

# A Riesz Product Type Measure on the Cantor Group\*

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**Abstract:** A Riesz type product as

$$P_n = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1})$$

is studied, where  $a, b$  are two real numbers with  $|a| + |b| < 1$ , and  $\{\omega_j\}$  are independent random variables taking values in  $\{-1, 1\}$  with equal probability. Let  $d\omega$  be the normalized Haar measure on the Cantor group  $\Omega = \{-1, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . The sequence of probability measures  $\left\{ \frac{P_n d\omega}{E(P_n)} \right\}$  is showed to converge weakly to a unique continuous measure on  $\Omega$ , and the obtained measure is singular with respect to  $d\omega$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The Riesz product is a kind of lacunary series of trigonometric. It is an important topic in the field of harmonic analysis. The classical Riesz product measure is first introduced on the circle group  $T = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  by Riesz, and later generalized by Zygmund<sup>[1]</sup> as the weak limit of finite Riesz products

$$\prod_1^N (1 + a_n \cos(2\pi\lambda_n t))$$

as  $N$  tends to infinity, where  $a_n$ 's are bounded by 1 and the integers  $\lambda_n$ 's are lacunary in the sense  $\lambda_{n+1}/\lambda_n \geq 3$ . In other words, there is a Radon measure  $\mu$  such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_T f(t) \prod_1^N (1 + a_n \cos(2\pi\lambda_n t)) dt = \int_T f(t) d\mu(t), \quad \forall f \in C(T).$$

Moreover, this measure is continuous, that is,

$$\mu(\{t\}) = 0, \quad \forall t \in T.$$

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Later, Hewitt and Zuckerman<sup>[2]</sup> defined Riesz products on a general non-discrete compact abelian group. A short description of their approach is as follows.

Let  $G$  be a nondiscrete compact abelian group with discrete dual group  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Lambda$  be a subset of  $\Gamma$ , and  $W(\Lambda)$  be the set of all elements  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  in the form of

$$\gamma = \lambda_1^{\epsilon_1} \lambda_2^{\epsilon_2} \cdots \lambda_n^{\epsilon_n}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\epsilon_k \in \{-1, 1\}$  and  $\lambda_k$  are distinct elements of  $\Lambda$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  satisfies the requirement that each element of  $W(\Lambda)$  has a unique representation of the form (1.1) up to the order of the factors, and let  $\alpha$  be any complex function on  $\Lambda$  bounded by 1. For any finite set  $\Phi \subset \Lambda$ , define a Riesz product on  $G$  as follows:

$$P(\Phi, \alpha) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Phi} \{1 + \operatorname{Re}[\alpha(\lambda)\lambda]\}.$$

Hewitt and Zuckerman<sup>[2]</sup> showed that there exists a unique continuous probability measure  $\mu_{\alpha, \lambda}$  on  $G$  which is the weak limit of  $P(\Phi, \alpha)dm$  in the topology of  $M(G)$ , where  $M(G)$  is the convolution algebra of all Radon measures on  $G$  and  $m$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $G$ . A famous theorem of Kakutani<sup>[3]</sup> says that  $\mu_{\alpha, \lambda}$  is either absolutely continuous or singular with respect to the Lebesgue-Haar measure on  $G$ , according to whether  $\alpha \in l^2(\Lambda)$  or not.

The Riesz product is proved to be a source of powerful idea that can be used to produce concrete examples of measures with desired properties, such as singularity and multifractal structure. For the latter topic, refer to Peyriere<sup>[4]</sup> and Fan<sup>[5]</sup>.

In this paper, we study a Riesz product type measure on the Cantor group. Throughout this paper, let

$$\Omega = \prod_1^{\infty} \Omega_j = \{-1, 1\}^{\mathbf{N}}$$

be the cartesian product with all factors equal to

$$\Omega_j = \{-1, 1\}, \quad \forall j \geq 1,$$

and write its elements

$$\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$$

or

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdots$$

$\Omega$  is well known as an abelian group under the operation of pointwise product. With the discrete topology on each factor, the product topology on  $\Omega$  makes it a compact abelian group, the so-called Cantor group. This topology can also be induced by a metric that the distance between two elements  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $\Omega$  equals to

$$2^{-\inf\{n: \varepsilon_i = \delta_i, 0 \leq i \leq n, \varepsilon_{n+1} \neq \delta_{n+1}\}}.$$

Denote the projection  $\omega_n : \Omega \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  by

$$\omega_n(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon_n.$$

Elements in the dual group  $\Gamma$  of  $\Omega$ , which are continuous group homomorphisms from  $\Omega$  into the multiplicative group of complex numbers of modulus 1, are provided by the projection functions. Precisely, let

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\omega_n : n \in \mathbf{N}\} \subset \Gamma.$$

Then each nontrivial element of  $\Gamma$  can be uniquely written as

$$\omega_{j_1}\omega_{j_2}\cdots\omega_{j_k}, \quad 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_k < \infty.$$

Note that for the normalized Haar measure  $m$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $\{\omega_j\}$  may be viewed as independent random variables taking values in  $\{-1, 1\}$  with equal probability. We write  $dm$  as  $d\omega$ , and the Haar measure on  $\Omega_j = \{-1, 1\}$  by  $d\omega_j$  in the sequel.

Let  $M(\Omega)$  be the convolution algebra of all Radon measure on  $\Omega$ . As usual, we define the Fourier transform of  $\mu \in M(\Omega)$  by

$$\hat{\mu}(\gamma) = \int_{\Omega} \gamma d\mu, \quad \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

The following result due to Lévy is needed in the next section.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $G$  be a nondiscrete metrizable compact abelian group with discrete dual group  $\Gamma$  and let  $\{\mu_n\}$  be a sequence of probability measures on  $G$ . If  $\hat{\mu}_n$  converges everywhere in  $\Gamma$  and defines a limit function  $f$ , then  $\mu_n$  converges weakly to a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $G$ , and  $f = \hat{\mu}$ .*

The classical Riesz product measure on  $\Omega$  is of the form

$$\prod_{j \geq 1} (1 + a_j \omega_j) d\omega, \quad a_j \in \mathbf{R}, \quad |a_j| < 1. \quad (1.2)$$

As we have known, it is a continuous probability measure, and is either absolutely continuous or singular with respect to the normalized Haar measure  $m$  on  $\Omega$  according to whether  $\{a_j\}$  is square summable or not. Moreover, if  $a_j$  are all constants, the dimension and multifractal structure of  $\mu$  are completely known (see [6]). Now it is natural to consider the following products:

$$P_n = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + a_j \omega_j + b_j \omega_{j+1}), \quad n \geq 1, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $a_j, b_j$  are real numbers and

$$|a_j| + |b_j| < 1, \quad \forall j \geq 1.$$

They are generalization of classical Riesz product measure on  $\Omega$  and give birth to essentially different properties compared with the classical ones.

In the present we consider the case that  $a_j, b_j$  are constants. The article is arranged as follows: in Section 2, we show that  $\left\{ \frac{P_n d\omega}{E(P_n)} \right\}$  converges to a certain probability measure in the weak topology of  $M(\Omega)$ , and that the measure is continuous. Singularity with respect to the normalized Haar measure on  $\Omega$  is studied in Section 3. A brief discussion is given in Section 4.

## 2 A Measure

Consider the finite products on  $\Omega$

$$P_n = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1}), \quad n \geq 1, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $a, b$  are two real numbers with

$$|a| + |b| < 1.$$

Denote

$$p_n = E(P_n) = \int_{\Omega} P_n d\omega.$$

We wish to prove that the sequence of probability measures  $\left\{ \mu_n = \frac{P_n}{p_n} d\omega \right\}$  converges to a measure in the weak topology of  $M(\Omega)$ .

For  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , let

$$P_{k,n} = \prod_{j=k}^n (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1}).$$

Then

$$\int_{\Omega_k} \cdots \int_{\Omega_1} P_n d\omega_1 \cdots d\omega_k = (u_k + v_k \omega_{k+1}) P_{k+1,n}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n-1, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $u_k, v_k$  are real numbers independent of  $\omega$ , and satisfy the following relations:

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + av_k, \quad v_{k+1} = bu_k, \quad u_1 = 1, \quad v_1 = b. \quad (2.3)$$

To see this, first we have

$$\int_{\Omega_1} P_n d\omega_1 = \int_{\Omega_1} (1 + a\omega_1 + b\omega_2) P_{2,n} d\omega_1 = (1 + b\omega_2) P_{2,n}.$$

If (2.2) holds for  $k \leq n-2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_{k+1}} \cdots \int_{\Omega_1} P_n d\omega_1 \cdots d\omega_{k+1} \\ &= \int_{\Omega_{k+1}} (u_k + v_k \omega_{k+1}) (1 + a\omega_{k+1} + b\omega_{k+2}) P_{k+2,n} d\omega_{k+1} \\ &= [(u_k + av_k) + bu_k \omega_{k+2}] P_{k+2,n}, \end{aligned}$$

by induction we have (2.2).

(2.3) is equivalent to

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + abu_{k-1}, \quad u_1 = 1, \quad u_2 = 1 + ab, \quad (2.4)$$

and thus

$$u_k = \lambda^k \cdot \frac{1 - t^{k+1}}{1 - t}, \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4ab}), \quad \lambda' = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 + 4ab}), \quad t = \frac{\lambda'}{\lambda}. \quad (2.6)$$

Furthermore,

$$p_k = u_k = \lambda^k \cdot \frac{1 - t^{k+1}}{1 - t}, \quad (2.7)$$

which follows from that

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \int_{\Omega} P_k d\omega \\
&= \int_{\Omega_{k+1}} \cdots \int_{\Omega_1} P_k d\omega_1 \cdots d\omega_{k+1} \\
&= \int_{\Omega_{k+1}} \int_{\Omega_k} (u_{k-1} + v_{k-1}\omega_k) P_{k,k} d\omega_k d\omega_{k+1} \\
&= \int_{\Omega_{k+1}} \int_{\Omega_k} (u_{k-1} + v_{k-1}\omega_k)(1 + a\omega_k + b\omega_{k+1}) d\omega_k d\omega_{k+1} \\
&= u_{k-1} + av_{k-1} \\
&= u_k.
\end{aligned}$$

For convenience, we denote

$$p_0 = 1, \quad p_{-1} = 0$$

which can be seen from the formula (2.7), though they are not defined in the beginning of this section.

**Lemma 2.1** For  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we have

- (i)  $E(P_{k,n}) = p_{n-k+1}$ ;
- (ii)  $E(\omega_{k+1}P_k) = bp_{k-1}$ ;
- (iii)  $E(\omega_k P_{k,n}) = ap_{n-k}$ ;
- (iv)  $E(\omega_k \omega_{n+1} P_n) = bE(\omega_k P_{n-1})$ ;
- (v)  $E(\omega_k P_n) = \frac{\lambda^{n-1}}{(1-t)^2} [a + b - bt^{k-1} - at^k - at^{n-k+1} - bt^{n-k+2} + (a+b)t^{n+1}]$ .

*Proof.* (i)–(iv) These four formulas are easy to be established.

(v) For convenience, we denote

$$P_{n+1,n} = 1.$$

By (i)–(iii) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\omega_k P_n) &= E(\omega_k P_{k-1} (1 + a\omega_k + b\omega_{k+1}) P_{k+1,n}) \\
&= E(\omega_k P_{k-1}) E(P_{k+1,n}) + aE(P_{k-1}) E(P_{k+1,n}) + bE(\omega_k P_{k-1}) E(\omega_{k+1} P_{k+1,n}) \\
&= bp_{k-2} p_{n-k} + ap_{k-1} p_{n-k} + ab^2 p_{k-2} p_{n-k-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (2.7) into the right hand side of the above equation and using the equation

$$\lambda^2 = \lambda + ab,$$

we have the desired result.

By this lemma, we have

**Proposition 2.1**  $\left\{ \mu_n = \frac{P_n}{p_n} d\omega \right\}$  converges to a probability measure  $\mu$  in the weak topology of  $M(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* We prove that  $\hat{\mu}_n$  converges everywhere in  $\Gamma$  and then apply Lévy theorem. Noticing that

$$|t| < 1, \quad \frac{p_{n-k}}{p_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda^k}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{p_n} E(\omega_k P_{k,n}) \rightarrow \frac{a}{\lambda^k} \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty),$$

we have

$$\hat{\mu}_n(\omega_1) = \int_{\Omega} \omega_1 d\mu_n = \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} \omega_1 P_{1,n} d\omega \rightarrow \frac{a}{\lambda} \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty).$$

For  $j \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}_n(\omega_j) &= \int_{\Omega} \omega_j d\mu_n \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} \omega_j P_n d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} P_{j-1} \omega_j (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1}) P_{j+1,n} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} P_{j-1} (a + \omega_j + b\omega_j \omega_{j+1}) P_{j+1,n} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} [ap_{j-1} p_{n-j} + E(P_{j-1} \omega_j) p_{n-j} + bE(P_{j-1} \omega_j) E(\omega_{j+1} P_{j+1,n})] \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda(1-t)} (a + b - bt^{j-1} - at^j) \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

For  $1 \leq i < j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}_n(\omega_i \omega_j) &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} \omega_i \omega_j P_n d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} \omega_i \omega_j P_{j-1} (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1}) P_{j+1,n} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \{p_{n-j} E(\omega_i \omega_j P_{j-1}) + ap_{n-j} E(\omega_i P_{j-1}) + bE(\omega_i \omega_j P_{j-1}) E(\omega_{j+1} P_{j+1,n})\} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda^2(1-t)^2} \{(a+b)^2 - (ab+b^2)t^{i-1} - (a^2+ab)t^i - abt^{j-i-1} \\ &\quad - (a^2+b^2)t^{j-i} - abt^{j-i+1} + (ab+b^2)t^{j-1} + (a^2+ab)t^j\} \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

And similarly, for  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\hat{\mu}_n(\omega_{j_1} \omega_{j_2} \dots \omega_{j_k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} \omega_{j_1} \omega_{j_2} \dots \omega_{j_k} P_n d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} P_{j_k-1} \omega_{j_1} \omega_{j_2} \dots \omega_{j_k} (1 + a\omega_{j_k} + b\omega_{j_k+1}) P_{j_k+1,n} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} [p_{n-j_k} (E(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_k} P_{j_k-1}) + aE(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_{k-1}} P_{j_k-1})) \\ &\quad + bE(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_k} P_{j_k-1}) E(\omega_{j_k+1} P_{j_k+1,n})] \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda^{j_k}} \left[ E(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_k} P_{j_k-1}) + aE(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_{k-1}} P_{j_k-1}) + \frac{ab}{\lambda} E(\omega_{j_1} \dots \omega_{j_k} P_{j_k-1}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^{j_k}} [\lambda E(\omega_{j_1} \cdots \omega_{j_k} P_{j_k-1}) + aE(\omega_{j_1} \cdots \omega_{j_{k-1}} P_{j_k-1})] \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Thus, we have proved that  $\hat{\mu}_n$  converges everywhere and defines a limit function  $f$  in  $\Gamma$ . By Theorem 1.1,

$$f = \hat{\mu}$$

for some probability measure  $\mu \in M(\Omega)$ , and

$$\mu_n \xrightarrow{w} \mu.$$

Moreover, we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.2**  $\mu$  is a continuous measure.

*Proof.* Notice that  $\mu$  is continuous if and only if

$$\mu(\{\varepsilon\}) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon \in \Omega,$$

if and only if

$$\mu(\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \forall \varepsilon \in \Omega,$$

where

$$\varepsilon|_n = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdots \varepsilon_n$$

for any  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdots \in \Omega$ , and

$$\Omega|_{u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n} = \{\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdots \in \Omega : \varepsilon_1 = u_1, \varepsilon_2 = u_2, \cdots, \varepsilon_n = u_n\}.$$

Since  $\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}$  is open and closed in  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu_m(\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}} \frac{P_m}{p_m} d\omega \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}} \frac{P_{n-1} P_{n,m}}{p_m} d\omega \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p_m} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (1 + a\varepsilon_j + b\varepsilon_{j+1}) \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon|_n}} (1 + a\omega_n + b\omega_{n+1}) P_{n+1,m} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (1 + a\varepsilon_j + b\varepsilon_{j+1}) \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p_m} [(1 + a\varepsilon_n) p_{m-n} + bE(\omega_{n+1} P_{n+1,m})] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\lambda)^n} (\lambda + a\varepsilon_n) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (1 + a\varepsilon_j + b\varepsilon_{j+1}). \end{aligned}$$

We only consider the case of  $ab \neq 0$  because, in the case  $a$  or  $b$  is zero the corresponding measure is continuous, which has been discussed in Section 1.

If  $a, b$  have the same signs. Since

$$|a| + |b| < 1 < \lambda,$$

the right hand side in (2.8) tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $a, b$  have the different signs, without loss of generality, we assume that

$$|a| \geq |b|.$$

Then

$$\max \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (1 + a\varepsilon_j + b\varepsilon_{j+1}) : \varepsilon \in \Omega \right\} = (1 + |a| - |b|)^{n-2} (1 + |a| + |b|).$$

But

$$1 + |a| - |b| < 1 + \sqrt{1 - 4|ab|} = 2\lambda,$$

and thus the right hand side in (2.8) also tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This completes the proof.

### 3 Singularity

In this section, we show that  $\mu$  defined in the previous section is singular with respect to the normalized Haar measure  $m$  on  $\Omega$  in case  $a + b \neq 0$ .

Set

$$g_0 = 1, \quad g_1 = \omega_1 - \frac{a}{\lambda}, \quad g_j = \omega_j - t\omega_{j-1} - \frac{a+b}{\lambda} \quad (j = 2, 3, \dots). \quad (3.1)$$

**Lemma 3.1**  $\{g_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  forms an orthogonal system in  $L^2(\mu)$ , and

$$\int_{\Omega} |g_j|^2 d\mu \leq M, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.2)$$

for some constant  $M > 0$ .

*Proof.* By the calculation in Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}(\omega_1) &= \frac{a}{\lambda}, \\ \hat{\mu}(\omega_j) &= \frac{1}{\lambda(1-t)} \{a + b - bt^{j-1} - at^j\} \quad (j \geq 2), \\ \hat{\mu}(\omega_i \omega_j) &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2(1-t)^2} \{ (a+b)^2 - (ab+b^2)t^{i-1} - (a^2+ab)t^i - abt^{j-i-1} \\ &\quad - (a^2+b^2)t^{j-i} - abt^{j-i+1} + (ab+b^2)t^{j-1} + (a^2+ab)t^j \} \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq j$ .

By the above formulas, a straightforward calculation gives

$$\int_{\Omega} g_i g_j d\mu = 0, \quad i, j \geq 0, \quad i \neq j,$$

which indicates that  $\{g_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  forms an orthogonal system in  $L^2(\mu)$ .

Now we prove (3.2). Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |g_0|^2 d\mu &= 1, \\ \int_{\Omega} |g_1|^2 d\mu &= 1 - \frac{a^2}{\lambda^2} \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega} |g_j|^2 d\mu &= \int_{\Omega} (\omega_j - t\omega_{j-1})^2 d\mu - \left(\frac{a+b}{\lambda}\right)^2 \\
&= 1 + t^2 - \left(\frac{a+b}{\lambda}\right)^2 - 2t\hat{\mu}(\omega_{j-1}\omega_j) \\
&\rightarrow 1 + t^2 - \left(\frac{a+b}{\lambda}\right)^2 - \frac{2t}{\lambda^2(1-t)}[a^2 + b^2 + ab(1+t)] \quad (\text{as } j \rightarrow \infty) \\
&= \frac{1+t}{\lambda^2(1-t)}(\sqrt{1+4ab} + a + b)(\sqrt{1+4ab} - a - b) \\
&> 0, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots,
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |g_j|^2 d\mu \leq M, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

for some  $M > 0$ .

**Proposition 3.1** *If  $a + b \neq 0$ , the measures  $\mu$  and the normalized Haar measure  $m$  on  $\Omega$  are mutually singular.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{c_j\}_{j \geq 1}$  be a sequence in  $l^2$ , but not in  $l^1$ ; for example, take  $c_j = \frac{1}{j}$ . Then the series  $\sum_{j \geq 1} c_j g_j$  converges in  $L^2(\mu)$ . We also have  $\left\{d_j = c_j - \frac{\lambda'}{\lambda} c_{j+1}\right\}_{j \geq 1} \in l^2$  since  $l^2$  is a vector space, whence the series  $\sum_{j \geq 1} d_j \omega_j$  converges in  $L^2(m)$ . So we can choose a subsequence of positive integers  $\{N_k\}$  such that  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} c_j g_j$  converges for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$  and  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} d_j \omega_j$  converges for  $m$ -a.e.  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$ , respectively, as  $k$  tends to infinity. If  $\mu$  and  $m$  are not mutually singular, then there exists  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$  such that these two series converge at the same time. But

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} c_j g_j - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} d_j \omega_j = \frac{bc_1}{\lambda} + tc_{N_k+1}\omega_{N_k} - \frac{a+b}{\lambda} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} c_j,$$

which implies that the limit  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N_k} c_j$  exists and is finite, a contradiction.

## 4 Discussions

(i) By formula (2.8) we know that  $\mu$  is a quasi-Bernoulli measure on  $\Omega$ . The fractal analysis and the validity of multifractal formalism of such a measure were studied extensively by Brown *et al.*<sup>[7]</sup>.

(ii) Our approach may be applied to the products

$$P_n = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + a\omega_j + b\omega_{j+1} + c\omega_{j+2}),$$

which can have even more items in the bracket, where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers with

$$|a| + |b| + |c| < 1.$$

(iii) For the general case of

$$P_n = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 + a_j \omega_j + b_j \omega_{j+1}),$$

where  $\{a_j\}$ ,  $\{b_j\}$  are two sequences of real numbers with  $|a_j| + |b_j| < 1$  and additional conditions such as periodicity, uniformly distribution, etc., does  $\left\{ \mu_n = \frac{P_n}{p_n} d\omega \right\}$  also converge to certain measures in the weak topology of  $M(\Omega)$ ? If these measures exist, what properties do they possess? These are left to be discussed in future publications.

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