



## A Study of Conditional Expectation on Filtered Fermionic Fock Space

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### Abstract

This paper presents a structural analysis of stopping time in noncommutative probability theory within the context of Fermionic Fock Space. In particular, the construction of conditional expectation and the introduction and analysis of stopping times on an antisymmetric Fock space are undertaken using an increasing full right continuous filtered antisymmetric Fock Space. The conditional expectation on the filtered Fock space is demonstrated to be completely positive.

**Keywords:** Fock Space, Fermionic Fock Space, Conditional Expectation, Stopping Time.

### Introduction

The theory of rings of operators on Hilbert space began in the 1930s with a series of papers by von Neuman 1936, Murray and von Neuman 1937. They analyzed in great detail the structure of a family of algebras of operators which are nowadays referred to as  $*$ -algebras ( $B*$ -,  $C*$ -,  $W*$ -algebra). Among these  $*$ -algebras,  $W*$ - algebra (von Neumann) has the distinctive property of being rich in projection and closed in the weak operator topology. The study of stochastic processes like conditional expectation and stopping times is of great importance in the quantum probability theory, operator theory and quantum physics. For example, the quantum statistical description of the dilation of the dynamic of a quantum open system. The notion of classical conditional expectation in probability theory was first extended to the noncommutative probability theory by Umegaki(1954), he showed the existence of conditional expectation when the von Neumann Algebra is finite. Later Umegaki (1956), Tomiyama (1957), Umegaki(1958), Umegaki Nakamura (1961) and Takesaki (1972) studied conditional expectation in this direction. Following the work of Evans (1979), Barnett, Streater and Wilde, (1983) constructed conditional expectation from a CAR  $C*$ -algebra to it CAR  $C*$ -subalgebra and showed it to be a composition map.

Hudson (1979) introduced Quantum stopping time as a projection-valued process, and Parthasarathy and Sinha (1987) extended the work of Hudson(1979) to the case of Boson Fock space. Barnett and Lyons (1986) introduced stopping time in antisymmetric Fock Space. Other researchers like Barnett and Thakrar (1988), Barnett et al. (1996), Attal and Coquio (2004) and Coquio (2006) further studied stopping times in Quantum Probability theory. Most recently, Kang (2015) defined quantum stopping time in the Interacting Fock Space over  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and developed a corresponding Quantum Stopping Time Stochastic Integral. In this research, we consider an increasing full right continuous filtration of Fermionic Fock space in constructing conditional expectation and defining quantum stopping time. This work tends to extend the work of Barnett and Lyons (1986) and that of Barnett et al. (1983) to the Antisymmetric Fock spaces.

### 2.0 Preliminaries

We give some basic definitions and theorems that are known in the literature, taken from Sakai (1971), Bing-Hen (1992) and Meyer (1993).

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $B(H)$  be the set of all bounded linear operators acting on a complex separable Hilbert Space  $H$ . A  $C*$ - algebra  $U$  is a  $*$ -subalgebra of  $B(H)$  which is uniformly closed and has the property,  $\|x*x\| = \|x\|^2$  for all  $x \in U$ . A von Neumann Algebra  $M$  is an unital  $*$ -subalgebra of  $B(H)$  that is self-adjoint and closed with respect to the weak operator topology.

Let  $\psi$  be a linear functional on  $M$ , then  $\psi$  is said to be

*Positive:* If  $\psi(a) \geq 0$  for any  $a \in M^+$ ,

*Faithful:* if  $\psi \geq 0$  and  $\psi(a) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ , for some  $a \in M^+$ ,

*Normal:* If  $a_i \rightarrow a$  implies  $(\sup a_i) = \sup \psi(a_i) = \psi(a)$ ,

*State:* if  $\psi \geq 0$  and  $\|\psi\| = 1$ ,

*Trace:* if  $\psi \geq 0$  and  $\psi(aa^*) = \psi(a^*a)$ , for all  $a \in M$ ,

*Weight:* if  $\psi \geq 0$  and  $\psi(\lambda a + b) = \lambda\psi(a) + \psi(b)$ , for all  $\lambda \geq 0, a, b \in M^+$ ,

where  $M^+ = \{a \in M: a \geq 0\}$ .

**Theorem (GNS Construction):** Let  $U$  be an unital  $C^*$ - algebra and let  $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a state. Then there exists a triplet  $(H_\psi, \pi_\psi, \Omega_\psi)$  where

- $\pi_\psi : U \rightarrow B(H_\psi)$  is a  $*$ -representation of  $U$ ,  $H_\psi$  being a Hilbert Space;
- $\Omega_\psi \in H_\psi$  and  $H_\psi = \overline{\pi_\psi \psi(M) \Omega_\psi}$ ; and
- $\psi(a) = \langle \pi_\psi \psi(M) \Omega_\psi, \Omega_\psi \rangle$  for all  $a \in M$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A fock space is the direct sum of the tensor product of Hilbert space, that is,  $F(H) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^n$ , where  $H^0 = \mathbb{C}$  and  $H^n = \bigotimes_{i \geq 1} H_i = H_1 \otimes H_2 \otimes H_3 \otimes \dots \otimes H_n$ .

A unit vector  $\Omega \in F(H)$  is called the vacuum vector.

**Definition 2.3:** Given  $f \in H$ , we define the creation operator  $a^*(f) : H^n \rightarrow H^{n+1}$  by

$$a^*(f) f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n = \sqrt{n+1} f \otimes f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n$$

and the annihilation operator  $a(f) : H^n \rightarrow H^{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  by

$$a(f) f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n = \sqrt{n} \langle f, f_1 \rangle f_2 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n, \text{ where } a(f) : H^0 \rightarrow 0 \in F(H)$$

The Fermionic creation and annihilation operators satisfy the Canonical Anticommutation Relation (CAR)

$$[a(f), a^*(g)] = \langle f, g \rangle \mathbf{1}_{F(H)},$$

$$[a(f), a(g)] = [a^*(f), a^*(g)] = 0.$$

Where  $[a(f), a^*(g)] = a(f) a^*(g) + a^*(g) a(f)$

**Definition 2.4:** A CAR Algebra  $U$  over  $H$  is defined to be an unital  $C^*$ - Algebra generated by elements  $a(f)$  and  $a^*(f)$ ,  $f \in H$  which satisfy the canonical anticommutation relation.

**Definition 2.5 (Evans & Lewis, 1977):** Let  $T$  be a linear map from a  $*$ -Algebra  $A$  to  $*$ -Algebra  $B$ , let  $T_n$  denote the product mapping  $T \otimes 1_n$  from  $M_n(A)$  into  $M_n(B)$ , where  $1_n$  denotes the identity mapping on  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , that is  $T_n : [a_{ij}] \mapsto [T(a_{ij})]$ .  $T$  is said to be positive if it maps positive elements of  $A$  to positive elements of  $B$  and  $T$  is completely positive if every  $T_n$  is a positive map.

**Definition 2.6 (Barnett et al., 1983):** Let  $U$  be a CAR algebra over  $H$  and  $V$  be its CAR subalgebra. A conditional expectation is a bounded linear map  $E_t : U \rightarrow V$  satisfying:

E1  $E_t(x) = x$  for all  $x \in V$ ,

E2  $E_t(xyz) = xE_t(y)z$ , for  $x, z \in V, y \in U$ ,

E3  $E_t : U^+ \rightarrow V^+$ ,

E4  $E_t(x)^* E_t(x) \leq E_t(x^*x)$ ,  $x \in U, \|E_t\| = 1$ .

**Remark:** Conditional expectation  $E_t$  is a positive contractive bounded linear map which leaves the elements of the subalgebra fixed and whose norm is one.

**Definition 2.7 (Barnett & Thakrar, 1990):** Let  $M$  be a von Neumann Algebra acting on  $H$ , a stopping time  $\tau$ , is an increasing family  $(q_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  of projections in  $(M_t)$ .

$$\tau : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow (M_t)_{proj} \text{ such that: } \tau(t) = (q_t) \in (M_t)_{proj}, \text{ for } t \in (0, \infty)$$

$$\tau(0) = 0, \tau(\infty) = I.$$

### 3.0 Results

In this section, we construct conditional expectations in filtered antisymmetric fock space and analyze stopping time in the aforementioned space. We begin with the following definition.

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $U$  be a CAR algebra acting on separable Hilbert Space  $H$  and  $U_t$  be a CAR subalgebra of  $U$  acting on separable Hilbert Space  $H_t \subset H$ . Then a filtration is a family  $\{U_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  satisfying:

- i. if  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $0 \leq t \leq s$  then  $U_t \subseteq U_s$  (Increasing),
- ii.  $\overline{\bigcup_{t \geq 0} U_t}^{\|\cdot\|} = U$  (Full),
- iii.  $\bigcap_{s > t} U_s = U_t$  (Right continuous)

and the family  $\{H_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  satisfies the following conditions:

- i. if  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $0 \leq t \leq s$  then  $H_t \subseteq H_s$ ,
- ii.  $\overline{\bigcup_{t \geq 0} H_t}^{\|\cdot\|} = H$ ,
- iii.  $\bigcap_{s > t} H_s = H_t$ .

**Lemma 3.1:** The identity mapping  $I: U_t \rightarrow U_t$  is completely positive

#### Proof

The identity map  $I$  is positive since it maps positive operators in  $U_t$  to positive operators in  $U_t$ . To show that  $I$  is completely positive, we let  $\mathbb{M}_n(U_t) = U_t \otimes \mathbb{M}_n$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries from  $U_t$ . Then,

$$I_n = I \otimes 1_n: \mathbb{M}_n(U_t) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(U_t)$$

$$[a(f)_{ij}] \mapsto [I(a(f)_{ij})].$$

Since  $I(a(f)) \geq 0$ , then  $I(a(f)_{ij})$  is also positive for all  $\geq 1$ . Therefore  $I$  is completely positive.

We now construct a mapping  $E_t: U \rightarrow U_t$  with range in the filtered CAR algebra.

Let  $\{U_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  be a Filtered CAR  $C^*$ - Algebra over  $H$ , then  $U_t$  is an associative, unital  $*$ -Algebra generated by  $a(f)$  and  $a^*(f)$ , for  $f \in H$  with a  $C^*$  - norm  $\|a(f)\| = \|a^*(f)\| = \|f\|$ , for  $f \in H$ . Suppose  $\varphi$  is a  $n$  invariant quasi-free state on  $U_t$ , since  $\varphi$  is faithful, without loss of generality, the triplet  $(H_t, \pi, \Omega)$  is the associated cyclic representation of  $U_t$ . Let  $\beta$  be an automorphism of  $U_t$  defined as  $(\alpha^*(f)) = \alpha^*(f)$ ,  $f \in H$ . Then  $\varphi$  is invariant under  $\beta$  and so in the  $*$ -representation  $\pi$ ,  $\beta$  is a unitary operator, denoted by  $Y$ , with  $Y\Omega = \Omega$ .

Suppose  $H^n = H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$  and  $U_t$  be a filtration of  $U$ , then for any  $f = f_1 \oplus f_2 \oplus \dots \oplus f_n$ .

We now define  $\pi : U \rightarrow U_t \otimes B(H)$  as  $\pi(a(f_1 \oplus f_2)) = a(f_1) \otimes Y + 1 \otimes \pi(a(f_2))$ .

Since  $a^*(f) = a(f)^*$ , set  $\pi(a^*(f)) = \pi(a(f))^*$ , then for  $f \in H$ ,  $\pi(a(f))$  and  $\pi(a^*(f))$  satisfies the canonical anticommutation relation. And so, it follows that  $\pi$  extends to an injective  $*$ -homomorphism of  $U$  into  $U_t \otimes B(H^n)$  which we also denote by  $\pi$ . By Lemma 3.1 above  $I$  is completely positive and the map from  $\mathbb{S}: B(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is completely positive and so the map  $I \otimes \mathbb{S}$  extends to an algebraic tensor product  $U_t \otimes B(H^n)$  to define a completely positive map

$$\theta : U_t \otimes B(H^n) \rightarrow U_t$$

$$\pi(a(f)) \mapsto \theta(\pi(a(f))) \in U_t$$

that is  $\theta \circ \pi = E_t : U \rightarrow U_t$  is the composition of  $\pi$  with  $\theta$ .

**Theorem 1:** The map  $E_t = \theta \circ \pi : U \rightarrow U_t$  is a conditional expectation in the filtered CAR  $C^*$ -algebra.

#### Proof

Since both  $\vartheta$  and  $\pi$  are bounded and positive maps, the  $E_t$  is also positive and bounded which gives (E3).

Let  $x = a^*(f_1)a^*(f_2) \dots a^*(f_n)a(g_1)a(g_2) \dots a(g_n)$  for  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_n \in H_t$ , from the fact that  $Y\Omega = \Omega$ ,  $E_t(x) = x$ , but such  $x$  generate  $U_t$ , and so by linearity and continuity, we have  $E_t(x) = x$  for  $x \in U_t$  proving (E1).

Now for  $x, z \in U_t$  and  $y \in U$ ,  $E_t(xyz) = E_t(x)E_t(y)E_t(z) = xE_t(y)z$  which gives (E2)

Similarly, for  $y \in U$ , we have  $\|E_t(y)\|^2 \leq \|y\|^2 \Rightarrow \|E_t(y)\| \leq \|y\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \|E_t\| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $E_t$  is structure-preserving and  $\|E_t\| = 1$  proving (E4).

**Theorem 2:** The conditional expectation  $E_t : U \rightarrow U_t$  is completely positive.

**Proof**

From Theorem 1 above,  $E_t : U^+ \rightarrow U_t^+$  which implies  $E_t \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mathbb{M}_n(U) = U \otimes \mathbb{M}_n$  and  $\mathbb{M}_n(U_t) = U_t \otimes \mathbb{M}_n$ .

Defining  $E_t^n = E_t \otimes 1_n : \mathbb{M}_n(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_n(U_t)$  as  $E_t^n([u_{ij}]) = [E_t^n(u_{ij})]$ ,

since  $E_t \geq 0$ , then  $[E_t^n(u_{ij})] \geq 0$  which implies  $\sum_n [E_t^n(u_{ij})] \geq 0$ , that is,  $E_t^n$  is positive for every  $n$  and hence,  $E_t$  is completely positive.

Let  $P_t : H = \overline{U\Omega}^{\|\cdot\|} \rightarrow \overline{U_t\Omega}^{\|\cdot\|} = H_t$  be the extension of  $E_t$  onto  $H$  such that

$$P_t(u\Omega) = E_t(u)\Omega.$$

Then,  $P_t$  is an orthogonal projection on  $H$ .

**Proposition 3.1:**  $P_t$  lies in the commutant of  $U_t$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v \in U_t$ ,  $u \in U$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} P_t(vu)\Omega &= E_t(vu)\Omega = E_t(u)v\Omega \\ &= vE_t(u)\Omega = vP_t(u)\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u\Omega$  is dense in  $H_t$ , the result follows.

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $(U_t)_{Proj}$  denote the set of all projections in  $U_t$ . A stopping time,  $\tau$ , is an increasing family  $(q_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  of projections in  $(U_t)_{Proj}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \tau : \mathbb{R}^+ &\rightarrow (U_t)_{Proj} \\ t &\mapsto \tau(t) = q_t \end{aligned}$$

such that:

- i  $\tau(t) = (q_t) \in (U_t)_{Proj}$ , for  $t \in (0, \infty)$
- ii  $\tau(0) = 0$
- iii  $(\infty) = I$ .

**Definition 3.3:** Let  $\tau = (q_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  and  $\sigma = (r_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  be two stopping times, then we define an order  $\tau \leq \sigma$  if and only if  $r_t \leq q_t$  for each  $t$ .

Let  $\wp$  denote the set of all finite partitions of  $[0, \infty]$ . Then for  $T \in \wp$  say  $T = \{t_0, \dots, t_n\}$ , we define an operator  $P_{\tau(T)}$  on  $H$  as  $P_{\tau(T)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (q_{t_i} - q_{t_{i-1}})P_{t_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta q_{t_i} P_{t_i}$ .

**Theorem 3:** Let  $\tau(t) = (q_t) \in (U_t)_{Proj}$  be a stopping time. Then

- (i)  $P_{\tau(T)}$  is an orthogonal projection,
- (ii) if  $T_1, T_2 \in \wp$  with  $T_2$  a refinement of  $T_1$  then  $P_{\tau(T_2)} \leq P_{\tau(T_1)}$ ,
- (iii) if  $\sigma = (r_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  is another stopping time with  $\tau \leq \sigma$  then  $P_{\tau(T)} \leq P_{\sigma(T)}$  for  $T \in \wp$ .

**Proof:** See Theorem 2.3 of Barnett and Thakrar (1990).

**Remark:** From the above theorem,  $P_{\tau(T)}$  is a decreasing family of projections, so we take the infimum and we have the following definition.

**Definition 3.4:** Let  $\tau(t) = (q_t) \in (U_t)_{Proj}$  be a stopping time, we define the time projection at  $\tau$  denoted by  $P_\tau$ , as

$$P_\tau = \inf \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta q_{t_i} P_{t_i} = \inf P_{\tau(T)}$$

**Theorem 4:** For two stopping times  $\tau, \sigma$  with  $\tau \leq \sigma$ , we have  $P_\tau \leq P_\sigma$ .

**Proof:** we just take the limit in theorem 3(iii).

#### 4.0 Conclusion

In this study of noncommutative probability theory, conditional expectation and quantum stopping times were studied in antisymmetric Fock space. The basic difference between this work and the existing one (Barnett et al., 1993) is the use of Filtration of CAR Algebra. The study proved that the conditional expectation is a completely

positive composition mapping, also using the filtered CAR Algebra the manuscript introduces stopping time as a family of projections. The concept of time projection is also defined in the filtered CAR Algebra setting.

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