

Extremal almost periodic states on C^* -algebras

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1. Introduction.

Let (A, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system, namely, a triple consisting of a C^* -algebra A , a locally compact group G and a group homomorphism α from G into the automorphism group of A such that $G \ni t \rightarrow \alpha_t(x)$ is continuous for each x in A . Assume that A is unital for a while (it will be irrelevant in Section 2 whether or not a C^* -algebra possesses the identity). Then the state space of A is weakly* compact. In decomposition theory of states (cf. [1, 4.1-4.4]), we are interested in decomposing a given state as a convex combination of states which are extremal points of some closed convex subset of the state space endowed with the weak* topology. The closed convex subset might be given directly by some physical requirement. In the covariant situation, usually the set of α -invariant states is considered as such a closed convex subset. Extremal points in the set of α -invariant states are called ergodic states (or α -ergodic states), and some of their characterizations are given in [1, Theorems 4.3.17 and 4.3.20].

Now assume that G is a locally compact *abelian* group. Recall that a state φ of A is called an *almost periodic state* if, for each x in A , the function $G \ni t \rightarrow \varphi(\alpha_t(x))$ is the uniform limit of a family of finite linear combinations of characters of G . Then we turn our attention to considering the decomposition of a given state into the weak* closure of almost periodic states (cf. [1], [2]). Here note that every α -invariant state is automatically almost periodic. At the first stage in this paper, we shall examine conditions under which an α -ergodic state becomes an extremal point in the weak* closure of almost periodic states. When an α -ergodic state becomes an extremal point in the weak* closure of almost periodic states, such a state shall be named an *ergodic state of almost periodic type*, together with the explicit definition, in Section 2. We shall consider also the class of states corresponding to centrally ergodic states (see [1, §4.3.2] for the definition of a centrally ergodic state), and every state belonging to such a class shall be called a *centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type*, whose explicit definition shall be given later. In the latter half of this

paper, it is shown that centrally ergodic states of almost periodic type φ and ψ are quasi-equivalent if and only if $(\varphi+\psi)/2$ is a centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type.

2. Ergodic states of almost periodic type.

Let (A, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system where G is a locally compact abelian group. Let φ be an α -invariant state of A and $(\pi_\varphi, u^\varphi, H_\varphi, \xi_\varphi)$ be the GNS covariant representation associated with φ , that is, π_φ is a representation of A on the Hilbert space H_φ with the canonical cyclic vector ξ_φ and u^φ is a strongly continuous unitary representation of G on H_φ defined by

$$u_t^\varphi(\pi_\varphi(x))\xi_\varphi = \pi_\varphi(\alpha_t(x))\xi_\varphi$$

for $x \in A$ and $t \in G$. Note that

$$\pi_\varphi(\alpha_t(x)) = u_t^\varphi(\pi_\varphi(x))u_t^{\varphi*}.$$

Then the spectral decomposition of u^φ is given by

$$u_t^\varphi = \int_{\hat{G}} \overline{\langle t, \gamma \rangle} dP_\varphi(\gamma),$$

where dP_φ denotes the projection-valued measure on the dual group \hat{G} of G . For simplicity, we use the notation

$$p_\varphi(\gamma) = P_\varphi(\{\gamma\}).$$

Then the point spectrum $\sigma(u^\varphi)$ of u^φ is defined by

$$\sigma(u^\varphi) = \{\gamma \in \hat{G} \mid p_\varphi(\gamma) \neq 0\},$$

and this definition implies that $\gamma \in \sigma(u^\varphi)$ if and only if there exists a non-zero eigenvector η_γ in H_φ such that

$$u_t^\varphi \eta_\gamma = \overline{\langle t, \gamma \rangle} \eta_\gamma$$

for all t in G . Define the projection p_φ on H_φ by

$$p_\varphi = \sum_{\gamma \in \hat{G}} p_\varphi(\gamma),$$

and we refer to $p_\varphi H_\varphi$ as the subspace of u^φ -almost periodic vectors.

For $\gamma \in \sigma(u^\varphi)$, $p_\varphi(\gamma)$ is the projection from H_φ onto the subspace formed by the vectors invariant under the unitary representation γu^φ of G defined by $G \ni t \rightarrow \langle t, \gamma \rangle u_t^\varphi$. It then follows from the Alaoglu-Birkhoff mean ergodic theorem ([1, Proposition 4.3.4] or [3, 7.12.3]) that $p_\varphi(\gamma)$ is strongly approximated by convex combinations of γu^φ . We therefore see that $p_\varphi(\gamma) \in u_G^{\varphi''}$, and hence $p_\varphi \in u_G^{\varphi''}$, equivalently $u_G^{\varphi'} \subset \{p_\varphi\}'$. We shall often use this fact without comment.

DEFINITION 2.1. An α -invariant state φ of A is called an *ergodic state of almost periodic type* if

$$\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1.$$

Note that in the case when A is unital, every ergodic state of almost periodic type is an extremal point in the weak* closure of all almost periodic states. In fact, if $\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$, the maximal orthogonal measure μ corresponding to $\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'$ is pseudosupported by the extremal points in the weak* closure of all almost periodic states ([1, Proposition 4.3.41]). Since the dimension of $\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'$ is one, μ is the one point measure at φ (cf. [1, Theorem 4.1.25]), from which it easily follows that φ is extremal in the weak* closure of all almost periodic states.

Recall here that an α -invariant state φ of A is said to be a *G-central state of almost periodic type* if for each $x, y \in A, z \in \pi_\varphi(A)', \gamma \in \hat{G}$ and $\xi, \eta \in p_\varphi H_\varphi$, the following is satisfied:

$$\inf |(\pi_\varphi([x', y])z\xi | \eta)| = 0,$$

where the infimum is taken over all x' in the convex hull of $\{\langle t, \gamma \rangle \alpha_t(x) | t \in G\}$ (see [2, 2.2]). The notion of a *G-central state of almost periodic type* was introduced in [2] in order to consider the subcentral decomposition of an α -invariant state into almost periodic states. An α -invariant state φ is said to be *G_r-abelian* when z is chosen as 1 in the above definition (see [1, Definition 4.3.29]).

THEOREM 2.2. Let (A, G, α) be a *C*-dynamical system* where G is a locally compact abelian group. Let φ be an α -invariant state on A . Consider the following conditions:

- (1) p_φ has rank one.
- (2) φ is an ergodic state of almost periodic type.
- (3) $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$.

Then it follows that (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3). If φ is a *G_r-abelian state*, then (2) \Rightarrow (1). If φ is a *G-central state of almost periodic type*, then (3) \Rightarrow (1).

PROOF. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Since $p_\varphi = p_\varphi(0)$ and $p_\varphi(0)\xi_\varphi = \xi_\varphi$, it follows from cyclicity of ξ_φ for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ that $\pi_\varphi(A) \cup \{p_\varphi\}$ is irreducible.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). This is obvious.

We first assume that φ is *G_r-abelian*. We now show that the implication (2) \Rightarrow (1). Since $\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap u_\xi' \subset \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$, φ is α -ergodic. Thus it follows from [1, Theorem 4.3.31] that for $\gamma \in \sigma(u^\varphi)$, there exists a unitary element $v_\gamma \in \pi_\varphi(A)'$ such that

$$u_t^\varphi v_\gamma u_t^{\varphi*} = \overline{\langle t, \gamma \rangle} v_\gamma$$

for all $t \in G$ and that

$$\{v_\gamma \in \pi_\varphi(A)' \mid \gamma \in \sigma(u^\varphi)\}'' = \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1.$$

Hence we have

$$v_\gamma = u_t^\varphi v_\gamma u_t^{\varphi*} = \overline{\langle t, \gamma \rangle} v_\gamma$$

for all t in G , which means that $\gamma=0$. We thus conclude that $p_\varphi = p_\varphi(0)$. Since every G_Γ -abelian state is automatically G -abelian (see [1, Definition 4.3.6] for the definition of a G -abelian state), it follows from [1, Theorem 4.3.17] that ergodicity of φ implies that $p_\varphi(0)$ has rank one.

Next we assume that φ is a G -central state of almost periodic type and show the implication (3) \Rightarrow (1). Since every G -central state of almost periodic type is G_Γ -abelian, we have only to prove the implication (3) \Rightarrow (2). Since $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap u_G^{\varphi'} \subset \pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$, φ is centrally ergodic. Since φ is automatically a G -central state (see [1, Definition 4.3.6] for the definition of a G -central state), central ergodicity of φ implies that φ is α -ergodic (see [1, Theorem 4.3.14 (3)]). It therefore follows from [2, Theorem 2.4] that

$$\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1.$$

Thus we complete the proof.

Q. E. D.

Let m be an invariant mean on G . For an α -invariant state φ on A and each $\gamma \in \hat{G}$, we define a linear map Q_γ^φ from $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ onto the closed subspace

$$\{x \in \pi_\varphi(A)'' \mid \bar{\alpha}_t(x) \equiv u_t^\varphi x u_t^{\varphi*} = \overline{\langle t, \gamma \rangle} x \text{ for all } t \in G\}$$

by

$$\langle Q_\gamma^\varphi(x), \phi \rangle = m(\langle (\gamma \bar{\alpha})(x), \phi \rangle)$$

for $x \in \pi_\varphi(A)''$ and $\phi \in \pi_\varphi(A)''_*$, where $\gamma \bar{\alpha}$ is defined by

$$(\gamma \bar{\alpha})_t(x) = \langle t, \gamma \rangle \bar{\alpha}_t(x)$$

for all $x \in \pi_\varphi(A)''$. Here it is significant to note that Q_γ^φ maps the center of $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ into itself. This fact immediately follows from the definition of Q_γ^φ and will be used in the proof of Lemma 2.4.

THEOREM 2.3. *Let (A, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system where G is a locally compact abelian group. Let φ be an α -invariant state on A . Consider the following conditions:*

- (1) $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$.
- (2) p_φ has rank one.
- (3) φ is an ergodic state of almost periodic type.

Then it follows that (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3). Moreover, (1) implies that ξ_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$. Conversely, if ξ_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$, then conditions (1)-(3)

are equivalent.

PROOF. Since $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap u_G^\varphi \subset \pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'$, it follows from [1, Theorem 4.3.20] that condition (1) implies that ξ_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ and that $p_\varphi(0)$ has rank one.

(1) \Rightarrow (2). We have only to show that $p_\varphi = p_\varphi(0)$. Note that $Q_\gamma^\varphi(\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \{p_\varphi\}') = \{0\}$ for any $\gamma \neq 0$. Since ξ_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$, the point spectrum of the automorphism group $\bar{\alpha}$ of $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ coincides with $\sigma(u^\varphi)$ (see [1, Theorem 4.3.27]). Hence we see that $\sigma(u^\varphi) = \{0\}$. This means that $p_\varphi = p_\varphi(0)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). This follows from Theorem 2.2.

We assume that ξ_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ and show the implication (3) \Rightarrow (1). Let S be the closed antilinear operator on H_φ defined by

$$Sx\xi_\varphi = x^*\xi_\varphi$$

for $x \in \pi_\varphi(A)''$. We then have

$$Su_i^\varphi x \xi_\varphi = Su_i^\varphi x u_i^{\varphi*} \xi_\varphi = u_i^\varphi x^* u_i^{\varphi*} \xi_\varphi = u_i^\varphi Sx \xi_\varphi.$$

Since $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \xi_\varphi$ is a core for S , we obtain that $Su_i^\varphi = u_i^\varphi S$. Hence the uniqueness of the polar decomposition of S shows that $Ju_i^\varphi = u_i^\varphi J$, which means that $Jp_\varphi(\gamma) = p_\varphi(\gamma)J$ for all $\gamma \in \hat{G}$, i.e., $Jp_\varphi = p_\varphi J$, where J denotes the modular conjugation associated with ξ_φ (cf. [1, § 2.5.2] or [3, 8.13]). Since $J\pi_\varphi(A)''J = \pi_\varphi(A)'$, we have

$$\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = J\{\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'\}J.$$

Since $\pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = C \cdot 1$, we obtain condition (1).

Q. E. D.

LEMMA 2.4. Let (A, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system where G is a locally compact abelian group. Let φ and ω be α -invariant states on A . Assume that π_φ and π_ω are quasi-equivalent. Then $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'$ is isomorphic to $\pi_\omega(A)'' \cap \pi_\omega(A)' \cap \{p_\omega\}'$.

PROOF. Let τ be an isomorphism from $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ onto $\pi_\omega(A)''$ such that $\tau(\pi_\varphi(x)) = \pi_\omega(x)$ for all $x \in A$. Since

$$\tau(u_i^\varphi \pi_\varphi(x) u_i^{\varphi*}) = \tau(\pi_\varphi(\alpha_t(x))) = \pi_\omega(\alpha_t(x)) = u_i^\omega \pi_\omega(x) u_i^{\omega*} = u_i^\omega \tau(\pi_\varphi(x)) u_i^{\omega*}$$

for all $x \in A$ and since τ is σ -weakly continuous, we see that

$$\tau(u_i^\varphi x u_i^{\varphi*}) = u_i^\omega \tau(x) u_i^{\omega*}$$

for all $x \in \pi_\varphi(A)''$, i.e., τ is G -covariant. Take any element x from $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}'$. We then have

$$(p_\varphi(\gamma)x\xi_\varphi | \eta) = m((\gamma u^\varphi x \xi_\varphi | \eta)) = m((\gamma u^\varphi x u^{\varphi*} \xi_\varphi | \eta)) = (Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)\xi_\varphi | \eta)$$

for all $\eta \in H_\varphi$ and some invariant mean m on G . We therefore have

$$p_\varphi(\gamma)x\xi_\varphi = Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)\xi_\varphi.$$

We then assert that

$$x = \sum_\gamma Q_\gamma^\varphi(x).$$

For $y \in \pi_\varphi(A)''$, in fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} xy\xi_\varphi &= yx\xi_\varphi = yxp_\varphi\xi_\varphi = yp_\varphi x\xi_\varphi \\ &= y \sum_\gamma p_\varphi(\gamma)x\xi_\varphi = y \sum_\gamma Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)\xi_\varphi = \sum_\gamma Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)y\xi_\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$u_i^\varphi \tau(Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)) u_i^{\varphi*} = \tau(u_i^\varphi Q_\gamma^\varphi(x) u_i^{\varphi*}) = \tau(\langle t, \gamma \rangle Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)) = \langle t, \gamma \rangle \tau(Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)),$$

we see that $\tau(Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)) \in Q_\gamma^\varphi(\pi_\omega(A)'') \subset \{p_\omega\}'$ and thus $\tau(x) = \tau(\sum_\gamma Q_\gamma^\varphi(x)) \in \{p_\omega\}'$. Since it is clear that $\tau(x) \in \pi_\omega(A)'' \cap \pi_\omega(A)'$, we conclude that $\tau(x) \in \pi_\omega(A)'' \cap \pi_\omega(A)' \cap \{p_\omega\}'$, from which it follows that $\tau(\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}') \subset \pi_\omega(A)'' \cap \pi_\omega(A)' \cap \{p_\omega\}'$. Since the above discussions are valid also for τ^{-1} , we obtain the reverse inclusion. Q. E. D.

DEFINITION 2.5. An α -invariant state φ of A is called a *centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type* if

$$\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = C \cdot 1.$$

Note that every centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type is always a centrally ergodic state. It is well known that centrally ergodic states φ and ψ are quasi-equivalent if and only if $(\varphi + \psi)/2$ is a centrally ergodic state [1, Theorem 4.3.19].

THEOREM 2.6. Let (A, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system where G is a locally compact abelian group. Let φ and ψ be centrally ergodic states of almost periodic type. Then φ and ψ are quasi-equivalent if and only if $(\varphi + \psi)/2$ is a centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type.

PROOF. If $(\varphi + \psi)/2$ is a centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type, it is a centrally ergodic state. Hence φ and ψ are quasi-equivalent. Thus we have only to show the necessary condition.

Assume that φ and ψ are quasi-equivalent. Let ρ be an isomorphism from $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ onto $\pi_\psi(A)''$ such that $\rho(\pi_\varphi(x)) = \pi_\psi(x)$ for all $x \in A$. Then ρ is G -covariant from the proof of Lemma 2.4. Define

$$H = H_\varphi \oplus H_\psi, \quad \pi = \pi_\varphi \oplus \pi_\psi, \quad u = u^\varphi \oplus u^\psi.$$

Then we denote by E the projection from H onto the closed subspace

$[\pi(A)(\xi_\varphi \oplus \xi_\psi)]$.

Put

$$\omega = (\varphi + \psi)/2.$$

Then the GNS representation $(\pi_\omega, u^\omega, H_\omega)$ associated with ω is identified with the subrepresentation of (π, u, H) determined by the projection E in $\pi(A)'$. Any element in $\pi(A)''$ is a σ -weak limit of elements of $\pi_\varphi(A) \oplus \pi_\psi(A)$. Since ρ is σ -weakly continuous, the map from $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ onto $\pi(A)''$ defined by

$$\pi_\varphi(A)'' \ni x \longrightarrow x \oplus \rho(x) \in \pi(A)''$$

is an isomorphism. Define an homomorphism τ from $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ onto $\pi_\omega(A)'' (= \pi(A)''E)$ by

$$\pi_\varphi(A)'' \ni x \longrightarrow (x \oplus \rho(x))E \in \pi_\omega(A)''.$$

We now assert that τ is an isomorphism. Since $E \in u_{G'}$ and ρ is G -covariant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(u_t^\varphi x u_t^{\varphi*}) &= ((u_t^\varphi x u_t^{\varphi*}) \oplus \rho(u_t^\varphi x u_t^{\varphi*}))E = (u_t^\varphi x u_t^{\varphi*} \oplus u_t^\psi \rho(x) u_t^{\psi*})E \\ &= (u_t(x \oplus \rho(x)) u_t^*)E = u_t((x \oplus \rho(x))E) u_t^* \\ &= u_t \tau(x) u_t^*. \end{aligned}$$

Thus τ is G -covariant. Hence the central projection in $\pi_\varphi(A)''$ corresponding to the kernel of τ is G -invariant, i. e., the projection belongs to $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap u_{G'}''$. Since $\pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap u_{G'}'' \subset \pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' = \mathbf{C} \cdot 1$, such a projection is exactly zero. Thus τ is injective.

Since

$$\tau(\pi_\varphi(x)) = (\pi_\varphi(x) \oplus \rho(\pi_\varphi(x)))E = (\pi_\varphi(x) \oplus \pi_\psi(x))E = \pi(x)E = \pi_\omega(x)$$

for all $x \in A$, π_φ and π_ω are quasi-equivalent. It therefore follows from Lemma 2.4 that

$$\mathbf{C} \cdot 1 = \pi_\varphi(A)'' \cap \pi_\varphi(A)' \cap \{p_\varphi\}' \cong \pi_\omega(A)'' \cap \pi_\omega(A)' \cap \{p_\omega\}'.$$

Therefore ω is a centrally ergodic state of almost periodic type. Q. E. D.

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