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GENERALIZATION OF THE THEOREM ON THE ARGUMENT  
OF ALMOST PERIODIC FUNCTION

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In this paper we give a generalization of the following theorem for functions on connected commutative topological groups with values in commutative Banach algebras with unity:

**Theorem.** *Let  $x$  be a continuous complex valued function on real line  $R$  and let  $y$  be defined by:  $y(t) = e^{x(t)}$  ( $t \in R$ ). Further let there exist  $c > 0$  such that  $|y(t)| \geq c$  for  $t \in R$ . Then the function  $y$  is almost periodic iff the function  $x$  has the form  $x(t) = iat + f(t)$ , where  $f$  is almost periodic and  $a$  is real.*

Let  $G$  be a commutative topological group. We shall denote by  $p_t$  ( $t \in G$ ) the operator of translation, i.e.,  $p_t x(s) = x(t + s)$  ( $t, s \in G$ ) for any function  $x$  on  $G$ . The Banach space of bounded continuous functions on  $G$  with values in a Banach space  $B$ , equipped with the supremum norm  $|\cdot|_\infty$ , is denoted by  $C_s(G, B)$ . A function  $x \in C_s(G, B)$  is called almost periodic iff the set  $(p_t x; t \in G)$  is totally bounded in  $C_s(G, B)$ . The set of almost periodic functions on  $G$  into  $B$ , denoted by  $AP(G, B)$ , forms a closed linear subspace of  $C_s(G, B)$ . There exists a unique linear mapping  $M$  from  $AP(G, B)$  into  $B$ , called the mean value, such that  $M(p_t x) = M(x)$  ( $x \in AP(G, B)$ ,  $t \in G$ ) and  $M(x) \in \text{cl co}R(x)$ , where  $R(x)$  is the range of the function  $x$ .

A continuous function  $u$  on  $G$  with values in  $B$  is called additive iff  $u(t + s) = u(t) + u(s)$  for  $t, s \in G$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $G$  be a commutative topological group and let  $B$  be a Banach space. Let  $x$  be a uniformly continuous function on  $G$  with values in  $B$  such that  $p_t x - x \in AP(G, B)$  for any  $t \in G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

1.  $x = u + y$ , where  $u$  is additive and  $y \in C_s(G, B)$ .
2. There exists  $c < \infty$  and a finite set  $K = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \subset G$  such that  $\inf_{z \in B} \inf_{j=1, \dots, k} \sup_{s \in G} |p_{t_j} x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| \leq c$  for  $t \in G$ .

Moreover, if the function  $x$  satisfies the condition 1 then the additive function  $u$  is uniquely determined,  $u(t) = M(p_t x - x)$  for  $t \in G$ .

**Proof.** 1  $\rightarrow$  2: This implication is clear.

2  $\rightarrow$  1: Let  $h$  be defined by  $h(t, s) = p_t x(s) - x(s) - M(p_t x - x)$  ( $t, s \in G$ ). Let us prove that  $h$  is bounded. Indeed, let  $t \in G$  be given and let  $t_j \in K$  and  $z \in B$  be such that  $\sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| \leq c + 1$ . Then  $|M(p_t x - p_{t_j} x) - z| \leq c + 1$  and hence  $|h(t, s)| = |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z + z - M(p_t x - p_{t_j} x) + p_{t_j} x(s) - x(s) - M(p_{t_j} x - x)| \leq |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| + |M(p_t x - p_{t_j} x) - z| + |p_{t_j} x(s) - x(s)| + |M(p_{t_j} x - x)| \leq 2(c + 1 + \sup_{j=1, \dots, k} |p_{t_j} x - x|_\infty)$  for any  $t, s \in G$ .

If we set now  $u(t) = M(p_t x - x)$ ,  $y(t) = h(t, 0) + x(0)$  then  $u$  is additive,  $x = u + y$  and  $y \in C_s(G, B)$ .

Let finally  $x = u + y$ , where  $u$  is additive and  $y \in C_s(G, B)$ . Then for any  $t, s \in G$  we have  $(p_t x - x)(s) = u(t) + (p_t y - y)(s)$  and hence  $p_t y - y \in AP(G, B)$  and  $M(p_t x - x) = u(t) + M(p_t y - y)$ . For any positive integer  $n$  we have further  $M(p_{nt} y - y) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M(p_{jt}(p_{t_j} y - y)) = n M(p_t y - y)$ ,  $|M(p_{nt} y - y)| \leq 2|y|_\infty$  and hence  $M(p_t y - y) = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G$  be a commutative topological group and let  $B$  be a Banach space. Let  $x$  be a uniformly continuous function on  $G$  with values in  $B$  such that  $p_t x - x \in AP(G, B)$  for any  $t \in G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $x = u + y$ , where  $u$  is additive and  $y \in AP(G, B)$ .
2. To any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a finite set  $K = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \subset G$  such that  $\inf_{z \in B} \inf_{j=1, \dots, k} \sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $t \in G$ .

**Proof.** 1  $\rightarrow$  2: This implication is clear.

2  $\rightarrow$  1: By Lemma 1 the function  $x$  has the form  $x = u + y$  where  $u$  is additive,  $u(t) = M(p_t x - x)$  ( $t \in G$ ), and  $y \in C_s(G, B)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $K = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \subset G$  be such that  $\inf_{z \in B} \inf_{j=1, \dots, k} \sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$  for any  $t \in G$ . Let  $t \in G$  be given and let  $t_j \in K$ ,  $z \in B$  be such that  $\sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ . Then  $|M(p_t x - p_{t_j} x) - z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$  and hence  $|p_t y - p_{t_j} y|_\infty = \sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - u(t - t_j)| \leq \sup_{s \in G} |p_t x(s) - p_{t_j} x(s) - z| + |z - u(t - t_j)| \leq \varepsilon$ . From this it follows easily that the function  $y$  is almost periodic.

Now we shall formulate one actually known fact from the theory of commutative Banach algebras. The proof is given for completeness in Appendix.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $B$  be a commutative Banach algebra with unity  $e$  and let  $B_0 = (x \in B; \exp(x) = e)$ . Then for any  $x, y \in B_0$ ,  $x \neq y$ , it holds  $|x - y| \geq \lg 2$ . Further, to any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that for any connected set  $M \subset B$  for which  $|\exp(x) - e| \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$  for  $x \in M$  there exists  $y \in B_0$  such that  $|x - y| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $x \in M$ .

Now we are able to formulate the main theorem which generalizes the classical theorem mentioned above:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $G$  be a connected commutative topological group and let  $B$  be a commutative Banach algebra with unity  $e$ . Let  $x$  be a continuous function on  $G$  with values in  $B$  such that  $|\exp(-x(t))| \leq c < \infty$  for  $t \in G$ . Let  $y$  denote the function defined by:  $y(t) = \exp(x(t))$  ( $t \in G$ ). Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $y \in AP(G, B)$ .
2.  $x = x_1 + x_2$ ,  $x_1$  being additive and  $y_1, x_2 \in AP(G, B)$ , where  $y_1(t) = \exp(x_1(t))$  for  $t \in G$ .

**Proof.** 1  $\rightarrow$  2: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  be such as in Lemma 2. Let further  $t_1, t_2 \in G$  be such that  $\sup_{s \in G} |y(t_1 + s) - y(t_2 + s)| \leq c^{-1} \delta(\varepsilon)$ . Then  $|\exp(x(t_1 + s) - x(t_2 + s)) - e| = |\exp(-x(t_2 + s)(y(t_1 + s) - y(t_2 + s)))| \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$  for  $s \in G$ . Since the set  $(x(t_1 + s) - x(t_2 + s); s \in G)$  is connected, it follows from Lemma 2 that there exists  $y \in B_0$  such that  $|x(t_1 + s) - x(t_2 + s) - y| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $s \in G$ . From this and from the almost periodicity of the function  $y$  it follows that the function  $x$  satisfies the condition 2 of Theorem 1.

Let us show further that the function  $x$  is uniformly continuous. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $\varepsilon_1 = \min(\varepsilon, 3^{-1} \lg 2)$ . Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $0 \in G$  such that  $|x(t) - x(0)| \leq \varepsilon_1$  for  $t \in U$  and  $|y(t + s) - y(s)| \leq c^{-1} \delta(\varepsilon_1)$  for  $t \in U$  and  $s \in G$ . By the above argument, for any fixed  $t \in U$  there exists  $y \in B_0$  such that  $|x(t + s) - x(s) - y| \leq \varepsilon_1$  for  $s \in G$  and in particular for  $s = 0$   $|x(t) - x(0) - y| \leq \varepsilon_1 \leq 3^{-1} \lg 2$ . On the other hand, we have  $|x(t) - x(0)| \leq 3^{-1} \lg 2$  and so  $y = 0$  by Lemma 2, i.e., the function  $x$  is uniformly continuous.

By Theorem 1 the function  $x$  has the form  $x = x_1 + x_2$ , where  $x_1$  is additive and  $x_2 \in AP(G, B)$ . It suffices now to prove that  $y_1 \in AP(G, B)$ , where  $y_1(t) = \exp(x_1(t))$  ( $t \in G$ ). This assertion follows immediately from the known theorems about almost periodic functions and from the relation:  $\exp(x_1(t)) = \exp(-x_1(-t)) = y^{-1}(-t) \cdot \exp(x_2(-t))$  ( $t \in G$ ).

2  $\rightarrow$  1: This implication is clear.

At the end we give a standard application of the preceding theorem to differential equations:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $B$  be a commutative Banach algebra with unity  $e$ ,  $a \in AP(R, B)$  and let  $x$  be a solution of the equation

$$(1) \quad x'(t) = a(t)x(t), \quad x(0) = e.$$

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $x \in AP(R, B)$ .
2.  $\int_0^t a(s) ds = tM(a) + b(t)$ , where  $b, c \in AP(R, B)$ ,  $c(t) = \exp(tM(a))$  ( $t \in R$ ).

**Proof.** 1  $\rightarrow$  2: The solution  $x$  of the equation (1) has the form:  $x(t) = \exp(\int_0^t a(s) ds)$  ( $t \in R$ ). Let us prove that there exists  $d < \infty$  such that  $|\exp(-\int_0^t a(s) ds)| \leq d$  for  $t \in R$ . Since  $\text{cl}(R(x))$  is compact, it suffices to prove that  $y$  is regular for  $y \in \text{cl}(R(x))$ . Let  $y \in \text{cl}(R(x))$  be given and let  $T = (t_n; n \in N)$  be such a sequence that  $y = \lim x(t_n)$ . Let  $(s_n; n \in N)$  be a subsequence of  $T$  such that  $\lim |x_1 - p_{s_n}x|_\infty = 0$ ,  $\lim |a_1 - p_{s_n}a|_\infty = 0$  for some  $x_1, a_1 \in AP(R, B)$ . It may be easily seen that the function  $x_1$  is the solution of the equation  $x_1'(t) = a_1(t)x_1(t)$ ,  $x_1(0) = y$  and hence  $x_1(t) = \exp(\int_0^t a_1(s) ds)y$  for  $t \in R$ . Because of  $e \in \text{cl}(R(x_1))$ , the element  $y$  must be regular.

Theorem 2 implies that  $\int_0^t a(s) ds = u(t) + b(t)$  ( $t \in R$ ), where  $u$  is additive and  $b, c \in AP(R, B)$  ( $c(t) = \exp(u(t))$ ,  $t \in R$ ). It suffices to prove that  $u(t) = tM(a)$  ( $t \in R$ ). It is very well known that any additive (continuous) function on  $R$  into  $B$  has the form:  $u(t) = tz$  ( $t \in R$ ) for some  $z \in B$ . Hence we have  $a(t) = z + b'(t)$  and from this it follows immediately that  $z = M(a)$  (because of  $M(b') = 0$ ).

**Appendix. Proof of Lemma 2.** Let  $B$  be a commutative Banach algebra with unity  $e$ . First let us mention some known properties of the exponential function  $\exp$  in  $B$  ( $\exp(x) = e + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n!)^{-1} x^n$ ):

1. The function  $\exp$  is continuously Fréchet differentiable and  $\exp'(x)(y) = \exp(x)y$  for  $x, y \in B$  (and hence  $|\exp'(x)| = |\exp(x)|$ );
2.  $\exp(x+y) = \exp(x)\exp(y)$  ( $x, y \in B$ );
3.  $|\exp(x)| \leq e^{|x|}$  ( $x \in B$ );
4.  $|\exp(x) - \exp(y)| \leq e^{|y|}(e^{|x-y|} - 1)$  ( $x, y \in B$ ).

Let  $B_0 = \{x \in B; \exp(x) = e\}$ .  $B_0$  is obviously a nonvoid additive subgroup of  $B$ . For  $x, y \in B$  we set

$$f(x, y) = y + \exp(-y)(e - \exp(y)) - \exp(-y)(\exp(x) - \exp(y) - \exp(y)(x - y)).$$

Let us note that  $x \in B_0$  iff  $x = f(x, y)$  at least for one  $y \in B$ . If  $x \in B_0$  then  $x = f(x, y)$  for all  $y \in B$ .

For  $r > 0$  we shall denote  $K(x, r) = (y \in B; |x - y| \leq r)$ .

Let  $0 \leq d < 1$ ,  $r > 0$  and let us prove that for  $|\exp(x) - e| \leq d$  and for  $y, z \in K(x, r)$  the following estimates hold:

$$(2) \quad |f(y, x) - x| \leq d(1 - d)^{-1} + (e^r - 1)r,$$

$$(3) \quad |f(y, x) - f(z, x)| \leq (e^r - 1)|y - z|.$$

Indeed, let  $|\exp(x) - e| \leq d < 1$ . Then  $|\exp(-x)| = |(e - (e - \exp(x)))^{-1}| \leq (1 - |\exp(x) - e|)^{-1}$ . Further, it holds  $\exp(-x)(\exp(y) - \exp(x) - \exp(x) \cdot (y - x)) = \int_0^1 \exp(t(y - x) - e) dt (y - x)$  and from this we obtain  $|f(y, x) - x| \leq |\exp(x) - e| (1 - |\exp(x) - e|)^{-1} + \int_0^1 (e^{t|y-x|} - 1) dt |y - x| \leq d(1 - d)^{-1} + (e^r - 1)r$  for  $|y - x| \leq r$ , which proves (2).

For  $y, z \in B$  we have further  $|f(y, x) - f(z, x)| = |g(y) - g(z)|$  where  $g(y) = \int_0^1 (\exp(t(y - x)) - e) dt (y - x)$ . The function  $g$  is continuously Frechet differentiable and it holds  $g'(y)(z) = \int_0^1 (\exp(t(y - x))(e + t(y - x)) - e) dt z$ , which yields for  $y \in K(x, r)$  the estimate  $|g'(y)| \leq \int_0^1 (e^{t|y-x|} - 1) dt + \int_0^1 e^{t|y-x|} t |y - x| dt \leq e^r - 1$ . Hence for  $y, z \in K(x, r)$  it is  $|g(y) - g(z)| = |\int_0^1 g'(z + t(y - z)) dt (y - z)| \leq (e^r - 1)|y - z|$ , which proves (3).

Let  $x \in B_0$  and  $r \in (0, \lg 2)$ . From the estimates (2) and (3) and from the Banach contraction theorem we obtain that the equation  $y = f(y, x)$  has the unique solution in  $K(x, r)$ , namely  $x$ . From this we obtain that for  $x, y \in B_0$  and  $x \neq y$  it holds  $|x - y| \geq \lg 2$ .

Let us denote  $h(r) = r - (e^r - 1)r$ . It is clear that for some  $r_0 > 0$  it is  $h(r) > 0$  for  $r \in (0, r_0)$  (obviously  $r_0 < \lg 2$ ). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $r \in (0, r_0)$  be such that  $r \leq \min(\varepsilon, 3^{-1} \lg 2)$ . Let us set  $\delta(\varepsilon) = h(r)(1 + h(r))^{-1}$ . Then  $h(r) = \delta(\varepsilon) \cdot (1 - \delta(\varepsilon))^{-1}$  or  $r = \delta(\varepsilon)(1 - \delta(\varepsilon))^{-1} + (e^r - 1)r$  and also  $e^r - 1 < 1$ . Let  $M \subset B$  be a connected set such that  $|\exp(x) - e| \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$  for  $x \in M$ . Then the estimates (2), (3) and the Banach contraction theorem imply that in  $K(x, r)$  there exists a solution of the equation  $y = f(y, x)$ , i.e., to any  $x \in M$  there exists  $y_x \in B_0$  such that  $|x - y_x| \leq r \leq \varepsilon$ . Because of the facts that the set  $M$  is connected and  $r \leq 3^{-1} \lg 2$  it follows easily from the above that  $y_x = y \in B_0$  for  $x \in M$ .

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