

# PMATH 950, Fall 2018

## Assignment #2 Due: November 6.

In all questions below, we assume that  $G$  is a second countable locally compact group.

If  $G$  is abelian, a *special summability kernel* is a summability kernel  $(e_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  [i.e. a bounded sequence in  $L^1(G)$  for which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_G e_n = 1$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{G \setminus U} |e_n| = 0$  for any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $e$ ], which additionally satisfies, for each  $n$ :

- $0 \leq \widehat{e}_n \leq \widehat{e_{n+1}}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_0(\widehat{G})$ , and
- $\widetilde{e}_n(x) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \widehat{e}_n(\sigma) \sigma(x) d\sigma$  for  $x$  in  $G$  (Inversion holds).

1. Show that  $L^2(G)$  is separable.
2. (a) Let  $G$  be abelian, and  $H$  an open compact subgroup. Show that  $\widehat{1}_H = m(H)1_{H^A}$  where  $H^A = \{\sigma \in \widehat{G} : \sigma|_H = 1\}$  is the *annihilator* of  $H$ . Deduce that  $H^A$  is compact and open.  
(b) Verify that  $(p^n 1_{p^n \mathbb{O}_p})_{n=1}^\infty$  is a special summability kernel for  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and also for  $\mathbb{O}_p$ .
3. (a) Let  $\{C_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of finite cyclic groups and  $P = \prod_{k=1}^\infty C_k$  be its compact product, and  $S = \bigoplus_{k=1}^\infty C_k$  be its discrete direct sum. Verify the relations

$$\widehat{P} \cong S, \quad \widehat{S} \cong P \text{ (isomorphically \& homeomorphically).}$$

- (b) Exhibit a special summability kernel for  $P$ .
  - (c) Let  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  ( $p$  prime). Compute the dual of the additive group of the topological field  $\mathbb{F}_p((X))$ . [Hint:  $\mathbb{F}_p((X)) = S \oplus \mathbb{F}_p[[X]]$ , where  $S$  represents the “principal parts”.]
4. Let  $(e_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a summability kernel for  $G$ .
    - (a) Let  $f \in L^1 \cap \mathcal{C}_0(G)$ . Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e_n * f - f\|_\infty = 0$ . [Hint: consider  $f$  in  $\mathcal{C}_c(G)$ , first.]
    - (b) Given a unitary representation  $\pi : G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H}_\pi)$ , show that w.o.t.- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi(x * e_n) = \pi(x)$ .

5. For this question, we let  $G$  and  $G'$  be countable discrete groups. Given separable Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  we define an inner product on the algebraic tensor product  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$  by

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \otimes w_i, \sum_{j=1}^{n'} v'_j \otimes w'_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n'} \langle v_i, v'_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \langle w_i, w'_j \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$$

and let  $\mathcal{H} \otimes^2 \mathcal{K}$  be the Hilbert space which is the completion. Notice that if  $(e_i)_{i=1,2,\dots}$  and  $(f_j)_{j=1,2,\dots}$  are orthonormal bases for  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ , respectively, then  $(e_i \otimes f_j)_{i=1,2,\dots,j=1,2,\dots}$  is orthonormal and dense in  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$ . It follows that the Hermitian form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$  is non-degenerate, and thus an inner product. [Verify this for yourself, but do not submit it.] Furthermore,  $(e_i \otimes f_j)_{i=1,2,\dots,j=1,2,\dots}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H} \otimes^2 \mathcal{K}$ .

If  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  we let  $S \otimes T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes^2 \mathcal{K})$  be the unique linear operator which satisfies

$$S \otimes T(v \otimes w) = Sv \otimes Tw \text{ for } v \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } w \in \mathcal{K}.$$

If  $\theta, \theta'$  are unitary representation of  $G, G'$ , respectively, define the *Kronecker product representation*

$$\theta \times \theta' : G \times G' \rightarrow \text{U}(\mathcal{H}_\theta \otimes^2 \mathcal{H}_{\theta'}), \theta \times \theta'(s, s') = \theta(s) \otimes \theta'(s')$$

and, if  $G = G'$ , define the *tensor product representation*

$$\theta \otimes \theta' : G \rightarrow \text{U}(\mathcal{H}_\theta \otimes^2 \mathcal{H}_{\theta'}), \theta \otimes \theta'(s) = \theta(s) \otimes \theta'(s).$$

Hence  $\theta \otimes \theta' = \theta \times \theta'|_{G_D}$  where  $G_D = \{(s, s); s \in G\}$ .

- (a) Show:  $\ell^2(G) \otimes^2 \mathcal{H} \cong \ell^2(G, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $\ell^2(G) \otimes^2 \ell^2(G') \cong \ell^2(G \times G')$ .  
 (b) Let  $K$  be a finite subgroup of  $G$  and  $\pi$  be a unitary representation of  $K$  (on a separable Hilbert space). Define

$$P_\pi \text{ in } \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(G) \otimes^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi) \text{ by } P_\pi = \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{k \in K} \rho(k) \otimes \pi(k)$$

where  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{U}(\ell^2(G))$  is the right regular representation. Show that  $P_\pi^2 = P_\pi^* = P_\pi$  and that

$$\ell^2(G) \otimes_K^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi = P_\pi(\ell^2(G) \otimes^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi)$$

is  $\lambda(s) \otimes I$ -invariant for each  $s$  in  $G$ . Let

$$\Lambda^\pi = \lambda(\cdot) \otimes I|_{\ell^2(G) \otimes_K^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{U}(\ell^2(G) \otimes_K^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi).$$

Show that  $\Lambda^\pi \cong \text{ind}_H^G \pi$  (unitary equivalence).

[Notation  $\delta_s \otimes_K v := P_\pi(\delta_s \otimes v)$  may come in handy: e.g.  $\delta_{sk} \otimes_K v = \delta_s \otimes_K \pi(k)v$ .]

- (c) (Induction in stages.) Let  $K \subset H$  be finite subgroups of  $G$  and  $\pi$  a unitary representation of  $K$ . Show that  $\text{ind}_H^G \text{ind}_K^H \pi \cong \text{ind}_K^G \pi$ . [First, show that  $\ell^2(G) \otimes_H^2 (\ell^2(H) \otimes_K^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi) \cong \ell^2(G) \otimes_K^2 \mathcal{H}_\pi$ .]
- (d) (Induction of Kronecker products.) Let  $K \subset G$ ,  $K' \subset G'$  be finite subgroups, and  $\pi, \pi'$  be unitary representations of  $K, K'$  respectively. Show that  $\text{ind}_{K \times K'}^{G \times G'} (\pi \times \pi') \cong \text{ind}_K^G \pi \times \text{ind}_{K'}^{G'} \pi'$ .
- (e) (Induction of tensor products.) Let  $K$  be a finite subgroup of  $G$  and  $\pi, \pi'$  be unitary representations of  $K$ . Show that  $\text{ind}_K^G (\pi \otimes \pi') \cong \text{ind}_K^G \pi \otimes \text{ind}_K^G \pi'$ , i.e. the intertwiner space  $\mathcal{I}_G(\text{ind}_K^G (\pi \otimes \pi'), \text{ind}_K^G \pi \otimes \text{ind}_K^G \pi')$  contains an isometry.
6. In each of the cases below,  $H$  is an open abelian subgroup of  $G$ . For each example below, consider the family of representations  $\{\text{ind}_H^G \chi : \chi \in \widehat{H}\}$ . Classify these into unitary equivalence classes and indicate which are irreducible.
- (a)  $H = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $G = \mathbb{Z} \rtimes \{-1, 1\}$ , with action  $\alpha(m) = \alpha m$  for  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (b)  $H = \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $G = \mathbb{Z}^2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ , with action  $m \begin{bmatrix} k \\ l \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k + ml \\ l \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $k, l, m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (c)  $H = \mathbb{T}^2$ ,  $G = \mathbb{T}^2 \rtimes \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , with action  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} w \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w^a z^b \\ w^c z^d \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $w, z$  in  $\mathbb{T}$ . [The orbit of  $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  consists of all relatively prime pairs.]
- (d)  $H = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\oplus \mathbb{Z}}$  (countable direct sum group),  $G = H \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ , with action  $m(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} = (x_{k+m})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  (i.e. shift in coordinates) for  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $H$  and  $m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .