# TAKESAKI'S DUALITY FOR REGULAR EXTENSIONS OF VON NEUMANN ALGEBRAS 

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#### Abstract

We extend Takesaki's duality to regular extensions, and hence twisted crossed products, of von Neumann algebras by locally compact groups.


Introduction. For a von Neumann algebra $M, \varepsilon$ denotes the canonical map of the automorphism group $\operatorname{Aut}(M)$ of $M$ to the quotient $\operatorname{Aut}(M) / \operatorname{Int}(M)=\operatorname{Out}(M)$ of $\operatorname{Aut}(M)$ by the normal subgroup of inner automorphisms. When $M_{*}$ is separable, and $G$ is a separable locally compact group (always endowed with a right Haar measure and modular function $\Delta$ ), we can associate to certain Borel mappings $\alpha_{(\cdot)}: t \mapsto \alpha_{t} \in \operatorname{Aut}(M)$ with $t \mapsto \varepsilon\left(\alpha_{t}\right)$ a homomorphism, a family of extensions of $M$ by $G$, known as regular extensions, or, in special cases, twisted crossed products, $[7,10,12,13,15]$. Indeed, since $\varepsilon\left(\alpha_{s}\right) \varepsilon\left(\alpha_{t}\right)=$ $\varepsilon\left(\alpha_{s t}\right)$ there is a Borel family $(s, t) \in G \times G \mapsto u(s, t) \in M$ of unitaries such that

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\alpha_{s} \circ \alpha_{t}=\operatorname{Ad} u(s, t) \circ \alpha_{s t}  \tag{1}\\
(\text { or }(\alpha \otimes \iota) \circ \alpha=\operatorname{Ad} u \circ(\iota \otimes \delta) \circ \alpha)
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $\delta$ is the isomorphism of $L^{\infty}(G)$ into $L^{\infty}(G) \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ determined by $(\delta f)(s, t) \equiv f(s t), f \in L^{\infty}(G) ; \alpha: M \rightarrow M \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ is given by $(\alpha(x))(t) \equiv$ $\alpha_{t}(x), x \in M$ and $(u \xi)(s, t) \equiv u(s, t) \xi(s, t)$ for $\xi \in \mathscr{C} \otimes L^{2}(G) \otimes L^{2}(G)$ (where $M$ acts on $\mathscr{H}$ ).

Since $t \mapsto \varepsilon\left(\alpha_{t}\right)$ is a homomorphism, we see

$$
\alpha_{r}(u(s, t)) u(r, s t)=f_{u}(r, s, t) u(r, s) u(r s, t)
$$

for some Borel map $f_{u}: G \times G \times G \rightarrow M$ with unitary values in the center of $M$. Also, $f_{u}$ is a 3-cocycle for the natural action of $G$ on the center of $M$. If $f_{u}$ cobounds, we may assume, by modifying by unitaries in the center of $M$, that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{r}(u(s, t)) u(r, s t)=u(r, s) u(r s, t) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

on $G \times G \times G$. Hence we may construct the regular extension $M \otimes_{\alpha, u} G$ of $M$ by $G$, as the von Neumann algebra on $\mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G)$ generated by the operators

$$
(\alpha(x) \xi)(t) \equiv \alpha_{t}(x) \xi(t), \quad\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \xi\right)(t) \equiv u(t, r) \xi(t r)
$$

for $x \in M, r \in G$ and $\xi \in \mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G)$. (See [13, Theorem 3.1.6] for
further details on regular extensions and the significance of $f_{u}$ cobounding.)

In order to formulate Takesaki's duality for a general locally compact group, we introduce the concept of a dual action of $G$ on a von Neumann algebra $N$; this is an isomorphism $\beta$ of $N$ into $N \otimes R(G)$ satisfying

$$
(\beta \otimes \iota) \circ \beta=(\iota \otimes \gamma) \circ \beta
$$

where $R(G)$ is the von Neumann algebra generated by the right regular representation $\lambda$ of $G$ and $\gamma$ is the isomorphism of $R(G)$ into $R(G) \otimes R(G)$ determined by $\gamma(\lambda(t))=\lambda(t) \otimes \lambda(t), t \in G$. The crossed dual product $N$ by $G, N \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\beta}^{d} G$, is the von Neumann algebra generated by $\beta(N)$ and $1 \otimes L^{\infty}(G),[3,6,8,9,11,14]$. Our main result, Theorem 2 extends Takesaki's duality to regular extensions, thus answering a question raised in $[13, \S 1]$.

Duality for regular extensions. Before beginning our discussion, we define unitaries $U, V, V^{\prime}$ and $W$ on $L^{2}(G) \otimes L^{2}(G)$ by $\cdot(U \xi)(s, t) \equiv \xi(t, s), \quad(V \xi)(s, t) \equiv \xi(s t, t), \quad\left(V^{\prime} \xi\right)(s, t) \equiv \Delta(t)^{1 / 2} \xi\left(t^{-1} s, t\right)$, and $W \equiv U V U$, so $(W \xi)(s, t)=\xi(s, t s)$. Note that $\operatorname{Ad} U$ is the symmetry $\sigma: x \otimes y \mapsto y \otimes x, \delta f=\operatorname{Ad} V\left(f \otimes 1_{G}\right), f \in L^{\infty}(G)$, and

$$
\gamma(\lambda(t))=\operatorname{Ad} W^{*}\left(\lambda(t) \otimes 1_{G}\right)
$$

Lemma 1. If $\hat{\alpha}$ is defined on $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$ by

$$
\widehat{\alpha}(y) \equiv \operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes W^{*}\left(y \otimes 1_{G}\right)
$$

then it is a dual action of $G$ on $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$.
Proof. Direct computations easily show

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes W^{*}\left(\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}\right)=\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}  \tag{4}\\
\operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes W^{*}\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes 1_{G}\right)=\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

The identity $(\hat{\alpha} \otimes \iota) \circ \hat{\alpha}=(\iota \otimes \gamma) \circ \hat{\alpha}$ now follows trivially on the generators of $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$, and hence on all of $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$.

Following [6, 8], we say that actions ${ }^{1} \alpha^{j}$ of a group $G$ on von Neumann algebras $M_{j}, j=1,2$ are equivalent if

$$
(\rho \otimes \ell) \circ \alpha^{1}=\alpha^{2} \circ \rho
$$

[^0]for some isomorphism $\rho$ of $M_{1}$ onto $M_{2}$; we denote this relation by $\left\{M_{1}, \alpha^{1}\right\} \sim\left\{M_{2}, \alpha^{2}\right\}$.

Theorem 2. Let $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv \operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes V^{\prime} \circ(\iota \otimes \sigma) \circ \operatorname{Ad} u^{*} \circ(\alpha \otimes \iota)$, and

$$
\widehat{\alpha}(x) \equiv \operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes V^{\prime}\left(x \otimes 1_{G}\right) \quad\left(x \in(M \underset{\alpha u}{\otimes} G){\underset{\hat{\alpha}}{\otimes} G), ~}_{\underset{\alpha}{d}} G\right)
$$

so that $\hat{\alpha}$ is the action ${ }^{2}$ of $G$ on $\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G\right) \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{d} G$ dual to $\hat{\alpha}$. Then $\tilde{\alpha}$ is an action of $G$ on $M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ and we have

$$
\{(M \underset{\alpha, u}{\boldsymbol{\otimes}} G) \underset{\hat{\alpha}}{\otimes} G, \widehat{\alpha}\} \sim\left\{M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right), \tilde{\alpha}\right\}
$$

Proof. We note first that the operators $\alpha(x), x \in M, \lambda^{u}(r), r \in G$ and $1 \otimes f, f \in L^{\infty}(G)$ generate $M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$. Indeed, if $N$ is the von Neumann algebra generated by the above operators, then $N^{\prime} \subset B(\mathscr{H}) \otimes$ $L^{\infty}(G)$. If $x \in N^{\prime}$, then for all $y \in M$ we see that

$$
\alpha_{t}(y) x(t) \xi(t)=(\alpha(y) x \xi)(t)=(x \alpha(y) \xi)(t)=x(t) \alpha_{t}(y) \xi(t)
$$

a.e. on $G$, so that $x(t) \in M^{\prime}$ a.e. Since also $\lambda^{u}(r) x=x \lambda^{u}(r)$ for all $r \in G$, we obtain $x(t) u(t, r)=u(t, r) x(t r)$ a.e. in $t$ for each $r \in G$. A routine argument now shows $x \in M^{\prime} \otimes 1_{G}$, and $N=M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$. Note that in fact we have shown that $\alpha(x), x \in M$ and $1 \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ generate $M \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$.

Now define a map $\rho: M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right) \rightarrow M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right) \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ by $\rho \equiv \operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes V^{*} \circ \operatorname{Ad} u^{*} \circ(\alpha \otimes \iota)$. We have then

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\rho(\alpha(x))=\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}  \tag{5}\\
\rho\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right)=\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r) \\
\rho(1 \otimes f)=1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes f
\end{array}\right.
$$

Of these, the last is trivial, the first follows from (1), and the second is checked as follows. Since, from (2),

$$
\alpha_{s t^{-1}}(u(t, r)) u\left(s t^{-1}, t r\right)=u\left(s t^{-1}, t\right) u(s, r),
$$

we have, for $\xi \in \mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G) \otimes L^{2}(G)$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
((1 \otimes & \left.\left.\otimes V^{*}\right) u^{*}\left(\alpha \otimes \iota\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right)\right) u(1 \otimes V) \xi\right)(s, t) \\
& =u\left(s t^{-1}, t\right)^{*}\left(\alpha \otimes \iota\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right) u(1 \otimes V) \xi\right)\left(s t^{-1}, t\right) \\
& =u\left(s t^{-1}, t\right)^{*} \alpha_{s t^{-1}}(u(t, r)) u\left(s t^{-1}, t r\right)((1 \otimes V) \xi)\left(s t^{-1}, t r\right) \\
& =u\left(s t^{-1}, t\right)^{*} \alpha_{s t^{-1}}(u(t, r)) u\left(s t^{-1}, t r\right) \xi(s r, t r)
\end{aligned}
$$

[^1]\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =u(s, r) \xi(s r, t r) \\
& =\left(\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r)\right) \xi\right)(s, t) .
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

Since, from (4), the right hand sides of (5) generate

$$
(M \underset{\alpha, u}{\otimes} G) \underset{\hat{\alpha}}{\bigotimes_{\hat{\alpha}}^{d}} G
$$

$\rho$ is an isomorphism of $M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ onto $\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G\right) \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{d} G$.
It remains to check the identity $(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \tilde{\alpha}=\hat{\alpha} \circ \rho$. Notice that $\tilde{\alpha}=\operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes V^{\prime} U V\right) \circ \rho$, and that

$$
\left(V^{\prime} U V \xi\right)(s, t)=\Delta(t)^{1 / 2} \xi\left(s, t^{-1} s\right), \quad\left(\left(V^{\prime} U V\right)^{*} \xi\right)(s, t)=\Delta\left(t s^{-1}\right)^{1 / 2} \xi\left(s, s t^{-1}\right) .
$$

Thus we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \tilde{\alpha}(\alpha(x)) & =(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes V^{\prime} U V\right)\left(\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \\
& =(\rho \otimes \iota)\left(\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \\
& =\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G} \otimes 1_{G}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \tilde{\alpha}\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right) & =(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes V^{\prime} U V\right)\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r)\right) \\
& =(\rho \otimes \iota)\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \\
& =\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r) \otimes 1_{G}
\end{aligned}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\alpha}(1 \otimes f) & =\operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes V^{\prime}\right) \circ(\iota \otimes \sigma) \circ \operatorname{Ad} u^{*}\left(1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes f\right) \\
& =\operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes V^{\prime}\right)\left(1 \otimes f \otimes 1_{G}\right)=1 \otimes \kappa f
\end{aligned}
$$

where $(\kappa f)(s, t)=f\left(t^{-1} s\right)$, by direct computation.
Finally, noticing that $\operatorname{Ad}^{\prime}\left(\lambda(r) \otimes 1_{G}\right)=\lambda(r) \otimes 1_{G}$, and that $\operatorname{Ad} V^{\prime}\left(f \otimes 1_{G}\right)=\kappa f$, we obtain also

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{\alpha} \circ \rho(\alpha(x)) & =\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G} \otimes 1_{G} \\
\hat{\alpha} \circ \rho\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right) & =\widehat{\alpha}\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r)\right) \\
& =\operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes V^{\prime}\right)\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \\
& =\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes \lambda(r) \otimes 1_{G}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{\alpha} \circ \rho(1 \otimes f) & =\widehat{\alpha}\left(1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes f\right) \\
& =\operatorname{Ad}\left(1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes V^{\prime}\right)\left(1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes f \otimes 1_{G}\right) \\
& =1 \otimes 1_{G} \otimes \kappa f
\end{aligned}
$$

the equality $(\rho \otimes \iota) \circ \tilde{\alpha}=\hat{\alpha} \circ \rho$ is verified.

Corollary 3. If ${ }^{u} \lambda(r)$ is defined on $\mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G) b y$

$$
\left({ }^{n} \lambda(r) \xi\right)(s) \equiv \Delta(r)^{1 / 2} u\left(r, r^{-1} s\right)^{*} \xi\left(r^{-1} s\right),
$$

then $\tilde{\alpha}_{t}=\operatorname{Ad}^{u} \lambda(t) \circ\left(\alpha_{t} \otimes \ell\right)$.
Proof. It suffices to show the indicated equality on the generators $\alpha(x), \lambda^{u}(r)$ and $1 \otimes f$ of $M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$. We compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left({ }^{u} \lambda(t)\right. & \left.\alpha_{t} \otimes \iota(\alpha(x))^{u} \lambda(t)^{*} \xi\right)(s) \\
& =\Delta(t)^{1 / 2} u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right)^{*}\left(\alpha_{t} \otimes \iota(\alpha(x))^{\lambda} \lambda(t)^{*} \xi\right)\left(t^{-1} s\right) \\
\quad & =u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right)^{*} \alpha_{t}\left(\alpha_{t^{-1} s}(x)\right) u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right) \xi(s) \\
& =\alpha_{s}(x) \xi(s)
\end{aligned}
$$

for $\xi \in \mathscr{C} \otimes L^{2}(G)$ and

$$
(\tilde{\alpha}(\alpha(x)) \xi)(s, t)=\left(\left(\alpha(x) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \xi\right)(s, t)=\alpha_{s}(x) \otimes 1_{G} \xi(s, t)
$$

for $\xi \in \mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G) \otimes L^{2}(G)$. Similarly, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\operatorname{Ad}^{u}{ }^{u} \lambda(t) \circ\left(\alpha_{t} \otimes \iota\right)\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right) \xi\right)(s) \\
& \quad=\Delta(t)^{1 / 2} u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right)^{*} \alpha_{t}\left(u\left(t^{-1} s, r\right)\right)\left({ }^{u} \lambda(t)^{*} \xi\right)\left(t^{-1} s r\right) \\
& \quad=u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right)^{*} \alpha_{t}\left(u\left(t^{-1} s, r\right)\right) u\left(t, t^{-1} s r\right) \xi(s r) \\
& \quad=u(s, r) \xi(s r) \quad \text { (by (2)) } \\
& \quad=\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \xi\right)(s),
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(\operatorname{Ad}^{u} \lambda(t) \circ\left(\alpha_{t} \otimes \iota\right)(1 \otimes f) \xi\right)(s) & =\left(\operatorname{Ad}^{u} \lambda(t)(1 \otimes f) \xi\right)(s) \\
& =u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right)^{*} f\left(t^{-1} s\right) u\left(t, t^{-1} s\right) \xi(s) \\
& =f\left(t^{-1} s\right) \xi(s)
\end{aligned}
$$

for $\xi \in \mathscr{H} \otimes L^{2}(G)$. Since

$$
\left(\tilde{\alpha}\left(\lambda^{u}(r)\right) \xi\right)(s, t)=\left(\left(\lambda^{u}(r) \otimes 1_{G}\right) \xi\right)(s, t)
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{\alpha}(1 \otimes f) \xi)(s, t) & =((1 \otimes \kappa f) \xi)(s, t) \\
& =f\left(t^{-1} s\right) \xi(s, t)
\end{aligned}
$$

for $\xi \in \mathscr{K} \otimes L^{2}(G) \otimes L^{2}(G)$, the verification is complete.
This result is a partial clarification of [13, Proposition 2.1.3] asserting that the 2 -cocycle $u \otimes 1_{G}$ cobounds with respect to $\alpha_{t} \otimes \iota$ in $M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$. Indeed, it is trivially checked that

$$
u(s, t) \otimes 1_{G}=\left(\alpha_{s} \otimes \iota\right)\left({ }^{u} \lambda(t)^{*}\right)^{u} \lambda(s)^{* u} \lambda(s t)
$$

as required.
For a given action $\theta$ of $G$ on a von Neumann algebra $N$, we write $N^{\theta} \equiv\left\{x \in N: \theta_{t}(x)=x, \forall t \in G\right\}$, the fixed point subalgebra of $N$.

Corollary 4. $\quad M \otimes_{\alpha, u} G=\left(M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)\right)^{\tilde{\alpha}}$.
Proof. Since $\left(\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G\right) \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{d} G\right)^{\hat{\hat{\alpha}}}=\hat{\alpha}\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G\right)$ by [8, Proposition 6.4], Takesaki's duality (Theorem 2) tells us that

$$
\hat{\alpha}(M \underset{\alpha, u}{\otimes} G)=\rho\left(\left(M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)\right)^{\tilde{\alpha}}\right)
$$

From (4) and (5), we see that $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\rho$ agree on $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$, so that $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G=\left(M \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)\right)^{\tilde{\alpha}}$ as claimed.

Corollary 4 gives some information on when regular extensions $M \otimes_{\alpha^{1}, u} G$ and $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{2}, v} G$ of $M$ by $G$, with $\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{1}=\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{2}$, are isomorphic. For if $\widetilde{\alpha}^{1}$ and $\tilde{\alpha}^{2}$ denote the actions of $G$ on $\bar{M} \equiv M \otimes$ $B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ with fixed point algebras $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{1}, u} G$ and $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{2}, v} G$ respectively, then $\bar{M} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\tilde{\alpha}^{1}} G$ and $\bar{M} \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\tilde{\alpha}^{2}} G$ will be isomorphic whenever there is a Borel map $t \in G \mapsto u_{t}$ with $\widetilde{\alpha}_{t}^{1}=\operatorname{Ad} u_{t} \circ \widetilde{\alpha}_{t}^{2}$ and $u_{t} \tilde{\alpha}_{t}^{2}\left(u_{s}\right)=u_{t s}$ for $t, s \in G$, [14]. On the other hand these crossed products are isomorphic respectively to $\left(M \otimes_{\alpha^{1}, u} G\right) \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ and $\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{2}, v} G\right) \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$, [8].

Also, note that $\varepsilon \circ \tilde{\alpha}^{1}=\varepsilon \cdot \tilde{\alpha}^{2}$ whenever $\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{1}=\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{2}$, so it is necessary only to provide conditions under which the "comparison cocycle" $\omega_{\tilde{\alpha}^{1}, \tilde{\alpha}^{2}}$ associated to $\widetilde{\alpha}^{1}$ and $\widetilde{\alpha}^{2}$ is trivial, [13]. The hypothesis of the next result are two situations in which this is known to happen, [1, 4].

Corollary 5. Let $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{1}, u} G$ and $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha^{2}, v} G$ be regular extensions of $M$ by $G$ with $\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{1}=\varepsilon \circ \alpha^{2}$. If either
(1) $G$ is discrete, acts freely on the center of $M$, and is a locally finite extension of a solvable group; or
(2) $G$ is a compact, abelian and connected group $K$, or $K \times \boldsymbol{R}$, and acts trivially on the center of $M$, then $\left(M \otimes_{\alpha^{1}, u} G\right) \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ and $\left(M \otimes_{\alpha^{2}, v} G\right) \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right)$ are isomorphic.

Just as in the case of ordinary crossed products, regular extensions may be characterized by the existence of a dual action and of a distinguished family of unitaries.

Theorem 6. Let $N$ be a von Neumann algebra with $N_{*}$ separable and $\beta$ a dual action of $G$ on $N$. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:
(i) there is $\{M, \alpha\}$ with $M_{*}$ separable such that $\{N, \beta\} \sim$ $\left\{M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G, \hat{\alpha}\right\}$ for some $u$; and
(ii) there is a Borel map $t=G \mapsto v(t) \in N$ with unitary values such that $\beta(v(t))=v(t) \otimes \lambda(t), t \in G$.

The proof goes the same way as in the proof $[5,8,11]$ except the following lemma.

Lemma 7. Assume the condition (ii) in Theorem 6. Then, $N$ is generated by $N^{\beta} \equiv\left\{y \in N: \beta(y)=y \otimes 1_{G}\right\}$ and $v(t), t \in G$.
$\operatorname{Proof}$ (Takesaki). Let $\bar{N} \equiv N \otimes F_{\infty}, \bar{\beta} \equiv(\iota \otimes \sigma) \circ(\beta \otimes \iota)$ and $\bar{v}(t) \equiv$ $v(t) \otimes 1$, where $F_{\infty}$ is a factor of type $I_{\infty}$. Then $\bar{\beta}$ is a dual action of $G$ on $\bar{N}, \bar{N}^{\beta}=N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$ is properly infinite and $\bar{\beta}(\bar{v}(t))=\bar{v}(t) \otimes \lambda(t)$ for all $t$. Therefore $\bar{\beta}$ is dominant ${ }^{3}$, because $\bar{\beta}(v)=\left(v \otimes 1_{G}\right)(1 \otimes W)$ for a unitary $v$ in $N \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ defined by $(v \xi)(t) \equiv v(t) \xi(t)$, [2,9]. Therefore there exists a strongly continuous unitary representation $u$ of $G$ in $\bar{N}$ such that $\bar{\beta}(u(t))=u(t) \otimes \lambda(t)$ by $[5,8,11]$. In this case $\bar{N}$ is generated by $N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$ and $u(t), t \in G$. If $e$ is a projection in $\bar{N}$ of the form $1 \otimes p$ with $\operatorname{dim} p=1$, then $\{N, \beta\}$ is identified with $\left\{\bar{N}_{e}, \bar{\beta}^{e}\right\}$. Since $\bar{\beta}(v(t))=v(t) \otimes \lambda(t), t \in G, v(t) u(t)^{*} \in N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$ and hence $v(t)=e w(t) u(t) e$ for some $w(t) \in N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$. Here we may assume that $w(t)=e w(t) \alpha_{t}(e)$. So, $w(t)$ is a partial isometry. If $x$ is an arbitrary element in $N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$, then

$$
e x u(t) e=e x w(t)^{*} w(t) u(t) e=e x w(t)^{*} v(t)
$$

and hence $e\left(N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}\right) u(t) e=N^{\beta} v(t)$. It remains to show that $e\left(N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}\right) u(t) e, t \in G$ generate $e \bar{N} e=N$. Since the set $L$ of all finite linear conbinations of $x u(t)$ with $x \in N^{\beta} \otimes F_{\infty}$ and $t \in G$ is a $\sigma$-weakly dense ${ }^{*}$-subalgebra of $\bar{N}, e L e$ is $\sigma$-weakly dense in $e \bar{N} e=N$. Consequently, $N^{\beta} v(t), t \in G$ generate $N$.

Proof of Theorem 6. That (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) has already verified in Lemma 1.
(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let $M \equiv N^{\beta}$. Since $\beta\left(v(t) x v(t)^{*}\right)=v(t) x v(t)^{*} \otimes 1_{G}$ for $x \in M, v(t)$ normalizes $M$. Also with $u(s, t) \equiv v(s) v(t) v(s t)^{*}$, we see $\beta(u(s, t))=u(s, t) \otimes 1_{G}$, so $u(s, t) \in M$ for $s, t \in G$.

Set $\alpha_{s} \equiv \operatorname{Ad} v(s) \upharpoonright M$. Then $\alpha_{s} \circ \alpha_{t}=\operatorname{Ad} u(s, t) \circ \alpha_{s t}$ and $\alpha_{r}(u(s, t)) u(r, s t)=u(t, s) u(r s, t)$. Then $\alpha$ and $u$ determine a regular extension $M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G$ of $M$ by $G$, with generators $\alpha(M)$ and $\lambda^{u}(s), s \in G$. Define a unitary $v$ in $N \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ by $(v \xi)(t)=v(t) \xi(t)$. Then, by di-

[^2]rect computation,
$$
v^{*} \lambda^{u}(s) v=\beta(v(s)) \quad \text { and } \quad v^{*} \alpha(x) v=\beta(x)
$$
for $s \in G$ and $x \in M$. Thus $v^{*}\left(M \boldsymbol{\otimes}_{\alpha, u} G\right) v=\beta(N)$ by Lemma 7 .
According to the above theorem we know the relation between [2, Theorem III. 3.1] and [5, Theorem].

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ An action $\alpha$ of $G$ on $M$ means a homomorphism of $G$ into Aut $(M)$ such that $t \mapsto \alpha_{t}(x)$ is $\sigma$-weakly continuous for each $x \in M$.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2} \alpha$ is an action of $G$ on $M$ if and only if $\alpha$ is a normal isomorphism of $M$ into $M \otimes L^{\infty}(G)$ with $(\alpha \otimes \iota) \circ \alpha=(\iota \otimes \delta) \circ \alpha$, [8, Theorem 2.1].

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ A dual action $\beta$ of $G$ on $N$ is said to be dominant, if $N^{\beta}$ is properly infinite and $\{\bar{N}, \bar{\beta}\} \sim\{\bar{N}, \tilde{\beta}\}$, where $\bar{N}=N \otimes B\left(L^{2}(G)\right), \bar{\beta}=(\iota \otimes \sigma) \circ(\beta \otimes \iota)$ and $\tilde{\beta}=(\operatorname{Ad} 1 \otimes W) \circ \bar{\beta}$. If $\beta$ is dominant, then $\{N, \beta\} \sim\{\bar{N}, \beta\} \sim\left\{\left(N \otimes_{B}^{d} G\right) \otimes_{\hat{\beta}} G, \widetilde{\tilde{\beta}}\right\}$.

