

## CHARACTERIZATION OF CONDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS FOR $M$ -SPACE-VALUED FUNCTIONS

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**Introduction** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a probability space,  $E$  a Banach space. We consider constant-preserving contractive projections of  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  into itself. If  $E=R$  or  $E$  is a strictly-convex Banach space, then it is known (Ando [2], Douglas [3] and Landers and Rogge [6]) that such operators coincide precisely with the conditional expectation operators. If  $E=L_1(X, S, \lambda, R)$ , where  $(X, S, \lambda)$  is a localizable measure space, then the author [8] proved that such operators which are translation invariant coincide with the conditional expectation operators. If  $E=L_\infty(X, S, \lambda, R)$ , where  $(X, S, \lambda)$  is a measure space, and the dimension of  $E$  is bigger than 2, then author [9] proved that such operators coincide with the conditional expectation operators. On the other hand if  $E=L_\infty(X, S, \lambda, R)$  and the dimension of  $E$  is 2, then the author [9] proved that such operators can be expressed as a linear combination of two conditional expectation operators. In this paper we deal with the case that  $E$  is an  $M$ -space. An  $L_\infty$ -space is an  $M$ -space, and hence this paper contains the result of the author [9] as a special case. If  $E$  is an  $M$ -space, whose dimension is bigger than 2, then such operators coincide with conditional expectation operators. If  $E$  is an  $M$ -space with unit, i.e., the unit ball in  $E$  has a least upper bound, then we can prove many of lemmas in this paper by easier way. In this paper we do not assume that  $E$  is an  $M$ -space with unit.

**1. Definitions and properties of  $M$ -spaces.** Let  $E$  be a real linear space and  $N$  the class of natural numbers and  $R$  the class of real numbers.

DEFINITION 1.1. A lattice  $(E, \leq)$  is an ordered linear space such that

- (1)  $a \leq a$  for any  $a \in E$ ;
- (2) if  $a, b \in E$ ,  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ , then  $a=b$ ;
- (3) if  $a, b, c \in E$  and  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$ , then  $a \leq c$ ;
- (4) if  $a \leq b$ , then  $a+c \leq b+c$  for any  $c \in E$ ;
- (5) if  $0 \leq a$  in  $E$ , then  $0 \leq ka$  in  $E$  for any  $k \geq 0$  in  $R$ ;
- (6)  $\sup \{a, b\}$  and  $\inf \{a, b\}$  exist for any  $a, b \in E$ .

In a lattice we write  $a \vee b = \sup \{a, b\}$ ,  $a \wedge b = \inf \{a, b\}$ ,  $a^+ = a \vee 0$ ,  $a^- = (-a) \vee 0$  and  $|a| = a \vee (-a)$  for any  $a, b \in E$ . Let  $E^+ = \{a \in E; a \geq 0\}$ . Note that  $a \wedge b = 0$  implies that  $a, b \in E^+$ . If  $a \in E^+$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then we write  $a > 0$ . We also use  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  for real numbers, and hence  $k \vee h = \sup \{k, h\}$  and  $k \wedge h = \inf \{k, h\}$  for  $k, h \in R$ .

**DEFINITION 1.2.** An  $M$ -space  $(E, \leq, \|\ \|)$  is a normed lattice such that

- (1)  $(a \vee b) \wedge c = (a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c)$  for any  $a, b, c \in E$ ;
- (2)  $E$  is complete under  $\|\ \|$ ;
- (3)  $\|a \vee b\| = \|a\| \vee \|b\|$  for any  $a, b \in E^+$ ;
- (4) If  $a, b \in E$  and  $|a| \leq b$ , then  $\|a\| \leq \|b\|$ . In particular  $\| |a| \| = \|a\|$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** If  $E$  is an  $M$ -space, then there exist a Hausdorff compact space  $X$ , a linear operator  $T$  of  $E$  into  $C(X)$  and a linear subspace  $F$  of  $C(X)$  which satisfy the following conditions, where  $C(X)$  is the class of real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  with the norm  $\|d\| = \sup \{|d(x)|; x \in X\}$  for  $d \in C(X)$ .

- (1)  $d \vee e \in F$  for  $d, e \in F$ , where  $\vee$  is defined by

$$(d \vee e)(x) = \sup \{d(x), e(x)\}.$$

- (2)  $T$  is a one-to-one operator onto  $F$  such that

$$T(a \vee b) = T(a) \vee T(b)$$

and

$$\|T(a)\| = \|a\|.$$

For the proof see Aliprantis and Bourkinshaw [1] p. 75.

Let  $E_h = \{a^*; a^* \text{ is a linear functional of } E \text{ into } R, \|a^*\| \leq 1, \text{ i.e., } |a^*(a)| \leq \|a\| \text{ for } a \in E \text{ and } a^*(a \vee b) = a^*(a) \vee a^*(b) \text{ for } a, b \in E\}$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** For any  $a \in E$  there exists  $a^* \in E_h$  such that  $|a^*(a)| = \|a\|$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1.1  $T(a) \in C(X)$  and  $\|a\| = \|T(a)\|$ . We can choose  $x \in X$  such that  $|T(a)(x)| = \|T(a)\|$ . We define  $a^*$  by  $a^*(b) = T(b)(x)$  for any  $b \in E$ . Then  $a^*$  is linear and

$$|a^*(a)| = |T(a)(x)| = \|T(a)\| = \|a\|.$$

By the definition of  $a^*$

$$\begin{aligned} a^*(b \vee c) &= T(b \vee c)(x) = (T(b) \vee T(c))(x) = (T(b)(x)) \vee (T(c)(x)) \\ &= a^*(b) \vee a^*(c). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $a^* \in E_h$ .

**Q.E.D.**

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $a \in E$  and  $b, c, d \in E^+$ . Then

- (1)  $(a \wedge b) \vee -b = (a \vee -b) \wedge b,$
- (2)  $((-a) \wedge b) \vee -b = -((a \wedge b) \vee -b),$
- (3)  $((a \wedge b) \vee -b)^+ = a^+ \wedge b,$
- (4)  $((a \wedge b) \vee -b)^- = a^- \wedge b,$
- (5)  $|(a \wedge b) \vee -b| = |a| \wedge b$

and

- (6)  $(b+c) \wedge d \leq b \wedge d + c \wedge d.$

Proof. Since  $b \in E^+$ , for any  $a \in E$

$$(a \wedge b) \vee -b = (a \wedge b) \vee ((-b) \wedge b) = (a \vee -b) \wedge b,$$

and hence we have (1). Since  $a$  is arbitrary, by (1)

$$((-a) \wedge b) \vee -b = ((-a) \vee -b) \wedge b = -((a \wedge b) \vee -b),$$

which implies (2). Since  $b \in E^+$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((a \wedge b) \vee -b)^+ &= ((a \wedge b) \vee -b) \vee 0 = (a \wedge b) \vee 0 \\ &= (a \vee 0) \wedge (b \vee 0) = a^+ \wedge b, \end{aligned}$$

which implies (3). By (2) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} ((a \wedge b) \vee -b)^- &= -((a \wedge b) \vee -b)^+ = (((-a) \wedge b) \vee -b)^+ \\ &= (-a)^+ \wedge b = a^- \wedge b, \end{aligned}$$

which implies (4). Since  $a^+ \wedge a^- = 0$ , by (3) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned} |(a \wedge b) \vee -b| &= a^+ \wedge b + a^- \wedge b = (a^+ \wedge b) \vee (a^- \wedge b) \\ &= (a^+ \vee a^-) \wedge b = |a| \wedge b. \end{aligned}$$

For the proof of (6) see Fremlin [4] p.14.

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 1.4.** For any  $a, b \in E$  and  $c, d \in E^+$  we have

- (1)  $\|(a \wedge c) \vee -c \pm (b \wedge c) \vee -c\| \leq \|a \pm b\|,$
- (2)  $\|c + a^-\| \leq \|c\| \vee \|a - c\|$

and

- (3)  $\|c - d\| \leq \|c\| \vee \|d\|.$

If in addition  $|a| \wedge c = 0$ , then

- (4)  $\|a + c\| = \|a\| \vee \|c\|.$

Proof. By Lemma 1.2 there exists  $a^* \in E^*$  such that

- (5)  $\|(a \wedge c) \vee -c \pm (b \wedge c) \vee -c\| = |a^*((a \wedge c) \vee -c \pm (b \wedge c) \vee -c)|.$

We may assume that  $a^*(c) \geq 0$ .

By the definition of  $E_h$

- (6)  $|a^*((a \wedge c) \vee -c \pm (b \wedge c) \vee -c)| = |(a^*(a) \wedge a^*(c)) \vee -a^*(c)|$

$$\pm(a^*(b) \wedge a^*(c)) \vee -a^*(c)|.$$

Since  $a^*(a), a^*(b) \in R$ ,  $a^*(c) \geq 0$  and  $\|a^*\| \leq 1$ , we have

$$(7) \quad |(a^*(a) \wedge a^*(c)) \vee -a^*(c) \pm (a^*(b) \wedge a^*(c)) \vee -a^*(c)| \\ \leq |a^*(a) \pm a^*(b)| \leq \|a \pm b\|.$$

By (5), (6) and (7) we have (1).

$$c \vee |a-c| \geq c \vee (c-a) = c + (0 \vee (-a)) = c + a^- \geq 0,$$

and hence by Definition 1.2 (4) we have

$$\|c \vee |a-c|\| \geq \|c + a^-\|.$$

By Definition 1.2 (3) and (4)

$$\|c \vee |a-c|\| = \|c\| \vee \| |a-c|\| = \|c\| \vee \|a-c\|,$$

and hence we have (2).

Since  $c, d \in E$  implies that  $|c-d| \leq c \vee d$ , by Definition 1.2(3) and (4) we have

$$\|c-d\| \leq \|c \vee d\| = \|c\| \vee \|d\|.$$

If  $|a| \wedge c = 0$ , then

$$|a+c| = |a| + c = |a| \vee c.$$

Therefore by Definition 1.2(3) and (4)

$$\|a+c\| = \| |a+c|\| = \| |a| \vee c\| = \|a\| \vee \|c\|. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**Lemma 1.5.** For any  $b, c \in E^+$  with  $b \wedge c = 0$  and  $x \in E$

$$(1) \quad \|x+b \pm c\| \geq \|(x \wedge b) \vee -b + b\| \vee \|(x \wedge c) \vee -c \pm c\|$$

Proof. Since  $b \wedge c = 0$  implies that  $c \wedge 2b = 0$ ,

$$b = b - c \wedge 2b = (b-c) \vee -b \leq ((b \pm c) \wedge b) \vee -b \leq b.$$

Therefore

$$(2) \quad ((b \pm c) \wedge b) \vee -b = b.$$

Since  $b \wedge (c \pm c) \leq b \wedge 2c = 0$ , we have

$$(3) \quad ((b \pm c) \wedge c) \vee -c = ((b \wedge (c \mp c)) \pm c) \vee -c = (\pm c) \vee -c = \pm c.$$

By (2), (3) and Lemma 1.4 (1)

$$\|x+b \pm c\| \\ \geq \|(x \wedge b) \vee -b + ((b \pm c) \wedge b) \vee -b\| \vee \|(x \wedge c) \vee -c + ((b \pm c) \wedge c) \vee -c\| \\ \geq \|(x \wedge b) \vee -b + b\| \vee \|(x \wedge c) \vee -c \pm c\| \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**2. A characterization of conditional expectation.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a probability space and for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  we denote by  $I_A$  the indicator function of

A. Let  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  be the class of  $E$ -valued Bochner integrable functions, which is a Banach space with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_L$  defined by

$$\|f\|_L = \int \|f(\omega)\| d\mu \quad \text{for any } f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E).$$

Let  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E^+) = \{f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E); f(\omega) \in E^+(a.e.\omega)\}$ . For any  $f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  and  $a \in E$  we define  $f+a$  by

$$(f+a)(\omega) = f(\omega) + a.$$

For any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$  and  $a \in E$  we define  $\psi a$  by  $(\psi a)(\omega) = \psi(\omega) a$ . Then  $\|\psi a\|_L = \|a\| \|\psi\|_L$ . For the definition and properties of Bochner integral, see Hille and Phillips [5].

DEFINITION 2.1. For a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , a function  $g$  is called the conditional expectation of  $f$  given  $\mathcal{B}$  if  $g$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ , and

$$\int_B g d\mu = \int_B f d\mu \quad \text{for each } B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where the integral is the Bochner integral. We denote by  $f^{\mathcal{B}}$  the conditional expectation of  $f$  given  $\mathcal{B}$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $P$  be a linear operator of  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  into itself.  $P$  is said to be *contractive* if

$$\|P\| = \sup \{\|P(f)\|_L; f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E) \text{ and } \|f\|_L = 1\} \leq 1,$$

$P$  is *constant-preserving* if  $P(I_{\Omega} a) = I_{\Omega} a$  for each  $a \in E$  and  $P$  is called a *projection* if  $P \circ P = P$ , where  $I_{\Omega}$  is the indicator function of  $\Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For each  $f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  the conditional expectation of  $f$  exists uniquely up to almost everywhere and the conditional expectation operator  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{B}}$  is a constant-preserving contractive projection for each  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For the proof see Schwartz [10].

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $P$  is a constant-preserving contractive projection of  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$  into itself, then there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $P(f) = f^{\mathcal{B}}$  for any  $f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$ .

For the proof see Douglas [3]. Note that this Lemma is for the real-valued functions.

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $a^*$  is a bounded linear operator of  $E$  into  $R$  and  $f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$ , then we have

$$a^*\left(\int f(\omega) d\mu\right) = \int a^*(f(\omega)) d\mu.$$

For the proof see Hille and Phillips [5].

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $Q$  be a constant-preserving contractive projection of  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$  into itself. If  $a, b, c \in E^+$  with  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$  we have*

$$(1) \quad (Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge c) \vee -c = 0 \text{ (a.e.}\omega)$$

*Proof.* If  $a=0$  or  $c=0$ , then this Lemma is trivial. So we may assume that  $\|a\| = \|b\| = \|c\| = 1$ . First we assume that  $|\psi(\omega)| \leq 1$  (a.e. $\omega$ ).

Let  $e = \int |(Q(\psi a) \wedge c) \vee -c| d\mu = \int |Q(\psi a)| \wedge c d\mu$ , where the last equation comes from Lemma 1.3 (5).

Suppose that  $e > 0$ . Then there exist  $k \in R^+$  and  $d^* \in E_n$  such that  $d^*(ke) = \|ke\| = 1$ . Let  $d = ke \vee c$ , then  $\|d\| = 1$ .

Since  $e \leq c, a \wedge d = d \wedge b = 0$ .

Since  $d^*(c) \leq \|c\| = 1$ ,

$$d^*(d) = d^*(ke \vee c) = d^*(ke) \vee d^*(c) = 1.$$

Let  $f(\omega) = (Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge b) \vee -b$

and

$$g(\omega) = (Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge d) \vee -d.$$

By Lemma 1.3 (5)  $|g(\omega)| = |Q(\psi a)(\omega)| \wedge d$ , and hence by Lemma 2.3 we have

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} 1 = d^*(ke) &= kd^*\left(\int |Q(\psi a)| \wedge c d\mu\right) \\ &\leq kd^*\left(\int |Q(\psi a)| \wedge d d\mu\right) \\ &\leq kd^*\left(\int |g| d\mu\right) \\ &= k \int d^*(|g|) d\mu, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equation comes from Lemma 2.3.

Since  $|\psi(\omega)| \leq 1$  (a.e. $\omega$ ) and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge d = d \wedge a = 0$  with

$$\|a\| = \|b\| = \|d\| = 1,$$

by Lemma 1.4 (4)

$$\|\psi(\omega) a + b \pm d\| = \|\psi(\omega) a\| \vee \|b\| \vee \|d\| = 1 \text{ (a.e.}\omega).$$

$Q$  is constant-preserving and contractive, and hence

$$(3) \quad 1 = \int \|\psi a + b \pm d\| d\mu \geq \int \|Q(\psi a) + b \pm d\| d\mu.$$

By Lemma 1.5 we have

$$(4) \quad \int \|Q(\psi a) + b \pm d\| d\mu \geq \int \|f + b\| \vee \|g \pm d\| d\mu .$$

By the property of integral we have

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int \|f + b\| \vee \|g \pm d\| d\mu \\ & \geq \int \|f + b\| d\mu \vee \int \|g \pm d\| d\mu \\ & \geq \int \|f + b\| d\mu \wedge \int \|g \pm d\| d\mu \\ & \geq \int f d\mu + b \wedge \int g d\mu \pm d . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by (3), (4) and (5)

$$1 \geq \int \|g \pm d\| d\mu \geq \int g d\mu \pm d .$$

Since  $\int g d\mu + d + \int g d\mu - d \geq 2 \|d\| = 2$ , we have

$$(6) \quad \int g d\mu \pm d = 1 .$$

Similarly we can prove that

$$(7) \quad \int f d\mu + b = 1 .$$

Therefore by (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(\omega) + d\| &= \|f(\omega) + b\| \\ &= \|g(\omega) - d\| . \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\|g(\omega) + d\| + \|g(\omega) - d\| \geq 2 \|d\| = 2 ,$$

by (5) we have

$$(8) \quad \|g(\omega) + d\| = \|g(\omega) - d\| = 1 \text{ (a.e.}\omega\text{)} .$$

By the definition of  $g(\omega)$  we have  $d - g(\omega), d + g(\omega) \geq 0$  (a.e. $\omega$ ), and hence by (8)

$$\begin{aligned} & \|d + |g(\omega)|\| \\ &= \|(d - g(\omega)) \vee (d + g(\omega))\| \\ &= \|d - g(\omega)\| \vee \|d + g(\omega)\| = 1 \text{ (a.e.}\omega\text{)} . \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d^*(d) = 1$ ,

$$1 + d^*(|g(\omega)|) = d^*(d + |g(\omega)|) \\ \leq \|d + |g(\omega)|\| \leq 1 \quad (a.e.\omega).$$

Therefore we have

$$d^*(|g(\omega)|) = 0 \quad (a.e.\omega),$$

which contradicts (2). (1) remains valid for any bounded function  $\psi$ . Since an arbitrary function can be approximated by bounded functions, by Lemma 1.4(1) we can prove (1). Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  with  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$  and  $a, b, c > 0$ . Then*

$$(1) \quad Q(\psi a)(\omega) \in E^+(a.e.\omega) \text{ for any } \psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+).$$

*In particular if  $0 \leq \psi(\omega) \leq 1$  (a.e. $\omega$ ), then  $0 \leq Q(\psi a)(\omega) \leq a$  (a.e. $\omega$ ).*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $0 \leq \psi(\omega) \leq 1$  (a.e. $\omega$ ) and  $\|a\| = \|b\| = 1$ . Let  $e = \int Q(\psi a)^- d\mu$ . We suppose that  $e > 0$ . Then there exists  $k > 0$  such that  $\|ke\| = 1$ . Let  $d = ke$ . Since  $a \wedge b = 0$ , by Lemma 2.4

$$(Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge b) \vee -b = 0.$$

Hence by Lemma 1.3 (4), (5)

$$(2) \quad |Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge b = Q(\psi a)(\omega)^- \wedge b = 0 \quad (a.e.\omega).$$

Therefore

$$(3) \quad d \wedge b = ke \wedge b = 0.$$

Since  $a \wedge b = 0$ , by Lemma 1.4(3) and Definition 1.2

$$(4) \quad \|\psi(\omega) a - d + b\| \leq \|\psi(\omega) a + b\| \vee \|d\| \\ = \|b\| \vee \|\psi(\omega) a\| \vee \|d\| = 1 \quad (a.e.\omega).$$

By (2), (3) and Lemma 1.3 (6) we have

$$|Q(\psi a)(\omega) - d| \wedge b \leq |Q(\psi a)(\omega)| \wedge b + d \wedge b = 0,$$

and hence by Lemma 1.4 (4) and the fact that  $\|b\| = \|d\| = 1$

$$(5) \quad \|Q(\psi a)(\omega) - d + b\| = \|Q(\psi a)(\omega) - d\| \vee \|b\| \\ = \|Q(\psi a)(\omega) - d\| \vee \|d\|.$$

By Lemma 1.4 (2)

$$(6) \quad \|Q(\psi a)(\omega) - d\| \vee \|d\| \geq \|Q(\psi a)(\omega)^- + d\|.$$

Since  $Q$  is constant-preserving and contractive, by (4),(5) and (6),

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \int \|\psi a - d + b\| d\mu \geq \int \|Q(\psi a) - d + b\| d\mu \\ &\geq \int \|Q(\psi a)^- + d\| d\mu \geq \int Q(\psi a)^- d\mu + d \\ &= \|e + d\| = \|(1/k + 1)d\| > 1, \end{aligned}$$

which leads to a contradiction, and hence  $e = 0$ . Therefore

$$Q(\psi a)(\omega) \in E^+ \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}.$$

Let  $\phi(\omega) = 1 - \psi(\omega)$ . Then similarly we can prove that

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\phi a)(\omega) &\in E^+. \text{ Since } Q \text{ is constant-preserving,} \\ Q(\psi a)(\omega) + Q(\phi a)(\omega) &= a. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$0 \leq Q(\psi a)(\omega) \leq a \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}. \tag{Q.E.D.}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in E^+$  with  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$  and  $\|a\| = \|b\| = \|c\| = 1$ . If  $d \in E^+$  and  $d^* \in E_n$  with  $d^*(d) = \|d\|$ , then for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} d^*(Q(\psi d)(\omega)) &= \|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\| \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}, \\ \|Q(\psi d)\|_L &= \|\psi d\|_L \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = \|Q(\psi b)(\omega)\| \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}.$$

*Proof.* First we assume that  $0 \leq \psi(\omega) \leq 1$  (a.e.  $\omega$ ) and  $\|d\| = 1$ . Let  $\phi(\omega) = 1 - \psi(\omega)$ . Since  $\|d^*\| \leq 1$ , we have

$$(4) \quad d^*(Q(\psi d)(\omega)) \leq \|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\| \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}$$

and

$$(5) \quad d^*(Q(\phi d)(\omega)) \leq \|Q(\phi d)(\omega)\| \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}.$$

$Q$  is constant-preserving, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad d^*(Q(\psi d)(\omega)) + d^*(Q(\phi d)(\omega)) \\ = d^*(Q(I_\Omega d)(\omega)) = d^*(d) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Q$  is contractive,

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad \int \|Q(\psi d)\| d\mu + \int \|Q(\phi d)\| d\mu &\leq \int \|\psi d\| d\mu + \int \|\phi d\| d\mu \\ &= \|d\| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By (4), (5), (6) and (7) we have

$$(8) \quad d^*(Q(\psi d)(\omega)) = \|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\| \quad (a.e.\omega)$$

and

$$(9) \quad \int \|Q(\psi d)\| d\mu = \int \|\psi d\| d\mu.$$

It is easy to show that (8) and (9) remain true for any bounded function  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$ . Since any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$  can be approximated by a sequence of bounded functions, (8) and (9) are true for  $\psi$ . We have proved (1) and (2). By Lemma 2.5  $0 \leq Q(\psi a)(\omega) \leq a$  and  $0 \leq Q(\psi b)(\omega) \leq b$ , and hence by the relation  $a \wedge b = 0$  we have

$$Q(\psi a)(\omega) \wedge Q(\psi b)(\omega) = 0 \quad (a.e.\omega).$$

By Lemma 1.4 (4)

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \int \|Q(\psi a)\| \vee \|Q(\psi b)\| d\mu &= \int \|Q(\psi a) + Q(\psi b)\| d\mu \\ &\leq \int \|\psi a + \psi b\| d\mu = \int \|\psi a\| \vee \|\psi b\| d\mu \\ &= \int \|\psi a\| d\mu + \int \|\psi b\| d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

(9) remains true for  $d=a$  or  $b$ , and hence by (10) we have

$$\|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = \|Q(\psi b)(\omega)\| \quad (a.e.\omega). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  such that  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ . If  $\psi, \phi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$  satisfy the condition*

$$(1) \quad 0 \leq \psi(\omega) \leq 1 \quad (a.e.\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\omega) \|a\| = \|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| \quad (a.e.\omega), \quad \text{then} \\ \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| = \phi(\omega) \|a\|.$$

*Proof.* We assume that  $\|a\| = \|b\| = 1$ . By (1) and Lemma 2.5 we have

$$(2) \quad 0 \leq Q(\psi b)(\omega) \leq b \quad (a.e.\omega),$$

and hence  $0 \leq \phi(\omega) \leq 1 \quad (a.e.\omega)$ .

Therefore by Lemma 2.5 we have

$$(3) \quad 0 \leq Q(\phi a)(\omega) \leq a \quad (a.e.\omega).$$

Since  $a \wedge b = 0$ , by (1), (2), (3) and Lemma 1.4 we have

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|Q(\psi b)(\omega) - Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| &= \|Q(\psi b)(\omega)\| \vee \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| \\ &= \phi(\omega) \vee \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| \quad (a.e.\omega) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|Q(\psi b)(\omega) - \phi(\omega) a\| &= \|Q(\psi b)(\omega)\| \vee \|\phi(\omega) a\| \\ &= \phi(\omega) (a.e.\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Q$  is a contractive projection,

$$\int \|Q(\psi b) - \phi a\| d\mu \geq \int \|Q(\psi b) - Q(\phi a)\| d\mu,$$

and hence by (4) and (5) we have

$$\int \phi d\mu \geq \int \phi \vee \|Q(\phi a)\| d\mu,$$

which implies that

$$\phi(\omega) \leq \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| (a.e.\omega).$$

By Lemma 2.6

$$\|Q(\phi a)\|_L = \|\phi a\|_L = \|\phi\|_L.$$

Therefore we have

$$\phi(\omega) = \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| (a.e.\omega). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**Lemma 2.8.** *If there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  with  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$  and  $a, b, c > 0$ , then there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) \|a\|$  for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$ .*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\|a\| = 1$ . Let  $a^* \in E_b$  such that  $a^*(a) = 1$ . Define an operator  $P$  of  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$  into itself by  $P(\psi)(\omega) = a^*(Q(\psi a)(\omega))$  for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$ . Since  $a^*$  and  $Q$  are linear operators,  $P$  is a linear operator. Since  $Q$  is constant-preserving, we have

$$(1) \quad P(I_{\Omega})(\omega) = a^*(Q(I_{\Omega} a)(\omega)) = a^*(a) = I_{\Omega}(\omega).$$

If  $\psi(\omega) \geq 0$ , then by Lemma 2.6

$$\|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = a^*(Q(I_{\Omega} a)(\omega)) = P(\psi).$$

Since  $Q$  is contractive and  $\|a^*\| \leq 1$ ,

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \int |P(\psi)| d\mu &= \int |a^*(Q(\psi a)(\omega))| d\mu \\ &\leq \int \|Q(\psi a)\| d\mu \leq \int \|\psi a\| d\mu = \int |\psi| d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$(3) \quad \phi(\omega) = \|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = P(\psi)(\omega).$$

If  $0 \leq \psi(\omega) \leq 1$  (a.e. $\omega$ ), then by Lemma 2.7

$$(4) \quad \phi(\omega) = \|(\phi a)(\omega)\| = \|Q(\phi a)(\omega)\| = P(\phi)(\omega).$$

By (3) and (4)

$$(5) \quad P(\psi) = P(P(\psi)).$$

Since  $P$  is a linear contractive operator, it is easy to show that (5) remains valid for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R)$ . Therefore by (1), (2), (5) and Lemma 2.2 there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  such that

$$(6) \quad P(\psi) = \psi^{\mathcal{B}}.$$

By Lemma 2.6 and the definition of  $P$

$$(7) \quad P(\psi)(\omega) = a^*(Q(\psi a)(\omega)) = \|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\|.$$

By (6) and (7) we have proved this Lemma. Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $a, b, c, d \in E$  with  $a, b, c, d > 0$  and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ . Then we can choose  $a', b', d' \in E^+, k \in R$  such that  $d = d' + (ka \wedge d) + (kb \wedge d) + (kc \wedge d)$ ,  $a', b' > 0$  and  $a' \wedge b' = b' \wedge d' = d' \wedge a' = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\|a\| = \|b\| = \|c\| = 1$ . Let  $k = 2\|d\|$ , and  $a' = ka - ka \wedge d$ ,  $b' = kb - kb \wedge d$  and  $d' = d - d \wedge k(a \vee b \vee c)$ . Since  $\|ka\| = k > \|d\| \geq \|ka \wedge d\| \vee \|kb \wedge d\|$ , we have  $a', b' > 0$ .

Since  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d &= d - d \wedge k(a \vee b \vee c) = d - ((ka \wedge d) \vee (kb \wedge d) \vee (kc \wedge d)) \\ &= d - (ka \wedge d + kb \wedge d + kc \wedge d). \end{aligned}$$

By the definitions of  $k, a', b'$  and  $d'$  we have

$$0 \leq a' \wedge b' \leq ka \wedge kb = 0.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq d' \wedge a' &= (d - d \wedge k(a \vee b \vee c)) \wedge (ka - ka \wedge d) \\ &\leq (d - ka \wedge d) \wedge (ka - ka \wedge d) = ka \wedge d - ka \wedge d = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove that  $b' \wedge d' = 0$ . Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.10.** *Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  with  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ . If  $d, e \in E$  and  $d \geq e$ , then  $Q(\psi d)(\omega) \geq Q(\psi e)(\omega)$  (*a.e.* $\omega$ ) for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$ .*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $d > 0$ . Then by Lemma 2.9 there exist  $a', b', d' \in E$  such that

$$(1) \quad a', b' > 0,$$

$$(2) \quad d = d' + (ka \wedge d) + (kb \wedge d) + (kc \wedge d)$$

and

$$(3) \quad a' \wedge b' = b' \wedge d' = d' \wedge a' = 0.$$

If  $d' > 0$ , then by (1), (3) and Lemma 2.5 we have

$$(4) \quad Q(\psi d')(\omega) \in E^+ (a.e.\omega).$$

If  $d' = 0$ , then (4) is trivial.

Since  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ ,

$$(5) \quad (ka \wedge d) \wedge b = (ka \wedge d) \wedge c = b \wedge c = 0.$$

If  $ka \wedge d > 0$ , then by (5) and Lemma 2.5

$$(6) \quad Q(\psi(ka \wedge d))(\omega) \in E^+ (a.e.\omega).$$

If  $ka \wedge d = 0$ , then (6) is trivial.

Similarly we can prove that

$$(7) \quad Q(\psi(kb \wedge d))(\omega) \in E^+$$

and

$$(8) \quad Q(\psi(kc \wedge d))(\omega) \in E^+.$$

By (2), (4), (6), (7) and (8) we have

$$Q(\psi d)(\omega) \in E^+ (a.e.\omega).$$

Since  $Q$  is linear, this proves the lemma.

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.11.** *Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  with  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ . Then for any  $d \in E^+$  there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that*

$$\|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|d\| (a.e.\omega)$$

for any  $\psi \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, R^+)$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is independent of the choice of  $d$ .

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\|a\| = \|d\|$ . Then  $\|a \vee d\| = \|a\| \vee \|d\| = \|a\| = \|d\|$ .

By Lemma 2.10

$$(1) \quad Q(\psi(d \vee a))(\omega) \geq Q(\psi a)(\omega) \vee Q(\psi d)(\omega) \geq 0 \text{ in } E.$$

By Lemma 2.8 there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|a\|.$$

and hence by (1) and Definition 1.2 (4) we have

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|Q(\psi(a \vee d))(\omega)\| &\geq \|Q(\psi a)(\omega)\| \\ &= \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|a\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|a \vee d\|. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.6 and the properties of conditional expectation

$$\|Q(\psi(a \vee d))\|_L = \|\psi(a \vee d)\|_L = \|\psi^{\mathcal{B}}(a \vee d)\|_L,$$

and hence by (2) we have

$$(3) \quad \|Q(\psi(a \vee d))(\omega)\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|a\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|d\|.$$

By (1)

$$(4) \quad \|Q(\psi(a \vee d))(\omega)\| \geq \|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\|.$$

By Lemma 2.6

$$\|Q(\psi d)\|_L = \|\psi d\|_L = \|\psi^{\mathcal{B}} d\|_L = \|\psi^{\mathcal{B}}\|_L \|d\|,$$

and hence by (3) and (4)

$$\|Q(\psi d)(\omega)\| = \psi^{\mathcal{B}} \|d\|.$$

It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}$  is independent of the choice of  $d$ .

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 2.12.** *If  $\dim(E) \geq 3$ , where  $\dim(E)$  is the dimension of  $E$  as a linear space, then there exist  $a, b, c \in E$  such that  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a \wedge b = b \wedge c = c \wedge a = 0$ .*

The proof of this lemma is a direct result of Theorem 26.10 of Luxemburg and Zaanan [7]

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\dim(E) \geq 3$ , then there exists a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $Q(f) = f^{\mathcal{B}}$  for any  $f \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu, E)$ .*

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the  $\sigma$ -subalgebra whose existence was proved in Lemma 2.11. Since the conditional expectation operator  $(\ )^{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $Q$  are linear bounded operators, it is sufficient to show that for any  $d \in E^+$  and  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\|d\| = 1$

$$Q(I_A d) = (I_A)^{\mathcal{B}} d.$$

Let  $e = \int (Q(I_A d)(\omega) \vee (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) - Q(I_A d)(\omega)) d\mu(\omega)$ . Clearly  $e \in E^+$ . We suppose that  $e > 0$ . Since  $e > 0$ , by Lemma 1.2 there exists  $e^* \in E_h$  such that

$$\|e\| = |e^*(e)| = e^*(e).$$

By Lemma 2.5

$$(1) \quad 0 \leq Q(I_A d)(\omega) \leq d.$$

By the properties of conditional expectation we have

$$0 \leq (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) \leq d,$$

and hence by (1)

$$0 < e \leq d,$$

by which we have

$$e^*(e) \leq e^*(d).$$

Therefore we can choose  $k \geq 1$  such that  $e^*(ke) = e^*(d)$ . Then we have

$$(2) \quad e^*(ke \wedge d) = e^*(ke) \wedge e^*(d) = e^*(d).$$

Since  $\|e^*\| \leq 1$ ,

$$(3) \quad e^*(ke \wedge d) \leq \|ke \wedge d\| \leq \|ke\| = ke^*(e) = e^*(d).$$

By (2) and (3) we have

$$(4) \quad e^*(ke \wedge d) = \|ke \wedge d\| = e^*(d).$$

Since  $d \geq ke \wedge d$ , by (4) and Lemma 2.6

$$e^*(Q(I_A d)(\omega)) \geq e^*(Q(I_A(ke \wedge d))(\omega)) = \|Q(I_A(ke \wedge d))(\omega)\|.$$

By Lemma 2.11 and (4)

$$\|Q(I_A(ke \wedge d))(\omega)\| = (I_A)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) \|ke \wedge d\| = (I_A)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) e^*(d).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < e^*(e) &= e^*\left(\int (Q(I_A d)(\omega) \vee (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) - Q(I_A d)(\omega)) d\mu\right) \\ &= \int (e^*(Q(I_A d)(\omega)) \vee (I_A)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) e^*(d) - e^*(Q(I_A d)(\omega))) d\mu \\ &= \int (e^*(Q(I_A d)(\omega)) - e^*(Q(I_A d)(\omega))) d\mu = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. We have proved that  $e=0$ , and hence we have

$$(4) \quad Q(I_A d)(\omega) \geq (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}.$$

Similarly we can prove that

$$(5) \quad Q(I_{\Omega-A} d)(\omega) \geq (I_{\Omega-A} d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) \text{ (a.e. } \omega \text{)}.$$

Since  $Q$  is constant-preserving,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(I_A d)(\omega) + Q(I_{\Omega-A} d)(\omega) &= Q(I_{\Omega} d)(\omega) \\ &= I_{\Omega} d(\omega) = (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega) + (I_{\Omega-A} d)^{\mathcal{B}}(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

and hence by (4) and (5) we have

$$Q(I_A d) = (I_A d)^{\mathcal{B}}$$

**Q.E.D.**

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