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Let $M(\cdot)$ be a strongly countably-additive (s.c.a.) (continuous linear) operator-valued measure on an arbitrary σ -algebra \mathcal{B} of subsets of an arbitrary set Ω from a Hilbert space W to a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Is there a Hilbert space $\mathcal{K} \supseteq \mathcal{H}$ and a s.c.a. quasi-isometric measure $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ (cf. Masani, BAMS 76 (1970), 427-528) on \mathcal{B} from W to \mathcal{K} such that $M(\cdot) = P \circ \tilde{M}(\cdot)$ where P is the projection on \mathcal{H} onto \mathcal{H} ? In other words, has such an $M(\cdot)$ a "quasi-isometric dilation $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ "? We show that when W or \mathcal{H} is finite-dimensional the answer is affirmative, and that when W is finite-dimensional there is a unique (up to isomorphism) quasi-isometric dilation $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ of $M(\cdot)$ such that $\text{trace}(\tilde{M}(\Omega)^* \tilde{M}(\Omega))$ is a minimum. This generalizes results of Miamee and Salehi, and Niemi. Our results depend on Grothendieck's inequality.

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1. Introduction. In 1977 Niemi [15] proved that a countably-additive (c.a.)¹ measure $\xi(\cdot)$ on the Borel family \mathcal{B} of a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω with values in a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} over F ,² is the projection of a countably-additive orthogonally-scattered (c.a.o.s.) measure $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} with values in a larger Hilbert space \mathcal{K} . More fully, $\xi(B) = P\{\tilde{\xi}(B)\}$, $B \in \mathcal{B}$, where P is the projection on \mathcal{H} onto \mathcal{H} . Stated differently, $\xi(\cdot)$ has an "orthogonally-scattered dilation to $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$ ".

Niemi was influenced by Abreu's 1976 paper [2] in which he gave a sufficient condition [2, Th. 3] for an \mathcal{H} -valued measure to be the projection of a c.a.o.s. measure with values in a larger space \mathcal{K} . However, Niemi interpreted vector-valued measures not as set-functions but as linear operators on spaces of continuous functions which vanish at infinity. As early as 1970 Abreu [1] had shown

¹ We shall abbreviate "finitely additive", "countably additive," "weakly countably additive," "strongly countably additive", respectively, as "f.a.", "c.a.", "w.c.a.", "s.c.a.".

² Throughout this paper F will stand for the real number field R or the complex number field C .

that every process harmonizable in the sense of Cramér is the projection of a stationary process. In 1978 Miamee and Salehi [14] guided by the work of Niemi, in the course of generalizing Abreu's theorem for processes harmonizable in the sense of Rozanov ([14, Main Th. 5]), derived Niemi's theorem for the case $\Omega = \mathbf{R}$, cf [14, Cor. 6].

To understand the relation of our work with the preceding, we must recall the definitions of an orthogonally-scattered measure and of a quasi-isometric measure, cf. Masani [11], [12]. Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and \mathcal{B} be a σ -algebra over a set Ω . An \mathcal{H} -valued set function $\xi(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} is said to be *countably-additive orthogonally-scattered* (c.a.o.s.) if and only if

$$(\xi(A), \xi(B))_{\mathcal{H}} = \mu(A \cap B), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where μ is a c.a. nonnegative real-valued measure on \mathcal{B} .³ Now let W and \mathcal{H} be Hilbert spaces and let $M(\cdot)$ be a W -to- \mathcal{H} (continuous linear) operator-valued set function on \mathcal{B} . Then $M(\cdot)$ is said to be *strongly countably-additive quasi-isometric* (c.a.q.i.) if and only if

$$M(B)^*M(A) = H(A \cap B), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where $H(\cdot)$ is a s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} .⁴

It is natural to ask if, in analogy to the result of Niemi, every s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} is obtainable by projection from a W -to- \mathcal{K} c.a.q.i. measure $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} , where the Hilbert space \mathcal{K} is larger than \mathcal{H} ; specifically if

$$M(B) = P \circ \tilde{M}(B), \quad B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where P is the projection on \mathcal{K} onto \mathcal{H} . Stated differently, the question is whether such an $M(\cdot)$ has a "quasi-isometric dilation $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ ".

This paper is addressed to the operator-valued question just described. In it the fundamental concept of a 2-majorizable measure due to Persson and Pietsch [17] plays a fundamental role, as it does in the papers of Niemi and of Miamee and Salehi. However in our paper this concept, defined so far for vector-valued measures, has to be defined for operator-valued measures. In §2, in our main Theorem 2.9 we give a set of equivalent conditions pertaining to dilatibility, 2-majorizability, and the positive definiteness of certain kernels (2.8). In this theorem and in the rest of this paper, we interpret dilatibility in terms of injections into Hilbert spaces rather

³ In [12; 2.1] it is indicated that such a $\xi(\cdot)$ is necessarily c.a.

⁴ In [12; 8.6(e)] it is shown that such an $M(\cdot)$ is s.c.a.

than imbeddings into Hilbert spaces, cf. [13; §1]. In light of Theorem 2.9 the central question is whether every W -to- \mathcal{H} s.c.a. operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ is 2-majorizable? In the case of a vector-valued measure with Ω locally-compact Hausdorff, an affirmative answer was given by Niemi [15, Th. 4] on the basis of earlier work by Pietsch [18] and Rogge [20]. In §3 for the purpose of proving a generalization of this result for operator-valued measures, we give a new proof of the vector result (3.9), with \mathcal{B} an arbitrary σ -algebra over an arbitrary set Ω , in which a central role is played by Grothendieck's inequality (3.2). We also give a new proof of the uniqueness of a minimum 2-majorant (3.10) valid for any Ω , originally due to Pietsch, for compact Hausdorff spaces [18, Satz 2].

In §4 we turn to the question of the 2-majorizability of any W -to- \mathcal{H} s.c.a. measure $M(\cdot)$. We are able to give an affirmative answer only in the case where either W or \mathcal{H} is finite-dimensional (4.1), (4.3), unfortunately. We also show for finite-dimensional W the existence and uniqueness of a minimum trace 2-majorant (4.7 and 4.14). We exhibit the explicit form of the minimum trace 2-majorant in the case where Ω consists of 2 points (Example 4.15).

We refer the reader to [22] for facts on the generalized inverse A^* of an operator A . In general, for an operator A we let $\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{range } A$, $A^* = \text{adjoint of } A$, $\tau A = \text{trace of } A$, $|A| = \text{Banach norm of } A$, $|A|_E = \text{euclidean norm of } A = \sqrt{(\tau A^* A)}$. We denote $P_{\mathcal{M}}$ as the orthogonal projection with range \mathcal{M} .

2. Definitions and the equivalence theorem. In this section

- (2.1) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad \mathcal{B} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra over an arbitrary set } \Omega ; \\ \text{(ii)} \quad W, \mathcal{H}, \text{ and } \mathcal{K} \text{ are Hilbert spaces over } F. \end{array} \right.$

DEFINITION 2.2. Let Ω , \mathcal{B} , W , \mathcal{H} be as above.

(a) A W -to- \mathcal{H} (continuous linear) operator-valued set function $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} is said to be a *strongly countably additive quasi-isometric (c.a.q.i.) measure* iff

$$\tilde{M}(B)^* \tilde{M}(A) = H(A \cap B), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where $H(\cdot)$ is a s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} .⁵ $H(\cdot)$ is called the *control measure* of $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$.

(b) A \mathcal{H} -to- \mathcal{K} operator-valued set function $E(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} is said to be a *spectral measure* iff $E(\cdot)$ is s.c.a. on \mathcal{B} , $E(B)$ is an orthogonal projection for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $E(B)E(A) = E(A \cap B)$, $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$.⁶

With the notation of (2.1) we assume

⁵ In [12; 8.6(e)] it is shown that $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ is s.c.a.

⁶ Note, we do not stipulate that $E(\Omega) = I$.

- (2.3) $\begin{cases} \text{(i)} & M(\cdot) \text{ is a s.c.a. } W\text{-to-}\mathcal{H} \text{ operator-valued measure on } \mathcal{B}; \\ \text{(ii)} & H(\cdot) \text{ is a s.c.a. } W\text{-to-}W \text{ nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure on } \mathcal{B}. \end{cases}$

DEFINITION 2.4. Let $M(\cdot)$ and $H(\cdot)$ be as in (2.3). We say that $M(\cdot)$ is *2-majorizable with respect to* $H(\cdot)$ or that $H(\cdot)$ is a *2-majorant of* $M(\cdot)$ iff for all $n \geq 1$ and all $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and all $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i) w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (H(B_i \cap B_j) w_i, w_j)_W.$$

DEFINITION 2.5. Let $M(\cdot)$ be as in (2.3). We say that

(a) $M(\cdot)$ has a *quasi-isometric dilation* $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ iff $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ is a W -to- \mathcal{H} c.a.q.i. measure on \mathcal{B} where \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space, and \exists an isometry J on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} such that

$$M(B) = J^* \tilde{M}(B), \quad B \in \mathcal{B},$$

(b) $M(\cdot)$ has a *spectral dilation* $E(\cdot)$ iff $E(\cdot)$ is a \mathcal{H} -to- \mathcal{H} spectral measure on \mathcal{B} where \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space, and \exists continuous linear operators S on W to \mathcal{H} and T on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} such that

$$M(\cdot) = TE(\cdot)S.$$

In the vector case (i.e., $W = \mathbf{F}$) the above definitions assume the known forms which we now state.

DEFINITION 2.6. Let Ω , \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{H} be as in (2.1). Let $\xi(\cdot)$ be an \mathcal{H} -valued c.a. vector measure on \mathcal{B} and let $\mu(\cdot)$ be a nonnegative real-valued c.a. measure on \mathcal{B} . We say that $\xi(\cdot)$ is *2-majorizable with respect to* $\mu(\cdot)$ or that $\mu(\cdot)$ is a *2-majorant of* $\xi(\cdot)$ iff for all $n \geq 1$, and all $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}$

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \xi(B_i) \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \bar{a}_j \mu(B_i \cap B_j).$$

DEFINITION 2.7. Let $\xi(\cdot)$ be as in 2.6. We say that

(a) $\xi(\cdot)$ has a *c.a.o.s. dilation* $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$ iff $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$ is a \mathcal{H} -valued c.a.o.s. measure on \mathcal{B} where \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space, and \exists an isometry J on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} such that

$$\xi(B) = J^* \tilde{\xi}(B), \quad B \in \mathcal{B},$$

(b) $\xi(\cdot)$ has a *spectral dilation* $E(\cdot)$ iff $E(\cdot)$ is a \mathcal{H} -to- \mathcal{H} spectral measure on \mathcal{B} where \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space, and \exists a continuous linear operator T on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} and a vector $x_0 \in \mathcal{H}$

such that

$$\xi(\cdot) = TE(\cdot)x_0.$$

LEMMA 2.8. *Let $M(\cdot)$ and $H(\cdot)$ be as in (2.3), and let*

$$K(A, B) = H(A \cap B) - M(B)^*M(A), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Then (a) $\forall B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\forall w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$

$$(*) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (K(B_i, B_j)w_i, w_j)_W = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (H(B_i \cap B_j)w_i, w_j)_W \\ - \left| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2.$$

(b) $H(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$ iff the kernel $K(\cdot, \cdot)$ in (a) is positive definite on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}$, i.e., L.H.S. (*) is always ≥ 0 and $K(A, B) = K(B, A)^*$.

Proof. (a) Just expand the L.H.S. (*) after making the substitution $K(B_i, B_j) = H(B_i \cap B_j) - M(B_j)^*M(B_i)$.

(b) Immediate from Definition 2.4. □

2.9. *The Equivalence Theorem.* Let $M(\cdot)$ be a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} where \mathcal{B} , W , and \mathcal{H} are as in (2.1). Then (a) the following conditions are equivalent:

- (α) $M(\cdot)$ has a 2-majorant $H(\cdot)$,
- (β) $M(\cdot)$ has a quasi-isometric dilation $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$,
- (γ) $M(\cdot)$ has a spectral dilation $E(\cdot)$;

(b) $H(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot) \Leftrightarrow M(\cdot)$ has a quasi-isometric dilation $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ with control measure $H(\cdot)$.

Proof. (a) ($\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$):⁷ Note (α) implies that the kernel $K(\cdot, \cdot)$ defined in 2.8 is positive definite, cf. 2.8(b). By the Kernel theorem (Masani [13; p. 421]) \exists a Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_1 , and a function $X(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} such that $X(B)$ is a continuous linear operator on W to \mathcal{H}_1 and

$$K(A, B) = X(B)^*X(A), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Now define $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}_1 = \{(x; x') : x \in \mathcal{H}, x' \in \mathcal{H}_1\}$ and for $B \in \mathcal{B}$ define $\tilde{M}(B) : W \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ by $\tilde{M}(B)w = M(B)w \oplus X(B)w$. We shall show that

$$(1) \quad \tilde{M}(B)^*\tilde{M}(A) = H(A \cap B), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Note for $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $w, w' \in W$

⁷ An alternative more direct proof of " $(\alpha) \Leftrightarrow (\beta)$ " is in the Appendix, cf. A. 8.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2) \quad & (\tilde{M}(B)^* \tilde{M}(A)w, w')_W = (\tilde{M}(A)w, \tilde{M}(B)w')_W \\
& = (M(A)w, M(B)w')_{\mathcal{H}} + (X(A)w, X(B)w')_{\mathcal{H}_1} \\
& = (M(B)^* M(A)w, w')_W + (X(B)^* X(A)w, w')_W \\
& = (\{M(B)^* M(A) + X(B)^* X(A)\}w, w')_W = (H(A \cap B)w, w')_W.
\end{aligned}$$

So by Definition 2.2(a) $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ is c.a.q.i. Finally let $\forall x \in \mathcal{H}$, $J(x) = (x; 0) \in \mathcal{H}$. Then J is an isometry on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} and therefore $J^* = J^{-1}P_{\mathcal{H}(J)}$. So $J^* \tilde{M}(B) = M(B)$, $B \in \mathcal{B}$.

(β) \Rightarrow (γ): For each $B \in \mathcal{B}$, let \mathcal{M}_B be the subspace spanned by $\{\tilde{M}(A)(w) : A \in \mathcal{B}, A \subseteq B, w \in W\}$, and let $E(B)$ be the projection on \mathcal{H} onto \mathcal{M}_B . Then $E(\cdot)$ is a spectral measure on \mathcal{B} for \mathcal{H} such that $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$

$$(3) \quad \tilde{M}(B) = E(B)\tilde{M}(\Omega) \quad (\text{cf. [13; (5.8)–(5.11)]}).$$

Hence $M(\cdot) = J^* \tilde{M}(\cdot) = J^* E(\cdot) \tilde{M}(\Omega)$.

(γ) \Rightarrow (α): Let $M(\cdot) = TE(\cdot)S$, cf. 2.5 (b); and let $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(4) \quad & \left| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \left| T \sum_{i=1}^n E(B_i)Sw_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}'}^2 \leq |T|^2 \left| \sum_{i=1}^n E(B_i)Sw_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\
& = |T|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (S^* E(B_i \cap B_j)Sw_i, w_j)_W.
\end{aligned}$$

So $H(\cdot)$ defined for $B \in \mathcal{B}$ by $H(B) = |T|^2 S^* E(B)S$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$.

(b) The forward implication “ \Rightarrow ” has been shown in the proof that (α) \Rightarrow (β), cf. (1). To prove the converse “ \Leftarrow ”, note that for $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$

$$\begin{aligned}
(5) \quad & \left| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \left| J^* \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{M}(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{M}(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (H(B_i \cap B_j)w_i, w_j)_W.
\end{aligned}$$

So $H(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$. □

In the case that $\mathcal{H} = W$ and the values of $M(\cdot)$ are hermitian operators on W to W the Equivalence theorem can be augmented as follows.

COROLLARY 2.10. *Let $M(\cdot)$ be a s.c.a. W -to- W hermitian operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} . Then each of the conditions (α), (β), (γ) of 2.9 is equivalent to a “Jordan decomposition”:*

(δ) \exists two s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measures $M_1(\cdot)$ and $M_2(\cdot)$ such that $M(\cdot) = M_1(\cdot) - M_2(\cdot)$.

Proof. $(\gamma) \Rightarrow (\delta)$: By hypothesis we have $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$, $TE(B)S = M(B) = M(B)^* = S^*E(B)T^*$. Thus $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned} M(B) &= [TE(B)S + S^*E(B)T^*]/2 \\ (1) \quad &= [(T + S^*)E(B)(T^* + S)]/2 - [S^*E(B)S + TE(B)T^*]/2 \\ &= M_1(B) - M_2(B). \end{aligned}$$

$(\delta) \Rightarrow (\gamma)$: By the Naimark Dilation theorem, cf. [13; 5.12], $M_1(\cdot) = T_1^*E_1(\cdot)T_1$, $M_2(\cdot) = T_2^*E_2(\cdot)T_2$ where $E_1(\cdot)$ and $E_2(\cdot)$ are spectral measures on \mathcal{B} , respectively for two Hilbert spaces \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 and where T_1 and T_2 are continuous linear operators, respectively on W to \mathcal{H}_1 and to \mathcal{H}_2 . Thus $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$, we may write

$$(2) \quad M(B) = [T_1^*, -T_2^*] \begin{bmatrix} E_1(B) & 0 \\ 0 & E_2(B) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = TE(B)S,$$

where $E(\cdot)$ is spectral measure on \mathcal{B} for $\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$, $S = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a continuous operator on W to $\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ and $T = [T_1^*, -T_2^*]$ is a continuous operator on $\mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ to W . \square

It should be noted that upon taking $W = F$ that Lemma 2.8 and the Equivalence Theorem 2.9 assume the following form for vector-valued measures.

LEMMA 2.11. *Let $\xi(\cdot)$ and $\mu(\cdot)$ be as in Definition 2.6, and let*

$$k(A, B) = \mu(A \cap B) - (\xi(A), \xi(B)), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Then (a) $\forall B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\forall a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n k(B_i, B_j) a_i \bar{a}_j &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(B_i \cap B_j) a_i \bar{a}_j \\ &\quad - \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \xi(B_i) \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\mu(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $\xi(\cdot)$ iff the kernel $k(\cdot, \cdot)$ in (a) is positive definite on $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}$, i.e., L.H.S. (*) is always ≥ 0 and $k(A, B) = \overline{k(B, A)}$.

THEOREM 2.12. *Let $\xi(\cdot)$ be a c.a. \mathcal{H} -valued measure on \mathcal{B} . Then (a) the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (α) $\xi(\cdot)$ has a 2-majorant $\mu(\cdot)$,
- (β) $\xi(\cdot)$ has a c.a.o.s. dilation $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$,
- (γ) $\xi(\cdot)$ has a spectral dilation $E(\cdot)$;

(b) $\mu(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $\xi(\cdot) \Leftrightarrow \xi(\cdot)$ has a c.a.o.s. dilation $\tilde{\xi}(\cdot)$ whose control measure is $\mu(\cdot)$ [i.e., $(\tilde{\xi}(A), \tilde{\xi}(B))_{\mathcal{H}} = \mu(A \cap B)$].

Result 2.12 (b) is found in Niemi's paper [15; Th. 12].

3. Existence of 2-majorants for Hilbert space-valued measures. The proof of our main theorem in this section depends heavily on a remarkable inequality of Grothendieck to discuss which we first introduce the Grothendieck norms:

DEFINITION 3.1. For an $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with entries in F and \mathcal{H} an arbitrary Hilbert space over F , define $|A|_{\mathcal{H}}$ by

$$|A|_{\mathcal{H}} = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(x_i, y_j)_{\mathcal{H}} \right| : x_i, y_j \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } |x_i|_{\mathcal{H}}, |y_j|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

(Note this definition also holds for $\mathcal{H} = F$ in which case $(x_i, y_j)_F = x_i \bar{y}_j$.)

LEMMA 3.2. (*Grothendieck's inequality*, cf. [10; p. 68], [19]). \exists a positive constant $\gamma > 1$ such that for all $n \geq 1$, all $n \times n$ matrices $A = [a_{ij}]$ with entries in F and all Hilbert spaces \mathcal{H} over F

$$(*) \quad |A|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \gamma |A|_F.$$

A more useful formulation of the condition (*) reads as follows: For all $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n$ in \mathcal{H}

$$(3.3) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(x_i, y_j)_{\mathcal{H}} \right| \leq \gamma |A|_F \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|_{\mathcal{H}} \cdot \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |y_j|_{\mathcal{H}}.$$

We now stipulate that:

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{B} \text{ and } \mathcal{H} \text{ are as in (2.1) and} \\ \xi(\cdot) \text{ is an } \mathcal{H}\text{-valued c.a. measure on } \mathcal{B}. \end{cases}$$

We consider F -valued \mathcal{B} -measurable simple functions ψ and their integrals $E_{\xi}(\psi)$ with respect to $\xi(\cdot)$:

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} \text{(a)} & \psi = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \chi_{B_i}, \quad B_i \in \mathcal{B}, \quad b_i \in F \\ \text{(b)} & E_{\xi}(\psi) = \int_{\Omega} \psi(\omega) \xi(d\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \xi(B_i) \in \mathcal{H}. \end{cases}$$

It is easily shown that the definition of $E_{\xi}(\psi)$ is independent of the representation of ψ . We shall denote the set of F -valued \mathcal{B} -measurable simple functions by $S(F) = S(\mathcal{B}, F)$.

It readily follows, cf. [6 (I), p. 323], that for each $\psi \in S(F)$

$$(3.6) \quad |E_{\xi}(\psi)|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|\xi\|(\Omega) \max_{\omega \in \Omega} |\psi(\omega)|,$$

where $\|\xi\|(\Omega)$ is the *semivariation* of $\xi(\cdot)$ [6 (I), p. 320]. It is known that $\|\xi\|(\Omega) < \infty$, cf. [6, p. 320, 4(b)].

It is easy to see that for $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i}$, $\psi = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \chi_{B_j} \in S(F)$ we have

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{cases} (a) & (E_\xi(\phi), E_\xi(\psi))_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_j (\xi(A_i), \xi(B_j))_{\mathcal{H}}, \\ (b) & |E_\xi(\phi)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \bar{a}_j (\xi(A_i), \xi(A_j))_{\mathcal{H}}. \end{cases}$$

We next prove the key lemma needed for our main Theorem 3.9.

LEMMA 3.8. \exists a real number $K > 0$ such that for all positive integers m and all $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m \in S(F)$

$$(*) \quad \sum_{k=1}^m |E_\xi(\phi_k)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq K \cdot \max_{\omega \in \Omega} \sum_{k=1}^m |\phi_k(\omega)|^2.$$

Proof. Let $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{B_i}$, $\psi = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \chi_{B_i} \in S(F)$ where $(B_i)_1^n$ is a disjoint sequence. Then by (3.7)(a) and (3.6) we have

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\xi(B_i), \xi(B_j))_{\mathcal{H}} a_i \bar{b}_j \right| &= |(E_\xi(\phi), E_\xi(\psi))_{\mathcal{H}}| \\ &\leq \|\xi\|(\Omega)^2 \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_i| \cdot \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |b_j|. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that each ϕ_k in $(*)$ is of the form $\phi_k = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ki} \chi_{B_i}$, with the same disjoint sequence $(B_i)_1^n$ for each k . Then

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^m |E_\xi(\phi_k)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\xi(B_i), \xi(B_j))_{\mathcal{H}} b_{ki} \bar{b}_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\xi(B_i), \xi(B_j))_{\mathcal{H}} \sum_{k=1}^m b_{ki} \bar{b}_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

But then letting $x_i = (b_{ki})_{k=1}^m \in \mathcal{H} = F^m$ and noting that $(x_i, x_j)_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{k=1}^m b_{ki} \bar{b}_{kj}$, it follows from (3.3), and equation (1), on taking $[a_{ij}] = [(\xi(B_i), \xi(B_j))_{\mathcal{H}}]$, that

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S. (2)} &\leq \gamma \cdot \|\xi\|(\Omega)^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &= \gamma \cdot \|\xi\|(\Omega)^2 \max_{\omega \in \Omega} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m |\phi_k(\omega)|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(*)$ is true with $K = \gamma \cdot \|\xi\|(\Omega)^2$. \square

THEOREM 3.9 (Existence). *Corresponding to every \mathcal{H} -valued c.a. measure $\xi(\cdot)$ on a σ -algebra \mathcal{B} over Ω , \exists a c.a. nonnegative real-valued measure $\mu(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} with respect to which $\xi(\cdot)$ is 2-majoriza-*

ble, cf. Def. 2.6.

Proof. Taking K as in Lemma 3.8, let for all $\psi \in S(\mathbf{R})$

$$(1) \quad S(\psi) = \inf_{\substack{\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^m \subseteq S(\mathbf{F}) \\ m \geq 1}} \left\{ \max_{\omega \in \Omega} \left[K\psi(\omega) + K \sum_{k=1}^m |\phi_k(\omega)|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^m |E_\xi(\phi_k)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right] \right\}$$

cf. Pietsch [18]. Then, by elementary considerations, it may be shown that $S(\cdot)$ is a positive homogeneous subadditive functional on $S(\mathbf{R})$ such that $K \cdot \min_{\omega \in \Omega} \psi(\omega) \leq S(\psi) \leq K \cdot \max_{\omega \in \Omega} \psi(\omega)$. Thus by the Hahn-Banach theorem, cf. [25; Cor., p. 103], there exists a linear functional T on $S(\mathbf{R})$ such that $T(\psi) \leq S(\psi)$, from which it readily follows that for $\psi \in S(\mathbf{R})$

$$(2) \quad K \cdot \min_{\omega \in \Omega} \psi(\omega) \leq -S(-\psi) \leq T(\psi) \leq S(\psi) \leq K \cdot \max_{\omega \in \Omega} \psi(\omega).$$

Moreover from (1), it follows that for $\phi \in S(\mathbf{F})$,

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} S(-|\phi|^2) &\leq \max_{\omega \in \Omega} [K\{-|\phi(\omega)|^2\} + K|\phi(\omega)|^2 - |E_\xi(\phi)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2] \\ &= -|E_\xi(\phi)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus since $-T(|\phi|^2) = T(-|\phi|^2) \leq S(-|\phi|^2)$, it follows that for $\phi \in S(\mathbf{F})$

$$(4) \quad |E_\xi(\phi)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq T(|\phi|^2).$$

Define ν on \mathcal{B} by $\nu(B) = T(\chi_B)$. Note by (2) that $T(\chi_\Omega) = K$. Then $\nu(\cdot)$ is a finitely-additive (f.a.) nonnegative real measure on \mathcal{B} . To complete the proof we need to replace $\nu(\cdot)$ by a countably additive measure. Let $\mu(\cdot)$ be the c.a. measure defined from $\nu(\cdot)$ as in Lemma A.1 (see Appendix). We shall show that for each $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \chi_{B_i} \in S(\mathbf{F})$ with $(B_i)_{i=1}^n$ disjoint, that

$$(5) \quad |E_\xi(\phi)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i|^2 \mu(B_i) = \int_\Omega |\phi|^2 d\mu,$$

i.e., by the sentence following (3.5) (b), that $\mu(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $\xi(\cdot)$:

Let for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $m \geq 1$ $(B_{ik}^m)_{k=1}^\infty$ be a disjoint sequence in \mathcal{B} such that $B_i = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty B_{ik}^m$ and $\mu(B_i) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \nu(B_{ik}^m)$,⁸ cf. A.1. Then for each m , $\phi_N^m = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \{\sum_{k=1}^N \chi_{B_{ik}^m}\}$ converges to ϕ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ and by (4) for each m and N

$$|E_\xi(\phi_N^m)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i|^2 \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^N \nu(B_{ik}^m) \right\}.$$

So on letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain for each m

⁸ $\lim \downarrow$ means "nonincreasing limit", i.e., limit of nonincreasing values.

$$(6) \quad \|E_\xi(\phi)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|b_i\|^2 \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^\infty \nu(B_{ik}^m) \right\}.$$

Thus, by the definition of $\mu(\cdot)$, on letting $m \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain (5) from (6). \square

THEOREM 3.10 (*Uniqueness of minimal 2-majorant*). *Given an \mathcal{H} -valued c.a. measure $\xi(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} there exists one and only one 2-majorant $\mu_0(\cdot)$ of $\xi(\cdot)$ such that*

$$\mu_0(\Omega) = \inf \{ \mu(\Omega) : \mu(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } \xi(\cdot) \}.$$

Proof. The proof which depends on Pietsch's inequality: $4(a^{-1/2} + b^{-1/2})^{-2} \leq (a+b)/2$ for $a, b > 0$ with equality only if $a = b$, is subsumed in the proof we shall give in §4 of Theorem 4.14.

4. The problem of the existence and uniqueness of 2-majorants for operator-valued measures. Let Ω , \mathcal{B} be as in (2.1).

THEOREM 4.1. *Let W be a q -dimensional Hilbert space over F and \mathcal{H} be an arbitrary Hilbert space over F . Then corresponding to every s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} , \exists a s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure $H(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} with respect to which $M(\cdot)$ is 2-majorizable, cf. Def. 2.4. Moreover $H(\cdot)$ may be chosen to be of the form*

$$H(\cdot) = \sum_{j=1}^q \mu_j(\cdot) P_j,$$

where P_1, \dots, P_q are rank 1 orthogonal projections on W to W such that $\sum_{j=1}^q P_j = I$, $P_i P_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$, and $\mu_1(\cdot), \dots, \mu_q(\cdot)$ are c.a. nonnegative real-valued measures on \mathcal{B} .

Proof. Let β_1, \dots, β_q be an o.n. basis of W . Then $\xi_k(\cdot) = M(\cdot)\beta_k$ is c.a. on \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{H} and therefore by 3.9 has a 2-majorant $\nu_k(\cdot)$. We shall show that we may take as a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$

$$(1) \quad H(\cdot) = q \sum_{k=1}^q \nu_k(\cdot) P_k,$$

where P_k is the projection onto the space spanned by β_k : For $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$, $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ we have on representing $w_i = \sum_{k=1}^q c_{ik} \beta_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i) w_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i) \left(\sum_{k=1}^q c_{ik} \beta_k \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_{ik} \xi_k(B_i) \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq q \sum_{k=1}^q \left| \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ik} \xi_k(B_i) \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad \text{by the Schwarz ineq.} \\ &\leq q \sum_{k=1}^q \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ik} \bar{c}_{jk} \nu_k(B_i \cap B_j) \quad \text{by Def. 2.6,} \end{aligned}$$

since $\nu_k(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $\xi_k(\cdot)$. Thus

$$(2) \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n M(B_i) w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq q \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^q c_{ik} \bar{c}_{jk} \nu_k(B_i \cap B_j).$$

On the other hand it is easily checked from (1)

$$(3) \quad (H(B_i \cap B_j) w_i, w_j)_W = q \sum_{k=1}^q \nu_k(B_i \cap B_j) c_{ik} \bar{c}_{jk}.$$

Combining (2) and (3) we get the inequality of Def. 2.4. \square

Unfortunately we are as yet unable to prove the last theorem for infinite-dimensional W . To point out some other aspects of the existence problem for finite-dimensional W , we need the following lemma, part (b) of which is an adjunct to the Equivalence Theorem 2.9.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let $M(\cdot)$ be a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} . Then (a) $M(\cdot)^*$ is a s.c.a. \mathcal{H} -to- W operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} .*

(b) $M(\cdot)$ has a 2-majorant $\Leftrightarrow M(\cdot)^$ has a 2-majorant.*

Proof. (a) We have the sequence of implications: $M(\cdot)$ is s.c.a. $\Rightarrow M(\cdot)$ is w.c.a. $\Rightarrow M(\cdot)^*$ is w.c.a. $\Rightarrow M(\cdot)^*$ is s.c.a., where the last implication follows from [9; Th. 3.6.2].

(b) By 2.9, we have the following sequence of equivalences: $M(\cdot)$ has a 2-majorant $\Leftrightarrow M(\cdot) = TE(\cdot)S \Leftrightarrow M(\cdot)^* = S^*E(\cdot)T^* \Leftrightarrow M(\cdot)^*$ has a 2-majorant. \square

COROLLARY 4.3. *Let W be an arbitrary Hilbert space over F and \mathcal{H} be a q -dimensional Hilbert space over F . Then corresponding to every s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} \exists a s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure $H(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} with respect to which $M(\cdot)$ is 2 majorizable.*

Proof. By 4.2 (a) and 4.1, $M(\cdot)^*$ is s.c.a. and 2-majorizable. Thus by 4.2(b) $M(\cdot)$ is 2-majorizable. \square

Let Ω , \mathcal{B} , W , \mathcal{H} be as in (2.1). Let $M(\cdot)$ be a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} and let $H(\cdot)$ be a s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} . We now

introduce the concepts of W -valued \mathcal{B} -measurable *simple functions* f, g , etc., and the *integral* $E_M(f)$ of f with respect to $M(\cdot)$ and the *integral* $\int_{\Omega} (dHf, g)$ of the (ordered) pair $\{f, g\}$ with respect to $H(\cdot)$:

$$(4.4) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \quad f = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \chi_{B_i}, \quad g = \sum_{j=1}^n w'_j \chi_{C_j} \quad (B_i, C_j \in \mathcal{B}, w_i, w'_j \in W) \\ \text{(b)} \quad E_M(f) = \int_{\Omega} M(d\omega) f(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^m M(B_i) w_i \in \mathcal{H} \\ \text{(c)} \quad \int_{\Omega} (dHf, g)_W = \int_{\Omega} (H(d\omega) f(\omega), g(\omega))_W \\ \quad \quad \quad = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (H(B_i \cap C_j) w_i, w'_j)_W. \end{array} \right.$$

It is readily shown that the two integrals defined in (b) and (c) are independent of the representations of f and g and that when the B_i are disjoint we have

$$(4.5) \quad \int_{\Omega} (dHf, f)_W = \sum_{i=1}^m (H(B_i) w_i, w_i)_W.$$

We shall denote the set of W -valued \mathcal{B} -measurable *simple functions* by $S(W) = S(\mathcal{B}, W)$. We note by (4.4) and Def. 2.4, that

$$(4.6) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } M(\cdot) \text{ iff} \\ |E_M(f)|^2_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \int_{\Omega} (dHf, f)_W \quad \forall f \in S(W). \end{array} \right.$$

THEOREM 4.7 (*Existence of a minimum trace 2-majorant*). *Let W be a q -dimensional Hilbert space over F and \mathcal{H} be an arbitrary Hilbert space over F . Given a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} , there exists a s.c.a. 2-majorant $H_0(\cdot)$ of $M(\cdot)$ such that*

$$\text{trace } H_0(\Omega) = \inf \{ \text{trace } H(\Omega) : H(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } M(\cdot) \}.$$

Proof. By 4.1 the class of 2-majorants of $M(\cdot)$ is not empty. Let

$$(1) \quad K = \inf \{ \tau H(\Omega) : H(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } M(\cdot) \}$$

and let $(H_n(\cdot))_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of 2-majorants of $M(\cdot)$ such that $\tau H_n(\Omega) \searrow K$. To prove the theorem we introduce the following space and linear functional.

Let \mathcal{L}_{∞} be the linear space of bounded real functions $\phi(\cdot)$ on N_+ .⁹ Define the functional S on \mathcal{L}_{∞} by $S(\phi) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(n)$ and observe that

⁹ N_+ and R_{0+} denote, respectively, the set of positive integers and the set of non-negative real numbers.

it is positively homogeneous, and subadditive. Hence by the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists a linear functional T on \mathcal{L}_∞ such that $T(\phi) \leq S(\phi)$ and therefore for each $\phi(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_\infty$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(n) = -S(-\phi) \leq T(\phi) \leq S(\phi) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(n).$$

So T is nonnegative and continuous with respect to the sup norm on \mathcal{L}_∞ .

Now let $B \in \mathcal{B}$ be fixed and define for $w \in W$, $g_w(n) = g_w^n(n)$ by

$$(3) \quad g_w(n) = H_n(B)^{1/2} w, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Since $|H_n(B)| \leq \tau H_n(B) \leq \tau H_n(\Omega) \leq \tau H_1(\Omega) \quad \forall n \geq 1$, it follows

$$(4) \quad |g_w(n)|_W^2 = (H_n(B)w, w)_W \leq \tau H_1(\Omega) |w|_W^2, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Thus $|g_w(\cdot)|_W^2 \in \mathcal{L}_\infty$. Define for each $w \in W$

$$(5) \quad R_B(w) = T(|g_w(\cdot)|_W^2).$$

Then by (2) and (4) it follows for $\forall w \in W$

$$(6) \quad 0 \leq R_B(w) \leq \tau H_1(\Omega) |w|_W^2.$$

We now proceed to show $R_B(\cdot)^{1/2}$ is a seminorm on W satisfying the parallelogram law. We do this by exhibiting the connection between $R_B(\cdot)^{1/2}$ and an \mathcal{L}_2 -norm. Since $T \in \mathcal{L}'_\infty$ (the dual of \mathcal{L}_∞), we have for all $\psi(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_\infty$

$$(7) \quad T(\psi) = \int_{N_+} \psi(n) \alpha(dn),$$

where α is a finitely-additive measure on 2^{N_+} to \mathbf{R}_{0+} ,⁹ cf. [6; p. 296, Th. 16]. Now consider the space $\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}_2(N_+, 2^{N_+}, \alpha; W)$ of W -valued functions on N_+ which are square-integrable with respect to α . This is a pre-Hilbert space under the usual \mathcal{L}_2 -norm, $|\cdot|_2$, cf. [6; p. 120, Lemma 3(b)]. By (7) and (5)

$$\begin{aligned} (|g_w(\cdot)|_2)^2 &= \int_{N_+} |g_w(n)|_W^2 \alpha(dn) \\ &= T(|g_w(\cdot)|_W^2) = R_B(w) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\forall w \in W$

$$(8) \quad g_w(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad R_B(w)^{1/2} = |g_w(\cdot)|_2.$$

From (3) it is obvious that for $c \in \mathbf{R}$ and $w, w_1, w_2 \in W$

$$(9) \quad g_{cw}(\cdot) = cg_w(\cdot) \quad \text{and} \quad g_{w_1+w_2}(\cdot) = g_{w_1}(\cdot) + g_{w_2}(\cdot).$$

Since $|\cdot|_2$ is a norm satisfying the parallelogram law, it follows

readily from (8) and (9) that $R_B(\cdot)^{1/2}$ is a seminorm satisfying the parallelogram law. Since by (6) $R_B(\cdot)$ is bounded, it follows from the J -VN Lemma A.2 (in the Appendix) that $R_B(\cdot)$ comes from a bounded nonnegative hermitian sesquilinear functional on $W \times W$ to \mathbf{F} , and thus from a continuous nonnegative hermitian linear operator $N(B)$ on W so that

$$R_B(w) = (N(B)w, w)_W \quad \forall w \in W.$$

Thus using (8) and (3) we see that for $\forall w \in W$

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} (N(B)w, w)_W &= R_B(w) = \|g_w(\cdot)\|_2^2 \\ &= \int_{N_+} \|g_w(\cdot)\|_W^2 \alpha(dn) = \int_{N_+} (H_n(B)w, w)_W \alpha(dn). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $N(\cdot)$ is a finitely additive measure on \mathcal{B} , from the finite-additivity of $H_n(\cdot)$, $n \geq 1$.

Let $H(\cdot)$ correspond to this $N(\cdot)$ as in Lemma A.3. Then

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} H(\cdot) \text{ is a s.c.a. } W\text{-to-}W \text{ operator-valued measure on } \mathcal{B}, \text{ and} \\ 0 \preceq H(B) \preceq N(B) \preceq N(\Omega). \end{cases}$$

We claim that the $H(\cdot)$ just obtained is the desired $H_0(\cdot)$. We first show that this $H(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$.

Let $f = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \chi_{B_i} \in S(W)$ with B_i 's disjoint, then by definitions (4.4)(b)(c) and since each $H_n(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$ we have

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \|E_M(f)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (dH_n f, f)_W = \sum_{i=1}^m (H_n(B_i)w_i, w_i)_W \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \|g_{w_i}^{B_i}(n)\|_W^2 \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows by (3) and (4). But thus by (2), (5) and (10)

$$\begin{aligned} \|E_M(f)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \|g_{w_i}^{B_i}(n)\|_W^2 \leq T \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \|g_{w_i}^{B_i}(\cdot)\|_W^2 \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m T(\|g_{w_i}^{B_i}(\cdot)\|_W^2) = \sum_{i=1}^m R_{B_i}(w_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (N(B_i)w_i, w_i)_W, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $\|\sum_{i=1}^m M(B_i)w_i\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m (N(B_i)w_i, w_i)_W$. But then for $H(\cdot)$ corresponding to $N(\cdot)$ as in A.3 it readily follows, as with Theorem 3.9 (5), that

$$(13) \quad \|E_M(f)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m (H(B_i)w_i, w_i)_W = \int_{\Omega} (dHf, f)_W,$$

i.e., cf. (4.6) and the statement after (4.4), $H(\cdot)$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$.

We denote by (11) that

$$(14) \quad \tau H(\Omega) \leq \tau N(\Omega).$$

Next, on noting $g_w^\Omega(n) = g_w(n)$ and letting β_1, \dots, β_q be an o.n. basis of W we obtain

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau N(\Omega) &= \sum_{k=1}^q (N(\Omega)\beta_k, \beta_k)_W = \sum_{k=1}^q R_\Omega(\beta_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^q T(|g_{\beta_k}(\cdot)|_W^2) = T\left(\sum_{k=1}^q |g_{\beta_k}(\cdot)|_W^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

But by (3) and (4)

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^q |g_{\beta_k}(n)|_W^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^q (H_n(\Omega)\beta_k, \beta_k)_W \\ &= \tau H_n(\Omega) \searrow K \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

cf. (1). Hence by (2), R.H.S. (15) = K . Thus

$$(17) \quad \tau N(\Omega) = K.$$

Therefore by (14) $\tau H(\Omega) \leq K$. But since K is the infimum of the traces of 2-majorizing measures, it follows that $\tau H(\Omega) = K$. So existence is established. \square

To prove uniqueness of the minimum trace 2-majorant we need to introduce further results on integrals.

Throughout the rest of this section we assume W is a finite-dimensional Hilbert space with o.n. basis $(\beta_i)_{i=1}^q$. For a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} we define the *semivariation* $\|M\|(\cdot)$ of $M(\cdot)$ by

$$(4.8) \quad \|M\|(B) = \sup \left| \sum_{i=1}^m M(B_i)w_i \right|_{\mathcal{H}},$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite partitions $(B_i)_1^m$ of B and all $w_i \in W$ with $|w_i|_W \leq 1$.

Since each $w_i = \sum_{j=1}^q a_{ij}\beta_j$, with $1 \geq |w_i|_W^2 = \sum_{j=1}^q |a_{ij}|^2$, it follows that $\|M\|(\Omega) \leq \sum_{j=1}^q \|M(\cdot)\beta_j\|(\Omega) < \infty$, cf. [6 (I); p. 320].

We shall call a function $f(\cdot)$ on Ω to W \mathcal{B} -measurable iff for each open sphere $S(x, r) = \{y: |y - x|_W < r\}$ we have $f^{-1}(S(x, r)) \in \mathcal{B}$. We shall denote the set of bounded \mathcal{B} -measurable W -valued functions on Ω by $B(W) = B(\mathcal{B}, W)$. Since W is finite-dimensional it is easily proven that $B(W)$ is the closure of the linear space of simple functions $S(W)$ under the sup norm.

DEFINITION 4.9. For $f \in B(W)$ we define

$$E_M(f) = \int_{\Omega} M(d\omega) f(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_M(f_n),$$

where $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is any sequence of simple functions converging uniformly to f , cf. (4.4) (a, b).

Since for a simple function f we have

$$(4.10) \quad \|E_M(f)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|M\|(\Omega) \cdot \sup_{\omega} |f(\omega)|_W,$$

it follows that the integral in 4.9 exists, is well-defined, and also satisfies (4.10).

Next we recall some facts on s.c.a. W -to- W nonnegative hermitian measures $H(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} when W is a finite-dimensional Hilbert space, cf. [21; §2] and [22 (I); §2 and p. 207 (1)]. The symbol ν shall denote a σ -finite nonnegative real measure on \mathcal{B} . We say $H(\cdot)$ is *absolutely continuous with respect to ν* [$H \ll \nu$] iff $\nu(B) = 0 \Rightarrow H(B) = 0$. Because W is finite-dimensional it follows that $H(\cdot)$ is c.a. in the euclidean norm $|\cdot|_E$ and has a finite total variation measure $|H|_E(B) = \sup(\sum_{i=1}^n |H(B_i)|_E)$ (taken over all finite partitions $(B_i)_i^n$ of B). Further

THEOREM 4.11. Let $H \ll \nu$. Then (a) \exists a unique a.e. (ν) \mathcal{B} -measurable¹⁰ W -to- W operator-valued function $H'_\nu(\cdot)$ on Ω such that

$$H(B) = \int_B H'_\nu(\omega) d\nu \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B};$$

where the last is a Bochner integral, and

$$(b) \quad |H|_E(B) = \int_B |H'_\nu(\omega)|_E d\nu \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Moreover, (c) $0 \leq H'_\nu(\omega)$ a.e. (ν) [We may always take a version of $H'_\nu(\cdot)$ which is ≥ 0 everywhere.]

The use of 4.11 (a) allows us to adopt the definition

$$(4.12) \quad \int_{\Omega} (dHf, g)_W = \int_{\Omega} (H'_\nu(\omega)f(\omega), g(\omega))_W d\nu \quad \forall f, g \in B(W)$$

where ν is any measure such that $H \ll \nu$. It is readily shown: for $f = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \chi_{B_i}$, $g = \sum_{j=1}^m w'_j \chi_{C_j} \in S(W)$

$$\int_{\Omega} (dHf, g)_W = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m H(B_i \cap C_j) w_i, w'_j)_W;$$

¹⁰ I.e., with respect to the Borel σ -algebra in the Banach space of W -to- W bounded operators under the norm $|\cdot|_E$.

and that if $f, g \in \mathbf{B}(W)$ are uniform limits of sequences of simple functions $(f_n)_1^\infty, (g_n)_1^\infty$, then $\int_\Omega (dHf, g)_W = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_\Omega (dHf_n, g_n)_W$ (which limit exists).

From (4.6) and Definitions 4.9 and (4.12) it readily follows that when W is finite-dimensional

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{cases} H(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } M(\cdot) \text{ iff} \\ |E_M(f)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \int_\Omega (dHf, f)_W \quad \forall f \in \mathbf{B}(W). \end{cases}$$

In the subsequent discussion, we shall be concerned with \mathcal{B} -measurable W -valued functions and \mathcal{B} -measurable W -to- W operator-valued functions and with various functions formed from these by various operations. In all cases the new functions are again \mathcal{B} -measurable by virtue of the finite-dimensionality of W .

THEOREM 4.14 (*Uniqueness of the minimum trace 2-majorant*). *Let W be a q -dimensional Hilbert space over F and \mathcal{H} be an arbitrary Hilbert space over F . Given a s.c.a. W -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure $M(\cdot)$ on \mathcal{B} , there exists one and only one s.c.a. 2-majorant $H_0(\cdot)$ of $M(\cdot)$ such that*

$$\text{trace } H_0(\Omega) = \inf \{ \text{trace } H(\cdot) : H(\cdot) \text{ is a 2-majorant of } M(\cdot) \}.$$

Proof. By Theorem 4.7 existence is assured. Now suppose that $H_1(\cdot)$ and $H_2(\cdot)$ are both 2-majorants of $M(\cdot)$ such that $\tau H_1(\Omega) = K = \tau H_2(\Omega)$, where K is as in Theorem 4.7 (1). Let $m(\cdot)$ be the measure $\tau H_1(\cdot) + \tau H_2(\cdot)$ and let, for brevity, $G_1(\cdot) = H'_{1,m}(\cdot)$, $G_2(\cdot) = H'_{2,m}(\cdot)$ as in 4.11. So, by (4.13), for $f \in \mathbf{B}(W)$

$$|E_M(f)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \int_\Omega (G_i(\omega)f(\omega), f(\omega))_W dm, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let $P_i(\omega) =$ projection onto range of $G_i(\omega)$ for $i = 1, 2$. The first step in our proof is to prove $P_1(\omega) = P_2(\omega)$ a.e. (m): It is readily shown that $E_M(P_1 f) = E_M(f) = E_M(P_2 f)$ ¹¹ for all $f \in \mathbf{B}(W)$ and thus for $P(\omega) =$ projection onto $\mathcal{R}(G_1(\omega)) \cap \mathcal{R}(G_2(\omega))$ ¹² it readily follows $E_M(f) = E_M(Pf)$ and thus for all $f \in \mathbf{B}(W)$

$$|E_M(f)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = |E_M(Pf)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \int_\Omega (G_i(\omega)P(\omega)f(\omega), P(\omega)f(\omega))_W dm,$$

¹¹ We use the convention that $P_1 f$ is the function defined by $(P_1 f)(\omega) = P_1(\omega)\{f(\omega)\}$, etc.

¹² For proving \mathcal{B} -measurability, note that by [3; Th. 8]

$$P(\omega) = 2P_1(\omega)(P_1(\omega) + P_2(\omega))^*P_2(\omega).$$

$i = 1, 2$. So we must have $P_1 = P = P_2$ a.e. (m) (for otherwise since $\tau H(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} \tau H'_i(\omega) d\nu$, there is a 2-majorant with trace smaller than K , which is a contradiction). Thus $\mathcal{R}(G_1(\omega)) = \mathcal{R}(G_2(\omega))$ a.e. (m) .

The proof of uniqueness shall now be accomplished by showing $G_1(\omega) = G_2(\omega)$ a.e. (m) : Let $F(\omega) = (G_1(\omega)^{1/2\#} + G_2(\omega)^{1/2\#})^{\#}$ and note that $P(\omega) = (G_1(\omega)^{1/2\#} + G_2(\omega)^{1/2\#})F(\omega)$ a.e. (m) . Let

$$B_n = \{\omega: |G_1(\omega)^{1/2\#}F(\omega)|_E \leq n, |G_2(\omega)^{1/2\#}F(\omega)|_E \leq n\}.$$

So $B_n \nearrow \Omega$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for $f \in S(W)$

$$\begin{aligned} |E_M(\chi_{B_n} f)|_{\mathcal{H}} &= |E_M(\chi_{B_n} P f)|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq |E_M(\chi_{B_n} G_1^{1/2\#} F f)|_{\mathcal{H}} + |E_M(\chi_{B_n} G_2^{1/2\#} F f)|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_{B_n} (G_1(G_1^{1/2\#} F) f, G_1^{1/2\#} F f)_W dm \right)^{1/2} \\ (1) \quad &+ \left(\int_{B_n} (G_2(G_2^{1/2\#} F) f, G_2^{1/2\#} F f)_W dm \right)^{1/2} \\ &= 2 \left(\int_{B_n} (F^2 f, f)_W dm \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |E_M(\chi_{B_n} f)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &\leq \int_{B_n} (4F^2 f, f)_W dm \\ (2) \quad &= \int_{B_n} (4(G_1(\omega)^{1/2\#} + G_2(\omega)^{1/2\#})^{\#} f(\omega), f(\omega))_W dm \end{aligned}$$

where clearly by A.7 (*) in the Appendix, we may replace B_n by Ω (on letting $n \rightarrow \infty$). So by (2) $H_3(\cdot)$ defined by $H_3(B) = \int_B 4F(\omega)^2 dm$ is a 2-majorant of $M(\cdot)$.

Let $C = \{\omega: G_1(\omega) \neq G_2(\omega)\}$. Since W is separable it follows $C = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{\omega: ((G_1(\omega) - G_2(\omega))w_i, w_i)_W \neq 0\} \in \mathcal{B}$, where $\{w_i\}_1^{\infty}$ is a dense subset of W . Then by A.7 (*) $4\tau(F(\omega)^2) \leq (1/2)\tau(G_1(\omega) + G_2(\omega))$ with strict inequality on the set C . But thus if $m(C) > 0$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau H_3(\Omega) &= \left(\int_C + \int_{\Omega-C} \right) 4\tau(F(\omega)^2) dm < \int_{\Omega} (1/2)\tau(G_1(\omega) + G_2(\omega)) dm \\ &= (1/2)(\tau H_1(\Omega) + \tau H_2(\Omega)) = K, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $\tau H_3(\Omega) < K$, which contradicts 4.7 (1). So we must have $m(C) = 0$, i.e., $G_1(\omega) = G_2(\omega)$ a.e. (m) . \square

We conclude this section with the following

EXAMPLE 4.15. *Explicit form of the minimum trace 2-majorant in 4.14 when $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ and $\mathcal{B} = 2^{\Omega}$: Denote $M_1 = M\{\omega_1\}$, $M_2 =$*

$M\{\omega_2\}$. Then the explicit $H(\cdot)$ of 4.14 is

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= M_1^* M_1 + (M_1^* M_2 M_2^* M_1)^{1/2} \\ H_2 &= M_2^* M_2 + (M_2^* M_1 M_1^* M_2)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_1^* M_1 & M_1^* M_2 \\ M_2^* M_1 & M_2^* M_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{on } W \oplus W,$$

and trace $(H_1 + H_2)$ is a minimum. [The proof which is lengthy, is presented elsewhere. See "Added in proof" section.]

APPENDIX. We begin by proving two lemmas on nonnegative real-valued and on nonnegative hermitian operator-valued measures on a σ -algebra \mathcal{B} over a set Ω .

LEMMA A.1. *Let $\nu(\cdot)$ be a f.a. nonnegative real-valued measure on \mathcal{B} . Define for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$*

$$\mu(B) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(B_i) \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all countable partitions $(B_i)_1^{\infty}$ of B into sets in \mathcal{B} . Then $\mu(\cdot)$ is a c.a. nonnegative real measure on \mathcal{B} such that for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$

$$0 \leq \mu(B) \leq \nu(B) \leq \nu(\Omega) < \infty.$$

Proof. We leave it to the reader to show $\mu(\cdot)$ is f.a.

We now show that $\mu(\cdot)$ is continuous from above at \emptyset : Let $A_n \searrow \emptyset$. We shall show $\mu(A_n) \searrow 0$. [Proof. Note for each $n \geq 1$, $A_n = \bigcup_{i=n}^{\infty} (A_i - A_{i+1})$ and that since ν is f.a., we have $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu(A_i - A_{i+1}) \leq \nu(A_1) < \infty$. Thus

$$0 \leq \mu(A_n) \leq \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \nu(A_i - A_{i+1}) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, cf. Halmos [8; p. 39, Th. F], $\mu(\cdot)$ is c.a. □

To generalize Lemma A.1 we need the following form of the Jordan-Von Neumann theorem, which is further used in the proof of Theorem 4.7.

A.2. *Jordan-Von Neumann Lemma.* Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space over F and let $R(\cdot)$ be a function from \mathcal{H} to \mathbf{R}_{0+} such that

(i) $R(\cdot)^{1/2}$ is a seminorm,

(ii) $R(\cdot)^{1/2}$ satisfies the parallelogram law, i.e., $R(x - y) + R(x + y) = 2R(x) + 2R(y)$, each $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$,

(iii) there exists $K > 0$ such that $R(x) \leq K|x|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$.

Then (a) $R(\cdot)$ can be recovered from a unique bounded nonnegative hermitian sesquilinear functional $T(\cdot, \cdot)^{13}$ on $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$ to \mathbf{F} , i.e.,

$$(*) \quad R(x) = T(x, x) \quad \text{and} \quad |T(x, y)| \leq K|x|_{\mathcal{H}} \cdot |y|_{\mathcal{H}},$$

(b) \exists a unique bounded nonnegative hermitian linear operator A on \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} such that $|A| \leq K$, $T(x, y) = (Ax, y)$, and necessarily $R(x) = (Ax, x)_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Proof. (a) Follow the proof of J-VN Theorem in [24, p. 124, Th. 1] and obtain the second part of (*) by use of the Schwarz inequality.

(b) Cf. [4, Th. 21.1]. □

We now generalize Lemma A.1.

LEMMA A.3. *Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space over \mathbf{F} and let $N(\cdot)$ be a f.a. nonnegative \mathcal{H} -to- \mathcal{H} operator-valued measure on \mathcal{B} . Let for each $x \in \mathcal{H}$, $\nu_x(\cdot) = (N(\cdot)x, x)$ [which is obviously a f.a. nonnegative real-valued measure on \mathcal{B}] and let for each $x \in \mathcal{H}$, $\mu_x(\cdot)$ be the nonnegative real-valued measure on \mathcal{B} corresponding to $\nu_x(\cdot)$ as in Lemma A.1. Then*

(a) *for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$ \exists a unique bounded \mathcal{H} -to- \mathcal{H} nonnegative hermitian operator $H(B)$ such that*

$$(H(B)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}} = \mu_x(B), \quad \text{each } x \in \mathcal{H},$$

(b) *the set function $H(\cdot)$ is s.c.a. on \mathcal{B} such that*

$$0 \preceq H(B) \preceq N(B) \preceq N(\Omega), \quad \text{each } B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Proof. (a) Let B be a fixed set in \mathcal{B} . We shall prove that the function $R_B(\cdot)$ defined on \mathcal{H} by $R_B(x) = \mu_x(B)$ satisfies the conditions (i), (ii), (iii) in the J-VN Lemma A.2. To carry out the proof we introduce some notation. Let $\mathcal{P} = (B_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ denote a partition of B into subsets in \mathcal{B} . Define for $x \in \mathcal{H}$

$$(1) \quad \nu_x(\mathcal{P}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_x(B_i).$$

¹³ A functional $T(\cdot, \cdot)$ on $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$ to \mathbf{F} is called *bounded*; *nonnegative*; *hermitian*; *sesquilinear* iff, respectively, $\exists C > 0$ such that $|T(x, y)| \leq C|x|_{\mathcal{H}} \cdot |y|_{\mathcal{H}} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$; $T(x, x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$; $T(x, y) = \overline{T(y, x)} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$; $T(ax + by, z) = aT(x, z) + bT(y, z)$, $T(z, ax + by) = \overline{a}T(z, x) + \overline{b}T(z, y) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{F}, \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{H}$. In [4], the words “positive” and “symmetric” are used respectively for “nonnegative” and “hermitian”.

Then, by definition, cf. A.1,

$$(2) \quad \mu_x(B) = \inf \{ \nu_x(\mathcal{P}) : \mathcal{P} \text{ is a partition of } B \}.$$

From (2) it easily follows that for each $x \in \mathcal{H}$ and $c \in F$ that $\mu_x(B) \geq 0$ and $\mu_{cx}(B) = |c|^2 \mu_x(B)$.

By the *superposition* $\mathcal{P}_1 \circ \mathcal{P}_2$ of two partitions $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2$ of B we mean the partition of B composed of all intersections of pairs of sets, one from \mathcal{P}_1 , one from \mathcal{P}_2 . It follows similarly as in A.1 that

$$(3) \quad \nu_x(\mathcal{P}_1 \circ \mathcal{P}_2) \leq \nu_x(\mathcal{P}_1), \nu_x(\mathcal{P}_2).$$

We now prove condition (i) holds: It only remains to show that as a function of $x \in \mathcal{H}$, $\sqrt{\mu_x(B)}$ satisfies the triangle inequality

$$(4) \quad \sqrt{\mu_{x+y}(B)} \leq \sqrt{\mu_x(B)} + \sqrt{\mu_y(B)} \quad \text{for } x, y \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Note that since in (2) $\mu_x(B)$ is the infimum of a set of nonnegative real numbers, there exists a sequence of partitions (\mathcal{P}_n^x) of B such that $\mu_x(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_x(\mathcal{P}_n^x)$. Similarly there is a sequence of partitions (\mathcal{P}_n^y) such that $\mu_y(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_y(\mathcal{P}_n^y)$. Let for each n , $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{P}_n^x \circ \mathcal{P}_n^y$. Then by (3) it follows that

$$(5) \quad \mu_x(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_x(\mathcal{P}_n), \quad \mu_y(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_y(\mathcal{P}_n).$$

Now let $\mathcal{P} = (B_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ be an arbitrary partition of B . Then

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt{\nu_{x+y}(\mathcal{P})} &= \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty \nu_{x+y}(B_i) \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty |N(B_i)^{1/2}(x+y)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty |N(B_i)^{1/2}x + N(B_i)^{1/2}y|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right)}, \end{aligned}$$

where each of the sequences $(N(B_i)^{1/2}x)_{i=1}^\infty$, $(N(B_i)^{1/2}y)_{i=1}^\infty$ is in the Hilbert space $\ell_2(N_+, 2^{N_+}, \mu; \mathcal{H})$, where $\mu(\cdot)$ is the “counting measure”. But thus

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S. (6)} &\leq \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty |N(B_i)^{1/2}x|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right)} + \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty |N(B_i)^{1/2}y|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\nu_x(\mathcal{P})} + \sqrt{\nu_y(\mathcal{P})}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $\sqrt{\nu_{x+y}(\mathcal{P})} \leq \sqrt{\nu_x(\mathcal{P})} + \sqrt{\nu_y(\mathcal{P})}$. Therefore, using the sequence (\mathcal{P}_n) of (5) we have

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt{\mu_{x+y}(B)} &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\nu_{x+y}(\mathcal{P}_n)} \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{\nu_x(\mathcal{P}_n)} + \sqrt{\nu_y(\mathcal{P}_n)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\mu_x(B)} + \sqrt{\mu_y(B)} \quad \text{by (5) .}$$

So (4) holds.

We now prove condition (ii) holds, i.e., that for $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$,

$$(9) \quad \mu_{x+y}(B) + \mu_{x-y}(B) = 2\mu_x(B) = 2\mu_y(B) .$$

Let $(\mathcal{P}_n^{x+y}), (\mathcal{P}_n^{x-y}), (\mathcal{P}_n^x), (\mathcal{P}_n^y)$ be sequences of partitions of B such that $\mu_z(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_z(\mathcal{P}_n^z)$ for $z = x + y, x - y, x$, and y . Let for each n , $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{P}_n^{x+y} \circ \mathcal{P}_n^{x-y} \circ \mathcal{P}_n^x \circ \mathcal{P}_n^y$. Then $\mu_z(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_z(\mathcal{P}_n)$ for $z = x + y, x - y, x$, and y . So (9) readily follows. Moreover for each n , $\nu_x(\mathcal{P}_n) \leq (N(B)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}}$. So $\mu_x(B) \leq (N(B)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}}$, and thus condition (iii) holds. Therefore by A.2 (b) there exists $H(B)$ such that (a) holds.

(b) Note that for $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$

$$(10) \quad (H(B)x, y)_{\mathcal{H}} = \{\mu_{x+y}(B) - \mu_{x-y}(B) + i\mu_{x+iy}(B) - i\mu_{x-iy}(B)\}/4 ,$$

[since $\mu_z(B) = (H(B)z, z)_{\mathcal{H}}$ for $z \in \mathcal{H}$]. But by A.1 each $\mu_z(\cdot)$ is c.a. Thus $H(\cdot)$ is w.c.a. and therefore by [9, Th. 3.6.2] $H(\cdot)$ is s.c.a. The inequality $H(B) \lesssim N(B)$ follows immediately from $\mu_x(B) \leq (N(B)x, x)_{\mathcal{H}}$. \square

Our goal now is to obtain a matrix generalization of the following inequality.

LEMMA A.4. For 2 real numbers $a, b > 0$

$$(a^2 + b^2)/2 \geq 4(a^{-1} + b^{-1})^{-2}$$

with equality holding $\Leftrightarrow a = b$.

Proof. This is equivalent to the fact that for $x, y > 0$ $(x + y)/2 \geq 4xy(x^{1/2} + y^{1/2})^{-2}$ with equality holding $\Leftrightarrow x = y$, whose proof is contained in [18]. \square

In the next two results we deal with linear operators on an n -dimensional Hilbert space over F . We shall switch from an operator to its matrix representation (with respect to a given o.n. basis) as appropriate.

LEMMA A.5. Let $A = [a_{ij}] > 0$ and let $A^{-1} = [c_{ij}]$. Then $c_{ii} \geq 1/a_{ii}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ with equality holding simultaneously for all $i \Leftrightarrow A = \text{diag}(a_{ii})$. Equivalently, $a_{ii} \geq 1/c_{ii}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ with equality for all $i \Leftrightarrow A = \text{diag}(a_{ii})$.

Proof. We show the case $i = 1$: Let A be partitioned as

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \hline a_{21} & & & \\ \vdots & & D & \\ a_{n1} & & & \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & a_1 \\ \hline a_1^* & D \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & a_1 D^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & I \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} - a_1 D^{-1} a_1^* & 0 \\ \hline 0 & D \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline D^{-1} a^* & I \end{array} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\det A = \det D \cdot \det (a_{11} - a_1 D^{-1} a_1^*) = (\det D)(a_{11} - a_1 D^{-1} a_1^*)$, and cofactor $(a_{11}) = \det D$. Thus

$$c_{11} = \text{cof}(a_{11})/\det A = 1/(a_{11} - a_1 D^{-1} a_1^*) \geq 1/a_{11}$$

with equality holding $\Leftrightarrow a_1 = 0$, i.e., $\Leftrightarrow a_{12} = a_{13} = \cdots = a_{1n} = 0$. \square

We now prove the generalization of A.4.

THEOREM A.6. *Let A, B be linear operators on an n -dimensional Hilbert space over F such that A, B are > 0 . Then*

$$(1) \quad \tau\{(A^2 + B^2)/2\} \geq 4\tau\{(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-2}\}$$

with equality holding $\Leftrightarrow A = B$.

Proof. We first show that if $A = [a_{ij}]$ with respect to a given o.n. basis, then

$$(2) \quad \tau(A^2) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}^2 \text{ with equality holding } \Leftrightarrow A = \text{diag}(a_{ii}).$$

[Proof: $\tau(A^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} a_{ji} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}^2$.]

Now choose an o.n. basis such that $A^{-1} + B^{-1}$ is diagonal, i.e., $A^{-1} = [c_{ij}]$, $B^{-1} = [d_{ij}]$, $A^{-1} + B^{-1} = \text{diag}(c_{ii} + d_{ii})$, $c_{ij} = -d_{ij}$ for $i \neq j$. Then by (2) and Lemmas A.5 and A.4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad \tau((A^2 + B^2)/2) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{ii}^2 + b_{ii}^2)/2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n ((c_{ii}^{-1})^2 + (d_{ii}^{-1})^2)/2 \\
 &\geq 4 \sum_{i=1}^n (c_{ii} + d_{ii})^{-2} = 4\tau\{(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-2}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the first 2 inequalities are each equality $\Leftrightarrow A = \text{diag}(a_{ii})$, $B = \text{diag}(b_{ii})$. The last inequality is equality $\Leftrightarrow c_{ii}^{-1} = d_{ii}^{-1}$, all i . We note that if $A = \text{diag}(a_{ii})$ and $B = \text{diag}(b_{ii})$, then $c_{ii}^{-1} = a_{ii}$ and $d_{ii}^{-1} = b_{ii}$. So equality holds in (1) $\Leftrightarrow A = \text{diag}(a_{ii})$, $B = \text{diag}(b_{ii})$ and $a_{ii} = b_{ii}$ for all i . Thus equality holds in (1) $\Rightarrow A = B$. Conversely, $A = B \Rightarrow$ equality holds in (1). \square

The following inequality is crucial for proving uniqueness in Theorem 4.14.

COROLLARY A.7. *Let A, B be linear operators on an n -dimensional Hilbert space over F such that A, B are ≥ 0 and $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(B)$. Then*

(*) $4\tau\{(A^{1/2\#} + B^{1/2\#})^{2\#}\} \leq (1/2)\tau(A + B)$ ($\#$ denotes generalized inverse) with equality holding if and only if $A = B$.

Proof. This is an easy consequence of A.6. □

We conclude the appendix by giving the alternate proof of “ $(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta)$ ” in Theorem 2.9 promised in footnote 7.

THEOREM A.8. $(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta)$ in Theorem 2.9.

Proof. Cf. (4.4) and (4.6). Define an inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_1$ on $S(W)$ by

$$(f, g)_1 = \int_{\Omega} (dHf, g)_W - (E_M(f), E_M(g))_{\mathcal{H}},$$

where we identify f and g if $|f - g|_1 = 0$. Denote by \mathcal{H}_1 the completion of $S(W)$ under $|\cdot|_1$ and define $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$. Define $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$, $\tilde{M}(B): W \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ by

$$\tilde{M}(B)w = M(B)w \oplus \chi_B w \in \mathcal{K}.$$

Then for $B, C \in \mathcal{B}$ and $w_1, w_2 \in W$ it follows that

$$(1) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(\tilde{M}(B)w_1, \tilde{M}(C)w_2)_{\mathcal{K}} = (M(B)w_1 \oplus \chi_B w_1, M(C)w_2 \oplus \chi_C w_2)_{\mathcal{K}} \\ &= (M(B)w_1, M(C)w_2)_{\mathcal{H}} + \left\{ \int (dH\chi_B w_1, \chi_C w_2)_W \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (E_M(\chi_B w_1), E_M(\chi_C w_2))_{\mathcal{H}} \right\} \\ &= (H(B \cap C)w_1, w_2)_W, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \tilde{M}(C)^* \tilde{M}(B) = H(B \cap C), \end{aligned} \right.$$

i.e., by Definition 2.2 (a) $\tilde{M}(\cdot)$ is c.a.q.i. Clearly $J^* \tilde{M}(\cdot) = M(\cdot)$ for J defined as earlier after 2.9 (2). □

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(2) In Theorem 4.14, the proof that $E_M(f) = E_M(Pf)$ follows readily from John Von Neumann's Alternating Projection Theorem, which is Theorem 13.7 in his monograph "Functional Operators II," Annals of Math. Studies, No. 22, Princeton Univ. Press, Princeton, 1950.

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