

SOME THEOREMS ON THE STRONG LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS IN VON NEUMANN ALGEBRA

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Abstract. The aim of this paper is to give some theorems on the strong law of large numbers in von Neumann algebras, related to the functions satisfying the condition (A).

I. Introduction and notations

Throughout this paper, let \mathcal{A} denote a von Neumann algebra with faithful normal tracial state τ , $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ the algebra of measurable operators in the Segal-Nelson's sense (see [3]). On $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ one can define the notions of sequence of successively independent operators; martingale; martingale differences...and can consider various versions of convergence: almost uniformly (a.u) convergence, bilaterally almost uniformly (b.a.u) convergence... (see [3]). For further information of von Neumann algebras we refer to [3], [5] and [7].

We say that a strictly increasing, differentiable function $\varphi: R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ satisfy the condition (A) if: $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and both $x/\varphi(x)$ and $\varphi(x)/x^2$ nonincreasing.

Recently, various results concerning the strong limit theorems, in particular, the strong laws of large numbers have been extended to the non-commutative context. In [1] the Kolmogorov's law has been proved. The non-commutative extension of the Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund law was shown in [4]. Some theorems on the convergence of weighted sums can be found in [6]. The aim of this paper is to give some theorems on the strong law of large numbers in von Neumann algebras, which are related to the functions satisfying the condition (A). Our results here get some results in [6] as consequences in the special case: $\varphi(x) = x^2$.

In classical case, the results here are analogue to some theorems in [2] and [8].

II. Results

In the sequel we'll need the following lemmas

Lemma 2.1. ([4], lemma 3.3). *Let $(x_n), (y_n)$ be sequences of measurable operators and (c_n) a sequence of positive numbers. If*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(e_{[c_n, \infty)}(|x_n|)) < \infty,$$

then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n)$ converges almost uniformly if and only if the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n^{(c_n)} + y_n^{(c_n)})$ converges almost uniformly, where $x_n^{(c_n)} = x_n e_{[0, c_n)}(|x_n|)$.

For $x > 0$, we define $N(x)$ as the number of n such that $b_n = \frac{A_n}{a_n} \leq x$

It is easy to see

$$N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_{\{x: \frac{A_n}{a_n} \leq x\}}.$$

Lemma 2.2. Let $\varphi(x)$ satisfy the condition (A) and $\frac{N(u)}{\varphi(u)} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$. Then we have

$$\sum_{n: b_n \geq x} \frac{1}{b_n^2} \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^2} \int_x^{\infty} \frac{dN(y)}{\varphi(y)} < \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^2} \int_x^{\infty} \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy \quad (i)$$

$$\sum_{n: b_n < x} \frac{1}{b_n} \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \int_1^x \frac{dN(y)}{\varphi(y)} < \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \int_1^x \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy. \quad (ii)$$

Proof. (i) Using the nonincreasing of $\varphi(x)/x^2$ we have

$$\frac{x^2}{\varphi(x)} \leq \frac{b_n^2}{\varphi(b_n)} \quad \forall x < b_n.$$

This implies

$$\frac{1}{b_n^2} \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^2} \frac{1}{\varphi(b_n)}.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{n: b_n \geq x} \frac{1}{b_n^2} \leq \frac{\varphi(x)}{x^2} \sum_{n: b_n \geq x} \frac{1}{\varphi(b_n)}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n: b_n \geq x} \frac{1}{\varphi(b_n)} &= \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n: x \leq b_n \leq u} \frac{1}{\varphi(b_n)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \int_x^u \frac{dN(y)}{\varphi(y)} = \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{N(u)}{\varphi(u)} - \frac{N(x)}{\varphi(x)} + \int_x^u \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy \right] < \int_x^u \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy, \end{aligned}$$

because $\frac{N(u)}{\varphi(u)} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$.

Analogously, using the nonincreasing of $x/\varphi(x)$ as $b_n < x$ we can prove (ii).

Let $(X_n) \subset \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$, $X \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$. If there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $\lambda > 0$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|X_n|)) \leq C\tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|X|))$$

then we write $(X_n) \prec X$

Theorem 2.1. Let $a_n > 0$, $A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \uparrow \infty$, $b_n = A_n/a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\{x_n\}$ -sequence of successively independent measurable operators, $\tau(x_n) = 0$, $(x_n) \prec x$, $\tau(x) < \infty$, $\tau(N(|x|)) < \infty$ and $\varphi(x)$ satisfy the condition (A) and $\frac{N(u)}{\varphi(u)} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$. If

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(\lambda)}{\lambda} \tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \int_{y \geq \lambda} \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy d\lambda < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

then

$$A_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k x_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ (a.u.) as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. Put

$$y_k = x_k e_{|0, b_k)}(|x_k|).$$

From the polar decomposition

$$x_k - y_k = u_k |x_k - y_k|$$

we have

$$|\tau(y_k)| = |\tau(x_k - y_k)| \leq \tau(|x_k - y_k|) = \tau(|x_k| e_{|b_k, \infty)}(|x_k|)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

because $\tau(|x_k|) \leq C\tau(|x|) < \infty$.

This implies

$$0 \leq \left| A_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \tau(y_k) \right| \leq A_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k |\tau(y_k)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.3)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \tau \left(\left| \frac{y_k - \tau(y_k)}{b_k} \right|^2 \right) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tau \left(\left| \frac{y_k}{b_k} \right|^2 \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{b_k^2} \int_{\lambda < b_k} \lambda^2 \tau(e_{d\lambda}(|x_k|)) \leq \\ &\leq 2C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{b_k^2} \int_{\lambda < b_k} \lambda \tau(e_{|\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) d\lambda = 2C \int_0^{\infty} \lambda \tau(e_{|\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \sum_{k: b_k > \lambda} \frac{1}{b_k^2} d\lambda < \\ &< 2C \int_0^{\infty} \lambda \tau(e_{|\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \frac{\varphi(\lambda)}{\lambda^2} \int_{y \geq \lambda} \frac{N(y) \varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy d\lambda < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

which follows that the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y_k - \tau(y_k)}{b_k} \quad (2.5)$$

converges almost uniformly.

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tau(e_{|1, \infty)} \left(\left| \frac{x_k}{b_k} \right| \right) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tau(e_{|b_k, \infty)}(|x_k|)) \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tau(e_{|b_k, \infty)}(|x|)) = C\tau(N(|x|)) < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Applying lemma 2.1 to $(\frac{x_k}{b_k})$ and $(\frac{y_k}{b_k})$ we see that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_k - \tau(y_k)}{b_k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k (x_k - \tau(y_k))}{A_k} \quad (2.7)$$

converges almost uniformly.

This together with (2.3) and Kronecker's lemma complete the proof.

In the more general case, when the assumption $A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i$ is omitted, we need more condition on $N(x)$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $a_n > 0$, $0 < A_n \uparrow \infty$, $b_n = A_n/a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, x_n - sequence of successively independent measurable operators, $\tau(x_n) = 0$, $(x_n) \prec x$, $\tau(|x|) < \infty$, $\tau(N(|x|)) < \infty$ and $\varphi(x)$ satisfy the condition (A) and $\frac{N(u)}{\varphi(u)} \rightarrow 0$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$. If $N(x)$ satisfies the condition (2.1) and

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\varphi(\lambda)}{\lambda} \tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \int_{y \leq \lambda} \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy d\lambda < \infty \quad (2.8)$$

then

$$A_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k x_k \rightarrow 0 \text{ (a.u.) as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (2.9)$$

Proof. By the same way as the proof of the Theorem 2.1, we have (2.7) if $N(x)$ satisfy (2.1). Now we shall show that

$$\left| A_n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \tau(y_k) \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

if $N(x)$ satisfies (2.8).

To do this, it suffices to show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\tau(y_k)|}{b_k} < \infty.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\tau(y_k)|}{b_k} &< C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_{\lambda > b_k} \tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) d\lambda + \tau(e_{[b_n, \infty)}(|x|)) \right] \\ &= C \int_0^\infty \tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \sum_{(k: 0 < b_k \leq \lambda)} \frac{1}{b_k} d\lambda + C \tau(N(|x|)) \\ &< C \int_0^\infty \frac{\varphi(\lambda)}{\lambda} \tau(e_{[\lambda, \infty)}(|x|)) \int_{y \leq \lambda} \frac{N(y)\varphi'(y)}{\varphi^2(y)} dy d\lambda + C \tau(N(|x|)) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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