

FOURIER-STIELTJES TRANSFORMS OF STRONGLY CONTINUOUS MEASURES

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let G denote throughout a compact abelian group and Γ its dual. For μ belonging to $M(G)$, the space of regular bounded Borel measures on G , the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of μ is given by $\hat{\mu}(\gamma) = \int_G \overline{\gamma(g)} d\mu(g)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

Let $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. We shall be concerned with measures μ whose transforms satisfy the following separation condition:

(1, ε) For every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, either $|\hat{\mu}(\gamma)| \geq 1$ or $|\hat{\mu}(\gamma)| < \varepsilon$.

We shall call μ *strongly continuous* if

(2) $|\mu|(g + H) = 0$ for all $g \in G$ and all closed subgroups H of G such that G/H is infinite.

The main result of this paper may be stated qualitatively as follows. For each $C > 0$, there is some $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(C) > 0$ such that if μ satisfies (1, ε), (2), and $\|\mu\| \leq C$, then $\Lambda = \{\gamma \in \Gamma: |\hat{\mu}(\gamma)| \geq 1\}$ is a finite set. It will turn out that $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(C)$ may be chosen independently of G . An alternative formulation of our main result is the following. There is some constant A independent of G such that $\|\mu\| \geq A(\log \varepsilon)^{1/5}$ for all $\mu \in M(G)$ satisfying (1, ε) and (2), if Λ is infinite.

Previous versions of this theorem include de Leeuw's and Katznelson's [2, p. 221] for the case $G = \mathbb{T}$ (the circle group). Ramsey [5] has proved the theorem for those Γ whose torsion subgroup is finite. He also obtained quantitative bounds on the size of Λ . In the general case treated here, such bounds do not exist. To see that, let G be the familiar Cantor group $\prod (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$, and let Λ be a finite subgroup of Γ of order 2^n . Define μ to be the trigonometric polynomial $\sum_{\gamma \in \Lambda} \gamma(g)$ on G . Since μ is the normalized Haar measure on the compact subgroup Λ^\perp of G , we have that $\|\mu\| = 1$. It is clear that μ satisfies (1, ε) for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and (2); however, the order of Λ can be arbitrarily large.

An alternate expression of (2) is possible using the canonical homomorphism ϕ of G onto G/H . Define $\phi(\mu)$ to be that measure in $M(G/H)$ determined by the equation $\phi(\mu)(B) = \mu(\phi^{-1}(B))$ for all Borel subsets B of G/H . The equation

$$\int_{G/H} f d(\phi(\mu)) = \int_G f \circ \phi d\mu$$

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holds for all $f \in C(G/H)$, and from this it follows that $\phi(\mu)^\wedge = \hat{\mu} \big|_{H^\perp}$. The strong continuity of μ is equivalent to the continuity of $\phi(|\mu|)$ for all closed subgroups H whose index in G is infinite. Since a given Haar-measurable function on G may be approximated in measure by trigonometric polynomials, it follows that the strong continuity of μ is equivalent to the continuity of $\phi(\gamma\mu)$ for all closed subgroups H whose index in G is infinite and for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

If $\mu \in M(G)$, then μ^\sim denotes the measure defined by the equation $\mu^\sim(B) = \mu(-B)$ for all Borel subsets B of G . For a bounded Borel function h on G , $h\mu$ denotes that measure in $M(G)$ satisfying $\int_G f d(h\mu) = \int_G fh d\mu$, $f \in C(G)$. If Λ is a subset of Γ , then $\bar{\Lambda}\mu$ denotes the set $\{\bar{\lambda}\mu : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. Note that $(\bar{\lambda}\mu)^\wedge(\gamma) = \hat{\mu}(\lambda + \gamma)$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

The following is a characterization of strong continuity in terms of the Fourier-Stieltjes transform.

LEMMA 1. *Let $\mu \in M(G)$. Then μ is strongly continuous if and only if for every infinite subgroup X of Γ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, 0 is the unique constant function in the weak closure of the convex hull of the set of translates by elements of X of $|\phi(\gamma\mu)^\wedge|^2$. (ϕ denotes the canonical projection from $M(G)$ onto $M(G/X^\perp)$.)*

Proof. Suppose that μ is strongly continuous. Equivalently, suppose that $\phi(\gamma\mu)$ is a continuous measure on G/H for every closed subgroup H of infinite index in G and every $\gamma \in \Gamma$. By Wiener's theorem [6, p. 118], 0 belongs to the weak closure of the convex hull of the set of translates of $|\phi(\gamma\mu)^\wedge|^2$ by elements of H^\perp . Since $|\phi(\gamma\mu)^\wedge|^2$ is the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of a measure on G/H , it is a weakly almost periodic function on H^\perp (see [3], Theorem 11.2). By a theorem of Eberlein ([3], Theorem 5.3), 0 is the only constant function in the weak closure of the convex hull of the set of translates of $|\phi(\gamma\mu)^\wedge|^2$.

Conversely, if for all infinite subgroups X of Γ , 0 is the only constant function in the weak closure of the convex hull of the translates of $|\phi(\gamma\mu)^\wedge|^2$ (here $\phi: M(G) \rightarrow M(G/X^\perp)$), then Wiener's theorem implies that $\phi(\gamma\mu)$ is a continuous measure on G/X^\perp ; *i.e.*, μ is strongly continuous.

The following technical lemma is contained in [5] (see Theorem 1 and the proof of Theorem 2). It is based on an idea of Davenport [1].

LEMMA 2. *Let G be a compact abelian group, and let $\mu \in M(G)$. Suppose that for an integer $r > 16$, there are elements $\gamma_0, \{\gamma_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^r, 1 \leq k \leq r^2$, in Λ such that if $P_0 = \{\gamma_0\}$ and*

$$P_k = P_{k-1} \cup \{\gamma_{k,i}\}_{i=1}^r \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i < j} P_{k-1} + \gamma_{k,i} - \gamma_{k,j} \right\},$$

we have for $1 \leq k \leq r^2$,

$$(3, k) \quad (P_{k-1} + \gamma_{k,i} - \gamma_{k,j}) \cap \Lambda = \emptyset, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq r.$$

Set $\varepsilon = 2^{-1} r^{3/2} r^{-2r^2}$. If μ satisfies (1, ε), then $\|\mu\| \geq 4^{-1} r^{1/2} (1 - e^{-2})$.

Proof. Assume on the contrary that $4^{-1} r^{1/2} (1 - e^{-2}) > \|\mu\|$. We define trigonometric polynomials $\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{r^2}$ inductively as follows:

$$\phi_0(\cdot) = \bar{\sigma}(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_0))(\gamma_0, \cdot),$$

where $\sigma(x) = \text{signum } x = x |x|^{-1}$ for $x \neq 0$, and $\bar{\sigma}(x) = \bar{x} |x|^{-1}$;

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k(\cdot) = & \left\{ 1 - 2r^{-2} - r^{-3} \sum_{i < j} \bar{\sigma}(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,i})) \sigma(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,j})) (\gamma_{k,i} - \gamma_{k,j}, \cdot) \right\} \phi_{k-1}(\cdot) \\ & + r^{-5/2} \sum_j \bar{\sigma}(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,j})) (\gamma_{k,j}, \cdot). \end{aligned}$$

Note that if P_0, \dots, P_{r^2} are defined as in the statement of Lemma 2, each ϕ_k is a P_k -polynomial. By [1, Lemmas 1 and 2], $|\phi_k(g)| \leq 1$ for all $g \in G$. Let $I_k = \int_G \phi_k(g) d\mu(-g)$. Then $I_0 = |\hat{\mu}(\gamma_0)| \geq 1$. Moreover,

$$(4) \quad \Re(I_k) \geq (1 - 2r^{-2}) \Re(I_{k-1}) + 2^{-1} r^{-3/2}.$$

To verify (4), we write

$$\begin{aligned} I_k &= (1 - 2r^{-2}) I_{k-1} + r^{-5/2} \sum_j |\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,j})| \\ &\quad - r^{-3} \sum_{\gamma \in P_{k-1}} \sum_{i < j} \hat{\phi}_{k-1}(\gamma) \bar{\sigma}(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,i})) \sigma(\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,j})) \hat{\mu}(\gamma + \gamma_{k,i} - \gamma_{k,j}) \\ &= (1 - 2r^{-2}) I_{k-1} + r^{-5/2} \sum_j |\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,j})| - r^{-3} A. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (1, ε) and (3, k), we observe that each term of A is bounded in modulus by $2^{-1} r^{3/2} r^{-2r^2}$, and that the number of terms in A is at most

$$[r(r-1)/2] \text{card}(P_{k-1}) \leq r^2 \text{card}(P_{k-1}) \leq r^{2k}.$$

Note that $\text{card}(P_0) = 1 \leq r^{2 \cdot 0}$ and that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{card}(P_{k+1}) &= \text{card}\left(P_k \cup \{\gamma_{k+1,j}\}_{j=1}^r \cup \left[\bigcup_{i < j} P_k + \gamma_{k+1,i} - \gamma_{k+1,j} \right] \right) \\ &\leq \text{card}(P_k) + r + [r(r-1)/2] \text{card}(P_k) \\ &\leq (1 + r + [r(r-1)/2]) \text{card}(P_k) \leq r^2 \text{card}(P_k); \end{aligned}$$

hence, $\text{card}(P_k) \leq r^{2k}$.

It follows by induction from (4) that

$$\Re(I_k) \geq 4^{-1} r^{1/2} - (1 - 2r^{-2})^k (4^{-1} r^{1/2} - 1).$$

For $k = r^2$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{I}_k| &\geq \mathfrak{N}(\mathbf{I}_k) \geq 4^{-1} r^{1/2} - (1 - 2r^{-2})r^2 (4^{-1} r^{1/2} - 1) \\ &\geq 4^{-1} r^{1/2} - e^{-2}(4^{-1} r^{1/2} - 1) \geq 4^{-1} r^{1/2}(1 - e^{-2}) > \|\mu\|, \end{aligned}$$

although $|\phi_k(g)| \leq 1$ for all $g \in G$. This contradiction establishes the lemma.

2. THE MAIN RESULT

THEOREM. *Let G be a compact abelian group, and let $\mu \in M(G)$. Set $\varepsilon = 2^{-1} r^{3/2} r^{-2r^2}$, and suppose that $r > 16$ is an integer such that $4^{-1} r^{1/2}(1 - e^{-2}) > \|\mu\|$. Then if μ satisfies (1, ε) and (2), it follows that Λ is a finite set.*

Proof. Suppose on the contrary that Λ is infinite.

It will be convenient to begin by reducing to the case of metrizable G . This will allow us to work with sequences instead of nets in the dual group Γ . To this end, select a countably infinite subset of Λ and let Γ' be the (discrete) countable subgroup of Γ generated by that countable set. Let $\phi(\mu)$ be the canonical image of μ in $M(G/\Gamma'^{\perp})$. Since μ satisfies (1, ε), and since $\phi(\mu)^{\wedge} = \hat{\mu}|_{\Gamma'}$, it follows that $\phi(\mu)$ also satisfies (1, ε). Suppose that H is a closed subgroup of G/Γ'^{\perp} of infinite index; then $\phi^{-1}(H)$ is a closed subgroup of infinite index in G , and therefore $\phi(|\mu|)(g + H) = |\mu|(\phi^{-1}(g + H)) = 0$. This last equality shows that $\phi(\mu)$ also satisfies (2). Since $\|\phi(\mu)\| \leq \|\mu\|$, it clearly follows that $4^{-1} r^{1/2}(1 - e^{-2}) > \|\phi(\mu)\|$. Therefore, we may and shall assume for the remainder of the proof that G is metrizable.

Choose some weak* cluster point ν of $\overline{\Lambda\mu}$ of minimal norm. Since $|(\overline{\Lambda\mu})^{\wedge}(0)| = |\hat{\mu}(\lambda)| \geq 1$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we must have $\nu \neq 0$. Now, since μ satisfies (1, ε), either $|\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \leq \varepsilon$ or $|\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \geq 1$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Let E denote $\{\gamma \in \Gamma: |\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \geq 1\}$. In the next paragraph we shall prove that $\overline{E\nu}$ is contained in the weak* closure of $\overline{\Lambda\mu}$. As a consequence, the weak* closure $(\overline{E\nu})^{-}$ consists of measures all of whose norms are $\|\nu\|$. Hence, the weak* and norm topologies agree on $(\overline{E\nu})^{-}$ ([4], Lemma 2.1). Therefore, $(\overline{E\nu})^{-}$ is compact in the norm topology.

Suppose that $\overline{\lambda_n \mu}$ converges weak* to ν , where $\lambda_n \in \Lambda$, and let $\rho \in E$. Then $\overline{\rho\lambda_n \mu}$ converges weak* to $\overline{\rho\nu}$, and $|(\overline{\rho\nu})^{\wedge}(0)| = |\hat{\nu}(\rho)| \geq 1$. Thus, for large n , we have $|\hat{\mu}(\rho + \lambda_n)| \geq 1$, since μ satisfies (1, ε) with $\varepsilon < 1$. Thus $\rho + \lambda_n \in \Lambda$, for large n , and $\overline{\rho\nu}$ is a weak* cluster point of $\overline{\Lambda\mu}$.

We now proceed to show as in [4] that E is a finite union of cosets of some subgroup of Γ . We define an equivalence relation on E : $\lambda_1 \sim \lambda_2$ if and only if $-\lambda_1 + E = -\lambda_2 + E$. Note that $\|\overline{\lambda_1 \nu} - \overline{\lambda_2 \nu}\| < 1 - \varepsilon$ implies that $|\hat{\nu}(\lambda_1 + \gamma)| \geq 1$ if and only if $|\hat{\nu}(\lambda_2 + \gamma)| \geq 1$ for $\gamma \in \Gamma$, since either $|\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \leq \varepsilon$ or $|\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \geq 1$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$; *i.e.*, $\lambda_1 + \gamma \in E$ if and only if $\lambda_2 + \gamma \in E$, so $-\lambda_1 + E = -\lambda_2 + E$. Thus,

$$\|\overline{\lambda_1 \nu} - \overline{\lambda_2 \nu}\| < 1 - \varepsilon$$

implies that $\lambda_1 \sim \lambda_2$. Since $(\overline{E\nu})^{-}$ is compact in the norm topology (and $\overline{E\nu}$ is dense in that set in the norm topology), some finite number of neighborhoods $U_{\lambda} = \{\omega \in M(G): \|\omega - \overline{\lambda\nu}\| < 1 - \varepsilon\}$ with $\lambda \in E$ cover $(\overline{E\nu})^{-}$. Thus, E consists of

a finite number of equivalence classes E_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, under the equivalence relation \sim .

We now prove that there is a subgroup X of Γ such that $E_i = \tau_i + X$ for some τ_i . First, let $\tau_i \in E_i$. We show that $-\tau_i + E_i$ is a subgroup of Γ .

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in -\tau_i + E_i$. It will be shown that $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \in -\tau_i + E_i$. To do this, it suffices to show that $(\tau_i + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \sim \tau_i$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} -(\tau_i + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2) + E &= -\tau_i + (\lambda_2 + \tau_i) - (\lambda_1 + \tau_i) + E \\ &= -\tau_i + (\lambda_2 + \tau_i) - (\lambda_2 + \tau_i) + E = -\tau_i + E. \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 = -\tau_i + \tau_i$ is in $-\tau_i + E_i$, $0 - \lambda_2 = -\lambda_2 \in -\tau_i + E_i$ for all $\lambda_2 \in -\tau_i + E_i$. Hence, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - (-\lambda_2) \in -\tau_i + E_i$ for all $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in -\tau_i + E_i$. This shows that $-\tau_i + E_i$ is a group.

We now show that $-\tau_i + E_i = -\tau_j + E_j$. Let $\lambda \in -\tau_i + E_i$. We show that $\lambda + \tau_j \sim \tau_j$, which implies that $\lambda \in -\tau_j + E_j$. Write λ as $-\tau_i + \lambda'$ for some $\lambda' \in E_i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} -(\lambda + \tau_j) + E &= -(-\tau_i + \lambda' + \tau_j) + E = -\tau_j + \tau_i - \lambda' + E \\ &= -\tau_j + \tau_i - \tau_i + E = -\tau_j + E. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $-\tau_i + E_i \subseteq -\tau_j + E_j$. Likewise, $-\tau_j + E_j \subseteq -\tau_i + E_i$. Thus, there is some subgroup X of Γ such that $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\tau_i + X)$. For future reference we note that, since $|\hat{\nu}(0)| \geq 1$, one of the cosets in the union is X itself.

The next step in our proof is the verification that X is infinite. We suppose on the contrary that X is finite. We shall construct inductively $\{\gamma_0\}$ and $\{\gamma_{k,i}\}_{i=1}^r \in \Lambda$ satisfying (3, k), $1 \leq k \leq r^2$. By Lemma 2, we have that $4^{-1} r^{1/2} (1 - e^{-2}) \leq \|\mu\|$, which contradicts our hypothesis, thus proving that X is infinite.

The choice of $\gamma_0 \in \Lambda$ may be arbitrary. Let k be fixed; in general, we choose $\gamma_{k,j} \in \Lambda \setminus (P_{k-1} - E)$ such that

$$(5, k, j) \quad |(\bar{\gamma}_{k,j} \mu)^\wedge - \hat{\nu}| < 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{on } \bigcup_{j < q} (P_{k-1} - \gamma_{k,q}).$$

In choosing $\gamma_{k,j}$, proceed inductively in reverse order (note that (5, k, r) is vacuous). Since X is finite by assumption, so is $P_{k-1} - E$. And, since ν is a weak* cluster point of $\bar{\Lambda}\mu$, the choice of $\{\gamma_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^r$ satisfying (5, k, j) is assured.

It remains to check that the γ 's chosen above satisfy (3, k). Note that $\gamma_{k,j} \notin P_{k-1} - E$ implies that $(P_{k-1} - \gamma_{k,j}) \cap E = \emptyset$, and hence that $|\hat{\nu}(\gamma)| \leq \varepsilon$ for $\gamma \in P_{k-1} - \gamma_{k,j}$. If $i < j$ and $p \in P_{k-1}$, we have by (5, k, i) that

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\mu}(\gamma_{k,i} + p - \gamma_{k,j})| &= |(\bar{\gamma}_{k,i} \mu)^\wedge (p - \gamma_{k,j})| \\ &\leq |((\bar{\gamma}_{k,i} \mu)^\wedge - \hat{\nu})(p - \gamma_{k,j})| + |\hat{\nu}(p - \gamma_{k,j})| \\ &< (1 - \varepsilon) + \varepsilon = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since μ satisfies (1, ε), we have that $p + \gamma_{k,i} - \gamma_{k,j} \notin \Lambda$, as desired. This completes the proof that X is infinite.

We next show that, for any finite union of cosets of X , $F = \bigcup (\xi_j + X)$, $\lambda_n \notin F$ for large n . Recall that $\overline{\lambda_n} \mu$ converges weak* to ν . We suppose on the contrary that there is some subsequence of $\{\lambda_n\}$ (still called $\{\lambda_n\}$) such that $\lambda_n \in F$ for all n . Since F is a *finite* union of cosets of X , we may assume, by dropping to a further subsequence if necessary, that $\lambda_n \in \xi_j + X$ for some j and all n .

Now, since $\overline{\lambda_n} \mu$ converges weak* to ν , we see $\overline{\lambda_n(-\xi_j)} \mu$ converges weak* to $(-\xi_j)\nu$; *i.e.*, $(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j}) \mu$ converges weak* to $(-\xi_j)\nu$. Hence, $(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j})(\xi_j \mu)$ converges weak* to ν . Since $\lambda_n - \xi_j \in X$, we see that $(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j})\phi(\xi_j \mu)$ converges weak* to $\phi(\nu)$, where ϕ is the canonical map from $M(G)$ to $M(G/X^\perp)$.

Recall that $|\phi(\nu)^\wedge|^2$ and $|\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge|^2$ are weakly almost periodic functions on X , since they are the Fourier-Stieltjes transforms of measures on G/X^\perp . Therefore, by Theorem 5.3 of [3], there are unique constant functions in the weak closures of the convex hulls of the set of translates (by elements of X) of $|\phi(\nu)^\wedge|^2$ and $|\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge|^2$. Since $|\phi(\nu)^\wedge| \geq 1$ on X ($\hat{\nu}|_X = \phi(\nu)^\wedge$), this constant function for the former must be at least 1. Since $|\mu|(g + X^\perp) = 0$ for all $g \in G$, we have that $\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu) \in M_c(G/X^\perp)$. By Lemma 1, this constant for the latter function is 0.

We shall show that in fact $|\phi(\nu)^\wedge|^2$ lies in the weak closure of the convex hull of the set of translates of $|\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge|^2$. This contradicts the above paragraph. To see this, recall that $(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j})\phi(\xi_j \mu)$ converges to $\phi(\nu)$ in the weak* sense as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since the convex hull of the set of translates of $\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge$ is weakly relatively compact, the sequence $\{(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j})\phi(\xi_j \mu)\}^\wedge$ has a weak cluster point which belongs to the weak closure of that set. Since the sequence $(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j})\phi(\xi_j \mu)$ already converges weak* to $\phi(\nu)$, that cluster point must be $\phi(\nu)^\wedge$ itself. Thus, $\phi(\nu)^\wedge$ belongs to the weak closure of the convex hull of translates of $\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge$. Since

$$(\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j}) \{ \phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu) * \phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\sim \} = \{ (\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j}) \phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu) \} * \{ (\overline{\lambda_n - \xi_j}) \phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\sim \},$$

it follows from the joint weak continuity of multiplication (see Lemma 12.1 of [3]) that $|\phi(\nu)^\wedge|^2$ lies in the weak closure of the convex hull of the set of translates of $|\phi(\overline{\xi_j} \mu)^\wedge|^2$. This now establishes the claim that $\lambda_n \notin F$, a finite union of cosets of X , for large n .

The proof of the theorem will now be completed by the inductive construction of γ_0 and $\{\gamma_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^r$, $1 \leq k \leq r^2$, contained in Λ and satisfying (3, k) for $1 \leq k \leq r^2$. This is, of course, a contradiction. We let $\gamma_0 \in \Lambda$ be arbitrary, and we choose $\{\gamma_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^r$, $1 \leq k \leq r^2$, satisfying (5, k, j) as before, with $\gamma_{k,j} \in \Lambda \setminus (P_{k-1} - E)$. This can be done, because, at each stage of the induction, $P_{k-1} - E$ is a finite union of cosets of X , and thus $\lambda_n \notin P_{k-1} - E$ for large n . This completes the proof of the theorem.

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