

## **ON THE DUAL SPACE** $C_0^*(S, X)$

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ABSTRACT. Let S be a locally compact Hausdorff space and let us consider the space  $C_0(S, X)$  of continuous functions vanishing at infinity, from S into the Banach space X. A theorem of I. Singer, settled for S compact, states that the topological dual  $C_0^*(S, X)$  is isometrically isomorphic to the Banach space  $r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$  of all regular vector measures of bounded variation on S with values in the strong dual  $X^*$ . Using the Riesz-Kakutani theorem and some routine topological arguments, we propose a constructive detailed proof which is, as far as we know, different from that supplied elsewhere.

Let S be a locally compact Hausdorff space equipped with its Borel  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{B}_S$ , and let X be a Banach space. We denote by  $C_0(S, X)$  the Banach space (uniform norm) of all continuous functions  $f: S \to X$ , vanishing at infinity. If  $X = \mathbb{R}$ , we put  $C_0(S, X) = C_0(S)$ . According to the Riesz-Kakutani theorem [7, Theorem 6.19], the dual  $C_0^*(S)$  is isometric to the Banach space of all scalar regular measures on S with the variation norm. All the measures we will deal with here are supposed to be defined on the  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{B}_S$ . We denote by  $X^*$  the strong dual of X.

If  $\lambda : \mathcal{B}_S \to Y$  is an additive set function from  $\mathcal{B}_S$  into the Banach space Y, then the variation of  $\lambda$  is usually defined by the extended positive set function  $|\lambda|(\bullet)$  given by:

 $|\lambda|(E) = \sup \sum_{i} ||\lambda(E_i)||, \quad E \in \mathcal{B}_S$ 

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where the supremum is taken over all finite partitions  $\{E_i\}$  of E in  $\mathcal{B}_S$ .

We say that  $\lambda$  is of bounded variation if  $|\lambda|(E) < \infty$ , for all  $E \in \mathcal{B}_S$ . It is easy to check that  $|\lambda|$  is additive. Moreover, if  $\lambda$  is of bounded variation, then  $\lambda$  is  $\sigma$ -additive if and only if  $|\lambda|$  is  $\sigma$ -additive. We say that  $\lambda$  is regular if  $|\lambda|$  is regular in the customary sense [1]. We denote by  $r\sigma bv(\mathcal{S}, Y)$  the set of all regular Y-valued vector measures on S. For  $\lambda \in r\sigma bv(\mathcal{S}, Y)$ , put  $|\lambda|(S) = ||\lambda||$ , then the following proposition is well known [1]:

## Proposition 1.

- (a)  $\|\lambda\|$  is a norm making  $r\sigma bv(\mathcal{S}, Y)$  with the usual operations a Banach space.
- (b) In the specific case  $Y = X^*$ , we have

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$$|\lambda|(E) = \sup \left|\sum_{i} \lambda(E_i) x_i\right|, \qquad E \in \mathcal{B}_S$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite partitions  $\{E_i\}$  of E in  $\mathcal{B}_S$ , and all finite systems  $\{x_i\}$  of vectors in X with  $||x_i|| \leq 1$  for each i.

The RHS of formula (2) is the so called semivariation of  $\lambda$  [2]. So Proposition 1(b) says that, for vector measures with values in a dual, the variation is equal to the semivariation.



**Theorem 1.** There is an isometric isomorphism between the topological dual  $C_0^*(S, X)$  of  $C_0(S, X)$  and the Banach space  $r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$ , where the functional  $U \in C_0^*(S, X)$  and the corresponding measure  $\lambda \in r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$  are related by the integral formula

(3) 
$$Uf = \int_{S} f \, d\lambda, \qquad f \in C_0(S, X)$$
$$\|U\| = \|\lambda\|.$$

where the integral is the termed immediate integral of Dinculeanu [3].

Let us recall that this theorem is the basic tool in the proof of the representation theorem of N. Dinculeanu [2, Section 19].

Actually the original proof of this theorem [8] contains some gaps about the strong  $\sigma$ -additivity and regularity of the measure  $\lambda$  attached to the functional U. These gaps have been filled by J. Gil de Lamadrid in [5, pages 775–776]. Another proof using the Hahn-Banach theorem and measures on product spaces, can be found in [6]. To settle the proof of the theorem we need some preparatory lemmas. Let us start with a  $U \in C_0^*(S, X)$ , we will construct a  $\lambda \in r\sigma bv(\mathcal{S}, X^*)$  such that formula (3) holds.

**Lemma 1.** For each  $(f, x) \in C_0(S) \times X$  we define B(f, x) by

(4)  $B(f,x) = U(f \cdot x), \qquad f \in C_0(S), \quad x \in X.$ 

Then B is a bounded bilinear form on  $C_0(S) \times X$  with  $||B|| \le ||U||$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that B is bilinear. The norm inequality is immediate from the following estimation:  $|B(f,x)| = |U(f \cdot x)| \le ||U|| \cdot ||f||_{\infty} \cdot ||x||$ .





**Lemma 2.** For each fixed  $x \in X$ , let  $W_x(\bullet) = B(\bullet, x)$ . Then there exists a unique scalar regular measure  $\mu_x$  on  $\mathcal{B}_S$  such that

(5) 
$$W_x(f) = \int_S f d\mu_x, \quad f \in C_0(S), \text{ and } ||W_x|| = ||\mu_x||.$$

Proof. From the construction of B in Lemma 1 we have  $|W_x(f)| \leq ||U|| \cdot ||f||_{\infty} \cdot ||x||$ . So  $W_x$  is linear and bounded, that is  $W_x \in C_0^*(S)$ , and we have  $|W_x(f)| \leq ||U|| \cdot ||f||_{\infty} \cdot ||x||$ , therefore  $||W_x|| \leq ||U|| \cdot ||x||$ . Moreover, the correspondence  $x \mapsto W_x$  is a bounded linear operator from X into the dual space  $C_0^*(S)$  with the norm at most ||U||. By the Riesz-Kakutani theorem,  $C_0^*(S)$  is canonically isometric to the respective space of regular measures with the variation norm. Consequently, for each  $x \in X$  there is a unique scalar regular measure  $\mu_x$  on  $\mathcal{B}_S$  such that

$$W_x(f) = \int_S f d\mu_x, \qquad f \in C_0(S) \text{ and } ||W_x|| = ||\mu_x||$$

**Lemma 3.** Define the set function  $\lambda$  on  $\mathcal{B}_S$  by the following recipe: for  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ ,  $\lambda(A)$  is the functional on X given by

(6) 
$$\lambda(A)x = \mu_x(A), \qquad x \in X$$

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where \mu_x comes from Lemma 2.
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Then  $\lambda(A) \in X^*$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ , moreover,  $\lambda$  is additive.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ , then  $\lambda(A)(x+y) = \mu_{x+y}(A)$ , where  $\mu_{x+y}$  corresponds to  $W_{x+y}$  according to (5), thus  $W_{x+y}(f) = \int_S f d\mu_{x+y}$ , for all  $f \in C_0(S)$ . Since

$$W_{x+y}(f) = B(f, x+y) = B(f, x) + B(f, y),$$





we deduce from (5) that

$$W_{x+y}(f) = \int_S f \mathrm{d}\mu_{x+y} = \int_S f \mathrm{d}\mu_x + \int_S f \mathrm{d}\mu_y = \int_S f \mathrm{d}(\mu_x + \mu_y),$$

where the last equality is easy to check by standard method. Thus

$$\int_{S} f d\mu_{x+y} = \int_{S} f d(\mu_x + \mu_y), \quad \text{for each } f \in C_0(S).$$

From the fact that  $\mu_x + \mu_y$  is regular, the uniqueness part of the Riesz-Kakutani theorem yields  $\mu_{x+y} = \mu_x + \mu_y$ . Likewise  $\mu_{\alpha x} = \alpha \mu_x$ , for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . This proves that  $\lambda(A)$  is a linear functional on X. On the other hand we have

$$|\lambda(A)x| = |\mu_x(A)| \le |\mu_x|(A) \le ||\mu_x|| = ||W_x|| \le ||U|| \cdot ||x||$$

(see the proof of Lemma 2). So we deduce that  $\lambda(A) \in X^*$  and  $\|\lambda(A)\| \leq \|U\|$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ . Finally, it is clear that  $\lambda$  is additive.

The remaining lemmas are intended to prove that the additive set function  $\lambda$  is actually a vector measure. The following lemma is crucial:

## **Lemma 4.** The set function $\lambda$ has finite variation. Moreover, we have $\|\lambda\| \leq \|U\|$ .

*Proof.* We use formula (2) for the variation of  $\lambda$ . Let  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$  be a finite partition of the locally compact space S by sets in  $\mathcal{B}_S$  and let  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  be vectors in X with  $||x_i|| \leq 1$  for all i. We need an estimation of the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda(A_i)x_i$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then by the regularity of the measures  $\mu_{x_i}$ , there exist compact sets  $K_1, K_2, \ldots, K_n$  and open sets  $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_n$  such that

 $K_i \subset A_i \subset G_i$  and  $|\mu_{x_i}|(G_i \setminus K_i) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots n.$ 





Note that the  $K_i$  are pairwise disjoint since  $A_i$  are so. Since S is Hausdorff, disjoint compact sets have disjoint neighbourhoods. So, using a simple induction on n, we can construct pairwise disjoint open sets  $U_1, U_2, \ldots, U_n$  such that  $K_i \subset U_i$  for each i. Letting  $V_i = U_i \cap G_i$ , we get pairwise disjoint open sets  $V_i$  such that  $K_i \subset V_i \subset G_i$ , for all i.

Now, let  $g_i : S \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that  $0 \leq g_i(t) \leq 1$  for all  $t \in S$ ,  $g_i(t) = 1$  for all  $t \in K_i$ , support  $g_i \subset V_i$  (such functions exist by Urysohn's lemma since S is locally compact). We have

$$\int_{S} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i} = \int_{V_i} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i}$$

(since  $g_i \equiv 0$  outside  $V_i$ ), so we deduce that

$$\int_{S} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i} = \int_{V_i \smallsetminus K_i} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i} + \int_{K_i} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i}$$

But  $\int_{K_i} g_i d\mu_{x_i} = \mu_{x_i}(K_i)$  (because  $g_i \equiv 1$  on  $K_i$ ). Consequently, we have

$$\int_{S} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i} - \mu_{x_i}(K_i) = \int_{V_i \smallsetminus K_i} g_i \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_i}.$$



This gives the following estimation

$$\begin{split} \int_{S} g_{i} \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_{i}} - \mu_{x_{i}}(K_{i}) \bigg| &= \left| \int_{V_{i} \setminus K_{i}} g_{i} \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_{i}} \right| \leq \int_{V_{i} \setminus K_{i}} g_{i} d \cdot |\mu_{x_{i}}| \\ &\leq |\mu_{x_{i}}|(V_{i} \setminus K_{i}) \qquad (\text{since } 0 \leq g_{i} \leq 1) \\ &\leq |\mu_{x_{i}}|(G_{i} \setminus K_{i}) \qquad (\text{since } V_{i} \subset G_{i}) \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2n} \end{split}$$



Therefore

(7) 
$$\left| \int_{S} g_{i} \mathrm{d}\mu_{x_{i}} - \mu_{x_{i}}(K_{i}) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2n}, \quad \text{for each } i.$$

Now, let  $f: S \to X$  be the function defined by

$$f(t) = \sum_{1}^{n} g_i(t) \cdot x_i, \qquad t \in S$$

then f is continuous and we have f(t) = 0 for each t in  $S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} V_i$ , and  $f(t) = g_i(t) \cdot x_i$  for each t in  $V_i$ , because  $V_i$  are pairwise disjoint and support  $g_i \subset V_i$ . Then we deduce that  $||f|| \leq 1$  and by (5)

$$Uf = \sum_{1}^{n} U(g_i \cdot x_i) = \sum_{1}^{n} \int_{S} g_i d\mu_{x_i}, \quad \text{since} \quad U(g_i \cdot x_i) = W_{x_i}(g_i).$$

So

$$\left| Uf - \sum_{1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right| = \left| \sum_{1}^{n} \int_{S} g_i d\mu_{x_i} - \sum_{1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right|$$
$$\leq \sum_{1}^{n} \left| \int_{S} g_i d\mu_{x_i} - \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right| < \sum_{1}^{n} \frac{\varepsilon}{2n} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Therefore

(8) 
$$\left| Uf - \sum_{1}^{n} \mu_{x_{i}}(K_{i}) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

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Now, we turn to the estimation of  $|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_i)x_i|$ .

$$\left| \sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_i) x_i \right| - |Uf| \le \left| \sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_i) x_i - Uf \right|$$
$$\le \left| \sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_i) x_i - \sum_{1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right| + \left| Uf - \sum_{1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right|$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda(A_i) x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(A_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_{x_i}(K_i) \right|$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\mu_{x_i}| (A_i \setminus K_i)$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\mu_{x_i}| (G_i \setminus K_i) < \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\varepsilon}{2n} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Combining this with (8), we get

$$\left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_i) x_i\right| - |Uf| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

 $\operatorname{So}$ 

$$\left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_{i})x_{i}\right| < |Uf| + \varepsilon \le ||U|| \cdot ||f||_{\infty} + \varepsilon \le ||U|| + \varepsilon \qquad \text{(since } ||f|| \le 1\text{)},$$
  
letting  $\varepsilon \searrow 0$  we obtain  $|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(A_{i})x_{i}| \le ||U||.$ 

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So, by taking the supremum for all finite partitions  $\{A_i\}$  of S in  $\mathcal{B}_S$  and all systems  $\{x_i\}$  in X with  $||x_i|| \leq 1$ , this leads to  $|\lambda|(S) \leq ||U|| < \infty$ , by formula (2). Then  $\lambda$  has a finite variation.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 5.** For each  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$  we have

(9) 
$$|\lambda|(A) = \sup \{|\lambda|(K) : K \subset A, K \text{ compact}\}$$

(10) 
$$|\lambda|(A) = \inf \{|\lambda|(G) : A \subset G, G \text{ open} \}$$

In other words the variation measure  $|\lambda|$  of  $\lambda$  is regular, and so  $\lambda$  is regular.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ , since  $|\lambda| < \infty$ , (9) is equivalent to the following approximation: For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a compact K such that

(11) 
$$K \subset A, \qquad |\lambda|(A) - \varepsilon < |\lambda|(K)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , again since  $|\lambda| < \infty$  there exists a finite partition  $E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_n$  of A in  $\mathcal{B}_S$  and  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  in X with  $||x_i|| \leq 1$  for all i such that

$$|\lambda|(A) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(E_i) x_i\right|, \quad \text{by formula (2).}$$

By formula (6) the measures  $\lambda(\bullet)x_i = \mu_{x_i}(\bullet)$  are regular; consequently, there exist compact sets  $K_1, K_2, \ldots, K_n$ , with  $K_i \subset E_i$  and  $|\lambda(E_i \setminus K_i)x_i| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2n}$  for all *i*. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda|(A) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(E_i) x_i\right| &\leq \left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(K_i) x_i\right| + \left|\sum_{1}^{n} \lambda(E_i \setminus K_i) x_i\right| \\ &\leq \sum_{1}^{n} |\lambda(K_i) x_i| + \sum_{1}^{n} |\lambda(E_i \setminus K_i) x_i| < |\lambda|(K) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \end{aligned}$$





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where K is defined to be the compact set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} K_i$ .

Therefore, (11) is valid and proves (9). We can get (10) by applying (9) to the complement  $A^c$  of the set A.

**Lemma 6.** The variation measure  $|\lambda|$  is  $\sigma$ -additive.

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda$  is additive then so is  $|\lambda|$ . By the regularity property just proved, the result is a consequence of Alexandroff theorem (see [4, p. 138].

**Lemma 7.** The set function  $\lambda$  is a regular vector measure, that is  $\lambda$  is a member of  $r\sigma bv(\mathcal{S}, X^*)$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $\lambda$  is additive, so to prove the  $\sigma$ -additivity it is enough to prove the continuity at  $\emptyset$ , that is for every sequence  $A_n$  in  $\mathcal{B}_S$  decreasing to  $\emptyset$ , we have  $\lambda(A_n) \to 0$ . But it is a consequence of the  $\sigma$ -additivity of  $|\lambda|$  and the fact that  $||\lambda(A)|| \leq |\lambda|(A)$ , for each  $A \in \mathcal{B}_S$ . On the other hand  $\lambda$  is regular since  $|\lambda|$  is regular by Lemma 5.

**Lemma 8.** Let  $v, \mu \in r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$  be such that  $\int_S f dv = \int_S f d\mu$  for all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ , then  $v \equiv \mu$ .

*Proof.* Take  $f \in C_0(S, X)$  of the form  $f(\bullet) = g(\bullet) \cdot x$  where  $g \in C_0(S)$  and x fixed in X. Then by standard tools we have  $\int_S f dv = \int_S g dv(\bullet) x$  and  $\int_S f d\mu = \int_S g d\mu(\bullet) x$ . This yields  $\int_S g dv(\bullet) x$  $= \int_S g d\mu(\bullet) x$ . Since both scalar measures  $v(\bullet) x$  and  $\mu(\bullet) x$  are regular and since g is arbitrary, we deduce from Riesz-Kakutani theorem that  $v(\bullet) x = \mu(\bullet) x$  for each  $x \in X$ . Thus  $v \equiv \mu$ .  $\Box$ 

Now, we are in a position to give the proof of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 1. First we prove relation (3), i.e., for all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ ,  $Uf = \int_S f d\lambda$  where  $\lambda$  is the vector measure constructed in Lemma 3.



Let  $f \in C_0(S, X)$  be of the form  $f(\bullet) = g(\bullet) \cdot x$  for  $g \in C_0(S)$  and x fixed in X. Then

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$$f = W_x(g)$$
  
=  $\int_S g d\mu_x$  by Lemma 2, formula (5)  
=  $\int_S g d\lambda(\bullet) x$  by Lemma 3, formula (6).

But we have  $\int_{S} g d\lambda(\bullet) x = \int_{S} g \cdot x \cdot d\lambda$ . Therefore, formula (3) is satisfied for  $f = g \cdot x$ . By linearity we can see that formula (3) is satisfied for all  $f \in C_0(S) \otimes X$ , the vector space of all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ of the form  $f(\bullet) = \sum_{1}^{n} g_i(\bullet) \cdot x_i$  with  $g_i \in C_0(S)$  for each *i*. It is well known that  $C_0(S) \otimes X$  is dense in  $C_0(S, X)$  (see [2, Proposition 1 of Section 19]. Consequently, if  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ , there is a sequence  $f_n$  in  $C_0(S) \otimes X$  converging to f uniformly on S. By the integration process with respect to an operator valued measure we get

$$\left| \int_{S} f_n \mathrm{d}\lambda - \int_{S} f \mathrm{d}\lambda \right| \le \|f_n - f\|_{\infty} \cdot \tilde{\lambda}(S),$$

where  $\lambda$  is the semivariation of  $\lambda$  defined by the RHS of formula (2) and which is, in the present context, equal to the variation  $|\lambda|$  (see the Preliminaries). As  $\lambda$  is of finite variation and  $||f_n - f||_{\infty} \to 0$ , we have  $\int_S f_n d\lambda \to \int_S f d\lambda$ . But  $Uf_n = \int_S f_n d\lambda$  because  $f_n \in C_0(S) \otimes X$  for each n. Since U is bounded and  $f_n \to f$  uniformly we get  $Uf_n = \int_S f_n d\lambda \to Uf$ .

Hence,

$$Uf = \int_{S} f d\lambda$$
, for all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ .





By Lemma 8,  $\lambda$  is the unique measure in  $r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$  satisfying relation (3). This proves that the correspondence  $U \xrightarrow{\varphi} \lambda$  from  $C_0^*(S, X)$  into  $r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$  is well-defined. Moreover, we have

$$|Uf| = |\int_{S} f d\lambda| \le ||f||_{\infty} \cdot \widetilde{\lambda}(S) = ||f||_{\infty} \cdot ||\lambda||,$$

so  $||U|| \leq ||\lambda||$  and by Lemma 4 we get  $||U|| = ||\lambda||$ . This implies that  $\varphi$  is an isometry and then it is one-one. It is not difficult to show that  $\varphi$  is linear (make use of Lemma 8). To complete the proof, we must show that  $\varphi$  is onto. To this end, let us start with  $\mu \in r\sigma bv(S, X^*)$ , to which we associate the functional on  $C_0(S, X)$  given by  $Uf = \int_S f d\mu$ ,  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ . It is clear that U is linear and bounded, so  $U \in C_0^*(S, X)$ . We show that  $\varphi(U) = \mu$ . Put  $\varphi(U) = \lambda$ , that is  $\lambda$ is the vector measure constructed along Lemmas 3–7. Then by formula (3),  $Uf = \int_S f d\lambda$  for all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ , which yields  $\int_S f d\mu = \int_S f d\lambda$  for all  $f \in C_0(S, X)$ . From Lemma 8, we deduce that  $\mu = \lambda$ , and this complete the proof of Theorem 1.

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