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# Preface

The main aim of this thesis is to determine the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of the Temperley-Lieb algebra  $T_n(\tau)$ .

In chapter 1, we define  $T_n(\tau)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every non zero complex number  $\tau$ . The algebra  $T_n(\tau)$  is defined as the universal  $C$  algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  satisfying the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= e_i & \text{for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \\ e_i e_j &= e_j e_i & \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ e_i e_j e_i &= \tau e_i & \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

We prove that  $T_n(\tau)$  is a  $\star$  algebra by identifying  $T_n(\tau)$  with the diagram algebra  $D_n(\beta)$  when  $\tau = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ .

In chapter 2, Jones- Wenzl idempotents are defined. Wenzl's theorem, which states that if  $TL(\tau) = \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} T_k(\tau)$  admits a non-trivial  $C^*$  representation then  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1}) : n \geq 2\}$ , is proved.

In chapter 3, we obtain  $C^*$  representations of  $TL(\tau)$  when the parameter  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1}) : n \geq 2\}$ . Jones' basic construction for inclusion  $N \subset M$  of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras together with a faithful trace is explained. When the trace is Markov of modulus  $\tau$ , we can repeat the Jones' basic construction and obtain a tower of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras called the Jones tower and a sequence of projections  $e_n^J$  called the Jones projections and consequently a sequence of quotients  $J_n(\tau)$  for  $T_n(\tau)$ .

In chapter 4, we obtain the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$ . If  $\tau \leq \frac{1}{4}$ , the quotient map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  is  $\star$  algebra isomorphism. When the parameter  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$ , the map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  is an isomorphism for  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ . For  $k \geq n$ , Let  $\tilde{1} : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow C$  be the trivial map for which  $\tilde{1}(e_i) = 0$ . Then we prove that  $(J_k(\tau) \oplus C, \phi \oplus \tilde{1})$  is the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$  when  $k \geq n$ . Much of the material in this thesis can be found in [Jon].

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# Chapter 1

## The Temperley-Lieb Algebra

### 1.1 The Temperley-Lieb algebra $T_n(\tau)$

We consider only C algebras. Let  $\tau$  be a nonzero complex number.

**Definition 1.** For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $T_n(\tau)$  be the C algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  subject to the following relations :

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= e_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \\ e_i e_j &= e_j e_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ e_i e_j e_i &= \tau e_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$T_n(\tau)$  has the following universal property. Let  $A$  be a unital C algebra. Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1} \in A$  be such that

$$\begin{aligned} f_i^2 &= f_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \\ f_i f_j &= f_j f_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ f_i f_j f_i &= \tau f_i \quad \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists a unique algebra homomorphism  $\phi : T_n(\tau) \rightarrow A$  such that  $\phi(e_i) = f_i$  and  $\phi(1) = 1_A$  where  $1_A$  denotes the multiplicative identity of  $A$ .

We now proceed to prove that  $T_n(\tau)$  is finite dimensional. By a word on  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  we mean a product  $e_{i_1} e_{i_2} \dots e_{i_p}$ . By convention empty product denotes 1. Note that words on  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  span  $T_n(\tau)$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $w$  be a word on  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$ . Then

$$w = \tau^k (e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \dots e_{j_1}) (e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \dots e_{j_2}) \dots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \dots e_{j_p})$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n-1 \\ 1 &\leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p \leq n-1 \\ i_1 &\geq j_1, i_2 \geq j_2, \cdots, i_p \geq j_p \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof can be found in [Jon]. We prove this by induction on  $n$ . Clearly the result is true for  $n = 2$ . Now assume that any word in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-1}$  is of the required form. Let  $w$  be a word in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_n$ . If  $w$  does not contain  $e_n$  then we are done. So suppose that  $w$  contains  $e_n$ .

*Assertion.*  $w = \tau^k w_1 e_n w_2$  where  $w_1, w_2$  are words in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-1}$ .

$w$  has the form  $v_1 e_n v e_n v_2$  where  $v_1, v_2$  are words in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_n$  and  $v$  is a word in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-1}$ .

If  $v$  does not contain  $e_{n-1}$  then  $e_n$  commutes with  $v$  and hence  $w = v_1 v e_n v_2$ .

If  $v$  contains  $e_{n-1}$  then by induction hypothesis  $v = \tau^r u_1 e_{n-1} u_2$  where  $u_1, u_2$  are words in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-2}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \tau^r v_1 u_1 e_n e_{n-1} e_n u_2 v_2 \\ w &= \tau^{r+1} v_1 u_1 e_n u_2 v_2 \end{aligned}$$

In any case  $w$  is  $\tau^l$  multiple of a word which has one  $e_n$  less. Repeating this process proves the assertion.

Hence  $w = \tau^k w_1 e_n w_2$  where  $w_1, w_2$  are words in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-1}$ . By induction hypothesis

$$w_2 = \tau^l v_2 (e_{n-1} e_{n-2} \cdots e_{j_p})$$

where  $v_2$  is a word in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-2}$ . (The product  $(e_{n-1} e_{n-2} \cdots e_{j_p})$  could be empty). Hence

$$w = \tau^s w_1 v_2 (e_n e_{n-1} \cdots e_{j_p})$$

where  $w_1 v_2$  is a word in  $1, e_1, e_2, \cdots, e_{n-1}$

Hence by induction hypothesis,

$$w = \tau^k (e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_1}) (e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \cdots e_{j_2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p})$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n-1 \\ i_1 &\geq j_1, i_2 \geq j_2, \cdots, i_p \geq j_p \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have written  $w$  in the form needed with  $i$ 's increasing. Now consider such an expression which has the least length. Then we claim that  $j$ 's are also increasing. Let

$$w = \tau^k(e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_1})(e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \cdots e_{j_2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p})$$

be such an expression. Suppose  $j_1 \geq j_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \tau^k(e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_1})(e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \cdots e_{j_2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p}) \\ w &= \tau^k(e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_1+1})(e_{i_2} \cdots e_{j_1} e_{j_1+1} e_{j_1} \cdots e_{j_2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p}) \\ w &= \tau^{k+1}(e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_2})(e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \cdots e_{j_1+2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p}) \end{aligned}$$

which has length decreased by one which is a contradiction. Hence  $j_1 < j_2$ . Similarly  $j_r < j_{r+1}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we consider the following combinatorial problem. Consider  $Z^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Consider paths on  $Z^2$ . The only allowed moves are either up or right i.e. from  $(a, b)$  one can go to either  $(a+1, b)$  or  $(a, b+1)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *The number of paths from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, n)$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  which lie in the region  $y \leq x$  is  $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ . Let  $p_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ . Then  $p_n$  satisfy the following recurrence*

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= 1 \\ p_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n p_{i-1} p_{n-i}, \text{ for } n \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

For a proof, we refer to [GHJ].  $\square$

The relevance of proposition 1 in our context is as follows:

Given  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p)$  and  $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p)$  such that

$$1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n-1, 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p \leq n-1, i_1 \geq j_1, i_2 \geq j_2, \dots, i_p \geq j_p$$

one can associate the path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, n)$  given by

$$(0, 0) \rightarrow (i_1, 0) \rightarrow (i_1, j_1) \rightarrow (i_2, j_1) \rightarrow \cdots (i_p, j_p) \rightarrow (n, j_p) \rightarrow (n, n)$$

This is clearly a bijection from the set of paths from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, n)$  to the set of ordered pairs  $((i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p), (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p))$  which satisfies the following condition.

$$1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n-1, 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p \leq n-1, i_1 \geq j_1, i_2 \geq j_2, \dots, i_p \geq j_p$$



Hence we get an onto map from the set of paths from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, n)$  to

$$\{(e_{i_1} e_{i_1-1} \cdots e_{j_1})(e_{i_2} e_{i_2-1} \cdots e_{j_2}) \cdots (e_{i_p} e_{i_p-1} \cdots e_{j_p}) : \\ 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n-1; 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p \leq n-1; i_1 \geq j_1, i_2 \geq j_2, \cdots, i_p \geq j_p\}$$

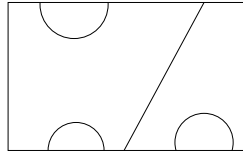
which spans  $T_n(\tau)$  by Lemma 1. Hence we have proved the following result.

**Proposition 2.** *The algebra  $T_n(\tau)$  is finite dimensional and its dimension is at most  $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ .*

## 1.2 Diagram algebra $D_n(\beta)$

Fix a non-zero complex number  $\beta$ . Let  $m, n$  be nonnegative integers such that  $m - n$  is even. By an  $(m, n)$  **Kauffman** diagram we mean a rectangle in the plane with  $m$  points on the top and  $n$  points on the bottom and  $\frac{n+m}{2}$  curves which connect pairs of points such that the curves do not intersect.

A  $(3, 5)$  diagram is shown below



Let  $a$  be an  $(m, n)$  diagram and  $b$  be an  $(n, p)$  diagram. Let  $b \odot a$  denote the  $(m, p)$  diagram obtained by placing  $a$  on the top and  $b$  on the bottom and removing the loops. Define

$$ba = \beta^r b \odot a$$

where  $r$  denotes the number of loops removed.

For example,

$$a = \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram: (3, 5) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \\ \text{[Diagram: (3, 5) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \end{array}$$

$$b = \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram: (5, 3) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \\ \text{[Diagram: (5, 3) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \end{array}$$

$$ba = \beta \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram: (3, 3) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \\ \text{[Diagram: (3, 3) diagram with diagonal and two loops]} \end{array}$$

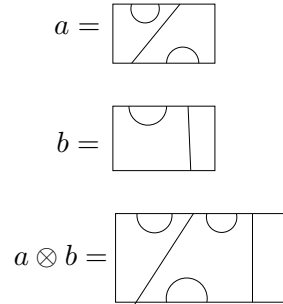
Let  $Hom(m, n)$  denote the  $\mathbb{C}$  vector space with  $(m, n)$  Kauffman diagrams as basis. The ‘multiplication’ that we have defined on diagrams extends to a bilinear map

$$Hom(m, n) \times Hom(n, p) \rightarrow Hom(m, p)$$

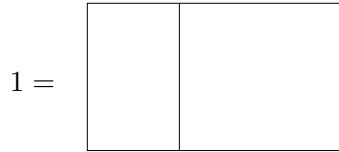
which is associative.

For  $a$  an  $(m, n)$  diagram and  $b$  a  $(p, q)$  diagram,  $a \otimes b$  denote the  $(m+p, n+q)$  diagram obtained by horizontal juxtaposition.

For example,



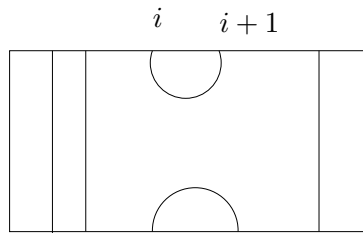
Let  $1 \in Hom(1, 1)$  denote the  $(1, 1)$  diagram shown below:



Let  $1_n = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \cdots \otimes 1$ , the  $(n, n)$  diagram with all strands coming vertically down.

Define  $D_n(\beta) = Hom(n, n)$ . Then  $D_n(\beta)$  is a unital  $C$  algebra with  $1_n$  as the multiplicative identity. The map  $a \rightarrow a \otimes 1$  is an embedding of  $D_n(\beta)$  into  $D_{n+1}(\beta)$ . With this embedding in mind, we write  $D_n(\beta) \subset D_{n+1}(\beta)$ .

Let  $E_i$  denote the following diagram in  $D_n(\beta)$



Then we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} E_i^2 &= \beta E_i & \text{for } i \in 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ E_i E_j &= E_j E_i & \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ E_i E_j E_i &= E_i & \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $e_i^D = \frac{1}{\beta} E_i$ .

Then we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (e_i^D)^2 &= (e_i^D) & \text{for } i \in 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\ e_i^D e_j^D &= e_j^D e_i^D & \text{if } |i-j| \geq 2 \\ e_i^D e_j^D e_i^D &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} e_i^D & \text{if } |i-j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 \neq \tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , a nonzero complex number, let  $\beta$  be such that  $\beta^2 = \frac{1}{\tau}$ . Then by the universal property of  $T_n(\tau)$ , there exists a unique unital homomorphism  $\phi : T_n(\tau) \rightarrow D_n(\beta)$  such that  $\phi(e_i) = e_i^D$ . We now proceed to prove that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

**Lemma 2.** *The dimension of  $D_n(\beta)$  is  $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p_n$  denote the number of  $(n, n)$  Kauffman diagrams. Think of an  $(n, n)$  Kauffman diagram as a disk with  $2n$  points on the boundary with  $n$  curves connecting pairs of points without any intersection. Then we have the following recurrence relation

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= p_1 = 1 \\ p_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n p_{i-1} p_{n-i}, \text{ for } n \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by proposition 1,  $p_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ . □

**Lemma 3.**  $\{1, E_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  generate the algebra  $D_n(\beta)$

*Proof.* We prove this result by induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 2$  the result is clear. Let  $a$  be an  $(n, n)$  Kauffman diagram. If that  $a$  has a strand that comes straight down then  $a = b \otimes 1 \otimes c$  with  $b \in D_r(\beta)$  and  $c \in D_s(\beta)$  with  $r, s < n$ . Hence by induction hypothesis  $a$  can be written as a scalar multiple of  $E'_i$  and we are done. Now we consider two cases.

*Case 1.*  $a$  has a through string i.e a string which joins a top point with a bottom point. Let us call a strand that comes vertically down a vertical string. Pick the rightmost through string. Let  $\nu(a)$  be the number of vertices to the right of the rightmost through string of  $a$  (inclusive of the vertices that the rightmost through string joins).

We prove that  $a$  can be written as a scalar multiple of a product of  $E'_i$ 's by induction on  $\nu(a)$ . If  $\nu(a) = 2$  then the rightmost through string is vertical and we are through. Assume that it slants from right to left. Then

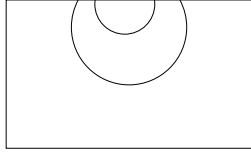
$a = b \otimes 1 \otimes c \otimes d$  with  $b \in \text{Hom}(l, k)$ ,  $c \in \text{Hom}(0, 2r)$ ,  $d \in \text{Hom}(t, s)$  for some non negative integers  $l, k, r, s, t$  with  $r > 0$ .

Let  $\cup \in \text{Hom}(2, 0)$  and  $\cap \in \text{Hom}(0, 2)$  be the following diagrams.



Let  $\cup^r = \cup \otimes \cup \otimes \cdots \otimes \cup$  ( $r$  times). Similarly  $\cap^r$  is defined. Note that  $1 \otimes c = (1 \otimes \cup^r \otimes c)(\cap^r \otimes 1)$ . Let  $\bar{b} = 1_k \otimes 1 \otimes \cup^r \otimes c \otimes 1_s$  and  $\bar{c} = b \otimes \cap^r \otimes 1 \otimes d$ . Then  $a = \bar{b}\bar{c}$  where  $\bar{b}$  has a vertical string and  $\nu(\bar{c}) < \nu(a)$ . Hence by induction  $a$  can be written as a scalar multiple of a product of  $E'_i$ 's. The proof is similar when the rightmost through string slants from left to right.

*Case 2.*  $a$  has no through strings. By a concentric loop we mean a Kauffman diagram which is either  $\cup^r \circ (1 \otimes \alpha \otimes \cap^{r-1} \otimes 1)$  where  $\alpha$  is a  $(2r-2, 0)$  Kauffman diagram ( $r \geq 2$ ) or  $(1 \otimes \gamma \otimes \cup^{2s-2} \otimes 1) \circ \cap^s$  where  $\gamma$  is a  $(0, 2s-2)$  Kauffman diagram ( $s \geq 2$ ). An example of a concentric loop is given below:



If  $a$  does not have a concentric loop, then  $a = E_1 E_3 \cdots$ . Hence assume that  $a$  has concentric loops. Then  $a = b \otimes c \otimes d$  where  $c$  is a concentric loop in  $\text{Hom}(2k+2, 0)$  (assuming  $c$  is on top) and where  $b \in \text{Hom}(r, s)$  and  $d \in \text{Hom}(p, q)$  for some nonnegative integers  $p, q, r, s, k$  with  $k > 0$ . Then  $c = \cup^{k+1}(1 \otimes a \otimes \cap^k) \otimes 1$ . Let  $\bar{c} = 1_r \otimes 1 \otimes a \otimes \cap^k \otimes 1 \otimes 1_p$ . Let  $\bar{b} = b \otimes \cup^{k+1} \otimes d$ . Then  $a = \bar{b}\bar{c}$  where both  $\bar{b}$ ,  $\bar{c}$  has one concentric loop less than that of  $a$ . Therefore, by induction on the number of concentric loops that  $a$  has, it follows that  $a$  can be written as a product of diagrams which have no concentric loop. Hence  $a$  is a product of  $E'_i$ 's. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\beta$  be a nonzero complex number. Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ . Then the unique unital algebra homomorphism  $\phi : T_n(\tau) \rightarrow D_n(\beta)$  such that  $\phi(e_i) = e_i^D$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3,  $\phi$  is onto. By rank-nullity theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(\phi) + \text{nullity}(\phi) &= \dim T_n(\tau) \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} + \text{nullity}(\phi) &\leq \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{nullity}(\phi) = 0$ . Thus  $\phi$  is one-one. Therefore  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

From now on we will identify  $T_n(\tau)$  with  $D_n(\beta)$  when  $\tau = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$  and  $e_i$  with  $e_i^D$ . Note that the natural map  $i : T_n(\tau) \rightarrow T_{n+1}(\tau)$  is injective since  $\phi(ia) = \phi(a) \otimes 1$  for  $a \in T_n(\tau)$ .

### 1.3 Trace and Conditional expectation on $D_n(\beta)$

**Definition 2.** Let  $N \subset M$  be unital  $\mathbb{C}$  algebras such that  $1_N = 1_M$ . A linear map  $E : M \rightarrow N$  is said to be a conditional expectation if

1.  $E(nm) = nE(m)$  and  $E(mn) = E(m)n \ \forall n \in N, m \in M$
2.  $E(n) = n \ \forall n \in N$

Now we describe a conditional expectation  $\epsilon_n : D_{n+1}(\beta) \rightarrow D_n(\beta)$  as follows: Let  $\tilde{\epsilon}_n : D_{n+1}(\beta) \rightarrow D_n(\beta)$  be defined by  $\tilde{\epsilon}_n(a) = (1_n \otimes \cup)(a \otimes 1)(1_n \otimes \cap)$ . If  $a$  is an  $(n+1, n+1)$  diagram, then  $\tilde{\epsilon}_n(a)$  is obtained by just closing up the last strand. Hence if  $a \in D_n(\beta)$  then  $\tilde{\epsilon}_n(a) = \beta a$ . Let  $\epsilon_n(a) = \frac{1}{\beta} \tilde{\epsilon}_n(a)$  for  $a \in D_n(\beta)$ . Then  $\epsilon_n$  is a conditional expectation.

**Definition 3.** Let  $M$  be a unital  $\mathbb{C}$  algebra. Let  $\rho : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be linear. Then  $\rho$  is said to be a trace if  $\rho(ab) = \rho(ba) \ \forall a, b \in M$ . The functional  $\rho$  is said to be unital if  $\rho(1) = 1$ .

Let  $tr_n : D_n(\beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $tr_n(a) = (\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \cdots \epsilon_{n-1})(a)$ . Note that  $tr_n(a) = tr_{n+1}(a)$  if  $a \in D_n(\beta)$ . Hence we can and will denote  $tr_n$  by  $tr$ . If  $a$  is a diagram, let  $c(a)$  be the number of loops one gets when one closes all the strands. Then  $tr(a) = \beta^{c(a)-n}$

$tr : D_n(\beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a unital trace and satisfy the following properties:

1.  $tr(x) = tr(\epsilon_n(x)) \ \forall x \in D_{n+1}(\beta)$ .
2.  $e_n x e_n = \epsilon_{n-1}(x) e_n \ \forall x \in D_n(\beta)$ .
3.  $tr(e_i) = \tau$  where  $\tau = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ .

## 1.4 $\star$ structure on $D_n(\beta)$

**Definition 4.** Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$  algebra. A  $\star$  structure on  $M$  is a function  $\star : M \rightarrow M$  (We write  $\star(a) = a^\star$ ) such that the following holds

1.  $(a + b)^\star = a^\star + b^\star \forall a, b \in M$
2.  $(\alpha a)^\star = \bar{\alpha} a^\star \forall a \in M, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
3.  $(ab)^\star = b^\star a^\star \forall a, b \in M$
4.  $(a^\star)^\star = a \forall a \in M$

A  $\star$  algebra is a  $\mathbb{C}$  algebra together with a  $\star$  structure.

Now we make  $D_n(\beta)$  a  $\star$  algebra. The  $\star$  structure is defined on the level of diagrams (and then extends conjugate linearly) as follows:

For a diagram  $a$ ,  $a^\star$  denotes the diagram obtained by reflecting along the horizontal middle line. Then  $E_i^\star = E_i$ . If  $\beta$  is real, then  $(e_i^D)^\star = e_i^D$ . Thus for  $\tau > 0$ ,  $T_n(\tau)$  is a  $\star$  algebra with  $e_i$  selfadjoint.

## Chapter 2

# $C^*$ representations of $TL(\tau)$

In this chapter we will prove Wenzl's result. It characterises the values of  $\tau$  for which  $TL(\tau)$  admits a nontrivial  $C^*$  representation.

**Definition 5.** Let  $M$  be a  $\star$  algebra. By a  $C^*$  representation of  $M$  we mean an algebra homomorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow A$  where  $A$  is a  $C^*$  algebras such that  $\pi(a^*) = (\pi(a))^*$ .

By a **non-trivial representation** of  $T_n(\tau)$  we mean a  $C^*$  representation  $\pi$  such that  $\pi(e_i) \neq 0$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ .

First we define **Jones-Wenzl idempotents** in  $T_n(\tau)$ . See [Wen].

Define a sequence of polynomials recursively by

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(\lambda) &= 1 = P_1(\lambda) \\ P_k(\lambda) &= P_{k-1}(\lambda) - \lambda P_{k-2}(\lambda), \text{ for } k \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

The basic properties of  $P_k(\lambda)$  are summarised in the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.** Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer and let  $m = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$ . Then

1. The polynomial  $P_k$  is of degree  $m$ . Its leading coefficient is  $(-1)^m$  if  $k = 2m$  and  $(-1)^m(m+1)$  if  $k = 2m+1$ .
2. The polynomial  $P_k$  has  $m$  distinct roots given by  $\{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi j}{k+1}) : j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .
3. Assume  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{k+2}) < \lambda < \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{k+1})$ . Then  $P_i(\lambda) > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and  $P_{k+1}(\lambda) < 0$

*Proof.* For a proof, we refer to [GHJ]. □

Let  $TL(\tau) = \bigcup_n T_n(\tau)$ . Then  $TL(\tau)$  is a  $\star$  algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots$ . When  $\tau > 0$ ,  $e_i$ 's are self adjoint.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\tau$  be a nonzero complex number such that  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Define  $f_k$  in  $TL(\tau)$  recursively as follows.

$$f_0 = 1 = f_1$$

$$f_{k+1} = f_k - \frac{P_{k-1}(\tau)}{P_k(\tau)} f_k e_k f_k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Then,

1.  $f_k \in T_k(\tau)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ .
2.  $1 - f_k$  is in the algebra generated by  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}\}$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n+1$ .
3.  $(e_k f_k)^2 = \frac{P_k(\tau)}{P_{k-1}(\tau)} e_k f_k$ ,  $(f_k e_k)^2 = \frac{P_k(\tau)}{P_{k-1}(\tau)} f_k e_k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ .
4.  $f_k$  is an idempotent for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ .
5.  $f_k e_i = 0$ ,  $e_i f_k = 0$  if  $i \leq k-1$  where  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$
6.  $tr(f_k) = P_k(\tau)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ .

When  $\tau > 0$ ,  $f_k$  is selfadjoint.

*Proof.* This is due to Wenzl and we include a proof here for completeness. The proof is by induction on  $k$ . 1, 2,  $\dots$ , 6 are clearly true for  $k \leq 2$ . Now assume that 1, 2,  $\dots$ , 6 are true for  $1 \leq k \leq l$  where  $l \geq 2$ . We will show the result is true for  $k = l+1$ .

Since  $f_l$  is in the algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{l-1}$  by definition it follows that  $f_{l+1}$  is in the algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l$ . Hence  $f_{l+1} \in T_{l+1}(\tau)$ . Since  $1 - f_l$  is in the algebra generated by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{l-1}$ , by definition, it follows that  $1 - f_{l+1}$  is in the algebra generated by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l$ .

Now note that  $f_{l+1} f_l = f_{l+1}$  and  $f_l f_{l+1} = f_{l+1}$  since  $f_l$  is an idempotent. Since  $f_l \in T_l(\tau)$ ,  $e_{l+1}$  commutes with  $f_l$ . Hence we have,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{l+1} f_{l+1} e_{l+1} &= e_{l+1} f_l - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} f_l e_{l+1} e_l e_{l+1} f_l \\ &= \frac{P_{l+1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} e_{l+1} f_l \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(e_{l+1} f_{l+1})^2 = \frac{P_{l+1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} e_{l+1} f_{l+1}$ .



The proof that  $(f_{l+1}e_{l+1})^2 = \frac{P_{l+1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} f_{l+1}e_{l+1}$  is similar. Now

$$\begin{aligned} f_{l+1}^2 &= f_l^2 - 2\frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} f_l e_l f_l + \left(\frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)}\right)^2 f_l e_l f_l e_l f_l \\ &= f_l^2 - 2\frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} f_l e_l f_l + \left(\frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)}\right)^2 \frac{P_l(\tau)}{P_{l-1}(\tau)} f_l e_l f_l \\ &= f_l - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} f_l e_l f_l = f_{l+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_{l+1}$  is an idempotent. Since  $f_{l+1}e_i = f_{l+1}f_l e_i$ , it follows that  $f_{l+1}e_i = 0$  if  $i \leq l-1$ . Now  $f_{l+1}e_l = f_l e_l - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} (f_l e_l)^2$ . But  $(f_l e_l)^2 = \frac{P_l(\tau)}{P_{l-1}(\tau)} f_l e_l$ . Hence  $f_{l+1}e_l = 0$ . Hence  $f_{l+1}e_i = 0$  for  $i \leq l$ . Similarly  $e_i f_{l+1} = 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(f_{l+1}) &= \text{tr}(f_l) - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} \text{tr}(f_l e_l f_l) \\ &= \text{tr}(f_l) - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} \text{tr}(\epsilon_l(f_l e_l f_l)) \\ &= \text{tr}(f_l) - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} \text{tr}(f_l \epsilon_l(e_l) f_l) \\ &= \text{tr}(f_l) - \frac{P_{l-1}(\tau)}{P_l(\tau)} \text{tr}(\tau f_l) \\ &= P_l(\tau) - \tau P_{l-1}(\tau) = P_{l+1}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\tau > 0$  then  $P_k(\tau)$  is real. Hence by induction it follows that  $f_k^l$ 's are self-adjoint.  $\square$

The idempotents described in the previous proposition are called **Jones-Wenzl idempotents**.

Let  $\tau$  be positive. The following result due to Wenzl restricts the values of  $\tau$  for which  $TL(\tau)$  has a nontrivial  $C^*$  representation. The proof can be found in [Wen]. We include the proof for completeness.

**Theorem[Wenzl].** *Let  $\tau$  be a positive real number. If  $TL(\tau)$  has a non-trivial  $C^*$  representation, then  $\tau \leq \frac{1}{4}$  or  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  for some  $n \geq 2$ .*

We begin the proof with the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\tau$  be such that  $\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+2}) < \tau < \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose  $\pi : TL(\tau) \rightarrow B(H)$  be a  $\star$  homomorphism, where  $H$  is a Hilbert space. Let  $e_i^T$  denote the idempotents in  $TL(\tau)$ . Then the Jones-Wenzl idempotents  $f_k^T$ 's are defined for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n+2$ . Suppose  $f_k = \pi(f_k^T)$  for  $k \leq n+2$ . Then*

(1)  $1 - f_k = e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \cdots \vee e_{k-1}$  for  $k \leq n + 2$ .

(2)  $e_{n+1}f_{n+1} = 0$ .

(3)  $e_{n+1}$  is orthogonal to  $f_n$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $P_k(\tau) > 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $P_{n+1}(\tau) < 0$ . Hence the Jones-Wenzl idempotents are defined for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n + 2$ .

By proposition 4, it follows that  $f_k e_i = 0$  for  $i \leq k - 1$ . Hence we have  $e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \cdots \vee e_{k-1} \leq 1 - f_k$ . Since  $1 - f_k$  is in the algebra generated by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}$ , it follows that  $1 - f_k \leq e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \cdots \vee e_{k-1}$ . This proves (1).

Observe that  $e_{n+1}f_{n+1}e_{n+1} = \frac{P_{n+1}(\tau)}{P_n(\tau)}e_{n+1}f_n$ . But  $e_{n+1}f_{n+1}e_{n+1}$  is positive and  $e_{n+1}f_n$  is a projection. Since  $P_{n+1}(\tau) < 0$ , it follows that  $e_{n+1}f_n = 0$  and  $(f_{n+1}e_{n+1})^*f_{n+1}e_{n+1} = 0$ . Hence  $f_{n+1}e_{n+1} = 0$  and  $e_{n+1}$  is orthogonal to  $f_n$ . By taking adjoints, we get  $e_{n+1}f_{n+1} = 0$ . This proves (2) and (3).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Suppose  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  is a sequence of non-zero projections in  $B(H)$  satisfying the following relation :*

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= e_i = e_i^* \\ e_i e_j &= e_j e_i = 0 & \text{if } |i - j| \geq 2 \\ e_i e_j e_i &= \tau e_i & \text{if } |i - j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1}) : n \geq 2\}$ .

*Proof.* There exists a nontrivial  $C^*$  representation of  $TL(\tau)$  say  $\pi$  which is unital and for which  $\pi(e_i^T) = e_i$  where  $e_i^T$  denote the idempotents in  $TL(\tau)$ . By taking norms on the third relation, it follows that  $\tau \leq 1$ . Suppose that  $\tau$  is not in the set given in the proposition. Then there exists  $n \geq 2$  such that  $\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+2}) < \tau < \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$ . Then  $P_k(\tau) > 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  but  $P_{n+1}(\tau) < 0$ . Hence, the Jones Wenzl idempotents  $f_k^T$ 's are defined for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n + 2$ . Let  $f_k = \pi(f_k^T)$  for  $k \leq n + 2$ .

From lemma 4, it follows that  $e_{n+1}$  is orthogonal to  $f_n$ . But  $e_{n+1}$  is orthogonal to  $e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \cdots \vee e_{n-1}$  which is, again by lemma 4,  $1 - f_n$ . Hence  $e_{n+1} = e_{n+1}f_n + e_{n+1}(1 - f_n) = 0$  which is a contradiction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we will prove the previous conclusion without the orthogonality assumption of  $e_i$ 's.

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Suppose  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  is a sequence of non-zero projections in  $B(H)$  satisfying the following relation :*

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= e_i = e_i^* \\ e_i e_j &= e_j e_i \quad \text{if } |i - j| \geq 2 \\ e_i e_j e_i &= \tau e_i \quad \text{if } |i - j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1}) : n \geq 2\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\tau$  is not in the set described above. Then there exists  $n \geq 2$  such that  $\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+2}) < \tau < \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$ . From lemma 4, it follows that  $e_{n+1} f_{n+1} = 0$ . Also  $e_i f_{n+1} = 0$  for  $i \leq n$ . Hence  $f_{n+1} \leq 1 - e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \dots \vee e_{n+1} = f_{n+2}$ . But  $f_{n+2} \leq f_{n+1}$ . Hence  $f_{n+1} = f_{n+2}$ . Let  $k$  be the least element in  $\{2, 3, \dots, n\}$  for which  $f_{k+1} = f_{k+2}$ . Let  $g_i = e_{k+i} f_{k-1}$  for  $i \geq 0$ . We will derive a contradiction by showing that  $g_i$ 's satisfy the hypothesis of proposition 5.

Since  $e_{k+i}$  commutes with  $f_{k-1}$  for  $i \geq 0$ , it follows that  $g_i$ 's are projections. For the same reason,  $g_i$ 's satisfy the third relation of proposition 5. First, we show that  $g_0 \neq 0$ . By the choice of  $k$ ,  $f_k \neq f_{k+1}$ . Hence  $f_k e_k f_k \neq 0$ . Since  $f_k \leq f_{k-1}$ , it follows that  $f_{k-1} e_k = g_0 \neq 0$ .

Now we show that  $g_i g_j = 0$  if  $|i - j| \geq 2$ . We begin by showing  $g_0 g_2 = 0$ . Observe that since  $f_{k+1} = f_{k+2}$ , we have

$$e_{k+1} f_k = e_{k+1} (f_k - f_{k+1}) e_{k+1} = e_{k+1} \left( \frac{P_{k-1}(\tau)}{P_k(\tau)} f_k e_k f_k \right) e_{k+1} = \tau \frac{P_{k-1}(\tau)}{P_k(\tau)} e_{k+1} f_k.$$

Since  $P_{k+1}(\tau) \neq 0$ , it follows that  $e_{k+1} f_k = 0$ . By premultiplying and postmultiplying by  $e_{k+2}$ , we see that  $e_{k+2} f_k = 0$ . Hence we have,

$$\begin{aligned} g_0 g_2 &= e_k e_{k+2} f_{k-1} \\ &= e_k e_{k+2} (f_{k-1} - f_k) e_{k+2} e_k \\ &= e_{k+2} e_k (f_{k-1} - f_k) e_k e_{k+2} \\ &= e_{k+2} e_k \left( \frac{P_{k-2}(\tau)}{P_{k-1}(\tau)} f_{k-1} e_{k-1} f_{k-1} \right) e_k e_{k+2} \\ &= \tau \frac{P_{k-2}(\tau)}{P_{k-1}(\tau)} g_0 g_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$ , it follows that  $g_0 g_2 = 0$ . Let  $i \geq 2$ . Let us consider the partial isometry  $w = (\frac{1}{\tau})^{i-1} e_{k+i} e_{k+i-1} \dots e_{k+2}$ . Since  $w$  commutes with  $e_k$  and  $f_{k-1}$ ,  $w e_k f_{k-1}$  is a partial isometry. Note that  $(w e_k f_{k-1})^* w e_k f_{k-1} = g_0 g_2 = 0$ . Thus,  $g_i g_0 = w e_k f_{k-1} (w e_k f_{k-1})^* = 0$ . Hence  $g_i g_0 = 0$  if  $i \geq 2$ . Let  $i, j$  be

such that  $j \geq i + 2$ . Now let  $u = (\frac{1}{\tau})^{i+1} e_{k+i} e_{k+i-1} \cdots e_k$ . Then  $u$  is a partial isometry which commutes with  $f_{k-1}$  and  $e_{k+j}$ . Let  $v = u e_{k+j} f_{k-1}$ . Then  $v$  is a partial isometry such that  $v^* v = g_0 g_j$  and  $v v^* = g_i g_j$ . Since  $v^* v = 0$ , it follows that  $v v^* = 0$ . Thus  $g_i g_j = 0$ . Therefore  $g_i$ 's satisfy the assumptions of proposition 5. Hence we have a contradiction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now Wenzl's theorem follows from proposition 6.

## Chapter 3

# Existence of $C^*$ representations of $T_n(\tau)$

In this chapter we will describe  $C^*$  representations of  $T_n(\tau)$  when the parameter  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{m+1}) : m \geq 2\}$ . First we describe the basic construction for a pair of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras due to Jones. We refer to [Jon] for most of the material in this chapter. But first let us recall some basic facts about finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras.

### 3.1 Finite dimensional $C^*$ algebras

Let  $M$  be a finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebra. Then  $M$  is unital. Let  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$  be the set of minimal central projections of  $M$ .

Let  $p_i M p_i = \{x \in M : p_i x = x p_i = x\}$  and  $\mu_i = \sqrt{\dim p_i M p_i}$ .

Then  $M$  is isomorphic to  $M_{\mu_1}(C) \oplus \dots \oplus M_{\mu_s}(C)$  as  $C^*$  algebras. The algebra  $M$  is called a **factor** if it's center is trivial. Let  $\vec{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_s)$ . The vector  $\vec{\mu}$  is called the dimension vector of  $M$ .

**Definition 6.** Let  $M$  be a  $C^*$  algebra. A linear functional  $\rho : M \rightarrow C$  is said to be a trace if  $\rho(ab) = \rho(ba) \quad \forall a, b \in M$ . The functional  $\rho$  is said to be positive if  $\rho(x^*x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in M$  and faithful if  $\rho(x^*x) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ . If  $M$  is unital then  $\rho$  is said to be unital if  $\rho(1) = 1$ .

Any trace on  $M_n(C)$  is just a multiple of the usual matrix trace i.e. if  $\rho : M_n(C) \rightarrow C$  is a trace then  $\rho((a_{ij})) = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ . If  $p$  is a minimal projection in  $M_n(C)$  then  $\rho(p) = \lambda$ . Hence  $\rho$  is determined by it's value on any minimal projection.

Let  $M$  be a finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebra. Let  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$  be the set of minimal central projections of  $M$  and let  $\vec{\mu}$  be the dimension vector of  $M$ . Suppose  $\rho : M \rightarrow C$  is a trace. Suppose  $e_i$  is a minimal projection in  $p_i M p_i$

and let  $t_i = \rho(e_i)$ . Let  $\vec{t} = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\vec{t}$  is called the trace vector associated to  $\rho$ . Then  $\rho$  is positive if and only if  $t_i \geq 0 \ \forall i$ . The trace  $\rho$  is faithful if and only if  $t_i > 0 \ \forall i$  and it is unital if and only if  $\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{t} = 1$ .

Let  $N$  and  $M$  be finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras such that  $N \subset M$ . We always assume that the inclusion is unital i.e.  $1_N = 1_M$ . Let  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$  and  $\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r\}$  be the minimal central projections of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Then  $q_i p_j M q_i p_j$  and  $q_i p_j N q_i p_j$  are factors. Define  $\Lambda_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{\dim q_i p_j M q_i p_j}{\dim q_i p_j N q_i p_j}}$  if  $p_j q_i \neq 0$ . If  $p_j q_i = 0$  then define  $\Lambda_{ij} = 0$ . Then  $\Lambda$  is an  $r \times s$  matrix such that  $\vec{\mu} = \vec{\nu} \cdot \Lambda$ . The matrix  $\Lambda$  is called the inclusion matrix for the inclusion  $N \subset M$ .

Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion with inclusion matrix  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\rho_M$  be a trace on  $M$  with trace vector  $\vec{t}$  and  $\rho_N$  be a trace on  $N$  with trace vector  $\vec{s}$ . Then  $\rho_M|_N = \rho_N$  if and only if  $\Lambda \cdot \vec{t} = \vec{s}$ .

The inclusion  $N \subset M$  can also be described by its **Bratelli diagram**. Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with inclusion matrix  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r\}$  and  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$  be the minimal central projections of  $N$  and  $M$  respectively. The Bratelli diagram for the pair  $N \subset M$  is a bipartite graph with vertices  $\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r\} \amalg \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$  where  $p_j$  is joined to  $q_i$  with  $\Lambda_{ij}$  bonds.

Let us recall the finite dimensional version of von Neumann's double commutant theorem whose proof can be found for instance in [GHJ]. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $B(H)$  denote the space of bounded linear operators on  $H$ . For  $S \subset B(H)$ , its commutant denoted by  $S'$  is defined as follows:

$$S' := \{x \in B(H) : xs = sx \ \forall s \in S\}.$$

Note that  $S \subset S''$ .

**Theorem [von Neumann].** *Let  $H$  be a finite dimensional Hilbert space. Let  $M \subset B(H)$  be a  $\star$  closed algebra such that  $M$  contains the identity operator. Then  $M'' = M$ . If  $M$  is a factor then  $M \otimes M'$  is isomorphic to  $B(H)$  and Hence  $\dim M \dim M' = (\dim H)^2$ .*

We end this section with the following lemma. Let  $M \subset F$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with  $F$  as factor. Then the commutant of  $M$  in  $F$  is denoted by  $C_F(M)$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $M \subset F$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Assume that  $F$  is a factor. Suppose  $q \in M \cup C_F(M)$  is a nonzero projection. Then*

- (1)  $qFq$  is a factor.
- (2)  $C_{qFq}(qMq) = qC_F(M)q$ .

*Suppose  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with the inclusion matrix  $\Lambda$ . Then the inclusion matrix for  $C_F(M) \subset C_F(N)$  is  $\Lambda^t$ .*

*Proof.* If  $F = B(H)$  for some finite dimensional Hilbert space then  $qFq = B(qH)$ . Hence (1) is true.

Let us first consider the case when  $q \in M$ . Let  $x \in M$  and  $y \in C_F(M)$ . Then  $(q x q)(q y q) = q x y q = q y x q = (q y q)(q x q)$ . Hence  $qC_F(M)q \subset C_{qFq}(qMq)$ . Now let  $s \in C_{qFq}(qC_F(M)q)$  be given. Then  $s q = q s = s$ . Let  $t \in C_F(M)$ . Then  $s t = s q t = s q t q = q t q s = t q q s = t s$ . Hence  $s \in C_F(C_F(M)) = M$ . Hence  $C_{qFq}(qC_F(M)q) \subset qMq$ . Hence taking commutants and using von-Neumann's double commutant theorem  $C_{qFq}(qMq) \subset qC_F(M)q$ . Hence  $C_{qFq}(qMq) = qC_F(M)q$ . The case  $q \in C_F(M)$  follows from von Neumann's double commutant theorem.

Suppose  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with the inclusion matrix  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the inclusion matrix for  $C_F(M) \subset C_F(N)$ . Let  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$  be the minimal central projections of  $N$  and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s$  be that of  $M$ . Since the center of  $C_F(M)$  and  $M$  are the same, it follows that  $p_i$ 's and  $q_j$ 's are the minimal central projections of  $C_F(M)$  and  $C_F(N)$  respectively. Suppose  $p_i q_j \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{ij}^2 &= \frac{\dim p_i q_j C_F(N) p_i q_j}{\dim p_i q_j C_F(M) p_i q_j} \\ &= \frac{\dim C_{p_i q_j F p_i q_j}(p_i q_j N p_i q_j)}{\dim C_{p_i q_j F p_i q_j}(p_i q_j M p_i q_j)} \end{aligned}$$

For  $X = M$  or  $N$ , Since  $p_i q_j X p_i q_j$  is a factor in  $p_i q_j F p_i q_j$ , it follows, from von Neumann's theorem, that  $\dim C_{p_i q_j F p_i q_j}(p_i q_j X p_i q_j) = \frac{\dim p_i q_j F p_i q_j}{\dim p_i q_j X p_i q_j}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{ij}^2 = \Lambda_{ij}^2$ . Hence  $\Gamma = \Lambda^t$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.2 Basic construction

In this section, We describe the Jones' basic construction for a unital inclusion  $N \subset M$  of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful unital trace.

We refer to [Jon] for this section. But we include the proofs for completeness.

Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Suppose  $tr : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a faithful unital positive trace. Then for  $x, y \in M$ , define  $\langle x, y \rangle = tr(y^*x)$ . Then  $\langle, \rangle$  defines an inner product on  $M$ . We denote this Hilbert space by  $L^2(M, tr)$ . Let  $E : M \rightarrow N$  be the orthogonal projection.

**Proposition 7.**  *$E$  is the unique trace preserving conditional expectation of  $M$  onto  $N$ . That is*

- (1)  $E(axb) = aE(x)b$  for  $a, b \in N$  and  $x \in M$ .
- (2)  $E(n) = n$  for  $n \in N$ .
- (3)  $tr(E(x)) = tr(x)$ .

Further (1), (2) and (3) determine  $E$  uniquely.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in N$  and  $x \in M$  be given. For  $n \in N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle aE(x)b, n \rangle &= tr(n^*aE(x)b) \\
&= tr(bn^*aE(x)) \\
&= \langle E(x), a^*nb^* \rangle \\
&= \langle x, a^*nb^* \rangle \\
&= tr(bn^*ax) = tr(n^*axb) \\
&= \langle axb, n \rangle = \langle axb, E(n) \rangle \\
&= \langle E(axb), n \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle aE(x)b, n \rangle = \langle E(axb), n \rangle$  for every  $n \in N$ . Thus  $E(axb) = aE(x)b$ . This proves (1). Since  $E$  is the orthogonal projection of  $M$  onto  $N$ , (2) is true. Let  $x \in M$ . Now  $tr(E(x)) = \langle E(x), 1 \rangle = \langle x, E(1) \rangle = \langle x, 1 \rangle = tr(x)$ . Hence (3) is true.

Let  $E' : M \rightarrow N$  be linear such that (1), (2) and (3) are satisfied for  $E'$ . Let  $x \in M$  be given. Then for  $n \in N$ ,  $\langle E'(x), n \rangle = tr(n^*E'(x)) = tr(E'(n^*x)) = tr(n^*x)$ . A similar calculation with  $E$  shows that  $\langle E(x), n \rangle = tr(n^*x)$ . Hence  $\langle E'(x), n \rangle = \langle E(x), n \rangle$  for every  $n \in N$ . Hence  $E(x) = E'(x)$ . Hence  $E = E'$ .  $\square$

We denote  $E$  by  $e_N$  when we think of  $E$  as an element in  $B(L^2(M, tr))$ . For  $x \in M$ , define  $\pi_l(x)(y) = xy$  for  $y \in M$  and  $\pi_r(x)(y) = yx$  for  $y \in M$ . Then  $\pi_l(x), \pi_r(x) \in B(L^2(M, tr))$  for  $x \in M$ . The map  $\pi_l : M \rightarrow B(L^2(M, tr))$  is a faithful unital  $*$  homomorphism. But  $\pi_r$  is an anti homomorphism in the sense that  $\pi_r(x^*) = (\pi_r(x))^*$  and  $\pi_r(xy) = \pi_r(y)\pi_r(x)$ .

**Lemma 6.** *The commutant of  $\pi_r(M)$  in  $B(L^2(M, tr))$  is  $\pi_l(M)$ .*



*Proof.* It is clear that  $\pi_l(M)$  commutes with  $\pi_r(M)$ . Let  $T \in \pi_r(M)'$ . Let  $x = T(1)$ . Now  $T(y) = T\pi_r(y)(1) = \pi_r(y)(T(1)) = xy = \pi_l(x)(y)$ . Hence  $T = \pi_l(x) \in \pi_l(M)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Henceforth we identify  $M$  with  $\pi_l(M)$ . Now  $\pi_r(N) \subset \pi_r(M)$ . Note that  $\pi_l(M) = \pi_r(M)' \subset \pi_r(N)'$ . Hence starting with a unital inclusion  $N \subset M$  together with a unital faithful positive trace on  $M$ , we obtain another unital inclusion  $M \subset \pi_r(N)'$ .

**Definition 7.** Suppose  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Let  $tr$  be a faithful, unital, positive trace on  $M$ . Then the inclusion  $M \subset \pi_r(N)'$  is called the **basic construction** for the pair  $(N \subset M, tr)$ .

The main properties of the basic construction are summarised in the following proposition.

**Proposition 8.** Suppose  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Let  $tr$  be a faithful, unital, positive trace on  $M$ . Then,

1. The  $C^*$  algebra generated by  $M$  and  $e_N$  in  $B(L^2(M, tr))$  is  $\pi_r(N)'$ .
2. The central support of  $e_N$  in  $\pi_r(N)'$  is 1.
3.  $e_N x e_N = E(x) e_N$  for  $x \in M$ .
4. If  $\Lambda$  is the inclusion matrix for  $N \subset M$  then  $\Lambda^t$  is the inclusion matrix for  $M \subset \pi_r(N)'$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  denote the  $C^*$  algebra generated by  $M$  and  $e_N$ . We prove that the commutant of  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  is  $\pi_r(N)$ . Let  $T \in (\langle M, e_N \rangle)'$ . Since  $T$  commutes with  $e_N$ ,  $T$  leaves  $N$  invariant. Let  $x = T(1)$ . Then  $x \in N$ . Now  $T(y) = T\pi_l(y)(1) = \pi_l(y)T(1) = yx = \pi_r(x)(y)$ . Hence  $T \in \pi_r(N)$ . This implies  $\langle M, e_N \rangle' \subset \pi_r(N)$ . On the other hand,  $\pi_r(N)$  commutes with  $M$ . Since  $N$  is invariant under  $\pi_r(N)$ , it follows that  $\pi_r(N)$  commutes with  $e_N$ . Hence  $\pi_r(N)$  commutes with  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$ . This implies  $(\langle M, e_N \rangle)' = \pi_r(N)$ . By von Neumann's double commutant theorem,  $(\langle M, e_N \rangle) = \pi_r(N)'$ .

Let  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$  denote the minimal central projections in  $N$ . Then the minimal central projections of  $(\pi_r(N))'$  are  $\pi_r(q_1), \pi_r(q_2), \dots, \pi_r(q_r)$ . Since  $\pi_r(q_i)e_N(q_i^*) = q_i^*q_i$ , we have  $\pi_r(q_i)e_N \neq 0$ . Thus the central support of  $e_N$  in  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  is 1.

Let  $x \in M$  be given. On  $N^\perp$ ,  $e_N x e_N = 0 = E(x)e_N$ . Let  $n \in N$  be given. Then  $e_N x e_N(n) = E(xn) = E(x)n = E(x)e_N(n)$ . Hence  $e_N x e_N = E(x)e_N$ .

For a  $C^*$  algebra  $A$ , Let  $A^{op}$  denote the  $C^*$  algebra whose underlying set and

the involution are that of  $A$  but the multiplication is changed to  $x.y = yx$ . Now the center of  $A^{op}$  is same as the center of  $A$ . Hence the minimal central projections of  $A^{op}$  are the same as that of  $A$ . Now  $\pi_r : M^{op} \rightarrow B(L^2(M, tr))$  is a unital inclusion. Now the inclusion matrix of  $N^{op} \subset M^{op}$  is the same as that of  $N \subset M$  since the minimal central projections of  $N^{op}$  and  $M^{op}$  are the same as that of  $N$  and  $M$ . Now by Lemma 5, it follows that the inclusion matrix for  $M = (\pi_r(M))' \subset (\pi_r(N))' = \langle M, e_N \rangle$  is  $\Lambda^t$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 8.** Suppose  $N \subset M$  is a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Let  $tr : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a faithful, unital, positive trace on  $M$ . Let  $M \subset \langle M, e_N \rangle$  be the basic construction associated to the pair  $(N \subset M, tr)$ . Then  $tr$  is called a **Markov trace** of modulus  $\tau$  if there exists a positive trace  $Tr : \langle M, e_N \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

1.  $Tr(xe_N) = \tau tr(x)$  for  $x \in M$ .
2.  $Tr(x) = tr(x)$  for  $x \in M$ .

**Proposition 9.** Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful positive trace  $tr$ . Suppose that  $tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . Then there exists a unique positive trace  $Tr$  on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  satisfying (1) and (2) of definition 8.

*Proof.* By definition, there exists a positive trace  $Tr$  on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  such that (1) and (2) holds. Let  $Tr_1$  be another trace for which (1) and (2) holds. Let  $x, y \in M$ . Now  $Tr(xe_N y) = Tr(yxe_N) = \tau tr(yx) = Tr_1(yxe_N) = Tr_1(xe_N y)$ . Consider the set  $I = \{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_N y_i : x_i, y_i \in M, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then proposition 8 implies that  $I$  is an ideal in  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  which contains  $e_N$ . Since the central support of  $e_N$  is 1, it follows that  $I = \langle M, e_N \rangle$ . The preceding calculations show that  $Tr_1 = Tr$  on  $I$ . Hence  $Tr = Tr_1$ .  $\square$

The following proposition determines when a trace for the pair  $N \subset M$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . Before that we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Suppose  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$  are the minimal central projections in  $N$ . Then  $\pi_r(q_1), \pi_r(q_2), \dots, \pi_r(q_r)$  are the minimal central projections in  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$ . If  $f$  is a minimal projection in  $q_i N q_i$  then  $f e_N$  is minimal in  $\pi_r(q_i) \langle M, e_N \rangle$ .

*Proof.* Since  $N$  commutes with  $e_N$ , the map  $x \rightarrow x e_N$  from  $N \rightarrow \langle M, e_N \rangle$  is a homomorphism. We assert that this map is 1-1 and its range is  $e_N \langle M, e_N \rangle e_N$ . Suppose that  $x e_N = 0$  for some  $x \in N$ . Then  $\pi_l(x) e_N(1) = 0$ .

Hence  $x = 0$ . Hence  $x \rightarrow xe_N$  is 1-1. Let  $T \in e_N \langle M, e_N \rangle e_N$  be given. Since  $T$  commutes with  $e_N$ ,  $T$  leaves  $N$  invariant. Let  $x = T(1)$ . Then  $x \in N$ . Since  $T(1 - e_N) = 0$  it follows that  $T = 0$  on  $N^\perp$ . Hence  $T = xe_N$  on  $N^\perp$ . Since  $T$  is right  $N$  linear, it follows that for  $n \in N$ ,  $T(n) = T(1)n$ . Hence  $T(n) = xe_N(n)$  for  $n \in N$ . Hence  $T = xe_N$  on  $N$ . Hence  $T = xe_N$ . It is clear that the map  $x \rightarrow xe_N$  has range in  $e_N \langle M, e_N \rangle e_N$ . This proves the assertion.

Let  $f$  be a minimal projection in  $q_i N q_i$ . Note that  $\pi_r(q_i)e_N = \pi_l(q_i)e_N$ . Note that  $f e_N \pi_r(q_i) = f q_i e_N = f e_N$ . Hence  $f e_N \leq \pi_r(q_i)$ . Let  $p$  be a nonzero projection in  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  such that  $p \leq f e_N$ . Now  $p = f e_N p f e_N = e_N p f e_N$ . Hence  $p = x e_N$  for some  $x \in N$ . By the 1-1 ness of the map  $x \rightarrow x e_N$ , it follows that  $x$  is a nonzero projection. Now  $x e_N = x e_N f e_N = x f e_N$ . Thus  $x = x f$ . Similarly  $x = f x$ . Hence by the minimality of  $f$ , it follows that  $x = f$  and hence  $p = f e_N$ . Therefore  $f e_N$  is minimal. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 10.** *Suppose  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Let  $\Lambda$  be the inclusion matrix for  $N \subset M$ . Let  $\vec{\mu}$  and  $\vec{\nu}$  be the dimension vectors for  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Suppose  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{s}$  are the trace vectors for  $tr|_N$  and  $tr|_M$  respectively. Then  $tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$  if and only if  $\Lambda^t \Lambda \vec{s} = \frac{1}{\tau} \vec{s}$  and  $\Lambda \Lambda^t \vec{r} = \frac{1}{\tau} \vec{r}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $tr$  be Markov of modulus  $\tau$  and Let  $Tr$  be the corresponding trace on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$ . Let  $\vec{t}$  be the trace vector for  $Tr$  on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$ . By lemma 7, we have  $\vec{t} = \tau \vec{r}$ . Since the traces are consistent, we have  $\vec{r} = \Lambda \vec{s} = \Lambda \Lambda^t(\vec{t}) = \Lambda \Lambda^t(\tau \vec{r}) = \tau \Lambda \Lambda^t(\vec{r})$ . Also,  $\vec{s} = \Lambda^t(\vec{t}) = \Lambda^t(\tau \vec{r}) = \tau \Lambda^t \Lambda(\vec{s})$ .

Suppose the inclusion matrix satisfies the condition in the proposition. Define  $Tr$  on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  by letting its trace vector be  $\vec{t} = \tau \vec{r}$ . Then  $\Lambda^t(\vec{t}) = \tau \Lambda^t(\vec{r}) = \tau \Lambda^t \Lambda \vec{s} = \vec{s}$ . Hence  $Tr(x) = tr(x)$  for  $x \in M$ . Also by definition of  $Tr$ , it follows that  $Tr(p e_N) = \tau tr(p)$  for every minimal projection  $p$  in  $N$  and hence  $Tr(x e_N) = \tau tr(x)$  for  $x \in N$ . Let  $x \in M$ . Now  $Tr(x e_N) = Tr(e_N x e_N) = Tr(E(x) e_N) = \tau tr(E(x)) = \tau tr(x)$ . This proves that  $tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Suppose that  $tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . Then the unique trace  $Tr$  on  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  which extends  $tr$  and for which  $Tr(x e_N) = \tau tr(x)$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$  for the pair  $M \subset \langle M, e_N \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\vec{r}, \vec{s}, \vec{t}$  be as in proposition 10. Let  $\Lambda$  be the inclusion matrix for the pair  $N \subset M$ . Then  $\vec{t} = \tau \vec{r}$ . Now  $\Lambda \Lambda^t \vec{t} = \tau \Lambda \Lambda^t \vec{r} = \tau \frac{1}{\tau}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\tau}(\vec{t})$ . Hence

by proposition 10, it follows that  $Tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ .  $\square$

We end this section with a lemma which characterises the basic construction for a pair  $N \subset M$  whose proof can be found in [JS].

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Let  $E$  be the unique trace preserving conditional expectation of  $B$  onto  $A$ . Let  $B_1 = \langle B, e \rangle$  denote the result of the basic construction. Let  $B \subset C$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras. Suppose  $C$  contains a projection  $f$  satisfying*

- (1)  $C = \langle B, f \rangle$ ;
- (2)  $fbf = E(b)f$  for  $b \in B$ ; and
- (3)  $f$  commutes with  $A$  and  $a \rightarrow af$  is an injective  $*$  homomorphism of  $A$  into  $C$ .
- (4) The central support of  $f$  in  $C$  is 1.

Then there exists a unique isomorphism  $\Psi : B_1 \rightarrow C$  such that  $\Psi(b) = b$  for  $b \in B$  and  $\Psi(e) = f$ .

### 3.3 Jones Tower

Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Suppose that  $tr$  is Markov of modulus  $\tau$ . Then there exists a unique faithful, positive trace which extends  $tr$  which we continue to denote by  $tr$  such that  $tr(xe_N) = \tau tr(x)$  for  $x \in M$ . Then  $tr$  is a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$  for the pair  $M \subset \langle M, e_N \rangle$ . Let  $e_1 = e_N$ .

Iterating the basic construction for the pair  $M \subset \langle M, e_1 \rangle$ , we get a tower of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras  $N \subset M \subset \langle M, e_1 \rangle \subset \langle M, e_1, e_2 \rangle \subset \dots$  with faithful, unital, positive trace on  $\bigcup_n \langle M, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \rangle$  which we again denote by  $tr$ . This tower is called the Jones tower. Let  $M_0 = N$ ,  $M_1 = M$  and  $M_n = \langle M, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1} \rangle$ .  $M_{n+1}$  is obtained by the basic construction for the pair  $(M_{n-1} \subset M_n, tr)$ . Let  $E_{n-1} : M_n \rightarrow M_{n-1}$  be the corresponding conditional expectation. Then we have the following,

- (1)  $tr(x) = tr(E_{n-1}(x))$  if  $x \in M_n$ .
- (2)  $tr(xe_n) = \tau tr(x)$  if  $x \in M_n$ .
- (3)  $e_n$  commutes with  $M_{n-1}$ .
- (4)  $e_n x e_n = E_{n-1}(x) e_n$  if  $x \in M_n$ .

Now  $tr(E_n(e_n)x) = tr(E_n(e_nx)) = tr(e_nx) = \tau tr(x) = tr(\tau x)$  for  $x \in M_n$ . Since  $tr$  is faithful,  $E_n(e_n) = \tau$ .

The next proposition says that the sequence of projections  $e_n$  satisfy the  $TL$  relations.

**Proposition 11.** *Suppose  $N \subset M$  is a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras and Let  $tr$  be a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . If  $\{e_n\}$  denote the sequence of projections in the Jones tower, then*

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= e_i = e_i^* \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \\ e_i e_j &= e_j e_i \quad \text{if } |i - j| \geq 2 \\ e_i e_j e_i &= \tau e_i \quad \text{if } |i - j| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Only the third relation requires proof. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. Now  $e_{n+1}e_n e_{n+1} = E_n(e_n)e_{n+1} = \tau e_{n+1}$ . Consider the previous relation in  $M_{n+2}$ . Then,  $\frac{e_{n+1}e_n}{\sqrt{\tau}}$  is a partial isometry. Hence  $(\frac{e_{n+1}e_n}{\sqrt{\tau}})^* \frac{e_{n+1}e_n}{\sqrt{\tau}} = \frac{e_n e_{n+1} e_n}{\tau}$  is a projection. Clearly  $\frac{e_n e_{n+1} e_n}{\tau} \leq e_n$ . Now  $tr(\frac{e_n e_{n+1} e_n}{\tau}) = tr(e_n)$ . Since  $tr$  is faithful, it follows that  $\frac{e_n e_{n+1} e_n}{\tau} = e_n$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.4 Jones quotient

We will describe a  $C^*$  quotient for  $TL(\tau)$  called the Jones quotient for every  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{m+1}) : m \geq 2\}$ .

First we show that for  $\tau \in \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{m+1}) : m \geq 2\}$  there exists an inclusion  $N \subset M$  of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras which admits a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . We need the following proposition for that. We say that the inclusion  $N \subset M$  is connected if the Bratelli diagram for the inclusion  $N \subset M$  is connected.

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion which is connected. Then there exists a unique Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$  if and only if  $\tau = \|\Lambda\|^{-2}$ .*

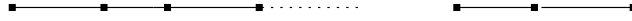
For a proof we refer to [GHJ]  $\square$

Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2 \frac{\pi}{n+1}$ . It is enough to exhibit a Bratelli diagram or a bipartite graph whose corresponding matrix  $\Lambda$  satisfies  $\|\Lambda\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}}$ . First suppose that  $n$  is even, say  $n = 2l$ . Note that the norm of a matrix won't change by changing rows and columns. Consider the following bipartite graph with

$2l = l + l$  vertices.



Let  $\Lambda$  be the corresponding matrix. Let  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda \\ \Lambda^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Y$  is the adjacency matrix of the following path with  $2l$  vertices.



Then

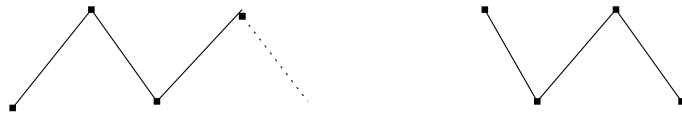
$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , one checks that  $Y\xi_j = \lambda_j\xi_j$  where  $\lambda_j = 2\cos(\frac{j\pi}{n+1})$ ,  $\xi_j = \left( \sin(\frac{jk\pi}{n+1}) \right)_{1 \leq k \leq l}$ . Since  $Y$  is symmetric, it follows that  $\|Y\| = 2\cos(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$ .

Now note that  $YY^t = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda\Lambda^t & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^t\Lambda \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence  $\|Y\|^2 = \|YY^t\| = \|\Lambda\|^2$ .

Hence  $\|\Lambda\|^2 = \frac{1}{\tau}$ .

When  $n$  is odd say  $n = 2l + 1$ , considering the following bipartite graph with  $2l + 1 = l + (l + 1)$  vertices and arguing as above will do the job.



We now define the Jones quotient  $J_n(\tau)$  for  $\tau \in \{\frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{m+1}) : m \geq 2\}$ . Suppose  $\tau \in \{\frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{m+1}) : m \geq 2\}$ . Let  $N \subset M$  be an inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras which admits a Markov trace of modulus  $\tau$ . Let  $M_0 \subset M_1 \subset M_2 \subset \dots$  be the Jones tower. Let  $J_n(\tau) \subset M_n$  be the  $C^*$  algebra generated by  $1, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$ . We set  $J_i(\tau) = \mathbb{C}$  for  $i = 0, 1$ . Then  $E_{n-1}(J_n(\tau)) \subset J_{n-1}(\tau)$ . Then we have a tower  $J_n(\tau) \subset J_{n+1}(\tau)$  of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras and a faithful unital positive trace on  $\bigcup_n J_n(\tau)$ . We refer to [Jon] for the Bratelli diagram of the tower  $J_n(\tau) \subset J_{n+1}(\tau)$ . From the Bratelli diagram it follows that the tower  $J_n(\tau) \subset J_{n+1}(\tau)$  together with the conditional expectations  $E_{n-1}$  and the trace depends only on  $\tau$  and is

independent of the initial inclusion  $N \subset M$ .

Let  $\tau < \frac{1}{4}$ . It is shown in [Jon] that, in this case, there exists a unital inclusion of type  $II_1$  factors with index  $\tau^{-1}$ , and that here too, just as in the finite dimensional case, one may, by iterated basic construction, obtain the Jones' tower  $N \subset M \subset \langle M, e_1 \rangle \subset \langle M, e_1, e_2 \rangle$  of type  $II_1$  factors and conditional expectations  $E_n : M_{n+1} \rightarrow M_n$  where  $M_0 = N$ ,  $M_1 = M$  and  $M_n = \langle M, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1} \rangle$ . The tower  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$  has a faithful positive trace  $\text{tr}$  on  $\bigcup_n M_n$ .

Then we have the following,

- (1)  $\text{tr}(x) = \text{tr}(E_{n-1}(x))$  if  $x \in M_n$ .
- (2)  $\text{tr}(xe_n) = \tau \text{tr}(x)$  if  $x \in M_n$ .
- (3)  $e_n$  commutes with  $M_{n-1}$ .
- (4)  $e_n x e_n = E_{n-1}(x) e_n$  if  $x \in M_n$ .

Also the  $e'_n$ 's satisfy the TL relations. Now  $J_n(\tau)$  is defined as in the finite dimensional case. As in the finite dimensional case, the tower  $J_n(\tau) \subset J_{n+1}(\tau)$  together with the conditional expectations  $E_n : J_{n+1}(\tau) \rightarrow J_n(\tau)$  and the trace depends only on  $\tau$  and is independent of the initial inclusion  $N \subset M$ . We refer to [JS] for the definition of type  $II_1$  factors and the basic construction for type  $II_1$  factors.

From now on, Let  $e_1^T, e_2^T, \dots, e_{n-1}^T$  denote the idempotents in  $T_n(\tau)$  and  $e_1^J, e_2^J, \dots, e_{n-1}^J$  denote the 'Jones' projections in  $J_n(\tau)$ . Suppose  $\epsilon_n^T$  and  $\epsilon_n^J$  denote the corresponding conditional expectation and let  $T_i(\tau) = \mathbb{C}$  for  $i = 0, 1$ . By the universal property of  $T_n(\tau)$  there exists a unique map  $\phi_n : T_n(\tau) \rightarrow J_n(\tau)$  such that  $\phi_n$  is unital and  $\phi_n(e_i^T) = e_i^J$ . Note that  $\phi_{n+1}(a) = \phi_n(a)$  if  $a \in T_n(\tau)$ . Hence we can and will denote the maps  $\phi_n$  by  $\phi$ . The algebra  $J_n(\tau)$  is called the Jones quotient of  $T_n(\tau)$

Note the following properties of  $\phi$ :

- (1) The map  $\phi$  is  $*$  preserving.
- (2)  $\phi(\epsilon_n^T(a)) = \epsilon_n^J(\phi(a))$  if  $a \in T_{n+1}(\tau)$ .
- (3)  $\phi(\text{tr}^T(a)) = \text{tr}^J(\phi(a))$  if  $a \in T_n(\tau)$ .

(1),(2) and (3) can be proved by induction on  $n$  and by noting the fact that  $\{x + \sum_{i=1}^r x_i e_n^T y_i : x, x_i, y_i \in T_n(\tau) \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{N}\} = T_{n+1}(\tau)$ .

Recall the polynomials  $P_k(\lambda)$  and the Jones Wenzl projections  $f_k^T$  defined in chapter 2. Let  $f_k^J = \phi(f_k^T)$ .

**Proposition 13.** *If  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  then  $f_k^J = 1 - \bigvee_{i=1}^{k-1} e_i$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $k \geq 2$ . Since  $f_k^J e_i^J = 0$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ , it follows that  $1 - f_k^J \geq e_1^J \vee e_2^J \vee \dots \vee e_{k-1}^J$ . But  $1 - f_k^J$  is in the algebra generated by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}$ . Thus  $1 - f_k^J \leq e_1^J \vee e_2^J \vee \dots \vee e_{k-1}^J$ . Hence  $1 - f_k^J = e_1^J \vee e_2^J \vee \dots \vee e_{k-1}^J$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

We refer to [Jon] for the following proposition.

**Proposition 14.** *If  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  then  $\dim J_k(\tau) = \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{2k}{k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Hence  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  is an isomorphism for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .*

Hence if  $\tau \leq \frac{1}{4}$ , any  $C^*$  representation of  $T_k(\tau)$  is a  $C^*$  representation of  $J_k(\tau)$ . In the next chapter, we will prove that if  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$ , any  $C^*$  representation  $\pi$  for which  $\pi(e_1^T) \vee \pi(e_2^T) \vee \dots \vee \pi(e_{k-1}^T) = 1$  factors through  $J_k(\tau)$  when  $k \geq n$ .

Let us recall the Murray von Neumann equivalence. Let  $M$  be a finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebra. Let  $p, q$  be projections in  $M$ . We say  $p$  is Murray von Neumann equivalent to  $q$  if there exists  $w \in M$  such that  $w^*w = p$  and  $ww^* = q$ . Note that in  $J_n(\tau)$  all the  $e_i^J$ 's are Murray von Neumann equivalent.

Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  but  $P_n(\tau) = 0$ . Note that  $\text{tr}^J(f_n^J) = P_n(\tau) = 0$ . Since  $\text{tr}$  is faithful,  $f_n^J = 0$ . Hence  $e_1^J \vee e_2^J \vee \dots \vee e_{k-1}^J = 1$  in  $J_k(\tau)$  for  $k \geq n$ . We will prove in the next chapter that the kernel of the map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  is the ideal generated by  $f_n^T$  in  $T_k(\tau)$  for  $k \geq n$ . We need the following proposition for that.

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  for some  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $J_{k+1}(\tau)$  together with  $e_k^J$  is the basic construction of the pair  $(J_{k-1}(\tau) \subset J_k(\tau), \text{tr})$  for  $k \geq n-1$ . That is, if  $\langle J_k(\tau), e \rangle$  denotes the basic construction then there exists a unique isomorphism  $\Psi : \langle J_k(\tau), e \rangle \rightarrow J_{k+1}(\tau)$  such that  $\Psi(a) = a$  if  $a \in J_k(\tau)$  and  $\Psi(e) = e_k^J$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $k \geq n-1$  be given. We apply Lemma 8 with  $f = e_k^J$  to prove this.  $\epsilon_{k-1}^J$  is the unique trace preserving conditional expectation of  $J_k(\tau)$



onto  $J_{k-1}(\tau)$ . Clearly (1), (2) of lemma 8 are true. Also,  $e_k^J$  commutes with  $J_{k-1}(\tau)$ . Now let  $xe_k^J = 0$  for some  $x \in J_{k-1}(\tau)$ . Then  $yx e_k^J = 0$  for every  $y \in J_{k-1}(\tau)$ . Hence for  $y \in J_{k-1}(\tau)$ ,  $\tau tr(yx) = tr(yx e_k^J) = 0$ . Hence  $tr(yx) = 0$  for every  $y \in J_{k-1}(\tau)$ . Since  $tr$  is faithful, it follows that  $x = 0$ . Hence (3) of lemma 8 is satisfied.

Let  $p$  be a central projection in  $J_{k+1}(\tau)$  such that  $p \geq e_k^J$ . Let  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  be given. Let  $w \in J_{k+1}(\tau)$  be such that  $w^*w = e_k^J$  and  $ww^* = e_i^J$ . Now  $e_i^J p = ww^*p = wpw^* = we_k^J p w^* = we_k^J w^* = ww^* = e_i^J$ . Hence  $p \geq e_i^J$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Hence  $p \geq e_1^J \vee e_2^J \vee \dots \vee e_k^J \geq 1 - f_n^J = 1$  by the observation preceding this proposition. Hence (4) of lemma 8 is satisfied. The proof is complete by applying lemma 8.  $\square$

## Chapter 4

# Maximal $C^*$ quotient of $T_n(\tau)$

### 4.1 Maximal $C^*$ quotient of a $\star$ algebra

Let  $A$  be a unital  $C$  algebra. For  $a \in A$ , its spectrum, denoted  $\sigma_A(a)$  is defined by  $\sigma_A(a) = \{\lambda \in C : a - \lambda 1 \text{ is not invertible in } A\}$ . Let  $B$  be a unital finite dimensional  $C$  algebra. Let  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  be a unital algebra homomorphism. Then  $\sigma_B(\pi(a)) \subset \sigma_A(a)$  for  $a \in A$ .

Suppose  $A$  is a unital finite dimensional  $C$  algebra. For  $a \in A$ , let  $\pi_l(a)$  be defined by  $\pi_l(a)(b) = ab$ . Let  $End(A)$  denote the space of  $C$  linear endomorphisms of  $A$ . Then  $\pi_l : A \rightarrow End(A)$  is a unital algebra homomorphism which is 1-1. Since  $\sigma_{End(A)}(\pi_l(a))$  is nonempty, it follows that  $\sigma_A(a)$  which contains  $\sigma_{End(A)}(\pi_l(a))$  is nonempty. Now we will show that  $\sigma_A(a)$  is finite by showing  $\sigma_A(a)$  is contained in the set of zeros of the characteristic polynomial of  $\pi_l(a)$ .

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $A$  be a unital finite dimensional  $C$  algebra. Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $\sigma_A(a)$  is nonempty and finite.*

*Proof.* We have already shown that  $\sigma_A(a)$  is nonempty. Now for a polynomial  $p(x)$  over  $C$ ,  $p(\pi_l(a)) = \pi_l(p(a))$ . Since  $\pi_l(a)$  satisfies its characteristic polynomial, it follows that  $\exists$  a polynomial  $p(x)$  over  $C$  such that  $p(a) = 0$ . Now we show that  $\lambda \in \sigma_A(a)$  implies  $p(\lambda) = 0$ . Let  $\lambda \in C$  be such that  $p(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Then  $p(x) - p(\lambda) = (x - \lambda)q(x)$  for some polynomial  $q$ . Now  $-p(\lambda) = p(a) - p(\lambda) = (a - \lambda)q(a) = q(a)(a - \lambda)$ . Hence  $\frac{-q(a)}{p(\lambda)}$  is the inverse of  $a - \lambda$ . Thus  $\lambda \notin \sigma_A(a)$ . Therefore  $\sigma_A(a)$  is contained in the zero set of  $p$ . As a result we conclude that  $\sigma_A(a)$  is finite.  $\square$

Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional unital  $\star$  algebra. Let  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  be a  $C^*$  representation where  $B$  is a  $C^*$  algebra. Then for  $a \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi(a)\|^2 &= \|\pi(a^*a)\| \leq \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_B(\pi(a^*a))\} \\ &\leq \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_A(a^*a)\} \quad \text{since } \sigma_B(\pi(a^*a)) \subset \sigma_A(a^*a) . \end{aligned}$$

For  $a \in A$ , define

$$\|a\| := \sup\{\|\pi(a)\| : \pi : A \rightarrow B \text{ is a } * \text{ algebra homomorphism where } B \text{ is a } C^* \text{ algebra}\}$$

Then  $\|a\| < \infty \forall a \in A$ . Let  $I = \{a \in A : \|a\| = 0\}$ . Then  $I$  is an ideal in  $A$ .

For  $a \in A$ , note that  $\|a + I\| = \|a\|$  depends only on  $a + I$ . Then  $A/I$  becomes a  $C^*$  algebra with the above norm. Let  $q : A \rightarrow A/I$  be the quotient map.

$A/I$  has the following universal property:

Let  $B$  be a  $C^*$  algebra and let  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  be a  $*$  homomorphism. Then  $\exists$  a unique  $*$  homomorphism  $\tilde{\pi} : A/I \rightarrow B$  such that  $\tilde{\pi} \circ q = \pi$ .

**Definition 9.** Let  $A$  be a unital finite dimensional  $*$  algebra. A  $C^*$  algebra  $B$  together with a  $*$  algebra homomorphism  $q : A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $A$  if it has the following universal property:

Given a  $*$  homomorphism  $\pi : A \rightarrow C$  where  $C$  is a  $C^*$  algebra,  $\exists$  a unique  $*$  homomorphism  $\tilde{\pi} : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $\tilde{\pi} \circ q = \pi$ .

Note that maximal  $C^*$  quotient of a unital finite dimensional  $*$  algebra exists and is unique upto a unique isomorphism.

Let  $\tau \in (0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup \{\frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1}) : n \geq 2\}$ . Now if  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  then the natural map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  is a  $*$  isomorphism. Hence if  $P_k(\tau) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  then  $(J_k(\tau), \phi)$  is the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . In particular, if  $\tau \leq \frac{1}{4}$  then  $(J_k(\tau), \phi)$  is the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau) \forall k \geq 1$ .

Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $\tilde{1} : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow C$  be the  $*$  homomorphism defined by  $\tilde{1}(e_i^T) = 0$  for  $i \leq k-1$  and  $\tilde{1}(1) = 1$  (which exists by the universal property of  $T_k(\tau)$ ). We will prove that  $(J_k(\tau) \oplus C, \phi \oplus \tilde{1})$  is the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$  when  $k \geq n$ . This requires the determination of the kernel of the map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  when  $k \geq n$ . We need the following lemma for that.

**Lemma 10.** Let  $N \subset M$  be a unital inclusion of finite dimensional  $C^*$  algebras with a faithful, unital, positive trace  $tr$ . Then  $M$  is a  $N - N$  bimodule. Let  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  denote the basic construction. Then the  $M - M$  bimodule homomorphism  $\Psi : M \otimes_N M \rightarrow \langle M, e_N \rangle$  defined by  $\Psi(x \otimes y) = x e_N y$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* The map  $\Psi$  is well defined since  $e_N$  commutes with  $N$ . Consider  $M$  as a right  $N$  module. Then  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  is just the space of right  $N$  linear

maps of  $M$ . Let  $E : M \rightarrow N$  be the unique trace preserving conditional expectation. Let  $M^*$  denote the space of right  $N$  linear maps from  $M$  to  $N$ . Then  $M^*$  is a left  $N$  module. For  $b \in M$ , define  $E_b(x) = E(bx)$  for  $x \in M$ . Then  $E_b \in M^*$ . Define  $\theta : M \rightarrow M^*$  by  $\theta(b) = E_b$ . Clearly  $\theta$  is left  $N$  linear.

Assertion:  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

Suppose  $\theta(b) = 0$  for some  $b \in M$ . Then  $tr(bx) = tr(E(bx)) = tr(E_b(x)) = 0 \forall x \in M$ . Since  $tr$  is faithful, we have  $b = 0$ . Hence  $\theta$  is one one. Now let  $\sigma \in M^*$  be given. Then  $tr \circ \sigma$  is a linear functional on  $M$ . Since  $M$  is a Hilbert space,  $\exists b \in M$  such that  $tr \circ \sigma = \langle \cdot, b^* \rangle$ . Hence  $tr(\sigma(x)) = tr(bx) \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $tr(\sigma(x)n) = tr(\sigma(xn)) = tr(bxn) = tr(E(bxn)) = tr(E(bx)n)$  for  $x \in M, n \in N$ . Since  $tr$  is faithful on  $N$ ,  $\sigma(x) = E(bx) \forall x \in M$ . Hence  $\sigma = \theta(b)$ . Therefore,  $\theta$  is onto. This proves the assertion.

Since  $C^*$  algebras are semisimple,  $M$  as a right  $N$  module is semisimple.  $M$  is also finitely generated as an  $N$  module. Hence  $M$  is finitely generated projective and hence flat. Hence  $id \otimes \theta : M \otimes_N M \rightarrow M \otimes_N M^*$  is an isomorphism. Since  $M$  is finitely generated and projective, the canonical map  $\chi : M \otimes_N M^* \rightarrow End_N(M)$  given by  $\chi(x \otimes y^*)(m) = xy^*(m)$  is one one. Hence  $\chi \circ id \otimes \theta$  is one one.

Assertion:  $\Psi = \chi \circ (id \otimes \theta)$ . Let  $x, y, m \in M$  be given. Now

$$(\chi \circ (id \otimes \theta))(x \otimes y)(m) = x\theta(y)(m) = xE(y) = xe_N y(m).$$

Hence  $\chi \circ (id \otimes \theta) = \Psi$ . This proves the assertion. Hence  $\Psi$  is one one.

The image of  $\Psi$  is clearly an ideal which contains  $e_N$ . Since the central support of  $e_N$  in  $\langle M, e_N \rangle$  is 1, it follows that  $\Psi$  is onto. Hence  $\Psi$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

Now We compute the kernel of the map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  for  $k \geq n$  when  $\tau = \frac{1}{4}sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . The proof of the following proposition can be found in [JR]. We include the proof for completeness.

**Proposition 16.** *Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4}sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Then the kernel of the natural map  $\phi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow J_k(\tau)$  for  $k \geq n$  is the ideal generated by  $f_n^T$  in  $T_k(\tau)$  for  $k \geq n$ .*

*Proof.* By induction,  $\tilde{1}(f_k^T) = 1$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . Hence  $f_n^T \neq 0$ . We will write  $T_k$  for  $T_k(\tau)$ .

Let  $A_k = T_k$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . Let  $A_k = A_{k-1}e_{k-1}^T A_{k-1}$  for  $k \geq n$ . Then  $A_k \subset T_k$ .

Assertion: For every  $k \geq 0$ ,

- (1)  $A_k$  is a subalgebra of  $T_k$ .
- (2)  $\epsilon_{k-1}^T(A_k) \subset A_{k-1}$ .
- (3)  $A_k$  is a  $A_{k-1} - A_{k-1}$  bimodule.

We prove this by induction on  $k$ . Clearly (1), (2) and (3) holds for  $k \leq n-1$ . Now assume (1), (2) and (3) holds for  $k$ . Let  $x, y, z, w \in A_k$ . Now  $(xe_k y)(ze_k w) = x\epsilon_{k-1}^T(yz)e_k w$ . Now (1), (2), (3) for  $A_k$  implies  $x\epsilon_{k-1}^T(yz) \in A_k$ . Hence  $(xe_k^T y)(ze_k^T w) \in A_{k+1}$ . Hence  $A_{k+1}$  is a subalgebra of  $T_{k+1}$ . Let  $x, y \in A_k$ . Then  $\epsilon_k^T(xe_k y) = \tau xy \in A_k$  since  $A_k$  is a subalgebra of  $T_k$ . Hence  $\epsilon_k^T(A_{k+1}) \subset A_k$ . Since  $A_k$  is a subalgebra of  $T_k$ , it follows that  $A_{k+1}$  is a  $A_k - A_k$  bimodule. This proves the assertion.

Assertion : The map  $\phi : A_k \rightarrow J_k$  is an isomorphism.

We prove the assertion by induction on  $k$ . The map  $\phi : A_k \rightarrow J_k$  is an isomorphism for  $k \leq n-1$  is exactly proposition 14. Now assume that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism for  $0 \leq l \leq k$ . Let  $\phi \otimes \phi$  denote the isomorphism from  $A_k \otimes_{A_{k-1}} A_k$  to  $J_k \otimes_{J_{k-1}} J_k$  when one identifies  $A_l$  with  $J_l$  when  $l \leq k$  via  $\phi$ . Let  $\chi : A_k \otimes_{A_{k-1}} A_k \rightarrow A_{k+1}$  be defined by  $\chi(x \otimes y) = xe_k^T y$ . Let  $\Psi$  be the map of Lemma 10 where  $N = J_{k-1}$ ,  $M = J_k$  and the projection  $e_N = e_k^T$ . Now  $\Psi \circ \phi \otimes \phi = \phi \circ \chi$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\phi \otimes \phi$  is an isomorphism. Since  $\Psi$  is also an isomorphism, it follows that  $\phi \circ \chi$  is an isomorphism. By definition,  $\chi$  is onto. Hence  $\phi$  is one-one. Since  $\phi \circ \chi$  is onto,  $\phi$  is onto. Hence  $\phi : A_{k+1} \rightarrow J_{k+1}$  is an isomorphism. This proves the assertion.

For  $k \geq n$ , Let  $I_k$  denote the ideal in  $T_k(\tau)$  generated by  $f_n^T$ . Clearly  $I_k \subset I_{k+1}$ . Observe that  $T_k e_k^T T_k$  is an ideal in  $T_{k+1}$  which contains  $e_k^T$ . Since  $e_{k-1}^T = \frac{1}{\tau}(e_{k-1}^T e_k^T e_{k-1}^T)$  it follows that  $T_k e_k^T T_k$  contains  $e_{k-1}^T$ . Similarly it contains  $e_1^T, e_2^T, \dots, e_{k-2}^T$ . Hence  $1 - f_n^T \in T_k e_k^T T_k$  for  $k \geq n-1$ . Hence  $I_{k+1} + T_k e_k^T T_k = T_{k+1}$  for  $k \geq n-1$ . We claim that  $I_k + A_k = T_k$  for  $k \geq n$ . We prove this by induction on  $k$ . We have just proved that the claim is true for  $k = n$ . Now assume the claim is true for  $k$ . Since  $T_{k+1} = I_{k+1} + T_k e_k^T T_k$ , it is enough to show that if  $x, y \in T_k$  then  $xe_k^T y \in I_{k+1} + A_{k+1}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\exists z, w \in I_k$  and  $u, v \in A_k$  such that  $x = z + u$  and  $y = w + v$ . Now  $xe_k^T y = ze_k^T w + ue_k^T w + ze_k^T v + ue_k^T v$ . Since  $I_k \subset I_{k+1}$ , it follows that  $ze_k^T w + ue_k^T w + ze_k^T v \in I_{k+1}$ . By definition  $ue_k^T v \in A_{k+1}$ . Hence  $I_{k+1} + A_{k+1} = T_{k+1}$ . Thus completes the induction and proves the claim.

Now we prove that the kernel of the map  $\phi$  is  $I_k$  for  $k \geq n$ . Let  $k \geq n$  be given. Since  $f_n^J = 0$ , it follows that  $I_k \subset \ker(\phi)$ . Now let  $x \in \ker(\phi)$  be given. Let  $z \in I_k$  and  $w \in A_k$  be such that  $x = z + w$ . Then  $0 = \phi(w)$ . Since  $\phi : A_k \rightarrow T_k$  is an isomorphism, it follows that  $w = 0$ . Hence  $x \in I_k$ . Thus  $\ker(\phi) \subset I_k$ . Therefore  $\ker(\phi) = I_k$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now We prove the much promised fact that when  $\tau = \frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ ,  $(J_k(\tau) \oplus \mathbb{C}, \phi \oplus \tilde{1})$  is the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$  when  $k \geq n$ . We begin with the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $k \geq n$ . Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$  algebra. Let  $\pi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow A$  be a  $\star$  algebra homomorphism such that  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{k-1} \pi(e_i) = 1$ . Then  $\exists$  a unique  $\star$  algebra homomorphism  $\tilde{\pi} : J_k(\tau) \rightarrow T_k(\tau)$  such that  $\tilde{\pi} \circ \phi = \pi$ .*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $\pi = 0$  on  $\ker(\phi)$ . Since  $\ker(\phi)$  is the ideal generated by  $f_n^T$ , it is enough to show that  $\pi(f_n^T) = 0$ .

Assertion:  $\pi(f_n^T)\pi(e_i^T) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ .

Note that  $f_n^T e_i^T = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Hence if  $k = n$  then we are done. Hence assume  $k > n$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} e_n^T f_n^T e_n^T &= e_n^T f_{n-1}^T - \frac{P_{n-2}(\tau)}{P_{n-1}(\tau)} f_{n-1}^T e_n^T e_{n-1}^T e_n^T f_{n-1}^T \\ &= \frac{P_n(\tau)}{P_{n-1}(\tau)} e_n^T f_{n-1}^T \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\pi((e_n^T f_n^T)(e_n^T f_n^T)^\star) = 0$ . Hence  $\pi(e_n^T f_n^T) = 0$ . Hence taking adjoints  $\pi(f_n^T e_n^T) = 0$ . Now let  $i$  be such that  $n < i \leq k$ . Let  $w_i = e_i^T e_{i-1}^T \cdots e_{n+1}^T$ . Then  $w_i e_n^T w_i^\star = \tau^{n-i} e_i^T$ . But  $w_i$  commutes with  $T_n$ . Hence we have  $\pi(f_n^T e_i^T) = \frac{1}{\tau^{n-i}} \pi(w_i) \pi(f_n^T e_n^T) \pi(w_i^\star) = 0$ . This proves the assertion.

Since  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{k-1} \pi(e_i^T) = 1$ , it follows that  $\pi(f_n^T) = 0$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\tau = \frac{1}{4}\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{n+1})$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $k \geq n$ . Then the maximal  $C^*$  quotient of  $T_k(\tau)$  is  $(J_k(\tau) \oplus \mathbb{C}, \phi \oplus \tilde{1})$ .*

*Proof.* We will show that  $(J_k(\tau) \oplus \mathbb{C}, \phi \oplus \tilde{1})$  satisfies the universal property of the maximal  $C^*$  quotient. Suppose  $A$  be a  $C^*$  algebra and Let  $\pi : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow A$  be a  $\star$  algebra homomorphism. By considering the image of  $\pi$ , if necessary, we can assume that  $\pi$  is onto. Then  $\pi$  is unital. Let  $p = \bigvee_{i=1}^{k-1} \pi(e_i^T)$ . Then  $p$  is a central projection in  $A$ . Let  $\pi_1 : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow pA$  be defined by  $\pi_1(a) = p\pi(a)$ . Then  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{k-1} \pi_1(e_i^T) = 1$ . Hence by Theorem 2,  $\exists$  a map  $\tilde{\pi}_1 : T_k(\tau) \rightarrow pA$  such that  $\tilde{\pi}_1 \circ \phi = \pi_1$ . Now define  $\tilde{\pi} : J_k(\tau) \oplus \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$  by

$\tilde{\pi}(a, \lambda) = \tilde{\pi}_1(a) + \lambda(1 - p)$ . Since 1 together with nonempty reduced words form a basis for  $T_k(\tau)$ , it follows that  $\pi(a)(1 - p) = \tilde{\pi}_1(a)(1 - p)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\pi} \circ (\phi \oplus \tilde{1}) = \pi$ . That such a map is unique follows from the onto-ness of  $\phi \oplus \tilde{1}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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