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- DECAY OF PROBABILITY SEMI-GROUPS AT INFINITY REPRESENTATIONS ON BANACH SPACES.

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KIRILLOV THEORY. CHAIN ALGEBRAS

We present a short summary of the Kirillov theory of irreducible unitary representations of nilpotent Lie groups and we discuss the generalized chain algebras which Joe Jenkins and the author used in [2]. Our presentation makes utmost use of [4].

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra such that for a positive integer  $c$   $[x_0, [x_1, \dots [x_{c-1}, x_c] \dots]] = 0$  for all  $x_0, \dots, x_c \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is called nilpotent of class  $\leq c$ . A nilpotent Lie algebra has a non-zero center  $Z(\mathfrak{g}) = \{X: [X, Y] = 0 \text{ for all } Y \in \mathfrak{g}\}$ .

The following facts are easy to prove:

Let  $G$  be a simply connected Lie group such that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$  is nilpotent. Then the exponential map  $\exp: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$  is a diffeomorphism. We write  $G = \exp \mathfrak{g}$  and we identify  $G$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  as manifolds, i.e.  $G = \mathbb{R}^n$  and the group multiplication in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by  $xy = c(x, y)$ , where  $c(x, y)$  is given by the Hausdorff-Campbell formula and in the case of a nilpotent Lie algebra it is a polynomial.

We write  $\underline{S}(G) = \underline{S}(\mathfrak{g})$  for the space of the Schwartz functions on  $G$  and we note that the group translation  $x \rightarrow xy$  induces a linear homeomorphism on  $\underline{S}(G)$ .

Let  $G$  be a simply connected nilpotent Lie group i.e. a group whose Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is nilpotent. In 1961 A.A. Kirillov gave the following description of all unitary representations of  $G$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{g}'$  be the dual space to the linear space  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We define the co-adjoint action of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}'$  by

$$\langle X, \text{Ad}'_x \sigma \rangle = \langle \text{Ad}_x X, \sigma \rangle, \quad x \in G, X \in \mathfrak{g}, \sigma \in \mathfrak{g}',$$

and we write

$$O_\sigma = \{ \text{Ad}'_x \sigma : x \in G \}.$$

For a  $\sigma$  in  $\mathfrak{g}'$  we take a subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  which has the following properties:

(a)  $\underline{h}$  is subordinate to  $\sigma$ , i.e.  $\langle [X, Y], \sigma \rangle = 0$

(b)  $\underline{h}$  is of maximal dimension with respect to (a).

Let  $H = \exp \underline{h}$ . By (a) the mapping  $\chi : x \mapsto e^{i\langle X, \sigma \rangle}$  is a multiplicative character of  $H$ . Let  $\pi^\sigma$  be the induced representation  $\pi^\sigma = \text{Ind}_H^G \chi$ .

A.A.Kirillov proved that:

(i) Every irreducible unitary representation of  $G$  is of the form  $\pi^\sigma$

(ii)  $\pi^{\sigma_1}$  is equivalent to  $\pi^\sigma$  iff  $\sigma_1 \in \mathcal{O}_\sigma$ .

Statement (ii) implicitly says that if  $\underline{h}_1$  is another algebra which satisfies (a) and (b) for a given  $\sigma$ , then the representations  $\text{Ind}_{H_1}^G \chi$  and  $\text{Ind}_H^G \chi$  are equivalent.

(iii) Let  $f \in \underline{S}(G)$ . Then the operator

$$\pi_f^\sigma = \int_G \pi_x^\sigma f(x) dx$$

is compact and has finite trace.

We say that  $\sigma$ , or the representation  $\pi^\sigma$ , is in general position if  $\langle Z(\underline{g}), \sigma \rangle \neq 0$ .

(iv) There is a subset  $\Lambda$  of  $\underline{g}'$  such that  $\Lambda$  intersects every orbit in general position in exactly one point and there exists a measure  $\mu$  called the Plancherel measure, on  $\Lambda$  such that

$$f(0) = \int_\Lambda \text{Tr} \pi_f^\sigma d\mu(\sigma).$$

This implies that  $f \in L^2(G)$  iff for  $m$  almost all  $\sigma$   $\text{Tr} \pi_{f \star f}^\sigma$  is finite and the function  $\sigma \mapsto \text{Tr} \pi_{f \star f}^\sigma$  is integrable.

Then

$$\|f\|_{L^2(G)}^2 = \int \text{Tr} \pi_{f \star f}^\sigma d\mu(\sigma).$$

It seems to me that the best reference for the Kirillov theory is [1] or [5] but for the beginners Kirillov's original paper [3] is perhaps the best.

We are not going to enter the theory in any greater detail, instead we are going to investigate a very specific, simple but important example. For it we are going to describe all irreducible unitary representations in the general position in terms of the Kirillov theory and in a particular simplest case we are going to write down the Plancherel measure. We hope to use this at the end of these talks to investigate certain Schrödinger operators with polynomial potentials.

Chain algebra. By this we mean a Lie algebra  $\underline{g}$  with a basis  $X, Y_0, \dots, Y_d$  and the following commutation relations:

$$[X, Y_j] = \begin{cases} Y_{j+1}, & \text{if } j+1 \leq d \\ 0, & \text{if } j+1 > d \end{cases}.$$

Clearly  $\underline{g}$  is a nilpotent Lie algebra.

This algebra is isomorphic to the following Lie algebra of operators on  $\underline{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\partial = \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $M_P f = iPf$ , where  $P$  is a polynomial of degree  $d$ . The chain algebra is isomorphic to the Lie algebra generated by  $\partial$  and  $M_P$  because  $[\partial, M_P] = M_{\partial P}$  and so the mapping  $X \mapsto \partial$  and  $Y_0 \mapsto M_P$  extends to an isomorphism.

A generalization of the chain algebra is of importance.

Consider operators  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$  and  $M_{P_1}, \dots, M_{P_k}$  on  $\underline{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\partial_j$ 's are partial derivatives and  $M_{P_j}$  is the multiplication by a polynomial  $iP_j$ . The operators  $\partial_j$  and  $M_{P_j}$  generate a Lie algebra  $\underline{g}$  of operators on  $\underline{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which is of the form

$$\mathfrak{g} = D + V,$$

where  $D = \text{lin}\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$ ,  $V = \text{lin}\{M_{\alpha, p_j} : j=1, \dots, k; \alpha \text{ a multiindex}\}$   
 $V$  is an ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$  and for  $d$  in  $D$   $\text{ad}_d$  acts on  $V$  as a nilpotent operator; also, of course, both  $D$  and  $V$  are commutative.

The following conditions are easily seen to be equivalent.

(i) There is no non-singular linear transformation  $T$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that the polynomials  $P_1 \circ T, \dots, P_k \circ T$  depend on less than  $n$  variables.

(ii)  $\mathfrak{g}$  has one-dimensional center.

(iii) For  $d$  in  $D$   $[d, v] = 0$  for all  $v$  in  $V$  implies  $d=0$  and  $\{v \in V: [d, v] = 0 \text{ for all } d \text{ in } D\} = \mathbb{R}z$ ,  $z \neq 0$ .

By a generalized chain algebra we mean a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$

$$\mathfrak{g} = D + V$$

where both  $D$  and  $V$  are commutative,  $V$  is an ideal in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $D$  acts on  $V$  by  $\text{ad}$  as nilpotent linear transformations and the equivalent conditions (i) - (iii) are satisfied.

Now let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a fixed generalized chain algebra and let  $G = \exp \mathfrak{g}$

We note few simple facts.

$$\text{ad}_V d = -[d, v] \in V \text{ for } d \text{ in } D, v \text{ in } V.$$

$$\text{Let } \text{Ad}_X = \text{Ad}_{\exp X} = \exp \text{ad}_X, X \in \mathfrak{g}, \text{ We have}$$

$$(1) \quad \text{Ad}_V X = X + [v, X] \quad v \in V, X \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

For every  $v$  in  $V$   $D \ni d \mapsto \text{Ad}_d v \in V$  is a polynomial map.

Consider  $\mathfrak{g}' = D' + V'$  and let  $z$  be the unique, up to a scalar, vector in  $V$  such that  $z \neq 0$  and  $\text{ad}_d z = 0$  for all  $d$  in  $D$ . Let

$$\mathfrak{g}'_0 = \{\sigma \in \mathfrak{g}': \langle z, \sigma \rangle \neq 0\}.$$

Lemma. If  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{g}'_0$ , then  $0_\sigma = 0_\sigma + d'$  for every  $d'$  in  $D'$ .

Proof. It is sufficient to show that given a  $d'$  in  $D'$  there is a  $v$  in  $V$  such that  $\langle X, \sigma + d' \rangle = \langle X, \text{Ad}_V' \sigma \rangle$  for all  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , or, by (1), that  $\langle X, d' \rangle = \langle [v, X], \sigma \rangle$  for all  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , i.e.

$$\langle d, d' \rangle = -\langle \text{ad}_d v, \sigma \rangle \text{ for all } d \text{ in } D.$$

We define  $T: V \rightarrow D'$  by  $\langle d, Tv \rangle = -\langle \text{ad}_d v, \sigma \rangle$  and we want to prove that  $T$  is "onto". Suppose it is not, then for a  $d_0$  in  $D$ ,  $d_0 \neq 0$ , we have

$$(2) \quad 0 = \langle d_0, Tv \rangle = -\langle \text{ad}_{d_0} v, \sigma \rangle \text{ for all } v \text{ in } V.$$

But  $\{\text{ad}_d: d \in D\}$  is a commuting family of nilpotent linear transformations of  $V$  which leave  $\text{ad}_{d_0} V$  invariant, so if  $\text{ad}_{d_0} V \neq 0$ , it contains a non-zero element  $v_0$  such that  $\text{ad}_d v_0 = 0$  for all  $d$  in  $D$ , hence  $v_0 = az$ , for a non-zero scalar  $a$ , which is a contradiction, since  $\langle z, \sigma \rangle \neq 0$ .

The lemma implies that in order to find all the irreducible unitary representations of  $G$  in any general position it is sufficient to restrict to functionals  $\sigma$  in  $V'$ . Since  $V$  is commutative it is subordinate to  $\sigma$ . To show that it is of maximal dimension we argue as in the proof of the lemma. Suppose it is not maximal, then for some  $d_0$  (2) holds and this leads to a contradiction, as we have just seen.

Consequently, every representation given, in the Kirillov model, by a functional  $\sigma$  in  $V'$  is as follows.

The space of the representation is  $L^2(D) = L^2(G/V)$  and for a function  $\varphi$  in  $L^2(D)$  we have

$$\mathcal{U}_{\exp(d+v)}^\sigma \varphi(x) = e^{i\langle \text{Ad}_{x-d} v, \sigma \rangle} \varphi(x-d)$$

If  $d\pi^\sigma$  is the representation of the Lie algebra, i.e.

$$d\pi_X^\sigma \varphi = \frac{d}{dt} \pi_{\exp tX}^\sigma \varphi|_{t=0}, \quad \varphi \in \underline{S}(D),$$

then for  $d$  in  $D$   $\pi_d^\sigma$  is the derivative of  $\varphi$  in the direction  $d$  (independent of  $\sigma$  in general position) and for  $v$  in  $V$

$$d\pi_V^\sigma \varphi(x) = i \langle \text{Ad}_x v, \sigma \rangle \varphi(x).$$

We recall that  $\langle \text{Ad}_x v, \sigma \rangle$  is a polynomial in  $x$ . We also note that if we identify  $v$  with the polynomial  $\langle \text{Ad}_x v, \sigma \rangle = P_v(x)$ , then the linear space  $\{P_v: v \in V\}$  is stable under derivatives and  $P_{\text{Ad}_d v}(x) = P_v(x+d) =: P_v^d(x)$ . It follows that two functionals on  $V$   $\sigma$  and  $\sigma_1$  belong to the same orbit iff  $\langle P_v, \sigma_1 \rangle = \langle P_v^d, \sigma \rangle$  for some  $d$  in  $D$ .

Now, coming back to the beginning of the story, if we are given polynomials  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which satisfy (i) and the partial derivatives  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$ , then the natural representation  $\pi$  of the Lie algebra generated by  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$  and  $M_{P_1}, \dots, M_{P_k}$  on  $\underline{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is of the form  $\pi = \pi^\sigma$ , where the functional  $\sigma$  on

$$V = \text{lin}\{\partial^a P_j: j=1, \dots, k; a \text{ a multiindex}\}$$

is  $\langle P, \sigma \rangle = P(0)$ .

Now we turn to the chain algebra. We see that then  $D = \underline{R}X$ ,  $V = \text{lin}\{Y_0, \dots, Y_d\}$  and  $\underline{R}Y_d$  is the center. A functional on  $V$  is then  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_d)$ , where  $\sigma_j = \langle Y_j, \sigma \rangle$ . So  $\sigma$  is in general position iff  $\sigma_d \neq 0$ . We have  $\text{Ad}_x Y_j =$

$$\text{Ad}_x Y_j = \sum_{k=0}^{d-j} \frac{x^k}{k!} Y_{j+k}$$

and so

$$(3) \text{Ad}_x^\sigma = \left( \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{x^k}{k!} \sigma_k, \dots, \sum_{k=0}^{d-j} \frac{x^k}{k!} \sigma_{j+k}, \dots, \sigma_d^{x+\sigma_{d-1}}, \sigma_d \right).$$

Thus putting  $x = -\sigma_{d-1}/\sigma_d$  we see that the orbit  $O_\sigma$  contains a unique functional  $\sigma'$  with  $\sigma'_{d-1} = 0$ . Consequently, we may select  $\Lambda$  as

$$\Lambda = \{\sigma = (\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_{d-2}, 0, \sigma_d) : \sigma_d \neq 0, \sigma_j \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

To find the Plancherel measure we take a function  $f$  on  $G$  of the form  $\alpha(x)\beta(v)$ ,  $\alpha \in \underline{S}(D)$ ,  $\beta \in \underline{S}(V)$  and we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_f^\sigma \varphi(y) &= \int e^{i \langle \text{Ad}_{y-x} v, \sigma \rangle} \beta(v) dv \alpha(x) \varphi(y-x) dx \\ &= \int \hat{\beta}(\text{Ad}_{y-x}' \sigma) \alpha(x) \varphi(y-x) dx \\ &= \int K(y, x) \varphi(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K(y, x) = \hat{\beta}(\text{Ad}_x' \sigma) \alpha(y-x)$ .

Hence

$$\text{Tr} \pi_f^\sigma = \int K(x, x) dx = \alpha(0) \int \hat{\beta}(\text{Ad}_x' \sigma) dx$$

and

$$\int \text{Tr} \pi_f^\sigma d\mathbf{m}(\sigma) = \alpha(0) \int \hat{\beta}(\text{Ad}_x' \sigma) dx d\mathbf{m}(\sigma).$$

Now if we put

$$(4) \quad d\mathbf{m}(\sigma) = (2\pi)^{-(d+1)/2} d\sigma_0 \dots d\sigma_{d-2} | \sigma_d | d\sigma_d,$$

in virtue of (3) in which  $\sigma_{d-1} = 0$  an easy change of the variable shows

$$\int \hat{\beta}(\text{Ad}_x' \sigma) dx d\mathbf{m}(\sigma) = (2\pi)^{-(d+1)/2} \int \hat{\beta}(v) dv = \beta(0),$$

and so (4) defines the Plancherel measure.

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## OF PROBABILITY MEASURES ON LIE GROUPS

## G. Hunt theory

We present now the basic facts concerning convolution semi-groups of probability measures on Lie groups. The proofs if any will be very sketchy only.

We start with a very brief survey of the main definitions concerning semi-groups of bounded operators on Banach spaces.

A strongly continuous semi-group of operators on a Banach space  $B$  is a family of bounded operators  $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  such that

$$(i) T_{s+t} = T_s T_t, (ii) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|T_t f - f\|_B = 0 \text{ for all } f \text{ in } B.$$

We note that (ii) implies  $\|T_t\| \leq C$  for  $t \leq 1$  and we call the semigroup equicontinuous if  $\|T_t\| \leq C$  for all  $t$ .

Proposition 1. The function  $(0, \infty) \ni t \mapsto T_t f \in B$  is continuous for all  $f$  in  $B$ .

We define the infinitesimal generator of the semi-group  $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  to be a, in general unbounded, operator  $A$  such that

$$(1) \quad Af = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1}(T_t f - f),$$

and the domain of  $A$  is  $D(A) =$  all the  $f$ 's for which the limit in the norm exists.

Proposition 2. For every  $f$  in  $D(A)$  the function

$$F: (0, \infty) \ni t \mapsto T_t f \in B$$

has continuous derivative and

$$\frac{d}{dt} F(t) = AT_t f = T_t Af.$$

Proposition 3. For every  $f$  in  $B$

$$f_s = \int_0^s T_t f \, dt \in D(A) \text{ and } Af_s = T_s f - f.$$

If  $f \in D(A)$ , then  $T_s f - f = \int_0^s T_t Af \, dt$ .

Proposition 4.  $D(A)$  is dense in  $B$  and  $A$  is a closed operator on  $D(A)$ .

Let  $A$  be a closed operator on a Banach space  $B$  with a dense domain  $D(A)$ . The resolvent set  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  is the set of complex numbers  $\lambda$  such that  $(\lambda - A)D(A) = B$ ,  $\lambda - A$  is 1-1 on  $D(A)$  and  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  is bounded. We write  $R(\lambda, A) = (\lambda - A)^{-1}$  and we call  $R(\lambda, A)$  the resolvent of  $A$ .

Proposition 5. The set  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  is open, the function

$$\mathcal{Q}(A) \ni \lambda \mapsto R(\lambda, A) \in B(B)$$

is holomorphic,  $R(\lambda, A)$  and  $R(\mu, A)$  commute for all  $\lambda, \mu$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$ .

Proposition 6. If  $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  is an equicontinuous semi-group and  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator, then  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  contains the positive half-line and

$$R(\lambda, A)f = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T_t f \, dt.$$

Moreover, if  $\|T_t\| \leq C$ , then  $\|(\lambda R(\lambda, A))^n\| \leq C$  for all  $n, \lambda > 0$ .

Proposition 7. If  $A$  is an arbitrary closed operator on  $A$  with dense domain such that  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  contains the positive half-line and  $\|\lambda R(\lambda, A)\| \leq C$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda R(\lambda, A)f = f$  for all  $f$  in  $B$ .

Theorem (Hille-Yosida). Suppose  $A$  is a densely defined closed operator  $A$  such that  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$  contains the positive half-line and  $\|(\lambda R(\lambda, A))^n\| \leq C$  for all  $n, \lambda > 0$ . Then there exists a unique semi-group  $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  such that  $\|T_t\| \leq C$  and  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ .

Moreover,

$$T_t f = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} (\lambda R(\lambda, A))^n f.$$

Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $Af = \int \lambda dE(\lambda)f$ ,  $f \in D(A)$ , be its spectral presentation. We say that  $A$  is positive if  $(Af, f) \geq 0$  for all  $f$  in  $D(A)$ , then  $Af = \int_0^\infty \lambda dE(\lambda)f$ .

Proposition 8. If  $A$  is a self-adjoint positive operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $-A$  is the infinitesimal generator of the a semi-group

$$(2) \quad T_t f = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} dE(\lambda) f, \quad f \in H,$$

where  $T_t$  are hermitian and of norm  $\leq 1$ . Conversely, if  $\{T_t\}_{t>0}$  is a semi-group of hermitian operators of norm  $\leq 1$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then the infinitesimal generator of it is a self-adjoint operator  $-A$  such that  $A$  is positive and (2) holds.

Let  $G$  be a Lie group and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of it. We identify  $\mathfrak{g}$  with the left-invariant differential operators of order one on  $G$ . We introduce a norm  $\|X\|$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that if  $V = \{X: \|X\| < a\}$ , then  $\exp$  is a diffeomorphism of  $V$  onto an open neighbourhood  $U$  in  $G$ . For  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , let  $X^+$  be the corresponding right-invariant differential operator

$$X^+ f(x) = \frac{d}{dt} f(\exp t X \cdot x) \Big|_{t=0}, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(G).$$

For  $x = \exp(x_1 X_1 + \dots + x_n X_n)$ , where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a basis in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we write  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and let

$$D_j f(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad x \in U, \text{ (a small enough).}$$

Let  $C_0(G)$  be the space of continuous functions on  $G$  vanishing at infinity and let  $C_\infty(G)$  be the space of continuous function on  $G$  which have limits at infinity. We write

$$C_\infty^k(G) = \{f: X_{i_1}^+ \dots X_{i_k}^+ f \in C_\infty(G) \text{ for all } i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}.$$

Let

$$M = \{f \in C_\infty^k(G): f(e) = X_j^+ f(e) = 0 \text{ for } j=1, \dots, n\}.$$

Clearly  $M$  is a closed subspace of  $C_\infty^k(G)$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , of finite co-dimension.

Since for  $f$  in  $C^\infty(U)$

$$D_j f(x) = \sum_k a_{jk}(x) X_k^+ f(x),$$

where  $a_{jk}(e) = \delta_{jk}$ , we have

$$(3) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} X_i^+ X_j^+ f(e) x_i x_j + o(\|x\|^2), \quad x \in U.$$

By a semi-group of probability measures on  $G$  we mean a family  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  of probability measures such that

$$\mu_s * \mu_t = \mu_{s+t}$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f * \mu_t - f\|_{C_\infty(G)} = 0 \quad \text{for } f \text{ in } C_\infty(G).$$

We see that  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  defines a strongly continuous semi-group  $\{T_t\}_{t>0}$  of operators on all  $C^k(G)$  by the formula  $T_t f = f * \mu_t$ .  $T_t$  preserves  $C_0(G)$  and it is uniquely determined by its action on  $C_0(G)$ .

We shall use the same letter  $A$  to denote the infinitesimal generator on all spaces on which  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  acts by convolution reserving the notation  $\underline{D}^k(A)$  for the domain of  $A$  in  $C_\infty^k(G)$ . We write  $\underline{D}^0(A) = \underline{D}(A)$ .

Let  $\underline{C}$  be the cone of non-negative functions on  $G$ .

Since, by proposition 3,  $s^{-1} \int_0^s f * \mu_t dt \in \underline{D}^k(A)$ , if  $f \in C_\infty^k(G)$ ,

we see that  $\underline{C} \cap \underline{D}^k(A)$  is dense in  $\underline{C} \cap C_\infty^k(G)$ .

We define a characteristic functional  $F$  for a semi-group of probability measures  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  by

$$F: \underline{D}(A) \ni f \longrightarrow Af(e).$$

Proposition 9.  $F$  is bounded on  $C_\infty^2(G)$ .

The proof of proposition 9 is based on the following classical lemma by Helley.

Lemma(Helley). Let  $B$  be a Banach space,  $C$  a cone in  $B$  and  $C_0$  a dense convex subset of  $C$ . Then for every  $f$  in  $C$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  and functionals  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  in  $B'$  there exists a  $g$  in  $C_0$  such that  $\langle g, F_j \rangle = \langle f, F_j \rangle$ ,  $j=1, \dots, n$  and  $\|f - g\|_B < \varepsilon$ .

Proof of proposition 9. First we note that by Helley's lemma  $\underline{C} \cap \underline{D}(A) \cap M$  is dense in  $M \cap \underline{C}$  (we take  $\underline{D}(A) = C_0$  and  $M = C$ ).

Now we are going to construct so called Hunt's function. This is a function  $\varphi$  in  $\underline{D}(A) \cap M \cap \underline{C}$  such that

- (i)  $X_i^+ X_j^+ \varphi(e) = 2 \delta_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x) > 0$
- (iii)  $\varphi(x) > 0$  for  $x \neq e$ .

Using Helley's lemma we take a function  $\psi$  in  $\underline{D}(A) \cap M \cap \underline{C}$  which satisfies (i) and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \psi(x) = 1$ . There is a compact subset  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $\psi(x) > 1/2$  for  $x \in K$  and also, by (3), there is a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  such that  $\psi(x) > 0$  for  $x \neq e$  and  $x \in V$ . Now for each  $x$  in  $K \setminus V$  take  $\varphi_x \in \underline{D}(A) \cap M \cap \underline{C}$  which satisfies (i), (ii) and  $\varphi_x(x) = 1$  (Helley's lemma again!). Thus  $U_x = \{y: \varphi_x(y) > 1/2\}$  is open and a finite number of them  $U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_k}$  cover  $K \setminus V$  and so  $(k+1)^{-1}(\psi + \varphi_{x_1} + \dots + \varphi_{x_k}) = \varphi$  satisfies (i) - (iii). Of course we can also have  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(x^{-1})$ .

By (i) and (3) we see that for a  $c > 0$  we have  $c \varphi(x) > \|x\|^2$  for  $x$  in  $U$ .

Now we are ready to prove that the functional  $F$  is continuous. Suppose that  $f_n \in \underline{D}(A) \cap M$  and  $\|f_n\|_{C_\infty^2(G)} \rightarrow 0$ . Then, by (3), for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$|f_n(x)| \leq \varepsilon \|x\|^2 \quad \text{for } x \in U \quad \text{and } n > n_0.$$

Consequently, for  $n_0$  still larger perhaps,

$$|f_n(x^{-1})| \leq \varepsilon \varphi(x) \quad x \in G.$$

Thus

$$t^{-1} |f_n * \mu_t(e)| \leq t^{-1} |f_n|, \mu_t \leq t^{-1} \langle \varepsilon \varphi, \mu_t \rangle \leq t^{-1} \varepsilon \varphi * \mu_t(e),$$

and so

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1} \langle f_n * \mu_t(e) \rangle \leq \varepsilon \langle \varphi, F \rangle,$$

which shows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_n, F \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore  $F$  extends uniquely and continuously from  $\underline{D}(A) \cap M$  to  $M$ . But  $M$  is of finite co-dimension in  $C_\infty^2(G)$  and is defined on a dense subset  $\underline{D}^2(A)$  by

$$(4) \quad \langle f, F \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1} (f * \mu_t(e) - f(e))$$

consequently,  $F$  is bounded on  $C_\infty^2(G)$  and is given by (4).

A distribution  $F \in C_c^\infty(G)'$  is called dissipative if for every real-valued function  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$  such that  $\max \{f(x): x \in G\} = f(e)$  we have  $\langle f, F \rangle \leq 0$ .

By proposition 9 (4) defines a distribution (in fact of order  $\leq 2$ ) which is dissipative because, since  $\mu_t$  is a probability measure  $f * \mu_t(e) \leq \max \{f(x): x \in G\}$ .

Proposition 10. If  $F$  is a dissipative distribution, then for every neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$

$$F = F_V + \mu_V,$$

where  $\text{supp } F_V \subset \bar{V}$  and  $\mu_V$  is a positive bounded measure supported on  $V^c$ .

Let  $A_F$  be the convolution operator defined on  $C_c^\infty(G)$  with values in  $C_0(G)$  given by the formula

$$A_F f = f * F_V + f * \mu_V = f * F$$

We note <sup>that</sup> the definition does not depend on the choice of  $V$  and that  $A_F$  admits the closure  $\bar{A}_F$ .

Theorem (G.Hunt). Let  $F$  be a dissipative distribution. There exists a unique semi-group of probability measures  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  on  $G$  such that the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  on  $C_0(G)$  is  $\bar{A}_F$ .

Proof. For the proof of this theorem we assume that all functions are real valued.

Since  $F$  is dissipative, for  $\lambda > 0$  we verify that

- (i)  $\|\lambda f\|_{C_0(G)} \leq \|\lambda f - A_F f\|_{C_0(G)}$
- (ii)  $(\lambda - A_F)C_c^\infty(G)$  is dense in  $C_0(G)$ .

In fact, to see (i) we note that both sides of (i) are invariant under left translations, so we may assume that  $\|f\|_{C_0(G)} = f(e)$ . Then  $\|f\|_{C_0(G)} = f(e) \leq f(e) - A_F f(e) \leq \|f - A_F f\|_{C_0(G)}$ . To prove (ii) we suppose that for a bounded measure  $\mu$

$$\langle \lambda f - A_F f, \mu \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } f \text{ in } C_c^\infty(G).$$

Hence

$$\langle f \tilde{*} \mu, \lambda \delta_e - F \rangle = 0$$

and so

$$\lambda f \tilde{*} \mu(e) = \langle f \tilde{*} \mu, F \rangle,$$

whence, since  $F$  is dissipative,  $f \tilde{*} \mu(e) = 0$  if  $\max\{f \tilde{*} \mu(x) : x \in G\} = f \tilde{*} \mu(e)$ . Hence, translating  $f \tilde{*} \mu$  on the left and multiplying by  $-1$ , if necessary, we see that  $f \tilde{*} \mu(e) = 0$  for all  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$ , whence  $\mu = 0$ , and (ii) is proven.

(i) and (ii) show that the closure  $\bar{A}_F$  of  $A_F$  has the property that for  $\lambda > 0$   $\lambda \in \mathcal{G}(\bar{A}_F)$  and  $R(\lambda, \bar{A}_F)$  has the norm equal to  $\lambda^{-1}$ .

Thus the assumptions of Hille-Yosida theorem are satisfied and so there exists a semi-group  $\{T_t\}_{t>0}$  of contractions on  $C_0(G)$  whose infinitesimal generator is  $\bar{A}_F$ . Since  $A_F$  commutes with left translations, so does  $\bar{A}_F$  and also  $R(\lambda, \bar{A}_F)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Another use of dissipativity of  $F$  shows that  $R(\lambda, \bar{A}_F)$  maps non-negative functions in  $C_0(G)$  onto non-negative functions and so, by the formula at the end of Hille-Yosida theorem, so do <sup>the</sup> operators  $T_t$ ,  $t > 0$ . From these we easily conclude that  $T_t f = f \tilde{*} \mu_t$ , where  $\mu_t$  is a probability measure.

Suppose now that  $\mathcal{D}_t$  is another semi-group of probability measures such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1}(f \tilde{*} \mathcal{D}_t(e) - f(e)) = \langle f, F \rangle, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(G).$$

Let  $H$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mathcal{D}_t\}_{t>0}$ .

By translating from the left we see that for every  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$

$$(5) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{-1}(f \tilde{*} \mathcal{D}_t(x) - f(x)) = \langle x f, F \rangle \text{ for every } x \in G.$$

Let  $H'$  be the operator whose domain consists of all the functions  $f$  in  $C_0(G)$  for which the limit in (5) exists for every  $x$  in  $G$ .

Of course  $H'$  contains  $H$ .

Now for a  $\lambda > 0$  we verify

that  $\lambda - H'$  is  $1-1$  on  $\mathcal{D}(H')$ . In fact, if  $(\lambda - H')f = 0$ ,  $f \neq 0$ , multiplying by  $-1$  if necessary we may assume that  $\max\{f(x) : x \in G\} = f(x_0) > 0$ , whence  $(\lambda - H')f(x_0) = \lambda f(x_0) - H'f(x_0) > 0$ , since by (5),  $H'f(x_0) \leq 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\lambda - H'$  maps  $\mathcal{D}(H')$  onto  $C_0(G)$  and  $\lambda - H$  maps  $\mathcal{D}(H)$  onto  $C_0(G)$  both are  $1-1$  and they agree on  $\mathcal{D}(H)$ , whence  $\mathcal{D}(H) = \mathcal{D}(H')$  i.e.  $H = H'$ . On the other hand we see by (5) that  $A_F \subset H'$  and so  $\bar{A}_F \subset H' = H$ . Thus, since for a  $\lambda > 0$   $\lambda - \bar{A}_F$  maps  $\mathcal{D}(\bar{A}_F)$  onto  $C_0(G)$  and is  $1-1$  we see that  $\bar{A}_F = H$  and hence by Hille-Yosida theorem  $\mu_t = \mathcal{D}_t$ .



Examples of dissipative distributions. Let  $X$  be a vector field on an open set  $U$  containing the identity  $e$  of  $G$ . Then

$$f \mapsto Xf(e) \quad \text{and} \quad f \mapsto X^2 f(e)$$

are dissipative distributions. In fact, for a system of coordinates around  $e$  we have  $Xf(x) = \sum_j a_j(x) D_j f(x)$  with  $a_j(e) = 1$ .

Consequently,

$$X^2 f(x) = \sum_{i,j} a_i(x) a_j(x) D_i D_j f(x) + \sum_{i,j} a_i(x) D_i a_j(x) D_j f(x)$$

whence, if  $f(e) = \max\{f(x) : x \in U\}$ , then  $D_j f(e) = 0$  and

$$X^2 f(e) = \sum_{i,j} D_i D_j f(e) \leq 0.$$

Every convex combination of dissipative distributions is dissipative.

If  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ , then for  $F: f \mapsto Xf(e)$  we have  $Xf(x) = f * \tilde{F}(x)$ , and similarly for  $F: f \mapsto \partial f(e)$  where  $\partial$  is any element in the enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Thus we arrive to the following

Proposition 11. Let  $A = X_0^2 + X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2$ , where  $X_0, \dots, X_k$  are elements of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of a Lie group  $G$ . Then the closure of  $A$  (as an operator on  $C_c^\infty(G)$ ) is the infinitesimal generator of a semi-group of probability measures on  $G$ .

Another important class of dissipative distributions is obtained by subordination. Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be a semi-group of probability measures on  $G$  and let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$ . For  $0 < a < 1$  we define

$$-|A|^a f = c \int_0^\infty t^{-1-a} (f * \mu_t - f) dt \quad f \in \mathcal{D}(A), c > 0.$$

We see that  $f \mapsto -|A|^a f(e)$  is a dissipative distribution and so the closure of  $-|A|^a$  is the infinitesimal generator of a semi-group of probability measures on  $G$ .

There are very many books on the theory of semi-groups in Banach spaces. I would recommend E.B. Davies, One-parameter semigroups, Academic Press 1980.

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. We say that a function  $\phi$  is submultiplicative, if (i)  $\phi$  is locally bounded, (ii)  $\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)$ , (iii)  $\phi(x) \phi(y) \leq \phi(xy)$ . We say that a submultiplicative function  $\omega$  is a polynomial weight if

$$\omega(xy) \leq C(\omega(x) + \omega(y))$$

Let  $G$  be compactly generated and let  $U = U^{-1}$  be a compact set of generators of  $G$ , then

$$\tau_U(x) = \min\{n : x \in U^n\}$$

is subadditive, i.e. instead of (iii) it satisfies (iii)'

$\tau(x) \geq 0$  and  $\tau(xy) \leq \tau(x) + \tau(y)$ , and  $\omega(x) = (1 + \tau_U(x))^a$ ,  $a > 0$  is a polynomial weight.

It is easy to verify that every submultiplicative function on  $G$  is dominated by  $e^{C\tau_U(x)+C}$ .

Let  $M(G)$  be the space of bounded (complex valued) measures on  $G$ . For a submultiplicative function  $\phi$  we define

$$M_\phi = \{\mu \in M(G) : \int \phi d|\mu| = \|\mu\|_{M_\phi} < \infty\}.$$

For  $\mu, \nu \in M$  we have

$$\langle \phi, \mu * \nu \rangle \leq \langle \phi, \mu \rangle \langle \phi, \nu \rangle$$

which shows that  $M_\phi$  is a Banach algebra with involution  $(\mu^*(X) = \mu(X^{-1})^-)$ . Let  $m$  be the right invariant Haar measure on  $G$ . We define

$$L_\phi^1 = \{f \in L^1(m) : f m \in M_\phi\}.$$

$L_\phi^1$  is a Banach \*-subalgebra of  $M$ .

Proposition 1. Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be a semi-group of probability measures on a locally compact group  $G$ . Let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  considered on  $L^1(m)$ , where  $m$  is the right invariant Haar measure. Let  $\phi$  be a submultiplicative function on  $G$ . Suppose that for a (single) non-zero non-negative function  $f$  in  $\underline{D}(A)$  we have  $\int f \phi \, dm = a$  and  $\int A f \phi \, dm = b$ , then

$$\int \phi d\mu_t \leq a b e^{tbc},$$

where  $c = (\int f \phi^{-1} dm)^{-1}$ .

Proof. We note first that if  $\psi$  is a submultiplicative function and  $f \geq 0$  is such that  $\langle f, \psi \rangle = \int f \psi \, dm < \infty$ , we have

$$(1) \quad \langle f, \psi^{-1} \rangle \psi(x) \leq f * \psi(x) \leq \langle f, \psi \rangle \psi(x).$$

In fact, (ii) and (iii) imply

$$\psi(x) \psi(y)^{-1} \leq \psi(y^{-1}x) \leq \psi(y) \psi(x)$$

whence, since  $f * \psi(x) = \int f(y) \psi(y^{-1}x) \, dm(y)$ , (1) follows.

Now for the submultiplicative function  $\phi$  and a positive integer  $n$  we define  $\phi_n = \min\{n, \phi(x)\}$ . Clearly,  $\phi_n$  is submultiplicative and bounded. We define

$$h_n(t) = \langle f * \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle = \langle \mu_t, f * \phi_n \rangle.$$

Since  $f \in \underline{D}(A)$ ,  $Af \in L^1(m)$  and, by proposition 2, section II,

$$\frac{d}{dt} f * \mu_t = Af * \mu_t.$$

Hence  $h'_n(t) = \langle Af * \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle$  and so,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_n(t) &\leq \langle Af * \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle \\ &\leq \langle \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle \langle Af, \phi_n \rangle \\ &\leq \langle \mu_t, f * \phi_n \rangle b \langle f, \phi_n^{-1} \rangle^{-1} \\ &\leq h_n(t) b \langle f, \phi^{-1} \rangle^{-1} \\ &\leq b c h_n(t). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$h_n(t) \leq h_n(0) e^{tbc},$$

i.e.

$$\langle f * \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle \leq \langle f, \phi \rangle e^{tbc}.$$

Finally, for all  $n$  we have

$$\langle \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle \langle f * \mu_t, \phi_n \rangle \langle f, \phi_n^{-1} \rangle^{-1} \leq \langle f, \phi \rangle \langle f, \phi^{-1} \rangle^{-1} e^{tbc} = a b e^{tbc}$$

which completes the proof of proposition 1.

Proposition 2. Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be a semi-group of probability measures on a Lie group  $G$ . Let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  and let  $\underline{D}_1(A)$  be the domain of  $A$  in  $L^1(m)$ . Given a submultiplicative function  $\phi$  suppose that for a subset  $M$  of  $\underline{D}_1(A)$  containing non-zero non-negative functions and dense in  $L^1_\phi$  we have  $\langle Af, \phi \rangle < \infty$  for  $f$  in  $M$ . Then  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  defines a strongly continuous semi-group of operators on  $L^1_\phi$  and the domain of  $A$  in  $L^1_\phi$  contains  $M$ .

Proof. By proposition 1, we have  $\langle \mu_t, \phi \rangle < C$  for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $T > 0$ . Consequently the operators

$$L^1_\phi \ni f \longmapsto f * \mu_t \in L^1_\phi$$

are well-defined and uniformly bounded for every fixed  $T$  and  $t < T$ , because

$$\langle f * \mu_t, \phi \rangle < C \langle f, \phi \rangle.$$

Thus it is sufficient to prove that

$$\langle |f * \mu_t - f|, \phi \rangle = O(t) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } f \text{ in } M.$$

Let  $\phi_n(x) = \min\{\phi(x), n\}$ . For  $f$  in  $M$  we have

$$f * \mu_t - f = \int_0^t (Af) * \mu_s \, ds$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle |f * \mu_t - f|, \phi_n \rangle &\leq \int_0^t \langle |Af| * \mu_s, \phi_n \rangle \, ds \leq t \sup_{s < t} \langle \mu_s, \phi_n \rangle \langle |Af|, \phi \rangle \\ &\leq t C \langle |Af|, \phi \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

The following proposition has been proved in [1].

**Proposition 2.** Suppose  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  is a semi-group of probability measures on a Lie group  $G$ . Let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  and suppose that for a polynomial weight  $\omega$   $\int \omega d\mu_t < \infty$  for all  $t$ . Then for every  $0 < a < 1$  there is a  $\alpha > 0$  such that for every non-negative function  $f$  in  $C_c(G)$  we have  $\langle -|A|^a f, \omega^\alpha \rangle < +\infty$ .

Let  $G$  be a Lie group and let  $B$  be a Banach space. By a representation of  $G$  on  $B$  we mean a homomorphism

$$\pi: G \longrightarrow B(B)$$

of  $G$  into bounded operators on  $B$  such that for every  $\xi$  in  $B$  the function  $G \ni x \longmapsto \pi_x \xi \in B$  is continuous. We note that

$$\|\pi_{xy}\| \leq \|\pi_x\| \|\pi_y\|,$$

whence, if

$$\phi(x) = \max\{\|\pi_x\|, \|\pi_{x^{-1}}\|, 1\}$$

then  $\phi$  is a submultiplicative function.

For a measure  $\mu$  in  $M_\phi$  we write

$$\pi_\mu \xi = \int \pi_x \xi d\mu(x).$$

Of course  $\|\pi_\mu\| \leq \|\mu\|_{M_\phi}$ . Also  $\pi_{\mu * \nu} = \pi_\mu \pi_\nu$ .

If  $\{f_j\}$  is a bounded approximate identity in  $L_\phi^1$ , we have

$$\lim_j \|\pi_{f_j} \xi - \xi\|_B = 0.$$

We define the Garding space of  $\pi$  as the image of the map

$$C_c^\infty(G) \otimes B \ni f \otimes \xi \longmapsto \pi_f \xi \in B$$

and we denote it by  $B_0$ . In other words  $B_0 = \text{lin}\{\pi_f \xi: f \in C_c^\infty(G), \xi \in B\}$ .

Let  $U$  be a distribution with compact support on  $G$ . We define a (unbounded) operator  $\pi_U$  as follows.

$$D(\pi_U) = \{\xi \in B: \text{there is } \eta \in B \text{ } \pi_f * U = \pi_f \eta \text{ for all } f \in C_c^\infty(G)\}.$$

Putting an approximate identity  $f_j$  in place of  $f$  we see that  $\eta$  is defined uniquely by  $U$  and  $\xi$  and so we put  $\pi_U \xi = \eta$ .

By definition, we have  $\pi_{f * U} \xi = \pi_f \pi_U \xi$  for  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$ . We also easily verify that  $\pi_U$  is a closed operator: if  $\xi_n \in D(\pi_U)$ ,  $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi$  and  $\pi_U \xi_n \rightarrow \eta$ , then for all  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$

$$\pi_{f * U} \xi = \lim \pi_{f * U} \xi_n = \lim \pi_f \pi_U \xi_n = \pi_f \eta,$$

whence  $\xi \in D(\pi_U)$  and  $\pi_U \xi = \eta$ .

Since for all  $f, g \in C_c^\infty(G)$  and  $\xi \in B$  we have  $\pi_{g * U} \pi_f \xi = \pi_g \pi_U \pi_f \xi$ ,  $\pi_f \xi \in D(\pi_U)$  and so  $B_0 \subset D(\pi_U)$ . Let  $\pi_U$  be the closure of the restriction of  $\pi_U$  to  $B_0$ . We have  $\pi_U \pi_f \xi = \pi_U \pi_f \xi$  for  $\xi \in B$ ,  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ . So in the case  $U * f = f * U$  we have  $\pi_U = \pi_U$ . In fact, if  $\{f_j\}$  is an approximate identity in  $C_c^\infty(G)$ , then for  $\xi \in D(\pi_U)$  we have

$$\pi_{f_j} \xi \rightarrow \xi, \quad \pi_U \pi_{f_j} \xi = \pi_{f_j} \pi_U \xi \rightarrow \pi_U \xi, \quad \text{so since } \pi_U \text{ is closed, } \xi \in D(\pi_U).$$

**Example.** Let  $B$  one of the following spaces:  $L^p(m)$ ,  $L_\phi^p$ , where  $\phi$  is a submultiplicative function,  $C_0^\infty(G)$ . Let  $\pi$  be the right regular representation, i.e.

$$\pi_x f(y) = f(yx).$$

If  $U$  is a distribution with compact support, then for every  $g \in B$   $g * \tilde{U}$  is a well-defined distribution.

We have

$$D(\pi_U) = \{g \in B: g * \tilde{U} \in B\}.$$

In fact, if  $g \in D(\pi_U)$ , we have  $\pi_f g = g * \tilde{f}$ , for  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$  and so  $g * \tilde{U} * \tilde{f} = k * \tilde{f}$  for some  $k$  in  $B$  and all  $f$  in  $C_c(G)$ . Hence, for  $h$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$ ,  $\langle g * \tilde{U} * \tilde{f}, h \rangle = \langle k * \tilde{f}, h \rangle$ , i.e.  $\langle g * \tilde{U}, h * f \rangle = \langle k, h * f \rangle$ .

which shows that  $g \circ U^\sim = k$  in the sense of distributions. The converse inclusion is still simpler.

On the other hand  $\overline{F}_U$  is the closure of the operator  $f \mapsto f \circ U^\sim$  for  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$ .

Now our aim is to use the remarks above to study the following situation.

Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be a semi-group of probability measures on a Lie group  $G$  and let  $\pi$  be a representation of  $G$  on a Banach space  $B$ . Let  $A$  be the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  on  $C_\infty(G)$ . By Hunt's theory,  $C_c^\infty(G)$  is contained in  $D(A)$  and  $Af = f \circ F^\sim$ , where  $F$  is the dissipative distribution defined by  $\langle f, F \rangle = Af(e)$ ,  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ . Also for a compact neighbourhood  $V$  of  $e$  we have  $F = F_V + \mu_V$ , where  $F$  has support in  $V$  and  $\mu_V$  is a bounded measure, which is non-negative and vanishes on  $V$ .

Since  $F_V$  has compact support, we define  $\pi_{F_V}$  and  $\pi_{F_V}$ . If  $\langle \mu_V, \phi \rangle < \infty$ , where  $\phi$  is the submultiplicative function  $\phi = \max_{x \in G} \{ \pi_x^{-1}, |\pi_x - 1| \}$ , we write  $\pi_F = \pi_{F_V} + \pi_{\mu_V}$  and  $\pi_F = \pi_{F_V} + \pi_{\mu_V}$ , where, of course,  $\pi_{\mu_V} = \int \pi_x d\mu_V(x)$ .

On the other hand, suppose that  $\langle \mu_t, \phi \rangle < C$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

Then we write

$$\pi_{\mu_t} = \int \pi_x d\mu_t(x).$$

**Proposition 3.** The following are equivalent:

- (i) For a non-negative function  $f \neq 0$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$   $\langle |Af|, \phi \rangle < \infty$ .
- (ii)  $\langle \mu_V, \phi \rangle < \infty$ .
- (iii)  $\langle \mu_t, \phi \rangle < C$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ .
- Also (iii) implies
- (iv)  $\{\pi_{\mu_t}\}_{t>0}$  is a strongly continuous semi-group on  $B$ .

Moreover, the infinitesimal generator of  $\{\pi_{\mu_t}\}_{t>0}$   $\pi_A$  is equal to  $\pi_F = \pi_F$ .

**Proof.** The plan of the proof is as follows. First we show that (i) and (ii) are equivalent and then that (iii) implies (iv). Proposition 1 shows that (i) implies (iii). Then we show that (iii) implies (ii) and finally from (iii) and (ii) we derive (iv).

We have  $Af = f \circ F_V^\sim + f \circ \mu_V^\sim$ . Since  $f$  and  $F_V$  have compact support there is a compact neighbourhood  $U$  of  $e$  such that  $\text{supp } f \circ F_V^\sim \cap \text{supp } f \circ \mu_V^\sim = \emptyset$  whence  $|\langle |Af|, \phi \rangle| = \langle f \circ F_V^\sim, \phi \rangle + \langle f \circ \mu_V^\sim, \phi \rangle \leq \langle f \circ (\mu_V^\sim - \mu_U^\sim), \phi \rangle$ . Consequently,  $\langle |Af|, \phi \rangle$  is finite iff  $\langle f \circ \mu_U^\sim, \phi \rangle = \langle \mu_U^\sim, f \circ \phi \rangle$  is finite. But, since  $\phi$  is submultiplicative  $c_1 f \circ \phi(x) \leq \phi(x) \leq c_2 f \circ \phi(x)$ , whence  $\langle \mu_U, \phi \rangle < \infty$  iff  $\langle |Af|, \phi \rangle < \infty$ , i.e. (i) and (ii) are equivalent.

Now assume (iii) is satisfied. To show (ii) we take a non-zero non-negative function  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$  and we write

$$(2) \quad f \circ \mu_t - f = \int_0^t Af \circ \mu_s ds = \int_0^t f \circ F_V^\sim \circ \mu_s ds + \int_0^t f \circ \mu_V^\sim \circ \mu_s ds.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \langle f \circ \mu_V^\sim \circ \mu_s, \phi \rangle ds &\leq \langle f \circ \mu_t - f, \phi \rangle + \int_0^t \langle f \circ F_V^\sim \circ \mu_s, \phi \rangle ds \\ &\leq \langle f, \phi \rangle + \langle \mu_t, \phi \rangle \langle f, \phi \rangle + t \langle |f \circ F_V^\sim|, \phi \rangle < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for almost all  $s < t$   $\langle f \circ \mu_V^\sim \circ \mu_s, \phi \rangle$  is finite and thus (ii) follows, since  $\phi$  is submultiplicative and so

$$\langle f \circ \mu_V^\sim \circ \mu_s, \phi \rangle \geq \langle \mu_V, \phi \rangle \langle f, \phi^{-1} \rangle \langle \mu_s, \phi^{-1} \rangle$$

Now we write (2) again for arbitrary  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(G)$  and by (ii) and (iii) we see that

$$(3) \quad \langle f \circ \mu_t - f, \psi \rangle \leq Ct \quad \text{for } t < 1.$$

Since, by (iii)  $\|\pi_{\mu_t}\| \leq C$  for  $t \leq 1$  and by (3) for  $\xi$  in  $B$

$$\|\pi_{\mu_t} \pi_f \xi - \pi_f \xi\|_B \leq \langle f \circ \mu_t - f, \phi \rangle \|\xi\|_B;$$

we see that  $\{\pi_{\mu_t}\}_{t>0}$  is a strongly continuous semi-group on  $B$  and also that the Garding space  $B_0$  is contained in the domain of the infinitesimal generator  $\pi_A$  of the semi-group  $\{\pi_{\mu_t}\}_{t>0}$ . Also  $\pi_F \subset \pi_A$ . We are going to show now that  $\pi_A = \pi_F$ . First we prove that for  $\lambda > 0$   $(\lambda - \pi_F)B_0$  is dense in  $B$ . Suppose that for  $\xi' \in B'$

$$0 = \langle (\lambda - \pi_F)\pi_F \xi, \xi' \rangle = \int (\lambda f(x) - F F(x)) \langle \pi_x \xi, \xi' \rangle dx$$

for all  $\xi \in B$  and  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ . Let  $\psi_\xi(x) = \langle \pi_x \xi, \xi' \rangle$ . We have  $\psi_\xi(x) \leq C \phi(x)$ . By proposition 2  $T_t: f \mapsto \mu_t^\sim * f$  form a strongly continuous semi-group on  $L_\phi^1$  whose generator on  $C_c^\infty(G)$  (dense in  $L_\phi^1$ ) is  $f \mapsto F * f$ . Hence  $\langle \lambda f - F * f, \psi_\xi \rangle = 0$  for all  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$  implies  $\xi' = 0$ .

Hence, since  $\pi_F$  is closed,  $(\lambda - \pi_F)D(\pi_F) = B$ . But  $\lambda - \pi_A$  is 1-1 on  $D(\pi_A)$  and  $(\lambda - \pi_A)D(\pi_A) = B$ , whence  $D(\pi_F) \subset D(\pi_A)$  implies  $D(\pi_F) = D(\pi_A)$  i.e.  $\pi_F = \pi_A$ .

What remains to be shown is  $\pi_A = \pi_F$ . Since  $\pi_A = \pi_F \subset \pi_F$ , it is sufficient to prove that for  $\lambda > 0$   $\lambda - \pi_F$  is 1-1 on  $D(\pi_F)$ . Suppose for  $\xi \in D(\pi_F)$  we have for all  $\xi' \in B'$

$$(4) \quad 0 = \langle (\lambda \pi_F - \pi_F \pi_F) \xi, \xi' \rangle = \int (\lambda f(x) - f F(x)) \langle \pi_x \xi, \xi' \rangle dx.$$

But  $f \mapsto f * F$  is the infinitesimal generator of the strongly continuous semi-group  $f \mapsto f * \mu_t^\sim$  on  $L_\phi^1$  restricted to  $C_c^\infty(G)$ .

Consequently (4) implies that  $\langle \pi_x \xi, \xi' \rangle = 0$ , for all  $\xi' \in B'$ , i.e.  $\xi = 0$  and this completes the proof of proposition 3.

