

## A variant of a Yamaguchi's result

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### Introduction

Yamaguchi extended the classical F. and M. Riesz theorem to a transformation group such that a compact abelian group acts on a locally compact Hausdorff space. In fact, he proved the following theorem.

**THEOREM A.** [5, Theorem 2.4] *Let  $(G, X)$  be a transformation group in which  $G$  is a compact abelian group and  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space. Let  $\sigma$  be a positive Radon measure on  $X$  that is quasi-invariant and let  $\Lambda$  be a Riesz set in  $\widehat{G}$ . Let  $\mu$  be a measure in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  with  $\text{spec } \mu \subset \Lambda$ . Then  $\text{spec } \mu_a$  and  $\text{spec } \mu_s$  are both contained in  $\text{spec } \mu$ , where  $\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s$  is the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\sigma$ .*

Let us recall that a subset  $\Lambda$  of  $\widehat{G}$  is a Riesz set if  $\mathcal{M}_\Lambda(G) \subset L^1(G)$  (where  $\mathcal{M}_\Lambda(G)$  denotes the space of measures in  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  whose Fourier transforms vanish off  $\Lambda$ ). With this terminology, the classical F. and M. Riesz theorem asserts that  $N$  is a Riesz subset of  $Z$ .

Godefroy introduced and studied the notion of nicely placed and Shapiro sets [2]. Let us recall the definitions.

**DEFINITION 1.** [2]

1. A subset  $\Lambda$  of  $\widehat{G}$  is said nicely placed if the unit ball of  $L^1_\Lambda(G)$  is closed in measure.

2. A subset  $\Lambda$  of  $\widehat{G}$  is said Shapiro if every subset of  $\Lambda$  is nicely placed.

The Alexandrov's example shows that there exists a Riesz subset  $\Lambda$  of  $Z$  which is not nicely placed [2]: take  $\Lambda = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n$ , where  $D_n = \{k2^n, |k| \leq 2^n, k \neq 0\}$ . On the other hand of course  $Z$  is nicely placed in  $Z$  but not Riesz in  $Z$ .

But Godefroy proved that every Shapiro set is a Riesz set [2].

Our aim is to show that the conclusion of theorem A also holds for another class of subsets  $\Lambda$  of  $\widehat{G}$ : the nicely placed subsets. More precise-

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ly, we will prove the following theorem :

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a transformation group in which  $G$  is a compact abelian group and  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space. Let  $\sigma$  be a positive Radon measure on  $X$  which is quasi-invariant and let  $\Lambda$  be a nicely placed subset of  $\widehat{G}$ . If  $\mu$  is in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  with  $\text{spec } \mu$  contained in  $\Lambda$  then  $\text{spec } \mu_a$  and  $\text{spec } \mu_s$  are both contained in  $\Lambda$  (where  $\mu = \mu_a + \mu_s$  is the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\sigma$ ).*

This result is better than the one of [1].

The proof follows Yamaguchi's ideas [4], [5], see also [6].

### Preliminaries and notation

In what follows  $G$  will be a compact abelian group and  $X$  a locally compact Hausdorff space. We say that  $(G, X)$  is a transformation group if there exists a continuous map from  $G \times X$  onto  $X : (g, x) \rightarrow g \cdot x$  such that :

$$e \cdot x = x, g \cdot (h \cdot x) = (g \cdot h) \cdot x \quad (1)$$

for  $g, h$  in  $G$  and  $x$  in  $X$ .

Let us remark that for  $g \in G$ , the map  $\theta_g : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $\theta_g(x) = g \cdot x$  is a homeomorphism (This directly comes from (1)).

A trivial example is  $(G, X)$  where  $G$  is a compact abelian subgroup of a locally compact group  $X$ .

A Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $X$  is called quasi-invariant if  $|\sigma|(F) = 0$  ( $F$  is a Borel subset of  $X$ ) implies  $|\sigma|(g \cdot F) = 0$ , for all  $g$  in  $G$ .

We will denote by  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  the space of regular bounded Borel measures on  $X$  and by  $K(X)$  the space of continuous functions on  $X$  with compact support. We denote by  $\widehat{\mu}$  the Fourier transform of  $\mu$ . For a closed subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ ,  $H^\perp$  is the annihilator of  $H$ . The usual notion of convolution can be generalized in the following way [3], [4]:

For  $\mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  and  $\lambda$  in  $\mathcal{M}(G)$ , we define  $\lambda \star \mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  by :

$$(\lambda \star \mu)(f) = \int_X \int_G f(g \cdot x) d\lambda(g) d\mu(x), \text{ for } f \in K(X).$$

We can now define the spectrum of a measure  $\mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  [4]: let  $J(\mu)$  be the set of all  $f$  in  $L^1(G)$  with  $f \star \mu = 0$ .

The spectrum of  $\mu$  (denoted by  $\text{spec } \mu$ ) is  $\bigcap_{f \in J(\mu)} \widehat{f}^{-1}(0)$ .

We have that  $s \in \text{spec } \mu$  if and only if  $(sm_G) \star \mu \neq 0$  [4] ( $m_G$  is the Haar measure on  $G$ ).

Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/G$  be the canonical map.

Yamaguchi introduced in [4] the conditions called (D. I) and (D. II).

(D. I) For any  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}^+(X)$ , put  $\eta = \pi(\mu)$ . Then there exists a family  $\{\lambda_{\dot{x}}\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  of measures in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X)$  with the following properties :

1.  $\dot{x} \rightarrow \lambda_{\dot{x}}(f)$  is  $\eta$ -integrable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$ ,
2.  $\|\lambda_{\dot{x}}\| = 1$ ,
3.  $\text{supp} (\lambda_{\dot{x}}) \subset \pi^{-1}(\dot{x})$ ,
4.  $\mu(f) = \int_{X/G} \lambda_{\dot{x}}(f) d\eta(\dot{x})$ , for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$ .

(D. II) Let  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}^+(X/G)$ . Suppose  $\{\lambda_{\dot{x}}^i\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) are families of measures in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  with the following properties :

1.  $\dot{x} \rightarrow \lambda_{\dot{x}}^i(f)$  is a  $\nu$ -integrable function for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$  ( $i=1, 2$ ),
2.  $\text{supp} (\lambda_{\dot{x}}^i) \subset \pi^{-1}(\dot{x})$  ( $i=1, 2$ ),
3.  $\int_{X/G} \lambda_{\dot{x}}^1(f) d\nu(\dot{x}) = \int_{X/G} \lambda_{\dot{x}}^2(f) d\nu(\dot{x})$  for all bounded Baire functions  $f$  on  $X$ .

Then we have  $\lambda_{\dot{x}}^1 = \lambda_{\dot{x}}^2 \nu$ -a.a.  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ .

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}^+(X/G)$ . An  $\eta$ -disintegration of  $\mu$  is a family  $\{\lambda_{\dot{x}}\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  of measures in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  satisfying (1)' :  $\dot{x} \rightarrow \lambda_{\dot{x}}(f)$  is  $\eta$ -integrable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$  and (3)-(4) in (D. I). If in addition,  $\eta = \pi(|\mu|)$  and  $\|\lambda_{\dot{x}}\| = 1$  for all  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ , then following [4] we call  $\{\lambda_{\dot{x}}\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  a canonical disintegration of  $\mu$ .

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For  $x \in X$ , we put  $G_x = \{g \in G : g \cdot x = x\}$ , we define the map  $B_x : G \rightarrow G \cdot x$  by  $B_x(g) = g \cdot x$ , we put  $\dot{x} = \pi(x)$  and  $m_{\dot{x}} = B_x(m_G)$ . We also consider the map  $\tilde{B}_x : G/G_x \rightarrow G \cdot x$  defined by :  $\tilde{B}_x(g + G_x) = g \cdot x$ .

LEMMA 3. Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of  $G$ , and  $\Lambda$  be a nicely placed subset of  $\hat{G}$ . Let  $(f_n)$  be a bounded sequence in  $L^1_{\Lambda \cap H^\perp}(G/H)$  such that  $(f_n)$  converges to  $f$  in  $m_{G/H}$ -measure. Then  $\text{spec } f$  is contained in  $\Lambda \cap H^\perp$ . In particular,  $\Lambda \cap H^\perp$  is a nicely placed subset of  $H^\perp$ .

PROOF. Let  $q : G \rightarrow G/H$  be the quotient map. We have that  $(f_n \circ q)$  is a bounded sequence in  $L^1(G)$ . Moreover,

$$(f_n \circ q)^\wedge(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \hat{f}_n(\gamma) & \text{if } \gamma \in (G/H)^\wedge = H^\perp \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma \in \hat{G} \setminus H^\perp. \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\text{spec}(f_n \circ q) \subset \Lambda \cap H^\perp$ .

Moreover  $(f_n \circ q)$  converges to  $f \circ q$  in  $m_G$ -measure. Then  $\text{spec}(f \circ q)$  is contained in  $\Lambda$  and  $\text{spec } f$  is contained in  $\Lambda \cap H^\perp$ . ■

LEMMA 4. *Let  $G$  be metrizable and  $\sigma$  be a measure in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X)$  which is quasi-invariant. If  $(G, X)$  satisfies conditions (D. I) and (D. II), then the conclusion of theorem 2 holds.*

PROOF. Let  $\mu$  be in  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  with  $\text{spec } \mu$  contained in  $\Lambda$ . By [4, Lemma 2.7] we may assume that  $\eta = \pi(|\mu|) \ll \pi(\sigma)$ . Let  $\{\lambda_{\dot{x}}\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  be a canonical disintegration of  $|\mu|$ . Let  $h$  be an unimodular Baire function on  $X$  with  $\mu = h|\mu|$ .

We define  $\mu_{\dot{x}} \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  by  $\mu_{\dot{x}} = h\lambda_{\dot{x}}$ . Then  $\{\mu_{\dot{x}}\}_{\dot{x} \in X/G}$  is a canonical disintegration of  $\mu$ . For each  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ , let  $\lambda_{\dot{x}} = \lambda_{\dot{x}}^a + \lambda_{\dot{x}}^s$  and  $\mu_{\dot{x}} = \mu_{\dot{x}}^a + \mu_{\dot{x}}^s$  be the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\lambda_{\dot{x}}$  and  $\mu_{\dot{x}}$  with respect to  $m_{\dot{x}}$ . Then  $\mu_{\dot{x}}^a = h \lambda_{\dot{x}}^a$  and  $\mu_{\dot{x}}^s = h \lambda_{\dot{x}}^s$ . Since  $\text{spec } \mu \subset \Lambda$ , [4, Lemma 2.6] implies that

$$\text{spec } \mu_{\dot{x}} \subset \Lambda \quad \eta\text{-a.a. } \dot{x} \in X/G. \tag{2}$$

Let  $x \in \pi^{-1}(\dot{x})$  and  $\xi_{\dot{x}} \in \mathcal{M}(G/G_x)$  such that  $\tilde{B}_x(\xi_{\dot{x}}) = \mu_{\dot{x}}$ . Then by (2) and [4, Proposition 1.2]  $\xi_{\dot{x}} \in \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda \cap G_x^\perp}(G/G_x)$   $\eta$ -a.a.  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ .

Let  $\xi_{\dot{x}} = \xi_{\dot{x}}^a + \xi_{\dot{x}}^s$  be the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\xi_{\dot{x}}$  with respect to  $m_{G/G_x}$ . As  $G/G_x$  is a metrizable compact abelian group, there exists an identity approximation  $(f_n)$  in the unit ball of  $L^1(G/G_x)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} f_n \star \xi_{\dot{x}}^a \rightarrow \xi_{\dot{x}}^a \text{ in } L^1\text{-norm} \\ f_n \star \xi_{\dot{x}}^s \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } m_{G/G_x}\text{-measure (see [2]).} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$f_n \star \xi_{\dot{x}} \rightarrow \xi_{\dot{x}}^a$  in  $m_{G/G_x}$ -measure and  $\text{spec } f_n \star \xi_{\dot{x}}$  is contained in  $\Lambda \cap G_x^\perp$   $\eta$ -a.a.  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ . From Lemma 3 it follows that  $\text{spec } \xi_{\dot{x}}^a$  is also contained in  $\Lambda \cap G_x^\perp$   $\eta$ -a.a.  $\dot{x} \in X/G$ .

By [4, Propositions 1.5 and 1.2] it follows that

$$\text{spec } \mu_{\dot{x}}^a \subset \Lambda \quad \eta\text{-a.a. } \dot{x} \in X/G. \tag{3}$$

By [4, Lemma 2.8], the functions :

$$\dot{x} \rightarrow \lambda_{\dot{x}}^a(f), \quad \dot{x} \rightarrow \lambda_{\dot{x}}^s(f)$$

are  $\eta$ -measurable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$ . Hence, the functions

$$\dot{x} \rightarrow \mu_{\dot{x}}^a(f), \quad \dot{x} \rightarrow \mu_{\dot{x}}^s(f)$$

are  $\eta$ -measurable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X$ .

We can then define  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathcal{M}^+(X)$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1(f) &= \int_{X/G} \lambda_x^a(f) d\eta(\dot{x}), & \omega_2(f) &= \int_{X/G} \lambda_x^s(f) d\eta(\dot{x}) \\ \mu_1(f) &= \int_{X/G} \mu_x^a(f) d\eta(\dot{x}), & \mu_2(f) &= \int_{X/G} \mu_x^s(f) d\eta(\dot{x}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $f \in K(X)$ .

One has  $\mu_1 \ll \omega_1$  and  $\mu_2 \ll \omega_2$ .

By [4, Lemma 2.5] it follows that

$$\omega_1 \ll \sigma, \quad \omega_2 \perp \sigma.$$

And also,

$$\mu_1 \ll \sigma, \quad \mu_2 \perp \sigma.$$

Since  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , one has:  $\mu = \mu_a$ . Let  $\gamma \notin \Lambda$  and  $f \in K(X)$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \star \mu_a(f) &= \gamma \star \mu_1(f) = \int_{X/G} \gamma \star \mu_x^a(f) d\eta(\dot{x}) \\ &= 0. \quad (\text{by (3)}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{spec } \mu_a \subset \Lambda$ . ■

In [4], Yamaguchi introduced conditions (C. I) and (C. II).

(C. I) For any closed subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  with  $H^\perp$  countable and any  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}^+(X/H)$ , put  $\eta = \pi(\mu)$ , where  $\pi: X/H \rightarrow Y = X/H/G/H (\cong X/G)$  is the canonical map. Then there exists a family  $\{\lambda_y\}_{y \in Y}$  of measures in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X/H)$  with the following properties:

1.  $y \rightarrow \lambda_y(f)$  is  $\eta$ -measurable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X/H$ ,
2.  $\|\lambda_y\| = 1$ ,
3.  $\text{supp}(\lambda_y) \subset \pi^{-1}(y)$ ,
4.  $\mu(f) = \int_Y \lambda_y(f) d\eta(y)$  for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X/H$ .

(C. II) Let  $H$  be any closed subgroup of  $G$  with  $H^\perp$  countable. Let  $Y$  and  $\pi$  be as in (C. I). Let  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}^+(Y)$ , and let  $\{\lambda_y^1\}_{y \in Y}$  and  $\{\lambda_y^2\}_{y \in Y}$  be families of measures in  $\mathcal{M}(X/H)$  satisfying the following properties:

1.  $y \rightarrow \lambda_y^i(f)$  is  $\eta$ -integrable for each bounded Baire function  $f$  on  $X/H (i=1, 2)$ ,
2.  $\text{supp}(\lambda_y^i) \subset \pi^{-1}(y) \quad (i=1, 2)$ ,

3.  $\int_Y \lambda_y^1(f) d\eta(y) = \int_Y \lambda_y^2(f) d\eta(y)$  for all bounded Baire functions  $f$  on  $X/H$ .

Then  $\lambda_y^1 = \lambda_y^2$   $\eta$ -a.a.  $y \in Y$ .

REMARK. [4] When  $X$  is a metric space then  $(G, X)$  satisfies (C. I) and (C. II).

LEMMA 5. Assume that  $(G, X)$  satisfies conditions (C. I) and (C. II) then the conclusion of theorem 2 holds.

PROOF. In fact, we may suppose that  $\sigma$  is a measure in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X)$  that is quasi-invariant [4].

We will prove that  $\text{spec } \mu_s \subset \Lambda$ . We may assume that  $\mu_s \neq 0$ . Suppose there exists  $\gamma_0 \in (\text{spec } \mu_s) \setminus \Lambda$ . Then  $\gamma_0 \star \mu_s \neq 0$ . By [4, Lemmas 2.11 and 2.13] there exists a countable subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\widehat{G}$  with  $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \pi(\gamma_0 \star \mu_s) \neq 0, \\ \pi(|\mu_s|) \perp \pi(\sigma), \end{cases}$$

where  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\Gamma^\perp$  is the quotient map.

Then  $\pi(\mu_s)$  is the singular part of  $\pi(\mu)$  with respect to  $\pi(\sigma)$ . The measure  $\pi(\sigma)$  is also quasi-invariant. The group  $\Gamma$  is countable and  $(G/\Gamma^\perp, X/\Gamma^\perp)$  satisfies conditions (D. I) and (D. II). Since  $\text{spec } \pi(\mu) \subset \Gamma \cap \Lambda$  (cf. [4, Lemma 2.10]), Lemmas 3 and 4 imply  $\text{spec } \pi(\mu_s) \subset \Gamma \cap \Lambda$ . By [4, Lemma 2.9],

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\gamma_0 \star \mu_s) &= q(\gamma_0) \star \pi(\mu_s) \\ &= \gamma_0 \star \pi(\mu_s), \end{aligned}$$

where  $q : G \rightarrow G/\Gamma^\perp$  is the canonical map and  $\gamma_0 \in \text{spec } \pi(\mu_s)$ ; hence  $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma \cap \Lambda$ .

This gives the contradiction. ■

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. We may suppose that  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -compact locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\sigma$  is a quasi-invariant measure in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X)$ .

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By [5, Lemma 3.1], there exists an equivalence relation “ $\sim$ ” on  $X$  such that :

(1)  $X/\sim$  is a ( $\sigma$ -compact) metrizable, locally compact Hausdorff space with respect to the quotient topology ;

(2)  $(G, X/\sim)$  becomes a transformation group by the action  $g \cdot \tau(x) = \tau(g \cdot x)$  for  $g \in G$  and  $x \in X$ , where  $\tau : X \rightarrow X/\sim$  is the canonical map ;

(3)  $\tau(\gamma_0 \star \mu_s) \neq 0$  ;

(4)  $\tau(|\mu_s|) \perp \tau(\sigma)$ .

By (4)  $\tau(\mu_s)$  is the singular part of  $\tau(\mu)$ .

By [5, Lemma 2. 2],  $\text{spec } \tau(\mu) \subset \text{spec } \mu \subset \Lambda$ .

$\tau(\sigma)$  is a quasi-invariant measure in  $\mathcal{M}^+(X/\sim)$  and since  $X/\sim$  is metrizable,  $(G, X/\sim)$  satisfies conditions (C. I) and (C. II).

Lemma 5 implies that  $\text{spec } \tau(\mu_s) \subset \Lambda$ .

But

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\gamma_0 \star \mu_s) &= \gamma_0 \star \tau(\mu_s) \\ &\neq 0. \quad (\text{by (3)}) \end{aligned}$$

And  $\gamma_0 \in \text{spec } \tau(\mu_s) \subset \Lambda$ . This gives the contradiction. ■

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