

DIAGONALIZATION OF A SELF-ADJOINT OPERATOR ACTING ON A HILBERT MODULE

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ABSTRACT. For each bounded self-adjoint operator T on a Hilbert module H over an H^* -algebra A there exists a locally compact space M and a certain A -valued measure μ such that H is isomorphic to $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ and T corresponds to a multiplication with a continuous function. There is a similar result for a commuting family of normal operators. A consequence for this result is a representation theorem for generalized stationary processes.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

The diagonalization theorem states that for each bounded self-adjoint linear operator T acting on a Hilbert space H there exists a measure space (S, μ) and a real valued measurable function $h(s)$ such that H is isomorphic to $L^2(S, \mu)$ and T corresponds to the multiplication with $h(s)$. Furthermore, the space (S, μ) could be selected in such a way that there is a Hausdorff topology on S with respect to which $h(s)$ is continuous, S is locally compact and which makes μ a regular Borel measure. In this note we shall give a suitable generalization of this fact.

The situation is somewhat more complex in our case. The space $L^2(S, \mu)$ needs to be replaced by the tensor product $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$, which is less manageable. This space is properly defined below.

2. PRELIMINARIES.

Let A be a proper H^* -algebra (Ambrose [1]) and let $\tau A = \{xy \mid x, y \in A\}$ be its trace-class (Saworotnow and Friedell [2]); let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space and let μ be a positive τA -valued Borel measure on X . The last statement means that μ is defined on the class β of all Borel subsets Δ of X having the property that $\Delta \subset Q$ for some compact set Q , and μ is such that $(\mu(\Delta)x, x) \geq 0$ for all $\Delta \in \beta$ and each $x \in A$. Members of β will be called bounded Borel sets (a bounded Borel set is a Borel set included in a compact set). Note that the scalar-valued function $m_\Delta = \tau \mu \Delta, \Delta \in \beta$, is an ordinary Borel measure on X ; it coincides with the total variation $|\mu|$ (Definition in 111.1.4 of Dunford and Schwartz [3]) of μ .

Let $S(X)$ and $S(X,A)$ be respectively the classes of all complex-valued and A -valued simple functions of X . One can define the integrals for members $\psi(x) = \sum_i \lambda_i \phi_{\Delta_i}(x)$ and $\xi(x) = \sum_i a_i \phi_{\Delta_i}(x)$ ($\Delta_i \in \beta$, $a_i \in A$ and λ_i 's are complex numbers) of $S(X)$ and $S(X,A)$ in the usual way by setting

$$\int \psi d\mu = \sum \lambda_i \mu \Delta_i \text{ and } \int \xi d\mu = \sum a_i \mu \Delta_i \tag{2.1}$$

and then extending it to larger classes using the norms

$$\|\psi\| = \int |\psi| d\mu = \sum |\lambda_i| \mu \Delta_i \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$\|\xi\| = \sum \|a_i\| \mu \Delta_i. \tag{2.3}$$

Let $L(X)$ and $B(X,A)$ denote respectively the classes of those functions to which the integrals are extendable in this fashion. (Note that $S(X)$ is dense in $L(X)$ and $S(X,A)$ is dense in $B(X,A)$).

Then it is easy to see that

$$r \int \psi d\mu \leq \|\psi\| \text{ and } r \int \xi d\mu \leq \|\xi\| \tag{2.4}$$

hold for all $\psi \in L(X)$ and $\xi \in B(X,A)$. (For a discussion of integrals of this type we refer the reader to Bogdanowicz [4]).

LEMMA 1. If $a \in A$ and either $\psi \in L(X)$ or $\psi \in B(X,A)$, then $a\psi \in B(X,A)$ and $\int a\psi d\mu = a \int \psi d\mu$. If $\psi \in S(X,A)$ and $\psi \geq 0$ m -almost everywhere then $\text{tr} \int \psi d\mu \geq 0$.

PROOF. The first assertion is easy to verify. Let ψ be a simple function such that " $\psi(x) \geq 0$ " holds outside of some set $\Delta \in \beta$ with $m\Delta = \text{tr} \mu \Delta = 0$. Then ψ can be represented in the form $\psi = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_{\Delta_i}$ with $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_n$ disjoint ($\Delta_i \in \beta$) and $a_i \geq 0$ for each i for which " $m\Delta_i = r(\mu \Delta_i) = \text{tr}(\mu \Delta_i) > 0$ " holds. Then $\text{tr} \int \psi d\mu = \text{tr} \sum_i a_i \mu \Delta_i = \sum_i \text{tr}(a_i \mu \Delta_i) = \sum_i \text{tr} \sqrt{\mu \Delta_i} a_i \sqrt{\mu \Delta_i} \geq 0$.

Let $L^2(\mu) = \{f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is } m\text{-measurable and } \int |f|^2 d\mu < \infty\}$ ($m = \text{tr} \mu$) be the set of all square m -measurable complex-valued functions. Then there is a rA -valued inner product

$$[\psi_1, \psi_2] = \int \bar{\psi}_1 \psi_2 d\mu \tag{2.5}$$

defined on $L^2(\mu)$ such that $(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \text{tr}[\psi_2, \psi_1] = \int \bar{\psi}_2 \psi_1 d\mu$ is an ordinary scalar product on $L^2(\mu)$ making $L^2(\mu)$ a Hilbert space.

LEMMA 2. Let $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n \in L^2(\mu)$ and let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$. Then

$$\text{tr} \sum_{i,j} a_i^* \int \bar{\psi}_i \psi_j d\mu a_j \geq 0 \tag{2.6}$$

PROOF. Let $n(\psi)$ denote the norm on $L^2(\mu)$: $n(\psi)^2 = (\psi, \psi) = \int |\psi|^2 d\mu$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary; let $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n \in S(X)$ be such that $n(\psi_i - \eta_i) < \epsilon$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then

$$\left| \text{tr} \sum a_i^* \int \bar{\psi}_i \psi_j d\mu a_j - \text{tr} \sum a_i^* \int \bar{\eta}_i \eta_j d\mu a_j \right| =$$

$$\left| \text{tr}(a_j a_i^* \int (\bar{\psi}_i \psi_j - \bar{\eta}_i \eta_j) d\mu) \right| \leq \sum r(a_j a_i^*) r(\int (\bar{\psi}_i \psi_j - \bar{\eta}_i \eta_j) d\mu) \leq .$$

$$\sum \left\| a_j \right\| \cdot \left\| a_i^* \right\| \left\| \int (\bar{\psi}_i \psi_j - \bar{\eta}_i \eta_j) d\mu \right\| \leq \sum \left\| a_j \right\| \cdot \left\| a_i^* \right\| \left(\int |\bar{\psi}_i - \bar{\eta}_i| |\psi_j - \eta_j| d\mu + \int |\bar{\psi}_i - \bar{\eta}_i| |\eta_j| d\mu \right) \leq$$

$$\sum \left\| a_i \right\| \cdot \left\| a_j^* \right\| (n(\psi_i) \cdot n(\psi_j - \eta_j) + n(\psi_i - \eta_i) \cdot n(\eta_j)) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon (2n(\psi_i) + \epsilon) \left\| a_i \right\| \cdot \left\| a_j^* \right\|$$

and the last sum can be made arbitrarily small by selecting ϵ small enough. On the other hand one can see that

$$\text{tr}(\sum_{i,j} a_i^* \int \bar{\eta}_i \eta_j d\mu a_j) = \text{tr} \int (\sum_j a_j \eta_j) (\sum_i a_i^* \eta_i)^* d\mu \geq 0 \tag{2.7}$$

since $(\sum_j a_j \eta_j)(\sum_i a_i \eta_i)^*$ is positive and simple. Hence $\text{tr} \sum a_i^* \int \bar{\psi}_i \psi_j d\mu a_j \geq 0$.

COROLLARY. The expression $z = \sum_{i,j} (a_i^* \int \bar{\psi}_i \psi_j d\mu a_j)$ is a positive member of rA .

PROOF. Note that the expression $(za, a) = \text{tr}(a^*za)$ is of the same form as $\text{tr}z$. Hence $(za, a) \geq 0$ for each $a \in A$.

Now consider the space K of all tensors $f = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \otimes a_i$ with $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n \in L^2(\mu)$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$. Define the positive form $[f, g]$ on K by setting

$$[f, g] = \sum_{i,j} a_i^* (\int \bar{\psi}_i \eta_j d\mu) b_j \tag{2.8}$$

(here $g = \sum_j \eta_j \otimes b_j$). Let $\mathcal{N} = \{f \in K : [f, f] = 0\}$, $K' = K/\mathcal{N}$; we define $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ to be the completion of K' with respect to the norm $\|f\| = \sqrt{r[f, f]}$ (modulo the set \mathcal{N}). It is not difficult to see that $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ is a Hilbert module.

Let h be a bounded continuous real valued function on X . Define the operator T_h on $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ by setting

$$T_h(f) = T_h(\sum \psi_i \otimes a_i) = \sum (\psi_i h) \otimes a_i \tag{2.9}$$

Then T_h is a bounded self-adjoint (in the sense that $[T_h(f), g] = [f, T_h(g)]$ holds). Also T_h is A -linear (additive and A -homogeneous in the sense that $T_h(fa) = T_h(f)a$ for all $f \in L^2(\mu) \otimes A$, $a \in A$).

The fact that T_h is bounded (in the sense that $\|T_h(f)\| \leq M \|f\|$ holds for some M) can be verified directly, using §10 of Naimark [5]. Let $f = \sum_i \psi_i \otimes a_i$ be a fixed member of K . Consider the positive linear functional

$$p(y) = \text{tr}[f, Ty(f)] = \text{tr} \sum a_i^* \int \bar{\psi}_i y \psi_j d\mu a_j \tag{2.10}$$

on the space $BC(X)$ of all bounded continuous (complex) functions on X . It follows from the proposition I in subsection 4 of §10 in Naimark [5] that $p(h^*h) \leq$

$$\|h^*h\|_\infty p(e) = \|h\|_\infty^2 p(e). \text{ Thus:}$$

$$\|T_h(f)\|^2 = \text{tr}[T_h(f), T_h(f)] = \text{tr}[f, T_{h^*h}(f)] = p(h^*h) \leq \|h\|_\infty^2 p(e) =$$

$$\|h\|_\infty^2 \text{tr}[f, f] = \|h\|_\infty^2 \|f\|^2. \tag{2.11}$$

We also see that $\|T_h\| \leq \|h\|_\infty$. It turns out that each bounded self-adjoint A -linear operator is of the form T_h described above.

3. MAIN RESULTS.

Definition. An A -linear operator T on a Hilbert module H is said to be cyclic if there exists $f_0 \in H$ such that the set $\{\sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_k T^k(f_0) a_k : a_k \in A, \lambda_k \text{ complex}\}$ is dense in H (we assume that $T^0(f_0) = If_0 = f_0$).

THEOREM 1. For each bounded A -linear self-adjoint operator T on a Hilbert module H there exists a locally compact Hausdorff space X , a rA -valued positive regular measure μ defined on the class β of bounded (dominated by compact sets) Borel subsets of X and a bounded continuous real valued function h on X such that H is isometrically isomorphic to $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ and T corresponds to the operator T_h (described above) acting on $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$. If T is cyclic, then X is homeomorphic to the compact subset of the real line.

PROOF. Let B be the commutative B^* -algebra generated by T and the identity operator I (note that each member of B is A -linear). Let \mathcal{M} be the set of maximal ideals of B , let r be the standard Gelfand topology on \mathcal{M} and let $S \rightarrow S(\mathcal{M})$ be the Gelfand map of B into the continuous complex functions on \mathcal{M} . Note that \mathcal{M} is homeomorphic to the spectrum of T , which is a compact subset of the real line. We consider 2 cases.

CASE I. First assume that there exists $f_0 \in H$ such that the set

$$H^1 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n S_i(f_0) a_i : S_i \in B, a_i \in A \right\} \tag{3.1}$$

is dense in H (this is equivalent to the statement that T is cyclic).

Let β be the class of all Borel subsets of \mathcal{M} (each $\Delta \in \beta$ is bounded since \mathcal{M} is compact) and let $\Delta \rightarrow P_\Delta$ be a spectral measure on β (§17, Proposition II in subsection 4 of Naimark [5]) such that $S = \int_{\mathcal{M}} S(M) dP_M$. Note that each P_Δ is A -linear since it commutes with linear maps $f \rightarrow fa (a \in A)$ (which commute with all $S \in B$). Then map

$$\Delta \rightarrow \mu_\Delta = [f_0, P_\Delta f_0] \tag{3.2}$$

is a rA -valued positive measure on β , and for each $S \in B$ we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} S(M) d\mu(M) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} S(M) d[f_0, P_M f_0] = [f_0, \int_{\mathcal{M}} S(M) dP_M] = [f_0, S f_0] \tag{3.3}$$

(here, as above, $[\ , \]$ denotes the generalized inner product on H). In this case we can take $X = \mathcal{M}$. The correspondence

$$S f_0 \longleftrightarrow S(M) \tag{3.4}$$

is a (linear) isomorphism between the linear subspace $K = \left\{ S f_0 \mid S \in B \right\}$ of H and $C(X) = C(\mathcal{M})$. This correspondence can be extended in the obvious way to the isomorphism between the closure of K and the Hilbert space $L^2(\mu)$. The rA -valued inner product is also preserved by this correspondence: if $S_1, S_2 \in B$ then

$$[S_1 f_0, S_2 f_0] = [f_0, S_1^* S_2 f_0] = \int \bar{S}_1(M) S_2(M) d\mu(M) \tag{3.5}$$

We extend this isomorphism to a correspondence between H^1 and a dense subset of $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ by setting

$$\sum_k S_k(f_0) a_k \longleftrightarrow \sum_k S_k(M) \otimes a_k \tag{3.6}$$

This correspondence also preserves the (vector) inner product: if $f = \sum S_k(f_0) a_k$ and $g = \sum Q_i(f_0) b_i$, then

$$[f, g] = \sum_{k,i} a_k^* [S_k(f_0), Q_i(f_0)] b_i = \sum_{k,i} a_k^* \int \bar{S}_k(M) Q_i(M) d\mu b_i \tag{3.7}$$

We extend it to an isomorphism between H and $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$. It is easy to check that T corresponds to the operator T_h of multiplication with function $h(M) = T(M)$:

$$T(\sum_k S_k(f_0) a_k) = \sum_k T S_k(f_0) a_k \longleftrightarrow \sum_k T(M) S_k(M) \otimes a_k \tag{3.8}$$

The function h is real valued since $T^* = T$, and $\|h\|_\infty \leq \|T\|$.

Note also that in this case \mathcal{M} is homeomorphic to the spectrum of T , which is a compact subset of the real line. This implies the last assertion of the theorem.

CASE II. Now let us consider the general case. For any $f \in H$ let $H(f)$ be the closure of the set $\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n S_i(f) a_i : S_i \in B, a_i \in A \right\}$. Then it follows from Lemma 2 in Saworotnow [6] that $f \in H(f)$. Also both $H(f)$ and its orthogonal complement $H(f)^\perp$ (which coincides with the set $H(f)^\perp = \left\{ g \in H : [g, h] = 0 \text{ for all } h \in H(f) \right\}$ (Lemma 3 of Saworotnow [6])) are invariant under T .

It follows from this fact and Zorn's Principle that there exists a set $\{f_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ of mutually orthogonal members of H such that $H = \sum_\gamma H(f_\gamma)$, $H(f_\gamma) \perp H(f_\beta)$ if $\gamma \neq \beta$, and each $H(f_\gamma)$ is invariant under T .

For each $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $S \in B$ let S_γ be the restriction of S to $H(f_\gamma)$, and let $B_\gamma = \{S_\gamma : S \in B\}$. It follows from part I (case I) of this proof that for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$ there exists a compact Hausdorff space $(\mathcal{M}_\gamma, r_\gamma)$, a rA -valued positive Borel measure μ_γ and

a continuous real valued function $h_\gamma(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{M}_γ such that $H(f_\gamma)$ is isomorphic to $L^2(\mu_\gamma) \otimes A$ and action of the operator T_γ (the restriction of T) corresponds to the multiplication with h_γ on $L^2(\mu_\gamma)$. Note also that $h_\gamma(M) \leq \|T\|$ for each $M \in \mathcal{M}_\gamma$.

Let $X = \cup \mathcal{M}_\gamma$ and let τ be the topology on X defined by the requirement that a set $O \subset X$ is open ($O \in \tau$) if and only if $O \cap \mathcal{M}_\gamma$ belongs to τ_γ for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Let β be the class of all bounded Borel subsets of X . For each $\Delta \in \beta$ there are indices (we use a simplified notation here) $1, 2, \dots, n \in \Gamma$ such that $\Delta \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{M}_i$. We set

$$\mu(\Delta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(\Delta \cap \mathcal{M}_i) \tag{3.9}$$

Then β is a ring and μ is a positive τA -valued measure on β . We define the function h on X by setting $h(M) = h_\gamma(M)$ where $\gamma \in \Gamma$ is such that $M \in \mathcal{M}_\gamma$. Then it is easy to see that h has the required properties.

To complete the proof it is now sufficient to show that $L^2(\mu) \otimes A = \sum_\gamma L^2(\mu_\gamma) \otimes A$. First note that each $L^2(\mu_\gamma)$ is included in $L^2(\mu)$ and that $L^2(\mu) = \sum_\gamma L^2(\mu_\gamma)$ (easy to verify). Now let $f \in L^2(\mu) \otimes A$. For each $\epsilon > 0$ one can find $g = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \otimes a_i$ such that $\|f - g\| < \epsilon$ with $\psi_i \in L^2(\mu)$. But each ψ_i can be approximated in $L^2(\mu)$ by expressions of the form $\sum_{j=1}^n \phi_j$ with $\phi_j \in L^2(\mu_{\gamma_j})$ for some $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$. Thus f can be approximated (as close as we please) by members $\sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_j \phi_j) \otimes a_i$ of $\sum_\gamma L^2(\mu_\gamma) \otimes A$, i.e., g is a member of $\sum_\gamma L^2(\mu_\gamma) \otimes A$.

Conversely, let $f \in \sum_\gamma L^2(\mu_\gamma) \otimes A$; then f can be approximated by finite sums of expressions of the type $\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i \otimes a_i$ with $a_i \in A$ and $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$ belonging to some $L^2(\mu_\beta)$ with $\beta \in \Gamma$. We may conclude that $f \in L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ since $L^2(\mu_\gamma) \subset L^2(\mu)$ for each γ . The reader should be able to give a precise argument here.

THEOREM 2. Let Z be a family of bounded A -linear operators on a Hilbert module H (over an H^* -algebra A) such that each member of Z and its adjoint (with respect to the generalized inner product) commute with any other member of Z . In particular, Z could be a commutative $*$ -algebra of A -linear operators on H . Then there exists a locally compact Hausdorff space X , a τA -valued positive Borel measure μ on X and a map $T \rightarrow h_T$ of Z into complex valued functions on X such that H is isomorphic to $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ and each T corresponds to multiplication with some function h_T . Moreover $\|h_T\| \leq \|T\|$ for each $T \in Z$.

PROOF. The proof is essentially the same as the proof of Theorem 1 above. We use the $*$ -algebra of operators generated by Z (and the identity operator I) instead of the algebra generated by the operator T (and I).

COROLLARY 1. Each $*$ -representation of a commutative $*$ -algebra by bounded A -linear operators is of the form $x \rightarrow T_h$, where T_h is an operator of multiplication with a complex valued function $h = h_x$ described before Theorem 1.

This corollary could be considered as a generalization of Theorem 65 in Mackey [7] if we disregard the fact that Mackey considers more general (self-adjoint) algebras and we do not specify the space X on which the functions $h = h_x$ act (also our Hilbert module does not have to be separable (as a Hilbert space)).

COROLLARY 2. Let G be a commutative locally compact group with composition $+$ and let $t \rightarrow U_t$ be a $*$ -representation of G by A -linear unitary operators acting on a Hilbert module H . Assume that there exists a vector $f_0 \in H$ such that the submodule H_0 , generated by the vectors of the form $U_t(f_0)$, is dense in H . Then there exists a compact Hausdorff space \mathcal{M} , a positive τA -valued Borel measure μ on \mathcal{M} and a map

$t \rightarrow g_t$ of G into the continuous functions on \mathcal{M} such that H is (isometrically) isomorphic to $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ and each U_t corresponds to multiplication members of $L^2(\mu)$ with g_t .

The map $t \rightarrow g_t$ has the following properties (for each $t \in G$ and all $M \in \mathcal{M}$):

$$g_0(M) = 1 \text{ (here } 0 \text{ is the identify of } G) \tag{3.10}$$

$$|g_t(M)| = 1 \tag{3.11}$$

$$g_{-t}(M) = \overline{g_t(M)} \tag{3.12}$$

$$g_{t+s}(M) = g_t(M)g_s(M) \tag{3.13}$$

It is appropriate at this point to mention a certain application of the last corollary. Let G, A and H be as above, and let $\xi : G \rightarrow H$ be a generalized stationary process (Saworotnow [8]), i.e., ξ is an H -valued function on G such that $(\xi(t+r), \xi(s+r)) = (\xi(t), \xi(s))$ for all $t, r, s \in G$. Let H_ξ be the submodule generated by the vectors of the form $\xi(t)$, $t \in G$ ($H_\xi =$ closure of $\{\sum_{k=1}^n \xi(t_k) a_k : t_k \in G\}$).

For each $t \in G$ consider the operator U_t on H_ξ defined by

$$U_t(\sum_{k=1}^n \xi(t_k) a_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n \xi(t_k+t) a_k \text{ and let } f_0 = \xi(0). \tag{3.14}$$

Then the map $t \rightarrow U_t$ is a representation of G by A -linear unitary operators and it is easy to see that the assumptions of Corollary 2 are fulfilled. Let \mathcal{M}, μ and g_t be as in Corollary 2 and let $f(M)$ be the member of $C(\mathcal{M})$ corresponding to $f_0 = \xi(0)$. Then the space H_ξ is isomorphic to $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$ and each U_t corresponds to multiplication of members of $L^2(\mu)$ with g_t . For each $t \in G$ let $h_t(M) = g_t(M)f(M)$. In this fashion we arrived at a concrete representation of the abstract stationary process ξ by the complex valued continuous function h_t defined on \mathcal{M} . Note that the scalar product $(\xi(t), \xi(s))$ corresponds to the expression

$$\begin{aligned} \int h_t(M) \overline{h_s(M)} d\mu(M) &= \int g_t(M) \overline{g_s(M)} f(M) \overline{f(M)} d\mu(M) = \\ \int g_t(M) g_{-s}(M) |f(M)|^2 d\mu(M) &= \int g_{t-s}(M) |f(M)|^2 d\mu(M) \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

and this expression depends on $t-s$ only and is independent of a particular choice of t and s .

4. CONCLUDING REMARK.

To conclude the paper we make the following remark about the operator T_h discussed above. It is easy to see that we do not need at all to assume existence of a (locally compact) topology on the space X (discussed at the beginning of this paper). Let μ be a positive rA -valued measure defined on some σ -ring of subsets of X . If h is any $\text{tr} \mu$ -measurable essentially bounded real valued function on X then the corresponding operator T_h on $L^2(\mu) \otimes A$,

$$T_h(\sum_i \psi_i \otimes a_i) = \sum_i (\psi_i h) \otimes a_i \tag{3.16}$$

is also self-adjoint, A -linear and bounded. The fact that T_h is bounded can be verified in the same way as above using the algebra B of all essentially bounded $\text{tr} \mu$ -measurable complex-valued functions on X .

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