

by the same argument as above, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_{x_n + y_n}(\alpha) \leq \varphi_y(\alpha).$$

Combining this with above result, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_{x_n + y_n}(\alpha) = \varphi_y(\alpha).$$

This completes the proof.

Theorem 5. If $x(t)$ has the unit asymptotic distribution function and $y(t)$ has an asymptotic distribution function φ_y , then $x(t) + y(t)$ has also an asymptotic distribution function φ_y .

Proof. By the same way as in the proof of Theorem 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) > \alpha] \\ \leq 1 - \varphi_y(\alpha - \varepsilon) + 1 - \varphi_x(\varepsilon) = 1 - \varphi_y(\alpha - \varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, if α is a continuity point of φ_y , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) > \alpha] \\ \leq 1 - \varphi_y(\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) < \alpha] \\ \leq 1 - \varphi_y(\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) < \alpha] \geq \varphi_y(\alpha).$$

Analogously we have

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) < \alpha] \leq \varphi_y(\alpha)$$

That is

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} m E_t [-T \leq t \leq T, x(t) + y(t) < \alpha] = \varphi_y(\alpha).$$

This completes the proof.

(*) Received March 1, 1949.

Tokyo High Normal School.

A NOTE ON GENERATORS OF COMPACT LIE GROUPS

By Hiraku TOYAMA and Masatake KURANISHI.

H. Auerbach has obtained the following theorem [1] :

THEOREM: Let G be a (connected) compact Lie group, and for any integer k let

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y, k) = \{ p; p = \prod_{i=1}^k v_i, \\ v_i = x^{n_i} \text{ when } i \text{ is odd,} \\ v_i = y^{n_i} \text{ when } i \text{ is even} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$M(x, y) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} M(x, y, k)$$

Then there exist x and y such that $G = \overline{M(x, y)}$.

Here arises a question: Is there any integer k such that $G = \overline{M(x, y, k)}$. The affirmative answer for this question can easily be obtained. Let $f(G)$ be the minimum of such k . The next problem, to determine $f(G)$ for each compact Lie group, is not yet solved for the writers, but it can be seen

$$f(G) \geq \dim(G) / \text{rank}(G)$$

where $\text{rank}(G)$ is the dimension of a maximal abelian subgroup of G .

This note will contain the proofs of these two propositions.

For any element x of G , let $T(x)$ be the abelian closed subgroup of G generated by x , and put

$$(1) \quad H(x, y, k) = \{ p; p = \prod_{i=1}^k \omega_i,$$

$\omega_i \in T(x)$ when i is odd and $\omega_i \in T(y)$ when i is even j

$$(2) \quad H(x, y) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} H(x, y, k)$$

Then it is clear that

$$(3) \quad H(x, y, k) \subseteq \overline{M(x, y, k)}$$

If $G = \overline{M(x, y)}$ and if $T(x)$ and $T(y)$ are connected, we shall say that x and y constitute a pair of generators of G . The existence of such x and y is proved in [1].

(1) When G is simply connected: Take a pair of generators x, y of G . Then $H(x, y)$ is an arc-wise connected subgroup of G and everywhere dense in G . It follows from these that $H(x, y) = G$ (for the proof see [2]). From

(2) and (3), by the sum theorem of dimension⁽¹⁾, there exists k such that $\dim(G) = \dim(H(x, y, k))$. Because G is locally euclidean, $H(x, y, k)$ must contain an interior point p , i.e., there exists a neighborhood U of e such that $U \cap H(x, y, k) \neq \emptyset$. As $p^{-1} \in H(x, y, k+1)$, it follows that $U \subset H(x, y, 2k+1)$. Since G is compact, we have $U^l = G$, for some integer l .

Then $G = H(x, y, 2kl+l) = \overline{M(x, y, 2kl+l)}$

(II) When G is a direct product of a simply connected compact Lie group G_1 and an abelian compact Lie group G_2 , G_2 is generated by an element z , i.e., $G_2 = T(z)$. x and y be a pair of generators of G_1 . Since $xz = zx$, $T(x) \cdot T(z)$ is an abelian Lie group, and so it is generated by an element w . Let $G_1 = \overline{M(x, y, k)}$. As $T(x) \subset T(x) \cdot T(z) = T(w)$, it is clear that $G_1 \subset \overline{M(x, y, k)} \subset \overline{M(w, z, k)}$. On the other hand $G_2 \subset T(w) \subset \overline{M(w, z, k)}$, we can see

$$G = G_1 \cdot G_2 = \overline{M(w, z, k+1)}$$

(III) It is well known that any compact Lie group G can be identified with a factor group \tilde{G}/Z , where \tilde{G} is a direct product of a simply connected semi-simple compact Lie group and an abelian compact Lie group. Take a pair of generators x and y of \tilde{G} . From (II) there exists an integer k such that $\tilde{G} = \overline{M(x, y, k)}$. Let the images of x and y by the natural mapping $\tilde{G} \rightarrow \tilde{G}/Z$ be x' and y' respectively. Then it is clear that

$$G = \overline{M(x', y', k)}$$

We can introduce in the local group G_L of G , a canonical system of coordinates of the first kind, such that

$$T(x) \cap G_L = \{p; p = (p_1, \dots, p_s, 0, \dots, 0)\}$$

$$T(y) \cap G_L = \{q; q = (0, \dots, 0, q_1, \dots, q_r, 0, \dots, 0)\}$$

Put $N(k) = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_k$, where $N_i = T(x) \cap G_L$ when i is odd, $N_i = T(y) \cap G_L$ when i is even. We can introduce a coordinates-system in $N(k)$ by the above mentioned coordinates-system of N_i . Suppose $G = H(x, y, k)$. The mapping

$$n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_k \rightarrow n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_k$$

of $N(k)$ on G is an analytic function with respect to the coordinate-systems of $N(k)$ and of G . Therefore

$$\dim(G) \leq \dim(N(k)) \leq k \times \text{rank}(G)$$

$$\text{i.e., } f(G) \geq \dim(G) / \text{rank}(G).$$

There are a few groups, for which the exact value of $f(G)$ is easily obtained, e.g.,

(1) 3-dimensional orthogonal group:

$$f(G) = 3$$

(2) 2-dimensional unitary group [3] :

$$f(G) = 3$$

(*) Received March 5, 1949.

(1) Note that $H(x, y, k)$ is compact.

(1) H. Auerbach, Sur les groupes linéaires bornés (III). *Studia Math.* V. p. 43-49.

(2) T. Iwamura and M. Kuranishi: On arc-wise connected subgroups of Lie groups (Forthcoming shortly).

(3) H. Tōyama, Zur Theorie der hyperabelschen Funktionen, III. *Proc. Imp. Acad. Tokyo*, 20 (1944), p. 557-559.

Tokyo Institute of Technology.