

ON THE EMBEDDING AS A DOUBLE COMMUTATOR IN A TYPE 1 AW^* -ALGEBRA

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The purpose of this paper is to prove the following:

THEOREM. *Let M be a semi-finite AW^* -algebra with center Z . If M possesses a complete set \mathfrak{S} of Z -valued bounded positive module homomorphisms which are completely additive on projections, then M can be embedded as a double commutator in an AW^* -algebra of type 1 with center which is isomorphic to Z .*

One of the problems concerning AW^* -algebras is: Whether or not there is a non-trivial AW^* -subalgebra of a W^* -algebra ([3], [16])? As an application of the above result, we shall show the following result which is a partial answer to this problem and is a generalization of [13, Theorem 5.2] on a problem of Feldman.

COROLLARY. *Let \mathcal{B} be an AW^* -algebra of type 1 with center \mathcal{Z} and let \mathcal{A} be a semi-finite AW^* -subalgebra of \mathcal{B} which contains \mathcal{Z} , then $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}'$ (the double commutator of \mathcal{A} in \mathcal{B}) in \mathcal{B} .*

Under the finiteness assumption on M and \mathcal{A} , H. Widom ([14]) showed the same result (see also [3], [4], [9] and [15]).

The main tool in this paper is a “non-commutative integration theory” with respect to a Z -valued trace Φ (a non-commutative vector measure) on the algebra of “locally measurable operators” affiliated with the given AW^* -algebra M .

This paper is divided into five sections. Section 1 is the preliminaries for the later sections and we will introduce the notion of “ \mathfrak{S} -0-convergence” in M (Definition 1.1.2) such that for any orthogonal set $\{e_\alpha\}$ of projections in M with $e = \sum_\alpha e_\alpha$ and any element $a \in M$, $a^*ea = \sum_\alpha a^*e_\alpha a$ (unconditional sum of $a^*e_\alpha a$ with respect to \mathfrak{S} -0-convergence). In section 2, we shall prove the existence of a “ \mathfrak{S} -0-continuous” natural application (Z -valued trace) Φ on M , using the Goldman’s result ([4]). In section 3, along the same lines with [10], the extension theory of Φ to “locally measurable operators” affiliated with M ([11], [12]) are discussed. In particular, we shall show that the set $L^1(\Phi)$ of all Φ -integrable locally measurable operators is a

complete normed module over Z . Section 4 concerns with the construction of AW^* -module $L^2(\Phi)$ (the collection of all Φ -square integrable locally measurable operators) over Z . The last section is devoted to prove our main theorem, more precisely to say, we shall show that the left regular representation π_1 of M on $L^2(\Phi)$ is a $*$ -isomorphism of M into $\mathcal{B}(L^2(\Phi))$ (the set of all bounded module endomorphisms of $L^2(\Phi)$) such that $\pi_1(M)'' = \pi_1(M)$ in $\mathcal{B}(L^2(\Phi))$ ($\pi_1(M)''$ is the double commutator of $\pi_1(M)$ in $\mathcal{B}(L^2(\Phi))$).

1. Definitions and preliminary results. An AW^* -algebra M means that it is both a C^* -algebra and a Baer $*$ -ring ([7]).

The set of all self-adjoint elements, non-negative elements, projections, partial isometries and unitary elements in M is written with M_{sa} , M^+ , M_p , M_{pi} and M_u , respectively.

We will say AW^* -algebra M to be semi-finite if every non-zero projection in M contains a non-zero finite projection in M .

For other informations about AW^* -algebras, in particular, the lattice structure theory of projections, and the algebra of "locally measurable operators", we refer to the papers [7], [8], [11], [12], [13], [14] and [16].

Denote the collection of all finite subset of a set A by $\mathcal{F}(A)$.

1.1. Order limits and center-valued c.a. states. Let Z be an abelian AW^* -algebra, then in virtue of the Gelfand representation, Z (resp. Z_{sa}) can be identified with the algebra $C(\Omega)$ (resp. $C_r(\Omega)$) of all complex (resp. real)-valued continuous functions on a stonian space Ω . Topologized the extended real line $[-\infty, +\infty]$ by the interval topology, let $C_r^*(\Omega)$ be the set of all $[-\infty, +\infty]$ -valued continuous functions on Ω , then it is a complete lattice which is lattice isomorphic with the unit interval of the bounded complete lattice $C_r(\Omega)$ relative to the natural ordering for real functions and contains $C_r(\Omega)$ and \mathbf{Z} (the set of all $[0, +\infty]$ -valued continuous functions on Ω ([1])) as sublattices.

Let $\{a_\lambda\}$ be a net in $C_r^*(\Omega)$ and $a \in C_r^*(\Omega)$. By $a_\lambda \rightarrow a(0)$, we mean that $a = \limsup a_\lambda = \liminf a_\lambda$. In these circumstances, we say that the net $\{a_\lambda\}$ order converges to a . For any net $\{b_\lambda\}$ in $C(\Omega)$, $\{b_\lambda\}$ order-converges to b in $C(\Omega)$ if $(1/2)(b_\lambda + b_\lambda^*) \rightarrow (1/2)(b + b^*)(0)$ and $(1/2i)(b_\lambda - b_\lambda^*) \rightarrow (1/2i)(b - b^*)(0)$ where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. If Z is a von Neumann algebra, then $b_\lambda \rightarrow b(0)$ if and only if $\{b_\lambda\}$ converges strongly to b . In the case of an AW^* -algebra, the following criterion is useful for the later discussions.

LEMMA 1.1.1 ([14]). *Let $\{a_\lambda\}$ be a net in an abelian AW^* algebra Z and a be in Z , then $a_\lambda \rightarrow a(0)$ if and only if for any positive real number ε and a non-zero projection e in Z , there are a λ_0 and a non-zero projection f with $f \leq e$ such that $\|(a_\lambda - a)f\| < \varepsilon$ for all $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$.*

Next let N be an AW*-algebra and N^\sharp be the center of N . A center-valued state ϕ on N is a non-negative module homomorphism ϕ from N to N^\sharp . ϕ satisfies the following additional properties: (1) $\|\phi(a)\| \leq k\|a\|$ for all $a \in N$ (k depends only on ϕ), (2) $|\phi(a^*b)|^2 \leq \phi(a^*a)\phi(b^*b)$ for $a, b \in N$, (3) $\phi(b^*a^*ab) \leq \|a^*a\|\phi(b^*b)$ for $a, b \in N$. By a center-valued c.a. state ϕ on N , we mean a center-valued state on N with the property that for any orthogonal family of projections $\{e_\alpha\}$ in N_p with $e = \sum_\alpha e_\alpha$ ($e \in N_p$), $\phi(e) = \sum_\alpha \phi(e_\alpha)$ in N^\sharp , where $\sum_\alpha \phi(e_\alpha)$ is the unconditional sum of the $\phi(e_\alpha)$ in N^\sharp .

LEMMA 1.1.2. *Let ϕ be a center-valued c.a. state on N , then for any $a \in N$ and any orthogonal family $\{e_\alpha\}$ of projections in N with $e = \sum_\alpha e_\alpha$, $\phi(a^*ea) = \sum_\alpha \phi(a^*e_\alpha a)$ in N^\sharp .*

Since $N^{\sharp+}$ is a bounded complete lattice, by Lemma 1.1.1, the proof is an obvious modification of that for a similar result in [3, Lemma 3].

In the followings, let M be a semi-finite AW*-algebra with the center Z and suppose that there is a set \mathfrak{S} of Z -valued c.a. states on M such that $\phi(a^*a) = 0$ for all $\phi \in \mathfrak{S}$ implies $a = 0$. Let $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{S})$ be the set of finite linear combinations of elements in $\{a^*\phi a, \phi \in \mathfrak{S}, a \in M\}$, where $(a^*\phi a)(x) = \phi(axa^*)$ for $x \in M$.

DEFINITION 1.1.2. A net $\{a_\alpha\}$ in M \mathfrak{S} -0-converges to a in $M(a_\alpha \rightarrow a(\mathfrak{S}-0))$ if $\phi(a_\alpha - a) \rightarrow 0(0)$ in Z for all $\phi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{S})$.

REMARK. (1) Let $\{e_\alpha\}$ be an orthogonal family of projections in M with $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = e$ ($e \in M_p$), then $\sum_{\alpha \in J} e_\alpha \rightarrow e(\mathfrak{S}-0)$ ($J \in \mathcal{F}(\{\alpha\})$) by Lemma 1.1.2. (2) Since \mathfrak{S} is a separating set, an \mathfrak{S} -0-limit is unique.

1.2. **Existence of a trace.** Let N be a finite AW*-algebra with the center N^\sharp which has a separating set \mathfrak{S}' of center-valued c.a. states. Then, we have

PROPOSITION 1.2.1. *There is a unique central trace Φ having the additional property that for any increasing net $\{a_\gamma\}$ in N^+ , with $a_\gamma \uparrow a(\mathfrak{S}'-0)$ for some $a \in N^+$, then $\Phi(a_\gamma) \uparrow \Phi(a)$ in $N^{\sharp+}$.*

PROOF. Existence of a trace Φ on N is due to M. Goldman [4]. Therefore we have only to show that Φ satisfies the continuity described above. Since \mathfrak{S}' is a separating set, by [4, Lemma 2.6], for any $p \in N_p^\sharp$, there are a non-zero projection e in N ($e \leq p$) and a non-negative mapping ϕ in $\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{S}')$ with $\phi(e) \neq 0$ such that $\Phi(a) \leq \phi(a)$ for all $a \in (eNe)^+$. Take a positive integer m and a non-zero central projection ($q \leq p$) with $\Phi(e) \geq (1/m)q$ such that there exists a projection $h \in N$ with $\Phi(h) = (1/m)q$. Hence we can choose a family $\{h_j\}_{j=1}^m$ of mutually orthogonal

projections in N such that $h_1 \leq e$, $h_i \sim h_j$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m h_j = q$. Let v_j be in N_{p_i} such that $v_j^* v_j = h_1$, $v_j v_j^* = h_j$ and put $\psi(b) = \sum_{j=1}^m \phi(v_j^* b v_j)$ for $b \in N$, then $\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{S}')$ and $\psi(1-q) = 0$. Now, noting that $v_i^* b v_j \in eNe$ for each pair of i and j , it follows that for each $b \in Nq$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(b^* b) &= \sum_{i,j=1}^m \phi((v_i^* b^* v_j)(v_i^* b^* v_j)^*) \\ &\geq \sum_{i,j=1}^m \Phi((v_i^* b^* v_j)(v_i^* b^* v_j)^*) \\ &= \Phi(b^* b). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Zorn's lemma there are families $\{q_\alpha\} \subset N_p^\sharp$ and $\{\phi_\alpha\} \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{S}')$ such that $q_\alpha q_\beta = 0$ ($\alpha \neq \beta$), $\sum_\alpha q_\alpha = 1$, $\phi_\alpha(q_\alpha) \neq 0$, $\phi_\alpha(1-q_\alpha) = 0$ and $\phi_\alpha(b^* b) \geq \Phi(b^* b)$ for all $b \in Nq_\alpha$ for each α . If $\{a_\gamma\}$ is an increasing net of N^+ such that $a_\gamma \uparrow a(\mathfrak{S}-0)$ for some $a \in N$, then $q_\alpha \Phi(a_\gamma) \uparrow q_\alpha \Phi(a)$ in $N^{\sharp+}$ for each α . Therefore by Lemma 1.1.1, $\Phi(a_\gamma) \uparrow \Phi(a)(0)$. This completes the proof.

2. Existence of a natural application on M^+ . Let Ω be the spectrum of the center Z of the given semi-finite AW^* -algebra M and \mathbf{Z} be the collection of all $[0, +\infty]$ -valued continuous functions on Ω .

To prove the existence of a natural application, we need the following, whose proof can be easily supplied by the reader.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $\{a_\alpha\}$ be an increasing net in \mathbf{Z} such that $a_\alpha \uparrow a(0)$ in \mathbf{Z} for some $a \in \mathbf{Z}$, then for any $b \in \mathbf{Z}$, $ba_\alpha \uparrow ba(0)$ in \mathbf{Z} .*

Since M is semi-finite, there is a finite projection p in M such that $z(p) = 1$. Let $\{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$ be a maximal family of orthogonal equivalent projections in M such that $p \sim p_\alpha$ for each α and $p \in \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$. By the maximality of $\{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \pi}$, there is a central projection z such that $p_0 = (1 - \sum_{\alpha \in \pi} p_\alpha)z \lesssim pz \neq 0$. Therefore we can take families $\{z_\beta\} \subset Z_p$, $\{p_\beta\} \subset M_p$ and $\{p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)\}_{\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta \cup \{0\}}$ in M_p such that $z_\beta z_\gamma = 0$ ($\beta \neq \gamma$), $p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)p(\gamma_\beta, \beta) = 0$ ($\alpha_\beta \neq \gamma_\beta$), $z_\beta = p(0, \beta) + \sum_{\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta \cup \{0\}} p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)z_\beta$, $p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)z_\beta \sim p_\beta z_\beta$ for each $\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta$, $z(p_\beta) = z_\beta$, p_β is finite for each β , $p_\beta \in \{p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)\}_{\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta}$ for each β , $(1 - \sum_{\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta} p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)z_\beta)z_\beta = p(0, \beta) \lesssim p_\beta z_\beta \neq 0$ and $\sum_\beta z_\beta = 1$. Noting that $z_\beta p_\beta M z_\beta p_\beta$ is a finite AW^* -algebra whose center is $Z z_\beta p_\beta$, if $\mathfrak{S}_\beta = \{(z_\beta p_\beta \phi z_\beta p_\beta) p_\beta, \phi \in \mathfrak{S}\}$ (where $(z_\beta p_\beta \phi z_\beta p_\beta) p_\beta(x) = p_\beta \phi(z_\beta p_\beta x z_\beta p_\beta)$, $x \in M$), then \mathfrak{S}_β is a separating set of center-valued c.a. states on $z_\beta p_\beta M z_\beta p_\beta$. By Proposition 1.2.1, for each β , we can choose a $Z z_\beta p_\beta$ -valued \mathfrak{S}_β -0-continuous trace Φ_β on $z_\beta p_\beta M z_\beta p_\beta$. Now let ψ_β be the

*-isomorphism of $Zz_\beta p_\beta$ onto Zz_β which is defined by $\psi_\beta^{-1}(x) = xp_\beta$ for each β and let $v(\alpha_\beta, \beta)$ be the partial isometry such that $v(\alpha_\beta, \beta)^*v(\alpha_\beta, \beta) = z_\beta p_\beta$, $v(\alpha_\beta, \beta)v(\alpha_\beta, \beta)^* = p(\alpha_\beta, \beta)$ for each $\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta$ and each β , $v(0, \beta)^*v(0, \beta) \leq z_\beta p_\beta$ and $v(0, \beta)v(0, \beta)^* = p(0, \beta)$ for each β . Define a new linear operation Φ on M^+ to Z as follows :

$$\Phi(h) = \sum_\beta \{ \sum_{\alpha_\beta \in \pi_\beta \cup \{0\}} \psi_\beta(\Phi_\beta(v(\alpha_\beta, \beta)^* h z_\beta v(\alpha_\beta, \beta))) \}, \quad h \in M^+$$

where $\sum_{\alpha \in A} a_\alpha$ is the unconditional sum of the a_α in Z , then Φ is a natural application on M^+ , that is,

THEOREM 2.1. *The operation Φ on M^+ to Z satisfies the following properties :*

- (1) *If $h_1, h_2 \in M^+$ and λ is a non-negative number, $\Phi(h_1 + h_2) = \Phi(h_1) + \Phi(h_2)$ and $\Phi(\lambda h_1) = \lambda \Phi(h_1)$.*
- (2) *If $s \in M^+$ and $t \in Z^+$, then $\Phi(st) = t\Phi(s)$.*
- (3) *If $a \in M^+$ and $u \in M_u$, $\Phi(uau^*) = \Phi(a)$.*
- (4) *$\Phi(a) = 0$ ($a \in M^+$) implies $a = 0$.*
- (5) *For every increasing net $\{a_\mu\}$ in M^+ such that $a_\mu \uparrow a(\mathfrak{S}-0)$ for some $a \in M^+$, $\Phi(a_\mu) \uparrow \Phi(a)(0)$ in Z .*
- (6) *For any non-zero a in M^+ , there is a non-zero b in M^+ majorized by a such that $\Phi(b) \in Z^+$.*

Using Lemma 2.1 and $\mathfrak{S}-0$ -convergence instead of Lemma 2.12 and $\sigma(\mathfrak{S})$ -topology in [13], the proof of this theorem proceeds in a manner entirely analogous to that of [13, Theorem 3.1], so we omit it.

Next let $\mathfrak{B} = \{s \in M^+, \Phi(s) \in Z^+\}$, then since \mathfrak{B} satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1 in [2, Chapter 1 §1, 6], it follows that \mathfrak{B} is the positive portion of a two-sided ideal \mathfrak{R} and that there is a unique linear operation $\dot{\Phi}$ on \mathfrak{R} to Z which coincides with Φ on \mathfrak{B} with the properties ; (a) $\dot{\Phi}(st) = \dot{\Phi}(ts)$ if $s \in M, t \in \mathfrak{R}$; (b) $\dot{\Phi}(st) = s\dot{\Phi}(t)$ if $s \in Z$ and $t \in \mathfrak{R}$.

Define $\text{Rank}(x) = \Phi(LP(x))$ for every $x \in M$, where $LP(x)$ is the left projection of x in M , and $\text{Rank}(x)$ has the following properties : (1) $\text{Rank}(x) \geq 0$, it is $= 0$ only if $x = 0$. (2) $\text{Rank}(x) = \text{Rank}(x^*)$, $\text{Rank}(\alpha x) = \text{Rank}(x)$ for every complex number $\alpha \neq 0$. (3) $\text{Rank}(x+y) \leq \text{Rank}(x) + \text{Rank}(y)$. (4) $\text{Rank}(xy) \leq \text{Rank}(x), \text{Rank}(y)$. In fact, (1) and the last half part of (2) are clear from definitions. By [7, Theorem 5.2], $LP(x) \sim LP(x^*)$, which implies by [13, Lemma 2. 4] $\Phi(LP(x)) = \Phi(LP(x^*))$. An easy calculation shows $LP(x+y) \leq LP(x) \vee LP(y)$ and by the fact that $LP(x) \vee LP(y) - LP(x) \sim LP(y) - LP(x) \wedge LP(y)$, it follows that $\text{Rank}(x+y) \leq \text{Rank}(x) + \text{Rank}(y)$. $LP(xy) \leq LP(x)$ shows that $\text{Rank}(xy) \leq \text{Rank}(x)$ and $\text{Rank}(xy) = \text{Rank}((xy)^*) = \text{Rank}(y^*x^*) \leq \text{Rank}(y^*) = \text{Rank}(y)$. Thus (3) follows.

Therefore let $\mathfrak{F} = \{a; a \in M, \text{Rank}(a) \in Z^+\}$, then \mathfrak{F} is a two-sided ideal

contained in \mathfrak{N} such that $\mathfrak{F}_p = \mathfrak{N}_p$. Moreover, by Theorem 2.1 (6) for any non-zero projection e in M , we can choose a non-zero projection in \mathfrak{F} majorized by e .

3. An extension of Φ to “locally measurable operators”. We shall now consider “locally measurable operators” affiliated with M ([12]). An essentially locally measurable operator (ELMO) is a family of ordered pairs $\{x_\alpha, e_\alpha\}$, where $\{x_\alpha\} \subset \mathcal{C}$ (the algebra of measurable operators affiliated with M) and $\{e_\alpha\}$ is an orthogonal family of central projections such that $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = 1$. Two ELMO's $\{x_\alpha, e_\alpha\}$ and $\{y_\beta, f_\beta\}$ are said to be equivalent if $e_\alpha f_\beta x_\alpha = e_\alpha f_\beta y_\beta$ for all α and β . The equivalence class of $\{x_\alpha, e_\alpha\}$ is denoted by (x_α, e_α) and it is called a locally measurable operator affiliated with M (LMO), and the collection of all LMO's affiliated with M is denoted by \mathcal{M} . Algebraic operations in \mathcal{M} are componentwise, then it is a $*$ -algebra in which \mathcal{C} is naturally imbedded as a $*$ -subalgebra. We use letters x, y, z, \dots for the elements in \mathcal{M} .

In [12], we showed the followings: (1) \mathcal{M} is a Baer $*$ -ring, and (2) every element x in \mathcal{M} has a polar decomposition $x = w|x|$ ($|x| = (x^*x)^{1/2}$) where $w^*w = RP(x)$ and $w\omega^* = LP(x)$. The self-adjoint part of \mathcal{M} is partially ordered by defining $x \geq y$ if $x - y = z^*z$ for some z . The subalgebra M is characterized as $\{x; x \in \mathcal{M}, x^*x \leq \alpha 1 \text{ for some positive real number } \alpha\}$.

We want to extend Φ to M^+ (the non-negative part of \mathcal{M}). The following definition is due to [10].

DEFINITION 3.1. For every $x \in M^+$, we define

$$\Phi(x) = \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a), a \in M^+, a \leq x\},$$

where the supremum is taken in \mathbf{Z} .

It is clear that the new definition agrees with the old one in case $x \in M^+$. The following Lemma is helpful for the later discussions.

LEMMA 3.1. For every $x \in M^+$, $\Phi(x) = \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a); a \in \mathfrak{N}^+, a \leq x\} = \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a); a \in \mathfrak{F}^+, a \leq x\}$.

PROOF. Since $\Phi(x) \geq \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a), a \in \mathfrak{N}^+, a \leq x\} \geq \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a), a \in \mathfrak{F}^+, a \leq x\}$, we have only to prove the converse. Let $b = \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a); a \in \mathfrak{F}^+, a \leq x\}$ in \mathbf{Z} . By Theorem 2.1, there is an orthogonal family of projections $\{e_\alpha\}$ in \mathfrak{F}_p such that $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = 1$. For any $J \in \mathfrak{F}(\{\alpha\})$ and $a \in M^+$, $a^{1/2}(\sum_{\alpha \in J} e_\alpha)a^{1/2} \leq a, a^{1/2}(\sum_{\alpha \in J} e_\alpha)a^{1/2} \in \mathfrak{F}^+$ and $a^{1/2}(\sum_{\alpha \in J} e_\alpha)a^{1/2} \uparrow a(\mathfrak{S}-0)$. Therefore again by Theorem 2.1, $\Phi(a) = \text{Sup}\{\Phi(a^{1/2}(\sum_{\alpha \in J} e_\alpha)a^{1/2}); J \in \mathfrak{F}(\{\alpha\})\}$, that is, $\Phi(a) \leq b$. Thus $b = \Phi(x)$ and the lemma follows.

REMARK. For any $x \in \mathcal{M}$, $\Phi(x^*x) = \Phi(xx^*)$. In fact, let $x = w|x|$ be the polar decomposition of x , then $xx^* = wx^*xw^*$ and $w^*xx^*w = x^*x$. If $x^*x \geq a, a \in \mathcal{F}^+$, then $aw^*w = w^*wa = a$ and $xx^* = wx^*xw^* \geq waw^* \in \mathcal{F}^+$. Thus, $\Phi(xx^*) \geq \Phi(waw^*) = \Phi(w^*wa) = \Phi(a)$, which implies $\Phi(xx^*) \geq \Phi(x^*x)$. By symmetry $\Phi(x^*x) = \Phi(xx^*)$.

Relations between the algebraic operations in \mathcal{M}^+ and our extended operation Φ are given in the following:

LEMMA 3.2. *Let s and t be in \mathcal{M}^+ , then*

- (1) $\Phi(s+t) = \Phi(s) + \Phi(t)$;
- (2) $\Phi(\lambda t) = \lambda\Phi(t)$ for any non-negative number λ ;
- (3) $\Phi(usu^*) = \Phi(s)$ for any $u \in M_u$;
- (4) $\Phi(as) = a\Phi(s)$ for any $a \in Z^+$.

PROOF. The statements (2) and (3) are clear from the definitions. For the assertion (1), since $\Phi(s) + \Phi(t) \leq \Phi(s+t)$, we have only to show the converse. Let a be in \mathcal{F}^+ such that $a \leq s+t$ and $c_n = a^{1/2}((1/n)1 + s+t)^{-1}(s+t)^{1/2}$ (note that since $s+t \geq 0, s+t+(1/n)1$ is invertible in \mathcal{M} and $(s+t+(1/n)1)^{-1} \in \{s+t\}''$ for each positive integer n), then c_n and $a^{1/2} - c_n(s+t)^{1/2}$ are bounded elements such that $\|a^{1/2} - c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\| \leq 1/n$ and $\|c_n\| \leq 1$ for each n . Observe that $a \in \mathcal{F}^+$, let $x = c_n s^{1/2}$ and $y = c_n t^{1/2}$, then $xx^* = c_n s c_n^* \leq c_n(s+t)c_n^* \leq a^{1/2}((1/n)1 + s+t)^{-2}(s+t)^2 a^{1/2} \leq a$ and by the same way, $yy^* \leq a$, which implies x and y are in \mathcal{F} . Now put $a_1 = x^*x$ and $a_2 = y^*y$, then $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{F}^+, a_1 = s^{1/2}c_n^*c_n s^{1/2} \leq s$ and $a_2 \leq t$. Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) + \Phi(t) &\geq \Phi(a_1) + \Phi(a_2) = \Phi(x^*x) + \Phi(y^*y) \\ &= \Phi(xx^*) + \Phi(yy^*) = \Phi(c_n s c_n^*) + \Phi(c_n t c_n^*) \\ &= \Phi(c_n(s+t)c_n^*). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $LP(a)c_n = c_n$, it follows that $\{a^{1/2} - c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\} \{a^{1/2} - c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\}^* \leq (1/n)LP(a)$. On the other hand, since $a^{1/2}(s+t)^{1/2}c_n^* = a^{1/2}(s+t)((1/n)1 + s+t)^{-1}a^{1/2} \leq a \in \mathcal{F}, a^{1/2}(s+t)^{1/2}c_n^* = c_n(s+t)^{1/2}a^{1/2}$, and $c_n(s+t)^{1/2} \in \mathcal{F}$, we get that

$$\Phi(a) - \Phi(c_n(s+t)c_n^*) = \Phi(\{a^{1/2} + c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\} \{a^{1/2} - c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\}^*).$$

Observe that $\|c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\| \leq \|a^{1/2}\|$, it follows by the above arguments that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(a) - \Phi(c_n(s+t)c_n^*)\| &\leq \|a^{1/2} + c_n(s+t)^{1/2}\| \|\Phi(|a^{1/2} - (s+t)^{1/2}c_n^*|)\| \\ &\leq 2\|a\|^{1/2}(1/n)^{1/2} \|\Phi(LP(a))\| \end{aligned}$$

for each n , that is, $a \geq c_n(s+t)c_n^*$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) + \Phi(t) &\geq \Phi(c_n(s+t)c_n^*) \\ &\geq \Phi(a) - 2(1/n)^{1/2} \|a\|^{1/2} \|\Phi(LP(a))\| \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all positive integer n , so that $\Phi(s) + \Phi(t) \geq \Phi(a)$ for all $a \in \mathcal{F}^+$ with $a \leq s+t$. Thus by Lemma 3.1, $\Phi(s) + \Phi(t) \geq \Phi(s+t)$ and (1) follows.

To prove the assertion (4), since it is clear, by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 3.1, that $a\Phi(t) \leq \Phi(at)$ for any $t \in \mathcal{M}^+$ and $a \in Z^+$, it is sufficient to show the converse. Let c be in \mathcal{F}^+ with $c \leq at$, then for each positive integer n , $c \leq a + (1/n)t$, which implies $(a + (1/n)1)^{-1}a\Phi(c) \leq a\Phi(t)$ by Theorem 2.1. Since $LP(a)c = cLP(a) = c$ and $(a + (1/n)1)^{-1}a \uparrow LP(a)$, we have $\Phi(c) \leq a\Phi(t)$, so that $a\Phi(t) \geq \Phi(at)$ by Lemma 3.1. This completes the proof.

Let $\mathcal{L}^+ = \{t; t \in \mathcal{M}^+, \Phi(t) \in Z^+\}$, then by the above lemma, \mathcal{L}^+ has the following properties:

- (a) If $s \in \mathcal{L}^+$ and $u \in M_u$, then $usu^* \in \mathcal{L}^+$ and $\Phi(s) = \Phi(usu^*)$.
- (b) Let $s \in \mathcal{L}^+$ and $t \in \mathcal{M}^+$ with $t \leq s$, then $t \in \mathcal{L}^+$.
- (c) For every s and $t \in \mathcal{L}^+$, $s+t \in \mathcal{L}^+$ and $\Phi(s+t) = \Phi(s) + \Phi(t)$.

Let $L^1(\Phi) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n t_i s_i^*, t_i^* t_i, s_i^* s_i \in \mathcal{L}^+ \right\}$, then

THEOREM 3.1 ([10]). *$L^1(\Phi)$ is a unique invariant linear system (that is, $ML^1(\Phi)M \subset L^1(\Phi)$) such that $L^1(\Phi)^+ = \mathcal{L}^+$. Moreover, there is a unique non-negative linear operation $\dot{\Phi}$ on $L^1(\Phi)$ to Z , which coincides with Φ on \mathcal{L}^+ , with the following properties:*

- (1) For $s \in L^1(\Phi)$ and $a \in M$, $\dot{\Phi}(at) = \dot{\Phi}(ta)$;
- (2) for $a \in Z$ and $s \in L^1(\Phi)$, $\dot{\Phi}(at) = a\dot{\Phi}(t)$;
- (3) for any $t \in L^1(\Phi)$, $\text{Sup}\{|\dot{\Phi}(at)|; \|a\| \leq 1, a \in M\} = \Phi(|t|)$;
- (4) if $s, t \in L^1(\Phi)$, then $\Phi(|s+t|) \leq \Phi(|s|) + \Phi(|t|)$.

PROOF. The proof of the assertions except for (3) and (4) are obvious modifications of those for similar results in section 2 for the case \mathfrak{N} and $\dot{\Phi}$. To prove the assertion (3), we argue as follows. Observe first that from the standard calculation, $|\dot{\Phi}(st)|^2 \leq \Phi(s^*s)\Phi(t^*t)$ for any s and t with s^*s and $t^*t \in \mathcal{L}^+$. Let $t = u|t|$ be the polar decomposition of t in $L^1(\Phi)$, then for any $a \in M$ with $\|a\| \leq 1$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\dot{\Phi}(at)|^2 &= |\dot{\Phi}(au|t|)|^2 \leq \Phi(|t|^{1/2}u^*a^*au|t|^{1/2})\Phi(|t|) \\ &\leq \Phi(|t|)^2, \end{aligned}$$

So that $|\dot{\Phi}(at)| \leq \Phi(|t|)$ and $\dot{\Phi}(u^*t) = \Phi(|t|)$ and $\|u\| \leq 1$ implies the statement (3). Next let $s, t \in L^1(\Phi)$ and $s+t = w|s+t|$ be the polar decomposition of $s+t$, then by (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(|s+t|) &= \Phi(w^*(s+t)) \leq |\dot{\Phi}(w^*s)| + |\dot{\Phi}(w^*t)| \\ &\leq \Phi(|s|) + \Phi(|t|), \end{aligned}$$

thus the proof is completed.

REMARK. (1) The linear map $\dot{\Phi}$ on $L^1(\Phi)$ is an extension of $\dot{\Phi}$ on \mathfrak{K} which was defined in section 2. (2) If we set $\|s\|_1 = \|\Phi(|s|)\|$ for $s \in L^1(\Phi)$, then $L^1(\Phi)$ is a normed module over \mathcal{Z} . (3) $L^1(\Phi) \subset \mathcal{C}$. In fact, since every element of $L^1(\Phi)$ is a finite linear combination of elements in \mathcal{L}^+ , we have only to show that $\mathcal{L}^+ \subset \mathcal{C}$. By the spectral theorem ([11, 12]), for any $t \in \mathcal{L}^+$ there exists an increasing sequence of projections $\{f_n\}$ in $\{t\}''$ (the double commutant of $\{t\}$ in \mathfrak{K}) such that $tf_n \leq (n+1)1$ and $(n+1)(1-f_n) \leq t$ for each positive integer n , so that $\Phi(1-f_n) \leq (1/(n+1))\Phi(t)$, this implies that $\{f_n\}$ is an SDD. Thus by [11, Theorem 5.1], $t \in \mathcal{C}$. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 3.2. $L^1(\Phi)$ is a Banach space with respect to the norm $\| \cdot \|_1$.

PROOF. First of all, we shall show that for any monotone increasing sequence $\{t_n\}$ of elements in \mathcal{L}^+ which is $\| \cdot \|_1$ -Cauchy, there is $t \in \mathcal{L}^+$ such that $\|t_n - t\|_1 \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$. By taking a subsequence, we can assume that $\|t_n - t_{n+1}\|_1 < 1/4^n$ for each positive integer n without loss of generality. Note that $t_{n+1} - t_n \geq 0$ (resp. $t_n \geq 0$), by the spectral theorem ([11]), we can choose a sequence $\{e_n\}$ in $\{t_{n+1} - t_n\}''$ (resp. $\{f_n\}$ in $\{t_n\}''$) of projections such that $0 \leq (t_{n+1} - t_n)e_n \leq 2^{-n} \cdot 1$ and $(t_{n+1} - t_n) \geq 2^{-n}(1 - e_n)$ (resp. $0 \leq t_n f_n \leq 2^n \cdot 1$ and $t_n \geq 2^n(1 - f_n)$) for each positive integer n . Now let $p_n = \bigwedge_{k \geq n} e_k \wedge f_k$, then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(1 - p_n) &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Phi(1 - e_k \wedge f_k) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \{\Phi(1 - e_k) + \Phi(1 - f_k)\} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \{2^k \Phi(t_{k+1} - t_k) + (1/2^k) \Phi(t_k)\} \\ &\leq (1 + \text{Sup } \|t_k\|_1) 2^{-n} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

for each n , so that $p_n \uparrow$ implies that $\Phi(1 - p_n) \downarrow 0$ uniformly, $1 - p_n \in \mathcal{F}$ and $p_n \uparrow 1$, that is, $\{p_n\}$ is an SDD ([11, Definition 3.1]). Since $p_n \leq e_n \wedge f_n$, if $k \leq n \leq m$,

then $(t_m - t_n)p_k \in M$ and $\|(t_m - t_n)p_k\| < 1/2^{n-1}$. Moreover, $t_k p_k = t_k f_k p_k$ and $t_k f_k \leq 2^k f_k$, which implies $t_k p_k \in M$. By the mathematical induction, $(t_m - t_n)p_k \in M (m \geq n \geq k)$ implies $t_m p_k \in M$ for all $m \geq k$. Now put $a(n, k) = p_k t_n p_k + p_k t_n (1 - p_k) + (1 - p_k) t_n p_k (n \geq k)$, then $\{a(n, k)\} \subset M_{s_a}$ for all $n \geq k$. Since $\|a(n+1, k) - a(n, k)\| \leq 3 \cdot 2^{-n}$ for all $n \geq k$, it follows that $\{a(n, k)\}_{n \geq k}$ is a uniformly Cauchy sequence in M_{s_a} . Hence there exists an element $s(k) \in M_{s_a}$ such that $a(n, k) \rightarrow s(k) (n \rightarrow \infty)$ uniformly. If $k_1 \geq k_2$, then $p_{k_1} \geq p_{k_2}$ implies $s(k_1)p_{k_2} = s(k_2)p_{k_2}$, so that $\{s(k), p_k\}$ is an EMO ([11, Definition 3.1]). Since $\|t_k p_k - t_m p_k\| \leq 1/2^{k-1}$ for all $m \geq k$, we get that $\|t_k p_k - s(k)p_k\| \leq 1/2^{k-1}$ for each positive integer k . Thus putting $t = [s(k), p_k] (\in \mathcal{C}_{s_a} ([11, Definition 3.4]))$, by [11, Theorem 3.1] $\|t_k p_k - t p_k\| = \|(t_k - s(k))p_k\| \leq 1/2^{k-1}$ for all k , which implies that $t_k \rightarrow t (n.e.) (k \rightarrow \infty)$ ([13, Definition 3.2]). Next we shall show that $t \geq t_n$ for each n . Observe that $p_k t_m p_k \geq p_k t_n p_k \geq 0 (m \geq n \geq k)$ and $p_k t_n p_k \rightarrow p_k t p_k$ uniformly ($n \rightarrow \infty$) and we have $p_k t p_k = p_k s(k) p_k \geq p_k t_n p_k \geq 0$ for all $n \geq k$. Thus by [11, Theorem 5.5], it follows that $t \geq t_n$ for each n . Now we shall show that $\Phi(t) = \sup_n \Phi(t_n)$. Since $\Phi(t_n) \leq \Phi(t)$ for all n , we have only to show the converse. Since $p_k t_n p_k \uparrow p_k t p_k$ uniformly ($n \rightarrow \infty$), for any $e \in \mathcal{F}_p$, $\|\Phi(ep_k t_n p_k e) - \Phi(ep_k t p_k e)\| \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$, which implies by Lemma 1.1.1, $\Phi(ep_k t_n p_k e) \uparrow \Phi(ep_k t p_k e)(0)$ in Z^+ . Since $\Phi(t_n) \geq \Phi(t_n^{1/2} p_k e p_k t_n^{1/2}) = \Phi(ep_k t_n p_k e)$, it follows that

$$\Phi(t) \geq \sup_n \Phi(t_n) \geq \Phi(ep_k t p_k e) = \Phi(t^{1/2} p_k e p_k t^{1/2}),$$

so that by the last paragraph of section 2 and Lemma 4.1, $\Phi(t^{1/2} p_k e p_k t^{1/2}) \uparrow \Phi(t^{1/2} p_k t^{1/2})$ in Z . Hence $\Phi(t) \geq \sup_n \Phi(t_n) \geq \Phi(t^{1/2} p_k t^{1/2})$. Again by Lemma 4.1, $\Phi(t) = \sup_n \Phi(t_n)$. $\sup_n \|t_n\|_1 < \infty$ implies $\Phi(t) \in Z$ and $t \in \mathcal{L}^+$. Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|t_n - t_{n-1}\|_1 \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/4^n < \infty$, for every positive number ε , there is a positive integer $k(\varepsilon)$ such that $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \|t_n - t_{n-1}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon$ for all $k \geq k(\varepsilon)$, that is, $\sum_{n=k+1}^m \Phi(t_n - t_{n-1}) = \Phi(t_m) - \Phi(t_k) \leq \varepsilon \cdot 1$ for all $m \geq k+1 \geq k(\varepsilon)$. $\Phi(t_m) \uparrow \Phi(t)(0)$ implies $\Phi(t) - \Phi(t_k) \leq \varepsilon \cdot 1$, that is, $\|t - t_k\|_1 \leq \varepsilon$ for all $k \geq k(\varepsilon)$. Thus the statement described above follows.

Using this fact, we can prove the completeness of $L^1(\Phi)$ by the similar way as that of [10, Theorem 14], so we omit the details. This completes the proof.

4. AW^* -module $L^2(\Phi)$ over Z . Let $L^2(\Phi) = \{s \in \mathcal{M}, s^*s \in \mathcal{L}^+\}$, then for any s and t in $L^2(\Phi)$, $(s+t)^*(s+t) \leq 2(s^*s + t^*t) \in \mathcal{L}^+$ shows by Lemma 3.2, $s+t \in L^2(\Phi)$. For any $a \in Z$ and $s \in L^2(\Phi)$, we have $\Phi(|a|^2 s^*s) = |a|^2 \Phi(s^*s) \in Z^+$, so that $as \in L^2(\Phi)$, that is, $L^2(\Phi)$ is a module over Z .

At first, we shall give the following lemma.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let $s \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\sigma_s(x) = \Phi(s^*xs)$ for any $x \in M^+$, then for any increasing net $\{a_\gamma\}$ in M^+ such that $a_\gamma \uparrow e(\mathfrak{S}-0)$ for some $e \in M_p$, $\sigma_s(a_\gamma) \uparrow \sigma_s(e)$ in \mathbf{Z} . In particular, σ_s is completely additive on projections.*

PROOF. Since $\sigma_s(e) \geq \sup_\gamma \sigma_s(a_\gamma)$, we have only to show the converse. Let $b \in \mathcal{F}^+$ with $b \leq \text{ess}^*e$, then $eb = be = b$ and $b^{1/2}(a_\gamma)b^{1/2} \uparrow b^{1/2}eb^{1/2}(\mathfrak{S}-0)$, so that by the continuity of Φ , $\Phi(b^{1/2}a_\gamma b^{1/2}) \uparrow \Phi(b^{1/2}eb^{1/2})$. On the other hand, since $\Phi(b^{1/2}a_\gamma b^{1/2}) = \Phi(a_\gamma^{1/2}ba_\gamma^{1/2}) \leq \Phi(a_\gamma^{1/2}ss^*a_\gamma^{1/2}) = \Phi(s^*a_\gamma s)$, it follows that $\Phi(b) \leq \sup_\gamma \sigma_s(a_\gamma)$. Therefore by Lemma 3.1, $\sigma_s(e) \leq \sup_\gamma \sigma_s(a_\gamma)$ and the proof is now completed.

LEMMA 4.2 ([10]). *$L^2(\Phi)$ has the following properties:*

- (1) *For s and t in $L^2(\Phi)^+$, $\Phi(st) \geq 0$;*
- (2) *if $s, t \in L^2(\Phi)$ with $|s| \leq |t|$, then $\Phi(|s|^2) \leq \dot{\Phi}(|s||t|) \leq \Phi(|t|^2)$;*
- (3) *if s and t are self-adjoint elements in $L^2(\Phi)$ such that $\Phi(s^2) \leq \Phi(t^2)$, then $\dot{\Phi}(st) \leq \Phi(t^2)$;*
- (4) *let t be in $L^2(\Phi)$ and $u \in M_u$, then $\Phi(|t|^2) = \Phi(|utu^*|^2)$;*
- (5) *if $s, t \in L^2(\Phi)$, then $st \in L^1(\Phi)$, $|\dot{\Phi}(st)|^2 \leq \Phi(|st|^2) \leq \Phi(s^*s)\Phi(t^*t)$ and*

$$\Phi(s^*s)^{1/2} = \text{Sup}\{|\Phi(st)|, \Phi(t^*t) \leq 1\}.$$

PROOF. Let s and t be in $L^2(\Phi)^+$, then note that by the remark following Theorem 3.2, s and $t \in \mathcal{C}^+$, by [11, Theorem 5.1], we can write $t = [t_n, e_n]$, where $t_n, e_n \in \{t\}''$, $t_n e_n = t_n \geq 0$ and $t_n \uparrow$. Let u be the Cayley transform of t , Γ is the spectrum of $\{u\}''$ ([1]) and $\Gamma_n = \{\gamma; |u(\gamma)+1| > 1/n\}^-$ where A^- is the closure of a set A . Denote the projection in $\{u\}''$ corresponding to the clopen subset Γ_n by f_n , then $f_n \uparrow LP(t)$ and $\gamma(\in \Gamma_n) \rightarrow (1+u(\gamma))^{-1}$ is a continuous function on Γ_n . Thus $e_n f_m \in L^2(\Phi)$ implies $e_n f_m \in \mathcal{F}_p$ for each pair of positive integers m and n . Since $te_n f_m \in \mathcal{F}$, $t^{1/2}e_n f_m \in \mathcal{F}$ and $st \in L^1(\Phi)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Phi}(e_n f_m st) &= \dot{\Phi}(ste_n f_m) = \dot{\Phi}(s(te_n f_m)^{1/2}(te_n f_m)^{1/2}) \\ &= \dot{\Phi}(te_n f_m)^{1/2} s (te_n f_m)^{1/2} \\ &= \Phi(s^{1/2} t^{1/2} e_n f_m t^{1/2} s^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.1, $\dot{\Phi}(e_n f_m st) \uparrow \Phi(s^{1/2} t s^{1/2})(0)$ in \mathbf{Z} . On the other hand, by Lemma 1.1.1, $\dot{\Phi}(e_n f_m st) \rightarrow \dot{\Phi}(st)(0)$ in \mathbf{Z} , therefore $\dot{\Phi}(st) = \Phi(s^{1/2} t s^{1/2}) \geq 0$, so that the statement (1) follows. To prove (2), we argue as follows. Let $s, t \in L^2(\Phi)$ such that $|s| \leq |t|$, then by (1), $|s|^{1/2}(|t| - |s|)^{1/2} \geq 0$ implies that $\dot{\Phi}(|s|(|t| - |s|)) = \Phi(|s|^{1/2}(|t| - |s|)|s|^{1/2}) \geq 0$, that is, $\dot{\Phi}(|s||t|) \geq \Phi(|s|^2)$. By the same way, $\Phi(|t|^2) \geq \dot{\Phi}(|s||t|)$. Next let $s, t \in L^2(\Phi)_{sa}$ such that $\Phi(s^2) \leq \Phi(t^2)$, then $0 \leq \Phi((t-s)^2)$

$= \Phi(t^2) - 2\Phi(st) + \Phi(s^2) \leq 2\Phi(t^2) - 2\Phi(st)$ and this completes the proof of the statement (3). Let $t \in L^2(\Phi)$ and $u \in M_u$, then $|utu^*|^2 u^*$, which implies by Lemma 3.2 (3) that the assertion (4) follows. Now we shall show the statement (5). Let s, t be in $L^2(\Phi)$ and $st = w|st|$ be the polar decomposition of st , then it follows, by the argument used in the proof of Theorem 3.1, that

$$\begin{aligned} |\dot{\Phi}(st)|^2 &= |\dot{\Phi}(w|st|)|^2 \leq (\|w\|\Phi(|st|))^2 \leq \Phi(|st|)^2 \\ &= (\Phi(w^*st))^2 \leq \Phi((w^*s)^*(w^*s))\Phi(t^*t) \\ &\leq \Phi(s^*s)\Phi(t^*t). \end{aligned}$$

Now let $a = \text{Sup}\{|\dot{\Phi}(st)|; \Phi(t^*t) \leq 1\}$ in Z , then by the above inequality $a \leq \Phi(s^*s)^{1/2}$. Let $t_n = (\Phi(s^*s) + (1/n)1)^{-1/2} s^* \in L^2(\Phi)$ for each positive integer n , then $\Phi(t_n^*t_n) = (\Phi(s^*s) + (1/n)1)^{-1}\Phi(s^*s) = (\Phi(s^*s) + (1/n)1)^{-1}\Phi(s^*s) \leq 1$ and $\dot{\Phi}(st_n) = (\Phi(s^*s) + (1/n)1)^{-1/2}\Phi(s^*s)$, so that

$$(\Phi(s^*s) + (1/n)1)^{-1/2}\Phi(s^*s)^{1/2}\Phi(s^*s)^{1/2} \leq a$$

for all n , that is, $a = \Phi(s^*s)^{1/2}$ and the statement (5) follows. This completes the proof.

Now for any pair a and b in $L^2(\Phi)$, we define $(a, b)_\Phi = \dot{\Phi}(b^*a)$, then $(,)_\Phi$ satisfies the following properties:

- (1) $(a, b)_\Phi = (b, a)_\Phi^*$,
- (2) $(a, a)_\Phi \geq 0$, $(a, a)_\Phi = 0$ only if $a = 0$,
- (3) $(sa + b, c)_\Phi = s(a, c)_\Phi + (b, c)_\Phi$,

for all $a, b, c \in L^2(\Phi)$ and $s \in Z$. If we define $\| \| a \| \|_2 = \|(a, a)_\Phi\|^{1/2}$ for $a \in L^2(\Phi)$, then by ([9, §2]), $L^2(\Phi)$ is a normed module over Z with respect to $\| \|, \| \|_2$. Moreover, we have the following:

(1) Let $\{e_i\}$ be an orthogonal family of projections in Z such that $\sum_i e_i = e \in Z_p$ and if $a \in L^2(\Phi)$ such that $e_i a = 0$ for all i , then $ea = 0$.

(2) Let $\{e_i\}$ be an orthogonal family of projections in Z such that $\sum_i e_i = 1$, and let $\{a_i\}$ be a bounded subset of $L^2(\Phi)$, then there exists in $L^2(\Phi)$ an element a such that $e_i a = e_i a_i$ for each i .

In fact, by the Baer*-ring property of \mathcal{M} ([12, Theorem 3.1]), we can easily show the statement (1). On the other hand, since ([12, Theorem 4.1]), there exists a unique $a \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $e_i a = e_i a_i$, to prove the assertion (2), it suffices to show that $a \in L^2(\Phi)$. $e_i a^* a = e_i a_i^* a_i$ implies $e_i a^* a \in L^1(\Phi)$ for each i . Denote $\text{Sup} \| \| a_i \| \|_2$ by k and we have $\Phi(e_i a^* a) = e_i \Phi(a^* a) = e_i \Phi(a_i a_i) \leq k^2 e_i$ for all i , that is, $\Phi(a^* a) \leq k^2 \cdot 1, a \in L^2(\Phi)$ and $\| \| a \| \|_2 \leq k$. The statement (2) follows.

The rest of this section is devoted to prove that $L^2(\Phi)$ is complete with respect to the norm $\| \cdot \|_2$, that is, $L^2(\Phi)$ is an AW*-module over Z . To prove this, we need the following lemma.

LEMMA 4.3. *Let $\{t_n\}$ be an increasing sequence in $L^2(\Phi)^+$ such that $\|t_n - t_m\|_2 \rightarrow 0 (m, n \rightarrow \infty)$, then there is an element $t \in L^2(\Phi)^+$ such that $\|t_n - t\|_2 \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$.*

PROOF. By passing to a subsequence if necessary, we can suppose $\|t_{n+1} - t_n\|_2 < 1/16^n$ for each n . By the spectral theorem ([11]) we can choose sequences of projections $\{e_n\}$ in $\{t_{n+1} - t_n\}''$ and $\{f_n\}$ in $\{t_n\}''$ such that $0 \leq (t_{n+1} - t_n)e_n \leq (1/5^n) \cdot 1$, $(t_{n+1} - t_n) \geq (1/5^n)(1 - e_n)$, $t_n f_n \leq 2^n \cdot 1$ and $t_n \geq 2^n(1 - f_n)$ for each n . Now put $p_n = \bigwedge_{k \geq n} e_k \bigwedge f_k$, by the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 3.2, $\{p_n\}$ is an SDD and there exists a sequence $\{s(k)\}$ in M_{sa} such that $t_n p_k \rightarrow s(k) p_k$ uniformly and $\{s(k), p_k\}$ is an EMO. Denote $[s(k), p_k]$ by t . Let $t_n^2 - t_n t_m = u_n |t_n^2 - t_n t_m|$ (resp. $t_n t_m - t_m^2 = v_n |t_n t_m - t_m^2|$) be the polar decomposition of $t_n^2 - t_n t_m$ (resp. $t_n t_m - t_m^2$), then by Theorem 3.1 (4) and Lemma 4.2, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(|t_n^2 - t_m^2|) &\leq \Phi(|t_n^2 - t_n t_m|) + \Phi(|t_n t_m - t_m^2|) \\ &= \Phi(u_n^* |t_n^2 - t_n t_m|) + \Phi(v_n^* |t_n t_m - t_m^2|) \\ &\leq (\|t_n\|_2 + \|t_m\|_2) \|t_n - t_m\|_2 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

for each pair of integers m and n . Thus $\{t_n^2\}$ is a $\| \cdot \|_1$ -Cauchy sequence in $L^1(\Phi)$. By Theorem 3.2, there exists an $s \in L^1(\Phi)$ such that $\|t_n^2 - s\|_1 \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$ and $t_n^2 \rightarrow s$ n.e. ($n \rightarrow \infty$). Let $r_k = \bigwedge_{n \geq k} ((t_{n+1} - t_n)^{-1} [p_n]) \bigwedge (t_n^{-1} [p_n])$ and $q_n = p_n \bigwedge r_n$, then by [11, Lemma 3.1], $\{q_n\}$ is an SDD. For any pair k and n with $n \geq k$,

$$\begin{aligned} (t_{n+1}^2 - t_n^2)q_k &= t_{n+1}(t_{n+1} - t_n)q_k + (t_{n+1} - t_n)t_n q_k \\ &= t_{n+1} p_n (t_{n+1} - t_n)q_k + (t_{n+1} - t_n) p_n t_n q_k, \end{aligned}$$

therefore $(t_{n+1}^2 - t_n^2)q_k \in M$ and $\|(t_{n+1}^2 - t_n^2)q_k\| < 2 \cdot (2/5)^n$, so that by the similar reason to that of Theorem 3.2, there is a sequence of elements $\{s(k)\}$ in M_{sa} such that $t_n^2 q_k \rightarrow s(k) q_k$ uniformly ($m \rightarrow \infty$) and $\{s(k), q_k\}$ is an EMO. Let $t' = [s(k), q_k] \in C$, then $t_n^2 \rightarrow t'$ n.e. ($n \rightarrow \infty$). Thus $q_k s(k)^2 q_k = q_k s(k)' q_k$ for all k , so that by the Baer*-ring property of M , there is an SDD $\{q'_k\}$ such that $s(k)^2 q'_k = s(k)' q'_k$ for each k , while $t_n^2 \rightarrow s$ n.e., by the unicity of n.e. limit, it follows that $t^2 = t' = s \in L^1(\Phi)$, that is, $t \in L^2(\Phi)$. On the other hand $t \geq t_n$ implies by Lemma 4.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi((t - t_n)^2) &= \Phi(t^2) - 2\Phi(tt_n) + \Phi(t_n^2) \\ &\leq \Phi(t^2) - \Phi(t_n^2) \\ &= \dot{\Phi}(s - t_n^2) \leq \|s - t_n^2\|_1 \cdot 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|t - t_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$ and $t_n \rightarrow t (n. e.) (n \rightarrow \infty)$. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 4.1. *$L^2(\Phi)$ is a faithful AW^* -module over $Z([9])$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$.*

PROOF. The proof of that $L^2(\Phi)$ is an AW^* -module is an obvious modification of that for Theorem 3.2, thus it is sufficient to show that $L^2(\Phi)$ is faithful. In fact if $a \in Z$ with $at = 0$ for all $t \in L^2(\Phi)$, then the semi-finiteness of Φ and the Baer*-ring property of \mathcal{C} show the desired property that $a = 0$. This completes the proof.

5. Proof of the main theorem. In the followings, we always denote $L^2(\Phi)$ by \mathfrak{M} . By [9, Theorem 7], the set $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ of all bounded module homomorphisms of \mathfrak{M} into \mathfrak{M} is an AW^* -algebra of type 1 with the center Z . The left (resp. right) regular representation π_1 (resp. π_2) of M is a *-homomorphism (resp. *-antihomomorphism) of M into $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ which is defined by $\pi_1(x)t = xt$ (resp. $\pi_2(x)t = tx$) for any $x \in M$ and $t \in \mathfrak{M}$. Since $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathfrak{M}, \pi_1(x) = 0$ (resp. $\pi_2(x) = 0$) implies that there exists an orthogonal family $\{e_\alpha\}$ of projections in \mathfrak{M} such that $xe_\alpha = 0$ (resp. $e_\alpha x = 0$) for each α and $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = 1$. By [7, Lemma 2.2], $x = 0$, that is, π_1 (resp. π_2) is a *-isomorphism (resp. *-antiisomorphism).

LEMMA 5.1. *$\pi_1(M)$ and $\pi_2(M)$ are AW^* -subalgebras of $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$.*

PROOF. We have only to prove the first of these statements, the second follows similarly. By [8, Definition], it suffices to show that for any orthogonal set $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ of projections in M with $e = \sum_{i \in I} e_i, \pi_1\left(\sum_{i \in J} e_i\right) \uparrow \pi_1(e)$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})(J \in \mathcal{F}(I))$. In fact, since $\left(\pi_1(e) - \pi_1\left(\sum_{i \in J} e_i\right)x, x\right)_\Phi = \Phi\left(x^*\left(e - \sum_{i \in J} e_i\right)x\right)$, therefore from Lemma 4.1 and [14, Lemma 1.4] $\sum_{i \in J} \pi_1(e_i) \uparrow \pi_1(e)$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 5.2. *For any $a \in \mathfrak{M}$, there is a sequence $\{a_n\}$ in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$ such that $\|a_n\|_2 \leq \|a\|_2$ and $|a_n - a|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$ in Z^+ , where $|x|_\Phi = (xx^*)^{1/2}$ for any $x \in \mathfrak{M}$.*

PROOF. Let $a = u|a|$ be the polar decomposition of a in \mathcal{C} , then for any $b \in \mathcal{F}^+, |u(|a| - b)|_\Phi \leq ||a| - b|_\Phi$, so that we have only to prove the assertion for

the case when $a \geq 0$. Let v be the Cayley transform of a , then from the spectral theorem ([11]), there are an SDD $\{e_n\}$ in $\{v\}''$ and a sequence of projections $\{f_n\}$ in $\{v\}''$ such that $n(1-e_n) \leq a$, ae_n and $(1+v)f_n$ is invertible in $f_n M f_n$ for each n . Since $a_n = ae_n f_n \in \mathcal{F}^+$ and $a^2 \geq a_n^2 \geq a_m^2$ if $m < n$, then

$$0 \leq \Phi(a^2) - \Phi(a_n^2) = \Phi(a^2(1-e_n f_n)) \leq \Phi(a^2(1-e_n f_m)),$$

so that by Lemma 4.1, $0 \leq 0 - \lim(\Phi(a^2) - \Phi(a_n^2)) \leq \Phi(a^2(1-f_m))$ for all m , which implies by Lemma 1.1.1, $\Phi(a_n^2) \uparrow \Phi(a^2)(0)$. While from Lemma 4.2, it follows that $\Phi((a-a_n)^2) \leq \Phi(a^2) - \Phi(a_n^2)$. This shows that $|a-a_n|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$ and the proof is completed.

LEMMA 5.3. $\pi_1(M)'' = \pi_2(M)'$ and $\pi_2(M)'' = \pi_1(M)'$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ where \mathfrak{A} is the commutant of \mathfrak{A} in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$.

PROOF. The methods which will be used here are patterned after those of [2, Chapter 1, Section 5]. Since $\pi_1(M) \supset \pi_2(M)$ and $\pi_2(M) \supset \pi_1(M)$, we have only to prove the converse inclusion. Let x be a left (resp. right) bounded element in \mathfrak{M} , that is, an element x such that there is $B_1(x)$ (resp. $B_2(x)$) in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ such that $B_1(x)a = \pi_2(a)x$ (resp. $B_2(x)a = \pi_1(a)x$) for all $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$. First of all, we shall show that the set $\mathfrak{M}_1 = \{B_1(x); x \text{ is left bounded}\}$ is a left ideal of $\pi_2(M)'$. In fact, for any a and b in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$, an easy calculation shows that $(B_1(x)\pi_2(a)b, y)_\Phi = (\pi_2(a)B_1(x)b, y)_\Phi$ for any $y \in L^2(\Phi)$. Therefore, by Lemma 1.1.1, Lemma 5.2 and the Schwarz' inequality, $(c, (B_1(x)\pi_2(a))^*y)_\Phi = (c, (\pi_2(a)B_1(x))^*y)_\Phi$ for any $c \in \mathfrak{M}$, that is, $B_1(x)\pi_2(a) = \pi_2(a)B_1(x)$ for any $a \in M \cap \mathfrak{M}$. The semi-finiteness of Φ implies that there is an increasing family of projections $\{e_\alpha\}$ in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$ such that for any $a \in M$, $ae_\alpha \in M$ and $\pi_2(ae_\alpha) \rightarrow \pi_2(a)$ weakly ([14, p. 311]). Thus $B_1(x)\pi_2(a) = \pi_2(a)B_1(x)$ for all $a \in M$, that is, $\mathfrak{M}_1 \subset \pi_2(M)'$. Since for any $T \in \pi_2(M)'$, $TB_1(x)a = T \cdot \pi_2(a)x = \pi_2(a)Tx$ for all $a \in M \cap \mathfrak{M}$, Tx is left bounded and $B_1(Tx) = TB_1(x)$. Hence the assertion follows. From the same reason, $\mathfrak{M}_2 = \{B_2(x); x \text{ is right bounded}\}$ is a left ideal of $\pi_1(M)'$. Let $\mathfrak{M}_3 = \mathfrak{M}_1 \cap \mathfrak{M}_2^*$ and $\mathfrak{M}_4 = \mathfrak{M}_2 \supset \mathfrak{M}_3^*$, where $\mathfrak{A}^* = \{x^*, x \in \mathfrak{A}\}$ for any subset \mathfrak{A} of $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, then $\mathfrak{M}_3'' \subset \pi_2(M)'$ and $\mathfrak{M}_4'' \subset \pi_1(M)'$. Next we shall show that $\mathfrak{M}_3' = \pi_2(M)'$. In fact, for any $T \in \pi_2(M)'$ and $T_1 \in \mathfrak{M}_3'$, $T_1\pi_1(b)T\pi_1(a) = \pi_1(b)T \cdot \pi_1(a)T_1$ for any a and b in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$, so that from the above argument, we have $T_1T = TT_1$, that is, $\pi_2(M)' = \mathfrak{M}_3''$. By the same way, $\pi_1(M)' = \mathfrak{M}_4''$. To prove Lemma 5.2, it suffices to show $\mathfrak{M}_3 \subset \mathfrak{M}_4$. In fact, let $B_1(a) \in \mathfrak{M}_3$ and $B_2(b) \in \mathfrak{M}_4$, then $B_1(a)^* = B_1(c)$ (resp. $B_2(b)^* = B_2(d)$) for some left (resp. right) bounded element c (resp. d). Therefore, by a standard calculation shows that for any x and y in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$, $(a, xy)_\Phi = (c^*, xy)_\Phi$. By lemma 5.2, it follows that $a = c^*$. By the same way $b = d^*$. Again by Lemma 5.2, there exist sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$ such that $|x_n - a|_\Phi = |x_n^* - c|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$, $|y_n - b|_\Phi = |y_n^* - d|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$, $\|x_n\|_2 \leq \|a\|_2$ and $\|y_n\|_2 \leq \|b\|_2$ for each n . Therefore, by Lemma 1.1.1, from the similar arguments ([2, p. 68, Lemma 3]) it follows that $(B_1(a)B_2(b)x, y)_\Phi = (B_2(b)B_1(a)x, y)_\Phi$ for any x and y in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$. From

Lemma 5.2, we have $B_1(a)B_2(b)=B_2(b)B_1(a)$, which implies $\mathfrak{M}'_3 \subset \mathfrak{M}'_4$. This completes the proof.

For any $a \in \mathfrak{M}$, let $\vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}$ be the AW^* -submodule generated by $\{\pi_1(M)'a\}$ and E_a be the projection on $\vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}$ ([9, Theorem 3]), then $E_a \in \pi_1(M)''$. In fact, for any $A \in \pi_1(M)'$, $A\{\pi_1(M)'a\} \subset \vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}$. Let $\{e_\alpha\}$ be an orthogonal family of projections in Z with $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = 1$ and let $\{y_\alpha\}$ be a uniformly bounded subset of $\{\pi_1(M)'a\}$, then [9, p. 842, Definition], $A(\sum_\alpha e_\alpha y_\alpha) = \sum_\alpha e_\alpha A y_\alpha$ in \mathfrak{M} , so that $A(\sum_\alpha e_\alpha y_\alpha) \in \vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}$. The continuity of A implies $A(\vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}) \subset \vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\}$, that is, $AE_a = E_a AE_a$ for all $A \in \pi_1(M)'$, so that $E_a \in \pi_1(M)''$. E_a is called a cyclic projection relative to a .

Now we are in the position to state

THEOREM 5.1. $\pi_1(M)'' = \pi_1(M)$, that is, M can be imbedded as a double commutator in a type 1 AW^* -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ with the center which is $*$ -isomorphic with Z .

PROOF. By the spectral theorem, it suffices to show that $\pi_1(M)''_p = \pi_1(M)_p$. For any $P \in \pi_1(M)''_p$, let $\{E_x\}$ be a maximal family of orthogonal cyclic projections in $\pi_1(M)''$ majorized by P . By the definition of E_x , the standard argument shows that $P = \sum_x E_x$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$. Since $\pi_1(M)$ is an AW^* -subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, by [14, Lemma 4.5], in order to prove $P \in \pi_1(M)_p$, we have only to show that $E_x \in \pi_1(M)$ for all $x \in \mathfrak{M}$.

Let $x = u|x|$ be the polar decomposition of x in \mathcal{C} , then $E_x = \pi_1(u)E_{|x|}\pi_1(u)^*$. In fact, observe that $x = \pi_1(u)|x|$ and $|x| = \pi_1(u)^*x$, $Ax = \pi_1(u)A|x|$ and $\pi_1(u)^*Ax = A|x|$ for any $A \in \pi_1(M)'$, so that $\vee \{\pi_1(M)'x\} \supset \pi_1(u)(\vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\})$. For any $y \in \vee \{\pi_1(M)'x\}$ and for any positive real number ε , we can choose an orthogonal set $\{e_\alpha\}$ of projections in Z and a family $\{B_\alpha\}$ in $\pi_1(M)'$ such that $\sum_\alpha e_\alpha = 1$, $\sup_\alpha \|B_\alpha x\|_2 < \infty$ and $\|y - \sum_\alpha e_\alpha B_\alpha x\|_2 < \varepsilon$. Since $e_\alpha \pi_1(u) \pi_1(u)^* B_\alpha x = e_\alpha B_\alpha x$ for each α , we have $\|y - \pi_1(u) \pi_1(u)^* y\|_2 < 2\varepsilon$, that is, $y = \pi_1(u) \pi_1(u)^* y$. On the other hand, $\pi_1(u)^* B_\alpha x = B_\alpha |x|$ and $\|B_\alpha |x|\|_2 \leq \|B_\alpha x\|_2$ for each α implies that $\|\pi_1(u)^* y - \sum_\alpha e_\alpha B_\alpha |x|\|_2 < \varepsilon$ and $\pi_1(u)^* y \in \vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\}$. Therefore combining the above results, $y \in \pi_1(u)(\vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\})$, that is, $\vee \{\pi_1(M)'x\} = \pi_1(u)(\vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\})$. By the same way, it follows that $\pi_1(Rp(x))(\vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\}) = \vee \{\pi_1(M)'|x|\}$. From these facts, we get that $E_x = \pi_1(u)E_{|x|}\pi_1(u)^*$. Hence to prove that $E_x \in \pi_1(M)$, we may assume $x \geq 0$ without loss of generality.

Let $x \in \mathfrak{M}$ with $x \geq 0$, then there exist a projection e_n and f_n in $\{x\}''$ satisfying the properties described in the proof of Lemma 5.2. Let $a_n = x e_n f_n (\in \mathcal{F})$, then $a_n \uparrow$, $a_n \leq x$ and $|a_n - x|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$. Since $a_n = \pi_1(e_n f_n) x = \pi_2(e_n f_n) x$, $E_{a_n} \leq E_x$ and $E_{a_n} \uparrow$. Moreover $|a_n - x|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$ implies $E_{a_n} \uparrow E_x$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$. Thus by [14, Lemma 4.5], to prove $E_x \in \pi_1(M)$, we have only to show that $E_{a_n} \in \pi_1(M)$ for each n .

Now we shall prove that $E_a \in \pi_1(M)$ for all $a \in \mathcal{F}$. Since $\pi_1(M)$ is an AW*-subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, it is sufficient to show that $E_a = LP(\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M}))\pi_1(a)$ ([8, Lemma 2]). Observe that for any $b \in M \cap \mathfrak{M}$, $\pi_2(b)a = ab = \pi_1(a)b \in \vee \{\pi_1(a)\mathfrak{M}\}$, let E be the projection in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$ corresponding to $\vee \{\pi_1(a)\mathfrak{M}\}$, then $E\pi_2(b)a = \pi_2(b)a$ for all $b \in M \cap \mathfrak{M}$. The semi-finiteness of Φ implies that for any $A \in \pi_2(M)$, there is a net $\{a_\alpha\}$ in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$ such that $\|\pi_2(a_\alpha)\| \leq \|A\|$ for each α and $\pi_2(a_\alpha) \rightarrow A$ strongly in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$. Therefore $E\pi_2(b)a = \pi_2(b)a$ for all $b \in M$. For any $A \in \pi_2(M)'' (= \pi_1(M)')$, since $\pi_2(M)$ is an AW*-subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, by [14, Lemma 4.2], there is a bounded net $\{A_i\} \subset \pi_2(M)$ such that $A_i \rightarrow A$ strongly in $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, thus $E A_i a = A_i a$, which implies $\vee \{\pi_1(M)'a\} \subset \vee \{\pi_1(a)\mathfrak{M}\}$, that is $E_a \leq E$. For any $x \in \mathfrak{M}$, by Lemma 5.2, there is a sequence $\{b_n\}$ in $M \cap \mathfrak{M}$ such that $\|x - b_n\|_\Phi \rightarrow 0(0)$ and $\|b_n\|_2 \leq \|x\|_2$ for each n , so that $E_a \pi_1(a) b_n = \pi_1(a) b_n$ implies $E_a \pi_1(a) x = \pi_1(a) x$, that is, $E = E_a$. An easy calculation shows that $E = LP(\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M}))(\pi_1(a))$ and the proof is now completed.

COROLLARY. *Let \mathcal{B} be an AW*-algebra of type 1 with center \mathcal{Z} and let \mathcal{A} be a semi-finite AW*-subalgebra of \mathcal{B} which contains \mathcal{Z} , then $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}'$ in \mathcal{B} .*

By Theorem 5.1, the proof proceeds in entire analogy to that of [14, Theorem 4.4], so we omit the details.

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