

VIII Radon-Nikodym type theorems.

1° We begin with a construction and a general theorem due to Pedersen and Takesaki.

Let φ be an n.s.f weight. The characterization of the centralizer M^φ in this general case is

$$(*) \quad a \in M^\varphi := \{a \in M; \sigma_t^\varphi(a) = a, (\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}\} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \mathcal{M}_\varphi \subset \mathcal{M}_\varphi, \mathcal{M}_\varphi a \subset \mathcal{M}_\varphi \text{ and } \varphi(ax) = \varphi(xa), (\forall) x \in \mathcal{M}_\varphi$$

For $a \in M^\varphi, a \geq 0$, a new weight φ_a on M is defined by

$$(1) \quad \varphi_a(x) = \varphi(a^{1/2} x a^{1/2}); \quad x \in M^+.$$

It is clear that φ_a is normal. Since $a \in M^\varphi$ we have $\mathcal{N}_\varphi \subset \mathcal{N}_{\varphi_a}, \mathcal{M}_\varphi \subset \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_a}$ and

$$(2) \quad \varphi_a(x) = \varphi(ax) = \varphi(xa), \quad (x \in \mathcal{M}_\varphi)$$

In particular φ_a is semifinite. Also $s(\varphi_a) = s(a)$ for supports. If a is invertible, then

$$(3) \quad \sigma_t^{\varphi_a}(x) = a^{it} \sigma_t^\varphi(x) a^{-it} \quad (x \in M, t \in \mathbb{R})$$

This follows using the KMS-conditions or even by a direct argument using the construction of the modular automorphisms group (MOD.TH. 4.2 pp. 62-63).

2° If $a, b \in M^\varphi, a \geq 0, b \geq 0$ then

$$(1) \quad \varphi_{a+b} = \varphi_a + \varphi_b.$$

Indeed, if a and b are invertible then

$$\mathcal{M}_{\varphi_a} = \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_b} = \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_{a+b}} = \mathcal{M}_\varphi$$

and for every $x \in \mathcal{M}_\varphi$ we have

$$\varphi_{a+b}(x) = \varphi((a+b)x) = \varphi(ax) + \varphi(bx) = \varphi_a(x) + \varphi_b(x)$$

In the general case consider the elements

$$u = w\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} a^{1/2} (a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1/2}, \quad v = w\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} b^{1/2} (a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1/2}$$

Then: $u, v \in M^\varphi$ and

$$a^{1/2} = u(a+b)^{1/2}, \quad b^{1/2} = v(a+b)^{1/2} \text{ and } u^*u + v^*v = s(a+b)$$

If $x \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_{a+b}} \cap M^+$, then $y := (a+b)^{1/2} x (a+b)^{1/2} \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi}$ and $uy u^*, vy v^* \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi}$, that is

$$+\infty > \varphi(uy u^*) + \varphi(vy v^*) = \varphi(a^{1/2} x a^{1/2}) + \varphi(b^{1/2} x b^{1/2})$$

and hence, using once more $1^\circ(*)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_a(x) + \varphi_b(x) &= \varphi(y(u^*u + v^*v)) = \varphi(y) = \\ &= \varphi_{a+b}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let $x \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_a + \varphi_b} \cap M^+$. Then $a^{1/2} x a^{1/2} \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi} \cap M^+$, $b^{1/2} x b^{1/2} \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi} \cap M^+$ and with a further application of $1^\circ(*)$ we infer that

$$u^* a^{1/2} x a^{1/2} u \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi} \cap M^+, v^* b^{1/2} x b^{1/2} v \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi} \cap M^+$$

As:

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^{1/2} x (a+b)^{1/2} &= w\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1} (a+b)x(a+b) (a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1} \\ &\leq w\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 2(a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1} (axa + bxb) (a+b+\varepsilon)^{-1} \\ &= 2[u^* a^{1/2} x a^{1/2} u + v^* b^{1/2} x b^{1/2} v] \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $x \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi_{a+b}} \cap M^+$. This completes the proof of $2^\circ(1)$.

From (1) it follows that

$$(2) \quad 0 \leq a \leq b \Rightarrow \varphi_a \leq \varphi_b \quad (\text{for } a, b \in \mathcal{M}_{\varphi})$$

and from this we get, for $a \in M^{\varphi}$, $a_i \in M^{\varphi}$,

$$(3) \quad 0 \leq a_i \uparrow a \Rightarrow \varphi_{a_i} \uparrow \varphi_a$$

Indeed, let $x \in M^+$. From (2) we get the inequality

$$\sup_i \varphi_{a_i}(x) \leq \varphi_a(x).$$

On the other hand, since φ is normal and

$$a_i^{1/2} x a_i^{1/2} \xrightarrow{w} a^{1/2} x a^{1/2} \text{ we get}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_a(x) &= \varphi(a^{1/2} x a^{1/2}) \leq \liminf_i \varphi(a_i^{1/2} x a_i^{1/2}) \\ &\leq \sup_i \varphi_{a_i}(x). \end{aligned}$$

3°. Let φ be an nsf weight on the von Neumann algebra $M \subset B(H)$ and A be a positive selfadjoint operator in H affiliated to M^φ . Consider the bounded positive operators

$$A_\varepsilon = A(1 + \varepsilon A)^{-1} \in M^\varphi, \quad (\varepsilon > 0).$$

and notice that $A_\varepsilon \uparrow A$ for $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$. Also, let

$$e_n = \chi_{(\frac{1}{n}, n)}(A) \in M^\varphi$$

and notice that Ae_n is a bounded positive operator, invertible in $e_n M^\varphi e_n$, and $e_n \uparrow 1(A)$. By 2°(2), a normal weight φ_A on M is defined by

$$(1) \quad \varphi_A(x) = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \varphi_{A_\varepsilon}(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi_{A_\varepsilon}(x), \quad (x \in M^+).$$

If A is bounded we get the same thing as above by 2°(3).

If $x \in M^+$ and $s(x)s(A) = 0$, then clearly $\varphi_A(x) = 0$. On the other hand, if $x \in e_n(M_\varphi \cap M^+)e_n \subset M_\varphi \cap M^+ \subset M_\varphi \cap M^+_{Ae_n}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_A(x) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi(A_\varepsilon^{1/2} x e_n A_\varepsilon^{1/2}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi((Ae_n)_\varepsilon^{1/2} x (Ae_n)_\varepsilon^{1/2}) = \\ &= \varphi_{Ae_n}(x) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that φ_A is semifinite and $s(\varphi_A) \leq s(A)$. Actually:

$$(2) \quad s(\varphi_A) = s(A)$$

Indeed, if $x \in M^+$ and $\varphi_A(x) = 0$, then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have $\varphi(A_\varepsilon^{1/2} x A_\varepsilon^{1/2}) = 0$ i.e. $A_\varepsilon^{1/2} x A_\varepsilon^{1/2} = 0$ (since we assumed φ faithful), hence $x A_\varepsilon = 0$, $x s(A_\varepsilon) = 0$ and finally $x s(A) = 0$.

Notice that for every $x \in \mathcal{N}_\varphi$ we have

$$(3) \quad \varphi_A(x^*x) = \| \mathcal{J}_\varphi(A)^{1/2} \mathcal{J}_\varphi x_\varphi \|_\varphi^2$$

Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_A(x^*x) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi(A_\varepsilon^{1/2} x^* x A_\varepsilon^{1/2}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi(A_\varepsilon x^* x) = \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (x_\varphi | (x A_\varepsilon)_\varphi) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (x_\varphi | \mathcal{J}_\varphi \mathcal{J}_\varphi(A_\varepsilon) \mathcal{J}_\varphi x_\varphi) = \\ &= \| \mathcal{J}_\varphi(A)^{1/2} \mathcal{J}_\varphi x_\varphi \|_\varphi^2. \end{aligned}$$

4° PROPOSITION. $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow \varphi_A \leq \varphi_B$ ($A, B, \dots$).

PROOF. If $A \leq B$, then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have
(MOD. TH. A.4) $A_\varepsilon \leq B_\varepsilon$ so $\varphi_{A_\varepsilon} \leq \varphi_{B_\varepsilon}$ and $\varphi_A \leq \varphi_B$ by 3°(1).

Conversely, assume that $\varphi_A \leq \varphi_B$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $f_n = \chi_{(0,n)}(B) \in M^p$, ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Then for each $x \in \mathcal{H}_\varphi$ we have (see V. 5°(4)):

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}_\varphi(f_n A_\varepsilon f_n) \mathcal{H}_\varphi x_\varphi | \mathcal{H}_\varphi x_\varphi) &= \varphi_{A_\varepsilon}(f_n x^* x f_n) \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_B(f_n x^* x f_n) = (\mathcal{H}_\varphi(B f_n) \mathcal{H}_\varphi x_\varphi | \mathcal{H}_\varphi x_\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

so that $f_n A_\varepsilon f_n \leq B f_n$. Since $f_n \uparrow \delta(B) = \delta(\varphi_B) \geq \delta(\varphi_A) = \delta(A)$, it follows that $A_\varepsilon \leq B$ and, since $A_\varepsilon \uparrow A$, we conclude $A \leq B$.

5° PROPOSITION. $A_i \uparrow A \Leftrightarrow \varphi_{A_i}(x) \uparrow \varphi_A(x)$, ($\forall x \in M^+$) ($A_i, A, \dots$)

PROOF. Assume $A_i \uparrow A$ and let $x \in M^+$. From 4° it follows that $\sup \varphi_{A_i}(x) \leq \varphi_A(x)$. On the other hand, since $A_i \uparrow A$ we have also $(A_i)_\varepsilon \uparrow A_\varepsilon$ ($\forall \varepsilon > 0$), hence

$$\sup_i \varphi_{(A_i)_\varepsilon}(x) = \varphi_{A_\varepsilon}(x), \quad (\forall \varepsilon > 0)$$

and consequently:

$$\varphi_A(x) = \sup_\varepsilon \varphi_{A_\varepsilon}(x) = \sup_\varepsilon \sup_i \varphi_{(A_i)_\varepsilon}(x) \leq \sup_i \varphi_{A_i}(x)$$

Conversely, if $\varphi_{A_i} \uparrow \varphi_A$ then, by 4°, it follows that $\{A_i\}_i$ is an increasing net bounded above by A . So there is a positive selfadjoint operator B such that $A_i \uparrow A$. It follows that B is affiliated to M^p and, by the first part of the proof $\varphi_{A_i} \uparrow \varphi_B$. Consequently, $\varphi_A = \varphi_B$ and from (4) it follows that $A \leq B$ and $B \leq A$, hence $A = B$ and $A_i \uparrow A$.

In particular we have

$$(1) \quad \varphi_A(x) = \sup_n \varphi_{A_{e_n}}(x) = \lim_n \varphi_{A_{e_n}}(x)$$

6° PROPOSITION. $\sigma_t^{\varphi_A}(x) = A^{it} \sigma_t^{\varphi}(x) A^{-it}$ ($x \in s(A)Ms(A)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$)

PROOF. Let $M \subset B(H)$. Then $A|_{s(A)H}$ is a non-singular positive self-adjoint operator on the Hilbert space $s(A)H$ so that we can consider the unitary operators

$$e_n = \chi_{\left(\frac{1}{n}, n\right)}(A) \quad A^{it} = (A|_{s(A)})^{it} \text{ on } s(A)H, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Of course, the operator A^{it} can also be regarded as a partial isometry in M .

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be fixed. Then φ_{e_n} is an n.s.f. weight on $e_n M e_n$ and $A e_n$ is a bounded invertible positive operator in $e_n M e_n$ which is the centralizer of the weight φ_{e_n} . Using 5°(1) we see that $(\varphi_A)_{e_n} = (\varphi_{e_n})_{A e_n}$ as weights on $e_n M e_n$. Thus, taking into account 1°(3), we get for $x \in e_n M e_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t^{\varphi_A}(x) &= \sigma_t^{(\varphi_A)_{e_n}}(x) = \sigma_t^{(\varphi_{e_n})_{A e_n}} = (A e_n)^{it} \sigma_t^{\varphi_{e_n}}(x) (A e_n)^{-it} \\ &= A^{it} e_n \sigma_t^{\varphi}(x) e_n A^{-it} = A^{it} \sigma_t^{\varphi}(x) A^{-it} \end{aligned}$$

Since $e_n \uparrow s(A)$, the set $\bigcup_n e_n M e_n$ is w-dense in $s(A)Ms(A)$ and the desired conclusion follows.

7° COROLLARY. $[D\varphi_A : D\varphi]_t = A^{it}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

PROOF. Consider the balanced weights $\theta = \theta(\varphi, \varphi)$ and $z = \theta(\varphi, \varphi_A)$ on $\text{Mat}_2(M)$. Then

$$z = \theta_B \quad \text{with} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$$

hence

$$\sigma_t^z(x) = B^{it} \sigma_t^{\theta}(x) B^{-it} \quad (\forall x \in s(B)\text{Mat}_2(M)s(B)).$$

In particular, for $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ s(A) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ we obtain the announced result.

From this Corollary it follows again that

$$\varphi_A = \varphi_B \iff A = B.$$

8° COROLLARY. Let φ be an n.s.f. weight on the von Neumann algebra M and let A, B be two commuting positive self-adjoint operators affiliated to M^φ . Then the weights $\varphi_{\overline{AB}}$, $(\varphi_A)_B$, $(\varphi_B)_A$ are defined and equal

$$(\varphi_A)_B = \varphi_{\overline{AB}} = (\varphi_B)_A.$$

PROOF. Since A and B commute, the closure $\overline{AB}$ of AB is a positive self-adjoint operator, and $(AB)^{it} = A^{it}B^{it}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. (MOD. TH. A6) It is easy to check that $\overline{AB}$ (resp. A, B) is affiliated to the centralizer of φ (resp. φ_B, φ_A), hence the weights from the statement are indeed defined. Using 7° and the chain rule for the Connes derivative of these weights with respect to φ coincide and hence these weights are equal.

9° THEOREM (PEDERSEN-TAKESAKI). Let φ be an n.s.f. weight and ψ a normal semifinite weight on M .

The following conditions are equivalent

- (i) $\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi = \psi$ ($\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$).
- (ii) $[D\psi : D\varphi]_t \in M^\psi$ ($\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$)
- (iii) $[D\psi : D\varphi]_t \in M^\varphi$ ($\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$)
- (iv) $\{[D\psi : D\varphi]_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is an s -continuous group of unitary elements of $s(\psi)M s(\psi)$
- (v) there exists a positive self-adjoint operator A affiliated to M^φ such that

$$\psi = \varphi_A.$$

PROOF. Let $u_t = [D\psi : D\varphi]_t$, ($t \in \mathbb{R}$).

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) From (i) it follows that $s(\psi)$ and M^ψ are σ_t^φ -invariant. In particular, for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\sigma_t^\varphi(u_t) \sigma_t^\varphi(u_t)^* = s(\psi) = \sigma_t^\varphi(u_t)^* \sigma_t^\varphi(u_t)$$

Then, for every $x \in (s(\psi)M s(\psi))^+$ and every $t \in \mathbb{R}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(s(\psi) \times s(\psi)) &= \psi(x) = \psi(\sigma_t^\psi(x)) = \psi(u_t \sigma_t^\varphi(x) u_t^*) = \\ &= \psi(\sigma_t^\varphi(\sigma_t^\varphi(u_t) \times \sigma_t^\varphi(u_t^*))) = \psi(\sigma_t^\varphi(u_t) \times \sigma_t^\varphi(u_t^*)) \end{aligned}$$

By LEMMA VII.4° it follows that $\sigma_t^\varphi(u_t) \in M^\varphi$ and hence

$$u_t = \sigma_t^\varphi(\sigma_t^\varphi(u_t)) \in M^\varphi$$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) From (ii) it follows that

$$u_t = \sigma_s^\psi(u_t) = u_s \sigma_s^\varphi(u_t) u_s^* = u_{s+t} u_s^*$$

hence $u_{s+t} = u_t u_s$, $(\forall) s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(iii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iv) If $u_t \in M^\varphi$, then $u_{s+t} = u_s \sigma_s^\varphi(u_t) = u_s u_t$.

Conversely, if $u_s u_t = u_{s+t} = u_s \sigma_s^\varphi(u_t)$ then $u_t = \sigma_s^\varphi(u_t)$ hence $u_t \in M^\varphi$.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (v) If (iv) holds, then by the Stone's Theorem there is a positive self-adjoint operator A affiliated to M^φ , with $s(A) = s(\psi)$ such that

$$[D\psi, D\varphi]_t = A^{it} = [D\varphi_A, D\varphi]_t$$

hence $\psi = \varphi_A$.

(v) $\Rightarrow$ (i) This follows from the definition of φ_A . Roughly:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_A(\sigma_t^\psi(x)) &= \varphi(A^{1/2} \sigma_t^\varphi(x) A^{1/2}) = \varphi(\sigma_t^\varphi(A^{1/2} \times A^{1/2})) = \\ &= \varphi(A^{1/2} \times A^{1/2}) = \varphi_A(x). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, if ψ is also faithful then also the condition

$$(vi) \quad \varphi(\sigma_t^\psi(x)) = \varphi(x) \quad (\forall) x \in M^+, (\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$$

is equivalent to the above conditions, due to the symmetry of conditions (ii) and (iii).

In this case we say that the n.s.f. weights φ and ψ commute.

Thus, the n.s.f. weights of the form φ_A are exactly the n.s.f. weights commuting with φ .

10° COROLLARY. Let φ be an n.s.f. weight on the von Neumann algebra M with center $Z(M)$ and ψ be a normal semifinite weight on M .

The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) ψ satisfies the KMS conditions w.r.t. $\{\sigma_t^\psi\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$
- (ii) $s(\psi) \in Z(M)$ and $\sigma_t^\psi = \sigma_t^p|_{M \cdot s(\psi)}$, $(\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$
- (iii) there exists a positive self-adjoint operator A affiliated to $Z(M)$ such that $\psi = \varphi_A$

FOR SIMPLICITY PROOF. Let $q = s(\psi)$ and $p = 1 - q$.

ASSUME $q=1, p=0$ (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Since $\psi \circ \sigma_t^\psi = \psi$, we have $p, q \in M^\psi$.

Let $x, y \in \mathcal{N}_\psi \cap \mathcal{N}_\psi^*$. Then

$$\psi((xp)^*(xp)) = \psi(p x^* x p) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\psi((py)^*(py)) = \psi(y^* p y) \leq \psi(y^* y) < \infty$$

hence $xp, py \in \mathcal{N}_\psi \cap \mathcal{N}_\psi^*$. By assumption there exists a function f , defined, continuous and bounded on the strip $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{C}; 0 \leq \operatorname{Re} \alpha \leq 1\}$, analytic in the interior, such that

$$f(it) = \psi(\sigma_t^\psi(xp)py) = \psi(\sigma_t^\psi(x)py) \text{ and} \quad (\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(1+it) = \psi(py \sigma_t^\psi(xp)) = 0$$

It follows that f is identically zero, in particular

$$\psi(\sigma_t^\psi(x)py) = 0, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R})$$

Consequently, $\psi(xp x^*) = 0$ for every $x \in \mathcal{N}_\psi \cap \mathcal{N}_\psi^*$, so that $xp x^* = p x p x^* p$ $(\forall) x \in M$. In particular, for $x = v \in M$ unitary, we have $vpv^* \leq p$, $vpv^* = p$ and therefore $p \in Z(M)$ and $s(\psi) = q = 1 - p \in Z(M)$.

Now the restriction of ψ to M_q is an n.s.f. weight on M_q which satisfies the KMS condition w.r.t. $\{\sigma_t^\psi|_{M_q}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ so that $\sigma_t^\psi|_{M_q} = \sigma_t^\psi$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) From (ii) it follows that $\psi \circ \sigma_t^\psi = \psi$, $(\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$, so by the Theorem 9°,

$$\psi = \varphi_A$$

for some positive self-adjoint operator A affiliated to M^ψ .
Then, for every $x \in M_\psi$ and every $t \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\sigma_t^\psi(x) = \sigma_t^\psi(x) = A^{it} \sigma_t^\psi(x) A^{-it} \quad (\forall) x \in M, (\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$$

hence $A^{it} \in Z(M)$, $(\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$, which means that A is affiliated to $Z(M)$

Finally, the implication (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) follows from 6° since $s(\psi) = s(A) \in Z(M)$, while the implication (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) is obvious.

11° If φ is an n.s.f. trace on M , then $S_\varphi \equiv J_\varphi$ is a conjugation and $\Delta_\varphi = I$ so, identifying $x \equiv J_\varphi(x)$,

$$\sigma_t^\varphi(x) = \Delta_\varphi^{it} x \Delta_\varphi^{-it} = x \quad (\forall) x \in M, (\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$$

hence $M^\varphi = M$ and $\sigma_t^\varphi = \text{id}$ $(\forall) t \in \mathbb{R}$. It follows that any other n.s.f. weight ψ commutes with φ .

Thus, from the Pedersen-Takesaki theorem 9° we get the following result originally due to I.E. Segal (for normal positive forms - not weights).

If φ is an n.s.f. trace on M , then any other normal semifinite weight ψ is of the form

$$\psi = \varphi_A \quad \text{with } A \text{ affiliated to } M \text{ a positive self-adjoint operator.}$$

12° If there is an n.s.f. weight φ on M and an s-continuous one parameter group $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto u_t \in M$ of unitary elements such that

$$\sigma_t^\varphi(x) = u_t x u_t^* \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in M)$$

then the algebra M is semifinite.

Indeed let $\tilde{A}^1$ be the analytic generator of $(u_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$, i.e. the unique positive self-adjoint operator A such that

$$u_t = A^{-it} \quad ; \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then $\mu = \varphi_A$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_t^\mu(x) &= A^{it} \sigma_t^\varphi(x) A^{-it} = A^{it} u_t x u_t^* A^{-it} \\ &= A^{it} A^{-it} x A^{it} A^{-it} = x \quad (\forall x \in M, (t) \in \mathbb{R})\end{aligned}$$

hence the centralizer $M^\mu = M$ which means that

$$a \in M, x \in M_\mu \Rightarrow ax, xa \in M_\mu \text{ and } \mu(ax) = \mu(xa)$$

i.e. μ is an n.s.f. trace on M , and hence M is semifinite.

There is also a different proof (see LECTURES 10.29).

13° If φ is an n.s.f. weight on M and $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(M)$ is a $*$ -automorphism of M , then

$$\sigma_t^{\varphi \circ \sigma} = \sigma^{-1} \circ \sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

as can be checked using the KMS-conditions. In particular,
 $M^{\varphi \circ \sigma} = \sigma^{-1}(M^\varphi)$.

Thus:

$$(1) \quad \varphi \circ \sigma = \varphi \Rightarrow \sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \sigma_t^\varphi, \quad (\forall t \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(2) \quad \psi \text{ commutes with } \varphi \Rightarrow \sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \sigma_s^\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$$

In general the converses are not true. We will provide an example and, on the other hand, supplementary conditions that allow the converses.

14° Let $H = L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $u_t, v_s \in B(H)$ unitary operators defined by

$$(u_t \xi)(x) = \xi(x+t), \quad (v_s \xi)(x) = e^{isx} \xi(x),$$

which satisfy the anticommutation relations:

$$(1) \quad v_s u_t = e^{-its} u_t v_s \quad (s, t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

By the Stone's theorem there are uniquely determined non-singular positive selfadjoint operators A, B in H such that

$$u_t = A^{it}, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}), \quad v_s = B^{is}, \quad (s \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Thus $B^{is} A^{it} = e^{-its} A^{it} B^{is}$ and, using the definition of the analytic generators A, B (LECTURES, 9.20), we infer that

$$(2) \quad B^{is} A B^{-is} = e^s A, \quad (s \in \mathbb{R}),$$

Consider the von Neumann algebra $M = B(H)$ with the canonical trace tr and the n.s.f. weights

$$\varphi = \text{tr}_A, \quad \psi = \text{tr}_B \text{ on } M.$$

Then $\sigma_t^\varphi = \text{Ad}(u_t)$, $\sigma_s^\psi = \text{Ad}(v_s)$ and from (1) we get

$$(3) \quad \sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \sigma_s^\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$$

Moreover, φ and ψ do not commute, more precisely we have

$$(4) \quad \varphi \circ \sigma_t^\psi = e^t \varphi, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Indeed, let $x \in M^+$ and $A_\varepsilon = A(1 + \varepsilon A)^{-1}$, $(\varepsilon > 0)$. From (2) it follows that

$$B^{-is} A_\varepsilon B^{is} = (e^s A)_\varepsilon$$

and therefore for $0 \leq x \in B(H)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\sigma_s^\psi(x)) &= \text{tr}_A(B^{-is} x B^{is}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{tr}(A_\varepsilon^{1/2} B^{-is} x B^{is} A_\varepsilon^{1/2}) \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{tr}(x^{1/2} B^{-is} A_\varepsilon B^{is} x^{1/2}) \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{tr}(x^{1/2} (e^s A)_\varepsilon x^{1/2}) \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{tr}((e^s A)_\varepsilon^{1/2} x (e^s A)_\varepsilon^{1/2}) = \text{tr}_{e^s A}(x) = e^s \varphi(x) \end{aligned}$$

By extension two n.s.f. weights φ, ψ whose modular automorphisms commute but φ, ψ do not commute, are said to anticommute.

14.50 The following results are relevant mainly for factors.

PROPOSITION. Let φ be an n.s.f. weight on the von Neumann algebra M and $\sigma: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$ an action of the group G on M by $*$ -automorphisms σ_g , $(g \in G)$, acting identically on the center $Z(M)$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

$$(i) \quad \sigma_g \circ \sigma_t^\varphi = \sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_g, \quad (g \in G, t \in \mathbb{R})$$

(ii) There is a group morphism $g \mapsto A_g$ of G into the group of all non-singular positive selfadjoint operators affiliated to $Z(M)$ such that

$$(1) \quad \varphi \circ \sigma_g = \varphi_{A_g}$$

If, moreover, $G = \mathbb{R}$ and the action σ is continuous, then also the following statement is equivalent with (i) and (ii)

(iii) there is a nonsingular positive self-adjoint operator A affiliated $\mathcal{Z}(M)$ such that

$$\varphi \circ \sigma_s = \varphi_{A^s}, \quad (s \in \mathbb{R}).$$

PROOF. By 10° and 13°.(1) it follows that (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) and from (i) it follows that there is a map $G \ni g \mapsto A_g \in \mathcal{Z}(M)$ such that (1) holds and then, since each σ_g acts identically on the center

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{A_{gh}} &= (\varphi \circ \sigma_g) \circ \sigma_h = \varphi_{A_g} \circ \sigma_h = (\varphi \circ \sigma_h)_{A_g} = \\ &= (\varphi_{A_h})_{A_g} = \varphi_{A_g A_h} \end{aligned}$$

Concerning (iii) it is obvious that (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). We show that (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). By assumption there is a morphism $\mathbb{R} \ni s \mapsto A_s$ such that $\varphi \circ \sigma_s = \varphi_{A_s}$, $(s \in \mathbb{R})$. Let $A = A_1$. Since $A_{s+t} = \overline{A_s A_t}$, it follows that $A_s = A^s$ for every rational number s . Let $e_n = \chi_{[\frac{1}{n}, n]}(A)$ and $x \in \mathcal{H}_\varphi$.

The function

$$(2) \quad \mathbb{R} \ni s \mapsto \varphi(A^s e_n x^* x) = \| \mathcal{T}_\varphi(A^s e_n)^{1/2} x_\varphi \|_\varphi^2$$

is continuous and bounded. On the other hand we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\sigma_s(e_n x^* x)) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi((A_s)_\varepsilon e_n x^* x) = \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \| \mathcal{T}_\varphi(A_s)_\varepsilon^{1/2} \mathcal{T}_\varphi(e_n) x_\varphi \|_\varphi^2 = \| \mathcal{T}_\varphi(A_s e_n)^{1/2} x_\varphi \|_\varphi^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since φ is normal, it follows that the function

$$(3) \quad \mathbb{R} \ni s \mapsto \varphi(\sigma_s(e_n x^* x)) = \| \mathcal{T}_\varphi(A_s e_n) \|_\varphi^2$$

is lower w-semicontinuous. As the functions (3) and (4) coincide for all rational s , it follows that

$$A_s e_n \leq A^s e_n, \quad (\forall) s \in \mathbb{R}, (\forall) n.$$

Consequently $s \mapsto (A_s e_n)(A^s e_n)^{-1}$ is a one parameter group of positive operators with norm ≤ 1 on $e_n \mathcal{H}$.

Since the only such group is the trivial one it follows that

$$A_s e_n = A^s e_n \quad \text{and, since } e_n \uparrow 1, \quad A_s = A^s.$$

a single automorphism corresponds to an action of $\mathbb{Z}$.

15° COROLLARY. Let φ be a normal faithful state on M and $\sigma : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$ an action of the group G on M which is trivial on $Z(M)$. Then are equivalent:

(i) $\varphi \circ \sigma_g = \varphi$, ($\forall$) $g \in G$

(ii) $\sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_g = \sigma_g \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$, ($\forall$) $g \in G$, ($\forall$) $t \in \mathbb{R}$

PROOF. We must prove (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). By PROPOSITION 13° we can write

$$\varphi \circ \sigma_g = \varphi_{A_g} \quad (g \in G)$$

Fix $g \in G$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and $e_\varepsilon = \chi_{[1+\varepsilon, \infty)}(A_g)$. Then, for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\|\varphi\| \geq \varphi(\sigma_g^k(e_\varepsilon)) = \varphi(A_g^k e_\varepsilon) \geq (1+\varepsilon)^k \varphi(e_\varepsilon)$$

hence $e_\varepsilon = 0$. It follows that $A_g \leq 1$ so $1 \leq A_g^{-1} \cdot A_{g^{-1}} \leq 1$ and hence $A_g = 1$, ($\forall$) $g \in G$, which proves (i)

16° COROLLARY. Let φ, ψ be n.s.f. weights on M . If φ is finite, or if $\varphi \leq \psi$, then are equivalent:

(i) φ commutes with ψ

(ii) $\sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \sigma_s^\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$ ($\forall$) $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

PROOF. We already know that (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) and that (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) if φ is finite. Suppose $\varphi \leq \psi$. By the PROPOSITION 13° there is a nonsingular positive selfadjoint operator $A \in Z(M)$ such that

$$\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \varphi_{A^s}, \quad (s \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Let $e_\varepsilon = \chi_{[1+\varepsilon, \infty)}(A)$. For $x \in M_\psi \cap M^+$ and $s \geq 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} +\infty > \psi(x) &\geq \psi(e_\varepsilon x) = \psi(e_\varepsilon \sigma_s^\psi(x)) \geq \varphi(e_\varepsilon \sigma_s^\psi(x)) = \\ &= \varphi(A^s e_\varepsilon x) \geq (1+\varepsilon)^s \varphi(e_\varepsilon x). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\varphi(e_\varepsilon x) = 0$. Since φ is normal and semifinite it follows that $\varphi(e_\varepsilon) = 0$, hence $e_\varepsilon = 0$, i.e. $A \leq I$.

Similarly, using $f_\varepsilon = \chi_{[0, 1-\varepsilon]}(A)$, we get $A \geq I$, hence $A = I$ which means that $\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \varphi$ ($\forall$) $s \in \mathbb{R}$, i.e. φ commutes with ψ .

17° Finally we record without proof (see mod. TH. 4.19-4.22, pp. 71-74) the following results:

(1) If φ, ψ are normal positive forms on M and $s(\psi)=1$, then are equivalent

(i) ψ commutes with φ

(ii) $|\varphi + i\psi| = |\varphi - i\psi|$

(iii) [assume $s(\psi)=1$] $\sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \sigma_s^\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$

Thus, the commutation of normal faithful positive forms is the same as the commutation of the corresponding modular automorphisms. Condition (ii) recalls a similar commutation condition in operator theory.

(2) If φ is an n.s.f. weight on M and $\sigma: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$ is a continuous action of the compact group G on M , then are equivalent

(i) $\varphi \circ \sigma_g = \varphi$

(ii) $\sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_g = \sigma_g \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$ ($\forall g \in G, t \in \mathbb{R}$)

The proof is similar to the proof in 16°.

(3) If φ, ψ are n.s.f. weights on M and $\sigma_t^\varphi \circ \sigma_s^\psi = \sigma_s^\psi \circ \sigma_t^\varphi$ ($\forall t, s \in \mathbb{R}$) then the sum $\varphi + \psi$ is a semifinite weight.

IX The Converse of the Connes Theorem

- 1° Let G be a locally compact group and $\sigma: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$ a continuous action of G on M . Let e be the neutral element in G .

A σ -cocycle is an s^* -continuous function $w: G \rightarrow M$ such that:

$$w(gh) = w(g) \sigma_g(w(h)), \quad w(g^{-1}) = \sigma_g^{-1}(w(g)^*) ; \quad g, h \in G.$$

In this case $w(g)$ are partial isometries and

$$w(g)w(g)^* = w(e), \quad w(g)^*w(g) = \sigma_g(w(e)) ; \quad g \in G.$$

NOTATION
 $Z_\sigma(G, M)$
 all cocycles

- 2° THEOREM. (A. CONNES) Let φ be a fixed n.s.f. weight on M . For every cocycle $w \in Z_\sigma(G, M)$ there is a unique normal semifinite weight ψ on M such that

$$[D\psi : D\varphi] = w.$$

This Theorem is a strong motivation to consider n.s.f. weights, not only normal positive forms.

The proof is contained in the sections 2°-7°. We will consider

$$M \subset B(H), \quad F_\infty = B(L^2(\mathbb{R})), \quad M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty \cong \text{Mat}_\infty(M).$$

Thus every $x \in M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ is determined by a certain matrix $[x_{ij}]$ with entries in M :

$$x = \sum_{i,j} x_{ij} \otimes e_{ij}$$

where e_{ij} are the matrix units in F_∞ . Let $e_n \in M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ be the element corresponding to the matrix $[x_{ij}]$ where

$$x_{ij} = 0 \text{ whenever } i \neq j \text{ or } i > n \text{ and } x_{11} = x_{22} = \dots = x_{nn} = 1, \\ \text{that is } e_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \otimes e_{kk}.$$

We shall successively construct weights Φ, Φ', Ψ, Ψ' on $M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ and weights ψ', ψ on M .

NOTE. The proof that follows is done in full generality but it is easier to follow it assuming $w(t)$ unitary operators - then ψ will be an n.s.f. weight.

2° Define an n.s.f. weight Φ on $M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ by

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi(x_{kk}), \quad (x = [x_{ij}] \in M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty).$$

Then

$$(1) \quad \sigma_t^\Phi = \sigma_t^\varphi \otimes \text{id}$$

Indeed, it is easy to check that e_n belongs to the centralizer of Φ (using VIII. 1° (*)). Then, using the characterization of the centralizer:

$a \in M^\varphi \Leftrightarrow a M_\varphi \subset M_\varphi, M_\varphi a \subset M_\varphi$ and $\varphi(ax) = \varphi(xa), \forall x \in M_\varphi$
and VII. 5° (3) we obtain

$$\sigma_t^\Phi(x) = (\sigma_t^\varphi \otimes \text{id})(x), \quad (\forall) x \in e_n(M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty)e_n.$$

Since $e_n \uparrow 1$, this proves (1).

Actually $\Phi = \varphi \bar{\otimes} \text{tr}$, but we did not define the tensor product of weights.

3° Let $\{u_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \subset \mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}))$ be the so-continuous one-parameter unitary group of translations

$$(u_t \xi)(\lambda) = \xi(\lambda + t), \quad \xi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

with the analytic generator A , $u_t = A^{it}$, ($t \in \mathbb{R}$). Then the weight

$$\Phi' = \Phi(1 \bar{\otimes} A)$$

satisfies

$$\sigma_t^{\Phi'} = \text{Ad}(1 \bar{\otimes} u_t) \circ \sigma_t^\Phi = \sigma_t^\varphi \otimes \text{Ad}(u_t).$$

4° The von Neumann algebra $M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ acts on the Hilbert space $H \bar{\otimes} L^2(\mathbb{R})$ which can be identified with $L^2(\mathbb{R}; H)$ via the mapping

$$H \bar{\otimes} L^2(\mathbb{R}) \ni \xi \otimes f \mapsto (t \mapsto f(t)\xi) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}; H).$$

Using the given cocycle $w \in Z_{\sigma^\varphi}(\mathbb{R}, M)$ we define a partial isometry V on this Hilbert space by

$$(V\xi)(t) = w(t)\xi(t), \quad (\xi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}; H), t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

It is immediate to check that V commutes with the commutant $M' \bar{\otimes} \mathbb{C}$ of $M \bar{\otimes} F_\infty$ hence, by the

7° Let $w(t) = [D\psi : D\varphi]_t$ and $a(t) = w(t)^* w(t)$, ($t \in \mathbb{R}$)
 Since

$$\text{Ad}(w(t)) \circ \sigma_t^\varphi = \sigma_t^{\psi'} = \text{Ad}(w(t)) \circ \sigma_t^\varphi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

it follows that $(a(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is an so-continuous one-parameter group of unitary operators in the centre of the algebra $\mathcal{K}(\psi) \cap \mathcal{K}(\psi')$.

By the Stone's theorem there is a positive selfadjoint operator A in H , affiliated to the centre of M such that

$$a(t) = A^{it}, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Let $\psi = \psi'_A$. Then ψ is a normal semifinite weight on M and we have by the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} [D\psi : D\varphi]_t &= [D\psi'_A : D\psi']_t [D\psi' : D\varphi]_t = \\ &= a(t) w(t) = w(t) a(t) = w(t). \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof of the Theorem.

8° Uffe Haagerup showed that the normality of a weight φ means that φ is the supremum of the normal positive forms majorized by φ . This is what we used in constructing the canonical left Hilbert algebra associated to an n.s.f. weight. The fact that for a normal semifinite weight we have the "property S":

($\exists$) f_i normal positive forms $(f_i)_{i \in I}$ such that

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{i \in I} f_i(x), \quad x \in M^+$$

was established later by Pedersen and Takesaki who noticed that

1) there is an n.s.f. weight with property S:
 if $\{\omega_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a maximal family of normal states with orthogonal supports, then

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{i \in I} \omega_i(x)$$

defines an n.s.f. weight with property S.

bicommutant theorem of von Neumann,

$$W \in M \bar{\otimes} F_{\infty}$$

Also,

$$W \sigma_t^{\Phi'}(W^*) = w(t) \otimes 1, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Indeed, W was defined by the function $s \mapsto w(s)$ and, similarly $\sigma_t^{\Phi'}(W^*)$ is defined by the function $s \mapsto \sigma_t^{\Phi}(w(s-t)^*)$ so that $W \sigma_t^{\Phi'}(W^*)$ is defined by the constant function

$$s \mapsto w(s) \sigma_t^{\Phi}(w(s-t)^*) = w(t)$$

so it is equal to $w(t) \otimes 1$.

We then define the normal semifinite weight

$$\Psi = \Phi'(W^* \cdot W) \text{ on } M \bar{\otimes} F_{\infty}$$

Using the equality VII. 4°(2) we obtain

$$\sigma_t^{\Psi} = (\text{Ad}(w(t)) \circ \sigma_t^{\Phi}) \bar{\otimes} \text{Ad}(u_t)$$

5° Using the Pedersen - Takesaki construction again we obtain from Ψ a new normal semifinite weight Ψ' on $M \bar{\otimes} F_{\infty}$ such that

$$\sigma_t^{\Psi'} = (\text{Ad}(w(t)) \circ \sigma_t^{\Phi}) \bar{\otimes} \text{id}, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

6° Let p be a minimal projection of F_{∞} . Using the mapping $x \mapsto x \otimes p$ we identify M with

$$(1 \bar{\otimes} p)(M \bar{\otimes} F_{\infty})(1 \bar{\otimes} p)$$

It is clear that $1 \bar{\otimes} p$ belongs to the centralizer of Ψ' hence

$$\psi' = \Psi'_{1 \bar{\otimes} p}. \quad (\text{NOTATION AS IN } \underline{\text{VII}}. 4^{\circ})$$

is a normal semifinite weight on

$$M = (1 \bar{\otimes} p)(M \bar{\otimes} F_{\infty})(1 \bar{\otimes} p)$$

and for $x \in s(\psi') M s(\psi')$ we have (VII. 4°)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t^{\psi'}(x) &= \sigma_t^{\Psi'}(x \otimes p) = w(t) \cdot \sigma_t^{\Phi}(x) w(t)^* \otimes p = \\ &= w(t) \sigma_t^{\Phi}(x) w(t)^* \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\sigma_t^{\psi'} = \text{Ad}(w(t)) \circ \sigma_t^{\Phi}, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

2) The Connes proof used the following operations with weights:

$$\varphi \mapsto \bar{\varphi} = \varphi \circ \text{tr}$$

$$\varphi \mapsto \varphi_e \quad \text{for } e \in M^p \text{ a projection}$$

$$\varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ \sigma \quad \text{for } \sigma \in \text{Aut}(M)$$

$$\varphi \mapsto \varphi_A \quad \text{for } A \in M^p$$

and the point is that all these operations preserve the property S. This is obvious for the first three and also for the last if A is bounded. In the general case there is a sequence $\{e_n\}$ of mutually orthogonal spectral projections of A such that Ae_n are bounded and $\varphi_A = \sum_n \varphi_{Ae_n}$, thus every normal semifinite weight has property S. Indeed:

- Fix an n.s.f. weight φ on M with property S.

- Take another normal semifinite weight ψ on M and consider

$$w(t) = [D\psi, D\varphi]_t \in Z(\sigma_t^{\varphi}, M)$$

- Follow the Connes construction to get a normal semifinite weight ψ' with property S such that

$$[D\psi', D\varphi]_t = w(t)$$

- Then $[D\psi, D\varphi] = [D\psi', D\varphi]$ hence $\psi = \psi'$ has property S.

