

**DILATION OF PROJECTIVE ISOMETRIC  
REPRESENTATION  
ASSOCIATED WITH UNITARY MULTIPLIER**

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ABSTRACT. For a unital  $*$ -subalgebra of the space  $\mathfrak{L}^a(X)$  of all adjointable maps on a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $X$  with a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ , we study unitary operator (in such algebra)-valued multiplier  $\sigma$  on a normal, generating subsemigroup  $S$  of a group  $G$  with its extension to  $G$ . A dilation of a projective isometric  $\sigma$ -representation of  $S$  is established as a projective unitary  $\rho$ -representation of  $G$  for a suitable unitary operator (in some algebra)-valued multiplier  $\rho$  associated with the multiplier  $\sigma$  which is explicitly constructed.

## 1. Introduction

In recent years, many authors have been studying the problem of extending (unit circle-valued) multipliers on a subsemigroup  $S$  of a group  $G$  to multipliers on  $G$ , see [1], [2], [3], [8] and the references cited therein. In particular, in [11], Murphy gave an elementary proof of the multiplier extension theorem in [8] and studied a number of other extension theorems. Also, the author proved a more general dilation theorem than that proved by Laca and Raeburn using Kolmogorov decompositions of positive definite kernels. For the study of dilation theory, we refer to [4], [7], [10]. In [6], we obtained extension theorems of unitary operator (in a von Neumann subalgebra) valued multiplier with suitable motivation and dilation theory.

In this paper, we study problems of extending multipliers and dilation theory obtained in [6] to the case of a  $*$ -subalgebra of the space

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of all adjointable maps on a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module. Recently, in [5], the author studied the dilations of projective  $\sigma$ -representations of a normal generating subsemigroup of a group  $G$  with unit circle-valued multiplier. Since Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules introduced by Kaplansky [12] is the generalizations of Hilbert space by allowing the inner product to take values in a  $C^*$ -algebra such study is natural. However, since several important properties held in the case of Hilbert space are not to be held in the case of Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules, it has to be handled carefully. For the more study, we refer to [9].

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we study unitary operator (in a  $*$ -subalgebra of the space of all adjointable maps on Hilbert  $C^*$ -module)-valued multipliers and its extension theorem. In Section 3 we recall the Kolmogorov decompositions of positive definite kernels in [13] with connection to unitary operator-valued multipliers. In Section 4 we study the dilation theory.

## 2. Unitary multipliers

Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  and  $\mathfrak{Y}$  be right Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -modules with a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ . We define  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{Y})$  to be the set of adjointable bounded linear maps from  $\mathfrak{X}$  into  $\mathfrak{Y}$ . For the notational convenience, we denote  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X})$  by  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ . Then it is well-known that  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  is a  $*$ -algebra, in fact,  $C^*$ -algebra.

Let  $S$  denote a semigroup with unity, i.e.,  $S$  is a set with an associative binary operation usually written multiplicatively and a unit element  $e$ . A subsemigroup  $S$  of a group  $G$  is said to be *normal*, if  $xSx^{-1} \in S$  for any  $x \in G$ . If for all  $x$  in  $G$ , there exist  $s, t \in S$  such that  $x = s^{-1}t$ , then we say that  $S$  *generates*  $G$ . A  *$*$ -semigroup* is a semigroup with an involution  $*$  :  $S \ni s \mapsto s^* \in S$  such that  $(st)^* = t^*s^*$  and  $(s^*)^* = s$  for all  $s, t \in S$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\mathfrak{X}$  a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module. For a unital  $*$ -subalgebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ , let  $\mathfrak{A}'$  be the commutant of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}'' = (\mathfrak{A}')'$  the double commutant of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

The following definition of unitary operator valued multiplier is motivated by the definition in [6].

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a unital  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ . The  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on a semigroup  $S$  is a  $\mathcal{U}(Z(\mathfrak{A}))$ -valued map defined on  $S \times S$  satisfying that

- (i)  $\sigma(s, e) = \sigma(e, s) = 1$  for any  $s \in S$ ;
- (ii)  $\sigma(s, t)\sigma(st, u) = \sigma(s, tu)\sigma(t, u)$  for any  $s, t, u \in S$ ,

where  $Z(\mathfrak{A}) \equiv \mathfrak{A} \cap \mathfrak{A}'$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{C})$  the group of all unitary operators in a  $*$ -subalgebra  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on a semigroup  $S$ . A map  $V : S \ni s \mapsto V_s \in \mathfrak{A}$  is a *projective isometric  $\sigma$ -representation* of  $S$  if for any  $s, t \in S$

- (i)  $V_s$  is an isometry and  $V_e = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $V_{st} = \sigma(s, t)V_s V_t$ .

If  $V_s$  is unitary for all  $s \in S$ , we say that  $V$  is a *projective unitary  $\sigma$ -representation* of  $S$ . It is well-known that  $V$  is a projective isometric  $\sigma$ -representation of a group  $S$ , then  $V$  is automatically a projective unitary  $\sigma$ -representation, in fact,  $V_s^* = \sigma(s^{-1}, s)V_{s^{-1}}$  for all  $s \in S$ .

REMARK 2.3. Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\sigma$  a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ -valued map defined on  $S \times S$ . If a map  $V : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) in Definition 2.2, then  $\sigma$  becomes a  $\mathcal{U}(Z(\mathfrak{A}))$ -valued map. In fact, for any  $s, t \in S$ ,  $\sigma(s, t) = V_t^* V_s^* V_{st} \in \mathfrak{A}$ .

THEOREM 2.4. *Let  $S$  be a normal, generating subsemigroup of a group  $G$  and let  $\sigma$  a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on  $S$ . Then  $\sigma$  can be extended to  $G$  as a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier.*

*Proof.* The proof is a simple modification of the proof of Theorem 2.8 in [6]. □

### 3. Kolmogorov decomposition and unitary multiplier

Let  $G$  be a (non-empty) set. A map  $K : G \times G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  is called a *kernel* and the set of all such kernels is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}(G; \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}))$ . A kernel  $K \in \mathcal{K}(G; \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}))$  is said to be *positive definite* if for any positive integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  in  $G$ , the matrix  $(K(g_i, g_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  is positive. Let  $\mathfrak{X}'$  be another Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module and let  $V$  a map from  $G$  into  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}')$ . Put

$$(3.1) \quad K(g, h) = V(g)^* V(h), \quad g, h \in G.$$

Then  $K$  is positive definite.

Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}(G; \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}))$ . If there exists a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}'$ , denoted by  $\mathfrak{X}_V$ , and a map  $V : G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}_V)$  such that (3.1) holds, then  $V$  is called a *Kolmogorov decomposition* of  $K$ . If

$$(3.2) \quad \mathfrak{X}_V = \overline{LS\{V(g)x \mid g \in G, x \in \mathfrak{X}\}},$$

then  $V$  is said to be *minimal*. The right hand side of (3.2) is the closure of the linear span of  $\{V(g)x \mid g \in G, x \in \mathfrak{X}\}$ . Two Kolmogorov decomposition  $V$  and  $V'$  are said to be *equivalent* if there is a unitary mapping  $U : \mathfrak{X}_V \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_{V'}$  such that  $V'(g) = UV(g)$  for any  $g \in G$ .

**THEOREM 3.1** ([13]). *Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}(G; \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}))$ . The kernel has a Kolmogorov decomposition if and only if it is a positive definite kernel.*

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $K : G \times G \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  be a positive definite kernel and  $V$  a minimal Kolmogorov decomposition of  $K$ . Then there exists a \*-homomorphism  $\Phi : \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}') \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}_V)$  such that for any  $g \in G$ ,*

$$V(g)T = \Phi(T)V(g), \quad T \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}').$$

Moreover, for each  $T \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ ,  $\Phi(T)$  is unitary on  $\mathfrak{X}_V$ .

*Proof.* For the complete proof we refer to the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [6]. Now we sketch the proof. For each  $T \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ , we define a unitary  $\tilde{T}$  by

$$\tilde{T}(V(g)x) = V(g)Tx, \quad g \in G, \quad x \in \mathfrak{X}.$$

Then by direct computation we see that for any  $T, S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ ,  $g, h \in G$  and  $x, y \in \mathfrak{X}$

$$\widetilde{TS}(V(g)x) = \tilde{T}\tilde{S}(V(g)x)$$

and

$$\langle \widetilde{T^*}(V(g)x), V(h)y \rangle_{\mathfrak{X}_V} = \langle \tilde{T}^*V(g)x, V(h)y \rangle_{\mathfrak{X}_V}.$$

Hence  $\widetilde{TS} = \tilde{T}\tilde{S}$  and  $\widetilde{T^*} = \tilde{T}^*$  for any  $T, S \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ . Now, define a \*-homomorphism  $\Phi$  from  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$  into  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}_V)$  by  $\Phi(T) = \tilde{T}$  for  $T \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A}')$ . □

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $\Phi$  the \*-homomorphism given as in Theorem 3.2. For each  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier  $\sigma$  on  $S$ ,  $\Phi(\sigma)$  is a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{N})$ -multiplier on  $S$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}$  is the unital \*-algebra generated by  $\Phi(\mathcal{U}(Z(\mathfrak{A})))$  and  $\Phi(\sigma)(s, t) = \Phi(\sigma(s, t))$  for any  $s, t \in S$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is immediate since  $\Phi$  is a \*-homomorphism and  $\sigma$  is a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier. □

**REMARK 3.4.** Since  $ST = TS$  for any  $S, T \in \Phi(\mathcal{U}(Z(\mathfrak{A})))$ , the unital \*-algebra  $\mathfrak{N}$  generated by  $\Phi(\mathcal{U}(Z(\mathfrak{A})))$  is commutative.

#### 4. Dilation theory

Let  $S$  be a normal, generating subsemigroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  and  $\sigma$  a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on  $G$ . A map  $W : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -positive definite if the map  $K$  on  $G \times G$  defined by setting  $K(g, h) = \sigma(g^{-1}, g)\sigma(g^{-1}, h)^*W_{g^{-1}h}$  is positive definite. We define a (minimal) Kolmogorov decomposition for  $W$  to be a (minimal) Kolmogorov decomposition for  $K$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier and  $W : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  a  $\sigma$ -positive definite map. There exist a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}'$ , an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}')$  and a unitary  $\Phi(\sigma)$ -representation  $U$  of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{X}'$  such that  $W_g = T^*U_gT$  for any  $g \in G$ , where  $\Phi$  is the  $*$ -homomorphism given as in Theorem 3.2. Moreover,  $\mathfrak{X}'$  is the closed linear span of the set  $\bigcup_{g \in G} U_gT(\mathfrak{X})$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is same as the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [6]. □

The projective unitary  $\Phi(\sigma)$ -representation  $U$  is called a *dilation* of  $W$ . If  $W$  is unital, i.e.,  $W_e = 1$ , then  $T^*T = T^*U_eT = W_e = 1$ . Thus  $T$  is an isometry.

The following corollary is immediate by applying Theorem 4.1 with the unital  $*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ .

**COROLLARY 4.2** ([5]). *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $\sigma$  be a unit circle valued multiplier of  $G$ . If a map  $W : G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  is  $\sigma$ -positive definite, then there exist a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}'$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}')$  and unitary  $\sigma$ -representation  $U$  of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{X}'$  such that  $W_g = T^*U_gT$  for all  $g \in G$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{X}'$  is the closed linear span of  $\bigcup_{g \in G} U_gT\mathfrak{X}$ .*

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on  $G$  and let  $W : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  a projective isometric  $\sigma$ -representation with  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier  $\sigma$  on  $S$ . Then there exists a unique extension  $\overline{W}$  of  $W$  to  $G$  such that*

- (i)  $\overline{W}_{gs} = \sigma(g, s)\overline{W}_gW_s$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $s \in S$ ;
- (ii)  $\overline{W}_g^* = \sigma(g^{-1}, g)\overline{W}_{g^{-1}}$  for any  $g \in G$ .

Moreover,  $\overline{W}$  is  $\sigma$ -positive definite.

*Proof.* For the proof, we refer to the proof of Theorem 4.4 in [6]. □

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier on  $G$  and let  $W : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  a projective isometric  $\sigma$ -representation with  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{A})$ -multiplier  $\sigma$  on  $S$ . Then there exist a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}'$ , an isometry  $T \in \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}')$  and*

a unitary  $\Phi(\sigma)$ -representation  $U$  such that  $W_s = T^*U_sT$  for all  $s \in S$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{X}'$  is the closed linear span of the set  $\bigcup_{g \in G} U_gT(\mathfrak{X})$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.3, the extension  $\overline{W}$  of  $W$  to  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -positive definite. Therefore, by applying Theorem 4.1, the proof is immediate.  $\square$

The following corollary is immediate by applying Theorem 4.1 with the unital  $*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ .

**COROLLARY 4.5** ([5]). *Let  $S$  be a normal generating subsemigroup of a group  $G$  and  $\sigma$  be a unit circle valued multiplier of  $G$ . If  $W : S \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  is a projective isometric representation with the restriction of  $\sigma$  to  $S$  as the associated multiplier, then there exist a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}'$ , an isometry  $T \in \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{X}')$  and unitary  $\sigma$ -representation  $U$  of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{X}'$  such that  $W_s = T^*U_sT$  for all  $s \in S$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{X}'$  is the closed linear span of  $\bigcup_{g \in G} U_gT\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* By applying Theorem 4.4 with the unital  $*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$ , the proof is immediate.  $\square$

**REMARK 4.6.** *If  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  is given by  $\mathbf{C}$ , then a Hilbert  $\mathfrak{B}$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}$  becomes a Hilbert space and it can easily checked that  $\mathcal{L}^a(\mathfrak{X})$  is  $\mathfrak{B}(\mathfrak{X})$ . Therefore, extension theorem of unitary operator valued multiplier and dilation theorem of projective isometric representation in [6] can be considered as a special case of those in this paper.*

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