

CHAPTER IV

CONVOLUTION OPERATORS

ON

HOMOGENEOUS SPACES

1. Convolution Operators on $L^2(\Gamma)$

By way of introduction, suppose that $\{\lambda_n\}$ is a bounded sequence of complex numbers and suppose that there exists a g in $L^2(\Gamma)$ such that for all integers n , $\lambda_n = c_n(g)$.

Note that a necessary and sufficient condition for such a g to exist is that $\sum_n |\lambda_n|^2 < \infty$ according to the Riesz - Fisher Theorem. By Theorem 3.2 there is a stationary continuous linear operator P on $L^2(\Gamma)$ such that

$$(1) Pf \sim \sum_n c_n(g) c_n(f) E_n \text{ for all } f \text{ in } L^2(\Gamma).$$

For each $x \in \Gamma$, the assignment $t \mapsto h(t) = \overline{g(x-t)}$ defines a function on Γ with

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(h) &= \langle h, E_n \rangle \\ &= \int \overline{g(x-t)} E_{-n}(t) dt \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} \overline{g(x+t)} E_n(t) dt \\ &= E_n(-x) \int_{\Gamma} \overline{g(t)} E_n(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= E_n(-\dot{x}) \int_{\square} g(\dot{t}) E_{-n}(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
 &= \frac{E_n(\dot{x})}{c_n(g)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let μ be any complex number, by Parseval's formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad \|f + \mu h\|^2 &= \sum_n |c_n(f) + \mu c_n(h)|^2 \\
 &= \sum_n (c_n(f) + \mu c_n(h)) \overline{(c_n(f) + \mu c_n(h))}
 \end{aligned}$$

By identifying with the scalar product, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f + \mu h\|^2 &= \langle f + \mu h, f + \mu h \rangle \\
 &= \|f\|^2 + |\mu|^2 \|h\|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \bar{\mu} \langle f, h \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } 2 \operatorname{Re} \bar{\mu} \langle f, h \rangle = 2 \operatorname{Re} \bar{\mu} \sum_n c_n(f) \overline{c_n(h)}$$

Take $\mu = 1$; we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle f, h \rangle = \operatorname{Re} \sum_n c_n(f) \overline{c_n(h)}$$

Take $\mu = i$; we have

$$\operatorname{Re} -i \langle f, h \rangle = \operatorname{Re} -i \sum_n c_n(f) \overline{c_n(h)}, \text{ which}$$

$$\text{implies } \operatorname{Im} \langle f, h \rangle = \operatorname{Im} \sum_n c_n(f) \overline{c_n(h)}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad \langle f, h \rangle &= \sum_n c_n(f) \overline{c_n(h)} \\
 &= \sum_n c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n(\dot{x})
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows from (1) and (3) that

$$\text{Pf}(\dot{x}) = \langle f, h \rangle = \int_{\square} g(\dot{x}-\dot{t}) f(\dot{t}) d\dot{t}.$$

We are then led to the definition of convolution.

1.1 Definition. Let f and g be two functions in $L^2(\mathbb{T})$. The convolution $f * g$ of f and g is a function on \mathbb{T} defined by

$$\dot{x} \longmapsto f * g(\dot{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{t}) g(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t}$$

Immediately, we must show that $f * g$ is well defined.

1.2 Proposition. Let $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$. Then

$$(a) \quad c_n(f * g) = c_n(f) c_n(g).$$

(b) $f * g$ is actually a continuous function on \mathbb{T} .

Proof. (a) This follows immediately from Eq(3) in the introduction.

(b) First we will show that $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n(x)$ converges uniformly in x .

$$\text{Consider } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n(\dot{x})| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)| |c_n(g)|.$$

Due to the Schwarz inequality and the fact that

$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)|^2$ and $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(g)|^2$ converge, it follows

that for any integer n

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n |c_k(f) c_k(g)| = \sum_{k=-n}^n |c_k(f)| |c_k(g)|$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=-n}^n |c_k(f)|^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{k=-n}^n |c_k(g)|^2}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_k(f)|^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_k(g)|^2} < +\infty.$$

So that $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n(\dot{x})$ converges uniformly.

Part (a) shows that $f * g$ is the uniform limit of $\sum c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n$. Therefore $f * g$ is continuous.

1.3 Proposition. Let g be a given function on $L^2(\Gamma)$. Then the operator $P : f \rightarrow f * g$ is a stationary continuous linear operator on $L^2(\Gamma)$.

Proof. We will show first that P is stationary. We have for all $\dot{x} \in \Gamma$,

$$\begin{aligned} U_h(Pf)(\dot{x}) &= U_h(f * g)(\dot{x}) \\ &= f * g(\dot{x} + h) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} f(\dot{t}) g(\dot{x} + h - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} f(\dot{t} + h) g(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} U_h f(\dot{t}) g(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= (U_h f * g)(\dot{x}) \\ &= P(U_h f)(\dot{x}). \end{aligned}$$

So that $U_h(f * g) = U_h f * g$.

For any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f, h \in L^2(\Gamma)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\alpha f + \beta h)(\dot{x}) &= ((\alpha f + \beta h) * g)(\dot{x}) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} (\alpha f + \beta h)(\dot{t}) g(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\mathbb{T}} (\alpha f(t) g(\dot{x}-t) + \beta h(t) g(\dot{x}-t)) dt \\
&= \alpha \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(t) g(\dot{x}-t) dt + \beta \int_{\mathbb{T}} h(t) g(\dot{x}-t) dt \\
&= \alpha (f * g)(\dot{x}) + \beta (h * g)(\dot{x}) \\
&= \alpha P(f)(\dot{x}) + \beta P(h)(\dot{x}).
\end{aligned}$$

Since P is linear, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f) c_n(g)|^2 &\leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (\sup_n |c_n(g)|^2) |c_n(f)|^2 \\
&= \sup_n |c_n(g)|^2 \sum_n |c_n(f)|^2
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sum_n |c_n(f) c_n(g)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq \sup_n |c_n(g)| \left(\sum_n |c_n(f)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \sup_n |c_n(g)| \|f\|_2.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from Proposition 1.2 (a) that

$$\|Pf\|_2 \leq \sup_n |c_n(g)| \|f\|_2$$

for all $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$. Thus P is continuous.

Hence the proposition is now proved.

Note. we see that stationary continuous linear operators from $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ into $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ can be obtained via convolution by two functions of $L^2(\mathbb{T})$. The question is whether or not all stationary operators from $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ into $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ come from convolution operators. The answer is negative. However we shall not construct any example to

support the answer since the usual construction relies on the Riemann - Lebesgue Theorem concerning the behavior of Fourier coefficients.

1.4 Proposition. Let f , g and h be three functions in $L^2(\overline{T})$. The following properties are true.

$$(a) \quad f * g = g * f .$$

$$(b) \quad f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h .$$

Proof. Property (a) follows from Proposition 1.2 (a) and the uniqueness theorem for Fourier series representation of functions in $L^2(\overline{T})$.

Since $g * h$ and $f * g$ are continuous, they also belongs to $L^2(\overline{T})$. So that

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(f * (g * h)) &= c_n(f) (c_n(g * h)) \\ &= c_n(f) (c_n(g) c_n(h)) \\ &= (c_n(f) c_n(g)) c_n(h) \\ &= c_n(f * g) * h \end{aligned}$$

and property (b) holds again by the Uniqueness theorem .

1.5 Theorem. Let g be a given function in $L^2(\overline{T})$ and P be the convolution operator : $f \mapsto f * g$

The kernel of P is the closure of the linear space generated by all those E_n for which $c_n(g) = 0$.

Alternatively it is the space of functions in $L^2(\overline{T})$ orthogonal to all those E_n for which $c_n(g) \neq 0$.

Proof. First we will prove the second half of the theorem. Assume $f \in \text{Ker } P$, then $Pf = 0$. And so for any integer m ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = c_m(Pf) &= \left\langle \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n, E_m \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=-N}^N c_k(f) c_k(g) E_k, E_m \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \sum_{k=-N}^N c_k(f) c_k(g) E_k, E_m \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} c_m(f) c_m(g) \|E_m\| \\ &= c_m(f) c_m(g). \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that $c_m(f) = 0$ for all m such that $c_m(g) \neq 0$. So that f belongs to the space of functions in $L^2(\overline{T})$ orthogonal to all those E_m for which $c_m(g) \neq 0$.

Conversely, assume f belongs to the space of functions in $L^2(\overline{T})$ orthogonal to all those E_n for which $c_n(g) \neq 0$. And so for E_n such that $c_n(g) \neq 0$, $c_n(f) = \langle f, E_n \rangle = 0$. Thus $c_n(g) c_n(f) = 0$ for all n . And therefore $Pf = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n = 0$. Which implies $f \in \text{Ker } P$.

To prove the first half, assume f is in the closure of the linear space generated by all those E_n for which $c_n(g) = 0$. That is $f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=-n}^n \lambda_k E_{m_k}$, where E_{m_k}

is such that $c_{m_k}(g) \neq 0$. And so $c_n(f) c_n(g) = 0$ for all n in \mathbb{Z} , and $Pf = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n = 0$. Therefore $f \in \text{Ker } P$.

Conversely, assume $f \in \text{Ker } P$; then $Pf = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n(f) c_n(g) E_n = 0$. By the proof of the second half of the theorem, $0 = \langle Pf, E_m \rangle = c_m(f) c_m(g)$. So that $c_m(g) = 0$ whenever $c_m(f) \neq 0$.

Let $I = \{m_k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be the set of indicies such that $c_{m_k}(g) = 0$. Then $f \sim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_{m_k}(f) E_{m_k}$. And therefore f is in the closure of the linear space generated by all those E_n for which $c_n(g) = 0$.

Actually, the structure of $L^2(\mathcal{T})$ under convolution can be summarized by the introduction of a new terminology.

1.6 Definition. A normed space E of complex valued functions over \mathcal{T} is called a commutative convolution algebra if:

- (1) $f * g$ is a function in E whenever f and g are in E .
- (2) If g is in E , then the mapping $f \mapsto f * g$ is linear from E into E .
- (3) $f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$ for any f, g and h in E .
- (4) $f * g = g * f$ for any f, g in E .

If in addition we get

$$(5) \quad \|f * g\|_E \leq \|f\|_E \|g\|_E \quad \text{for any } f, g \text{ in } E,$$

Then E is called a commutative Banach algebra for convolution.

1.7 Theorem. $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ is a commutative Banach algebra for convolution.

Proof. Properties (1), (2), (3) and (4) are the contents of previous propositions. Thus we need only to show that $\|f * g\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$. But

$$\begin{aligned} \|f * g\|_2^2 &= \sum |c_n(f)|^2 |c_n(g)|^2 \\ &\leq \sum (\sup_n |c_n(g)|^2) \sum |c_n(f)|^2 \\ &= \sup_n |c_n(g)|^2 \sum_n |c_n(f)|^2 \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(g)|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\|f * g\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2,$$

1.8 Remark. $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ is not an integral domain under convolution; that is, there are f and g in $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ not equal to zero almost everywhere but $f * g = 0$. Since $f * g = 0$ means $c_n(f) c_n(g) = 0$ only, we can find such f and g in $L^2(\mathbb{T})$. For example, let

$$f(\dot{t}) = 1, \quad g(\dot{t}) = e^{2\pi i t}, \quad \dot{t} \in \mathbb{T}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_n(f) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 0 \end{cases} \\
 c_n(g) &= \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i t} \cdot e^{-2\pi i n t} dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i(1-n)t} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i(1-n)} \left[e^{2\pi i(1-n)t} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 0 \quad n \neq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus f and g are in $L^2(\overline{T})$, not equal to zero almost everywhere and $f * g = 0$.

1.9 Remark. The convolution algebra $L^2(\overline{T})$ has no unity. That is; there exists no function g in $L^2(\overline{T})$ such that $f * g = f$ for all f in $L^2(\overline{T})$. If such g exists then $c_n(f) c_n(g) = c_n(f)$ for all n and since we can always find f such that $c_n(f) \neq 0$ for all n . For example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } f(t) &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i t} \quad (t \in \overline{T}). \text{ Then} \\
 c_n(f) &= \langle f, E_n \rangle \\
 &= \int_0^1 f(t) \overline{E_n(t)} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^1 e^{\frac{\pi i t}{2}} \cdot e^{-2\pi i n t} dt \\
&= \int_0^1 e^{\pi i (\frac{1}{2} - 2n)t} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{\frac{\pi i}{2} (1-4n)} \left[e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} (\frac{1-2n}{2}) t} \right]_0^1 \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi i (1-4n)} \left[e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} (1-2n)} - 1 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

which is not zero for all n . So that, we must have $c_n(g) = 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. This, however, is impossible since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n(g) = 0$. This latter fact is true just because $|c_n(g)|$ is n^{th} term of the convergent series $\sum |c_n(g)|$.

2. Convolution in Homogeneous space:

We have already seen that $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ is a Banach algebra for convolution and that $f * g$ is far more regular than f and g . In fact, if $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$, then $f * g$ is a continuous function having a uniform absolutely convergent Fourier series. These results can be extended in $L^p(\mathbb{T})$.

2.1 Definition. Let f and g be two functions in $L^1(\mathbb{T})$. The convolution of f and g is defined by

$$f * g(\dot{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) g(\dot{y}) d\dot{y}.$$

As in the case of $L^2(\mathbb{T})$, we must show that $f * g$ is an element in $L^1(\mathbb{T})$.

2.2 Theorem. Let $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$. Then

$$(a) \quad \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x-t)g(t)| dt < \infty$$

for almost all x in \mathbb{T} . For these x , define

$$(b) \quad h(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x-t)g(t) dt.$$

Then $h \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ and

$$(c) \quad \|h\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_1.$$

Of course, h is just $f * g$.

Proof. If f is a measurable characteristic function, then by the fact that the σ -algebra of all Lebesgue measurable sets is the completion of the σ -algebra of all Borel sets, there exists a Borel function f_0 such that $f_0 = f$ a.e on \mathbb{T} . Since a simple function is a finite linear combination of measurable characteristic functions, there exists a Borel function $f_0 = f$ a.e for any simple function f . If $f \geq 0$ is measurable, and if $\{s_n\}$ is a sequence of Lebesgue measurable simple functions which converges pointwise to f , there are Borel simple functions t_n such that $t_n = s_n$ a.e and such that $t_n(x) = 0$ at those x at which $t_n(x) \neq s_n(x)$. Then $f_0(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n(x)$ exists for every x , f_0 is a Borel function, and $f_0 = f$ a.e. Hence we obtain

by the usual trick that for any f and g in $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ there exists Borel function f_0 and g_0 such that $f = f_0$ a.e. and $g = g_0$ a.e.

The integrals in (a) and (b) are unchanged, for every \dot{x} , if we replace f by f_0 and g by g_0 . Thus we may assume, to begin with, that f and g are Borel functions.

To apply **Fubini's Theorem**, we shall first prove that the function F defined by

$$F(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) = f(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) g(\dot{y})$$

is a Borel function on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$.

To each $E \subset \mathbb{T}$, we associate a set $\tilde{E} \subset \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ defined by

$$\tilde{E} = \{(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) : \dot{x} - \dot{y} \in E\}.$$

If E is open, so is \tilde{E} . Let \mathcal{A} be the collection of all $E \subset \mathbb{T}$ for which \tilde{E} is a Borel set. Then \mathcal{A} is a σ -algebra in \mathbb{T} , since

(i) $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ is a Borel set, and hence \mathbb{T} is in \mathcal{A}

(ii) Let E be in \mathcal{A} . Then \tilde{E} is a Borel set.

But $\tilde{E}^c = \tilde{E}^c$, so that E^c is in \mathcal{A} .

(iii) Let $\{E_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{A} . We proceed to show that $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \in \mathcal{A}$. It is enough to show that

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n = \tilde{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n}. \quad \text{Let } (x, y) \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n. \quad \text{Then } (x - y) \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n;$$

that is there is a positive integer N such that $(x-y) \in E_N$.

So that $(x,y) \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n$. Hence $\widetilde{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n$.

Conversely, assume $(x, y) \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n$. Then there exists a positive integer k such that $(x, y) \in \tilde{E}_k$. So that $x - y \in E_k$, and hence in $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$. Which implies $(x,y) \in \widetilde{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n}$. Thus $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n \subset \widetilde{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n}$. Consequently $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{E}_n = \widetilde{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n}$. It follows that \tilde{E} is a Borel set in $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ whenever E is a Borel set in \mathbb{T} .

Now let V be any open set, and let $E = \{ \dot{x} : f(\dot{x}) \in V \}$. Then E is a Borel set in \mathbb{T} , and so is

$$\{ (\dot{x}, \dot{y}) : f(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) \in V \} = \{ (\dot{x}, \dot{y}) : \dot{x} - \dot{y} \in E \} = \tilde{E}.$$

This shows that the assignment $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \mapsto f(\dot{x} - \dot{y})$ defines a Borel function. Since the composition of Borel functions is a Borel function, $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \mapsto g(\dot{y})$ defines a Borel function. Since the product of two Borel functions is a Borel function, our assertion concerning F is proved.

Next we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \int_{\mathbb{T}} d\dot{y} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |F(\dot{x}, \dot{y})| d\dot{x} &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g(\dot{y})| d\dot{y} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(\dot{x}-\dot{y})| d\dot{x} \\ &= \|f\|_1 \|g\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(\dot{x} - \dot{y})| d\dot{x} = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x)| d\dot{x} = \|f\|_1$$

for every y , by the translation invariance of Lebesgue integration.

Thus $F \in L^1(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T})$, and the Fubini's theorem implies that the integral in (b) exists for almost all \dot{x} in \mathbb{T} and $\dot{h} \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$.

Finally, (c) follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \|f * g\|_1 &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f * g(\dot{x})| d\dot{x} \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}} d\dot{x} \int_{\mathbb{T}} |F(\dot{x}, \dot{y})| d\dot{y} \\ &= \|f\|_1 \|g\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

by (1). The proof is complete .

2.5 Theorem. $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ is a commutative Banach algebra for convolution.

Proof. Let f and $g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$. Then

$$(f * g)(\dot{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t}.$$

Putting $\dot{x} - \dot{t} = \dot{u}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(\dot{x}) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{u}) g(\dot{x} - \dot{u}) d\dot{u} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{x} - \dot{u}) f(\dot{u}) d\dot{u} \\ &= g * f(\dot{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Let $h \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$. Then, by the definition of convolution on $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ and Fubini's Theorem, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (f * (g * h))(\dot{x}) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) (g * h)(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t} - \dot{u}) h(\dot{u}) d\dot{u} \right) d\dot{t}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $\dot{t} = \dot{s} + \dot{u}$, one gets

$$(f * (g * h))(\dot{x}) = \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\dot{x} - (\dot{s} + \dot{u})) d\dot{s} \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{s}) h(\dot{u}) d\dot{u} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\mathcal{T}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{s} - \dot{u}) g(\dot{s}) d\dot{s} \right) h(\dot{u}) d\dot{u} \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{T}} f * g(\dot{x} - \dot{u}) h(\dot{u}) d\dot{u} \\
&= ((f * g) * h)(\dot{x})
\end{aligned}$$

Now we will show that for a given g in $L^1(\mathcal{T})$, the mapping $f \rightarrow f * g$ is linear from $L^1(\mathcal{T})$ into $L^1(\mathcal{T})$. By the definition of the convolution in $L^1(\mathcal{T})$ and the linearity of integration, it follows that for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
((\alpha f + \beta h) * g)(\dot{x}) &= \int_{\mathcal{T}} (\alpha f + \beta h)(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{T}} \alpha f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} + \int_{\mathcal{T}} \beta h(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
&= \alpha \int_{\mathcal{T}} f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} + \beta \int_{\mathcal{T}} h(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) g(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
&= \alpha (f * g)(\dot{x}) + \beta (h * g)(\dot{x}) .
\end{aligned}$$

This and Theorem 2.4. show that $L^1(\mathcal{T})$ is a commutative Banach algebra for convolution .

2.6 Theorem. For $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, $L^p(\mathcal{T})$ is a commutative Banach algebra for convolution.

Proof. Observe that for any $f \in L^p(\mathcal{T})$, we have $\|f\|_p^p = \int_{\mathcal{T}} |f(\dot{x})|^p d\dot{x} < +\infty$. This implies that $|f(\dot{x})| < +\infty$ a.e. and so, $\|f\|_1 = \int_{\mathcal{T}} |f(\dot{x})| d\dot{x} < \infty$; i.e $f \in L^1(\mathcal{T})$. Consequently, $\underline{L^p(\mathcal{T})} \subset L^1(\mathcal{T})$.

As we have already proved that $L^1(\mathcal{T})$ was a convolution algebra, the theorem will follow if we prove that when f is in $L^1(\mathcal{T})$ and g is in $L^p(\mathcal{T})$ then $f * g$ is in

$L^p(\Gamma)$. Let $f \in L^1(\Gamma)$, $g \in L^p(\Gamma)$ and $h \in L^q(\Gamma)$, where q is the conjugate exponent of p . Consider the following integral $\int_{\Gamma} \left(\int_{\Gamma} g(\dot{x}-\dot{t}) f(\dot{t}) d\dot{t} \right) h(\dot{x}) d\dot{x}$. We get that the double integral is absolutely convergent, because

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma \times \Gamma} |g(\dot{x}-\dot{t}) f(\dot{t}) h(\dot{x})| d\dot{x} d\dot{t} &= \int_{\Gamma} |f(\dot{t})| \left(\int_{\Gamma} |g(\dot{x}-\dot{t}) h(\dot{x})| d\dot{x} \right) d\dot{t} \\ &\leq \int_{\Gamma} |f(\dot{t})| \|g\|_p \|h\|_q d\dot{t} \\ &\leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_p \|h\|_q \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma} f * g(\dot{x}) h(\dot{x}) d\dot{x} \right| \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_p \|h\|_q.$$

Using a mild converse of Hölder's inequality stating that if $f \in L^1(\Gamma)$ and if for all $h \in L^q(\Gamma)$ ($q \geq 1$) we have

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma} f(\dot{x}) h(\dot{x}) d\dot{x} \right| \leq A \|h\|_q \text{ for some } A > 0, \text{ then}$$

$f \in L^p(\Gamma)$ where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $\|f\|_p \leq A$, we can conclude that $f * g \in L^p(\Gamma)$ and

$$(*) \quad \|f * g\|_p \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_p.$$

Applying Hölder's inequality to $g=1$, we get $\|f\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p$.

$$\text{Finally, we get } \|f * g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_p.$$

2.7 Theorem. $A(\Gamma)$ is a Banach convolution algebra.

Proof. By the definition of $A(\Gamma)$, it follows from Proposition 1.2 (b) that $L^2(\Gamma) * L^2(\Gamma) \subset A(\Gamma)$. Since $A(\Gamma)$ is a subset of $L^2(\Gamma)$, $A(\Gamma) * A(\Gamma) \subset A(\Gamma)$. Thus the convolution has all the desired properties of a convolution algebra.

The inequality

$$\|f * g\|_{A(\Gamma)} \leq \|f\|_{A(\Gamma)} \|g\|_{A(\Gamma)} \quad \text{holds since}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f * g)| &= \sum |c_n(f)| |c_n(g)| \\ &\leq \left(\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)| \right) \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(g)| \right) \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)| \right) \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(g)| \right) \end{aligned}$$

and so, $\|f * g\|_{A(\Gamma)} \leq \|f\|_{A(\Gamma)} \|g\|_{A(\Gamma)}$

Hence $A(\Gamma)$ is a Banach convolution algebra.

2.8 Definition. A convolutor is a homogeneous Banach space E of functions over Γ such that

- (a) $E \cap C(\Gamma)$ is dense in E .
- (b) $L^1(\Gamma) * E$ is a subset of E .
- (c) $\|f * g\|_E \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_E$ for any f in $L^1(\Gamma)$ any g in E .

2.9 Theorem. $L^p(\Gamma)$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$, $C(\Gamma)$ and $A(\Gamma)$ are convolutors.

Proof. We know that all these spaces are homogeneous Banach spaces. It then suffices to check the three other properties.

For $L^p(\Gamma)$, $\infty > p \geq 1$, 2.8 (a) follows immediately since $C(\Gamma)$ is dense in $L^p(\Gamma)$ and $L^p(\Gamma) \cap C(\Gamma) = C(\Gamma)$. The property 2.8 (b) follows since

$L^1(\Gamma) * L^p(\Gamma) \subset C(\Gamma)$ and so is a subset of $L^p(\Gamma)$. The property 2.8 (c) follows from the inequality (*) of Theorem 2.6.

For $C(\Gamma)$, property 2.8 (a) is trivial; property 2.8 (b) follows since $L^1(\Gamma) * C(\Gamma) \subset C(\Gamma)$; and so the only property we need to prove is 2.8 (c). We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|f * g\|_{C(\Gamma)} &= \sup_{x \in \Gamma} |f * g(x)| \\ &= \sup_{x \in \Gamma} \left| \int_{\Gamma} f(x-y) g(y) dy \right| \end{aligned}$$

Applying Holder's inequality and the fact that Lebesgue integration is invariant under translation, we then get.

$$\|f * g\|_{C(\Gamma)} \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_{C(\Gamma)}.$$

For $A(\Gamma)$, property 2.8 (a) follows immediately since $A(\Gamma) \subset C(\Gamma)$, we get $A(\Gamma) \cap C(\Gamma) = A(\Gamma)$; property 2.8 (b) follows from proposition 1.2 (a), and so the only property we need to prove is 2.8 (e).

Consider

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f * g)| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n(f)| |c_n(g)|.$$

But $|c_n(f)| \leq \|f\|_1$ for all n , so that

$$\|f * g\|_{A(\Gamma)} \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_{A(\Gamma)}.$$

Hence the theorem is now proved.

2.10 Proposition. Let f be a given function in $L^1(\mathbb{T})$. Then the operator $P : g \rightarrow g * f$ is a continuous linear stationary operator on $L^1(\mathbb{T})$.

Proof. For any $g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, $\|g * f\|_1 \leq \|g\|_1 \|f\|_1$, and so $\|Pg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1 \cdot \|g\|_1$. Hence P is a bounded operator from $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ into $L^1(\mathbb{T})$.

We will now show that P is linear. For any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $g, h \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\alpha g + \beta h)(\dot{x}) &= ((\alpha g + \beta h) * f)(\dot{x}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} (\alpha g + \beta h)(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} (\alpha g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) + \beta h(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t})) d\dot{t} \\ &= \alpha \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} + \beta \int_{\mathbb{T}} h(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \alpha (g * f)(\dot{x}) + \beta (h * f)(\dot{x}) \\ &= \alpha P(g)(\dot{x}) + \beta P(h)(\dot{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Next we will show that P is stationary.

We have for all $\dot{x} \in \mathbb{T}$ and $\dot{h} \in \mathbb{T}$,

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\dot{h}}(P(g))(\dot{x}) &= U_{\dot{h}}(g * f)(\dot{x}) \\ &= g * f(\dot{x} + \dot{h}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} + \dot{h} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t} + \dot{h}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} U_{\dot{h}}g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (U_h \cdot g * f)(\dot{x}) \\
 &= P(U_h \cdot g)(\dot{x}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence P is stationary.

This completes the proof.

2.11 Proposition. Let f be a given function in $L^p(\overline{T})$, ($1 \leq p < \infty$). Then the operator $P : g \longrightarrow g * f$ is a continuous linear stationary operator on $L^p(\overline{T})$.

Proof. For any $g \in L^p(\overline{T})$, we have $\|P(g)\|_p = \|g * f\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_p$. So that P is a bounded operator from $L^p(\overline{T})$ into itself.

We will now show that P is linear.

This follows from 2.10 and the fact that $L^p(\overline{T}) \subset L^1(\overline{T})$.

Next we proceed to show that P is stationary.

We have for all $\dot{x} \in \overline{T}$ and $h \in \overline{T}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_h \cdot (P(g))(\dot{x}) &= U_h \cdot (g * f)(\dot{x}) \\
 &= g * f(\dot{x} + h) \\
 &= \int_{\overline{T}} g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} + h - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
 &= \int_{\overline{T}} g(\dot{t} + h) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\
 &= \int_{\overline{T}} U_h \cdot g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (U_h g * f)(\dot{x}) \\
 &= P(U_h g)(\dot{x}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence P is stationary.

This completes the proof.

2.12 Proposition. Let f be a given function in $A(\Gamma)$. Then the operator $P : g \rightarrow g * f$ is a continuous linear stationary operator on $A(\Gamma)$.

Proof. For any $g \in A(\Gamma)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|P(g)\|_{A(\Gamma)} &= \|g * f\|_{A(\Gamma)} \\
 &= \sum_n |c_n(g * f)| \\
 &= \sum_n |c_n(g)| |c_n(f)| \\
 &\leq \sum_n (\sup_n |c_n(f)|) \cdot |c_n(g)| \\
 &= \sup_n |c_n(f)| \cdot \sum_n |c_n(g)| \\
 &= \sup_n |c_n(f)| \cdot \|g\|_{A(\Gamma)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $A(\Gamma) \subset L^1(\Gamma)$, in particular $A(\Gamma) \subset C(\Gamma)$, the linearity of P follows from 2.10.

Next we will show that P is stationary. For any $\dot{x} \in \Gamma$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_h(P(g))(\dot{x}) &= U_h(g * f)(\dot{x}) \\
 &= g * f(\dot{x} + h)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} + \dot{h} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} g(\dot{t} + \dot{h}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} U_{\dot{h}} g(\dot{t}) f(\dot{x} - \dot{t}) d\dot{t} \\ &= (U_{\dot{h}} g * f)(\dot{x}) \\ &= P(U_{\dot{h}} g)(\dot{x}) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.