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# ON LEBESGUE TYPE DECOMPOSITION FOR COVARIANT COMPLETELY POSITIVE MAPS ON $C^{*}$-ALGEBRAS 

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#### Abstract

We show that there is an affine order isomorphism between completely positive maps from a $C^{*}$-algebra $A$ to the $C^{*}$-algebra $L(H)$ of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space $H, u$-covariant with respect to a $C^{*}$-dynamical system $(G, \alpha, A)$ and $u$-covariant completely positive maps from the crossed product $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ to $L(H)$, which preserves the Lebesgue decomposition.


## 1. Introduction And PreLiminaries

This note is motivated by the applications of the theory of completely positive maps to quantum information theory (operator valued completely positive maps on $C^{*}$-algebras are used as mathematical model for quantum operations [9]) and quantum probability [8].

A completely positive map from a $C^{*}$-algebra $A$ to the $C^{*}$-algebra $L(H)$ of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space $H$ is a linear map $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ such that for all positive integers $n$, the maps $\varphi^{(n)}: M_{n}(A) \rightarrow L\left(H^{n}\right)$ defined by

$$
\varphi^{(n)}\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{n}\right)=\left[\varphi\left(a_{i j}\right)\right]_{i, j=1}^{n},
$$

where $M_{n}(A)$ denotes the $C^{*}$-algebra of all $n \times n$ matrices over $A$, are positive, that is $\varphi^{(n)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{n}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{n}\right) \geq 0$ for all $\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{n} \in M_{n}(A)$. In [11] it is

[^0]shown that a completely positive map $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ is of the form
$$
\varphi(a)=V_{\varphi}^{*} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi},
$$
where $\Phi_{\varphi}$ is a *-representation of $A$ on a Hilbert space $H_{\varphi}$ and $V_{\varphi}$ is a bounded linear operator from $H$ to $H_{\varphi}$. The cone $\mathcal{C P}(A, H)$ of completely positive maps from $A$ to $L(H)$ defines a natural partial order relation and this relation is characterized by the Radon-Nikodým derivatives. In general, the Radon-Nikodým derivative is not a bounded linear operator. Two completely positive maps from $A$ to $L(H)$ are comparable (with respect to the order relation) if and only if the Radon-Nikodým derivative is a bounded linear operator (see, $[1,3,8]$ ). But not all completely positive maps can be compared. In $[1,3,4,8]$ is introduced the notion of absolute continuity for completely positive maps and it is shown that given two completely positive maps $\varphi$ and $\theta$ from $A$ to $L(H)$, which are not comparable, then $\varphi$ is absolutely continuous with respect to $\theta$ if and only if the Radon-Nikodým derivative of $\varphi$ with respect to $\theta$ is a unbounded positive self-adjoint operator. In [8], Parthasarthy extended the classical Lebesgue decomposition theorem for the unital operator valued completely positive maps on $C^{*}$-algebras. In Section 2 of this note, we extend these results to the case of operator valued covariant completely positive maps on $C^{*}$-algebras.

A $C^{*}$-dynamical system is a triple $(G, \alpha, A)$, where $G$ is a locally compact group, $A$ is a $C^{*}$-algebra and $\alpha$ is a continuous action of $G$ on $A$ (this is, $g \longmapsto \alpha_{g}$ is a group morphism from $G$ to the group of automorphisms of $A$ and the map $g \longmapsto \alpha_{g}(a)$ from $G$ to $A$ is continuous for all $\left.a \in A\right)$. Let $g \longmapsto u_{g}$ be a unitary representation of $G$ on a Hilbert space $H$. A completely positive linear map $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ is $u$-covariant with respect to the $C^{*}$-dynamical system $(G, \alpha, A)$ if

$$
\varphi\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right)=u_{g} \varphi(a) u_{g}^{*}
$$

for all $g \in G$ and for all $a \in A$. Paulsen [7] obtained a covariant version of the Stinespring construction. Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ be a $u$-covariant completely positive map. If $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$ is the covariant Stinespring construction associated to $\varphi$, the $\operatorname{map} \widehat{\varphi}: C_{c}(G, A) \rightarrow L(H)$ defined by

$$
\widehat{\varphi}(f)=\int_{G} \varphi(f(g)) u_{g} d g
$$

where $C_{c}(G, A)$ denotes the vector space of all continuous functions from $G$ to $A$ with compact support and $d g$ denotes a left Haar measure on $G$, extends to a completely positive map from the crossed product $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ of $A$ by $\alpha$ to $L(H)$, denoted also by $\widehat{\varphi}$ (see, for example, [6, 10]). Moreover, the Stinespring construction associated with $\widehat{\varphi}$ is unitarily equivalent with $\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$, where $\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}$ is the integral form of the covariant representation $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}\right)$. In Section 3, we show that the map $\varphi \mapsto \widehat{\varphi}$ from $u$-covariant completely positive maps from $A$ to $L(H)$ to $u$-covariant completely positive linear maps from $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ to $L(H)$ is an affine order isomorphism, which preserves the Lebesgue decomposition.

## 2. Covariant completely positive maps

Let $(G, \alpha, A)$ be a $C^{*}$-dynamical system and let $g \longmapsto u_{g}$ be a unitary representation of $G$ on a Hilbert space $H$ and let $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)=\{\varphi \in$ $\mathcal{C P}(A, H) ; \varphi$ is $u$-covariant with respect to $(G, \alpha, A)\}$.

In [7, Theorem 2.1] and [2, Theorem 4] it is given a covariant version of the Stinespring construction. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Then there is a quadruple $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$ consisting of a covariant representation $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}\right)$ of $(G, \alpha, A)$ and an element $V_{\varphi}$ in $L\left(H, H_{\varphi}\right)$ such that
(1) $V_{\varphi} u_{g}=v_{g}^{\varphi} V_{\varphi}$ for all $g \in G$;
(2) $\varphi(a)=V_{\varphi}^{*} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi}$ for all $a \in A$;
(3) $\left[\Phi_{\varphi}(A) V_{\varphi} H\right]=H_{\varphi}$, where $\left[\Phi_{\varphi}(A) V_{\varphi} H\right]$ denotes the closed linear subspace of $H_{\varphi}$ generated by $\left\{\Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi ; a \in A, \xi \in H\right\}$.
Moreover, the quadruple $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$ is unique with the properties (1) - (3) in the sense that if $(\Phi, v, K, V)$ is another quadruple consisting of a covariant representation $(\Phi, v, K)$ of $(G, \alpha, A)$ and an element $V$ in $L(H, K)$, which verifies the relations (1) - (3), then there is a unitary operator $U: K \rightarrow H_{\varphi}$ such that
(1) $\Phi(a)=U^{*} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) U$ for all $a \in A$;
(2) $v_{g}=U^{*} v_{g}^{\varphi} U$ for all $g \in G$;
(3) $V=U^{*} V_{\varphi}$.

Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. We say that $\varphi \leq \theta$ if $\theta-\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. This relation is a partial order relation on $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. We say that $\varphi$ is uniformly dominated by $\theta$, and we write $\varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$, if there is $\lambda>0$ such that $\varphi \leq \lambda \theta$. This relation is a partial preorder relation on $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Clearly, if $\varphi \leq \theta$, then $\varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$.

Suppose that $\varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$. Then there is a bounded linear operator $J_{\theta}(\varphi): H_{\theta} \rightarrow$ $H_{\varphi}$ such that $J_{\theta}(\varphi)\left(\Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} \xi\right)=\Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi$ for all $\xi \in A$. Moreover,

$$
J_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}(a)=\Phi_{\varphi}(a) J_{\theta}(\varphi) \text { for all } a \in A
$$

and

$$
J_{\theta}(\varphi) v_{g}^{\theta}=v_{g}^{\varphi} J_{\theta}(\varphi) \text { for all } g \in G
$$

Let $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)=J_{\theta}(\varphi)^{*} J_{\theta}(\varphi)$. Then $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is a positive element in $\Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}$ and

$$
\varphi(a)=V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} \text { for all } a \in A
$$

Moreover, $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is unique with these properties. If $\varphi \leq \theta$, then $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \leq I_{H_{\theta}}$. The positive linear operator $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is called the Radon-Nikodým derivative of $\varphi$ with respect to $\theta$.

In [5] it is shown that the map $\varphi \mapsto \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ from $\{\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u) ; \varphi \leq$ $\theta\}$ to $\left\{T \in \Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime} ; 0 \leq T \leq I_{H_{\theta}}\right\}$ is an affine order isomorphism and its inverse is given by $T \mapsto \theta_{T}$, where $\theta_{T}(a)=V_{\theta}^{*} T \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta}$ for all $a \in A$.

In the same manner, it can be shown that the map $\varphi \mapsto \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ from $\{\varphi \in$ $\left.{ }_{\mathcal{C P}}((G, \alpha, A), H, u) ; \varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta\right\}$ to $\left\{T \in \Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime} ; 0 \leq T\right\}$ is an affine order isomorphism.

Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ with $\varphi \leq \theta$. As in the case of completely positive maps from $A$ to $L(H)$ we can recover the covariant Stinesprning construction of $\varphi$ from the covariant Stinespring construction of $\theta$ (see, [3]). Since $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \in \Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}, \quad P_{\operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}, P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \in \Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime} \quad$ and $\left(\left.\Phi_{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)},\left.v^{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}, H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)\right)$ is a covariant representation of $(G, \alpha, A)$. Moreover, $P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta} \in L\left(H, H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)\right.$. A simple calculus shows that
$\varphi(a)=\left.\left(P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right)^{*} \Phi_{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}(a)\left(P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right)$
for all $a \in A$ and

$$
\left(P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right) u_{g}=\left.v_{g}^{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}\left(P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right)
$$

for all $g \in G$, and since

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\left.\Phi_{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}(A)\left(P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right) H\right] } \\
&= {\left[P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Phi_{\theta}(A) \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta} H\right] } \\
&= {\left[P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\theta}(A) V_{\theta} H\right] } \\
&= {\left[P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} H_{\theta}\right] } \\
&= H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right) \\
&\left(\left.\Phi_{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)},\left.v^{\theta}\right|_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)}, H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right), P_{H_{\theta} \ominus \operatorname{ker}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right)} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right) \text { is }
\end{aligned}
$$

the covariant Stinespring construction associated to $\varphi$.
Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. We say that $\varphi$ is uniformly equivalent to $\theta$, and we write $\varphi \equiv_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$, if $\varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$ and $\theta \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \varphi$.
Proposition 2.1. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. If $\varphi \equiv \mathcal{U} \theta$, then the covariant representations $\left(\Phi_{\theta}, v^{\theta}, H_{\theta}\right)$ and $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}\right)$ of $(G, \alpha, A)$ associated to $\theta$ and $\varphi$ are unitarily equivalent.
Proof. Since $\varphi \equiv \mathcal{U} \theta, J_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is invertible [8]. Then $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is invertible and so there is a unitary operator $U: H_{\theta} \rightarrow H_{\varphi}$ such that $J_{\theta}(\varphi)=U \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Moreover, $U \Phi_{\theta}(a)=\Phi_{\varphi}(a) U$ for all $a \in A$ [8]. Let $g \in G$. From

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(U v_{g}^{\theta}\right)\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} \xi\right) & =U \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\theta}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) v_{g}^{\theta} V_{\theta} \xi \\
& =J_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\theta} u_{g} \xi \\
& =\Phi_{\varphi}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\varphi} u_{g} \xi \\
& =v_{g}^{\varphi} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) v_{g^{-1}}^{\varphi} V_{\varphi} u_{g} \xi=v_{g}^{\varphi} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi \\
& =v_{g}^{\varphi} J_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} \xi \\
& =\left(v_{g}^{\varphi} U\right)\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} \xi\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $a \in A$ and for all $\xi \in H$, and taking into account that $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is surjective and $\left[\Phi_{\theta}(A) V_{\theta} H\right]=H_{\theta}$, we deduce that $U v_{g}^{\theta}=v_{g}^{\varphi} U$. Therefore, the covariant representations $\left(\Phi_{\theta}, v^{\theta}, H_{\theta}\right)$ and $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}\right)$ of $(G, \alpha, A)$ associated to $\theta$ and $\varphi$ are unitarily equivalent.

Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. We say that $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous, and we write $\varphi \ll \theta$, if there is an increasing sequence $\left(\varphi_{n}\right)_{n}$ in $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\varphi_{n} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$ for all positive integers $n$ and the sequence $\left(\varphi_{n}(a)\right)_{n}$ converges to $\varphi(a)$ with respect to the strong topology on $L(H)$ for each $a \in A$.

Lemma 2.2. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}(A, H)$ and let $\left\{\varphi_{n}\right\}_{n}$ be an increasing sequence in $\mathcal{C P}(A, H)$. Then $\left\{\varphi_{n}(a)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $\varphi(a)$ for each $a \in A$ if and only if $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$ and the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$.
Proof. Let $\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} \in M_{m}(A)$. It is not difficult to check that the sequence $\left\{\varphi_{n}^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $\varphi^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)$, and since $\left\{\varphi_{n}^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)\right\}_{n}$ is an increasing sequence of positive operators, $\varphi_{n}^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right) \leq \varphi^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[a_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)$ for all positive integers $n$. Therefore, $\varphi-\varphi_{n} \in \mathcal{C P}(A, H)$ and so $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$. From

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\|\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right) \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi-\Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi\right\|^{2} \\
= & \left\langle\left(I_{H}-\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right) \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi,\left(I_{H}-\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right) \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi\right\rangle \\
\leq & \left\langle\left(I_{H}-\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right) \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi, \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi\right\rangle \\
= & \left\langle V_{\varphi}^{*}\left(I_{H}-\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right) \Phi_{\varphi}\left(a^{*} a\right) V_{\varphi} \xi, \xi\right\rangle \\
= & \left|\left\langle\left(\varphi\left(a^{*} a\right)-\varphi_{n}\left(a^{*} a\right)\right) \xi, \xi\right\rangle\right| \\
\leq & \left\|\left(\varphi\left(a^{*} a\right)-\varphi_{n}\left(a^{*} a\right)\right) \xi\right\|\|\xi\|
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $\xi \in H$, for all $a \in A$ and taking into account that $\left[\Phi_{\varphi}(A) V_{\varphi} H\right]=H_{\varphi}$, we deduce that the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$.

Conversely, if $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$ and if the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$, then it is easy to verify that $\left\{\varphi_{n}(a)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $\varphi(a)$ for each $a \in A$.
Remark 2.3. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Then $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous if and only if there is an increasing sequence $\left\{\varphi_{n}\right\}_{n}$ in $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\varphi_{n} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$ and $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$ and the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$.

As in the case of completely positive maps on $C^{*}$-algebras [3, Theorem 2.11] or [8], we have the following theorem.
Theorem 2.4. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ and let $\left(\Phi_{\theta}, v^{\theta}, H_{\theta}, V_{\theta}\right)$ be the Stinespring construction associated to $\theta$. Then $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous if and only if there is a unique positive selfadjoint linear operator $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ in $H_{\theta}$ such that
(1) $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is affiliated with $\Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime}$ and $v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}$;
(2) $\Phi_{\theta}(A) V_{\theta} H$ is a core for $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$;
(3) $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta} \in L\left(H, H_{\theta}\right)$;
(4) $\varphi(a)=\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right) \Phi_{\theta}(a)\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right)$ for all $a \in A$.

Proof. By [3, Theorem 2.11], there is a unique positive selfadjoint linear operator $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ in $H_{\theta}$ such that
(1) $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is affiliated with $\Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime}$;
(2) $\Phi_{\theta}(A) V_{\theta} H$ is a core for $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}}$;
(3) $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta} \in L\left(H, H_{\theta}\right)$;
(4) $\varphi(a)=\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right) \Phi_{\theta}(a)\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{\theta}\right)$ for all $a \in A$.

To prove the theorem, it remains to show that $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is affiliated with $v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}$. By the proof of Theorem 7.13 [3], $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)=\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, where $\rho=\varphi+\theta$ and $\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)$ is supposed to be injective. Then, modulo a unitary equivalence, $H_{\theta}=H_{\rho}$ and $v^{\theta}=v^{\rho}$. From $v_{g}^{\rho} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}=\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} v_{g}^{\rho}$ for all $g \in G$, we deduce that $\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} v_{g}^{\rho} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}=v_{g}^{\rho}$ for all $g \in G$, and then

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{g}^{\theta} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\left(\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi\right) & =v_{g}^{\theta} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi \\
& =v_{g}^{\rho} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi \\
& =\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) v_{g}^{\rho} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi \\
& =\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} v_{g}^{\rho} \Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi \\
& =\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) v_{g}^{\rho}\left(\Delta_{\rho}(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} \xi\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $a \in A$, for all $\xi \in H$ and for all $g \in G$. Therefore, $\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$ is affiliated with $v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}$ and the theorem is proved.
Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. We say that $\varphi$ is $\theta$-singular if the only $\psi \in$ $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\psi \leq \varphi$ and $\psi \leq \theta$ is 0 .

The following theorem extends [3, Theorem 3.1].
Theorem 2.5. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Then there are $\varphi_{a c}$ and $\varphi_{s}$ in $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that
(1) $\varphi_{a c}$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous and $\varphi_{s}$ is $\theta$-singular;
(2) $\varphi=\varphi_{a c}+\varphi_{s}$;
(3) $\varphi_{a c}$ is maximal in the sense that if $\psi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous and $\psi \leq$ $\varphi_{a c}$, then $\psi=\varphi_{a c}$.
Proof. By [3, Theorem 3.1], there are $\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}, \varphi_{\mathrm{s}} \in \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P}(A, H)$ such that $\varphi=\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$ $+\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}, \varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous and maximal, in the sense that if $\sigma$ is a completely positive map from $A$ to $L(H), \theta$-absolutely continuous and $\sigma \leq \varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$, then $\sigma=\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$, and $\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}$ is $\theta$-singular. Moreover,

$$
\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}(a)=V_{\rho}^{*} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) P_{H_{\rho} \ominus \operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho}
$$

and

$$
\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}(a)=V_{\rho}^{*} P_{\mathrm{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho}
$$

for all $a \in A$, where $\rho=\varphi+\theta$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) & =V_{\rho}^{*} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) P_{H_{\rho} \ominus \operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\rho} \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) P_{H_{\rho} \ominus \operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} v_{g}^{\rho} \Phi_{\rho}(a) v_{g^{-1}}^{\rho} V_{\rho} \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*} v_{g}^{\rho} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) P_{H_{\rho} \ominus \operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) v_{g^{-1}}^{\rho} V_{\rho} \\
& =u_{g} V_{\rho}^{*} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi) P_{H_{\rho} \ominus \operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} u_{g^{-1}}=u_{g} \varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}(a) u_{g^{-1}}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) & =V_{\rho}^{*} P_{\operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\rho}=V_{\rho}^{*} P_{\operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} v_{g}^{\rho} \Phi_{\rho}(a) v_{g^{-1}}^{\rho} V_{\rho} \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*} v_{g}^{\rho} P_{\operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) v_{g^{-1}}^{\rho} V_{\rho} \\
& =u_{g} V_{\rho}^{*} P_{\operatorname{ker} \Delta_{\rho}(\varphi)} \Phi_{\rho}(a) V_{\rho} u_{g^{-1}}=u_{g} \varphi_{\mathrm{s}}(a) u_{g^{-1}}
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $g \in G$ and for all $a \in A$. Therefore, $\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}, \varphi_{\mathrm{s}} \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$.
Let $\psi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\psi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous and $\psi \leq$ $\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$. Then, by [3, Theorem 3.1], $\psi=\varphi_{\mathrm{ab}}$ and the theorem is proved.

Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. The decomposition $\varphi=\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}+\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}$ is called the $\theta$-Lebesgue decomposition of $\varphi, \varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$ is called the absolutely continuos part and $\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}$ is the singular part of $\varphi$ with respect to $\theta$.

As in the case of completely positive maps on $C^{*}$-algebras [3], we have
Corollary 2.6. Let $\varphi, \psi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. If $\varphi=\varphi_{a c}+\varphi_{s}$ and $\psi=\psi_{a c}$ $+\psi_{s}$ are the $\theta$-Lebesgue decomposition of $\varphi$ and $\theta$. Then
(1) $\varphi$ is $\theta$-singular if and only if $\varphi_{a c}=0$
(2) $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous if and only if $\varphi_{s}=0$
(3) $(t \varphi)_{a c}=t \varphi_{a c}$ for each positive number $t$
(4) $\varphi_{a c}+\psi_{a c} \leq(\varphi+\psi)_{a c}$, where $(\varphi+\psi)_{a c}$ is the absolutely continuous part of $\varphi+\psi$ with respect to $\theta$
(5) If $\psi \leq \varphi$, then $\psi_{a c} \leq \varphi_{a c}$.

## 3. Covariant completely positive maps and crossed products

Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. If $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$ is the covariant Stinespring construction associated to $\varphi$, the map $\widehat{\varphi}: C_{c}(G, A) \rightarrow L(H)$ defined by

$$
\widehat{\varphi}(f)=\int_{G} \varphi(f(g)) u_{g} d g
$$

where $C_{c}(G, A)$ denotes the vector space of all continuous functions from $G$ to $A$ with compact support, extends to a completely positive map from $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ to $L(H)$, denoted also by $\widehat{\varphi}$ (see, for example, [6, 10]). Moreover, the Stinespring construction associated with $\widehat{\varphi}$ is unitarily equivalent with $\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}, V_{\varphi}\right)$, where $\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}$ is the integral form of the covariant representation $\left(\Phi_{\varphi}, v^{\varphi}, H_{\varphi}\right)$.

Proposition 3.1. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$.
(1) The map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is an affine order isomorphism from $\{\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A)$, $H, u) ; \varphi \leq \theta\}$ to $\left\{\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right) ; \rho \leq \widehat{\theta}\right\}$.
(2) The map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is an affine order isomorphism from $\{\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A)$, $\left.H, u) ; \varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta\right\}$ to $\left\{\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right), H\right) ; \rho \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \widehat{\theta}\right\}$.

Proof. (1) Let $\left(\Phi_{\theta}, v^{\theta}, H_{\theta}, V_{\theta}\right)$ be the covariant Stinespring construction associated to $\theta$ and let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ with $\varphi \leq \theta$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \widehat{\varphi}^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[f_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[f_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right) \\
= & {\left[\widehat{\varphi}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}=\left[\int_{G} \varphi\left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)(g)\right) u_{g} d g\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[\int_{G} V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}\left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)(g)\right) V_{\theta} u_{g} d g\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[\int_{G} V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \Phi_{\theta}\left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)(g)\right) v_{g}^{\theta} V_{\theta} d g\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi) \int_{G} \Phi_{\theta}\left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)(g)\right) v_{g}^{\theta} V_{\theta} d g\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[\sum_{k=1}^{m}\left(\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i k}\right) V_{\theta}\right)^{*}\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{k j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & \left(\left[\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[\delta_{i j} \Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\left[\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} \\
\leq & \left(\left[\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} \\
= & {\left[V_{\theta}^{*} \sum_{k=1}^{m}\left(\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{i k}\right)\right)^{*}\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(f_{k j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[V_{\theta}^{*}\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right) V_{\theta}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m} } \\
= & {\left[\widehat{\theta}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} f_{i k}^{\#} * f_{k j}\right)\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}=\widehat{\theta}^{(m)}\left(\left(\left[f_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)^{*}\left[f_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{m}\right)_{i, j=1}^{m} }
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $\left[f_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{n} \in M_{m}\left(C_{c}(G, A)\right)$ and so $\widehat{\theta}-\widehat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right)$. Therefore, the $\operatorname{map} \varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is well defined.

Clearly,

$$
\widehat{\varphi+\sigma}=\widehat{\varphi}+\widehat{\sigma}
$$

and

$$
\widehat{\lambda \varphi}=\lambda \widehat{\varphi}
$$

for all $\varphi, \sigma \in \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ and for all positive numbers $\lambda$.
Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. If $\widehat{\varphi}=0$, then

$$
V_{\varphi}^{*}\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}\right)(x)^{*}\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}\right)(x) V_{\varphi}=\widehat{\varphi}\left(x^{*} x\right)=0
$$

for all $x \in G \times{ }_{\alpha} A$ and so $\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}\right)(x) V_{\varphi}=0$ for all $x \in G \times{ }_{\alpha} A$. But

$$
\varphi(a) \xi=V_{\varphi}^{*} \Phi_{\varphi}(a) V_{\varphi} \xi=V_{\varphi}^{*} \lim _{i}\left(\Phi_{\varphi} \times v^{\varphi}\right)\left(e_{i} \mathrm{i}_{A}(a)\right) V_{\varphi} \xi=0
$$

where $\left\{e_{i}\right\}_{i}$ is an approximate unit for $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ and $\mathrm{i}_{A}$ is a non-degenerate faithful homomorphism from $A$ to the multiplier algebra of $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G,\left(i_{A}(a) f\right)(g)=a f(g)$ for all $g \in G$ and for all $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$ (see, for example, [12, Proposition 2.40]), for all $a \in A$ and for all $\xi \in H$. Therefore $\varphi=0$, and so the map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ from $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ to $\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right)$ is injective.

To prove the assertion (1) it remains to show that the map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is surjective. Let $\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right), \rho \leq \widehat{\theta}$. Then

$$
\rho(x)=V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho)\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)(x) V_{\theta}
$$

for all $x \in G \times{ }_{\alpha} A$. Consider the map $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ defined by

$$
\varphi(a)=V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} .
$$

Since $\Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \in\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(G \times{ }_{\alpha} A\right)^{\prime}$ and since $\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right)^{\prime}=\Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime} \cap$ $v^{\theta}(G)^{\prime}, \Delta_{\hat{\theta}}(\rho) \in \Phi_{\theta}(A)^{\prime}$ and so $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}(A, H)$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) & =V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \Phi_{\theta}\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\theta}=V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) v_{g}^{\theta} \Phi_{\theta}(a)\left(v_{g}^{\theta}\right)^{*} V_{\theta} \\
& =V_{\theta}^{*} v_{g}^{\theta} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \Phi_{\theta}(a)\left(v_{g}^{\theta}\right)^{*} V_{\theta}=u_{g} V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \Phi_{\theta}(a) V_{\theta} u_{g}^{*}=u_{g} \varphi(a) u_{g}^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $a \in A$ and for all $g \in G$. Therefore, $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$, and $\varphi \leq \theta$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\varphi}(f) & =\int_{G} \varphi(f(g)) u_{g} d g=\int_{G} V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \Phi_{\theta}(f(g)) V_{\theta} u_{g} d g \\
& =V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho) \int_{G} \Phi_{\theta}(f(g)) v_{g}^{\theta} V_{\theta} d g \\
& =V_{\theta}^{*} \Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\rho)\left(\Phi_{\theta} \times v^{\theta}\right)(f) V_{\theta}=\rho(f)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$, and so the map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ from $\{\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$; $\varphi \leq \theta\}$ to $\left\{\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right) ; \rho \leq \widehat{\theta}\right\}$ is surjective.
(2) It follows in the same manner as assertion (1).

Corollary 3.2. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\varphi \leq \theta$ or $\varphi \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$. Then $\Delta_{\widehat{\theta}}(\widehat{\varphi})=\Delta_{\theta}(\varphi)$.

Corollary 3.3. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Then $\varphi=\mathcal{U} \theta$ if and only if $\widehat{\varphi}=\mathcal{U} \widehat{\theta}$.

Let $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$ and $g \in G$. Then the map $f_{g}: G \rightarrow A$ defined by $f_{g}(t)=$ $f\left(g^{-1} t\right)$ is an element in $C_{c}(G, A)$.

A completely positive map $\rho: A \times_{\alpha} G \rightarrow L(H)$ is $u$-covariant if $\rho\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}\right)=$ $u_{g} \rho(f)$ for all $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$ and for all $g \in G$ (see [10]).

Let $\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right)=\left\{\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H\right) ; \rho\right.$ is $u$-covariant $\}$. In [10] it is shown that there is an isomorphism between the unital completely positive maps from a unital $C^{*}$-algebra $A$ to $L(H), u$-covariant with respect to the $C^{*}$ dynamical system $(G, \alpha, A)$ and the normalized $u$-covariant completely positive maps from $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ to $L(H)$. In the following theorem we extend this result.

Theorem 3.4. The map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is an affine order isomorphism from $\{\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha$, A), $H, u) ; \leq\}$ to $\left\{\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right) ; \leq\right\}$ respectively from $\{\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$; $\left.\leq_{\mathcal{U}}\right\}$ to $\left\{\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right) ; \leq \mathcal{U}\right\}$.

Proof. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u), f \in C_{c}(G, A)$ and $g \in G$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\varphi}\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}\right) & =\int_{G} \varphi\left(\alpha_{g}\left(f_{g}(s)\right)\right) u_{s} d s=\int_{G} u_{g} \varphi\left(f\left(g^{-1} s\right)\right) u_{g^{-1}} u_{s} d s \\
& =u_{g} \int_{G} \varphi(f(t)) u_{t} d t=u_{g} \widehat{\varphi}(f)
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, the map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ is well defined.
According to Proposition 3.1, to prove the theorem it is sufficient to show that the map is surjective. Let $\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right)$ and let $\left(\Phi_{\rho}, H_{\rho}, V_{\rho}\right)$ be the Stinespring construction associated to $\rho$. By [12, Proposition 2.40] there is a covariant representation $\left(\Phi, v, H_{\rho}\right)$ of $(G, \alpha, A)$ such that $\Phi \times v=\Phi_{\rho}$.

Consider the map $\varphi: A \rightarrow L(H)$ defined by

$$
\varphi(a)=V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi(a) V_{\rho} .
$$

Clearly, $\varphi$ is completely positive. To show that $\varphi$ is $u$-covariant with respect to $(G, \alpha, A)$ it is sufficient to show that $V_{\rho} u_{g}=v_{g} V_{\rho}$ for all $g \in G$, since

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) & =V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi\left(\alpha_{g}(a)\right) V_{\rho}=V_{\rho}^{*} v_{g} \Phi(a) v_{g^{-1}} V_{\rho} \\
& =u_{g} V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi(a) V_{\rho} u_{g^{-1}}=u_{g} \varphi(a) u_{g^{-1}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

By the Stinesprig construction, $H_{\rho}$ is the completion of the pre-Hilbert space $\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right) \otimes_{\text {alg }} H$ with the pre-innner product given by

$$
\langle x \otimes \xi, y \otimes \eta\rangle=\left\langle\rho\left(y^{*} x\right) \xi, \eta\right\rangle
$$

Moreover, $\quad V_{\rho}^{*}(x \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N})=\rho(x) \xi$, where $\mathcal{N}=\left\{x \otimes \xi \in\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right) \otimes_{\text {alg }} H\right.$; $\langle x \otimes \xi, x \otimes \xi\rangle=0\}$, and $\Phi_{\rho}(x)(y \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N})=x y \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N}$ for all $x, y \in A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ and for all $\xi \in H$.

Let $f \in C_{c}(G, A), g \in G, \xi \in H$ and $\left\{e_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}$ an approximate unit for $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$. Then

$$
\left(u_{g} V_{\rho}^{*}\right)(f \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N})=u_{g} \rho(f) \xi
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(V_{\rho}^{*} v_{g}\right)(f \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N}) & =V_{\rho}^{*}\left(\lim _{i} \Phi_{\rho}\left(e_{i} \mathrm{i}_{G}(g)\right)(f \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N})\right) \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*}\left(\lim _{i} e_{i} \mathrm{i}_{G}(g) f \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N}\right) \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*}\left(\lim _{i} e_{i}\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}\right) \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N}\right) \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*}\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g} \otimes \xi+\mathcal{N}\right)=\rho\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}\right) \xi
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\mathrm{i}_{G}$ is an injective strictly continuous homomorphism from $G$ to the unitary group from the multiplier algebra of $A \times{ }_{\alpha} G$ such that $\mathrm{i}_{G}(g) f=\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}$ for all $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$ (see, for example, [12, Proposition 2.40]). But

$$
\rho\left(\alpha_{g} \circ f_{g}\right) \xi=u_{g} \rho(f) \xi
$$

and so $u_{g} V_{\rho}^{*}=V_{\rho}^{*} v_{g}$. Therefore, $V_{\rho} u_{g}=v_{g} V_{\rho}$ for all $g \in G$, and so $\varphi \in$ $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\varphi}(f) & =\int_{G} \varphi(f(g)) u_{g} d g=\int_{G} V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi(f(g)) V_{\rho} u_{g} d g \\
& =\int_{G} V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi(f(g)) v_{g} V_{\rho} d g=V_{\rho}^{*}(\Phi \times v)(f) V_{\rho} \\
& =V_{\rho}^{*} \Phi_{\rho}(f) V_{\rho}=\rho(f)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $f \in C_{c}(G, A)$. Therefore, $\widehat{\varphi}=\rho$ and the map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ from $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A)$, $H, u)$ to $\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right)$ is surjective.

Theorem 3.5. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$. Then
(1) $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous if and only if $\widehat{\varphi}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-absolutely continuous;
(2) $\varphi$ is $\theta$-singular if and only if $\widehat{\varphi}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-singular.

Proof. (1) First, we suppose that $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous. Then, by Remark 2.3, there is an increasing sequence $\left\{\varphi_{n}\right\}_{n}$ in $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\varphi_{n} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$ and $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$ and the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$. By Proposition 3.1, $\left\{\widehat{\varphi_{n}}\right\}_{n}$ is an increasing sequence in $\mathcal{C P}\left(A \times_{\alpha} G, H\right)$ such that $\widehat{\varphi_{n}} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \widehat{\theta}$ and $\widehat{\varphi_{n}} \leq \widehat{\varphi}$ for all positive integers $n$. But, for each positive integer $n, \Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)=\Delta_{\widehat{\varphi}}\left(\widehat{\varphi_{n}}\right)$ (Corollary 3.2), and then the sequence $\left\{\widehat{\varphi_{n}}(x)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $\widehat{\varphi}(x)$ for all $x \in G \times_{\alpha} A$. Therefore, $\widehat{\varphi}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-absolutely continuous.

Conversely, suppose that $\widehat{\varphi}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-absolutely continuous. Then there is an increasing sequence $\left\{\rho_{n}\right\}_{n}$ in $\mathcal{C P}\left(A \times_{\alpha} G, H\right)$ such that $\rho_{n} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \widehat{\theta}$ and $\rho_{n} \leq \widehat{\varphi}$ for all positive integers $n$, and the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\rho_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$. Since $\left\{\rho_{n}\right\}_{n}$ is an increasing sequence in $\mathcal{C P}\left(A \times_{\alpha} G, H\right)$, by Proposition 3.1, there is an increasing sequence $\left\{\varphi_{n}\right\}_{n}$ in $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\widehat{\varphi_{n}}=\rho_{n}$ for all positive integers $n$. Moreover, $\varphi_{n} \leq_{\mathcal{U}} \theta$ and $\varphi_{n} \leq \varphi$ for all positive integers $n$, and since $\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)=\Delta_{\hat{\varphi}}\left(\widehat{\varphi_{n}}\right)=\Delta_{\hat{\varphi}}\left(\rho_{n}\right)$ for all positive integers $n$, the sequence $\left\{\Delta_{\varphi}\left(\varphi_{n}\right)\right\}_{n}$ converges strongly to $I_{H}$. Therefore, $\varphi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous.
(2) Suppose that $\varphi$ is $\theta$-singular. Let $\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G, H\right)$ such that $\rho \leq \widehat{\varphi}, \widehat{\theta}$. Then $\rho \in \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P}\left(A \times_{\alpha} G, H, u\right)$ and there is $\psi \in \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\widehat{\psi}=\rho$. By Theorem 3.4, $\psi \leq \varphi, \theta$ and then $\psi=0$ and so $\rho=0$.

Conversely, suppose that $\widehat{\varphi}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-singular. If $\psi \leq \varphi, \theta$, then $\widehat{\psi} \leq \widehat{\varphi}, \widehat{\theta}$, whence it follows that $\widehat{\psi}=0$ and so $\psi=0$.
Corollary 3.6. The map $\varphi \rightarrow \widehat{\varphi}$ from $\mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ to $\mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times{ }_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right)$ preserves the Lebesgue decomposition.
Proof. Let $\varphi, \theta \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ and let $\varphi=\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}+\varphi_{\mathrm{s}}$ be the Lebesgue decomposition of $\varphi$ with respect to $\theta$. Then $\widehat{\varphi}=\widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}+\widehat{\varphi_{\widehat{\mathrm{S}}}}$ and moreover, $\widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}$ is $\widehat{\theta}$-absolutely continuous. Let $\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right), H\right), \widehat{\theta}$-absolutely continuous such that $\rho \leq \widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}$. Then $\rho \in \mathcal{C P}\left(\left(A \times_{\alpha} G\right), H, u\right)$ and so there is a $\psi \in \mathcal{C P}((G, \alpha, A), H, u)$ such that $\widehat{\psi}=\rho$. By Theorem 3.5, $\psi$ is $\theta$-absolutely continuous and $\psi \leq \varphi_{\text {ac }}$ and by the uniqueness of the Lebesgue decomposition, $\psi=\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}$. Therefore, $\rho=\widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}$ and then $\widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}=\widehat{\varphi_{\mathrm{ac}}}$ and the corollary is proved.

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