

Let us first recall some facts on normal linear functionals. If ϕ is a normal linear functional on a W^* -algebra M then there exists a partial isometry $u \in M$ and a positive linear functional $|\phi| \in M_*$ such that

$$\phi(x) = |\phi|(xu) =: (u|\phi|)(x), \quad x \in M$$

$$u^*u = s(|\phi|),$$

where $s(|\phi|)$ denotes the support projection of $|\phi|$ in M . We refer to this as the polar decomposition of ϕ [Takesaki (1979), Theorem III.4.2]. In addition, $|\phi|$ is uniquely determined by the following two conditions [Takesaki (1979), Proposition III.4.6]:

$$(\ast) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\phi\| &= \| |\phi| \|, \\ |\phi(x)|^2 &\leq |\phi|(xx^*) \quad (x \in M). \end{aligned}$$

For the polar decomposition of ϕ^* , where $\phi^*(x) = \phi(x^*)^*$, we obtain

$$\phi^* = u^*|\phi^*|, \quad |\phi^*| = u|\phi|u^* \quad \text{and} \quad uu^* = s(|\phi^*|).$$

It is easy to see that $u^* \in s(|\phi|)M$.

If Ψ is a subset of the state space of a C^* -algebra M , then Ψ is called faithful if $0 \leq x \in M$ and $\psi(x) = 0$ for all $\psi \in \Psi$ implies $x = 0$. Ψ is called subinvariant for a positive map $T \in L(M)$ (resp., positive semigroup T) if $T'\psi \leq \psi$ for all $\psi \in \Psi$ (resp., $T(t)'\psi \leq \psi$ for all $T(t) \in T$ and $\psi \in \Psi$). Recall that for every positive map $T \in L(M)$ there exists a state ϕ on M such that $T'\phi = r(T)\phi$ [Groh (1981), Theorem 2.1], where $r(T)$ denotes the spectral radius of T .

Let us start our investigation with two lemmas. Recall that $\text{Fix}(T)$ is the fixed space of T , i.e. the set $\{x \in M : Tx = x\}$.

Lemma 1.1. Suppose M to be a C^* -algebra and $T \in L(M)$ an identity preserving Schwarz map.

(a) Let $b: M \times M \rightarrow M$ be a sesquilinear map such that for all $z \in M$ $b(z, z) \geq 0$. Then $b(x, x) = 0$ for some $x \in M$ if and only if $b(x, y) = 0$ and $b(y, x) = 0$ for all $y \in M$.