

The coincidence of some topologies on the unit ball of the Fourier - Stieltjes algebra of weighted foundation semigroups

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1 Introduction

In our earlier paper [10], for a foundation $*$ -semigroup S with an identity and with a Borel-measurable weight function $w \leq 1$, we proved that on the unit ball of $\mathcal{P}(S, w)$, the cone of w -bounded continuous positive definite functions on S , the weak topology coincides with the compact open topology. In the present paper, through some C^* -algebras techniques, we shall extend this result to the unit ball of the Fourier-Stieltjes algebra $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ of a foundation semigroup S with a Borel measurable weight function w . Indeed, we shall establish our conjecture in [10] even in the more general setting of the Fourier-Stieltjes algebra $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ for any Borel measurable weight function w . It should be noted that the family of foundation semigroups is quite extensive, for which locally compact groups and discrete semigroups are elementary examples. For further examples we refer to Appendix B of [13].

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, S will denote a locally compact, Hausdorff topological semigroup with an identity. A topological semigroup S is called a $*$ -semigroup if there is a continuous mapping $*$: $S \rightarrow S$ such that $(x^*)^* = x$ and $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$ for all $x, y \in S$. A function w of S into the set of positive real numbers is called a

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weight function on S if $w(xy^*) \leq w(x)w(y)$ for all $x, y \in S$. A function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (\mathbb{C} denotes the set of complex numbers) is called w -bounded if there is a positive number k such that $|f(x)| \leq kw(x)$ ($x \in S$). A complex-valued function φ on S is called positive definite whenever

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_i \bar{c}_j \varphi(x_i x_j^*) \geq 0$$

for all choices $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ from S and $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ from \mathbb{C} . We denote by $\mathcal{P}(S, w)$ the set of w -bounded continuous positive definite functions on S . A $*$ -representation of S by bounded operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} is a homomorphism: $x \rightarrow \pi(x)$ of S into $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, the space of all bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} , such that $\pi(x^*) = (\pi(x))^*$ for all $x \in S$ and $\pi(e)$ is the identity operator on \mathcal{H} . A representation π is called cyclic if there is a (cyclic) vector $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ such that the set $\{\pi(x)\xi : x \in S\}$ is dense in \mathcal{H} , and π is called w -bounded if there is a positive number k such that $\|\pi(x)\xi\| \leq kw(x)$ ($x \in S$). Note that a $*$ -representation π is w -bounded if and only if $\|\pi(x)\xi\| \leq w(x)$ ($x \in S$). For further information on the representation theory of topological $*$ -semigroups we refer the reader to [2], [8], and [9].

We recall (see, for example [2]) that, on a topological semigroups S with a weight function w such that w and $1/w$ are locally bounded (i.e. bounded on compact subsets of S) $M(S, w)$ denotes the set of all complex, regular, signed measures μ (not necessarily bounded), of the form $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2 + i(\mu_3 - \mu_4)$ where μ_i is a positive regular measure on S with $w \in L^1(S, \mu_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. Note that for an element $\mu \in M(S, w)$ and a Borel set B , $\mu(B)$ is well-defined in the case when B is relatively compact. For every $\mu \in M(S, w)$, the equation

$$\int_S f d(w.\mu) = \int_S f w d\mu \quad (f \in C_b(S)),$$

where $C_b(S)$ denotes the space of all continuous bounded complex-valued functions on S , defines a measure $w.\mu \in M(S)$, the space of all bounded regular complex measures on S . With the norm $\|\mu\|_w = \|w.\mu\|$ ($\mu \in M(S, w)$), where $\|w.\mu\|$ denotes the total variation of $w.\mu \in M(S)$, $M(S, w)$ defines a Banach lattice, and with the convolution product given by

$$(\mu * \nu)(f) = \int_S \int_S f(xy) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \quad (\mu, \nu \in M(S, w), f \in C_{00}(S)) \quad (1)$$

defines a Banach algebra, where $C_{00}(S)$ denotes the space of all functions in $C_b(S)$ with compact supports. By part (iii) of Theorem 4.6 of [8] we conclude that (1) is also valid for every w -bounded, Borel measurable function f on S .

We also recall (see, for example. [6] or [1]) that $M_a(S)$ (or $\tilde{L}(S)$) denotes the set of all measures $\mu \in M(S)$ for which the mappings $x \mapsto \bar{x} * |\mu|$ and $x \mapsto |\mu| * \bar{x}$ (where \bar{x} denotes the point mass at x for $x \in S$) from S to $M(S)$ are weakly continuous. As in [8], we can define $M_a(S, w)$ (or $\tilde{L}(S, w)$) as the set of measures μ in $M(S, w)$ for which $w.\mu$ is in $M_a(S)$. Then $M_a(S, w)$ is a closed, two-sided L -ideal of $M(S, w)$. Finally, we call S a foundation semigroup if $\cup\{\text{supp}(\mu) : \mu \in M_a(S)\}$ is dense in S .

3 The results

Before stating our first result we note that if S is a foundation $*$ -semigroup with an identity and with a locally bounded Borel measurable weight function w , then $M_a(S, w)$ defines a Banach $*$ -algebra with a bounded approximate identity (see, [8, Proposition 4.7]). We denote the enveloping C^* -algebra of the Banach $*$ -algebra $M_a(S, w)$ by $C^*(S, w)$ (see Proposition 2.7.1 of [5]).

Lemma 1. *Let S be a foundation $*$ -semigroup with an identity and with a Borel measurable weight function w . Then the mapping: $\varphi \mapsto p_\varphi$ given by the equation*

$$p_\varphi(\mu) = \int_S \varphi(x) d\mu(x) \quad (\varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w), \mu \in M_a(S, w)) \tag{2}$$

defines an isometric isomorphism between $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ and $C^(S, w)'$.*

Proof. Recall that every φ in $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ can be expressed as $\varphi = \varphi_1 - \varphi_2 + i(\varphi_3 - \varphi_4)$ with $\varphi_i \in \mathcal{P}(S, w)$ ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) and also by Proposition 2.1 of [14] every functional p in $C^*(S, w)'$ can be represented as $p = p_1 - p_2 + i(p_3 - p_4)$ where p_i ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) is a positive functional. So an application of Lemma 2.3 of [9] together with the Corollary 11.3.8 of [11] completes the proof. ■

Before turning the next lemma we need to recall some results from the theory of C^* -algebras. By ([5], p.243) for every functional $f \in A'$ of a C^* algebra A , there is a unique positive functional $|f|$ of A such that $\|f\| = \||f|\|$ with $|f(x)|^2 \leq \|f\| |f|(xx^*)(x \in A)$. Moreover, the map $f \mapsto |f|$ defines a continuous map from (A', τ) into $(A', \sigma(A', A))$, where τ denotes the locally convex topology on A' defined by the systems of neighbourhoods

$$\mathcal{W}(f_0; \varepsilon, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \{f \in A' : |f(x_j) - f_0(x_j)| < \varepsilon \quad 1 \leq j \leq n, \||f|\| - \|f_0\| < \varepsilon\}$$

($f_0 \in A', \varepsilon > 0$) and $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq A$ (cf. Proposition 1) of [4]). We also note that the given isomorphy in Lemma 1 between $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ and $C^*(S, w)'$ permits us to define a norm $\varphi \mapsto \|\varphi\|$ and an "absolute value" $\varphi \mapsto |\varphi|$ on $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$.

Lemma 2. *Let S be a foundation $*$ -semigroup with an identity and with a Borel measurable weight function w . For every $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w)$ there exists a w -bounded continuous cyclic $*$ -representation π of S by bounded operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with a cyclic vector ξ such that $|\varphi|(x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi, \xi \rangle$. Furthermore there exist some vector $\zeta \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\varphi(x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi, \zeta \rangle$ ($x \in S$) and*

$$\|\varphi\| = |\varphi|(e) = \|\xi\|^2 = \|\zeta\|^2. \tag{3}$$

Proof. Let p be a positive functional on $C^*(S, w)$. By the GNS construction ([12], Theorem 3.3.3) there exists a cyclic $*$ -representation $\tilde{\pi}$ of $C^*(S, w)$ by bounded operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with a cyclic vector $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $p(\mu) = \langle \tilde{\pi}(\mu)\xi, \xi \rangle$ ($\mu \in M_a(S, w)$). Now, by Theorem 5.2 of [8] there exists a w -bounded continuous cyclic $*$ -representation π of S by operators on H such that

$$\langle \tilde{\pi}(\mu)\xi, \eta \rangle = \int_S \langle \pi(x)\xi, \eta \rangle d\mu(x) \quad (\mu \in M_a(S, w), \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}).$$

In particular, $p = p_\varphi$ with $\varphi(x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi, \xi \rangle (x \in S)$. From Lemma 2.2. of [8] and the fact that φ is w -bounded and continuous, it follows that φ is unique. Now an application of Proposition 2 of [4] reveals the equation 3. ■

Lemma 3. *Let S be a foundation $*$ -semigroup with an identity and with a Borel measurable weight function w . Then every $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w)$ satisfies the following equation:*

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(xy)|^2 \leq \|\varphi\| w(x) [\|\varphi\| - 2\operatorname{Re} |\varphi|(y) + |\varphi|(y^*y)] \quad (x, y \in S). \quad (4)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w)$. By Lemma 2 there exist a w -bounded continuous cyclic $*$ -representation π with a cyclic vector ξ of S by bounded operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and a vector $\zeta \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\varphi(x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi, \zeta \rangle$, $|\varphi|(x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi, \xi \rangle$ and $\|\varphi\| = |\varphi|(e) = \|\xi\|^2 = \|\zeta\|^2$. For every $x, y \in S$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(xy)|^2 &= |\langle \pi(x)\xi, \zeta \rangle - \langle \pi(xy)\xi, \zeta \rangle|^2 \\ &= |\langle \pi(x)(\xi - \pi(y)\xi), \zeta \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \|\pi(x)\|^2 \cdot \|\xi - \pi(y)\xi\|^2 \|\zeta\|^2 \\ &\leq (w(x))^2 \|\varphi\| \langle \xi - \pi(y)\xi, \xi - \pi(y)\xi \rangle \\ &= \|\varphi\| (w(x))^2 [\|\varphi\| - 2\operatorname{Re} |\varphi|(y) + |\varphi|(y^*y)]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. ■

Before turning to the next result we recall that for locally compact Hausdorff spaces X and Y and a continuous function θ of X into Y and a complex regular measure μ on X , μ_θ (the image of μ under θ) given by $\mu_\theta(K) = \mu(\theta^{-1}(K))$ for every compact subset K of Y , defines a complex regular measure on Y (see [3], Proposition 2.1.15).

Lemma 4. *Let S be a topological semigroup with a Borel measurable weight function w such that w and $\frac{1}{w}$ are locally bounded and let θ be a continuous function on S . If μ in $M_a(S, w)$ is with compact support then μ_θ is in $M_a(S, w)$.*

Proof. Let K denote the compact support of μ . Since w is locally bounded, there exists $M_\theta > 0$ such that $\frac{w(\theta(x))}{w(x)} \leq M_\theta$ for all $x \in K$. Let C be a compact subset of S , then

$$\begin{aligned} |w\mu_\theta(C)| &= \left| \int_{K \cap C} \chi_C(x) w(x) d\mu_\theta(x) \right| = \left| \int_{K \cap C} \chi_C(\theta(x)) w(\theta(x)) d\mu(x) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{K \cap C} \frac{w(\theta(x))}{w(x)} d|w \cdot \mu|(x) \leq M_\theta |w \cdot \mu|(C). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $w\mu_\theta \ll |w \cdot \mu|$. Since $w \cdot \mu \in M_a(S)$, it follows that $\mu_\theta \in M_a(S, w)$. ■

The following theorem is indeed the main result of this paper. We shall first introduce a topology τ_w on $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$. For $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{F}(S, w)$ of a foundation semigroup S with identity and with a Borel measurable weight function w , and $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in M_a(S, w)$ we define

$$\mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \varepsilon; \mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w) : | \mu_j(\varphi) - \mu_j(\varphi_0) | < \varepsilon, 1 \leq j \leq n, | \| \varphi \| - \| \varphi_0 \| | < \varepsilon \}. \tag{5}$$

Let τ_w denote the topology on $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ for which the sets of the form (5) define an open base.

Theorem 5. *Let S be a foundation $*$ -semigroup with an identity and with a Borel measurable weight function w such that w and $\frac{1}{w}$ are locally bounded. Then the topology τ_w of $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$ is stronger than its compact open topology.*

Proof. Given $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{F}(S, w)$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and a compact subset K of S , we have to show that there exist a positive number δ and a finite subset $\{ \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \}$ of $M_a(S, w)$ such that $\mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \delta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(\varphi_0, \varepsilon, K)$, where

$$\mathcal{U}(\varphi_0, \varepsilon, K) = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{F}(S, w) : | \varphi(x) - \varphi_0(x) | < \varepsilon \text{ for all } x \in K \}.$$

To this end, we choose a positive number M such that $w(x) \leq M$ for all $x \in K$. Let $\alpha = \min(1, \frac{\varepsilon^2}{567M^2(1+\|\varphi_0\|)})$. By the continuity of $| \varphi_0 |$ at e , there exists a neighbourhood V of e with compact closure such that $V^*V \subseteq V$ ($V^* = \{ x^* : x \in V \}$) and

$$| | \varphi_0 | (y) - \| \varphi_0 \| | = | | \varphi_0 | (y) - | \varphi_0 | (e) | < \alpha, \quad (y \in V). \tag{6}$$

So

$$| | \varphi_0 | (y^*y) - \| \varphi_0 \| | < \alpha \quad (y \in V). \tag{7}$$

Choose a positive measure $\mu \in M_a(S, w)$ with $e \in \text{supp}(\mu) \subset \bar{V}$ and $\| \mu \| = 1$. Let $x \in K$. Then an application of the inequality (4) with the aid of the Hölder inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} | \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) - \varphi(x) | &= \left| \int_S [\varphi(xy) - \varphi(x)] d\mu(y) \right| \\ &\leq \int_S | \varphi(xy) - \varphi(x) | d\mu(y) \\ &\leq 2M \| \varphi \|^{1/2} \left(\int_V [\| \varphi \| - 2\text{Re} | \varphi | (y) + | \varphi | (y^*y)] d\mu \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq 2M \| \varphi \|^{1/2} \left| \int_V [\| \varphi \| - 2\varphi(y) + | \varphi | (y^*y)] d\mu \right|^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Since for $A = C^*(S, w)$ the mapping $\varphi \mapsto | \varphi |$ is continuous from (A', τ_w) into $(A', \sigma(A', A))$, it follows that there exist a finite subset $\{ \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m \}$ of $M_a(S, w)$ and η with $0 \leq \eta < \alpha$ such that $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \eta, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$ implies that $| \varphi | \in \mathcal{W}(| \varphi_0 |; \alpha, \mu, \mu_\theta)$, where θ denotes the continuous map on S given by $\theta(y) = y^*y$ ($y \in$

S). Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \eta, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$. By (6) and (7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_V [\|\varphi\| - 2 | \varphi | (y) + | \varphi | (y^*y)] d\mu(y) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \int_V (\|\varphi\| - \|\varphi_0\|) d\mu(y) \right| + 2 \left| \int_V [\|\varphi_0\| - | \varphi_0 | (y)] d\mu(y) \right| \\ & \quad + \left| 2 \int_V [| \varphi_0 | (y) - | \varphi | (y)] d\mu(y) \right| + \left| \int_V [| \varphi_0 | (y^*y) - | \varphi | (y^*y)] d\mu \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \int_V [| \varphi_0 | (y^*y) - \|\varphi_0\|] d\mu \right| \\ & < \alpha + 2\alpha + 2\alpha + \left| \int_S [| \varphi_0 | (y) - | \varphi | (y)] d\mu_\theta \right| + \alpha \\ & < 7\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for every $x \in K$ and every $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\varphi_0, \eta, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$ we have

$$| \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) - \varphi(x) | < 2M(7\|\varphi\|\alpha)^{1/2} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \tag{9}$$

Let $\|\cdot\|'_w$ denote the norm on $A = C^*(S, w)$. Since $\|\mu\|'_w \leq \|\mu\|_w$ for every $\mu \in M_a(S, w)$, the mapping $x \mapsto \delta_x * \mu$ from S into $M_a(S, w)$ is $\|\cdot\|'_w$ -continuous. So by the compactness of K there exists a finite subset $\{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$ of K such that for every $x \in K$ there exists $x_j (1 \leq j \leq l)$ with $\|\delta_x * \mu - \delta x_j * \mu\|'_w \leq \beta$, where $\beta = \min(1, \frac{\varepsilon}{9(1+\|\varphi_0\|)})$. Put $\nu_i = \delta x_i * \mu (1 \leq i \leq l)$. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \beta, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_l)$ and x be an arbitrary and fixed point of K . Then there exists $\nu_j (1 \leq j \leq l)$ such that $\|\delta_x * \mu - \nu_j\|'_w < \beta$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} | \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) - \delta_x * \mu(\varphi_0) | & \leq | \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) - \nu_j(\varphi) | + | \nu_j(\varphi) - \nu_j(\varphi_0) | \\ & \quad + | \nu_j(\varphi_0) - \delta_x * \mu(\varphi_0) | \\ & \leq \|\delta_x * \mu - \nu_j\|'_w \|\varphi\| + | \nu_j(\varphi) - \nu_j(\varphi_0) | \\ & \quad + \|\nu_j - \delta_x * \mu\|'_w \|\varphi\| \\ & < 2\beta\|\varphi\| + \beta \\ & < 2\beta(\|\varphi_0\| + \beta) + \beta \\ & < 2\beta(\|\varphi_0\| + 1) + \varepsilon/9 \\ & < \frac{2\varepsilon}{9} + \frac{\varepsilon}{9} = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Let $n = m + l$. Put $\lambda_i = \mu_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$, and $\lambda_{m+k} = \nu_k$ for $1 \leq k \leq l$. For $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}(\varphi_0; \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and every $x \in K$ from (9) and (10) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} | \varphi(x) - \varphi_0(x) | & \leq | \varphi(x) - \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) | \\ & \quad + | \delta_x * \mu(\varphi) - \delta_x * \mu(\varphi_0) | \\ & \quad + | \delta_x * \mu(\varphi_0) - \varphi_0(x) | \\ & < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof is complete. ■

As an immediate consequence of the above result we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 6. Let S be a foundation $*$ -semigroup with identity and with a Borel measurable w such that w and $\frac{1}{w}$ are locally bounded. Then on the unit ball of $\mathcal{F}(S, w)$, the weak*-topology the compact open topology are identical.

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