

# MULTIPLICATIVE PROPERTIES OF POSITIVE MAPS

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## Abstract

Let  $\phi$  be a positive unital normal map of a von Neumann algebra  $M$  into itself. It is shown that with some faithfulness assumptions on  $\phi$  there exists a largest Jordan subalgebra  $C_\phi$  of  $M$  such that the restriction of  $\phi$  to  $C_\phi$  is a Jordan automorphism and each weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$  for  $a \in M$  belongs to  $C_\phi$ .

## 1. Introduction

In the study of positive linear maps of  $C^*$ -algebras the multiplicative properties of such maps have been studied by several authors, see e.g. [9], [2], [3], [4], [6]. If  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a positive unital map between  $C^*$ -algebras  $A$  and  $B$  an application of Kadison's Schwarz inequality, [8] to the operators  $a + a^*$  and  $i(a - a^*)$  yields the inequality [10]

$$(1) \quad \phi(a \circ a^*) \geq \phi(a) \circ \phi(a)^*, \quad a \in A,$$

where  $a \circ b = \frac{1}{2}(ab + ba)$  is the Jordan product. Thus one obtains an operator valued sesquilinear form

$$(2) \quad \langle a, b \rangle = \phi(a \circ b^*) - \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)^*, \quad a, b \in A.$$

If we apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to  $\omega(\langle a, b \rangle)$  for all states  $\omega$  of  $B$  it was noticed in [6] that if  $\phi(a \circ a^*) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(a)^*$  then  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$  for all  $b \in A$ . We call the set

$$A_\phi = \{a \in A : \phi(a \circ a^*) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(a)^*\}$$

the *definite set* of  $\phi$ . It is a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$ , and if  $a \in A_\phi$  then  $\phi(a \circ b) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)$  for all  $b \in A$ .

In the present paper we shall develop the theory further. We first study positive unital normal, i.e. ultra weakly continuous, maps  $\phi: M \rightarrow M$ , where

$M$  is a von Neumann algebra. We mainly study properties of the definite set  $M_\phi$  and some of its Jordan subalgebras of  $M$  plus convergence properties of the orbits  $(\phi^n(a))$  for  $a \in M$ . We shall show that when there exists a faithful family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\phi$ -invariant normal states there is a largest Jordan subalgebra  $C_\phi$  of  $M$  called the multiplicative core of  $M$ , on which  $\phi$  acts as a Jordan automorphism. Furthermore if  $a \in M$  then every weak limit point of the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))$  lies in  $C_\phi$ , and if  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ , then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly.

Much of the above work was inspired by a theorem of Arveson, [1]. In the last section we study the  $C^*$ -algebra case and the relation of our discussion with Arveson's work. Then  $\phi: A \rightarrow A$  is a positive unital map, and we assume the orbits  $(\phi^n(a))$  with  $a \in A$  are norm relatively compact and that there exists a faithful family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\phi$ -invariant states. It is then shown that the multiplicative core  $C_\phi$  of  $\phi$  equals the set of main interest in [1], namely the norm closure of the linear span of all eigenoperators  $a \in A$  with  $\phi(a) = \lambda a$ ,  $|\lambda| = 1$ , and that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi^n(a)\| = 0$  if and only if  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$  and  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$ .

### 2. Maps on von Neumann algebras

Throughout this section  $M$  denotes a von Neumann algebra,  $\phi: M \rightarrow M$  is a positive normal unital map.  $M_\phi$  denotes the definite set of  $\phi$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  the operator valued sesquilinear form  $\langle a, b \rangle = \phi(a \circ b^*) - \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)^*$ ,  $a, b \in A$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let assumptions be as above, and suppose  $(a_\alpha)$  is a bounded net in  $M$  which converges weakly to  $a \in M$ . If  $\langle a_\alpha, a_\alpha \rangle \rightarrow 0$  weakly, then  $a \in M_\phi$ , and  $\phi(a \circ b) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(b)$  for all  $b \in M$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\omega$  be a normal state on  $M$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, if  $b, c \in M$  we have

$$|\omega(\langle b, c \rangle)|^2 \leq \omega(\langle b, b \rangle)\omega(\langle c, c \rangle).$$

By assumption, if  $a_\alpha$  and  $a$  are as in the statement of the lemma, and  $b \in M$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |\omega(\langle a, b \rangle)|^2 &= \lim_\alpha |\omega(\langle a_\alpha, b \rangle)|^2 \\ &\leq \lim_\alpha \omega(\langle a_\alpha, a_\alpha \rangle)\omega(\langle b, b \rangle) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for all normal states  $\omega$ ,  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$ , completing the proof.

In analogy with the definition of G-finite for automorphism groups we introduce

DEFINITION 2.2. With  $\phi$  as above we say  $M$  is  $\phi$ -finite if there exists a faithful family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\phi$ -invariant normal states on the von Neumann algebra generated by the image  $\phi(M)$ .

LEMMA 2.3. Assume  $M$  is  $\phi$ -finite. Then for  $a \in M$  we have

- (i) Every weak limit point of the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))$  of  $a$  belongs to  $M_\phi$ .
- (ii) If  $\rho(\phi^n(a) \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in M_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly.

PROOF. If  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$  denote by  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$  the seminorm  $\|x\|_\rho = \rho(x \circ x^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then by the inequality (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi^{n+1}(a)\|_\rho^2 &= \rho(\phi^{n+1}(a) \circ \phi^{n+1}(a)^*) \\ &\leq \rho(\phi(\phi^n(a) \circ \phi^n(a)^*)) \\ &= \|\phi^n(a)\|_\rho^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence  $\|\phi^n(a)\|_\rho^2$  is decreasing, hence  $\|\phi^n(a)\|_\rho^2 - \|\phi^{n+1}(a)\|_\rho^2 \rightarrow 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\langle \phi^n(a), \phi^n(a) \rangle) &= \rho(\phi(\phi^n(a) \circ \phi^n(a)^*) - \phi(\phi^n(a)) \circ \phi(\phi^n(a)^*)) \\ &= \rho(\phi^n(a) \circ \phi^n(a)^* - \phi^{n+1}(a) \circ \phi^{n+1}(a)^*) \\ &= \|\phi^n(a)\|_\rho^2 - \|\phi^{n+1}(a)\|_\rho^2 \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since this hold for all  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is faithful,  $\langle \phi^n(a), \phi^n(a) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  weakly. By Lemma 2.1, if  $a_0$  is a weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$  then  $a_0 \in M_\phi$ , proving (i).

To show (ii) suppose  $\rho(\phi^n(a) \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in M_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $a_0$  be a weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$ . Then  $\rho(a_0 \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in M_\phi$ , in particular by part (i)  $\rho(a_0 \circ a_0) = 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is faithful on the von Neumann algebra generated by  $\phi(M)$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ . Thus 0 is the only weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$ , so  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly. The proof is complete.

It is not true in general that  $\phi(M_\phi) \subseteq M_\phi$ . We therefore introduce the following auxiliary concept. If  $\phi: A \rightarrow A$  is positive unital with  $A$  a  $C^*$ -algebra, then  $A_\phi = \{a \in A_\phi : \phi^k(a) \in A_\phi, k \in \mathbf{N}\}$ .

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $M$  be  $\phi$ -finite and  $M_\phi$  defined as above. Then  $M_\phi$  is a weakly closed Jordan subalgebra of  $M_\phi$  such that  $\phi(M_\phi) \subseteq M_\phi$ , and if  $a \in M$  then every weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$  belongs to  $M_\phi$ . Furthermore, if  $\rho(\phi^n(a) \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in M_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly.

PROOF. Since  $M$  is weakly closed and  $\phi$  is weakly continuous on bounded sets  $M_\phi$  is weakly closed. Since  $\phi$  and its powers  $\phi^k$  are Jordan homomorphisms on  $M_\phi$  it is straightforward to show  $M_\phi$  is a Jordan subalgebra of  $M$ . Furthermore it is clear from its definition that  $\phi(M_\phi) \subseteq M_\phi$ .

If  $a \in M$  and  $a_0$  is a weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$ , then  $a_0 \in M_\phi$  by Lemma 2.3. Then  $\phi(a_0)$  is a weak limit point of  $(\phi^{n+1}(a))$ , hence belongs to  $M_\phi$ ,

again by Lemma 2.3. Iterating we have  $\phi^k(a_0) \in M_\phi$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ . Thus  $a_0 \in M_\phi$ . The last statement follows exactly as in Lemma 2.3. The proof is complete.

It is not true that  $\phi(M_\phi) = M_\phi$ . To remedy this problem we introduce yet another Jordan subalgebra.

DEFINITION 2.5. Let  $\phi: A \rightarrow A$  be positive unital with  $A$  a  $C^*$ -algebra. The *multiplicative core* of  $\phi$  is the set

$$C_\phi = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi^n(A_\phi).$$

LEMMA 2.6.  $C_\phi$  satisfies the following:

- (i)  $C_\phi$  is a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$ .
- (ii)  $\phi(C_\phi) = C_\phi$ .

Suppose the restriction of  $\phi$  to  $C_\phi$  is faithful. Then we have

- (iii) The restriction of  $\phi$  to  $C_\phi$  is a Jordan automorphism.
- (iv)  $C_\phi$  is the largest Jordan subalgebra of  $A$  on which the restriction of  $\phi$  is a Jordan automorphism.

PROOF. As in Lemma 2.4  $C_\phi$  is clearly a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$  such that  $\phi(C_\phi) \subseteq C_\phi$  and is weakly closed in the von Neumann algebra case. Furthermore, since  $\phi(A_\phi) \subseteq A_\phi$ , we have  $\phi^n(A_\phi) \subseteq \phi^{n-1}(A_\phi)$ , so that the sequence  $(\phi^n(A_\phi))$  is decreasing. Thus

$$C_\phi = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi^{n+1}(A_\phi) = \phi(C_\phi),$$

so (i) and (ii) are proved.

We next show (iii). By (ii) the restriction of  $\phi$  to  $C_\phi$  is a Jordan homomorphism of  $C_\phi$  onto itself. In particular since  $\phi$  is faithful on  $C_\phi$ , it is a Jordan automorphism of  $C_\phi$ , proving (iii).

To show (iv) let  $B$  be a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$  such that  $\phi|_B$  is a Jordan automorphism of  $B$ . Then clearly  $B \subseteq A_\phi$ , and  $\phi^n(B) = B$ , so that

$$B = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi^n(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi^n(A_\phi) = C_\phi.$$

The proof is complete.

We can now prove our main result.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *Let  $M$  be  $\phi$ -finite, and  $\mathcal{F}$  a set of normal  $\phi$ -invariant states which is faithful on the von Neumann algebra generated by  $\phi(M)$ . Let  $a \in M$ . Then we have*

- (i) *Every weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$  lies in  $C_\phi$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$ , then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly.*

**PROOF.** (i) Let  $a_0$  be a weak limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$ . By Lemma 2.4  $a_0 \in M_\phi$ . Choose a subnet  $(\phi^{n_\alpha}(a))$  which converges weakly to  $a_0$ . Let  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ , and let  $(\phi^{m_\beta}(a))$  be a subnet of  $(\phi^{n_\alpha - k}(a))$  which converges weakly to  $a_1 \in M_\phi$  (again using Lemma 2.4, since  $(\phi^{m_\beta}(a))$  will be a subnet of  $(\phi^n(a))$ ). Each  $m_\beta$  is of the form  $n_{\alpha_j} - k$ . The net  $(\phi^{n_{\alpha_j}}(a))$  converges to  $a_0$ , since it is a subnet of the converging net  $(\phi^{n_\alpha}(a))$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^k(a_1) &= \lim \phi^k(\phi^{m_\beta}(a)) \\ &= \lim \phi^{k+(n_{\alpha_j}-k)}(a) \\ &= \lim \phi^{n_{\alpha_j}}(a) \\ &= a_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a_0 \in \phi^k(M_\phi)$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ , hence  $a_0 \in C_\phi$ .

To show (ii) suppose  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $\rho \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $b \in C_\phi$ . Since  $\phi^k(C_\phi) = C_\phi$  there exists  $c \in C_\phi$  such that  $b = \phi^k(c)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\phi^k(a) \circ b) &= \rho(\phi^k(a) \circ \phi^k(c)) \\ &= \rho(\phi^k(a \circ c)) \\ &= \rho(a \circ c) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By part (i) every weak limit point  $a_0$  of  $(\phi^n(a))$  lies in  $C_\phi$ , so it follows by the above that  $\rho(a_0 \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ . In particular  $\rho(a_0 \circ a_0) = 0$ , so by faithfulness of  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ , hence  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly. The proof is complete.

One might believe that the converse of part (ii) in the above theorem is true. This is false. Indeed, let  $M_0$  be a von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal tracial state  $\tau_0$ . Let  $M_i = M_0$ ,  $\tau_i = \tau_0$ ,  $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ , and let  $M = \bigotimes_{-\infty}^{\infty} (M_i, \tau_i)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the shift to the right. Then  $C_\phi = M$ . However, if  $a = \dots 1 \otimes a_0 \otimes 1 \dots \in M$  with  $a_0 \in M_0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(a) = \tau_0(a_0)1$ , so if  $\tau_0(a_0) = 0$ , then the weak limit is 0. But  $\tau(a \circ b) \neq 0$  for some  $b \in M = C_\phi$ .

If we assume convergence in the strong- $*$  topology then the converse holds, as we have

**PROPOSITION 2.8.** *Let  $M$  be  $\phi$ -finite. Let  $a \in M$  and suppose the sequence  $(\phi^n(a))$  converges in the strong- $*$  topology. Then  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}$  if and only if  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$   $*$ -strongly.*

PROOF. If  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$  then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly by the theorem. Since the sequence converges  $*$ -strongly the limit must be 0.

Conversely, if  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$   $*$ -strongly, then for all  $b \in C_\phi$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\rho(a \circ b) = \rho(\phi^n(a \circ b)) = \rho(\phi^n(a) \circ \phi^n(b)) \rightarrow 0,$$

since multiplication is  $*$ -strongly continuous on bounded sets. The proof is complete.

We have not in general found a nice description of the complement of  $C_\phi$  in  $M$ , i.e. a subspace  $D$  such that  $M$  is a direct sum of  $C_\phi$  and  $D$ . In the finite case with a faithful normal  $\phi$ -invariant trace this can be done.

PROPOSITION 2.9. *Suppose  $M$  has a faithful normal  $\phi$ -invariant tracial state. Then there exists a faithful normal positive projection  $P: M \rightarrow C_\phi$  which commutes with  $\phi$ . Let  $D = \{a - P(a) : a \in M\}$ . Then  $M = C_\phi + D$  is a direct sum, and if  $a \in D$  then  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly.*

PROOF. Since  $M$  is finite the same construction as that of trace invariant conditional expectations onto von Neumann subalgebras yields the existence of a faithful trace invariant positive normal projection  $P: M \rightarrow C_\phi$ , see [7]. Let  $\tau$  be the trace alluded to in the proposition. Since  $\tau$  is faithful and  $\phi$ -invariant,  $\phi$  has an adjoint map  $\phi^*: M \rightarrow M$  defined by  $\tau(a\phi^*(b)) = \tau(\phi(a)b)$  for  $a, b \in M$ . Clearly  $\phi^*$  is  $\tau$ -invariant, positive, unital, and normal, and its extension  $\bar{\phi}^*$  to an operator on  $L^2(M, \tau)$  is the usual adjoint of the extension  $\bar{\phi}$  of  $\phi$ . Since the restriction of  $\bar{\phi}$  to the closure  $C_\phi^-$  of  $C_\phi$  in  $L^2(M, \tau)$  is an isometry of  $C_\phi^-$  onto itself, so is  $\bar{\phi}^*$ . It follows that  $\phi P = P\phi P = (P\phi^*P)^* = (\phi^*P)^* = P\phi$ .

It is clear that  $M = C_\phi + D$  is a direct sum. Suppose  $a \in D$ , i.e.  $P(a) = 0$ . Then  $\tau(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi$ . If we let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\tau|_{C_\phi} \circ P\}$  then, since  $P$  commutes with  $\phi$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a faithful family of normal  $\phi$ -invariant states. By Theorem 2.7  $\phi^n(a) \rightarrow 0$  weakly, proving the proposition.

### 3. Maps of $C^*$ -algebras

Arveson [1] proved the following result.

THEOREM 3.1 (Arveson). *Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $\phi: A \rightarrow A$  a completely positive contraction such that the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))$  is norm relative compact for all  $a \in A$ . Then there exists a completely positive projection  $P: A \rightarrow A$  onto the norm closed linear span  $E_\phi$  of the eigenoperators  $a \in A$  with  $\phi(a) = \lambda a$ , with  $|\lambda| = 1$ , and  $\alpha = \phi|_{E_\phi}$  is a complete isometry of  $E_\phi$  onto itself. We have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi^n(a) - (\alpha \circ P)^n(a)\| = 0,$$

and  $A$  is the direct sum of  $E_\phi$  and the set  $\{a \in A : \lim_n \|\phi^n(a)\| = 0\}$ .

We shall now show how our previous results yield a result which is in a sense complementary to Arveson's theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\phi: A \rightarrow A$  a positive unital map such that the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))$  is norm relative compact for all  $a \in A$ . Let  $C_\phi$  be the multiplicative core for  $\phi$  in  $A$ , and let  $E_\phi$  denote the set of eigenoperators  $a \in A$  such that  $\phi(a) = \lambda a$ , with  $|\lambda| = 1$ . Assume there exists a set  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\phi$ -invariant states which is faithful on the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $\phi(A)$ . Then we have*

- (i)  $E_\phi = C_\phi$  is a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$ .
- (ii) The restriction  $\phi|_{E_\phi}$  is a Jordan automorphism of  $E_\phi$ .
- (iii) Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $b \in C_\phi$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi^n(a)\| = 0$ .

**PROOF.** We first show (ii). If  $\phi(a) = \lambda a$  then  $\phi(a^*) = \bar{\lambda}a^*$ , so  $E_\phi$  is self-adjoint. Furthermore by inequality (1)

$$\phi(a \circ a^*) \geq \phi(a) \circ \phi(a^*) = \lambda a \circ \bar{\lambda}a^* = a \circ a^*.$$

Composing by  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}$  and using that  $\mathcal{F}$  is faithful on  $C^*(\phi(A))$  it follows that  $\phi(a \circ a^*) = \phi(a) \circ \phi(a^*)$ , so  $a \in A_\phi$ , the definite set of  $\phi$ . Since  $a \in E_\phi$  is an eigenoperator, so is  $a^2$ , hence  $E_\phi$  is a Jordan subalgebra of  $A_\phi$ . Note that if  $\phi(a) = \lambda a$  then  $\phi(\phi(a)) = \phi(\lambda a) = \lambda\phi(a)$ , so  $\phi(a) \in E_\phi$ . Thus  $\phi: E_\phi \rightarrow E_\phi$ . If  $a = \sum \mu_i a_i \in E_\phi$  where  $\phi(a_i) = \lambda_i a_i$ , then  $a = \sum \mu_i \bar{\lambda}_i \phi(a_i) \in \phi(E_\phi)$ , so by density of such  $a$ 's,  $\phi(E_\phi) = E_\phi$ . Thus by faithfulness of  $\mathcal{F}$  the restriction  $\phi|_{E_\phi}$  is a Jordan automorphism, proving (ii).

It follows from Lemma 2.6 that  $E_\phi \subseteq C_\phi$ . To show the converse inclusion we use that the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is norm relative compact for all  $a \in A$ . By Lemma 2.6 the restriction of  $\phi$  to  $C_\phi$  is a Jordan automorphism, hence in particular an isometry. We assert that if  $a \in C_\phi$  then the orbit  $(\phi^n(a))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is relative norm compact. For this it is enough to show that the set  $(\phi^{-n}(a))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is relative norm compact, or equivalently that each sequence  $(\phi^{-n_k}(a))$  has a convergent subsequence. By assumption  $(\phi^{n_k}(a))$  has a convergent subsequence  $(\phi^{m_l}(a))$ . Since this sequence is Cauchy, and

$$\|\phi^{-n}(a) - \phi^{-m}(a)\| = \|\phi^{n+m}(\phi^{-n}(a) - \phi^{-m}(a))\| = \|\phi^n(a) - \phi^m(a)\|,$$

it follows that  $(\phi^{-m_l}(a))$  is Cauchy, and therefore converges. Thus the set  $(\phi^{-n}(a))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is relative norm compact, as is  $(\phi^n(a))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . By a well known result on almost periodic groups, see e.g. Lemma 2.8 in [1],  $\phi|_{C_\phi}$  has pure point spectrum. Thus  $C_\phi \subseteq E_\phi$ , proving (i).

It remains to show (iii). As in the proof of Lemma 2.3 we find that every norm limit point  $a_0$  of  $(\phi^n(a))$  belongs to  $A_\phi$ , and by the proof of Lemma 2.4  $a_0 \in A_\phi = \{x \in A_\phi : \phi^k(x) \in A_\phi, k \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . A straightforward modification of the proof of Theorem 2.7(i), replacing weak by norm, shows that  $a_0 \in C_\phi$ . Let  $a \in A$  satisfy  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$  for all  $b \in C_\phi, \rho \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then by the proof of Theorem 2.7(ii), every norm limit point of  $(\phi^n(a))$  is 0. Thus there is a subsequence  $(\phi^{n_k}(a))$  of  $(\phi^n(a))$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $k_0$  such that  $\|\phi^{n_k}\| \leq \varepsilon$  when  $k \geq k_0$ . But then  $n > n_k$  for  $k \geq k_0$  implies

$$\|\phi^n(a)\| = \|\phi^{n-n_k}(\phi^{n_k}(a))\| \leq \|\phi^{n_k}\| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus  $\|\phi^n(a)\| \rightarrow 0$ .

Conversely, if  $\|\phi^n(a)\| \rightarrow 0$  then for  $b \in C_\phi, \rho \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\rho(a \circ b) = \rho(\phi^n(a \circ b)) = \rho(\phi^n(a) \circ \phi^n(b)) \rightarrow 0,$$

for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\rho(a \circ b) = 0$ , completing the proof of the theorem.

It was shown in [5] that if  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra, and  $P: A \rightarrow A$  is a faithful positive unital projection then the image  $P(A)$  is a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$ . The following corollary proves more.

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $P: A \rightarrow A$  a faithful positive unital projection. Then  $E_P = C_P = P(A)$ . Hence  $P(A)$  is in particular a Jordan subalgebra of  $A$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $P^2 = P$  the orbit of each  $a \in A$  is finite, so compact. Since  $P$  is faithful the set of states  $\mathcal{F} = \{\omega|_{P(A)} \circ P\}$  with  $\omega$  a state on  $A$ , is a faithful family of  $P$ -invariant states. Thus by Theorem 3.2 we have  $E_P = C_P$ . Since  $P$  is a projection the only nonzero eigenvalue of  $P$  is 1, and the corresponding eigenoperators are the elements in  $P(A)$ . Thus  $E_P = P(A)$ , proving the corollary.

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