

## A CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SECOND DUAL OF $C_0(S, A)$

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $S$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space, and let  $A$  be a Banach space. The space of the continuous functions from  $S$  to  $A$  vanishing at infinity is denoted by  $C_0(S, A)$ . Let  $MW(S, A^*)$  be the space of the representing measures of all the bounded linear functionals on  $C_0(S, A)$ . For  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$  let

$$L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) = \{f: S \rightarrow A^{**} | f(\cdot)x^* \in L_\infty(|\mu|) \forall x^* \in A^*\}.$$

The second dual of  $C_0(S, A)$  is characterized in the general case by means of certain elements in the product linear space  $\prod\{L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*): \mu \in MW(S, A^*)\}$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  be a Banach space,  $S$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space, and  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all the Borel sets of  $S$ . The space of the continuous functions from  $S$  to  $A$  vanishing at infinity endowed with the uniform norm is denoted by  $C_0(S, A)$ . The second dual of  $C_0(S, A)$  is considered for the case where  $S$  is compact and the dual  $A^*$  has the Radon-Nikodym property in [3], for the case where  $S$  is locally compact and  $A$  is a Banach algebra with a positive cone satisfying certain conditions in [4]. Recently a characterization of  $C_0^{**}(S, A)$  by means of the “generalized functions” was given in [5] by the authors in the case where  $A^*$  and  $A^{**}$  have the Radon-Nikodym property. The purpose of this paper is to give a characterization of  $C_0^{**}(S, A)$  in general by means of the elements in  $gl(S, A^{**})$  (see Definition 3.1).

Let  $T: C_0(S, A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a bounded linear functional, and let  $M(S)$  be the space of all the bounded regular Borel measures on  $S$ . Then, since  $\mathbb{C}$  is reflexive,  $T$  is weakly compact. There is a unique representing measure  $m: \mathcal{B}(S) \rightarrow A^*$  such that  $m(\cdot)x \in M(S)$  for all  $x \in A$ ,  $T(f) = \int f dm$  for all  $f \in C_0(S, A)$  and  $\|T\| = \tilde{m}(S)$ , the semivariation of  $m$  (see, e.g., [2, 4]). Note that the total variation  $|m|$  and  $\tilde{m}$  are the same in this case [8, p. 54]. Let  $MW(S, A^*)$  be the set of the representing measures  $m$  of all such functionals  $T$ . Since  $|m|(S) = \tilde{m}(S) = \|T\|$  is finite, we see that  $|m| \in M(S)$  [2, Theorem

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2.8] and that

$$C_0^*(S, A) = MW(S, A^*).$$

For  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$  let  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  be the space of all the equivalence classes of  $A^*$ -valued Bochner integrable functions defined on  $S$ . Measures defined by densities in  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  are studied in §2. It is shown in Theorem 2.2 that the linear span  $M$  of all such measures in  $MW(S, A^*)$  is contained between  $M(S) \otimes A^*$  and its closure  $[M(S) \otimes A^*]^-$  with respect to the semivariation norm. The second dual  $C_0^{**}(S, A)$  is then characterized in §3.

## 2. MEASURES DEFINED BY DENSITIES IN $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$

Let  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ , and define  $\nu = \varphi|\mu| \in MW(S, A^*)$  by the Riesz Representation Theorem

$$\int g d\nu = \int \langle g, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (g \in C_0(S, A)).$$

It follows that, for  $E \in \mathcal{B}(S)$ ,

$$\nu(E)x = \int \langle \chi_E x, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (x \in A)$$

and

$$(*) \quad \nu(E) = \int_E \varphi d|\mu|.$$

Also  $|\nu| = |\varphi|\mu| = |\varphi||\mu|$  by Dinculeanu [8, Theorem 6, p. 186]. Hence

$$(**) \quad \|\nu\| = |\nu|(S) = (|\varphi||\mu|)(S) = \int |\varphi| d|\mu| = \|\varphi\|_{1,|\mu|}.$$

We see from  $(*)$  that  $\nu \ll |\mu|$  (see [7, Definition 3, p. 11]). Therefore  $\varphi \rightarrow \nu$  is a linear isometry from  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  into  $\{\nu \in MW(S, A^*): \nu \ll |\mu|\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Denote by  $M$  the linear span in  $MW(S, A^*)$  of all the measures defined by densities in  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  for all  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$ . That is,

$$M = \text{span} \left\langle \bigcup \{L_1(|\mu|, A^*)|\mu| : \mu \in MW(S, A^*)\} \right\rangle.$$

We shall show in Theorem 2.2 that this subspace  $M$  is large enough for us to apply the Hahn-Banach Extension Theorem to characterize  $C_0^{**}(S, A)$ . Let us recall first a result from Cambern and Grein [3, Corollary 2] that  $M(S) \otimes A^*$  can be embedded in  $MW(S, A^*)$  in such a way that  $m \otimes x^*$  corresponds to  $m(\cdot)x^*$  for all  $m \in M(S)$  and  $x^* \in A^*$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $[M(S) \otimes A^*]^-$  be the closure of  $M(S) \otimes A^*$  with respect to the semivariation norm of  $MW(S, A^*)$ . Then

$$[M(S) \otimes A^*]^- \supseteq M \supseteq M(S) \otimes A^*.$$

*Proof.* We show first that  $M \supseteq M(S) \otimes A^*$ . Let  $m \in M(S)$  and  $x^* \in A^*$ . Then, by the Radon-Nikodym Theorem for scalar measures,  $m = \phi|m|$  for

some  $\phi \in L_1(|m|)$ . For any  $\sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i \in C_0(S) \otimes A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (m \otimes x^*) \left( \sum_1^N f_i \otimes x_i \right) &= \sum_1^N m(f_i)x^*(x_i) = \sum_1^N \phi|m|(f_i) \cdot x^*(x_i) \\ &= \sum_1^N \int \langle f_i x_i, \phi x^* \rangle d|m| = \sum_1^N (\phi x^*)|m|(f_i x_i) \\ &= (\phi x^*)|m| \left( \sum_1^N f_i \otimes x_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C_0(S, A) = C_0(S) \hat{\otimes} A$  with the least cross norm, we see that  $m \otimes x^* = (\phi x^*)|m| \in M$ , so  $M \supseteq M(S) \otimes A^*$ .

Next we shall prove that  $(L_1(|\mu|) \otimes A^*)|\mu| \subset M(S) \otimes A^*$ . Recall that  $(L_1(|\mu|) \hat{\otimes} A^*) = L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ , where the closure on the left is with respect to the greatest cross norm (see, e.g., Diestel and Uhl [7, Example 10, p. 228]). For  $\sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i \in C_0(S) \otimes A$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^M (\phi_j \otimes x_j^*) \in L_1(|\mu|) \otimes A^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^M (\phi_j \otimes x_j^*)|\mu| \left( \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i \right) &= \int \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i, \sum_{j=1}^M \phi_j \otimes x_j^* \right\rangle d|\mu| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^M \int \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i, \phi_j \otimes x_j^* \right\rangle d|\mu| = \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \int \langle f_i, \phi_j \rangle x_j^*(x_i) d|\mu| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N \int \langle f_i, \phi_j \rangle d|\mu| \cdot x_j^*(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N (\phi_j|\mu| \otimes x_j^*)(f_i \otimes x_i) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^M (\phi_j|\mu| \otimes x_j^*) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \otimes x_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

By taking the limit process we see that

$$\sum_{j=1}^M (\phi_j \otimes x_j^*)|\mu| = \sum_{j=1}^M (\phi_j|\mu| \otimes x_j^*).$$

Thus

$$(L_1(|\mu|) \otimes A^*)|\mu| \subset M(S) \otimes A^* \subseteq MW(S, A^*).$$

Finally let  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ , and let

$$\varphi_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \phi_i \otimes x_i^* \in L_1(|\mu|) \otimes A^*$$

be such that  $\varphi_j \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ . For  $f \in C_0(S, A)$ ,  $\|f\| \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int f d\varphi_j |\mu| - \int f d\varphi |\mu| \right| &= \left| \int \langle f, \varphi_j - \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \right| \\ &= \left| \int f d(\varphi_j - \varphi) |\mu| \right| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|\varphi_j - \varphi\|_{1, |\mu|} \\ &\leq \|\varphi_j - \varphi\|_{1, |\mu|} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\varphi_j|\mu| \rightarrow \varphi|\mu|$  in  $MW(S, A^*)$  with semivariation (= total variation) norm. Hence  $M \subseteq [M(S) \otimes A^*]^-$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

*Remark 2.3.* It is worthwhile to note that if  $S$  is compact then  $[M(S) \otimes A^*]^- = MW(S, A^*)$  if  $S$  is dispersed or  $A^*$  has the Radon-Nikodym property (see [3, Theorem 1]).

### 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SECOND DUAL

For  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$  let  $L_\infty(|\mu|)$  be the Banach space of all the equivalence classes of bounded Borel measurable (real-valued) functions on  $S$  with essential supremum norm (see, e.g., [11, p. 85]). Denote

$$L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) = \{f: S \rightarrow A^{**} | f(\cdot)x^* \in L_\infty(|\mu|) \text{ } \forall x^* \in A^*\}.$$

For details of the definition of these spaces see [10, Definition 3, p. 75 and §5, p. 78]. Functions in  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$  are identified by the equivalence relation  $f \equiv g(w)$ , which means by definition

$$f(\cdot)x^* = g(\cdot)x^* \quad (x^* \in A^*)$$

$|\mu|$ -a.e. (the null set can depend on  $x^*$ ) [10, p. 76].

Note that functions in  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$  need not be  $|\mu|$ -measurable (hence not necessarily Bochner integrable) unless for example when  $A^{**}$  is separable [10, Corollary to Theorem 10, p. 73], in which case,  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) = L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**})$ , where  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**})$  stands for the space of the equivalence classes of  $A^{**}$ -valued Bochner integrable functions defined on  $S$  that are  $|\mu|$ -essentially bounded.

The space  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$  is a Banach space with norm

$$N_\infty(g) = \inf\{\alpha > 0 : \{s : |g(s)| > \alpha\} \text{ is } |\mu|\text{-null}\}$$

[10, p. 74]. Note that, by the uniform boundedness principle, we have

$$N_\infty(g) \leq \|g\| = \sup\{\|g(s)\| : s \in S\} \leq \infty$$

[10, p. 75].

It is also shown in [10, Chapter VII, §4, Theorem 7, and Corollary] that

$$L_1(|\mu|, A^*)^* \cong L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$$

is an isometric isomorphism under the correspondence

$$(g, \varphi) = \int \langle g(s), \varphi(s) \rangle d|\mu|(s)$$

for  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ ,  $g \in L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Consider the product linear space  $\prod\{L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) : \mu \in MW(S, A^*)\}$ . Let  $f = (f_\mu)_{\mu \in MW(S, A^*)}$  be an element in this space satisfying the following two conditions:

- (1)  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{N_\infty(f_\mu) : \mu \in MW(S, A^*)\} < \infty$  and
- (2) if  $\mu, \nu \in MW(S, A^*)$  are such that  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$ , then  $f_\mu \equiv f_\nu(w)$  with respect to  $|\mu|$ .

The set of all such elements  $f$  on  $S$  is denoted by  $\text{gl}(S, A^{**})$ . With the norm  $\|f\|_\infty$ ,  $\text{gl}(S, A^{**})$  is a Banach space.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mu, \nu \in MW(S, A^*)$ . If  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$  with  $|\mu| = \omega|\nu|$  for some  $\omega \in L_1(|\nu|)$  and  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ ,  $\psi = \omega\varphi$ , then  $\varphi|\mu| = \psi|\nu|$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$ , by the Radon-Nikodym Theorem, there is  $\omega \in L_1(|\nu|)$  such that  $|\mu| = \omega|\nu|$  and

$$\int g d|\mu| = \int g\omega d|\nu| \quad (g \in L_1(|\mu|)).$$

Fix  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  and let  $\psi = \omega\varphi$ . Then  $\psi \in L_1(|\nu|, A^*)$ . Let  $f \in C_0(S, A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int f d\varphi|\mu| &= \int \langle f, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| = \int \langle f, \varphi \rangle \omega d|\nu| \\ &= \int \langle f, \omega\varphi \rangle d|\nu| \quad (\omega \text{ is scalar-valued}) \\ &= \int \langle f, \psi \rangle d|\nu| = \int f d\psi|\nu|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varphi|\mu| = \psi|\nu|$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *For each  $F \in C_0^{**}(S, A)$ , there is a (unique)  $f \in \text{gl}(S, A^{**})$  such that*

$$F(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*))$$

for all  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$ .

*Proof.* For each  $F \in C_0^{**}(S, A)$ , consider the bounded linear functional

$$\varphi \rightarrow F(\varphi|\mu|) \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)).$$

From the result of Tulcea and Tulcea [10, Chapter VII, §4] mentioned earlier, there is  $f_\mu \in L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) = L_1(|\mu|, A^*)^*$  such that

$$F(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)).$$

Hence we have an  $f = (f_\mu)_{\mu \in MW(S, A^*)} \in \text{gl}(S, A^{**})$  if we can show properties (1) and (2) of Definition 3.1. Now

(1) For each  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$ , since  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)^* \cong L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$  is an isometric isomorphism and  $\|\varphi|\mu|\| = \|\varphi\|_{1, |\mu|}$  (see (\*\*) in §2),

$$\begin{aligned} N_\infty(f_\mu) &= \sup \left\{ \left| \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \right| : \|\varphi\|_{1, |\mu|} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \int |F(\varphi|\mu)| : \|\varphi\|_{1, |\mu|} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \sup \{|F(\nu)| : \|\nu\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \sup \{\|F\| \|\nu\| : \|\nu\| \leq 1\} \leq \|F\| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Suppose  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$  and  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ . By the Riesz Representation Theorem, there is  $\omega \in L_1(|\nu|)$  such that  $|\mu| = \omega|\nu|$ . Let  $\psi = \omega\varphi$ . Then, from

**Lemma 3.2.**  $\varphi|\mu| = \psi|\nu|$ . Hence, for all  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| &= F(\varphi|\mu|) = F(\psi|\nu|) \\ &= \int \langle f_\nu, \psi \rangle d|\nu| = \int \langle f_\nu, \omega\varphi \rangle d|\nu| \\ &= \int \langle f_\nu, \varphi \rangle \omega d|\nu| = \int \langle f_\nu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_\mu \equiv f_\nu(w)$ . Thus  $f = (f_\mu) \in \text{gl}(S, A^{**})$ .

The uniqueness is due to the fact that functions in  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$  are identified by the equivalence relation  $f \equiv g(w)$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

For  $f_\mu \in L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*)$ , define  $F_\mu$  on  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)|\mu| \subseteq MW(S, A^*)$  by

$$F_\mu(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)).$$

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\mu, \nu \in MW(S, A^*)$  with  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$ . Then  $F_\mu$  is linear and bounded and  $F_\mu = F_\nu$  on  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)|\mu|$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $F_\mu$  is linear and bounded because

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_\mu\| &= \sup\{|F_\mu(\varphi|\mu)| : \|\varphi|\mu|\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\left\{\left|\int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu|\right| : \|\varphi\|_{1,|\mu|} \leq 1\right\} \\ &\leq \sup\{N_\infty(f_\mu) \cdot \|\varphi\|_{1,|\mu|} : \|\varphi\|_{1,|\mu|} \leq 1\} \\ &\leq N_\infty(f_\mu) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\mu| \ll |\nu|$ , there is some  $\omega \in L_1(|\nu|)$  such that  $|\mu| = \omega|\nu|$ . Let  $\psi = \omega\varphi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_\nu(\psi|\nu|) &= \int \langle f_\nu, \psi \rangle d|\nu| = \int \langle f_\nu, \varphi \rangle \omega d|\nu| \\ &= \int \langle f_\nu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| = F_\mu(\varphi|\mu|), \end{aligned}$$

since  $f_\mu \equiv f_\nu(w)$  and  $L_\infty(|\mu|, A^{**}, A^*) = L_1(|\mu|, A^*)^*$  is an isometry. Now, since  $\psi|\nu| = \varphi|\mu|$  by Lemma 3.2,

$$F_\mu(\varphi|\mu|) = F_\nu(\psi|\nu|) = F_\nu(\varphi|\mu|).$$

Consequently,  $F_\mu = F_\nu$  on  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)|\mu|$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** For all  $\mu \in MW(S, A)$  and  $f = (f_\mu)_\mu \in \text{gl}(S, A^{**})$ , there is an  $F \in C_0^{**}(S, A)$ , such that

$$F(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)).$$

*Proof.* We shall define a bounded linear functional  $F$  on the linear span  $M$  defined in Definition 2.1 such that

$$F(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu|$$

for  $\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)$  and  $\mu \in MW(S, A^*)$ . In general, an element  $\phi$  in  $M$  is of the form

$$\phi = \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i |\mu_i|,$$

where  $\varphi_i \in L_1(|\mu_i|, A^*)$  and  $\mu_i \in MW(S, A^*)$ . Define

$$F(\phi) = \sum_{i=1}^m F_{\mu_i}(\varphi_i |\mu_i|).$$

We shall show that  $F$  is independent of the special representation of  $\phi$ . Suppose also  $\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_j |\nu_j|$ . Pick  $x^* \in A^*$  with  $\|x^*\| = 1$ , and put

$$\tau = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| + \sum_{j=1}^n |\nu_j| \right) x^*.$$

Then clearly  $\tau \in MW(S, A^*)$  and  $|\mu_i| \ll |\tau|$ ,  $|\nu_j| \ll |\tau|$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Thus  $|\mu_i| = \omega_i |\tau|$ ,  $|\nu_j| = \eta_j |\tau|$  for some  $\omega_i, \eta_j \in L_1(|\tau|)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i |\mu_i| = \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i \omega_i |\tau| \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i \omega_i \right) |\tau| \in L_1(|\tau|, A^*) |\tau| \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 3.2. Let  $\sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i \omega_i = g$ . Similarly, we have

$$\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_j |\nu_j| = h |\tau|$$

for some  $h \in L_1(|\tau|, A^*)$ . Since  $\phi = g |\tau| = h |\tau|$ , we see from (\*) in §2 that  $g = h |\tau|$  a.e. Since they are elements in  $L_1(|\tau|, A^*)$ ,  $g = h$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m F_{\mu_i}(\varphi_i |\mu_i|) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \int \langle f_{\mu_i}, \varphi_i \rangle d|\mu_i| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \int \langle f_{\tau}, \varphi_i \rangle d|\mu_i| \quad (|\mu_i| \ll |\tau|) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \int \langle f_{\tau}, \varphi_i \rangle \omega_i d|\tau| = \sum_{i=1}^m \int \langle f_{\tau}, \varphi_i \omega_i \rangle d|\tau| \\ &= \int \left\langle f_{\tau}, \sum_{i=1}^m \int \varphi_i \omega_i \right\rangle d|\tau| = \int \langle f_{\tau}, g \rangle d|\tau| = F_{\tau}(g |\tau|). \end{aligned}$$

With similar argument we also have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n F_{\nu_j}(\psi_j |\nu_j|) = F_{\tau}(h |\tau|).$$

Since  $g = h$ , we see

$$\sum_{i=1}^m F_{\mu_i}(\varphi_i|\mu_i|) = \sum_{j=1}^m F_{\nu_j}(\psi_j|\nu_j|).$$

Thus  $F$  is well defined on  $M$ .

Additivity of  $F$  on  $M$  follows from definition. Also, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F\left(\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i |\mu_i|\right) &= F\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda \varphi_i |\mu_i|\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\mu_i}(\lambda \varphi_i |\mu_i|) = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n F_{\mu_i}(\varphi_i |\mu_i|), \end{aligned}$$

so  $F$  is linear.

By definition

$$F(\varphi|\mu|) = \int \langle f_\mu, \varphi \rangle d|\mu| \quad (\varphi \in L_1(|\mu|, A^*)).$$

We shall show that  $F$  is bounded on  $M$ . Clearly

$$|F_\mu(\varphi|\mu|)| \leq N_\infty(f_\mu) \|\varphi\|_{1,|\mu|} = N_\infty(f_\mu) \|\varphi|\mu|\|.$$

So, for  $f = (f_\mu) \in \text{gl}(S, A^{**})$ ,

$$\|F_\mu\| \leq N_\infty(f_\mu) \leq \|f\|_\infty < \infty.$$

That is,  $F_\mu$  is bounded on  $L_1(|\mu|, A^*)|\mu|$ . Next suppose  $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_i |\mu_i| \in M$ . Let  $\gamma = (\sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i|)x^*$  for some  $x^* \in A^*$ ,  $\|x^*\| = 1$ . Then  $\gamma \in MW(S, A^*)$  and  $|\mu_i| \ll |\gamma|$  for each  $i$ . Let  $|\mu_i| = \omega_i |\gamma|$  for some  $\omega_i \in L_1(|\gamma|)$ , and let  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i \omega_i$ . Then  $\phi = \omega |\gamma|$  and

$$|F(\phi)| = |F_\tau(\phi)| \leq \|F_\tau\| \|\phi\| \leq \|f\|_\infty \|\phi\|.$$

That is,  $F$  is bounded on  $M$  with  $\|F\| \leq \|f\|_\infty$ . It follows that  $F$  has a unique extension (also denoted by  $F$ ) to the closed linear span of  $M$  with  $\|F\| \leq \|f\|_\infty$  and then to  $MW(S, A^*)^* = C_0^{**}(S, A)$  by the Hahn-Banach Extension Theorem (the extension need not be unique). This completes the proof of the theorem.

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