

## On the structure semigroups of $L$ -subalgebras generated by spectral measures

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**Introduction.** Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the circle group realized as  $\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $M(\mathbf{T})$  be the set of all bounded regular Borel measures on  $\mathbf{T}$ . It is known that  $M(\mathbf{T})$  is a commutative Banach algebra with the convolution product and the norm of total variation and contains  $L^1(\mathbf{T})$  as a closed ideal. The object of this paper is to obtain the identification of the structure semigroup of an  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  which is generated by a spectral measure.

Yu. A. Šreider [5] gave a description of the elements of the maximal ideal space  $\Delta$  of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  as generalized characters. Moreover J. L. Taylor [6] showed the following result ; For every convolution measure algebra  $N$  (e.g., an  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$ ), there exists a compact abelian jointly continuous semigroup  $\Sigma(N)$  (the structure semigroup of  $N$ ) such that  $N$  is embedded as a weak\* dense  $L$ -subalgebra of the measure algebra  $M(\Sigma(N))$  and the complex homomorphisms of  $N$  are induced by the continuous semicharacters of  $\Sigma(N)$ . G. Brown and W. Moran [1] gave the successful description of the structure semigroup of a certain single generator  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$ . In this paper, using the work of M. Queffelec [4], we shall obtain the description of the structure semigroup of an  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  generated by a spectral measure.

**1. Preliminaries and definitions.** A closed subalgebra  $N$  of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  is called an  $L$ -subalgebra if  $\nu \in N$  whenever  $\nu \in M(\mathbf{T})$ ,  $\mu \in N$  and  $\nu \ll \mu$  ( $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ ). An element  $\chi = \{\chi_\mu ; \mu \in N\}$  of the product space

$$\prod_{\mu \in N} L^\infty(\mu)$$

is called a generalized character of an  $L$ -subalgebra  $N$  of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  if

$$(1) \quad \chi_\mu = \chi_\nu \quad (\nu \text{ a.e.}) \text{ if } \nu \ll \mu,$$

- (2)  $\chi_{\mu * \nu}(x+y) = \chi_{\mu}(x) \chi_{\nu}(y)$  ( $\mu \times \nu$  a.e.  $(x, y)$ ), and  
 (3)  $1 \geq \sup \{ \|\chi_{\mu}\|_{\infty}; \mu \in N \} > 0$ .

Every generalized character  $\chi$  of  $N$  gives rise to a complex homomorphism of  $N$  according to the formula

$$\mu \mapsto \int \chi_{\mu} d\mu (= \hat{\mu}(\chi) = \chi(\mu))$$

for every  $\mu \in N$  and in this way the maximal ideal space  $\Delta(N)$  of  $N$  can be realized as the set of all generalized characters of  $N$  with the topology induced from the  $\sigma(L^{\infty}(\mu), L^1(\mu))$ -topology on each factor in the product space (cf. Yu. A. Šreider [5]). For  $\chi = \{\chi_{\mu}\}$  and  $\xi = \{\xi_{\mu}\}$  in  $\Delta(N)$  we define  $\chi\xi$ ,  $\bar{\chi}$  and  $|\chi|$  by  $(\chi\xi)_{\mu} = \chi_{\mu}\xi_{\mu}$ ,  $(\bar{\chi})_{\mu} = \bar{\chi}_{\mu}$  and  $|\chi|_{\mu} = |\chi_{\mu}|$  respectively, where these operations are defined pointwise in  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in N$ . These operations yield new elements of  $\Delta(N)$  and  $\Delta(N)$  forms a separately continuous semigroup.

For  $\mu \in N$ , we denote by  $\Delta(N)_{\mu}$  the space  $\{\chi_{\mu}; \chi \in \Delta(N)\}$  with the  $\sigma(L^{\infty}(\mu), L^1(\mu))$ -topology. The space  $\Delta(N)_{\mu}$  is regarded as a subsemigroup of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . For a measure  $\mu \in M(\mathbf{T})$ , we denote by  $N(\mu)$  the  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  generated by  $\mu$ . It is known that  $\Delta(N(\mu))$  and  $\Delta(N(\mu))_{\mu}$  are homeomorphic as topological spaces and isomorphic as semigroups by the map  $\mu \mapsto \chi_{\mu}$  (cf. [1]).

Let  $q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, \dots\}$  be a sequence of integers such that  $q_n \geq 2$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ). Let  $p_0=1$  and  $p_n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_n$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ). A complex sequence  $\alpha = \{\alpha(0), \alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(n), \dots\}$  is called  $q$ -multiplicative if

$$\alpha(a + bp_n) = \alpha(a) \alpha(bp_n)$$

for all integers  $n$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n \geq 0$ ,  $b \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq a < p_n$ . For a  $q$ -multiplicative sequence  $\alpha$  such that  $|\alpha(n)| = 1$  ( $n=0, 1, \dots$ ), the limit

$$\gamma(k) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \alpha(j+k) \overline{\alpha(j)}$$

exists for all integers  $k \geq 0$  (cf. [2], [4]). Set  $\gamma(k) = \overline{\gamma(-k)}$  for negative integers  $k$ . By the Bochner-Herglotz theorem, there exists a probability measure  $\lambda$  such that

$$\hat{\lambda}(k) = \int_{\mathbf{T}} e^{2\pi i k x} d\lambda(x) = \gamma(k) \text{ for all integers } k.$$

The measure  $\lambda$  is called the spectral measure associated with a  $q$ -multiplicative sequence  $\alpha$  such that  $|\alpha(n)| = 1$  ( $n=0, 1, \dots$ ). The class of all such measures is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}$ . We define some subsets of  $\mathcal{S}$  in the following ;

$$\mathcal{S}_c = \{ \lambda \in \mathcal{S} ; \lambda \text{ is continuous} \} ,$$

$$\mathcal{S}_d = \{ \lambda \in \mathcal{S} ; \lambda \text{ is discrete} \} ,$$

$$\mathcal{S}_0 = \{ \lambda \in \mathcal{S} ; \lambda^n \text{ is in } L^1(\mathbf{T}) \text{ for some positive integer } n \} , \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_1 = \{ \lambda \in \mathcal{S} ; \delta(x) * \lambda^n \text{ and } \lambda^m \text{ are mutually singular for all } x \in \mathbf{T} \text{ and all positive integers } n \text{ and } m \text{ such that } n \neq m \} ,$$

where  $\lambda^n$  is the  $n$  times convolution product and  $\delta(x)$  is the unit mass concentrated at a point  $x$ . These classes were studied by J. Coquet, T. Kamae and M. Mendès France [2] and M. Queffelec [4]. And, it was proved that  $\mathcal{S}$  is the disjoint union of  $\mathcal{S}_c$  and  $\mathcal{S}_d$  ([2]). Let  $H$  be a countable subgroup of  $T$ . A measure  $\mu \in M(\mathbf{T})$  is called  $H$ -ergodic if for all Borel sets  $E$  of  $\mathbf{T}$  such that  $E+H=E$ , either  $|\mu|(E)=0$  or  $|\mu|(E)=\|\mu\|$ . A measure  $\mu$  is called  $H$ -quasi-invariant if  $|\mu|(x+E)=0$  for every  $x \in H$  and all Borel sets  $E$  such that  $|\mu|(E)=0$ . We denote by  $D$  the countable subgroup of  $\mathbf{T}$  generated by  $\{1/p_n; n=0, 1, \dots\}$ . M. Queffelec showed that the following results ([4]);

- (A) If  $\lambda \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $D$ -ergodic,
- (B) if  $\lambda \in \mathcal{S}_c$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $D$ -quasi-invariant, and
- (C)  $\mathcal{S}_c = \mathcal{S}_0 \cup \mathcal{S}_1$ .

**2. Maximal ideal spaces.** Let  $\lambda$  be an element of  $\mathcal{S}$ . We denote by  $A(\lambda)$  the smallest  $L$ -subalgebra of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  containing  $\{\lambda, \delta(d); d \in D\}$ . If we set  $A_c(\lambda) = \{\mu \in A(\lambda); \mu \text{ is continuous}\}$  and  $A_d(\lambda) = \{\mu \in A(\lambda); \mu \text{ is discrete}\}$ , we have a direct sum decomposition  $A(\lambda) = A_d(\lambda) \oplus A_c(\lambda)$ . We regard  $D$  as a discrete group and denote by  $\hat{D}$  the dual group of it.

**PROPOSITION.** (i) If  $\lambda$  is in  $\mathcal{S}_c$ , then  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  is identified with the disjoint union  $\Delta(N(\lambda))_\lambda \cup \hat{D}$ .

(ii) If  $\lambda$  is in  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , then  $\Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))_\lambda \supset \{u \in \mathbf{C}; |u| \leq 1\}$ , and

(iii)  $\Delta(N(\lambda))_\lambda \cup \{0\} = \Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))_\lambda$ , where  $0$  is the null function in  $L^\infty(\lambda)$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $A_c(\lambda)$  is a closed ideal in  $A(\lambda)$  and  $A_d(\lambda)$  is a subalgebra of  $A(\lambda)$ ,  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  is identified with the disjoint union  $\Delta(A_c(\lambda)) \cup \Delta(A_d(\lambda))$ . The algebra  $A_d(\lambda)$  is isomorphic with  $L^1(D)$  and  $A_c(\lambda) = N(\lambda)$  since  $\lambda$  is  $D$ -quasi-invariant by (B). Note that  $\Delta(N(\lambda)) = \Delta(N(\lambda))_\lambda$  and  $\Delta(L^1(D)) = \hat{D}$ . Then we have

(i). (A), (B) and C. C. Graham and O. C. McGehee [3, Theorem 6. 1. 5. (iii)] imply that, for every  $u$  with  $|u| \leq 1$ , there exists  $\chi \in \Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))$  such that  $\chi_\lambda = u$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.). This means (ii). The inclusion  $\Delta(N(\lambda))_\lambda \cup \{0\} \supset \Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))_\lambda$  is obvious. For  $\chi \in \Delta(N(\lambda))$ , we decompose  $\chi = \chi_1 \chi_2$  where  $|\chi_1)_\lambda|^2 = |\chi)_\lambda|$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.) and  $(\chi_2)_\lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.) (cf. [6]). (A), (B) and [3, Theorem 6. 1. 8. (i)] imply that  $|\chi_\lambda| = a$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.) for some  $0 < a \leq 1$ . Therefore  $|\chi_1)_\lambda| = 1$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.) and  $(\chi_2)_\lambda = a$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.). By the extension theorem (cf. [1, (2.2)]), there exists  $\chi_1' \in \Delta M(\mathbf{T})$  such that  $(\chi_1')_\lambda = (\chi_1)_\lambda$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.). By (ii), there exists  $\chi_2' \in \Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))$  such that  $(\chi_2')_\lambda = a$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.). Since  $\chi_1' \chi_2' \in \Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))$  and  $(\chi_1' \chi_2')_\lambda = \chi_\lambda$ , we have (iii).

**3. Structure semigroups.** We recall the following definitions ([6], cf. [1, § 6]).

Let  $N$  and  $N'$  be  $L$ -subalgebras of  $M(\mathbf{T})$ . Let  $\theta$  be an algebra homomorphism of  $N$  into  $N'$ . Then  $\theta$  is called a  $CM$ -morphism if the following conditions are satisfied;

- (1) If  $0 \leq \mu \in N$ , then  $\|\theta \mu\| = \|\mu\|$ ,
- (2) if  $0 \leq \mu \in N$ , then  $\theta \mu \geq 0$ , and
- (3) if  $\mu \in N$ ,  $\nu \in N'$ ,  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \nu \leq \theta \mu$ , then

there exists  $\omega \in N$  such that  $0 \leq \omega \leq \mu$  and  $\theta \omega = \nu$ . It is known that for every  $L$ -subalgebra  $N$  of  $M(\mathbf{T})$  there uniquely exists a compact abelian topological semigroup  $\Sigma(N)$  which satisfies the following condition; There exists a  $CM$ -morphism  $\theta : N \rightarrow M(\Sigma(N))$  such that

- (1)  $\theta(N)$  is dense in  $M(\Sigma(N))$  by the  $(\sigma(M(\Sigma(N))), C(\Sigma(N)))$ -topology,
- (2)  $\hat{\Sigma}(N)$  separates points of  $\Sigma(N)$ , and
- (3) the complex homomorphisms of  $N$  are given by

$\mu \rightarrow \int f d\theta\mu$  for  $f \in \hat{\Sigma}(N)$ . Here  $M(\Sigma(N))$  is the Banach algebra of all bounded regular Borel measures on  $\Sigma(N)$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}(N)$  is the set of all nontrivial continuous semicharacters on  $\Sigma(N)$ . We call  $\Sigma(N)$  the structure semigroup of  $N$ .

Let  $\lambda$  be an element of  $\mathcal{S}_1$ . For every  $\chi \in \Delta(A(\lambda))$ , set

$$\phi(\chi)(d) = \hat{\delta}(d)(\chi) \quad (d \in D).$$

Then  $\phi(\chi)$  is in  $\hat{D}$  for every  $\chi$  in  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  and  $\phi$  is a continuous semigroup homomorphism of  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  onto  $\hat{D}$  such that  $\phi(\overline{\chi}) = \overline{\phi(\chi)}$  for every  $\chi \in \Delta(A(\lambda))$ . We use the following result;

(D) ([4, Lemma 5]) Let  $\lambda$  be an element of  $\mathcal{S}_c$  and  $\chi$  an element of  $\Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))$

such that  $\chi_\lambda$  is not a null function. Then  $\chi_\lambda$  is a constant function if and only if  $\phi(\chi)$  is equal to the constant one.

We denote by  $G$  the set of all elements of  $\Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))_\lambda$  such that the absolute values are equal to the constant function 1. We note that  $G$  becomes a group under the multiplication induced from  $\Delta(M(\mathbf{T}))_\lambda$ , and also by Proposition we can regard  $G$  as a subgroup of  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$ . Set  $H = \phi(G)$ . Then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\hat{D}$  and we regard  $H$  as a discrete group. We denote by  $\pi$  the dual homomorphism of the embedding of  $H$  into  $\hat{D}$  with the discrete topology. Note that  $\pi$  is a surjection of  $\bar{D}$  onto  $\hat{H}$ , where  $\bar{D}$  is the Bohr compactification of  $D$ .

Let  $\mathbf{N}$  be the semigroup of positive integers with the discrete topology. We denote by  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  the almost periodic compactification of  $\mathbf{N}$ . And, recall that  $\mathbf{N}$  is naturally contained in  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  and continuous semicharacters of  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  separate points (cf. [1, § 6]).

Under the above notations, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM.** If  $\lambda$  is in  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , then

- (i)  $\Sigma(N(\lambda)) = \bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \hat{H}$ , and
- (ii)  $\Sigma(A(\lambda)) = \bar{D} \cup (\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \hat{H})$ ,

where the topology is that of the disjoint union and the multiplication is that of disjoint union together with the linking formula  $x + (y, z) = (y, \pi(x) + z)$  ( $z \in \bar{D}$ ,  $y \in \bar{\mathbf{N}}$ ,  $z \in \hat{H}$ ).

**PROOF.** By Proposition, we note that  $G$  contains the unit circle  $\{u \in \mathbf{C}; |u| = 1\}$ . Consider the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \xrightarrow{\iota} G \xrightarrow{\phi} H \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\iota$  is the map taking  $te \in \mathbf{T}$  to the constant function with value  $e^{2\pi it}$ . By (D), we have  $\text{Ker } \phi = \text{Im } \iota$ , and so the sequence is exact. Since  $\mathbf{T}$  is divisible, the exact sequence splits, i. e., there exist homomorphisms  $\kappa : G \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  and  $\psi : H \rightarrow G$  such that  $\kappa \cdot \iota$  and  $\phi \cdot \psi$  are the identity maps on  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $H$  respectively. Define a homomorphism  $\tau : G \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \times H$  by  $\tau(\chi) = (\kappa(\chi), \phi(\chi))$  for each  $\chi$  in  $G$ . Then  $\tau$  is an isomorphism. Topologize  $G$  so that  $\tau$  gives rise to a homeomorphism. Then the topology of  $G$  is stronger than topology induced on  $G$  as a subset of  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$ . Thus for each positive measure  $\nu \in A(\lambda)$ ,  $\hat{\nu}|_G$  is a continuous positive definite function on  $G$ , where  $\hat{\nu}|_G$  is the restriction of the Gelfand transform  $\hat{\nu}$  to  $G$ . Using Bochner's theorem and the fact that the value  $\hat{\nu}|_G$

at the identity element of  $G$  is equal to  $\|\nu\|$  we have a positive isometric algebra homomorphism  $\theta: A(\lambda) \rightarrow M(\widehat{G})$  such that for  $\nu \in A(\lambda)$  the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of  $\theta(\nu)$  coincides with  $\hat{\nu}$  on  $G$ . By the same argument as [1, (6.3)], it follows that  $\theta$  is a  $CM$ -morphism. The dual homomorphism  $\tau^*$  induces a  $CM$ -isomorphism of  $M(\widehat{G})$  onto  $M(\mathbf{Z} \oplus \widehat{H})$ . Denote by  $\Theta$  this map composition  $\Theta$ . Then  $\Theta$  is a  $CM$ -morphism  $A(\lambda)$  into  $M(\mathbf{Z} \oplus \widehat{H})$ .

We show that  $\text{supp } \Theta(\lambda^n) = \{n\} \times \widehat{H}$  for each positive integer  $n$ . Set  $f(h) = \hat{\lambda}(\psi(h))$  for every  $h \in H$ . Then  $f$  is a positive definite function on the discrete group  $H$ . By Bochner's theorem there exists a positive measure  $\rho$  on  $\widehat{H}$  such that  $\hat{\rho}(h) = \hat{\lambda}(\psi(h))$  for every  $h \in H$ . And,  $\Theta(\lambda)$  is equal to the product measure  $\delta_1 \times \rho$  on  $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \widehat{H}$ , where  $\delta_1$  is the unit mass concentrated at 1 in  $\mathbf{Z}$ . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{(\delta_1 \times \rho)}(\tau(\chi)) &= \hat{\delta}_1(\kappa(\chi)) \hat{\rho}(\phi(\chi)) \\ &= \iota(\kappa(\chi)) \hat{\lambda}(\psi(\phi(\chi))) \\ &= \hat{\lambda}(\iota(\kappa(\chi)) \psi(\phi(\chi))) \\ &= \hat{\lambda}(\chi) \\ &= \widehat{\Theta(\lambda)}(\tau(\chi)) \quad (\chi \in G). \end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows that the support of  $\Theta(\lambda)$  is contained in  $\{1\} \times \widehat{H}$ . By (B), we have  $\Theta(\lambda) \approx \Theta(\lambda) * \Theta(\delta(d))$  for all  $d \in D$ . It is not difficult that  $\Theta(\delta(d)) = \delta(0, \pi(d))$  for every  $d \in D$  and  $\pi(D)$  is dense in  $\widehat{H}$ . Thus we have  $\text{supp } \Theta(\lambda) = \{1\} \times \widehat{H}$ . Since  $\text{supp } \Theta(\lambda^n)$  is contained in  $\text{supp } \Theta(\lambda^{n-1}) + \text{supp } \Theta(\lambda)$  and  $\Theta(\lambda^n) \approx \Theta(\lambda^n) * \delta(0, \pi(d))$ , it follows that  $\text{supp } \Theta(\lambda^n) = \{n\} \times \widehat{H}$ . Note that  $\Theta(\nu)$  is supported on  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H}$  for every  $\nu \in N(\lambda)$ .

We prove assertion (i). The canonical injection  $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{N}}$  induces a  $CM$ -morphism from  $M(\mathbf{N} \times \widehat{H})$  to  $M(\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H})$ . Composing this map with  $\Theta$ , we obtain a  $CM$ -morphism  $\Lambda: N(\lambda) \rightarrow M(\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H})$ . Since semicharacters of  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  separate points, the same is true of  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H}$ . The union of the supports of the measures  $\Theta(\lambda^n)$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) is dense in  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H}$ , and hence  $\Lambda(N(\lambda))$  is weak\* dense in  $M(\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H})$ .

Next we show that the complex homomorphisms of  $N(\lambda)$  are given by  $\nu \rightarrow \int f d\Lambda(\nu)$  for  $f \in M(\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H})$ . Let  $\chi$  be an element of  $\Delta(N(\lambda))$ . We decompose  $\chi = \chi_1 \chi_2$ , where  $|\chi_1|_\lambda = 1$  ( $\lambda$  a. e.),  $0 < a \leq 1$  (cf. Proof of Proposition). By (ii) and (iii) of Proposition,  $\chi_1$  belongs to  $G$ . Thus  $\tau(\chi_1)$  can be regarded as a character of  $\mathbf{Z} \oplus \widehat{H}$ . We have a semicharacter  $\xi_1$  of  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} \times \widehat{H}$  which is naturally induced by  $\tau(\chi_1)$ . For every  $\nu \in N(\lambda)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\nu}(\chi_1) &= \widehat{\Theta(\nu)}(\tau(\chi_1)) \\
&= \int \tau(\chi_1) d\Theta(\nu) \\
&= \int \xi_1 d\Lambda(\nu).
\end{aligned}$$

We define  $\xi'$  by  $\xi'(n, x) = a^n (n=1, 2, \dots)$  and denote by  $\xi_2$  the semicharacter on  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$  induced by the semicharacter  $\xi'$  of  $N \times \hat{H}$ , and set  $\xi = \xi_1 \xi_2$ . Then we show that

$$\hat{\nu}(\chi) = \int \xi d\Lambda(\nu)$$

for every  $\nu \in N(\lambda)$ . In fact, for a measure  $\nu \in N(\lambda)$ , we have a norm convergent decomposition

$$\nu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n,$$

where each  $\nu_n$  is a measure which is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\lambda^n$ . Since  $(\chi_2)_{\lambda^n} = a^n (\lambda^n \text{ a.e.})$  and  $\Lambda(\nu_n)$  is supported on  $\{n\} \times \hat{H}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \xi d\Lambda(\nu_n) &= a^n \int \xi_1 d\Lambda(\nu_n) \\
&= a^n \hat{\nu}_n(\chi_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Lambda$  is bounded, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \xi d\Lambda(\nu) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int \xi d\Lambda(\nu_n) \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n \hat{\nu}_n(\chi_1) \\
&= \hat{\nu}(\chi).
\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that every semicharacter of  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$  gives rise to an element of  $\Delta(N(\lambda))$ . This completes the proof of (i).

We denote by  $\Sigma$  the semigroup  $\bar{D} \cup (\bar{N} \times \hat{H})$  described in (ii). Every  $\nu \in A(\lambda)$  can be decomposed in the form  $\nu = \nu' + \nu''$ , where  $\nu' \in N(\lambda)$  and  $\nu''$  is the

discrete part of  $\nu$ . We define  $\Lambda' : A(\lambda) \rightarrow M(\Sigma)$  by

$$\Lambda'(\nu) = \Lambda(\nu') + \Phi(\nu'') \quad (\nu \in A(\lambda)),$$

where  $\Phi$  is the canonical map from  $A_d(\lambda)$  to  $M_d(\bar{D})$  regarded as a subalgebra of  $M(\Sigma)$ . It is not difficult that  $\Lambda'$  is a  $CM$ -morphism with weak\* dense image. It is clear that the elements of  $\hat{\Sigma}$  separate points of  $\Sigma$ . Using the fact that the non zero complex homomorphisms of  $N(\lambda)$  correspond to evaluation at a semicharacter of  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$ , we have that for  $\chi$  in  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  there exists an semicharacter of  $\Sigma$  which gives rise to  $\chi$ .

Let  $\eta$  be an element of  $\hat{\Sigma}$  which is not identically zero on  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$ . Since  $\eta|_{\bar{N} \times \hat{H}}$  is a non-trivial semicharacter of  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$ , there exist  $h \in H$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |a| \leq 1$  such that  $\eta((n, z)) = a^n h(z)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z \in \hat{H}$ . For all  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $x$  in  $\bar{D}$  and  $z$  in  $\hat{H}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^n h(\pi(x) + z) &= \eta((n, \pi(x) + z)) \\ &= \eta(x + (n, z)) \\ &= \eta(x) \eta((n, z)) \\ &= \eta(x) a^n h(z), \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\eta(x) = h(\pi(x))$  for all  $x \in \bar{D}$ . Let  $\chi$  be the element of  $\Delta(A(\lambda))$  defined by  $\chi_\lambda(s) = a \psi(h)(s)$  ( $\lambda$  a.e.). Then we have

$$\int \eta d\Phi(\nu'') = \int h d\nu''$$

for all  $\nu \in A(\lambda)$ . Let  $\eta$  be an element of  $\hat{\Sigma}$  which is identically zero on  $\bar{N} \times \hat{H}$ . Then  $\eta$  is induced by some  $\gamma \in \hat{D}$  on  $\bar{D}$ . Let  $\chi$  be the generalized character which is zero on  $N(\lambda)$  and is induced by  $\gamma$  on  $A_d(\lambda)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \chi_\nu d\nu &= \int \gamma d\nu'' \\ &= \int \eta d\Lambda'(\nu) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\nu \in A(\lambda)$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.



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