

UNITARY REPRESENTATIONS OF SOME LINEAR GROUPS

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§0. Introduction. Recently I. Gelfand and M. Neumark [2] have determined the types of irreducible unitary representations of the group G_1 of linear transformations of the straight line. The analogous result is obtained for the group G_2 of transformations $z \rightarrow az + b$ in the complex-number plane \mathbb{C} , where a and b run over all complex numbers with the exception of $a = 0$, which may be considered as the group of all sense-preserving similar transformations in the two-dimensional euclidean space E^2 . In this paper, we shall determine the types of cyclic¹⁾ unitary representations and irreducible unitary representations of the group G of all sense-preserving congruent transformations in E^2 , which may be realized as the group of all transformations in \mathbb{C} of the form $z \rightarrow az + b$; $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|a| = 1$. The method is due to the same idea as Gelfand-Neumark's one [2], but we need Lemma 2 (§2) which is not necessary in the case of G_1 and of G_2 . Our method may be applied to the group G' of all transformations $q \rightarrow aq + b$ in the field \mathbb{Q} of quaternions, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\|a\| = 1$.²⁾

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§1. Main results. Let G be the group of all transformations $z \rightarrow az + b$ in the complex-number plane \mathbb{C} where $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|a| = 1$. Then the group U of all rotations $z \rightarrow az$, $|a| = 1$, is a subgroup of G and the group V of all translations $z \rightarrow z + b$ is a commutative normal subgroup of G , and it holds that

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} G = U \cdot V, & U \cap V = \{e\} & (e = \text{the identity of } G), \\ G/V \cong U. \end{cases}$$

Hereafter we shall denote by u_a and v_b the elements of U and V corresponding to the complex number a ($|a| = 1$) and b respectively. Then we have $u_1 = v_0 = e$ and

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¹⁾ It is called "simple" in [3].

²⁾ The group G' is different from the group of all sense-preserving congruent transformations in E^4 . It seems to be more complicated to determine the types of unitary representations of the group of all sense-preserving congruent transformations in E^n for $n \geq 3$; — see §4.

$$(1.2) \quad u_a v_b = v_a b u_a.$$

Let X be the character group of V and χ_0 be the identity character. Then X is isomorphic to the two-dimensional vector group as well as V and consequently every element χ of X may be considered as a complex number $r \exp(i\theta)$ ($r \geq 0$). Hereafter we shall denote every $\chi \equiv r \exp(i\theta) \in X$ by the couple $\langle s, r \rangle$ where $s = \exp(i\theta)$; such a couple is unique for $\chi \neq \chi_0 \equiv 0$, and $\tilde{X} = X - \{\chi_0\}$ is the topological product space of the unit circle S in the complex-number plane and $R = (0, \infty)$. Thus we may consider the transformations $\chi \rightarrow a\chi$ in X and $s \rightarrow as$ ($|a| = 1$) in S as the multiplication of complex numbers.

We shall here state the main theorems.

THEOREM 1. *Let $\sigma(\Gamma)$ ($\Gamma \subset S$) be the measure on S invariant under rotations; —*

i) *Fix an arbitrary element $r_0 \in R$, and define the unitary operator $U(g)$ ($g \in G$) in the Hilbert space $\mathfrak{H} = L^2(S, \sigma)$ as follows: $U_a \psi(s) = \psi(a^{-1}s)$, $V_b \psi(s) = \langle b, \langle s, r_0 \rangle \rangle \psi(s)$ ³⁾ ($\psi(s) \in L^2(S, \sigma)$) and $U(g) = U_a V_b$ for $g = u_a v_b$.⁴⁾ Then $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\}$ is an irreducible unitary representation of G , and for any fixed $\psi_0(s) \in L^2(S, \sigma)$ such that $\|\psi_0\| = 1$ the function*

$$(1.3) \quad \Phi(g) \equiv \Phi(u_a v_b) = \int_S \langle b, \langle a^{-1}s, r_0 \rangle \rangle \psi_0(a^{-1}s) \overline{\psi_0(s)} d\sigma(s) \quad (g = u_a v_b)$$

is the normal elementary⁵⁾ p. d.⁶⁾ function on G corresponding to the above irreducible unitary representation.

ii) *If $r_1, r_2 \in R$ and $r_1 \neq r_2$, then the unitary representation as stated in i) corresponding to r_1 is not unitary equivalent to that corresponding to r_2 .*

iii) *Let \mathfrak{H} be the one-dimensional unitary space and l be any fixed integer ($\neq 0$), and define the unitary operator $U(g)$ by $U_a \psi = a^l \psi$, $V_b \psi = \psi$ ($\psi \in \mathfrak{H}$) and $U(g) = U_a V_b$ for $g = u_a v_b$. Then $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\}$ is an irreducible unitary representation of G , and*

$$(1.4) \quad \Phi(g) \equiv \Phi(u_a v_b) = a^l \equiv \exp(il\theta) \quad (\text{for } a = \exp(i\theta))$$

is the corresponding normal elementary p. d. function on G .

iv) *Every irreducible unitary representation of G is unitary equivalent to one of the above stated types. Consequently every normal elementary p. d. function on G is expressible in the form (1.3) or (1.4).*

THEOREM 2. *Let $\sigma(\Gamma)$ be as stated in Theorem 1, and $\rho_j(\Delta)$ ($\Delta \subset R$), $j = 1$,*

³⁾ $\langle b, \chi \rangle$ denotes the value of character χ ($\in X$) at the element $v_b \in V$.

⁴⁾ Any element $g \in G$ is uniquely expressible in this form by virtue of (1.1) and (1.2).

⁵⁾ See [3] § 15.

⁶⁾ Abbreviated for *positive definite*.

2, . . . , n (≤ ∞), be measures on R such that ρ_j(R) < ∞ ;—

i) In every Hilbert space $\mathfrak{M}_j = L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j)$,⁷⁾ we define the unitary operator $U(g)$ ($g \in \mathbf{G}$) as follows: $U_a \psi(s, r) = \psi(a^{-1}s, r)$ $V_b \psi(s, r) = (b, \langle s, r \rangle) \psi(s, r)$ ($\psi(s, r) \in L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j)$) and $U(g) = U_a V_b$ for $g = u_a v_b$; and let $f_j(s, r)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ($n \leq \infty$), be functions as follows:

- 1°) $f_j(s, r) \in L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j)$ for every j ,
- 2°) $\int_s |f_j(s, r)|^2 d\sigma(s) = 1$ for ρ_j -almost all r ,
- 3°) $f_j(s, r)/f_k(s, r)$ is not constant essentially (σ) as a function of s for ρ_j - or ρ_k -almost all r .

Let $\{\mathfrak{M}_l, U_l(g)\}$ be the irreducible unitary representation of \mathbf{G} as stated in Theorem 1 ii) corresponding to the integer l , f_l be an arbitrarily fixed element of \mathfrak{M}_l , and $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_N\}$ ($N \leq \infty$) be a sequence of integers such that $k \neq j$ implies $l_k \neq l_j$. Then any of $\{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g), f_j\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$) and $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ defined by

$$\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\} = \left[\bigoplus_{j=1}^n \{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g)\} \right] \oplus \left[\bigoplus_{k=1}^N \{\mathfrak{M}_{l_k}, U_{l_k}(g)\} \right]^{8)}$$

and

$$f^\circ = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j f_j + \sum_{k=1}^N \beta_k f'_{l_k} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j|^2 < \infty \text{ (if } n = \infty) \\ \sum_{k=1}^N |\beta_k|^2 < \infty \text{ (if } N = \infty) \end{array} \right.$$

are cyclic unitary representations of \mathbf{G} . The p. d. function $\Psi(g)$ corresponding to the unitary representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ is as follows:

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \Psi(g) &\equiv \Psi(u_a v_b) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n A_j \int_R d\rho_j(r) \int_s (b, \langle a^{-1}s, r \rangle) f_j(a^{-1}s, r) \overline{f_j(s, r)} d\sigma(s) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^N B_k \exp(i l_k \theta) \end{aligned} \quad \text{for } g = u_a v_b, a = e^{i\theta}.$$

$$(A_j = |\alpha_j|^2, B_k = |\beta_k|^2).$$

ii) Every cyclic unitary representation of \mathbf{G} is unitary equivalent to that of above stated type, and any p. d. function on \mathbf{G} is expressible in the form (1.5), where $0 \leq n \leq \infty$ and $0 \leq N \leq \infty$. The functions

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_j(g; r) &\equiv \Phi_j(u_a v_b, r) \\ &= \int_s (b, \langle a^{-1}s, r \rangle) f_j(a^{-1}s, r) \overline{f_j(s, r)} d\sigma(s) \end{aligned} \quad (r \in R; j = 1, 2, \dots)$$

⁷⁾ $\sigma \otimes \rho_j$ denotes the product measure of σ and ρ_j .

⁸⁾ See [3] § 5 as for the direct sum of unitary representations.

⁹⁾ The right-hand side means the summation as elements of the Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} .

and

$$\chi_l(g) \equiv \chi_l(u_a v_b) = \exp(i l \theta) \quad \text{for } a = e^{i\theta} \\ (l = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

are normal elementary p. d. functions on \mathbf{G} and any p. d. function $\Psi(g)$ is expressible in the form

$$(1.6) \quad \Psi(g) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j \int_{\mathbf{R}} \phi_j(g; r) d\rho_j(r) + \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} B_l \chi_l(g),$$

where $A, B \geq 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j \rho_j(\mathbf{R}) < \infty$ and $\sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} B_l < \infty$. (Cf. Bochner-Raikov's theorem for p. d. functions on commutative groups.)

As for the group \mathbf{G}' of all transformations $q \rightarrow aq + b$, $\|a\| = 1$, in the field \mathbf{Q} of quaternions, any irreducible unitary representation and any cyclic unitary representation of \mathbf{G}' may be obtained by the same methods as stated in Theorems 1 and 2, where the irreducible unitary representation stated in Theorem 1 iii) must be replaced by an irreducible unitary representation of the compact group of all transformations $q \rightarrow aq$ ($\|a\| = 1$) in \mathbf{Q} ; such modifications are necessary for cyclic unitary representations.

After some preliminaries in §2, we shall prove Theorem 1 in §3 and Theorem 2 in §4. Some supplementary remarks will be also given in §4.

§2. Preliminary lemmas.

LEMMA 1. Let $\{\mathfrak{M}, U(x)\}$ be a unitary representation (not necessarily cyclic) of the n -dimensional vector group \mathbf{X} , where \mathfrak{M} is a separable Hilbert space. Then there exists a resolution of the identity $\{E(\Lambda)\}$ in \mathfrak{M} on the character group X of the group \mathbf{X} such that

$$U(x) = \int_x (x, \chi) dE(\chi).$$

Further the space \mathfrak{M} can be realized as an at most countable direct sum of spaces \mathfrak{M}_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots$) of the function $f_j(\chi)$ such that

$$\|f_j\| = \int_x |f_j(\chi)|^2 dF_j(\chi) < \infty$$

where $F_j(\Lambda)$ is a measure on X such that $F_j(X) = 1$ and every $F_j(\Lambda)$ is absolutely continuous with respect to $F_{j-1}(\Lambda)$ ($j > 1$); furthermore, if $f \in \mathfrak{M}$ is realized by $\{f_j(\chi) \mid j = 1, 2, \dots\}$, then $U(x)f$ by $\{(x, \chi)f_j(\chi) \mid j = 1, 2, \dots\}$.

This lemma is well known as Stone's theorem and Hahn-Hellinger's theory¹⁰⁾ in the case $n = 1$, and may be proved in our general case by the same idea.

LEMMA 2. Let \tilde{X} , R and S be as stated in §1 and $F(\Lambda)$ ($\Lambda \subset \tilde{X} \equiv S \times R$) be a measure on \tilde{X} such that $F(\tilde{X}) < \infty$, and assume that there exists a non-nega-

¹⁰⁾ See [5] Chapter VII.

tive function $u(a; \chi)$ on $S \times \tilde{X}$ ($a \in S, \chi \in \tilde{X}$), B -measurable in $\langle a, \chi \rangle$ and summable on \tilde{X} with respect to the measure $F(\Lambda)$ for every $a \in S$, such that

$$(2.1) \quad F(a^{-1}\Lambda) = \int_{\Lambda} u(a; \chi) dF(\chi)^{11}$$

for any $\Lambda \subset \tilde{X}$ and any $a \in S$. Then there exist a non-negative B -measurable function $\omega(s, r)$ on $\tilde{X} = S \times R$ and a measure $\rho(\Delta)$ on $R, \rho(R) < \infty$, such that $F(\Lambda)$ is given by

$$(2.2) \quad F(\Lambda) = \int_{\Lambda} \omega(s, r) d\sigma(s) d\rho(r)$$

where $\sigma(\Gamma)$ is the measure on S invariant under rotations.

Proof. For any fixed $\Delta \subset R, F_{\Delta}(\Gamma) = F(\Gamma \times \Delta)$ ($\Gamma \subset S$) is a measure on S and it follows from the assumption (2.1) that $F_{\Delta}(a\Gamma)$ is absolutely continuous with respect to $F_{\Delta}(\Gamma)$ for every $a \in S$. Hence $F_{\Delta}(\Gamma)$ is absolutely continuous with respect to the invariant measure $\sigma(\Gamma)$.¹² And hence there exists a function $\mu(s, \Delta)$ of a point $s \in S$ and a set $\Delta \subset R$ such that

- i) for any fixed $s \in S, \mu(s, \Delta)$ is a regular measure on R and $\mu(s, R) < \infty$,
- ii) for any fixed $\Delta \subset R, \mu(s, \Delta)$ is B -measurable in s , and

iii) for any $\Gamma \subset S$ and $\Delta \subset R, F(\Gamma \times \Delta) = \int_{\Gamma} \mu(s, \Delta) d\sigma(s)$; this fact is proved by J. L. Doob [1] as the existence- and uniqueness-theorem of the conditional probability law. Consequently for any $\varphi(\chi) \equiv \varphi(s, r) \in L^1(\tilde{X}, F)$, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi(s, r) dF(\chi) = \int_S d\sigma(s) \int_R \varphi(s, r) \mu(s, dr);$$

the iterated integral in the right-hand side is well defined by i) and ii), and this equals the left-hand side by iii). From (2.1) and (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma} \mu(as, \Delta) d\sigma(s) &= F(a^{-1}\Gamma \times \Delta) = \int_{\Gamma \times \Delta} u(a; \chi) dF(\chi) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(s) \int_{\Delta} u(a; s, r) \mu(s, dr) \end{aligned}$$

for any $\Gamma \subset S, \Delta \subset R$ and any $a \in S$, where $u(a; s, r) = u(a; \chi)$ for $\chi = \langle s, r \rangle$. And hence, for any Δ , we have

$$(2.4) \quad \mu(as, \Delta) = \int_{\Delta} u(a; s, r) \mu(s, dr) \quad \text{for } \sigma\text{-almost all } s \in S.$$

By Fubini's theorem, (2.4) is true for σ -almost all a for σ -almost all s . Since the space R has countable open bases and since $\mu(s, \Delta)$ is a regular measure

¹¹⁾ $a^{-1}\Lambda = \{a^{-1}\chi / \chi \in \Lambda\}$; — see § 1.
¹²⁾ This fact is well known as D. Raikov's lemma.

on R for every s , there exists a point $s_0 \in S$, independent of Δ , such that

$$\mu(as_0, \Delta) = \int_{\Delta} \mu(a; s_0, r) \mu(s_0, dr) \quad \text{for } \sigma\text{-almost all } a \in S.$$

Since the transformation $a \rightarrow as_0^{-1}$ is measure-preserving, we obtain by putting $a = ss_0^{-1}$ that

$$(2.5) \quad \mu(s, \Delta) = \int_{\Delta} \mu(ss_0^{-1}; s_0, r) \mu(s_0, dr) \quad \text{for } \sigma\text{-almost all } s \in S.$$

If we put $\omega(s, r) = \mu(ss_0^{-1}; s_0, r)$ and $\rho(\Delta) = \mu(s_0, \Delta)$, then $\omega(s, r)$ is B -measurable in $\langle s, r \rangle$ and, by (2.3), (2.4) and Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi(s, r) dF(\chi) &= \int_S d\sigma(s) \int_R \varphi(s, r) \omega(s, r) d\rho(r) \\ &= \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi(s, r) \omega(s, r) d\sigma(s) d\rho(r) \end{aligned}$$

for any $\varphi \in L^1(\tilde{X}, F)$; this implies (2.2), *q.e.d.*

LEMMA 3. *Let U, V and \tilde{X} etc. be as in Theorem 2, $f_1(s, r)$ be a function $\in L^2 \equiv L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_1)$ such that $\sigma(\{s \mid f_1(s, r) \neq 0\}) > 0$ for ρ_1 -almost all $r \in R$, and L be the totality of linear combinations of the functions of the form $\langle b, \langle s, r \rangle \rangle f_1(a^{-1}s, r)$, $|a| = 1$. Then L is dense in L^2 with respect to the norm in L^2 .*

Proof (outline). For any set $A \subset \tilde{X}$ and any $r \in R$, A_r denotes the set $\{s \mid \langle s, r \rangle \in A\}$ by definition. Let Δ be any fixed subset of R . If $\sigma(A_r) > 0$ for ρ_1 -almost all $r \in \Delta$ and $A' \subset S \times \Delta$, then there exist $u_{a_1}, \dots, u_{a_n} \in U$ for any $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\sigma \otimes \rho_1(A' - [a_1 A \cup \dots \cup a_n A]) < \epsilon$. On the other hand, any continuous function on \tilde{X} is approximated uniformly on any compact subset of \tilde{X} by means of linear combinations of characters. By making use of these facts, we may prove that any continuous function on \tilde{X} which vanishes outside of a compact set is approximated in L^2 by means of functions $\in L$. Lemma 3 follows from this result at once.

§ 3. Proof of Theorem 1. Let G, U and V etc. be as stated in Theorem 1 and $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ be a cyclic unitary representation of G , and put $U_a = U(u_a)$ for $u_a \in U$ and $V_b = U(v_b)$ for $v_b \in V$. Then it follows from (1.2) that

$$(3.1) \quad U_a V_b = V_{ab} U_a.$$

Since G satisfies the second countability axiom and since the representation is cyclic, the Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} is separable. Put

$$\mathfrak{N} = \{f \in \mathfrak{H} \mid V_b f = f \text{ for all } v_b \in V\}.$$

Then, since V is a normal subgroup of G , $f \in \mathfrak{N}$ implies that $V_b U(g) f = U(g) U(g^{-1} v_b g) f = U(g) f$ for any $g \in G$ and $v_b \in V$. Therefore \mathfrak{N} and con-

sequently $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{H} \ominus \mathfrak{N}$ are $U(g)$ -invariant subspaces of \mathfrak{H} . The representation, considered in \mathfrak{N} , yields a representation of the group $U (\cong G/V)$.

Consider the representation in \mathfrak{M} ; \mathfrak{M} is separable as well as \mathfrak{H} . By Lemma 1, there exists a resolution of the identity $\{E(A)\}$ in \mathfrak{M} on X such that

$$V_b = \int_X (b, \chi) dE(\chi);$$

and the space \mathfrak{M} may be realized as an at most countable direct sum of the spaces \mathfrak{M}_j of functions:

$$\mathfrak{M}_j = \{f_j(\chi) / \|f_j\|^2 = \int_X |f_j(\chi)|^2 dF_j(\chi) < \infty\},$$

where $F_j(A)$ is a measure on X such that $F_j(X) = 1$ and every $F_j(A)$ ($j > 1$) is absolutely continuous with respect to $F_{j-1}(A)$. When $f \in \mathfrak{M}$ is realized by $\{f_j(\chi)\}$, we write $f \sim \{f_j(\chi)\}$; then

$$(3.2) \quad V_b f \sim \{(b, \chi) f_j(\chi)\} \quad \text{for any } v_b \in V.$$

Since 0 is the only one element of \mathfrak{M} that fulfills $V_b f = f$ for all $v_b \in V$ we obtain $F_j(\{\chi_0\}) = 0, j = 1, 2, \dots$. Thus we may consider $F_j(A), j = 1, 2, \dots$, as measures on $\tilde{X} = X - \{\chi_0\}$.

The operator U_a is expressible as a matrix $(U_{jk}(a))$ where $U_{jk}(a)$ is a bounded operator from \mathfrak{M}_k into \mathfrak{M}_j such that

$$U_a f \sim \left\{ \sum_k U_{jk}(a) f_k(\chi) \right\}_{j=1, 2, \dots} \quad \text{for } f \sim \{f_j(\chi)\}.$$

Since U_a is unitary, we have

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_j \|f_j\|^2 = \sum_j \left\| \sum_k U_{jk}(a) f_k \right\|^2.$$

Next, if we put $U_{jk}(a) \cdot 1 = u_{jk}^0(a; \chi)$, then

$$\|u_{jk}^0(a; \chi) - u_{jk}^0(b; \chi)\|^2 \leq \|U_a f^0 - U_b f^0\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 \quad (|a| = |b| = 1),$$

where $f^k \sim \{f_j(\chi)\}$ such that $f_k(\chi) \equiv 1$ and $f_j(\chi) \equiv 0$ ($j \neq k$), and $\|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{H}}$ denotes the norm in \mathfrak{H} ; moreover U satisfies the second axiom of countability. Hence we may construct a function $u_{jk}(a; \chi)$ B -measurable in $\langle a, \chi \rangle$ and such that $u_{jk}(a; \chi) = u_{jk}^0(a; \chi)$ for F_j -almost all χ for every a .¹³⁾ Thus we may consider that $U_{jk}(a) \cdot 1 = u_{jk}(a; \chi)$. Then we get

$$(3.4) \quad U_{jk}(a) f_k(\chi) = u_{jk}(a; \chi) f_k(a^{-1}\chi).$$

At first we can prove this equality for functions of the form $f_k(\chi) = (b, \chi)$ (for any fixed b) by making use of (3.1), (3.2) and the fact that $(ab, \chi) = (b, a^{-1}\chi)$

¹³⁾ Such $u_{jk}(a; \chi)$ may be obtained by the same way as constructing the "measurable kernel" of a stochastic process. See [4].

($|a| = 1$). Since the totality of linear combinations of "characters" (b, χ) is dense in $L^2(\tilde{X}, F_k)$, (3.4) is true for all $f_k \in L^2(\tilde{X}, F_k)$. Hence (3.3) becomes as follows:

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} |f_j(\chi)|^2 dF_j(\chi) = \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} \left| \sum_k u_{jk}(a; \chi) f_k(a^{-1}\chi) \right|^2 dF_j(\chi).$$

Let $\varphi(\chi)$ be the characteristic function of $A \subset \tilde{X} = S \times R$ and put in (3.5) $f_1(\chi) = \varphi(a\chi)$ and $f_j(\chi) \equiv 0$ for $j \neq 1$. Then we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} F_1(a^{-1}A) &= \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi(a\chi) dF_1(\chi) = \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} |u_{j1}(a; \chi) \varphi(\chi)|^2 dF_j(\chi) \\ &= \sum_j \int_A |u_{j1}(a; \chi)|^2 dF_j(\chi). \end{aligned}$$

Since all $F_j(A)$ are absolutely continuous with respect to $F_1(A)$ (by Lemma 1), we may write

$$F_j(A) = \int_A \phi_j(\chi) dF_1(\chi)$$

where every $\phi_j(\chi)$ is non-negative, B-measurable in χ and summable on \tilde{X} with respect to F_1 . Then the function

$$u(a; \chi) = \sum_j |u_{j1}(a; \chi)|^2 \phi_j(\chi) \quad (\geq 0)$$

is B-measurable in $\langle a; \chi \rangle$ and summable on \tilde{X} with respect to F_1 for any a , and it follows from (3.6) and by Lebesgue's convergence theorem that

$$(3.7) \quad F_1(a^{-1}A) = \int_A u(a; \chi) dF_1(\chi).$$

Hence, by Lemma 2, there exist a non-negative B-measurable function $\omega(s, r)$ on \tilde{X} and a measure $\rho(\Delta)$ on R such that $\rho(R) = 1$ and $F_1(A)$ is given by

$$F_1(A) = \int_A \omega(s, r) d\sigma(s) d\rho(r),$$

and consequently there exist non-negative B-measurable functions $\omega_j(s, r)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, on $\tilde{X} = S \times R$ such that

$$(3.8) \quad F_j(A) = \int_A \omega_j(s, r) d\sigma(s) d\rho(r).$$

Now put $A_j = \{ \langle s, r \rangle / \omega_j(s, r) = 0 \}$. Evidently $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$. Put $\varphi_j(s, r) = \omega_j(s, r) f_j(s, r)$ for every $f \sim \{ f_j(s, r) \}$ and define the norm of φ_j by

$$\|\varphi_j\|^2 = \int_{\tilde{X}} |\varphi_j(s, r)|^2 d\sigma(s) d\rho(r).$$

Then we have $\|\varphi_j\|^2 = \|f_j\|^2$, and hence the mapping $f_j \rightarrow \varphi_j$ is an isometric mapping from \mathfrak{M}_j onto

$$\mathfrak{L}_j = \{ \varphi_j(s, r) \mid \|\varphi_j\|^2 < \infty, \varphi_j(s, r) = 0 \text{ on } A_j \}.$$

So we can realize \mathfrak{M} as a direct sum of \mathfrak{L}_j . The mapping $f_j \rightarrow \varphi_j$ carries $U_{jk}(a)$ into operators on $\{ \varphi_j(s, r) \}$; we denote them by $U_{jk}(a)$ again. Define

$$u'_{jk}(a; s, r) = \begin{cases} \omega_j(s, r)u_{jk}(a; s, r)\omega_k(a^{-1}s, r)^{-1} & \text{if } \langle a^{-1}s, r \rangle \notin A_k, \\ 0 & \text{if } \langle a^{-1}s, r \rangle \in A_k \end{cases}$$

($u_{jk}(a; s, r) \equiv u_{jk}(a; \chi)$ for $\chi = \langle s, r \rangle$). Then it follows from (3.4) and by the definition of $\varphi_j(s, r)$ that

$$(3.9) \quad U_{jk}(a)\varphi_k(s, r) = u'_{jk}(a; s, r)\varphi_k(a^{-1}s, r),$$

and unitary condition (3.5) becomes

$$(3.10) \quad \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} |\varphi_j(s, r)|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r) = \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} \left| \sum_k u'_{jk}(a; s, r)\varphi_k(a^{-1}s, r) \right|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r) \\ = \sum_j \int_{\tilde{X}} \left| \sum_k u'_{jk}(a; as, r)\varphi_k(s, r) \right|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r).$$

Denote by n ($\leq \infty$) the number of \mathfrak{M}_j and by \mathfrak{H}_0 the unitary space of all sequences $\xi = \{ \xi_j \} \equiv \{ \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \}$ of complex numbers such that $\|\xi\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\xi_j|^2 < \infty$ (if $n = \infty$) and by \mathfrak{H}_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots$) the finite-dimensional subspace of \mathfrak{H}_0 defined by the condition $\xi_k = \xi_{k+1} = \dots = 0$. $f \sim \varphi(\chi) = \{ \varphi_j(s, r) \}$ means that $f \in \mathfrak{M}$ is realized as a vector function $\varphi(\chi)$ such that $\varphi(\chi) \in \mathfrak{H}_0$ for $\chi \notin \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k$ and $\varphi(\chi) \in \mathfrak{H}_k$ for $\chi \in A_k$. Denote the matrix $(u'_{jk}(a; s, r))$ by $M(a; s, r)$ for every $\langle a; s, r \rangle$. Then $f \sim \varphi(\chi) \equiv \varphi(s, r)$ implies that

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{cases} \|f\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 = \int_{\tilde{X}} \|\varphi(s, r)\|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r) & (\|\varphi(s, r)\|^2 = \sum_j |\varphi_j(s, r)|^2), \\ U_a f \sim M(a; s, r)\varphi(a^{-1}s, r), \\ V_b f \sim (b, \langle s, r \rangle)\varphi(s, r) \end{cases}$$

by (3.2), (3.9) and the definition of $\varphi_j(s, r)$.

(3.10) is now written as follows:

$$\int_{\tilde{X}} \|\varphi(s, r)\|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r) = \int_{\tilde{X}} \|M(a; as, r)\varphi(s, r)\|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r).$$

If we put in this equality $\varphi(s, r) = \{ \xi_j \varphi_{\Lambda}(s, r) \}$ where $\xi = \{ \xi_j \} \in \mathfrak{H}_k$ and $\varphi_{\Lambda}(s, r)$ is the characteristic function of any assigned Borel set $\Lambda \subset A_k - A_{k-1}$, then

$$\int_{\Lambda} \|\xi\|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r) = \int_{\Lambda} \|M(a; as, r)\xi\|^2 d\sigma(s)d\rho(r).$$

This implies that, for any $u_a \in U$, $M(a; s, r)$ considered on \mathfrak{H}_k is an isometric operator for almost all¹⁴⁾ $\langle s, r \rangle \in a(A_k - A_{k-1})$. Further, by the definition of

¹⁴⁾ Here we mean "for almost all $\langle s, r \rangle$ with respect to the product measure $\sigma \otimes \rho$."

$u'_{jk}(a; s, r)$, the range of $M(a; s, r)$ is \mathfrak{H}_k for almost all $\langle s, r \rangle \in (A_k - A_{k-1})$ ($k \geq 2$). Since $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$, it follows that for almost all $\langle s, r \rangle \in [a(A_k - A_{k-1}) - (A_k - A_{k-1})]$ the operator $M(a; s, r)$ maps \mathfrak{H}_k isometrically onto \mathfrak{H}_j for some $j \neq k$. Hence every $(A_k - A_{k-1})$ ($k \geq 2$) must be of the form $S \times \Delta_k$ ($\Delta_k \subset R$) (with the exception of the set of measure zero). On the other hand, A_1 is of the form $S \times \Delta$ ($\Delta \subset R$) from (3.7) and the definition of A_1 . Hence the same is true for every A_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots$).

Hereafter we shall say that a matrix $M_1(a; s, r) = (u'_{jk}(a; s, r))$ is equal to another matrix $M_2(a; s, r) = (u''_{jk}(a; s, r))$ for a. a. (= almost all) $\langle s, r \rangle$ if and only if $u'_{jk}(a; s, r) = u''_{jk}(a; s, r)$ for $\sigma \otimes \rho$ -almost all $\langle s, r \rangle \in A_k$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$; this condition is equivalent to the following one: $M_1(a; s, r) = M_2(a; s, r)$ as operators stated in (3.11). By the above obtained result concerning the form of A_k , if $M_1(a; s, r) = M_2(a; s, r)$ for a. a. $\langle s, r \rangle$ then, for any b ($|b| = 1$), $M_1(a; bs, r) = M_2(a; bs, r)$ for a. a. $\langle s, r \rangle$.

It follows from (3.11) that for any a, b ($|a| = |b| = 1$) and any $\varphi(s, r) = \{\varphi_j(s, r)\}$ ($\varphi_j \in \mathcal{L}_j$)

$$(3.12) \quad M(a; s, r)\varphi(s, r) = M(b; s, r)M(b^{-1}a; b^{-1}s, r)\varphi(s, r)$$

as elements of \mathfrak{M} . We fix an arbitrary element $u_a \in U$. From (3.12) and by Fubini's theorem, we have

$$(3.13) \quad M(a; s, r) = M(b; s, r)M(b^{-1}a; b^{-1}s, r) \text{ for a. a. } \langle b, s, r \rangle.$$

Since the transformation $\langle b, s, r \rangle \rightarrow \langle sb, s, r \rangle$ is measure-preserving, (3.13) implies that

$$M(a; s, r) = M(sb; s, r)M(b^{-1}s^{-1}a; b^{-1}, r) \text{ for a. a. } \langle b, s, r \rangle;$$

this holds for any fixed $u_a \in U$. Since U is separable, there exists a countable set $U_0 \subset U$ which is dense in U and contains the identity e of G . Hence we may take an element $b_0 \in S$ such that

$$M(a; s, r) = M(sb_0; s, r)M(b_0^{-1}(a^{-1}s)^{-1}; b_0^{-1}, r) \text{ for a. a. } \langle s, r \rangle$$

for all $u_a \in U_0$, and that $N_1(s, r) = M(sb_0; s, r)$ and $N_2(s, r) = M(b_0^{-1}s^{-1}, b_0^{-1}, r)$ are isometric operator for a. a. $\langle s, r \rangle$. Thus we obtain

$$(3.14) \quad M(a; s, r) = N_1(s, r)N_2(a^{-1}s, r) \text{ for a. a. } \langle s, r \rangle$$

for all $u_a \in U_0$. Putting $u_a = e$ ($\in U_0$), we get

$$(3.15) \quad N_1(s, r)N_2(s, r) = I \text{ for a. a. } \langle s, r \rangle.$$

Now put $\psi(s, r) = N_2(s, r)\varphi(s, r)$; then $\|\psi(s, r)\| = \|\varphi(s, r)\|$ and $\varphi(s, r) = N_1(s, r)\psi(s, r)$ (by (3.15)) for a. a. $\langle s, r \rangle$. And hence, by (3.14) and (3.11), $f \sim \varphi(s, r) \sim \psi(s, r)$ implies

$$\begin{cases} \|f\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 = \int_{\tilde{X}} \|\varphi(s, r)\|^2 d\sigma(s) d\rho(r); \\ U_a f \sim \varphi(a^{-1}s, r) \text{ for any } u_a \in U_0; \\ V_b f \sim (b, \langle s, r \rangle) \varphi(s, r) \text{ for any } v_b \in V. \end{cases}$$

By the definition of \mathfrak{H}_0 , $\varphi(s, r) = \{\psi_1(s, r), \psi_2(s, r), \dots\}$, where $\psi_j(s, r) \in L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho)$ and $\|\varphi(s, r)\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\psi_j(s, r)|^2$ for every $\langle s, r \rangle$. Hence \mathfrak{M} may be realized as a subspace of the direct sum of at most countable number of $L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho)$, and $f \sim \{\psi_j(s, r)\}$ implies

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{cases} \text{i) } \|f\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{X}} |\psi_j(s, r)|^2 d\sigma(s) d\rho(r) \quad (n \leq \infty) \\ \text{ii) } U_a f \sim \{\psi_j(a^{-1}s, r)\} \text{ for any } u_a \in U_0 \\ \text{iii) } V_b f \sim \{(b, \langle s, r \rangle) \psi_j(s, r)\} \text{ for any } v_b \in V. \end{cases}$$

For any $u_a \in U$, there exists a sequence $\{u_{a_n}\} \subset U_0$ such that $u_{a_n} \rightarrow u_a$, and $U_{a_n} f \sim \{\psi_j(a_n^{-1}s, r)\}$ for any $f \sim \{\psi_j(s, r)\}$. Since the representation $U(g)$ is strongly continuous, we may easily show that $U_a f \sim \{\psi_j(a^{-1}s, r)\}$ for any $f \sim \{\psi_j(s, r)\}$. Namely (3.16) ii) holds for any $u_a \in U$. Hereafter we shall write $\|\cdot\|$ instead of $\|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{H}}$.

Let now the cyclic unitary representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ be irreducible. Then either \mathfrak{M} or \mathfrak{N} must be $\{0\}$. If $\mathfrak{M} = \{0\}$, then $\{\mathfrak{N}, U_a\}$ is an irreducible representation of the group U and $V_b = I$ in \mathfrak{N} for all $v_b \in V$. Hence the normal elementary p. d. function $\theta(g)$ corresponding to the irreducible representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\}$ ($\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{N}$) is a character $\chi(a)$ stated in Theorem 1 iii). Conversely such a representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\}$ of G is evidently irreducible. Next suppose that $\mathfrak{N} = \{0\}$; then the unitary space \mathfrak{H}_0 stated above is of one dimension and there exists a point $r_0 \in R$ such that $\rho(\{r_0\}) > 0$ and $\rho(R - \{r_0\}) = 0$. Hence the irreducible representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\}$ and the corresponding normal elementary p. d. function are of the form stated in Theorem 1 i). The irreducibility of such representation is proved by means of Lemma 3. Thus, i), iii) and iv) of Theorem 1 is established.

Next we shall prove ii). If the representation $\{\mathfrak{H}_1, U_1(g)\}$ corresponding to r_1 is unitary equivalent to $\{\mathfrak{H}_2, U_2(g)\}$ corresponding to $r_2 (\neq r_1)$, then $(U_1(g)f_1, f_1) = (U_2(g)f_2, f_2)$ for certain $f_1 \in \mathfrak{H}_1$ and $f_2 \in \mathfrak{H}_2$. Hence, if we consider the direct sum $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g)\} = \{\mathfrak{H}_1, U_1(g)\} \oplus \{\mathfrak{H}_2, U_2(g)\}$ and put $f = f_1 + f_2$, then $\{U(g)f / g \in G\}$ does not span \mathfrak{H} by Theorem 8 in [3]. But we may prove by Lemma 3 that $\{U(g)f / g \in G\}$ spans \mathfrak{H} . Hence we get Theorem 1 ii).

§ 4. Proof of Theorem 2 and supplementary remarks. In this paragraph, we shall make use of the results obtained in § 3. If $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ is any cyclic unitary representation of G , then the space \mathfrak{H} is decomposable to the direct sum of two $U(g)$ -invariant subspaces \mathfrak{N} and \mathfrak{M} , as stated in § 3; the space \mathfrak{M} is

realized as the space of \mathfrak{H}_0 -valued functions $\psi(s, r) = \{\psi_j(s, r)\}$ on $S \times R$ and the norm $\|f\|$ of the element $f \in \mathfrak{M}$ and unitary operators U_a (for $u_a \in \mathbf{U}$) and V_b (for $v_b \in \mathbf{V}$) are given by (3.16).

In the case that the cyclic unitary representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ is not necessarily irreducible, both \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{N} may be $\neq \{0\}$. If $\mathfrak{N} \neq \{0\}$, then $\{\mathfrak{N}, U(g)\}$ is a cyclic unitary representation of the group \mathbf{U} , and consequently is the direct sum $\bigoplus_{k=1}^N \{\mathfrak{M}_{l_k}, U_{l_k}(g)\}$ ($N \leq \infty$) as stated in Theorem 2 i). If $\mathfrak{M} \neq \{0\}$, then $\{\mathfrak{M}, U(g)\}$ is cyclic and is decomposable to the direct sum of $\{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g)\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ($n \leq \infty$), where \mathfrak{M}_j is a subspace of $L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho)$ and $U(g)$ is defined by (3.16) for every j . If

$$f^\circ = \sum_{j=0}^n \phi_j^\circ \quad \phi_j^\circ \in \mathfrak{N}, \quad \phi_j^\circ \in \mathfrak{M}_j \quad (j \geq 1),$$

then $\{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g), \phi_j^\circ\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are cyclic unitary representation of \mathbf{G} . Put $J_j(r) = \int_S |\phi_j^\circ(s, r)|^2 d\sigma(s)$, $\rho_j(A) = \int_A J_j(r) d\rho(r)$ for $A \subset R$ and

$$(4.1) \quad \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r) = \begin{cases} \phi_j(s, r) / J_j(r) & \text{if } J_j(r) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } J_j(r) = 0, \end{cases}$$

and define the unitary operator $U(g) = U_a V_b$ (for $g = u_a v_b$) by $U_a \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r) = \tilde{\psi}_j(a^{-1}s, r)$ and $V_b \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r) = (b, \langle s, r \rangle) \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r)$. Then the unitary representation $\{L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho), U(g)\}$ (defined by (3.16)) is unitary equivalent to $\{L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j), U(g)\}$ (defined above) by means of the mapping $\phi_j(s, r) \rightarrow \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r)$. If we put $f_j(s, r) = \tilde{\psi}_j(s, r)$, then $\{U(g)f_j \mid g \in G\}$ spans $L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j)$ by Lemma 3. Hence we may consider that $\mathfrak{M}_j = L^2(\tilde{X}, \sigma \otimes \rho_j)$. Clearly the functions $f_j(s, r)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, satisfy the conditions 1°) and 2°) in Theorem 2 i). By Theorem 8 in [3], the direct sum $\{\mathfrak{M}, U(g)\} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g)\}$ is cyclic if and only if $f_j(s, r)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, satisfy the condition 3°) also. Thus $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ must be of the form as stated in Theorem 2, and the corresponding p. d. function $\psi(g)$ is given by (1.5), and consequently (1.6) is evident.

Conversely let us consider the unitary representation $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ stated in Theorem 2 i). $\{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g), f_j\}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, are cyclic as stated above. Consequently p. d. functions $\Psi_j(g) = \langle U(g)f_j, f_j \rangle$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, are mutually disjoint¹⁵⁾ from the assumptions 1°), 2°) and 3°). Hence the direct sum $\bigoplus_{j=1}^n \{\mathfrak{M}_j, U(g), f_j\}$ is cyclic as is easily proved by making use of Theorem 8 in [3]. Similar argument shows that the direct sum $\bigoplus_{k=1}^N \{\mathfrak{M}_{l_k}, U_{l_k}(g)\}$ also is cyclic. Since $U_{l_k}(v_b) = I$ in $\bigoplus_{k=1}^N \mathfrak{M}_{l_k}$ for all $v_b \in \mathbf{V}$ and $U(v_b) \equiv V_b \neq I$ in \mathfrak{M}_j for all $v_b \neq e$, we may prove

¹⁵⁾ See [3] § 12.

by making use of Theorem 8 in [3] again that $\{\mathfrak{H}, U(g), f^\circ\}$ is a cyclic unitary representation of \mathbf{G} . And hence (1.5) follows at once. Thus Theorem 2 is established.

Supplementary remarks. In the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2, we make use of the following fact. The group \mathbf{G} has the property (1.1), where the group \mathbf{U} may be replaced by any group the types of whose unitary representations are well known (for example, a maximally almost periodic Lie group), and either the character group X of the commutative group \mathbf{V} or $\tilde{X} = X - \{\chi_0\}$ is a topological product space $S \times R$, where S is invariant under the transformation $\chi \rightarrow Ta\chi$ defined by $(u_a v_b u_a^{-1}, \chi) = (v_b, Ta\chi)$ and may be considered as a group isomorphic to the group \mathbf{U} . The group \mathbf{G}' (stated in §0) also satisfies the above conditions.

As for the group of all congruent transformations in the n -dimensional euclidean space E^n for $n \geq 3$, the space S is not a group but a factor space $SO(n)/SO(n-1)$ while $\mathbf{U} = SO(n)$. Hence we must consider the space of functions $\psi(u, r)$ on $\mathbf{U} \times R$ instead of the space of functions $\psi(s, r)$ on $S \times R$ (in §3). It seems to be difficult to find irreducible invariant subspaces in the space of functions on $\mathbf{U} \times R$, since the similar argument to Lemma 3 is impossible.

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