

78. Uniqueness of the Plancherel Measure as an Invariant Measure over the Dual Objects of Compact Groups

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1. In the previous paper [1], we showed an invariancy of the Plancherel measure μ over the dual object \hat{G} of unimodular locally compact groups G of type I under the Kronecker product operations. Especially, for the case that G is compact, the Corollary in [1] gives this invariancy as follows.

Proposition. *For any irreducible (so finite dimensional) unitary representation ω_0 , and any function f in $L^1(G) \cap L^2(G)$,*

$$(\dim \omega_0)^{-1} \int_{\hat{G}} ||| U_f(\omega_0 \otimes \omega) |||^2 d\mu(\omega) = \int_{\hat{G}} ||| U_f(\omega) |||^2 d\mu(\omega). \quad (1)$$

Here $||| U_f(\omega) |||$ is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of the operator $U_f(\omega) \equiv \int_G f(g) U_g(\omega) dg$, corresponding to unitary representation $\omega = \{\mathfrak{S}(\omega), U_g(\omega)\}$ of G . (dg is the normalized Haar measure over G as $\int_G dg = 1$.)

In this compact case, as is well known, the integral with respect to μ is just given by the summation with the weight “ $\dim \omega$ ”, the dimension of irreducible representation ω , over the discrete dual \hat{G} . That is

$$\int_{\hat{G}} \varphi(\omega) d\mu(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in \hat{G}} \varphi(\omega) (\dim \omega). \quad (2)$$

In the present paper, we shall show that the measure (i.e. weight function) satisfying such a invariancy is unique up to constant factor, that is, the following theorem.

Theorem. *Let $\nu(\omega)$ be a function over the dual \hat{G} of a compact group G .*

If ν satisfies the following equation for any irreducible unitary representation ω_0 of G and for any function f in $L^1(G) \cap L^2(G)$,

$$(\dim \omega_0)^{-1} \sum_{\omega \in \hat{G}} ||| U_f(\omega_0 \otimes \omega) |||^2 \nu(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in \hat{G}} ||| U_f(\omega) |||^2 \nu(\omega), \quad (3)$$

then there exists a constant c such that

$$\nu(\omega) = c (\dim \omega). \quad (4)$$

Moreover, considering the Plancherel formula for G ,

$$\int_G |f(g)|^2 dg = \int_{\hat{G}} ||| U_f(\omega) |||^2 d\mu(\omega), \quad (5)$$