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## Some ergodic properties of multipliers on commutative Banach algebras

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**Abstract:** A commutative semisimple regular Banach algebra  $A$  with the Gelfand space  $\Sigma_A$  is called a Ditkin algebra if each point of  $\Sigma_A \cup \{\infty\}$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$ . Generalizing the Choquet–Deny theorem, it is shown that if  $T$  is a multiplier of a Ditkin algebra  $A$ , then  $\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}$  is finite dimensional if and only if  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_T$  is finite, where  $\mathcal{F}_T = \{\gamma \in \Sigma_A : \widehat{T}(\gamma) = 1\}$  and  $\widehat{T}$  is the Helgason–Wang representation of  $T$ .

**Key words:** Commutative Banach algebra, multiplier, Choquet–Deny theorem

### 1. Introduction

This note was motivated by the classical result of Choquet and Deny [2] on ergodic properties of measures on locally compact abelian groups.

We begin with some basic notations and definitions. For a commutative Banach algebra  $A$ , by  $\Sigma_A$ , we will denote the Gelfand space of  $A$  equipped with the  $w^*$ -topology and by  $a \rightarrow \widehat{a}$ , where  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) = \gamma(a)$  ( $\gamma \in \Sigma_A$ ), the Gelfand transform of  $a \in A$ . A linear operator  $T : A \rightarrow A$  is called a multiplier of  $A$  if

$$(Ta)b = a(Tb) \quad (= T(ab)), \quad \forall a, b \in A.$$

When  $A$  is semisimple, the set  $M(A)$  of all multipliers of  $A$  is a commutative, closed, and unital subalgebra of  $B(A)$ , the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $A$ . Unless otherwise stated, we always assume that  $A$  is a commutative semisimple Banach algebra.

For an arbitrary  $a \in A$ , the multiplication operator  $L_a$  given by  $L_a b = ab$  ( $b \in A$ ) is a multiplier of  $A$ . The algebra  $A$  embeds into  $M(A)$  via the mapping  $a \mapsto L_a$  and therefore the Gelfand space of  $M(A)$  may be represented as the disjoint union of  $\Sigma_A$  and  $\text{hull}(A)$ , where  $\Sigma_A$  is canonically embedded in  $\Sigma_{M(A)}$  and  $\text{hull}(A)$  denotes the hull of  $A$  in  $\Sigma_{M(A)}$ .

For each  $T \in M(A)$ , there is a uniquely determined bounded continuous function  $\widehat{T}$  on  $\Sigma_A$  such that

$$\sup_{\gamma \in \Sigma_A} |\widehat{T}(\gamma)| \leq \|T\|$$

and

$$\widehat{(Ta)}(\gamma) = \widehat{T}(\gamma) \widehat{a}(\gamma), \quad \forall a \in A, \forall \gamma \in \Sigma_A.$$

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In fact,  $\widehat{T}$  is the restriction to  $\Sigma_A$  of the Gelfand transform of  $T$  on  $\Sigma_{M(A)}$ . The function  $\widehat{T}$  is often called the Helgason–Wang representation of  $T$ . Standard references to multipliers are the books [1, 5, 7].

**2. Ditkin algebras**

Throughout this paper,  $G$  will denote a locally compact abelian group with the Haar measure. By  $\widehat{G}$ , we will denote the dual group of  $G$ . As usual,  $L^1(G)$  and  $M(G)$  will denote the group algebra and the convolution measure algebra of  $G$ , respectively. By the Wendel–Helson theorem [5, Theorem 0.1.1], an operator  $T$  on  $L^1(G)$  is a multiplier of  $L^1(G)$  if and only if there exists a measure  $\mu \in M(G)$  such that  $T = T_\mu$ , where  $T_\mu f = \mu * f$ ,  $f \in L^1(G)$ . Moreover, the map  $\mu \mapsto T_\mu$  is an isometric isomorphism.

Let  $\widehat{f}$  and  $\widehat{\mu}$  denote the Fourier and the Fourier–Stieltjes transform of  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $\mu \in M(G)$ , respectively. The classical Choquet–Deny theorem [2] characterizes a certain ergodic property of measures on  $G$  as follows. Given  $\mu \in M(G)$ , the following two conditions are equivalent:

- (i) For any  $\varphi \in L^\infty(G)$ , the identity  $\mu * \varphi = \varphi$  implies that  $\varphi$  is constant.
- (ii)  $\widehat{\mu}(\chi) \neq 1$ , for all  $\chi \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{0\}$ .

In [10], Ramsey and Weit give a different proof of the Choquet–Deny theorem. Granirer [3, Theorem 3] obtained an extension of the Choquet–Deny theorem for the Herz algebras  $A_p(G)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). In [4, Theorem 3.6], more general Choquet–Deny type results are established for some class of commutative Banach algebras (for the related results, see also [8, 9]).

Recall that a commutative Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be regular if, given a closed subset  $S$  of  $\Sigma_A$  and  $\gamma \in \Sigma_A \setminus S$ , there exists an  $a \in A$  such that  $\widehat{a}(S) = \{0\}$  and  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) \neq 0$ . A regular Banach algebra  $A$  is said to be Tauberian if  $\overline{A_{00}} = A$ , where

$$A_{00} := \{a \in A : \text{supp } \widehat{a} \text{ is compact}\}.$$

The Tauberian condition implies that every proper closed ideal of  $A$  is contained in a maximal modular ideal.

Let  $A$  be a regular semisimple Banach algebra. Given a closed set  $S$  in  $\Sigma_A$ , there are two distinguished closed ideals of  $A$  with hull equal to  $S$ ; namely  $J_S := \overline{J_S^o}$  is the smallest closed ideal

$$J_S^o := \{a \in A_{00} : \text{supp } \widehat{a} \cap S = \emptyset\}$$

and

$$I_S := \{a \in A : \widehat{a}(\gamma) = 0, \forall \gamma \in S\}$$

is the largest closed ideal whose hulls are  $S$ . The set  $S$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$  if  $J_S = I_S$  (for instance, see [6, Sect. 8.3]). Thus,  $S$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$  if and only if  $I_S$  is the only closed ideal of  $A$  whose hull is  $S$ . It is a famous theorem of Malliavin that, for each noncompact locally compact abelian group  $G$ , there exists a set of nonsynthesis for  $L^1(G)$ .

We say that a regular semisimple Banach algebra  $A$  is a  $w$ -Ditkin algebra if each point of  $\Sigma_A \cup \{\infty\}$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$ . Since  $J_{\{\infty\}}^o = A_{00}$  and  $I_{\{\infty\}} = A$ , the algebra  $A$  is a  $w$ -Ditkin algebra if  $J_{\{\gamma\}} = I_{\{\gamma\}}$ , for all  $\gamma \in \Sigma_A$  and  $\overline{A_{00}} = A$ .

Recall that a weight function  $\omega$  is a continuous function on  $G$  such that

$$\omega(g) \geq 1 \text{ and } \omega(g + s) \leq \omega(g)\omega(s), \forall g, s \in G.$$

For a weight function  $\omega$  on  $G$ , by  $L^1_\omega(G)$  we will denote the Banach space of the functions  $f \in L^1(G)$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{1,\omega} = \int_G |f(g)| \omega(g) dg < \infty.$$

The space  $L^1_\omega(G)$  with convolution product and the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{1,\omega}$  is a commutative semisimple Banach algebra with a bounded approximate identity and is called Beurling algebra. The dual space of  $L^1_\omega(G)$ , denoted by  $L^\infty_\omega(G)$ , is the space of all measurable functions  $\varphi$  on  $G$  such that

$$\|\varphi\|_{\omega,\infty} := \text{ess sup}_{g \in G} \frac{|\varphi(g)|}{\omega(g)} < \infty.$$

Let  $M_\omega(G)$  denote the Banach algebra (with respect to the convolution product) of all complex regular Borel measures on  $G$  with the norm

$$\|\mu\|_{1,\omega} = \int_G \omega(g) d|\mu|(g) < \infty.$$

There is a version of the Wendel–Helson theorem for Beurling algebras. This result says that an operator  $T$  on  $L^1_\omega(G)$  is a multiplier of  $L^1_\omega(G)$  if and only if there exists a measure  $\mu \in M_\omega(G)$  for which  $Tf = \mu * f$ ,  $f \in L^1_\omega(G)$  [7, 4.1.7].

We mention the following result [11, Ch. 6, §3.2].

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on  $G$  satisfying the following conditions for each  $g \in G$ :*

- (i)  $\omega(g^n) = O(|n|^{\alpha_g})$  ( $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ ), for some  $\alpha_g > 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\liminf_{|n| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega(g^n)}{|n|} = 0$ .

*Then:*

- (a) *The Gelfand space of  $L^1_\omega(G)$  is the dual group of  $G$ .*
- (b) *The Gelfand transform of  $f \in L^1_\omega(G)$  is just the Fourier transform of  $f$ .*
- (c)  *$L^1_\omega(G)$  is a  $w$ -Ditkin algebra.*

Let  $A$  be a commutative Banach algebra. For  $\varphi \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$ , the functional  $\varphi \cdot a$  on  $A$  is defined by

$$\langle \varphi \cdot a, b \rangle = \langle \varphi, ab \rangle, \quad b \in A.$$

If  $T \in M(A)$ , then as  $T(ab) = a(Tb)$  ( $a, b \in A$ ), we have

$$T^*(\varphi \cdot a) = (T^*\varphi) \cdot a, \quad \forall a \in A, \forall \varphi \in A^*. \tag{2.1}$$

Further, note that for an arbitrary  $\varphi \in A^*$ ,

$$I_\varphi := \{a \in A : \varphi \cdot a = 0\}$$

is a closed ideal of  $A$ . If the algebra  $A$  has an approximate identity, then  $\varphi \in I_\varphi^\perp$ . The  $w^*$ -spectrum of  $\varphi \in A^*$ , denoted by  $\sigma_*(\varphi)$ , is the set

$$\sigma_*(\varphi) = \overline{\{\varphi \cdot a : a \in A\}}^{w^*} \cap \Sigma_A.$$

We will need the following well-known results (for instance, see [4]).

**Lemma 2.2** *If  $A$  is a regular semisimple Banach algebra, then the following assertions hold for every  $\varphi \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$ :*

- (a)  $\sigma_*(\varphi) = \text{hull}(I_\varphi)$ .
- (b)  $\sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a) \subseteq \sigma_*(\varphi) \cap \text{supp} \widehat{a}$ .
- (c) *If  $A$  is Tauberian with an approximate identity, then  $\sigma_*(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ , whenever  $\varphi \neq 0$ .*

We have the following.

**Lemma 2.3** *If  $A$  is a Tauberian Banach algebra, then*

$$\sigma_*(\varphi) \cap \{\gamma \in \Sigma_A : \widehat{a}(\gamma) \neq 0\} \subseteq \sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a),$$

for all  $\varphi \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$ .

**Proof** Let  $\varphi \in A^*$  and  $a \in A$  be given. Let  $\gamma \in \Sigma_A$  be such that  $\gamma \in \sigma_*(\varphi)$  and  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) \neq 0$ . Assume that  $\gamma \notin \sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a)$ . Then there exists  $b \in A$  such that  $\widehat{b}(\gamma) \neq 0$  and  $\widehat{b}$  vanishes in a neighborhood of  $\sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a)$ . Since  $A$  is Tauberian, there exists a sequence  $\{b_n\}$  in  $A_{00}$  such that  $\|b_n - b\| \rightarrow 0$ . It follows that  $\widehat{b}_n(\gamma) \neq 0$ , for some  $n$ . If  $c := bb_n$ , then we have  $\widehat{c}(\gamma) \neq 0$ ,  $c \in A_{00}$ , and  $\widehat{c}$  vanishes in a neighborhood of  $\sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a)$ . Consequently,  $c$  belongs to the smallest ideal of  $A$  whose hull is  $\sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a)$ . By Lemma 2.2 (a),  $c \in I_{\varphi \cdot a}$  and therefore  $\varphi \cdot (ac) = 0$ . It follows that  $\widehat{a}\widehat{c}$  vanishes on  $\sigma_*(\varphi)$ . Since  $\gamma \in \sigma_*(\varphi)$  and  $\widehat{c}(\gamma) \neq 0$ , we have  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) = 0$ . This contradicts  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) \neq 0$ . □

Notice that if  $T \in M(A)$ , then

$$F_T := \overline{(I - T)A}$$

is a closed ideal of  $A$  associated with  $T$  and  $\text{hull}(F_T) = \mathcal{F}_T$ , where

$$\mathcal{F}_T = \{\gamma \in \Sigma_A : \widehat{T}(\gamma) = 1\}.$$

The main result of this note is the following:

**Theorem 2.4** *Let  $A$  be a  $w$ -Ditkin algebra with an approximate identity (not necessarily bounded) and  $T \in M(A)$ . Then the subspace  $\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}$  is finite dimensional if and only if  $\text{card}\mathcal{F}_T$  is finite. In this case,*

$$\dim \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \text{card}\mathcal{F}_T$$

and

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \text{span}\mathcal{F}_T.$$

**Proof** Assume that the subspace  $\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}$  is finite dimensional. It follows from the identity

$$T^*\gamma = \widehat{T}(\gamma)\gamma \quad (\gamma \in \Sigma_A)$$

that

$$\mathcal{F}_T \subseteq \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}.$$

Since  $\Sigma_A$  is a linearly independent subset of  $A^*$ , we have

$$\dim \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} \geq \text{card}\mathcal{F}_T.$$

Now, assume that  $\text{card}\mathcal{F}_T$  is finite, say  $\mathcal{F}_T = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ . Clearly,

$$\text{span}\mathcal{F}_T \subseteq \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}.$$

Let  $\varphi \in A^*$  be such that  $T^*\varphi = \varphi$  and  $\gamma \in \sigma_*(\varphi)$ . Then

$$\gamma = w^* - \lim_{\lambda} (\varphi \cdot a_{\lambda}),$$

for some net  $\{a_{\lambda}\}$  in  $A$ . By (2.1), we can write

$$T^*\gamma = w^* - \lim_{\lambda} [(T^*\varphi) \cdot a_{\lambda}] = w^* - \lim_{\lambda} (\varphi \cdot a_{\lambda}) = \gamma.$$

It follows that  $\widehat{T}(\gamma) = 1$  and therefore  $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}_T$ . We have  $\sigma_*(\varphi) \subseteq \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ . Let us show that  $\varphi = c_1\gamma_1 + \dots + c_n\gamma_n$ , for some  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . We may assume that  $\sigma_*(\varphi) = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ . Let  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  be the disjoint neighborhoods of  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$ , respectively. Let  $V_i$  be a compact neighborhood of  $\gamma_i$  such that  $\overline{V_i} \subset U_i$ . Then there exist elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  in  $A$  such that  $\widehat{a_i} = 1$  on  $\overline{V_i}$  and  $\widehat{a_i} = 0$  outside  $U_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Let  $a := a_1 + \dots + a_n$ . Since  $\widehat{a} = 1$  in a neighborhood of  $\sigma_*(\varphi)$ , the Gelfand transform of  $ab - b$  vanishes in a neighborhood of  $\sigma_*(\varphi)$ , for every  $b \in A_{00}$ . Consequently,  $ab - b$  belongs to the smallest ideal of  $A$  whose hull is  $\sigma_*(\varphi)$  and therefore  $ab - b \in I_{\varphi}$ . Hence,

$$(\varphi \cdot a) \cdot b = \varphi \cdot b, \quad \forall b \in A_{00}.$$

Since  $A_{00}$  is dense in  $A$ , we have

$$(\varphi \cdot a) \cdot b = \varphi \cdot b, \quad \forall b \in A.$$

If  $\{e_{\lambda}\}$  is an approximate identity for  $A$ , then from the identities  $(\varphi \cdot a) \cdot e_{\lambda} = \varphi \cdot e_{\lambda}$ , we obtain that  $\varphi \cdot a = \varphi$ . Thus, we have  $\varphi = \varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_n$ , where  $\varphi_i = \varphi \cdot a_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). By Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we can write

$$\{\gamma_i\} \subseteq \sigma_*(\varphi \cdot a_i) \subseteq \sigma_*(\varphi) \cap \text{supp}\widehat{a_i} = \{\gamma_i\}.$$

Consequently,  $\sigma_*(\varphi_i) = \{\gamma_i\}$ , so that  $\text{hull}(I_{\varphi_i}) = \{\gamma_i\}$ . Since  $\{\gamma_i\}$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$ , we have  $I_{\varphi_i} = I_{\{\gamma_i\}}$ . It follows that

$$\varphi_i \in I_{\varphi_i}^{\perp} = I_{\{\gamma_i\}}^{\perp} = \mathbb{C}\gamma_i.$$

Hence,  $\varphi_i = c_i\gamma_i$ , for some  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$ , and therefore  $\varphi = c_1\gamma_1 + \dots + c_n\gamma_n$ . It follows that

$$\dim \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} \leq \text{card}\mathcal{F}_T.$$

Thus, we have

$$\dim \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \text{card}\mathcal{F}_T.$$

This completes the proof. □

Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on  $G$ . For an arbitrary  $\mu \in M_\omega(G)$ , we put

$$F_\mu = \overline{\{(f - \mu * f) : f \in L_\omega^1(G)\}}$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu = \left\{ \chi \in \widehat{G} : \widehat{\mu}(\chi) = 1 \right\}.$$

The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.5** *Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on  $G$  satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1. If  $\mu \in M_\omega(G)$ , then the subspace*

$$\{\varphi \in L_\omega^\infty(G) : \mu * \varphi = \varphi\}$$

*is finite dimensional if and only if  $\text{card}\mathcal{F}_\mu$  is finite. In this case, we have*

$$\dim \{\varphi \in L_\omega^\infty(G) : \mu * \varphi = \varphi\} = \text{card}\mathcal{F}_\mu$$

and

$$\{\varphi \in L_\omega^\infty(G) : \mu * \varphi = \varphi\} = \text{span}\mathcal{F}_\mu.$$

The following example shows that without the  $w$ -Ditkin algebra condition, Theorem 2.4 does not hold in general.

**Example 2.6** *Let  $A = L_\omega^1(\mathbb{R})$  be the Beurling algebra with weight  $\omega(t) = 1 + |t|$  ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then,*

$$I_{\{0\}} = \left\{ f \in A : \widehat{f}(0) = 0 \right\}$$

and

$$J_{\{0\}} = \left\{ f \in A : \widehat{f}(0) = \widehat{f}'(0) = 0 \right\}.$$

*Define a multiplier  $T$  on  $A$  by  $Tf = h * f$ , where  $h(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}e^{-\frac{t^2}{4}}$ . Then  $\widehat{T} = \widehat{h}$ , and as  $\widehat{h}(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda^2}$ , we have  $\mathcal{F}_T = \{0\}$ . Hence,  $\text{card}\mathcal{F}_T = 1$ . If  $f \in (I - T)A$ , then  $f = k - h * k$  for some  $k \in A$  and*

$$\widehat{f}(\lambda) = \widehat{k}(\lambda) \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda^2} \right).$$

*Notice that  $\widehat{f}(0) = \widehat{f}'(0) = 0$  and therefore  $F_T \subseteq J_{\{0\}}$ . Since  $J_{\{0\}}$  is the smallest closed ideal of  $A$  with hull equal to  $\{0\}$ , we obtain that  $F_T = J_{\{0\}}$ . We thus have*

$$\dim \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \dim F_T^\perp = \dim J_{\{0\}}^\perp = 2.$$

Recall that a regular semisimple Banach algebra  $A$  is said to satisfy Ditkin's condition [6, Definition 8.5.1] at  $\gamma \in \Sigma_A \cup \{\infty\}$  if for every  $a \in A$  with  $\widehat{a}(\gamma) = 0$ , there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $A$  such that each  $\widehat{a}_n$  vanishes in a neighborhood  $U_n$  of  $\gamma$  and  $\|aa_n - a\| \rightarrow 0$ . We say that  $A$  is an  $s$ -Ditkin algebra if it satisfies Ditkin's condition at each point of  $\Sigma_A \cup \{\infty\}$ . For example, if  $\omega(g) = (1 + |g|)^\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ), then  $L_\omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is

an  $s$ -Ditkin algebra [11, Ch. 6, §3.3], where for  $g = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , we have  $|g| = (x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Clearly, every  $s$ -Ditkin algebra is a  $w$ -Ditkin algebra.

A locally compact Hausdorff space  $\Omega$  is said to be scattered if it contains no nonempty compact perfect subset. As usual,  $\partial S$  will denote the topological boundary of  $S \subset \Omega$ .

The following result is another extension of the Choquet–Deny theorem.

**Theorem 2.7** *Let  $A$  be an  $s$ -Ditkin algebra and let  $S$  be a closed subset of  $\Sigma_A$  such that  $\partial S$  is scattered. The following conditions are equivalent for  $T \in M(A)$ :*

(a)  $\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} \subseteq \overline{\text{span}S}^{w^*}$ .

(b)  $\widehat{T}(\gamma) \neq 1, \forall \gamma \in \Sigma_A \setminus S$ .

Moreover, if  $\partial \mathcal{F}_T$  is scattered, then

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \overline{\text{span}\mathcal{F}_T}^{w^*}.$$

**Proof** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Since

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = F_T^\perp,$$

we have  $F_T^\perp \subseteq \overline{\text{span}S}^{w^*}$ , and therefore,

$$I_S = {}^\perp(\overline{\text{span}S}^{w^*}) \subseteq F_T.$$

It follows that

$$\{\gamma \in \Sigma_A : \widehat{T}(\gamma) = 1\} = \text{hull}(F_T) \subseteq \text{hull}(I_S) = S.$$

Hence,  $\widehat{T}(\gamma) \neq 1, \forall \gamma \in \Sigma_A \setminus S$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Since

$$\mathcal{F}_T = \text{hull}(F_T) \subseteq S$$

and  $S$  is a set of synthesis for  $A$  [6, Corollary 8.5.1], we can write

$$I_S = J_S \subseteq J_{\mathcal{F}_T} \subseteq F_T.$$

This implies

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = F_T^\perp \subseteq I_S^\perp = \overline{\text{span}S}^{w^*}.$$

If  $S = \mathcal{F}_T$ , then as  $\widehat{T}(\gamma) \neq 1, \forall \gamma \in \Sigma_A \setminus \mathcal{F}_T$ , by (a),

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} \subseteq \overline{\text{span}\mathcal{F}_T}^{w^*}.$$

On the other hand, since

$$T^*\gamma = \widehat{T}(\gamma)\gamma, \forall \gamma \in \Sigma_A,$$

we have

$$\overline{\text{span}\mathcal{F}_T}^{w^*} \subseteq \{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\}$$



and so

$$\{\varphi \in A^* : T^*\varphi = \varphi\} = \overline{\text{span}\mathcal{F}_T}^{w^*}.$$

□

Recall that a linear subspace of  $L^1(G)$  is said to be a Segal algebra and denoted by  $S(G)$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- a)  $S(G)$  is a translation invariant dense subalgebra of  $L^1(G)$ ;
- b) For an arbitrary  $f \in S(G)$  and  $g \in G$ ,  $\|f_g\|_S = \|f\|_S$ , where  $f_g(s) := f(g+s)$  and  $\|\cdot\|_S$  is the norm of  $S(G)$ ;
- c) For each  $f \in S(G)$ , the mapping  $g \mapsto f_g$  is continuous from  $G$  into  $S(G)$ .

About Segal algebras, ample information can be found in Reiter’s book [11]. The following examples show that the class of Segal algebras is sufficiently large.

- 1) The algebra  $L^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ), equipped with the norm  $\|f\| = \|f\|_1 + \|f\|_p$ , is a Segal algebra.
- 2) The algebra  $L^1(G) \cap C_0(G)$ , equipped with the norm  $\|f\| = \|f\|_1 + \|f\|_\infty$ , is a Segal algebra, where  $C_0(G)$  is the space of all complex valued continuous functions on  $G$  vanishing at infinity.

A Segal algebra  $S(G)$  is a commutative semisimple regular Banach algebra with respect to convolution. The Gelfand space of  $S(G)$  is  $\widehat{G}$  and the Gelfand transform of  $f \in S(G)$  is just the Fourier transform of  $f$ . Moreover,  $S(G)$  is an  $s$ -Ditkin algebra [13]. Moreover, a Segal algebra  $S(G)$  has an approximate identity (not bounded in  $S(G)$ -norm unless  $S(G) = L^1(G)$ ).

Let  $A(G)$  be the Fourier algebra of  $G$ . We know that  $A(G)$  is isometrically isomorphic to the algebra  $L^1(\widehat{G})$  via the Fourier transform. The elements of  $A(G)^*$  are called pseudomeasures. If  $T$  is a multiplier of  $S(G)$ , then there exists a unique pseudomeasure  $\sigma$  such that  $Tf = \sigma * f$ ,  $f \in S(G)$  [12]. It follows that  $\widehat{T} = \widehat{\sigma}$ , where  $\widehat{\sigma}$  is the Fourier transform of  $\sigma$ , which is defined by

$$\langle \widehat{\sigma}, f \rangle = \langle \sigma, \widehat{f} \rangle, \quad f \in L^1(\widehat{G}).$$

Consequently, Theorems 2.4 and 2.7 can be applied to the Segal algebras.

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