

MAT 449 : Problem Set 2

Due Thursday, September 27

More examples of Haar measures

1. Let G be a locally compact group, and let H be a closed subgroup of G . We write π for the quotient map from G to G/H . We denote by Δ_G (resp. Δ_H) the modular function of G (resp. H), and we assume that $\Delta_{G|H} = \Delta_H$. We fix left Haar measures μ_G and μ_H on G and H .
 - a) (1) Show that, for every compact subset K' of G/H , there exists a compact subset K of G such that $\pi(K) = K'$.
 - b) (1) Let $f \in L^1(G)$. Show that the function $G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $x \mapsto \int_H f(xh)d\mu_H(h)$ is invariant by right translations by elements of H . Hence it defines a function $G/H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, that we will denote by f^H .
 - c) (2) If $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$, show that $f^H \in \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$.
 - d) (2) Show that the map $\mathcal{C}_c(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$, $f \mapsto f^H$ is surjective. (Hint : You may use the fact that, for every compact subset K of G , there exists a function $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$ such that $\varphi(x) > 0$ for every $x \in K$.)
 - e) (2) If $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$ is such that $f^H = 0$, show that $\int_G f(x)d\mu_G(x) = 0$. (Hint : use a function in $\mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$ that is equal to 1 on $\pi(\text{supp}(f))$, and proposition 2.12 of the notes. (Sorry.))
 - f) (2) Show that there exists a unique regular Borel measure $\mu_{G/H}$ on G/H that is invariant by left translations by elements of G and such that, for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$, we have $\int_G f(x)d\mu_G(x) = \int_{G/H} f^H(y)d\mu_{G/H}(y)$.
 - g) (1) If P is a closed subgroup of G such that π induces a homeomorphism $P \xrightarrow{\sim} G/H$, show that the inverse image of $\mu_{G/H}$ by this homeomorphism is a left Haar measure on P .
 - h) (2) If P is a closed subgroup of G such that the map $P \times H \rightarrow G$, $(p, h) \mapsto ph$ is a homeomorphism, and if $d\mu_P$ is a left Haar measure on P , show that the linear functional $\mathcal{C}_c(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f \mapsto \int_H \int_P f(ph)d\mu_P(p)d\mu_H(h)$ defines a left Haar measure on G .

Solution.

- a) Let V be a compact neighborhood of 1 in G/H . Then $\pi(V)$ is a compact neighborhood of $\pi(1)$ in G/H . We have $K' \subset \bigcup_{x \in \pi^{-1}(K')} \pi(xV)$. As K' is compact, we can find x_1, \dots, x_n such that $K' \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n \pi(x_iV)$. Let $K = \pi^{-1}(K') \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n x_iV)$. Then K is a closed subset of the compact set $\bigcup_{i=1}^n x_iV$, hence it is compact, and we have $\pi(K) = K'$.

b) Let $x \in H$. Then, for every $g \in G$, we have

$$\int_H f(gxh)d\mu_H(h) = \int_H f(gh)d\mu_H(h)$$

by the left invariance of μ_H .

c) We need to show that f^H is continuous and that it has compact support.

Fix a symmetric compact neighborhood V_0 of 1, and note that $A := \text{supp } f \cup V_0(\text{supp } f)$ is compact. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. As f is left uniformly continuous, there exists a neighborhood $V \subset V_0$ of 1 such that, for every $x \in G$ and every $y \in V$, we have $|f(yx) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$. Then, for every $x \in G$ and every $y \in V$, we have

$$|f^H(\pi(yx)) - f^H(x)| = \left| \int_H (f(yxh) - f(xh))d\mu_H(h) \right| \leq \varepsilon \mu_H(x^{-1}A \cap H),$$

because $f(yxh) = f(xh) = 0$ unless $y \in (x^{-1} \text{supp } f) \cup (x^{-1}y^{-1} \text{supp } f) \subset x^{-1}A$. As $x^{-1}A \cap H$ is compact, it has finite measure, and the calculation above implies that f^H is continuous at the point $\pi(x)$.

Now we show that f^H has compact support. By definition of f^H , we have $f^H(\pi(x)) = 0$ if $x \notin KH$. So the support of f^H is contained in $\pi(KH) = \pi(K)$, hence it is compact.

d) Let $g \in \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$, and let K' be its support. By question (a), there exists a compact subset K of G such that $\pi(K) = K'$. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$ be such that $\varphi(x) > 0$ for every $x \in K$. We show that $\varphi^H(y) > 0$ for every $y \in K'$. Let $y \in K'$, write $y = \pi(x)$ with $x \in K$. As $\varphi(x) > 0$ and φ is continuous, we can find an open neighborhood V of 1 in G and a $c \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $\varphi(x') \geq c$ for every $x' \in xV$. In particular,

$$\varphi^H(y) = \int_H \varphi(xh)d\mu_H(h) \geq \int_{H \cap V} \varphi(xh)d\mu_H(h) \geq c \cdot \mu_H(U \cap H) > 0$$

(as $U \cap H$ is a nonempty open subset of H , we have $\mu_H(U \cap H) > 0$).

We define a function $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ in the following way :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(\pi(x))}{\varphi^H(\pi(x))} & \text{if } \varphi^H(\pi(x)) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that F is continuous on the open subsets $U_1 = \{x \in G \mid \varphi^H(\pi(x)) > 0\}$ and $U_2 = G - \text{supp}(g \circ \pi)$ (on the second subset, it is identically zero). As $U_1 \supset \pi^{-1}(K')$ and $\pi^{-1}(K') = \text{supp}(g \circ \pi)$, we have $U_1 \cup U_2 = G$, the function F is continuous on G . Finally, we take $f = F\varphi$. Then $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$, and we just need to show that $f^H = g$.

Let $x \in G$. If $\varphi^H(\pi(x)) = 0$, then $f(xh) = 0$ for every $h \in H$, so $f^H(\pi(x)) = 0$. We have seen that φ^H takes positive values on $K' = \text{supp}(g)$, so we also have $x \notin \text{supp}(g)$, i.e., $g(x) = 0 = f^H(x)$. Now assume that $\varphi^H(\pi(x)) > 0$. Note that the function $H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $h \mapsto F(xh)$ is constant. So

$$f^H(\pi(x)) = F(x) \int_H \varphi(xh)d\mu_H(h) = \frac{g(\pi(x))}{\varphi^H(\pi(x))} \varphi^H(\pi(x)) = g(\pi(x)).$$

Finally, note that $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$ if $g \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G/H)$, and that we also proved along the way that $f^H \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G/H)$ if $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$ (we proved this for φ).

- e) Let $\psi \in \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$ be such that $\psi(y) = 1$ for every $y \in \pi(\text{supp } f)$. By question (d), there exists $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$ such that $\varphi^H = \psi$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_G f(x) d\mu_G(x) &= \int_G f(x) \varphi^H(\pi(x)) d\mu_G(x) \\
&= \int_{G \times H} f(x) \varphi(xh) d\mu_G(x) d\mu_H(h) \\
&= \int_H \left(\int_G f(x) \varphi(xh) d\mu_G(x) \right) d\mu_H(h) \\
&= \int_H (\Delta_G(h)^{-1} \int_G f(xh^{-1}) \varphi(x) d\mu_G(x)) d\mu_H(h) \\
&= \int_G \varphi(x) \left(\int_H \Delta_H(h)^{-1} f(xh^{-1}) d\mu_H(h) \right) d\mu_G(x) \\
&= \int_G \varphi(x) \left(\int_H f(xh) d\mu_H(h) \right) d\mu_G(x) \quad (\text{by proposition 2.12 of the notes}) \\
&= 0 \quad (\text{because } f^H = 0).
\end{aligned}$$

- f) By question (e), the positive linear function $\mathcal{C}_c(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f \mapsto \int_G f d\mu_G$ factors through the linear map $\mathcal{C}_c(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$, $f \mapsto f^H$. By question (d) (and the remark at the end of its solution), it defines a positive linear functional $\mathcal{C}_c(G/H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. By the Riesz representation theorem, this comes from a regular Borel measure $\mu_{G/H}$ on G/H . Unravelling the definition, we get, for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$,

$$\int_G f d\mu_G = \int_{G/H} f^H d\mu_{G/H}.$$

By the left invariance of μ_G and question (d), we have, if $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G/H)$ and $x \in G$,

$$\int_{G/H} f(xy) d\mu_{G/H}(y) = \int_{G/H} f(y) d\mu_{G/H}.$$

Using the uniqueness part of the Riesz representation theorem (as we did in class), we see that $\mu_{G/H}(xE) = \mu_{G/H}(E)$ for every Borel subset E of G/H .

- g) Let ν be the inverse image of $\mu_{G/H}$ by the homeomorphism $\alpha : P \xrightarrow{\sim} G/H$. It is a regular Borel measure because α is a homeomorphism. Also, note that $\alpha(xy) = x\alpha(y)$ for every $x \in P$ (this is obvious on the definition of α). As $\mu_{G/H}$ is invariant by left translations by elements of P , so is ν .
- h) The hypothesis implies that π induces a homeomorphism $P \xrightarrow{\sim} G/H$, hence we get a left Haar measure ν on P as in question (g). By the uniqueness of left Haar measures, we have $\mu_P = c\nu$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Hence, for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_H \int_P f(ph) d\mu_P(p) d\mu_H(h) &= c \int_P \left(\int_H f(ph) d\mu_H(h) \right) d\nu(p) = \\
&= c \int_{G/H} f^H(y) d\mu_{G/H}(y) = c \int_G f(x) d\mu_G(x).
\end{aligned}$$

So the functional $f \mapsto \int_H \int_P f(ph) d\mu_P(p) d\mu_H(h)$ is positive and corresponds to the left Haar measure $c\mu_G$ on G .

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2. Let G be a locally compact group. Let A and N be two closed subgroups of G such that $A \times N \rightarrow G$, $(a, n) \mapsto an$ is a homeomorphism and that A normalizes N (i.e. for every $a \in A$ and $n \in N$, we have $ana^{-1} \in N$).

a) (2) If μ_A and μ_N are left Haar measures on A and N , show that the linear functional $\mathcal{C}_c(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f \mapsto \int_A \int_N f(an) d\mu_A(a) d\mu_N(n)$ defines a left Haar measure on G .

b) (1) Let $a \in A$. Show that there exists $\alpha(a) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that, for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(N)$, we have

$$\int_N f(ana^{-1}) d\mu_N(n) = \alpha(a) \int_N f(n) d\mu_N(n).$$

c) (1) If Δ_G , Δ_A and Δ_N are the modular functions of G , A and N respectively, show that $\Delta_G(an) = \alpha(a)\Delta_A(a)\Delta_N(n)$ if $a \in A$ and $n \in N$.

Solution.

a) The setup is very similar to that of problem 1 (with for example N playing the role of H), with the difference that we don't make any assumption on the modular functions. Still, the results questions (a)-(d) of problem 1 still stay true, since their proof doesn't use the assumption on the modular functions. In particular, we get a surjective linear transformation $f \mapsto f^N$ from $\mathcal{C}_c(G)$ to $\mathcal{C}_c(G/N) \simeq \mathcal{C}_c(A)$, and it sends $\mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$ onto $\mathcal{C}_c^+(A)$. The linear functional of the statement sends $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$ to $\int_A f^N(a) d\mu_A(a)$, so it is positive, and the Riesz representation theorem says that there is a unique regular Borel measure μ_G on G such that, for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$, we have

$$\int_G f d\mu_G = \int_A \int_N f(an) d\mu_A(a) d\mu_N(n).$$

As μ_A is a left Haar measure on A , the formula above implies that $\int_G L_a f d\mu_G = \int_G f d\mu_G$ for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$ and every $a \in A$. We show that μ_G is left invariant by N . Let $x \in N$ and $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G L_x f d\mu_G &= \int_A \int_N f(xan) d\mu_A(a) d\mu_N(n) = \int_A \left(\int_N f(a(a^{-1}xa)n) d\mu_N(n) \right) d\mu_A(a) \\ &= \int_A \left(\int_N f(an) d\mu_N(n) \right) d\mu_A(a) \quad \text{because } a^{-1}xa \in N \text{ and } \mu_N \text{ is left invariant} \\ &= \int_G f d\mu_G. \end{aligned}$$

As $G = AN$, this implies that $\int_G L_x g d\mu_G = \int_G g d\mu_G$ for every $x \in G$ and every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(G)$. By proposition 2.6 of the notes, μ_G is a left Haar measure on G .

b) Note that the map $N \rightarrow N$, $n \mapsto a^{-1}na$ is a homeomorphism. Hence the formula $E \mapsto \mu_N(a^{-1}Ea)$ defines a regular Borel measure on N , which we denote by ν . If E is a Borel subset and $n \in N$, then

$$\nu(nE) = \mu(a^{-1}nEa) = \mu((a^{-1}na)a^{-1}Ea) = \mu(a^{-1}Ea) = \nu(E).$$

Hence ν is a left Haar measure on N , and so there exists $\alpha(a) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $\nu = \alpha(a)\mu_N$. Now, if E is Borel subset of N and $f = \mathbb{1}_E$, the function $n \mapsto f(ana^{-1})$ is the characteristic function of $a^{-1}Ea$, so

$$\int_N f(ana^{-1}) d\mu_N(n) = \mu(a^{-1}Ea) = \alpha(a)\mu(E) = \alpha(a) \int_N f d\mu_N.$$

This extends in the usual way to all the functions $f \in L^1(N)$, and in particular to $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(N)$.

c) Let $a \in A$ and $n \in N$, and fix $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(G)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_G(an)^{-1} \int_G f d\mu_G &= \int_G R_{an}(f) d\mu_G = \int_A \int_N f(bman) d\mu_A(b) d\mu_N(m) \\
&= \int_A \left(\int_N f(ba(a^{-1}ma)n) d\mu_N(m) \right) d\mu_A(b) \\
&= \alpha(a)^{-1} \int_A \left(\int_N f(bamn) d\mu_N(m) \right) d\mu_A(b) \text{ by question (b)} \\
&= \alpha(a)^{-1} \Delta_N(n)^{-1} \int_A \left(\int_N f(bam) d\mu_N(m) \right) d\mu_A(b) \text{ by definition of } \Delta_N \\
&= \alpha(a)^{-1} \Delta(n)^{-1} \int_N \left(\int_A f(bam) d\mu_A(b) \right) d\mu_N(m) \\
&= \alpha(a)^{-1} \Delta_N(n)^{-1} \Delta_A(a)^{-1} \int_N \left(\int_A f(bm) d\mu_A(b) \right) d\mu_N(m) \text{ by definition of } \Delta_A \\
&= \alpha(a)^{-1} \Delta_N(n)^{-1} \Delta_A(a)^{-1} \int_G f d\mu_G.
\end{aligned}$$

As $\int_G f d\mu_G > 0$, this implies that $\Delta_G(an) = \alpha(a) \Delta_A(a) \Delta_N(n)$.

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3. Let $G = \mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$, $H = \mathbf{SO}(n)$, and let $P \subset G$ be the subgroup of upper triangular matrices with positive entries on the diagonal (and determinant 1).

- a) (4) Show that the map $P \times H \rightarrow G$, $(p, h) \mapsto ph$ is a homeomorphism. (Hint : Gram-Schmidt.)
- b) (3) Give a formula for a left Haar measure on P similar to the formula in problem 6(d) of problem set 1.
- c) (4) Calculate the modular function of P .
- d) (2) Show that G is unimodular. (There are several ways to do this.)
- e) (2) If $n = 2$, show that $\mathbf{SO}(n) \simeq S^1$ (the circle group), and give a left Haar measure on G .

Solution.

- a) In this problem, we denote the usual Euclidian inner product on \mathbb{R}^n by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, and the associated norm by $\|\cdot\|$.

We denote the map $P \times H \rightarrow G$ of the statement by α . This map is continuous because $\mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a topological group. We first show that it is injective. Suppose that we have $p, p' \in P$ and $h, h' \in H$ such that $ph = p'h'$. Then $p^{-1}p' = h(h')^{-1} \in P \cap H$ is a special orthogonal matrix that is upper triangular with positive entries on the diagonal. Such a matrix has to be the identity. Indeed, let (v_1, \dots, v_n) be its columns, and let (e_1, \dots, e_n) be the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^n . We want to show that $(v_1, \dots, v_n) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$. As v_1 is a norm 1 vector and a positive multiple of e_1 , we must have $v_1 = e_1$. As the vectors v_2, \dots, v_n are orthogonal to v_1 , their first entries are all 0. So v_2 is a positive multiple of e_2 ; as v_2 is norm 1, we must have $v_2 = e_2$. Now the vectors v_3, \dots, v_n are orthogonal to v_2 , so their second entries are zero, so v_3 is a positive multiple of e_3 etc.

Now remember the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process. If (v_1, \dots, v_n) is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n , it produces an orthogonal basis (w_1, \dots, w_n) and an orthonormal basis (u_1, \dots, u_n) in the following way :

- $w_1 = v_1$ and $u_1 = \frac{1}{\|w_1\|}w_1$;
- For $1 \leq k \leq n-1$, $u_{k+1} = \frac{1}{\|w_{k+1}\|}w_{k+1}$, where $w_{k+1} = v_{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\langle w_i, v_{k+1} \rangle}{\langle w_i, w_i \rangle} w_i$.

In particular, if A (resp. B , resp. C) is the matrix with columns (v_1, \dots, v_n) (resp. (w_1, \dots, w_n) , resp. (u_1, \dots, u_n)), then we have $B = AN$ and $C = AND$, where N is an upper triangular matrix with ones on the diagonal and D is the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries $(\|w_1\|^{-1}, \dots, \|w_n\|^{-1})$. Note also that the entries of N and of D are continuous functions of v_1, \dots, v_n , hence also the entries of B and C , and that C is an orthogonal matrix. If $x \in \mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$, applying this process to the columns of x , we get an orthogonal matrix h and a matrix $p \in P$, both depending continuously on x , such that $h = xp$, i.e. $x = hp^{-1}$. Also, $\det(h) = \det(xp) = \det(p) > 0$, so h is actually in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$. As $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ is a continuous function on $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ (hence on its subgroup P), we have constructed a continuous map $\beta : G \rightarrow P \times H$ such that $\alpha \circ \beta = \text{id}_G$. In particular, the map α is surjective, so it is bijective. Then its inverse must be β , and we know that β is continuous. So α is a homeomorphism.

- b) Note that P is an open subset of the \mathbb{R} -vector space V of upper triangular matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$. Moreover, for every $p \in P$, left translation by p on P is the restriction of the linear endomorphism $T_p : V \rightarrow V$, $x \mapsto px$. So we can apply problem 5 of problem set 1 to define a Haar measure on P as $|\det(T_p)|^{-1}d_V(p)$, where d_V is Lebesgue measure on V .

We still need to calculate $\det(T_p)$ for $p \in P$. Let $p \in P$, and let a_1, \dots, a_n be its diagonal entries. Let (e_1, \dots, e_n) be the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^n as before, and let $V_i = \text{Span}(e_1, \dots, e_i) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Note that the action of $p \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ preserves the subspace V_1, \dots, V_n , and that the determinant of the endomorphism of V_i induced by p is $a_1 \dots a_i$. By decomposing V using the columns of the matrices (as in the solution of problem 6(c) of problem set 1), we get an isomorphism $V \simeq V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_n$ such that the endomorphism T_p corresponds to the action of p on each V_i . So we get

$$\det(T_p) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{r=1}^i a_r = a_1^n a_2^{n-2} \dots a_{n-1}^2 a_n = \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{n+1-i}.$$

- c) Daniel : I'm not even sure of my own signs here, so don't take points off for a sign mistakes.

We will use problem 2, with $G = P$, N the group of unipotent upper triangular matrices (i.e. of upper triangular matrices with ones on the diagonal) and A the group of diagonal matrices with positive diagonal entries. Let $\alpha : A \times N \rightarrow P$ be the map defined by $\alpha(a, n) = an$. Let's show that α is a homeomorphism. The map α is obviously continuous, and it is injective because $N \cap A = \{1\}$. Let $x \in P$, and let $a \in A$ be the matrix with the same diagonal entries as x . Then $n := a^{-1}x$ is in N , and $\alpha(a, n) = x$. Hence α is bijective. Moreover, the matrix a depends continuously on x , hence so does n , so the inverse of α is continuous, and finally α is a homeomorphism.

We want to apply question 2(c). For this, we need to calculate the modular functions of A and N and the function $\alpha : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

First, as A is commutative, we have $\Delta_A = 1$.

For N , there are several ways to proceed. For example, you may notice that N is obviously homeomorphic (as a topological space only) to the \mathbb{R} -vector space W of upper triangular matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ with zeroes on the diagonal. (Just forget the

diagonal terms of the matrices.) Moreover, for $n \in N$, left translation by n on N corresponds to the linear endomorphism U_n of W given by $U_n(X) = nX$, for $X \in W$. Note that W is a subspace of the space V of the previous question, and that U_n is the restriction of T_n . So we can use the same method as in the previous question to calculate $\det(U_n)$, and we get $\det(U_n) = 1$. Hence Lebesgue measure on W is a left Haar measure on N . We can redo everything using right translations instead of left translations, and we get that Lebesgue measure on W is also a right Haar measure on N . This means that N is unimodular, so $\Delta_N = 1$.

Finally, we need to calculate the function α . Remember that it is defined by

$$\int_N f(ana^{-1})dn = \alpha(a) \int_N f(n)dn$$

for every $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(N)$, where dn is Lebesgue measure on W (which we have just seen is a Haar measure on N). Note that $c_a : X \mapsto aXa^{-1}$ is a linear endomorphism of W , so we can calculate $\int_N f(ana^{-1})dn$ using the change of variables formula once we know $\det(c_a)$. We get $\det(c_a) \int_N f(ana^{-1})dn = \int_N f(n)dn$, hence $\alpha(a) = \det(c_a)^{-1}$. But it is easy to see that, if the diagonal entries of a are (a_1, \dots, a_n) , then

$$\det(c_a) = a_1^{n-1} a_2^{n-3} \dots a_n^{1-n} = \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{n-2i+1}.$$

Hence finally, for $p \in P$,

$$\Delta_P(p) = a_1^{1-n} a_2^{3-n} \dots a_n^{n-1} = \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{2i-n-1},$$

where a_1, \dots, a_n are the diagonal entries of p .

- d) If you know (or know how to prove) that $\mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ is equal to its commutator subgroup, then this isn't easy. Here is another way: Let $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$ be the group of $n \times n$ matrices with positive determinant. This is an open subgroup of $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ (it's the inverse image of $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ by the continuous group morphism $\det : \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$), so, if μ is a Haar measure on $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ (remember that $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ is unimodular by problem 6(c) of problem set 1), its restriction to $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$ is a nonzero regular Borel measure, and it is obviously a left and right Haar measure on $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$. Now note that we have an isomorphism of topological groups $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$, $(\lambda, x) \mapsto \lambda x$ (whose inverse is given by $x \mapsto (\det(x)^{1/n}, \det(x)^{-1/n}x)$), so we can apply problem 2 with $G = \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$, $A = \mathbb{R}_{>0}I_n$ and $N = \mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$. As A and N commute, we have $\alpha = 1$. We know that A is unimodular because it is commutative, and we have just seen that $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})^+$ is unimodular, hence 2(c) implies that $\mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ is also unimodular.
- e) It is well-known that the group of rotations in \mathbb{R}^2 (i.e. $\mathbf{SO}(2)$) is isomorphic to the circle group S^1 . The isomorphism sends $e^{2i\pi\theta} \in S^1$ to the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$. Also, we have seen in class that we can define a Haar measure on S^1 by the linear functional sending $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(S^1)$ to $\int_0^1 f(e^{2i\pi\theta})d\theta$, where $d\theta$ is Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} . The point of this, of course, is that problem 1 now allows you to define a Haar measure on $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. To treat the case of $\mathbf{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$, we need a Haar measure on $\mathbf{SO}(n)$. An example of such a measure is given in problem 6.

□

4. (Remember problems 4, 5,6,8 of problem set 1.) We denote by dx a Haar measure on the additive group \mathbb{Q}_p . We also denote by dx (resp. dA) the product measure on \mathbb{Q}_p^n (resp. $M_n(\mathbb{Q}_p) \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p^{n^2}$); note that it is a Haar measure for the corresponding additive group.

a) (2) Show that, for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and every $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$, $b \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(x)dx = |a|_p \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(ax + b)dx.$$

b) (3) Let $n \geq 1$. Show that, if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, $A \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $b \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x)dx = |\det(A)|_p \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(Ax + b)dx.$$

- c) (2) Show that $|\det(A)|_p^{-n}dA$ is a left and right Haar measure on $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.
d) (3) Let B be the group of upper triangular matrices in $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Find a left Haar measure on B and calculate the modular function of B .

Solution.

a) First, using the invariance by translation of dx , we see that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(ax + b)dx = \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(ax)dx$$

for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_p$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$. We use the notation of problem 8 of problem set 1. If $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$aB(x, p^m) = \{ay \text{ with } |x - y|_p \leq p^m\} = \{y \in \mathbb{Q}_p \mid |ax - y|_p \leq |a|_p p^m\} = B(ax, |a|_p p^m),$$

and so, by 8(a) of problem set 1, $\text{vol}(aB(x, p^m)) = |a|_p \text{vol}(B(x, p^m))$. Using question (b) of the same problem, we get $\text{vol}(aE) = |a|_p \text{vol}(E)$ for every Borel subset E of \mathbb{Q}_p . Suppose that $f = \mathbf{1}_E$, with E a Borel subset of \mathbb{Q}_p . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(ax)dx = \text{vol}(a^{-1}E) = |a|_p^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(x)dx,$$

so we get the desired result for this function f . The result now follows for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ by linearity and continuity of the integral.

b) Using the translation invariance of dx as in question (a), we see that it suffices to prove the result in the case $b = 0$. Let $A \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. First note that $A = A_1 A_2$ and if we know the result for A_1 and A_2 , then we know it for A ; indeed, for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, we'll have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x)dx &= |\det(A_1)|_p \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(A_1 x)dx = \\ &|\det(A_1)|_p |\det(A_2)|_p \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(A_1(A_2 x))dx = |\det(A)|_p \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(Ax)dx. \end{aligned}$$

The Gauss algorithm (for solving systems of linear equations) says that we can make A upper triangular by elementary row operations (with correspond to multiplying on the left by a lower triangular matrix) and permutations of rows (with correspond

to multiplying on the left by a permutation matrix). So, by the observation above, it suffices to prove the result for upper and lower triangular matrices and for permutation matrices.

Suppose first that A is a permutation matrix. So there exists a permutation $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ such that, for every $x = (x_1 \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$, $Ax = (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$. As dx is the product of identical measures on the n factors \mathbb{Q}_p of \mathbb{Q}_p^n , we have, for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$, $\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(Ax)dx = \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x)dx$. The result now follows from the fact that $\det(A) = \pm 1$.

Suppose that A is upper triangular, and write $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(A(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \dots \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p} f(a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n, \dots, a_{n-1, n-1}x_{n-1} + a_{n-1, n}x_n, a_{nn}x_n) dx_n dx_{n-1} \dots dx_1.$$

Using question (a), we see that this last integral is equal to

$$|a_{11}|_p^{-1} \dots |a_{n-1, n-1}|_p^{-1} |a_{nn}|_p^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x)dx = |\det(A)|_p^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} f(x)dx.$$

The case of lower triangular matrices is similar (just put the dx_i reverse order).

- c) Once we have the change of variables formula of question (b), we can replace \mathbb{R} by \mathbb{Q}_p in problems 5 and 6 of problem set 1 and all the results will stay true, with exactly the same proofs. (Except 6(b), which doesn't make sense for \mathbb{Q}_p .) In particular, we get that $|\det(A)|_p^{-n} dA$ is a left and right Haar measure on $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.
- d) Again, we can just apply the proofs of questions (b) and (c) of problem 3 (and the analogue for \mathbb{Q}_p of problem 5 of problem set 1) to get the result. Assuming that there is no sign mistake in problem 3, a left Haar measure on B is $\prod_{i=1}^n |a_{ii}|_p^{i-n-1} dA$, where dA is the product measure on the \mathbb{Q}_p -vector space $V \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p^{n(n+1)/2}$ of upper triangular matrices and the a_{ij} are the entries of the matrix. And the modular function of B is given by

$$\Delta(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n |a_{ii}|_p^{2i-n-1}.$$

□

5. (extra credit) The goal of this problem is to give a formula for a Haar measure on $\mathbf{SO}(n)$. (We could do something similar for the unitary group $\mathbf{U}(n)$.)

- a) (1) For $X \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, we set $\Phi(X) = (I_n - X)(I_n + X)^{-1}$. Show that this is well-defined if -1 is not an eigenvalue of X , and that we have $\Phi(\Phi(X)) = X$ whenever this makes sense.
- b) (2) We denote by A_n the \mathbb{R} -vector space of $n \times n$ antisymmetric matrices (i.e. of $X \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that $X^T = -X$) and by U the set of elements of $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ that don't have -1 as an eigenvalue. Show that U is an open dense subset of $\mathbf{SO}(n)$, and that Φ induces a homeomorphism $A_n \xrightarrow{\sim} U$.
- c) (2) Let $X \in A_n$. Show that there exist open dense subsets V and W of A_n such that the formula $\Phi(L_X Y) = \Phi(X)\Phi(Y)$ defines a diffeomorphism $L_X : V \xrightarrow{\sim} W$, and that $0 \in V$.

- d) Let dX be Lebesgue measure on A_n . For every $X \in A_n$ and every $Y \in A_n$ on which L_X is defined, we denote by $L'_X(Y)$ the differential at Y of L_X . It is a linear transformation from A_n to A_n such that, for every $H \in A_n$,

$$L_X(Y + tH) = L_X(Y) + tL'_X(Y)(H) + o(t).$$

Fix $X \in A_n$. We want to compute $\det(L'_X(0))$. Remember that $L'_X(0)$ is a linear endomorphism of A_n , and note that $A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ is the space of antisymmetric matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

- i. (1) Show that $\det(L'_X(0))$ is well-defined and nonzero.
- ii. (1) Show that we have

$$L'_X(0)(H) = (I_n - X)H(I_n + X),$$

for every $H \in A_n$.

- iii. (1) Show that X has a basis of (complex) eigenvectors (v_1, \dots, v_n) such that the corresponding eigenvalues are of the form $i\lambda_1, \dots, i\lambda_n$, with $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - iv. (1) For $j, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we set $Y_{jk} = v_j v_k^T - v_k v_j^T$. Show that $Y_{jk} \in A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$, and that it is an eigenvector for $L'_X(0)$, with corresponding eigenvalue $(1 - i\lambda_j)(1 - i\lambda_k)$.
 - v. (1) Show that $(Y_{jk})_{1 \leq j < k \leq n}$ is a basis of $A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$.
 - vi. (1) Show that $\det(L'_X(0)) = \det(I_n - iX)^{n-1}$.
- e) (3) Show that the linear functional sending $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbf{SO}(n))$ to

$$\int_{A_n} f(\Phi(X)) \frac{1}{|\det L'_X(0)|} dX$$

defines a left Haar measure on $\mathbf{SO}(n)$. (Hint : Note that $(L_X \circ L_Y)(0) = L_X(Y)$, and use the chain rule.)

Solution.

- a) If $X \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then -1 is not an eigenvalue of X if and only if $I_n + X$ is invertible, i.e. if and only if the formula defining $\Phi(X)$ makes sense. So the set of definition of Φ is the open set defined by the equation $\det(I_n + X) \neq 0$. Note also that $I_n - X$ and $I_n + X$ commute, so $I_n - X$ and $(I_n + X)^{-1}$ commute (if the second is defined), so we also have $\Phi(X) = (I_n + X)^{-1}(I_n - X)$.

Let $X \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\Phi(X)$ is defined. Then we have

$$I_n + \Phi(X) = ((I_n + X) + (I_n - X))(I_n + X)^{-1} = 2(I_n + X)^{-1}$$

and

$$I_n - \Phi(X) = ((I_n + X) - (I_n - X))(I_n + X)^{-1} = 2X(I_n + X)^{-1}.$$

In particular, $I_n + \Phi(X)$ is invertible, so $\Phi(\Phi(X))$ makes sense, and we have

$$\Phi(\Phi(X)) = (I_n - \Phi(X))(I_n + \Phi(X))^{-1} = 2X(I_n + X)^{-1}(2(I_n + X)^{-1})^{-1} = X.$$

- b) Let $g \in \mathbf{SO}(n)$. Then we can find $P \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$PgP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & r_m \end{pmatrix},$$

where :

- if n is even, then $m = n/2$ and r_1, \dots, r_m are 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_i & \sin \theta_i \\ -\sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \end{pmatrix}$, with $\theta_i \in [0, 2\pi)$;
- if n is odd, then $m = (n+1)/2$, the matrix r_m is the 1×1 matrix 1 and r_1, \dots, r_{m-1} are 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_i & \sin \theta_i \\ -\sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \end{pmatrix}$, with $\theta_i \in [0, 2\pi)$.

In both cases, -1 is an eigenvalue of g if and only if one at least one of the θ_i is equal to π . So, by varying the θ_i , we can find a sequence of elements of $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ that converge to g and don't have -1 as an eigenvalue. This proves that U is dense in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$.

Next, as antisymmetric matrices have only imaginary eigenvalues, the function Φ is defined on A_n . Note also that it is clear on the definition of Φ that Φ is continuous on its open set of definition. By the second part of question (a), Φ is injective and, to show that Φ is a homeomorphism from A_n to U , it suffices to show that is a bijection from A_n to U (because then its inverse will be Φ). So we just need to show that $\Phi(A_n) = U$. Using again the fact that $\Phi(\Phi(X)) = X$ whenever this makes sense, we see that it suffices to prove that $\Phi(A_n) \subset U$ and $\Phi(U) \subset A_n$.

Let $X \in A_n$. Then $X^T = -X$, so $\Phi(X)^T = (I_n + X^T)^{-1}(I_n - X^T) = (I_n - X)^{-1}(I_n + X)$, and hence $\Phi(X)^T \Phi(X) = I_n$, which means that $\Phi(X) \in \mathbf{O}(n)$. As Φ is continuous and A_n is connected, $\Phi(A_n)$ is connected. But $I_n = \Phi(0) \in \Phi(A_n)$, so $\Phi(A_n)$ is contained in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$.

Let $X \in \mathbf{SO}(n)$ such that -1 is not an eigenvalue of X . Then $X^T = X^{-1}$, so

$$\Phi(X)^T = (I_n - X^T)(I_n + X^T)^{-1} = (I_n - X^{-1})(I_n + X^{-1})^{-1} = (X - I_n)(X + I_n)^{-1} = -\Phi(X).$$

So we have $\Phi(U) \subset A_n$.

- c) Fix $X \in A_n$. Note that the formula $\Phi(L_X Y) = \Phi(X)\Phi(Y)$ can also be written $L_X Y = \Phi(\Phi(X)\Phi(Y))$, by (a).

For $Y \in A_n$, $\Phi(X)\Phi(Y)$ has an image by Φ (which will automatically be in A_n by (b)) if and only if $\Phi(Y) \in \Phi(X)^{-1}U$. So we can take $V = \Phi(U \cap (\Phi(X)^{-1}U))$; this is dense in A_n because $U \cap (\Phi(X)^{-1}U)$ is dense in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ by (b). Then the image of V by the map $L_X : Y \mapsto \Phi(\Phi(X)\Phi(Y))$ is $W := \Phi((\Phi(X)U) \cap U)$.

The map $L_X : V \rightarrow W$ is continuous and surjective. In fact, as Φ is infinitely differentiable (it is given by rational functions in the entries of its arguments, by the formula saying that A^{-1} is $\det(A)^{-1}$ times the transpose of its cofactor matrix, for every $A \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$), the map L_X is also infinitely differentiable.

Let $X' = \Phi(\Phi(X)^{-1}) \in A_n$. Then we get as above a continuous and surjective map $L_{X'} : W \rightarrow V$, defined by the formula $L_{X'}(Y) = \Phi(\Phi(X)^{-1}\Phi(Y))$. The maps L_X and $L_{X'}$ are inverses of each other, and in particular they are both diffeomorphisms.

Finally, if $Y = 0$, then $\Phi(Y) = I_n$. So $\Phi(Y) \in U$, and we also have $\Phi(Y) \in \Phi(X)^{-1}U$, because $\Phi(X)\Phi(Y) = \Phi(X) \in U$. This shows that $0 \in V$.

- d) i. Let $X \in A_n$. As L_X is defined at the point 0, the differential $L'_X(0)$ makes sense; also, as L_X is a diffeomorphism, $\det(L'_X(0)) \neq 0$.
- ii. Note that, for $Y \in A_n$,

$$(I_n + X + Y)^{-1} = (I_n + X)^{-1}(I_n + (I_n + X)^{-1}Y) = (I_n + X)^{-1}(I_n - Y(I_n + X)^{-1} + o(Y)),$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(X+Y) &= (I_n - X - Y)(I_n + X + Y)^{-1} \\ &= ((I_n - X) - Y)(I_n + X)^{-1}(I_n - Y(I_n + X)^{-1} + o(Y)) \\ &= \Phi(X) - \Phi(X)Y(I_n + X)^{-1} - Y(I_n + X)^{-1} + o(Y).\end{aligned}$$

In particular (taking $X = 0$), we have

$$\Phi(Y) = I_n - 2Y + o(Y).$$

So

$$\Phi(X)\Phi(Y) = \Phi(X) - 2\Phi(X)Y + o(Y),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}L_X(Y) &= \Phi(\Phi(X)\Phi(Y)) = \Phi(\Phi(X) - 2\Phi(X)Y + o(Y)) = \\ &\Phi(\Phi(X)) - \Phi(\Phi(X))(-2\Phi(X)Y)(I_n + \Phi(X))^{-1} - (-2\Phi(X)Y)(I_n + \Phi(X))^{-1} + o(Y).\end{aligned}$$

Using $\Phi(\Phi(X)) = X$ and $I_n + \Phi(X) = 2(I_n + X)^{-1}$ (see (a)), we can simplify this last expression to

$$\begin{aligned}X + X\Phi(X)Y(I_n + X)^{-1} + \Phi(X)Y(I_n + X) + o(Y) &= X + (I_n + X)\Phi(X)Y(I_n + X) + o(Y) \\ &= X + (I_n - X)Y(I_n + X) + o(Y).\end{aligned}$$

But then the conclusion that $L'_X(0)(Y) = (I_n - X)Y(I_n + X)$ follows immediately from the definition of the differential.

- iii. As X is antisymmetric and has real entries, it is normal, so the spectral theorem says that X is diagonalizable in an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^n ; in other words, there exists a unitary matrix P such that PXP^{-1} is diagonal. We have already used the fact that the eigenvalues of X are imaginary, but it is easy to recheck it quickly : we have $X^* = -X$ and $P^* = P^{-1}$, and $(PXP^{-1})^* = (P^*)^{-1}X^*P^* = -PXP^{-1}$. As PXP^{-1} is diagonal, this means that its diagonal entries (which are the eigenvalues of X) are all imaginary.
- iv. It follows directly from the definition of Y_{jk} that $Y_{jk}^T = -Y_{jk}$, so $Y_{jk} \in A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$. Furthermore, by (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}L'_X(0)(Y_{ij}) &= (I_n - X)Y_{ij}(I_n + X) \\ &= (I_n - X)(v_j v_k^T)(I_n - X^T) - (I_n - X)(v_k v_j^T)(I_n - X^T) \\ &= (1 - i\lambda_j)(v_j v_k^T)(1 - i\lambda_k) - (1 - i\lambda_k)(v_k v_j^T)(1 - i\lambda_j) \\ &= (1 - i\lambda_j)(1 - i\lambda_k)Y_{ij}.\end{aligned}$$

- v. As (v_1, \dots, v_n) is a basis of \mathbb{C}^n , the matrices $v_j v_k^T$, for $1 \leq j, k \leq n$, form a basis of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$. So the matrices $Y_{jk} = (v_j v_k^T) - (v_k v_j^T)^T$, for $1 \leq j, k \leq n$, generate $A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$. Note that $Y_{jj} = 0$ and $Y_{kj} = -Y_{jk}$, so $A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ is actually spanned by the matrices Y_{jk} , for $1 \leq j < k \leq n$. As there are $n(n-1)/2$ such matrices and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(A_n) = n(n-1)/2$, they form a basis of $A_n \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$.

- vi. By (iv) and (v), we have

$$\det(L'_X(0)) = \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} (1 - i\lambda_j)(1 - i\lambda_k) = \prod_{r=1}^n (1 - i\lambda_r)^{n-1}$$

(because each $1 - i\lambda_r$ appears $n-1$ times in the first big product : $(n-r)$ times as the first factor $(1 - i\lambda_j)$, and $(r-1)$ times as the second factor $(1 - i\lambda_k)$).

To get the result, we just need to note that the eigenvalues of $I_n - iX$ are $1 - i\lambda_1, \dots, 1 - i\lambda_n$, so that

$$\det(I_n - X) = \prod_{r=1}^n (1 - i\lambda_r).$$

e) Let us denote this functional by Λ . First, by question (e), the function $X \mapsto \frac{1}{|\det(L'_X(0))|}$ is defined everywhere on A_n and continuous, so the integral defining Λ makes sense.

We need to check that Λ is positive and invariant by left translations. We first check the positivity. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_c^+(\mathbf{SO}(n))$. Then we can find $\varepsilon > 0$ and a nonempty open subset Ω of $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ such that $f|_\Omega \geq \varepsilon$. As U is open dense in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$, its intersection with Ω is open and nonempty, so $\Phi(U \cap \Omega)$ is open and nonempty in A_n , and we have

$$\Lambda(f) \geq \varepsilon \int_{\Phi(U \cap \Omega)} \frac{1}{|\det(L'_X(0))|} dX > 0$$

(because the function $X \mapsto \frac{1}{|\det(L'_X(0))|}$ is continuous and positive on $\Phi(U \cap \Omega)$).

Now we check the left invariance. Fix $f \in \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbf{SO}(n))$. Let $g \in U$. Then $\Lambda(L_g f) = \int_{A_n} f(g^{-1}\Phi(Y)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Y(0))|} dY$. Choose $X, X' \in A_n$ such that $\Phi(X) = g^{-1}$ and $\Phi(X') = g$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(L_g f) &= \int_{A_n} f(\Phi(X)\Phi(Y)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Y(0))|} dY \\ &= \int_V f(\Phi(X)\Phi(Y)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Y(0))|} dY \quad (\text{because } \text{vol}(A_n - V) = 0) \\ &= \int_V f(\Phi(L_X Y)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Y(0))|} dY. \end{aligned}$$

Now note that, if $Y \in V$, then so does $L_Y(0) = Y$, so $L_X(Y) = L_X \circ L_Y(0) = L_{L_X Y}(0)$ makes sense, and we have by the chain rule

$$L'_{L_X Y}(0) = L'_X(Y) \circ L'_Y(0),$$

hence in particular

$$\frac{1}{|\det(L'_Y(0))|} = \frac{|\det(L'_X(Y))|}{|\det(L'_{L_X Y}(0))|}.$$

This implies that

$$\Lambda_g(f) = \int_V f(\Phi(L_X Y)) \frac{|\det(L'_X(Y))|}{|\det(L'_{L_X Y}(0))|} dY.$$

Using the substitution $Z = L_X Y$, we see that this is equal to

$$\int_W f(\Phi(Z)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Z(0))|} dZ.$$

As $\text{vol}(A_n - W) = 0$, the last integral is equal to $\int_{A_n} f(\Phi(Z)) \frac{1}{|\det(L'_Z(0))|} dZ$, i.e. to $\Lambda(f)$.

So we have shown that the function $\mathbf{SO}(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $g \mapsto \Lambda(L_g f)$ is constant on the open dense subset U . As this function is continuous (it is the composition of the continuous function $\mathbf{SO}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbf{SO}(n))$, $g \mapsto L_g f$ and of the continuous linear function $\Lambda : \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbf{SO}(n)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$), it is constant on the whole $\mathbf{SO}(n)$, which means that $\Lambda(L_g f) = \Lambda(f)$ for every $g \in \mathbf{SO}(n)$. □