

# RADIAL LIMIT OF LACUNARY FOURIER SERIES WITH COEFFICIENTS IN NON-COMMUTATIVE SYMMETRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $E$  be a rearrangement invariant space,  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  an arbitrary set and  $(M, \tau)$  a von Neumann algebra with a semifinite normal faithful trace. It is proved that the associated symmetric space of measurable operators  $E(M, \tau)$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP if and only if  $E$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP extending in this way some previous results by Q. Xu.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of the present note is to solve a problem concerning the  $\Lambda$ -Radon Nikodym property (in short  $\Lambda$ -RNP) in symmetric spaces of measurable operators. For stating our result we shall introduce first the necessary notations and definitions. Let  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  be an arbitrary set. A Banach space  $B$  is said to have  $\Lambda$ -RNP if and only if every  $B$ -valued bounded lacunary Fourier series  $f(re^{it}) = \sum_{n \in \Lambda} a_n r^{|n|} e^{int}$  on the unit disc  $D$  in the complex plane has radial limit at the boundary almost everywhere. As was proved in the paper of Buchvalov and Danilevich [BD] we have  $\mathbb{Z}$ -RNP=RNP, the usual Radon Nikodym property and also  $\mathbb{N}$ -RNP=ARNP, the so-called analytic Radon Nikodym property. We consider now  $(M, \tau)$  a semifinite von Neumann algebra acting on a Hilbert space  $H$ , with a normal faithful trace  $\tau$ . Let  $\overline{M}$  be the space of all measurable operators with respect to  $(M, \tau)$  in the sense of [N] equipped with the measure topology defined there. For  $a \in \overline{M}$  and  $t > 0$  the  $t$ -th singular number of  $a$  is defined by (cf. [FK])

$$\mu_t(a) = \inf \{ \|ae\| ; e \text{ is a projection in } M, \tau(1 - e) \leq t \}.$$

The function  $t \rightarrow \mu_t(a)$  will be denoted by  $\mu(a)$ . For the main properties of this function the reader is referred to [FK]. Let also  $E$  be a rearrangement invariant (r.i.) function space on  $(0, \infty)$  (cf. [LT]). We define the non-commutative symmetric space associated with  $(M, \tau)$  and  $E$  as follows (cf. [DDP1]):

$$E(M, \tau) = \{ a \in \overline{M} ; \mu(a) \in E \},$$

$$\|a\|_{E(M, \tau)} = \|a\|_E = \|\mu(a)\|_E, \quad a \in E(M, \tau).$$

More exactly, we shall consider throughout this paper the following two cases in order to preserve the main situations from the commutative case. If  $(M, \tau)$  is

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diffuse (cf. [SZ]) then  $E$  is taken to be a r.i. space on  $[0, \tau(1))$  and when  $(M, \tau)$  is completely atomic with all the minimal projections of the same trace,  $E$  will be a r.i. sequence space (cf. [LT]).

The problem we are mainly concerned here is if  $\Lambda$ -RNP for  $E$  is equivalent with  $\Lambda$ -RNP for  $E(M, \tau)$ . Actually, in this paper we settle this question in the affirmative. In the particular cases  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\Lambda = \mathbb{N}$  this study was done in [X2] and [X1] respectively. In [X1] the author also considered some other cases such as uniform convexity (see also [M]), uniform PL-convexity and uniform H-convexity. Note however that such a result does not hold for AUMD property which does not pass from  $E$  to  $E(M, \tau)$  even in the particular case of the Schatten class (cf. [HP]). Also there exists  $E_1$  isomorphic with  $E_2$  and such that  $E_1(M, \tau)$  is not equal with  $E_2(M, \tau)$  (cf. [A] where such an example is given for  $M = B(H)$ ). The arguments from [X1, X2] do not seem to work in this more general case. Our solution is based on some recent results of the author in [M] and also on a compactness theorem in [DDP2].

## 2. THE PROOF

Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the unit circle equipped with its normalised Haar measure  $dm$ . We recall first that a vector measure  $F : (T, dm) \rightarrow B$  has  $L^\infty$ -bounded variation (cf. [DU]) if and only if there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $\|F(A)\|_B \leq C \cdot m(A)$  for every measurable subset  $A$  of  $\mathbf{T}$ . The smallest constant for which the inequality holds is called the  $L^\infty$ -norm of  $F$ . For  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  we shall denote by  $V_\Lambda^\infty(B)$  the space of all vector measures  $F$  with  $L^\infty$ -bounded variation and for which the Fourier coefficients

$$\widehat{F}(n) = \int e^{-int} dm(t) = 0$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \Lambda$ .  $F$  is said to be representable if there exists  $f \in L^\infty(B)$  such that  $F = f \cdot dm$ . Also, we define  $H_\Lambda^\infty(B)$  to be the Hardy space of all functions  $f : D \rightarrow B$  of the form  $f(re^{it}) = \sum_{n \in \Lambda} a_n r^{|n|} e^{int}$  endowed with the  $L^\infty$ -norm. For proving our main result we need the next lemma which can be proved as in [Bl].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $B$  be an arbitrary Banach space. Then,*

- (a)  $H_\Lambda^\infty(B) = V_\Lambda^\infty(B)$  via the Poisson integral.
- (b)  $B$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP iff every  $F \in V_\Lambda^\infty(B)$  is representable.

We can present now the main theorem in this paper as follows.

**Theorem 2.2.** *We consider  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  as above. A rearrangement invariant space  $E$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP if and only if its non-commutative analogue  $E(M, \tau)$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP.*

*Proof.* We shall give the proof in the “continuous case” when  $(M, \tau)$  is diffuse. The “discrete case” can be done in the same way with some minor natural changes. Since  $E$  is isometric isomorphic with a closed subspace of  $E(M, \tau)$  it is sufficient to prove just “ $E$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP  $\Rightarrow E(M, \tau)$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP”. We can assume  $\text{card } \Lambda = \infty$  (if not, all Banach spaces have  $\Lambda$ -RNP) and remark as in [BD] that  $E$  does not contain any copy of  $c_0$ . In particular the dual space  $E^*$  is equal with the associate space  $E'$  (cf. [LT]). We consider first the situation  $\tau(1) < \infty$  and we take  $F \in V_\Lambda^\infty(E(M, \tau))$ . To settle our problem we have to show that  $F$  is representable (cf. lemma 2.1) or more particular,  $\text{Re}F$  is representable ( $F = \text{Re}F + i\text{Im}F$ ). Using a result from [DU]

it is also sufficient to prove that for any  $A \subseteq T$ ,  $m(A) \neq 0$ , there exists  $A_0 \subseteq A$ ,  $m(A_0) \neq 0$  such that the set

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{A}(A, A_0) = \left\{ \frac{ReF(B)}{m(B)} ; B \subseteq A_0, m(B) \neq 0 \right\}$$

is relatively weakly compact or, equivalently, relatively  $\sigma(E(M, \tau), E'(M, \tau))$  compact by a result from [DDP2]. Anyway, since  $(T, dm)$  is countable generated we deduce (cf. [DU]) that the range of  $ReF$  is included into a separable subspace of  $E(M, \tau)$ . By a density result in [M] this implies that there exists a countable set  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq E(M, \tau)$  such that every  $T \in \mathcal{C}$  is selfadjoint, has  $\mu(T)$  invertible and every element in  $\overline{Sp(range(ReF))}$  can be approximated in the norm of  $E(M, \tau)$  by a net of measurable operators from  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let's say  $\mathcal{C} = (T_n)_n$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists (cf. [M]) a bounded linear map

$$\Phi_n : E(M, \tau) \rightarrow E$$

with  $\Phi_n(|T_n|) = \mu(T_n)$  and the norms of  $\Phi_n$  do not depend on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also, we define as in [M]

$$\Psi_n : E \rightarrow E(M, \tau),$$

$$\Psi_n(f) = f \circ \mu^{-1}(T_n)(|T_n|)$$

and recall (cf. [M]) that  $\mu(\Psi_n(f)) = f^*$ , the usual nonincreasing rearrangement of  $|f|$  (cf. [LT]). This means in particular that the space  $E_n = \Psi_n(E) \subseteq E(M, \tau)$  is in fact a “copy” of  $E$  which “stays” on the “direction” of  $|T_n|$ . After this preparation, we can start the proof of (2.1). So, let's fix  $A \subseteq T$ ,  $m(A) \neq 0$  and we want to define  $A_0$ . For this, we also consider  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and since  $E_n$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP it follows (cf. lemma 2.1) that the measure  $\Psi_n \circ \Phi_n \circ ReF$  is representable. We obtain by a result from [DU] that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and every  $C \subseteq T$ ,  $m(C) \neq 0$  there exists  $C_0 \subseteq C$ ,  $m(C_0) \neq 0$ ,  $m(C \setminus C_0) < \epsilon$ , such that

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{A}^n(C, C_0) = \left\{ \frac{\Psi_n \circ \Phi_n \circ ReF(D)}{m(D)} ; D \subseteq C_0, m(D) \neq 0 \right\}$$

is relatively norm compact in  $E_n$ . Now, it is obvious to choose a set  $A_0 \subseteq A$ ,  $m(A_0) \neq 0$ , with the property that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the set  $\mathcal{A}^n(A, A_0)$  is relatively norm compact in  $E_n$ . We will show that this  $A_0$  is a good set for our problem. To see that  $\mathcal{A}(A, A_0)$  is relatively  $\sigma(E(M, \tau), E'(M, \tau))$  compact is equivalent (using a result from [DDP2] since  $\tau(1) < \infty$ ) to proving the following assertion:

“For every  $x \in E'(M, \tau)$  and  $(x_n)_n \subseteq \Omega(x) := \{z ; \int_0^t \mu_s(z)ds \leq \int_0^t \mu_s(x)ds\}$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$  ( $\mu$ ) we have

$$\sup \left\{ \int_0^\infty \mu_t(x_n) \mu_t(y) dt ; y \in \mathcal{A}(A, A_0) \right\} \rightarrow 0.”$$

We assume that the above statement is false. This means that there exists  $x \in E'(M, \tau)$ ,  $(x_n)_n \subseteq \Omega(x)$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow 0(\mu)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $(y_n)_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}(A, A_0)$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^\infty \mu_t(x_n) \mu_t(y_n) dt > 2\epsilon, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let  $y_n = \frac{ReF(B_n)}{m(B_n)}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Arguing as in [M] it is not difficult to see that there exists  $(y_n^1)_n \subseteq E_1$  with  $\tau(y_n a) = \tau(y_n^1 a)$  for every  $a \in E'_1 (= \Psi_1(E'))$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and

$$\mu(y_n^1) = \mu\left(\frac{\Psi_1 \circ \Phi_1 \circ ReF(B_n)}{m(B_n)}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Using the same compactness result from [DDP2] (see the above “assertion”) together with (2.2) we obtain a subnet  $(y_{k_n^1}^1)_n \subseteq (y_n^1)_n$  which converges weakly on the “direction” of  $|T_1|$  (i.e.  $(\tau(y_{k_n^1}^1 a))_n$  converges for every  $a \in E'_1$ ). This implies that  $(y_{k_n^1}^1)_n$  converges weakly on the “direction” of  $|T_1|$ . In the same way we find a subnet  $(y_{k_n^2})_n \subseteq (y_{k_n^1})_n$  which converges weakly on the “directions” of  $|T_1|$  and  $|T_2|$  and if we take the diagonal subnet we get in fact a subnet of  $(y_n)_n$  which converges weakly on each “direction”  $|T_1|, |T_2|, \dots$ . So, we can assume without loss of generality that  $(y_n)_n$  itself has this property.

By the density of  $\mathcal{C}$  in the norm of  $E(M, \tau)$  and (2.3), we can select a net  $(T_{k_n})_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  with the properties

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^\infty \mu_t(x_n) \mu_t(T_{k_n}) dt > 2\epsilon, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

and  $\|y_n - T_{k_n}\|_{E(M, \tau)} \rightarrow 0$ . Let us put  $V_n := T_{k_n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $(M, \tau)$  is diffuse it follows from (2.4) and [FK] that there exists  $z_n \in E'_{k_n} (:= \Psi_{k_n}(E'))$  with  $\mu(z_n) = \mu(x_n)$  and

$$(2.5) \quad |\tau(z_n V_n)| > 2\epsilon, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

In general, the map  $f : (\Omega(x), \mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(z) = \tau(z y)$  is continuous for a fixed  $y \in E(M, \tau)$  (cf. [DDP2]). But we know that  $z_n \rightarrow 0(\mu)$  and that's why we can assume (taking a subnet if necessary) that

$$(2.6) \quad |\tau(z_{n+1} V_n)| < \epsilon, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $\|y_n - V_n\|_{E(M, \tau)} \rightarrow 0$  it follows that  $(V_n)_n$  also converges on each “direction” of  $|T_1|, |T_2|, \dots$ . This means that if we let  $w_n = V_n - V_{n-1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\tau(w_n a) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $a \in \bigcup E'_n$ . Using (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad |\tau(z_n w_n)| > \epsilon, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let  $Z = \{z_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$ . The space  $(\Omega(x), \mu)$  is a complete metric space (cf. [DDP2]) and so,  $(Z, \mu)$  is a complete metric subspace of  $(\Omega(x), \mu)$ . So, if we define now the functions

$$f_n : (Z, \mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

$$f_n(z) = \tau(z w_n), \quad z \in Z, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

we deduce that  $(f_n)_n$  are continuous functions and  $f_n(z) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $z \in Z$ . Using Baire's theorem we obtain  $N \in \mathcal{V}(0)$  in  $(Z, \mu)$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  with the property  $|\tau(z w_n)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for every  $z \in N$  and  $n \geq n_0$ . But this implies that there exists  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(2.8) \quad |\tau(z_m w_n)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad m \geq m_0, \quad n \geq N_0$$

which contradicts (2.7). The case  $\tau(1) < \infty$  is proved. The general situation when  $\tau(1) = \infty$  can be “reduced” to the first one by standard arguments. We give a sketch of proof. Let again  $F \in V_\Lambda^\infty(E(M, \tau))$ . First, using lemma 2.1 (a) we remark (cf.

for instance [X2]) that we can assume without loss of generality that there exists a countable set of mutual disjoint projections  $(P_n)_n \subseteq M$ ,  $\tau(P_n) < \infty$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $\sum_n P_n = 1$ . We put  $Q_n = P_1 + \dots + P_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the finite case, there exists  $\phi_n \in L^\infty(E(Q_n M Q_n, \tau))$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $Q_n F Q_n = \phi_n \cdot dm$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $E$  has a.c. norm (cf. [LT]); thus it is not difficult to see that  $Q_n F(A) Q_n \rightarrow F(A)$  in  $E(M, \tau)$  for any  $A \subseteq T$  and also  $(\phi_n(t))_n$  is Cauchy in  $E(M, \tau)$  a.e.  $t \in T$ . Let  $\phi(t) = \lim_n \phi_n(t)$  a.e.  $t \in T$ . Since for every  $A \subseteq T$  there exists  $\lim_n \int_A \phi_n(t) dm(t) (= \lim_n Q_n F(A) Q_n = F(A))$  we deduce that  $\phi$  is integrable (cf. [DU]) and moreover  $F = \phi \cdot dm$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

For  $(M, \tau) = (B(H), tr)$  we get  $E(M, \tau) = C_E$ , the usual Schatten class, and we obtain the following consequences.

**Corollary 2.3.** *We consider  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . Then,  $E$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP if and only if  $C_E$  has  $\Lambda$ -RNP.*

**Corollary 2.4** ([X1]).  *$E$  has ARNP if and only if its non-commutative analogue  $E(M, \tau)$  has ARNP.*

**Corollary 2.5** ([X2]).  *$E$  has RNP if and only if its non-commutative analogue  $E(M, \tau)$  has RNP.*

In [BD] it is proved that any Banach lattice not containing  $c_0$  has ARNP. The following corollary can be considered as a non-commutative version of this result.

**Corollary 2.6.** *A non-commutative symmetric space  $E(M, \tau)$  has ARNP if and only if it does not contain  $c_0$ .*

*Proof.* The first “implication” is obvious since  $c_0$  does not have ARNP. For the converse, let us observe that  $E$  does not contain  $c_0$  as well since it is isometric isomorphic with a subspace of  $E(M, \tau)$ . So,  $E$  has ARNP (cf. [BD]) and then, by corollary 2.4  $E(M, \tau)$  has ARNP.  $\square$

### 3. REMARKS

We want to point out here that the above results hold also in a more general context. For this, we have to recall the notion of Radon Nikodym Property associated with subsets of countable discrete abelian groups, introduced in [E] and [D]. Let  $G$  be a compact abelian metrizable group,  $\Gamma$  the dual group of  $G$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(G)$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel sets of  $G$  and  $\lambda$  the normalised Haar measure on  $G$ . We consider also  $B$  a Banach space. If  $\mu$  is a  $B$ -valued measure on  $\mathcal{B}(G)$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  then the Fourier coefficient  $\tilde{\mu}(\gamma)$  is defined by

$$\tilde{\mu}(\gamma) = \int_G \overline{\gamma(x)} d\mu(x).$$

If  $\Lambda \subseteq \Gamma$  we denote as in [D] by  $V_\Lambda^\infty(G, B)$  (resp.  $V_{\Lambda, \text{ac}}^1(G, B)$ ) the set of vector measure with bounded  $L^\infty$ -variation such that  $\tilde{\mu}(\gamma) = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \Lambda$  (resp. the set of vector measure with bounded variation, a.c. with  $\lambda$  and having the same property). Following [E] and [D] we recall that  $B$  is said to have I- $\Lambda$ -RNP (resp. II- $\Lambda$ -RNP) if and only if every measure from  $V_\Lambda^\infty(G, B)$  (resp.  $V_{\Lambda, \text{ac}}^1(G, B)$ ) is representable. With the same arguments as above, the following theorem can be proven.

**Theorem 3.1.** *With the above notations, a rearrangement invariant space  $E$  has I- $\Lambda$ -RNP (resp. II- $\Lambda$ -RNP) if and only if its non-commutative analogue  $E(M, \tau)$  has I- $\Lambda$ -RNP (resp. II- $\Lambda$ -RNP).*

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