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RIASSUNTO. — Si dà una caratterizzazione dei moltiplicatori entro la classe degli operatori di spazi funzionali sulla sfera a k -dimensioni ($k \geq 2$).

1. INTRODUCTION

Let S be the K -dimensional sphere ($K \geq 2$). S admits a group of rotations, namely the orthogonal group SO_{K+1} , which we denote by G . Denote by $x\alpha$ the result of the action of the rotation α on the point $x \in S$. The rotation operator R_α acting on a function f and a measure μ defined on S are defined as follows:

$$R_\alpha f(x) = f(x\alpha) \quad \text{for all } x \in S; \quad R_\alpha \mu(E) = \mu(E\alpha) \quad \text{for all}$$

μ -measurable subsets $E \subset S$.

Let E and F be Banach spaces of functions on S , and let $B_G(E, F)$ denote the space of bounded linear operators of E into F which commute with the rotation operators R_α , $\alpha \in G$. In [2] Dunkl showed that if T belongs to any of the spaces $B_G(L^1(S), L^1(S))$ and $B_G(C(S), C(S))$, then there exists a unique zonal measure μ , that is, $\mu \in M(S; p)$ such that $Tf = f * \mu$ for f in any of the spaces $L^1(S)$ and $C(S)$. Moreover the correspondence between T and μ is an isometric isomorphism of $B_G(L^1(S), L^1(S))$ and $B_G(C(S))$ onto the Banach algebra of zonal measures denoted by $M(S; p)$, where p is the north pole of the sphere and $M(S; p) = \{\mu \in M(S) : R_\alpha \mu = \mu \text{ for all } \alpha \ni p\alpha = p\}$.

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In this paper, we characterize the bounded linear operators which belong to any of the following spaces: $B_G(L^1(S), M(S))$, $B_G(L^1(S), L^q(S))$ $1 < q < \infty$, $B_G(L^q(S), L^\infty(S))$ $1 \leq q < \infty$ and $B_G(L^q(S), C(S))$ $1 \leq q \leq \infty$. We show in section 3, that $T \in B_G(L^1(S), M(S))$ if and only if there exists a unique $\mu \in M(S; p)$ such that $Tf = f * \mu$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$ and that $T \in B_G(L^1(S), L^q(S))$ if and only if there exists a unique $g \in L^q(S; p)$ such that $Tf = f * g$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$. We also show that $T \in B_G(L^q(S), L^\infty(S))$ if and only if there exists a unique $g \in L^r(S; p)$, $1/q + 1/r = 1$ such that $Tf = f * g$ for all $f \in L^q(S)$. Finally we show that $T \in B_G(L^q(S), C(S))$ if and only if there exists a unique $g \in L^r(S; p)$ ($1/q + 1/r = 1$) such that $Tf = f * g$ for all $f \in L^q(S)$.

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Considering S imbedded as the unit sphere in R^{K+1} and for $x, y \in S$, let $x \cdot y$ denote the ordinary inner product of the vectors which correspond to the point x and y ($-1 \leq x \cdot y \leq 1$). S has a unique rotation invariant Borel measure m such that $m(S) = 1$. Define $L^q(S) = L^q(S; m)$ and $M(S)$ to be the space of regular Borel measure on S . If p is the north pole of S define the zonal functions as the subspace, $L^q(S; p) = \{f \in L^q(S) : R_\alpha f = f \text{ for all } \alpha \ni p\alpha = p\}$. For any $x \in S$, let G_x be the closed subgroup of G leaving x fixed. It is known [2] that there is a homeomorphism between the space $S|_{G_p}$ and the closed interval $[-1, 1]$ induced by the continuous map $x \rightarrow p \cdot x$. Thus there exists an isomorphism between the zonal functions and integrable functions defined on $[-1, 1]$. With respect to this isomorphism the space of zonal functions maps isometrically onto $L^1([-1, 1], \Omega_{\lambda})$ where Ω_{λ} is the measure $a_{\lambda}(1-t^2)^{\lambda-1/2} dt$ and a_{λ} is such that $\int_{-1}^1 d\Omega_{\lambda}(t) = 1$. The poly-

nomials $P_n^{\lambda}(t)$ defined by the relation $(1-2rt+r^2)^{-\lambda} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2\lambda+n)}{n! \Gamma(2\lambda)} \cdot P_n^{\lambda}(t) r^n$ form a complete orthogonal set on $[-1, 1]$ with respect to the measure Ω_{λ} . It follows then that the functions $P_n^{(K-1)/2}(p \cdot x)$ form a complete orthogonal set of zonal functions. Throughout this paper, we shall assume that $\lambda = (K-1)/2$. For other background material and notations we shall lean very much on [2]. For any $x \in S$, if we define $M(S; x) = \{\mu \in M(S) : R_\alpha \mu = \mu \text{ for all } \alpha \in G_x\}$ then the mapping $\phi_x : M(S; p) \rightarrow M(S; x)$ defined by $\phi_x \mu = R_x \mu$ is an isometric isomorphism onto [cf.: 2]. ϕ_x can be defined similarly for all the subspaces of $M(S; p)$ which are Banach algebras.

Suppose $\mu \in M(S; p)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then we define the n th Gegenbauer coefficient $\hat{\mu}_n$ of μ by

$$\hat{\mu}_n = \int_S P_n^{\lambda}(p \cdot x) d\mu(x)$$

and for $f \in L^1(S; p)$ define

$$\hat{f}_n = \int_S P_n^\lambda(p \cdot x) f(x) dm(x),$$

$|\hat{\mu}_n| \leq \|\mu\|$ and $|\hat{f}_n| \leq \|f\|$. For $f \in L^1(S)$ and $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ we define

$$\tilde{f}_n(x) = \int_S f(y) P_n^\lambda(x \cdot y) dm(y).$$

Similarly for $\mu \in M(S)$ we define

$$\tilde{\mu}_n(x) = \int_S P_n^\lambda(x \cdot y) d\mu(y).$$

Clearly $\hat{\mu}_n = \tilde{\mu}_n(p)$ and $\hat{f}_n = \tilde{f}_n(p)$.

3. MULTIPLIERS OF CERTAIN SUBALGEBRAS OF $M(S)$

3.1. DEFINITION. Let T be a linear operator defined on any of the spaces $L^q(S)$ ($1 \leq q \leq \infty$), with its range a subspace of $M(S)$. Denote by $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. If there exists a bounded complex valued function ϕ defined on $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ such that $(Tf)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x)$ for all f and $x \in S$, then we call T a multiplier.

3.2. THEOREM. Let $T: L^1(S) \rightarrow M(S)$ be a bounded linear operator. Then T is a multiplier if and only if there exists a unique $\mu \in M(S; p)$ such that $Tf = \mu * f$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$. Moreover $\|T\| = \|\mu\|$.

Proof. Suppose $\mu \in M(S; p)$ and $f \in L^1(S)$, then if $Tf = \mu * f$, $Tf \in M(S)$ [2] and $\|Tf\| \leq \|\mu\| \|f\|$. Hence $(Tf)_n^\sim(x) = (\mu * f)_n^\sim(x) = \hat{\mu}_n \tilde{f}_n(x)$, $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. If we define ϕ on $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ by setting $\phi(n) = \hat{\mu}_n$, $n \in N_0$, then ϕ is a bounded complex valued function on N_0 such that $(Tf)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x)$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$, so that T is a multiplier.

Conversely suppose T is a multiplier, then $\exists$ a bounded function ϕ on N_0 such that $(Tf)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x)$, $x \in S$. Let $\alpha \in G$, $f \in L^1(S)$ and $x \in S$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (R_\alpha f)_n^\sim(x) &= \int_S R_\alpha f(y) P_n^\lambda(x \cdot y) dm(y) \\ &= \int_S f(y) P_n^\lambda(x \cdot y \alpha^{-1}) dm(y) = f * \psi_p^{-1} P_n^\lambda(x\alpha) = \tilde{f}_n(x\alpha) = R_\alpha(\tilde{f}_n)(x) \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi_p^{-1} P_n^\lambda(x) \equiv P_n^\lambda(p \cdot x)$.

Define Ef to be a unique measure in $M(S)$ such that

$$(Ef)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x) \quad n \in N_0, \quad x \in S.$$

Then clearly E is a bounded linear operator of $L^1(S)$ into $M(S)$. Assume that

$f \in C(S)$, then clearly Ef belongs to $C(S)$, and since $C(S)$ is dense in $L^1(S)$, the range of E is $L^1(S)$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} (R_\alpha Ef)_n^\sim(x) &= (Ef)_n^\sim(x\alpha) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x\alpha) = \phi(n) (R_\alpha \tilde{f}_n)(x) = \\ &= \phi(n) (R_\alpha f)_n^\sim(x) = (ER_\alpha f)_n^\sim(x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore E is a bounded linear operator of $L^1(S)$ into itself which commutes with all rotations. Theorem 10 C of [2] implies the existence of a unique $\mu \in M(S; p)$ such that $Ef = f * \mu$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$, moreover, $\|E\| = \|\mu\|$. However, $(Ef)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x) = (Tf)_n^\sim(x)$ for each $n \in N_0, x \in S$, hence $T = E$ and $Tf = f * \mu$.

In the next theorem we wish to obtain a characterization of the bounded linear operators in $B_G(L^1(S), L^q(S))$.

3.3. THEOREM. Let $T: L^1(S) \rightarrow L^q(S)$ $1 < q < \infty$ be a bounded linear operator. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) $TR_\alpha = R_\alpha T$ for all $\alpha \in G$,
- (ii) There exists a unique bounded continuous function ϕ on $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ such that $(Tf)_n^\sim(x) = \phi(n) \tilde{f}_n(x)$ for all $f \in L^1(S), n \in N_0$,
- (iii) There exists a unique function $g \in L^q(S; p)$ such that $Tf = g * f$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$.

Moreover $\|T\| = \|g\|_q$.

Proof. Let $T: L^1(S) \rightarrow L^q(S)$ be a bounded linear operator and assume that (i) holds. Then for $f \in L^1(S; p)$ and $\alpha \in G_p, R_\alpha Tf = TR_\alpha f = Tf$, so that $Tf \in L^q(S; p)$. Let $h \in L^r(S)$ where $1/q + 1/r = 1$ and define a mapping

$$F: L^1(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

by setting

$$F(f) = \int_S Tf(x) h(x) dm(x),$$

for $f \in L^1(S)$. Clearly F is a bounded linear functional on $L^1(S)$. Thus $\exists$ a $\beta \in L^\infty(S) \ni \int_S Tf(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S f(x) \beta(x) dm(x)$. Let $f \in L^1(S)$ and, $g \in L^1(S; p)$, since $TR_\alpha = R_\alpha T$ for all $\alpha \in G$, the same technique of Theorem 10 a of [2] yields the following:

$$\int_S (f * Tg)(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S T(f * g)(x) h(x) dm(x).$$

Since this holds for all $h \in L^r(S), T(f * g) = f * Tg$ for $f \in L^1(S), g \in L^1(S; p)$. In particular for $f, g \in L^1(S; p), T(f * g) = g * Tf = Tf * g$, and so $Tf * g = f * Tg$. Taking Gegenbauer coefficients we have $(Tf)_n^\sim \hat{g}_n = \hat{f}_n (Tg)_n^\sim$. Choose $f \in L^1(S; p) \ni \hat{f}_n \neq 0$ and define ϕ on $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ by setting

$\phi(n) = (\text{T}f)_n^\wedge / \hat{f}_n$, then ϕ is a bounded continuous complex valued function independent of the choice of f and moreover $(\text{T}f)_n^\wedge = \phi(n) \hat{f}_n$, $x \in S$, $n \in N_0$ for all $f \in L^1(S; p)$. Suppose $f \in L^1(S)$ then there exists a net $\{U_v\}$ of zonal functions [2, 4 b] such that $f * U_v \rightarrow f$ (L^1 —norm).

$$\begin{aligned} [T(f * U_v)]_n^\wedge(x) &= (f * \text{T}U_v)_n^\wedge(x) = \hat{f}_n(x) (\text{T}U_v)_n^\wedge(x) = \\ &= \hat{f}_n(x) \phi(n) (U_v)_n^\wedge \rightarrow \phi(n) \hat{f}_n(x). \end{aligned}$$

$[T(f * U_v)]_n^\wedge(x) \rightarrow (\text{T}f)_n^\wedge(x)$ hence $(\text{T}f)_n^\wedge(x) = \phi(n) \hat{f}_n(x)$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$, $n \in N_0$ and $x \in S$, which implies (ii).

Now assume (ii), and let $\{U_v\}$ be an approximate identity such that for any $f \in L^1(S; p)$, $f * U_v \rightarrow f$ in the L^1 -norm and $\|U_v\| = 1$. Then for $f \in L^1(S; p)$

$$\|Tf - (\text{T}U_v) * f\|_q = \|Tf - T(U_v * f)\|_q \leq \|T\| \|f - U_v * f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$$

Thus $Tf = \lim_v \text{T}U_v * f \in L_q(S)$. For $\alpha \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} (R_\alpha \text{T}f)_n^\wedge(x) &= (\text{T}f)_n^\wedge(x\alpha) = \phi(n) \hat{f}_n(x\alpha) = \phi(n) R_\alpha \hat{f}_n(x) = \\ &= \phi(n) (R_\alpha f)_n^\wedge(x) = (\text{TR}_\alpha f)_n^\wedge(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\text{TR}_\alpha = R_\alpha T$ and so for $f \in L^1(S; p)$, $Tf \in L^q(S)$ and $R_\alpha(\text{T}f) = (R_\alpha T)f = \text{TR}_\alpha f = \text{T}f$. Thus $Tf \in L^q(S; p)$ and moreover $\|\text{T}U_v\|_q \leq \|T\| \|U_v\|_1 = \|T\|$. The set $\{\text{T}U_v\}$ is bounded in the L_q -norm by $\|T\|$ and since $L^q(S; p) = L^r(S; p)'$, there exists a subsequence [cf. 1, V. 4. 2] $\text{T}U_{v_j}$ converging weakly to $g \in L^q(S; p)$ and so for each $h \in L^r(S; p) \ni 1/q + 1/r = 1$, we obtain

$$\lim_j \int_S \text{T}U_{v_j}(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S g(x) h(x) dm(x).$$

In particular we take $h = \psi_p^{-1} P_n^\lambda \in C(S; p) \subset L^r(S; p)$ and then

$$\lim_j \int_S \text{T}U_{v_j}(x) \psi_p^{-1} P_n^\lambda(x) dm(x) = \int_S g(x) \psi_p^{-1} P_n^\lambda(x) dm(x),$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \lim_j \int_S \text{T}U_{v_j}(x) P_n^\lambda(P \cdot x) dm(x) = \int_S g(x) P_n^\lambda(P \cdot x) dm(x) = \hat{g}_n.$$

Hence $(\text{T}U_{v_j})_n^\wedge \rightarrow \hat{g}_n$. But $(\text{T}U_{v_j})_n^\wedge = \phi(n) (U_{v_j})_n^\wedge \rightarrow \phi(n)$ since $(U_{v_j})_n^\wedge \rightarrow 1$; and so $\phi(n) = \hat{g}_n$ for all $n \in N_0$. Finally for $f \in L^1(S)$

$$(\text{T}f)_n^\wedge(x) = \phi(n) \hat{f}_n(x) = \hat{g}_n \hat{f}_n(x) = (g * f)_n^\wedge(x),$$

[2, 4 a]. Clearly $Tf = g * f$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$ which is (iii). Assume that (iii) holds, then for $f \in L^1(S)$, and $x \in S$,

$$R_\alpha \text{T}f(x) = \text{T}f(x\alpha) = g * f(x\alpha) = R_\alpha(f * g)(x) = (R_\alpha f * g)(x) = (\text{TR}_\alpha f)(x)$$

for all $\alpha \in G$. Hence $R_\alpha Tf = TR_\alpha f$ for all $f \in L^1(S)$ and (i) holds. From (ii) $Tf = g * f$ for $g \in L^q(S; p)$ and all $f \in L^1(S)$, so $\|Tf\|_q = \|g * f\|_q \leq \|g\|_q \|f\|_1$, which implies $\|T\| \leq \|g\|_q$. Also given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists f \in L^1(S) \ni \|g * f\|_q > \|g\|_q - \varepsilon$ for $q < \infty$ and this implies $\|g\|_q \leq \|T\|$. Therefore $\|T\| = \|g\|_q$.

3.4. THEOREM. Let $T: L^q(S) \rightarrow L^\infty(S)$ be a bounded linear operator $1 \leq q < \infty$. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i) T commutes with all rotation operators,
- (ii) There exists a unique $g \in L^r(S; p)$, $1/q + 1/r = 1$ such that $Tf = g * f$ for each $f \in L^q(S)$, and $\|g\|_r = \|T\|$.

For $q = \infty$, Theorem 3.4 remains an open problem.

Proof. Suppose (i) holds and define T^* the adjoint of T on $L^\infty(S)^*$ into $L^q(S)^*$. Then T^* is a mapping of $L^1(S)$ into $L^r(S)$ where $1/q + 1/r = 1$. Now for $f \in L^q(S)$ and $h \in L^1(S)$,

$$\int_S Tf(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S f(x) T^* h(x) dm(x)$$

so that for $\alpha \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S f(x) T^* R_\alpha h(x) dm(x) &= \int_S Tf(x) h(\alpha x) dm(x) = \int_S Tf(\alpha \alpha^{-1} x) h(x) dm(x) \\ &= \int_S R_{\alpha^{-1}} Tf(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S TR_{\alpha^{-1}} f(x) dm(x) \\ &= \int_S R_{\alpha^{-1}} f(x) T^* h(x) dm(x) = \int_S f(x) R_\alpha T^* h(x) dm(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for all $f \in L^q(S)$, then $T^* R_\alpha h = R_\alpha T^* h$ for all $h \in L^1(S)$ and so T^* is a bounded linear operator of $L^1(S)$ into $L^r(S)$ which commutes with all rotation operators. Therefore by Theorem 3.3 $\exists$ a unique $g \in L^r(S; p)$ such that $T^* h = g * h$ for all $h \in L^1(S)$ and $\|T^*\| = \|g\|_r$. So finally for $h \in L^1(S)$, $f \in L^q(S)$, by Fubini's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S Tf(x) h(x) dm(x) &= \int_S f(x) T^* h(x) dm(x) = \int_S f(x) (g * h)(x) dm(x) \\ &= \int_S f(x) \int_S \{\phi_x g(y) h(y) dm(y)\} dm(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_S f(x) \left\{ \int_S \phi_y g(x) h(y) dm(y) \right\} dm(x) \\
&= \int_S \left\{ \int_S f(x) \phi_y g(x) dm(x) \right\} h(y) dm(y) \\
&= \int_S (f * g)(y) h(y) dm(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for all $f \in L^q(S)$, again $Tf = f * g$, for all $f \in L^q(S)$ which is (ii). Clearly it is easy to show that $\|g\|_r = \|T\|$. Using the same technique as in Theorem 3.3 (ii) implies (i).

3.5. THEOREM. *Let $T : L^q(S) \rightarrow C(S)$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ be a bounded linear operator. T commutes with the rotation operators if and only if there exists a unique function $h \in L^r(S; p)$, $1/q + 1/r = 1$ such that $Tf = h * f$ for every $f \in L^q(S)$.*

Proof. Suppose $Tf = h * f$, then $\|Tf\|_\infty \leq \|h\| \|f\| < \infty$, and also for $x \in S$, $\alpha \in G$,

$$R_\alpha Tf(x) = Tf(x\alpha) = (h * f)(x\alpha) = R_\alpha(h * f)(x) = (h * R_\alpha f)(x) = TR_\alpha f(x).$$

So T commutes with all rotations. Now suppose $T : L^q(S) \rightarrow C(S)$ is a bounded linear operator commuting with rotations, then for $f \in L^q(S; p)$, $Tf \in C(S)$ and $R_\alpha(Tf) = TR_\alpha f = Tf$, so $Tf \in C(S; p)$. Consider the map $F : L^q(S; p) \rightarrow C$ given by

$$F(f) = Tf(p)$$

where $p = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ the north pole of S . Since T is continuous F is a continuous linear functional on $L^q(S; p)$ and so $\exists$ a unique $h \in L^r(S; p)$, $1/q + 1/r = 1$ such that

$$F(f) = \int_S f(x) h(x) dm(x), \quad f \in L^q(S; p).$$

So $Tf(p) = \int_S f(x) h(x) dm(x)$ for $f \in L^q(S; p)$. Let $\beta \in G$ such that $\beta p = p$, then for $h \in L^r(S; p)$, $R_\beta h = \phi_p h \in L^r(S; p)$ and so $\phi_p h(x) = h(x)$ for every $x \in S$. Consequently,

$$Tf(p) = \int_S f(x) h(x) dm(x) = \int_S f(x) \phi_p h(x) dm(x) = (h * f)(p).$$

For any $x \in S$, let $\alpha \in G$ be such that $\alpha x = p$, then

$$\begin{aligned} Tf(x) &= Tf(\alpha^{-1}p) = R_{\alpha^{-1}}Tf(p) = TR_{\alpha^{-1}}f(p) = h * R_{\alpha^{-1}}f(p) \\ &= R_{\alpha^{-1}}(h * f)(p) = h * f(\alpha^{-1}p) = (h * f)(x). \end{aligned}$$

So for every $f \in L^q(S; p)$, $Tf = h * f$ where $h \in L^r(S; p)$. Now if $f \in L^q(S)$, then there exists an approximate identity $U_v \in L^1(S; p) \cap L^q(S; p)$ such that $f * U_v \rightarrow f$ (L^q -norm), and then,

$$\lim_v T(f * U_v) = \lim_v (f * TU_v) = \lim_v (f * U_v * h) = f * h$$

in L^q -norm.

But $\lim_v T(f * U_v) = Tf$, hence $Tf = f * h$ for all $f \in L^q(S)$.

3.6. COROLLARY.

- (i) $B_G(L^1(S), C(S)) \simeq B_G(L^1(S), L^\infty(S)) \simeq L^\infty(S; p)$
- (ii) $B_G(L^\infty(S), C(S)) \simeq L^1(S; p)$.

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