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## THE ASSOCIATED MEASURE ON LOCALLY COMPACT COCOMMUTATIVE KPC-HYPERGROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** We study harmonic analysis on cocommutative KPC-hypergroups, which is a generalization of DJS-hypergroups, introduced by Kalyuzhnyi, Podkolzin and Chapovsky. We prove that there is a relationship between the associated measures  $\mu$  and  $\gamma\mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on KPC-hypergroup  $Q$  and  $\gamma$  is a character on  $Q$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Hypergroups were introduced in a series of papers by Dunkle [3], Jewett [4], and Spector [7] in the 70's (we refer to this definition of hypergroups as DJS-hypergroups). For more details about DJS-hypergroups we refer to [1].

In 2010, Kalyuzhnyi, Podkolzin, and Chapovsky [5] introduced new axioms for hypergroups. This is an extension of DJS-hypergroups, on the one hand, and generalizes a normal hypercomplex system with a basis unity to the nonunimodular case, on the other. We refer to this notion as KPC-hypergroup. They studied harmonic analysis on these hypergroups and showed that there is an example of a compact KPC-hypergroup related to the generalized Tchebycheff polynomials, which is not a DJS-hypergroup [5]. Medghalchi and Tabatabaie [6] have studied periodicity on locally compact commutative DJS-hypergroups.

In this paper we study harmonic analysis on locally compact cocommutative KPC-hypergroups. In Section 2, we recall the definition and basic properties of KPC-hypergroups. Periodicity of locally compact KPC-hypergroups and our

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main theorem is presented in Section 3. We show that there is a relationship between the associated measures of  $\mu$  and  $\gamma\mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on KPC-hypergroup  $Q$  and  $\gamma$  is a character of  $Q$ .

Let  $Q$  be a locally compact cocommutative KPC-hypergroup. We denote the set of all complex Radon measures on  $Q$ , bounded measures, compact supported measures and positive measures by  $M(Q)$ ,  $M_b(Q)$ ,  $M_c(Q)$  and  $M^+(Q)$ , respectively. We denote the spaces of all complex-valued bounded continuous functions and continuous functions with compact supports by  $C_b(Q)$  and  $C_c(Q)$ , respectively.

## 2. Cocommutative KPC-hypergroups

In this section we recall the definition and basic properties of locally compact KPC-hypergroups and study positive definite functions and measures on them.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $Q$  be a locally compact second countable Hausdorff space with an involutive homeomorphism  $\star : Q \rightarrow Q$  and let  $e \in Q$  satisfy  $e^* = e$ . Suppose the following conditions hold.

( $H_1$ ) There is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $\Delta : C_b(Q) \rightarrow C_b(Q \times Q)$  such that  
*i.*  $\Delta$  is coassociative, that is,

$$(2.1) \quad (\Delta \times id) \circ \Delta = (id \times \Delta) \circ \Delta;$$

- ii.*  $\Delta$  is positive, that is,  $\Delta f \geq 0$  for all  $f \in C_b(Q)$  such that  $f \geq 0$ ;
- iii.*  $\Delta$  preserves the identity, that is,  $(\Delta 1)(p, q) = 1$  for all  $p, q \in Q$ ;
- iv.* For all  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$  we have  $(1 \otimes f) \cdot (\Delta g) \in C_c(Q \times Q)$  and  $(f \otimes 1) \cdot (\Delta g) \in C_c(Q \times Q)$ .

( $H_2$ ) The homomorphism  $\epsilon : C_b(Q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined on  $C_b(Q)$  by  $\epsilon(f) = f(e)$  satisfies the counit property, that is,

$$(2.2) \quad (\epsilon \times id) \circ \Delta = (id \times \epsilon) \circ \Delta = id,$$

in other words,  $(\Delta f)(e, p) = (\Delta f)(p, e) = f(p)$  for all  $p \in Q$ .

( $H_3$ ) The function  $f^-$  defined by  $f^-(q) = f(q^*)$  for  $f \in C_b(Q)$  satisfies

$$(2.3) \quad (\Delta f^-)(p, q) = (\Delta f)(q^*, p^*).$$

( $H_4$ ) there is a positive measure  $m$  on  $Q$ , such that  $\text{supp } m = Q$ , and

$$(2.4) \quad \int_Q (\Delta f)(p, q)g(q)dm(q) = \int_Q f(q)(\Delta g)(p^*, q)dm(q)$$

for all  $f \in C_b(Q)$  and  $g \in C_c(Q)$ , or  $f \in C_c(Q)$  and  $g \in C_b(Q)$ , where  $p \in Q$ ; (such a measure  $m$  will be called a left Haar measure on  $Q$ .)

Then  $(Q, \star, e, \Delta, m)$ , or simply  $Q$ , is called a locally compact KPC-hypergroup.

**Notation.** In the above definition, we have used the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} [(\Delta \times id) \circ \Delta(f)](p, q, r)](\cdot) &:= \Delta(\Delta f(p, \cdot))(q, r), \\ [(id \times \Delta) \circ \Delta(f)](p, q, r)](\cdot) &:= \Delta(\Delta f(\cdot, q))(p, r), \\ [(\epsilon \times id) \circ \Delta(f)](p) &:= \epsilon(\Delta f(p, \cdot)) = \Delta f(p, e), \\ [(id \times \epsilon) \circ \Delta(f)](p) &:= \epsilon(\Delta f(\cdot, p)) = \Delta f(e, p), \\ (f \otimes 1)(p, q) \cdot (\Delta g)(p, q) &:= f(p)1(q) \cdot \Delta g(p, q), \\ (1 \otimes f)(p, q) \cdot (\Delta g)(p, q) &:= 1(p)f(q) \cdot \Delta g(p, q). \end{aligned}$$

A KPC-hypergroup  $Q$  is called cocommutative if  $\Delta f(p, q) = \Delta f(q, p)$ , for all  $f \in C_b(Q)$  and all  $p, q \in Q$  and it is called Hermitian if  $q^* = q$  for all  $q \in Q$ ; By  $(H_3)$ , every Hermitian hypergroup is cocommutative.

Throughout this paper  $Q$  is a locally compact cocommutative KPC-hypergroup and  $m$  is a left Haar measure on  $Q$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mu, \nu \in M(Q)$  be such that the linear functional  $\mu * \nu$  defined by

$$(2.5) \quad (\mu * \nu)(f) = \int_{Q^2} \Delta(f)(p, q) d\mu(p) d\nu(q), \quad (f \in C_c(Q))$$

is a measure. Then the measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are called convolvable. In particular, we have  $(\delta_p * \delta_q)(f) = (\Delta f)(p, q)$ , where  $p, q \in Q$ .

If  $\mu, \nu \in M_b(Q)$ , then  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are convolvable. [5, Lemma 3.3]

**Definition 2.3.** The convolution of  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$  is denoted by  $f * g$  and is defined by  $(fm) * (gm) = (f * g)m$ , where the convolution of measures is given by (2.5). For each  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ , we have  $f * g \in C_c(Q)$ , and by [5],

$$(2.6) \quad (f * g)(q) = \int_Q f(p) (\Delta g)(p^*, q) dm(p).$$

Similarly, we define  $f * g$  for  $f, g \in C_b(Q)$ .

*Remark 2.4.* If  $m$  is a left Haar measure and  $p \in Q$ , then  $m * \delta_p$  is a left Haar measure. Since a left Haar measure is unique up to strictly positive scalar multiples,  $m * \delta_{p^*} = \delta(p)m$  for a positive number  $\delta(p)$ . (This number does not depend on the left Haar measure  $m$ ). The function  $\delta : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called the modular function of the locally compact KPC-hypergroup  $Q$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A measure  $\mu \in M(Q)$  is called positive definite if for any  $g \in C_c(Q)$ , we have  $\int g * g^* d\mu \geq 0$ , where  $g^*(p) = \overline{g(p^*)} \delta(p^*)$ , and  $\delta$  is the modular function. The set of all positive definite measures on  $Q$  is denoted by  $M^p(Q)$ . The set of all bounded positive definite measures is denoted by  $M_b^p(Q)$ .

A function  $f \in C_b(Q)$  is called positive definite if for any  $g \in C_c(Q)$ , we have  $\int f(g * g^*) dm \geq 0$ . We denote the set of all positive definite functions by  $P(Q)$ .

For each  $\mu \in M(Q)$ , we define  $\mu^-$  by  $\int_Q f(t) d\mu^-(t) = \int f(t^*) d\mu(t)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** The convolution of  $f \in C_c(Q)$  and  $\mu \in M_b(Q)$  is defined by

$$(2.7) \quad (\mu * f)(q) := \int_Q \Delta f(p^*, q) d\mu(p), \quad (q \in Q)$$

if the integral exists.

**Definition 2.7.** A measure  $\mu \in M(Q)$  is called shift-bounded if  $\mu * f \in C_b(Q)$  for all  $f \in C_c(Q)$ , and weakly shift-bounded if  $\mu * f * \tilde{f} \in C_b(Q)$  for all  $f \in C_c(Q)$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** *i. For any  $p \in Q$ , we have  $\delta(p) = 1$ , where  $\delta$  is the modular function of  $Q$ .*

*ii. For each  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ ,  $f * g = g * f$ .*

*Proof.* *i.* Let  $f \in C_c(Q)$  and  $p \in Q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(p)m(f) &= (m * \delta_{p^*})(f) \quad (\text{by 2.5}) \\ &= \int_Q \int_Q \Delta f(q, t) dm(q) d\delta_{p^*}(t) \\ &= \int_Q \Delta f(q, p^*) dm(q) \quad (Q \text{ is cocommutative}) \\ &= \int_Q \Delta f(p^*, q) 1(q) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.4}) \\ &= \int_Q \Delta 1(p, q) f(q) dm(q) \quad (\text{by } H_1 \text{ iii}) \\ &= \int_Q f(q) dm(q) = m(f). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\delta(p) = 1$  for any  $p \in Q$ .

ii. If  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ , for any  $q \in Q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(f * g)(q) &= \int_Q f(p) \Delta g(p^*, q) dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\
&= \int_Q f(p) \Delta g^-(q^*, p) dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.4}) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta f(q, p) g^-(p) dm(p) \quad (Q \text{ is cocommutative}) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta f(p, q) g(p^*) dm(p) \quad (p := p^*) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta f(p^*, q) g(p) \delta(p^*) dm(p) \quad (\text{by } i) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta f(p^*, q) g(p) dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.6}) \\
&= (g * f)(q).
\end{aligned}$$

□

The proof of the following proposition is different from the case of DJS-hypergroups.

**Proposition 2.9.** *If  $f \in C_c(Q)$  and  $\mu \in M_b(Q)$ , then  $\mu * f \in C(Q)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Q$  is a second countable space, we can use sequences for the proof. Let  $(q_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $Q$ , such that  $q_n \rightarrow q$ . We should show  $(\mu * f)(q_n) \rightarrow (\mu * f)(q)$ . By [5, Lemma 3.1],  $\Delta$  is a continuous mapping from  $C_b(Q)$  to  $C_b(Q \times Q)$ . Thus for any  $f \in C_c(Q)$ ,  $\Delta f(p^*, q_n) \rightarrow \Delta f(p^*, q)$ . Also, since  $\Delta f(\cdot, q) \in C_b(Q)$ , we have

$$\left| \int |\Delta f(p^*, q)| d\mu(p) \right| \leq \sup_{p \in Q} |\Delta f(p^*, q)| \cdot \|\mu\| < \infty.$$

So by the dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$\int \Delta f(p^*, q_n) d\mu(p) \rightarrow \int \Delta f(p^*, q) d\mu(p).$$

Therefore  $(\mu * f)(q_n) \rightarrow (\mu * f)(q)$ , and hence  $\mu * f \in C(Q)$ . □

**Proposition 2.10.** *If  $\mu$  is a bounded positive definite measure on  $Q$  and  $f \in C_c(Q)$ , then  $\mu * f * \tilde{f} \in P_b(Q)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in M_b(Q)$  and  $f \in C_c(Q)$ . By [5, Lemma 5.2] we have  $f * \tilde{f} \in C_c(Q)$ . So by Proposition 2.8,  $\mu * (f * \tilde{f}) \in C(Q)$ . By [5, corollary 5.3],  $C_c(Q)$  is an involutive algebra with the multiplication and involution defined by (2.6) and  $f^*(p) = \tilde{f}(p^*) \delta(q^*)$ , respectively. Define  $g := f * \tilde{f}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|(\mu * g)(q)| &= \left| \int \Delta g(p^*, q) d\mu(p) \right| \\
&\leq \int |\Delta g(p^*, q)| d|\mu|(p) \\
&\leq \|\Delta g\| \int d|\mu|(p) \\
&\leq \|\Delta\| \|g\| |\mu|(Q) \quad (5, \text{Lemma 3.1}) \\
&= \|g\| |\mu|(Q) < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu * (f * \tilde{f})$  is bounded. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int (\mu * f * \tilde{f})(q) (\tilde{g} * g)(q) dm(q) &= \int \int \Delta(f * \tilde{f})(t^*, q) (\tilde{g} * g)(q) d\mu(t) dm(q) \\
&= \int \int \Delta(f * \tilde{f})^-(q^*, t) (\tilde{g} * g)(q) d\mu(t) dm(q) \\
&= \int [(\tilde{g} * g) * (f * \tilde{f})^-](t) d\mu(t) \\
&= \int [(f^- * g) * (f^- * \tilde{g})](t) d\mu(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mu \in M^p(Q)$ , the last integral is nonnegative. So by [5, Lemma 8.3],  $\mu * (f * \tilde{f})$  is positive definite which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 2.11.** A function  $\chi \in C_b(Q)$  is called a character of the KPC-hypergroup  $Q$  if  $(\Delta\chi)(p, q) = \chi(p)\chi(q)$  and  $\chi(p^*) = \overline{\chi(p)}$ , for all  $p, q \in Q$ .

**Definition 2.12.** For any  $f \in L^1(Q)$  and  $\mu \in M(Q)$ , the Fourier-Stieltjes transform  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  and the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  of  $f$  are defined by

$$\hat{\mu}(\xi) = \int_Q \overline{\xi(t)} d\mu(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}(\xi) = \int_Q \overline{\xi(t)} f(t) dm(t),$$

respectively, where  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$ , [5].

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $f \in L^1(\hat{Q})$  and  $\mu \in M(\hat{Q})$ . The inverse Fourier transform  $\check{f}$  and  $\check{\mu}$  of  $f$  and  $\mu$  are defined by

$$\check{f}(p) = \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) f(\xi) d\rho(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \check{\mu}(p) = \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) d\mu(\xi),$$

respectively, where  $p \in Q$ .

Note that  $\rho$  is the Plancherel measure and  $\hat{Q} = \text{supp } \rho$ .

In fact  $\hat{Q}$  is not a KPC-hypergroup in general. But under some conditions it is a KPC-hypergroup (see Theorem 3.7)

**Lemma 2.14.** For any  $f \in C_c(Q)$ ,  $(f^*)^\wedge = \bar{f}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(f^*)^\wedge(\xi) &= \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) f^*(p) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) \bar{f}(p^*) \delta(p^*) dm(p) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.8i}) \\
&= \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) \bar{f}(p^*) dm(p) \quad (p := p^*) \\
&= \int_Q \overline{\xi(p^*) f(p)} dm(p^*) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.8i}) \\
&= \overline{\int_Q \xi(p^*) f(p) dm(p)} = \bar{f}(\xi).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.15.** For any  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ ,  $(f * g)^\wedge = \hat{f} \hat{g}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ . For any  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned}
(f * g)^\wedge(\xi) &= \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) (f * g)(p) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) f(q) \Delta g(q^*, p) dm(q) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q f(q) \left( \int_Q \bar{\xi}(p) \Delta g(q^*, p) dm(p) \right) dm(q) \quad (H_4) \\
&= \int_Q f(q) \left( \int_Q \Delta \bar{\xi}(q, p) g(p) dm(p) \right) dm(q) \quad (H_3) \\
&= \int_Q f(q) \left( \int_Q \Delta \xi(p^*, q^*) g(p) dm(p) \right) dm(q) \\
&= \int_Q f(q) \left( \int_Q \xi(p^*) \xi(q^*) g(p) dm(p) \right) dm(q) \\
&= \int_Q \xi(q^*) f(q) dm(q) \int_Q \xi(p^*) g(p) dm(p) \\
&= \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\xi).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.16.** For any  $g \in C_c(Q)$  and  $\sigma \in M(\hat{Q})$ , we have  $\check{\sigma} * (|\hat{g}|^2) = (|\hat{g}|^2 \check{\sigma})$ .



*Proof.* By Lemma 2.15, for any  $g \in C_c(Q)$ ,  $(g * g^*)^\hat{=} = |\hat{g}|^2$ . We define  $h := (g * g^*)$ . For any  $p \in Q$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(|\hat{g}|^2 \check{\sigma})(p) &= (\hat{h}\check{\sigma})(p) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) \hat{h}(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) \left( \int_Q \bar{\xi}(q) h(q) dm(q) \right) d\sigma(\xi) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \xi(p) \xi(q^*) h(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta \xi(p, q^*) h(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (Q \text{ is cocommutative}) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta \xi(q^*, p) h(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (H_3) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta \bar{\xi}(p, q^*) h(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (H_4) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta h(p, q) \bar{\xi}(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (q := q^*) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta h(p, q^*) \xi(q) \delta(q^*) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.8}) \\
&= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_Q \Delta h(q^*, p) \xi(q) dm(q) d\sigma(\xi) \\
&= \int_Q \check{\sigma}(q) \Delta h(q^*, p) dm(q) \\
&= (\check{\sigma} * h)(p).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.17.** *Every  $\mu \in M^p(Q)$  corresponds to a unique  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$  such that for all  $g, h \in C_c(Q)$  and  $p \in Q$ ,*

i.  $\int |\hat{g}|^2 d\sigma < \infty$ ,

ii.  $(\mu * g * g^*)(p) = \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 d\sigma(\xi)$ ,

where  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$ .

The measure  $\sigma$  is called the associated measure of  $\mu$ .

*Proof.* In Proposition 2.10 we proved that  $\mu * (g * \tilde{g}) \in P_b(Q)$ . Therefore by [5, Theorem 10.4], there is a  $\sigma_g \in M_+^b(\hat{Q})$  satisfying  $\mu * (g * \tilde{g}) = \check{\sigma}_g$ . By

Lemma 2.16,

$$\begin{aligned}
(|\hat{g}|^2 \sigma_f)^\checkmark &= \check{\sigma}_f * (|\hat{g}|^2)^\checkmark \\
&= \check{\sigma}_f * ((g * g^*)^\checkmark) \\
&= (\mu * f * f^*) * (g * g^*) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.8}) \\
&= (\mu * g * g^*) * (f * f^*) \\
&= \check{\sigma}_g * (|\hat{f}|^2)^\checkmark \\
&= (|\hat{f}|^2 \sigma_g)^\checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness of the inverse Fourier transform, we have

$$(2.8) \quad |\hat{g}|^2 \sigma_f = |\hat{f}|^2 \sigma_g.$$

For any  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$  satisfying (i) and (ii), we should have  $|\hat{g}|^2 \sigma = \sigma_g$  where  $g \in C_c(Q)$  and define  $\sigma$  accordingly. We will show that  $\sigma$  is well defined. Choose  $g \in C_c(Q)$  such that  $\hat{g} \neq 0$  on  $\text{supp}(h)$  [2], so that

$$\int_{\hat{Q}} h d\sigma = \int_{\hat{Q}} \frac{h}{|\hat{g}|^2} d\sigma_g$$

where  $\frac{h}{|\hat{g}|^2}$  is defined to be zero where  $\hat{g}(\xi) = 0$ . By (2.8),  $\int_{\hat{Q}} h d\sigma$  is independent from the choice of  $g$ . Clearly  $h \mapsto \int_{\hat{Q}} h d\sigma$  is positive and linear on  $C_c(\hat{Q})$ , and  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.18.** Let  $\mu \in M(Q)$ . If there is  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$  such that for all  $f \in C_c(Q)$

$$\int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{f}|^2 d\sigma < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_Q f * f^* d\mu = \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{f}|^2 d\sigma,$$

then  $F\mu := \sigma$  is called the generalized Fourier transform of  $\mu$ .

**Corollary 2.19.** Let  $Q$  be a cocommutative KPC-hypergroup. If  $\mu \in M_b^p(Q)$ , and  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$ , then following statements are equivalent

- i.  $\sigma = F\mu$ ;
- ii.  $\int_Q g * g^* d\mu = \int_{\hat{Q}} |(g^-)^\hat{}|^2 d\sigma \quad (g \in C_c(Q))$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the case of DJS-hypergroups. Let  $\sigma = F\mu$ . By using polarization, we have

$$\int_Q f * g^* d\mu = \int_{\hat{Q}} \hat{f} \hat{g}^\bar{} d\sigma, \quad (f, g \in C_c(Q)).$$

If we replace  $f$  by  $\delta_p * \bar{f}$ , and  $g$  by  $\bar{f}$ , we get

$$(\mu * f * f^*)(p) = \int_{\hat{Q}} \xi(p) |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\sigma(\xi).$$

Thus  $\sigma$  is the associated measure of  $\mu$ . Now if we replace  $p$  by  $e$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_Q \xi(e) |(f^-)^{\hat{}}|^2(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) &= \int_Q |(f^-)^{\hat{}}|^2(\xi) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{Theorem 2.17 ii}) \\
&= (\mu * f^- * (f^-)^*)(e) \quad (\text{by 2.7}) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta(f^- * (f^-)^*)(p^*, e) d\mu(p) \quad (\text{by } H_2) \\
&= \int_Q f^- * (f^-)^*(p^*) d\mu(p) \quad (\text{by } H_3) \\
&= \int_Q (f^- * (f^-)^*)^-(p) d\mu(p) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.1}) \\
&= \int_Q (f^* * f)(p) d\mu(p) \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.8 ii}) \\
&= \int_Q (f * f^*)(p) d\mu(p).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\int_Q |(f^-)^{\hat{}}|^2 d\sigma = \int_Q f * f^* d\mu$ . The converse is proved similarly by using the polarization.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.20.** *The following statements are equivalent*

- i.  $\mu \in M^P(Q)$ .
- ii. There exists  $\sigma \in M_+(\hat{Q})$  such that

$$\int_Q g * g^* d\mu = \int_{\hat{Q}} |(g^-)^{\hat{}}|^2 d\sigma \quad (g \in C_c(Q)).$$

### 3. Main results

In this section we present the main theorem of this paper.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ . Then  $(f * g)^- = g^- * f^-$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f, g \in C_c(Q)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(f * g)^-(p) &= (f * g)(p^*) \quad (\text{by 2.6}) \\
&= \int f(q) \Delta g(q^*, p^*) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\
&= \int f(q) \Delta g^-(p, q) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.4}) \\
&= \int g^-(q) \Delta f(p^*, q) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\
&= \int g^-(q) \Delta f^-(q^*, p) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.6}) \\
&= (g^- * f^-)(p).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(f * g)^- = g^- * f^-$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $f, g, h \in C_c(Q)$ . Then  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $f, g, h \in C_c(Q)$  by [5, Proposition 3.4] we have  $(fm * gm) * hm = fm * (gm * hm)$ . On the other hand by Definition 2.3, we have

$$(fm * gm) * hm = (f * g)m * hm = [(f * g) * h]m,$$

$$fm * (gm * hm) = fm * (g * h)m = [f * (g * h)]m.$$

Thus by uniqueness in the Riesz representation theorem,  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f, g, h \in C_c(Q)$ . Then*

$$\int [(f * g)h]dm = \int f(h * g^-)dm.$$

*Proof.* By Definition 2.1, we have  $e^* = e$ . Thus by  $H_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q [(f * g)h](p)dm(p) &= \int_Q (f * g)(p)\Delta h(e, p)dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.3 and } e^* = e) \\ &= \int_Q (f * g)(p)\Delta h^-(p^*, e)dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.6}) \\ &= [(f * g) * h^-](e) \quad (\text{Lemma 3.2}) \\ &= [f * (g * h^-)](e) \quad (\text{Lemma 3.1}) \\ &= [f * (h * g^-)](e) \quad (\text{by 2.6}) \\ &= \int_Q f(p)\Delta(h * g^-)^-(p^*, e)dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\ &= \int_Q f(p)\Delta(h * g^-)(e^*, p)dm(p) \quad (\text{by } H_2 \text{ and } e^* = e) \\ &= \int_Q f(p)(h * g^-)(p)dm(p), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f, g, h \in C_c(Q)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\eta$  be a character of  $Q$ . Then for any  $f \in C_b(Q)$  and  $q \in Q$ , we have*

$$(3.1) \quad (\eta * \bar{f})(q) = \int_Q \eta(q)\overline{(\eta f)}(p^*)dm(p).$$

*Proof.* By (2.6) for any  $q \in Q$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\eta * \bar{f})(q) &= \int_Q \eta(p) \Delta \bar{f}(p^*, q) dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\
&= \int_Q \eta(p) \Delta(\bar{f})^-(q^*, p) dm(p) \quad (\text{by 2.4}) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta \eta(q, p) (\bar{f})^-(p) dm(p) \quad (\text{by } H_3) \\
&= \int_Q \Delta \eta(q, p) \bar{f}(p^*) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q \eta(q) \eta(p) \bar{f}(p^*) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q \eta(q) \bar{\eta}(p^*) \bar{f}(p^*) dm(p) \\
&= \int_Q \eta(q) \overline{(\eta f)}(p^*) dm(p).
\end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark 3.5.* In the following theorem, we will assume that the approximate identity  $(e_n)$  (which is introduced in [5, Theorem 5.9]) satisfies the following properties:  $e_n \in C_c^+(Q)$  and  $\text{supp}(e_n) \subseteq V_n$ , where  $(V_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a fundamental system of open relatively compact neighborhoods of  $e$  such that  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} V_n = \{e\}$  and  $V_n \supseteq V_{n+1}$ .

We recall the following lemma and theorem from [5] without proof. In the following lemma, we denote the space of bounded characters on  $Q$  by  $X_h$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  be a positive definite function on  $Q$  for all  $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in \hat{Q}$ . Then there exists a nonnegative finite regular Borel measure  $\rho_{\chi_1, \chi_2}$  on  $X_h$  such that*

$$(3.2) \quad \chi_1(p) \chi_2(p) = \int_{X_h} \chi(p) d\rho_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(\chi).$$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $Q$  be a cocommutative hypergroup satisfying the following properties:*

- (1) *the character  $\epsilon$  defined in  $(H_2)$  belongs to  $\hat{Q}$ ;*
- (2) *the product of two characters  $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in \hat{Q}$  is a positive definite function, and the support of the measure  $\rho_{\chi_1, \chi_2}$  defined by (3.2) is contained in  $\hat{Q}$ ;*

(3) the comultiplication  $\hat{\Delta} : C_b(\hat{Q}) \longrightarrow C_b(\hat{Q} \times \hat{Q})$  defined by

$$\hat{\Delta}(F)(\chi_1, \chi_2) = \int_{\hat{Q}} F(\chi) d\rho_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(\chi), \quad F \in C_b(\hat{Q}),$$

satisfies axiom  $(H_1)(iv)$ . Then  $\hat{Q}$  is also a locally compact cocommutative KPC-hypergroup, called dual hypergroup, that satisfies the conditions of this theorem, and the hypergroup  $\hat{\hat{Q}}$  coincides with  $Q$ . The dual of a compact hypergroup is a discrete hypergroup, and the dual of a discrete hypergroup is a compact hypergroup.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $Q$  be as above and  $\mu$  be a shift-bounded positive definite measure on  $Q$  with associated measure  $\sigma$ . For every  $\gamma$  in  $\hat{Q}$ , the measure  $\gamma\mu$  is also a positive definite measure with associated measure  $\delta_\gamma * \sigma$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g \in C_c^+(Q)$  and put  $h^- := g * \tilde{g}$ . For each  $f \in C_c(Q)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q [\gamma(f * \tilde{f}) * h](p) d\mu(p) \\ &= \int_Q \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \Delta h(q^*, p) dm(q) d\mu(p) \\ &= \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \int_Q \Delta h(q^*, p) d\mu(p) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.3}) \\ &= \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \int_Q \Delta h^-(p^*, q) d\mu(p) dm(q) \quad (\text{by 2.7}) \\ &= \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) (\mu * h^-)(q) dm(q) \\ &= \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) (\mu * g * \tilde{g})(q) dm(q) \quad (\text{Theorem 2.17}) \\ &= \int_Q \int_{\hat{Q}} \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \xi(q) |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 d\sigma(\xi) dm(q) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 \int_Q (f * \tilde{f})(q) \eta(q) dm(q) d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{Theorem 3.3}) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 \int_Q f(q) (\eta * (\tilde{f})^-)(q) dm(q) d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 \int_Q f(q) (\eta * \bar{f})(q) dm(q) d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{by 3.1}) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 \int_Q \int_Q (\eta f)(q) \overline{(\eta f)}(p^*) dm(p) dm(q) d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 (\eta f)(1) \overline{(\eta f)}(1) d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 |(\eta f)(1)|^2 d\rho_{\gamma, \xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

If we put  $j(\eta) = |(\eta\hat{f})(1)|^2$ , then by Theorem 3.7 (iii), we have

$$\int_{\hat{Q}} \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 |(\eta\hat{f})(1)|^2 d\rho_{\gamma,\xi}(\eta) d\sigma(\xi) = \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 \hat{\Delta}j(\gamma, \xi) d\sigma(\xi).$$

Now we replace  $g$  by  $e_n$  in the above relations (the net  $(e_n)$  has been introduced in [5, Theorem 5.9]). By Urysohn's lemma, there is an  $h_0 \in C_c(Q)$  such that  $h_0 \equiv |f|$  on the compact set  $\text{supp}(f) * U$ , where  $U$  is a compact neighborhood of the identity  $e \in Q$  that contains a fundamental system of neighborhoods  $\{V_n\}$  as in the above remark. By [5, Lemma 4.5] we have  $\| |f| * e_n \|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty \|e_n\|_1 = \|f\|_\infty$ . Since  $(e_n)$  is an approximate identity, by [5, Theorem 5.9]  $e_n^* = e_n$  and  $|\bar{e}_n| = e_n$ . Now since  $Q$  is a cocommutative KPC-hypergroup, by Lemma 2.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma(f * \tilde{f}) * (e_n * \bar{e}_n)| &\leq |\gamma(|f| * |\tilde{f}|) * (e_n * \bar{e}_n)| \\ &\leq (|f| * e_n) * (|\tilde{f}| * \bar{e}_n) \\ &\leq h_0 * h_0^- \in L^1(Q, m). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$ ,

$$|\hat{e}_n(\xi)| \leq \int_Q |\overline{\xi(p)}| e_n(p) dm(p) \leq \|e_n\|_1 = 1.$$

Thus for any  $\xi \in \hat{Q}$ , we have  $|\hat{e}_n(\xi)| \Delta j(\gamma, \xi) \leq \Delta j(\gamma, \xi)$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\hat{Q}} \hat{\Delta}j(\gamma, \xi) d\sigma(\xi) &= \int_Q \int_{\hat{Q}} \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \xi(q) d\sigma(\xi) dm(q) \\ &= \int_Q \gamma(q)(f * \tilde{f})(q) \check{\sigma}(q) dm(q) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\check{\sigma} \in C(Q)$ , and so that  $\gamma(f * \tilde{f})\check{\sigma} \in C_c(Q)$ . Thus  $\hat{\Delta}j(\gamma, \xi) \in L^1(\hat{Q}, \sigma)$ . Therefore, applying the dominated convergence theorem in both sides of the equality

$$\int_Q [\gamma(f * \tilde{f}) * (e_n * \bar{e}_n)](p) d\mu(p) = \int_{\hat{Q}} |\hat{e}_n(\xi)|^2 \hat{\Delta}j(\gamma, \xi) d\sigma(\xi),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q [\gamma(f * \tilde{f})](p) d\mu(p) &= \int_{\hat{Q}} \hat{\Delta}j(\gamma, \xi) d\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{by 2.5}) \\ &= \int_{\hat{Q}} j(q) d(\delta_\gamma * \sigma)(q). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(\eta\hat{f})(1) = \int_Q f(p)\eta(p) dm(p) = \int_Q f(p^*)\eta(p^*) dm(p^*)$$

$$= \int_Q f(p^*)\eta(p^*)dm(p) = (f^-)\hat{(\eta)}.$$

Therefore  $j(\eta) = |(\eta f)\hat{(1)}|^2 = |(f^-)\hat{(\eta)}|^2$ . Thus

$$\int_Q (f * \tilde{f})d(\gamma\mu) = \int_{\hat{Q}} |(f^-)\hat{(\eta)}|^2 d(\delta_\gamma * \sigma).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

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