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### 1. INTRODUCTION

There exist a compact metric space  $K$  and two singular Radon probability measures on  $K$  which agree on all balls ([5], Th. II, [4]). Therefore, since  $K$  is isometric to a compact subset of the Banach space  $C(K)$ , we can find two singular Radon probability measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $C(K)$  satisfying the condition

(C<sub>0</sub>)      for every  $a \in C(K)$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  
$$\mu(B(a; r)) = \nu(B(a; r)), \quad 0 < r < \delta.$$

Here  $B(a; r)$  denotes the closed ball of centre  $a$  and radius  $r$ . (Compare [6], p. 326, and [9].)

The main result of this note shows that two Gaussian Radon measures on  $C(K)$  (or any Banach space) coincide whenever the condition (C<sub>0</sub>) holds (Theorem 3.1). Moreover, we prove that two Gaussian Radon measures on a Banach space are equal, if they agree on all balls of radius one (Theorem 3.2). The same theorem also gives a positive result for dual Banach spaces, equipped with the weak\* topology.

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### 2. THE REPRODUCING KERNEL HILBERT SPACE OF A GAUSSIAN RADON MEASURE

In this section it will always be assumed that  $E$  is a fixed locally convex Hausdorff vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . The class of all (centred) Gaussian Radon

measures on  $E$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{G}(E)$  ( $\mathcal{G}_0(E)$ ). In the following, all non-trivial statements will either be proved or, otherwise, they can be found in e. g. [3].

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}(E)$  be fixed and denote by  $b$  the barycentre of  $\mu$ . Set  $\mu_0(\cdot) = \mu(\cdot + b)$  and  $E'_2(\mu) =$  the closure of  $E'$  in  $L_2(\mu_0)$ , respectively. Then for every  $\eta \in E'_2(\mu)$ , the measure  $\eta\mu_0$  has a barycentre  $\Lambda(\eta) \in E$ . The map  $\Lambda : E'_2(\mu) \rightarrow E$  is injective. Its range is denoted by  $H(\mu)$ . For brevity we write  $\Lambda^{-1}h = \tilde{h}$ ,  $h \in H(\mu)$ . Obviously, the scalar product

$$\langle h, k \rangle_\mu = \int \tilde{h}\tilde{k}d\mu_0, \quad h, k \in H(\mu),$$

makes  $H(\mu)$  into a Hilbert space, the so-called reproducing kernel Hilbert space of  $\mu$ . The closed unit ball  $O(\mu)$  of  $H(\mu)$  is a compact subset of  $E$ . Moreover,

$$\max_{O(\mu)} \xi^2 = \int \xi^2 d\mu_0, \quad \xi \in E'.$$

Observing that

$$\int \exp(i\xi) d\mu_0 = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int \xi^2 d\mu_0\right), \quad \xi \in E'.$$

we have the following useful

**THEOREM 2.1.** — *Let  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$ . Then  $\mu = \nu$  if  $O(\mu) = O(\nu)$ .*

Our strategy from now on will be to determine  $O(\mu)$  from measures of sufficiently many « balls ». A weak result in this direction follows from e. g. [3], Th. 10.1. Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 below yield stronger conclusions.

Before proceeding, let us introduce

$$\|a\|_\mu^2 = \begin{cases} \langle a, a \rangle_\mu, & a \in H(\mu), \\ +\infty, & a \in E \setminus H(\mu). \end{cases}$$

Moreover, in the following, measurable always means Borel measurable.

**THEOREM 2.2.** — *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$  and suppose  $V$  is a bounded, symmetric, convex, and measurable subset of  $E$  such that  $\mu(rV) > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)} = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2\right), \quad a \in E.$$

In many special cases, the behaviour of  $\mu(rV)$  for small  $r > 0$  is known. For example, J. Hoffmann-Jørgensen [7] and L. A. Shepp [8] give some very precise estimates when  $E$  is a Hilbert space and  $V$  the unit ball of  $E$ .

To prove Theorem 2.2, we need two lemmas.

LEMMA 2.1. — [3], Cor. 2.1 (Cameron-Martin's formula). For any  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$

$$\mu(\cdot - h) = \left[ \exp \left( \tilde{h} - \frac{1}{2} \|h\|_\mu^2 \right) \right] \mu(\cdot), \quad h \in H(\mu).$$

LEMMA 2.2. — [2], Cor. 2.1, Th. 6.1. For any  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$

$$\mu_*(\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)B) \geq \mu^\lambda(A)\mu^{1-\lambda}(B), \quad 0 < \lambda < 1,$$

for all measurable subsets A and B of E.

In particular,

$$\mu(a + A) \leq \mu(A), \quad a \in E,$$

whenever A is symmetric, convex, and measurable subset of E.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.2. — Let us first assume that  $a \in H(\mu)$ . By the Cameron-Martin formula, we have

$$(2.2) \quad \mu(a + rV) = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 \right) \int_{rV} \exp(-\tilde{a}) d\mu.$$

Moreover, the Jensen inequality yields

$$\int_{rV} \exp(-\tilde{a}) d\mu \geq \mu(rV) \exp \left( -(\mu(rV))^{-1} \int_{rV} \tilde{a} d\mu \right).$$

Since

$$\int_{rV} \tilde{a} d\mu = 0,$$

it follows that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)} \geq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 \right).$$

We now prove the estimate

$$(2.3) \quad \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)} \leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 \right).$$

To this end let  $\xi \in E'$  be fixed and set  $h = \Lambda\xi$ . Then (2.2) gives

$$\mu(a + rV) \leq \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 - \inf_{rV} \xi \right) \right] \int_{rV} \exp(\xi - \tilde{a}) d\mu.$$

Moreover, the Cameron-Martin formula yields

$$\int_{rV} \exp(\xi - \tilde{a}) d\mu = \mu(a - h + rV) \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \|h - a\|_\mu^2 \right).$$

By applying Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)} \leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 - \inf_{rV} \xi + \frac{1}{2} \|h - a\|_\mu^2 \right),$$

and hence

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)} \leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|h - a\|_\mu^2 \right).$$

By choosing  $\xi \in E'$  close to  $\tilde{a}$  in  $E'_2(\mu)$ , the estimate (2.3) follows at once. This proves (2.1) when  $a \in H(\mu)$ .

Let now  $a \in \text{supp}(\mu) \setminus H(\mu)$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a  $\xi_n \in E'$  such that

$$\xi_n^2(a) > (n + 1) \int \xi_n^2 d\mu$$

and

$$\int \xi_n^2 d\mu = 1,$$

respectively. Set  $a_n = \xi_n(a) \wedge \xi_n$  and note that

$$a_n + rV \supseteq \frac{1}{2}(a + rV) + \frac{1}{2}(2a_n - a + rV).$$

By applying Lemma 2.2, we have

$$(2.4) \quad \mu^2(a_n + rV) \geq \mu(a + rV)\mu(2a_n - a + rV).$$

Furthermore, observing that  $\mu$  is symmetric, the Cameron-Martin formula yields

$$\mu(2a_n - a + rV) = [\exp(-2\|a_n\|_\mu^2)] \int_{a+rV} \exp(2\tilde{a}_n) d\mu.$$

Since  $\|a_n\|_\mu^2 = \xi_n^2(a)$  and  $\tilde{a}_n = \xi_n(a)\xi_n$ , respectively, we get

$$\mu(2a_n - a + rV) \geq [\exp(2 \inf_{a+rV} \xi_n(a)(\xi_n - \xi_n(a)))] \mu(a + rV).$$

Using (2.4), it follows that

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a_n + rV)}{\mu(rV)} \geq \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\mu(a + rV)}{\mu(rV)}.$$

Here, by the first part of the proof, the left-hand side equals  $\exp(-\xi_n^2(a)/2)$ . Clearly, this expression converges to zero as  $n$  tends to plus infinity. This proves (2.1) when  $a \in \text{supp}(\mu) \setminus H(\mu)$ . Finally, the case  $a \in E \setminus \text{supp}(\mu)$  is trivial. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

We also have

**THEOREM 2.3.** — *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}(E)$  and suppose  $V$  is a bounded measurable subset of  $E$  with positive  $\mu$ -measure. Then*

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\mu(ta + V))^{1/t^2} = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2\right), \quad a \in E.$$

*Proof.* — Without loss of generality it can be assumed that  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$ . Suppose first that  $a \in H(\mu)$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2.2, we have

$$(2.6) \quad \mu(ta + V) = \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2\right) \right] \int_V \exp(-t\tilde{a}) d\mu,$$

and

$$\int_V \exp(-t\tilde{a}) d\mu \geq \mu(V) \exp\left(-t(\mu(V))^{-1} \int_V \tilde{a} d\mu\right),$$

respectively. Hence

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\mu(ta + V))^{1/t^2} \geq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2\right).$$

We now prove the estimate

$$(2.7) \quad \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\mu(ta + V))^{1/t^2} \leq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2\right).$$

To this end let  $\xi \in E'$  be arbitrary and set  $h = \Lambda\xi$ . Then, assuming  $t > 0$ , it follows that

$$\int_V \exp(-t\tilde{a}) d\mu \leq [\exp(-t \inf_V \xi)] \int_V \exp(t(\xi - \tilde{a})) d\mu.$$

Using the trivial estimate

$$\int_V \exp(t(\xi - \tilde{a})) d\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2} \|h - a\|_\mu^2\right),$$

the relation (2.6) yields

$$\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\mu(ta + V))^{1/t^2} \leq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|a\|_\mu^2 + \|h - a\|_\mu^2\right).$$

By choosing  $\xi$  to close to  $\tilde{a}$  in  $E'_2(\mu)$ , we get (2.7). This proves (2.5) when  $a \in H(\mu)$ .

Let now  $a \in E \setminus H(\mu)$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a  $\xi_n \in E'$  so that

$$\xi_n^2(a) \geq (n + 1) \int \xi_n^2 d\mu,$$

and  $\xi_n(a) = 1$ , respectively. Since

$$ta + V \subseteq \{ \xi_n \geq t + \inf_V \xi_n \}, \quad t > 0,$$

it follows that

$$\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\mu(ta + V))^{1/t^2} \leq \exp(- (n + 1)/2).$$

By letting  $n$  tend to plus infinity, we get (2.5) for  $a \in E \setminus H(\mu)$ . This concludes the proof of Theorem 2.3.

### 3. APPLICATIONS

The results proved in Section 2 apply to any locally convex Hausdorff vector space. In order to be concrete, however, we here restrict ourselves to Banach spaces and dual Banach spaces equipped with the weak\* topology respectively.

**THEOREM 3.1.** — *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and suppose  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E)$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{G}(E)$ . Moreover, assume there exists a function  $\delta : B(0; 1) \rightarrow ]0, +\infty[$  such that*

$$\mu(B(a; r)) = \nu(B(a; r)), \quad 0 < r < \delta(a), \quad \|a\| \leq 1.$$

Then  $\mu = \nu$ .

*Proof.* — Let  $c$  denote the barycentre of  $\nu$  and note that

$$\nu_0(B(-c; r)) = \mu(B(0; r)) > 0, \quad 0 < r < \delta(0),$$

by Lemma 2.2. Hence  $-c \in \text{supp } \nu_0 = \overline{H(\nu)}$  [3], Cor. 8.2. By choosing  $k \in B(c; 1) \cap H(\nu)$ , we get

$$\mu(B(c - k; r)) = \nu_0(B(-k; r)), \quad 0 < r < \delta(c - k).$$

Since  $\nu_0(B(0; r)) \geq \nu_0(B(-c; r)) > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ , the relation

$$1 \geq \frac{\mu(B(c - k; r))}{\mu(B(0; r))} = \frac{\nu_0(B(-k; r))}{\nu_0(B(0; r))} \cdot \frac{\nu_0(B(0; r))}{\nu_0(B(-c; r))}$$

must be true for all  $0 < r < \min(\delta(c - k), \delta(0))$ . By letting  $r$  tend to zero from the right and using Theorem 2.2, we get  $-c \in H(\nu)$ . Moreover,

$$\frac{\mu(B(a; r))}{\mu(B(0; r))} = \frac{\nu_0(B(a - c; r))}{\nu_0(B(0; r))} \cdot \frac{\nu_0(B(0; r))}{\nu_0(B(-c; r))}$$

for every  $0 < r < \min(\delta(a), \delta(0))$  and  $\|a\| \leq 1$ . Another application of Theorem 2.2 therefore yields that  $H(\mu) = H(\nu)$  and

$$\|a\|_\mu^2 = \|a\|_\nu^2 - 2 \langle a, c \rangle_\nu, \quad a \in H(\mu), \quad \|a\| \leq 1.$$

Now choosing  $a = tc$  and letting  $t$  tend to zero, we have  $c = 0$ . Moreover,  $\| \cdot \|_{\mu} = \| \cdot \|_{\nu}$ . Theorem 2.1 therefore implies that  $\mu = \nu$ . This proves Theorem 3.1.

**THEOREM 3.2.** — *Let  $E$  either be a Banach space or a dual Banach space equipped with the weak\* topology. Moreover, let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_0(E) \setminus \{ \text{Dirac measure at } 0 \}$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{G}(E)$  be such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \mu(B(0; 1)) > 0$$

and

$$\mu(B(a; 1)) = \nu(B(a; 1)), \quad \| a \| > K,$$

where  $K > 0$  is a fixed constant. Then  $\mu = \nu$ .

The condition (3.1) is, of course, automatically fulfilled, if  $E$  is a Banach space. Note also that the closed unit ball  $B(0; 1)$  is weak\* measurable when  $E$  is a dual Banach space.

*Proof.* — Theorems 2.3 and 2.1 tell us that  $\mu = \nu_0$ . Let  $c$  denote the barycentre of  $\nu$ . It only remains to be proved that  $c = 0$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $c \neq 0$ . Let first  $a \in E \setminus \{ 0 \}$  be arbitrary and choose  $p = p_a \in \mathbb{N}_+$  such that  $p \| a \| \geq \| c \| + 1$ . Then

$$\| npa + mc \| > K, \quad m = 0, \dots, n, \quad n > K.$$

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $n > K$ , we therefore get the following chain of equalities

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu(B(npa; 1)) &= \nu_0(B(npa; 1)) = \nu(B(npa + c; 1)) \\ &= \mu(B(npa + c; 1)) = \dots = \mu(B(n(pa + c); 1)). \end{aligned}$$

By assuming that  $a \in H(\mu) \setminus \{ 0 \}$  and applying Theorem 2.3, we deduce that  $c \in H(\mu)$ . In the next step, we set  $a = c$  and  $p = p_c$  in (3.2) and get, again using Theorem 2.3

$$\| p_c c \|_{\mu} = \| (p_c + 1)c \|_{\mu}.$$

Hence  $c = 0$ , which is a contradiction. This, finally, shows that  $\mu = \nu$  and concludes the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**REMARK 3.1.** — Theorem 3.1 is true for a dual Banach space  $E$ , equipped with the weak\* topology, if we assume that  $\mu(B(0; r)) > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ . However, under these conditions both  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  extend to Gaussian Radon measures on the Banach space  $E$  [J], Th. VI, 2; 1. The result is thus already contained in Theorem 3.1.



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