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## ARENS ALGEBRAS, ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUTATIVE VON NEUMANN ALGEBRAS

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measurable space with a finite measure,  $L^p(\mu) = L^p(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  the Banach space of all  $\mu$ -measurable complex functions on  $\Omega$ , integrable with the degree,  $p \in [1, +\infty)$ . R. Arens [1] introduced and studied the set  $L^\omega(\mu) = \bigcap_{1 \leq p < \infty} L^p(\mu)$ . He showed, in particular, that  $L^\omega(\mu)$  is a complete locally-convex metrizable algebra with respect to "t" topology generated by the system of norms  $\|f\|_p = \left( \int_{\Omega} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ . Later G.R. Allan [2] observed that  $(L^\omega(\mu), t)$  is a  $GB^*$ -algebra with the unit ball  $B_0 = \{f \in L^\infty : \|f\|_p \leq 1\}$ . Further investigation of properties of the Arens algebra  $L^\omega(\mu)$  was made by S.J. Bhaft [3,4]. He described the ideals of the algebra  $L^\omega(\mu)$  and considered some classes of homomorphisms of this algebra. B.S. Zakirov [5] showed that  $L^\omega(\mu)$  is an  $EW^*$ -algebra and gave an example of two measures,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , on an atomic Boolean algebra, for which the algebras  $L^\omega(\mu)$  and  $L^\omega(\nu)$  are not isomorphic. It is clear that the problem of complete classification of the Arens algebras arises. Speaking more precisely, what conditions should be imposed on measures  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  for the corresponding Arens algebras to be isomorphic? It is natural to solve this problem in the class of equivalent measures. Therefore instead of a measurable space with a measure, one should consider a commutative von Neumann algebra  $M$  with faithful normal finite traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$  and study the problem of  $*$ -isomorphism of  $EW^*$ -algebras  $L^\omega(M; \mu) = \bigcap_{1 \leq p < \infty} L^p(M; \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$

The present article gives the complete solution of the mentioned problem, a classification of the normalized Boolean algebras from the book by D.A. Vladimirov [6] being considerably used. All necessary notations and

results from the theory of von Neumann algebras are taken from [7] and the theory of integration on von Neumann algebras is from [8].

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $M$  be an arbitrary von Neumann algebra,  $\mu$  a faithful normal finite trace on  $M$ ,  $P(M)$  the lattice of all projections of  $M$ . Let  $K(M, \mu)$  be the  $*$ -algebra of all  $\mu$ -measurable operators affiliated with  $M$  [8].

In the commutative case, when  $M = L^\infty(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $\mu(x) = \int_{\Omega} x d\mu$ , where  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a measurable space, the algebra  $K(M, \mu)$  coincides with the algebra of all measurable complex functions on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ .

For every set  $A \subset K(M, \mu)$  we shall denote by  $A_h$  (respectively, by  $A_+$ ) the set of all self-adjoint (respectively, positive self-adjoint) operators from  $A$ . The partial order in  $K_h(M, \mu)$  generated by the positive cone  $K_+(M, \mu)$  will be denoted by  $x \leq y$ .

Put  $M(x) = \sup\{\mu(y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq x, y \in M\}$  for every  $x \in K_+(M, \mu)$ . Let  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $L^p(M, \mu) = \{x \in K(M, \mu) \mid \mu(|x|^p) < \infty\}$ , where  $|x| = (x^*x)^{1/2}$ . The set  $L^p(M, \mu)$  is a subspace in  $K(M, \mu)$  and the function  $\|x\|_p = \mu(|x|^p)^{1/p}$  is a Banach norm on  $L^p(M, \mu)$  [9]. Moreover,

1.  $\|x\|_p = \|x^*\|_p = \|xu\|_p$  for all  $x \in L^p(M, \mu)$  and a unitary element  $u \in M$ ;

2. If  $|x| \leq |y|$ ,  $x \in K(M, \mu)$ ,  $y \in L^p(M, \mu)$ , then  $x \in L^p(M, \mu)$  and  $\|x\|_p \leq \|y\|_p$ ;

3. If  $x \in L^p(M, \mu)$ ,  $y \in L^q(M, \mu)$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $1 < p, q, r < \infty$ , then  $xy \in L^r(M, \mu)$  and  $\|xy\|_r \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$ .

From these properties of the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  it follows that the set  $L^\omega(M, \mu) = \bigcap_{1 \leq p < \infty} L^p(M, \mu)$  is a  $*$ -subalgebra in  $K(M, \mu)$ , and  $M \subset L^\omega(M, \mu)$ . It was

shown in [5] that  $M = L^\omega(M, \mu)$  if and only if  $\dim M < \infty$ . Furthermore, since  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  is a solid  $*$ -subalgebra in  $K(M, \mu)$  (e.g. the inequality  $|x| \leq |y|$ ,  $x \in K(M, \mu)$ ,  $y \in L^\omega(M, \mu)$  implies  $x \in L^\omega(M, \mu)$ ),  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  is an  $EW^*$ -algebra, the bounded part of which coincides with  $M$  [10].

Now we cite from [6] some information which will be used in the sequel.

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary complete Boolean algebra,  $e \in X$ ,  $X_e = [0, e] = \{g \in X \mid g \leq e\}$ . The minimal cardinality of the set which is dense in  $X_e$  in the  $(\circ)$ -topology will be denoted  $\tau(X_e)$ . An infinite complete Boolean algebra  $X$  is called homogeneous, if  $\tau(X_e) = \tau(X_g)$  for any non-zero  $e, g \in X$ . The cardinality of  $\tau(X) = \tau(X_{\mathbf{1}})$  where  $\mathbf{1}$  - is the unit of the Boolean algebra  $X$  is called a weight of a homogeneous Boolean algebra  $X$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a strictly positive countably additive measure on  $X$ . If  $\mu(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ , then the pair  $(X, \mu)$  is called a normalized Boolean algebra. It was shown in [6] that for any cardinal number  $\tau$  there existed a complete homogeneous normalized Boolean algebra  $X$  with the weight  $\tau(X) = \tau$ . The next theorem gives a criterion of isomorphism of two homogeneous normalized Boolean algebras.

**Theorem ([6]).** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be homogeneous normalized Boolean algebras. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $\tau(X) = \tau(Y)$ ;
- 2) There exists an isomorphism  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  for which  $\nu(\varphi(x)) = \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

This theorem enables us to describe the class of von Neumann algebras for which the existence of  $*$ -isomorphism between the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  is equivalent to isomorphism between  $M$  and  $N$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be commutative von Neumann algebras, the Boolean algebras  $P(M)$  and  $P(N)$  of which are homogeneous, and let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be faithful normal finite traces on  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1) The Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic;
- 2) The von Neumann algebras  $M$  and  $N$  are  $*$ -isomorphic;
- 3)  $\tau(P(M)) = \tau(P(N))$ .

*Proof.* Since  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  are  $EW^*$ -algebras the bounded parts of which coincide with  $M$  and  $N$  respectively, restriction on  $M$  of any  $*$ -isomorphism from  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  on  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  is a  $*$ -isomorphism from  $M$  on  $N$ . On the other hand if the von Neumann algebras  $M$  and  $N$  are  $*$ -isomorphic, then their Boolean algebras of projectors are also isomorphic and therefore, in this case,  $\tau(P(M)) = \tau(P(N))$ .

Now suppose that  $\tau(P(M)) = \tau(P(N))$  and assume  $\mu'(x) = \mu(x)/\mu(\mathbf{1})$ ,  $\nu'(y) = \nu(y)/\nu(\mathbf{1})$ ,  $x \in M$ ,  $y \in N$ . According to the theorem 1, there exists an isomorphism of Boolean algebras  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  for which  $\nu(\varphi(x)) = \mu'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This isomorphism extends to a  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi : K(M, \mu) \rightarrow K(N, \nu)$  (See [11]): At the same time  $\mu'(x) = \nu'(\Phi(x))$  for all  $x \in L^1(M, \mu')$ . Since  $\mu'(|x|^p) = \nu'(\Phi(|x|^p)) = \nu'(|\Phi(x)|^p)$  we have  $\Phi(L^p(M, \mu)) = \Phi(L^p(M, \mu')) = L^p(N, \nu') = L^p(N, \nu)$  for all  $p \geq 1$ . Hence  $\Phi(L^\omega(M, \mu)) = L^\omega(N, \nu)$ .

**Corolary.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be non-atomic commutative von Neumann algebras on separable Hilbert spaces,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  faithful normal finite traces on  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Then the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic.*

*Proof.* At first, show that if  $M$  acts on a separable Hilbert space  $H$ , then the Banach space  $(L^r(M, \mu), \|\cdot\|_r)$  is also separable. To start one should note that in this case the strong topology is metrizable on the unit ball  $M_1$  of the algebra  $M$  ([12] p.24). In addition, the convergence  $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{so} 0$  in the strong topology in  $M_1$  is equivalent to the convergence  $\mu(x_\alpha^* x_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  ([12] p.130).

Thus, for any sequence of  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  and  $x \in M$  the convergence  $x_n \xrightarrow{so} x$  implies  $\sup \|x_n\|_M < \infty$  and  $\|x_n - x\|_2 \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\|\cdot\|_M$  is a  $C^*$ -norm in  $M$ . Hence, on any ball  $M_n = \{x \in M \mid \|x\|_M \leq n\}$  the strong topology coincides with the topology induced from  $L_2(M, \mu)$ . Since  $H$  is separable, there exists a countable set  $X_n \subset M$  which is dense in  $M_n$  in the strong topology ([13], p.568). Hence the countable set  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  is dense in  $M$  in the topology induced from  $L_2(M, \mu)$ . Since  $M$  is dense in  $(L_2(M, \mu), \|\cdot\|_2)$ ,  $(L_2(M, \mu), \|\cdot\|_2)$  is separable.

There is one thing left to say: the  $(\circ)$ -topology in  $(P(M), \mu)$  coincides with the topology induced from  $(L^2(M, \mu), \|\cdot\|_2)$ . Therefore, the  $P(M)$  is a non-atomic Boolean algebra which is separable in the  $(\circ)$ -topology. Hence it is homogeneous [6]. Similarly,  $P(N)$  is a non-atomic Boolean algebra and  $\tau(P(M)) = \tau(P(N))$ . According to the proposition 1, the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  – are  $*$ -isomorphic.

Let  $(X, \mu)$  be an arbitrary complete non-atomic normalized Boolean algebra. It was shown in [6] that there is a sequence  $\{e_n\}$  of non-zero pairwise disjoint elements for which the Boolean algebras  $[0, e_n]$  are homogeneous and  $\tau_n = \tau([0, e_n]) < \tau_{n+1}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . This collection is determined uniquely and the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_2 & \dots \\ \mu(e_1) & \mu(e_2) & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

is called the passport of the Boolean algebra  $(X, \mu)$

The following theorem will be used for investigation of isomorphisms of Arens algebra.

**Theorem 2 [6].** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be complete non-atomic normalized Boolean algebras. The following conditions are equivalent.*

1. *There exists an isomorphism  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  for which  $\nu(\varphi(x)) = \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*
2. *The passports of the Boolean algebras  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  coincide.*

**3. Main results.** A von Neuman algebra  $M$  is called  $\sigma$ -finite if it admits at most countable family of orthogonal projections. On any  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra  $M$ , there exists a normal state, in particular, if  $M$  is commutative, then its Boolean algebra of projections  $P(M)$  is a normed one. The next theorem describes the class of commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras  $M$  for which the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic for any faithful normal finite traces of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.** *For a commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra  $M$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. *The Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic for any faithful normal finite traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$ .*
2.  *$M = M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n M_i$ , where  $M_0$  is a finite-dimensional commutative von Neumann algebra,  $M_i$  is an infinite-dimensional commutative von Neumann algebra in which the lattice of projections  $P(M_i)$  is a homogeneous Boolean algebra and  $\tau_i = \tau(P(M_i)) < \tau_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$  (the summand  $M_0$  or  $\sum_{i=1}^n M_i$  may be absent).*

*Proof.* 1)  $\rightarrow$  2). Let  $\Delta$  be the set of all atoms in  $P(M)$  and  $e = \sup \Delta$ . Suppose that  $\Delta$  is a countable set. Then  $M_0 = eM$  coincides with the algebra  $\ell_\infty$  of all bounded sequences of complex numbers. Denote the atoms in  $P(\ell_\infty)$  by  $q_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ . Consider two faithful normal finite traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$ , for which  $\mu(q_n) = n^{-2}$ ,  $\nu(q_n) = e^{-2n}$  and  $\mu(x) = \nu(x)$  for all  $x \in (\mathbf{1} - e)M$ . Suppose, that a  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi$  from  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  on  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  exists. Since  $\Phi(M_0) = M_0$ , we have  $\Phi(L^\omega(M_0, \nu)) = L^\omega(M_0, \mu)$ . Choose  $x \in K(M_0, \nu)$  such that  $xq_n = 2^n$ . The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{pn}}{e^{2n}} = \nu(|x|^p)$$

converges for all  $p \geq 1$ . Therefore  $x \in L^\omega(M_0, \nu)$  and, so  $\Phi(x) \in L^\omega(M_0, \mu)$ . Since  $M_0 = \ell_\infty$ , the  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi$  is generated by some bijection  $\pi$  of

the set of natural numbers. It means that  $\Phi(x) = \Phi(\{2^n\}) = \{2^{\pi(n)}\} = y \in L^\omega(M_0, \mu)$ . In particular,

$$\nu(|y|) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{\pi(n)} n^{-2} < \infty$$

which is wrong. Hence, a set  $\Delta$  is either finite or empty.

Now suppose that in the Boolean algebra  $P((\mathbf{1}-e)M)$  there is a countable set  $\{e_n\}$  of disjoint elements, for which the algebras  $X_n = P(e_n M)$  are homogeneous and  $\tau_n = \tau(X_n) < \tau_{n+1}$ . Choose two faithful normal finite traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$  such that  $\mu(e_n) = n^{-2}$ ,  $\nu(e_n) = e^{-2^n}$  and  $\mu(x) = \nu(x)$  for all  $x \in M_0$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a  $*$ -isomorphisms from  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  on  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$ . Then  $\Phi((\mathbf{1}-e)M) = (\mathbf{1}-e)M$  and, since weights  $\tau_n$  are different,  $\Phi(e_n M) = e_n(M)$  (See [6]). Choose  $x \in K((\mathbf{1}-e)M, \nu)$  such that  $x e_n = 2^n e_n$ . Then  $x \in L^\omega((\mathbf{1}-e)M, \nu)$ ,  $\Phi(x) = x$  and

$$\mu(|\Phi(x)|) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n n^{-2} = \infty,$$

i.e.  $\Phi(x)$  does not belong to  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$ .

The obtained contradiction implies that the set  $\{e_n\}$  is at most countable.

2)  $\rightarrow$  1). Let  $M = M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n M_i$ , where  $M_0$  is finite-dimensional and  $M_i$  is infinite dimensional commutative von Neumann algebra, the Boolean algebra  $P(M_i)$  being homogeneous,  $\tau_i < \tau_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ .

Take arbitrary faithful normal traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  on  $M$ . As  $\dim M_0 < \infty$ ,  $L^\omega(M_0, \mu) = M_0 = L^\omega(M_0, \nu)$ . According to the proposition 1 a  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi_i$  from  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  on  $L^\omega(M_i, \nu)$  exists. Each element  $x$  from  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  is represented as  $x = x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , where  $x_0 \in M_0 = L^\omega(M_0, \mu)$ ,  $x_i \in L^\omega(M_i, \mu)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . It is obvious that  $\Phi(x) = x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_i(x_i)$  is a  $*$ -isomorphism from  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  on  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$ . The theorem is proved.

Using theorem 3, it is easy to construct an example of a non-atomic commutative von Neumann algebra  $M$  with traces  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , such that the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  are isomorphic, while there is no  $*$ -isomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $M$  on  $M$ , for which  $\nu \circ \varphi = \mu$ . Indeed, assume that

$M = M_1 + M_2$ , where  $M_1, M_2$  are non-atomic commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras in which the lattice of projections form homogeneous Boolean algebras and  $\tau(P(M_1)) < \tau(P(M_2))$ . Identify  $M_1$  with the subalgebra  $e_1 M_1$  and  $M_2$  with  $(\mathbf{1} - e_1)M_1$ ,  $e_1 \in P(M)$ . Let  $\mu$  be an arbitrary faithful normal finite trace on  $M$ ,  $\mu(\mathbf{1}) = 1$ . Assume that

$$\nu(x) = p(\mu(e_1))^{-1} \mu(xe_1) + q(\mu(\mathbf{1} - e_1))^{-1} \mu(x(\mathbf{1} - e_1)),$$

$x \in M$ ,  $p, q > 0$ ,  $p + q = 1$ . It is evident that  $\nu$  is a faithful normal finite trace on  $M$ . Choose  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $\mu(e_1) \neq \nu(e_1) = p$ ,  $\mu(\mathbf{1} - e_1) \neq \nu(\mathbf{1} - e_1) = q$ . According to the theorem 2, there is no  $*$ -isomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  for which  $\nu \circ \varphi = \mu$ . At the same time, according to the theorem 3, the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic.

Now, let us find out when the Arens algebras coincide for different traces. Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be two faithful normal finite traces on a commutative von Neumann algebra  $M$ . Denote by  $h = \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}$  the Radon-Nikodim derivate of the trace  $\mu$  relative  $\nu$ , i.e.  $h$  is the element from  $L^1_+(M, \nu)$  for which  $\mu(x) = \nu(hx)$  for all  $x \in M$ .

It is clear that the element  $x$  from  $K(M, \mu)$  belongs to  $L^1(M, \mu)$  if and only if  $hx \in L^1(M, \nu)$ . In this case the equality  $\mu(x) = \nu(hx)$  holds.

**Proposition 2.**  $L^\omega(M, \nu) \subset L^\omega(M, \mu)$  if only if

$$h \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \nu),$$

where  $L^\infty(M, \nu)$  is identified with  $M$ .

Proof. Let  $L^\omega(M, \nu) \subset L^\omega(M, \mu) \subset L^1(M, \mu)$ . Then  $\mu(x) = \nu(hx)$  for all  $x \in L^\omega(M, \nu)$ , and  $\mu$  is a positive linear functional on  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$ . Since  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  is a complete metrizable locally-convex algebra with respect to the  $t$ -topology generated by the system of norms  $\left\{ \|x\|_p = (\nu(|x|^p))^{1/p} \right\}_{p \geq 1}$  (see[3]) and involution in  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  is continuous in this topology,  $\mu$  is continuous [14]. It was shown in [3] that the dual space of  $(L^\omega(M, \nu)t)$  may be identified with  $\bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \nu)$ . Hence one can find such  $y \in L^p(M, \nu)$  for some  $p \in (1, \infty]$  that  $\nu(hx) = \mu(x) = \nu(yx)$  for all  $x \in L^\omega(M, \nu)$ . It means that  $h = y$  and  $h \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \nu)$ .



Conversely, if  $h \in L^p(M, \nu)$  for some  $p \in (1, \infty]$ , then  $\nu(hx)$  is a  $t$ -continuous linear functional on  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  (See[3]) and therefore  $\mu(|x|^q) = \nu(h|x|^q) < \infty$  for any  $x \in L^p(M, \nu)$  and  $q \geq 1$ ; we recall that  $|x|^q \in L^\omega(M, \nu)$  for all  $x \in L^\omega(M, \nu)$  and  $q \geq 1$ . Thus,

$$L^\omega(M, \nu) \subset \bigcap_{q \geq 1} L^q(M, \mu) = L^\omega(M, \mu)$$

The following criterion of coincidence of the algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  arises from the proposition 2.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mu, \nu$  be faithful normal finite traces on a commutative von Neumann algebra  $M$ . Then  $L^\omega(M, \mu) = L^\omega(M, \nu)$  if and only if*

$$\frac{d\mu}{d\nu} \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \nu) \text{ and } \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \mu).$$

**Remarks.**

1. In the example constructed after theorem 3  $L^\omega(M, \mu) = L^\omega(M, \nu)$  since

$$\frac{d\mu}{d\nu} = \mu(e_1)p^{-1}e_1 + \mu(1 - e_1)q^{-1}(1 - e_1).$$

Now everything is ready to obtain the criterion of  $*$ -isomorphism of the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$ . Let  $M$  be an arbitrary non-atomic commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra. According to [6] the Boolean algebra  $P(M)$  of projections  $M$  possesses uniquely determined collection  $\{e_r\}$  of non-zero pairwise disjoint elements for which the Boolean algebras  $X_n = \{e \in P(M) : e \leq e_n\}$  are homogeneous and  $\tau(X_n) < \tau(X_{n+1})$ . Assume that the collection  $\{e_n\}$  is infinite otherwise all Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic (see theorem 3).

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be faithful normal finite traces on a non-atomic commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra  $M$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1) *The Arens algebras  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic;*
- 2) *There are such  $p, q \in (1, \infty]$  that*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^p \nu_n^{1-p} < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n^q \mu_n^{1-q} < \infty$$

in the case  $p \neq \infty$ ,  $q \neq \infty$ , and  $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\mu_n \nu_n^{-1}| < \infty$  if  $p = \infty$ ,  $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\nu_n \mu_n^{-1}| < \infty$  if  $q = \infty$ .

Proof. 1)  $\rightarrow$  2). Let  $\Phi$  be a  $*$ -isomorphism from  $L^\omega(M, \mu)$  on  $L^\omega(M, \nu)$ . Since all  $\tau(x_n)$  are different,  $\Phi(e_n \mu) = e_n \mu$ .

Denote by  $N$  the atomic von Neumann subalgebra of all elements  $x$  from  $M$ , for which  $x e_n = \lambda_n$  for some complex numbers  $\lambda_n$ ,  $n = 1, \dots$ . It is evident that  $N$  is identified with the algebra  $l_\infty$  of all bounded sequences of complex numbers. Since  $\Phi(e_n) = e_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows that  $\Phi(z) = z$  for all  $z \in N$ . If  $z \in L^\omega(N, \mu) \cap K(N, \mu) = L^\omega(N, \mu)$ ,  $z \geq 0$ , then  $z = \sup_{m \geq 1} z \sum_{n=1}^m e_n$ , and  $(z \sum_{n=1}^m e_n) \in N_+$ . Therefore,

$$\Phi(z) = \sup_{m \geq 1} \Phi(z \sum_{n=1}^m e_n) = \sup_{m \geq 1} z \sum_{n=1}^m e_n = z.$$

Thus the restriction of  $\Phi$  on  $L^\omega(N, \mu)$  coincides with the identity mapping. It means that  $L^\omega(N, \nu) = \Phi(L^\omega(N, \mu)) = L^\omega(N, \mu)$ .

Therefore, according to the theorem 4  $h \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(N, \nu)$ , and  $h^{-1} \in$

$\bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(N, \mu)$ , where  $h$  is the Radon-Nikodym's derivative of the trace  $\mu$  relative the trace  $\nu$ , being considered in  $N$ . So using the equality  $h e_n = \mu_n \nu_n^{-1} e_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , the required inequalities follow from the condition 2).

2)  $\rightarrow$  1). Let the inequalities from the condition 2) hold. Consider the faithful normal finite trace on  $M$  given by the equality

$$\lambda(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n \mu_n^{-1} \mu(e_n x), \quad x \in M.$$

Since  $x_n$  is a homogeneous Boolean algebra and  $\lambda(e_n) = \nu_n = \nu(e_n)$ , using the proof of proposition 1, construct a  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi_n : K(e_n M, \nu) \rightarrow K(e_n M, \lambda)$  for which  $\nu(y) = \lambda(\Phi_n(y))$  for all  $y \in L^1(e_n M, \nu)$ . For each  $x \in K(M, \nu)$  denote by  $\psi(x)$  such an element from  $K(M, \lambda)$  for which  $e_n \psi(x) = \Phi_n(e_n x)$ . It is evident that  $\psi$  is a  $*$ -isomorphism from  $K(M, \nu)$  on  $K(M, \lambda)$ . At the same time, if  $x \in L_+^1(M, \nu)$ , then

$$\nu(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(e_n x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(\Phi_n(e_n x)) =$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(e_n \psi(x)) = \lambda(\psi(x)),$$

therefore  $\psi(L^\omega(M, \nu)) = L^\omega(M, \lambda)$ .

Let us show that  $L^\omega(M, \lambda) = L^\omega(M, \mu)$ . Let  $h$  be such an element from  $K(M, \mu)$  that  $he_n = \mu_n \nu_n^{-1} e_n$ . For every  $x \in M$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(hx) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(he_n x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n \nu_n^{-1} \lambda(e_n x) = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(e_n x) = \mu(x), \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $h = \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}$ . According to the inequalities from the condition 2, we obtain that

$$h^{-1} \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \mu).$$

If  $\sup_{n \geq 1} (\mu_n \nu_n^{-1}) < \infty$ , then  $h \in M$ .

Suppose that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^p \nu_n^{1-p} < \infty$  for some  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Then

$$\lambda(h^p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n \mu_n^{-1} \mu(e_n h^p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^p \nu_n^{1-p} < \infty.$$

Thus,

$$h \in \bigcup_{1 < p \leq \infty} L^p(M, \lambda)$$

and, using the theorem 4, we get  $L^\omega(M, \lambda) = L^\omega(M, \mu)$ .

Therefore  $\psi(L^\omega(M, \nu)) = L^\omega(M, \mu)$ .

**Remarks 2.** Repeating the argument from the proof of the theorem 5, it is easy to obtain the following criterion of  $*$ -isomorphism of the Arens algebras  $L^\omega(l_\infty, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(l_\infty, \nu)$ :

Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be faithful normal finite traces on a infinite dimensional atomic commutative von Neumann algebra  $N$ ,  $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  – the set of all atoms in  $P(N)$ ,  $\mu_n = \mu(q_n)$ ,  $\nu_n = \nu(q_n)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, the Arens algebras

$L^\omega(N, \mu)$  and  $L^\omega(N, \nu)$  are  $*$ -isomorphic only in the case when there are such  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and permutation  $\pi$  of a set of natural numbers, that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^p \nu_{\pi(n)}^{1-p} < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_{\pi(n)}^q \mu_n^{1-q} < \infty, \quad \text{in the case } p, q \in (1, \infty)$$

and  $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\mu_n \nu_n^{-1}| < \infty$  if  $p = \infty$ ,  $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\nu_n \mu_n^{-1}| < \infty$  if  $q = \infty$ .

3. Any von Neumann algebra  $M$  is represented as  $M = M_1 + M_2$ , where  $M$  is an atomic von Neumann algebra and  $M_2$  is a non-atomic von Neumann algebra. Moreover, if  $\Phi$  is a  $*$ -automorphism of  $M$ , then  $\Phi(M_1) = M_1$  and  $\Phi(M_2) = M_2$ . Therefore theorem 5 and Remark 2 give criterion of isomorphism of Arens algebras for arbitrary commutative  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras

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