

TFU extensions in LCA groups

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Abstract Let \mathcal{L} be the category of all locally compact abelian (LCA) groups. Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ and $H \subseteq G$ be a subgroup. The first Ulm subgroup of G is denoted by $G^{(1)}$ and the closure of H by \overline{H} . A proper short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{L} is said to be a TFU extension if $0 \rightarrow \overline{A^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} \overline{B^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\psi}} \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ is a proper short exact sequence where $\overline{\phi} = \phi|_{\overline{A^{(1)}}}$ and $\overline{\psi} = \psi|_{\overline{B^{(1)}}}$. We introduce some results on TFU extensions. Also, we establish conditions under which the TFU extensions are split.

1 Introduction

Throughout, all groups are Hausdorff topological abelian groups and will be written additively. Let \mathcal{L} denote the category of locally compact abelian (LCA) groups with continuous homomorphisms as morphisms. A morphism is called proper if it is open onto its image, and a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{L} is said to be proper exact if ϕ and ψ are proper morphisms. In this case the sequence is called an extension of A by C (in \mathcal{L}). Following [6], we let $Ext(C, A)$ denote the group of extensions of A by C . A subgroup H of a group G is called pure if $nH = H \cap nG$ for all positive integers n . An extension $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ is called a pure extension if $\phi(A)$ is pure in B . The elements represented by pure extensions of A by C form a subgroup of $Ext(C, A)$ which is denoted by $Pext(C, A)$ (For more on $Pext$, see [5] and [8]). In this paper, we introduce a new concept on extensions. An extension $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{L} is called a TFU extension if $0 \rightarrow \overline{A^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} \overline{B^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\psi}} \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ be an extension where $\overline{\phi} = \phi|_{\overline{A^{(1)}}}$ and $\overline{\psi} = \psi|_{\overline{B^{(1)}}}$. In Section 1, we show that every extension of a divisible group by an LCA group is a TFU extension (Corollary 2.6). We show that every pure extension of an LCA group by a compact totally disconnected group is a TFU extension (Corollary 2.8). In Section 2, we establish some results on splitting of TFU extensions (see Lemma 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7, 3.8,).

The additive topological group of real numbers is denoted by \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{Q} is the group of rationals with the discrete topology, \mathbb{Z} is the group of integers and $\mathbb{Z}(n)$ is the cyclic group of order n . For any group G , G_0 is the identity component of G and tG , the maximal torsion subgroup of G . For groups G and H , $Hom(G, H)$ is the group of all continuous homomorphisms from G to H , endowed with the compact-open topology. The dual group of G is $\hat{G} = Hom(G, \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$. For more on locally compact abelian groups, see [9].

2 TFU extensions

Let A and C be groups in \mathcal{L} . In this section, we define the concept of a TFU extension of A by C .

Definition 2.1. An extension $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ in \mathcal{L} is called a TFU extension if $0 \rightarrow \overline{A^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} \overline{B^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\psi}} \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ is an extension.

Remark 2.2. Let G_1 and G_2 be two groups. An easy calculation shows that $\overline{(G_1 \oplus G_2)^{(1)}} = \overline{G_1^{(1)}} \oplus \overline{G_2^{(1)}}$.

Definition 2.3. The extension $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is called the trivial extension.

Lemma 2.4. Let A and C be groups in \mathcal{L} . The trivial extension of A by C is a TFU extension.

Proof. It is clear by Remark 2.2. \square

Lemma 2.5. Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ and H be a closed, divisible subgroup of G . Then $\overline{(G/H)^{(1)}} = \overline{G^{(1)}/H}$.

Proof. Let $\pi : G \rightarrow G/H$ be the natural mapping. Then, $\pi(\overline{G^{(1)}}) \subseteq \overline{\pi(G^{(1)})} = \overline{(G/H)^{(1)}}$. On the other hand, $\pi(\overline{G^{(1)}}) = \overline{(G^{(1)})/H}$. So, $\overline{(G^{(1)})/H} \subseteq \overline{(G/H)^{(1)}}$. Let $x + H \in \overline{(G/H)^{(1)}}$. We show that $x \in \overline{G^{(1)}}$ (and hence $\overline{(G/H)^{(1)}} \subseteq \overline{G^{(1)}/H}$). Let V be an open subset of G containing x and n , an arbitrary positive integer. Then $y + H \in (V + H)/H \cap (G/H)^{(1)} \neq \emptyset$ for some $y \in G$. From $y + H \in (V + H)/H$, deduce that $y + H = z + H$ for some $z \in V$. Since H is divisible, it follows that $z = y + nh$ for some $h \in H$. On the other hand, $y + H \in (G/H)^{(1)}$. So $y + H = ng + H$ for some $g \in G$. Hence $z \in nG$. This shows that $z \in V \cap G^{(1)}$ and hence, $x \in \overline{G^{(1)}}$. \square

Corollary 2.6. Every extension of a divisible group by an LCA group is a TFU extension.

Proof. It is clear by Lemma 2.5. \square

Lemma 2.7. Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ and H be a closed, pure subgroup of G such that $(G/H)^{(1)} = 0$. Then $G^{(1)} = H^{(1)}$.

Proof. Let $x \in G^{(1)}$ and n , an arbitrary positive integer. Then $x = ng$ for some $g \in G$. So $x + H \in n(G/H)$. Since n be arbitrary, it follows that $x + H \in (G/H)^{(1)} = 0$. This shows that $G^{(1)} \subseteq H$. Since H is pure, $G^{(1)} = H^{(1)}$. \square

Corollary 2.8. Every pure extension of an LCA group by a compact totally disconnected group is a TFU extension.

Proof. Let E be a pure extension of an LCA group by a compact totally disconnected group G . By [9, Theorem 24.24], $G^{(1)} = 0$. Hence, by Lemma 2.7, E is TFU. \square

Corollary 2.9. Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ such that nG is closed in G for all positive integers n . Then, every pure extension of an LCA group by $G/G^{(1)}$ is a TFU extension.

Proof. Let $x + G^{(1)} \in (G/G^{(1)})^{(1)}$ and n be an arbitrary positive integer. Then $x + G^{(1)} = ng + G^{(1)}$ for some $g \in G$. This shows that $x \in G^{(1)}$. Hence $(G/G^{(1)})^{(1)} = 0$. \square

The dual of an extension $E : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is defined by $\hat{E} : 0 \rightarrow \hat{C} \rightarrow \hat{B} \rightarrow \hat{A}$. The following example shows that the dual of a TFU extension need not be TFU.

Example 2.10. Consider the extension $E : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 0$. Clearly, E is a TFU extension. But, $\hat{E} : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is not a TFU extension.

Recall that two extensions $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_1} B \xrightarrow{\psi_1} C \rightarrow 0$ and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_2} X \xrightarrow{\psi_2} C \rightarrow 0$ are said to be equivalent if there is a topological isomorphism $\beta : B \rightarrow X$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & B & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & C \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow 1_A & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow 1_C \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & X & \xrightarrow{\psi_2} & C \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Lemma 2.11. *An extension equivalent to a TFU extension is TFU.*

Proof. Let

$$E_1 : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_1} B \xrightarrow{\psi_1} C \rightarrow 0$$

$$E_2 : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_2} X \xrightarrow{\psi_2} C \rightarrow 0$$

be two equivalent extensions such that E_1 is TFU. Then, there is a topological isomorphism $\beta : B \rightarrow X$ such that $\beta\phi_1 = \phi_2$ and $\psi_2\beta = \psi_1$. Since $\beta(\overline{B^{(1)}}) = \overline{X^{(1)}}$,

$$\psi_2(\overline{X^{(1)}}) = \psi_2\beta(\overline{B^{(1)}}) = \psi_1(\overline{B^{(1)}}) = \overline{C^{(1)}}$$

Hence $\overline{\psi_2} : \overline{X^{(1)}} \rightarrow \overline{C^{(1)}}$ is surjective. Since $\phi_2 = \beta\phi_1$ and E_1 is TFU,

$$\psi_2\phi_2(\overline{A^{(1)}}) = \psi_2(\beta\phi_1(\overline{A^{(1)}})) = \psi_1\phi_1(\overline{A^{(1)}}) = 0$$

Hence $Im\overline{\phi_2} \subseteq Ker\overline{\psi_2}$. Now, we show that $Ker\overline{\psi_2} \subseteq Im\overline{\phi_2}$. Let $x \in \overline{X^{(1)}}$ such that $\psi_2(x) = 0$. Then there exists $b \in \overline{B^{(1)}}$ such that $x = \beta(b)$. Since $\psi_1(b) = \psi_2\beta(b) = \psi_2(x) = 0$ and E_1 is TFU, $b = \phi_1(a)$ for some $a \in \overline{A^{(1)}}$. Hence

$$\phi_2(a) = \beta\phi_1(a) = \beta(b) = x$$

and $0 \rightarrow \overline{A^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi_2}} \overline{X^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\psi_2}} \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence. Since

$$\overline{\psi_2} = \overline{\psi_1}(\overline{\beta})^{-1}, \overline{\phi_2} = \overline{\beta}(\overline{\phi_1})$$

It follows that $\overline{\psi_2}$ and $\overline{\phi_2}$ are open. So E_2 is a TFU extension. □

Lemma 2.12. *Let $C \in \mathcal{L}$ be a torsion-free group, $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ a TFU extension and let*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & X & \xrightarrow{\nu} & Y & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow 1_A & & \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B & \xrightarrow{\psi} & C & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

is the standard pullback diagram in \mathcal{L} (See [6, Proposition 2.3]) such that $\overline{f} : \overline{Y^{(1)}} \rightarrow \overline{C^{(1)}}$ be a proper morphism. Then

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\mu} X \xrightarrow{\nu} Y \rightarrow 0$$

is TFU.

Proof. We have

$$X = \{(y, b) \in Y \oplus B : f(y) = \psi(b)\}.$$

and

$$\mu : a \mapsto (0, \phi(a)), \nu : (y, b) \mapsto y, \theta : (y, b) \mapsto b.$$

Consider the following standard pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{A^{(1)}} & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & N & \xrightarrow{\psi'} & \overline{Y^{(1)}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{A^{(1)}} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\phi}} & \overline{B^{(1)}} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\psi}} & \overline{C^{(1)}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Where $N = \{(y, b) \in \overline{Y^{(1)}} \oplus \overline{B^{(1)}} : f(y) = \psi(b)\}$. First, we show that $X^{(1)} = \{(y, b) \in Y^{(1)} \oplus B^{(1)} : f(y) = \psi(b)\}$. Let $(y, b) \in X^{(1)}$ and n an arbitrary positive integer. Then $y = ny_1$ and $b = nb_1$ for some $y_1 \in Y$ and $b_1 \in B$. Also, $f(y_1) = \psi(b_1)$. We have

$$f(y) = f(ny_1) = \psi(nb_1) = \psi(b)$$

Since n be arbitrary, $X^{(1)} \subseteq \{(y, b) \in Y^{(1)} \oplus B^{(1)} : f(y) = \psi(b)\}$. Conversely, let $(y, b) \in Y^{(1)} \oplus B^{(1)}$, $f(y) = \psi(b)$ and n be an arbitrary positive integer. Then $y = ny_1$ and $b = nb_1$ for some $y_1 \in Y$ and $b_1 \in B$. Since C is torsion-free, $n(f(y_1) - \psi(b_1)) = 0$ deduce that $f(y_1) = \psi(b_1)$. Hence $(y, b) \in nX$. Since n be arbitrary, $(y, b) \in X^{(1)}$. An easy calculation shows that $\overline{X^{(1)}} = N$. Clearly, $\phi' = \overline{\mu}$ and $\psi' = \overline{\nu}$. Hence $0 \rightarrow \overline{A^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mu}} \overline{X^{(1)}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\nu}} \overline{Y^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ is an extension. \square

Lemma 2.13. *Let $A \in \mathcal{L}$ be a divisible group. Then, a pushout of a TFU extension of A by an LCA group is TFU.*

Proof. Let $E : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be a TFU extension and $f : A \rightarrow G$ a proper morphism. Then $fE : 0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow X \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is a pushout of E , where $X = (G \oplus B)/H$ and $H = \{(-f(a), \phi(a)); a \in A\}$ (See [6, Proposition 2.3]). Since E is TFU, $E' : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \overline{B^{(1)}} \rightarrow \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ is an extension. Hence hE' is an extension where $h : A \rightarrow \overline{G^{(1)}}$ defined by $h(a) = f(a)$ for every $a \in A$. But, $hE' : 0 \rightarrow \overline{G^{(1)}} \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \overline{C^{(1)}} \rightarrow 0$ where $Y = (\overline{G^{(1)}} \oplus \overline{B^{(1)}})/K$ and $K = \{(-h(a), \phi(a)); a \in A\}$. Clearly, $K = H$. Since H is a closed, divisible subgroup of $G \oplus B$, by Lemma 2.5 and Remark 2.2, $\overline{X^{(1)}} = (\overline{G^{(1)}} \oplus \overline{B^{(1)}})/H = Y$. It follows that fE is a TFU extension. \square

3 Splitting of TFU extensions

An extension is called split if it is equivalent to the trivial extension. Let $Ext_{tfu}(C, A)$ be the class of all equivalence classes of TFU extensions of A by C . Recall that for groups $A, C \in \mathcal{L}$, $Ext(C, A) = 0$ (or $Ext_{tfu}(C, A) = 0$) deduce that every extension (or TFU extension) of A by C splits. In this section, we establish some conditions on A and C such that $Ext_{tfu}(C, A) = 0$.

Theorem 3.1. ([11, Theorem 2.1]) *Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ and $f : A \rightarrow C$ be a proper morphism.*

- (i) $f_* : Ext(G, A) \rightarrow Ext(G, C)$ defined by $f_*([E]) = [fE]$ and
- (ii) $f^* : Ext(C, G) \rightarrow Ext(A, G)$ defined by $f^*([E]) = [Ef]$

are group homomorphisms.

The exact sequences (i) and (ii) of the following proposition establish a closed connection between Hom and Ext in \mathcal{L} .

Proposition 3.2. ([7, Corollary 2.10]) *Let $G \in \mathcal{L}$ and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ be an extension in \mathcal{L} . Then the following sequences are exact:*

- (i) $0 \rightarrow Hom(C, G) \rightarrow Hom(B, G) \rightarrow Hom(A, G) \rightarrow Ext(C, G) \rightarrow Ext(B, G) \rightarrow Ext(A, G) \rightarrow 0$
- (ii) $0 \rightarrow Hom(G, A) \rightarrow Hom(G, B) \rightarrow Hom(G, C) \rightarrow Ext(G, A) \rightarrow Ext(G, B) \rightarrow Ext(G, C) \rightarrow 0$

Lemma 3.3. *Let A be a discrete group such that $Ext_{tfu}(X, A) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Then A is a reduced group such that A/tA is a divisible group.*

Proof. Let A be a discrete group such that $Ext_{tfu}(X, A) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Let D be a divisible subgroup of A and C a connected group. By Proposition 3.2, we have the following exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow Hom(C, A/D) \rightarrow Ext(C, D) \xrightarrow{i_*} Ext(C, A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since C is a connected group and A/D a discrete group, $Hom(C, A/D) = 0$. Hence i_* is injective. By Lemma 2.13, $i_*(Ext_{tfu}(C, D)) \subseteq Ext_{tfu}(C, A) = 0$. So $Ext_{tcf}(C, D) = 0$. By Corollary 2.6, $Ext(C, D) = 0$. Hence $D = 0$ (see [7, Theorem 3.3]). It follows that A is a reduced group. Now, we show that A/tA is a divisible group. By Corollary 2.8, $Pext(\widehat{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}, A) \subseteq Ext_{tfu}(\widehat{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}, A) = 0$. So $Ext(\widehat{\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}}, A/tA) = 0$. Hence A/tA is a divisible group (see the proof of [19, Theorem 2]). \square

Lemma 3.4. *Let G be a compact group such that $Ext_{tfu}(X, G) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $G \cong \mathbb{R}^n \oplus (\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})^\sigma \oplus M$, where n is a positive integer, σ a cardinal number and M is a direct product of finite cyclic groups.*

Proof. Let G be a compact group, C a connected group and $Ext_{tfu}(X, G) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $Ext_{tfu}(C, G) = 0$. Consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow G_0 \xrightarrow{i} G \rightarrow G/G_0 \rightarrow 0$. We have the following exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow Hom(C, G/G_0) \rightarrow Ext(C, G_0) \xrightarrow{i_*} Ext(C, G) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since C is a connected group and G/G_0 a totally disconnected group, $Hom(C, G/G_0) = 0$. So i_* is injective. By Lemma 2.13, $i_*(Ext_{tfu}(C, G_0)) \subseteq Ext_{tcf}(C, G) = 0$. So $Ext_{tfu}(C, G_0) = 0$. By Corollary 2.6, $Ext(C, G_0) = 0$ for all connected groups $C \in \mathcal{L}$. Hence $G_0 \cong (\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})^\sigma \oplus \mathbb{R}^n$ (see [7, Theorem 3.3]). By [7, Corollary 3.4], G_0 splits in G . So $G \cong G_0 \oplus G/G_0$. Set $M = G/G_0$. Then M is a compact totally disconnected group. By Corollary 2.8, $Pext(X, G) \subseteq Ext_{tfu}(X, G) = 0$ for all compact totally disconnected groups X . Since \hat{G}_0 is torsion-free, $0 \rightarrow \hat{M} \rightarrow \hat{G} \rightarrow \hat{G}_0 \rightarrow 0$ is a pure extension. By [4, Theorem 53.7], we have the following exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow Pext(\hat{G}, \hat{X}) \rightarrow Pext(\hat{M}, \hat{X}) \rightarrow 0$$

By [10, Lemma 2.3], $Pext(\hat{G}, \hat{X}) \cong Pext(X, G) = 0$. So $Pext(X, M) \cong Pext(\hat{M}, \hat{X}) = 0$ for all compact totally disconnected groups X . Now, let Y be a compact group. By [5, Proposition 2], we have the following exact sequence

$$0 = Pext(Y/Y_0, M) \rightarrow Pext(Y, M) \rightarrow Pext(Y_0, M) \rightarrow \dots$$

By [3, Theorem 4.2], $Pext(Y_0, M) = 0$. Hence $Pext(Y, M) = 0$ for all compact groups $Y \in \mathcal{L}$. By [4, Proposition 53.4] and [10, Lemma 2.3], \hat{M} is a direct sum of finite cyclic groups. Hence, M is a direct product of finite cyclic groups. □

Lemma 3.5. *Let A be a σ -compact group such that $A^{(1)} = 0$ and C , a divisible group in \mathcal{L} . Then every TFCU extension of A by C splits.*

Proof. Let $E : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$ be a TFCU pure extension. An easy calculation shows that $B = \overline{B^{(1)}} + \phi(A)$. Since $\psi : \overline{B^{(1)}} \rightarrow C$ is a topological isomorphism, $\overline{B^{(1)}} \cap \phi(A) = 0$. Hence, by [6, Corollary 3.2], $B = \overline{B^{(1)}} \oplus \phi(A)$. So E splits. □

Lemma 3.6. *Let A be a discrete, torsion-free group. Then $A \cong A^{(1)} \oplus A/A^{(1)}$.*

Proof. Let A be a discrete, torsion-free group. First, we show that $A/A^{(1)}$ is torsion-free. Let $m(a + A^{(1)}) = 0$ for some positive integer m . Then $ma \in A^{(1)}$. Let n be an arbitrary positive integer. Then $ma = mna_1$ for some $a_1 \in A$. So $a = na_1$ and hence, $a \in A^{(1)}$. An easy calculation shows that $A^{(1)}$ is pure in A . On the other hand, $A^{(1)} \subseteq nA$ for every positive integer n . Hence $A^{(1)}$ is a divisible group. By [4, Theorem 21.1], $A \cong A^{(1)} \oplus A/A^{(1)}$. □

Lemma 3.7. *Let A be a discrete, torsion-free group such that $Ext_{tfu}(A, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $A \cong (\oplus_\sigma \mathbb{Z}) \oplus D$ where D is a discrete, torsion-free and divisible group.*

Proof. Let A be a discrete, torsion-free group such that $Ext_{tfu}(A, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. By Lemma 3.6, $A \cong A^{(1)} \oplus A/A^{(1)}$. By Lemma 2.12, $Ext_{tfu}(A/A^{(1)}, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Hence, $Ext(A/A^{(1)}, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$ (see Corollary 2.9). By [12, Theorem 3.3], $A/A^{(1)} \cong \oplus_\sigma \mathbb{Z}$. □

Lemma 3.8. *Let G be a compact, torsion-free group. Then $Ext_{tfu}(G, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$ if and only if $G = 0$.*

Proof. Let G be a compact, torsion-free group and $Ext_{tfu}(G, X) = 0$ for all groups $X \in \mathcal{L}$. Let X be totally disconnected in \mathcal{L} . Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 = Hom(G_0, X) \rightarrow Ext(G/G_0, X) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} Ext(G, X) \rightarrow \dots$$

By Lemma 2.12, $\pi^*(Ext_{tfu}(G/G_0, X)) \subseteq Ext_{tfu}(G, X) = 0$. So $Ext_{tfu}(G/G_0, X) = 0$. On the other hand, by [13, Lemma 2.4], G/G_0 is torsion-free. So by Corollary 2.8, $Ext(G/G_0, X) = 0$. It follows that $G = G_0$ (see [7, Theorem 3.5]). By Corollary 2.6, $Ext(G, \mathbb{Q}) = 0$ which is a contradiction by [1, Lemma 2.10]. So $G = 0$. □

4 Conclusion remarks

This paper is part of an investigation which answers the following question:

For groups $A, C \in \mathcal{L}$, under what conditions on A and C , an extension of A by C splits? In [2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19] we have been able to answer the above question by defining a new subset or subgroup of $Ext(C, A)$. The concept of splitting of extensions is very important in LCA groups. By this concept, We determined the structure of an LCA group G such that tG is closed [17]. Therefore, the results of this work are variant, significant and so it is interesting and capable to develop its study in the future.

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