

## A rigid topological vector space

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**Abstract.** A topological vector space is *rigid* if its only continuous endomorphisms are multiples of the identity mapping. We give here an example of such a rigid space, it is metrisable, separable, and  $p$ -normable for all  $p < 1$ .

The space we describe is not complete. It is a dense subspace of a Fréchet space that we describe first. This Fréchet space  $E$  has few continuous endomorphisms. The algebra  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  of all these endomorphisms is isomorphic to  $L_\infty(I)$ .

Our construction will use a result of P. Turpin (cf. [3], or [4], paragraph 3.4, Theorem 3.4.8, p. 95). Assume that  $\varrho_1$  and  $\varrho_2$  are two increasing, concave mappings  $\mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ , continuous and vanishing at the origin. Let  $L_{\varrho_i}$  be the space of measurable functions on a diffuse probability space, defined modulo null sets, and such that

$$\nu_{\varrho_i}(u) = \int \varrho_i(|u|) dm < \infty$$

with the topology defined by the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -norm  $\nu_{\varrho_i}$ . Turpin then shows that a non-zero continuous linear mapping  $L_{\varrho_1} \rightarrow L_{\varrho_2}$  can only exist if  $L_{\varrho_1} \subseteq L_{\varrho_2}$ , i.e. if

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varrho_2(t)/\varrho_1(t) < \infty.$$

1.  $\Gamma$  will be a compact metrisable space with a diffuse probability measure,  $\varrho(x, t)$  will be a continuous mapping  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  which is increasing and concave as a function of  $t$  for each constant  $x$ , and such that  $\varrho(x, 0) = 0$ . And  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  will be the space of measurable functions  $u$  on  $\Gamma$ , defined modulo null sets, such that

$$(1) \quad \nu_\varrho(u) = \int \varrho(x, |u(x)|) dm < \infty$$

with the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -norm  $\nu_\varrho$ . The situation is thus a little bit more general than the one described in the introduction, where  $\varrho$  was independent of  $x$ .

It is clear that  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  is a separable  $\mathfrak{F}$ -space.

$L_\varrho$  is a  $p$ -normable space if some  $t_0$  exists such that

$$(2) \quad \varrho(x, t') \geq \varrho(x, t) \cdot \left(\frac{t'}{t}\right)^p$$

when  $t' \geq t \geq t_0$ . This is easy. We let  $\varrho_1(x, t) = \varrho(x, t)$  when  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $\varrho_1(x, t) = \varrho(x, t_0)(t/t_0)^p$  when  $t < t_0$ . The function  $\varrho_1$  satisfies relation (2) but is not concave in  $t$  for constant  $x$ . We next let  $\varrho_2$  be the smallest concave function of  $t$  which is larger than  $\varrho_1$ . Then  $\varrho_2$  is concave, clearly satisfies relation (2), for  $t' \geq t > 0$ , and is less than

$$\varrho(x, t) + \varrho(x, t_0) \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right)^p,$$

when  $t > t_0$ , which shows that  $\nu_\varrho$  and  $\nu_{\varrho_2}$  are equivalent  $\mathfrak{F}$ -norms.

Now, if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , if

$$B_\varepsilon = \{f \mid \nu_{\varrho_2}(f) < \varepsilon\},$$

we see that

$$B_\varepsilon + B_\varepsilon \subseteq B_{2\varepsilon}$$

because  $\varrho_2$  is concave, also that

$$B_{2\varepsilon} \subseteq 2^{1/p} B_\varepsilon$$

because  $\varrho_2$  satisfies relation (2) for  $t' \geq t \geq 0$ , therefore  $L_{\varrho_2} = L_\varrho$  is  $p$ -normable by the Rolewicz theorem ([2]; or [1], p. 165).

2.  $\Gamma = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  will be the Cantor set, with its usual probability measure, i.e. the countable direct product of the measure we obtain when we put on  $\{0, 1\}$  that measure for which  $\{0\}$  and  $\{1\}$  each have measure  $1/2$ .

To fix the notations, if  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2^q - 1$ , we let

$$\gamma_{qk} = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \Gamma \mid \sum_{n=0}^{q-1} a_n 2^n = k\}.$$

The sets  $\gamma_{qk}$  ( $q$  constant) are the  $2^q$  elements of the obvious partition of  $\Gamma$  "of order  $q$ ". The measure of each  $\gamma_{qk}$  is  $2^{-q}$ .

We shall later prove the existence of a function  $\varrho(x, t)$ , and of functions  $\varrho_{q+}(x, t)$ ,  $\varrho_{q-}(x, t)$ , defined for  $x \in \Gamma$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , taking their values in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , and having several properties:

- The functions  $\varrho$ ,  $\varrho_{q+}$ ,  $\varrho_{q-}$  are continuous,  $\varrho_{q-} \leq \varrho \leq \varrho_{q+}$ ;
- For  $x$  constant, each of these functions is an increasing concave function of  $t$  which vanishes when  $t = 0$ ;
- $\varrho_{q+}(x, t) = \varrho_{q+}(x', t)$ ,  $\varrho_{q-}(x, t) = \varrho_{q-}(x', t)$  when  $x$  and  $x'$  belong to the same element  $\gamma_{qk}$  of the partition of order  $q$  of  $\Gamma$ ;
- $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varrho_{q-}(x', t) / \varrho_{q+}(x, t) = \infty$  when  $x$  and  $x'$  belong to different elements  $\gamma_{qk}$ ,  $\gamma_{qk'}$  ( $k \neq k'$ ) of that partition of  $\Gamma$ .

The aim of Sections 3 and 4 will be the proof of

PROPOSITION 1. *If  $\varrho$  is the function whose existence is postulated above, the only continuous endomorphisms of  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  are multiplications by the measurable functions  $t$  such that  $tL_\varrho(\Gamma) \subseteq L_\varrho(\Gamma)$ .*

3. Let  $A \subseteq \Gamma$  be a measurable subset. We shall call  $L_\varrho(A)$  the set of  $u \in L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  which vanish on the complement of  $A$ .

LEMMA.  $L_\varrho(A)$  is an invariant subspace of  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  under endomorphisms, this for all measurable subsets  $A$  of  $\Gamma$ .

The proof of this lemma will be done in a few steps. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of measurable subsets of  $\Gamma$  such that  $L_\varrho(A)$  is invariant under continuous endomorphisms. We must prove that all measurable sets belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

a. The sets  $\gamma_{qk}$  belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ . A continuous endomorphism of  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  has a restriction to  $L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk})$  which is a continuous linear mapping

$$L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk}) \rightarrow L_\varrho(\Gamma) = \bigoplus_{k'} L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk'}).$$

We must show that a continuous linear  $T: L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk}) \rightarrow L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk'})$  vanishes if  $k \neq k'$ .

We have

$$L_{\varrho_{q+}}(\gamma_{qk}) \subseteq L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk}) \xrightarrow{T} L_\varrho(\gamma_{qk'}) \subseteq L_{\varrho_{q-}}(\gamma_{qk'}).$$

The first imbedding is dense and continuous. The last imbedding is continuous, and of course, injective. The composition is a continuous linear mapping  $L_{\varrho_{q+}}(\gamma_{qk}) \rightarrow L_{\varrho_{q-}}(\gamma_{qk'})$ . And if  $T$  were different from zero, this composition would also be different from zero.

But Turpin's result, quoted in the introduction, implies that every continuous linear map  $L_{\varrho_{q+}}(\gamma_{qk}) \rightarrow L_{\varrho_{q-}}(\gamma_{qk'})$  vanishes. As a matter of fact,  $\varrho_{q+}(x, t)$  and  $\varrho_{q-}(x', t)$  are independent of  $x$  or  $x'$  when  $x \in \gamma_{qk}$ ,  $x' \in \gamma_{qk'}$ , we can put  $\varrho_{qk+}(t) = \varrho_{q+}(x, t)$ ,  $\varrho_{qk'-}(x, t) = \varrho_{q-}(x', t)$  when  $x \in \gamma_{qk}$ ,  $x' \in \gamma_{qk'}$ ,  $L_{\varrho_{q+}}(\gamma_{qk}) = L_{\varrho_{qk+}}(\gamma_{qk})$ ,  $L_{\varrho_{q-}}(\gamma_{qk'}) = L_{\varrho_{qk'-}}(\gamma_{qk'})$  and  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varrho_{qk'-} / \varrho_{qk+} = \infty$ .

b.  $\mathcal{A}$  is stable under finite unions. Let  $A_1 \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $A = A_1 \cup A_2$ . Then  $L_\varrho(A) = L_\varrho(A_1) + L_\varrho(A_2)$ . A continuous endomorphism of  $L_\varrho(\Gamma)$  leaves both terms of the right-hand side invariant, and leaves therefore  $L_\varrho(A)$  invariant.

c.  $\mathcal{A}$  is stable under countable unions. Let  $A = \bigcup_1^\infty A_n$ , where each  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . We may assume  $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ . Then  $\bigcup_1^\infty L_\varrho(A_n)$  is a vector space, is invariant, and is dense in  $L_\varrho(A)$ .

d.  $\mathcal{A}$  is stable under countable intersections. Let  $A = \bigcap_1^\infty A_n$ , where each  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $L_0(A) = \bigcap L_0(A_n)$ , and an intersection of invariant subspaces is invariant.

e.  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  if  $A = A' \Delta N$ , where  $N$  is a null set and  $A' \in \mathcal{A}$ . (Here,  $\Delta$  designates the symmetric difference.) Of course, since  $L_0(A) = L_0(A')$ .

The lemma, i.e. the fact that all measurable sets belong to  $\mathcal{A}$ , follows from the results a, b, c, d, e, above.

4. It is now easy to prove Proposition 1. Let  $I$  be the constant function equal to unity, let  $t = T \cdot I$ , where  $T: L_0(\Gamma) \rightarrow L_0(\Gamma)$  is a continuous linear mapping. Then  $T(u) = t \cdot u$  for all  $u \in L_0(\Gamma)$  ( $t \cdot u$  is the pointwise product of  $t$  and  $u$ ).

We first observe that  $T \cdot I_A = t \cdot I_A$  if  $I_A$  is the characteristic function of the measurable set  $A$ . As a matter of fact, if  $A'$  is the complement of  $A$ ,  $I_A + I_{A'} = I$ ,  $T \cdot I_A + T \cdot I_{A'} = t$ , but  $T \cdot I_A$  vanishes on the complement of  $A$  (by Proposition 1) and  $T \cdot I_{A'}$  vanishes on  $A$ . This proves the result.

Let next  $f = \sum s_n I_{A_n}$  be a step function. Then  $Tf = tf$  by linearity.

If  $f$  is a positive real-valued function,  $f \in L_0(\Gamma)$ , we choose an increasing sequence of step functions  $f_n$ , tending pointwise to  $f$ . Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L_0(\Gamma)$ . Also  $tf_n = Tf_n \rightarrow Tf$ , but  $tf_n$  cannot have any limit in  $L_0(\Gamma)$  other than  $tf$ , hence  $tf \in L_0(\Gamma)$  and  $Tf = tf$ .

Proposition 1 is proved by writing a general  $f \in L_0(\Gamma)$  as a linear combination of positive real-valued functions.

5. We have used, but have not constructed, the function  $\varrho(x, t)$  whose existence was postulated in Section 2. The construction of  $\varrho$  will involve two functions  $\sigma_+$ ,  $\sigma_-$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ , both continuous, concave, increasing, vanishing at the origin, such that  $\sigma_-(t) \leq \sigma_+(t)$  for all  $t$ , such that a sequence  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$  exists with  $\sigma_+(t_n) = \sigma_-(t_n)$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}} \sigma_+(t)/\sigma_-(t) = \infty.$$

We shall prove the existence of such functions in Section 7, and construct  $\sigma_+$ ,  $\sigma_-$  in such a way that

$$\sigma_+(t') \geq \left(\frac{t'}{t}\right)^{1-1/n} \sigma_+(t),$$

$$\sigma_-(t') \geq \left(\frac{t'}{t}\right)^{1-1/n} \sigma_-(t),$$

when  $t' > t \geq t_n$ .

Let  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  be two functions with the properties described above. Let  $\varepsilon \in \Gamma$ , then  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ , where for each  $n$ ,  $\varepsilon_n = 0$  or  $\varepsilon_n = 1$ . We define  $\sigma_\varepsilon(t)$  by the relations

$$\sigma_\varepsilon(t) = \sigma_+(t) \quad \text{if } t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}, \varepsilon_n = +1,$$

$$\sigma_\varepsilon(t) = \sigma_-(t) \quad \text{if } t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}, \varepsilon_n = 0.$$

Clearly, the mapping  $(\varepsilon, t) \mapsto \sigma_\varepsilon(t)$  is a continuous mapping  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ , and for each constant  $\varepsilon$ ,  $t \mapsto \sigma_\varepsilon(t)$  is concave, increasing, and vanishes at the origin. For each  $p < 1$ , we can find  $t_p$  such that  $\sigma_\varepsilon(t') \geq \sigma_\varepsilon(t)(t'/t)^p$ . Also,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon(t)}{\sigma_{\varepsilon'}(t)} = \infty$$

if an infinite number of indices  $n_k$  exist such that  $\varepsilon_{n_k} = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{n_k} = 0$ .

We define mappings  $f, f_{q+}, f_{q-}: \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  in the following way. Let first  $N = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_n \cup \dots$  be an infinite partition of  $N$  into infinite sets. Let also  $X_n = X'_n \cup X''_n$  be a partition of  $X_n$  into two infinite subsets. For each  $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$ , let  $f(x) = (\varepsilon_k)_{k \in \mathbf{N}}$ , where

$$\varepsilon_k = 0 \quad \text{if } k \in X'_n \text{ and } x_n = 0 \text{ or } k \in X''_n \text{ and } x_n = 1,$$

$$\varepsilon_k = 1 \quad \text{if } k \in X'_n \text{ and } x_n = 1 \text{ or } k \in X''_n \text{ and } x_n = 0.$$

We also let  $f_{q+}(x) = \delta'$ ,  $f_{q-}(x) = \delta''$ , where  $\delta'_k = \delta''_k = \varepsilon_k$ , when  $k \in \bigcup_{n \leq q-1} X_n$ , while  $\delta'_k = 1$  and  $\delta''_k = 0$  when  $k \in \bigcup_{n \geq q} X_n$ . These mappings are such that  $f_{q+}(x) \geq f(x) \geq f_{q-}(x)$  when we put on  $\Gamma$  its natural order. Also,  $f_{q+}$  and  $f_{q-}$  remain constant on each element of the partition  $\Gamma = \bigcup_{q \in \mathbf{Q}} \gamma_q$  of order  $q$  of  $\Gamma$ , and, if  $x$  and  $x'$  are in two different elements of this partition, i.e. if there is an  $n \leq q-1$  such that  $x_n \neq x'_n$ , an infinite set of indices  $m$  can be found such that  $[f_{q-}(x)]_m = 1$ ,  $[f_{q+}(x)]_m = 0$ .

The functions

$$\varrho(x, t) = \sigma_{f(x)}(t),$$

$$\varrho_{q+}(x, t) = \sigma_{f_{q+}}(x, t),$$

$$\varrho_{q-}(x, t) = \sigma_{f_{q-}}(x, t)$$

have all the properties announced in Section 2.

6. PROPOSITION 2. The function  $\varrho$  being constructed as in Section 5,  $L_0(\Gamma)$  is a  $p$ -normable for all  $p < 1$ . The only endomorphisms of  $L_0(\Gamma)$  are multiplications by elements of  $L_\infty(\Gamma)$ .

We know that  $\varrho(x, t') \geq \varrho(x, t)(t'/t)^{1-1/n}$  when  $t' \geq t \geq t_n$ . This has been shown in Section 1 to be sufficient for  $p$ -normability when  $p = 1 - 1/n$ .

The endomorphisms of  $L_0(\Gamma)$  are multiplications by functions  $\tau$  such that  $\tau L_0 \subseteq L_0$ . The mapping  $u \mapsto \tau u$  is then continuous. We shall show that  $\tau u$  does not depend continuously on  $u$  when  $\tau$  is unbounded.

Let  $E_n = \{x \mid \tau(x) \geq n\}$ ; choose  $a_n(\varepsilon)$  in such a way that

$$\int_{E_n} \varphi(x, a_n(\varepsilon)) dm = \varepsilon.$$

We notice that  $a_n(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \infty$  for  $\varepsilon$  constant when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , hence  $a_n(\varepsilon) > t_2$  when  $n \geq N(\varepsilon)$  for some constant  $N(\varepsilon)$ . But, for  $t \geq t_2$ , we know that  $\varphi(x, \tau t) \geq \tau^{1/2} \varphi(x, t)$ . Also  $\tau(x) \geq n$  for  $x \in E_n$ ; hence

$$\int_{E_n} \varphi(x, \tau(x) a_n(\varepsilon)) \geq n^{1/2} \varepsilon.$$

We choose  $\varepsilon_n = n^{-1/2}$ , then  $\varepsilon_n I_{E_n} \rightarrow 0$  but  $\tau \cdot \varepsilon_n I_{E_n}$  does not tend to zero in  $L_\varphi$ .

7. We must still construct the functions  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  that were used in Section 5. The sequence of real numbers  $t_n$  will be constructed by induction, along with the functions  $\sigma_+$ ,  $\sigma_-$  on the interval  $(0, t_n)$ . To start the induction, we let  $t_1 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_+(t) = \sigma_-(t) = t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

We now assume that  $t_n$  has been constructed, along with  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  on the interval  $(0, t_n)$ , in such a way that these functions are continuous, concave, increasing, vanishing at the origin, that  $\sigma_+(t_n) = \sigma_-(t_n)$ , and that  $\sigma_+ \geq \sigma_-$  on the interval  $(0, t_n)$ . We shall extend  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  to the right of  $t_n$  in such a way that  $\sigma_+$  remains concave, that  $\sigma_-(t) = \sigma_-(t_n)(t/t_n)^{1-1/n}$  for values of  $t$  larger than  $t_n$  but near to  $t_n$ , and that  $\sigma_+(t) \geq \sigma_-(t)$ . This is only possible if the left-hand derivative of  $\sigma_+$  at  $t_n$  is larger than

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sigma_-(t_n) \left( \frac{t}{t_n} \right)^{1-1/n} \right]_{t=t_n} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t_n)}{t_n}$$

so we assume that we have the required inequality.

On an interval  $(t_n, t'_n)$ , we let thus

$$\sigma_+(t) = \sigma_+(t_n) + (t - t_n) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t_n)}{t_n},$$

$$\sigma_-(t) = \sigma_-(t_n) \left( \frac{t}{t_n} \right)^{1-1/n},$$

and we choose  $t'_n$  in such a way that  $\sigma_+(t'_n)/\sigma_-(t'_n) \geq n$ . We next extend  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  to an interval  $(t'_n, t''_n)$ , letting on this interval

$$\sigma_+(t) = \sigma_+(t'_n) \left( \frac{t}{t'_n} \right)^{1-1/n},$$

$$\sigma_-(t) = \sigma_-(t'_n) + (t - t'_n) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_-(t'_n)}{t'_n},$$

and choose  $t''_n$  in such a way that  $\sigma_+(t''_n) = \sigma_-(t''_n)$ .

On the interval  $(t''_n, t_{n+1})$  we let

$$\sigma_+(t) = \sigma_-(t) = \sigma_+(t''_n) + (t - t''_n) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t''_n)}{t''_n}$$

and choose  $t_{n+1}$  in such a way that

$$\left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t''_n)}{t''_n} \geq \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t_{n+1})}{t_{n+1}},$$

i.e. the left-hand derivative of  $\sigma_+$  at the point  $t_{n+1}$  must be larger than the derivative of  $\sigma_-(t)$  in the interval  $(t_{n+1}, t'_{n+1})$ .

We must check that the successive choices of  $t'_n, t''_n, t_{n+1}$  are possible. The proof is easy as far as  $t'_n$  and  $t''_n$  are concerned. The expression of  $\sigma_+$  in the interval  $(t_n, t'_n)$  has a larger order of magnitude than the expression of  $\sigma_-$  on the interval, so the ratio must become larger than  $n$  somewhere. On  $(t'_n, t''_n)$ , the expression of  $\sigma_-$  has a larger order of magnitude than that of  $\sigma_+$ , but  $\sigma_-(t'_n) < \sigma_+(t'_n)$ , so some  $t''_n$  must exist where these two expressions become equal.

On  $(t'_n, t_{n+1})$ , the common expression of  $\sigma_+$  and  $\sigma_-$  has the form  $a + bt$  with  $a > 0, b > 0$  (it is the tangent to a strictly increasing concave functions which vanishes at the origin). Of course,

$$b = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_+(t'_n)}{t'_n}.$$

Further  $(a + bt)/t \rightarrow b$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $t_{n+1}$  large enough we have

$$b \geq \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \frac{a + bt_{n+1}}{t_{n+1}}$$

as required.

**8. PROPOSITION 3.** *The space  $L_\varphi(\Gamma)$  has a dense rigid subspace.*

If  $E$  is a topological vector space and  $E_0$  a dense subspace, a continuous endomorphism of  $E_0$  extends to  $E$ . In other words, the algebra of endomorphisms of  $E_0$  can be identified with the algebra of endomorphisms of  $E$  which leave  $E_0$  invariant.

All we need, therefore, is to find a dense subspace  $E_0$  of  $L_\varphi(\Gamma)$  such that  $\tau$  is constant if  $\tau$  is a measurable function such that  $\tau E_0 \subseteq E_0$ .

We identify, as usual,  $\Gamma$  with the unit interval and the Lebesgue measure, mapping  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  onto  $\sum x_n 2^{-n-1}$ . This is injective on the complement of a countable set and is measure preserving. We obtain in this way an Orlicz space of functions on the interval whose only endomorphisms are multiplications by elements of  $L_\infty(I)$ .

The space  $E_0$  of continuous piecewise linear functions on  $I$  is a vector lattice, is dense in  $C(I)$  by the Stone-Weierstrass theorem, but  $C(I)$  is dense in  $L_0(I)$ , so  $E_0$  is dense in  $L_0(I)$ . And clearly,  $\tau$  is constant if  $\tau$  is a function and  $\tau E_0 \subseteq E_0$ .

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Multipliers of  $L_E^p$ , II\*

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be an abelian group, the character group of a compact group  $G$ . For a subset  $E$  of  $X$  let  $L_E^p$  be the subspace of  $E$ -spectral functions in  $L^p(G)$ . We show that if  $X$  is infinite and  $p > 2$  is an even integer, then  $E$  can be chosen so that not every multiplier of  $\widehat{L_E^p}$  extends to a multiplier of  $\widehat{L^p(G)}$ .

1. Let  $G$  be a compact abelian group with character group  $X$ . For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let  $L^p(G)$  be the usual Lebesgue space with respect to normalized Haar measure on  $G$ , and for  $E \subseteq X$ , let  $L_E^p$  be the translation-invariant subspace of  $L^p(G)$  consisting of those functions whose Fourier transforms vanish off of  $E$ . Let  $M_E^p$  denote the set of functions in  $l^\infty(E)$  which are multipliers for the Fourier transform space of  $L_E^p$ . Thus  $\varphi \in M_E^p$  if and only if for every  $f \in L_E^p$  there exists  $g \in L_E^p$  with  $\hat{g}(x) = \varphi(x)\hat{f}(x)$  for each  $x \in E$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $M_E^p$  can be identified with the space of operators on  $L_E^p$  which commute with translation by elements of  $G$ . Let  $M^p|_E$  denote the set of restrictions to  $E$  of functions in  $M^p (= M_X^p)$ . Then, clearly,  $M^p|_E \subseteq M_E^p$ . We are interested in the following questions:

(i) Does  $M^p|_E = M_E^p$ ?

(ii) For  $1 \leq p_1 < p_2 < 2$  or  $2 < p_2 < p_1 \leq \infty$ , is  $M_E^{p_1} \subseteq M_E^{p_2}$ ? (If  $M_E^{p_i}$  is replaced by  $M^{p_i}|_E$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , the answer is yes, by the Riesz-Thorin theorem.)

Question (i) is posed for the circle group  $T$  in [3], pp. 280-281, and has an affirmative answer for any  $G$  if  $p = 2$  (trivially) or if  $p = \infty$  (see Proposition 1.2 below). On the other hand, in [12] the following theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *If  $G$  is infinite and  $1 \leq p < 2$ , there exists  $E \subseteq X$  for which  $M^p|_E$  is a proper subset of  $M_E^p$ .*

The present paper is a sequel to [12], and our main result here, Theorem 4.1, will be an analogue of Theorem 1.1 for the case when  $p > 2$  is an even integer. In Section 5 we will show that question (ii) sometimes has a negative answer.

\* The results contained in this paper, together with those of [12], were announced in [11].