

On Uniqueness of KMS States of One-dimensional Quantum Lattice Systems

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Abstract. We present a proof of the theorem on the uniqueness of KMS states of one-dimensional quantum lattice systems, which is based on some equicontinuity.

1. Introduction

Araki [1] has proved, in full generality, the uniqueness of KMS states of one-dimensional quantum lattice systems under the condition that for some increasing family of finite volumes the corresponding surface energies are bounded. (See also [8, 3, 5, 9].) We present another proof of this fact in the same setting as in [1, 9]. The reader is referred to [1] for the connection with one-dimensional lattice systems.

2. Theorem

Let A be a UHF algebra and δ a normal $*$ -derivation on A , i.e., the domain $D(\delta)$ of δ is the union of an increasing family $\{A_n\}$ of finite type I factors (which is dense in A). There exists $h_n = h_n^* \in A$ for each n satisfying $\delta(a) = \delta_{ih_n}(a) \equiv [ih_n, a]$ for all $a \in A_n$. Let τ be the unique tracial state on A and P_n the canonical conditional expectation of A onto A_n , i.e., $k_n \equiv P_n h_n \in A_n$ satisfies $\tau(h_n a) = \tau(k_n a)$ for all $a \in A_n$. If $\{\|h_n - k_n\|\}$ is bounded, the closure of δ generates a one parameter automorphism group ϱ_t satisfying

$$\varrho_t(X) = \lim e^{ik_n t} X e^{-ik_n t}, \quad X \in A.$$

(For the proof, see [6].) Since ϱ_t is approximately inner, there exists at least one KMS state for any temperature [7]. On the uniqueness of KMS states we have

Theorem. *If $\{\|h_n - k_n\|\}$ is uniformly bounded, then A has only one ϱ_t -KMS state for each inverse temperature β .*

3. Proof

Let ψ be an extremal KMS state at β and $(\mathfrak{H}, \pi, \Psi)$ the GNS representation of A associated with ψ . Then Ψ is a cyclic and separating vector relative to $\mathfrak{M} \equiv \pi(A)''$.

Let Δ be the modular operator (for Ψ relative to \mathfrak{M}). Now we define the following function of z in the strip region $I_{\beta/2} \equiv \{z; \text{Im } z \in [0, \beta/2]\}$ for each $x \in A$:

$$F_n(z; x) = (e^{i\bar{z}(-H+W_n)}\Psi | \pi(z)e^{-iz(-H+W_n)}\Psi)$$

where $W_n = \pi(h_n - k_n)$ and $H = -\beta^{-1} \log \Delta$. Then $F_n(z) = F_n(z; x)$ is a bounded continuous function of z in $I_{\beta/2}$ and holomorphic in the interior of $I_{\beta/2}$ [2]. For real t ,

$$F_n(t) = (\varphi_t(iW_n)\Psi | \pi(z)\varphi_{-t}(iW_n)\Psi).$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_t(iW_n) &= e^{it(-H+W_n)}e^{itH} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \dots \int_0^{t_{m-1}} dt_m \sigma_{t_m}(iW_n) \dots \sigma_{t_1}(iW_n), \\ \sigma_t(Q) &= e^{-itH} Q e^{itH}, \quad Q \in \mathfrak{M}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other boundary,

$$F_n\left(t + \frac{i\beta}{2}\right) = (\varphi_t(iW_n)\Psi(\sigma_t(\beta W_n)) | \pi(z)\varphi_{-t}(iW_n)\Psi(\sigma_{-t}(\beta W_n)))$$

where

$$\Psi(\sigma_t(\beta W_n)) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}(\log \Delta + \sigma_t(\beta W_n))\right]\Psi.$$

It is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &e^{it(-H+W_n)}e^{\frac{\beta}{2}(-H+W_n)}\Psi \\ &= e^{it(-H+W_n)}e^{itH}e^{-itH}e^{\frac{\beta}{2}(-H+W_n)}e^{itH}\Psi \\ &= \varphi_t(iW_n)e^{\frac{\beta}{2}(-H+\sigma_t(W_n))}\Psi. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can prove:

Lemma. *If $\{\|W_n\|\}$ is bounded, the families of functions $\{F_n(t)\}$ and $\left\{F_n\left(t + \frac{i\beta}{2}\right)\right\}$ are uniformly bounded and equicontinuous.*

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_t(iW_n)\| &= 1, \\ \left\| \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_t(iW_n) \right\| &= \|\varphi_t(iW_n)\sigma_t(iW_n)\| \\ &= \|W_n\|, \\ \|\Psi(\sigma_t(\beta W_n))\| &\leq \exp \frac{\beta}{2} \|W_n\|, \\ \left\| \frac{d}{dt} e^{(it+\frac{\beta}{2})(-H+W_n)}\Psi \right\| &= \|(-H+W_n)\Psi(\beta W_n)\| \\ &= \|\jmath(W_n)\Psi(\beta W_n)\| \leq \|W_n\| \exp \frac{\beta}{2} \|W_n\| \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that $\log A + \beta W_n - j(\beta W_n)$ is the modular operator for $\Psi(\beta W_n)(j(\beta W_n) = J\beta W_n J, J$ is the modular conjugation operator, [cf. 2]). Q.E.D.

We are now ready to start the proof of Theorem. Let ω_n be the state such that $\omega_n(x) = \tau(e^{-\beta k_n x})/\tau(e^{-\beta k_n})$. Then ω_n is a KMS state at β relative to $e^{t\delta i k_n}(x) = e^{itk_n} x e^{-itk_n}$ ($x \in A$). First of all we choose a subsequence $\{n_k\}$ such that $\omega_{n_k} \rightarrow \omega$ in the vague topology. Then ω is a KMS state at β relative to $\varrho_t(x) = \lim e^{t\delta i k_n}(x)$ ($x \in A$) [7].

We notice

$$F_n\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; x\right) = \psi^{(\beta W_n)}(x) \equiv (\Psi(\beta W_n) | \pi(x) \Psi(\beta W_n))$$

where $\psi^{(\beta W_n)}/\psi^{(\beta W_n)}(1)$ is a KMS state at β relative to

$$\varrho_t^{(W_n)}(x) = \pi^{-1}(e^{it(H - W_n)} \pi(z) e^{-it(H - W_n)}).$$

Since $\varrho_t^{(W_n)}/A_n = e^{t\delta i k_n}/A_n$, we have

$$\psi^{(\beta W_n)}/A_n = \psi^{(\beta W_n)}(1)\omega_n/A_n.$$

(These facts are all due to the equivalence of the KMS condition and the Gibbs condition [4, 2, 1]). By choosing a suitable subsequence $\{m\}$ of $\{n_k\}$ we have convergences

$$F_m(z; y) \rightarrow F_\infty(z; y)$$

$$F_m(z; 1) \rightarrow F_\infty(z; 1)$$

for arbitrarily chosen $y \in \cup A_n$, where the convergence is uniform in z on every compact set in $I_{\beta/2}$ (by Lemma and the theory of normal families). Since $\|\delta_{iW_n}\| \leq 2\|W_n\|$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim \delta_{iW_n}(\pi(a)) &= \lim \{\pi(\delta_{i k_n}(a)) - \pi(\delta_{i k_n}(a))\} \\ &= \lim \pi \circ (1 - P_n) \delta(a) = 0 (a \in D(\delta) \equiv \cup A_n), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain $\lim \delta_{iW_n}(\pi(z)) = 0$ for all $x \in A$. We can conclude

$$\lim \|\varphi_t(iW_n)^* \pi(x)\| = 0.$$

This implies that $\varphi_t(iW_m)^* \varphi_{-t}(iW_m)$ converges weakly to $F_\infty(t, 1)1$, because $\mathfrak{M} \cap \mathfrak{M}'$ is trivial by the extremality of ψ . Hence

$$F_\infty(t; y) = \psi(y)F_\infty(t; 1)$$

which implies

$$F_\infty\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; y\right) = \psi(y)F_\infty\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; 1\right)$$

by the analytic continuation. On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} F_\infty\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; y\right) &= \lim \psi^{(\beta W_m)}(y) \\ &= \lim \psi^{(\beta W_m)}(1)\omega_m(y) \\ &= \omega(y)F_\infty\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\psi^{(\beta W_m)}(1) = \|\Psi(\beta W_m)\|^2 \geq \exp \psi(\beta W_m)$ [2], $F_\infty\left(\frac{i\beta}{2}; 1\right) \neq 0$. Therefore $\psi(y) = \omega(y)$, i.e., $\psi = \omega$. Since an arbitrary extremal KMS state is equal to the fixed KMS state ω , the set of KMS states consists of only one state.

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