

# **Traces in Functional Analysis and Operator Algebras**

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# **I. Traces in Banach space theory**

## 1. The projective tensor product

Let  $E$  be a Banach space. Then the dual pair  $(E^*, E)$  determines the **trace**  $\text{Tr}$  on  $E^* \otimes E$  via

$$\text{Tr}(\phi \otimes x) = \langle \phi, x \rangle.$$

**Definition.** Let  $E, F$  be Banach spaces. The **projective tensor product**  $E \otimes_\gamma F$  is the completion of  $E \otimes F$  w.r.t. the norm

$$\|z\|_\gamma = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \|y_i\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \right\}.$$

Alternatively:  $(E \otimes_\gamma F)^* = \mathcal{B}(E, F^*)$

Putting on operator glasses, we have a natural map

$$j : E^* \otimes E \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(E)$$

given by  $j(\phi \otimes x)(y) = \langle \phi, y \rangle x$ . Consider its extension

$$J : E^* \otimes_\gamma E \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(E).$$

Grothendieck defined the image  $E^* \otimes_\gamma E / \text{Ker}(J)$  with the quotient norm, as the space of **nuclear operators**  $\mathcal{N}(E)$ .

Since  $|\langle \phi, x \rangle| \leq \|\phi\| \|x\|$ , the trace  $\text{Tr}$  extends to a functional on  $E \otimes_{\gamma} E^*$ .

If  $J$  is injective, then the trace is defined for all nuclear operators. When is this the case?

**Theorem.**  *$J$  is injective iff  $E$  has the approximation property (AP).*

**Definition.**  *$E$  has the AP if for any compact set  $K \subseteq E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a finite-rank map  $S : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $\|S(x) - x\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in K$ .*

$\leadsto$  All “usual” spaces – such as  $c_0$ ,  $C(K)$ ,  $L_p$  – have the AP; but NOT  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ !!

## 2. The Schatten ideals

The nuclear operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  are usually called **trace class operators**  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})$ . By the above,

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{H} \otimes_{\gamma} \mathcal{H}.$$

**Alternative description:** Every  $S \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  has the form

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} s_i \langle \cdot, \xi_i \rangle \eta_i$$

for appropriate ONS  $(\xi_i), (\eta_i)$ . Here,  $s_i(S) \geq 0$  are the eigenvalues of  $|S| = (S^*S)^{1/2}$  (= singular values).

Now,  $S \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  is trace class iff  $(s_i(S)) \in \ell_1$ . Then  $\|S\|_{\gamma} = \|(s_i(S))\|_1$ .

**Example:** Operator on  $\ell_2$  of multiplication with  $\ell_1$ -function

The trace  $\text{Tr}(\rho)$  for  $\rho \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})$  can be expressed as

$$\text{Tr}(\rho) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \rho \xi_i, \xi_i \rangle$$

with any ONB of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

One defines the **Schatten class**  $S_p(\mathcal{H})$  as the collection of  $S \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $(s_i(S)) \in \ell_p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ), with the norm  $\|S\|_p := \|(s_i(S))\|_p$ . One sets  $S_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- $S_1(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq S_p(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- $S_p(\mathcal{H})$  form 2-sided ideals in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- $S_p(\mathcal{H})^* = S_q(\mathcal{H})$  where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$
- the trace gives the dualities  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})^* = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})$   
and  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})^* = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^* = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H}) \oplus_1 \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})^\perp$

### 3. Convolution of trace class operators

commutative world: $L_1(\mathcal{G})$	noncommutative world: $\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$
pointwise product in $(\ell_1, \cdot)$	composition in $(\mathcal{T}(\ell_2(\mathcal{G})), \cdot)$
convolution in $(L_1(\mathcal{G}), *)$	???

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a locally compact group. Then

$$L_\infty(\mathcal{G}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$$

as multiplication operators. The pre-adjoint of this embedding gives a canonical quotient map

$$\pi : \mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G})) = L_2(\mathcal{G}) \otimes_\gamma L_2(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow L_1(\mathcal{G}).$$

We have  $\pi(\xi \otimes \eta) = \xi \bar{\eta}$ .

**Definition. [N.]** For trace class operators  $\rho, \tau \in \mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$  we define

$$\rho * \tau = \int_{\mathcal{G}} L_x \rho L_{x^{-1}} \pi(\tau)(x) d\lambda(x).$$

Then we obtain a new associative product on the space  $\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$ . This defines a convolution of trace class operators!

Your (legitimate) objection:  
Does this indeed extend classical convolution  
to the non-commutative context?

**Let's convolve matrices!**

If  $A = [A_{i,j}]$  and  $B = [B_{k,l}]$  are matrices, then their convolution product  $C = A * B$  is given by

$$C_{i,j} = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{G}} A_{t^{-1}i, t^{-1}j} B_{t,t}.$$

Thus, in case  $A$  and  $B$  are just functions (i.e., diagonal matrices),  $C$  as well is a diagonal matrix, namely

$$C_i = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{G}} A_{t^{-1}i} B_t.$$

So  $(\ell_1, *)$  becomes a **subalgebra** of  $(\mathcal{T}(\ell_2), *)$ .

Some “amuse-gueules” for the study of

**The Non-Commutative Convolution Algebra**

$$\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G}) = (\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G})), *)$$

- If  $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G}')$ , then  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{G}'$ .
- $\mathcal{G}$  **amenable**  $\iff \mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$  right amenable (à la Lau)
- The dual space  $\mathcal{S}_\infty(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})^*$  becomes a **Hopf–von Neumann algebra**; its comultiplication extends the one of  $L_\infty(\mathcal{G}) = L_1(\mathcal{G})^*$ .  
Thus,  $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$  is an **operator convolution algebra** in the sense of Effros–Ruan.

$$\int (f * g) d\lambda = \int f d\lambda \int g d\lambda$$

$$\text{Tr}(\rho * \tau) = \text{Tr}(\rho) \text{Tr}(\tau)$$

- $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$  yields a Banach algebra **extension** of  $L_1(\mathcal{G})$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{ML}_\infty(\mathcal{G})_\perp \xrightarrow{\iota} (\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G})), *) \xrightarrow{\pi} (L_1(\mathcal{G}), *) \rightarrow 0$$

The ideal  $I := \mathcal{ML}_\infty(\mathcal{G})_\perp$  satisfies  $I^2 = (0)$ .

In case  $\mathcal{G}$  is discrete,  $(\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G}), \pi, \iota)$  is a **singular extension** of the group algebra  $(\ell_1(\mathcal{G}), *)$ .



## Some more homology theory

Talk at **International Conference on Banach Algebras 2001**  
in Odense, Denmark:

Presentation of my  $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$  to the Banach algebra community

homological properties of  $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$

$\longleftrightarrow$

properties of  $\mathcal{G}$

The following results are due in part to Prof. Pirkovskii – a former student of Prof. Helemskii and active member of his “Moscow school” – and in part to myself.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| $\mathcal{G}$ is <b>discrete</b> | $\Leftrightarrow$ | the above extension <b>splits</b>  |
|                                  | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $L_1(\mathcal{G})$ is <b>projective</b> in $\text{mod-}\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$ |
| $\mathcal{G}$ is <b>compact</b>  | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\mathbb{C}$ is <b>projective</b> in $\text{mod-}\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$       |
| $\mathcal{G}$ is <b>finite</b>   | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$ is <b>biprojective</b>                                |
| $\mathcal{G}$ is <b>amenable</b> | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$ is <b>biflat</b>                                      |
|                                  | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\mathbb{C}$ is <b>flat</b> in $\text{mod-}\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{G})$             |

## Alternative view through Hopf algebra glasses

**Definition.** A Hopf–von Neumann algebra is a pair  $(M, \Gamma)$  where

- $M$  is a von Neumann algebra;
- $\Gamma : M \rightarrow M \overline{\otimes} M$  is a co-multiplication, i.e., a normal, unital, isometric  $*$ -homomorphism satisfying  $(\text{id} \otimes \Gamma) \circ \Gamma = (\Gamma \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Gamma$  (co-associativity).

Extend **comultiplication** of the Hopf–vN (even Kac) algebra  $L_\infty(\mathcal{G})$  to  $\mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$  by setting

$$\Delta(x) = W(1 \otimes x)W^* \quad (x \in \mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{G})))$$

where  $W$  is the **fundamental unitary** for  $L_\infty(\mathcal{G})$ :  $W\xi(s, t) = \xi(s, st)$ . Then our product in  $\mathcal{S}_1(G) := (\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G})), *)$  is precisely  $\Delta_*$ .

Consider **dual** Kac algebra  $VN(G) = \{\lambda(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{G}\}'' =$  group vN algebra. Its predual is the **Fourier algebra**  $A(\mathcal{G}) = \{\langle \lambda(\cdot)\xi, \eta \rangle \mid \xi, \eta \in L_2(\mathcal{G})\}$ .

Then using  $\widehat{W}$  yields a “pointwise” product on  $\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$ .

We recover  $(L_1(G), *)$  and  $(A(G), \cdot)$  as complete quotient **algebras** of  $(\mathcal{T}(L_2), *)$  resp.  $(\mathcal{T}(L_2), \bullet)$ :

$$(\mathcal{T}(L_2), *) \twoheadrightarrow (L_1(G), *)$$

$$(\mathcal{T}(L_2), \bullet) \twoheadrightarrow (A(G), \cdot)$$

- $\mathcal{T}(L_2(\mathcal{G}))$  carries 2 dual structures: a “**convolution**” and a “**pointwise**” product!

- We have:  $\text{Tr}(\rho * \tau) = \text{Tr}(\rho \bullet \tau) = \text{Tr}(\rho)\text{Tr}(\tau)$

$\rightsquigarrow$  This can even be done over **locally compact quantum groups** (Junge–N.–Ruan)!

## **II. Traces in operator space theory**

# 1. What are operator spaces?

Modern answer:

[www.math.uni-sb.de/~ag-wittstock/projekt2001.html](http://www.math.uni-sb.de/~ag-wittstock/projekt2001.html)

Short answer:

**Definition.** A concrete operator space is a subspace  $X$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  for some Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Simple observation:  $X$  inherits the structure of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  on each **matrix level**, i.e., we have isometrically

$$M_n(X) \subseteq M_n(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})) = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}^n)$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The norms  $\|\cdot\|_n$  obtained on  $M_n(X)$  satisfy **Ruan's axioms**:

$$(R\ 1) \quad \|a \cdot x \cdot b\|_n \leq \|a\|_{M_n} \|x\|_n \|b\|_{M_n}$$

for all  $x \in M_n(E)$ ,  $a, b \in M_n$

$$(R\ 2) \quad \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{n+m} = \max\{\|x\|_n, \|y\|_m\}$$

for all  $x \in M_n(E)$ ,  $y \in M_m(E)$

**Definition. [Ruan '88]** An abstract operator space is a Banach space which carries a sequence of (matrix) norms satisfying (R1) and (R2).

**Theorem. [Ruan '88]** Every abstract operator space is a concrete one.

For any Banach space  $E$ , we have an isometric embedding

$$\iota : E \hookrightarrow C(\Omega)$$

where  $\Omega = BALL(E^*)$ . Here,

$$(\iota(x))(\xi) = \langle \xi, x \rangle.$$

But  $C(\Omega)$  is the **prototype of a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra**. Hence we obtain the following scheme:

<b>Banach spaces</b>	<b>Operator spaces</b>
$E \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ $C^*$ -algebra	$E \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ $C^*$ -algebra
$\mathcal{A}$ <b>commutative</b>	$\mathcal{A}$ <b>non-commutative</b>

Another nice way of distinguishing both concepts is the following.

$E$ Banach space	$\longleftrightarrow$	norm $\  \cdot \ _E$
$E \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ operator space	$\longleftrightarrow$	sequence of matrix norms $(\  \cdot \ _{M_n(E)})$

We now define, for each  $x \in \bigcup_n M_n(E)$ :

$$\|x\|_\infty := \lim_n \|x\|_{M_n(E)}$$

$$K(E) := \overline{\bigcup_n M_n(E)}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty}.$$

It is crucial to note that even if  $\dim E < \infty$ , we have

$$\sup_n \dim M_n(E) = \infty, \text{ i.e., } \dim K(E) = \infty.$$

Thus, the “**non-commutative**” unit ball is **NON compact**. The reason for this is that we replace the scalars  $\mathbb{C}$  by the  $n \times n$ -matrices (i.e., the “scalars” of quantum mechanics) – or, equivalently, by the elements of

$$\mathcal{K} = K(\mathbb{C}) = \overline{\bigcup_n M_n(\mathbb{C})}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty}.$$

Summarizing we obtain the following picture:

$$E \text{ Banach space} \longleftrightarrow \left\| \sum \lambda_i x_i \right\|_E$$

where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}, x_i \in E$

$$E \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ operator space} \longleftrightarrow \left\| \sum \lambda_i \otimes x_i \right\|_{K(E)}$$

where  $\lambda_i \in \mathcal{K}, x_i \in E$

**Philosophy:** Operator space theory studies the many ways a Banach space can “sit” in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

We saw that every Banach space sits isometrically in some (commutative)  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(\Omega)$ , and hence, in particular, in some  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

Hence, every Banach space can be “realized” as an operator space in at least one manner. Thus, in the **category of operator spaces**, the Banach spaces appear as **objects**. But the **morphisms** are different; these are the

### **completely bounded operators**

instead of merely bounded (linear) operators. – They are exactly the operators on the space  $E$  which take into account all the matrix levels  $M_n(E)$ .



More precisely, let  $E$  and  $F$  be operator spaces, and  $\Phi : E \longrightarrow F$  a bounded (linear) operator. Then we define the  **$n$ -th amplification**

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{(n)} : M_n(E) &\longrightarrow M_n(F) \\ [a_{ij}] &\longmapsto [\Phi(a_{ij})] . \end{aligned}$$

We say that  $\Phi$  is **completely bounded** if

$$\|\Phi\|_{\text{cb}} := \sup_n \|\Phi^{(n)}\| < \infty .$$

It is readily checked that  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{cb}}$  is a norm, and it is thus just a functional analytic reflex to consider the Banach space

$$\mathcal{CB}(E, F) := \{\Phi : E \longrightarrow F \mid \Phi \text{ completely bounded}\} .$$

By the way – in case  $E = F$ , this is of course a Banach algebra.

## Examples

First we discuss the morphisms.

### Completely bounded maps

- Let  $E$  be an operator space, and  $\mathcal{A}$  a **commutative**  $C^*$ -algebra. Then every bounded linear operator  $\Phi : X \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is CB with  $\|\Phi\|_{\text{cb}} = \|\Phi\|$ .
- For the **transposition map**  $\tau_n : M_n \longrightarrow M_n$ , we have  $\|\tau_n\|_{\text{cb}} = n$ . Hence, the transposition map  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  is **NOT** completely bounded.
- Consider two operator spaces  $E \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)$  and  $F \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)$ . Let  $\Phi : E \longrightarrow F$  have the form

$$\Phi(x) = a\pi(x)b$$

where  $\pi : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a  $C^*$ -representation, and  $a : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  and  $b : \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  are bounded operators. Then  $\Phi$  is CB with  $\|\Phi\|_{\text{cb}} \leq \|a\| \|b\|$ .

In fact, the last example is the **prototype** of a CB map.

Now let's give examples for the objects of our category!

Operator spaces
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- **Row Hilbert space**  $R := \overline{\text{lin}}\{e_{1j} \mid j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ .  
 Finite dimensional version:  
 $R_n := \overline{\text{lin}}\{e_{1j} \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- **Column Hilbert space**  $C := \overline{\text{lin}}\{e_{i1} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ .  
 Finite dimensional version:  
 $C_n := \overline{\text{lin}}\{e_{i1} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$   
 We have  $M_1(R) = M_1(C) = \ell_2$  as Banach spaces – but  
 $R \not\cong C$  as operator spaces!
- Blecher–Paulsen have introduced the operator space structures  
 $MIN(B)$  and  $MAX(B)$ , for every Banach space  $B$ .  
 Here,  $MIN(B)$  is the (boring) operator space structure  
 stemming from the “commutative” embedding  $B \hookrightarrow C(\Omega)$ ,  
 where  $\Omega = BALL(B^*)$ .  
 On the contrary,  $MAX(B)$  is precisely the other “extremal”  
 structure, in the following sense: For every operator space  $E$   
 being isometric to  $B$  as a Banach space, we have canonical  
 completely contractive “inclusions”

$$MAX(B) \subseteq E \subseteq MIN(B).$$

In other words: The set of norms  $\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{K}(B)$  satisfying Ruan's axioms admits a minimal element  $\alpha_{\min}$  and a maximal element  $\alpha_{\max}$ , and

$$\alpha_{\min} \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_{\max}.$$

Paulsen showed that if at least  $\dim(B) \geq 5$ , then  $MIN(B)$  and  $MAX(B)$  are not completely isometrically isomorphic.

Summarizing, we have 4 different operator space structures

$$R, C, MIN(\ell_2), MAX(\ell_2)$$

which as Banach spaces are all isometric to the Hilbert space  $\ell_2$ .

### Baby quantized functional analysis

- **A New Duality:** One defines the **operator space projective tensor product**  $\hat{\otimes}$  similarly to the Banach space setting. We know that  $M_n^* = T_n$  (trace duality!!). For an operator space  $E$ , one then defines the **operator space dual** by norming

$$M_n(E^*) := T_n(E)^* := (T_n \hat{\otimes} E)^*.$$

Alternatively:  $E^* := \mathcal{CB}(E, \mathbb{C})$

For example, we have

$$R^* = C \quad \text{and} \quad C^* = R$$

and, for every Banach space  $B$ ,

$$\text{MIN}(B)^* = \text{MAX}(B^*) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{MAX}(B)^* = \text{MIN}(B^*).$$

- **Quotients** are formed using the identification

$$M_n(E_1/E_2) = M_n(E_1)/M_n(E_2).$$

- **Complex Interpolation:** For  $0 < \theta < 1$ , the interpolated space  $E_\theta = (E_0, E_1)_\theta$  becomes an operator space by setting

$$M_n(E_\theta) = (M_n(E_0), M_n(E_1))_\theta.$$

- **The Operator Hilbert Space:** Thanks to Pisier, we know that there is a **unique** operator space which is isometric to  $\ell_2$  (as a Banach space) and **self-dual**. It is denoted by  $OH$ . “Explicitly”, we have

$$OH = (R, C)_{\frac{1}{2}} = (\text{MIN}(\ell_2), \text{MAX}(\ell_2))_{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- **Special feature: Haagerup tensor product**

$$R \otimes_h C = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H}) \quad \text{but} \quad C \otimes_h R = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$$

## 2. A glance at quantum information theory

Let  $H$  be a finite-dimensional Hilbert space.

The entropy of a positive density  $d \in S_1(H)$  is defined by

$$S(d) := -\text{Tr}(d \ln d).$$

Let  $\iota_p$  denote the canonical inclusion of  $S_1(H)$  into  $S_p(H)$ .

The minimal entropy is given by

$$\begin{aligned} S_{min}(\Phi) &:= \inf\{S(\Phi(d)) : d \in S_1(H)^+, \text{tr}(d) = 1\} \\ &= -\frac{d}{dp} \|\iota_p \circ \Phi : S_1(H) \rightarrow S_p(H)\|_{p=1} \end{aligned}$$

for a quantum channel, i.e., a trace preserving completely positive map  $\Phi$ .

The completely bounded minimal entropy (in short, cb-entropy) of a c.b. map  $\Phi : S_1(H) \rightarrow S_1(H)$  is defined as

$$S_{min,cb}(\Phi) := -\frac{d}{dp} \|\iota_p \circ \Phi : S_1(H) \rightarrow S_p(H)\|_{cb} \Big|_{p=1}.$$

**Theorem. [Devetak–Junge–King–Ruskai '06]**

$$S_{min,cb}(\Phi \otimes \Psi) = S_{min,cb}(\Phi) + S_{min,cb}(\Psi)$$

- New examples of quantum channels from harmonic analysis with explicitly determined cb-entropy (Junge–N.–Ruan '07)

### **III. Amplification of CB Maps and Parametrized Traces (Slice Maps)**

## 1. Algebraic amplifications

Consider two Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ . If  $u : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a bounded operator, there is a unique operator

$$u \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{K}} : \mathcal{H} \otimes_2 \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes_2 \mathcal{K}$$

such that for all  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{K}$  we have:

$$(u \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{K}})(\xi \otimes \eta) = u(\xi) \otimes \eta.$$

Let's climb one level now: We consider a bounded operator  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Here, the existence of an **algebraic amplification**, i.e., of a bounded operator

$$\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})} : \underbrace{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes_2 \mathcal{K})}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})} \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes_2 \mathcal{K})}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})}$$

such that for all  $S \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ :

$$(\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})})(S \otimes T) = \Phi(S) \otimes T,$$

of course forces our original map  $\Phi$  to be CB. For we have:

$$\|\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})}\| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{M_n}\| =: \|\Phi\|_{\text{cb}}.$$

Indeed, such an amplification always exists and is given by

$$\left( \Phi^{(\infty)} \right) ([a_{ij}]) = [\Phi(a_{ij})].$$



Note that this apparently simple formula hides a subtle point – and it is exactly this fact which is at the heart of our later considerations: The latter equality makes sense even though the infinite matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  really is a  $w^*$ -limit and our map  $\Phi$  is not at all supposed to respect this topology. In other words, we do **not** assume that  $\Phi$  is  $w^*$ - $w^*$ -**continuous (normal)**!

Consider now a more general situation. Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  be two von Neumann algebras, and let  $\Phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a CB map. We wish to “construct” an amplification

$$\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}} : \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}.$$

Using the operator Hahn-Banach Theorem due to Haagerup–Paulsen–Wittstock, we obtain an extension  $\tilde{\Phi} : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  of  $\Phi$  which preserves the cb-norm. We then get an amplification  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(\infty)}$  of the latter on the level of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ .

Finally we restrict to the sub-von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Phi}^{(\infty)}} & \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

Here, the only non-trivial step is obviously to verify the inclusion:

$$\tilde{\Phi}^{(\infty)}(\mathcal{M}\overline{\otimes}\mathcal{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}\overline{\otimes}\mathcal{N}.$$

The latter is easily seen by using a classical theorem of Tomiyama – which leads us to his **slice maps**.

## 2. Tomiyama's slice maps

Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  be two von Neumann algebras – or more generally two dual operator spaces with their corresponding  $w^*$ -embeddings. Let's begin with the left slice.

For every  $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$  there is a unique normal map  $L_\tau : \mathcal{M}\overline{\otimes}\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  such that for all  $S \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{N}$ :

$$L_\tau(S \otimes T) = \langle \tau, T \rangle S.$$

In an analogous fashion, for every  $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_*$  there is a unique normal map  $R_\rho : \mathcal{M}\overline{\otimes}\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  such that for all  $S \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{N}$ :

$$R_\rho(S \otimes T) = \langle \rho, S \rangle T.$$

The **Fubini product**  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}))$  is then defined to be the space

$$\{u \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes_2 \mathcal{K}) \mid L_\tau(u) \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } R_\rho(u) \in \mathcal{N} \\ \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{K}) \forall \rho \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})\}.$$

It turns out that this space actually does not depend on the particular choice of embeddings so that we denote it just by  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ .

We recall the fundamental Slice Map Theorem which allows us to deduce the desired inclusion mentioned above.

**Theorem. [Tomiyama]** *Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  be von Neumann algebras. Then we have:*

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) = \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}.$$

A serious drawback of the procedure described above is that it is highly non-constructive. Our first aim is to present a simple, **explicit** formula for an amplification – which even applies in a far more general situation.

### 3. The construction

We place ourselves in the setting of arbitrary (dual) operator spaces. The following is a crucial notion which has its natural motivation in the above-mentioned theorem of Tomiyama.

**Definition. [Kraus]** *A dual operator space  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to have property  $S_\sigma$  if the equality*

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) = \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$$

*holds true for all dual operator spaces  $\mathcal{N}$  (here,  $\overline{\otimes}$  denotes the normal spatial tensor product).*

At this point we recall the following important well-known facts:

- There are even separably acting factors without property  $S_\sigma$ ; but every injective von Neumann algebra has property  $S_\sigma$  [Kraus].
- $\mathcal{M}$  has property  $S_\sigma$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}_*$  has the OAP [Effros–Ruan–Kraus].

Before presenting our explicit construction of an amplification, we shall make precise which topological properties the latter should meet beyond the obvious algebraic one.

**Definition. [N.]** Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  be an admissible pair, i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are either von Neumann algebras or dual operator spaces with at least one of them having property  $S_\sigma$ .

A linear map  $\chi : \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})$  satisfying the algebraic amplification condition

$$\chi(\Phi)(S \otimes T) = \Phi(S) \otimes T$$

for all  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{N}$ , will be called an **amplification** if in addition it enjoys the following properties:

- (i)  $\chi$  is a complete isometry;
- (ii)  $\chi$  is multiplicative;
- (iii)  $\chi$  is  $w^*$ - $w^*$ -continuous;
- (iv)  $\chi(\mathcal{CB}^\sigma(\mathcal{M})) \subseteq \mathcal{CB}^\sigma(\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})$ .

We now give a simple formula of an amplification for every admissible pair.

**Theorem. [N.]** Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  be an admissible pair. Then an amplification is explicitly given by

$$\langle \chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi)(u), \rho \otimes \tau \rangle = \langle \Phi(L_\tau(u)), \rho \rangle,$$

where  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_*$ ,  $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$ .

We omit the proof and restrict ourselves to very roughly sketch the **IDEA** in the following diagram – which describes the situation on the predual level:

$$\underbrace{(\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})_*}_{\mathcal{M}_* \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{N}_*} \widehat{\otimes} (\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}) \xrightarrow{\chi_{\mathcal{N}*}} \mathcal{M}_* \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{M}$$

$$\rho \otimes \tau \otimes u \quad \mapsto \quad \rho \otimes L_\tau(u)$$

#### 4. Basic properties

We first note a natural compatibility property of our amplification with respect to different spaces  $\mathcal{N}$ .

**Proposition. [N.]** *Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  be an admissible pair, and let further  $\mathcal{N}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ . Then we have for all  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ :*

$$\chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi)|_{\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}_0} = \chi_{\mathcal{N}_0}(\Phi).$$

Going back to our original “amplifying reflex”, we remark:

**Proposition. [N.]** *Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  be an admissible pair, where  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ . Let further  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ . Then for an arbitrary Hahn-Banach extension  $\tilde{\Phi} \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$  obtained as above, we have:*

$$\tilde{\Phi}^{(\infty)}|_{\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}} = \chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi).$$

This shows by the way that

- in our first method, any Hahn-Banach extension chosen produces the same – namely, our – amplification;
- the amplification  $\Phi^{(\infty)}$  does not depend on the particular choice of basis for the second Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Let  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be CB. For  $u \in \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{B}_*$ ,  $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$  set

$$\langle \chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi)(u), \rho \otimes \tau \rangle = \langle \Phi(L_{\tau}(u)), \rho \rangle.$$

This gives of course an amplification  $\chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi) : \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ .

Let  $\Psi : \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$  be CB. For  $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$  consider  $\text{Tr}_{\tau}(\Psi) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  given by

$$\langle \text{Tr}_{\tau}(\Psi)(a), \rho \rangle = \langle \Psi(a \otimes 1), \rho \otimes \tau \rangle$$

( $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{B}_*$ ).

Remark: We have  $\text{Tr}_{\tau} \circ \chi_{\mathcal{N}} = \text{id}_{\mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})}$  for all  $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$  with  $\langle 1, \tau \rangle = 1$ .

Why? – Fix  $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ . Then, for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\rho \in \mathcal{B}_*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Tr}_{\tau}(\chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi))(a), \rho \rangle &= \langle (\chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi))(a \otimes 1), \rho \otimes \tau \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi(a) \otimes 1, \rho \otimes \tau \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi(a), \rho \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Uniqueness

Looking just at **algebraic** amplifications, of course we can by no means hope for uniqueness even in the case of von Neumann algebras  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  (despite the fact that this is claimed at several places in the literature). – Namely, for any non-zero functional  $\varphi \in (\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})^*$  which vanishes on  $\mathcal{M} \overset{\vee}{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ , and any non-zero vector  $v \in \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ ,

$$\chi_{\mathcal{N}}^{\varphi, v}(\Phi) := \chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi) - \langle \varphi, \chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi)(\cdot) \rangle v$$

trivially defines an algebraic amplification.

Nevertheless, we briefly note the following **positive** result.

**Proposition.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an injective factor and  $\mathcal{N}$  any dual operator space. Then an amplification is uniquely determined by properties (iii) and (iv).*



## 6. Various applications

### 6.1 A generalization of the Ge–Kadison Lemma

In 1996, Ge and Kadison proved the following fundamental result which solved the famous **splitting problem** for factors.

**Theorem.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a factor and  $\mathcal{S}$  be a von Neumann algebra. Suppose further that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a von Neumann algebra such that*

$$\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathbf{C}1 \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{S}.$$

*Then  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$  for some von Neumann subalgebra  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

In order to prove this theorem, they first establish a result on amplifications of normal, completely positive maps on von Neumann algebras. Instead of stating the latter, we generalize it!

We have the following uniqueness result.

**Proposition. [N.]** *Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  be an admissible pair, and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ . Suppose  $\Theta : \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$  is any map which satisfies, for some  $0 \neq n \in \mathcal{N}$ :*

- (i)  $\Theta$  commutes with the slice maps  $\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \tau_n$  ( $\tau \in \mathcal{N}_*$ )
- (ii)  $\Theta$  coincides with  $\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}}$  on  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathbf{C}n$ .

*Then we must have  $\Theta = \Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}}$ .*

This generalizes the corresponding result of Ge–Kadison who proved the above assuming that  $\Phi$  is **normal** and **completely positive** and  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are **von Neumann algebras**. Remark: Our amplification result may be useful in order to

- deal with **singular** conditional expectations;
- attack the splitting problem for dual operator spaces with property  $S_\sigma$ .

## 6.2 An algebraic characterization of normality

**Theorem. [N.]** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be von Neumann algebras with  $\mathcal{N}$  properly infinite. Then for an arbitrary  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ , TFAE:*

(i)  $(\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}})(\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \Psi) = (\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \Psi)(\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}}) \forall \Psi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{N})$   
(ii)  $\Phi$  is normal.

Here, (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) holds for any admissible pair.

Our Theorem suggests considering **two Arens type tensor products!** the product on a Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  can be extended in two natural ways to its bidual, giving rise to the **two Arens products** on  $\mathcal{A}^{**}$ . One defines the **topological centre**

$$Z_t := \{m \in \mathcal{A}^{**} \mid m \odot_1 n = m \odot_2 n \forall n \in \mathcal{A}^{**}\}.$$

In our context, setting

$$\Phi \otimes_1 \Psi := (\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}})(\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \Psi)$$

and

$$\Phi \otimes_2 \Psi := (\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes \Psi)(\Phi \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}}),$$

we have constructed **two natural “tensor products”** – instead of multiplications! – which in general are different. It is then natural to introduce the **topological tensor centre**

$$Z_t^\otimes := \{\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M}) \mid \Phi \otimes_1 \Psi = \Phi \otimes_2 \Psi \ \forall \Psi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{N})\}.$$

The above Theorem may now be **equivalently** rephrased as

$$Z_t^\otimes = \mathcal{CB}^\sigma(\mathcal{M}).$$

This is exactly what one expects – since the (topological) centre should correspond to the nice, i.e., **normal** part in the Tomiyama-Takesaki decomposition

$$\mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{CB}^\sigma(\mathcal{M}) \oplus \mathcal{CB}^s(\mathcal{M}).$$

### 6.3 Completely bounded module homomorphisms

A result of May–Neuhardt–Wittstock (whose proof is rather involved) implies that whenever  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ , then the amplification  $\Phi^{(\infty)}$  is automatically a  $1 \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ -bimodule homomorphism on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$ .

Using our **explicit** formula, we obtain a **simpler** proof of the following even **more general** result:

**Proposition.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be von Neumann algebras, and let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{CB}(\mathcal{M})$ . Then  $\chi_{\mathcal{N}}(\Phi)$  is a  $1 \otimes \mathcal{N}$ -bimodule homomorphism on  $\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ .*

The proof uses nothing more than the following elementary property of slice maps:

$$L_{\tau}((1 \otimes a)u(1 \otimes b)) = L_{b \cdot \tau \cdot a}(u),$$

where  $\langle b \cdot \tau \cdot a, u \rangle = \langle \tau, aub \rangle$ .

## **IV. Traces in von Neumann algebras**

## 1. Characterizations of vN algebras through traces

**Definition.** A positive linear functional  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  is called a trace if

$$\varphi(ab) = \varphi(ba)$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Note: Equivalently,  $\varphi(aa^*) = \varphi(a^*a)$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Extension beyond finiteness:

**Definition.** A weight on  $\mathcal{M}$  is an additive map  $\varphi : \mathcal{M}^+ \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that  $\varphi(\lambda x) = \lambda\varphi(x)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in \mathcal{M}^+$ . If, in addition  $\varphi(x^*x) = \varphi(xx^*)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\varphi$  is called a trace.

Set

$$\mathcal{M}_\varphi^+ := \{x \in \mathcal{M}^+ \mid \varphi(x) < \infty\}, \quad \mathcal{M}_\varphi := \text{lin}\mathcal{M}_\varphi^+$$

and

$$\mathcal{N}_\varphi := \{x \in \mathcal{M} \mid \varphi(x^*x) < \infty\}.$$

Then  $\varphi$  extends to a linear map on  $\mathcal{M}_\varphi$ , and  $\mathcal{N}_\varphi$  is a left ideal of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

We say that

- $\varphi$  is normal if  $\varphi(\sup_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}) = \sup_{\alpha} \varphi(x_{\alpha})$  for each bounded, increasing net  $(x_{\alpha})$  in  $\mathcal{M}^+$ ;
- $\varphi$  is semifinite if  $\mathcal{M}_{\varphi}$  is  $w^*$ -dense in  $\mathcal{M}$ ;
- $\varphi$  is faithful if  $\varphi(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathcal{M}^+$  implies  $x = 0$ .

Given an n.s.f. weight  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ , the left ideal  $\mathcal{N}_{\varphi}$ , equipped with the scalar product  $(x, y) := \varphi(y^*x)$ , is a pre-Hilbert space. We denote by  $L_2(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$  its completion. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  can be identified as a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}(L_2(\mathcal{M}, \varphi))$  – its **standard form**.

**Theorem.** *There is a unique decomposition*

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \oplus \mathcal{M}_2 \oplus \mathcal{M}_3$$

where

- $\mathcal{M}_1$  is finite  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is a faithful normal tracial state on  $\mathcal{M}_1$
- $\mathcal{M}_2$  is properly infinite but semifinite:
  - \* properly infinite  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is NO normal tracial state on  $\mathcal{M}_2$
  - \* semifinite  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is a faithful semifinite normal trace on  $\mathcal{M}_2^+$
- $\mathcal{M}_3$  is purely infinite  $\Leftrightarrow$  there is NO (non-zero) semifinite normal trace on  $\mathcal{M}_3^+$

Refinement

**Theorem.** *There is a unique decomposition*

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{I_n} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{I_\infty} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{II_1} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{II_\infty} \oplus \mathcal{M}_{III}$$

where

- $\mathcal{M}_{I_n}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{II_1}$  are finite
- $\mathcal{M}_{I_\infty}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{II_\infty}$  are properly infinite and semifinite
- $\mathcal{M}_{III}$  is purely infinite

**Examples:**

- baby example  $\mathcal{M} = M_n(\mathbb{C})$  [type  $I_n$ ] from the beginning: non-normalized trace  $\text{Tr}(a_{ij}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ ; normalized trace  $\text{Tr}^n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$
- $\mathcal{M} = L_\infty(\mathcal{G})$  for a compact group  $\mathcal{G}$  [type  $I$ ]:  $\text{Tr} = \int_{\mathcal{G}} \cdot d\lambda$ , where  $\lambda =$  (normalized) Haar measure
- $\mathcal{M} = VN(\mathcal{G})$  for an ICC group  $\mathcal{G}$  [type  $II_1$ ]:  $\text{Tr} = \langle \cdot, \delta_e \rangle$



Note: Given  $\mathcal{M}$  with an n.s.f. trace  $\text{Tr}$  one associates to  $\mathcal{M}$  the **non-commutative  $L_p$  spaces**  $L_p(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr})$ .

For  $\text{Tr}$  finite,  $L_p(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr}) =$  completion of  $\mathcal{M}$  w.r.t. the norm  $\|x\|_p = (\text{Tr}(|x|^p))^{1/p}$ .

We have  $L_1(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr}) = \mathcal{M}_*$  and  $L_\infty(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr}) = \mathcal{M}$ .

One can obtain  $L_p(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr})$  by **complex interpolation** between  $\mathcal{M}_*$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ . This yields a natural **operator space structure** on  $L_p(\mathcal{M}, \text{Tr})$ .

**Examples:**

- $L_p(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \text{Tr}) = S_p(\mathcal{H})$
- $L_p(L_\infty(\Omega), \mu) = L_p(\Omega, \mu)$

## 2. En guise d'épilogue

- The **centre-valued trace** on a finite von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  is a faithful normal projection of norm 1 (=conditional expectation) from  $\mathcal{M}$  onto  $Z = \mathcal{M}' \cap \mathcal{M}$ , such that  $\text{Tr}(ab) = \text{Tr}(ba)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ .

- **Caution:** There are non-normal traces on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  (Dixmier '66)! The so-called **Dixmier traces** vanish on  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$  – in particular on  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- \* closely linked to invariant means on  $\ell_\infty$  (they vanish on  $c_0$ )
- \* useful in Noncommutative Geometry in calculations modulo finite rank operators

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