

COMPLETELY POSITIVE MAPS ON AMALGAMATED PRODUCT C*-ALGEBRAS

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Let F_N be the free group on N generators $a_1, \dots, a_N (N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, N \geq 2)$; for $g = a_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots a_{i_n}^{k_n}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n, k_i \in \mathbb{Z}, k_i \neq 0$, denote its length by $|g| = |k_1| + \dots + |k_n|$. Haagerup [10] proved that for any $r \in [0, 1]$, the function $H_r(g) = r^{|g|}$ is positive definite on F_N .

In fact, the functions $\phi_z: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \phi_z(k) = z^{|k|}, k \in \mathbb{Z}, z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| \leq 1$, where $z^{|k|} = \begin{cases} z^k, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_+; \\ \bar{z}^{-k}, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_- \end{cases}$ are known to be positive definite [13] and $H_r = \phi_r * \phi_r$ on $F_2 = \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$, in the sense that $H_r(a_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots a_{i_n}^{k_n}) = \phi_r(a_{i_1}^{k_1}) \dots \phi_r(a_{i_n}^{k_n})$ for any reduced word $a_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots a_{i_n}^{k_n}$.

In this way, de Michele and Figà-Talamanca [9], Bożejko [5, 6] and Picardello [12] extended Haagerup’s result. In [6] Bożejko proved that the free product of the unital positive definite functions $u_i: G_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ is still positive definite on the free product group $*G_i = G$ and a similar result for the free product of H -bivariant functions on the amalgamated product $*_H G_i$. In [4] we defined an analogue of this construction for amalgamated free product C*-algebras, showing a class of completely positive maps on these C*-algebras.

Whenever G_i are discrete groups, the positive definite functions $u_i: G_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ yield states ϕ_i on $C^*(G_i)$. In [2] and [17] the state which corresponds to $u = *u_i$ is constructed, the free product of GNS representations π_{ϕ_i} is defined and one gets $*\pi_{\phi_i} = \pi_\phi$. Consequently, there is a canonical way for constructing the Naimark dilation of the positive definite function $u: *G_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

The aim of this note is to construct the Stinespring dilation for the completely positive maps $*\Phi_i: *_B A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ considered in [4] (here $*_B A_i$ denotes the full amalgamated product of the unital C*-algebras A_i over a common C*-subalgebra B with respect to a family of projections of norm one $E_i: A_i \rightarrow B$). On this way one can easily write the Naimark dilation for the operator valued map $*_H u_i: *_H G_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ from [6] and [12]. This is explicitly done for $G_i = \mathbb{Z}, H = \{0\}, T_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ contractions and $u_i(k) = T_i^{|k|}$, where

$$T^{\{k\}} = \begin{cases} T^k, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_+; \\ T^{*-k}, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_-. \end{cases}$$

1.1 Let A be a unital C^* -algebra, \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and $\Phi : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ a unital completely positive map. The Stinespring dilation (π, \mathcal{K}) of Φ , consisting of a Hilbert space \mathcal{K} which includes \mathcal{H} and of a unital $*$ -representation $\rho : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$ such that

- (i) $\Phi(a) = P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{K}} \rho(a)|_{\mathcal{H}}$ for $a \in A$
- (ii) $\mathcal{K} = \overline{\text{span}} \rho(A)\mathcal{H}$

is unique up to unitary equivalence.

Denote by $\mathcal{K}^0 = \mathcal{K} \ominus \mathcal{H}$ the orthogonal complement of \mathcal{H} into \mathcal{K} and remark that for $a \in A, h, h' \in \mathcal{H}$ one has

$$\langle \rho(a)h - \Phi(a)h, h' \rangle = \langle P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{K}} \rho(a)h, h' \rangle - \langle \Phi(a)h, h' \rangle = 0.$$

On the other hand, let $k \in \mathcal{K}^0 \ominus \text{span} \{ \rho(a)h - \Phi(a)h; a \in A, h \in \mathcal{H} \}$. Then $\langle k, \Phi(a)h \rangle = 0$, hence $\langle k, \rho(a)h \rangle = 0$ for $a \in A, h \in \mathcal{H}$. By (ii) it follows that $k = 0$ and consequently

$$\mathcal{K}^0 = \overline{\text{span}} \{ \rho(a)h - \Phi(a)h; a \in A, h \in \mathcal{H} \}.$$

1.2 LEMMA *Let A be a unital C^* -algebra, B be a unital C^* -subalgebra of A with a projection of norm one $E : A \rightarrow B, \chi : B \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be a unital $*$ -representation on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and $\Phi : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be a B -linear (i.e. $\Phi(ab) = \Phi(a)\chi(b)$ for $a \in A, b \in B$) completely positive map. Let (ρ, \mathcal{K}) be the Stinespring representation associated with Φ . Then \mathcal{K} (and consequently \mathcal{K}^0) is $\rho(B)$ -invariant and $\rho(b)h = \chi(b)h$ for $b \in B, h \in \mathcal{H}$.*

PROOF. Since $\text{span} \{ \rho(a)h - \Phi(a)h; a \in A, h \in \mathcal{H} \}$ is dense in \mathcal{K}^0 , it is enough to remark that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rho(b)h, \rho(a)h' - \Phi(a)h' \rangle &= \langle \rho(a^*b)h, h' \rangle - \langle \rho(b)h, \Phi(a)h' \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi(a^*b)h, h' \rangle - \langle \Phi(b)h, \Phi(a)h' \rangle = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all $a \in A, b \in B, h, h' \in \mathcal{H}$.

1.3 Let B be a unital C^* -algebra, \mathcal{H} be a right Hilbert B -module, \mathcal{K} be a Hilbert space and $\chi : B \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$ a $*$ -representation. Denote by $\mathcal{H} \otimes_{\chi} \mathcal{K}$ the completion of the vector space $\mathcal{H} \odot \mathcal{K}$ (the algebraic tensor product as vector spaces) with respect to the scalar product

$$\langle h_1 \otimes k_1, h_2 \otimes k_2 \rangle = \langle \chi(\langle h_2, h_1 \rangle_B)k_1, k_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}, \quad h_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{H}, k_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{K}.$$

In this way $\mathcal{H} \otimes_{\chi} \mathcal{K}$ becomes a Hilbert space and the map $\theta : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H} \otimes_{\chi} \mathcal{K})$ given by $\theta(T)(h \otimes k) = Th \otimes k$ for $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}), h \in \mathcal{H}, k \in \mathcal{K}$ is a $*$ -representation.

Given any *-representation $\sigma : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, one considers the representation $\sigma \otimes I : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H} \otimes_{\chi} \mathcal{K})$, $\sigma \otimes I = \theta\sigma$.

Remark that for $\mathcal{H} = B$ and $\chi : B \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$ unital *-representation, there is a natural identification between the Hilbert spaces $B \otimes_{\chi} \mathcal{K}$ and \mathcal{K} given by the

$$\text{unitary } W(\sum_i b_i \otimes k_i) = \sum_i \chi(b_i)k_i.$$

Consequently, under the assumptions of 1.2, the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}^0 becomes a left B -module. For $b \in B, k \in \mathcal{H}^0$ we shall denote simply bk instead of $\chi(b)k$.

1.4 At this moment we are concerned with Voiculescu's construction of C^* -reduced amalgamated free products ([17]), that we recall briefly.

Given $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ unital C^* -algebras with a common unital C^* -subalgebra B and projections of norm one $E_i : A_i \rightarrow B$, one denotes by \mathcal{H}_i the separation and completion of A_i with respect to $\|a\|_{E_i} = \|E_i(a^*a)\|^{1/2}$. Denote also $\xi_i = 1_B \in \mathcal{H}_i$ and $A_i^0 = \text{Ker } E_i$.

The B -valued inner product $\langle x, y \rangle_B = E_i(y^*x)$ on A_i yields an inner product on \mathcal{H}_i which becomes a Hilbert B -module. The B -bimodule direct sum $A_i = B \oplus A_i^0$ gives rise to the orthogonal direct sum of Hilbert B -modules $\mathcal{H}_i = B \oplus \mathcal{H}_i^0$.

The left multiplication on A_i yields a unital GNS type *-morphism $\pi_i : A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_i)$ with $E_i(a) = \langle \pi_i(a)\xi_i, \xi_i \rangle_B$ for $a \in A_i$. Clearly $\pi_i(A_i^0)\xi_i$ is dense in \mathcal{H}_i^0 .

One defines the free product of the pointed Hilbert B -modules $(\mathcal{H}_i, \xi_i)_{i \in I}$ by (\mathcal{H}_0, ξ) , where

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = B \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 1, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} \mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0 = B \oplus \mathcal{H}^0; \xi = 1_B \oplus 0 \in \mathcal{H}_0.$$

Consider also the Hilbert B -modules

$$\mathcal{H}_l(i) = B \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 1, i \neq i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} \mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0 = B \oplus \mathcal{H}_l^0(i);$$

$$\mathcal{H}_r(i) = B \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 1, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n \neq i} \mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0 = B \oplus \mathcal{H}_r^0(i)$$

and the unitaries $V_i : \mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_i \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_l(i)$ defined by

$$V_i(h) = \begin{cases} \xi_i \oplus \xi & , \text{ for } h = \xi; \\ h_1 \otimes (h_2 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n) & , \text{ for } h = h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n, i_1 = i, n \geq 2; \\ h_1 \otimes \xi & , \text{ for } h = h_1, i_1 = i; \\ \xi_i \otimes (h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n) & , \text{ for } h = h_1, i_1 \neq i; \end{cases}$$

where $h_k \in \mathcal{H}_{i_k}^0, k = \overline{1, n}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n$.

Define the *-morphisms $\sigma_i : A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_0)$ by $\sigma_i = \lambda_i \pi_i$, where $\lambda_i : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_0), \lambda_i(T) = V_i^{-1}(T \otimes I)V_i$. Then the reduced free product with amalgamation of $(A_i, E_i)_{i \in I}$ is the C^* -algebra A generated by $\cup_{i \in I} \sigma_i(A_i)$ in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_0)$, B identifi-

es with a *-subalgebra of A and $E(a) = \langle a\xi, \xi \rangle_B$ is a conditional expectation of A onto B .

- LEMMA. i) The direct B -submodule $\mathcal{H}_r(j)$ of \mathcal{H}_0 is σ_i -invariant for $i \neq j$.
 ii) The direct B -submodule $\mathcal{H}_r^0(i)$ of \mathcal{H}_0 is σ_i -invariant.

PROOF. i) Since $\sigma_i(b)$ acts by left multiplication by b on B and on $\mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0$ and $\sigma_i(a)\xi = \pi_i(a)\xi_i$ for $a \in A_i^0$ it is enough to check that $\sigma_i(a)h \in \mathcal{H}_r^0(j)$ for any $a \in A_i^0, h \in \mathcal{H}_r(j)$, this being obtained by the following relations:

$$\sigma_i(a)h_1 = \langle \pi_i(a)h_1, \xi_i \rangle_B \xi + h'_1 \in B \oplus \mathcal{H}_i^0 \text{ for } i_1 = i;$$

$$\sigma_i(a)(h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n) = \langle \pi_i(a)h_1, \xi_i \rangle_B h_2 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n + h'_1 \otimes h_2 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n$$

for $i_1 = i, n \geq 2$ (in both cases $h'_1 \in \mathcal{H}_i^0$);

$$\sigma_i(a)(h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n) = \pi_i(a)\xi_i \otimes h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n \text{ for } i_1 \neq i, n \geq 1.$$

ii) The above last two formulas show us that

$$\sigma_i(A_i^0)(\mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0) \subset \mathcal{H}_r^0(i) \text{ for } i_1 \neq i, n \geq 1.$$

1.5 Let A_i, B and E_i as in 1.4 and look at the algebraic free product $A = \bigoplus_B A_i$ with amalgamation over B , which is a B -ring. The B -bimodule decompositions $A_i = B \oplus A_i^0$ yield the following B -bimodule decomposition ([7]):

$$\bigoplus_B A_i = B \oplus \bigoplus_{i_1 + \dots + i_n, n \geq 1} A_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B A_{i_n}^0.$$

There is a natural *-operation which turns A into a complex *-algebra. Moreover, since each A_i is spanned by the unitary group $\mathcal{U}(A_i)$, the unital *-algebra $A = \bigoplus_B A_i$ is spanned by $\mathcal{U}(A)$. It is a well-known remark that such a *-algebra satisfies the Combes axiom i.e. for each $x \in A$, there is an $\lambda(x) > 0$ such that $x^*x \leq \lambda(x)$.

It is a routine exercise to check that the first statement in 1.1 is still true whenever one replaces A by a unital *-algebra satisfying the Combes axiom.

The full amalgamated product of $(A_i, E_i)_{i \in I}$, denoted $\bigoplus_B^* A_i$ is the completion and separation of $\bigoplus_B A_i$ in the C^* -seminorm

$$\|a\| = \sup \{ \|\pi(a)\|; \pi^* \text{-representation of } \bigoplus_B A_i \}.$$

It is not difficult to prove that assuming each E_i faithful, $\| \cdot \|$ is in fact a C^* -norm and the A_i 's identify canonically to some unital *-subalgebras of $\bigoplus_B^* A_i$.

Let $\chi: B \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be a unital *-representation and $\Phi_i: A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be B -linear completely positive maps. Let (ρ_i, \mathcal{H}_i) be the Stinespring dilation of Φ_i . By 1.1 one gets $\mathcal{H}_i^0 = \mathcal{H}_i \ominus \mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{span}}(\rho_i - \Phi_i)(A)\mathcal{H}$ and $\rho_i(B)\mathcal{H}_i^0 \subset \mathcal{H}_i^0$. Denote $\rho_i^0 = \rho_i|_{\mathcal{H}_i^0}: B \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_i^0)$ and consider the following Hilbert space:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} &= \mathcal{H} \oplus \bigoplus_i \mathcal{K}_i^0 \oplus \bigoplus_i \mathcal{K}_r^0(i) \otimes_{\rho_i^0} \mathcal{K}_i^0 = \\ &= \mathcal{K}_i \oplus \mathcal{K}_r^0(i) \otimes_{\rho_i^0} \mathcal{K}_i^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \mathcal{K}_j^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \mathcal{K}_r^0(j) \otimes_{\rho_j^0} \mathcal{K}_j^0 = \\ &= \mathcal{K}_i \oplus \mathcal{K}_r^0(i) \otimes_{\rho_i^0} \mathcal{K}_i^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \mathcal{K}_r(j) \otimes_{\rho_j^0} \mathcal{K}_j^0 \end{aligned}$$

and the *-representations $\tilde{\rho}_i: A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$, $\tilde{\rho}_i(a) = \rho_i(a) \oplus \sigma_i(a)|_{\mathcal{K}_r^0(i)} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{K}_i^0} \oplus \bigoplus_{j \neq i} \sigma_{ij}(a)$, where

$$\sigma_{ij}(a) = (W_j \oplus I_j)(\sigma_i(a)|_{\mathcal{K}_r(i)} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{K}_j^0})(W_j^* \oplus I_j),$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_j: B \otimes_{\rho_j^0} \mathcal{K}_j^0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_j^0, W_j(\sum_r b_r \otimes k_r) &= \sum_r \rho_j(b_r) k_r \text{ are unitaries and} \\ I_j &= I_{\mathcal{K}_r^0(i)} \otimes_{\rho_j^0} \mathcal{K}_j^0. \end{aligned}$$

Denoting by \hat{a} the image of $a \in A_i$ in \mathcal{K}_i one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij}(a)k &= (W_j \oplus I)(\sigma_i(a)\xi \otimes k) = (W_j \oplus I)(\hat{a} \otimes k) = \\ &= (W_j \oplus I)(\hat{E}_B(a) \otimes k + (\hat{a} - \hat{E}_B(a)) \otimes k) = \\ &= \rho_j(E_B(a))k + (\hat{a} - \hat{E}_B(a)) \otimes k, \text{ for } a \in A_i, k \in \mathcal{K}_j^0, \end{aligned}$$

hence $\sigma_{ij}(b)k = \rho_j(b)k = bk$ for $b \in B, k \in \mathcal{K}_j^0$ and consequently

$$\tilde{\rho}_r(b)k = bk = \tilde{\rho}_s(b)k \text{ for } b \in B, k \in \mathcal{K}_j^0, r, s \in I.$$

In fact, remark that \mathcal{K} is a left B -module, the left multiplication by $b \in B$ being:

$$bh = \chi(b)h \text{ for } h \in \mathcal{H}; bk = \rho_j(b)k \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K}_j^0;$$

$$b(h_1 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n \otimes k) = \chi(b)h_1 \otimes h_2 \otimes \dots \otimes h_n \otimes k, \text{ for } h_s \in \mathcal{K}_{i_s}^0, s = \overline{1, n}, k \in \mathcal{K}_j^0, \\ i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n \neq j$$

and

$$\tilde{\rho}_i(b)\xi = b\xi \text{ for } b \in B, \xi \in \mathcal{K}, i \in I.$$

Consequently the *-representations $\tilde{\rho}_i$ agree on B and one defines the *-representation $\rho = \ast \tilde{\rho}_i: \bigoplus_B A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$.

1.6 THEOREM. (ρ, \mathcal{K}) is the Stinespring dilation of the map $\Phi: \bigoplus_B A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ defined by:

$$\Phi(b) = \chi(b), \text{ for } b \in B;$$

$$\Phi(a_1 \dots a_n) = \Phi_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n), \text{ for } a_j \in A_{i_j}^0, j = \overline{1, n}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n.$$

Consequently Φ is completely positive and extends to a B -linear completely positive map $\ast\Phi_i: \ast A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$.

PROOF. By 1.5 $\rho(b)h = \chi(b)h$ for $b \in B, h \in H$ hence $\langle \rho(b)h, h' \rangle = \Phi(b), b \in B, h, h' \in \mathcal{H}$. Pick now $h, h' \in \mathcal{H}, a_j \in A_{i_j}^0, j = \overline{1, n}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n$ and check that $\langle \tilde{\rho}_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \tilde{\rho}_{i_n}(a_n)h, h' \rangle = \Phi_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)$. Remark first that

$$\tilde{\rho}_{i_n}(a_n)h = \rho_{i_n}(a_n)h = \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + (\rho_{i_n}(a_n)h - \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h) = \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + k_n, \text{ with } k_n \in \mathcal{K}_{i_n}^0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1})\tilde{\rho}_{i_n}(a_n)h &= \tilde{\rho}_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1})\Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + \tilde{\rho}_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1})k_n = \\ &= \Phi_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1})\Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + (\rho_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1}) - \Phi_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1}))\Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + \sigma_{i_{n-1}}(a_{n-1}) \otimes \\ &k_n \in \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}_{i_{n-1}}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_{i_{n-1}} \otimes_{\rho_{i_{n-1}}} \mathcal{K}_{i_n}^0 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $\tilde{\rho}_{i_{k+1}}(a_{k+1}) \dots \tilde{\rho}_{i_n}(a_n)h = \Phi_{i_{k+1}}(a_{i_{k+1}}) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h \oplus \eta_k$, with $\eta_k \in \mathcal{K}_{i_{k+1}}^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{r=k+1}^{n-1} (\mathcal{H}_{i_{k+1}}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_r}^0) \otimes_{\rho_{i_r}} \mathcal{K}_{i_r}^0$.

Since

$$\tilde{\rho}_{i_k}(a_{i_k})(\Phi_{i_{k+1}}(a_{k+1}) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h) = \Phi_{i_k}(a_k) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h \oplus (\rho_{i_k}(a_k) - \Phi_{i_k}(a_k))\Phi_{i_{k+1}}(a_{k+1}) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h \in \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}_{i_k}^0;$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{i_k}(a_k)(\mathcal{K}_{i_{k+1}}^0) \subset \mathcal{H}_{i_k}^0 \oplus_{\rho_{i_{k+1}}} \mathcal{K}_{i_{k+1}}^0;$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{i_k}(a_k)((\mathcal{H}_{i_{k+1}}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_r}^0) \otimes_{\rho_{i_r}} \mathcal{K}_{i_{r+1}}^0) \subset \mathcal{H}_{i_k}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_r}^0 \otimes_{\rho_{i_r}} \mathcal{K}_{i_{r+1}}^0,$$

it follows that $\tilde{\rho}_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \tilde{\rho}_{i_n}(a_n)h = \Phi_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h + \eta_0$, with

$$\eta_0 \in \mathcal{K}_{i_1}^0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_{\rho_{i_2}} \mathcal{K}_{i_2}^0 \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_{n-1}}^0) \otimes_{\rho_{i_n}} \mathcal{K}_{i_n}^0$$

and consequently $\langle \rho(a_1 \dots a_n)h, h' \rangle = \langle \Phi_{i_1}(a_1) \dots \Phi_{i_n}(a_n)h, h' \rangle + \langle \eta_0, h' \rangle = \langle \Phi(a_1 \dots a_n)h, h' \rangle$.

Finally, 1.1 and the definitions yield:

$$\rho(B)\mathcal{H} = \chi(B)\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H};$$

$$\overline{\text{span}}(\rho - \Phi)(A_i)\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{span}}(\rho_i - \Phi_i)(A_i)\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_i^0 \text{ for } i \in I;$$

$$\overline{\text{span}}\rho(A_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B A_{i_n}^0)\mathcal{H}_{i_{n+1}}^0 = (\mathcal{H}_{i_1}^0 \otimes_B \dots \otimes_B \mathcal{H}_{i_n}^0) \otimes_{\rho_{i_{n+1}}} \mathcal{H}_{i_{n+1}}^0$$

$$\text{for } i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n \neq i_{n+1}$$

hence $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{span}}\pi(A)\mathcal{H}$.

COROLLARY 1. If $(G_i)_{i \in I}$ are discrete groups, $H \subset \bigcap_i G_i$ a common subgroup and $\phi_i: G_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ are H -bivariant positive functions, then the function $\phi: \ast_{\mathbb{H}} G_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ defined by

$$\phi(hg_1 \dots g_n) = \phi_{i_1}(g_1) \dots \phi_{i_n}(g_n) \text{ for } g_j \in G_{i_j}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n$$

is positive definite.

PROOF. Since G_i are discrete, $C^*(H)$ is a C^* -subalgebra of $C^*(G_i)$ and there exist conditional expectations $E_i: C^*(G_i) \rightarrow C^*(H)$. It is not difficult to see that $C^*(G_1 *_H G_2) \cong C^*(G_1) *_C C^*(G_2)$ and each ϕ_i corresponds to its unital extension $\Phi_i: C^*(G_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$, which is $C^*(H)$ -linear.

COROLLARY 2. Let A_i be unital C^* -algebras, $S_i \subset A_i$ be unital subspaces and $L_i: S_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be unital completely contractive maps. Then the L_i extend to a completely contractive map on the free product C^* -algebra $*_{\mathbb{C}} A_i$.

PROOF. By Arveson's extension theorem [1], each L_i extends to a unital completely map $\Phi_i: A_i \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ and taking $B = \mathbb{C}$ and each E_i a state on A_i , the map $*_{\mathbb{C}} \Phi_i$ is unital and completely positive on $*_{\mathbb{C}} A_i$.

Blecher and Paulsen defined in [3] the free product with amalgamation over \mathbb{C} in the category consisting of unital operator algebras as objects and completely contractive morphisms as morphisms and pointed out the following corollary:

COROLLARY 3. If A_1, A_2 and B are unital operator algebras and $\Phi_i: A_i \rightarrow B$ are unital completely contractive maps, then there is a common completely extension $\Phi: A_1 *_C A_2 \rightarrow B$.

The following is a noncommutative version of Prop. 4.23 in [16] (see also Th.10.8. in [11]).

COROLLARY 4. Given $(A_i, E_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(B_i, F_i)_{i \in I}$ with $E_i: A_i \rightarrow B, F_i: B_i \rightarrow B$ faithful projections of norm one onto the unital C^* -subalgebra B and the B -linear completely positive maps $\phi_i: A_i \rightarrow B_i$, there is a common extension $\Phi: *_B A_i \rightarrow *_B B_i$ which is B -linear and completely positive.

Let M be a finite von Neumann algebra with a faithful trace τ . Then M satisfies Haagerup's approximation property whenever there exists a net of unital completely positive maps $\Psi_i: M \rightarrow M, i \in I$ such that:

- i) $\tau(\Psi_i(x * x)) \leq \tau(x * x)$ for all $x \in M$;
- ii) $\lim_{i \in I} \|\Psi_i(x) - x\|_2 = 0$, for all $x \in M$;
- iii) Each Ψ_i induces a compact bounded operator $T_{\Psi_i}: L^2(M, \tau) \rightarrow L^2(M, \tau)$.

Note that conditions i) shows that $\|\Psi_i(x)\|_2^2 = \tau(\Psi_i(x) * \Psi_i(x)) \leq \tau(\Psi_i(x * x)) \leq \|x\|_2^2$ i.e. that T_{Ψ_i} is a contraction. Consequently $\text{Ker}(I - T_{\Psi_i}) = \text{Ker}(I - T_{\Psi_i}^*)$ and since $T_{\Psi_i} \hat{1} = \hat{1}$ it follows that $\mathbb{C}\hat{1}$ is a reducible subspace for T_{Ψ_i} . Denote $T_{\Psi_i}^0 = T_{\Psi_i}|_{\mathbb{C}\hat{1}}$ and let $\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}(x) = (1 + \varepsilon)^{-1}(\Psi_i(x) + \varepsilon\tau(x))$ for $\varepsilon \geq 0$.

It is easily seen that $\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}$ are unital, $\tau(\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}(x * x)) \leq \tau(x * x)$ and

$\lim_{(i,\varepsilon) \in I_*} \|\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}(x) - x\|_2 = 0$ for all $x \in M$, where $I_* = I \times \mathbb{R}_+$ with the order $(i_1, \varepsilon_1) \leq (i_2, \varepsilon_2)$ if $i_1 \leq i_2$ and $\varepsilon_1 \geq \varepsilon_2$. Moreover, $T_{\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}}^0 = (1 + \varepsilon)^{-1} T_{\Psi_i}^0$, hence $\|T_{\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}}^0\| < 1$. This remark shows that in fact we can always assume that $\|T_{\Psi_i}^0\| < 1$.

Let M be a finite von Neumann algebra with a faithful trace τ , acting standardly by left multiplication on $\mathcal{H}_\tau = L^2(M, \tau)$. For any $x \in M$ denote by x_τ its appropriate vector in \mathcal{H}_τ . The vector 1_τ is a cyclic and separating trace vector from M . Denote by $\omega_{\xi,n}$, $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_\tau$ the vector form induced by ξ and η and $\omega_\xi = \omega_{\xi,\xi}$. Let $M_0 \subset M$ be a unital weakly dense $*$ -subalgebra of M and let $\Phi_0: M_0 \rightarrow M_0$ be a unital linear map such that $\omega_{1_\tau} \Phi_0 = \omega_{1_\tau}$ and $\Phi_0(x)^* \Phi_0(x) \leq \Phi_0(x^*x)$, $x \in M_0$. Then Φ_0 induces a contraction $T_{\Phi_0} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\tau)$, $T_{\Phi_0}(x_\tau) = \Phi(x)_\tau$, $x \in M$ and for $a, x \in M_0$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{a_\tau}(\Phi_0(x)) &= \langle \Phi_0(x) \cdot a_\tau, a_\tau \rangle = \langle a^* \Phi_0(x) a \cdot 1_\tau, 1_\tau \rangle = \langle aa^* \Phi_0(x) \cdot 1_\tau, 1_\tau \rangle = \\ &= \langle \Phi_0(x) \cdot 1_\tau, (aa^*)_\tau \rangle = \langle T_{\Phi_0}(x_\tau), (aa^*)_\tau \rangle = \langle x_\tau, T_{\Phi_0}^*((aa^*)_\tau) \rangle = \\ &= \langle x \cdot 1_\tau, T_{\Phi_0}^*((aa^*)_\tau) \rangle = \omega_{1_\tau, T_{\Phi_0}^*((aa^*)_\tau)}(x), \end{aligned}$$

hence $\omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0$ coincides with a vector form on M_0 . Since $\omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0(x^*x) \geq 0$, $x \in M_0$, it follows that $\omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0$ extends to a state on the norm closure of M_0 and on this C^* -algebra we have $\|\omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0\| = \omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0(1) = \|a\|_{2,\tau}^2$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi_0(x)a\|_2^2 &= \langle \Phi_0(x)^* \Phi_0(x) \cdot a_\tau, a_\tau \rangle \leq \langle \Phi_0(x^*x) \cdot a_\tau, a_\tau \rangle = \\ &= \omega_{a_\tau} \Phi_0(x^*x) \leq \|a\|_{2,\tau}^2 \|x\|^2, \quad a, x \in M_0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore Φ_0 extends to a contractive map $\overline{\Phi}: \overline{M_0}^{\|\cdot\|} \rightarrow \overline{M_0}^{\|\cdot\|}$ with the same properties as Φ_0 and then to a strongly continuous map $\Phi: M \rightarrow M$ due to the inequalities $\tau(\Phi(x)^* \Phi(x)) \leq \tau(x^*x)$, $\|\Phi(x)\| \leq \|x\|$, $x \in M_0$, the Kaplansky density theorem and the faithfulness of τ .

Haagerup proved [10] that the II_1 -factor associated to the free group on two generator satisfies this property. Actually one obtains the following corollary:

COROLLARY 5. *Let (M_1, τ_1) and (M_2, τ_2) be finite von Neumann algebras (τ_1 and τ_2 are faithful traces) with Haagerup property. Then any von Neumann subalgebra of $(M, \tau) = (M_1, \tau_1) \ast (M_2, \tau_2)$ has the Haagerup approximation property.*

PROOF. Let $(\Phi_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(\Psi_j)_{j \in J}$ be as in the definition, relatively to $(\pi_{\tau_1}(M_1)'', \omega_{1_{\tau_1}})$ and $(\pi_{\tau_2}(M_2)'', \omega_{1_{\tau_2}})$. We can assume that $\|T_{\Phi_i}^0\| < 1$, $\|T_{\Psi_j}^0\| < 1$ for all $i \in I, j \in J$ and using the product net that $I = J$. By the previous remark, each $\Phi_i \ast \Psi_i$ extends to a normal τ -preserving completely positive map on the finite von Neumann algebra M in its standard representation on $L^2(M, \tau)$, where τ denotes the free trace $\tau_1 \ast \tau_2$. Since $C1_\tau$ is reducible subspace for both T_{Φ_i} and T_{Ψ_i} , it is easy to check that $(T_{\Phi_i}, 1_{\tau_1}) \ast (T_{\Psi_i}, 1_{\tau_2}) = (T_{\Phi_i \ast \Psi_i}, 1_\tau)$ (see [17]). Since

$\|T_{\Phi_i}^0\| < 1$ and $\|T_{\Psi_i}^0\| < 1$, it follows that $T_{\Phi_i * \Psi_i}$ is compact. Finally, its easy to check that $\|(\Phi_i * \Psi_i)(x) - x\|_{2,\tau} \rightarrow 0$ for all $x \in M$.

The statement follows using the remark that if N is a von Neumann algebra of M and M has the Haagerup approximation property given by the net of completely positive maps $\Phi_i: M \rightarrow M$ with respect to the trace τ on M , then $\tilde{\Phi}_i: N \rightarrow N$, $\tilde{\Phi}_i = E\Phi_i|_N$ approximate in a convenient way the identity of N (E denotes the τ -preserving conditional expectation from M onto N).

By [8, Th. 3] (there is also a simple argument in [13, Th. 4.3.1]) one gets:

COROLLARY 6. *Let M be a factor of type II_1 with property T of Connes. Then M is not a subfactor of the Neumann algebra $(M, \tau) = (M_1, \tau_1) *_{\xi} (M_2, \tau_2)$, with (M_1, τ_1) and (M_2, τ_2) of Haagerup type.*

1.7 Finally, we shall look at the particular example when $A_i = C(\mathbb{T}) = C^*(\mathbb{Z})$, $B = \mathbb{C}$ and $E_i = \tau$, the canonical trace on the full group C^* -algebra A_i . Let $(T_i)_i$ be a family of contractions on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Denote by t_n the function $t_n(z) = z^n, z \in \mathbb{T}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $T^{[k]} = \begin{cases} T^k, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \\ T^{*-k}, & \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_- \end{cases}$. Let $\Phi_i: C(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ be the completely positive map determined by $\Phi_i(t_n) = T_i^{[n]}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Denote also by $a_1, \dots, a_N (N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})$ the generators of the free group on N generators F_N .

In this case we are interested to find the Naimark dilation of the positive definite function $\phi: F_N \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\phi(g) = \begin{cases} \phi_i(a_{i_1}^{k_1}) \dots \phi_{i_n}(a_{i_n}^{k_n}), & \text{for } g = a_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots a_{i_n}^{k_n}, i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n, k_j \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}; \\ I_{\mathcal{H}}, & \text{for } g = e \end{cases}$$

where $\phi_i: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}), \phi_i(k) = T_i^{[k]}$ are positive defined functions ([15]).

By the classical theorem of Szökefalvi-Nagy [15] it is known that in fact the Naimark dilation (π_i, \mathcal{X}_i) of ϕ_i is given by $\mathcal{X}_i = \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{X}_i^0$ with $\mathcal{X}_i^0 = l^2(\mathbb{Z}_-) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{T_i^*} \oplus l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{T_i}$ and $U_i = \pi_i(1) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ are defined by:

$$U_i v = \begin{cases} T_i h \oplus \xi_0 \otimes D_{T_i} h & , \text{ for } v = h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ \xi_{k+1} \otimes D_{T_i} h & , \text{ for } v = \xi_k \otimes D_{T_i} h, k \geq 0, h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ \xi_{k+1} \otimes D_{T_i^*} h & , \text{ for } v = \xi_k \otimes D_{T_i^*} h, k \leq -1, h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ D_{T_i^*}^2 h \oplus \xi_0 \otimes (-D_{T_i} T_i^* h) & , \text{ for } v = \xi_0 \otimes D_{T_i^*} h, h \in \mathcal{H} \end{cases}$$

where $(\xi_k)_{k \geq 0}$ (respectively $(\xi_k)_{k \leq 0}$) denotes the canonical orthonormal basis in $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ (respectively in $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_-)$), $D_{T_i} = (I - T_i^* T_i)^{1/2}, D_{T_i^*} = (I - T_i T_i^*)^{1/2}, \mathcal{D}_{T_i^*} = \overline{D_{T_i} \mathcal{H}}, \mathcal{D}_{T_i} = \overline{D_{T_i^*} \mathcal{H}}$.

Actually Theorem 1.6 yields a Hilbert space $\mathcal{X} \supset \mathcal{H}$ and the unitaries $\tilde{U}_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ such that

$$T_{i_1}^{[k_1]} \dots T_{i_n}^{[k_n]} = P_{\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{X}} \tilde{U}_{i_1}^{[k_1]} \dots \tilde{U}_{i_n}^{[k_n]}|_{\mathcal{H}}, \text{ for } i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n, n \geq 1, k_j \in \mathbb{Z}, k_j \neq 0;$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{span}}(\mathcal{H} \cup \{U_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots U_{i_n}^{k_n} \mathcal{H}; i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n, n \geq 1, k_j \in \mathbb{Z}, k_j \neq 0\}).$$

It is easily seen that this dilation is unique up to unitary equivalence and in fact it can be spatially described as follows. Denote

$$\mathcal{H}_i^0 = \mathcal{H}_i \ominus \mathcal{H} = l^2(\mathbb{Z}_-) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{T_i^*} \oplus l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{T_i};$$

$$F_{N,i} = \{w = a_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots a_{i_n}^{k_n}; w \text{ reduced word in } F_N, n \geq 1, i_n \neq i\};$$

$$l^2(F_{N,i}) = \{f \in l^2(F_N); \text{supp } f \subset F_{N,i}\};$$

$$(\xi_w)_{w \in F_N} \text{ the orthonormal basis of } l^2(F_N) \text{ given by } \xi_w(w') = \delta_{ww'}, w, w' \in F_N.$$

Then $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{H} \oplus \bigoplus_i \mathcal{H}_i^0 \oplus \bigoplus_i l^2(F_{N,i}) \otimes \mathcal{H}_i^0$ and the unitaries $\tilde{U}_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$ are defined by

$$\tilde{U}_i v = \begin{cases} U_i h = T_i h \oplus \xi_0 \otimes D_{T_i} h, & \text{for } v = h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ U_i \eta_i & , \text{ for } v = \eta_i \in \mathcal{H}_i^0; \\ \xi_{a_i, a_j^k} \otimes D_{T_j} h & , \text{ for } v = \xi_k \otimes D_{T_j} h, j \neq i, k \geq 0, h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ \xi_{a_i, a_j^k} \otimes D_{T_j^*} h & , \text{ for } v = \xi_k \otimes D_{T_j^*} h, j \neq i, k \geq 0, h \in \mathcal{H}; \\ \eta & , \text{ for } v = \xi_{a_i^{-1}} \otimes \eta, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_j^0. \end{cases}$$

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