

ENTROPY FOR *-ENDOMORPHISMS AND RELATIVE ENTROPY FOR SUBALGEBRAS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Connes and Størmer ([4]) extended the notion of the entropy from the classical ergodic theory to the frame of II_1 -von Neumann algebras and showed that the n -shift of the hyperfinite II_1 factor is not conjugate to the m -shift for $n \neq m$. For each n , the n -shift is the automorphism corresponding to the translation of 1 in the infinite tensor product $\otimes_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (M_i, \text{tr}_i)$ of the algebra M_i of $n \times n$ matrices with the normalized trace tr_i on M_i , for each i .

In the index theory ([8]) for finite factors, Jones defined the index $[M : N]$ for a subfactor N of a finite factor M . In a subsequent work, Pimsner and Popa ([11]) introduced the Connes and Størmer's relative entropy $H(M|N)$ as an invariant of a subfactor N of a finite factor M up to conjugation. They obtained interesting relations between $H(M|N)$ and the Jones' index $[M : N]$. They also introduced the automorphism θ_λ of the hyperfinite II_1 factor R which shifts e_i to e_{i+1} , $\{e_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ being the Jones' sequence of projections with the trace λ which generates R and they compute the entropy $H(\theta_\lambda)$ for $\lambda \neq 1/4$. However, the value of the entropy has not been obtained in the case $\lambda = 1/4$.

Then in [10] Powers initiated the study of another class of shifts on R that he called binary shifts, which translate u_i to u_{i+1} , $\{u_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ being a sequence of unitaries generating R . After that, in [2], [6], [1] and [12], the conjugacy problem of *-endomorphisms corresponding to sequences of more general unitaries is investigated. We call these *-endomorphisms unitary shifts. On the other hand, the author [2] treated *-endomorphisms of R generated by the sequence $(p_i)_i$ of projections translating p_i to p_{i+1} , which we call projection shifts. Those unitary shifts and projection shifts turn out to be ergodic automorphisms of the hyperfinite II_1 factor.

We will try in this paper to bring together this circle of ideas. We will first

define the entropy for $*$ -endomorphisms of finite von Neumann algebras by essentially adapting the Connes-Størmer definitions. Then we shall obtain simple formulas for entropy of $*$ -endomorphisms. Under some good conditions, the entropy $H(\sigma)$ of a $*$ -endomorphism σ of an approximately finite von Neumann algebra M is determined by the entropy $H(A_n)$'s for an increasing sequence $(A_n)_n$ of finite dimensional subalgebras which generate M :

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(A_n)}{n}.$$

The above all $*$ -endomorphisms satisfy the relevant conditions and similar formula are obtained in [5] and [11]. As an application of this result to the automorphism θ_λ treated by Pimsner and Popa, we show that $H(\theta_\lambda) = \log 2$ for $\lambda = 1/4$. We shall show that if the inclusion data for the above sequence $(A_n)_n$ is periodic in the sense described later, then

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta$$

where p is the period of the data and β is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of the inclusion matrix.

Next we shall investigate some relations between the entropy for $*$ -endomorphisms and the relative entropy for subalgebras. If σ is not an automorphism but a $*$ -endomorphism of a finite von Neumann algebra M , it is natural to discuss on relations between the subalgebra $\sigma(M)$ and $H(\sigma)$. We shall show that if M is generated by an increasing sequence $(N_j)_j$ of finite dimensional subalgebras, the inclusion data of which satisfies the bounded growth condition defined in below, then

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} H(M|\sigma(M)).$$

All automorphisms and shifts discussed above satisfy the bounded growth condition. Hence, as an application of this result, we can also obtain the value of the entropies $H(\theta_\lambda)$ for all λ .

The bounded growth condition is satisfied if the inclusion data is periodic. Under the periodic condition, the algebra M is a factor, and we shall obtain that

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \log [M : \sigma(M)] = \frac{1}{2} H(M|\sigma(M)).$$

If a von Neumann algebra N is generated by $\{\theta^i(P) : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ for an $*$ -automorphism θ of N and a subalgebra P of N , we get a $*$ -endomorphism σ of the von Neumann subalgebra M generated by $\{\theta^i(P) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$. Then we shall show

$$H(\theta) = H(\sigma).$$

2. DEFINITION OF ENTROPY FOR $*$ -ENDOMORPHISMS

In this section, we shall define the entropy for $*$ -endomorphisms and state some of its properties. Throughout this section, M will be a finite von Neumann algebra

with a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$. For a von Neumann subalgebra N of M , we denote by E_N the unique faithful normal conditional expectation of M onto N defined by τ . The letter η designates the function on $[0, \infty)$ defined by $\eta(t) = -t \log t$. For each $k \in \mathbf{N}$, we let S_k be the set of all families $(x_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k})_{i_j \in \mathbf{N}}$ of positive elements of M , zero except for a finite number of indices and satisfying

$$\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_j, \dots, i_k} x_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = 1.$$

For $x \in S_k, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, and $i_j \in \mathbf{N}$, put

$$x_{i_j}^j = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{j-1}, i_{j+1}, \dots, i_k} x_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}.$$

Let N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k be finite dimensional von Neumann subalgebras of M . Then Connes-Størmer defined:

$$H(N_1, \dots, N_k) = \sup_{x \in S_k} \left[\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \eta \tau(x_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) - \sum_j \sum_{i_j} \tau \eta E_{N_j}(x_{i_j}^j) \right].$$

We recall the basic properties concerning the function $H(\cdot)$ which will be used later.

- (A) $H(N_1, \dots, N_k) \leq H(P_1, \dots, P_k)$ if $N_j \subseteq P_j$ for all j .
- (B) $H(N_1, \dots, N_k, N_{k+1}, \dots, N_p) \leq H(N_1, \dots, N_k) + H(N_{k+1}, \dots, N_p)$.
- (C) If $P_i \subset P$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$H(P_1, \dots, P_n, P_{n+1}, \dots, P_m) \leq H(P, P_{n+1}, \dots, P_m).$$

- (D) Let $(e_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}$ be a family of minimal projections of N such that $\sum_{\alpha \in I} e_\alpha = 1$.

Then $H(N) = \sum_{\alpha \in I} \eta \tau(e_\alpha)$.

- (E) If $(N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k)''$ is generated by pairwise commuting subalgebras P_j of N_j , then $H(N_1, \dots, N_k) = H((N_1, \dots, N_k)'')$.

2.1. DEFINITION AND PROPERTIES OF $H(\sigma)$. Let σ be a τ -preserving *-endomorphism of M . Following [4], we shall define the entropy for such a σ .

REMARK 1. If a *-endomorphism of M preserves a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$, then σ is one to one, $\sigma(1) = 1$ and σ is weakly continuous.

LEMMA 2. Let σ be a τ -preserving *-endomorphism of M . Then

$$H(\sigma(N_1), \sigma(N_2), \dots, \sigma(N_k)) \leq H(N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k).$$

Equality holds if σ is an automorphism.

Proof. Although the inequality is obtained by [5, Proposition III.6], we shall give a proof of it for the sake of completeness. By Remark 1, $\sigma(M)$ is a von Neumann subalgebra of M . Let E be the conditional expectation of M onto $\sigma(M)$. Then

$$H(\sigma(N_1), \dots, \sigma(N_k)) = \sup_{x \in S_k} \left[\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \eta \tau(E(x_{i_1, \dots, i_k})) - \sum_j \sum_{i_j} \tau \eta E_{\sigma(N_j)}(E(x_{i_j}^j)) \right].$$

Let $S_k(\sigma(M))$ be the subset of S_k such that all x_{i_1, \dots, i_k} are contained in $\sigma(M)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\sigma(N)}(\sigma(y)) &= \sigma(E_N(y)) \text{ and } \tau \eta \sigma = \tau \eta, \\ H(\sigma(N_1), \dots, \sigma(N_k)) &= \\ &= \sup_{x \in S_k(\sigma(M))} \left[\sum \eta \tau(x_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) - \sum_j \sum_{i_j} \tau \eta E_{\sigma(N_j)}(x_{i_j}^j) \right] = \\ &= \sup_{y \in \sigma^{-1}(S_k(\sigma(M)))} \left[\eta \tau(y_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) - \sum_j \sum_{i_j} \tau \eta \sigma E_{N_j}(y_{i_j}^j) \right] \leq \\ &\leq H(N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k). \end{aligned}$$

If σ is an automorphism, then $\sigma^{-1}(S_k(\sigma(M))) = S_k$, so that the equality holds. ■

For each τ -preserving $*$ -endomorphism σ of M and a finite dimensional von Neumann subalgebra N of M , the following limit exists by Lemma 2 and properties (B), (D):

$$H(N, \sigma) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} H(N, \sigma(N), \dots, \sigma^{k-1}(N)).$$

DEFINITION 3. The entropy $H(\sigma)$ for σ is the supremum of $H(N, \sigma)$ for all finite dimensional subalgebra N of M .

PROPOSITION 4. Let M be an approximately finite dimensional finite von Neumann algebra, τ a faithful normal trace of M with $\tau(1) = 1$ and σ a τ -preserving $*$ -endomorphism of M . Let $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an increasing sequence of finite dimensional subalgebras which generates M . Then

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(N_j, \sigma).$$

Proof. This proposition is proved by the same method as [4, Theorem 2] applying property (F) and Lemma 6 below. ■

Using Lemma 2 and Proposition 4, the following proposition is obtained by the same proof as [4]:

PROPOSITION 5. (1) Entropy for *-endomorphisms is conjugacy invariant, that is,

$$H(\sigma) = H(\theta^{-1}\sigma\theta)$$

if θ is a τ -preserving *-automorphism of M .

(2)

$$H(\sigma^n) \leq nH(\sigma)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and equality holds if M is approximately finite dimensional.

2.2. RELATIVE ENTROPY. The relative entropy $H(A|B)$ for arbitrary von Neumann subalgebras A and B of M is defined ([4], [11]) by

$$H(A|B) = \sup_{\mathfrak{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1} \sum_i [\tau\eta E_B(x_i) - \tau\eta E_A(x_i)]$$

and it is allowed $H(A|B) = \infty$.

$$(F) H(N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k) \leq H(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k) + \sum_j H(N_j|P_j).$$

LEMMA 6. If σ is a τ -preserving *-endomorphism of M , then

$$H(\sigma(A)|\sigma(B)) \leq H(A|B).$$

Equality holds if σ is an automorphism.

Proof. Immediate by a similar argument as Lemma 2. ■

2.3. RELATIVE ENTROPY FOR FINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS. If $A \subset B$ are finite dimensional subalgebras of M , then $H(B|A)$ is given by a more concrete formula. We decompose such A and B as follows:

$$A = \bigoplus_{l \in L} A_l \text{ and } B = \bigoplus_{k \in K} B_k,$$

where L, K are finite sets and A_l or B_k are the algebras of $a_l \times a_l$ or $b_k \times b_k$ matrices, respectively. Then row vectors $a = (a_l)_l$ and $b = (b_k)_k$ are called the dimension vectors of A and B . The inclusion matrix $[A \hookrightarrow B] = (m_{lk})_{l \in L, k \in K}$ is given by the number m_{lk} of simple components of a simple B_k module viewed as an A_l module. The trace (column) vectors $t = (t_l)_l$ and $s = (s_k)_k$ has t_l respectively s_k as the traces of the minimal projections in A_l respectively B_k . Then

$$a[A \hookrightarrow B] = b, [A \hookrightarrow B]s = t, \sum_l a_l t_l = 1 = \sum_k b_k s_k.$$

Pimsner and Popa showed the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(B|A) &= \sum_l a_l t_l \log t_l - \sum_l a_l t_l \log a_l - \\
 &\quad - \sum_k b_k s_k \log s_k + \sum_k b_k s_k \log b_k + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{kl} a_l m_{lk} s_k \log \min\left(\frac{a_l}{m_{lk}}, 1\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to simplify the notation we put

$$I(A) = \sum_{l \in L} a_l t_l \log \frac{a_l}{t_l}.$$

LEMMA 7. *If $m_{lk} \leq a_l$, then*

$$H(B|A) = I(B) - I(A).$$

3. APPROXIMATELY FINITE DIMENSIONAL ALGEBRAS

In this section, we shall obtain some formulas in the case of approximately finite dimensional algebras. Throughout this section, M is a von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$ and $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing sequence of M which generates M , also σ is a τ -preserving $*$ -endomorphism of M .

3.1. SIMPLE FORMULA FOR $H(\sigma)$. If the inclusion data in (2.3) for the sequence $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfies the following two conditions, then the sequence $(N_j)_j$ is said to be periodic with a period p ([13]).

There are $n_0 \geq 0$ and $p \geq 1$ such that for all $j \geq n_0$:

- (i) $[N_j \hookrightarrow N_{j+1}] = [N_{j+p} \hookrightarrow N_{j+p+1}]$,
- (ii) The matrix $[N_j \hookrightarrow N_{j+p}]$ is primitive.

REMARK. If M is generated by a periodic sequence $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, then M is a factor ([7],[13]).

LEMMA 8. *Assume that $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a periodic sequence with a period p . Let β_j be the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of the matrix $[N_j \hookrightarrow N_{j+p}]$ for a $j \geq n_0$. Then*

$$t_j = \beta_j t_{j+p}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(N_n)}{n} = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta_j.$$

Proof. Let fix a $j \geq n_0$. We denote by T the matrix $[N_j \hookrightarrow N_{j+p}]$ and by β the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of T . Since

$$t_{j+p} = T^k t_{j+(k+1)p}$$

for all $k \geq 0$, and T is primitive, there is a positive real number α so that $t_{j+p} = \alpha \xi$, where ξ is a Perron-Frobenius eigenvector of T for β . Hence

$$t_j = T t_{j+p} = \alpha T \xi = \beta t_{j+p} = \dots = \beta^n t_{j+np}$$

for all $n \geq 0$. By the property (D),

$$\begin{aligned} H(N_{j+np}) &= - \sum_k d_{j+np}(k) t_{j+np}(k) \log \beta^{-n} t_j(k) = \\ &= n \log \beta - \sum_k d_{j+np}(k) t_{j+np}(k) \log t_j(k). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{t_j(k); k\}$ is a finite set and $\sum_k d_l(k) t_l(k) = 1$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(N_n)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{j+np} \log \beta = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta.$$

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ASSUMPTION (*) FOR σ . (1) For j and m , there is a τ -preserving *-endomorphism α so that $\alpha(N_{j+m})$ contains the von Neumann algebra generated by $\{N_j, \sigma(N_j), \dots, \sigma^m(N_j)\}$.

(2) There exists a sequence $(n_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ with the properties

$$x \sigma^m(y) = \sigma^m(y)x, \quad (x, y \in N_j, m \in n_j \mathbb{N})$$

$$\tau(x \sigma^{kn_j}(y)) = \tau(x) \tau(y) \quad (x \in (N_j, \sigma^{n_j}(N_j), \dots, \sigma^{(k-1)n_j}(N_j))'', y \in N_j)$$

and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_j - j}{j} = 0.$$

THEOREM 9. Under the Assumption (*),

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(N_j)}{j}.$$

Proof. By Proposition 4 and the Lemma 2, we have

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(N_j, \sigma) = \lim_j \lim_k H(N_j, \sigma(N_j), \dots, \sigma^{k-1}(N_j)) / k \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \lim_j \lim_k \inf H((N_j, \dots, \sigma^{k-j}(N_j))'', (\sigma^{k-j+1}(N_j), \dots, \sigma^{k-1}(N_j)))''/k \leq \\
&\leq \lim_j \lim_k \inf H(\alpha(N_k), \sigma^{k-j+1}(\alpha(N_{2j-1})))''/k \leq \\
&\leq \lim_j \lim_k \inf [H(N_k) + H(N_{2j-1})]/k \leq \\
&\leq \lim_k \inf H(N_k)/k.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by properties (D) and (E),

$$\begin{aligned}
n_j H(\sigma) &= H(\sigma^{n_j}) \geq \\
&\geq \lim_k H(N_j, \sigma^{n_j}(N_j), \dots, \sigma^{kn_j}(N_j))/k = \\
&= H(N_j),
\end{aligned}$$

because $(N_j, \sigma^{n_j}(N_j), \dots, \sigma^{kn_j}(N_j))$ are pairwise commuting and τ satisfies a kind of multiplicative property. Hence

$$H(\sigma) \geq \frac{H(N_j)}{n_j} = \frac{H(N_j)}{j} - \frac{n_j - j}{jn_j} H(N_j)$$

which implies

$$H(\sigma) \geq \limsup_j \frac{H(N_j)}{j}.$$

Therefore

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} H(N_j).$$

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COROLLARY 10. *If the sequence $(N_j)_j$ is periodic with a period p , under the Assumption (*),*

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta_n$$

for a large enough n , where β_n is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of $[N_n \leftrightarrow N_{n+p}]$.

Proof. By Theorem 9 and Lemma 8,

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} H(N_j) = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta_n,$$

for a large enough n . ■

3.2. APPLICATION TO θ_λ AND n -SHIFTS. Let $(e_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a sided sequence of projections satisfying the axioms:

- a) $e_i e_{i \pm 1} e_i = \lambda e_i$ for a $\lambda \in (0, 1/4] \cup \{1/4 \sec^2 \pi/m; m \geq 3\}$,
- b) $e_i e_j = e_j e_i$ for $|i - j| \geq 2$,

c) the von Neumann algebra P generated by $(e_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a hyperfinite II_1 factor with the trace τ .

d) $\tau(we_i) = \lambda\tau(w)$ for the trace τ of P if w is a word on 1 and $\{e_j; j < i\}$.

We define the sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of finite dimensional subalgebras of P which generates P by

$$A_{2j} = \{e_i; |i| \leq j - 1\}'' , \quad A_{2j+1} = \{A_{2j}, e_j\}''$$

Then we proved in [3] that the inclusion data for $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is the same as the data in [8]. In case $\lambda = 1/4$, the sequence of trace vectors has beautiful values as follows.

LEMMA 11. *Let t_j be the trace vector for the restriction of τ to A_j . If $\lambda = 1/4$, then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$,*

$$t_{2k} = (1/4^k, 3/4^k, 5/4^k, \dots, (2k + 1)/4^k)$$

and

$$t_{2k+1} = (1/4^k, 2/4^k, 3/4^k, \dots, (k + 1)/4^k).$$

Proof. We shall prove that by the induction on k . It is obvious for $k = 1$. Assume that lemma holds for $k = m$. It is shown by Jones [8] that $t_{2(m+1)}(j) = (1/4)t_{2m}(j)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m + 1$. Hence we just have to show $t_{2(m+1)}(m + 2) = (2m + 3)/4^{2m+1}$. The dimension vector d_{2k} of A_{2k} satisfies $d_{2k}(i) = \binom{2k}{k-1+i} - \binom{2k}{k-i}$, where $\binom{n}{i}$ is the binomial symbol with the convention $\binom{n}{-1} = 0$. Since $\sum_i d_j(i)t_j(i) = 1$, we have $\alpha = t_{2p+1}(p + 1) = (2p + 3)/4^{2p+1}$ by the equality:

$$4^{p+1} = \binom{2(p+1)}{p+1} - (2p + 1) + \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \binom{2(p+1)}{p-j} + 4^{p+1}\alpha.$$

Similarly, we have the values for t_{2k+1} . ■

THEOREM 12.

$$H(\theta_\lambda) = \log 2, \quad \text{for } \lambda = 1/4.$$

Proof. We denote θ_λ by θ . It is easy to check that Assumption (*) for θ is satisfied. Hence $H(\theta) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(A_j)/j$. On the other hand,

$$H(A_{2k}) = - \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} d_{2k}(j)t_{2k} \log t_{2k}(j) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= - \sum_j d_{2k}(j)t_{2k}(j)(\log(2j + 1) - \log 4^k) = \\
 &= \log 4^k - \sum_j d_{2k}(j)t_{2k}(j) \log(2j + 1),
 \end{aligned}$$

for $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Similarly,

$$H(A_{2k+1}) = \log 4^k - \sum_j d_{2k+1}(j)t_{2k+1}(j) \log j \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

On the other hand,

$$0 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1/2k) \sum_j d_{2k}(j)t_{2k}(j) \log(2j + 1) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1/2k) \log(2k + 1) = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2k + 1} \sum_j d_{2k+1}(j)t_{2k+1}(j) \log j = 0.$$

Hence we have

$$H(\theta) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log 4^k}{2k} = \log 2.$$

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After I had known for this paper to be accepted, I received the preprint "Entropy of certain noncommutative shifts" from H. S. Yin in which he had the same result as Theorem 12.

By applying Corollary 10 to θ_λ , we have the following results by Pimsner-Popa:

COROLLARY 13. *Let $\lambda > 1/4$. Then $H(\theta_\lambda) = -(1/2) \log \lambda$.*

Proof. Since the inclusion data for the sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is the same as one obtained by Jones [8] ([3]), the sequence $(A_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is periodic and the period of it is 2 [8]. For a sufficiently large j , the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of the inclusion matrix $[A_j \hookrightarrow A_{j+2}]$ is $1/\lambda$ if $\lambda > 1/4$. Hence $H(\theta_\lambda) = -(1/2) \log \lambda$ by Corollary 10. ■

As another application of Corollary 10, we have the following result of Connes-Størmer.

COROLLARY 14. *Let S_n be the n -shift of the hyperfinite II_1 factor, then $H(S_n) = \log n$.*

Proof. Let M be the algebra of $n \times n$ -matrices. For an integer j , let

$$x_j = \dots \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes \underbrace{x}_j \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \quad (x \in M).$$

Then $S_n(x_j) = x_{j+1}$ for all $x \in M$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. For an integer $j \geq 0$, let

$$N_{2j+1} = \{\cup M_k; |k| \leq j\}'' , \quad N_{2j} = \{M_j \cup N_{2j-1}\}''.$$

Then S_n satisfies Assumption (*). The sequence $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a periodic sequence which generates the hyperfinite II_1 factor. The period of $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is 1 and the inclusion matrix $[N_j \hookrightarrow N_{j+1}]$ is the number n for all $j \geq 0$. Hence we have $H(S_n) = \log n$. ■

3.3. BOUNDED GROWTH CONDITION FOR $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Let

$$N_j = \bigoplus_{k \in K_j} N_j(k)$$

be such a decomposition as in (2.3), $d_j = (d_j(k))_{k \in K_j}$ the dimension vector of N_j and $t_j = (t_j(k))_k$ the trace vector of τ on N_j .

DEFINITION 15. We shall say that the increasing sequence $(N_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfies the bounded growth condition if

(1) $\sup_j \#(K_j)/j < \infty$ and

(2) For some m_0 , $N_{j+1}(l)$ contains at most $d_j(k)$ $N_j(k)$ -components for a $j \geq m_0$, where $\#(K_j)$ is the cardinal number of K_j .

PROPOSITION 16. If an increasing sequence $(N_j)_j$ satisfies the bounded growth condition, then

$$I(N_n) - I(N_{m_0-1}) = \sum_{j=m_0}^n H(N_j|N_{j-1})$$

for $n > m_0$ and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_k t_j(k) d_j(k) \log t_j(k) d_j(k)}{j} = 0.$$

Proof. Since the condition (2) in the bounded growth condition implies the condition in Lemma 7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(N_n|N_{n-1}) &= I(N_n) - I(N_{n-1}) = I(N_n) - I(N_{n-2}) - [I(N_{n-1}) - I(N_{n-2})] = \\ &= I(N_n) - I(N_{m_0-1}) - \sum_{j=m_0}^{n-1} H(N_j|N_{j-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$I(N_n) - I(N_{m_0-1}) = \sum_{j=m_0}^n H(N_j|N_{j-1}).$$

Put $r_j(k) = t_j(k)d_j(k)$ and $\#(K_j) = k_j$. Then $\sum_{k \in K_j} r_j(k) = 1$ and $r_j(k) \geq 0$. Since the function η is concave, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k \eta(r_j(k)) &= k_j \sum_k \frac{\eta(r_j(k))}{k_j} \leq \\ &\leq k_j \eta \left(\sum_k \frac{r_j(k)}{k_j} \right) = \log k_j. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the condition (1),

$$0 \leq \lim_j \frac{\sum_k \eta(r_j(k))}{k} \leq \lim_j \frac{\log k_j}{j} = 0,$$

which implies the conclusion. ■

4. ENTROPY $H(\sigma)$ AND RELATIVE ENTROPY $H(M|\sigma(M))$

In this section we shall obtain relations among the entropy for $*$ -automorphisms, the entropy for $*$ -endomorphisms (which are not automorphisms) and the relative entropy for subalgebras.

DEFINITION 17. Let M be a von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$. A τ -preserving $*$ -endomorphism σ of M is said to have a finite dimensional τ -independent generator P if the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) M is generated by the family $\{\sigma^i(P); \text{all considerable } i\}$ (that is $M = \{\sigma^i(P); i \in \mathbf{Z}\}''$ if $\sigma^{-1}(P)$ is defined, otherwise $M = \{\sigma^i(P); i \in \mathbf{N}\}''$),

(2)

$$\tau(\sigma^{i_1}(x_{i_1})\sigma^{i_2}(x_{i_2}) \dots \sigma^{i_n}(x_{i_n})) = \prod_{j=1}^n \tau(x_{i_j}),$$

for $x_i \in P$ and $i_l \neq i_k$ if $l \neq k$, and

(3) The algebra generated by $\{\sigma^i(P); i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$ is finite dimensional for all n and there is such an m that P and $\sigma^i(P)$ commute for all $i \geq m$.

THEOREM 18. Let M be a von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$ and σ a τ -preserving $*$ -endomorphism of M which has a finite dimensional τ -independent generator P . Let N_j be the algebra generated by $\{\sigma^i(P); i = 0, 1, \dots, j\}$. Assume that the sequence $(N_j)_j$ satisfies the bounded growth condition. If σ is not onto, then

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}H(M|\sigma(M)).$$

Proof. The algebra M (resp. $\sigma(M)$) is generated by an increasing sequence $(N_j)_j$ (resp. $(\sigma(N_j)_j)$). By the property of τ or σ , we have for all j ,

$$E_{N_j} E_{\sigma(N_j)} = E_{\sigma(N_{j-1})}.$$

Hence we have by [11, Proposition 3.4],

$$H(M|\sigma(M)) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (N_j|\sigma(N_{j-1})).$$

It is obvious that there is a τ -preserving *-automorphism α of M which satisfies $\alpha(N_j) = N_j$ and $\alpha(N_{j-1}) = \sigma(N_{j-1})$. Hence $H(N_j|\sigma(N_{j-1})) = H(N_j|N_{j-1})$. Let d_j be the dimension vector of N_j and t_j the trace vector of τ on N_j . Then by property (D) and Theorem 9,

$$\begin{aligned} H(\sigma) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} H(N_j)/j = -\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (1/j) \sum_k t_j(k) d_j(k) \log t_j(k) = \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (1/j) \left[I(N_j) - \sum_k t_j(k) d_j(k) \log d_j(k) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} \sum_k t_j(k) d_j(k) \log t_j(k) d_j(k) = 0$$

by Proposition 16, we have

$$H(\sigma) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} \sum_k t_j(k) d_j(k) \log d_j(k).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 2H(\sigma) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (I(N_j))/j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} [I(N_j) - I(N_{m-1})]/j = \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (1/j) \sum_{i=m}^j H(N_i|N_{i-1}) = H(M|\sigma(M)). \end{aligned}$$

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COROLLARY 19. Let M , σ and $(N_j)_j$ be the same as in Theorem 18. If the sequence $(N_j)_j$ is periodic, then

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \log[M : \sigma(M)]$$

and

$$H(M|\sigma(M)) = \log[M : \sigma(M)].$$

Proof. By Remark in (3.1), M is the hyperfinite II_1 factor. Let p be the period of the sequence $(N_j)_j$ and β_j the Perron-Frobenius eigenvalue of the inclusion matrix

$[N_j \xrightarrow{\sigma} N_{j+p}]$. The algebra M is generated by $(N_j)_j$ and $\sigma(M)$ is generated by $\sigma(N_j)_j$. By the property of σ for τ , we have $E_{\sigma(N_j)}E_{N_j} = E_{\sigma(N_{j-1})}$. Hence the sequences $(N_j)_j$ and $(\sigma(N_j))_j$ have the property $N_j \supset \sigma(N_j)$ for all j and satisfy the periodic condition due to Wenzl [13]. Denote by t_j the trace vector of τ on N_j , then by ([13], [7])

$$[M : \sigma(M)] = \frac{\|t_j\|_2^2}{\|t_{j+1}\|_2^2}.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 8,

$$\beta_j^2 = \frac{\|t_j\|_2^2}{\|t_{j+p}\|_2^2}.$$

Hence we have

$$\beta_j^2 = [M : \sigma(M)]^p,$$

which implies by Lemma 8,

$$H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{p} \log \beta_j = \frac{1}{2} \log [M : \sigma(M)].$$

On the other hand, a periodic sequence satisfies the bounded growth condition. Hence by Theorem 18, we have

$$H(M|\sigma(M)) = 2H(\sigma) = \log [M : \sigma(M)]$$

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Next we shall discuss the relation between the entropy of automorphisms and the entropy of $*$ -endomorphisms.

THEOREM 20. *Let N be a finite von Neumann algebra with a faithful normal trace τ , $\tau(1) = 1$ and θ a τ -preserving $*$ -automorphism of N , which has a finite dimensional τ -independent generator P . We let M be the von Neumann algebra generated by $\{\theta^i(P); i \geq 0\}$ and σ the restriction of θ to M . Then*

$$H(\sigma) = H(\theta).$$

Proof. Let N_j be the algebra generated by $\{\theta^i(P); i = 0, 1, \dots, j\}$. Then the sequence $(N_j)_j$ satisfies the Assumption (*) for M and σ . Next we define the sequence $(A_j)_j$ of finite dimensional subalgebra of N by

$$A_{2j} = \{\theta^i(P); |i| \leq j - 1\}'' , \quad A_{2j+1} = \{A_{2j}, \theta^j(P)\}''.$$

Then the sequence $(A_j)_j$ also satisfies the Assumption (*) for N and θ . Since there exists an τ -preserving $*$ -automorphism γ of N such that $\gamma(N_j) = A_j$, we have

$$H(\theta) = \lim_j \frac{H(A_j)}{j} = \lim_j \frac{H(N_j)}{j} = H(\sigma).$$

REMARK. Let N, θ, M and σ be as in Theorem 20. Then σ is a shift of N in the sense of Powers, that is $\bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma^i(M) = \mathbb{C}1$ by the property of τ . If σ is a shift, then θ is ergodic.

To conclude we shall show some examples which satisfy the conditions discussed in Section 4.

EXAMPLE 1. Let θ be the n -shift and σ the restriction of θ to the hyperfinite II_1 -factor $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (M_i, \text{Tr}_i)$, where M_i is the $n \times n$ matrix algebra and Tr_i is the trace of M_i . Then θ has a finite dimensional independent generator M_0 and a periodic sequence $(N_j)_j$ defined as above. Hence

$$H(\theta) = H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}H(M|\sigma(M)) = \frac{1}{2} \log[M : \sigma(M)] = \log n.$$

EXAMPLE 2. Let $(e_j)_j$ be the two sided sequence of projections with the properties denoted in (3.2), but a) and b) are exchanged to a') and b') as follows: For a $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a') e_i e_j e_i = \lambda e_i \text{ if } |i - j| = k,$$

$$b') e_i e_j = e_j e_i \text{ if } |i - j| \neq k.$$

Then the automorphism θ (resp. *-endomorphism σ) of $\{e_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ (resp. $M = \{e_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$) has a finite dimensional independent generator, which is the algebra generated by e_0 . The sequence $(A_j)_j$ defined by a similar method in (3.2) (resp. $(N_j)_j$) satisfies the bounded growth condition and if $\lambda > (1/4)$ then the sequence $(N_j)_j$ is periodic. Hence if $\lambda \leq 1/4$ then using the computations due to Pimsner and Popa [11]

$$H(\theta) = H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}H(M|\sigma(M)) = \eta t + \eta(1 - t)$$

where $\lambda = t(1 - t)$, and if $\lambda > (1/4)$, then

$$H(\theta) = H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}H(M|\sigma(M)) = \frac{1}{2} \log[M : \sigma(M)] = -\frac{\log \lambda}{2}.$$

Although the entropy of the *-endomorphism σ depends only on λ , the conjugacy classes of σ depend on λ and k ([2]).

EXAMPLE 3. Let S be a finite subset of \mathbb{N} . Let $\gamma = \exp(2\pi i/n)$ for some positive integer n . Then there exists a family $(u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of unitaries which generates the hyperfinite II_1 -factor and satisfy the following conditions;

$$(i) u_i^n = 1$$

$$(ii) u_i u_j = \gamma u_j u_i \text{ if } i - j \in S (i \geq j)$$

$$(iii) u_i u_j = u_j u_i \text{ if } |i - j| \notin S.$$

Let θ (resp. σ) be the $*$ -automorphism (resp. the restriction of θ) of $\{u_i\}_{i \in \mathbf{Z}}$ (resp. to $M = \{u_i\}_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$) defined by $\theta(u_i) = u_{i+1}$. Then θ has a finite dimensional independent generator P which is generated by u_0 . The algebra M is generated by a periodic sequence. Hence

$$H(\theta) = H(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}H(M|\sigma(M)) = \frac{1}{2}\log[M : \sigma(M)] = \frac{\log n}{2}.$$

Although the entropy of the $*$ -endomorphism σ depends only on n , the conjugacy classes of such σ 's depend on n and S .

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