# On recurrence and superrecurrence of *H*-cocycles

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A method of construction of *H*-cocycles taking values in an abelian l.c.s. group is studied. The necessary and sufficient conditions of superrecurrence of *H*-cocycles are found generalizing K. Schmidt's result on superrecurrence of cocycles.

#### 1. Introduction

The present article is devoted to study of a kind of weighted cocycles called H-cocycles the interest in which became apparent recently in papers [1-3, 7]. The expression

 $\alpha(x, T^n) = \sum_{i=0} \rho(x, T^i) f(T^i x)$  can be considered as an example of a H-cocycle,

where T is a nonsingular automorphism of a measure space  $(X, \mu)$ , and  $\rho(x, T^i) = \frac{d\mu cT^i}{d\mu}(x)$  is the Radon-Nikodym cocycle, and  $f: X \to \mathbf{R}$  is a measurable function. It is easily verified that  $\alpha(x, T^n)$  satisfies the following relation:  $\alpha(x, T^{n+m}) = \alpha(x, T^n) + \rho(x, T^n) \alpha(T^nx, T^m)$ . In this relation  $\rho$  can be considered as an element of the group  $\mathbf{R}^*_+$  acting on  $\mathbf{R}$  by group automorphisms. It means that the pair  $(\rho, \alpha)$  belongs to the semidirect product  $\mathbf{R}^*_+ \rtimes \mathbf{R}$ . It is clear that this construction can be generalized to every group extension E(G, A) of an amenable group G (instead of  $\mathbf{R}^*_+$ ) by an abelian group A (instead of  $\mathbf{R}$ ); this is a point of the present paper (see precise definitions in Section 1). Conversely, if we have a cocycle a with values in E(G, A), then its component  $\alpha$  whose values are in the subgroup A is a H-cocycle. Such a point of view at the structure of H-cocycles allows one to prove easily most of the results from [1, 2, 8].

The main result of this article is the affirmative solution of a problem formulated in [2]. Let  $a = (c, \alpha)$  be a cocycle with values in the group E(G, A). Then a is a recurrent cocycle if and only if c is a recurrent cocycle and  $\alpha$  is a recurrent H-cocycle. This result

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is a generalization of the theorem of K. Schmidt [6] on the superrecurrence of cocycles to the case of H-cocycles. Roughly speaking, an H-cocycle is recurrent if and only if it is superrecurrent.

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# 2. Definitions and examples

In this paper we will use the following notations:  $(X, \mu)$  is a standard measure space, *A* is an abelian locally compact separable (l.c.s.) group, *G* is an amenable l.c.s. group,  $\Gamma$  is a countable group of nonsingular automorphisms of  $(X, \mu)$  acting freely and conservatively. A measurable map  $c : X \times \Gamma \to G$  is called a cocycle if c(x, 1) = e(1)is the identical map, *e* is the identity of *G*) and  $c(x, \gamma_2 \gamma_1) = c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2) c(x, \gamma_1)$  for all  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  and a.e.  $x \in X$ . We denote the set of all cocycles  $c : X \times \Gamma \to G$  by  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$ .

Let Aut(A) be the group of all automorphisms of A being considered as an abstract group (algebraic automorphisms). Assume that there is a Borel action of G on A, that is a Borel map  $(g, a) \rightarrow g(a)$ :  $G \times A \rightarrow A$  such that  $a \rightarrow g(a)$  is an algebraic automorphism of A for every  $g \in G$ . By [5], the action map  $(g, a) \rightarrow g(a)$  is in fact continuous. In the sequel we will also fix a Borel action of G on A.

Let f be a continuous map from  $G \times G$  into A satisfying the conditions:

$$f(e, g) = f(g, e) = 0, g \in G,$$

$$g_4^{-1}(f(g_1, g_2)) + f(g_1 g_2, g_4) = f(g_2, g_4) + f(g_1, g_2 g_4), g_1, g_2, g_4 \in G.$$
 (1)

We call such a map f an algebraic 2-cocycle (or simply 2-cocycle). The notation  $Z^2(G \times G, A)$  will stand for the set of all algebraic 2-cocycles. Let  $p: G \to A$  be a continuous map and p(e) = 0 (such a map we call normalized). Define  $f_p \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$  putting

$$f_p(g_1, g_2) = -g_2^{-1}(p(g_1)) + p(g_1 g_2) - p(g_2), \quad g_1, g_2 \in G.$$
(2)

The map  $f_p$  is called a 2-coboundary, let  $B^2(G \times G, A)$  denote the set of all 2-coboundaries.

Let  $E = G \times A$ , and the topology on E is defined as the topology of direct product. For every  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$  one can define a group structure on E by setting

$$(g, a)^{-1} = (g^{-1}, -f(g, g^{-1}) - g(a)),$$
 (3)

$$(g_1, a_1)(g_2, a_2) = (g_1 g_2, f(g_1, g_2) + g_2^{-1}(a_1) + a_2).$$
 (4)

The set *E* with the group structure defined according to (3) and (4) is called the group extension of *G* by means of *A* and the 2-cocycle *f*. We denote it by  $E_f(G, A) = E_f$ . It is known that in such a way one can describe a collection of so-called topologically trivial extensions [4]. The two groups  $E_{f_1}$  and  $E_{f_2}$  are isomorphic if and only if  $f_2 - f_1$  is a 2-coboundary. With f = 0 we have the semidirect product  $E_0 = G \rtimes A$  of groups *G* and *A*.

Now we formulate the definition of *H*-cocycles for the group  $\Gamma$  of automorphisms of  $(X, \mu)$ .

Definition 2.1. Let  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$  and  $c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$ . Let also  $\alpha : X \times \Gamma \to A$  be a measurable map satisfying the following conditions:

 $\alpha(x, 1) = 0,$ 

 $\alpha(x, \gamma_{2} \gamma_{1}) = f(c(\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2}), c(x, \gamma_{1})) + c(x, \gamma_{1})^{-1}(\alpha(\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2})) + \alpha(x, \gamma_{1})$  (5)

for every  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  and a.e.  $x \in X$ . The set of all such maps  $\alpha$  will be denoted by  $Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  (or  $Z_{f,c}^1(A)$ ). The elements  $\alpha \in Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  are called H-cocycles.

E x a m p l e 2. 2. (a) Let  $c \in Z^{1}(X \times \Gamma, G)$  and  $p : G \to A$  be a normalized continuous map. Then  $\alpha(x, \gamma) = p(c(x, \gamma))$  is the *H*-cocycle from  $Z_{f_{p}, c}^{1}(A)$ , where  $f_{p}$ 

is defined by (2). If  $a: X \to A$  is a measurable map, then  $\alpha(x, \gamma) = c(x, \gamma)^{-1} \times (a(\gamma x)) - a(x)$  is a *H*-cocycle from  $Z_{0,c}^{1}(A)$ .

The *H*-cocycles of the form  $p(c(x, \gamma)) + c(x, \gamma)^{-1}(a(\gamma x)) - a(x)$  are called *H*-coboundaries.

(b) Let  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$  and  $c(x, \gamma) = g(\gamma x)g(x)^{-1}$ , where  $g: X \to G$  is a measurable function. Then

$$\alpha(x, \gamma) = f(g(\gamma x), g(x)^{-1}) - f(g(x), g(x)^{-1})$$

is the *H*-cocycle from  $Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ .

This statement is proved by the routine calculations.

(c) Let T be a free nonsingular automorphism of  $(X, \mu), c \in Z^{1}(X \times \{T^{n}\}, G)$ , and  $\psi$  be a measurable map from X into A. Put

$$\alpha(x, T) = \psi(x),$$

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$$\alpha(x, T^{2}) = c(x, T)^{-1}(\psi(Tx)) + \psi(x),$$

 $\alpha(x, T^{n}) = c(x, T^{n-1})^{-1}(\psi(T^{n-1}x)) + \dots + c(x, T)^{-1}(\psi(Tx)) + \psi(x),$ and

$$\alpha(x, T^{-n}) = -c(x, T^{-n})^{-1}(\alpha(T^{-n}x, T^{m})), \quad n \ge 0.$$

Then  $\alpha : X \times \{T^n\} \to A$  is a *H*-cocycle from  $Z^1_{0,c}(X \times \{T^n\}, A)$ . Similarly if  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$ , then we can apply the above procedure to construct the *H*-cocycle  $\beta \in Z^{1}_{f,c}(X \times \{T^{n}\}, A):$ 

$$\beta(x, T) = \psi(x),$$
  
$$\beta(x, T^2) = f(c(Tx, T), c(x, T)) + c(x, T)^{-1}(\psi(Tx)) + \psi(x)$$

etc.

R e m a r k 2.3. The H-cocycles belonging (in our classification) to the set  $Z_{0,\rho}^{1}(X \times \{T^{n}\}, \mathbf{R})$  were studied in [1, 2, 8], where  $\rho(x, T) = \frac{d \mu cT}{d \mu}(x)$  is the Radon-Nikodym cocycle. In [3] the *H*-cocycles from  $Z_0^1 (X \times \Gamma, A)$  were considered. The set of usual cocycles  $Z^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A)$  coincides with  $Z^{1}_{f, id}(X \times \Gamma, A)$  for every 2-cocycle f, where id is the identity cocycle (as a matter of fact  $Z_{f,id}^{1}(A)$  does not depend on f).

## 3. The H-cohomology group

Let us fix a cocycle  $c \in Z^1$  ( $X \times \Gamma$ , G). Put

$$B^{1}_{p,c}(X \times \Gamma, A) = \{ p(c(x, \gamma)) + c(x, \gamma)^{-1}(a(\gamma x)) - a(x) \mid a : X \to A \},\$$

where  $p: G \rightarrow A$  is a normalized continuos map. Define

$$\mathcal{B}_{c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A) = \bigcup_{p} B_{p, c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A),$$
$$\mathcal{Z}_{c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A) = \bigcup_{f} Z_{f, c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A), \quad f \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}(G \times G, A)$$

**Lemma 3.1.**  $Z_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  is an abelian group and  $\mathscr{B}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  is its subgroup.

**P** r o o f. It follows from the following relations:

$$Z_{f_1, c}^{1}(A) + Z_{f_2, c}^{1}(A) = Z_{f_1 + f_2, c}^{1}(A),$$
  
$$B_{p_1, c}^{1}(A) + B_{p_2, c}^{1}(A) = B_{p_1 + p_2, c}^{1}(A),$$

where  $Z_{f_1, c}^1(A) + Z_{f_2, c}^1(A) = \{ \alpha + \beta : \alpha \in Z_{f_1, c}^1(A), \beta \in Z_{f_2, c}^1(A) \}.$ 

Let us define

$$\mathcal{H}_{c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A) = \mathcal{Z}_{c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A) / \mathcal{B}_{c}^{1}(X \times \Gamma, A).$$

 $\mathcal{H}_{c}^{1}$  is called the first *H*-cohomology group.

**Proposition 3.2.** 1) Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be cohomologous 2-cocycles from  $Z^2(G \times G, A)$ , *i.e.* 

 $f_{1}\left(h_{1}\,,\,h_{2}\,\right)=f_{2}\left(h_{1}\,,\,h_{2}\,\right)+f_{p}\left(h_{1}\,,\,h_{2}\,\right),\ \ h_{1},\ h_{2}\in\,G,$ 

where  $f_n$  satisfies (2). Then

$$\alpha_1(x, \gamma) \to \alpha_2(x, \gamma) = -p(c(x, \gamma)) + \alpha_1(x, \gamma)$$
(6)

is the one-to-one map from  $Z_{f_1, c}^1(A)$  onto  $Z_{f_2, c}^1(A)$ .

2) Assume that there exist  $\overline{\alpha}_1 \in Z_{f_1, c}^1(A)$  and  $\overline{\alpha}_2 \in Z_{f_2, c}^1(A)$  such that  $\overline{\alpha}_2(x, \gamma) = p(c(x, \gamma)) + \overline{\alpha}_1(x, \gamma)$  for a normalized map  $p: G \to A$ . Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  satisfy the relation

$$f_1(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1)) = (f_2 - f_p)(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1)).$$
(7)

If  $c: X \times \Gamma \to G$  is a cocycle with dense range in G, then  $f_1 = f_2 - f_p$ .

(3) 
$$Z_{f_1, c}^1(A) \cap Z_{f_2, c}^1(A) = \emptyset$$
 with  $f_1 \neq f_2$ .

Proof. 1) Let us check that  $\alpha_2 \in Z^1_{f_2, c}(A)$ :

$$\alpha_2(x,\,\gamma_2\gamma_1\,)=\alpha_1(x,\,\gamma_2\gamma_1\,)-p(c(x,\,\gamma_2\gamma_1\,))=$$

 $=f_{1}\left(c(\gamma_{1}x,\gamma_{2}),\,c(x,\gamma_{1})\right)+c(x,\gamma_{1})^{-1}(\alpha_{1}(\gamma_{1}x,\gamma_{2}))+\alpha_{1}(x,\gamma_{1})-p(c(x,\gamma_{2}\gamma_{1}))=$ 

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$$= f_2 (c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1)) - c(x, \gamma_1)^{-1} (p(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2))) + p(c(x, \gamma_2 \gamma_1)) - p(c(x, \gamma_1)) + \alpha_1(x, \gamma_1) - p(c(x, \gamma_2 \gamma_1)) + c(x, \gamma_1)^{-1} (\alpha_1(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2)) = f_2 (c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1)) + c(x, \gamma_1)^{-1} (\alpha_2(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2)) + \alpha_2(x, \gamma_1).$$

The remainder of statement 1) is evident.

2) Consider  $\overline{\alpha}_2(x, \gamma_2 \gamma_1)$ . We have

$$\overline{\alpha}_{2}(x, \gamma_{2}\gamma_{1}) = p(c(x, \gamma_{2}\gamma_{1}) + \overline{\alpha}_{1}(x, \gamma_{2}\gamma_{1})) =$$

$$= p(c(x, \gamma_{2}\gamma_{1})) + f_{1}(c(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2}), c(x, \gamma_{1})) +$$

$$+ c(x, \gamma_{1})^{-1}(\overline{\alpha}_{1}(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2})) + \overline{\alpha}_{1}(x, \gamma_{1}).$$
(8)

On the other hand,

$$\overline{\alpha}_{2}(x, \gamma_{2}\gamma_{1}) = f_{2} \left( c(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2}, c(x, \gamma_{1})) + c(x, \gamma_{1})^{-1} (p(c(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{1}))) + c(x, \gamma_{1})^{-1} (\overline{\alpha}_{1}(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2})) + p(c(x, \gamma_{1})) + \overline{\alpha}_{1}(x, \gamma_{1}) \right)$$
(9)

The equality (7) follows from (8) and (9).

Let now c be a cocycle with dense range in G (see the definition in [6] or below).

We will prove that for arbitrary neighborhoods  $V_{h_1}$  and  $V_{h_2}$  of the elements  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ from G and for any set  $B \subset X$  with  $\mu(B) > 0$  there exist a set  $D \subset B$ ,  $\mu(D) > 0$  and the automorphisms  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  such that

$$(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1)) \in V_{h_1} \times V_{h_2}$$

for a.e.  $x \in D$ . It follows from density of c in G that there exist a set  $D' \in B$  of positive measure and an automorphism  $\gamma_1 \in \Gamma$  such that  $\gamma_1 D' \subset B$  and  $c(x, \gamma_1) \in V_{h_2}$  for a.e.  $x \in D'$ . Choose a subset C,  $\mu(C) > 0$  in  $\gamma_1 D'$  and an automorphism  $\gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  such that  $\gamma_2 C \subset \gamma_1 D'$  and  $c(y, \gamma_2) \in V_{h_1}$  for a.e.  $y \in C$ . Put  $D = \gamma_1^{-1}C$ . It is easy to verify that D is the desired subset. In view of arbitrariness of  $V_{h_1}$  and  $V_{h_2}$  it follows from (7) and continuity of  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_p$  that  $f_1(h_1, h_2) = (f_2 - f_p)(h_1, h_2)$ , i.e.  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are cohomologous.

3) This is obvious due to (5).  $\blacklozenge$ 

**Corollary 3.3.** Let there exists a H-cocycle  $\overline{\alpha}_1 \in Z_{f_1,c}^1(A)$  such that  $\overline{\alpha}_1(x,\gamma) + p(c(x,\gamma)) \in Z_{f_2,c}^1(A)$  for a normalized map  $p: G \to A$ . Then, for every  $\alpha_1 \in Z_{f_1,c}^1(A)$ , the H-cocycle  $\alpha_1(x,\gamma) + p(c(x,\gamma))$  belongs to  $Z_{f_2,c}^1(A)$  and  $f_2 = f_1 + f_p$  when c is a cocycle with dense range in G.

Let  $H^2(G \times G, A) = Z^2(G \times G, A)/B^2(G \times G, A)$  be the 2-nd cohomology group. We will denote by [f] the elements of  $H^2(G \times G, A)$  and by  $[\alpha]$  the elements of  $\mathcal{H}^1_c(X \times \Gamma, A)$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $\alpha \in Z^1_{f,c}(X \times \Gamma, A)$ . Then the map  $\Phi : [\alpha] \to [f]$  is a surjective homomorphism from  $\mathcal{H}^1_c(X \times \Gamma, A)$  onto  $H^2(G \times G, A)$ .

Proof. For  $\alpha \in Z_{f,c}^1(A)$  we define the map  $\Phi_0: \alpha \to f$  from  $Z_c^1(A)$  onto  $Z^2(G \times G, A)$ . We have proved in Proposition 3.2 that  $\Phi_0(\mathcal{B}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)) = B^2(G \times G, A)$ . Hence  $\Phi_0$  defines the quotient map  $\Phi$  correctly. It follows from

Lemma 3.1 that  $\Phi$  is a surjective map.  $\blacklozenge$ 

Let c be a cocycle from  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$  and  $E_f$  the group extension of G by A for a 2-cocycle f as above.

The next simple theorem will play the important role later on.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, G)$  and  $c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$ . For every  $\alpha \in Z^1_{f,c}(X \times \Gamma, A)$  we set

$$\alpha_c(x, \gamma) = (c(x, \gamma), \alpha(x, \gamma)) : X \times \Gamma \to E_f.$$

Then  $\alpha_c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$ . Conversely, any cocycle  $\alpha_0 \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$  defines a cocycle  $c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$  and a H-cocycle  $\alpha \in Z^1_{f,c}(X \times \Gamma, A)$ . If c is fixed, then the map  $\Psi : \alpha \to \alpha_c$  is one-to-one.

P r o o f. Let us check that  $\alpha_c(x, \gamma)$  is a cocycle taking values in the group  $E_f$ . In fact,

$$\alpha_{c}(\gamma_{1}x,\gamma_{2})\alpha_{c}(x,\gamma_{1}) = (c(\gamma_{1}x,\gamma_{2}),\alpha(\gamma_{1}x,\gamma_{2}))(c(x,\gamma_{1}),\alpha(x,\gamma_{1})) =$$

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$$= \left( c (x, \gamma_{2} \gamma_{1}), f (c(\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2}), c (x, \gamma_{1})) + (c (x, \gamma_{1})^{-1} (\alpha (\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2})) + \alpha(x, \gamma_{1}) \right) = \alpha_{c} (x, \gamma_{2} \gamma_{1}).$$

Conversely, if  $\alpha_0 \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$ , then there are two coordinates c and  $\alpha$  of  $\alpha_0$  taking values in G and A respectively. It is obvious that  $c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$  and  $\alpha$  is a *H*-cocycle from  $Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ .

Let  $f_2 = f_1 + f_p$ , where  $f_1$ ,  $f_2 \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$  and p is a normalized map. Then the map  $i_p : (h, a) \to (h, a + p(h))$  defines the homeomorphism of groups  $E_{f_1}$  and  $E_{f_2}$ . Let  $i_p^*$  be the isomorphism of  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_{f_1})$  and  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_{f_2})$  induced by  $i_p$ . For every fixed  $c \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$  there is one-to-one map  $\Psi : \alpha \to \alpha_c$ :  $Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A) \to Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$ . Equality (6) defines another one-to-one map  $j_p$ :  $Z_{f_1,c}^1(A) \to Z_{f_2,c}^1(A)$ . It follows from the above statements that the following diagram is commutative (here  $\delta_p = p(c(x, \gamma))$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \rightarrow (c, \alpha) = \alpha_c & Z_{f_1, c}^1(A) \rightarrow Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_{f_1}) \\ & & \\ j_p \downarrow & \downarrow i_p^* & : & j_p \downarrow & \downarrow i_p^* \\ \alpha + \delta_p \rightarrow (c, \alpha + \delta_p) = (\alpha + \delta_p)_c & Z_{f_2, c}^1(A) \rightarrow Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_{f_2}). \end{array}$$

**Theorem 3.6.** If the cocycles c and  $c_1$  from  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, G)$  are cohomologous, then the groups  $\mathcal{H}^1_c(X \times \Gamma, A)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^1_c(X \times \Gamma, A)$  are isomorphic.

Proof. According to the hypothesis of the theorem there is a measurable function  $h: X \to G$  such that  $c_1(x, \gamma) = h(\gamma x)c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Put  $Q(x) = (h(x), 0): X \to E_f$ , where f is an arbitrary 2-cocycle from  $Z^2(G \times G, A)$ . For  $\alpha \in Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ , we define  $\alpha_c = (c, \alpha) \in Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$  as above and consider the cocycle  $Q(\gamma x) \alpha_c(x, \gamma) Q(x)^{-1}$  from  $Z^1(X \times \Gamma, E_f)$ . It is easy to obtain that

$$Q(\gamma x) \alpha_{c}(x, \gamma) Q(x)^{-1} = [h(\gamma x) c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}, f(h(\gamma x) c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}) +$$

$$+ h(x)(f(h(\gamma x) c(x, \gamma))) + h(x) (\alpha(x, \gamma)) - f(h(x), h(x)^{-1})] = = (c_1(x, \gamma), \alpha_1(x, \gamma)).$$

Taking into account formula (1) we obtain

$$\alpha_{1}(x, \gamma) = f(h(\gamma x), c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}) + f(c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}) - -f(h(x), h(x)^{-1}) + h(x)(\alpha(x, \gamma)).$$
(10)

Therefore  $\alpha_1 \in Z_{f,c_1}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  (Theorem 3.5) and formula (10) defines the map  $\theta$ :  $\alpha \to \alpha_1$  from  $Z_{f,c}^1(A)$  into  $Z_{f,c_1}^1(A)$  for any fixed  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$ . It is evident that  $\theta$  is injective. Moreover, for any  $\alpha_1 \in Z_{f,c_1}^1(A)$ , one can use (10) to find a *H*-cocycle  $\alpha \in Z_{f,c}^1(A)$  such that  $\theta(\alpha) = \alpha_1$ , i.e.  $\theta$  is the isomorphism. Let now  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ . It means that there exist a normalized map  $p: G \to A$  and a measurable function  $a: X \to A$  such that

$$\alpha(x, \gamma) = p(c(x, \gamma)) + c(x, \gamma)^{-1}(a(\gamma x)) - a(x).$$

Prove that  $\alpha_1(x, \gamma) = \theta(\alpha(x, \gamma)) \in \mathcal{B}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ . Since  $B_{p,c}^1(A) \subset Z_{f_p,c}^1(A)$  then one can rewrite (10) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(x, \gamma) &= f_p(h(\gamma x), c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}) + f_p(c(x, \gamma), h(x)^{-1}) - f_p(h(x), h(x)^{-1}) + \\ &+ h(x)(p(c(x, \gamma))) + h(x)c(x, \gamma)^{-1}(a(\gamma x)) - h(x)(a(x)) = \\ &= -h(x)c(x, \gamma)^{-1}(p(h(\gamma x))) + p(h(\gamma x) c(x, \gamma) h(x)^{-1}) - p(c(x, \gamma)h(x)^{-1}) - \\ &- h(x)(p(c(x, \gamma))) + p(c(x, \gamma)h(x)^{-1}) - p(h(x)^{-1}) + h(x)(p(h(x))) - p(e) + \\ &+ p(h(x)^{-1}) + h(x)(p(c(x, \gamma))) + c_1(x, \gamma)^{-1}h(\gamma x)(a(\gamma x)) - h(x)(a(x)) = \\ &= p(c_1(x, \gamma)) + c_1(x, \gamma)^{-1}(a_1(\gamma x)) - a_1(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_1(x) = h(x)(a(x) - p(h(x)))$ . Thus, it is proved that  $\alpha_1 = \theta(\alpha) \in B_{p, c_1}^1(A)$  and  $\theta$  is the one-to-one map from  $B_{p, c}^1(A)$  onto  $B_{p, c_1}^1(A)$ . Therefore  $\theta$  is the isomorphism of groups  $\mathcal{Z}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{c_1}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  transforming  $\mathcal{B}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  onto  $\mathcal{B}_{c_1}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ , i. e.  $\mathcal{H}_c^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{c_1}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  are isomorphic.  $\blacklozenge$ 

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## 4. Recurrence and superrecurrence of H-cocycles

Definition 4.1. 1) A H-cocycle (or cocycle)  $\beta \in Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  is recurrent if for any set  $D \subset X$  of positive measure and any neighborhood  $U_0$  of the identity in A

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (D \cap \gamma^{-1}D \cap \{x \in X : \beta(x, \gamma) \in U_0\})\right) > 0.$$

Otherwise the H-cocycle (or cocycle)  $\beta$  is transient.

2) H-cocycle  $\beta \in Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$  is superrecurrent if for any set  $D \subset X$ ,  $\mu(D) > 0$  and for any neighborhoods of the identity  $V_e$  and  $U_0$  in G and A respectively

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (D \cap \gamma^{-1}D \cap \{x \in X : c(x, \gamma) \in V_e\} \cap \{x \in X : \beta(x, \gamma) \in U_0\})\right) > 0.$$

Otherwise  $\beta$  is supertransient.

We remark that for *H*-cocycles  $\beta \in Z_{0,\rho}^{1}(X \times \{T^{n}\}, \mathbb{R})$  Definition 4.1 is equivalent to the definition of *H*-recurrence and *H*-superrecurrence considered in papers [1-3, 8].

For a cocycle  $c \in Z^{1}(X \times \Gamma, G)$  one can define a group of nonsingular automorphisms  $\Gamma(c) \subset \operatorname{Aut} (X \times G, \mu \times m_{G})$   $(m_{G}$  is the Haar measure on G) acting by the formula:

$$\gamma(c)(x, h) = (\gamma x, c(x, \gamma)h), \ \gamma \in \Gamma, \ (x, h) \in X \times G.$$

It is known that  $\Gamma(c)$  is conservative if and only if c is recurrent [7].

• If  $\Gamma(c)$  is an ergodic automorphism group, then c is called a cocycle with dense range in G.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $f \in Z^2$  ( $G \times G, A$ ),  $c \in Z^1$  ( $X \times \Gamma, G$ ) and  $\alpha \in Z^1_{f,c}$  ( $X \times \Gamma, A$ ). Then

$$\beta_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c)) = h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) + f(c(x, \gamma), h)$$

is a cocycle from  $Z^{1}(X \times G \times \Gamma(c), A)$ .

Proof. We have

$$b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma_{2}(c) \gamma_{1}(c)) = h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma_{2} \gamma_{1})) + f(c(x, \gamma_{2} \gamma_{1}), h) =$$
  
=  $h^{-1} [f(c(\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2}), c(x, \gamma_{1})) + c(x, \gamma_{1})^{-1}(\alpha(\gamma_{1} x, \gamma_{2})) + \alpha(x, \gamma_{1})] +$ 

$$+f(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2)c(x, \gamma_1), h).$$
<sup>(11)</sup>

On the other hand,

$$b_{\alpha} (\gamma_{1}(c)(x, h), \gamma_{2}(c)) + b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma_{1}(c)) =$$

$$= (c(x, \gamma)h)^{-1}(\alpha(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2})) + f(c(\gamma_{1}x, \gamma_{2}), c(x, \gamma_{1})h) +$$

$$+ h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma_{1})) + f(c(x, \gamma_{1}), h).$$
(12)

From the relation

$$h^{-1} (f(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2), c(x, \gamma_1))) + f(c(\gamma_1 x, \gamma_2)c(x, \gamma_1), h) =$$
  
= f(c(x, \gamma\_1), h) + f(c(\gamma\_1 x, \gamma\_2), c(x, \gamma\_1), h)

we obtain that (11) and (12) are the same expressions, i.e.  $b_{\alpha} \in Z^1(X \times G \times \Gamma(c), A)$ .

Lemma 4.3. The following relation is valid:

$$b_{\alpha}(x, hg^{-1}, \gamma(c)) = g(b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c))) + f(c(x, \gamma)h, g^{-1}) - f(h, g^{-1}).$$
(13)

Proof. It follows from Lemma 4.2 that

$$h_1^{-1}h(b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c))) = h_1^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) + h_1^{-1}h(f(c(x, \gamma), h))$$
(14)

and

$$h_1^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) = b_{\alpha}(x, h_1, \gamma(c)) - f(c(x, \gamma), h).$$
(15)

Now (15) allows one to transform (13) as follows:

 $h_1^{-1}h(b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c))) = b_{\alpha}(x, h_1, \gamma(c)) + h_1^{-1}h(f(c(x, \gamma), h)) - f(c(x, \gamma), h_1).$ Since

$$h_1^{-1}h(f(c(x, \gamma), h)) + f(c(x, \gamma)h, h^{-1}h_1) = f(h, h^{-1}h_1) - f(c(x, \gamma), h_1),$$

then

$$h_1^{-1}h(b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c))) - b_{\alpha}(x, h_1, \gamma(c)) = f(h, h^{-1}h_1) - f(c(x, \gamma)h, h^{-1}h_1).$$
  
With  $g = h_1^{-1}h$  we obtain (13).

**Theorem 4.4.** Let c be a recurrent cocycle and  $f \in Z^2(G \times G, A)$ . Then the following properties are equivalent:

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(i) a H-cocycle α ∈ Z<sup>1</sup><sub>f,c</sub> (X × Γ, A) is superrecurrent;
(ii) a cocycle α<sub>c</sub> = (c, α) ∈ Z<sup>1</sup>(X × Γ, E<sub>f</sub>) is recurrent;
(iii) b<sub>α</sub> ∈ Z<sup>1</sup>(X × G × Γ(c), A) is recurrent.

Proof. Equivalence of (i) and (ii) is direct consequence of the definitions. To prove equivalence of (ii) and (iii) we note that the groups of automorphisms  $\Gamma(\alpha_c)$  and  $\Gamma(c)(b_{\alpha})$  are isomorphic. In fact, let  $P: (x, h, a) \to (x, (h, a)): X \times G \times A \to X \times E_f$  (we use here the natural correspondence between  $E_f$  and  $G \times A$ ). Then

$$\gamma(\alpha_c)(P(x, h, a)) = (\gamma x, (c, \alpha)(h, a)) =$$

 $=(\gamma x, c(x, \gamma)h, f(c(x, \gamma), h) + h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) + a) = P\gamma(c)(b_{\alpha})(x, h, a).$ 

Equivalence of (ii) and (iii) follows from the result of K. Schmidt mentioned above [7].

**Theorem 4.5.** Let c be a recurrent cocycle from  $Z^{1}(X \times \Gamma, G)$ . Then a H-cocycle  $\alpha \in Z^{1}_{f,c}(X \times \Gamma, A)$  is recurrent if and only if it is superrecurrent.

P r o o f. In the case when c is the Radon-Nikodym cocycle and  $\alpha$  is an usual cocycle taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^{n}$  this theorem was proved by K. Schmidt in [6]. We will prove the following statement which is equivalent to the theorem in view of Theorem 4.4:

A H-cocycle  $\alpha$  is transient if and only if the cocycle  $b_{\alpha}$  is transient.

Let  $\alpha$  be a transient cocycle from  $Z_{f,c}^1(X \times \Gamma, A)$ . It means that there is a set  $D \subset X$ ,  $\mu(D) > 0$  and a neighborhood  $U_0$  of the identity in A such that  $\alpha(x, \gamma) \notin U_0$  for every  $x \in D$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  with  $\gamma x \in D$ . We will use

**Lemma 4.6.** Let the group G acts continuously on A. Then for any neighborhood W of the identity in A and any compact set  $K \subset G$  there exists a neighborhood  $W_0$  of the identity in A such that  $h^{-1}(W_0) \subset W$  for all  $h \in K$ .

Proof. For any  $h \in G$  the map  $(h, a) \to h^{-1}(a)$  is continuous and  $h^{-1}(0) = 0$ . There exist the neighborhoods  $V_h$  of  $h \in G$  and  $W_0(h)$  of  $0 \in A$  such that  $h^{-1}(a) \in W$ for all  $(h, a) \in V_h \times W_0(h)$ . Let  $\{h_i\}$  be a finite set of elements of G such that  $\bigcup_i V_{h_i} \supset K$ . Put  $W_0 = \bigcap_i W_0(h_i)$ . It is easy to see that  $h^{-1}(W_0) \subset W$  for all  $h \in K$ .

Let us continue the proof of Theorem 4.5. Prove that there exists a neighborhood  $U'_0$  of  $0 \in A$  such that  $h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) \notin U'_0$  for a.e.  $(x, h) \in D \times V_e$  and  $\gamma(c)$  such that  $\gamma(c)(x, h) \in D \times V_e$ , where  $V_e$  is a compact symmetric neighborhood of the identity in G. (Here we use the recurrence of c). In fact, it sufficies to apply Lemma 4.6 and find a neighborhood  $U'_0$  of  $0 \in A$  such that  $h(U'_0) \subset U_0$  for all  $h \in V_e$ . (We will choose  $V_e$  later). Then, for  $(x, h) \in D \times V_e$ ,

$$h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) \in h^{-1}(A - U_0) \subset A - U'_0$$
.

**Lemma 4.7.** Let  $f: G \times G \to A$  be a continuous map and f(g, e) = 0 for every  $g \in G$ . Then for any compact set  $K \subset G$  and any neighborhood W of  $0 \in A$  there exists a neighborhood V of the identity in G such that  $f(g_1, g_2) \in W$  for all  $g_1 \in K$  and  $g_2 \in V$ .

The proof of this lemma is similar to that of Lemma 4.6.

Thus, we have proved that if (x, h) and  $(\gamma x, c(x, \gamma)h)$  are in  $D \times V_e$ , then  $h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) \notin U'_0$ . This implies that  $c(x, \gamma) \in V_e V_e^{-1} = V_e^2$ , where  $V_e^2$  is the compact neighborhood of the identity in G. Let  $\overline{U}_0$  be a neighborhood of  $0 \in A$ . Choose, according to Lemma 4.7, a neighborhood  $V'_e \subset V_e$  such that  $f(c(x, \gamma), h) \in \overline{U}_0$  for all  $h \in V'_e$ . Consider the set  $D \times V'_e$  and  $\gamma(c)$  such that  $\gamma(c)(x, h) \in D \times V'_e$  where  $(x, h) \in D \times V'_e$ . Let  $\overline{U}_0$  be choosen so that  $((A - U'_0) + \overline{U}_0) \cap \widetilde{U} = \emptyset$ , where  $\widetilde{U}$  is a neighborhood of  $0 \in A$ . It means that  $b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c)) \notin \widetilde{U}$  if (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  in  $D \times V'_e$ .

Conversely, let  $b_{\alpha}$  be the transient cocycle. We will prove that  $\alpha$  is also a transient *H*-cocycle. According to the assumption there are a set  $B \subset X \times G$  of positive measure and a neighborhood W of  $0 \in A$  such that  $b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c)) \notin W$  if (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  are in *B*. We can state that *B* may be choosen so that the projection of *B* into *G* is a compact set. Let  $V_{\alpha}$  be a compact symmetric neighborhood of the identity in *G* and we set

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 $B' = \bigcup_{g \in V_e} R(g)B$ , where  $R(g)(x, h) = (x, hg^{-1}), (x, h) \in X \times G, g \in G$ . It is easy to see that  $R(g) \gamma(c) = \gamma(c)R(g)$  for every  $g \in G$  and  $\gamma(c) \in \Gamma(c)$ . In view of the commutaof R(G) and  $\Gamma(c)$ , for any  $(x, h) \in B$  the point  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  is in B if and only if  $\gamma(c)(x, hg^{-1}) \in B'$  for  $g \in V_e$ . We apply Lemmas 4.6 and 4.7 to deduce from (13) that  $V_e$  can be choosen small enough so that there is a neighborhood W' of  $0 \in A$  such that

$$b_{\alpha}(x, h, \gamma(c)) \notin W', \tag{16}$$

when (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  are in B'. Notice that (16) is valid if we take any subset of B' instead of B' itself. In view of the inequality  $(\mu \times m_G)(B') > 0$  there is an element  $h_0 \in G$  such that  $B_{h_0} = \{x \in X : (x, h_0) \in B\}$  has a positive measure. It is evident that  $B'_{h_0} = B_{h_0}$ . Let  $B'' = \bigcup_{g \in V_e} R(g)(B_{h_0} \times \{h_0\}) = B_{h_0} \times V_{h_0}$ , where  $V_{h_0} = h_0 V_e$  is the  $g \in V_e$ 

neighborhood of  $h_0$ . If (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  are in B'' then  $c(x, \gamma)$  is in  $V_{h_0} V_{h_0}^{-1}$ . For arbitrary neighborhood U of  $0 \in A$  one can take  $V_e$  so small that  $f(c(x, \gamma), h) \in U$ when (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  are in B'' (by Lemma 4.7). From this and (16) we have that there is a neighborhood W'' of  $0 \in A$  such that  $h^{-1}(\alpha(x, \gamma)) \notin W''$  for every  $(x, h) \in B''$  and  $\gamma(c)(x, h) \in B''$ . Using Lemma 4.6 we find a neighborhood W''' of  $0 \in A$  such that  $\alpha(x, \gamma) \notin W'''$  for (x, h) and  $\gamma(c)(x, h)$  from B''. With  $D = B_{h_0}$  we obtain

that  $\alpha(x, \gamma) \notin W'''$  when x and  $\gamma x$  are in D.  $\blacklozenge$ 

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## О рекуррентности и суперрекуррентности Н-коциклов

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