

$\phi_0 := P_*\phi$ and let $\{p_i: i \in \Delta\}$ be an increasing net of projections of finite rank in $B(H)$ with strong limit 1. Since the set $K := \{\phi_t: t \geq 0\}$ is relatively compact in the $\sigma(B(H)_*, B(H))$ -topology, there exists for every $\delta > 0$ an index $i_0 \in \Delta$ such that

$$\|(1 - p_i)\psi(1 - p_i)\| \leq \delta$$

for every $\psi \in K$ and $i \geq i_0$ [Takesaki (1979), Theorem III.5.4.(vi)]. In particular

$$|\psi(1 - p_i)| \leq \delta, \quad \psi \in K, \quad i(o) \leq i.$$

Let $p := p(i(o))$. Then for all x in the unit ball of M it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & |(\phi_t - \phi_0)(x)| \leq \\ & \leq |(\phi_t - \phi_0)(p x p)| + |(\phi_t - \phi_0)((1-p)x p)| + \\ & \quad + |(\phi_t - \phi_0)(x(1-p))| \leq \\ & \leq |(\phi_t - \phi_0)(p x p)| + 4\sqrt{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the W^* -algebra $pB(H)p$ is finite dimensional, there exists $U \in \mathcal{U}$ such that

$$\|(\phi_t - \phi_0)|_{pB(H)p}\| \leq \delta$$

for all $t \in U$. Consequently

$$\|(\phi_t - \phi_0)\| \leq (\delta + 4\sqrt{\delta})$$

for all $t \in U$. Therefore $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} T(t)_*\phi = P_*\phi$ in the strong operator topology. Since the positive cone of $B(H)_*$ is generating, the assertion is proved. □

For irreducible W^* -dynamical systems on $B(H)$ the above properties always hold.

Theorem 3.8. Let $(B(H), \phi, T)$ be an irreducible W^* -dynamical system. Then

$$P_\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \{0\}.$$