G-HAM SANDWICH THEOREMS: HARMONIC ANALYSIS AND MEASURE PARTITIONS

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ABSTRACT. The Ham Sandwich Theorem – any n finite measures on \mathbb{R}^n can be simultaneously bisected by single hyperplane – is the most classical result of equipartition theory, a topic central to geometric and topological combinatorics. We provide group-theoretic generalizations of this result, showing how finite measures can be "G-balanced" by unitary representations of a compact Lie group G. For abelian groups, such G-Ham Sandwich Theorems have an equivalent interpretation in terms of vanishing Fourier transforms. In the finite cases, these yield (equi-)partitions by families of complex regular q-fans of varying q, analogues of the famous Grünabum problem on equipartitions by families of hyperplanes (i.e., regular 2-fans). For the torus groups T^k , one has center transversal theorems in an L^2 -sense for families of complex hyperplanes, similar in spirit to the center-point theorem of Rado.