167. Normal Expectations and Crossed Products of von Neumann Algebras

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In this paper, we shall show that a von Neumann algebra \mathcal{M} is isomorphic to the crossed product $G \otimes \mathcal{A}$ of a von Neumann subalgebra \mathcal{A} of \mathcal{M} by a group G of automorphisms of \mathcal{A} implemented by a unitary group in \mathcal{M} under certain conditions. This result is a generalization of two theorems of Golodets [3].

1. Let \mathcal{A} be a von Neumann algebra on a Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} , and let G be a discrete group of (*-) automorphisms of \mathcal{A} .

On the Hilbert space $\mathfrak{H} \otimes l^2(G)$, the tensor product of \mathfrak{H} and $l^2(G)$, define a representation I of \mathcal{A} by

$$I(A)\left(\sum_{g\in G}\xi_g\otimes \varepsilon_g\right) = \sum_{g\in G}g^{-1}(A)\xi_g\otimes \varepsilon_g,$$

for each A in \mathcal{A} and ξ_g in \mathfrak{H} , where ε_g is an orthonormal basis in $l^2(G)$ such that

$$arepsilon_g(h) \!=\! egin{cases} 1 & (g\!=\!h) \ 0 & (g\!\neq\!h), \end{cases} \quad g,h\in G.$$

Letting G act as a permutation group in $\mathfrak{H} \otimes l^2(G)$, we obtain a unitary representation V_g of G such that

$$V_g \Big(\sum_{h \in G} \xi_h \otimes \varepsilon_h \Big) = \sum_{h \in G} \xi_{g^{-1}h} \otimes \varepsilon_h, \qquad g \in G, \, \xi_h \in \mathfrak{H}.$$

One can then verify that I is a faithful normal representation with the covariance formula

$$V_{g}I(A)V_{g}^{*} = I(g(A)), \qquad g \in G, A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Then the von Neumann algebra acting on $\mathfrak{H} \otimes l^2(G)$ generated by $I(\mathcal{A})$ and V_G is called the *crossed product* $G \otimes \mathcal{A}$ of \mathcal{A} by G.

Theorem 1. Let \mathcal{M} be a von Neumann algebra acting on a Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} , \mathcal{A} a von Neumann subalgebra of \mathcal{M} and G a discrete group of automorphisms of \mathcal{A} . Assume that $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{A}, G)$ satisfies the following three conditions;

(1) there is a unitary representation U_g of G into \mathcal{M} with $g(A) = U_g A U_g^*$ for g in G and A in \mathcal{A} ,

(2) \mathcal{M} admits a cyclic vector ξ with $(U_gA\xi,\xi)=0$ for $g(\neq 1)$ in G and A in \mathcal{A} ,

and

(3) \mathcal{M} is generated by \mathcal{A} and $U_{\mathcal{G}}$.