# Operator Algebra Seminar Note II

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**Definition 1.1** (Countably decomposable von Neumann algebras). Let M be a von Neumann algebra. A projection  $p \in M$  is called *countably decomposable* if mutually orthogonal non-zero projections majorized by p are at most countable, and we say M is *countably decomposable* if the identity is.

**Proposition 1.2.** For a von Neumann algebra M, the followings are all equivalent.

- (a) *M* is countably decomposable.
- (b) *M* admits a faithful normal state.
- (c) M admits a faithful normal non-degenerate representation with a cyclic and separating vector.
- (d) The unit ball of M is metrizable in the six locally convex topology.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b) Suppose M is countably decomposable. Let  $\{\xi_i\} \subset H$  be a maximal family of unit vectors such that  $\overline{M'\xi_i}$  are mutually orthogonal subspaces, taken by Zorn's lemma. If we let  $p_i$  be the projection on  $\overline{M'\xi_i}$ , then  $p_izp_i=zp_i$  for  $z\in M'$  implies  $p_i\in M''=M$ . By the assumption, the family  $\{\xi_i\}$  is countable. Define a state  $\omega$  of M such that

$$\omega(x) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \omega_{2^{-i}\xi_i}(x), \quad x \in M.$$

It converges due to  $\|\omega_{2^{-i}\xi_i}\| = 2^{-i+1}$ . It is normal since the sequence  $(2^{-i}\xi_i)$  belongs to  $\ell(\mathbb{N}, H)$ , and it is faithful because  $\omega(x^*x) = 0$  implies  $x\xi_i = 0$  for all i, which deduces that  $x = \sum_i xp_i = 0$ .

Conversely, if  $\omega$  is a faithful normal state, then for a mutually orthogonal family of non-zero projections  $\{p_i\} \subset M$ , we have

$$\{p_i\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{p_i : \varphi(p_i) > n^{-1}\}$$

the countable union of finite sets. Thus *M* is countable decomposable.

(b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c) Let  $\omega$  be a faithful normal state of M. Consider any faithful normal nondegenerate representation in which  $\omega$  is a vector state so that the corresponding vector is a separating vector. Examples include the GNS representation of  $\omega$ , and the composition with the diagonal map  $B(H) \to B(\ell^2(\mathbb{N}, H))$ . Then,  $\overline{M\Omega}$  admits a cyclic and separating vector  $\Omega$  of M. The converse is immediate, i.e. the vector state  $\omega_{\Omega}$  is a faithful normal state of M.

(a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (d) Suppose M is countably decomposable and take  $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  as we did. Define

$$d(x,y) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i} \| (x-y)\xi_i \|.$$

Clearly it generates a topology coarser than strong topology. It is also finer because if a bounded net  $x_{\alpha}$  in M converges to zero in the metric d so that  $x\xi_{i} \to 0$  for all i, then  $H = \bigoplus_{i} M'\xi_{i}$  implies that for every  $\xi \in H$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have  $\|\xi - \sum_{k=1}^{n} z_{k}\xi_{i_{k}}\| < \varepsilon$  for some  $z_{k} \in M'$  so that

$$||x_{\alpha}\xi|| \leq ||x_{\alpha}(\xi - \sum_{k=1}^{n} z_{k}\xi_{i_{k}})|| + \sum_{k=1}^{n} ||x_{\alpha}z_{k}\xi_{i_{k}}|| < \varepsilon + \sum_{k=1}^{n} ||z_{k}|| ||x_{\alpha}\xi_{i_{k}}|| \to \varepsilon.$$

Since on the bounded part the strong and  $\sigma$ -strong topologies coincide, the two topologies on the unit ball are metrizable. We can do similar for the weak and strong\* topologies.

Conversely, for a mutually orthogonal family of non-zero projections  $\{p_i\}_{i\in I}\subset M$ , since the net of finite partial sums  $p_F:=\sum_{i\in F}p_i$  is an increasing net in the closed unit ball whose supremum is the identity of M, there is a convergent subsequence  $p_{F_n}\uparrow 1$  by the metrizability, which implies  $I=\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty}F_n$ , the countable union of finite sets.

#### 1.1 Semi-cyclic representations

**Definition 1.3** (Weights). Let M be a von Neumann algebra. A *weight* is a function  $\varphi: M^+ \to [0, \infty]$  such that

$$\varphi(x+y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y), \qquad \varphi(\lambda x) = \lambda \varphi(x), \qquad x, y \in M^+, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0},$$

where we use  $0 \cdot \infty = 0$ . A weight  $\varphi$  is said to be *normal* if

$$\varphi(\sup_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}) = \sup_{\alpha} \varphi(x_{\alpha})$$

for any bounded increasing net  $(x_{\alpha})$  in  $M^+$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $\varphi$  be a weight on a von Neumann algebra M. Define a left ideal of M

$$\mathfrak{n} := \{ x \in M : \varphi(x^*x) < \infty \},$$

and a hereditary \*-subalgebra of M

$$\mathfrak{m} := \mathfrak{n}^* \mathfrak{n} = \{ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^* x_i : (x_i), (y_i) \in \mathfrak{n}^n \}.$$

**Lemma 1.5.** If  $x, y \in M$  satisfies  $y^*y \le x^*x$ , then there is a unique  $s \in B(H)$  such that y = sx and s = sp, where p is the range projection of x, and  $s \in M$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $id_H \in M \subset B(H)$ . The operator  $s_0 : \overline{xH} \to \overline{yH} : x\xi \mapsto y\xi$  is well defined because

$$||y\xi||^2 = \langle y^*y\xi, \xi \rangle \le \langle x^*x\xi, \xi \rangle = ||x\xi||^2.$$

Let p be the range projection of x and let  $s := s_0 p$ . Then,  $y\xi = sx\xi$  for all  $\xi \in H$ . If y = s'x and s' = s'p, then

$$x^*(s-s')^*(s-s')x = (y-y)^*(y-y) = 0$$

implies

$$0 = p(s-s')^*(s-s')p = (s-s')^*(s-s').$$

Therefore, s is unique in B(H). If  $u \in M'$  is unitary, then  $usu^*$  satisfies the same property  $y = usu^*x$  and  $usu^* = usu^*p$ , so us = su. Since the unitary span the whole  $C^*$ -algebra, we have  $s \in M'' = M$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 1.6.** Let  $\varphi$  be a weight on a von Neumann algebra M.

- (a) Every element of  $\mathfrak{m}^+$  can be written to be  $x^*x$  for some  $x \in \mathfrak{n}$ .
- (b) Every element of  $\mathfrak{m}$  can be written to be  $y^*x$  for some  $x, y \in \mathfrak{n}$ .

*Proof.* (a) Let  $a := \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^* x_i \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  for some  $x_i, y_i \in \mathfrak{n}$ . The polarization writes

$$a = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{3} i^{k} |x_{i} + i^{k} y_{i}|^{2}$$

and  $a^* = a$  implies

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (|x_i + y_i|^2 - |x_i - y_i|^2) \le \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i + y_i|^2$$

implies

$$\varphi(a) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi(|x_i + y_i|^2) < \infty.$$

Therefore, if  $x := a^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathfrak{n}$ , then  $a = x^*x$ .

(b) Let  $a := \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{*} x_{i} \in \mathfrak{m}$  for some  $x_{i}, y_{i} \in \mathfrak{n}$ . Let  $x := (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{*} x_{i})^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathfrak{n}$ . Since  $x_{i}^{*} x_{i} \leq x^{2}$ , we have  $s_{i} \in M$  such that  $x_{i} = s_{i} x$ . If we let  $y := \sum_{i=1}^{n} s_{i}^{*} y_{i} \in \mathfrak{n}$ , then

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^* x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^* s_i x = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} s_i^* y_i) x = y^* x.$$

**Definition 1.7** (Semi-cyclic representations). Let  $\varphi$  be a weight on a von Neumann algebra. Let H be the Hilbert space defined by the separation and completion of a sesquilinear form

$$\mathfrak{n} \times \mathfrak{n} \to \mathbb{C} : (x, y) \mapsto \varphi(y^*x)$$

and let  $\psi : \mathfrak{n} \to H$  be the canonical image map. The pair  $(\pi, \psi)$  is called the *semi-cyclic representation* associated to  $\varphi$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** Let  $\varphi$  be a weight on a von Neumann algebra and  $(\pi, \psi)$  be the associated semi-cyclic representation to  $\varphi$ . Consider a map

$$\Theta: \mathfrak{m} \times \pi(M)' \to \mathbb{C}: (y^*x, z) \mapsto \langle z\psi(x), \psi(y) \rangle$$

and define

$$\theta: \mathfrak{m} \to (\pi(M)')_*, \qquad \theta^*: \pi(M)' \to \mathfrak{m}^*$$

such that  $\Theta(x,z) = \theta(x)(z) = \theta^*(z)(x)$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$  and  $z \in \pi(M)'$ .

- (a)  $\Theta$  is a well-defined bilinear form.
- (b)  $\theta^*$  is bijective onto the space of linear functionals on  $\mathfrak{m}$  whose absolute value is majorized by  $\varphi$ . (bounded Radon-Nikodym theorem)

*Proof.* (a) The linearity in the second argument is obvious. Fix  $z \in \pi(M)'$ . We first check the well-definedness on  $\mathfrak{m}^+$ . Let  $x^*x = y^*y \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{n}$ . Then, there is  $s \in M$  such that y = sx and s = sp, where p is the range projection of x, so

$$x^*(1-s^*s)x = x^*x - y^*y = 0$$

implies

$$0 = p(1 - s^*s)p = p - s^*s$$

and  $x = px = s^*sx = s^*y$ . The well-definedness follows from

$$\Theta(x^*x,z) = \langle z\psi(x), \psi(x) \rangle = \langle \pi(s)z\pi(s^*)\psi(y), \psi(y) \rangle = \langle z\psi(ss^*y), \psi(y) \rangle = \Theta(y^*y,z).$$

The homogeneity is clear, so now we prove the addivitiv. Let  $x^*x$ ,  $y^*y \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  for some  $x, y \in \mathfrak{n}$ . Let  $a := (x^*x + y^*y)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and take  $s, t \in M$  such that x = sa, y = ta, s = sa, and t = ta, where p is the range projection of a. Then,

$$a(1-s^*s-t^*t)a = a^*a-x^*x-y^*y = 0$$

implies

$$p(1-s^*s-t^*t)p = p-s^*s-t^*t.$$

It follows that

$$\Theta(x^*x + y^*y, z) = \langle z\psi(a), \psi(a) \rangle = \langle z\pi(p)\psi(a), \psi(a) \rangle$$

$$= \langle z\pi(s^*s)\psi(a), \psi(a) \rangle + \langle z\pi(t^*t)\psi(a), \psi(a) \rangle$$

$$= \langle z\psi(x), \psi(x) \rangle + \langle z\psi(y), \psi(y) \rangle$$

$$= \Theta(x^*x, z) + \Theta(y^*y, z).$$

Now the  $\Theta(\cdot, z)$  is linearly extendable to  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

(b) The linear map  $\theta^*$  is injective since  $\psi$  has dense range. Take  $z \in \pi(M)'$  and consider  $\theta^*(z)$ , which maps  $x^*x$  to  $\langle z\psi(x), \psi(x) \rangle$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{n}$ . The image is majorized by  $\varphi$  as

$$|\langle z\psi(x), \psi(x)\rangle| \le ||z|| ||\psi(x)||^2 = ||z||\varphi(x^*x).$$

Conversely, let  $l \in \mathfrak{m}^{\#}$  is a linear functional majorized by  $\varphi$ , i.e. there is a constant C > 0 such that

$$|l(x^*x)| \le C\varphi(x^*x), \qquad x \in \mathfrak{n}.$$

Define a sesquilinear form  $\sigma : \mathfrak{n} \times \mathfrak{n} \to \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sigma(x,y) := l(y^*x)$ . It is well-defined after separation of  $\mathfrak{n}$  and is bounded by the Cauhy-Schwartz inequality

$$|\sigma(x,y)|^2 = |l(y^*x)|^2 \le ||l(x^*x)|| ||l(y^*y)|| \le \varphi(x^*x)\varphi(y^*y) = ||\psi(x)||^2 ||\psi(y)||^2.$$

Therefore,  $\sigma$  defines a bounded linear operator  $z \in \pi(M)'$  such that

$$\sigma(x, y) = \langle z\psi(x), \psi(y) \rangle$$
,

exactly meaning  $\theta^*(z)(y^*x) = l(y^*x)$  for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{n}$ .

Note that we have a commutative diagram

$$\mathfrak{n} \stackrel{\psi}{\longrightarrow} H$$

$$\downarrow^{\omega}$$

$$B(H)_{*}$$

$$\downarrow^{\operatorname{res}}$$
 $\mathfrak{m}^{+} \stackrel{\theta}{\longrightarrow} (\pi(M)')_{*}.$ 

In particular, for  $x \in \mathfrak{n}^+$  we have

$$\|\theta(x^2)\| = \|\omega_{\psi(x)}\| = \|\psi(x)\|^2 = \varphi(x^2).$$

**Lemma 1.9.** Let For  $z \in \mathfrak{m}^{sa}$ , we have

$$\inf\{\varphi(a): z \le a \in \mathfrak{m}^+\} \le \|\theta(z)\|.$$

In particular, for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{n}^+$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $a \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  such that  $x^2 - y^2 \le a$  and

$$\varphi(a) \le \|\theta(x^2 - y^2)\| + \varepsilon = \|\omega_{\psi(x)} - \omega_{\psi(y)}\| + \varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* Denote by p(z) the left-hand side of the inequality. Then, we can check  $p:\mathfrak{m}^{sa}\to\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a semi-norm such that  $p(z)=\varphi(z)$  for  $z\geq 0$ . (If we take  $p(z):=\varphi(z^+)$ , then it seems to be dangerous when checking the sublinearity. I could not find the counterexample.)

Fix any non-zero  $z_0 \in \mathfrak{m}^{sa}$ . By the Hahn-Banach extension, there is an algebraic real linear functional  $l:\mathfrak{m}^{sa}\to\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$l(z_0) = p(z_0), \qquad |l(z)| \le p(z), \qquad z \in \mathfrak{m}^{sa}.$$

Extend linearly l to be  $l: \mathfrak{m} \to \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $|l(z)| \le \varphi(z)$  for  $z \in \mathfrak{m}^+$ , the linear functional l is contained in the image of the closed unit ball under the injective map

$$\theta^*: \pi(M)' \to \mathfrak{m}^\#.$$

If we let  $a \in (\pi(M)')_1$  be the corresponding operator such that  $\theta^*(a) = l$ , then we get

$$p(z_0) = l(z_0) = \theta^*(a)(z_0) = \theta(z_0)(a) \le ||\theta(z_0)||.$$

Since  $z_0 \in \mathfrak{m}^{sa}$  is aribtrary, we are done.

### 1.2 $\sigma$ -weak lower semi-continuity

**Theorem 1.10.** Let M be a countably decomposable von Neumann algebra. Then, normal weight on M is  $\sigma$ -weakly lower semi-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  be a normal weight on M and let  $(\pi, \psi)$  be the associated semi-cyclic representation.

In the spirit of the Krein-Šmulian theorem, the  $\sigma$ -weak lower semi-continuity is equivalent to the  $\sigma$ -weak closedness of the intersection with the ball

$$\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1 = \{ x \in M^+ : \varphi(x) \le 1, \ ||x|| \le 1 \}$$
$$= \{ x \in M^+ : ||\psi(x^{\frac{1}{2}})|| \le 1, \ ||x^{\frac{1}{2}}|| \le 1 \}.$$

Since that the  $\sigma$ -weak and  $\sigma$ -strong closedness of a convex set are equivalent and that the square root operation on  $M_1^+$  is  $\sigma$ -strongly continuous, we are enough to show the set

$$(\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \{x \in M^+ : ||\psi(x)|| \le 1, ||x|| \le 1\}$$

is  $\sigma$ -weakly closed. This set, if we denote the graph of  $\psi : \mathfrak{n} \to H$  by  $\Gamma_{\psi}$ , is the image of the positive part of the unit ball

$$(\Gamma_{\psi})_{1}^{+} = \{(x, \psi(x)) \in M^{+} \oplus_{\infty} H : ||\psi(x)|| \le 1, ||x|| \le 1\}$$

under the projection  $M \oplus_{\infty} H \to M$ . Observing  $M \oplus_{\infty} H \cong (M_* \oplus_1 H)^*$ , if we prove  $(\Gamma_{\psi})_1^+$  is weakly\* closed, then we are done by its compactness.

Consider a linear functional  $l: M \oplus_{\infty} H \to \mathbb{C}$  that is continuous with respect to  $(\sigma s, \|\cdot\|)$ . If we define  $l_1: M \to \mathbb{C}$  and  $l_2: H \to \mathbb{C}$  such that  $l_1(x):=l(x,0)$  and  $l_2(\xi)=(0,\xi)$ , then they satisfy  $l(x,\xi)=l_1(x)+l_2(\xi)$ , and are continuous in  $\sigma$ -strong and norm topologies, hence to  $\sigma$ -weak and weak topologies, respectively. Since a net  $(x_\alpha,\xi_\alpha)$  converges to  $(x,\xi)$  weakly\* if and only if  $x_\alpha \to x$   $\sigma$ -weakly and  $\xi_\alpha \to \xi$  weakly, l is weakly\* continuous. Because  $(\Gamma_\psi)_1^+$  is convex, we will now show that  $(\Gamma_\psi)_1^+$  is closed in  $(M,\sigma s)\times (H,\|\cdot\|)$ .

Note that the unit ball  $M_1$  is metrizable in  $\sigma$ -strong topology since M is countably decomposable. Suppose a sequence  $x_n \in \mathfrak{n}_1^+$  satisfies  $x_n \to x$   $\sigma$ -strongly and  $\psi(x_n) \to \xi$  in H. Then, it suffices to show the following two statements:  $x \in \mathfrak{n}_1^+$  and  $\psi(x) = \xi$ . We first observe that since  $\psi(x_n)$  is Cauchy, so is  $\omega_{\psi(x_n)}$  in  $(\pi(M)')_*$ .

Consider for a while, a family of functions

$$f_a(t) := \frac{t}{1+at}, \quad t \in (-a^{-1}, \infty),$$

parametrized by a > 0. They have several properties. At first, they are operator monotone. Next, they are  $\sigma$ -strongly continuous on a closed subset of its domain due to the boundedness of  $f_a$ , as we can see in the proof of the Kaplansky density theorem. Finally, for each  $x \in M_+$ , the increasing limit  $f_a(x) \uparrow x$  in norm as  $a \to 0$  implies that  $\sup_a f_a(x) = x$ .

First we show  $x \in \mathfrak{n}_1^+$ . It is clear that  $x \in M_1^+$ , so it is enough to show  $\varphi(x^2) < \infty$ . By taking a subsequence, we may assume  $\|\omega_{\psi(x_{n+1})} - \omega_{\psi(x_n)}\| < \frac{1}{2^n}$ . In order to dominate  $x_n$  with an increasing sequence, find  $a_n \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  such that

$$x_{n+1}^2 - x_n^2 \le a_n, \qquad \varphi(a_n) < \frac{1}{2^n},$$

using the previous lemma. Then, we can write

$$x_{n+1}^2 \le x_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n (x_{k+1}^2 - x_k^2) \le x_1 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k.$$

Here the right-hand side is increasing but not a bounded sequence so we take  $f_a$  to get the  $\sigma$ -strong limit

$$f_a(x^2) \le \sup_n f_a(x_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k).$$

Then, by the normality of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\varphi(f_a(x^2)) \le \sup_n \varphi(f_a(x_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k))$$

$$\le \sup_n \varphi(x_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k)$$

$$= \varphi(x_1^2) + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \varphi(a_k)$$

$$< \varphi(x_1^2) + 1 < \infty$$

which implies by sending  $a \to 0$  that  $\varphi(x^2) < \infty$ , whence  $x \in \mathfrak{n}$ . Next we show  $\psi(x) = \xi$ . If we prove  $\varphi((x_n - x)^2) \to 0$ , then

$$\|\xi - \psi(x)\| \le \|\xi - \psi(x_n)\| + \|\psi(x_n) - \psi(x)\| = \|\xi - \psi(x_n)\| + \varphi((x_n - x)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \to 0$$

deduces the desired result. By taking a subsequence, since  $\psi(x_n - x)$  is Cauchy, we may assume

$$\|\omega_{\psi(x_n-x)}-\omega_{\psi(x_{n+1}-x)}\|<\frac{1}{2^n}.$$

Let  $b_n \in \mathfrak{m}^+$  such that

$$(x_n - x)^2 - (x_{n+1} - x)^2 \le b_n, \qquad \varphi(b_n) < \frac{1}{2^n}$$

As we did previously, we have

$$f_a((x_n - x)^2) \le f_a((x_{m+1} - x)^2) + f_a(\sum_{k=n}^m b_k) \to \sup_m f_a(\sum_{k=n}^m b_k)$$

as  $m \to \infty$  and

$$\varphi(f_a((x_n-x)^2)) \le \sup_m \varphi(f_a(\sum_{k=n}^m b_k)) \le \sup_m \varphi(\sum_{k=n}^m b_k) < \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi((x_n-x)^2) \le \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \to 0.$$

**Theorem 1.11.** Let M be an arbitrary von Neumann algebra. Then, a normal weight on M is  $\sigma$ -weakly lower semi-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  be a normal weight of M. Let  $\Sigma$  be the set of all countably decomposable projections of M and let  $M_0 := \bigcup_{p \in \Sigma} pMp$ . The equivalent condition for  $x \in M$  to belong to  $M_0$  is that the left and right support projections are countably decomposable. Since then the left support projection p and the right support projection are Murray-von Neumann equivalent so that there is a \*-isomorphism between pMp and qMq, the countable decomposability is equivalent for p and q. It implies that  $M_0$  is an algebraic ideal of M. Moreover,  $M_0$  is  $\sigma$ -weakly sequentially closed in M since if a sequence  $x_n \in M_0$  converges to  $x \in M$   $\sigma$ -weakly, then for  $p_n \in \Sigma$  such that  $x_n = p_n x_n p_n$ , we have  $p \in \Sigma$  with  $p_n \leq p$  so that  $x_n = p x_n p$  converges to x = p x p  $\sigma$ -weakly.

We claim that  $\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1$  is relatively  $\sigma$ -weakly closed in  $M_0$ . Let  $y \in \overline{\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1}^{\sigma w} \cap M_0$  so that there is a net  $y_\alpha \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1$  converges  $\sigma$ -weakly to y, and there is  $p \in \Sigma$  such that pyp = y. Since

$$py_{\alpha}p \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1 \cap pMp$$

also converges  $\sigma$ -weakly to pyp = y and by the previous theorem  $\varphi^{-1}([0,1]) \cap pMp$  is  $\sigma$ -weakly closed for each  $p \in \Sigma$ , we have  $y \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])$ . The claim proved.

Suppose  $x_{\alpha} \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1$  converges to  $x \in M_1^+$   $\sigma$ -weakly. Let  $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a maximal mutually orthogonal projections in  $\Sigma$ , and let  $p_F := \sum_{i \in F} p_i$  for finite sets  $F \subset I$  so that  $\sup_F p_F = 1$ . It clearly follows that

$$x_{\alpha}^{\frac{1}{2}}p_{F}x_{\alpha}^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_{1}.$$

Because  $M_0$  is an ideal of M,

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}}p_Fx^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \overline{\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1}^{\sigma w} \cap M_0.$$

By the above claim,

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}}p_Fx^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1.$$

By the normality of  $\varphi$ , we finally obtain

$$x \in \varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1$$
.

Therefore,  $\varphi^{-1}([0,1])_1$  is  $\sigma$ -weakly closed.

### 1.3 Supremum of positive linear functionals

## 2 November 10

## 3 December 20

# 4 January 17

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