

ON THE CENTRAL DECOMPOSITION FOR POSITIVE FUNCTIONALS ON C^* -ALGEBRAS

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1. Introduction. Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit 1, A^* the dual Banach space of A , \mathfrak{S} the set of all states ϕ on A (namely, $\phi(a^*a) \geq 0$ for $a \in A$ and $\phi(1) = 1$), Ω the set of all extreme points of \mathfrak{S} .

Then \mathfrak{S} is a $\sigma(A^*, A)$ -compact space. Let $C(\mathfrak{S})$ be the Banach algebra of all continuous complex-valued functions on the compact space \mathfrak{S} with the usual supremum norm, then the A may be topologically embedded into $C(\mathfrak{S})$; moreover, the self-adjoint portion A^s of A may be order-isomorphically embedded into the real Banach space $C_r(\mathfrak{S})$ of all continuous real-valued functions on \mathfrak{S} .

Any positive linear functional ψ on A extends to a positive linear functional on $C(\mathfrak{S})$ and thus, by the Riesz representation theorem, there will be some positive Radon measure μ on \mathfrak{S} so that

$$(*) \quad \psi(a) = \int \phi(a) d\mu(\phi) \quad \text{for } a \in A.$$

Let $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ be the set of all positive Radon measures on \mathfrak{S} satisfying the equality (*). In general, $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ consists of many different measures. An important family of measures belonging to $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ is the one consisting of measures concentrated on Ω . M. Tomita [11], [18] showed that if A is separable, $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ contains a measure μ such that $\mu(\Omega) = \mu(\mathfrak{S})$ and gave a refinement of the Mautner-Godement-Segal theorem [10], [7], [16] that an arbitrary separable $*$ -representation of A can be expressed as a direct integral of irreducible $*$ -representations—that is, he showed that the Mautner-Godement-Segal decomposition can be realized by a Radon measure on the compact space \mathfrak{S} . Moreover, at the present time, we can obtain this result of Tomita and, furthermore, show that Ω is a G_δ -set, if A is separable, from the general theory of Choquet [2], Bishop and de Leeuw [1].

Also, L. Loomis [8] gave further developments along this line.

If A is commutative, the μ such that $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ and $\mu(\Omega) = \mu(\mathfrak{S})$ is unique; this implies the classical theorem that the problem of determining all cyclic unitary representations of a locally compact abelian group G can be reduced to the prob-

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lem of determining all equivalence classes of bounded positive Radon measures on the dual group \hat{G} .

If A is not commutative, such μ is, in general, not unique even for a finite-dimensional A . Therefore, in spite of their importance, such measures are not suitable for the decomposition theory of representations.

On the other hand, von Neumann's reduction theory (cf. [10], [12]) insures that every separable $*$ -representation of A may be expressed as a direct integral of factor $*$ -representations (called the central decomposition) and such a decomposition is essentially unique.

From this fact, for a separable A , we can guess the existence and the unicity of a distinguished Radon measure belonging to $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ which realizes the central decomposition of the $*$ -representation of A constructed via ψ on the compact space \mathfrak{S} .

The main purpose of this paper is to show that this guess is true. We say that ϕ is primary if the $*$ -representation of A constructed via ϕ is a factor representation. Let K be the set of all primary states on A . Then we shall show: if A is separable, K is measurable for all Radon measures ν on the compact space \mathfrak{S} (Theorem 1) and, moreover, there is one and only one measure μ belonging to $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ such that $\mu(K) = \mu(\mathfrak{S})$ and the expression $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ realizes the central decomposition of the $*$ -representation of A constructed via ψ (Theorems 2, 3 and 4).

We call such a unique μ the *central Radon measure* of ψ .

2. Preliminaries. Let \mathfrak{A} be a C^* -algebra. The term " $*$ -representation" of \mathfrak{A} shall mean a homomorphism $a \rightarrow \pi_a$ of \mathfrak{A} into the algebra of all bounded operators on some hilbert space \mathfrak{H} such that $(\pi_a)^* = \pi_{a^*}$ for $a \in \mathfrak{A}$, and denote it by $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$. Two $*$ -representations $\pi^1(\mathfrak{H}_1)$, $\pi^2(\mathfrak{H}_2)$ are said to be equivalent if there exists a unitary mapping U of \mathfrak{H}_1 onto \mathfrak{H}_2 such that $U\pi_a^1 U^{-1} = \pi_a^2$ for $a \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Let \mathfrak{A}^{**} be the second dual Banach space of \mathfrak{A} ; then, according to a result of Sherman [17], \mathfrak{A}^{**} may be regarded as a W^* -algebra, whose associated space is the dual Banach space \mathfrak{A}^* of \mathfrak{A} , and \mathfrak{A} may be regarded as a σ -dense C^* -subalgebra (the σ -topology on \mathfrak{A}^{**} shall mean the weak*-topology on \mathfrak{A}^{**}) of \mathfrak{A}^{**} , when \mathfrak{A} is canonically embedded into \mathfrak{A}^{**} .

DEFINITION 1. Let G be a locally compact group, and $A(G)$ the group C^* -algebra of G (cf. 6); then the W^* -algebra $A(G)^{**}$ is called the group W^* -algebra of G and denoted by $W(G)$.

DEFINITION 2. Let M be a W^* -algebra; then a W^* -representation $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ of M is a continuous $*$ -representation of M with the σ -topology (the σ -topology on M shall mean the weak $*$ -topology on M (cf. [14])) into the algebra $B(\mathfrak{H})$, with the weak operator topology, of all bounded operators on a hilbert space \mathfrak{H} such that π_1 is the identity operator on \mathfrak{H} for the identity 1 of M .

We shall denote by $\pi[M]$ the image of M under π . If $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ is a W^* -representation

of a W^* -algebra M , $\pi[M]$ is a weakly closed $*$ -subalgebra (called a concrete W^* -algebra) of $B(\mathfrak{H})$ (cf. 14).

Now let $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ be a $*$ -representation of a C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} such that $\{\xi \mid \pi_a \xi = 0 \text{ for } \xi \in \mathfrak{H} \text{ and all } a \in \mathfrak{A}\} = (0)$ (called a nowhere trivial $*$ -representation), then $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ can be uniquely extended to a W^* -representation of \mathfrak{A}^{**} (cf. [14, Theorem in Appendix]). We shall denote also by $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ this W^* -representation of \mathfrak{A}^{**} .

Conversely, let $\tilde{\pi}(\mathfrak{H})$ be a W^* -representation of \mathfrak{A}^{**} , then its restriction on \mathfrak{A} is a nowhere trivial $*$ -representation $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ of \mathfrak{A} . Moreover, the W^* -representation of \mathfrak{A}^{**} obtained from the $*$ -representation $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ of \mathfrak{A} coincides clearly with the $\tilde{\pi}(\mathfrak{H})$.

The W^* -representation of \mathfrak{A}^{**} is irreducible if and only if the corresponding $*$ -representation of \mathfrak{A} is irreducible; two W^* -representations of \mathfrak{A}^{**} are equivalent if and only if the corresponding two $*$ -representations of \mathfrak{A} are equivalent. Therefore the theory of $*$ -representations of \mathfrak{A} can be reduced to the W^* -representation theory of \mathfrak{A}^{**} , so that the unitary representation theory of a locally compact group G can be reduced to the W^* -representation theory of the group W^* -algebra $W(G)$.

Let M be a W^* -algebra, and $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ a W^* -representation of M ; then the kernel $\mathfrak{I} = \{a \mid \pi_a = 0, a \in M\}$ is a σ -closed ideal of M ; hence there is a unique central projection z such that $\mathfrak{I} = M_z$ (cf. [14]). Put $1 - z = s(\pi)$; $s(\pi)$ is called the support of π . The support of π is a nonzero central projection and the restriction of π on $Ms(\pi)$ is one-to-one.

DEFINITION 3. Let $\pi^1(\mathfrak{H}_1)$, $\pi^2(\mathfrak{H}_2)$ be two W^* -representations of M . If $s(\pi^1) = s(\pi^2)$, we say that $\pi^1(\mathfrak{H}_1)$ is quasi-equivalent to $\pi^2(\mathfrak{H}_2)$.

Clearly, the quasi-equivalence is a usual equivalence relation, so that by this relation we can classify W^* -representations of M into quasi-equivalence classes.

Let $\mathfrak{D}(M)$ be the family of all quasi-equivalence classes of the W^* -representations of M ; then, for each element $\rho \in \mathfrak{D}(M)$, there corresponds a unique nonzero central projection $c(\rho)$ of M such that $c(\rho) = s(\pi)$ for every $\pi(\mathfrak{H}) \in \rho$.

Conversely, let z be a central nonzero projection; then M_z is a W^* -algebra, so that it has a faithful W^* -representation $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ (cf. [13]).

Then the mapping $a \rightarrow \pi_{az}$ of M into $B(\mathfrak{H})$ is a W^* -representation of M ; hence there is unique element ρ of $\mathfrak{D}(M)$ such that $c(\rho) = z$.

Therefore, there is a one-to-one correspondence between all elements of $\mathfrak{D}(M)$ and all nonzero central projections of M .

For convenience, we shall add an imaginary 0-element to $\mathfrak{D}(M)$ and we shall denote by $\mathfrak{D}'(M)$ the set $\mathfrak{D}(M) \cup (0)$; moreover, we shall make the 0-element of M correspond to this 0-element of $\mathfrak{D}'(M)$. Then there is a one-to-one correspondence between $\mathfrak{D}'(M)$ and the set Z_p of all central projections of M . Since Z_p is a complete Boolean algebra, we can canonically introduce its Boolean structure into $\mathfrak{D}'(M)$.

Also, we can regard every element ρ of $\mathfrak{D}(M)$ as a σ -continuous $*$ -homomorphism of M onto the W^* -algebra $Mc(\rho)$. Therefore, within quasi-equivalence,

the W^* -representation theory of M can be completely reduced to the structure theory of the W^* -algebra M .

So we shall freely use various definitions and theorems concerning the structure of W^* -algebras. For them, the reader should be referred to [3] and [14].

Let $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ be a nowhere trivial $*$ -representation of a C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} . Then the support $s(\pi)$ of $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ shall mean the support of the corresponding W^* -representation $\pi(\mathfrak{H})$ of the W^* -algebra \mathfrak{A}^{**} .

Let $\pi^1(\mathfrak{H}_1), \pi^2(\mathfrak{H}_2)$ be two nowhere trivial $*$ -representations of \mathfrak{A} . If the corresponding two W^* -representations of \mathfrak{A}^{**} are quasi-equivalent, we say that $\pi^1(\mathfrak{H}_1)$ and $\pi^2(\mathfrak{H}_2)$ are quasi-equivalent.

3. The decomposition theory. Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit 1. In this section we shall always assume that A is uniformly separable. Let A^* be the dual Banach space of A and \mathfrak{S} the set of all states on A ; then \mathfrak{S} is $\sigma(A^*, A)$ -compact; let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of nonzero elements which is uniformly dense in the selfadjoint portion A^s of A .

For $\phi, \psi \in \mathfrak{S}$, define

$$d(\phi, \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{|(\phi - \psi)(a_n)|}{2^n \|a_n\|};$$

then d is a metric on \mathfrak{S} which is equivalent to $\sigma(\mathfrak{S}, A)$; therefore, \mathfrak{S} is considered a compact metric space with respect to $\sigma(\mathfrak{S}, A)$; hence, the compact space \mathfrak{S} satisfies the second countability axiom, because a compact metric space is always separable. In this section we shall always consider the \mathfrak{S} as the compact space with the topology $\sigma(\mathfrak{S}, A)$.

Let $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$, and let V_ϕ be the invariant closed subspace under $R_a, L_a (a \in A)$ generated by ϕ ; then there is a unique central projection z_ϕ such that $L_{z_\phi} A^* = V_\phi$ (cf. [14], [19]); clearly z_ϕ is the least central projection of A^{**} containing the support $s(\phi)$ of ϕ on A^{**} (cf. [14]) and, moreover, $s(\pi^\phi) = z_\phi$, where $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ is the $*$ -representation of A constructed via ϕ .

Now we shall show

THEOREM 1. *Let K be a subset of \mathfrak{S} consisting of all primary states ϕ (namely, the $*$ -representation $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ of A is a factor representation); then K is ν -measurable for all Radon measures ν on the compact space \mathfrak{S} .*

Proof. It is clear that the primarity of ϕ is equivalent to the fact that the support $s(\pi^\phi)$ of $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ is a minimal central projection of A^{**} .

Now put $\mathfrak{F} = \{\phi \mid \phi \geq 0, \phi(1) \leq 1, \phi \in A^*\}$; then \mathfrak{F} is $\sigma(A^*, A)$ -compact; let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of elements which is uniformly dense in A . Consider the product space $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$ and put

$$G_{m,n} = \{(\phi, \psi) \mid \|R_{a_m} L_{a_m}^* \phi - R_{a_n} L_{a_n}^* \psi\| = \|R_{a_m} L_{a_m}^* \phi + R_{a_n} L_{a_n}^* \psi\|, (\phi, \psi) \in \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}\}.$$

Since

$$\|R_{a_m}L_{a_m}^*\phi \pm R_{a_n}L_{a_n}^*\psi\| = \sup_{\|a\| \leq 1} |\phi(a_m^*aa_m) \pm \psi(a_n^*aa_n)|$$

and the function $(\phi, \psi) \rightarrow \phi(a_m^*aa_m) \pm \psi(a_n^*aa_n)$ on the compact space $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$ is continuous, $\|R_{a_m}L_{a_m}^* \pm R_{a_n}L_{a_n}^*\psi\|$ is lower semi-continuous; hence, $G_{m,n}$ is a Borel set in the compact space $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$; put $F = \{(\phi, \psi) \mid \phi(1) + \psi(1) = 1, (\phi, \psi) \in \mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}\}$; then F is a closed set in $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$; and put $\mathfrak{F}_0 = \{\phi \mid \phi > 0, \phi(1) \leq 1\}$; then $\mathfrak{F}_0 \times \mathfrak{F}_0$ is an open set in $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$.

Now put $U = \{\mathfrak{F}_0 \times \mathfrak{F}_0\} \cap (F \cap \bigcap_{m,n=1}^\infty G_{m,n})$; then, clearly, U is a Borel set in $\mathfrak{F} \times \mathfrak{F}$.

Consider the mapping $(\phi, \psi) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \phi + \psi$ of F onto \mathfrak{S} ; it is continuous, so that $\Phi(U)$ is analytic and so ν -measurable for all Radon measures ν on the compact space \mathfrak{S} (cf. [3, Appendix (V)]).

If $\xi \in \Phi(U)$, then there is an element (ϕ, ψ) in U such that $\xi = \phi + \psi$; $(\phi, \psi) \in U$ implies $s(R_{a_m}L_{a_m}^*\phi) \cdot s(R_{a_n}L_{a_n}^*\psi) = 0$ for all m, n (cf. [14]) and so the closed invariant subspaces generated by ϕ and ψ , respectively, are mutually disjoint; hence $s(\pi^\phi) \cdot s(\pi^\psi) = 0$, so that $s(\pi^\xi) = s(\pi^\phi) + s(\pi^\psi)$ is not minimal. Conversely, suppose $\xi \notin K$, then there is a nonzero central projection z of A^{**} such that $z < s(\pi^\xi)$, then $\xi(a) = \xi(za) + \xi((s(\pi^\xi) - z)a)$ for $a \in A$; clearly $(L_z\xi, L_{s(\pi^\xi)-z}\xi) \in U$, so that $\xi \in \Phi(U)$; Hence $K = \mathfrak{S} - \Phi(U)$. This completes the proof.

PROBLEM 1. Can we conclude that K is a Borel subset in the compact space \mathfrak{S} ?

Now let μ be a positive Radon measure on the compact space \mathfrak{S} . Put $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in A$; then ψ is a positive linear functional on A . We shall always consider the ψ as a $\sigma(A^{**}, A^*)$ -continuous positive linear functional on the W^* -algebra A^{**} , because positive linear functionals on A extend canonically to $\sigma(A^{**}, A^*)$ -continuous positive linear functionals on A^{**} . Then,

DEFINITION 4. We say μ is a central Radon measure if it satisfies the following condition:

(**) There is a σ -continuous homomorphism Φ of the center Z of the W^* -algebra A^{**} onto the W^* -algebra $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu)$ of all essentially bounded μ -measurable functions on \mathfrak{S} such that

$$\psi(za) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi(z)(\phi) \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$$

for $z \in Z$ and $a \in A$.

Now let μ be a positive central Radon measure on the compact space \mathfrak{S} and put $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in A$.

Consider the $*$ -representation $\pi^\psi(\mathfrak{H}_\psi)$ of A and the corresponding W^* -representation $\pi^\psi(\mathfrak{H}_\psi)$ of A^{**} . We shall define a linear mapping of \mathfrak{H}_ψ into \mathfrak{H}_ϕ -valued functions on \mathfrak{S} in the following way.

Let $\xi = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_{c_i} \pi_{a_i} \psi$ in \mathfrak{H}_ψ , where $c_i \in Z$, $a_i \in A$ and 1_ψ is the image of 1 in \mathfrak{H}_ψ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\xi\|^2 &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_{c_i}^\psi \pi_{a_i}^\psi 1_\psi, \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_{c_i}^\psi \pi_{a_i}^\psi 1_\psi \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle \pi_{c_i a_i}^\psi 1_\psi, \pi_{c_j a_j}^\psi 1_\psi \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \psi(a_j^* c_j^* c_i a_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \psi(c_j^* c_i a_j^* a_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi(c_j)^*(\phi) \Phi(c_i)(\phi) \phi(a_j^* a_i) d\mu(\phi).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for each $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$, we consider the $*$ -representation $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ of A . For $a \in A$, the image of a in \mathfrak{H}_ϕ is denoted by a_ϕ . Then the function $\phi \rightarrow a_\phi$ on \mathfrak{S} is a \mathfrak{H}_ϕ -valued function. We shall denote this function by \tilde{a} . The function $\phi \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(c_i)(\phi) a_{i,\phi}$ is a \mathfrak{H}_ϕ -valued function and we have

$$\|\xi\|^2 = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(c_i)(\phi) a_{i,\phi} \right\|^2 d\mu(\phi).$$

Hence the mapping $\xi \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(c_i) \tilde{a}_i$ extends uniquely a unitary mapping U of \mathfrak{H}_ψ onto the direct integral $\int_{\mathfrak{S}} \mathfrak{H}_\phi d\mu(\phi)$ of the spaces \mathfrak{H}_ϕ with respect to the measure μ (cf. [3]), because elements of the form ξ are dense in \mathfrak{H}_ψ .

Hence, under this unitary mapping, we can write $\mathfrak{H}_\psi = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \mathfrak{H}_\phi d\mu(\phi)$.

Moreover, for $c \in Z$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (U\pi_c^\psi \xi)(\phi) &= U\pi_c^\psi \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_{c_i}^\psi \pi_{a_i}^\psi 1_\psi = U \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_{cc_i}^\psi \pi_{a_i}^\psi 1_\psi \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(cc_i)(\phi) a_{i,\phi} = \Phi(c)(\phi) \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(c_i)(\phi) a_{i,\phi} \\
 &= \Phi(c)(\phi)(U\xi)(\phi);
 \end{aligned}$$

hence $U\pi_c^\psi U^* = \Phi(c)$.

Since $\{\pi_c^\psi \mid c \in Z\}$ = the center of the concrete W^* -algebra $\pi^\psi[A^{**}]$ and $\Phi(Z) = L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu)$, under the realization $\mathfrak{H}_\psi = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \mathfrak{H}_\phi d\mu(\phi)$, the center of $\pi^\psi[A^{**}]$ is the set of all diagonalizable operators.

Hence we have the central decomposition (cf. [12])

$$\pi^\psi[A^{**}] = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \{\pi^\psi[A^{**}]\}(\phi) d\mu(\phi),$$

and $\{\pi^\psi[A^{**}]\}(\phi)$ is a factor for μ -almost all $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$. $\{\pi^\psi[A^{**}]\}(\phi) = \pi^\phi[A^{**}]$ for μ -almost all $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$, because $\pi^\psi[A]$ (respectively, $\pi^\phi[A]$) is weakly dense in $\pi^\psi[A^{**}]$ (respectively, $\pi^\phi[A^{**}]$). Therefore we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. *Let μ be a positive central Radon measure on the compact space \mathfrak{S} and put $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in A$. Then the $*$ -representation $\pi^\psi(\mathfrak{H}_\psi)$ of A is expressed as a direct integral of the $*$ -representations $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ of A , with respect to the measure μ , on the compact space \mathfrak{S} . Moreover, this integral is the central decomposition, and so it satisfies the following properties:*

- (i) $\pi^\phi(\mathfrak{H}_\phi)$ is a factor representation for μ -almost all $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$, i.e., $\mu(K) = \mu(\mathfrak{S})$,
- (ii) there is a Borel subset $\Delta\mu$ of the compact space \mathfrak{S} such that $\Delta\mu \subset K$, $s(\pi^{\phi_1}) \cdot s(\pi^{\phi_2}) = 0$ for two arbitrary different $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \Delta\mu$ and $\mu(\Delta\mu) = \mu(\mathfrak{S})$.

For the proof of property (ii) the reader is referred to [5, proof of Proposition 3].

THEOREM 3. *Suppose that μ_1, μ_2 are two positive central Radon measures on the compact space \mathfrak{S} such that $\psi(a) = \int \phi(a) d\mu_1(\phi) = \int \phi(a) d\mu_2(\phi)$ for all $a \in A$; then $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.*

Proof. Let Φ_1 (respectively, Φ_2) be a σ -continuous homomorphism of Z onto $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu_1)$ (respectively, $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu_2)$) such that $\psi(za) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_i(z)(\phi) \phi(a) d\mu_i(\phi)$ for $z \in Z$ and $a \in A$ ($i = 1, 2$). From the discussions in the proof of Theorem 2, clearly the kernel of Φ_1 (respectively, Φ_2) is $z(1 - s(\pi^\psi))$ (respectively, $z(1 - s(\pi^\psi))$).

For $a (\geq 0) \in A$, the continuous function $\phi \rightarrow \phi(a)$ on \mathfrak{S} belongs to $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu_1)$ and $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu_2)$, respectively, so that there are positive elements c_1^a, c_2^a in $Zs(\pi^\psi)$ such that $\phi(a) = \Phi_1(c_1^a)(\phi)$ μ_1 -a.e. and $\phi(a) = \Phi_2(c_2^a)(\phi)$ μ_2 -a.e.

Suppose that $c_1^a \neq c_2^a$, then there is a projection z of $Zs(\pi^\psi)$ such that $c_1^a z < c_2^a z$ or $c_1^a z > c_2^a z$; assume that $c_1^a z < c_2^a z$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(c_1^a z) &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_1(c_1^a)(\phi) \Phi_1(z)(\phi) d\mu_1(\phi) \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_1(z)(\phi) \phi(a) d\mu_1(\phi) \\ &= \psi(az) \end{aligned}$$

and, analogously,

$$\psi(c_2^a z) = \psi(az);$$

hence $c_2^a z - c_1^a z = 0$, a contradiction; hence we have $c_1^a = c_2^a = c^a$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a_1)\phi(a_2)\cdots\phi(a_n)d\mu_1(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_1(c^{a_1})(\phi)\Phi_1(c^{a_2})(\phi)\cdots\Phi_1(c^{a_n})(\phi)d\mu_1(\phi) \\
 &= \psi(c^{a_1}c^{a_2}\cdots c^{a_n}) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_2(c^{a_1}c^{a_2}\cdots c^{a_n})(\phi)d\mu_2(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi_2(c^{a_1})(\phi)\Phi_2(c^{a_2})(\phi)\cdots\Phi_2(c^{a_n})(\phi)d\mu_2(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a_1)\phi(a_2)\cdots\phi(a_n)d\mu_2(\phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

for $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$.

Therefore, by the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem,

$$\int_{\mathfrak{S}} f(\phi)d\mu_1(\phi) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} f(\phi)d\mu_2(\phi)$$

for $f \in c(\mathfrak{S})$, where $c(\mathfrak{S})$ is the Banach algebra of all continuous functions on the compact space \mathfrak{S} ; hence $\mu_1 = \mu_2$.

Moreover, the $*$ -algebra generated by $\{c^a \mid a \in A\}$ is σ -dense in $Zs(\pi^\psi)$, because $c(\mathfrak{S})$ is σ -dense in $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) and Φ_i is isomorphic on $Zs(\pi^\psi)$; hence $\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$. This completes the proof.

DEFINITION 5. From the proof of Theorem 3, the corresponding homomorphism Φ to a positive central Radon measure μ on the compact space \mathfrak{S} is unique. This unique Φ is called the homomorphism of μ and denoted by Φ_μ .

By Theorem 3, the mapping $\mu \rightarrow \psi = \int \phi d\mu$ of the set of all positive central Radon measures on the compact space \mathfrak{S} into the set of all positive linear functionals on A is one-to-one.

Now we shall show this mapping to be onto.

THEOREM 4. Let ψ be a positive linear functional on A ; then there is a positive central Radon measure μ on the compact space \mathfrak{S} such that $\psi(a) = \int \phi(a)d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in A$.

To prove Theorem 4, we shall provide some considerations.

For $\psi (\geq 0) \in A^*$, we shall consider ψ as a $\sigma(A^{**}, A^*)$ -continuous positive linear functional on A^{**} canonically.

The W^* -algebra $A^{**}s(\pi^\psi)$ has the separable associated space; therefore, there is a homogeneous type $I_{\aleph_0} W^*$ -algebra N such that $A^{**}s(\pi^\psi) \subset N$ and the center $Zs(\pi^\psi)$ of $A^{**}s(\pi^\psi) =$ the center of N .

We shall represent the N as follows: $N = L^\infty(B, Q, \omega)$, $N_* = L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$, where B is a type I_{\aleph_0} -factor, N_* (respectively, B_*) is the associated space of N (respectively, B), Q is a compact space satisfying the second countability axiom and ω is a positive Radon measure on Q with $\omega(Q)=1$, and $L^\infty(B, Q, \omega)$ is the W^* -algebra of all essentially bounded weakly $*$ ω -measurable B -valued functions on the Q and $L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$ is the Banach space of all strongly ω -integrable B_* -valued functions on the Q (cf. [14], [15]).

Let $\bar{\psi}$ be the restriction of ψ on the W^* -algebra $A^{**}s(\pi^\psi)$, then it can be extended to a σ -continuous linear functional $\bar{\psi}$ on N (cf. [14]).

Under the above representation, we have

$$\bar{\psi} = \int_Q \tilde{\psi}_t d\omega(t),$$

where the function $\tilde{\psi}_t$ on Q belongs to $L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$ and $\tilde{\psi}_t$ is μ -almost everywhere positive (cf. [14]).

Since $\|\bar{\psi}\| = \int_Q \|\tilde{\psi}_t\| d\omega(t)$, $\tilde{\psi}_t(1)$ is ω -integrable; moreover, let $F = \{t \mid \|\tilde{\psi}_t\| = 0, t \in Q\}$, then the function $\chi_F(t) \cdot 1 = z \in Zs(\pi^\psi)$, where χ_F is the characteristic function of F .

Since $\int \tilde{\psi}_t(\chi_F(t) \cdot 1) d\omega(t) = \tilde{\psi}(z) = 0$, $\pi_z^\psi = 0$ and so $z = 0$; therefore $\psi_t(1) > 0$ ω -a.e.

For $a \in As(\pi^\psi) \subset A^{**}s(\pi^\psi)$, we write $a = \int_Q a(t) d\omega(t)$ in $L^\infty(B, Q, \omega)$; then the function $\tilde{\psi}_t(a(t))/\tilde{\psi}_t(1)$ on Q is bounded ω -measurable.

Let C be a commutative C^* -subalgebra of the W^* -algebra $L^\infty(Q, \omega)$ generated by the family $\{\tilde{\psi}_t(a(t))/\tilde{\psi}_t(1) \mid a \in As(\pi^\psi)\}$; then we shall show

LEMMA 1. C is σ -dense in the W^* -algebra $L^\infty(Q, \omega)$.

Proof. Suppose that there is an ω -integrable complex-valued function g on Q such that $\int_Q (\tilde{\psi}_t(a(t))/\tilde{\psi}_t(1)) g(t) d\omega(t) = 0$ for all $a \in As(\pi^\psi)$. Since the function $\tilde{\psi}_t \in L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$, the function $(g(t)/\tilde{\psi}_t(1)) \tilde{\psi}_t$ is strongly ω -measurable and

$$\int_Q \left\| \frac{g(t)}{\tilde{\psi}_t(1)} \tilde{\psi}_t \right\| d\omega(t) = \int_Q |g(t)| d\omega(t) < +\infty;$$

hence

$$\frac{g(t)}{\tilde{\psi}_t(1)} \tilde{\psi}_t \in L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$$

and so there is an element \tilde{f} of N_* such that

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \int_Q \frac{g(t)}{\tilde{\psi}_t(1)} \tilde{\psi}_t(x(t)) d\omega(t)$$

for

$$x = \int_Q x(t) d\omega(t) \in L^\infty(B, Q, \omega) = N.$$

Since $\tilde{f}(As(\pi^\psi)) = 0, \tilde{f}(A^{**}s(\pi^\psi)) = 0$, so that $\tilde{f}(Zs(\pi^\psi)) = 0$; therefore

$$\int_Q \frac{g(t)}{\tilde{\psi}_i(1)} \tilde{\psi}_i(h(t) \cdot 1) d\omega(t) = \int_Q h(t) g(t) d\omega(t) = 0$$

for all $h \in L^\infty(Q, \omega)$; hence $g(t) = 0$ ω -a.e. This completes the proof.

Let Q_1 be the spectrum space of C , then $\omega(g) = \int_Q g(t) d\omega(t)$ for $g \in C$ defines a positive Radon measure ω_1 on Q_1 such that $\int_Q g(t) d\omega(t) = \int_{Q_1} g(v) d\omega_1(v)$ for $g \in C$.

Since C is σ -dense in $L^\infty(Q, \omega)$, the above equality implies that the isomorphism $g(t) \rightarrow g(v)$ of C in $L^\infty(Q, \omega)$ onto C in $L^\infty(Q_1, \omega_1)$ can be uniquely extended to an isomorphism Ψ of $L^\infty(Q, \omega)$ onto $L^\infty(Q_1, \omega_1)$ (cf. [14]).

Since

$$\left| \frac{\tilde{\psi}_i(a(t) - b(t))}{\tilde{\psi}_i(1)} \right| \leq \frac{\tilde{\psi}_i(1)}{\tilde{\psi}_i(1)} \|a - b\| \omega\text{-a.e.}$$

and the C^* -algebra $As(\pi^\psi)$ is uniformly separable, C is uniformly separable; hence Q_1 satisfies the second countability axiom (cf. [3, Appendix (I)]).

Therefore, by the theorem of von Neumann (cf. [3, Appendix (IV)]), there is a ω -null set P in Q , an ω_1 -null set P_1 in Q_1 and a one-to-one measurable mapping η of $Q - P$ onto $Q_1 - P_1$ such that $\Psi(f)(\eta(t)) = f(t)$ for $f \in L^\infty(Q, \omega)$ and $t \in Q - P$; moreover, in our case, clearly the η is measure-preserving.

Therefore, using η , we can translate the structures $L^\infty(B, Q, \omega)$ and $L^1(B_*, Q, \omega)$ on the measure space (Q, ω) to the structures $L^\infty(B, Q_1, \omega_1)$ and $L^1(B_*, Q_1, \omega_1)$ on the measure space (Q_1, ω_1) .

Then $\tilde{\psi} = \int_Q \tilde{\psi}_i d\omega(t) = \int_{Q_1} \tilde{\psi}_v d\omega_1(v)$ and $a = \int_Q a(t) d\omega(t) = \int_{Q_1} a(v) d\omega_1(v)$ for $a \in As(\pi^\psi)$, where $v = \eta(t)$.

$$\frac{\tilde{\psi}_v(a(v))}{\tilde{\psi}_v(1)} = \frac{\tilde{\psi}_i(a(t))}{\tilde{\psi}_i(1)} = \Psi(f)(v), \text{ where } f(t) = \frac{\tilde{\psi}_i(a(t))}{\tilde{\psi}_i(t)};$$

since $f \in C$, there is a continuous function $\xi_a (= \Psi(f))$ on Q_1 such that

$$\frac{\tilde{\psi}_v(a(v))}{\tilde{\psi}_v(1)} = \xi_a(v) \omega_1\text{-a.e.};$$

moreover, such a continuous function is unique—in fact, $\xi_a(v) = h(v)$ ω_1 -a.e. for a continuous h on Q_1 implies $\Psi^{-1}(h) = \Psi^{-1}(\xi_a)$, so that $\xi_a = h$ in C ; hence $\xi_a(v) = h(v)$ for all $v \in Q_1$.

$$\frac{\tilde{\psi}_v((a^*a)(v))}{\tilde{\psi}_v(1)} \geq 0 \omega_1\text{-a.e.}$$

implies $\xi_{a^*a}(v) \geq 0$ for all $v \in Q_1$, and, analogously, we have $\xi_{a+b}(v) = \xi_a(v) + \xi_b(v)$,

$\xi_{\lambda a}(v) = \lambda \xi_a(v)$ and $\xi_{s(\pi^{\psi})}(v) = 1$ for all $v \in Q_1$, where $a, b \in As(\pi^{\psi})$, λ a complex number.

Now put $\phi_v(x) = \xi_{xs(\pi^{\psi})}(v)$ for $x \in A$; then ϕ_v is a state on A for all $v \in Q_1$; moreover, suppose $v_1 \neq v_2$; then there is a function ξ_a such that $\xi_a(v_1) \neq \xi_a(v_2)$ ($a \in As(\pi^{\psi})$), because the family $\{\xi_a \mid a \in As(\pi^{\psi})\}$ of continuous functions on Q_1 generates \mathbb{C} ; hence, for some $x \in A$, we have $\phi_{v_1}(x) \neq \phi_{v_2}(x)$, and so $\phi_{v_1} \neq \phi_{v_2}$.

LEMMA 2. *The mapping $v \xrightarrow{p} \phi_v$ of the compact space Q_1 into the compact space \mathfrak{S} is homeomorphic.*

Proof. Since the above consideration shows that p is one-to-one, it is enough to show the continuity of p .

Suppose that $v_\alpha \rightarrow v$ in Q_1 ; then $\xi_a(v_\alpha) \rightarrow \xi_a(v)$ for all $a \in As(\pi^{\psi})$, so that $\phi_{v_\alpha}(x) \rightarrow \phi_v(x)$ for $x \in A$. This completes the proof.

By this lemma, the Radon measure ω_1 on Q_1 may be canonically considered a Radon measure ω_1 on the compact space \mathfrak{S} with the support $p(Q_1)$.

Now we shall show

Proof of Theorem 4. Put $d\mu(\phi) = \tilde{\psi}_\phi(1) d\omega_1(\phi)$, where $\omega_1(\phi)$ is the Radon measure on \mathfrak{S} defined in the preceding discussion, and $\tilde{\psi}_\phi(1) = \tilde{\psi}_v(1)$ for $\phi = p(v)$ ($v \in Q_1$) and $\tilde{\psi}_\phi(1) = 0$ for $\phi \notin p(Q_1)$.

Since μ is equivalent to ω_1 , $L^\infty(B, \mathfrak{S}, \mu) = L^\infty(B, \mathfrak{S}, \omega_1)$. Put $\tilde{\psi} = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \tilde{\tau}_\phi d\mu(\phi)$ in $L^1(B_*, \mathfrak{S}, \mu)$, then

$$\tilde{\psi} = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \tilde{\tau}_\phi d\mu(\phi) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \tilde{\psi}_\phi \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{\psi}_\phi(1)} \tilde{\psi}_\phi(1) d\omega_1(\phi);$$

hence $\tilde{\tau}_\phi = \tilde{\psi}_\phi / \tilde{\psi}_\phi(1)$ for μ -almost all $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$.

Therefore, for $a \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(a) &= \tilde{\psi}(as(\pi^{\psi})) = \int \frac{\tilde{\psi}_\phi((as(\pi^{\psi}))(\phi))}{\tilde{\psi}_\phi(1)} d\mu(\phi) \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \xi_{as(\pi^{\psi})}(\phi) d\mu(\phi) \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for $z \in Z$, $zs(\pi^{\psi})$ belongs to the center of N ; here there is a unique essentially bounded μ -measurable function f on \mathfrak{S} such that $(zs(\pi^{\psi}))(\phi) = f(\phi) \cdot 1$ μ -a.e. Put $\Phi(z) =$ the function $f(\phi)$; then Φ is a σ -continuous homomorphism of Z onto the W^* -algebra $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}, \mu)$.

For $z \in Z$ and $a \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(za) &= \tilde{\psi}(zas(\pi^\psi)) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \tilde{\tau}_\phi((zas(\pi^\psi))(\phi)) d\mu(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \tilde{\tau}_\phi(\Phi(z)(\phi)(as(\pi^\psi))(\phi)) d\mu(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi(z)(\phi) \tilde{\tau}_\phi((as(\pi^\psi))(\phi)) d\mu(\phi) \\
 &= \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \Phi(z)(\phi) \phi(a) d\mu(\phi).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, μ is a positive central Radon measure on the compact space \mathfrak{S} . This completes the proof.

Next, in order to make our theorem applicable for the unitary representation theory of locally compact groups, we shall consider a separable C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} without unit.

Let \mathfrak{S}_0 be the set of all positive linear functionals ϕ on \mathfrak{A} such that $\phi \geq 0$ and $\|\phi\| \leq 1$, and \mathfrak{S}_1 the set of all positive linear functionals ϕ on \mathfrak{A} such that $\|\phi\| = 1$; then \mathfrak{S}_0 is a $\sigma(\mathfrak{S}_0, \mathfrak{A})$ -compact space.

The function $\phi \rightarrow \|\phi\|$ on the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 is lower semi-continuous, so that \mathfrak{S}_1 is a Borel set in the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 . Let A be the C^* -algebra adjoining the unit 1 to \mathfrak{A} and ϕ_0 be a state on A such that $\phi_0(\mathfrak{A}) = 0$.

For $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}_0$, we can uniquely extend ϕ to a positive linear functional with the same norm on A , and we shall denote it by the same notation ϕ .

Define a mapping α of \mathfrak{S}_0 onto \mathfrak{S} as follows:

$$\alpha(\phi) = \phi + (1 - \phi(1))\phi_0.$$

Then α is a homeomorphic mapping of the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 onto the compact space \mathfrak{S} .

Now let ψ be a bounded positive linear functional on \mathfrak{A} , and we shall extend uniquely ψ on A with the same norm. Then there is a unique positive central Radon measure μ on \mathfrak{S} such that

$$\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi) \quad \text{for } a \in A.$$

Let $\pi^\psi(\mathfrak{H}_\psi)$ be the $*$ -representation of A constructed via ψ ; then there is a sequence of positive elements (h_n) in \mathfrak{A} such that $\|h_n\| \leq 1$, $\{\pi_{h_n}^\psi\}$ converges strongly to $1_{\mathfrak{H}_\psi}$, where $1_{\mathfrak{H}_\psi}$ is the identity operator on \mathfrak{H}_ψ . Therefore,

$$\lim_n \psi(1 - h_n) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(1 - h_n) d\mu(\phi) = 0.$$

Since $\phi(1 - h_n) \geq 0$, there is a subsequence of (n_j) of (n) such that $\lim_j \phi(1 - h_{n_j}) = 0$

μ -a.e.; hence $\sup_{\|x\| \leq 1; x \in \mathfrak{A}} |\phi(x)| = \phi(1) = 1$ for μ -a.e., $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$. Therefore μ is concentrated on the Borel set $\alpha(\mathfrak{S}_1)$.

Hence we can easily prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 5. *Let \mathfrak{A} be a C^* -algebra, \mathfrak{S}_0 the set of all positive linear functionals ϕ on \mathfrak{A} such that $\phi \geq 0$ and $\|\phi\| \leq 1$, \mathfrak{S}_1 the set of all positive linear functionals ϕ on \mathfrak{A} such that $\|\phi\| = 1$, K_0 the set of all primary positive linear functionals ϕ on \mathfrak{A} such that $\|\phi\| \leq 1$; then \mathfrak{S}_1 is a Borel subset in the $\sigma(\mathfrak{S}_0, \mathfrak{A})$ -compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 and K_0 is measurable for all Radon measures ν on the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 .*

Moreover, let ψ be a bounded positive linear functional on \mathfrak{A} ; then there is one and only one positive Radon measure μ on the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 satisfying the following conditions:

(i) $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}_0} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in \mathfrak{A}$.

(ii) There is a unique σ -continuous homomorphism Φ_μ of the center Z of the W^* -algebra \mathfrak{A}^{**} onto the W^* -algebra $L^\infty(\mathfrak{S}_0, \mu)$ such that

$$\psi(za) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}_0} \Phi_\mu(z)(\phi) \phi(a) d\mu(\phi) \text{ for } z \in Z \text{ and } a \in \mathfrak{A},$$

where “the ψ on \mathfrak{A}^{**} ” is the unique canonical extension of “the ψ on \mathfrak{A} ”.

(iii) There is a Borel subset U_ψ in the compact space \mathfrak{S}_0 such that $U_\psi \subseteq K_0 \cap \mathfrak{S}_1$, $\mu(U_\psi) = \mu(\mathfrak{S}_0)$ and $s(\pi^{\phi_1}) \cdot s(\pi^{\phi_2}) = 0$ for two different $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in U_\psi$.

We shall call this unique Radon measure μ the central Radon measure of ψ .

Finally we shall state some problems.

The problem of characterizing intrinsically central Radon measures is very interesting — in particular, it is important in the unitary representation theory of locally compact groups.

Therefore we shall put

PROBLEM 2. Is there an intrinsical characterization of central Radon measures? In particular, can we have a purely measure-theoretic characterization of those measures?

Suppose ψ is a positive linear functional on the C^* -algebra A , $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ the set of all positive Radon measures on the compact space \mathfrak{S} such that $\psi(a) = \int_{\mathfrak{S}} \phi(a) d\mu(\phi)$ for $a \in A$.

Then, $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$ contains one and only one central Radon measure μ_0 .

PROBLEM 3. Is there a geometrical characterization of μ_0 in the $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$?

PROBLEM 4. Without use of the reduction theory of von Neumann, can we show the existence of a central Radon measure in the $\mathfrak{M}(\psi)$?

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