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Extra solution sheets submitted:/Zusätzlich abgegebene Lösungsblätter:  Yes  No

<b>problem</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b><math>\Sigma</math></b>
<b>total marks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>
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### INSTRUCTIONS:

- This booklet is made of sixteen pages, including the cover, numbered from 1 to 16. The test consists of six problems. Each problem is worth 10 marks. 50 marks are counted as 100% performance in this test. You are free to work on any problem and to collect partial credits.
- The only material that you are allowed to use is black or blue pens/pencils and one hand-written, two-sided, A4-size “cheat sheet” (Spickzettel).
- Raise up your hand to request extra sheets or scratch paper. You are not allowed to use your own paper.
- Prove all your statements or refer to the standard material discussed in class.
- Work individually. Write with legible handwriting. You may hand in your solution in German or in English. Put your name on every sheet you hand in.
- You have 180 minutes.

**GOOD LUCK!**



Fill in the form here below only if you need the certificate (Schein).

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**PROBLEM 1. (10 marks)**

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  be a normal element, i.e.,  $[A, A^*] = \mathbb{O}$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $[B, A] = \mathbb{O}$ .

- (i) For each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  define  $U(z) := e^{zA^* - \bar{z}A}$ . Prove that  $U(z)$  is a unitary element of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- (ii) Let  $\omega$  be an arbitrary state on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Prove that the function  $z \mapsto F(z) := \omega(U(-z)BU(z))$  is constant over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
(*Hint: Liouville's theorem.*)
- (iii) Prove that  $[B, A^*] = \mathbb{O}$ .

**SOLUTION:**

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 1 (CONTINUATION):**

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**PROBLEM 2. (10 marks)**

(i) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra and let  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $[A, B] = \mathbb{0}$ . Prove that

$$\mathbb{0} \leq A \leq B \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{0} \leq A^2 \leq B^2.$$

(*Hint*: consider the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $A$  and  $B$ . It is commutative (why?))

(ii) Consider the case  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$  and matrices of the form  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
Find a condition on  $a, b$  which is equivalent to  $A \geq \mathbb{0}$ .

(iii) In the case  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$  give an example of

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A, B \in \mathcal{A} \\ A \geq \mathbb{0} \\ B \geq \mathbb{0} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{but} \quad AB \not\geq \mathbb{0}.$$

**SOLUTION:**

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2 (CONTINUATION):**



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## PROBLEM 3. (10 marks)

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the CCR algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{CCR}}(\mathfrak{h})$  over the Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{h} := L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C})$ . Denote as usual by  $W(f)$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{h}$ , the Weyl operators generating  $\mathcal{A}$ . (Recall the definition:  $W(f) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i(a^*(f)+a(f))}$ .)

- (i) For every  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and every  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C})$  define  $(U_v f)(x) := f(x-v)$  for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and, correspondingly, define the Bogoliubov transformation

$$\tau_v(W(f)) := W(U_v f),$$

extended as usual by linearity on the whole  $\text{Span}\{W(f) \mid f \in \mathfrak{h}\}$ . Prove that  $\{\tau_v\}_{v \in \mathbb{R}^d}$  extends to a  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -parameter group of  $*$ -automorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- (ii) Prove that

$$\lim_{\substack{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ |v| \rightarrow \infty}} \left\| [\tau_v(W(f)), W(g)] \right\| = 0$$

for any  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

(*Hint*: compute/estimate  $\left\| [\tau_v(W(f)), W(g)] \right\|$  using the properties of the Weyl operator  $W$ ; then prove and use the limit

$$\lim_{\substack{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ |v| \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi(x-v) \psi(x) dx = 0$$

valid for any  $\phi, \psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C})$ .)

- (iii) Prove that  $\{\tau_v\}_{v \in \mathbb{R}^d}$  is asymptotically abelian in the norm sense, namely

$$\lim_{\substack{v \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ |v| \rightarrow \infty}} \left\| [\tau_v(A), B] \right\| = 0$$

for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .

## SOLUTION:

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 3 (CONTINUATION):**

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## PROBLEM 4. (10 marks)

Consider the CAR algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{CAR}}(\mathfrak{h})$  over a given Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Denote as usual by  $a^*(f)$  and  $a(f)$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{h}$ , respectively the creation and the annihilation operators on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $H$  be a positive Hamiltonian on  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Consider the group  $\{\tau_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  of Bogoliubov transformations on  $\mathcal{A}$  defined by

$$\tau_t(a^*(f)) := a^*(e^{itH}f), \quad \tau_t(a(f)) := a(e^{itH}f), \quad f \in \mathfrak{h}, \quad (\bullet)$$

extended as usual by linearity and density on the whole  $\mathcal{A}$ . Correspondingly, and for some  $\beta > 0$ , let  $\omega$  be a  $(\tau_t, \beta)$ -KMS state over  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Compute the two-point functions on  $\mathcal{A}$  associated with  $\omega$ , namely compute the quantity

$$\omega(a^*(f)a(g))$$

for any  $f, g \in \mathfrak{h}$ .

(*Hint:* in class  $\omega(a^*(f)a(g))$  was computed under the assumption that  $\omega$  is a Gibbs state and that  $e^{-\beta H}$  is of trace class. Note that here you are asked to re-do the computation for a case where a priori  $\omega$  is *not* a Gibbs state and  $e^{-\beta H}$  is *not* of trace class. Instead, you are supposed to use

- the KMS condition satisfied by  $\omega$ ,
- the CARs,
- and the properties  $(\bullet)$ .)

*Note:* although the KMS condition involves a suitable *dense* and  $\tau$ -invariant  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ , proceed in the solution to this problem considering only the  $f, g \in \mathfrak{h}$  for which the KMS condition can be applied (the extension to any  $f, g$  is a density argument that you are not asked to perform in this solution).

## SOLUTION:

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4 (CONTINUATION):**

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## PROBLEM 5. (10 marks)

Given a Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{h}$ , with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , consider the bosonic Fock space  $\mathfrak{F}_+(\mathfrak{h})$  with the usual notation for the annihilation, creation, and number operator, respectively  $a(f)$ ,  $a^*(f)$ , and  $\mathcal{N}$ , where  $f \in \mathfrak{h}$ . Consider the (modified) Weyl operators  $W(f) := e^{\overline{a^*(f)} - a(f)}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{h}$ . Denote by  $\Omega$  the vacuum in the Fock space.

(i) Prove that

$$W(f)\Omega = e^{-\|f\|^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} f^{\otimes n},$$

where  $f^{\otimes n}$  indicates the Fock-vector  $\{0, \dots, f^{\otimes n}, 0, \dots\}$ .

(ii) Prove that the expectation of the number of particles in the state  $W(f)\Omega$  is  $\|f\|^2$ , namely prove that

$$\langle W(f)\Omega, \mathcal{N}W(f)\Omega \rangle_{\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{h})} = \|f\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle W(f)\Omega, a^*(f_n)a(f_n)W(f)\Omega \rangle_{\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{h})},$$

where the second identity is understood under the additional assumption that  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

## SOLUTION:

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 5 (CONTINUATION):**

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**PROBLEM 6. (10 marks) – SHORT QUESTIONS**

Answer to each question with a YES or a NO. Marking scheme: 1 mark for each correct answer, 0 marks for each unanswered question, -1 mark for each wrong answer.

**6.1** Is there a unique KMS state for an infinite block of iron at room temperature?

YES    NO

**6.2** Consider the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $17 \times 17$  complex-valued matrices. Is  $\omega(A) = \frac{1}{17} \sum_{i,j=1}^{17} A_{ij}$ ,  $A = (A_{ij}) \in \mathcal{A}$ , a state over  $\mathcal{A}$ ?

YES    NO

**6.3** Equip the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  considered in Question 6.2 with a new norm  $\|A\|_{\sim} := (\text{Tr}(A^*A))^{1/2}$ . Does this new norm turn  $\mathcal{A}$  into a  $C^*$ -algebra?

YES    NO

**6.4** Consider the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbb{R}))$  and the time evolution  $\tau_t(A) = e^{itH} A e^{-itH}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $H$  is the Hamiltonian of the 1D harmonic oscillator, namely  $(Hf)(x) := -f''(x) + x^2 f(x)$  on the domain  $\mathcal{D} = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \mid -f'' + x^2 f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})\}$ . Is  $\tau_t$  asymptotically abelian?

YES    NO

**6.5** With the usual meaning of the symbols as from class and homework, is it correct that the group of Bogoliubov transformations  $\tau_t(W(f)) = W(e^{itH} f)$  is strongly continuous for the free Fermi gas and not strongly continuous for the free Bose gas?

YES    NO

**6.6** Consider the  $C^*$ -algebra of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  and the state  $\omega(A) = \text{Tr}(\rho A)$  where  $\rho = \frac{1}{3}|+\rangle\langle+| + \frac{2}{3}|-\rangle\langle-|$ , with the notation  $|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Is  $\omega$  a primary state?

YES    NO

**6.7** Given a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , a dynamics  $\{\tau_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , and an inverse temperature  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , is it necessarily true that a  $(\tau_t, \beta)$ -KMS state is stationary in time?

YES    NO

**6.8** With the usual meaning of the symbols as from class and homework, consider the 1D Ising model at non-zero temperature  $T$  and with magnetic field  $B$ . Is it true that at the Renormalisation Group limit point one has  $\langle S_1 S_2 \rangle = \langle S_1 \rangle \langle S_2 \rangle$ ?

YES    NO

**6.9** With the usual meaning of the symbols as from class and homework, consider the 2D Ising model at non-zero temperature  $T$  and with magnetic field  $B$ . Is it true that  $\langle S_1 S_2 \rangle = \langle S_1 \rangle \langle S_2 \rangle$ ?

YES    NO

**6.10** With the usual meaning of the symbols as from class and homework, consider the 3D Ising model. If you plot the logarithm of the spontaneous magnetization as a function of  $\log \frac{(T-T_c)}{T_c}$  for  $T$  approaching  $T_c$  from below, do you get a straight line?

YES    NO