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The Fourier series of a function on a compact group can be “randomized” by operating on each of the Fourier coefficients by independent random unitary operators. In this paper the theory of random Fourier series is used to prove several new results for a type of Rudin-Shapiro sequence and for Fourier multipliers. Thus in §2 it is shown in effect that $\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^2, L^2)$ for all $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ except for the pair $(p, q) = (\infty, 1)$, while in §3 the theory of random Fourier series is used to construct a type of Rudin-Shapiro sequence. This sequence is then used in §4 to obtain, for compact groups in one case, and compact Lie groups in another, slightly more restricted versions of several known families of strict inclusions for Fourier multipliers over compact Abelian groups.

1. Notation and preliminaries. Throughout this paper we suppose that G is a compact group (always Hausdorff) with normalized Haar measure λ_G and that Γ is the set of equivalence classes of continuous irreducible unitary representations of G . The spaces of p -integrable functions, continuous functions and Radon measures over G will be denoted by $L^p(G)$, $C(G)$ and $M(G)$ [or L^p , C and M] respectively, while their respective norms will be denoted by $\|\cdot\|_p$, $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ and $\|\cdot\|_M$. We will identify each function with the measure which it generates.

If $\mu \in M(G)$, then μ is uniquely represented by the Fourier series

$$\mu \sim \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[\hat{\mu}(D_\gamma) D_\gamma(\cdot)],$$

where: D_γ is a representative (which we assume to be fixed throughout the sequel) of the class $\gamma \in \Gamma$; $d(\gamma)$ is the (finite) dimension of γ ; tr denotes the usual trace; and $\hat{\mu}$ is the Fourier transform of μ with respect to $\{D_\gamma; \gamma \in \Gamma\}$, that is

$$\hat{\mu}(D_\gamma) = \int_G D_\gamma(x)^* d\mu(x),$$

for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $D_\gamma(x)^*$ denoting the Hilbert adjoint of $D_\gamma(x)$.

Let H_γ denote the Hilbert space of dimension $d(\gamma)$ corresponding to the representation D_γ , and let \mathfrak{C} denote the set consisting of functions W on Γ such that $W(\gamma)$ is an endomorphism of H_γ for each γ . We can now define the “randomizing group” for G . Let \mathfrak{G} denote the product group $\prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathfrak{U}(H_\gamma)$, where $\mathfrak{U}(H_\gamma)$ is the compact group

of unitary endomorphisms of H_γ . Clearly \mathcal{S} may be thought of as a subset of \mathfrak{C} . Whenever $\mu \in M(G)$ and $U \in \mathcal{S}$ we denote the series

$$\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[\hat{\mu}(D_\gamma) U(\gamma) D_\gamma]$$

by μ^U . The following two results are basic to this paper.

THEOREM 1.1. *Suppose that \mathcal{S} is equipped with its Haar measure and that $\mu \in M(G)$ has the property that μ^U represents a measure for every U in a subset of \mathcal{S} with positive measure; then μ is in $L^2(G)$.*

THEOREM 1.2. *Suppose that $f \in L^2(G)$. Then f^U is the Fourier series of a function in $\bigcap_{1 \leq p < \infty} L^p(G)$ for almost every U in \mathcal{S} , where \mathcal{S} is equipped with its Haar measure.*

The above two theorems are due to Figà-Talamanca and Rider (see [4, (36.18)] and [2] or [4, (36.5)]).

MULTIPLIERS 1.3. If A and B are any two spaces selected from $L^p(G)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $C(G)$ and $M(G)$, we define $\mathfrak{M}(A, B)$ to be the set of $W \in \mathfrak{C}$ such that

$$\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[w(\gamma) \hat{\mu}(D_\gamma) D_\gamma]$$

is the Fourier series of an element in B (we will denote this element by $T_w \mu$) whenever μ belongs to A . Clearly the operator $\mu \mapsto T_w \mu_a$ is linear, while its continuity is an immediate consequence of the closed graph theorem. Thus we define a norm on $\mathfrak{M}(A, B)$ as the usual operator norm on the set $\{T_w: W \in \mathfrak{M}(A, B)\}$, and we denote this set by $M(A, B)$.

2. Multipliers and pseudomeasures. Let \mathfrak{C}_∞ denote the subset of \mathfrak{C} consisting of elements W such that

$$\|W\|_\infty = \sup\{\|W(\gamma)\|: \gamma \in \Gamma\} < \infty,$$

where $\|W(\gamma)\|$ denotes the usual operator norm for endomorphisms of H_γ . Whenever G has the property that $\sup\{d(\gamma): \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ is finite [for example, if G is Abelian] and A, B are selected from $L^p(G)$, $C(G)$ and $M(G)$, then it is banal to show that

$$(2.1) \quad \mathfrak{M}(A, B) \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_\infty,$$

(see [4, Theorem (35.4), part IV]) and hence that each $T \in M(A, B)$ may be written in the form $T: f \mapsto f * \mu$, where μ is a pseudomeasure (see [6, §2.2]).

The inclusion (2.1) is known to be valid for some pairs A, B over an unrestricted compact group (see, for example, the table on pp. 410–411 of Hewitt and Ross [4]) and in this section we extend its validity to some further pairs, thus completing five squares of Hewitt and Ross’s table.

THEOREM 2.1. *Suppose that (A, B) is one of the pairs (L^p, L^q) , (L^q, L^1) , (L^q, M) , (L^∞, L^p) or (C, L^p) where $1 < p < 2 < q < \infty$; then*

$$(2.2) \quad \mathfrak{M}(A, B) = \mathfrak{C}_\infty .$$

REMARKS 2.2. (1) Four cases remain open: (L^∞, L^1) , (L^∞, M) , (C, L^1) and (C, M) . We were not able to decide whether (2.1), and hence (2.2), is generally true for these cases. It is straightforward to show that $\mathfrak{M}(L^\infty, M) = \mathfrak{M}(C, M) = \mathfrak{M}(C, L^1)$. Also whenever $S \subseteq \Gamma$ has the property that $\sup\{d(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\} = \infty$, it is not true that there exists $W \in \mathfrak{C} \setminus \mathfrak{C}_\infty$ with $\text{supp } W \subset S$ such that $W \in \mathfrak{M}(C, L^1)$ (cf. Theorem (35.4), part V, of Hewitt and Ross [4]). For example, when S is a $\Lambda(p)$ set for some $p > 1$, Theorem 2.1 above applies to show that whenever $W \in \mathfrak{M}(C, L^1)$ has the property that $\text{supp } W \subseteq S$, then $W \in \mathfrak{C}_\infty$; examples are known of sets S which are $\Lambda(p)$ for all $p > 1$ and yet $\sup\{d(\gamma) : \gamma \in S\} = \infty$ (see Remark 10 of [2] or (37.11) (a) of [4]).

(2) There can be no analogue of Theorem 2.1 for non-compact locally compact Abelian groups. For example, if G is a non-compact LCA group and $1 \leq p < q \leq \infty$, then there exists a multiplier operator from $L^p(G)$ into $L^q(G)$ which cannot be written as convolution with a pseudomeasure; see Larsen [5, Theorem 5.5.5].

Proof of 2.1. By inspection of Table (36.20) of [4], it is clear that to prove equality in (2.2) we need only show that $\mathfrak{M}(A, B) \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_\infty$. Suppose that $1 < p < 2 < q < \infty$ and that $W \in \mathfrak{M}(L^q, M)$, that is, that $W\hat{f} \in \hat{M}$ for all $f \in L^q$. Since $2 < q < \infty$, whenever $f \in L^q$, then

$$\hat{f}U : \gamma \longmapsto \hat{f}(D_\gamma)U(\gamma)$$

is the Fourier transform of an L^q function for a set of U in \mathcal{G} of measure 1 (Theorem 1.2). In this case $W\hat{f}U$ is the Fourier transform of a measure for all such U and so, by Theorem 1.1, $W\hat{f}$ must be the Fourier transform of an L^2 function. Thus $W \in \mathfrak{M}(L^q, L^2)$ and since it is known that $\mathfrak{M}(L^q, L^2) = \mathfrak{M}_\infty$ [4], we have proved (2.2) for the pairs (L^q, L^p) , (L^q, L^2) and (L^q, M) .

If \mathfrak{F} is a subset of \mathfrak{C} , write $\mathfrak{F}^* = \{W^* : W \in \mathfrak{F}\}$, where W^* is defined by $\gamma \mapsto W(\gamma)^*$. Since we have just seen that $\mathfrak{M}(L^q, M) = \mathfrak{C}_\infty$ and since it is obvious that $(\mathfrak{C}_\infty)^* = \mathfrak{C}_\infty$, the proof of (2.2) can be completed by showing

$$(2.3) \quad \mathfrak{M}(C, L^q) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^q, M)^* .$$

However (2.3) is a simple consequence of the theory of adjoint operators. For if $W \in \mathfrak{M}(C, L^q)$ we can define $T_W^*: L^q \rightarrow M$ by

$$\int_G \bar{g} d(T_W^* f) = \int_G (T_W g)^{-1} f d\lambda_G$$

for $f \in L^q, g \in C$. Thus, whenever $f \in L^q$ and g is a trigonometric polynomial,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_r d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[\hat{g}(D_r)^*(T_W^* f)^\wedge(D_r)] \\ &= \int_G \bar{g} d(T_W^* f) = \int_G (T_W g)^{-1} f d\lambda_G \\ &= \sum_r d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[(T_W g)^\wedge(D_r)^* \hat{f}(D_r)] \\ &= \sum_r d(\gamma) \operatorname{tr}[\hat{g}(D_r)^* W^*(\gamma) \hat{f}(D_r)] . \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(T_W^* f)^\wedge(D_r) = W^*(\gamma) \hat{f}(D_r)$ for all f in L^q showing that $W^* \in \mathfrak{M}(L^q, M)$, from which follows the required validity of (2.3).

We now look at the inclusion relation opposite to (2.1). The following simple proposition will describe exactly the cases when we have

$$(2.4) \quad \mathfrak{G}_\infty \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q) .$$

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Suppose that G is infinite; then the inclusion (2.4) is valid if and only if $q \leq 2 \leq p$.*

Proof. (i) If $q \leq 2 \leq p$, then $L^q \supseteq L^2 \supseteq L^p$ and so $\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q) \supseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^2, L^2)$. However $\mathfrak{M}(L^2, L^2) = \mathfrak{G}_\infty$ and so (2.4) is satisfied.

(ii) On the other hand, suppose that $p < 2$ and that (2.4) is valid. Then certainly $\mathfrak{G} \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q)$ and a straightforward application of Theorem 1.1 implies that $L^p \subseteq L^2$, an absurdity when G is infinite compact.

(iii) Finally we have the case $2 < q \leq \infty$ and $2 \leq p \leq \infty$. If we also suppose $q \neq \infty$, then

$$\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(C, L^q) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^q, M)^*$$

by (2.3), and the proof proceeds as in paragraph (ii). The case $q = \infty$ follows easily from the inclusions.

$$\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^\infty) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^\infty, L^\infty) = M(G)^\wedge .$$

3. Rudin-Shapiro sequences. Let G be a compact group and t any number in $(2, \infty]$. By a Rudin-Shapiro sequence of type t (briefly, a t -RS-sequence) we shall mean a sequence $(h_n)_{n \in N}$, where $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$,

of functions in $L^t(G)$ with the properties

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} \inf \|h_n\|_2 > 0, & \sup \|h_n\|_t < \infty, \\ \lim \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty = 0. \end{cases}$$

(Recall that by $\|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty$ we mean $\sup \{\|\hat{h}_n(D_\gamma)\|: \gamma \in \Gamma\}$.)

When $t = \infty$ the above definition is essentially that of the Rudin-Shapiro sequences discussed, for example, in Gaudry [3] (where it is shown that ∞ -RS-sequences exist for all non-discrete locally compact Abelian groups) and in Edwards and Price [1, §5.4 and §§A.1–A.4] (where further sufficient conditions are given for the existence of ∞ -RS-sequences). In this section we show that t -RS-sequences, $t < \infty$, exist for all infinite compact groups. However, we would point out that the proof is completely existential in nature. Similarly to [1, §5.4], it is easy to see that if (h_n) satisfies (3.1), then we can construct a sequence (k_n) from (h_n) with the properties

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \|k_n\|_{t'} \geq B_1 n \\ \|k_n\|_s \leq B_2^{1/s} n & (t' \leq s \leq t) \\ \|\hat{k}_n\|_\infty \leq 2^{-n}, \end{cases}$$

where B_1 and B_2 are strictly positive numbers independent of n .

LEMMA 3.1. (a) *Let G be an infinite compact group and let $t \in (2, \infty)$. Then there exists a Rudin-Shapiro sequence (h_n) of type t . Without loss of generality we can take (h_n) with $\|h_n\|_2 = 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

(b) *Moreover, if G is also a Lie group, then there exists a second t -RS-sequence, (h_n^*) say, with $\|h_n\|_2 = \|h_n^*\|_2 (= 1)$, $h_n * h_n^* = h_n^* * h_n$, and a positive nonzero number ρ independent of n such that*

$$(i) \quad \rho^{1+1/p} \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty^{2/p} \leq \|h_n^* * h_n\|_p \leq \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty^{2/p},$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $1 \leq p \leq 2$.

REMARK 3.2. When G is the circle group (the simplest compact Lie group) the original Rudin-Shapiro sequence (ϕ_n) consists of trigonometric polynomials such that $\hat{\phi}_n$ takes only the values ± 1 on its support $[0, 2^n]$. One might suspect that in this case Lemma 3.1 (b) would be satisfied by taking $h_n = h_n^* = \phi_n / \|\phi_n\|_2$. Certainly (i) is satisfied (with $\rho = 1$) but however (ii) is not since $\|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty^2 = \|\phi_n\|_2^{-2}$, whereas

$$\|h_n^* * h_n\|_1 = \left\| \sum_{m=0}^{2^n} e^{imx} \right\|_1 / \|\phi_n\|_2^{-2} \sim \log 2^n \|\phi_n\|_2^{-2}.$$

This difference is not essential: by convolving the n th term of the classical Rudin-Shapiro sequence with the Fejér kernel of order 2^n one obtains sequences which, after normalizing, satisfy part (b) of the lemma. This depends on the fact that for $p > 1$ Fejér kernel and the Dirichlet kernel have essentially the same L^p norms. For our purposes Rudin-Shapiro sequences based on Fejér type kernels are more convenient.

Proof of 3.1. Let (U_n) be a contracting sequence of open, nonvoid, symmetric, central (that is, stable under inner automorphisms of G) sets in infinite, compact G with the property that $\lim_n \lambda_G(U_n) = 0$. [When G is also a Lie group we learn from (44.29) of [4] that there exists a number $k > 0$ such that the U_n 's may be selected to also satisfy

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} \lambda(U_n) \leq k\lambda(U_{2n}) \\ U_{2n}U_{2n} \subseteq U_n \end{cases} .$$

Define χ_n to be the characteristic function of U_n . Since each U_n is central, the Fourier series of each χ_n has the form

$$\chi_n \sim \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} d(\gamma) \hat{\chi}_n(D_\gamma) t r [D_\gamma] ,$$

where the $\hat{\chi}_n(D_\gamma)$ are complex numbers. By the proof of Theorem 4 of [2] (which is Theorem 1.2 above), there exists a number $B(t)$, independent of n , and a subset \mathcal{U}_n of \mathcal{G} with measure 1 such that

$$(3.4) \quad \|\chi_n^W\|_t \leq B(t) \|\chi_n\|_2$$

for all W in \mathcal{U}_n . Since G is compact, the measure of $\mathcal{U}_n^{-1} = \mathcal{U}_n^*$ is also 1 so that \mathcal{U}_n and \mathcal{U}_n^* have a nonvoid intersection. Thus corresponding to each n we can, and will, choose W_n in $\mathcal{U}_n \cap \mathcal{U}_n^*$.

Let $h_n = \lambda(U_n)^{-1/2} \chi_n^{W_n}$ and $h_n^* = \lambda(U_n)^{-1/2} \chi_n^{W_n^*}$. Then

$$\|h_n\|_2 = 1, \sup_n \|h_n\|_t \leq B(t)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1/2} \sup_{\gamma} \|\hat{\chi}_n(D_\gamma) W_n(\gamma)\| \\ &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1/2} \|\hat{\chi}_n\|_\infty \leq \lambda(U_n)^{-1/2} \|\chi_n\|_1 \\ &= \lambda_G(U_n)^{1/2} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus (h_n) is a t -RS-sequence, and so is (h_n^*) by similar reasoning.

Clearly $\|h_n\|_2 = \|h_n^*\|_2 = 1$ and $h_n^* * h_n = h_n * h_n^*$ (since both convolutions have $\lambda(U_n)^{-1} \chi_n^2$ as their Fourier transforms), so that if G is a Lie group we have only to prove (b) of 3.1. The right-hand inequality for $p = 2$ is a trivial consequence of the fact that the norm of

the operators $f \mapsto f * h_n$ from L^2 into L^2 is $\|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty$. To prove the left-hand inequality first note that $\|h_n^* * h_n\|_p = \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\chi_n * \chi_n\|_p$.

Suppose that the sequence (U_n) is selected with the extra properties (3.3). Whenever $x \in U_{2n}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n * \chi_n(x) &= \int_{U_n} \chi_n(y^{-1}x) d\lambda(y) \\ &\geq \int_{U_{2n}} \chi_n(y^{-1}x) d\lambda(y) \geq \lambda_G(U_{2n}) . \end{aligned}$$

because if $y \in U_{2n}$ and $x \in U_{2n}$, then $y^{-1}x \in U_n$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G |\chi_n * \chi_n|^p d\lambda &\geq \int_{U_{2n}} |\chi_n * \chi_n|^p d\lambda \\ &\geq \lambda(U_{2n}) \lambda(U_{2n})^p \geq k^{p-1} \lambda_G(U_n)^{p+1} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\|h_n^* * h_n\|_p \geq \lambda(U_n)^{-1} k^{-(p+1)/p} \lambda(U_n)^{(p+1)/p} \geq k^{-(1+1/p)} \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty^{2p}$$

(since $\|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty \leq \|h_n\|_1 = (U_n)^{1/2}$) as required for (i), where $\rho = k^{-1}$.

To complete the proof of 3.1 (b) we establish the following straightforward string of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \|h_n^* * h_n\|_1 &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\chi_n^* * \chi_n\|_1 \\ &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\chi_n\|_1^2 = \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \left(\int_G \chi_n d\lambda \right)^2 \\ &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\hat{\chi}_n(I)\|^2 \leq \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\hat{\chi}_n\|_\infty^2 \\ &= \lambda(U_n)^{-1} \|\hat{\chi}_n W_n\|_\infty^2 = \|\hat{h}_n\|_\infty^2 , \end{aligned}$$

4. **Strict inclusions for $\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q)$.** In this section we use the existence of Rudin-Shapiro sequences of type t , $t < \infty$, to prove several strict inclusions for the spaces $\mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q)$. In particular, our results will imply:

and then use interpolation.

4.1. If p, q and r belong to $[1, \infty]$ and satisfy $1/p - 1/q \leq 1 - 1/r$, then

$$\|g * f\|_q \leq \|g\|_p \|f\|_r ,$$

whence we have, by considering the operators $g \mapsto g * f$,

$$(4.1) \quad L^r(G)^\wedge \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(L^p, L^q)$$

(where $L^r(G)^\wedge$ denotes the subset of \mathfrak{E} consisting of Fourier transforms of functions in $L^r(G)$). If furthermore $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, $p \neq q'$ and $1 < r \leq \infty$, Theorem 4.3 below shows that the inclusion in (4.1) is strict whenever G is infinite.

