

According to the classical Skitovich-Darmois theorem the Gaussian distribution is characterized by the independence of two linear form ([2]). Heyde proved a closely related result where a condition of the independence of linear forms is replaced by the condition of the symmetry of one form given another ([1])

Large number of researches is devoted some analogs both the Skitovich-Darmois theorem and proved earlier the Bernstein theorem for different algebraic structures (see e.g. [3] where one can find some references).

Let  $X$  be a locally compact Abelian separable group,  $\text{Aut}(X)$  be the set of topological automorphisms of  $X$ ,  $\xi_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  be independent random variables taking on values in  $X$  and with distributions  $\mu_j$ . Consider  $L_1 = \alpha_1 \xi_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \xi_n$  and  $L_2 = \beta_1 \xi_1 + \dots + \beta_n \xi_n$ , where  $\alpha_j, \beta_j \in \text{Aut}(X)$  such that  $\beta_i \alpha_i^{-1} \pm \beta_j \alpha_j^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(X)$  for all  $i \neq j$  and assume that the conditional distribution of  $L_2$  given  $L_1$  is symmetric. In the talk we give a solution in the class of finite Abelian groups  $X$  the following

Problem. To give the complete description of distributions  $\mu_j$  of independent random variables  $\xi_j$  taking on values in  $X$  such that the conditional distribution of  $L_2$  given  $L_1$  is symmetric.

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