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Let I be a Borel set of the real line R , C the space of complex numbers, V a σ -algebra of Borel subsets of I , μ a fixed measure on V such that for any bounded set $Q \in V$, $\mu(Q) < \infty$, $g(\lambda, p)$ a nonvanishing complex valued function μ -measurable in $\lambda \in I$ such that $|g(\lambda, p)| \uparrow$ in p where p belongs to a fixed open interval (a, b) , and S the set of μ -measurable functions u from I into C such that $|u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)| \leq m$ for some p depending on u , $p \in (a, b)$, $m \geq 0$ and m depending on u , and for all $\lambda \in I$. The purpose of this paper is to prove the following:

THEOREM 1. Let $c(\lambda, \delta)$ be a $\mu \times \mu$ -measurable function on $I \times I$. For every function $u \in S$ the function

$$y(\lambda) = \int_I c(\lambda, \delta) u(\delta) d\mu(\delta), (\lambda, \delta) \in I \times I$$

is well defined and $y \in S$ if and only if for every $p \in (a, b)$ there exists a $q \in (a, b)$ such that

$$\int_I |g(\lambda, q)c(\lambda, \delta)(g(\delta, p))^{-1}| d\mu(\delta) \leq m$$

for all $(\lambda, \delta) \in I \times I$ and some $m \geq 0$.

Two examples of the space S are:

(1) Let I be the Borel set $[0, \infty]$, C and V as before, μ the Lebesgue measure, and $g(\lambda, p) = e^{\lambda p}$ where p is some real number and $\lambda \in I$. Then S is the set of all functions u which are μ -measurable from I into C and whose Laplace transforms $\int_I e^{\lambda x} u(x) d\mu(x)$ exist.

(2) A complex sequence $u = \{u_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is analytic if and only if there exists some constant $M > 0$ such that $|u_n| \leq M^{n+1}$ for $(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ if and only if the $\sup_n |p^n u_n| \leq N$ for some $p > 0$, constant $N > 0$, and $(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$. Now let I be the set of nonnegative integers, C and V as before, $\mu(Q) =$ number of elements of a set $Q \in V$ and $g(\lambda, p) = p^\lambda$ where $p \in (0, \infty)$, $\lambda \in I$. Then S is the space of all complex functions analytic at zero, or the space of analytic sequences, which will be henceforth denoted by A .

In light of Example (2), it is clear that Theorem 1 gives as a corollary a necessary and sufficient condition for infinite complex matrices to map A into itself. At the end of the paper it is shown

that this corollary is equivalent to I. Heller's characterization [3, Th. 1, p. 154], namely,

PROPOSITION 1. The transformation $y_\lambda = \sum_{\delta=0}^\infty c_{\lambda\delta} u_\delta$ maps A into A if and only if for every $p > 0$ there exists a $q > 0$ and a constant $M > 0$ such that $|c_{\lambda\delta}| \leq Mp^\delta/q^\lambda$ for all $(\lambda, \delta = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$.

In [4] an alternative proof of Heller's result was given. And now the functional analysis techniques developed therein will be used to gain insight into the structure of S as a countable union of Banach spaces, and thereby to prove Theorem 1.

For every fixed $p \in (a, b)$ let $S_p = \{u \in S \mid |u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)| \leq m\}$ for all $\lambda \in I$ and $\|u\|_p = \sup_{\lambda \in I} \{|u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)|\}$.

Let BM denote the set of all bounded μ -measurable functions u^* from I into \mathbb{C} with $\|u^*\|_{BM} = \sup_{\lambda \in I} |u^*(\lambda)|$.

THEOREM 2. (1) $S = \bigcup_{n=0}^\infty S_{p_n}$ where $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is a sequence of numbers from (a, b) such that $p_n \downarrow a$, and

(2) for every $p \in (a, b)$, $(S_p, \|u\|_p)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. If $r < s$ where r and $s \in (a, b)$, then $S_s \subset S_r$. A set theoretic argument completes the proof.

(2) It suffices to observe that $(S_p, \|u\|_p)$ is isometrically isomorphic with the Banach space $(BM, \|u^*\|_{BM})$. The operator E_p from S_p into BM establishing this maps u into u^* where $u^*(\lambda) = u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)$ for all $\lambda \in I$.

THEOREM 3. Let $c^*(\lambda, \delta)$ be defined on $I \times I$ such that

$$(C^*(u^*))(\lambda) = y^*(\lambda) = \int_I c^*(\lambda, \delta) u^*(\delta) d\mu(\delta)$$

is well defined for all $u^* \in BM$, $(\lambda, \delta) \in I \times I$ and the obtained function $y^* = C^*(u^*) \in BM$. Then (1) C^* is a linear continuous operator from BM into BM , and

$$(2) \|C^*\| = \sup_{\lambda \in I} \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta) < \infty.$$

Proof. (1) For each $\lambda \in I$, let $h_\lambda(u^*) = \int_I c^*(\lambda, \delta) u^*(\delta) d\mu(\delta)$. It is now shown that for each $\lambda \in I$, h_λ is a continuous linear functional from BM into \mathbb{C} with $\|h_\lambda\| = \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta)$. For each $\lambda \in I$, and non-negative integer n define $c_n^*(\lambda, \delta) = c_n(\lambda, \delta) \chi_{Q_n}(\delta)$ where

$$c_n(\lambda, \delta) = \begin{cases} c^*(\lambda, \delta) & \text{if } |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| \leq n \\ 0 & \text{if } |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| > n, \end{cases}$$

where $Q_n = I \cap [-n, n]$, and χ_{Q_n} is the characteristic function of Q_n . Define for each $\lambda \in I, (h_\lambda(u^*))_n = \int_I c_n^*(\lambda, \delta) u^*(\delta) d\mu(\delta)$. Clearly for each $\lambda \in I, (h_\lambda(u^*))_n$ is a continuous linear functional on BM . And now as the hypotheses of the Dominated Convergence Theorem are satisfied, $(h_\lambda(u^*))_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} h_\lambda(u^*)$. That $h_\lambda(u^*)$ is linear and continuous follows from [2, Th. 17, p. 54].

From this last property, it follows that $|h_\lambda(u^*)| \leq \|h_\lambda\| \cdot \|u^*\|_{BM}$ for all $u^* \in BM$. In particular, for each $\lambda \in I$, let

$$u_{\delta_\lambda}^*(\delta) = \frac{c^*(\lambda, \delta)!}{|c^*(\lambda, \delta)|} \chi_B$$

where $B = I - \{\delta \in I \mid c^*(\lambda, \delta) = 0\}$ and ! denotes complex conjugation. So $u_{\delta_\lambda}^*$ is a bounded μ -measurable function such that $\|u_{\delta_\lambda}^*\| \leq 1$. Substituting $u_{\delta_\lambda}^*$ for u^* yeilds $|h_\lambda(u_{\delta_\lambda}^*)| = \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta) \leq \|h_\lambda\|$.

Conversely, for any $u^* \in BM$,

$$|h_\lambda(u^*)| \leq \|u^*\|_{BM} \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta)$$

or $\|h_\lambda\| \leq \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta)$. And so $\|h_\lambda\| = \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta)$.

Moreover, for all $\lambda \in I$ and all $u^* \in BM, |h_\lambda(u^*)| = |y^*(\lambda)| \leq \|y^*\|_{BM}$. By the Uniform Boundness Theorem, $\|h_\lambda\| \leq P$ for all $\lambda \in I$ and so $a = \sup_{\lambda \in I} \left\{ \int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta) \right\} \leq P$. But $|h_\lambda(u^*)| = |y^*(\lambda)| \leq a \|u^*\|_{BM}$. And thus for all $u^* \in BM, \|y^*\|_{BM} = \|C^*(u^*)\|_{BM} \leq a \|u^*\|_{BM}$. This implies that C^* is continuous from BM into itself and that $\|C^*\| \leq a$.

(2) As C^* is a linear continuous operator from BM into BM $\left| \int_I c^*(\lambda, \delta) u^*(\delta) d\mu(\delta) \right| \leq \|C^*\| \cdot \|u^*\|_{BM}$ for all $u^* \in BM$. Substituting $u_{\delta_\lambda}^*$ (defined above in (1)) for u^* yeilds $\int_I |c^*(\lambda, \delta)| d\mu(\delta) \leq \|C^*\|$ for each $\lambda \in I$. Thus $a \leq \|C^*\|$. And so $\|C^*\| = a$.

THEOREM 4. Let $c(\lambda, \delta)$ be a function defined on $I \times I$ such that for all $u \in S, y(\lambda) = \int_I c(\lambda, \delta) u(\delta) d\mu(\delta)$ is well defined and $y \in S$. Put $y = C(u)$. For each p and q fixed and belonging to (a, b) , let $S_{pq} = \{u \in S_p \mid C(u) \in S_q\}$. Then

- (1) $S_p = \bigcup_{n=0}^\infty S_{pq_n}$ where $q_n \downarrow a$ for any $p \in (a, b)$, and
- (2) $(S_{pq}, \|u\|_{pq} = \|u\|_p + \|C(u)\|_q)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. (2) If the graph of C is closed in $S_p \times S_q$, then

$$(Z, \|u\|_p + \|C(u)\|_q)$$

where $Z = \{(u, C(u)) \mid u \in S_p\}$ is a Banach space. And as the mapping

from S_{p_q} into Z defined by $u \rightarrow (u, C(u))$ establishes an isometric isomorphism between S_{p_q} and Z , it suffices to prove that the graph of C is closed in $S_p \times S_q$.

For each $\lambda \in I$, let

$$k_\lambda(u) = \int_I c(\lambda, \delta)u(\delta)d\mu(\delta) = (C(u))(\lambda) = k_\lambda(E_p^{-1}(u^*)).$$

Here $E_p: u \rightarrow u^*$ is the isometric isomorphism from S_p into BM , and $u^*(\lambda) = u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)$ for all $\lambda \in I$. As $k_\lambda E_p^{-1}$ is a linear continuous functional on BM , it follows that k_λ is a linear continuous functional on S_p for each $\lambda \in I$. This with the uniqueness of limits in S_q and the Closed Graph Theorem, prove that C is closed in $S_p \times S_q$.

THEOREM 5. *Let $c(\lambda, \delta)$ be a function defined on $I \times I$ such that for all $u \in S$, $y(\lambda) = \int_I c(\lambda, \delta)u(\delta)d\mu(\delta)$ is well defined and $y \in S$. Put $y = C(u)$. Then*

(1) *for every $p \in (a, b)$ there exists a $q \in (a, b)$ such that $u \in S_p$ implies $C(u) \in S_q$.*

The operator C from S_p into S_q generated by $c(\lambda, \delta)$ is

(2) *linear and continuous, and*

(3) *its norm, $\|C\| = \sup_{\lambda \in I} \int_I |g(\lambda, q)c(\lambda, \delta)(g(\delta, p))^{-1}| d\mu(\delta) < \infty$.*

Proof. (1) From Theorem 2. (1), $S = \bigcup_{n=0}^\infty S_{q_n}$ where $\{q_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \in (a, b)$ and $q_n \downarrow a$. As C maps S into itself, for any $p \in (a, b)$, C maps S_p into $\bigcup_{n=0}^\infty S_{q_n}$. But $S_p = \bigcup_{n=0}^\infty S_{p_{q_n}}$ by Theorem 4. (1). Now as the injective maps from $S_{p_{q_n}}$ into S_p are continuous for all p and q_n , by [5, Corollary 6, p. 205] or [6, Satz 4.6, p. 472] there exists an index $q_k \in (a, b)$ such that $S_p = S_{p_{q_k}}$. So q_k is the desired number.

(2) The linearity of C is clear. And by definition of the Banach norm $\|u\|_{pq}$ on S_{pq} , C is continuous from S_p into S_q .

(3) Map S_p into BM by the operator $E_p: u \rightarrow u^*$ where $u^*(\lambda) = u(\lambda)g(\lambda, p)$ for all $\lambda \in I$. Define the operator C^* to be $E_q C E_p^{-1}$ where $p, q \in (a, b)$. C^* is a linear and continuous operator from BM into itself whose norm is given by Theorem 3 (2). But $\|C^*\| = \|C\|$.

Proof of Theorem 1. Necessity follows immediately from (1) and (3) of Theorem 5.

Conversely, let $u \in S$ and $y(\lambda) = \int_I c(\lambda, \delta)u(\delta)d\mu(\delta)$. Now for any $p, q \in (a, b)$

$$\begin{aligned} |y(\lambda)g(\lambda, q)| &\leq \int_I |g(\lambda, q)c(\lambda, \delta)(g(\delta, p))^{-1}| \cdot |g(\delta, p)u(\delta)| d\mu(\delta) \\ &\leq \|C\| \cdot \|u(\delta)g(\delta, p)\|_{BM} \leq M. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover as (I, V, μ) is a totally σ -finite measure space, the μ -measurable function $u(\delta)$ defined to be $u''(\lambda, \delta)$ is $\mu \times \mu$ -measurable. An application of Tonelli's Theorem completes the proof that $y(\lambda)$ is μ -measurable. And so $y(\lambda) \in S$.

If N is the set of nonnegative integers, $c(\lambda, \delta)$, where $(\lambda, \delta) \in N \times N$, can be identified with an infinite complex matrix $(c_{\lambda\delta})$. Clearly $(c_{\lambda\delta})$ is $\mu \times \mu$ -measurable on $N \times N$.

COROLLARY TO THEOREM 1. *The transformation C generated by an infinite complex matrix $(c_{\lambda\delta})$, $(\lambda, \delta) \in N \times N$ defined by $y_\lambda = \sum_{\delta=0}^\infty c_{\lambda\delta}u_\delta$ maps the space A of analytic sequences into itself if and only if for every $p > 0$ there exists a $q > 0$ such that*

$$\sup_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{\delta=0}^\infty q^\delta |c_{\lambda\delta}| p^{-\delta} \leq k \quad \text{for } (\lambda, \delta) \in N \times N, \text{ constant } k > 0.$$

The next proposition shows that this corollary is equivalent to Heller's characterization, Proposition 1.

PROPOSITION 2. For each $p > 0$ there exists a $q > 0$ and a constant $k > 0$ such that $\sup_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{\delta=0}^\infty q^\delta |c_{\lambda\delta}| p^{-\delta} \leq k$ if and only if for each $p > 0$ there exists a $r > 0$ and a constant $m > 0$ such that $|c_{\lambda\delta}| \leq mp^\delta/r^\lambda$.

Proof. Sufficiency. Let $p > 0$ and let p' be such that $0 < p' < 1$. Then $pp' > 0$. Given there exists a $r > 0$ such that $|c_{\lambda\delta}| \leq m(pp')^\delta/r^\lambda$ for all $(\lambda, \delta) \in N \times N$, and so $\sum_{\delta=0}^\infty r^\lambda |c_{\lambda\delta}| p^{-\delta} \leq m(1 - p')^{-1}$, for each $\lambda \in N$.

In conclusion, it is natural to ask: (1) which analytic functions f in the half plane $\text{Re}(z) \leq r$ can be represented by the integral $f(z) = \int_I u(\lambda)e^{z\lambda}d\mu(\lambda)$ where the determining function $u \in S$, I is a Borel set of the real line and μ is the Lebesgue measure; and (2) to which classes of measurable functions can Theorem 1 be generalized? It is thought that Theorem 1 can be generalized to (a) Bochner measurable functions bounded with respect to a weight function simply by using a Fubini theorem in place of a Tonelli theorem in the sufficiency proof of Theorem 1, and (b) Borel measurable functions essentially bounded with respect to a weight function, where two functions are equal if and only if they coincide everywhere, by using the lifting property of A. and C. Ionescu-Tulcea.

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