

Extension of \natural -Application to Unbounded Operators

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In the previous paper [13], the present authors developed the so-called "non-commutative theory" of integration for rings of operators from a point of view resumed as follows. Every semi-finite ring of operators \mathbf{M} with a normal, faithful and essential pseudo-trace m is normally $*$ -isomorphic to the left ring \mathbf{L} of an H -system \mathbf{H} such that m corresponds to the canonical pseudo-trace of \mathbf{H} [13]. We have shown that this $*$ -isomorphism can be uniquely extended to a $*$ -isomorphic mapping between the sets of measurable operators with respect to \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{L} respectively. Thus the theory of integration for \mathbf{M} can be reduced to that for \mathbf{L} . But in \mathbf{H} the set of all square-integrable measurable operators is given *a priori*, basing on which our whole theory was built.

In his investigation on \natural -applications in a ring of operators, Dixmier has shown ([4], Theorem 3) that every normal, faithful and essential pseudo-trace defined on a semi-finite ring \mathbf{M} has the form $m(A) = \varphi(A^\natural)$, where \natural is a fixed normal, faithful and essential pseudo- \natural -application defined on \mathbf{M}^+ and φ is a normal, faithful and essential pseudo-measure on the spectre \mathcal{Q} of the center \mathbf{M}^\natural . This leads us to another formulation of the theory, which is divided into two parts: the classical theory of pseudo-measure on the spectre \mathcal{Q} of \mathbf{M}^\natural and the extension of \natural -application to unbounded operators $\eta\mathbf{M}$. The main purpose of this paper is to develop this theory of extension. The pseudo- \natural -application defined on \mathbf{M}^+ , $\mathbf{M}^+ \ni A \rightarrow A^\natural \in \mathbf{Z}$, will be extended over the set of all positive, closed, densely defined operators $T \eta\mathbf{M}$, $T \rightarrow T^\natural \in \mathbf{Z}$,

$$(\natural) \quad T^\natural = \text{l. u. b. } A^\natural, \\ \mathbf{M}^+ \ni A \leq T$$

If we wish the integral of T to be finite, T^\natural must be finite except on a nowhere dense subset of \mathcal{Q} . Such a T will be measurable in the sense of Segal ([15], [13]) and the set of all such T forms the positive part of an invariant linear system \mathfrak{S} , which will play a fundamental rôle in our present theory.

§1 is devoted to the proof of a theorem concerning the least upper bound of an increasing directed set $\{T_\delta\}$ of positive, closed and densely defined operators