

## On a Question of Ross and Stromberg

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**Abstract.** A topological group  $G$  is said an [AFG]-group if  $G$  contains an increasing sequence of finite subgroups having dense union. In this paper it is proved that the identity component  $G_0$  of a locally compact [AFG]-group  $G$  is a pro-torus. This partially answers an old open question posed by Ross and Stromberg in Pacific J. Math., **20** (1967), 135–147. Other results included in this paper give a necessary and sufficient condition for an almost connected Lie group to be an [AFG]-group.

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### 1. Introduction and main results

In 1967, K. Ross and K. Stromberg ([13, page 145]) posed the following open question.

**Question** (K. Ross and K. Stromberg, 1967). When does a locally compact group contain an increasing sequence of finite subgroups with dense union?

We call a group of the form  $\mathbb{T}^k = \mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k = (\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})^k$  a *torus*. A *pro-torus* is a compact connected abelian group. In this paper, we shall prove the following theorem, which will provide a partial answer to Question 1.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. If  $G$  contains an increasing sequence of finite subgroups with dense union, then the identity component  $G_0$  of  $G$  is a pro-torus and  $G$  is a union of compact subgroups.*

As an immediate consequence, we have the following.

**Corollary.** *If  $G$  is a connected locally compact group which contains an increasing sequence of finite subgroups with dense union, then  $G$  is a pro-torus.*

Also included in this paper is the following theorem which gives a complete answer to Question 1 for Lie groups with finitely many connected components.

**Theorem B.** *Let  $G$  be a Lie group of dimension  $k$  with finitely many connected components. Then the following two conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *The group  $G$  contains an increasing sequence of finite subgroups with dense union;*
- (2) *there is a finite subgroup  $F$  of  $G$  such that  $G = G_0F$  and  $G_0 \cong \mathbb{T}^k$  for some  $k$ .*

## 2. Background

This section is devoted to setting up some notation, primarily from [7], and to establish a few more or less well-known results that we shall need.

### 2.1. Periodic elements.

Let  $G$  be a topological group. An element  $x$  of  $G$  is called periodic (or compact) if  $x$  is contained in a compact subgroup of  $G$ . We denote by  $\text{comp}(G)$  the set of all periodic elements of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.1** (Periodic group). A topological group  $G$  is called *periodic* if  $\text{comp}(G) = G$ .

A *clopen set* in a topological space is a set which is both open and closed.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact totally disconnected group. Then  $\text{comp}(G)$  is a clopen subset of  $G$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 2 of [19],  $\text{comp}(G)$  is a closed subset of  $G$ . On the other hand, as every compact subgroup of a totally disconnected locally compact group is contained in an open compact subgroup ([18, Lemma 7]),  $\text{comp}(G)$  is open in  $G$ . ■

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group such that the identity component  $G_0$  is compact. Then  $\text{comp}(G)$  is a clopen subset of  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $G_0$  is compact, the canonical projection  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/G_0$  is proper ([15, Lemma 32.8]); that is, for each compact subset  $C$  of  $G/G_0$  the inverse image  $\pi^{-1}(C)$  is compact. Then it is easy to verify that

$$\text{comp}(G) = \pi^{-1}(\text{comp}(G/G_0)).$$

As the quotient group  $G/G_0$  is totally disconnected, the desired result follows from the continuity of  $\pi$  and Theorem 2.2. ■

**Remark 2.4.** We recall that the identity component  $G_0$  of a locally compact group  $G$  is compact if and only if  $G$  contains a compact open subgroup.

## 2.2. Pro-Lie groups.

The following definitions are introduced in [7, page 148-149].

**Definition 2.5** (Co-Lie group). A subgroup  $N$  of a topological group  $G$  is called a *co-Lie subgroup* if it is normal and  $G/N$  is a Lie group.

For a topological group  $G$ , let  $\mathcal{N}(G)$  be the set of all co-Lie subgroups. We say that a topological group  $G$  *has arbitrarily small co-Lie subgroups if every identity neighborhood of  $G$  contains a member of  $\mathcal{N}(G)$ .*

**Definition 2.6** (Pro-Lie group). A topological group  $G$  is called a *pro-Lie group* if it is complete and has arbitrarily small co-Lie subgroups.

A topological group  $G$  is said to be *almost connected* if the factor group  $G/G_0$  is compact. The following theorem is proved in [20].

**Theorem 2.7** (Yamabe's Theorem). *Every almost connected locally compact topological group is a pro-Lie group.*

It is often unful to express this in a seemingly stronger form:

**Theorem 2.8** (Gleason-Yamabe Theorem, stronger version). *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. Then there exists an open sub-group  $H$  of  $G$  such that, for any open neighborhood  $U$  of the identity in  $H$ , there exists a compact normal subgroup  $K$  of  $H$  in  $U$  such that  $H/K$  is isomorphic to a Lie group.*

## 2.3. Chabauty topology.

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group and  $\mathbf{SUB}(G)$  the hyperspace of all closed subgroups of  $G$ . The *Chabauty topology* on  $\mathbf{SUB}(G)$  has the sets

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_1(K) &= \{H \in \mathbf{SUB}(G) \mid H \cap K = \emptyset\}, \\ \mathcal{O}_2(V) &= \{H \in \mathbf{SUB}(G) \mid H \cap V \neq \emptyset\},\end{aligned}$$

as an open subbase, where  $V$  and  $K$  run, respectively, over all open and compact subsets of  $G$ .

The hyperspace  $\mathbf{SUB}(G)$  endowed with the Chabauty topology is called the *Chabauty space* of the group  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** *In  $\mathbf{SUB}(G)$ , a basis of neighborhoods of a closed subgroup  $H_0$  is given by*

$$\mathcal{V}[K, U; H_0] = \{H \in \mathbf{SUB}(G) \mid H \cap K \subset H_0 U, H_0 \cap K \subset H U\},$$

where  $U$  and  $K$  run, respectively, over all open neighborhoods of  $e$  and compact subsets of  $G$ .

The following well-known result can be found in [2, Théorème 1, page 181] (see also [1, Lemma E.1.1]).

**Proposition 2.10.** *The Chabauty space of a locally compact group is compact.*

#### 2.4. Discrete approximation.

Recall the following definition, which first appeared in [16, page 36].

**Definition 2.11.** A locally compact group  $G$  is said to be *approximated by discrete subgroups*, if there is a sequence of discrete subgroups  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $G$  satisfying the condition that for any nonempty open set  $O$  of  $G$ , there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $O \cap H_n \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $n \geq k$ .

The following theorem was proved by H. Tôyama in the case when the group  $G$  is a compact connected Lie group ([16, Theorem 2]), and extended independently by M. Kuranishi ([11, Corollary, page 64]) and S. P. Wang ([17, Theorem 2]) for the case of Lie groups.

**Theorem 2.12** (The Tôyama-Kuranishi-Wang Theorem). *Let  $G$  be a Lie group. If  $G$  is approximated by discrete subgroups, then the identity component  $G_0$  is nilpotent.*

The following generalization of the Tôyama-Kuranishi-Wang theorem has recently been presented in [5].

**Theorem 2.13** (Generalized Tôyama-Kuranishi-Wang Theorem). *Let  $G$  be a pro-Lie group. If  $G$  is approximated by discrete subgroups, then the identity component  $G_0$  is nilpotent.*

Further results on discrete approximation can be found in [16, 11, 17, 4, 5].

### 3. Local systems

The following definition is adapted from [10, page 8].

**Definition 3.1** (Local system). Let  $G$  be a topological group. An increasing sequence  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of finite subgroups of  $G$  such that  $G = \overline{\bigcup_{n \geq 0} H_n}$  is called a *local system of  $G$* .

Let us define the class [AFG] as the class of topological groups  $G$  admitting a local system. A topological group belonging to the class [AFG] will often be called [AFG]-*group*. The class [AFG] contains for instance the class of discretely topologized finite groups.

The terminology AFG ("approximable by finite subgroups") is justified by the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an increasing sequence of closed subgroups of a locally compact group  $G$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $G = \overline{\bigcup_{n \geq 0} H_n}$ ;

- (2) the sequence  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $G$  in the Chabauty topology;
- (3) the group  $G$  is approximated by the subgroups  $H_n$ .

The proof is straightforward with the use of the definition of the Chabauty topology and Definition 2.11.

**Example 3.3.** The torus  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  has a local system

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z} \leq \dots \leq \frac{1}{2^n}\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z} \leq \dots .$$

**Example 3.4.** The group  $O_2(\mathbb{R})$  of orthogonal transformations of the plane has a local system  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , where  $H_n$  is the dihedral group  $D_{2^n}$ .

We collect some simple properties of the class [AFG].

**Lemma 3.5.** *If  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a morphism of locally compact groups, and if  $G_1$  has a local system  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , then  $(f(H_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local system of  $f(G_1)$ .*

The proof is immediate from the definitions.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $(G_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a countable family of [AFG]-groups. For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $(A_n^{(i)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a local system of  $G_i$ . Then  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local system of  $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} G_i$ , where*

$$H_n = \prod_{i=0}^n A_n^{(i)} \times \prod_{i \geq n+1} \{e\}.$$

**Proof.** To prove the lemma, it suffices to show that the sequence  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has dense union in  $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} G_i$ . Let  $O = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} O_i$  be a non-empty elementary set. We have  $O_i = G_i$ , except for indices  $i$  belonging to a finite subset  $J$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ . For each  $i \in J$ , as  $(A_n^{(i)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has dense union in  $G_i$ , there exists  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $O_i \cap A_{n_i}^{(i)} \neq \emptyset$ . Let

$$m = \max \{ \max(J), n_i \mid i \in J \}.$$

It is clear that  $H_m \cap O \neq \emptyset$ . ■

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $(H_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a local system of a locally compact group  $G$  and  $A$  an open subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $(H_n \cap A)_{n \geq 0}$  is a local system of  $A$ .*

The proof is clear.

We summarize the above results as follows:

**Proposition 3.8.** *The class [AFG] is closed under forming open subgroups, continuous homomorphic images and countable direct products.*

The following result will be used in Section 5.

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact topological group such that  $G = G_1G_2$  for two closed subgroups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . If  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  (resp.  $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ) is a local system of  $G_1$  (resp. of  $G_2$ ) and if, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A_nB_n$  is a subgroup of  $G$  then  $(A_nB_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local system of  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Since the sequences  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are increasing then we have

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_nB_n = \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \right) \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \right).$$

On the other hand, as

$$\left( \overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n} \right) \left( \overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n} \right) \subset \overline{\left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \right) \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \right)}$$

then

$$\overline{\left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \right) \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \right)} = G$$

and therefore

$$\overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_nB_n} = G,$$

which is the desired conclusion. ■

Recall the following definition ([10]).

**Definition 3.10** (Locally finite group). A group  $G$  is said to be *locally finite* if every finite subset of  $G$  generates a finite subgroup.

**Proposition 3.11.** *A discrete group  $G$  belongs to [AFG] if and only if it is countable locally finite group.*

**Proof.** See [10, Lemma 1.A.9]. ■

**Remark 3.12.** Let us note that a locally compact group is an [AFG]-group if and only if it contains a dense countable locally finite subgroup.

From the given circumstances, the following result clear.

**Lemma 3.13.** *For every [AFG]-group  $G$ , the set  $\text{comp}(G)$  is dense in  $G$ .*

#### 4. Locally compact abelian groups

The torsion subgroup of an abelian group  $G$  is denoted by  $\text{tor}(G)$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact abelian group with dense torsion subgroup. Then the following holds*

- (1)  $\text{comp}(G) = G$ .
- (2)  $G$  contains a compact open subgroup  $U$  with the following properties:
  - (a)  $G/U$  is a torsion group.
  - (b)  $U = \overline{\text{tor}(U)}$ .

For a proof of the next result see [8], Corollary 8.9 (ii).

**Proposition 4.2.** *A compact abelian group has a dense torsion group if and only if its discrete character group has no divisible elements.*

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $G$  be a compact connected abelian group. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\overline{\text{tor}(G)} = G$ ;
- (2)  $\widehat{G}$  is a torsion free group not having a direct summand  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;
- (3)  $G$  does not have a direct factor isomorphic to  $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}}$ ;
- (3)  $G$  does not have a torsionfree direct factor.

For a topological group  $G$  we shall write  $G_d$  for the underlying group endowed with the discrete topology. We note that

(A)  $G = \overline{\text{tor}(G)}$

is equivalent to

- (B) In the category of locally compact abelian groups there is an injective morphism  $f : \text{tor}(G)_d \rightarrow G$  with dense image; that is,  $f$  is a monic epic morphism.

Dually, this means that

(C) We have a monic epic morphism  $\widehat{f} : \widehat{G} \rightarrow (\text{tor}(G)_d)^\wedge$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact abelian group.*

- (1) *The group  $G$  is profinite if and only if its character group  $\widehat{G}$  is a discrete torsion group.*
- (2) *The group  $G$  is metric profinite if and only if its character group  $\widehat{G}$  is a countable torsion group.*

**Proof.** (1) See [8], Corollary 8.5 (a)  $\iff$  (c).

(2) See [8, Theorem 7.76 (ii)]; see also [8, Theorem A4.16]. ■

**Proposition 4.5.** *A locally compact abelian group  $G$  is an [AFG]-group if its dual  $\widehat{G}$  can be densely injected into a metric profinite abelian group  $M$ .*

The converse of Proposition 4.5 is not true in general as seen in the following example. Let  $\mathbb{Z}(2)$  be the two elements group. The group  $G = \mathbb{Z}(2)^{\mathfrak{c}}$  ( $\mathfrak{c}$  is the cardinality of the continuum) is an [AFG]-group but its character group is not metric.

Let  $A$  be any LCA group. Its universal compactification is  $\alpha(A) = \widehat{\widehat{A}}_d$ , and its universal zero-dimensional compactification is

$$\alpha_0(A) = \alpha(A)/\alpha(A)_0 \cong \text{tor}(\widehat{A}_d)^\wedge.$$

This we apply with  $A = \widehat{G}$ , and so  $G = \widehat{A}$  by duality. Therefore

$$\alpha_0(\widehat{G}) \cong \text{tor}(G_d)^\wedge.$$

This profinite group is metric if and only if  $\text{tor}(G_d) = \text{tor}(G)_d$  is countable. Thus we summarize

*Any discrete torsion group  $T$  is densely injected into the profinite group  $\alpha_0(T)$ . The weight of  $\alpha_0(T)$  is  $\mathfrak{c}$ , the cardinality of the continuum, and  $\alpha_0(T)$  is, therefore, not metric.*

**Example 4.6.** The set of all primes is denoted by  $\mathbb{P}$ . For a prime  $p$  we denote by  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  the group of  $p$ -adic integers. The profinite group

$$\mathbb{Z}^* = \alpha_0(\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^\wedge \cong \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathbb{Z}_p$$

is metric and its underlying abelian group has torsion free rank  $\mathfrak{c}$ . Thus, if  $A = (\mathbb{Z}^*)_d$  then  $G = \widehat{A}$  is a compact connected [AFG]-group whose weight has continuum cardinality  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

**Example 4.7.** Since the rank of the torsion free group  $A$  of Example 4.6 is  $\mathfrak{c}$ , it contains a copy of the free abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}^{(\mathfrak{c})}$  of continuum rank. The dual of this group is the torus  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}}$  of dimension continuum. Its character group is densely injected into a metric profinite group and therefore

$$\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}} \text{ is an [AFG]-group.}$$

The following example shows that the class [AFG] is not closed under forming closed subgroups.

**Example 4.8.** The character group  $H$  of the discrete group  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a compact connected torsion free group (see [8, Corollary 8.5]) and thus is guaranteed to fail to be an [AFG]-group. On the other hand, in the category of abelian groups there is a quotient morphism  $q : \mathbb{Z}^{(\mathbb{N})} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  from the free abelian group in countably many generators  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $q(e_n) = \frac{1}{n}$  (cf. [8, Proposition A1.8]).

Let  $G$  denote the character group of  $\mathbb{Z}^{(\mathbb{N})}$  which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then by duality,  $\widehat{q} : H \rightarrow G$  is an embedding. So the [AFG]-group  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathbb{N}}$  has a closed subgroup which is not an [AFG]-group.

We close this section with the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.9.** *The class [AFG] contains the class of compact abelian Lie groups.*

**Proof.** This follows from the fact that a compact abelian Lie group is of the form  $\mathbb{T}^n \times F$  with a finite abelian group  $F$  and Lemma 3.6. ■

## 5. Main results

We begin by recording the following result, due to S. P. Wang ([17, Lemma 5.7]), which will be crucial to our argument.

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $G$  be a compactly generated locally compact group, and  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence of subgroups of  $G$  converging to a closed subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  with  $G/H$  compact. Then there is a compact subset  $K$  such that  $G = KH_n$  for a large  $n$ .*

This has the following immediate consequence.

**Proposition 5.2.** *Every compactly generated locally compact [AFG]-group is compact.*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a compactly generated locally compact [AFG]-group and  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a local system of  $G$ . As the sequence  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $G$  in the Chabauty topology, then by Proposition 5.1 there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = KH_n$  for large  $n$ . ■

Since every connected locally compact group is compactly generated, we have the following consequence:

**Corollary 5.3.** *Every connected locally compact [AFG]-group is compact.*

A topological space is called  $\sigma$ -compact if it is a countable union of compact subsets. It is known that every locally compact  $\sigma$ -compact group  $G$  contains an increasing sequence  $A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_n \leq A_{n+1} \leq \dots$  of compactly generated open subgroups of  $G$  such that  $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} A_n = G$ . Thus, we obtain:

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact  $\sigma$ -compact [AFG]-group. Then there exists an increasing sequence  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of compact open subgroups of  $G$  such that*

$$\bigcup_{n \geq 0} A_n = G.$$

**Theorem 5.5.** *Every connected locally compact [AFG]-group is a pro-torus.*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a connected locally compact [AFG]-group. By hypothesis there exists an increasing sequence  $(H_n)_{n \geq 0}$  of finite subgroups of  $G$  such that  $G = \overline{\bigcup_{n \geq 0} H_n}$ . It is clear that the group  $G$  is approximable by the discrete subgroups  $(H_n)_{n \geq 0}$  (Proposition 3.2). Then, by Theorem 2.13 the group  $G$  is nilpotent. By Corollary 5.3,  $G$  is compact. But a connected compact nilpotent group is abelian ([8], Proposition 9.4, page 450). ■

This theorem has several direct and important consequences.

**Corollary 5.6.** *Let  $G$  be a Lie group. If  $G$  is a [AFG]-group then the identity component  $G_0$  is a torus.*

**Proof.** As  $G_0$  is open in  $G$  then  $G_0$  is a [AFG]-group (Lemma 3.7). Using Theorem 5.5 we deduce the desired result. ■

**Corollary 5.7.** *Let  $G$  be a Lie group. If  $G$  is a [AFG]-group then  $G$  is a (torus)-by-(countable locally finite).*

**Proof.** By Corollary 5.5 we have  $G_0$  is a torus. On the other hand, as every Lie group is discrete modulo its identity component, then the result follows from Lemma 3.5 and Proposition 3.11. ■

For Lie groups with finitely many connected components, we have the following characterization.

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $G$  be an almost connected Lie group of dimension  $k$ . The following two conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *The group  $G$  is a [AFG]-group;*
- (2) *there is a finite subgroup  $F$  of  $G$  such that  $G = G_0F$ ,  $G_0 \cong \mathbb{T}^k$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a local system of  $G$  and let  $p : G \rightarrow G/G_0$  be the canonical projection. We have

$$G/G_0 = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p(H_n).$$

As  $G/G_0$  is finite then  $G/G_0 = p(H_m)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and therefore  $G = G_0H_m$ . On the other hand, by Corollary 5.7 we have  $G_0 \cong \mathbb{T}^k$ . This show (1)  $\implies$  (2). To prove the converse, we first observe that  $G_0 = \mathbb{T}^k$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $A_n = \frac{1}{2^n} \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}$  and  $H_n = A_n^k = A_n \times \cdots \times A_n$ . Then by Lemma 3.6,  $(H_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local system of  $G_0$ . On the other hand, it is easy to see that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $H_n$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $G_0$ , because  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{T}^k) = \text{GL}(k, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H_n$  is normal in  $G$ . Finally, by Proposition 3.9, we have  $(H_nF)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local system of  $G$ , which completes the proof. ■

**Proposition 5.9.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact pro-Lie group. If  $G$  is a [AFG]-group then the identity component  $G_0$  is a pro-torus.*

**Proof.** Using Proposition 2.4 of [6] (see also [7]), every locally compact pro-Lie group  $G$  gives rise to a strong projective system

$$\{p_{NM} : G/M \longrightarrow G/N \mid (M, N) \in \mathcal{N}_c(G) \times \mathcal{N}_c(G), N \leq M\}$$

whose projective limit is isomorphic to  $G$ , where

$$\mathcal{N}_c(G) = \{N \in \mathcal{N}(G) \mid N \text{ is a compact subgroup of } G\}.$$

Let

$$G = \varprojlim_{N \in \mathcal{N}_c(G)} G/N.$$

For every  $N \in \mathcal{N}_c(G)$ , let  $(G/N)_0$  be the identity component of the group  $G/N$ . By Proposition 4 of [3, page 292], we have

$$G_0 = \varprojlim_{N \in \mathcal{N}_c(G)} (G/N)_0.$$

On the other hand, by Proposition 3.8, the Lie group  $G/N$  is a [AFG]-group. By Corollary 5.7, the identity component  $(G/N)_0$  is a torus. By Theorem 6.1.20 of [14] the group  $G_0$  is a pro-torus. ■

The following is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact [AFG]-group. Then the identity component  $G_0$  is a pro-torus. Moreover,  $G$  is periodic.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.8, the group  $G$  contains an open subgroup  $H$  such that  $H$  is a pro-Lie group. By Proposition 3.8,  $H$  is a [AFG]-group and therefore the identity component  $H_0$  is a pro-torus. On the other hand, it is clear that  $G_0 = H_0$ . Finally, the periodicity of the group  $G$  follows Lemma 3.13 and Corollary 2.3. ■

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