GENERIC MEASURE PRESERVING TRANSFORMATIONS AND THE CLOSED GROUPS THEY GENERATE

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ABSTRACT. We show that, for a generic measure preserving transformation T, the closed group generated by T is not isomorphic to the topological group $L^0(\lambda,\mathbb{T})$ of all Lebesgue measurable functions from [0,1] to \mathbb{T} (taken with pointwise multiplication and the topology of convergence in measure). This result answers a question of Glasner and Weiss. The main step in the proof consists of showing that Koopman representations of ergodic boolean actions of $L^0(\lambda,\mathbb{T})$ possess a non-trivial spectral property not shared by all unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda,\mathbb{T})$. The main tool underlying our arguments is a theorem on the form of unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda,\mathbb{T})$ from our earlier work.

1. Introduction

1.1. Two groups and some notational conventions. Let γ be an atomless Borel probability measure on a standard Borel space X. By

$$Aut(\gamma)$$

we denote the topological group of all (measure equivalence classes of) measurable, measure preserving bijections of X. The group operation in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ is composition and the topology is the weak topology, that is, the weakest topology making the functions

$$\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma) \ni T \to \gamma(T(A)) \in \mathbb{R}$$

continuous, for Borel sets $A \subseteq X$. For more information on the group $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, the reader may consult [15, Sections 1 and 2].

Let ν be a finite Borel measure on a standard Borel space Y. As usual, \mathbb{T} stands for the group of all complex numbers of unit length taken with multiplication. By

$$L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$$

we denote the topological group of all (measure equivalence classes of) measurable functions from Y to \mathbb{T} . The group operation on $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ is pointwise multiplication and the topology is the topology of convergence in measure.

The topologies on both $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ and $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ are separable and completely metrizable, that is, both these groups are Polish groups.

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Since atomless Borel probability measures are isomorphic to each other, the groups $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ are isomorphic as topological groups as γ varies over atomless Borel probability measures. Similarly, the groups $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ are isomorphic to each other if ν is a finite non-zero atomless Borel measure. Notationally, our conventions will be as follows. We fix an atomless Borel probability measure γ on X, and we will consider $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ only for this fixed γ . Since we will allow ν in $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ to have atoms in some situations, we reserve the letter λ for an atomless Borel probability measure in $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. In fact, as it is convenient to have a certain combinatorial structure on the space underlying λ , we will assume that λ is the "Lebesgue" measure on the Cantor set, that is, it is the product measure on $2^{\mathbb{N}} = \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ of the measures on $\{0,1\}$ assigning equal weight of 1/2 to each of the two points in $\{0,1\}$. Taking λ to be the Lebesgue measure on [0,1] would be an equivalent acceptable choice. However, this choice would be less suitable for the combinatorics of our arguments.

Underlying spaces of Borel measures are standard Borel spaces. Hilbert spaces are taken over the scalar field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} ; in particular, $L^2(\mu)$, for a finite Borel measure μ , consists of complex valued, square integrable (measure equivalence classes of) functions on the space underlying μ . By $\mathcal{U}(H)$ we denote the group of all unitary operators on the Hilbert space H taken with the strong operator topology.

By convention, $\mathbb{N} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0\}$, so $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$ in this paper. We identify $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with the set $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$, that is, $n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$; so, for example, $2 = \{0, 1\}$.

Certain subgroups of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ will be used throughout, so it will be convenient to define them here. For a finite binary sequence $s \in 2^n = \{0, 1\}^n$, for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$[s] = \{ \alpha \in 2^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \alpha \upharpoonright n = s \}.$$

Given n, we write

$$\mathbb{S}_n$$

for the subgroup of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ consisting of all functions constant on each of the sets [s] for $s \in 2^n$, that is, each element of \mathbb{S}_n is of the form

$$\sum_{s \in 2^n} z_s \chi_{[s]}$$

with $z_s \in \mathbb{T}$, for $s \in 2^n$, and where $\chi_{[s]}$ is the indicator function of [s]. As a topological group \mathbb{S}_n is isomorphic to \mathbb{T}^{2^n} , so it has the unique probability Haar measure, which we denote by θ independently of n, as n will be always clear from the context. Elements of \mathbb{S}_n will be denoted by t.

1.2. The main theorem. Let Z be a Polish space, that is, a completely metrizable separable space. We adopt the following linguistic convention. A property \mathcal{P} of elements of Z is said to hold for a **generic** $z \in Z$ if there is a comeager set of $z \in Z$ that have property \mathcal{P} .

We study closed subgroups of $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ generated by elements of $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, that is, subgroups of the form

$$\langle T \rangle_c = \text{closure}(\{T^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}), T \in \text{Aut}(\gamma).$$

One of the aims of the present paper is to answer the following question due to Glasner and Weiss (and reiterated in [7] and [19, Question 1.3]) that has been circulating for a number of years.

Is it the case that, for a generic transformation $T \in Aut(\gamma)$, the closed subgroup $\langle T \rangle_c$ generated by T is isomorphic, as a topological group, to $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$?

The answer to the question is negative. It follows from the more general theorem below.

Theorem 1.1. For a generic transformation $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, the closed group generated by T is not included in the image of a continuous homomorphism from a topological group of the form $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$, for a finite Borel measure ν , to $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$.

Theorem 1.1 is deduced from Theorem 5.1, a result on Koopman representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. Theorem 5.1 will be stated in Section 5 after we introduce the necessary notions in Sections 3 and 4.

To describe some context for Theorem 1.1, we note that the behavior of a generic transformation $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ is highly nonuniform. One only needs to recall the classical theorem of Rokhlin that conjugacy equivalence classes in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ are meager, see [15, Theorem 2.5], or its powerful strengthening—the theorem of Foreman and Weiss [8, Corollary 13] on non-classifiability of the equivalence relation of conjugacy among generic $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$. In contrast to these results, a very different picture of a uniform behavior of the groups $\langle T \rangle_c$, for a generic T, had emerged including substantial evidence that pointed to these groups being isomorphic to $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. Results that were part of this picture had to do with the topological group structure of $\langle T \rangle_c$ and with the dynamics of $\langle T \rangle_c$:

[1, Theorem 1], [2, Theorems 1 and 2], [10, Theorem 1.3], [11, Theorems 3.11 and 5.2], [16, Theorem 1], [18, Corollary 3.8], [19, Theorem 1.4], [20, Théorème 1.2.], [22, Theorem 1, Corollary 2], [24, Theorem 1.3], and [25, Theorem 1.2].

Additionally, certain groups analogous to $\langle T \rangle_c$, for a generic $T \in \text{Aut}(\gamma)$, were determined to be isomorphic to $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$: [17, Proposition 7] and [19, Theorems 1.2].

The theorems mentioned above may have been regarded as strong indications that a positive answer to the Glasner–Weiss question was to be expected. There was, however, another class of results on generic transformations T that consisted of theorems concerned with the spectral behavior of such T:

[5, Theorem 6], [13, Theorem 1], [14, Theorem 2.1 and Propositions 3.8 and 3.10], and [23, Theorems 1 and 2].

Even though these results did not involve groups $\langle T \rangle_c$ directly, it occurred to the author quite some time ago that they did not seem to point in the same direction as the above mentioned structural and dynamical theorems. This intuition turned out to be correct as, ultimately, it is the spectral results with which we reach a contradiction assuming that the answer to the Glasner–Weiss question is positive.

1.3. **A brief outline.** The proof of Theorem 1.1 is based on the analysis of unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ from [21]; the main theorem of that paper is restated below as Theorem 4.1. The new theorem concerning unitary representations of

 $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ proved here, Theorem 5.1, shows that the Koopman representations associated with ergodic boolean actions of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ fulfill an additional non-trivial condition. The proof of our main result, Theorem 1.1, goes then by contradiction. Assuming that its conclusion fails, we show in Lemma 6.1 that a certain type of boolean action of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ would have to exist. Then, Theorem 5.1 is used to prove that a boolean action of this type does not exist. The ergodic theorem, Theorem 7.2, is used in the proof of Theorem 5.1.

2. Known results on genericity in $Aut(\gamma)$

In this section, we recall some results on generic transformations in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ that are relevant to our arguments later in the paper.

Theorem 2.1 below describes the spectral property of generic transformations in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, which was already briefly mentioned in Section 1.2. Theorem 2.1 asserts independence of maximal spectral types among sequences of powers of a generic transformation $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$. Its versions were proved in [5, Theorem 6], [13, Theorem 1], [14, Theorem 2.1 and Propositions 3.8 and 3.10], and [23, Theorems 1 and 2]. The statement below comes from the paper by del Junco and Lemańczyk [13, Theorem 1].

Theorem 2.1 ([13]). Let $\nu(S)$ be the maximal spectral type of $S \in \text{Aut}(\gamma)$. For a generic transformation T in $\text{Aut}(\gamma)$ and $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_p, \ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'} \in \mathbb{N}$, if the sequences (ℓ_1, \ldots, ℓ_p) and $(\ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'})$ are not rearrangements of each other, then

$$\nu(T^{\ell_1}) * \cdots * \nu(T^{\ell_p}) \perp \nu(T^{\ell'_1}) * \cdots * \nu(T^{\ell'_{p'}}).$$

The next theorem states two properties of the group $\langle T \rangle_c$ for a generic $T \in \text{Aut}(\gamma)$. A theorem implying point (i) was proved by Chacon and Schwartzbauer in [4, Theorem 4.1]. Another proof of it can be found in [19, Theorem 1.6]. Point (ii) follows from a result of Glasner and Weiss [11, Theorem 5.2] and is explicitly proved in the paper by Melleray and Tsankov [19, Theorem 1.4]. Recall that a topological group is **extremely amenable** if all its continuous actions on compact spaces have fixed points.

Theorem 2.2. The following two statements hold for a generic $T \in Aut(\gamma)$.

- (i) ([4]) $\langle T \rangle_c = \{ S \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma) \mid TS = ST \};$
- (ii) ([11], [19]) $\langle T \rangle_c$ is extremely amenable.

The lemma below was proved in [22, Lemma 3]. It relates global largeness of a set B in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ to its local largeness in $\langle T \rangle_c$, for a generic $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, which makes it possible to turn properties of a generic T into properties of $\langle T \rangle_c$ for a generic T. The lemma may be seen as an analogue of the Kuratowski–Ulam theorem.

Lemma 2.3 ([22]). Let $B \subseteq \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ be a set with the Baire property. Then B is comeager in $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ if and only if, for a generic $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, the set $B \cap \langle T \rangle_c$ is comeager in $\langle T \rangle_c$.

3. Notions and Lemmas on unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$

In this section, we build a framework, consisting of definitions and auxiliary lemmas, that is needed to carry out our arguments concerning unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. We proceed with care as some notions introduced here are new and some notions and notation from the literature are revised. For example, the definition of $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$, the semigroup operation and the action of \mathbb{Z}^\times on it are new. The same goes for the notion of good permutation and good homeomorphism. Aside from being the basis of the arguments in this paper, the new framework allows us to streamline the statements of Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 proved in [21] and [7], respectively. For example, the algebraic notions related to $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ permit a more concise formulation of Theorem 4.2, cf. [7, Theorem 4.4], while good homeomorphisms make it possible to remove an ad hoc linear order on $2^\mathbb{N}$ in the statement of Theorem 4.1, cf. [21, Condition (A3) in Theorem 2.1].

We start by defining equivariant Hilbert space maps, Section 3.1. Then, we define a semigroup $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, Section 3.2. Next, we describe a family of compact zero dimensional spaces C_x indexed by $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, Section 3.3. Each such space comes with a natural notion of marginally compatible and compatible measures, Section 3.4, and with a class of functions indexed by elements of L^0 , Section 3.5. The measures and functions are then combined to define basic representations of L^0 that will be used later to build representations of interest, Section 3.6.

3.1. Equivariant Hilbert space maps. Throughout the paper, a central role will be played by the following notions. Let H_1 and H_2 be Hilbert space with inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$, respectively. A function $p: H_1 \to H_2$ is called a **Hilbert space map** if it is linear and, for all $f, g \in H_1$, we have

$$\langle p(f), p(g) \rangle_2 = \langle f, g \rangle_1.$$

Obviously, by the polarization identity, Hilbert space maps are simply linear isometries, in particular, a Hilbert space map $p \colon H_1 \to H_2$ is a linear embedding of H_1 to H_2 . Let ξ_1 , ξ_2 be unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ on H_1 and H_2 , respectively. We say that p is **equivariant between** ξ_1 **and** ξ_2 if, for each $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ and $f \in H_1$, we have

(2)
$$p(\xi_1(\phi)(f)) = \xi_2(\phi)(p(f)).$$

3.2. The semigroup $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and the action of \mathbb{Z}^{\times} on it. We view

$$\mathbb{Z}^{\times} = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

taken with multiplication as a semigroup. We will also need

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{-1, 1\}$$

that is a subsemigroup of \mathbb{Z}^{\times} . Let

 $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}] = \{x \mid x \text{ a function, } \operatorname{dom}(x) \neq \emptyset \text{ finite, } \operatorname{dom}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{\times}, \text{ and } \operatorname{rng}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{N}\}.$

We equip $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ with a binary operation \oplus as follows. For $x, y \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, let $x \oplus y$ be the element z of $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ such that

$$dom(z) = dom(x) \cup dom(y)$$

and, for $k \in dom(z)$, we let

$$z(k) = \begin{cases} x(k) + y(k), & \text{if } k \in \text{dom}(x) \cap \text{dom}(y); \\ x(k), & \text{if } k \in \text{dom}(x) \setminus \text{dom}(y); \\ y(k), & \text{if } k \in \text{dom}(y) \setminus \text{dom}(x). \end{cases}$$

We note that \mathbb{Z}^{\times} and $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ are semigroups. There is a useful action of \mathbb{Z}^{\times} on $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. For $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$, let ℓx be the element z of $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ such that $dom(z) = \{\ell m \mid m \in dom(x)\}$ and, for $k \in dom(z)$,

$$z(k) = x(k/\ell).$$

Observe that, for $\ell, \ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, we have

$$\ell(x \oplus y) = \ell x \oplus \ell y$$
 and $\ell_2(\ell_1 x) = (\ell_2 \ell_1) x$.

3.3. The topological spaces C_x , for $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$. For $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$, we write

$$D(x) = \{(k, i) \mid k \in \text{dom}(x), 0 \le i < x(k)\}.$$

Let

$$C_x = (2^{\mathbb{N}})^{D(x)}.$$

Define $\pi_{k,i} \colon C_x \to 2^{\mathbb{N}}$, for $(k,i) \in D(x)$, to be the projection from C_x onto coordinate (k,i). By a **diagonal of** C_x we understand a set of the form

$$\{\alpha \in C_x \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) = \pi_{k',i'}(\alpha)\},\$$

for some distinct $(k,i), (k',i') \in D(x)$. We write

$$C^0$$

for the set obtained from C_x by removing the diagonals. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by an n-basic set for x we understand a set of the form

(3)
$$\|u\| = \{\alpha \in C_x \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) \upharpoonright n = u(k,i) \text{ for all } (k,i) \in D(x) \},$$

where $u: D(x) \to 2^n$ is an injection. One can relate the set above to the sets defined in (1) as follows

(4)
$$[\![u]\!] = \prod_{(k,i) \in D(x)} [u(k,i)].$$

We leave proving the following easy lemma to the reader.

Lemma 3.1. For each $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, the family of all n-basic sets for x with $n \geq n_0$ forms a topological basis for C_x^0 .

We call n-basic sets simply **basic for** x if n is not relevant or clear from the context. For $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, a permutation δ of D(x) is called **good** if, for each $(k,i) \in D(x)$, $\delta(k,i) = (k,j)$ for some j. Note that each good permutation δ induces a homeomorphism $\widetilde{\delta}$ of

$$C_x = (2^{\mathbb{N}})^{D(x)}$$

by permuting coordinates, that is, for $\alpha \in C_x$, $\widetilde{\delta}(\alpha) \in C_x$ is determined by the following formulas

(5)
$$\pi_{\delta(k,i)}(\widetilde{\delta}(\alpha)) = \pi_{k,i}(\alpha), \text{ for all } (k,i) \in D(x).$$

We call such homeomorphisms $\tilde{\delta}$ good homeomorphisms of C_x . Observe that both good permutations of D(x) and good homeomorphisms of C_x form groups under composition.

We make the following observation on the connection between basic sets and good homeomorphisms that will be used in the proof of Lemma 3.11.

Lemma 3.2. Let U be a set that is n-basic for x. Then the sets $\widetilde{\delta}(U)$ are pairwise disjoint n-basic sets when δ varies over all good permutations of D(x).

Proof. Let $U = [\![u]\!]$ for an injection $u: D(x) \to 2^n$. If δ is a good permutation of D(x), then, by (5), we have

$$\widetilde{\delta}(\llbracket u \rrbracket) = \llbracket u \circ \delta^{-1} \rrbracket,$$

and the conclusion follows.

The space $C_{x \oplus y}$ can be naturally seen as $C_x \times C_y$, in fact, in several ways. To make these identifications precise, fix

(6)
$$\bar{\iota} = (\iota^x, \iota^y),$$

where $\iota^x \colon D(x) \to D(x \oplus y)$ and $\iota^y \colon D(y) \to D(x \oplus y)$ are injections with disjoint images and such that, for each $(k,i) \in D(x)$, $\iota^x(k,i) = (k,j)$ for some j, and, similarly, for each $(k,i) \in D(y)$, $\iota^y(k,i) = (k,j)$ for some j. Note that $D(x \oplus y)$ is a disjoint union of $\iota^x(D(x))$ and $\iota^y(D(y))$. Then, define

(7)
$$h_{\bar{\iota}} : C_x \times C_y \to C_{x \oplus y}, \ h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha, \beta) = \gamma,$$

where γ is given as follows. To specify $\gamma \in C_{x \oplus y}$, it suffices to specify $\pi_{k,j}(\gamma)$ for $(k,j) \in D(x \oplus y)$. For each such (k,j), there exists a unique (k,i) with

$$(k, j) = \iota^{x}(k, i)$$
 or $(k, j) = \iota^{y}(k, i)$

and not both. In the first case, we let

$$\pi_{k,i}(\gamma) = \pi_{k,i}(\alpha),$$

while in the second

$$\pi_{k,i}(\gamma) = \pi_{k,i}(\beta).$$

We note that $h_{\bar{\iota}}$ is a homeomorphism. The following lemma concerns interactions of $h_{\bar{\iota}}$ with basic sets. We leave its verification to the reader.

Lemma 3.3. Let $\bar{\iota}$ be as in (6). If $u: D(x \oplus y) \to 2^n$ is an injection, then

$$h_{\bar{\iota}}(\llbracket u \circ \iota^x \rrbracket \times \llbracket u \circ \iota^y \rrbracket) = \llbracket u \rrbracket.$$

For $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$, we define

(8)
$$e_{x,\ell} : C_x \to C_{\ell x}, \ e_{x,\ell}(\alpha) = \gamma,$$

where for $(k,i) \in D(\ell x)$, we let $\gamma(k,i) = \alpha(k/\ell,i)$. We note that $e_{x,\ell}$ is a homeomorphism.

- 3.4. Marginally compatible and compatible measures on C_x . Let μ be a finite Borel measure on C_x . We say that μ is marginally compatible with $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ if the marginal measures $(\pi_{k,i})_*(\mu)$ of μ on $2^{\mathbb{N}}$, for $(k,i) \in D(x)$, are absolutely continuous with respect to λ . We say that μ is compatible with $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ if
 - (a) μ is marginally compatible with x;
 - (b) μ is invariant under good homeomorphisms of C_x ;
 - (c) all diagonals of C_x have measure zero with respect to μ , that is, μ concentrates on C_x^0 .

The condition of marginal compatibility, that is, (a), is needed for representations as in (12) to be well defined, while conditions (b) and (c) ensure uniqueness in Theorem 4.1.

For each $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, let \mathcal{M}_x be the set of measures on C_x compatible with x, and let

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]} \mathcal{M}_x.$$

For $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}$, with μ compatible with x and ν compatible with y, we define

$$\mu \otimes \nu = \sum_{\bar{\iota}} (h_{\bar{\iota}})_* (\mu \times \nu),$$

where $h_{\bar{\iota}}$ are the homeomorphisms defined in (7) and $\bar{\iota}$ ranges over pairs as in (6).

Lemma 3.4. Let μ and ν be measures compatible with x and y, respectively.

- (i) For each $\bar{\iota}$ as in (6), the measure $(h_{\bar{\iota}})_*(\mu \times \nu)$ fulfills (a) and (c) from the definition of compatibility with $x \oplus y$.
- (ii) The measure $\mu \otimes \nu$ is compatible with $x \oplus y$.

Proof. Point (ii) follows immediately from (i). In (i), checking (a) is straightforward since, for $(k, j) \in D(x \oplus y)$,

$$(\pi_{k,j})_*((h_{\bar{\iota}})_*(\mu \times \nu)) = (\pi_{k,i})_*(\mu) \text{ or } (\pi_{k,j})_*((h_{\bar{\iota}})_*(\mu \times \nu)) = (\pi_{k,i})_*(\nu),$$

for an appropriate $(k, i) \in D(x)$ or $(k, i) \in D(y)$.

It remains to see (c). Let $(k, j), (k', j') \in D(x \oplus y)$ be distinct, and consider the diagonal

$$\Delta = \{ \gamma \in C_{x \oplus y} \colon \pi_{k,j}(\gamma) = \pi_{k',j'}(\gamma) \}.$$

We need to check that

(9)
$$(\mu \times \nu) (h_{\bar{\tau}}^{-1}(\Delta)) = 0.$$

Let $\bar{\iota} = (\iota^x, \iota^y)$. Because of symmetry, we only need to consider two cases

$$\iota^{x}(k,i) = (k,j), \ \iota^{x}(k',i') = (k',j'), \text{ for some } (k,i), (k',i') \in D(x),$$

and

$$\iota^{x}(k,i) = (k,j), \ \iota^{y}(k',i') = (k',j'), \text{ for some } (k,i) \in D(x) \text{ and } (k',i') \in D(y).$$

Note that in either case (k, i) and (k', i') are distinct from each other since (k, j) and (k', j') are distinct. Now, in the first case, we have

$$h_{\bar{\iota}}^{-1}(\Delta) = \{ \alpha \in C_x \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) = \pi_{k',i'}(\alpha) \} \times C_y,$$

and (9) follows from μ being compatible with x, as this property implies

$$\mu(\{\alpha \in C_x \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) = \pi_{k',i'}(\alpha)\}) = 0.$$

In the second case, we have

$$h_{\bar{\iota}}^{-1}(\Delta) = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in C_x \times C_y \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) = \pi_{k',i'}(\beta)\}.$$

Fubini's theorem implies that to prove (9) for the set above, it suffices to see that, for each $\beta_0 \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$,

$$\mu(\{\alpha \in C_x \mid \pi_{k,i}(\alpha) = \beta_0\}) = 0.$$

But otherwise, we would have

$$((\pi_{k,i})_*(\mu))(\{\beta_0\}) > 0,$$

contradicting absolute continuity of the marginal measure $(\pi_{k,i})_*(\mu)$ with respect to λ in light of λ not having atoms.

By inspecting the definitions, we see the following lemma.

Lemma 3.5. (i) \mathcal{M} with the operation \otimes is an abelian semigroup.

(ii) Let $\mu, \mu' \in \mathcal{M}$ be compatible with x, and let $\nu, \nu' \in \mathcal{M}$ be compatible with y. If $\mu \leq \mu'$ and $\nu \leq \nu'$, then $\mu \otimes \nu \leq \mu' \otimes \nu'$.

Again \mathbb{Z}^{\times} acts on \mathcal{M} as follows. For $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ compatible with x, let

$$\ell\mu = (e_{x,\ell})_*(\mu),$$

where $e_{x,\ell}$ is the homeomorphism given by (8). The following lemma is easy to check.

Lemma 3.6. The measure $\ell \mu$ is compatible with ℓx .

The next lemma is also checked by a quick inspection.

- **Lemma 3.7.** (i) For $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\ell, \ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$, we have $\ell(\mu \otimes \nu) = \ell \mu \otimes \ell \nu$ and $\ell_2(\ell_1 \mu) = (\ell_2 \ell_1) \mu$.
 - (ii) Let $\mu, \mu' \in \mathcal{M}$ be compatible with x and let $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$. If $\mu \leq \mu'$, then $\ell \mu \leq \ell \mu'$.

3.5. Certain functions on C_x . Let $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. For $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, define a function $R_x(\phi)$ on C_x with values in \mathbb{T} by the formula

(10)
$$R_x(\phi) = \prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k,i})^k.$$

Note that since ϕ is a measure class of functions with respect to λ , $R_x(\phi)$ is defined only up to a set of the form

$$\bigcup_{(k,i)\in D(x)} \pi_{k,i}^{-1}(A_{k,i}),$$

where $A_{k,i}$ is a subset of $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ with $\lambda(A_{k,i}) = 0$. In particular, for each measure μ marginally compatible with x, $R_x(\phi)$ determines a measure class of functions with respect to μ . Functions $R_x(\phi)$ will be crucial in defining unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ in Hilbert spaces $L^2(\mu)$ for such μ .

We prove now three lemmas establishing some properties of the functions $R_x(\phi)$. The first of these lemmas will be important in computations.

Lemma 3.8. Let $u: D(x) \to 2^n$ be an injection, for $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Fix $z_s \in \mathbb{T}$, for $s \in 2^n$, and consider

$$\phi = \sum_{s \in 2^n} z_s \chi_{[s]} \in \mathbb{S}_n,$$

where $\chi_{[s]}$ is the indicator function of the set $[s] \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$. For this ϕ , the function $R_x(\phi)$ is constant on $[\![u]\!]$, and its constant value is

$$\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} z_{u(k,i)}^k.$$

Proof. By (3), for $\alpha \in [\![u]\!]$, we have

$$\phi(\pi_{k,i}(\alpha)) = z_{u(k,i)},$$

and the conclusion follows.

The next two lemmas describe interactions of the functions in (10) with homeomorphisms defined before.

Lemma 3.9. For each $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, $R_x(\phi)$ is invariant under all good homeomorphisms of C_x .

Proof. Fix a good permutation δ of D(x) and $\alpha \in C_x$. We show that

$$\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)}(\phi\circ\pi_{k,i})^k\big(\widetilde{\delta}(\alpha)\big)=\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)}(\phi\circ\pi_{k,i})^k\big(\alpha\big).$$

It suffices to prove that, given k_0 such that $(k_0, i) \in D(x)$ for some i, we have

(11)
$$\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k_0,i})^{k_0} (\widetilde{\delta}(\alpha)) = \prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k_0,i})^{k_0} (\alpha).$$

Since the right-hand side of (11) is equal to

$$\left(\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)}\phi\circ\pi_{k_0,i}(\alpha)\right)^{k_0}$$

while, by (5), the left-hand side of (11) is equal to

$$\Big(\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)}\phi\circ\pi_{k_0,i}\big(\widetilde{\delta}(\alpha)\big)\Big)^{k_0}=\Big(\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)}\phi\circ\pi_{\delta^{-1}(k_0,i)}(\alpha)\Big)^{k_0},$$

it suffices to notice that

$$\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)}\phi\circ\pi_{\delta^{-1}(k_0,i)}(\alpha)=\prod_{(k_0,i)\in D(x)}\phi\circ\pi_{k_0,i}(\alpha),$$

which is clear as δ^{-1} is a good permutation of D(x).

Lemma 3.10. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and let $\phi \in L^{0}(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$.

(i) For $\bar{\iota}$ as in (6) and $\alpha \in C_x$, $\beta \in C_y$,

$$(R_{x \oplus y}(\phi) \circ h_{\bar{\iota}})(\alpha, \beta) = R_x(\phi)(\alpha) R_y(\phi)(\beta).$$

(ii) For $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times}$,

$$R_{\ell x}(\phi) \circ e_{x,\ell} = R_x(\phi)^{\ell}$$
.

Proof. Point (ii) is clear. As for point (i), let $\bar{\iota} = (\iota^x, \iota^y)$. Using the definitional identities for $h_{\bar{\iota}}$,

$$\pi_{\iota^x(k,i)}(h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha,\beta)) = \pi_{k,i}(\alpha)$$
 and $\pi_{\iota^y(k,i)}(h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha,\beta)) = \pi_{k,i}(\beta),$

for $(k,i) \in D(x)$ and $(k,i) \in D(y)$, respectively, we get

$$\left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x\oplus y)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k,i})^k\right) (h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha,\beta))$$

$$= \left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} (\phi \circ \pi_{\iota^x(k,i)})^k\right) (h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha,\beta)) \left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(y)} (\phi \circ \pi_{\iota^y(k,i)})^k\right) (h_{\bar{\iota}}(\alpha,\beta))$$

$$= \left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k,i})^k\right) (\alpha) \left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(y)} (\phi \circ \pi_{k,i})^k\right) (\beta),$$

as required. \Box

3.6. Basic representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. We define here certain unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. All other representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ in this paper, except for Koopman representations, are built from the ones defined in this section. A good reason for this situation is given in Theorem 4.1.

Let
$$x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$$
.

Let μ be a measure on C_x that is marginally compatible with x. We define a unitary representation ρ_x of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ on $L^2(\mu)$ by letting $\rho_x(\phi)$, for $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, be the multiplication operator on $L^2(\mu)$ given by

(12)
$$\rho_x(\phi)(f) = R_x(\phi)f, \text{ for } f \in L^2(\mu),$$

where on the right-hand side is the product of a function given by (10) and f. The assumption on μ of being marginally compatible with x ensures that the function on the right hand side is measurable with respect to μ . It is now easy to check that $\rho_x(\phi)$ in (12) is a unitary operator on $L^2(\mu)$ and that

(13)
$$\rho_r \colon L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \mathcal{U}(L^2(\mu))$$

is a unitary representation of $L^0(\mu, \mathbb{T})$.

Note that strictly speaking ρ_x depends also on μ . We do not reflect this fact in our notation, that is, we use the same piece of notation ρ_x to denote unitary representations on $L^2(\mu)$ for all measures μ marginally compatible with x as it will not cause confusion.

Let μ be a measure compatible with x. We define now a subrepresentation of ρ_x on $L^2(\mu)$. We let

(14)
$$\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$$

be the closed subspace of $L^2(\mu)$ consisting of all (equivalence classes of) functions invariant under good homeomorphisms of C_x . Lemma 3.9 implies that, for each $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, the function $\rho_x(\phi)(f)$, as defined by (12), is an element of $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$ if f is. This means that $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$ is a subspace of $L^2(\mu)$ invariant under the representation ρ_x from (13). We denote the restriction of ρ_x to $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$ by the same latter, that is,

(15)
$$\rho_x \colon L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \mathcal{U}(\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)).$$

Two instances of the representation ρ_x that we will use most are the above instance on the space $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$, for a measure μ compatible with x, and the instance on the space $L^2(\mu \upharpoonright U)$, where μ is a measure compatible with x and U is a basic set for x. Here, by $\mu \upharpoonright U$, we understand a Borel measure on C_x defined by

$$(\mu \upharpoonright U)(A) = \mu(A \cap U),$$

for Borel subsets A of C_x . Note that here $\mu \upharpoonright U$ is marginally compatible with x. The next lemma describes an embedding between these two representations.

Lemma 3.11. Let μ be a measure compatible with x, and let U be a basic set for x. There exists a Hilbert space map

(16)
$$L^{2}(\mu \upharpoonright U) \ni f \to \widetilde{f} \in \widetilde{L^{2}}(\mu)$$

that is equivariant between ρ_x in $L^2(\mu \upharpoonright U)$ and ρ_x in $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$.

Proof. Fix $f \in L^2(\mu \upharpoonright U)$. Now, f is an equivalence class of functions on C_x measurable with respect to $\mu \upharpoonright U$. Pick a representative F in the class f such that

$$(17) F \upharpoonright (C_x \setminus U) = 0.$$

Such an F can always be found. Define

(18)
$$\widetilde{f} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s} \left(F \circ \widetilde{\delta}^{-1} \right) \in \widetilde{L}^{2}(\mu),$$

where the sum is taken over all good permutations of D(x) and N is the number of good permutations of D(x). It is clear that $\widetilde{f} \in \widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$; in fact, (18) specifies the same element of $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$ regardless of which representative F of f is chosen as long as it fulfills (17). Thus, the map (16) is well defined. The conclusion that (16) is a Hilbert space map follows from Lemma 3.2 and the invariance of μ under good homeomorphisms of C_x . The equivariance of the map (16) is a consequence of Lemma 3.9.

4. Known results on unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$

Theorem 4.1 below gives a general form of a unitary representation of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. It was proved in [21, Theorem 2.1]. The framework of the statement below differs somewhat from that in [21]; for example, good homeomorphisms introduced in this paper together with the definition of the space $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu)$ allow us to remove an arbitrarily chosen linear order on $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ from the formulation of the theorem. However, translating the statement from [21] into the one below is not difficult. One may view Theorem 4.1 as a spectral theorem for unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. This theorem forms the basis of our proof of Theorem 1.1.

Recall the definitions (12), (14), and (15).

Theorem 4.1 ([21]). Let $\xi: L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \mathcal{U}(H)$ be a unitary representation on a separable Hilbert space H. Let H_0 be the orthogonal complement of the subspace of H consisting of vectors fixed by the representation. Then the representation restricted to H_0 is determined by a sequence of finite Borel measures $(\mu_x^j)_{x\in\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times],j\in\mathbb{N}}$ such that, for each j,

$$\mu_x^j$$
 is a measure on C_x compatible with x , and $\mu_x^{j+1} \leq \mu_x^j$.

The representation restricted to H_0 is isomorphic to the ℓ^2 -sum over $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$ of the representations

(19)
$$L^{0}(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \times \widetilde{L^{2}}(\mu_{x}^{j}) \ni (\phi, f) \to \rho_{x}(\phi)(f) \in \widetilde{L^{2}}(\mu_{x}^{j}).$$

Furthermore, the sequence $(\mu_x^j)_{x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times], j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is unique up to mutual absolute continuity of its entries.

From this point on, given a unitary representation $\xi \colon L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \mathcal{U}(H)$, for a separable Hilbert space H, we write

$$\mu_x = \mu_x^1$$
, for $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$.

We neglect to indicate the dependence of μ_x on ξ , as the representation will always be clear from the context.

Theorem 4.2 below was proved by Etedadialiabadi in his PhD thesis and published in [7, Theorem 4.4]. The framework of point (ii) of this theorem as stated below, in particular, the algebraic notions associated with $\mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$, are new here and somewhat different from the framework in [7]; passing between the two formulations is not difficult. Given a unitary representation ξ of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, Theorem 4.2 translates the condition asserting that, for a generic $\phi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, the maximal spectral type of the operator $\xi(\phi)$ satisfies the property in Theorem 2.1 into a condition on the sequence of measures associated with ξ by Theorem 4.1.

Theorem 4.2 ([7]). Let $\xi \colon L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \mathcal{U}(H)$ be a unitary representation on a separable Hilbert space H. For $\psi \in L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$, let $\nu(\psi)$ be the maximal spectral type of the unitary operator $\xi(\psi)$. The following two conditions are equivalent.

(i) For a generic element ϕ of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ and $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_p, \ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'} \in \mathbb{N}$, if the sequences (ℓ_1, \ldots, ℓ_p) and $(\ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'})$ are not rearrangements of each other,

then

$$\nu(\phi^{\ell_1}) * \cdots * \nu(\phi^{\ell_p}) \perp \nu(\phi^{\ell'_1}) * \cdots * \nu(\phi^{\ell'_{p'}}).$$

(ii) For
$$\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_p, \ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'} \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$$
 and $x_1, \ldots, x_p, x'_1, \ldots, x'_{p'} \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$, if

$$\ell_1 x_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \ell_p x_p = \ell'_1 x'_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \ell'_{p'} x'_{p'}$$

and the sequences (ℓ_1, \ldots, ℓ_p) , $(\ell'_1, \ldots, \ell'_{p'})$ are not rearrangements of each other, then

$$\ell_1 \mu_{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \ell_p \mu_{x_p} \perp \ell'_1 \mu_{x'_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \ell'_{p'} \mu_{x'_{n'}}.$$

5. The theorem on Koopman representations and an outline of its $$\operatorname{\textbf{PROOF}}$$

Theorem 5.1 below gives an additional non-trivial condition fulfilled by unitary representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ that arise from boolean actions of this group as follows. To state it, we need to recall some notions related to boolean actions that will also be used later on in the paper.

Let G be a Polish group. A **boolean action of** G **on** (X, γ) is a continuous homomorphism $\zeta \colon G \to \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$. The word action is justified by viewing G as acting via ζ on the boolean algebra of measure classes of measurable subsets of (X, γ) as follows

$$gB = \zeta(g)(B).$$

We point out that, by [11, Proposition 1.3], a boolean action of a Polish group is induced by a near-action, as defined below, and vice-versa each near-action induces a boolean action. Recall from [11, Definition 1.2] that a **near-action** of G on (X, γ) is a Borel map $G \times X \to X$, $(g, \omega) \to g\omega$, with the following properties:

- $1\omega = \omega$ for almost every $\omega \in X$ with respect to γ ;
- for $g, h \in G$, $g(h\omega) = (gh)\omega$, for almost every $\omega \in X$ with respect to γ , where the set of points ω for which this equality holds depends on g, h;
- the map $X \ni \omega \to g\omega \in X$ is measure preserving with respect to γ , for each $g \in G$.

It follows from the above discussion that expressions of the form $g\omega$, for $g \in G$ and $\omega \in X$, make sense for a boolean action of G as they are understood in terms of a near-action realizing the boolean action. Obviously, for two near-actions realizing the same boolean action and for $g \in G$, the values $g\omega$ coincide only on a set of $\omega \in X$ that has measure 1 with respect to γ .

A boolean action of G on (X, γ) is called **ergodic** if, for each measure class B of a measurable set in (X, γ) such that gB = B for each $g \in G$, we have $\gamma(B) = 1$ or $\gamma(B) = 0$.

Given a boolean action $\zeta: L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \to \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, the **Koopman representation** associated with ζ is the unitary representation of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ on $L^2(\gamma)$ given by

$$L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T}) \ni \phi \to U_\phi \in \mathcal{U}(L^2(\gamma)),$$

where, for $f \in L^2(\gamma)$,

$$U_{\phi}(f)(\omega) = f(\phi^{-1}\omega), \text{ for } \omega \in X.$$

On the right-hand side of formula above, we use a near-action inducing ζ .

Theorem 5.1. Assume that a unitary representation of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ is the Koopman representation associated with an ergodic boolean action of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$. Then, for $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_p \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $x_1, \ldots, x_p, x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ with

$$\ell_1 x_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \ell_p x_p = x,$$

we have

$$\ell_1 \mu_{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \ell_p \mu_{x_p} \leq \mu_x.$$

Note that in the theorem above the coefficients ℓ_1, \ldots, ℓ_p are restricted to come from \mathbb{Z}_2 rather than from the whole \mathbb{Z}^{\times} .

We outline the course of our argument proving Theorem 5.1. Let σ be the Koopman representation induced by a boolean action of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ on (X, γ) . Let $H_0(\gamma)$ be the orthogonal complements of the space consisting of the elements of $L^2(\gamma)$ that are fixed by σ . By ergodicity of the boolean action, $H_0(\gamma)$ consist of elements of $L^2(\gamma)$ with zero integral. Let τ be the representation gotten for σ by applying Theorem 4.1.. We denote the Hilbert space underlying τ by H_{τ} . Of course, τ comes in the form of finite measures μ_x^j , for $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$, and $\mu_x = \mu_x^1$ for all x. Finally, let $\Phi: H_0(\gamma) \to H_{\tau}$ be the isomorphism of representations produced in Theorem 4.1. Recall also the notion of equivariant Hilbert space map from Section 3.1.

By the results of Section 3.4, to prove Theorem 5.1, it suffices to show only two special cases of the conclusion, that is, for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$,

$$\mu_y \otimes \mu_z \leq \mu_x$$
, if $y \oplus z = x$, and $(-1)\mu_x \leq \mu_{(-1)x}$.

Below, we focus on the first case only; the second case is handled by analogous methods. By the definition of $\mu_y \otimes \mu_z$ and since basic sets form a topological basis of C_x , it is enough to show that

$$(20) (h_{\bar{\iota}})_*(\mu_{u} \times \mu_{z}) \upharpoonright U \preceq \mu_{x},$$

for each basic for x set U and each $\bar{\iota}$ as in (6). Fix such U and $\bar{\iota}$, and set

$$\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} = (h_{\bar{\iota}})_* (\mu_u \times \mu_z) \upharpoonright U.$$

Unpacking further, we see that showing inequality (20) boils down to showing that, for each compact subset K of U with $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}(K) > 0$, there is some $j \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\mu_x^j(K) > 0$. This translates into proving the following implication for each compact set $K \subseteq U$

(21)
$$L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{L}} \upharpoonright K) \neq 0 \Longrightarrow L^2(\mu_x^j \upharpoonright K) \neq 0$$
, for some j .

We view $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$ as the underlying Hilbert space of the representation $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ that is equal to ρ_x , as in Section 3.6, on $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$. To prove (21), it is now natural to seek a direct connection between $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and τ . This connection comes in the form of a Hilbert space map

$$\Psi \colon L^2(\mu_{U\bar{\iota}}) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

that is equivariant between $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and σ , or rather in the form of its composition with the isomorphism Φ yielding a Hilbert space map

(22)
$$\Phi \circ \Psi \colon L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to H_{\tau}$$

that is equivariant between $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and τ . Such a Ψ is constructed in Section 12. The work done in Sections 9, 10, and 11 forms a basis of our construction of Ψ . In this work, the ergodic theorem for $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ is used.

The connection given by the Hilbert space map (22) is exploited to get (21) as follows. Given an arbitrary unitary representation ξ of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ on a Hilbert space H, we associate with $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and a compact set $K \subseteq C_x^0$ a subspace of H, which we call $[x, K]^{\xi}$. The definition of and the results on $[x, K]^{\xi}$ are given in Section 8. It turns out that a Hilbert space map that is equivariant between two unitary representations ξ_1 and ξ_2 of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ maps the space $[x, K]^{\xi_1}$ for the first representation to a subspace of $[x, K]^{\xi_2}$ for the second representation. In particular, since Hilbert space maps are embeddings, we have

(23)
$$[x, K]^{\xi_1} \neq 0 \Longrightarrow [x, K]^{\xi_2} \neq 0.$$

Next, we need information on the spaces $[x, K]^{\xi}$ for $\xi = \rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and $\xi = \tau$. We show that $[x, K]^{\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}}$ contains $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} \upharpoonright K)$, while $[x, K]^{\tau}$ is contained in the ℓ^2 -sum of the spaces $L^2(\mu_x^j \upharpoonright \tilde{K})$ over all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, where \tilde{K} is a symmetrization of K using good homeomorphisms of C_x . From these inclusions, together with the general implication (23) and the existence of the equivariant Hilbert space map (22), implication (21) follows. This final argument is carried out in detail in Section 13.

6. The proof of Theorem 1.1 from Theorem 5.1

From this point on, we write L^0 for $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$.

We start our proof with a lemma.

Lemma 6.1. Assume that there is a non-meager set of transformations $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ such that $\langle T \rangle_c$ is included the image of a continuous homomorphism from $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ to $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ for some finite Borel measure ν , with ν possibly depending on T. Then there exists an ergodic boolean action of L^0 on (X, γ) , whose Koopman representation is such that

(24)
$$\mu_x \otimes \mu_x \perp \mu_{x \oplus x}, \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}].$$

Proof. We state the relevant properties of the group $\langle T \rangle_c$ for a generic $T \in \text{Aut}(\gamma)$.

(a) The set

$$\{S \in \langle T \rangle_c \mid S \text{ fulfills the condition in Theorem 2.1}\}$$

is comeager in $\langle T \rangle_c$.

- (b) $\langle T \rangle_c$ is the largest abelian subgroup of Aut(γ) containing T.
- (c) There is no non-trivial continuous homomorphism from $\langle T \rangle_c$ to \mathbb{T} .

Point (a) follows from Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.3 as soon as we see that the set defined by the condition in Theorem 2.1 has the Baire property in $Aut(\gamma)$. But by [13, Lemma 1.4] this set is actually Borel, in fact, a countable intersection of open

subsets of $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$. Point (b) is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.2 (i). As for point (c), a non-trivial continuous homomorphism from $\langle T \rangle_c$ to $\mathbb T$ would induce a continuous action of $\langle T \rangle_c$ on $\mathbb T$ that does not have fixed points, contradicting Theorem 2.2 (ii).

By the classical theorem of Halmos, see [15, Theorem 2.6], a generic $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ is ergodic. Therefore, our assumption allows us to find an ergodic $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ that fulfills (a–c) above and for which there exists a continuous homomorphism $\zeta \colon L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T}) \to \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, for some finite Borel measure ν , with

(25)
$$\langle T \rangle_c \subseteq \zeta(L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})).$$

We fix such a transformation T.

The inclusion (25) together with (b) gives

$$\langle T \rangle_c = \zeta (L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})).$$

As a consequence

$$\zeta \colon L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T}) \to \langle T \rangle_c$$

is a continuous surjective homomorphism between Polish groups, which makes it, by [9, Theorem 2.3.3], an open map. Thus, $\langle T \rangle_c$ is isomorphic as a topological group to the quotient group

(26)
$$\langle T \rangle_c \cong L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})/\ker(\zeta).$$

Represent ν as the sum $\nu_1 + \nu_2$, where ν_1 is atomless and ν_2 is purely atomic. Then $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ is isomorphic as a topological group to the product

(27)
$$L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T}) = L^0(\nu_1, \mathbb{T}) \times L^0(\nu_2, \mathbb{T}).$$

With (27) in mind, note that if $\{1\} \times L^0(\nu_2, \mathbb{T})$ is not included in $\ker(\zeta)$, then there is a non-trivial continuous homomorphism from $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})/\ker(\zeta)$ to \mathbb{T} , contradicting (c) in view of (26). Thus,

$$\{1\} \times L^0(\nu_2, \mathbb{T}) < \ker(\zeta).$$

It follows that ζ factors through a continuous surjective homomorphism

$$\zeta' \colon L^0(\nu_1, \mathbb{T}) \to \langle T \rangle_c.$$

Since, by the ergodicity of T, the group $\langle T \rangle_c$ is non-trivial, we have that ν_1 is non-zero, and, therefore, one can assume that $\nu_1 = \lambda$.

It follows from the considerations above that there exists a continuous surjective homomorphism

$$\zeta \colon L^0 \to \langle T \rangle_c \subseteq \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma).$$

Ergodicity of the boolean action ζ is an immediate consequence of ergodicity of T. Using openness of ζ , we see that the preimage under ζ of the set in point (a) is comeager in L^0 . Therefore, condition (i) of Theorem 4.2 is fulfilled. It follows from Theorem 4.2 that the Koopman representation associated with the boolean action ζ fulfills condition (ii) of that theorem. Taking p=2, p'=1, $\ell_1=\ell_2=\ell'_1=1, x_1=x_2=x$, and $x'_1=x\oplus x$ in condition (ii), we see that the Koopman representation fulfills (24).

Proof of Theorem 1.1 from Theorem 5.1. Assume, towards a contradiction, that for a non-meager set of $T \in \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$, T is in the image of a continuous homomorphism from $L^0(\nu, \mathbb{T})$ to $\operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ for some finite Borel measure ν . Then, by Lemma 6.1, there is a boolean action of L^0 , which is ergodic and whose Koopman representation fulfills (24). On the other hand, by Theorem 5.1, for ergodic boolean actions of L^0 , we have

(28)
$$\mu_x \otimes \mu_x \leq \mu_{x \oplus x}$$
, for all $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$.

Now (24) and (28) give $\mu_x = 0$, for all $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. Thus, the boolean action of L^0 is trivial, making it not ergodic, a contradiction.

7. Ergodic theorem for $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$

Theorem 7.2 below plays an auxiliary, but important, role in the proof of Theorem 5.1. It is an analogue for ergodic boolean actions of L^0 of the ergodic theorem. It concerns the sequences (29) defined below.

Boolean and near-actions are defined in Section 5; groups \mathbb{S}_n and notation concerning these groups are defined in Section 1.1.

For measurability considerations, we will need the following lemma. We will use it a couple of times.

Lemma 7.1. Let H be a compact metric group equipped with the probability Haar measure θ . Let $\zeta \colon H \to \operatorname{Aut}(\gamma)$ be a boolean action of H. Then a near action $H \times X \to X$ inducing ζ is measure preserving between $(H \times X, \theta \times \gamma)$ and (X, γ) , that is, for each measurable set $A \subseteq X$,

$$(\theta \times \gamma) \big(\{ (h, x) \in H \times X \mid hx \in A \} \big) \big) = \gamma(A).$$

Proof. By Fubini's theorem, we have

$$(\theta \times \gamma) \big(\{ (h,x) \in H \times X \mid hx \in A \}) \big) = \int_H \gamma(h^{-1}A) \, d\theta(h) = \int_H \gamma(A) \, d\theta = \gamma(A),$$
 and the lemma follows.

Assume we have a boolean action of L^0 on (X, γ) . Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Lemma 7.1, applied to $H = \mathbb{S}_n$, and Fubini's theorem, for each $f \in L^1(\gamma)$, the function

$$\mathbb{S}_n \ni t \to f(t\omega)$$

is in $L^1(\theta)$ for almost all $\omega \in X$ with respect to γ . This observation allows us to define, for almost all $\omega \in X$ with respect to γ ,

(29)
$$(A_n f)(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{S}_n} f(t\omega) \, d\theta(t).$$

Furthermore, $A_n f$ is in $L^1(\gamma)$.

We can now state the ergodic theorem for L^0 . Our original proof of it (with $f \in L^2(\gamma)$ and the convergence in the conclusion being in $L^2(\gamma)$, which is sufficient for our applications) used the main result from [21] restated above as Theorem 4.1. The proof below was pointed out to us by Glasner and Weiss, and we reproduce it here with their permission.

Theorem 7.2. Let an ergodic boolean action of L^0 on (X, γ) be given. For $f \in L^1(\gamma)$, the sequence $(A_n f)_n$ converges pointwise almost everywhere with respect to γ to the function constantly equal to $\int_X f d\gamma$.

Proof. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define \mathcal{F}_{-n} to consist of all γ -measurable subsets A of X such that $\gamma(tA \setminus A) = 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{S}_n$. It is clear that \mathcal{F}_{-n} is a σ -algebra and that $\mathcal{F}_{-n} \supseteq \mathcal{F}_{-(n+1)}$. Set $\mathcal{F}_{-\infty} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{F}_{-n}$. By the backwards martingale theorem [6, Theorem 4.7.3], we have

(30)
$$E(f|\mathcal{F}_{-n}) \to E(f|\mathcal{F}_{-\infty}) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where the convergence is taken to be pointwise γ -almost everywhere.

By the ergodicity of the boolean action and the density of $\bigcup_n \mathbb{S}_n$ in L^0 , the σ -algebra $\mathcal{F}_{-\infty}$ consists of sets of γ -measure 0 and of full γ -measure; thus,

$$E(f|\mathcal{F}_{-\infty}) = \int_X f \, d\gamma.$$

From the invariance under translations by elements of \mathbb{S}_n of the Haar measure θ , $A_n f$ is invariant under the boolean action of \mathbb{S}_n , so it is measurable with respect to \mathcal{F}_{-n} . This observation, invariance of γ under the boolean action of \mathbb{S}_n , and Fubini's theorem imply that

$$E(f|\mathcal{F}_{-n}) = A_n f.$$

The conclusion follows from (30).

8. A SUBSPACE FOR A UNITARY REPRESENTATION OF $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$

We start working towards the proof of Theorem 5.1. The notion of equivariant Hilbert space map can be found in Section 3.1.

Fix $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and a compact set $K \subseteq C_x^0$; they will remain fixed for the rest of this section.

Let ξ be a unitary representation of L^0 on a Hilbert space H. We describe here a subspace $[x,K]^{\xi}$ of H associated with the point $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and the compact set $K \subseteq C_x^0$. In following the definition of this space, it may be useful to keep in mind Lemma 3.8. An analysis of spaces of this form will be crucial in our proof of Theorem 5.1. Define the subset

$$[x,K]^{\xi}$$

of H as follows. A number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ will be called **admissible** if

$$K \subseteq \bigcup_{u} \llbracket u \rrbracket,$$

where u varies over the set of all injections $u: D(x) \to 2^n$. For an admissible n, put

$$P_n(K) = \{u \mid u \colon D(x) \to 2^n \text{ an injection and } K \cap \llbracket u \rrbracket \neq \emptyset \}.$$

Note that $P_n(K)$ is finite. Using compactness of $K \subseteq C_x^0$, we see that all large enough $n \in \mathbb{N}$ are admissible. With a sequence $(z_s \colon s \in 2^n)$, with $z_s \in \mathbb{T}$ for

all $s \in 2^n$, we associate the element $\sum_{s \in 2^n} z_s \chi_{[s]}$ of L^0 , which gives the unitary operator

(32)
$$\xi(\sum_{s\in 2^n} z_s \chi_{[s]}).$$

Define $[x, K]^{\xi}$ to be the set of all $h \in H$ with the following property. For every admissible $n \in \mathbb{N}$, h can be represented as

$$(33) h = \sum_{u \in P_n(K)} h_u,$$

where, for every $u \in P_n(K)$ and $(z_s : s \in 2^n)$, h_u belongs to the eigenspace associated with the eigenvalue

$$\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} z_{u(k,i)}^k$$

of the operator (32). Since eigenspaces are linear spaces, it follows easily that $[x, K]^{\xi}$ is a linear subspace of H, but we will not use this fact.

The following simple, but useful, lemma makes explicit a degree invariance of the space defined above.

Lemma 8.1. Let ξ_1 and ξ_2 be unitary representations of L^0 on Hilbert spaces H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Let $\Gamma \colon H_1 \to H_2$ be a Hilbert space map that is equivariant between ξ_1 and ξ_2 . Then

$$\Gamma([x,K]^{\xi_1}) \subseteq [x,K]^{\xi_2}.$$

Proof. It suffices to notice two points. First, Γ is linear being a Hilbert space map. Second, if $h \in H_1$ is in the eigenspace associated with eigenvalue $c \in \mathbb{T}$ of the operator $\xi_1(\phi)$, for some $\phi \in L^0$, then, by equivariance and linearity of Γ , the vector $\Gamma(h) \in H_2$ is in the eigenspace associated with c of the operator $\xi_2(\phi)$. \square

The next two lemmas give estimates on the size of the space $[x, K]^{\xi}$. In both lemmas, one can actually prove equalities in place of the indicated inclusions but, in the sequel, we will only need the inclusions.

For a set $A \subseteq C_x$, let

(35)
$$\widetilde{A} = \bigcup_{\delta} \widetilde{\delta}(A),$$

where δ ranges over all good permutations of D(x), and so $\tilde{\delta}$ ranges over all good homeomorphisms of C_x ; see Section 3.3 for the definitions of good permutations and good homeomorphisms.

Lemma 8.2. Let ξ be a unitary representation of L^0 . Let μ_x^j , for $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$, be measures found for ξ by Theorem 4.1.

Fix $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and a compact set $K \subseteq C_x^0$. The space $[x,K]^{\xi}$ is a subspace of the ℓ^2 -sum over $j \in \mathbb{N}$ of the spaces $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu_x^j \upharpoonright \widetilde{K})$.

Proof. This proof is a modification of the argument in [21, p. 3118]. We start with an elementary claim, whose justification we leave to the reader.

Claim 1. Let a,b,c be finite sets with $a,b \subseteq c$, and let $(l_{\nu})_{\nu \in a}$ and $(m_{\nu})_{\nu \in b}$ be sequences of elements of \mathbb{N} . Assume that, for each sequence $(z_{\nu})_{\nu \in c}$ of elements of \mathbb{T} , we have

$$\prod_{\nu \in a} z_{\nu}^{l_{\nu}} = \prod_{\nu \in b} z_{\nu}^{m_{\nu}}.$$

Then, a = b and $(l_{\nu})_{\nu \in a} = (m_{\nu})_{\nu \in b}$.

Assume towards a contradiction that the inclusion in the conclusion of the lemma does not hold. By Theorem 4.1, this means that there is an element h of $[x, K]^{\xi}$ such that one of the following two possibilities occurs:

- (a) for some $x' \neq x$ and some j, the orthogonal projection of h on $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu_{x'}^j)$ is non-zero;
- (b) for some j, the orthogonal projection of h on $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu_x^j)$ has support not included in \widetilde{K} .

Fix such an element h, and let A be the support of the projection of h as in (a) or (b) above. So A is a non-zero $\mu_{x'}^j$ -measure class of a Borel subset of C_x^0 in case (a), and it is a non-zero μ_x^j -measure class of a Borel subset of C_x^0 in case (b). We view A as a Borel set keeping in mind that it is determined by h only up to a measure zero set. With this convention, we make the following claim that combines (a) and (b).

Claim 2. There are x', j, n, and an injection $v: D(x') \to 2^n$ such that n is admissible for K,

(36)
$$\mu_{x'}^j(A \cap \llbracket v \rrbracket) > 0,$$

and either $x' \neq x$ or $(x' = x \text{ and } v \circ \delta \neq u \text{ for all } u \in P_n(K) \text{ and all good permutations } \delta \text{ of } D(x)).$

Proof of Claim 2. As already remarked, large enough n are admissible for K by compactness of K and the inclusion $K \subseteq C_r^0$.

If (a) holds, we pick x' and j as in (a). Since by Lemma 3.1 sets of the form $\llbracket v \rrbracket$, for injections $v \colon D(x') \to 2^n$, for large enough n, form a topological basis for $C_{x'}^0$, we can find such an injection v with (36) for each large enough n.

If (b) holds, let x' = x. Then, using compactness of K and Lemma 3.1 again, for each large enough n, we can find an injection $v \colon D(x') \to 2^n$ such that (36) holds and we have $\llbracket v \rrbracket \cap \widetilde{K} = \emptyset$. This disjointness condition translates to $\llbracket v \circ \delta \rrbracket \cap K = \emptyset$, for each good permutations δ of D(x), which gives $v \circ \delta \notin P_n(K)$, for each good permutations δ of D(x), and the claim follows.

Fix x', j, n, and v as in Claim 2. Now, since n is admissible for K, h is represented as a sum as in (33) for this n. By (36), there exists an h_u , for some $u \in P_n(K)$, whose orthogonal projection on $L^2(\mu^j_{x'})$ has support intersecting [v] on a set of positive measure with respect to $\mu^j_{x'}$. Fix such u. Since h_u is non-zero, it is an eigenvector of the operator in (32) for each sequence $(z_s: s \in 2^n)$. Its eigenvalue for a given $(z_s: s \in 2^n)$ must be equal to

$$\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x')} z_{v(k,i)}^k$$

since, by Lemma 3.8, every value of each function from $\widetilde{L}^2(\mu_{x'}^j)$ attained on $\llbracket v \rrbracket$ is multiplied by that number when the function is acted on by the operator in (32). On the other hand, this eigenvalue is also equal to (34) for the u found above. Thus, (34) and (37) are equal to each other for each choice of $(z_s: s \in 2^n)$. Using Claim 1 (with a = u(D(x)), b = v(D(x')), $c = 2^n$, $l_{u(k,i)} = k$, and $m_{v(k,i)} = k$), we see that x' = x and $v \circ \delta = u$, for some good permutation δ , which is a contradiction. \square

The inclusion $L^2(\mu) \subseteq [x,K]^{\xi}$ from Lemma 8.3 below will be used as a lower estimate on the space $[x,K]^{\xi}$ for a representation ξ of one of the two types defined in Section 3.6.

Lemma 8.3. Fix $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$ and a compact set $K \subseteq C_x^0$. Let μ be a measure marginally compatible with x that is concentrated on K. Let ξ be the representation equal to ρ_x on $L^2(\mu)$. Then

$$L^2(\mu) = [x, K]^{\xi}.$$

Proof. Note that the inclusion $L^2(\mu) \supseteq [x,K]^{\xi}$ is obvious, so it remains to show the opposite inclusion. To this end, let $h \in L^2(\mu)$. Fix n that is admissible for K, and set

$$h_u = h \upharpoonright \llbracket u \rrbracket,$$

for $u \in P_n(K)$. Since μ concentrates on K and

$$K\subseteq\bigcup_{u\in P_n(K)}\llbracket u\rrbracket,$$

we see that in $L^2(\mu)$

$$(38) h = \sum_{u \in P_n(K)} h_u.$$

Now, take a sequence $(z_s: s \in 2^n)$, with $z_s \in \mathbb{T}$, for all $s \in 2^n$, and consider the element t of L^0 associated with that sequence as follows

$$t = \sum_{s \in 2^n} z_s \chi_{[s]} \in L^0.$$

Note that, by the definitions of ξ and h_u and by Lemma 3.8, we get

$$\xi(t)(h_u) = \left(\prod_{(k,i)\in D(x)} z_{u(k,i)}^k\right) h_u.$$

This equation shows that h_u belongs to the appropriate eigenspace, and the lemma follows by (38).

9. A LEMMA ON INDEPENDENCE OF RANDOM VARIABLES

We assume we are given an ergodic boolean action of L^0 on a Borel probability space (X, γ) . We fix notation for two unitary representations of L^0 associated with the boolean action.

Representation σ . This is the Koopman representation on $L^2(\gamma)$ induced by the boolean action of L^0 , that is, for $\phi \in L^0$, $\sigma(\phi)$ is the unitary operator on $L^2(\gamma)$, whose value on $f \in L^2(\gamma)$ is given by

$$(\sigma(\phi)(f))(\omega) = f(\phi^{-1}\omega), \text{ for } \omega \in X.$$

Let

$$H_0(\gamma) = \{ f \in L^2(\gamma) \mid \int_X f \, d\gamma = 0 \}.$$

Then $H_0(\gamma)$ is a closed subspace of $L^2(\gamma)$ that is invariant under σ . Note that by ergodicity of the boolean action of L^0 on the space (X, γ) , we have

(39)
$$H_0(\gamma) = \left(\left\{ f \in L^2(\gamma) \mid \sigma(\phi)(f) = f \text{ for all } \phi \in L^0 \right\} \right)^{\perp}.$$

Representation τ . This is the representation obtained by applying Theorem 4.1 to the representation σ above. So τ is determined by a sequence of finite Borel measures $(\mu_x^j)_{x\in N[\mathbb{Z}^\times], j\in\mathbb{N}}$ such that, for each x and j,

$$\mu_x^j$$
 is compatible with x, and $\mu_x^{j+1} \leq \mu_x^j$.

The underlying Hilbert space of τ is the ℓ^2 -sum of the Hilbert spaces $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu_x^j)$, with the sum taken over $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$. We denote this Hilbert space by H_τ . The representation τ on H_τ is then given by formulas (19).

By Theorem 4.1 and (39), there is a Hilbert space isomorphism

(40)
$$\Phi \colon H_0(\gamma) \to H_{\tau}$$

that is equivariant between σ and τ . For $f \in H_{\tau}$, we let

(41)
$$\hat{f} = \Phi^{-1}(f).$$

The proof of Lemma 9.1 below uses the ergodic theorem for boolean actions of L^0 , Theorem 7.2. We will need the following notion. Let M be a set of complex valued functions defined on the same set. By the *-algebra generated by M we understand the set of all functions obtained by closing M under addition, multiplication, conjugation, and multiplication by complex scalars. Additionally, we adopt the following convention. We write \hat{f} for \hat{f} , for $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$ with $y \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and $v \colon D(y) \to 2^n$, where \tilde{f} is as in Lemma 3.11 for $U = \llbracket v \rrbracket$. Note that $\hat{f} \in H_0(\gamma) \subseteq L^2(\gamma)$.

Lemma 9.1. Let $y_1, \ldots, y_k \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. For $1 \leq i \leq k$, let $v_i \colon D(y_i) \to 2^n$ be an injection and let F_i be a function in the *-algebra generated by the set

$$\{\hat{f} \mid f \in L^2(\mu_{y_i} \upharpoonright \llbracket v_i \rrbracket)\}.$$

If, for all $1 \le i < j \le k$, the images of v_i and v_j are disjoint, then F_1, \ldots, F_k are independent random variables on (X, γ) .

Proof. To keep our notation light, we present the proof for k = 2, and we set $F = F_1$, $G = F_2$, $v = v_1$, and $w = v_2$.

Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be Borel sets. Our aim is to show that

$$\gamma(F^{-1}(A) \cap G^{-1}(B)) = \gamma(F^{-1}(A)) \gamma(G^{-1}(B)).$$

If we let χ^1 , χ^2 , and χ^{12} be the indicator functions of the sets

$$F^{-1}(A), G^{-1}(B), \text{ and } F^{-1}(A) \cap G^{-1}(B),$$

respectively, then we need to prove

(42)
$$\int_{X} \chi^{12} d\gamma = \int_{X} \chi^{1} d\gamma \int_{X} \chi^{2} d\gamma.$$

Let $p \ge n$, where n is as in the statement of the lemma. We associate with v and w sets of finite sequences in 2^p as follows

$$(v,p) = \{ s \in 2^p \mid v(k,i) = s \upharpoonright n, \text{ for some } (k,i) \in D(y) \}$$

 $(w,p) = \{ s \in 2^p \mid w(k,i) = s \upharpoonright n, \text{ for some } (k,i) \in D(z) \}.$

Recall that $\mathbb{S}_p = \mathbb{T}^{2^p}$. Define the following closed subgroups of \mathbb{S}_p

$$S_{v,p} = \{ t \in \mathbb{S}_p \mid t(s) = 1 \text{ for all } s \in (v,p) \},$$

$$S_{w,p} = \{ t \in \mathbb{S}_p \mid t(s) = 1 \text{ for all } s \in (w,p) \},$$

$$S_{v,p}^{\perp} = \{ t \in \mathbb{S}_p \mid t(s) = 1 \text{ for all } s \in 2^p \setminus (v,p) \},$$

$$S_{w,p}^{\perp} = \{ t \in \mathbb{S}_p \mid t(s) = 1 \text{ for all } s \in 2^p \setminus (w,p) \}.$$

While, as usual, θ is the probability Haar measure on \mathbb{S}_p , additionally, we let

$$\theta_v, \, \theta_w, \, \theta_v^{\perp}, \, \theta_w^{\perp}$$

be the probability Haar measures on $S_{v,p},\,S_{w,p},\,S_{v,p}^\perp,\,S_{w,p}^\perp,$ respectively.

We record an identity, contained in (44), that is at the root of the proof of independence of F and G. Let $A' \subseteq S_{v,p}^{\perp}$ and $B' \subseteq S_{w,p}^{\perp}$ be Borel sets. First, we view \mathbb{S}_p , both as a topological group and as a measure space equipped with θ , as products

$$\mathbb{S}_p = S_{v,p}^{\perp} \times S_{v,p} \text{ and } \mathbb{S}_p = S_{w,p}^{\perp} \times S_{w,p},$$

with the groups on the right hand sides equipped with the measures $\theta_v^{\perp} \times \theta_v$ and $\theta_w^{\perp} \times \theta_w$, respectively. Thus, we have

(43)
$$\theta(A' \cdot S_{v,p}) = \theta_v^{\perp}(A') \text{ and } \theta(B' \cdot S_{w,p}) = \theta_w^{\perp}(B').$$

Further, since the images of the injections v and w are disjoint, we have

$$(v,p)\cap(w,p)=\emptyset,$$

which allows us to view \mathbb{S}_p also as the product

$$\mathbb{S}_p = S_{v,p}^{\perp} \times S_{w,p}^{\perp} \times (S_{v,p} \cap S_{w,p}).$$

Therefore, we get

$$(A' \cdot S_{v,p}) \cap (B' \cdot S_{w,p}) = A' \cdot B' \cdot (S_{v,p} \cap S_{w,p}) \text{ and}$$
$$\theta(A' \cdot B' \cdot (S_{v,p} \cap S_{w,p})) = \theta_v^{\perp}(A') \theta_w^{\perp}(B').$$

Putting the two above equalities and (43) together, we have

(44)
$$\theta((A' \cdot S_{v,p}) \cap (B' \cdot S_{w,p})) = \theta(A' \cdot S_{v,p}) \theta(B' \cdot S_{w,p}).$$

Fix $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$. By formula (19) that defines representation τ and by Lemma 3.8, we see that

(45)
$$\tau(t)(f) = f, \text{ for all } t \in S_{v,p}.$$

Since Φ is equivariant between σ and τ , by formula (41), equation (45) implies

$$\sigma(t)(\hat{f}) = \hat{f}$$
, for all $t \in S_{v,p}$.

The above equation, the definition of σ , and the fact that $S_{v,p}$ is a group, imply that, for each $t \in S_{v,p}$,

$$\hat{f}(t\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega)$$
, for γ -almost every $\omega \in X$.

Applying Lemma 7.1 with $H = \mathbb{S}_p$ to the above condition, we get that, for each $t \in S_{v,p}$,

$$\hat{f}(tt'\omega) = \hat{f}(t'\omega)$$
, for $(\gamma \times \theta)$ -almost every $(t', \omega) \in \mathbb{S}_p \times X$.

After applying Fubini's theorem, the condition above gives that, for γ -almost every $\omega \in X$, for θ -almost every $t' \in \mathbb{S}_p$, we have

(46)
$$\hat{f}(tt'\omega) = \hat{f}(t'\omega)$$
, for θ_v -almost every $t \in S_{v,v}$.

We proved that condition (46) holds for arbitrary $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$. Since this condition persists under taking sums and products, conjugation, and multiplication by scalars of functions in $\{\hat{f} \mid f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)\}$, we see that the following condition holds, for γ -almost every $\omega \in X$:

(47) for
$$\theta$$
-almost every $t' \in \mathbb{S}_p$,
$$F(tt'\omega) = F(t'\omega), \text{ for } \theta_v\text{-almost every } t \in S_{v,p}.$$

By the same argument, we get that for γ -almost every $\omega \in X$, we have

for
$$\theta$$
-almost every $t' \in \mathbb{S}_p$,

(48)
$$G(tt'\omega) = G(t'\omega), \text{ for } \theta_w\text{-almost every } t \in S_{w,p}.$$

Fix $\omega \in X$ for which both (47) and (48) hold. The set of such points $\omega \in X$ has γ -measure 1. Consider the functions $F_{p,\omega}, G_{p,\omega} \colon \mathbb{S}_p \to \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$F_{p,\omega}(t') = F(t'\omega)$$
 and $G_{p,\omega}(t') = G(t'\omega)$.

With these definitions, condition (47) translates to

for
$$\theta$$
-almost every $t' \in \mathbb{S}_p$,

$$F_{p,\omega}(tt') = F_{p,\omega}(t')$$
, for θ_v -almost every $t \in S_{v,p}$

We view θ as the product $\theta_v^{\perp} \times \theta_v$ and apply Fubini's theorem to the statement above and obtain the following conclusion

for
$$\theta_v^{\perp}$$
-almost every $t' \in S_{v,p}^{\perp}$,

$$S_{v,p} \ni t \to F_{p,\omega}(tt')$$
 is constant θ_v -almost everywhere.

By the above observation, there exists a Borel set $A' \subseteq S_{v,p}^{\perp}$ such that

(49)
$$F_{p,\omega}^{-1}(A) = A' \cdot S_{v,p} \text{ modulo a } \theta\text{-measure 0 subset of } \mathbb{S}_p.$$

By the same argument, except that using (48) in place of (47), there exists a Borel set $B' \subseteq S_{w,p}^{\perp}$ such that

(50)
$$G_{n,\omega}^{-1}(B) = B' \cdot S_{w,p}$$
 modulo a θ -measure 0 subset of \mathbb{S}_p .

By (49) and (50), using (44), we get

(51)
$$\theta\left(F_{p,\omega}^{-1}(A)\cap G_{p,\omega}^{-1}(B)\right) = \theta\left(F_{p,\omega}^{-1}(A)\right)\theta\left(G_{p,\omega}^{-1}(B)\right).$$

Let now $\chi_{p,\omega}^1$, $\chi_{p,\omega}^2$, and $\chi_{p,\omega}^{12}$ be the indicator functions of the following subsets

$$F_{p,\omega}^{-1}(A),\; G_{p,\omega}^{-1}(B), \text{ and } F_{p,\omega}^{-1}(A)\cap G_{p,\omega}^{-1}(B),$$

respectively. Equation (51) gives

(52)
$$\int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^{12}(t) d\theta(t) = \int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^{1}(t) d\theta(t) \int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^{2}(t) d\theta(t).$$

We keep in mind that identity (52) was proved for all $p \geq n$ and for γ -almost all $\omega \in X$. Let A_p , for $p \in \mathbb{N}$, be the operator defined by (29). We observe that, for all p and $\omega \in X$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^1(t) \, d\theta(t) = \int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi^1(t\omega) \, d\theta(t) = A_p(\chi^1)(\omega)$$

and, similarly,

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^2(t) \, d\theta(t) = A_p(\chi^2)(\omega) \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{S}_p} \chi_{p,\omega}^{12}(t) \, d\theta(t) = A_p(\chi^{12})(\omega).$$

From the above and from (52), we get that, for all $p \geq n$ and for γ -almost all points $\omega \in X$,

(53)
$$A_p(\chi^{12})(\omega) = A_p(\chi^1)(\omega) A_p(\chi^2)(\omega).$$

By Theorem 7.2, for γ -almost all $\omega \in X$, we have

$$A_p(\chi^{12})(\omega) \to \int_X \chi^{12} d\gamma$$
, $A_p(\chi^1)(\omega) \to \int_X \chi^1 d\gamma$, and $A_p(\chi^2)(\omega) \to \int_X \chi^2 d\gamma$, as $p \to \infty$. From the above and from (53), we get (42) as required.

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10. A LEMMA ON SESQUILINEAR HILBERT SPACE MAPS

Let $F_1, \ldots, F_k, F'_1, \ldots, F'_l$, and H be vector spaces over \mathbb{C} . Following [3], we call a function

(54)
$$p: \prod_{i=1}^{k} F_i \times \prod_{i=1}^{l} F_i' \to H$$

a sesquilinear map if it is linear in each of the coordinates F_1, \ldots, F_k and semilinear in each of the coordinates F'_1, \ldots, F'_l . A more precise name for such maps would be multi-sesquilinear, but we use the shorter name. Also the split into the linear and semilinear coordinates should be reflected in the name, but in all cases below the split will be evident from the notation and context.

The following definitions generalize the notion of equivariant Hilbert space map. Assume now that the spaces $F_1, \ldots, F_k, F'_1, \ldots, F'_l$, and H are Hilbert spaces with inner products $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1, \ldots, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_k, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1', \ldots, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_l'$, and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_n$ respectively. A function p as in (54) is called a **sesquilinear Hilbert space map** if it is sesquilinear and, for all $f_1, g_1 \in F_1, \ldots, f_k, g_k \in F_k$ and $f'_1, g'_1 \in F'_1, \ldots, f'_l, g'_l \in F'_l$, we have

$$\langle p(f_1,\ldots,f_l'),p(g_1,\ldots,g_l')\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^k \langle f_i,g_i\rangle_i \prod_{i=1}^l \overline{\langle f_i',g_i'\rangle_i}.$$

Let $\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_k, \rho'_1, \ldots, \rho'_l$, and ξ be unitary representations of L^0 on the Hilbert spaces $F_1, \ldots, F_k, F'_1, \ldots, F'_l$, and H, respectively. We say that p is **equivariant** between $((\rho_i)_{i=1}^k, (\rho'_i)_{i=1}^l)$ and ξ if, for each $\phi \in L^0$ and $f_1 \in F_1, \ldots, f_k \in F_k$ and $f'_1 \in F'_1, \ldots, f'_l \in F'_l$, we have

$$(55) p\Big(\rho_1(\phi)\big(f_1\big),\ldots,\rho'_l(\phi)\big(f'_l\big)\Big) = \xi(\phi)\big(p(f_1,\ldots,f'_l)\big).$$

One could hope not to have to distinguish two types of coordinates, $\prod_{i=1}^k F_i$ and $\prod_{i=1}^l F_i'$, by precomposing a sesquilinear map p as above with the canonical semilinear bar maps from the complex conjugates of F_1', \ldots, F_l' to F_1', \ldots, F_l' ; see [3, Section 3.3]. After such a move, p would become a multilinear map with one type of coordinates; however, after proceeding in this way, the equivariance condition (55) would change in the coordinates F_1, \ldots, F_l' and not in the coordinates F_1, \ldots, F_k keeping the two sets of coordinates distinct.

As in Section 9, we assume we are given a boolean action of L^0 on the Borel probability space (X, γ) . Also, as in Section 9, we consider the two unitary representations of L^0 associated with the boolean action: the Koopman representation σ on $H_0(\gamma)$ and the representation τ on H_τ , where H_τ is the ℓ^2 -sum of the Hilbert spaces $\widehat{L^2}(\mu_x^j)$, with the sum taken over $x \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$. The two representations are isomorphic by the map

$$H_{\tau} \ni f \to \hat{f} \in H_0(\gamma)$$

as in (41).

We can now state the result of this section giving a sesquilinear Hilbert space map. The lemma below will be used in two special cases, k=2, l=0 and k=0, l=1, but there is little harm in combining both cases into one statement.

Lemma 10.1. For $1 \le i \le k$ and $1 \le j \le l$, let $y_i, z_j \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^\times]$ and let $v_i \colon D(y_i) \to 2^n$ and $w_j \colon D(z_j) \to 2^n$ be injections. Assume that the images of v_i and v_j are disjoint, for distinct i, j, as are the images of w_i , w_j , for distinct i, j, and the images of v_i and w_j for all i, j. Then there exits a sesquilinear Hilbert space map

$$p \colon \prod_{i=1}^k L^2(\mu_{y_i} \upharpoonright \llbracket v_i \rrbracket) \times \prod_{i=1}^l L^2(\mu_{z_i} \upharpoonright \llbracket w_i \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

that is equivariant between $((\rho_{y_i})_{i=1}^k, (\rho_{z_i})_{i=1}^l)$ on the product $\prod_{i=1}^k L^2(\mu_{y_i} \upharpoonright \llbracket v_i \rrbracket) \times \prod_{i=1}^l L^2(\mu_{z_i} \upharpoonright \llbracket w_i \rrbracket)$ and σ on $H_0(\gamma)$.

Proof. Again, we write out the proof only for k = l = 1. We set $y = y_1$, $z = z_1$, $v = v_1$, and $w = w_1$.

For $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$, we write \hat{f} for \hat{f} , and similarly for $g \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$, we write \hat{g} for \hat{g} , where \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} are as in Lemma 3.11 for $U = \llbracket v \rrbracket$ and $U = \llbracket w \rrbracket$, respectively.

Note that since v and w have disjoint images, it follows from Lemma 9.1 that, for $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$ and $g \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$, the functions $\hat{f} \in H_0(\gamma)$ and $\hat{g} \in H_0(\gamma)$ are independent random variables on (X, γ) . Therefore, we have

$$\hat{f}\,\overline{\hat{g}}\in L^2(\gamma);$$

in fact,

$$\|\hat{f}\,\overline{\hat{g}}\|^2 = \int_X |\hat{f}|^2 |\overline{\hat{g}}|^2 \, d\gamma = \int_X |\hat{f}|^2 \, d\gamma \, \int_X |\hat{g}|^2 \, d\gamma = \|\hat{f}\|^2 \|\hat{g}\|^2.$$

Furthermore,

$$\int_{X} \hat{f}\overline{\hat{g}} \, d\gamma = \int_{X} \hat{f} \, d\gamma \, \int_{X} \overline{\hat{g}} \, d\gamma = 0,$$

SO

$$(56) \hat{f}\,\hat{g} \in H_0(\gamma).$$

In view of (56), we consider the map

$$p: L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \times L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma).$$

given by

$$p(f,g) = \hat{f}\,\overline{\hat{g}}.$$

The map p is linear in the first coordinate and semilinear in the second one since the maps

(57)
$$L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \ni f \to \hat{f} \in H_0(\gamma) \text{ and } L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \ni g \to \hat{g} \in H_0(\gamma)$$

are linear. Further, we claim that

$$\langle p(f_1, g_1), p(f_2, g_2) \rangle = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \overline{\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle},$$

for all $f_1, f_2 \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$ and $g_1, g_2 \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$. To check the above identity, we compute

$$\langle p(f_1, g_1), p(f_2, g_2) \rangle = \int_X \hat{f}_1 \overline{\hat{g}_1} \, \overline{\hat{f}_2 \overline{\hat{g}_2}} \, d\gamma = \int_X \hat{f}_1 \overline{\hat{f}_2} \, \overline{\hat{g}_1 \overline{\hat{g}_2}} \, d\gamma$$
$$= \int_X \hat{f}_1 \overline{\hat{f}_2} \, d\gamma \int_X \overline{\hat{g}_1 \overline{\hat{g}_2}} \, d\gamma = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \, \overline{\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle},$$

where the finiteness of the first integral follows from (56). The fourth equality holds since the maps (57) are Hilbert space maps. To justify the third equality, note that the functions $\hat{f}_1\hat{f}_2$ and $\overline{\hat{g}_1}\overline{\hat{g}_2}$ are in $L^1(\gamma)$ and they are independent random variables on (X,γ) by Lemma 9.1 since v and w have disjoint images. Since the second equality is obvious, we proved that p is a sesquilinear Hilbert space map.

To check equivariance, note that since σ is a Koopman representation, we have

$$\sigma(\phi)(\hat{f}\,\overline{\hat{g}}) = \sigma(\phi)(\hat{f})\,\overline{\sigma(\phi)(\hat{g})},$$

for all $\phi \in L^0$ and $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$, and $g \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$. Thus,

$$\sigma(\phi)\big(p(f,g)\big) = \sigma(\phi)\big(\hat{f}\big)\,\overline{\sigma(\phi)\big(\hat{g}\big)} = \widehat{\rho_y(\phi)\big(f\big)}\,\overline{\widehat{\rho_z(\phi)\big(g\big)}} = p\big(\rho_y(\phi)\big(f\big),\rho_z(\phi)\big(g\big)\big),$$

where the second equality holds by the equivariance of the maps in (57). The equivariance of p follows from the above equation.

11. A LEMMA ON TENSOR PRODUCTS

We will need the general Lemma 11.1 below that identifies the tensor product of $L^2(\mu_1), \ldots, L^2(\mu_k)$ and $L^2(\nu_1), \ldots, L^2(\nu_l)$ as $L^2(\prod_{i=1}^k \mu_i \times \prod_{l=1}^l \nu_i)$, for finite Borel measures μ_1, \ldots, μ_k and ν_1, \ldots, ν_l , in a category we are interested in. It is a consequence of the standard development of the tensor product of Hilbert spaces as in [12, Appendix E]. The two special cases of it that will be used are k=2, l=0 and k=0, l=1.

Define the canonical map

(58)
$$q: \prod_{i=1}^{k} L^{2}(\mu_{i}) \times \prod_{i=1}^{l} L^{2}(\nu_{i}) \to L^{2}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{k} \mu_{i} \times \prod_{i=1}^{l} \nu_{i}\right),$$

by letting, for $f_i \in L^2(\mu_i)$, for $1 \le i \le k$, and $g_i \in L^2(\nu_i)$, for $1 \le i \le l$,

$$q(f_1,\ldots,g_l)(\alpha_1,\ldots,\beta_l) = \prod_{i=1}^k f_i(\alpha_i) \prod_{i=1}^l \overline{g_i(\beta_i)}.$$

Then it is routine to check that q is a sesquilinear Hilbert space map.

Lemma 11.1. Let μ_i , for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and ν_i , for $1 \leq i \leq l$, be finite Borel measures. Let H be a Hilbert space whose inner product is $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H$. Then, for each sesquilinear Hilbert space map,

$$p: \prod_{i=1}^{k} L^{2}(\mu_{i}) \times \prod_{i=1}^{l} L^{2}(\nu_{i}) \to H,$$

there exists a Hilbert space map

$$r \colon L^2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \mu_i \times \prod_{i=1}^l \nu_i \right) \to H$$

with

$$p = r \circ q.$$

Proof. We write out the proof for k = l = 1 only. We set $\mu = \mu_1$ and $\nu = \nu_1$. We denote the inner products in the spaces $L^2(\mu)$, $L^2(\nu)$, $L^2(\mu \times \nu)$ by

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mu}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\nu}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mu \times \nu},$$

respectively.

We precompose p and q with the bijection

(59)
$$L^{2}(\mu) \times L^{2}(\nu) \ni (f,g) \to (f,\overline{g}) \in L^{2}(\mu) \times L^{2}(\nu),$$

which is linear in the fist coordinate and semilinear in the second one. As a result we obtain bilinear maps p' and q'. Let L be the linear span in $L^2(\mu \times \nu)$ of the image of q'. We note that L is a dense subspace of $L^2(\mu \times \nu)$. By [12, Definitions E1, E7 and Examples E6, E10], there exists a linear function $r: L \to H$ such that

$$(60) p' = r \circ q'.$$

Using identity (60) and the fact that p' and q' are bilinear Hilbert space maps, we calculate, for $f_1, f_2 \in L^2(\mu)$ and $g_1, g_2 \in L^2(\nu)$,

$$\langle r(q'(f_1, g_1)), r(q'(f_2, g_2)) \rangle_H = \langle p'(f_1, g_1), p'(f_2, g_2) \rangle_H$$
$$= \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_\mu \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_\nu = \langle q'(f_1, g_1), q'(f_2, g_2) \rangle_{\mu \times \nu}.$$

By linearity, the above identity extends to

(61)
$$\langle r(e_1), r(e_2) \rangle_H = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_{\mu \times \nu}$$
, for all $e_1, e_2 \in L$.

This, in particular, means that r is an isometry and, therefore, by density of L, it extends to a continuous linear map defined on the whole space $L^2(\mu \times \nu)$. We denote this extension again by r, so we still have (60), which, by the bijectivity of the map in (59), gives

$$p = r \circ q$$
.

By continuity of r and density of L, we see that (61) holds for all $e_1, e_2 \in L^2(\mu \times \nu)$, as required.

12. Two representations of $L^0(\lambda, \mathbb{T})$ and a Hilbert space map

In addition to the unitary representations σ and τ defined in Section 9, the following unitary representation will be used.

Representations $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and $\rho_{U,e}$. Let $y,z \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. Let U be a basic set for $y \oplus z$ and let $\bar{\iota}$ be as in (6) for y and z. Then, $\bar{\iota}$ gives rise to the homeomorphism

$$h_{\bar{\iota}} \colon C_y \times C_z \to C_{y \oplus z}.$$

as in (7). Let

(62)
$$\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} = \left(\left(h_{\bar{\iota}} \right)_* (\mu_y \times \mu_z) \right) \upharpoonright U.$$

By Lemma 3.4 (i), $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ is a finite measure on $C^0_{y\oplus z}$ that is marginally compatible with $y\oplus z$. This observation allows us to consider the representation $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ equal to $\rho_{y\oplus z}$ on $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$, that is, $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ is given by

$$L^0 \times L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \ni (\phi, f) \to \rho_{y \oplus z}(\phi)(f) \in L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}).$$

Let $z \in \mathbb{N}[\mathbb{Z}^{\times}]$. Let U be a basic set for (-1)z, and let

$$e: C_z \to C_{(-1)z}$$

be the homeomorphism as in (8) with $\ell = -1$. Put

(63)
$$\mu_{U,e} = e_*(\mu_z) \upharpoonright U.$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\mu_{U,e}$ is a finite measure on $C^0_{(-1)z}$ that is marginally compatible with (-1)z. As above, we can now consider the representation $\rho_{U,e}$ equal to $\rho_{(-1)z}$ on $L^2(\mu_{U,e})$, that is,

$$L^{0} \times L^{2}(\mu_{U,e}) \ni (\phi, f) \to \rho_{(-1)z}(\phi)(f) \in L^{2}(\mu_{U,e}).$$

The following lemma gives the desired connections between the representations $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ $\rho_{U,e}$ and σ . It uses the work from Sections 9, 10, and 11.

Lemma 12.1. (i) Let U and $\bar{\iota}$ be as in the definition of $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$. There is a Hilbert space map

$$\Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}}: L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

that is equivariant between $\rho_{U,\bar{L}}$ and σ .

(ii) Let U and e be as in the definition of $\rho_{U,e}$. There is a Hilbert space map

$$\Psi_{U,e}: L^2(\mu_{U,e}) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

that is equivariant between $\rho_{U,e}$ and σ .

Proof. (i) We need to set up some notation. We have $\bar{\iota} = (\iota^y, \iota^z)$ for some

$$\iota^y \colon D(y) \to D(y \oplus z) \text{ and } \iota^z \colon D(z) \to D(y \oplus z).$$

Let $U = \llbracket u \rrbracket$ for some injection $u \colon D(y \oplus z) \to 2^n$. Define injections $v \colon D(y) \to 2^n$ and $w \colon D(z) \to 2^n$ by letting

$$v = u \circ \iota^y$$
, and $w = u \circ \iota^z$.

By Lemma 3.3, we have

$$(64) h_{\bar{\iota}}(\llbracket v \rrbracket \times \llbracket w \rrbracket) = U.$$

The canonical bilinear Hilbert space map, as in (58) with k=2 and l=0,

$$q: L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \times L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket \times \mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$$

is given by

$$q(f,g)(\alpha,\beta) = f(\alpha)g(\beta).$$

The following claim gives the relevant to us equivariance property of q.

Claim 1. There is a Hilbert space isomorphism

$$r' \colon L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket \times \mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$$

such that the bilinear Hilbert map

$$(r')^{-1} \circ q \colon L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \times L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to L^2(\mu_{U,\overline{\iota}})$$

is equivariant between (ρ_y, ρ_z) on $L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \times L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$ and $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ on $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$.

Proof of Claim 1. For $f \in L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$, we define

$$r'(f) = f \circ h_{\bar{\iota}}.$$

It is clear from (64) and from the definition of $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ that r' is a Hilbert space isomorphism.

It remains to check the equivariance condition on $(r')^{-1} \circ q$, that is, for $\phi \in L^0$ and functions $f \in L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket)$ and $g \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$, we need to see that

$$q\Big(\rho_y(\phi)\big(f\big),\rho_z(\phi)\big(g\big)\Big)\circ h_{\overline{\iota}}^{-1}=\rho_{U,\overline{\iota}}(\phi)\big(q(f,g)\circ h_{\overline{\iota}}^{-1}\big).$$

Checking the condition above amounts to showing that

$$q(R_y(\phi)f, R_z(\phi)g) = (R_{y\oplus z}(\phi) \circ h_{\bar{\iota}})) q(f,g),$$

which is a restatement of Lemma 3.10 (i). The claim is proved.

Note that v and w have disjoint images since ι^y and ι^z have disjoint images and u is injective. By Lemma 10.1, these conditions guarantee the existence of a bilinear Hilbert space map

$$p: L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket) \times L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma).$$

By Lemma 11.1, p factors through the canonical bilinear map q. The factorization produces a Hilbert space map

$$r: L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket \times \mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

so that $p = r \circ q$.

Let

$$r' \colon L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket \times \mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$$

be the Hilbert space isomorphism from Claim 1. Define

$$\Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}} = r \circ r' \colon L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to H_0(\gamma).$$

Clearly, this is a Hilbert space map.

It remains to show that $\Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ is equivariant between $\rho_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ and σ . Set

$$q' = (r')^{-1} \circ q.$$

Then, by Claim 1, q' is an equivariant bilinear Hilbert space map and obviously

$$p = \Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}} \circ q'$$
.

Now the equivariance of $\Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ follows from this equation, the equivariance of p and q', and the density of the linear span of the image of q', which is equal to the image of q, in the space $L^2(\mu_y \upharpoonright \llbracket v \rrbracket \times \mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$.

(ii) This is similar to (i). Let $U = \llbracket u \rrbracket$ for some injection $u \colon D((-1)z) \to 2^n$. Define an injection $w \colon D(z) \to 2^n$ by letting w(k,i) = u(-k,i). An easy calculation shows that

(65)
$$e(\llbracket w \rrbracket) = U.$$

The canonical semilinear Hilbert space map, as in (58) with k=0 and l=1,

$$q: L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$$

is $q(f) = \overline{f}$. The following claim gives the equivariance property of q.

Claim 2. There is a Hilbert space isomorphism

$$r' \colon L^2(\mu_{U,e}) \to L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$$

such that the Hilbert map

$$(r')^{-1} \circ q \colon L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright [\![w]\!]) \to L^2(\mu_{U,e})$$

is equivariant between ρ_z on $L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$ and $\rho_{U,e}$ on $L^2(\mu_{U,e})$.

Proof of Claim 2. For $f \in L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}})$, we define

$$r'(f) = f \circ e$$
.

From (65) and from the definition of $\mu_{U,e}$, r' is a Hilbert space isomorphism.

To check the equivariance of $(r')^{-1} \circ q$, we have to show that, for $\phi \in L^0$ and a function $g \in L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket)$,

$$q(\rho_z(\phi)(g)) \circ e^{-1} = \rho_{U,e}(\phi)(q(g) \circ e^{-1}).$$

This condition is equivalent to

$$\overline{R_z(\phi)g} = (R_{(-1)z} \circ e) \,\overline{g},$$

which is Lemma 3.10 (ii) with $\ell = -1$ since $\overline{R_z(\phi)} = R_z(\phi)^{-1}$. The claim follows.

By Lemma 10.1, there exists a semilinear Hilbert space map

$$p: L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma).$$

By Lemma 11.1, p factors through the canonical map q. The factorization produces a Hilbert space map

$$r: L^2(\mu_z \upharpoonright \llbracket w \rrbracket) \to H_0(\gamma)$$

so that $p = r \circ q$. We take now r' from Claim 2 and define $\Psi_{U,e} = r \circ r'$. This is a Hilbert space map. To see the equivariance of $\Psi_{U,e}$ between $\rho_{U,e}$ and σ , set

$$q' = (r')^{-1} \circ q.$$

Then, by Claim 2, q' is an equivariant semilinear Hilbert space map and obviously $p = \Psi_{U,e} \circ q'$. The equivariance of $\Psi_{U,e}$ follows from this equation, the equivariance of p and q', and the surjectivity of q'.

13. Proof of Theorem 5.1

By Lemmas 3.5 (ii) and 3.7 (ii), the general case reduces to proving

and

$$(67) (-1)\mu_z \le \mu_{(-1)z}.$$

We show (66) first. Set $x = y \oplus z$. Note that, for each set U basic for x, we have

(68)
$$(\mu_y \otimes \mu_z) \upharpoonright U = \sum_{\bar{\iota}} \mu_{U,\bar{\iota}},$$

where $\bar{\iota}$ ranges over all pairs as in (6) for y and z and $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ is as in (62). Recall that basic sets for x form a basis of C_x^0 by Lemma 3.1 and $\mu_y \otimes \mu_z$ is concentrated in C_x^0 by Lemma 3.4 (ii). So, by (68), to see (66), it suffices to show that, for each set U basic for x and each $\bar{\iota}$ as above,

$$\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} \preceq \mu_x$$
.

It will be enough to see that, for each compact set $K \subseteq U$, if $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}(K) > 0$, then $\mu_x(K) > 0$.

Fix a compact set $K \subseteq U$ with $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}(K) > 0$. Consider

$$\Gamma = \Phi \circ \Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}} \colon L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}) \to H_{\tau},$$

where Φ and $\Psi_{U,\bar{\iota}}$ are as in (40) and Lemma 12.1 (i), respectively. Then Γ is a Hilbert space map and, by Lemma 8.1 in combination with Lemma 8.3, we have

(69)
$$\Gamma(L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} \upharpoonright K)) \subseteq [x,K]^{\tau}.$$

Since $\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}}(K) > 0$, the space $L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} \upharpoonright K)$ is nontrivial. Therefore, since Γ , being a Hilbert space map, is an embedding, $\Gamma(L^2(\mu_{U,\bar{\iota}} \upharpoonright K))$ is non-trivial, which, by (69), makes the space $[x,K]^{\tau}$ non-trivial. Now, it follows, by Lemma 8.2, that there exits j, for which the space $\widetilde{L^2}(\mu_x^j \upharpoonright \widetilde{K})$ is non-trivial, that is, $\mu_x^j(\widetilde{K}) > 0$. (Recall the definition of \widetilde{K} from (35).) Since μ_x^j , being compatible with x, is invariant under all good homeomorphisms of C_x , this last inequality gives $\mu_x^j(K) > 0$. Since, for each j, $\mu_x^j \preceq \mu_x$, we get $\mu_x(K) > 0$, as required.

The proof of (67) is similar. Since, for each set U basic for (-1)z, we have

$$(-1)\mu_z \upharpoonright U = \mu_{U,e},$$

where $\mu_{U,e}$ is as in (63), it suffices to see that, for each compact set $K \subseteq U$, if $\mu_{U,e}(K) > 0$, then $\mu_{(-1)z}(K) > 0$. We fix a compact set $K \subseteq U$ with $\mu_{U,e}(K) > 0$ and consider

$$\Gamma = \Phi \circ \Psi_{U,e} \colon L^2(\mu_{U,e}) \to H_{\tau},$$

where Φ and $\Psi_{U,e}$ are as in (40) and Lemma 12.1 (ii), respectively. Then Γ is a Hilbert space map, for which, by combining Lemmas 8.1 and 8.3, we have

$$\Gamma(L^2(\mu_{U,e} \upharpoonright K)) \subseteq [(-1)z, K]^{\tau}.$$

The proof is now finished as in the case of (66).

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