# MARTINGALE CONVERGENCE OF GENERALIZED CONDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS 

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#### Abstract

We prove that the martingale convergence theorem for generalized conditional expectations in von Neumann algebras holds in the weak topology without restrictions. The situation is therefore different from the strong topology case, where there are restrictive conditions which distinguish between increasing and decreasing sequences of von Neumann algebras. Moreover known counterexamples show that in the decreasing case the strong martingale convergence theorem might not hold.


## 1 Introduction

Motivated by the Doob-Moy [19] operator characterization of classical conditional expectations and from some results of Segal for finite $W^{*}$-algebras [24], Umegaki [27], [28] initiated a systematic study of the notion of conditional expectation in $C^{*}$ - and $W^{*}$-algebras. In particular he proved the first martingale convergence theorems in this framework [29]. Several types of martingale convergence theorems have subsequently been proved by Cu culescu [6], (see also [1] where an asymptotic abelianess condition is used), Tsukada [26] completed the analysis of the strong martingale convergence, Lance [15], Dang-Ngoc [7] and Goldstein [11] investigated the almost sure convergence case, and Petz [20], [21] unified the technique of proof of martingale and ergodic almost sure convergence theorems.

All the above results were obtained for conditional expectations in Umegaki's sense, i.e. norm one projections. However, for the construction of quantum Markov chains, the identification of norm one projections with conditional expectations is too restrictive and a more general notion, called here generalized conditional expectation is needed (cf. [23] for details on this topic). This more general notion was introduced in [2] and soon after, the first martingale convergence theorems, corresponding to this notion of conditional expectation, were proved by Petz [21], Hiai and Tsukada [12], Cecchini and Petz [20]. In particular, [12] contains necessary and sufficient conditions for the strong martingale convergence of conditional expectations in the sense of [2] corresponding to increasing or decreasing nets of von Neumann algebras.

These results however left open a natural problem: in classical probability theory the convergence of martingales corresponding to increasing or decreasing nets of $W^{*}$-algebras is a universal phenomenon, i.e. independent
of specific properties of the nets of algebras considered; on the other hand, the convergence results of Hiai and Tsukada [12] involves restrictive conditions on the nets of algebras involved. Moreover these conditions are different in the decreasing and increasing case.

A martingale convergence theorem for generalized conditional expectations is, in its essence, a theorem on the convergence of the modular structures associated to a decreasing (resp. increasing) sequence of von Neumann algebras, to the corresponding modular structure associated to the intersection (closure of the union) of the given sequence.

In the increasing case, approximation theorems of this kind were first obtained by Hugenholtz and Wieringa [14] and by Araki [3] and generalized in [16], [9] where a general continuity property of the polar decomposition for graph increasing sequences of linear operators was proved. The decreasing case is relevant for problems arising in operator algebras [17], [18] where the canonical endomorphism in the sense of [18] (which is the generalized conditional expectation of [2] in the case of a common cyclic and separating vector) plays a relevant role. In the present paper we show how to modify the basic ideas, developed in [16], [9] for the increasing case, so to adapt them to the decreasing case,

This adaptation goes through some nontrivial steps, the main difference with the martingale convergence theorem contained in [18], being that the usual convergence in the resolvent sense has to be replaced, in our case, by the convergence of continuous functions of the operators vanishing at infinity. The origins of this difference are explained in Remark (2.7) below.

As a corollary of this result we prove the universality of the martingale convergence theorems in the weak operator topology, both in the increasing and the decreasing case. Our result is optimal, in the sense that in the decreasing case there are known counterexamples to the strong martingale convergence (cf. Cecchini [5], Hiai and Tsukada [12]).

We also explain the reason for the apparent asymmetry between the increasing and the decreasing for the case (cf. the remark at the end of Section (2.)). For notational of simplicity we shall formulate our results for sequences of von Neumann algebras, however our arguments work without changes in the case of nets.

## 2 Notations

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a Hilbert space and $A: D(A) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ a linear operator where $D(A)$, the domain of $A$, is a not necessarily dense linear subspace of $\mathcal{H}$. If $A, B$ are linear operators on $\mathcal{H}$, we write $A \subset B$ if

$$
\begin{equation*}
D(A) \subset D(B) \quad \text { and } \quad A \xi=B \xi, \quad \forall \xi \in D(A) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

namely the graph of $A$ is contained in the graph of $B$. A sequence $\left(A_{j}\right)$ of linear operators is called decreasing (resp. increasing) if for each $j$

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{j+1} \subset A_{j} ; \quad\left(\operatorname{resp} A_{j+1} \supset A_{j}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $\left(A_{j}\right)$ is a decreasing sequence of closed operators, the intersection of their graphs is still the graph of a closed linear an operator denoted $A_{\infty}$ : $D\left(A_{\infty}\right) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ and we shall also use the notation $A_{\infty}=\bigcap_{j} A_{j}$; if $\left(A_{j}\right)$ is an increasing sequence of linear operator, the union of the graphs of $A_{j}$ is the graph of a linear operator $A_{\infty}^{0}=\cup_{j} A_{j}$; if $A_{\infty}^{0}$ is closable, we denote by $A_{\infty}$ its closure.

If $A$ is a closed linear operator, one can define its polar decomposition

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=V H \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

by regarding $A$ as a linear operator from $\overline{D(A)}$, the closure of $D(A)$, to $\mathcal{H}$; $H$ is a selfadjoint operator on $\overline{D(A)}$ and $V$ a partial isometry from $\overline{D(A)}$ to $\mathcal{H}$.

In the following we shall often identify $V$ and $H$ with $V P_{A}$ and $H P_{A}$, where $P_{A}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}$ is the orthogonal projection. So both $V$ and $H$ will be considered as acting on $\mathcal{H}$.

## 3 Continuity of the polar decomposition: decreasing sequences

Theorem 1 Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a Hilbert space and $\left(A_{j}\right)$ a decreasing sequence of closed linear (or antilinear) operators on $\mathcal{H}$ with intersection

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{\infty}:=\bigcap A_{n} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Denote, for $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup\{\infty\}$, by $\mathcal{H}_{n}$ the closure of $D\left(A_{n}\right)$ in $\mathcal{H}$, by $P_{n}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{n}$ the orthogonal projection and by $A_{n}=V_{n} H_{n}$ the polar decomposition of $A_{n}$.

Then for every continuous function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ vanishing at infinity $\left(\lim _{t \rightarrow+\infty} f(t)=0\right)$

$$
\begin{align*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(H_{n}\right) P_{n} & =f\left(H_{\infty}\right) P_{\infty}  \tag{5}\\
w-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} V_{n} P_{n} & =V_{\infty} P_{\infty} \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

The same result is valid if the sequence $\left(A_{n}\right)$ is increasing, provided $\bigcup A_{n}$ is closable and $A_{\infty}$ denotes its closure as above [9].

Remark (2.2) Notice that the limit

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{n}=P \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

always exists and

$$
\begin{equation*}
P \geq P_{\infty} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

but in general $P \neq P_{\infty}$. A corollary of this fact is that, if $f$ does not vanish at infinity, then (5) is not true in general (otherwise, taking $f(t)=1(t \in \mathbf{R})$ one would have $P_{n} \downarrow P_{\infty}$ ).

Remark (2.3) If $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous and $\lim _{t \rightarrow+\infty} f(t)=\lambda$, then (5) implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(H_{n}\right) P_{n}=f\left(H_{\infty}\right) P_{\infty}-\lambda\left(P-P_{\infty}\right) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

in particular, because of (5), for any such $f$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(H_{n}\right) P_{\infty}=f\left(H_{\infty}\right) P_{\infty} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

and therefore (10) will hold for any continuous bounded function $f$ by an elementary $3 \varepsilon$ arguments, see [30, proof of theorems VIII.20]. The same is true if the continuity of $f$ holds only on a open set of spectral measure 1 for all the operators $H_{n}, H_{\infty}$ (in this form it will be used to establish the relation (37)). Moreover

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} V_{n} P_{\infty}=V_{\infty} P_{\infty} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

because the weak topology coincides with the strong topology on the set of
isometries. Remark (2.4) Theorem 4 could obviousely be stated for operators between different Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{K}$; by replacing $\mathcal{H}$ with $\operatorname{ker}\left(A_{1}\right)^{\perp}$ (the orthogonal complement of the null space of $A_{1}$ ) we may thus assume that all the $A_{j}$ are nonsingular (in the decreasing case).

Proof of Theorem 4 We begin by considering the decreasing case. For $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup\{\infty\}$, let $\mathcal{H}_{n}^{\prime}$ denote the Hilbert space $D\left(A_{n}\right)$ equipped with the graph norm $\|\xi\|_{A_{n}}^{2}=\|\xi\|^{2}+\left\|A_{n} \xi\right\|^{2}$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{n}: \mathcal{H}_{n}^{\prime} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{n} \subset \mathcal{H} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

the identification operator; clearly $\left\|T_{n}\right\| \leq 1$.
Notice that $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\prime}$ is a closed subspace of $\mathcal{H}_{n}^{\prime}$ and that the restriction of $T_{n}$ on $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\prime}$ is $T_{n+1}$. We denote $T:=T_{1}, \mathcal{H}^{\prime}:=\mathcal{H}_{1}$.

Since $T$ is one-to-one, for any $\xi, \eta \in D\left(A_{n}\right), T^{-1} \xi, T^{-1} \eta$ are well defined and one has:

$$
\left\langle T^{-1} \xi, T^{-1} \eta\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{n}^{\prime}}=\langle\xi, \eta\rangle+\left\langle A_{n} \xi, A_{n} \eta\right\rangle
$$

Thus, if $\xi, \eta \in D\left(H_{n}^{2}\right)$ which is a core for $H$,

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left\langle T^{-1} \xi, T^{-1} \eta\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{n}^{\prime}}=\langle\xi, \eta\rangle+\left\langle A_{n}^{*} A_{n} \xi, \eta\right\rangle=  \tag{13}\\
=\left\langle\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right) \xi, \eta\right\rangle  \tag{14}\\
=\left\langle\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \xi,\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \eta\right\rangle \tag{15}
\end{gather*}
$$

Therefore the map

$$
\begin{equation*}
T^{-1}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2}: D\left(H_{n}^{2}\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\prime} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

extends to an isometry $W_{n}: \mathcal{H}_{n} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\prime}{ }_{n}$. We still denote by $W_{n}$ the partial isometry $W_{n} P_{n}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\prime}$.

The sequence of projections $W_{n} W_{n}^{*}: \mathcal{H}^{\prime} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\prime}$ is decreasing to $W_{\infty} W_{\infty}^{*}$, hence the sequence $\left(T W_{n} W_{n}^{*} T^{*}\right)$ is strongly convergent to $T W_{\infty} W_{\infty}^{*} T^{*}$.

It follows, using (16) that:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T W_{n} W_{n}^{*} T^{*}=\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}=\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1} P_{n} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

converges strongly to $\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1} P_{\infty}$. Therefore, since the sequence (17) is uniformly bounded in norm, for any polynomial $p$ in one variable with $p(0)=0$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} p\left(\frac{1}{1+H_{n}^{2}}\right) P_{n}=p\left(\frac{1}{1+H_{\infty}^{2}}\right) P_{\infty} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

and since, by the Stone-Weierstrass theorem, the corresponding functions $p\left(\frac{1}{1+t^{2}}\right)\left(t \in \mathbf{R}_{+}\right)$are norm dense among the continuous functions on $\mathbf{R}_{+}$ vanishing at $+\infty$, (5) holds.

Now we study the convergence of the sequence $\left(W_{n}\right)$. To this end, let $\xi \in D\left(\left(T T^{*}\right)^{-1}\right), \eta \in \mathcal{H}$, and notice that, using (2.2) with $f(t)=\left(1+t^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2}$, the quantity

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\langle T^{-1} \xi,\left(W_{n}-W_{\infty}\right) \eta\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^{\prime}}= \\
=\left\langle T^{-1} \xi, T^{-1}\left[\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}-\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}\right] \eta\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}^{\prime}} \\
=\left\langle\left(T T^{*}\right)^{-1} \xi,\left[\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}-\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}\right] \eta\right\rangle
\end{gathered}
$$

tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since the range of $\left(T T^{*}\right)^{-1}$ is dense (because from (13) it follows that on a dense set this operator coincides with $\left(1+H^{2}\right)$ ), and $D\left(\left(T T^{*}\right)^{-1}\right)$ is a core for $T^{-1}$, it follows that $T^{-1} D\left(\left(T T^{*}\right)^{-1}\right)$ is dense in $\mathcal{H}^{\prime}$ and therefore $\left(W_{n}\right)$ converges weakly to $W_{\infty}$.

Now notice that

$$
\begin{equation*}
w-\lim A_{n} T W_{n}=A_{\infty} T W_{\infty} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

as follows from the weak convergence of $W_{n}$ to $W_{\infty}$ and the identity

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{n} T W_{n}-A_{\infty} T W_{\infty}=A_{1} T\left(W_{n}-W_{\infty}\right) \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

because $A_{1} T: \mathcal{H}_{1}^{\prime} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is bounded.
But (19) implies that

$$
A_{n} T W_{n}=V_{n} H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}
$$

hence (19) is equivalent to

$$
\begin{equation*}
w-\lim V_{n} H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}=V_{\infty} H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now notice that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \quad\left(V_{n}-V_{\infty}\right) H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}=  \tag{22}\\
& =\left[V_{n} H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}-V_{\infty} H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}\right]  \tag{23}\\
& +\left[V_{\infty} H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}-V_{\infty} H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}\right] \tag{24}
\end{align*}
$$

The first term in square brackets in (22) tends to zero weakly because of (21). To the second one, we apply Remark (2.3) with the function

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(t)=t\left(1+t^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} \rightarrow 1, \quad \text { as } \quad t \rightarrow+\infty \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

and conclude that its strong limit, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, exists and is equal to

$$
\begin{equation*}
-V_{\infty}\left(P-P_{\infty}\right) \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P$ is defined in (7). But $V_{\infty}=V_{\infty} P_{\infty}$ (cf. the remark after (3)) and $P \geq P_{\infty}$, hence the quantity (26) is zero and (22) weakly converges to zero.

Now we show that

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{n}:=V_{n}-V_{\infty}=V_{n} P_{n}-V_{\infty} P_{\infty} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

converges weakly to zero by showing that any of its weak limit points is zero. The sequence (27) has weak limit points since it is bounded, let $B$ be one of these and let $\left(B_{n_{k}}\right)$ be a subnet weakly converging to $B$. Because of (25) it follows by Remark (2.3) as before that $H_{n}\left(1+H_{n}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n}$ strongly converges to $H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P+\left(P-P_{\infty}\right)$, hence

$$
\begin{equation*}
w-\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} B_{n_{k}} H_{n_{k}}\left(1+H_{n_{k}}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{n_{k}}=B\left[H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}+\left(P-P_{\infty}\right)\right] \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

But from the discussion after (22) we know that the limit of the left hand side of (28) is zero.

Since by Remark (2.4) we may suppose that each $H_{n}$ is nonsingular, it follows that the range of $H_{\infty}\left(1+H_{\infty}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2} P_{\infty}$ is dense in $P_{\infty} \mathcal{H}$. Hence the vanishing of the left hand side of (28) is equivalent to $B P=0$. But, since $P_{n} \geq P$

$$
V_{n}(1-P)=V_{n} P_{n}(1-P)=V_{n}\left(P_{n}-P\right)
$$

which tends to zero strongly for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore $V_{\infty}(1-P)=V_{\infty} P_{\infty}(1-$ $P)=0$.

Thus $w-\lim \left(V_{n}-V_{\infty}\right)(1-P)=0$ and therefore also $B(1-P)=0$. Thus $B=0$ and, since $B$ is an arbitrary weak limit point of $V_{n}-V_{\infty}$, (6) follows.

We conclude this proof by mentioning that the increasing case, already dealt in [10], can be treated by the same argument as above, with the simplification that $P=P_{\infty}$ automatically. The above discussion remains valid with the change of notations:

$$
T:=T_{\infty} ; \quad \mathcal{H}^{\prime}:=\mathcal{H}_{\infty}
$$

(the sequence of projection $\left(W_{n} W_{n}^{*}\right)$ is here increasing, but still converges strongly to $W_{\infty} W_{\infty}^{*}$ ). See also [16], [10]. Corollary (2.6) The limit in (6)
holds in the strong topology if and only if $P=P_{\infty}$, i.e. if and only if $P_{n}$ converges strongly to $P_{\infty}$. Proof. Both statements follow from (11) and the identity

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{n} P_{n}=V_{n} P_{\infty}+V_{n}\left(P_{n}-P_{\infty}\right) \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

In fact, if $\left(V_{n} P_{n}\right)$ converges strongly to $V_{\infty} P_{\infty}$, then by (16), $V_{n}\left(P_{n}-P_{\infty}\right)$ tends to 0 strongly and therefore also $\left(P_{n}-P_{\infty}\right)$.

Conversely, if $\left(P_{n}\right)$ converges strongly to $P_{\infty}$, then again by (11) and (29), it follows that $\left(V_{n} P_{n}\right)$ converges strongly to $V_{\infty} P_{\infty}$. Remark (2.7) In the
increasing case $P_{n} \uparrow P_{\infty}$ automatically therefore, in contrast to the decreasing case, $H_{n}$ converges to $H_{\infty}$ in the strong resolvent sence. This explains the apparent discrepancy between the increasing and decreasing case which was met in the previous literature on this problem [7], [12], [13], [22].

## 4 Convergence of modular structures

In this section $\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)$ shall denote a sequence of von Neumann algebras acting on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ with a separating vector $\Phi$. For each $n \in \mathbf{N}$ we denote

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{H}_{n}=\left[\mathcal{A}_{n} \Phi\right] \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

the closed cyclic space of $\mathcal{A}_{n}$ with respect to $\Phi$, and $S_{n}$ the Tomita involution on $\mathcal{H}_{n}$, i.e. the closure of

$$
a_{n} \Phi \mapsto a_{n}^{*} \Phi ; a_{n} \in \mathcal{A}_{n}
$$

The polar decomposition of $S_{n}$ is denoted

$$
S_{n}=J_{n} \Delta_{n}^{1 / 2}
$$

with the convention (1.4), if $P_{n}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{n}$ denotes the orthogonal projection, one has

$$
\begin{equation*}
J_{n}=J_{n} P_{n} ; \Delta_{n}=\Delta_{n} P_{n} \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proposition 1 Let $\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)$ be a decreasing sequence of von Neumann algebras and let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{A}_{\infty}=\bigcap_{n} \mathcal{A}_{n} \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $S, J, \Delta$ the corresponding Tomita operators and $Q$ the projection on the space $\left[\mathcal{A}_{\infty} \Phi\right]$. Then (with the notations (3)):

$$
\begin{equation*}
S=\bigcap_{n} S_{n} \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Let $S_{\infty}:=\bigcap_{n} S_{n}$ and let $S_{\infty}=J_{\infty} \Delta_{\infty}$ denote its polar decomposition. The first step of the proof shows that $S$ an $S_{\infty}$ act on the same Hilbert space (i.e. $\left[\mathcal{A}_{\infty} \Phi\right]$ ), see also [17].

Let $P_{\infty}$ be the orthogonal projection on the closure of the domain of $S_{\infty}$ and $x \in \mathcal{A}_{1}^{\prime}$. Then $x \in \mathcal{A}_{n}^{\prime}$ and $x P_{n} \in \mathcal{A}_{n}^{\prime}$ for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Therefore $J_{n} x J_{n} \in \mathcal{A}_{n} P_{n}$ so there exists $y_{n} \in \mathcal{A}_{n}$ satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{n} P_{n}=J_{n} x J_{n} P_{n} ;\left\|y_{n}\right\|=\|x\| \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the subnet $\left(y_{n_{k}}\right)$ converges weakly to $y$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{n_{k}} \Phi=J_{n_{k}} x \Phi \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

and, because of Theorem 4, the right hand side of (35) converges weakly to $J_{\infty} x \Phi$. Thus

$$
y \Phi=J_{\infty} x \Phi=P_{\infty} J_{\infty} x \Phi
$$

On the other hand $y \in \mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ so $Q y \Phi=y \Phi$, therefore, since $x \in \mathcal{A}_{1}^{\prime}$ is arbitrary:

$$
Q P_{\infty} J_{\infty}=P_{\infty} J_{\infty}
$$

so that $Q \geq P_{\infty}$. Since $S \subset S_{\infty}$, we have $Q \leq P_{\infty}$ and therefore

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q=P_{\infty} \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

Remark (2.3) and (3.7) imply

$$
\begin{equation*}
s-\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_{n}^{\mathrm{it}} Q=\Delta_{\infty}^{\mathrm{it}} Q ; \quad t \in \mathbf{R} \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, for each $x \in \mathcal{A}_{\infty}^{+}$and for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$

$$
\Delta_{n}^{\mathrm{it}} x \Delta_{n}^{-\mathrm{it}} Q=\sigma_{t}^{(n)}(x) Q \in \mathcal{A}_{n} Q
$$

in particular $\Delta_{n}^{\mathrm{it}} x \Phi \in \mathcal{A}_{n}^{+} \Phi$ and therefore there exists $y_{n} \in \mathcal{A}_{n}^{+}$satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta_{n}^{\mathrm{it}} x \Phi=y_{n} \Phi ;\left\|y_{n}\right\|=\|x\| \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

Taking a weakly convergent subnet of $y_{n}$ in (38) we conclude that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta_{\infty}^{\text {it }} x \Phi \in \mathcal{A}_{\infty}^{+} \Phi ; \quad t \in \mathbf{R} \tag{39}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ is spanned by its positive elements, there exists a positive linear map $\sigma_{t}^{\infty}$ of $\mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ in $\mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ determined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{t}^{\infty}(x) \Phi=\Delta_{\infty}^{\mathrm{it}} x \Phi ; \quad x \in \mathcal{A}_{\infty} \tag{40}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\sigma_{-t}^{\infty}$ is the inverse of $\sigma_{t}^{\infty}$, the maps $\sigma_{t}^{\infty}$ form a one-parameter group of isometries (by positivity) of $\mathcal{A}^{\infty}$, hence a one-parameter group of automorphisms of $\mathcal{A}^{\infty}$ [31]. As is well-known the canonicity of the modular operator (cf. [4], proof of theorem (3.2.18) then implies that $\Delta_{\infty}^{i t}$ and $\Delta^{i s}$ commute for all $t, s \in \mathbf{R}$, hence $\Delta_{\infty}^{1 / 2}$ and $\Delta^{1 / 2}$ have a common core and therefore also $S$ and $S_{\infty}$ have a common core. But then $S_{\infty}=S$ because $S \subset S_{\infty}$ and both are closed operators.

Corollary (3.2) With the above notations $J_{n} P_{n} \rightarrow J P$ weakly and $f\left(\Delta_{n}\right) P_{n} \rightarrow$ $f(\Delta) P$ strongly for every continuous $f: \mathbf{R}_{+} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ vanishing at $+\infty$. Proof.

Immediate by Theorem 4 and Proposition 1.

## 5 Martingale convergence

Let now $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be an inclusion of von Neumann algebras and $\varphi$ a faithful normal state of $\mathcal{A}$; by considering the GNS representation we may assume that $\varphi$ is determined by a cyclic and separating vector $\Phi$ for $\mathcal{A}$ : $\varphi(x)=$ $(x \Phi, \Phi), x \in \mathcal{A}$. Let $E \in \mathcal{B}^{\prime}$ be the orthogonal projection onto the closure $\overline{\mathcal{B}} \Phi$ of $\mathcal{B} \Phi$ and $J_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $J_{\mathcal{B}}$ the corresponding modular involutions (where $J_{\mathcal{B}}$ acts on $\overline{\mathcal{B} \Phi}$ ). The generalized expectation $\varepsilon: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ associated with $\varphi$ is the completely positive map $\varepsilon$ of $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{B}$ given by

$$
\varepsilon(x) E=J_{\mathcal{B}} E J_{\mathcal{A}} x J_{\mathcal{A}} E J_{\mathcal{B}}
$$

note in fact that

$$
J_{\mathcal{B}} E J_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{A} J_{\mathcal{A}} E J_{\mathcal{B}}=J_{\mathcal{B}} E \mathcal{A}^{\prime} E J_{\mathcal{B}} \subset J_{\mathcal{B}} E \mathcal{B}^{\prime} E J_{\mathcal{B}}=\mathcal{B} E
$$

by a double use of Tomita's theorem. Notice that if $\mathcal{B}$ is globally invariant under the modular group of $\mathcal{A}$ associated with $\varphi$, then $\varepsilon$ is the usual Takesaki conditional expectation [25] while if $\Phi$ is cyclic for $\mathcal{A}$ then $\varepsilon$ is the canonical endomorphism of $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{B}$ [18], [19].

Theorem 2 In the notations and assumptions of Proposition 1, let $\varepsilon_{\infty}$ : $\mathcal{A}_{1} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ denote the generalized conditional expectation associated with $\varphi$. Then $\left(\varepsilon_{n}\right)$ converges pointwise weakly to $\varepsilon_{\infty}$.

Proof. Let $x \in \mathcal{A}_{1}$. Since $\left(\varepsilon_{n}(x)\right)$ is bounded, it will be sufficient to prove weak convergence on the dense subspace $\mathcal{A}_{1}^{\prime} \Phi$. But, for each $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup\{\infty\}$

$$
\varepsilon_{n}(x) \Phi=J_{n} P_{n} J_{1} x \Phi
$$

We can apply Corollary (3.2) to the sequence $\left(J_{n} P_{n}\right)$ and conclude that

$$
w-\lim \varepsilon_{n}(x) \Phi=\varepsilon_{\infty}(x) \Phi
$$

The statement easily follows from the cyclicity of $\Phi$ for $\mathcal{A}_{1}^{\prime}$.

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