian groups with ordered dual ([5]). Since then a number of related results have been obtained under more general settings ([1], [2], [4], [6], [10], [15], [17]).

In his papers [13] and [14] Sarason showed that $H^\infty(T) + C(T)$ is a closed subalgebra of $L^\infty(T)$, and that $H^\infty(\mathbf{R}) + C_u(\mathbf{R})$ is a closed subalgebra of $L^\infty(\mathbf{R})$. Subsequently, Rudin [12] and Yamaguchi [16] investigated spaces of type $H^\infty + C$ on locally compact Abelian groups with ordered dual.

Meanwhile, Hewitt, Koshi, and the author recently presented simple proofs for results in [1], [2], and [17] and recognized that the embedding theorem of a locally compact Abelian group into a locally compact divisible Abelian group is useful in dealing with more general subsemigroups instead of orders ([7]). In the present paper we continue to use the embedding theorem and study the relation between the F. and M. Riesz theorem and spaces of type $H^\infty + C$.

In section 2 we describe our notation and state main theorem which gives a generalization of a theorem of Yamaguchi ([16]). In fact our result supplies more information on the relation between the F. and M. Riesz theorem and spaces of type $H^\infty + C$. Some preliminary lemmas are proved in section 3. We give the proof of our main theorem in section 4.

§ 2. Notation and Main Theorem

Throughout this paper, the symbols \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{Z}_+ , \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{R}_+ , and T will denote the integers, the nonnegative integers, the real numbers, the nonnegative real numbers, and the circle group respectively and the term “locally compact