

## THE INVOLUTIVE AUTOMORPHISMS OF $\tau$ -COMPACT OPERATORS AFFILIATED WITH A TYPE I VON NEUMANN ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M$  be a type I von Neumann algebra with a center  $Z$ , and a faithful normal semi-finite trace  $\tau$ . Consider the algebra  $L(M, \tau)$  of all  $\tau$ -measurable operators with respect to  $M$  and let  $S_0(M, \tau)$  be the subalgebra of  $\tau$ -compact operators in  $L(M, \tau)$ . We prove that any  $Z$ -linear involutive automorphisms of  $S_0(M, \tau)$  is inner.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The present paper is devoted to an investigation of  $*$ -automorphisms of  $\tau$ -compact operators affiliated with a type I von Neumann algebra.

It is well known [5] that, if  $M$  is a type I von Neumann algebra and  $\Phi : M \rightarrow M$  is an  $*$ -automorphism such that  $\Phi(zx) = z\Phi(x)$  for all central elements  $z$  in  $M$ , then  $\Phi$  is inner, i.e.,  $\Phi(x) = uxu^*$  for some unitary element  $u \in M$ . Some results of such a kind for unbounded operator algebras were obtained in [9]. Namely, it was proved that any  $*$ -automorphism of the maximal  $O^*$ -algebra is inner.

One of important classes of unbounded operator algebras are algebras of  $\tau$ -compact operators affiliated with a von Neumann algebra.

In the present paper, using the description of the algebra of  $\tau$ -measurable operators affiliated with a type I von Neumann algebra obtained in [1] and also the description of automorphisms of standard subalgebras of the algebra of bounded linear operators acting in Banach-Kantorovich modules from [2], we prove that any  $Z$ -linear  $*$ -automorphism of the algebra of  $\tau$ -compact operators affiliated with a type I von Neumann algebra is inner.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measurable space with a  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$ , i. e., there is family  $\{\Omega_i\}_{i \in J} \subset \Sigma$ ,  $0 < \mu(\Omega_i) < \infty$ ,  $i \in J$ , such that for any  $A \in \Sigma$ ,  $\mu(A) < \infty$ , there exists a countable subset  $J_0 \subset J$  and a set  $B$  with zero measure such that  $A = \bigcup_{i \in J_0} (A \cap \Omega_i) \cup B$ .

We denote by  $L^0 = L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  the algebra of all (classes of) complex measurable functions on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  equipped with the topology of convergence in measure. Then  $L^0$  is a complete metrizable commutative regular algebra with the unit  $\mathbf{1}$  given by  $\mathbf{1}(\omega) = 1$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Denote by  $\nabla$  the complete Boolean algebra of all idempotents from  $L^0$ , i.e.,  $\nabla = \{\chi_A : A \in \Sigma\}$ , where  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of the set  $A$ .

A complex linear space  $E$  is said to be normed by  $L^0$  if there is a map  $\|\cdot\| : E \rightarrow L^0$  such that for any  $x, y \in E$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , the following conditions are fulfilled:

$$\|x\| \geq 0, \quad \|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0, \quad \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|, \quad \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|.$$

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The pair  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a lattice-normed space over  $L^0$ . A lattice-normed space  $E$  is called  $d$ -decomposable, if for any  $x \in E$  with  $\|x\| = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in L^0$ ,  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 0$ , there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  such that  $x = x_1 + x_2$  and  $\|x_i\| = \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . A net  $(x_\alpha)$  in  $E$  is  $(bo)$ -converging to  $x \in E$ , if  $\|x_\alpha - x\| \rightarrow 0$   $\mu$ -almost everywhere in  $L^0$ . A lattice-normed space  $E$  which is  $d$ -decomposable and complete with respect to the  $(bo)$ -convergence is called a *Banach-Kantorovich space*.

It is known that every Banach-Kantorovich space  $E$  over  $L^0$  is a module over  $L^0$  and  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in L^0$ ,  $x \in E$  (see [6]).

A module  $F$  over  $L^0$  is said to be finite-generated, if there are  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in  $F$  for any  $x \in F$  there exists  $\lambda_i \in L^0$  ( $i = \overline{1, n}$ ) such that  $x = \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n$ . The elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are called generators of  $F$ . We denote by  $d(F)$  the minimal number of generators of  $F$ .

A finite-generated module  $F$  over  $L^0$  is called homogeneous of type  $n$ , if for every nonzero  $e \in \nabla$  we have  $n = d(eF)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a module over  $L^0$ . A map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow L^0$  is called an  $L^0$ -valued inner product, if for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\lambda \in L^0$ , the following conditions are fulfilled:  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ ;  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ;  $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$ ;  $\langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$ ;  $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$ .

If  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow L^0$  is an  $L^0$ -valued inner product, then  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  defines an  $L^0$ -valued norm on  $\mathcal{K}$ . The pair  $(\mathcal{K}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is called a *Kaplansky-Hilbert module* over  $L^0$ , if  $(\mathcal{K}, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach-Kantorovich space over  $L^0$  (see [6]).

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. A map  $s : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is called a simple, if

$$s(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^n \chi_{A_k}(\omega) c_k,$$

where  $A_k \in \Sigma$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $c_k \in X$ ,  $k = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A map  $u : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is said to be measurable, if there is a sequence  $(s_n)$  of simple maps such that  $\|s_n(\omega) - u(\omega)\| \rightarrow 0$  almost everywhere on any  $A \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(A) < \infty$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}(\Omega, X)$  be the set of all measurable maps from  $\Omega$  into  $X$ , and let  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  denote the factorization of this set with respect to equality almost everywhere. Denote by  $\hat{u}$  the equivalence class from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  which contains the measurable map  $u \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, X)$ . Further we shall identify the element  $u \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, X)$  with the class  $\hat{u}$ . Note that the function  $\omega \rightarrow \|u(\omega)\|$  is measurable for any  $u \in \mathcal{L}(\Omega, X)$ . The equivalence class containing the function  $\|u(\omega)\|$  is denoted by  $\|\hat{u}\|$ . For  $\hat{u}, \hat{v} \in L^0(\Omega, X)$ ,  $\lambda \in L^0$  put  $\hat{u} + \hat{v} = \widehat{u(\omega) + v(\omega)}$ ,  $\lambda \hat{u} = \widehat{\lambda(\omega)u(\omega)}$ .

It is known [6] that  $(L^0(\Omega, X), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach-Kantorovich space over  $L^0$ .

Put  $L^\infty(\Omega, X) = \{x \in L^0(\Omega, X) : \|x\| \in L^\infty(\Omega)\}$ . Then  $L^\infty(\Omega, X)$  is a Banach space with respect the norm  $\|x\|_\infty = \|\|x\|\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$ .

If  $H$  is a Hilbert space, then  $L^0(\Omega, H)$  can be equipped with an  $L^0$ -valued inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle = \widehat{(x(\omega), y(\omega))}$ , where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the inner product on  $H$ .

Then  $(L^0(\Omega, H), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is a Kaplansky-Hilbert module over  $L^0$ .

Let  $E$  be a Banach-Kantorovich space over  $L^0$ . An operator  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is called  $L^0$ -linear if  $T(\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2) = \lambda_1 T(x_1) + \lambda_2 T(x_2)$  for all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in L^0$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ . An  $L^0$ -linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is called  $L^0$ -bounded, if there exists an element  $c \in L^0$  such that  $\|T(x)\| \leq c \|x\|$  for any  $x \in E$ . For an  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator  $T$  we put  $\|T\| = \sup\{\|T(x)\| : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

An  $L^0$ -linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is called finite-generated (homogeneous of type  $n$ ) if  $T(E) = \{T(x) : x \in E\}$  is a finite-generated (respectively homogeneous of type  $n$ ) submodule in  $E$ .

We denote by  $B(E)$  the algebra of all  $L^0$ -linear  $L^0$ -bounded operators on  $E$  and  $\mathcal{F}(E)$  be the set of all finite-generated  $L^0$ -linear  $L^0$ -bounded operators on  $E$ .

An algebra  $\mathcal{U} \subset B(E)$  is called *standard* over  $L^0$ , if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a submodule in  $B(E)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(E) \subset \mathcal{U}$ .

Recall that bijective linear operator  $\Phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is said an automorphism, if  $\Phi(xy) = \Phi(x)\Phi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{U}$

**Theorem 2.1.** [2]. *Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a standard algebra in  $B(L^0(\Omega, H))$  and let  $\Phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  be an  $L^0$  - linear automorphism of the algebra  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then there is an invertible element  $a \in B(L^0(\Omega, H))$  such that*

$$\Phi(A) = axa^{-1}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{U}$ .

### 3. THE MAIN RESULT

A linear subspace  $D$  in  $H$  is said to be affiliated with  $M$  (denotes as  $D\eta M$ ), if  $u(D) \subset D$  for any unitary operator  $u$  from the commutant

$$M' = \{y' \in B(H) : xy' = y'x, \forall x \in M\}$$

of the algebra  $M$ .

A linear operator  $x$  on  $H$  with domain  $D(x)$  is said to be affiliated with  $M$  (denoted as  $x\eta M$ ) if  $u(D(x)) \subset D(x)$  and  $ux(\xi) = xu(\xi)$  for all  $u \in M', \xi \in D(x)$ .

A linear subspace  $D$  in  $H$  is called  $\tau$ -dense, if

- 1)  $D\eta M$ ;
- 2) given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a projection  $p \in \mathcal{P}(M)$  such that  $p(H) \subset D$  and  $\tau(p^\perp) \leq \varepsilon$ .

A closed linear operator  $x$  is said to be  $\tau$ -measurable (or totally measurable) with respect to the von Neumann algebra  $M$ , if  $x\eta M$  and  $D(x)$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $H$ .

We will denote by  $L(M, \tau)$  the set of all  $\tau$ -measurable operators affiliated with  $M$ . Let  $\|\cdot\|_M$  stand for the uniform norm in  $M$ . The *measure topology*,  $t_\tau$ , in  $L(M, \tau)$  is the one given by the following system of neighborhoods of zero:

$$V(\varepsilon, \delta) = \{x \in L(M, \tau) : \exists e \in \mathcal{P}(M), \tau(e^\perp) \leq \delta, xe \in M, \|xe\|_M \leq \varepsilon\},$$

where  $\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ .

It is known [8] that  $L(M, \tau)$  equipped with the measure topology is a complete metrizable topological  $*$ -algebra.

In the algebra  $L(M, \tau)$  consider the subset  $S_0(M, \tau)$  of all operators  $x$  such that given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a projection  $p \in \mathcal{P}(M)$  with  $\tau(p^\perp) < \infty, xp \in M$  and  $\|xp\| < \varepsilon$ . Following [10] let us call the elements of  $S_0(M, \tau)$   *$\tau$ -compact operators* affiliated with  $M$ . It is known [12], [7] that  $S_0(M, \tau)$  is a  $*$ -subalgebra in  $L(M, \tau)$  and an  $M$ -bimodule, i. e.  $ax, xa \in S_0(M, \tau)$  for all  $x \in S_0(M, \tau)$  and  $a \in M$ . It is clear that if the trace  $\tau$  is finite then  $S_0(M, \tau) = L(M, \tau)$ .

The following properties of the algebra  $S_0(M, \tau)$  of  $\tau$ -compact operators are known [10], [3].

Let  $M$  be a von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal semi-finite trace  $\tau$ . Then

- 1)  $L(M, \tau) = M + S_0(M, \tau)$ ;
- 2)  $S_0(M, \tau)$  is an ideal in  $L(M, \tau)$ .

Let  $L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H)$  be the tensor product of von Neumann algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $B(H)$ , with the trace  $\tau = \mu \otimes \text{Tr}$ , where  $\text{Tr}$  is the canonical trace for operators in  $B(H)$  (with its natural domain).

Denote by  $L^0(\Omega, B(H))$  the space of equivalence classes of measurable maps from  $\Omega$  into  $B(H)$ . Given  $\hat{u}, \hat{v} \in L^0(\Omega, B(H))$  put  $\hat{u}\hat{v} = \widehat{u(\omega)v(\omega)}, \hat{u}^* = \widehat{u(\omega)^*}$ .

Define

$$L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)) = \{x \in L^0(\Omega, B(H)) : \|x\| \in L^\infty(\Omega)\}.$$

The space  $(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a Banach  $*$ -algebra.

It is known [11] that the algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H)$  is  $*$ -isomorphic to the algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega, B(H))$ .

Note also that

$$\tau(x) = \int_{\Omega} \text{Tr}(x(\omega)) d\mu(\omega).$$

Further we shall identify the algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H)$  with the algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega, B(H))$ .

Denote by  $B(L^0(\Omega, H))$  (resp.  $B(L^\infty(\Omega, H))$ ) the algebra of all  $L^0$ -linear and  $L^0$ -bounded (resp.  $L^\infty(\Omega)$ -linear and  $L^\infty(\Omega)$ -bounded) operators on  $L^0(\Omega, H)$  (resp.  $L^\infty(\Omega, H)$ ).

Given any  $f \in L^\infty(\Omega, B(H))$  consider the element  $\Psi(f)$  from  $B(L^\infty(\Omega, H))$  defined by

$$\Psi(f)(x) = f(\omega) \widehat{(x(\omega))}, \quad x \in L^\infty(\Omega, H).$$

Then the correspondence  $f \rightarrow \Psi(f)$  gives an isometric  $*$ -isomorphism between the algebras  $L^\infty(\Omega, B(H))$  and  $B(L^\infty(\Omega, H))$  (see [6]).

It is known [1], that the algebra  $L(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$  of all  $\tau$ -measurable operators affiliated with the von Neumann algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H)$  is  $L^0$ -linear  $*$ -isomorphic with the algebra  $B(L^0(\Omega, H))$ .

Therefore one has the following relations for the algebras mentioned above:

$$L(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau) \cong L^0(\Omega, B(H)) \cong B(L^0(\Omega, H)).$$

Let  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau))$  be the cyclic hull of the set  $S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ , i. e. it consists of all elements of the form  $x = (bo) - \sum_{\alpha} \pi_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}$ , where  $(\pi_{\alpha})$  is a partition of the unit in  $\nabla$ ,  $(x_{\alpha}) \subset S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ .

Since  $S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$  is a module over  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $L^0 = \text{mix}(L^\infty(\Omega))$ , we have that  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau))$  is a module over  $L^0$ .

**Proposition 3.1.**  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau))$  is a standard algebra in  $L(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that the measure  $\mu$  is finite. Consider a finite-generated operator  $x$  from the algebra  $L(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ . Let  $p$  be the orthogonal projection onto the image of  $x$  and  $n$  be the number of its generators. By ([4], Theorem 2),  $\text{Tr}(p(\omega)) = \dim p(\omega) \leq n$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Therefore  $\tau(p) = \int_{\Omega} \text{Tr}(p(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) \leq n\mu(\Omega)$ , i. e.  $\tau(p) < \infty$ .

It is clear that  $xp^{\perp} = 0$ . Thus  $\tau(p) < \infty$  and  $xp^{\perp} = 0$ , i. e.  $x \in S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ .

Now suppose that  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite and  $x$  is a finite-generated operator from  $L(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$ . Since the measure  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, there exists a partition of the unit  $(e_{\alpha})$  in  $\nabla$  such that  $e_{\alpha} = \chi_{A_{\alpha}}$ ,  $A_{\alpha} \in \Sigma$ ,  $\mu(A_{\alpha}) < \infty$ . From the above it follows  $e_{\alpha}x \in e_{\alpha}S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau)$  and therefore  $x = (bo) - \sum_{\alpha} e_{\alpha}x$  belongs to  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau))$ . Thus  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega) \bar{\otimes} B(H), \tau))$  is a standard algebra. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\Phi$  be an  $*$ -automorphism of the algebra  $S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau)$ . Then there exists an unitary element  $u \in L^\infty(\Omega, B(H))$  such that  $\Phi(x) = uxu^*$  for all  $x \in S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau)$ .

*Proof.* First show that  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi$  is continued till  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$ .

Put

$$\tilde{\Phi}(x) = (bo) - \sum_{\alpha} e_{\alpha} \Phi(x_{\alpha}), \quad x \in \text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau)).$$

In the standard way, one can proved that  $\tilde{\Phi}$  is defined correctly and it is isomorphism.

Now, show that  $\tilde{\Phi}$  is  $L^0$ -linear.

Let  $\lambda \in L^0$ ,  $x \in \text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$ . Take a unit decomposition  $(e_\alpha)$  in  $\nabla$  such that  $e_\alpha \lambda \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $e_\alpha x \in S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau)$  for all  $\alpha$ . Since  $\Phi$  is  $L^\infty(\Omega)$ -linear, then  $\Phi(e_\alpha \lambda x) = \Phi(e_\alpha \lambda e_\alpha x) = e_\alpha \lambda \Phi(e_\alpha x)$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\Phi}(\lambda x) = (b\circ) - \sum_{\alpha} e_\alpha \Phi(e_\alpha \lambda x) = \sum_{\alpha} e_\alpha \lambda \Phi(e_\alpha x) = \lambda \tilde{\Phi}(x)$ , i.e.  $\tilde{\Phi}(\lambda x) = \lambda \tilde{\Phi}(x)$ .

Since  $\text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$  is a standard algebra, then by Theorem 2.1, there exists an invertible operator  $a \in B(L^0(\Omega, H))$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi}(x) = axa^{-1}$ ,  $x \in \text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$ .

Show that  $a^*a$  is a central element. Since  $\Phi$  is  $*$ -automorphism, then  $\Phi(x^*) = \Phi(x)^*$ . Hence  $ax^*a^{-1} = (axa^{-1})^* = (a^{-1})^*x^*a^* = (a^*)^{-1}x^*a^*$ , i.e.  $ax^*a^{-1} = (a^*)^{-1}x^*a^*$ . That's why  $a^*ax^* = x^*a^*a$ . If we change  $x$  to  $x^*$ , then we have  $a^*ax = xa^*a$  for all  $x \in \text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$ . Therefore  $ea^*aex = exe a^*ae$  for all  $x \in eL^0(\Omega, B(H))$  where  $e$  is a projector with the finite trace. That's why  $ea^*ae$  is a central element in  $eL^0(\Omega, B(H))$ . Hence  $a^*a$  is a central element in  $L^0(\Omega, B(H))$ .

Since the center of  $L^0(\Omega, B(H))$  is isomorphic to  $L^0$ , then  $a^*a = \lambda e$  for any  $\lambda \in L^0$ . Since  $a$  is an invertible operator, then  $\lambda$  is also an invertible element in  $L^0$ . Put  $u = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}a$ . Then  $u^*u = e$ . Hence  $u$  is a unitary element. Moreover,  $\tilde{\Phi}(x) = u x u^*$  for all  $x \in \text{mix}(S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau))$ , particularly, for all  $x \in S_0(L^\infty(\Omega, B(H)), \tau)$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

Recall that a von Neumann algebra  $M$  is an algebra of *type I* if it is isomorphic to a von Neumann algebra with an Abelian commutant.

It is well-known [11] that if  $M$  is a type I von Neumann algebra then there is a unique (cardinal-indexed) orthogonal family of projections  $(q_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I} \subset \mathcal{P}(M)$  with  $\sum_{\alpha \in I} q_\alpha = \mathbf{1}$  such that  $q_\alpha M$  is isomorphic to the tensor product of an Abelian von Neumann algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, \mu_\alpha)$  and  $B(H_\alpha)$  with  $\dim H_\alpha = \alpha$ , i. e.

$$q_\alpha M \cong \sum_{\alpha}^{\oplus} L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, \mu_\alpha) \bar{\otimes} B(H_\alpha).$$

Consider the faithful normal semi-finite trace  $\tau$  on  $M$ , defined as

$$\tau(x) = \sum_{\alpha} \tau_\alpha(x_\alpha), \quad x = (x_\alpha) \in M, \quad x \geq 0,$$

where  $\tau_\alpha = \mu_\alpha \otimes \text{Tr}_\alpha$ .

Let

$$\prod_{\alpha} S_0(L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, \mu_\alpha) \bar{\otimes} B(H_\alpha), \tau_\alpha)$$

be the topological (Tychonoff) product of the spaces  $S_0(L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, \mu_\alpha) \bar{\otimes} B(H_\alpha), \tau_\alpha)$ .

Then (see [7]) we have the topological embedding

$$S_0(M, \tau) \subset \prod_{\alpha} S_0(L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, \mu_\alpha) \bar{\otimes} B(H_\alpha), \tau_\alpha).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $M$  is a Type I von Neumann Algebra, then any  $Z$ -linear  $*$ -automorphism of the algebra  $S_0(M, \tau)$  is inner.*

*Proof.* Let  $q_\alpha$  is a central projector in  $M$ , such that  $q_\alpha M \cong L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, B(H_\alpha))$ . Then  $q_\alpha S_0(M, \tau) \cong S_0(L^\infty(\Omega_\alpha, B(H_\alpha)), \tau_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$ . Since  $\Phi$  is  $Z$ -linearly then  $\Phi(q_\alpha x) = q_\alpha \Phi(x)$  for all  $\alpha$ . Hence  $\Phi$  maps any algebra  $q_\alpha S_0(M, \tau)$  into itself. By Proposition 3.2 there exists unitary elements  $u_\alpha \in q_\alpha M$  such that

$$\Phi(q_\alpha x_\alpha) = u_\alpha x_\alpha u_\alpha$$

for all  $x_\alpha \in q_\alpha S_0(M, \tau)$ .

Put  $u = (u_\alpha)$ . Then  $u$  is an unitary element in  $M$ . For  $x \in S^0(M, \tau)$  we have  $q_\alpha \Phi(x) = \Phi(q_\alpha x) = u_\alpha q_\alpha x u_\alpha^* = q_\alpha u x q_\alpha u^* = q_\alpha (u x u^*)$ , i.e.  $q_\alpha \Phi(x) = q_\alpha (u x u^*)$  in all  $\alpha$ . Therefore  $\Phi(x) = u x u^*$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

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