

## THE MEASURE ALGEBRA AS AN OPERATOR ALGEBRA

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**Introduction.** In § I, it is shown that  $M(G)^*$ , the space of bounded linear functionals on  $M(G)$ , can be represented as a semigroup of bounded operators on  $M(G)$ .

Let  $\Delta$  denote the non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $M(G)$  and let  $P$  be the norm closed linear span of  $\Delta$  in  $M(G)^*$ . In § II, it is shown that  $P$ , with the Arens multiplication, is a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra with identity. Thus  $P = C(B)$ , where  $B$  is a compact, Hausdorff space.

In § III, it is shown that  $B$ , with a natural multiplication, is a compact Abelian semigroup and that  $M(G)$  is topologically embedded in  $M(B)$ . This gives a simplified construction of the Taylor structure semigroup for  $M(G)$ .

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**I.** Let  $G$  be a locally compact Abelian group and  $\Gamma$  its dual group. Let  $C_0(G)$  denote the Banach algebra of continuous functions on  $G$  which vanish at infinity. Let  $M(G)$  denote the Banach algebra of bounded Borel measures on  $G$  and  $M(G)^*$  its topological dual space. Let  $M(G)^\wedge$  denote the algebra of Fourier-Stieltjes transforms on  $\Gamma$ . For  $\mu \in M(G)$ ,  $\mu^\wedge$  is defined on  $\Gamma$  by  $\mu^\wedge(\gamma) = \int_G \gamma(x) d\mu(x)$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

For  $F \in M(G)^*$ , let  $E_F$  denote the bounded operator on  $M(G)$  defined by  $(E_F\mu)^\wedge(\gamma) = F(\gamma d\mu)$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\mu \in M(G)$ . That  $(E_F\mu)^\wedge \in M(G)^\wedge$  follows by Eberlein's theorem (5, p. 465) since

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (E_F\mu)^\wedge(\gamma_i) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i F(\gamma_i d\mu) \right| \leq \|F\| \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \gamma_i d\mu \right| \leq \|F\| \|\mu\| \left[ \sup_{x \in G} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \gamma_i(x) \right| \right].$$

Also,  $\|E_F\mu\| \leq \|F\| \|\mu\|$ . Thus  $\|E_F\| \leq \|F\|$ . Now  $|F(\mu)| = |(E_F\mu)^\wedge(0)| \leq \|E_F\mu\| \leq \|E_F\| \|\mu\|$ . Thus  $\|F\| = \|E_F\|$ . Now  $E_F$  commutes with translation by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  in the sense that  $\gamma dE_F(\mu) = E_F(\gamma d\mu)$  since for  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$ ,

$$(\gamma_1 dE_F\mu)^\wedge(\gamma_2) = (E_F\mu)^\wedge(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) = F(\gamma_1 \gamma_2 d\mu) = [E_F(\gamma_1 d\mu)]^\wedge(\gamma_2).$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the bounded operators on  $M(G)$  which commute with translation by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . For  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ , define  $F \in M(G)^*$  by  $F(\mu) = (E\mu)^\wedge(0)$ ,  $\mu \in M(G)$ . Now  $E_F = E$  since

$$(E_F\mu)^\wedge(\gamma) = F(\gamma d\mu) = [E(\gamma d\mu)]^\wedge(0) = (\gamma dE\mu)^\wedge(0) = (E\mu)^\wedge(\gamma)$$

for  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Thus, we have the following results.

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**THEOREM 1.**† *The mapping  $F \rightarrow E_F$  is a one-to-one, onto isometry between  $M(G)^*$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , the semigroup of bounded operators on  $M(G)$  which commute with translation by  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .*

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $\Delta$  denote the non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $M(G)$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  the non-zero bounded endomorphisms on  $M(G)$ . The mapping  $\pi \rightarrow E_\pi$  is a one-to-one, onto isometry between  $\Delta$  and the semigroup  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

*Remark 1.* For other algebras whose topological duals can be represented as a space of operators, see (3).

**II.** Let  $\Delta$  denote the non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $M(G)$  and let  $P$  be the norm closed linear span of  $\Delta$  in  $M(G)^*$ ; i.e.,  $P = [\Delta]^- \subset M(G)^*$ .

For  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $F \in M(G)^*$ , let  $dF\mu \in M(G)$  be defined by  $dF\mu(f) = F(fd\mu)$ , where  $f \in C_0(G)$ . For  $F, H \in M(G)^*$ , let  $F \times H \in M(G)^*$  be defined by  $F \times H(\mu) = F(dH\mu)$ , where  $\mu \in M(G)$ . Now “ $\times$ ” is the Arens multiplication in  $M(G)^*$  (1). It is known that, with the Arens multiplication,  $M(G)^*$  is a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra (4, p. 869).

**THEOREM 2.** *With the Arens multiplication,  $P$  is a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra with identity.*

*Proof.* If  $\pi_1, \pi_2 \in \Delta$ , then  $\pi_1 \times \pi_2 \in \Delta$  since for  $\mu, \nu \in M(G)$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} [d\pi_2(\mu * \nu)]^\wedge(\gamma) &= \pi_2(\gamma d\mu * \nu) = \pi_2(\gamma d\mu * \gamma d\nu) = \\ &[\pi_2(\gamma d\mu)][\pi_2(\gamma d\nu)] = (d\pi_2\mu)^\wedge(\gamma)(d\pi_2\nu)^\wedge(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\pi_0 \in \Delta$  be defined by  $\pi_0(\mu) = \mu^\wedge(0)$ , where  $\mu \in M(G)$ . Thus, for  $\mu \in M(G)$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , we have that  $(d\pi_0\mu)^\wedge(\gamma) = \pi_0(\gamma d\mu) = \mu^\wedge(\gamma)$ . Thus  $d\pi_0\mu = \mu$ . Hence,  $\pi_0$  is the identity for the Arens multiplication.

Since  $M(G)^*$  is a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra under the Arens multiplication, it remains to show that  $\Delta$  is closed under the involution,  $\sim$ , in  $M(G)^*$ . It suffices to show that if  $F \in M(G)^*$ , then  $F^\sim(\mu) = \overline{F(\bar{\mu})}$ , for  $\mu \in M(G)$ , where  $\bar{\mu}(f) = \overline{\mu(\bar{f})}$ , for  $f \in C_0(G)$ . To this end, we consider the proof that  $M(G)^*$  is a  $B^*$ -algebra (9).

Let  $S$  denote the state space of  $C_0(G)$ ; i.e., the collection of all positive linear functionals,  $\mu \in M(G)$ , such that  $\|\mu\| = 1$ . For each  $\mu \in S$ , let  $H_\mu$  denote the Hilbert space associated with  $\mu$ . Let  $f_\mu^\#$  be the standard representation of  $f \in C_0(G)$  on  $H_\mu$ . Let  $H = \sum_{\mu \in S} H_\mu$  be the direct sum of  $H_\mu$ , and let  $f^\#$  be the operator on  $H$  which is on  $H_\mu$  the same as  $f_\mu^\#$ . The mapping  $f \rightarrow f^\#$  yields a one-to-one representation of  $C_0(G)$  on  $H$ . Let  $C_0(G)^\#$  denote the

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image under this map. Now,  $M(G)^*$  can be identified with the weak closure of  $C_0(G)^\#, \overline{C_0(G)^\#}$ . Each  $\mu \in M(G)$  can be represented in the form

$$\mu(f) = \sum_{k=1}^n [f^\#(h_k), n_k],$$

where  $h_k, n_k \in H$ . For  $F \in M(G)^*$ ,  $F$  corresponds to  $T \in \overline{C_0(G)^\#}$  and

$$F(\mu) = \sum_{k=1}^n [T(h_k), n_k].$$

Thus,  $F^\sim$  corresponds to  $T^\sim \in \overline{C_0(G)^\#}$  and

$$F^\sim(\mu) = \sum_{k=1}^n [T^\sim(h_k), n_k] = \sum_{k=1}^n [h_k, T(n_k)] = \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{[T(n_k), h_k]} = \overline{\sum_{k=1}^n [T(n_k), h_k]}.$$

We need only note now that if  $\mu(f) = \sum_{k=1}^n [f^\#(h_k), n_k]$ , then

$$\bar{\mu}(f) = \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{[\bar{f}^\#(h_k), n_k]} = \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{[h_k, f^\#(n_k)]} = \sum_{k=1}^n [f^\#(n_k), h_k].$$

Thus  $F^\sim(\mu) = \overline{F(\bar{\mu})}$ .

*Remark 2.* We may consider  $\Gamma \subset \Delta$ . Let  $AP$  denote the norm closed linear span of  $\Gamma$  in  $M(G)^*$ ; i.e.,  $AP = [\Gamma]^- \subset M(G)^*$ . Then  $AP$  is also a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra with identity. In fact, it may be identified with the almost-periodic functions on  $G$  (2, p. 817).

*Remark 3.* By Theorem 1, one can define a multiplication,  $\odot$ , in  $M(G)^*$  by  $E_{F \odot H} = E_F \circ E_H$ , where  $F, H \in M(G)^*$ ; i.e.,  $F \odot H = F \circ E_H$ . Let  $f_\alpha: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $f_\alpha \in C_0(G)$ , be such that  $f_\alpha \rightarrow 1$  in the compact-open topology on  $G$ . Thus, for  $H \in M(G)^*$ ,  $\mu \in M(G)$ , and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , we have that

$$(dH\mu)^\wedge(\gamma) = \int \sigma\gamma(x) dH\mu(x) = \lim_\alpha \int \sigma\gamma(x) f_\alpha(x) dH\mu(x) = \lim_\alpha H(\gamma f_\alpha d\mu) = H(\gamma d\mu) = [E_H(\gamma d\mu)]^\wedge(0) = (E_H\mu)^\wedge(\gamma).$$

Thus  $dH\mu = E_H\mu$ , and thus, for  $F, H \in M(G)^*$ ,  $F \odot H = F \times H$ .

*Remark 4.* Let  $F \in M(G)^*$  and let  $E_F \in \mathcal{B}$  be as in § I. Let  $\mu \in M(G)$  be such that  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\|\mu\| = 1$ . Let  $f_F \in (L^1(\mu))^*$  be defined by restricting  $F$  to  $L^1(\mu)$ ; i.e.,  $f_F = F|_{L^1(\mu)}$ . We consider  $f_F$  as an element of  $L^\infty(\mu)$ . Then, for  $\nu \in L^1(\mu)$ ,  $E_F\nu = f_F d\nu$ . Define  $F^\sim \in M(G)^*$  by  $F^\sim(\mu) = \overline{F(\bar{\mu})}$ , where  $\bar{\mu}(f) = \mu(\bar{f})$  for  $f \in C_0(G)$ . Then, for  $\nu \in L^1(\mu)$ ,  $E_{F^\sim}\nu = \bar{f}_F d\nu$ . One can now show directly that  $\|E_{F^\sim} - E_F\| = \|E_F\|^2$  and that  $M(G)^*$  and  $P$  are commutative  $B^*$ -algebras with identities with  $\odot$  as multiplication. This alternate proof of Theorem 1 is due to I. Glicksberg.

**III.** Let  $A$  be a commutative semi-simple Banach algebra and  $A^*$  its topological dual space. Let  $A'$  denote the norm closed subspace of  $A^*$  spanned

by the non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $A$ . Let  $A''$  be the topological dual space of  $A'$ . Birtel (2) showed that  $A''$  is a commutative Banach algebra and that  $A$  may be embedded continuously into  $A''$ . We modify his construction and apply it to the situation in § II.

Let  $A$  be a commutative semi-simple Banach algebra and  $A^*$  its topological dual space. Let  $D \subset A^*$  be a separating family of non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $A$ . Let  $P$  be the norm closed linear span of  $D$  in  $A^*$ ; i.e.,  $P = [D]^- \subset A^*$ . Now suppose that  $P$  is a  $B^*$ -algebra with identity. Thus  $P = C(B)$ , where  $B$  is a compact Hausdorff space. For  $\pi \in D \subset P$ , let  $\hat{\pi} \in C(B)$  denote the Gel'fand representation of  $\pi$ . Define  $\alpha: \hat{D} \subset C(B) \rightarrow C(B \times B)$  by  $\alpha\hat{\pi}(s, t) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t)$ , where  $s, t \in B$ . Since the Gel'fand representation of  $A$  strongly separates the points of the maximal ideal space of  $A$ ,  $D$  is linearly independent in  $A^*$ ; and therefore we may extend  $\alpha$  linearly to  $[\hat{D}]$ .

Let  $\delta_s$  be unit point mass at  $s \in B$  and  $\delta_{(s,t)}$  be unit point mass at  $(s, t) \in B \times B$ . Now, for  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\hat{\pi}_i \in \hat{D}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\delta_{(s,t)} \circ \alpha(a_1\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n)| &= |a_1\hat{\pi}_1(s)\hat{\pi}_1(t) + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n(s)\hat{\pi}_n(t)| \\ &\leq |\delta_s[a_1\hat{\pi}_1(t)\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n(t)\hat{\pi}_n]| \\ &\leq \|\delta_s\| \|a_1\hat{\pi}_1(t)\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n(t)\hat{\pi}_n\|_{C(B)} \\ &= \|a_1\hat{\pi}_1(t)\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n(t)\pi_n\|_{A^*} \\ &= \sup_f |a_1\hat{\pi}_1(t)\pi_1(f) + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n(t)\pi_n(f)| \\ &= \sup_f |\delta_t[a_1\pi_1(f)\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n(f)\hat{\pi}_n]| \\ &\leq \|\delta_t\| \|\sup_f [a_1\pi_1(f)\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n(f)\hat{\pi}_n]\|_{C(B)} \\ &= \sup_f \|a_1\pi_1(f)\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n(f)\pi_n\|_{A^*} \\ &= \sup_f \sup_g |a_1\pi_1(f)\pi_1(g) + \dots + a_n\pi_n(f)\pi_n(g)| \\ &= \sup_{f,g} |a_1\pi_1(fg) + \dots + a_n\pi_n(fg)| \\ &\leq \sup_{f,g} \|a_1\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n\|_{A^*} \|fg\|_A \\ &\leq \|a_1\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n\|_{A^*} \\ &= \|a_1\hat{\pi}_1 + \dots + a_n\hat{\pi}_n\|_{C(B)}, \end{aligned}$$

where, for example,  $\sup_f$  is the supremum over all elements  $f$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$ . Thus,  $\delta_{(s,t)} \circ \alpha$  is bounded on  $[\hat{D}]$ . Also,  $\alpha$  is bounded on  $[\hat{D}]$  and may be extended to all of  $C(B)$ . Call the extension  $\beta$ . Thus,  $\beta: C(B) \rightarrow C(B \times B)$ ,  $\|\beta\| = 1$ , and  $\beta\hat{\pi}(s, t) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t)$ , where  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ .

Using the map  $\beta$ , we define a multiplication in  $B$ . The map  $\delta_{(s,t)} \circ \beta: C(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a non-zero multiplicative linear functional, and thus there is an  $r \in B$  such that  $\delta_{(s,t)} \circ \beta = \delta_r$ . Define  $m: B \times B \rightarrow B$  by  $m(s, t) = r$ . We write  $st$  for  $m(s, t)$ .

*Remark 5.* The multiplication in  $B$  defined by  $m$  agrees with the convolution of point measures in  $M(B)$ ; i.e.,  $\delta_{m(s,t)} = \delta_s * \delta_t$ , where convolution in  $M(B)$  is the restricted Arens multiplication as defined by Birtel (2, p. 816).

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $A$  be a commutative semi-simple Banach algebra with topological dual space  $A^*$ . Let  $D \subset A^*$  be a separating family of non-zero multiplicative linear functionals on  $A$ . Let  $P$  be the norm closed linear span of  $D$  in  $A^*$ ; i.e.,  $P = [D]^- \subset A^*$ . Suppose that  $P$  is a commutative  $B^*$ -algebra with identity. Then there exists a compact Abelian topological semigroup,  $B$ , such that  $A$  is continuously algebraically isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $M(B)$ . If  $D \subset P$  is a group, then  $B$  is also a group.*

*Proof.* We first show that  $m: B \times B \rightarrow B$  is continuous. Let  $V = \{s \in B: |p(s)| < \delta\}$  for some  $p \in C(B)$  and  $\delta > 0$ . Now  $V$  is a typical sub-basic neighbourhood in  $B$ . Let  $U = \{(s, t) \in B \times B: |\beta p(s, t)| < \delta\}$ . Thus,  $U$  is a neighbourhood in  $B \times B$  and  $m(U) \subset V$  since  $\beta p(s, t) = p(m(s, t)) = p(st)$ .

If  $\hat{\pi}(s) = \hat{\pi}(t)$ ,  $s, t \in B$ , for all  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ , then  $s = t$ , since  $[\hat{D}]$  is dense in  $C(B)$ ; in particular,  $\hat{D}$  separates the points of  $B$ . For  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ ,  $\hat{\pi}(st) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t) = \hat{\pi}(t)\hat{\pi}(s) = \hat{\pi}(ts)$ . Thus  $st = ts$ . For  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ , we have that

$$\hat{\pi}[(st)u] = \hat{\pi}(st)\hat{\pi}(u) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t)\hat{\pi}(u) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(tu) = \hat{\pi}[s(tu)].$$

Thus  $(st)u = s(tu)$ . Thus,  $(B, m)$  is a compact Abelian topological semigroup.

Suppose now that  $D$  is a group. It suffices to show that  $B$  satisfies the cancellation laws (6, p. 99). Let  $st = sr$ . Now for  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ ,  $\hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t) = \hat{\pi}(st) = \hat{\pi}(sr) = \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(r)$ . Since  $\pi^\wedge(\pi^{-1})^\wedge = 1$ ,  $\hat{\pi}(s) \neq 0$ . Thus,  $\hat{\pi}(t) = \hat{\pi}(r)$  for all  $\hat{\pi} \in \hat{D}$ . Hence  $t = r$ .

Let  $f \in A$ . Let  $f^{**} \in A^{**}$  be defined by  $f^{**}(F) = F(f)$ , for  $F \in A^*$ . Let  $f^P$  be defined on  $P \subset A^*$  by restricting  $f^{**}$  to  $P$ ; i.e.,  $f^P = f^{**}|_P$ . For  $F \in P$ , let  $\hat{F}$  denote its Gel'fand representation in  $C(B)$ . Let  $f^B \in C(B)^* = M(B)$  be defined by  $f^B(\hat{F}) = f^P(F)$ . Let  $\lambda$  denote the map from  $A$  to  $M(B)$  defined by  $\lambda(f) = f^B$ .

Since  $B$  is a compact Abelian semigroup,  $M(B)$  is a commutative Banach algebra under convolution (8); i.e., for  $\mu, \nu \in M(B)$ ,  $\mu * \nu \in M(B)$  is defined by  $\mu * \nu(f) = \int_B \int_B f(st) d\mu(s) d\nu(t)$ ,  $f \in C(B)$ . Let  $f, g \in A$  and  $\pi \in D$ . Then  $[\lambda(fg)](\hat{\pi}) = (fg)^B(\hat{\pi}) = \pi(fg) = \pi(f)\pi(g) = f^B(\hat{\pi})g^B(\hat{\pi}) =$

$$\int_B \hat{\pi}(s) df^B(s) \int_B \hat{\pi}(t) dg^B(t) = \int_B \int_B \hat{\pi}(s)\hat{\pi}(t) df^B(s) dg^B(t) = \int_B \int_B \hat{\pi}(st) df^B(s) dg^B(t) = (f^B * g^B)(\hat{\pi}).$$

Since  $[\hat{D}]$  is dense in  $C(B)$ , it follows that  $\lambda$  preserves multiplication. Now

$$\|\lambda(f)\| = \|f^B\|_{M(B)} = \|f^P\|_{P^*} \leq \|f^{**}\|_{A^{**}} = \|f\|_A.$$

Hence  $\|\lambda\| \leq 1$ . Finally, we note that  $\lambda$  is one-to-one since  $D$  is separating.

*Remark 6.* In Theorem 3, let  $A = M(G)$  and  $D = \Delta$ . Then  $B$  is the Taylor structure semigroup for  $M(G)$  (10, p. 158).

Let  $B$  be a compact (semi) group. If  $p \in C(B)$ ,  $p \neq 0$ , is such that  $p(st) = p(s)p(t)$ ,  $s, t \in B$ , then  $p$  is called a (semi) character. Let  $\hat{B}$  denote the collection of all (semi) characters.

**THEOREM 4.** *With the notation of Theorem 3,  $M(B)$  is semi-simple,  $\lambda(A) = A^B$  is weak\* dense in  $M(B)$ , and  $\hat{B} = \hat{D}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $D$  is a separating family of multiplicative linear functionals, it follows that  $M(B)$  is semi-simple and that  $\lambda(A) = A^B$  is weak\* dense in  $M(B)$ .

It follows, from the definition of the multiplication in  $B$ , that  $\hat{D} \subset \hat{B}$ . Let  $\hat{F} \in \hat{B}$  such that  $\hat{F}(st) = \hat{F}(s)\hat{F}(t)$ ,  $0 \neq \hat{F} \in C(B)$ . Let  $F \in P$  be such that the Gel'fand representation of  $F$  is  $\hat{F}$ . Then for  $f, g \in A$ ,

$$F(fg) = \int_B \hat{F}(s) d(fg)^B(s) = \int_B \hat{F}(s) d(f^B * g^B)(s) = \int_B \int_B \hat{F}(st) d f^B(s) d g^B(t) = \int_B \hat{F}(s) d f^B(s) \int_B \hat{F}(t) d g^B(t) = F(f)F(g).$$

Thus  $F \in D$  and  $\hat{F} \in \hat{D}$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *There is a compact Abelian semigroup,  $B$ , such that  $M(G)$  is isometric isomorphic to a closed subalgebra of  $M(B)$  such that the maximal ideal space of  $M(G)$  is identified with the semi-characters on  $B$ .*

*Proof.* With the previous notation, it remains only to show that the map  $\mu \rightarrow \mu^B$  is an isometry from  $M(G)$  into  $M(B)$ . We know that  $\|\mu^B\| \leq \|\mu\|$ . Now, for  $\mu \in M(G)$ ,

$$\|\mu^B\| \geq \sup\{|(a_1\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n)(\mu)| : \|a_1\pi_1 + \dots + a_n\pi_n\|_{M(G)^*} \leq 1, \text{ where } \pi_i \in \Gamma\} \geq \|\mu^B\|,$$

where  $\mu^B$  is the extension of  $\mu$  to the Bohr group. That  $\|\mu^B\| \geq \|\mu\|$  is well known (see, e.g., **2**, p. 817). Thus  $\|\mu^B\| = \|\mu\|$ .

*Remark 7.* M. Rieffel (**7**, p. 64) has characterized measure algebras on locally compact Abelian groups. His proof is also based on the construction of Birtel (**2**). Following (**7**, p. 47), one could show that  $\|\mu\| = \|\mu^B\|$  by the Kaplansky density theorem; i.e.,  $P = [\Delta]^- \subset M(G)^*$  is a weak\* dense  $C^*$ -subalgebra of the  $W^*$ -algebra  $M(G)^*$ , and thus the unit ball of  $P$  is weak\* dense in the unit ball of  $M(G)^*$ .

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