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Dedicated to Masamichi Takesaki on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Let M be a factor of type III with separable predual and with normal states $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k, \omega$ with ω faithful. Let A be a finite-dimensional C^* -subalgebra of M . Then it is shown that there is a unitary operator $u \in M$ such that $\varphi_i \circ \text{Ad } u = \omega$ on A for $i = 1, \dots, k$. This follows from an embedding result of a finite-dimensional C^* -algebra with a faithful state into M with finitely many given states. We also give similar embedding results of C^* -algebras and von Neumann algebras with faithful states into M . Another similar result for a factor of type II_1 instead of type III holds.

1. Introduction

Let M be a factor of type III with separable predual. Then two nonzero projections e and f in M are equivalent, that is, there exists a partial isometry $v \in M$ such that $v^*v = e$, $vv^* = f$. If, furthermore, e and f are different from the identity operator 1, then there is a unitary operator $u \in M$ such that $u^*eu = f$. This shows that there is an abundance of unitaries in M , so one might expect stronger results arising from these unitaries. That is what is done in the present paper. We show that if φ and ω are faithful normal states in M and $A \subset M$ is a finite-dimensional C^* -algebra, then there exists a unitary operator $u \in M$ such that the restrictions $\varphi \circ \text{Ad } u|_A$ and $\omega|_A$ are equal, where $\text{Ad } u$ is the inner automorphism $x \mapsto u^*xu$ of M . (See Corollary 2.2 for a more precise and general statement.)

This actually follows from an embedding result of a finite-dimensional C^* -algebra A with a faithful state into M with finitely given normal states. This result is then applied to obtain a similar result for the C^* -algebra of the compact operators on a separable Hilbert space. Furthermore, we have more general embedding results in Section 3 for C^* -algebras and von Neumann algebras with faithful states into a

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type III factor M such that a finite number of normal states on M coincide after the embedding.

If M is not of type III, the corresponding result is false in general, but if M is a factor of II_1 , $\omega = \tau$ is the trace and $A \cong M_n(\mathbb{C})$, the matrix algebra of complex $n \times n$ -matrices, then the corresponding result to the unitary equivalence on A holds for $\omega = \tau$ and any φ . This will be shown in Section 4.

There exist results of a similar nature to the ones above in the literature. In [Connes and Størmer 1978], it has been shown that if M is of type III_1 and $\varepsilon > 0$ then there is a unitary operator $u \in M$ with

$$\|\varphi \circ \text{Ad } u - \omega\| < \varepsilon.$$

If one takes a pointwise weak limit point of the automorphisms of the form $\text{Ad } u$ in the above, then one finds a completely positive unital map $\pi : M \rightarrow M$ with $\varphi \circ \pi = \omega$.

In the nonseparable case, it has recently been shown by Ando and Haagerup [2013] that for some factors of type III_1 constructed as ultraproducts, all faithful normal states are unitarily equivalent.

In the C^* -algebra case it has been shown in [Kishimoto et al. 2003] that if φ and ω are pure states of a separable C^* -algebra A with the same kernel for their GNS-representations, then there is an asymptotically inner automorphism α of A such that $\varphi \circ \alpha = \omega$.

Our result gives an exact equality for two states, not an approximate one, but only on a finite-dimensional C^* -subalgebra A .

2. Factors of type III

In this section we state and prove our main result.

Theorem 2.1. *Let M be a type III factor with separable predual and $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$ normal states on M . Let A be a finite-dimensional C^* -algebra and ρ a faithful state on A . Then there exists a unital injective homomorphism $\pi : A \rightarrow M$ with*

$$\varphi_i \circ \pi = \rho, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

After proving this theorem, we will prove that it implies the following corollary.

Corollary 2.2. *Let M be a factor of type III with separable predual. Let A be a finite-dimensional C^* -subalgebra of M . Let $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$ and ω be normal states on M and assume that ω is faithful. Then there exists a unitary operator $u \in M$ such that*

$$\varphi_i \circ \text{Ad } u|_A = \omega|_A, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Before starting preliminaries of our proof of Theorem 2.1, we give an outline of our method for the case $A \cong M_d(\mathbb{C})$.

After diagonalizing the density matrix of ρ , what we have to find is a system of matrix units $\{e_{ij}\}$ in M for which we have $\varphi_n(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}\lambda_i$ for all $n = 1, \dots, k$ and $i, j = 1, \dots, d$, where the λ_i are eigenvalues of the density matrix of ρ . We first choose e_{ii} satisfying this condition. Then we choose $e_{12}, e_{13}, \dots, e_{1d}$ inductively so that we have various identities saying that the values of certain linear functionals applied to a certain partial isometry are all zero at each induction step. This is done by a version of a noncommutative Lyapunov theorem, and what we need is a special case of [Akemann and Anderson 1991, Theorem 2.5(1)]. Since the statement and its proof are short, we include them here in the form we need, for the sake of convenience of the reader.

Lemma 2.3. *Let M be a nonatomic von Neumann algebra and $\Phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ a σ -weakly continuous linear map. Then for any $a \in M_{+,1}$, there exists a projection $p \in M$ such that $\Phi(p) = \Phi(a)$.*

Proof. Let

$$D := \{x \in M_{+,1} \mid \Phi(x) = \Phi(a)\},$$

where $M_{+,1}$ denotes the positive operators in the unit ball of M . Then D is a nonempty σ -weakly compact convex set. Therefore, by the Krein–Milman theorem, there exists an extremal point b of D . We show b is a projection. If b were not a projection, then there exists $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that the spectral projection p of b corresponding to $(\delta, 1 - \delta)$ is nonzero. By the assumption on M , $pM_{sa}p$ is an infinite-dimensional real linear space while its range with respect to Φ is finite-dimensional. This implies the existence of a nonzero $y \in pM_{sa}p$ such that $\Phi(y) = 0$. Setting $t := \delta/\|y\|$, we have $b \pm ty \in D$. As we have $b = (b + ty)/2 + (b - ty)/2$, this contradicts the fact that b is extremal in D . \square

We now construct appropriate matrix units by induction on the size of matrix units.

Lemma 2.4. *Let M be a type III factor with separable predual and $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ normal states on M . Let $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, m$ with $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$. Then there exists a system of matrix units $\{e_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,m}$ such that*

$$\varphi_l(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}\lambda_i \quad \text{for all } l = 1, \dots, m.$$

Proof. For a projection $p \in M$ satisfying $0 \leq \varphi_l(p) = \lambda < 1$ for $l = 1, \dots, n$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1 - \lambda$, there exists a projection q orthogonal to p such that $\varphi_l(q) = t$. To see this, we consider a σ -weakly continuous linear map $\Phi : M_{\bar{p}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$, where we write $\bar{p} = 1 - p$, given by $\Phi(x) = (\varphi_l(x))_{l=1}^n$, and apply Lemma 2.3 for $a = t\bar{p}/(1 - \lambda)$.

Using this fact inductively, we have $\{e_{ii}\}$.

We next define partial isometries u_{i1} , $i = 1, \dots, m$, inductively such that $e_{ij} = u_{i1}u_{j1}^*$ satisfy the conditions of the lemma. Let $u_{11} = e_{11}$ and assume that we have found u_{i1} , $i = 1, \dots, k$ with $k < m$. Let v be a partial isometry in M with $v^*v = e_{11}$, $vv^* = e_{k+1,k+1}$. Then define a map

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : e_{11}Me_{11} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{nk} \\ \Phi(x) &:= (\varphi_l(vxu_{j1}^*))_{l=1,\dots,n,j=1,\dots,k}. \end{aligned}$$

This map Φ is σ -weakly continuous and linear, so by using Lemma 2.3 with $a = e_{11}/2$, we obtain a projection $p \in e_{11}Me_{11}$ such that $\Phi(p) = \Phi(e_{11})/2$. Define

$$u_{k+1,1} := vp - v(1 - p).$$

Since $p \leq e_{11}$, an easy computation shows that $u_{k+1,1}^*u_{k+1,1} = e_{11}$, $u_{k+1,1}u_{k+1,1}^* = e_{k+1,k+1}$. Let $e_{k+1,j} = u_{k+1,1}u_{j1}^*$ and $e_{j,k+1} = u_{j1}u_{k+1,1}^*$. Then the e_{ij} , $i, j \leq k+1$, form a set of matrix units, and using the definition of Φ and that $\Phi(p) = \Phi(e_{11})/2$, we get for all l

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_l(u_{k+1,1}u_{j1}^*) &= \varphi_l((2vp - v)u_{j1}^*) \\ &= 2\varphi_l(vpu_{j1}^*) - \varphi_l(vu_{j1}^*) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\varphi_l(e_{j,k+1}) = \varphi_l(u_{j1}u_{k+1,1}^*) = \overline{\varphi_l(u_{k+1,1}u_{j1}^*)} = 0,$$

completing the proof of the lemma. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.1. First we consider the case $A = M_m(\mathbb{C})$. We choose a system of matrix units $\{v_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,m}$ of $A = M_m(\mathbb{C})$ which diagonalizes the density matrix D_ρ of ρ , that is, $D_\rho = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i v_{ii}$. As ρ is faithful, we have $\lambda_i > 0$ for all i . By Lemma 2.4, we obtain a system of matrix units $\{e_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,m}$ in M satisfying

$$(1) \quad \varphi_n(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}\lambda_i, \quad n = 1, \dots, k, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Define

$$\pi : M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M, \quad \pi(v_{ij}) = e_{ij}.$$

Then π gives a unital homomorphism satisfying the desired condition.

For the general case $A \simeq \bigoplus_{k=1}^b M_{n_k}(\mathbb{C})$, let $m = \sum_{k=1}^b n_k$. Let $\hat{\rho}$ be a faithful extension of ρ to $M_m(\mathbb{C})$. Applying the above result to $M_m(\mathbb{C})$ and $\hat{\rho}$, there exists a unital homomorphism $\hat{\pi} : M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M$ such that

$$\varphi_n \circ \hat{\pi} = \hat{\rho}, \quad n = 1, \dots, k.$$

The restriction $\pi := \hat{\pi}|_A$ gives a unital homomorphism from A to M satisfying $\varphi_n \circ \pi = \rho$, for $n = 1, \dots, k$. \square

Proof of Corollary 2.2. Let p be the unit of A . Considering $A \oplus \mathbb{C}(1 - p)$ instead of A , we may assume that A contains the unit of M from the beginning.

First we consider the case $A \simeq M_m(\mathbb{C})$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\{f_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,m}$, $\{v_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,m}$ be systems of matrix units of A and $M_m(\mathbb{C})$, respectively. Let $\gamma : M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow A$ be an isomorphism given by $\gamma(v_{ij}) = f_{ij}$.

Then $\rho := \omega \circ \gamma$ is a faithful state on $M_m(\mathbb{C})$. From Theorem 2.1, there exists a unital homomorphism $\pi : M_m(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M$ such that $\varphi_n \circ \pi = \rho$, $n = 1, \dots, k$. The algebras A and $\pi(M_m(\mathbb{C}))$ are subalgebras of M isomorphic to $M_m(\mathbb{C})$ with complete sets of matrix units $\{f_{ij}\}$ and $\{\pi(v_{ij})\}$. As in [Haagerup and Musat 2011, Lemma 2.1], if $v \in M$ is a partial isometry with $v^*v = \pi(v_{11})$ and $vv^* = f_{11}$, then $u := \sum_{i=1}^m \pi(v_{i1})v^*f_{1i}$ is a unitary in M satisfying $uf_{ij}u^* = \pi(v_{ij})$. Hence we have

$$\varphi_n \circ \text{Ad } u(f_{ij}) = \varphi_n(\pi(v_{ij})) = \rho(v_{ij}) = \omega \circ \gamma(v_{ij}) = \omega(f_{ij}),$$

that is, $\varphi_n \circ \text{Ad } u|_A = \omega|_A$ for $n = 1, \dots, k$.

For the general case $A \simeq \bigoplus_{l=1}^b M_{n_l}(\mathbb{C})$, let $\{f_{ij}^{(l)}\}_{i,j=1,\dots,n_l}$ be a system of matrix units of $M_{n_l}(\mathbb{C})$ for each $l = 1, \dots, b$. As M is of type III, for all $l = 1, \dots, b$, the nonzero projections $f_{11}^{(1)}$ and $f_{11}^{(l)}$ are mutually equivalent. Hence, there exist partial isometries $v^{(l)} \in M$ such that $v^{(l)*}v^{(l)} = f_{11}^{(l)}$ and $v^{(l)}v^{(l)*} = f_{11}^{(1)}$. Set $w_{(k,i)(l,j)} := f_{i1}^{(k)}v^{(k)*}v^{(l)}f_{1j}^{(l)}$, for $k, l = 1, \dots, b$, $i = 1, \dots, n_k$, and $j = 1, \dots, n_l$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_{(k,i)(l,j)}^* &= f_{j1}^{(l)}v^{(l)*}v^{(k)}f_{1i}^{(k)} = w_{(l,j)(k,i)}, \\ w_{(k,i)(l,j)}w_{(l',j')(k',i')} &= f_{i1}^{(k)}v^{(k)*}v^{(l)}f_{1j}^{(l)}f_{j'1}^{(l')}v^{(l')*}v^{(k')}f_{1i'}^{(k')} \\ &= \delta_{ll'}\delta_{jj'}f_{i1}^{(k)}v^{(k)*}v^{(l)}f_{11}^{(l)}v^{(l)*}v^{(k')}f_{1i'}^{(k')} \\ &= \delta_{ll'}\delta_{jj'}f_{i1}^{(k)}v^{(k)*}v^{(l)}v^{(l)*}v^{(k')}f_{1i'}^{(k')} \\ &= \delta_{ll'}\delta_{jj'}w_{(ki),(k'i')}, \\ \sum_{(k,i)} w_{(k,i)(k,i)} &= \sum_{i,k} f_{i1}^{(k)}v^{(k)*}v^{(k)}f_{1i}^{(k)} = \sum_{(k,i)} f_{ii}^{(k)} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{w_{(k,i)(l,j)}\}_{(k,i),(l,j)}$ give a system of matrix units of a C^* -subalgebra B of M isomorphic to M_m , for $m := \sum_{k=1}^b n_k$. As $w_{(ki)(kj)} = f_{i1}^{(k)}f_{1j}^{(k)} = f_{ij}^{(k)}$, $\{w_{(k,i)(l,j)}\}$ is an extension of $\{f_{ij}^{(k)}\}$ and A is a subalgebra of B . We apply the above argument to $B \simeq M_m(\mathbb{C})$ and obtain a unitary u in M such that $\varphi_i \circ \text{Ad } u|_B = \omega|_B$. In particular, we obtain $\varphi_i \circ \text{Ad } u|_A = \omega|_A$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. \square

3. Embedding of operator algebras with faithful states

The above theorem can be extended to the algebra of the compact operators as follows.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $K(\mathcal{H})$ denote the set of all the compact operators on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Let ρ be a faithful state on $K(\mathcal{H})$. Let M be a factor of type III with separable predual, $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_k$ normal states on M . Then there exists a homomorphism π of $K(\mathcal{H})$ into M such that*

$$\varphi_n \circ \pi = \rho, \quad n = 1, \dots, k.$$

Proof. We may assume that \mathcal{H} is infinite-dimensional and φ_1 is faithful — for example, by adding a faithful state to the set of all the φ_i .

Let $\{v_{ij}\}$ be a system of matrix units of $K(\mathcal{H})$ diagonalizing the density matrix D_ρ of ρ , that is, $D_\rho = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i v_{ii}$. As ρ is faithful, we have $\lambda_i > 0$ for all i .

We claim that there exists a system of matrix units $\{e_{ij}\}_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M satisfying

$$(2) \quad \varphi_n(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij} \lambda_i, \quad n = 1, \dots, k, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

This is proved in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. □

A slight rewriting of the above theorem gives the following:

Corollary 3.2. *Let $B(\mathcal{H})$ be the set of all the bounded operators on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and ρ a faithful normal state on $B(\mathcal{H})$. Let M be a factor of type III with separable predual and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_k$ normal states on M . Then there exists a homomorphism π of $B(\mathcal{H})$ into M such that*

$$\varphi_n \circ \pi = \rho, \quad n = 1, \dots, k.$$

We now consider an embedding of a C^* -algebra with a faithful state into a type III factor with finitely many normal states.

Theorem 3.3. *For a C^* -algebra A and a faithful state ω on A , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_ω in the GNS triple $(\mathcal{H}_\omega, \pi_\omega, \Omega_\omega)$ of ω is separable and Ω_ω is separating for $\pi_\omega(A)''$.*
- (ii) *There exists a representation (\mathcal{H}, ρ) of A on a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and a faithful normal state σ on $B(\mathcal{H})$ with $\omega = \sigma \circ \rho$.*
- (iii) *For any factor M of type III with separable predual and its normal states $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$, there exists an injective homomorphism $\gamma : A \rightarrow M$ with $\varphi_j \circ \gamma = \omega$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$.*

Proof. Suppose condition (i) holds. Then Ω_ω is cyclic for $\pi_\omega(A)'$. Therefore, using the separability of \mathcal{H}_ω , we have a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset (\pi_\omega(A)')_1$ such that $\{x_n \Omega_\omega : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ spans \mathcal{H}_ω . Let $x_0 := \sqrt{1 - \sum_n x_n^* x_n} / 2^n$, and define a state σ on $B(\mathcal{H}_\omega)$ given by the density matrix $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |x_n \Omega_\omega\rangle \langle x_n \Omega_\omega| / 2^n$. This σ is faithful and normal. Let $\rho = \pi_\omega$. We can check $\sigma \circ \rho = \omega$. Hence (ii) holds.

Now suppose condition (ii) holds. We show (iii). By Theorem 3.1, we have an injective homomorphism $\pi : K(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow M$ such that $\sigma|_{K(\mathcal{H})} = \varphi \circ \pi$. We denote the extension of π to $B(\mathcal{H})$ by $\hat{\pi}$. Then from the way we have constructed π , we obtain $\sigma = \varphi \circ \hat{\pi}$. Define $\gamma := \hat{\pi} \circ \rho : A \rightarrow M$. Then we obtain $\varphi \circ \gamma = \varphi \circ \hat{\pi} \circ \rho = \sigma \circ \rho = \omega$.

Finally suppose condition (iii) holds, and we show this implies (i). To see this, fix a factor M of type III with a faithful normal state φ , and let $(\mathcal{H}_\varphi, \pi_\varphi, \Omega_\varphi)$ be its GNS triple. We obtain γ as in (iii). Let $K := \overline{\pi_\varphi \circ \gamma(A)\Omega_\varphi}$ and let β be the restriction of $\pi_\varphi \circ \gamma$ to K . Then $(K, \beta, \Omega_\varphi)$ is the GNS triple of ω . As Ω_φ is separating for $\pi_\varphi(M)$, it is separating for $\beta(A)''$, and (i) holds. \square

As an immediate corollary, we obtain the following:

Corollary 3.4. *Let N be a von Neumann algebra with separable predual and ψ a faithful normal state on N . Then for any factor M of type III with separable predual and a normal state φ on M , there exists an injective homomorphism $\pi : N \rightarrow M$ with $\varphi \circ \pi = \psi$.*

Another easy corollary is as follows, by a well-known result on the KMS condition [Bratteli and Robinson 1997, Corollary 5.3.9].

Corollary 3.5. *Suppose that we have a C^* -algebra A , a state φ on A , and a one-parameter automorphism group $\{\alpha_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ such that these satisfy the KMS condition. Then the pair (A, φ) satisfies the (equivalent) conditions in Theorem 3.3.*

Remark 3.6. Note that a general faithful state on a C^* -algebra A does not satisfy condition (i) of Theorem 3.3 at all, as shown in [Takesaki 1974] by an example due to Pedersen. The C^* -algebra used by Takesaki is a very basic one, $C([0, 1]) \otimes M_2(\mathbb{C})$. A slight modification of the argument there also works for a simple C^* -algebra $A_\theta \otimes M_2(\mathbb{C})$, where A_θ is the irrational rotation C^* -algebra.

In Theorem 3 of the same paper, Takesaki gives a sufficient condition for our condition (i) in Theorem 3.3 and calls it the quasi-KMS condition, but it seems difficult to check this condition for a given example.

Remark 3.7. In all the above cases, we considered embeddings into a type III factor, but actually any properly infinite von Neumann algebra with separable predual works. This is because if we have a properly infinite von Neumann algebra and normal states on it, we simply restrict the states on a type III factor which is found as a subalgebra of the original von Neumann algebra. It is easy to see that if a von Neumann algebra with separable predual has a finite direct summand, this type of embedding is impossible, so actually this embeddability characterizes proper infiniteness of a von Neumann algebra with separable predual.

4. Factors of type II_1

The direct analogue of Theorem 2.1 for finite factors is trivially false. For example, if M is of type II_1 with trace τ and ρ is not a trace on A , then the conclusion of Theorem 2.1 for $\varphi_1 = \tau$ is clearly false. However, if we restrict the choice of ω in Corollary 2.2, we obtain a positive result.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$ be normal states on a factor M of type II_1 with the unique trace τ . Let A be a C^* -subalgebra of M isomorphic to $M_m(\mathbb{C})$ with $1 \in A$. Then there exists a unitary operator $u \in M$ satisfying $\varphi_i \circ \text{Ad } u|_A = \tau|_A$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$.*

Proof. We may assume that $\varphi_1 = \tau$ is the unique trace on M . We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. The only difference is that we take $\tau(e_{ii}) = 1/m$ instead of the proof of Lemma 2.4. \square

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
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