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Let  $G$  be a locally compact group with left Haar measure  $\gamma$ . The well-known "Theorem LCG" ([10]) states that there is a strong lifting of  $M^\infty(G, \gamma)$  commuting with left translations. We will prove partial generalizations of this theorem in case  $G$  is compact. Thus, let  $(G, X)$  be a free (left) transformation group with  $G, X$  compact such that (I)  $G$  is abelian, or (II)  $G$  is Lie, or (III)  $X$  is a product  $G \times Y$ . Let  $\nu_0$  be a Radon measure on  $Y = X/G$ , and let  $\mu$  be the Haar lift of  $\nu_0$ . We will show that, if  $\rho_0$  is a strong lifting of  $M^\infty(Y, \nu_0)$ , then there is a strong lifting  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  which extends  $\rho_0$  and commutes with the action of  $G$ .

The proof is modeled on the proof of LCG in ([10]), and follows it closely in several places. The main difference is in the present use of the fact that, if  $(H, X)$  is a free transformation group with  $H$  Lie, then  $(H, X)$  admits local sections.

DEFINITIONS 1.1. Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. Let  $M_+(X)$  denote the set of positive Radon measures on  $X$  of norm 1 with the vague topology. For measure theory, we rely on [2], [3], [4]. If  $\eta \in M_+(X)$ , let  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$  be the set of all bounded  $\eta$ -measurable complex functions on  $X$ . If  $f \in M^\infty(X, \eta)$ , let  $N_\infty(f)$  denote its essential supremum. Let  $L^\infty(X, \eta)$  be the usual set of equivalence classes modulo null functions.

Define  $L^p(X, \eta)$  in the usual way; let  $N_p$  be its norm ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ). Since  $X$  is compact, we can and will assume that

$$L_p(X, \eta) \subset L^r(X, \eta) \quad (1 \leq r \leq p \leq \infty).$$

DEFINITIONS 1.2. Let  $W$  be a topological space,  $f: X \rightarrow W$  a map. Say  $f$  is  $\eta$ -Lusin-measurable if there is a countable collection of pairwise disjoint compact sets  $K_i$  such that  $X \setminus \bigcup_i K_i$  has  $\eta$ -measure zero and  $f|_{K_i}$  is continuous ( $i \geq 1$ ).

DEFINITIONS, NOTATION 1.3. Let  $G$  be a compact Hausdorff topological group. The pair  $(G, X)$  is a free (left) transformation group (t.g.) if there is a jointly continuous map  $G \times X \rightarrow X: (g, x) \rightarrow g \cdot x$  such that, if  $g \cdot x = x$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $g = \text{id}_G$ , the

identity in  $G$ . If  $\eta \in M_+(X)$  and  $f \in M^\infty(X, \eta)$ , let  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(g \cdot x)$ ; also define  $(g \cdot \eta)(f) = \eta(f \cdot g)$  if  $f \in C(X)$ . Throughout the paper, we will let (i)  $\gamma$  be normalized Haar measure on  $G$ ; (ii)  $Y = X/G$  (the quotient under identification of  $G$ -orbits) with canonical projection  $\pi_0$ ; (iii)  $\nu_0$  be a fixed element of  $M_+(Y)$  whose support is all of  $Y$ ; (iv)  $\mu$  be the  $G$ -Haar lift of  $\nu_0$  (thus  $\mu(f) = \int_Y \left( \int_G f(g \cdot x) d\gamma(g) \right) d\nu_0(y)$  for  $f \in C(X)$ ).

**DEFINITION 1.4.** Let  $\eta \in M_+(X)$ . A map  $\rho$  of  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$  to itself is a *linear lifting* of  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$  if (i)  $\rho(f) = f$   $\eta$ -a.e.; (ii)  $f_1 = f_2$   $\eta$ -a.e.  $\Rightarrow \rho(f_1) = \rho(f_2)$  everywhere; (iii)  $\rho(1) = 1$ ; (iv)  $f \geq 0 \Rightarrow \rho(f) \geq 0$ ; (v)  $\rho(af_1 + bf_2) = a\rho(f_1) + b\rho(f_2)$  if  $a, b$  are constants. If, in addition,  $\rho(f \cdot g) = \rho(f) \cdot \rho(g)$ , then  $\rho$  is a *lifting* of  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$ . If (i)-(iv) hold (if (i)-(v) hold), and in addition  $\rho(f) = f$  all  $f \in C(X)$ , then  $\rho$  is a *strong linear lifting* (*strong lifting*). See ([11], p. 34).

**Terminology 1.5.** Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of  $G$ ,  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/H \equiv Z$  the canonical projection,  $\bar{\eta} = \pi(\eta)$ . We can and will assume that  $M^\infty(Z, \bar{\eta})$  is embedded in  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$  via  $f \mapsto f \circ \pi$ . Let  $\bar{\rho}$  be a linear lifting of  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$ . A linear lifting  $\rho$  of  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  extends  $\bar{\rho}$  if, for all  $f \in M^\infty(Z, \bar{\eta})$ ,  $\rho(f) = \bar{\rho}(f)$ . Say  $\rho$  is  *$H$ -invariant* if  $(f \cdot h) = \rho(f) \cdot h$  for all  $h \in H$ ,  $f \in M^\infty(X, \eta)$ .

**DEFINITIONS, RESULTS 1.6.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow E$  where  $E$  is a Banach space. Say  $f \in M^\infty(X, E, \eta)$  if (i)  $f(X) \subset E$  is weakly compact, (ii)  $x \mapsto \langle f(x), e \rangle \in M^\infty(X, \eta)$  for each continuous linear functional  $e'$  on  $E$ . If  $f \in M^\infty(X, E, \eta)$  and  $\rho$  is a linear lifting of  $M^\infty(X, \eta)$ , one can (abusing notation) define a map  $\rho(f): X \rightarrow E$  which satisfies

$$\langle \rho(f)(x), e' \rangle = \rho(\langle f(\bar{x}), e' \rangle)(x)$$

for each  $x \in X$  and  $e' \in E' =$  topological dual of  $E$  (on the right-hand side, we apply  $\rho$  to the map  $\bar{x} \mapsto \langle f(\bar{x}), e' \rangle$ , then evaluate at  $x$ ). If  $E$  is separable, then (iii)  $\rho(f) = f$   $\eta$ -a.e. For arbitrary  $E$ , (iv)  $f_1 = f_2$   $\eta$ -a.e. implies  $\rho(f_1) = \rho(f_2)$  everywhere; (v)  $\|f(x)\| \leq M$   $\infty$ - $\eta$ -a.e. implies  $\|\rho(f)(x)\| \leq M$  for all  $x$ . For a more general discussion and proofs, see ([11], Chapter 6, §§4 and 5).

**DEFINITIONS, RESULTS 1.7.** A  *$D'$ -sequence in  $G$*  ([7]) is a sequence  $(W_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $\gamma$ -measurable subsets of  $G$  such that (i)  $W_n \supset W_{n+1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ); (ii)  $0 < \gamma(W_n \cdot W_n^{-1}) < C \cdot \gamma(W_n)$  for some  $C > 0$  and all  $n$ ; (iii) every neighborhood of idy contains some  $W_n$ . Every Lie group has a  *$D'$ -sequence* consisting of compact neighborhoods of idy (for a stronger statement, see [7], Theorem 2.9). If  $(W_n)$  is a  *$D'$ -sequence* in  $G$ ,

then the Main Derivation Theorem ([7], Theorem 2.5) states that, if  $f \in L^1(G, \gamma)$ , then

$$(\text{version 1}) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma(W_n)} \int_G f(g) \psi_{\bar{g} \cdot w_n}(g) d\gamma(g) = f(\bar{g}) \quad \text{for } \gamma\text{-a.a. } \bar{g};$$

$$(\text{version 2}) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma(W_n)} \int_G f(g) \psi_{w_n \cdot \bar{g}}(g) d\gamma(g) = f(\bar{g}) \quad \text{for } \gamma\text{-a.a. } \bar{g};$$

here  $\psi$  denotes characteristic function. (Version 1 is Theorem 2.5; version 2 follows because  $\gamma$  is a *right* Haar measure as well as a *left* Haar measure.) If  $f \in C(G)$ , then it is easily seen that the equalities hold for *all*  $\bar{g}$  in both versions.

## 2. A reduction.

NOTATION 2.1. Let  $X, G, \mu, \nu_0$ , etc. be as in 1.3;  $\rho_0$  will henceforth denote a fixed strong lifting of  $M^\infty(Y, \nu_0)$ . Recall  $\text{Support}(\nu_0) = Y$ ; hence  $\text{Support}(\mu) = X$ .

THEOREM 2.2. *Suppose  $(G, X)$  is a free left transformation group such that: (I)  $G$  is abelian, or (II)  $G$  is Lie, or (III)  $X$  is a product  $G \times Y$ . Then there is a strong lifting of  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  which extends  $\rho_0$  and commutes with  $G$ .*

The goal in §2 is to show that 2.2 is a consequence of 2.7 below; 2.7 is then proved in §3. We begin with the following result; it is proved in ([10], p. 85, Remark 2).

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $P$  be closed normal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $P \neq \{\text{id}\}$ . There exists a closed subgroup  $K \subseteq P$  which is normal in  $G$  such that: (i)  $P/K = H$  is a Lie group; (ii)  $(G/K)/H \cong G/P$  (here  $H$  is assumed embedded in  $G/K$ ).*

Discussion 2.4. Let  $P$  be as above; consider the free t.g.  $(G/P, X/P)$ . Note that  $H$  acts on  $X/K$ ; it is easily seen that  $(X/K)/H \cong X/P$ . That is,  $X/K$  is a free Lie group extension of  $X/P$ .

We fix more terminology.

Terminology 2.5. Let  $H$  be a closed normal Lie subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $Z = X/H$ ,  $\pi: X \rightarrow Z$  the projection,  $\nu = \pi(\mu)$ . Then  $(G/H, Z)$  is a free t.g. Let  $\lambda$  be normalized Haar measure on  $H$ .

Discussion 2.6. For  $z \in Z$ , let  $\lambda_z \in M_+(X)$  be given by

$$\lambda_z(f) = \int_H f(h \cdot x) d\lambda(h)$$

for some (hence any)  $x \in \pi^{-1}(z)$  ( $f \in C(X)$ ). The map  $z \rightarrow \lambda_z$  is a disintegration of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\pi$  ([4], p. 63); observe that the map  $z \rightarrow \lambda_z$  is clearly vaguely continuous, hence  $\nu$ -adequate. (See [3], Def. 1, p. 18; Prop. 2, p. 19.) Thus, if  $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$  (in particular if  $f$  is the characteristic function  $\chi_A$  of a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $A$ ), then  $z \rightarrow \lambda_z(f)$  is defined  $\nu$ -a.e., is  $\nu$ -measurable, and

$$\int_X f(x) d\mu(x) = \int_Z \lambda_z(f) d\nu(z)$$

(this follows from  $\nu$ -adequacy; see [3], Thm. 1a, p. 26).

**THEOREM 2.7.** *Let  $H, Z, \nu, \pi$  be as in 2.5, and suppose there is a strong lifting  $\delta$  of  $M^\infty(Z, \nu)$  which commutes with  $G/H$ . Then there is a strong lifting  $\rho$  of  $M^\infty(X, \mu)$  which commutes with  $G$  and extends  $\delta$ .*

*Proof of 2.2, using 2.7.* For each closed normal subgroup  $P$  of  $G$ , let  $\pi_P: X \rightarrow X/P$  be the projection. Let  $J$  be the set of all pairs  $(P, \beta)$ , where  $\beta$  is strong lifting of  $M^\infty(X/P, \pi_P(\mu))$  which commutes with  $G/P$  and extends  $\rho_0$ . Note  $J \neq \emptyset$ , since  $(G, \rho_0) \in J$ . Order  $J$  as follows:  $(P_1, \beta_1) \leq (P_2, \beta_2)$  if and only if  $P_2 \subset P_1$  and  $\beta_2$  extends  $\beta_1$ . Then

(\*)  $J$  is inductive for  $\leq$

The proof of (\*) is a straightforward modification of the (lengthy and sophisticated) proof of Theorem 4(i) in ([10]); therefore we omit it.

Let  $(P_\infty, \beta_\infty)$  be a maximal element of  $J$ , and suppose  $P_\infty \neq \{\text{id}_X\}$ . By 2.3 and 2.4, we can find a free Lie group extension  $X/K$  of  $X/P_\infty$  with  $K \subsetneq P_\infty$ . By 2.7, there is a strong lifting  $\beta_K$  of  $M^\infty(X/K, \pi_K(\mu))$  which commutes with  $G/K$ . Hence  $(K, \beta_K)$  is a strict majorant of  $(P_\infty, \beta_\infty)$ , contradicting maximality. Thus  $P_\infty = \{\text{id}_X\}$ , and 2.2 is true if 2.7 is.

**REMARK 2.8.** In case II ( $G$  is Lie group), we can and will assume that  $G = H$  in 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7. Hence  $\nu_0 = \nu$ ,  $\lambda = \gamma$ ,  $\delta = \rho_0$ , and  $Z = Y$ . In what follows, when case II is discussed, we will use the notation  $H, \nu, \lambda$ , and  $Z$ , with the above identities taken for granted.

**3. Proof of 2.7.** Notation in §3 will be as in 1.3 and 2.5. In

addition,  $\delta$  will always be a strong lifting of  $M^\infty(Z, \nu)$  which commutes with  $G/H$  and extends  $\rho_0$ .

The idea of the proof is simple. Suppose  $X$  is the product  $H \times Z$ , and  $f \in M(X, \mu)$  (observe  $\mu = \lambda \times \nu$ ). "Define"  $\tilde{F}: Z \rightarrow L^\infty(H, \lambda)$ :  $\tilde{F}(z) = [f|_{\pi^{-1}(z)}]$  ( $[\ ]$  denotes equivalence class). Let  $F(z) = \delta(\tilde{F})(z)$  (see 1.6). Then, if  $\beta$  is a strong lifting of  $M^\infty(H, \lambda)$  commuting with left translations, let  $\rho(f)(h, z) = \beta(F(z))(h)$ . The difficulties are obvious: is  $\tilde{F}$   $\nu$ -Lusin-measurable? If it is, is  $\rho(f)$  measurable? These difficulties can be overcome. The local product structure of  $(H, X)$  will enable us to define an analogue of  $\delta(\tilde{F})$  (3.5); we will then (basically) apply  $\beta$  to this analogue.

The following is an immediate consequence of ([12], Theorem 1, Sec. 5.4).

**THEOREM 3.1.** *For each  $x \in X$ , there is a compact neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  and a compact  $F \subset V$  and that (i)  $H \cdot F = V$ ; (ii)  $\pi^{-1}(z) \cap F$  is a single point whenever  $z \in \pi(V)$ .*

**DEFINITION 3.2.** A proper triple  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau)$  at  $z_0 \in Z$  is defined as follows. Pick  $x \in \pi^{-1}(z_0)$ , and let  $V, F$  be as in 3.1. Then  $H \cdot V = V$ . Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset Z$  be an open set such that  $\text{cls } \mathcal{O} = \pi(V)$ . Let  $\tau: V \rightarrow H \times \pi(V)$  be "defined by  $F$ "; i.e., if  $\pi(x) = z$  and  $\pi^{-1}(z) \cap F = \{x_0\}$ , then  $\tau(x) = (h, z)$  where  $h \cdot x_0 = x$ .

Clearly  $\tau$  is a homeomorphism,  $\tau(h \cdot x) = h \cdot \tau(x)$  (define  $h \cdot (\bar{h}, z) = (h\bar{h}, z)$ ), and  $\tau(\mu|_V) = \lambda \otimes (\nu|_{\pi(V)})$ .

In 3.3-3.7, fix  $z_0 \in Z$ .

**3.3.** Let  $f \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ . Recall (1.1) that  $N_\infty$  refers to essential supremum. Let  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau)$  be a proper triple at  $z_0$ . Let

$$f_z = f|_{\pi^{-1}(z)} (z \in Z).$$

For each  $z \in \pi(V) = K$  such that  $f_z \in M^\infty(X, \lambda_z)$  and  $N_\infty(f_z) \leq N_\infty(f)$ , define  $b_p(z)$  to be the equivalence class in  $L^p(H, \lambda)$  of the function

$$h \longrightarrow f_z \circ \tau^{-1}(h, z) (1 \leq p < \infty).$$

Let  $b_p(z) = 0$  if  $f_z$  does not satisfy the above conditions or if  $z \notin K$ . By 2.6,  $b_p(z)$  equals the equivalence class of  $f_z \circ \tau^{-1}$  for  $\nu$ -a.a. $z$ . We will regard  $L^\infty(H, \lambda) \subset L^p(H, \lambda) \subset L^r(H, \lambda)$  ( $p \geq r \geq 1$ ); one then has  $b_p(z) = b_r(z)$  for all  $p, r, z$ .

**LEMMA 3.4.** (a) For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $b_p \in M^\infty(Z, L^p(H, \lambda))$  (1.6).

(b) Let  $B_p(z) = \delta(b_p)(z)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ). If  $1 \leq p \leq r < \infty$ , then  $B_p(z) = B_r(z)$  for all  $z$ .

(c) Let  $B(z) = B_p(z)$  for one (hence all)  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Then

$$N_\infty(B(z)) \leq N_\infty(f)$$

for all  $z$ .

*Proof.* (a) Note that  $f$  is a pointwise limit  $\mu$ -a.e. of a sequence of bounded continuous functions  $f_n$ . Using 2.6 and the dominated convergence theorem, one shows that  $b_p$  is a pointwise limit  $\nu$ -a.e. of maps  $b^n: Z \rightarrow L^p(H, \lambda)$  which are (i) continuous on  $K = \pi(V)$ ; (ii) zero outside  $K$ . The maps  $b^n$  are therefore  $\nu$ -Lusin-measurable (1.2); hence ([2], Thm. 2, p. 175)  $b_p$  is  $\nu$ -Lusin-measurable. Now the norm  $N_p(b_p(z))$  (see 1.1) is  $\leq N_\infty(f)$  for all  $z$ . This implies that the range of  $b_p$  is bounded, hence weakly compact. We have shown that (i) and (ii) of 1.6 are satisfied, so  $b_p \in M^\infty(Z, L^p(H, \lambda))$ .

(b) and (c) We obtain (b) from 1.6 and the fact that, if  $p < r$ , then the dual space  $L^p(H, \lambda)'$  may be identified with a subspace of  $L^r(H, \lambda)'$ . To prove (c), observe that  $N_p(B(z)) = N_p(B_p(z)) \leq N_\infty(f)$  (use v) of (1.6). But  $N_\infty(B(z)) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} N_p(B(z))$ .

Recall  $z_0 \in Z$  was fixed through 3.7. Let  $pr: H \times Z \rightarrow H: (h, z) \rightarrow h$ .

DEFINITION 3.5. Let  $u$  be an element of the equivalence class  $B(z_0) \in L^\infty(H, \lambda)$ . Let  $v(x) = \begin{cases} u \circ pr \circ \tau(x) & (x \in \pi^{-1}(z_0)) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Let  $R^f(z_0)$  be the equivalence class in  $L^\infty(X, \lambda_{z_0})$  of  $v$ .

One uses 1.6, 1.4, and the definition just made to prove the following; we omit details.

LEMMA 3.6. (a)  $R^{af+bg}(z_0) = aR^f(z_0) + bR^g(z_0)$  ( $a, b \in C$ ).

(b)  $R^f(z_0) \geq 0$  if  $f \geq 0$ .

(c)  $R^1(z_0) = 1$ .

In what follows, we will occasionally be sloppy, and think of  $B(z_0)$ ,  $R^f(z_0)$  as *functions*, not equivalence classes. We can write  $R^f(z_0)(hx) = B(z_0)(h)$  if  $\tau(x) = (\text{id}_Y, z_0)$ .

PROPOSITION 3.7.  $R^f(z_0)$  is independent of the proper triple used in its definition.

*Proof.* We first make two observations.

(01) Let  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{open}} \subset K^{\text{compact}} \subset Z$ . Then  $\mathcal{O} \subset \delta(\mathcal{O})(\equiv \delta(\psi_{\mathcal{O}})) \subset \delta(K) \subset K$  ([11], Thm 1, p. 105). Thus if  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in M^{\infty}(Z, \nu)$  and  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K$ , then  $\delta(\varphi_1) = \delta(\varphi_2)$  on  $\mathcal{O}$ .

(02) Let  $u_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ) be *coordinate functions* on  $H$  defined by some irreducible unitary representation of  $H$  ([8], Sec. 27.5). Then  $u_{ij}(h_1 \cdot h_2) = \sum_{r=1}^n u_{ir}(h_1) \cdot u_{rj}(h_2)$  ( $h_i \in H$ ). From the Peter-Weyl theorem ([8], 27.40), the span of the set of all coordinate functions (defined by all irreducible unitary representations of  $H$ ) is dense in  $L^p(H, \lambda)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ).

Let  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau), (\tilde{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}, \tilde{\tau})$  be proper triples at  $z_0$ . Define  $b_p, \tilde{b}_p, B, \tilde{B}$  as in 3.3, 3.4. Let  $K = \pi(V), \tilde{K} = \pi(\tilde{V})$ . On  $\tilde{\tau}(V \cap \tilde{V})$ , one has  $\tau \circ \tilde{\tau}^{-1}(h, z) = (hh_z^{-1}, z)$ , where  $z \mapsto h_z: K \cap \tilde{K} \rightarrow H$  is continuous. For fixed  $z$ , the map  $h \mapsto hh_z^{-1}$  induces a bounded linear operator  $A_z$  on  $L^p(H, \lambda)$ .

To prove 3.7, it suffices to show that  $\tilde{B}(z) = A_z(B(z))$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{O} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$  (observe that, for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K \cap K'$ , one has  $\tilde{b}_p(z) = A_z(b_p(z))$ ). Thus we must show that, for some  $p$ ,

$$\langle \tilde{B}(z), \sigma \rangle = \langle A_z(B(z)), \sigma \rangle$$

for all  $\sigma$  in the dual  $L^p(H, \lambda)'$ . By (02), we may assume  $\sigma$  is integration against some  $u_{ij}$  (thus  $\langle w, \sigma \rangle = \int_H w(h) u_{ij}(h) d\lambda(h)$ ). Extend each function  $\eta_{rs}: z \mapsto u_{rs}(h_z)$  continuously from  $K \cap \tilde{K}$  to  $Z$ , calling the extensions  $\eta_{rs}$ , also.

For  $z \in Z$ , let  $\varphi_1(z) = \langle \tilde{b}_p(z), \sigma \rangle$ . Define a linear-functional-valued map  $\hat{\sigma}: Z \rightarrow L^p(H, \lambda)'$  by  $\hat{\sigma}(z) = \sum_r u_{ir} \cdot \eta_{rj}(z)$  (view  $u_{ir}$  as a linear functional). Let  $\varphi_2(z) = \langle b_p(z), \hat{\sigma}(z) \rangle = (\text{use 02}) \langle A_z(b_p(z)), \sigma \rangle = \varphi_1(z)$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K \cap \tilde{K}$ . Now,  $\delta(\varphi_1)(z) = \langle \tilde{B}(z), \sigma \rangle$  (3.4), while  $\delta(\varphi_2)(z) = (\text{since } \delta \text{ is a strong lifting})$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_r \eta_{rj}(z) \cdot (\delta \langle b_p, u_{ir} \rangle)(z) &= \int_H [B_p(z)(h)] [\sum_r u_{ir}(h) \eta_{rj}(z)] d\lambda(h) \\ &= (\text{if } z \in K \cap K') \int_H [B(z)(h)] u_{ij}(hh_z) d\lambda(h) = \langle A_z(B(z)), \sigma \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By (01) and (02),  $\tilde{B}(z) = A_z(B(z))$  for  $z \in \mathcal{O} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ .

From now on, we assume  $R^f(z)$  defined as in 3.5 for all  $z \in Z$ .

**LEMMA 3.8.** (a) For  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z$ ,  $R^f(z)$  is (the equivalence class of)  $f_z \equiv f|_{\pi^{-1}(z)}$  in  $L^{\infty}(X, \lambda_z)$ .

(b) If  $f$  is continuous, the above holds for all  $z \in Z$ .

(c) If  $f \in M^{\infty}(X/H, \nu)$ , then  $R^f(z)$  is (the equivalence class of) the constant  $\delta(f)(z)$  in  $L^{\infty}(X, \lambda_z)$ .



*Proof.* (a) and (b). Fix a proper triple  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau)$  (the point  $z_0$  doesn't matter), and fix  $p$ . As remarked in 3.3,  $b_p(z) = f_z \circ \tau^{-1}$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K = \pi(V)$ . Since  $L^p(H, \lambda)$  is separable, 1.6 (iv) implies that  $B(z) = f_z \circ \tau^{-1}$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K \supset \mathcal{O}$ . Hence (3.5)  $R^f(z) = f_z$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in \mathcal{O}$ . Since finitely many  $\mathcal{O}$ 's cover  $Z$ , (a) is proved. If  $f$  is continuous, then  $b_p$  is continuous on  $K$ . Use the method of ([1]) to extend  $b_p|_K$  to a continuous map  $\tilde{b}_p: Z \rightarrow L^p(H, \lambda)$ . Observe now that (\*) if  $w \in M^\infty(Z, \nu)$  and  $b \in M^\infty(Z, L^p(H, \lambda))$ , then  $\delta(w \cdot b)(z) = [\delta(w)(z)][\delta(b)(z)]$  (see [11], p. 76, equation (5)).

Using (\*) and (01) in 3.7, we obtain, for  $z \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $B(z) = \delta(\psi_K \cdot b_p)(z) = \delta(\psi_K \cdot \tilde{b}_p)(z) =$  (since  $\delta$  is strong)  $\tilde{b}_p(z) = f_z \circ \tau^{-1}$ , and (b) follows.

(c) Pick  $z_0$  and let  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau)$  be a proper triple at  $z_0$ . For  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z \in K = \pi(V)$ , one has  $b_p(z) =$  the constant  $f(z)$  in  $L^p(H, \lambda)$ . Let  $\tilde{b}(z) = 1 \in L^p(H, \lambda)$  for all  $z \in Z$ ; then  $b_p(z) = f(z) \cdot \tilde{b}(z)$   $\nu$ -a.e. on  $K$ . Using (\*) just above and (01) in 3.7, one obtains

$$B(z) = [\delta(f)(z)] \cdot \tilde{b}(z) (z \in \mathcal{O}),$$

which implies that  $R^f(z_0) = \delta(f)(z_0) \in L^\infty(X, \lambda_z)$ .

The next result will allow us to show that our still-to-be constructed lifting  $\rho$  is  $G$ -invariant. To motivate it, observe that  $(f \cdot g)|_{\pi^{-1}(z)}(hx_0) = f|_{\pi^{-1}(gz)}(ghx_0) = f|_{\pi^{-1}(gz)}(ghg^{-1} \cdot gx_0)$  if  $f \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ ; here and below we write  $g \cdot z$  for  $(gH) \cdot z (g \in G, z \in Z)$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.9.** *Fix  $z_0 \in Z$ ,  $g \in G$ , and  $x_0 \in \pi^{-1}(z_0)$ . Then*

$$R^{f \cdot g}(z_0)(hx_0) = R^f(gz_0)(ghg^{-1} \cdot gx) \text{ for } \lambda\text{-a.a. } h \in H.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(V, \mathcal{O}, \tau)$  be a proper triple at  $z_0$ . Then  $(g \cdot V, g \cdot \mathcal{O}, \tilde{\tau})$  is a triple at  $g \cdot z_0$ , where  $\tilde{\tau}(gx) = (ghg^{-1}, gz)$  if (and only if)  $\tau(x) = (h, z)(x \in V)$ . The map  $h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$  preserves  $\lambda$  ([8], 28.72e), hence induces a linear map  $A_g: L^p(H, \lambda) \rightarrow L^p(H, \lambda)$ . Define  $b_p^{f \cdot g}$ ,  $B^{f \cdot g}$  using the first triple,  $b_p^f$ ,  $B^f$  using the second. We claim that 3.9 is implied by

$$(*) \quad B^{f \cdot g}(z) = A_g(B^f(g \cdot z))(z \in \mathcal{O}).$$

This is clear: if (\*) holds, then (assuming  $\tau(x_0) = (\text{id}_y, z_0)$ ) one has  $R^{f \cdot g}(z_0)(hx_0) = B^{f \cdot g}(z_0)(h) = B^f(gz)(ghg^{-1}) =$  (definitions of  $R^f$  and  $\tilde{\tau}$ )  $R^f(gz)(g \cdot hx_0) = R^f(gz)(ghg^{-1} \cdot gx_0)$  for  $\lambda$ -a.a.  $h$ .

We prove (\*). Using the definitions of  $b_p^f$  and  $b_p^{f \cdot g}$  together with the fact that the map  $z \mapsto g \cdot z$  preserves  $\nu$ , one sees that  $b_p^{f \cdot g}(z) = A_g(b_p^f(z))$  for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z$ . Let  $\sigma \in L^p(H, \lambda)'$ . Then  $\langle B^{f \cdot g}(z_0), \sigma \rangle = \delta \langle b_p^{f \cdot g}, \sigma \rangle(z_0) = (\delta \langle A_g(b_p^f(gz)), \sigma \rangle)(z_0) = (\delta \langle b_p^f(gz), A_g^* \sigma \rangle)(z_0) =$  (since  $\delta$  commutes with  $G/H$ )  $\langle B^f(gz_0), A_g^* \sigma \rangle = \langle A_g(B^f(gz_0)), \sigma \rangle$ ; 3.9 is proved.

3.10. Now let  $(W_n)$  be a  $D'$  sequence in  $H$  consisting of compact neighborhoods of  $\text{id}_Y$  (1.7). For  $f \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ , we define functions  $T_n^f$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) on  $X$  as follows.

*Case I.* If  $G$  is abelian,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $z_0 = \pi(x_0)$ , let

$$T_n^f(x_0) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X R^f(z)(\bar{x}) \gamma_{W_n \cdot x_0}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H R^f(z)(hx_0) \gamma_{W_n}(h) d\lambda(h).$$

*Case II.* Suppose  $G = H$  is Lie (see 2.8); let  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $z_0 = \pi(x_0)$ . Pick proper triples  $(V_i, \mathcal{O}_i, \tau_i)_{i=1}^l$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^l \mathcal{O}_i = Z$ . Pick any  $i$  such that  $z_0 \in \mathcal{O}_i$ . Letting  $\tau_i(x_0) = (h_0, z_0)$ , let

$$X \supset V_n = \tau_i^{-1}\{(h, z_0) \mid h \in h_0 \cdot W_n\}.$$

Define

$$Q_{i,n}^f(x_0) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X R^f(z_0)(\bar{x}) \gamma_{V_n}(\bar{x}) d\lambda_{z_0}(\bar{x}).$$

Letting  $\tau_i(x_i) = (\text{id}_Y, z_0)$ , we also have

$$Q_{i,n}^f(x_0) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H R^f(z_0)(hx_i) \gamma_{h_0 \cdot W_n}(h) d\lambda(h).$$

Finally, let  $(\alpha_i)_{i=1}^l$  be a partition of unity subordinate to  $(\mathcal{O}_i)_{i=1}^l$ , and  $T_n^f(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i(z_0) Q_{i,n}^f(x_0)$ .

*Case III.* If  $X = G \times Y$  and  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $z_0 = \pi(x_0)$ , write  $x_0 = (g_0, y_0)$ , let  $V_n = \{(g, y_0) \mid g \in g_0 \cdot W_n\}$ , and define

$$T_n^f(x_0) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X R^f(z_0)(\bar{x}) \gamma_{V_n}(\bar{x}) d\lambda_{z_0}(\bar{x}).$$

**PROPOSITION 3.11.** *In all three cases,  $T_n^{f \cdot g}(x_0) = T_n^f(g \cdot x_0)$  ( $g \in G$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ).*

*Proof of Case I.* Let  $z_0 = \pi(x_0)$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} \int_H R^{f \cdot g}(z_0)(hx_0) \gamma_{W_n}(h) d\lambda(h) &= (\text{by 3.9}) \\ \int_H R^f(gz_0)(ghg^{-1} \cdot gx_0) \gamma_{W_n}(h) d\lambda(h) &= (\text{since } G \text{ is abelian}) \\ \int_H R^f(gz_0)(h \cdot gx_0) \gamma_{W_n}(h) d\lambda(h). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T_n^{f \cdot g}(x_0) = T_n^f(g \cdot x_0)$ .

**REMARK.** The proof just completed would work when  $G$  is non-

abelian if one could replace  $(W_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  by a  $D'$ -sequence  $(V_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  satisfying  $g^{-1}V_ng = V_n$  ( $n \geq 1, g \in G$ ). If one defines  $V_n = \bigcap_{g \in G} g^{-1}W_ng$ , then  $V_n$  is a compact neighborhood of the identity. However, it is not clear that the inequalities  $\lambda(V_n V_n^{-1}) < C\lambda(V_n)$  can be arranged.

*Case II.* Suppose  $\pi(x_0) = z_0 \in \mathcal{O}_i$  for some  $i, 1 \leq i \leq l$ . Observe that, since  $G = H$ ,  $g \cdot z_0 = z_0$ . As in 3.10, let  $\tau_i(x_i) = (\text{id}_Y, z_0)$ , and let  $\tau_i(x_0) = (h_0, z_0)$ . Then  $\int_H R^{f \cdot g}(z_0)(hx_i)\psi_{h_0 \cdot W_n}(h)d\lambda(h) =$  (by 3.9, noting that  $ghg^{-1} \cdot g = gh$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \int_H R^f(g \cdot z_0)(ghx_i)\psi_{h_0 \cdot W_n}(h)d\lambda(h) &= \int_H R^f(z_0)(hx_i)\psi_{h_0 \cdot W_n}(g^{-1}h)d\lambda(h) \\ &= \int_H R^f(z_0)(hx_i)\psi_{g \cdot h_0 W_n}(h)d\lambda(h). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the first and last terms, we obtain  $Q_{i,n}^{f \cdot g}(x_0) = Q_{i,n}^f(gx_0)$ . Hence

$$(3.10) \quad T_n^{f \cdot g}(x_0) = T_n^f(g \cdot x_0).$$

*Case III.* A rehash of methods used in Cases I and II.

3.12. We now define functions  $S'_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) as follows.

*Case I.* If  $G$  is abelian, let

$$S'_n(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X f(\bar{x})\psi_{W_n \cdot x}(\bar{x})d\lambda_z(\bar{x}) \quad (z = \pi(x))$$

for all  $x$  such that

$$(**) \quad f_z \in L^\infty(X, \lambda_z) \quad \text{and} \quad N_\infty(f_z) \leq N_\infty(f).$$

Let  $S'_n(x) = 0$  for all other  $x$ . By (3.8a),  $S'_n(x) = T_n^f(x)$  for  $\mu$ -a.a.  $x$ .

*Case II.* If  $G$  is a Lie group, let

$$P_{i,n}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X f(\bar{x})\psi_{V_n}(\bar{x})d\lambda_z(\bar{x})$$

( $z = \pi(x)$ ;  $V_n$  is as in 3.10) for all  $x \in \mathcal{O}_i$  satisfying (\*\*). Then define  $S'_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i(z)P_{i,n}(x)$  for all such  $x$ . Let  $S'_n(x) = 0$  if  $x$  does not satisfy (\*\*). By (3.8a),  $S'_n(x) = T_n^f(x)$   $\mu$ -a.e.

*Case III.* If  $X = G \times Y$  and  $x$  satisfies (\*\*), let

$$S'_n(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X f(\bar{x})\psi_{V_n}(\bar{x})d\lambda_z(\bar{x})$$

( $V_n$  is as in 3.10). Otherwise let  $S'_n(x) = 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.13.** *For each  $n$ ,  $S'_n$ , and hence  $T'_n$ , is  $\mu$ -measurable.*

*Proof.* We prove this in Case I; the other cases are handled similarly. Let  $f_j$  be a bounded sequence of continuous functions such that  $f_j \rightarrow f$   $\mu$ -a.e. Let

$$S_j(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_X f_j(\bar{x}) \psi_{W_n \cdot x}(\bar{x}) d\lambda_x(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H f_j(hx) \psi_{W_n}(h) d\lambda(h).$$

Then  $S_j$  is continuous (use uniform continuity of  $f_j$  and equicontinuity ([7]) of the transformation group  $(H, X)$ ). Now, for  $z$  in a set  $C \subset Z$  of  $\nu$ -measure 1,  $f_j|_{\pi^{-1}(z)} \rightarrow f_z$   $\lambda_z$ -a.e. (2.6). Consider the set  $C_1 = \{z \in C | (**) \text{ holds for } f_z\}$ . By dominated convergence,  $S_j(z) \rightarrow S'_n(x)$  for all  $x \in \pi^{-1}(C_1)$ . But  $\mu(\pi^{-1}(C_1)) = 1$ ; hence 3.13 is proved.

**PROPOSITION 3.14.** *In Case I, II, and III:*

- (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T'_n(x) = f(x)$   $\mu$ -a.e. ( $f \in M^\infty(X, \mu)$ );
- (b) if  $f$  is continuous, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T'_n(x) = f(x)$  everywhere;
- (c) if  $f \in M^\infty(X/H, \nu)$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T'_n(x) = \delta(f)(\pi(x))$  for all  $x$ .

*Proof.* (a) Case I. It is sufficient to show that  $S'_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$   $\mu$ -a.e. By version 2 of the Main Derivation Theorem (1.7), one has, for  $g \in L^1(H, \lambda)$ ,  $1/\lambda(W_n) \int_H g(\tilde{h}) \psi_{W_n \cdot h}(\tilde{h}) d\lambda(\tilde{h}) \rightarrow g(h)$   $\lambda$ -a.e. Consider the set  $C = \{z \in Z | (**) \text{ of 3.12 is satisfied}\}$ . Note  $\nu(C) = 1$ . Fix  $z \in C$  and  $x_0 \in \pi^{-1}(z)$ . Then if  $x = hx_0$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} (S'_n x) &= \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H f(\tilde{h}x_0) \psi_{W_n \cdot h x_0}(\tilde{h}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H f(\tilde{h}x_0) \psi_{W_n \cdot h}(\tilde{h}) d\lambda(\tilde{h}) \longrightarrow f(hx_0) = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda$ -a.a.  $h$ ; i.e., for  $\lambda_z$ -a.a.  $x$ .

Now if  $A = \{x \in X | \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S'_n(x) \text{ exists and equals } f(x)\}$ , then  $A$  is  $\mu$ -measurable. We have just shown that, for  $\nu$ -a.a.  $z$ ,  $A$  intersects  $\pi^{-1}(z)$  in a set of  $\lambda_z$ -measure 1. Hence (2.6)  $A$  has  $\mu$ -measure 1. So  $S'_n(x)$ , and therefore  $T'_n(x)$ , converges to  $f(x)$   $\mu$ -a.e.

*Case II.* We use the notation of 3.12. Observe that, if  $x \in \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_i)$ ,  $\pi(x)$  satisfies  $(**)$ ,  $\tau_i(x) = (h, z)$ , and  $\tau_i(x_i) = (\text{id}_y, z)$ , then

$$P_{i,n}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(W_n)} \int_H f(\tilde{h}x_i) \psi_{h \cdot W_n}(\tilde{h}) d\lambda(\tilde{h}).$$

By version 1 of 1.7, the right-hand side tends to  $f(hx_i) = f(x)$  for

$\lambda$ -a.a.  $h$ ; i.e., for  $\lambda_z$ -a.a.  $x$ . Let  $A_i = \{x \in \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_i) \mid P_{i,n}(x) \rightarrow f(x)\}$ . Arguing as in Case I, we find that  $\mu(A_i) = \mu(\pi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_i))$ . Let  $A = \{x \mid S'_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)\}$ . Let  $z$  satisfy (\*\*). Then  $A \cap \pi^{-1}(z)$  has  $\lambda_z$ -measure 1. For, let  $i_1, \dots, i_l$  ( $1 \leq l \leq l$ ) be those indices  $i$  such that  $z \in \mathcal{O}_i$ . Then  $\pi^{-1}(z) \cap A_{i_j}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq l$ ) has  $\lambda_z$ -measure 1, since  $P_{i,n}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$   $\lambda_z$ -a.e. The definition of  $S'_n$  now implies that  $\lambda_z(A \cap \pi^{-1}(z)) = 1$ . Again argue as in Case I to obtain  $\mu(A) = 1$ .

*Case III.* The proof contains nothing new, hence we omit it.

(b) *Case I, II, III.* By 3.8b,  $R^f(z) = f_z$  for all  $z$ . The Main Derivation Theorem for *continuous* functions gives convergence *everywhere* (as noted in 1.7, this is a simple observation). Combining these two facts with the definition(s) of  $T'_n$  yields the result.

(c) *Case I, II, III.* Use 3.8c and the definition(s) of  $T'_n$ .

We are ready prove 2.7.

3.15. *Proof of 2.7.* Let  $U$  be an ultrafilter on  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  finer than the Fréchet filter (see [5], and [10], p. 83). Since  $|T'_n(x)| \leq N_\infty(f)$  for all  $x$  (3.4c and 3.5), we may define  $T^f(x) = \lim_U T'_n$ . Let  $\rho(f)(x) = T^f(x)(x \in X, f \in M^\infty(X, \mu))$ . By choice of  $U$  and 3.14a,  $\rho(f) = f$   $\mu$ -a.e. Hence (i) of 1.4 is satisfied. By 3.6, (iii), (iv), and (v) are also satisfied. If  $f = 0$   $\mu$ -a.e., then  $|T'_n(x)| = 0$  for all  $n, x$ , and this together with linearity shows that 1.4 (ii) holds. Combining these facts with 3.14b, c shows that  $\rho$  is a strong linear lifting which extends  $\delta$ .

By 3.12,  $\rho$  commutes with  $G$ . Now, the group  $G$  of self-mappings of  $X$  satisfies the condition of Theorem 1 of ([9]). Hence we may apply the method of Remark 2 following ([9], Theorem 1) to obtain a lifting  $\bar{\rho}$  commuting with  $G$ . By the proof of  $(j) \Rightarrow (jj)$  in ([11], Theorem 2, p. 105),  $\bar{\rho}$  is strong. By the proof of ([11], Theorem 2, p. 39),  $\bar{\rho}$  extends  $\delta$ . So  $\bar{\rho}$  has all the necessary properties.

REMARK 3.16. It should be emphasized that the only point in the proof which requires special assumptions on  $G$  occurs in the proof of 3.11. If one could assume  $g^{-1}W_n g = W_n$  ( $g \in G$ ), Theorem 2.2 would hold for any compact  $G$ .

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