

## On Isometric Representations of the Semigroup $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$

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**Abstract**—In this paper we study isometric representations of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ . The notion of inverse representation is introduced and a complete (to within unitary equivalence) description of such representations of that semigroup is provided. A class of irreducible non-inverse representations ( $\beta$ -representations of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ ) is described.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the paper [4] Coburn proved that all semiunitary representations of the semigroup of nonnegative integers by isometric operators generate canonically isomorphic algebras. Later a similar result for semigroups with archimedean order and total order have been proved by Douglas [5] and Murphy [7], respectively. In [1] was proved that all non-unitary isometric representations of a semigroup  $S$  generate canonically isomorphic  $C^*$ -algebras if and only if the natural order on  $S$  is total. A simple example of a semigroup with non-total order provides the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ , which originally was discussed by Murphy [7]. Later, Jang [6] pointed out two representations of this semigroup that generate canonically non-isomorphic  $C^*$ -algebras. Raeburn and Vittadello [9] studied all isometric representations of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$  under certain condition.

The present paper is devoted to the isometric representations of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ . Here the term *isometric representation* stands for a representation by isometric (more precisely, semiunitary) operators in a Hilbert space. We introduce a notion of inverse representation and show that there exist only two inverse irreducible representations (to within unitary equivalence), which are the same representations as in [6], [7], [9], [10]. We also study non-inverse representations of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ .

### 2. INVERSE REPRESENTATIONS

Throughout the paper  $S$  will stand for an abelian additive cancelative semigroup containing the neutral element 0 and not containing a group different from trivial. By  $\Gamma$  we denote the Grothendieck group generated by the semigroup  $S$ . Recall that the group  $\Gamma$  is a quotient of the semigroup  $S \times S$  with respect to equivalence  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $a + d = b + c$ , and the inverse of the quotient class  $[(a, b)]$  is  $[(b, a)]$ . The notation  $\Gamma = S - S$  is commonly used.

Let  $T : S \rightarrow B(H_T)$  be the *faithful non-unitary isometric* representation of the semigroup  $S$  into algebra  $B(H_T)$  of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space  $H_T$ . Observe that in this case  $T(0) = I$ .

For any  $a \in S$  by  $T^*(a)$  we denote the conjugate of the operator  $T(a)$ . We have  $T^*(a)T(a) = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator, and  $T(a)T^*(a) = P_T(a)$ , where  $P_T(a)$  is the projection ( $P_T(a) \neq I$ ).

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Let  $T : S \rightarrow B(H_T)$  be an isometric representation of the semigroup  $S$ . An element  $h_0 \in H_T$  we call *initial* for the operator  $T(a)$  if  $T^*(a)h_0 = 0$  for any  $a \in S \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\|h_0\| = 1$ .

The operators  $T(a)$  and  $T^*(b)$ ,  $a, b \in S$ , we call *trivial monomials*. A *monomial* is defined to be a finite product of trivial monomials. The set of all monomials forms a multiplicative involutive semigroup, which we will denote by  $S_T^*$ . On the semigroup  $S$  we define the order:  $a \prec b$  if  $b = a + c$ . Note that  $S$  is a net with respect to this order.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For any monomial  $V$  there exist  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$  such that*

$$\lim_{c \in S} T^*(c)VT(c) = T^*(x)T(y),$$

where  $\lim_{c \in S}$  is the limit by the net  $S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a monomial represented as follows

$$V = \prod_{i=1}^n T'(a_i),$$

where  $T'(a_i)$  is either  $T(a_i)$  or  $T^*(a_i)$ . We split the set  $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$  into two subsets:  $\{a_{i_k}\}_{k=1}^l$  and  $\{a_{i_j}\}_{j=l+1}^n$ . The first subset consists of those  $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$  for which the monomial  $V$  involves the operator  $T(a_i)$ , while for the second  $V$  involves the operator  $T^*(a_i)$ . Let

$$a = \sum_{j=l+1}^n a_{i_j}, \quad b = \sum_{k=1}^l a_{i_k}.$$

Using the equalities  $T^*(s)T(s) = I$  and  $T(s)T(t) = T(t)T(s)$  for any  $s, t \in S$  we have

$$T^*(c)VT(c) = T^*(a)T(b),$$

where  $c = a + b$ . Therefore for any  $d, c \prec d$

$$T^*(d)VT(d) = T^*(a)T(b) = \lim_{c \in S} T^*(c)VT(c),$$

and the result follows.

Observe that if  $T^*(a)T(b) = T^*(c)T(d)$  for some  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  from  $S$ , then due to faithfulness of the representation we have  $b + c = a + d$ . This implies that to each monomial  $V$  can be correspond a unique element  $b - a$  from the Grothendieck group  $\Gamma$ . The element  $b - a$  we call an *index* of the monomial  $V$  and denote by  $\text{ind}(V) = b - a$ . This notion was introduced in [2] for regular representation of semigroup  $S$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *The following assertions hold:*

1. *The index of a monomial does not depend on its representation by elementary monomials.*
2. *The index of a product of monomials is equal to the sum of indices of factors:*

$$\text{ind}(V_1 \cdot V_2) = \text{ind}(V_1) + \text{ind}(V_2).$$

Denote by  $S_{0,T}^*$  the subsemigroup of the semigroup  $S_T^*$  consisting of those  $V$  for which  $\text{ind}(V) = 0$ .

An isometric representation  $T : S \rightarrow B(H_T)$  is called *inverse representation* if  $S_T^*$  is an inverse semigroup with respect to multiplication and involution, or equivalently, if  $S_{0,T}^*$  is a semigroup of idempotents in  $S_T^*$  (i.e., a semigroup of orthogonal projections). According to lemma 2.2 from [2] each semigroup  $S$  possesses at least one inverse representation. On the other hand, as it was shown in [1], if the above defined order on  $S$  is a total order, then all the isometric representations of  $S$  are inverse.

A simple example of inverse representation is the representation  $L : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow B(l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$  by the shift operator  $L(n)e_m = e_{n+m}$ , where  $e_n(m) = \delta_{n,m}$  is the Kronecker symbol. Notice that the system  $\{e_n(m)\}$  forms an orthonormal basis in  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ , and in this case, the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_{+L}^*$  is a bicyclic semigroup.

3. INVERSE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SEMIGROUP  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ 

Below we use the notation  $M = \mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus \{1\}$ . Murphy [7], and then Jang [6], have proved that there exist at least two isometric representations of the semigroup  $M$  that generate canonically non-isomorphic  $C^*$ -algebras. In [9] were studied isometric representations  $T$  of the semigroup  $M$ , when the projections  $T(n)T^*(n)$  and  $T(m)T^*(m)$  commute for any  $n, m \in M$ . It follows from the results of this section that  $T$  is an inverse representation. Here, in fact, we obtain the same results as in [9], but now their proofs are based on the notion of *initial element*. This section is included for completeness of presentation of the topic.

Consider two isometric representations of the semigroup  $M$ :

$$T_1 : M \rightarrow B(l^2(M)), \quad T_0 : M \rightarrow B(l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)),$$

determined by the shift operators  $T_1(m)e_n = e_{m+n}$  and  $T_0(m)f_n = f_{m+n}$ , where  $\{e_n\}_{n \in M}$  and  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$  are the natural orthonormal bases in  $l^2(M)$  and  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ , respectively. In [7] and [6] it was shown that these representations are not unitary equivalent.

The representations  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  generate inverse semigroups  $M_{T_0}^*$  and  $M_{T_1}^*$ . The representation  $T_1$  is inverse because it is regular (see [1], [2]), while  $T_0$  is inverse because  $T_0^*(2)T_0(3)$  is a shift operator on  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  transferring the basis elements  $e_n$  into  $e_{n+1}$ . It is clear that  $(T_0^*(2)T_0(3))^n = T_0(n)$ , where  $n \geq 2$ . Observe that  $M_{T_0}^*$  is a bicyclic semigroup with a generator  $T_0^*(2)T_0(3)$ .

Below we show that each inverse faithful isometric irreducible representation of the semigroup  $M$  is unitary equivalent to either  $T_0$  or  $T_1$ . Let  $T$  be an irreducible isometric representation of semigroup  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For any  $n \geq 2$  the equality holds:*

$$T^*(n)T(n+1) = T^*(n+1)T(n+2).$$

*Proof.* It follows from the equality  $T^*(m)T(m) = I$  that

$$\begin{aligned} T^*(n)T(n+1) &= T^*(n)T^*(3)T(3)T(n+1) = T^*(n+3)T(n+4) \\ &= T^*(n+1)T^*(2)T(2)T(n+2) = T^*(n+1)T(n+2), \end{aligned}$$

yielding the result.

**Corollary 3.1.** *For all  $l, n, m \in M$  we have*

$$T^*(n)T(m) = T^*(n+l)T(m+l).$$

Below we use the following elementary identities:

$$T^*(2) = T^*(3)T^*(2)T(3), \quad T^*(3) = T^*(4)T^*(2)T(3), \quad T^*(3)T(2) = T^*(2)T^*(2)T(3),$$

which imply: if  $h_0 \in \ker T^*(2)T(3)$ , then

$$T^*(2)T(3)h_0 = T^*(2)h_0 = T^*(3)h_0 = T^*(3)T(2)h_0 = 0.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $T : M \rightarrow B(H)$  be an irreducible representation, and let  $\ker T^*(2)T(3) \neq 0$ . Then  $T$  is inverse and is unitary equivalent to the representation  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* We fix  $h_0 \in \ker T^*(2)T(3)$  to satisfy  $\|h_0\| = 1$ . Denote by  $H_0$  the Hilbert subspace in  $H$ , generated by the linear combinations of the elements of the set  $\{h_n\}_{n \in M}$ , where  $h_n = T(n)h_0$ . It is clear that  $\|h_n\| = 1$ .

We show that  $H_0 = H$ . Observe first that since  $T(n)H_0 \subset H_0$  it is enough to show that  $T^*(n)h_m$  belongs to  $H_0$  for all  $n \in M$ . The above equalities imply

$$T^*(2)h_0 = 0, \quad T^*(2)h_3 = T^*(2)T(3)h_0 = 0,$$

$$T^*(3)h_0 = 0, \quad T^*(3)h_2 = T^*(2)T^*(2)T(3)h_0 = 0,$$

$$T^*(3)h_4 = T^*(3)T(4)h_0 = T^*(2)T(3)h_0 = 0.$$

Now, taking into account that if  $n \in M \setminus \{0; 3\}$ , then  $n - 2$  also belongs to  $M$ , we obtain

$$T^*(2)h_n = T^*(2)T(2)h_{n-2} = h_{n-2}.$$

Similarly  $T^*(3)h_m = h_{m-3}$  for  $m \in M \setminus \{0, 2, 4\}$ .

Let now  $m$  be an arbitrary number from  $M$ . Then  $m = 3l + 2k$ ,  $T^*(m) = T^*(3)^l T^*(2)^k$ . Therefore either  $T^*(m)h_n = 0$  or  $T^*(m)h_n = h_{n-m}$ , implying that  $H_0 = H$ .

Next, we show that the set  $\{h_n\}_{n \in M}$  forms an orthonormal basis in  $H_0$ . Let  $n, m \in M$  and  $n > m$ . Assuming that  $n - m \neq 1$ , we have

$$(h_m, h_n) = (T^*(n - m)h_0, h_0) = 0.$$

If  $n = m + 1$ , then  $T^*(m)T(n) = T^*(2)T(3)$  and  $(h_m, h_n) = (h_0, T^*(2)T(3)h_0) = 0$ . Finally, we introduce the operator  $U : H_0 \rightarrow l^2(M)$ ,  $Uh_n = e_n$ , and observe that  $U^*T_1U = T$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $T : M \rightarrow B(H)$  be an inverse representation. Then*

$$P = T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2)T(3) \text{ and } Q = T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(2)$$

*are projections and  $Q < P$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to check that  $P$  and  $Q$  are projections. So, we prove that  $Q < P$ . Using Lemma 3.1 and the equalities

$$T(2)T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3) = T(3)T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2), \quad T^*(2)T(4) = T(2),$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} PQ &= T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2)T(3)T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(2) \\ &= T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(4)T^*(3)T(2) \\ &= T^*(3)T(3)T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2)T(4)T^*(3)T(2) = T^*(3)T(2)T^*(2)T(2)T(2)T^*(3)T(2) \\ &= T^*(3)T(2)T(2)T^*(3)T(2) = T^*(3)T(4)T^*(3)T(2) = T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(2) = Q, \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $T$  be a non-unitary isometric representation of the semigroup  $M$ . Then there exists an element which is initial for any operator  $T(n)$ .*

*Proof.* Denote  $H_2 = \ker T^*(2)$ . It is clear that  $T^*(3) : H_2 \rightarrow H_2$ . Indeed,

$$T^*(2)T^*(3)H_2 = T^*(3)T^*(2)H_2 = 0.$$

Thus, two cases are possible: either  $T^*(3)H_2 = \{0\}$  or  $T^*(3)H_2 \neq \{0\}$ . In the first case as an initial element can be taken any element from  $H_2$ . As for the second case, we fix a non-zero element  $h_2 \in H_2$ , then  $h_0 = T^*(3)h_2 \|T^*(3)h_2\|^{-1}$  will be an initial element because we can apply to  $h_0$  the operator  $T^*(3)$  and  $T^*(6) = T^*(2)T^*(2)T^*(2)$ . The proof is complete.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $T : M \rightarrow B(H)$  be an irreducible non-unitary inverse representation of  $M$ , and let  $\ker T^*(2)T(3) = \{0\}$ . Then  $T$  is unitary equivalent to the representation  $T_0$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the condition  $\ker T^*(2)T(3) = \{0\}$  that  $P = I$  is an identity operator and  $T^*(2)T(3)$  is an isometry. We show that  $T^*(2)T(3)$  is a non-unitary operator. Indeed, according to Lemma 3.1 we have

$$T^*(2)T(3)T^*(2)T(3) = T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(4) = T^*(2)T(3)T^*(3)T(2)T(2) = QT(2).$$

The operator  $QT(2)$  is non-unitary because it is a product of a projection and an isometric operator. Hence  $T^*(2)T(3)$  is also a non-unitary isometric operator. By the Wold-von Neumann decomposition theorem (see, e.g., [8]) the isometric operator  $T^*(2)T(3)$  can be represented as a direct sum of a shift operator and a unitary operator. Let  $h_0 \in H$  be an initial element for the operator  $T^*(2)T(3)$ .

We set  $h_n = (T^*(2)T(3))^n h_0$ . Since  $P = I$ , we have  $\|h_n\| = 1$  and  $(h_n, h_m) = 0$  for  $n \neq m$ , that is,  $\{h_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is an orthonormal system in  $H$ . It follows from the equalities  $1 = \|h_2\| = \|QT(2)h_0\|$  and  $\|T(2)h_0\| = 1$  that  $QT(2)h_0 = T(2)h_0$ , that is,  $h_2 = T(2)h_0$ . Similarly we obtain

$$h_3 = (T^*(2)T(3))T(2)h_0 = T(3)h_0.$$

Continuing this process we get  $h_n = T(n)h_0$ . Thus, a Hilbert subspace  $H_0$  of  $H$  for which the system  $\{h_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  forms an orthonormal basis is invariant for the shift operator  $T^*(2)T(3)$  and on  $H_0$  we have  $(T^*(2)T(3))^n = T(n)$ ,  $n \in M$ . Hence  $H_0 = H$  and the unitary operator

$$U : H_0 \rightarrow l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+), \quad Uh_n = e_n,$$

is an intertwining operator, that is,  $U^*T_0U = T$ . This completes the proof.

From Lemmas 3.2 and 3.5 we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T$  be a non-unitary inverse representation of the semigroup  $M$ . Then  $T$  is unitary equivalent to either  $T_0$  or  $T_1$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Each isometric inverse representation  $T$  of the semigroup  $M$  can be represented as a direct sum*

$$T = kT_0 \oplus lT_1 \oplus T_2,$$

where  $k$  and  $l$  are the multiplicities of the representations  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ , respectively, and  $T_2$  is a unitary representation of the semigroup  $M$ .

**Remark 3.1.** It can be shown that for any isometric representation  $T$  of the semigroup  $M$  the inverseness of the semigroup  $M_T^*$  is equivalent to the commutativity of elementary projections  $P_T(n) = T(n)T^*(n)$ ,  $n \in M$ . The following question is of interest: do the notions of inverseness and permutability of the elementary projections for an isometric representation of a general semigroup equivalent?

#### 4. $\beta$ -REPRESENTATION OF THE SEMIGROUP $M$

It follows from Coburn's theorem [4] that there is only one (to within unitary equivalence) infinite irreducible representation of the semigroup  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ . In this section we prove that for the "deformed" semigroup  $M$  the number of such representations is continuum.

Let  $H_0$  be a Hilbert subspace of the space  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  generated by the basis  $\{e_n\}_{n=2}^\infty$ ,  $e_n(m) = \delta_{n,m}$ . Denote by  $H_\beta$  the Hilbert subspace of  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  generated by the elements from  $H_0$  and the element  $g_\beta = \beta e_0 + t e_1$ , where  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\beta^2 + t^2 = 1$ . It is clear that the family  $\{g_\beta, \{e_n\}_{n=2}^\infty\}$  forms an orthonormal basis in  $H_\beta$  and  $H_\beta = \mathbb{C}g_\beta \oplus H_0$ .

Let  $P_\beta : l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \rightarrow H_\beta$  be the orthogonal projection from  $l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  onto  $H_\beta$ . Define the representation  $\tau_\beta : M \rightarrow B(H_\beta)$ :  $\tau_\beta(n) = P_\beta T_0(n)P_\beta$ , where  $T_0 : M \rightarrow B(l^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$  is the inverse representation defined above. Since  $T_0(n)$  maps  $H_\beta$  onto itself, the representation  $\tau_\beta : M \rightarrow B(H_\beta)$  is an isometric representation of the semigroup  $M$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *The representation  $\tau_\beta : M \rightarrow B(H_\beta)$  is an inverse representation if and only if either  $\beta = 0$  or  $|\beta| = 1$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\beta = 0$ , then  $g_0 = e_1$  and  $H_0 = l^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Hence the representation  $\tau_0 : M \rightarrow B(l^2(\mathbb{N}))$  is unitary equivalent to representation  $T_0$ .

If  $|\beta| = 1$ , then  $g_\beta = \beta e_0$  and  $H_\beta = l^2(M)$ , and in this case the representation  $\tau_\beta : M \rightarrow B(l^2(M))$  is unitary equivalent to representation  $T_1$ .

Now assuming  $0 < |\beta| < 1$ , we show that the operator  $\tau_\beta^*(3)\tau_\beta(2)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)$  is not a projection. We first evaluate  $\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)$  on basis elements  $g_\beta$  and  $e_n$  of the space  $H_\beta$ . We have  $\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)e_n = e_{n+1}$ ,  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , that is,  $\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)$  is an one-sided shift operator on  $H_0$ . Hence the contraction of  $\tau_\beta^*(3)\tau_\beta(2)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)$  on  $H_0$  is an identity operator. We have

$$(\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta, g_\beta) = (\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta, \tau_\beta(2)g_\beta) = \beta t,$$

$$(\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta, e_2) = (\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta, e_4) = t, \quad (\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta, e_n) = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 3.$$

Hence  $\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta = \beta t g_\beta + t e_2$ , implying

$$\tau_\beta(2)(\beta t g_\beta + t e_2) = \beta t(\beta e_2 + t e_3) + t e_4.$$

Now we evaluate  $\tau_\beta^*(3)e_2, \tau_\beta^*(3)e_3$  and  $\tau_\beta^*(3)e_4$ . It is clear that

$$(\tau_\beta^*(3)e_2, g_\beta) = 0 = (\tau_\beta^*(3)e_2, e_n), \quad n \geq 2,$$

implying  $\tau_\beta^*(3)e_2 = 0$ . Next, we have

$$(\tau_\beta^*(3)e_3, e_n) = (T^*(3)e_4, e_n) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n = 2, 3, \dots, \text{ and}$$

$$(\tau_\beta^*(3)e_3, g_\beta) = (e_3, \beta e_3 + t e_4) = \bar{\beta}, \quad (\tau_\beta^*(3)e_4, g_\beta) = (e_4, \beta e_3 + t e_4) = t.$$

Hence  $\tau_\beta^*(3)e_3 = \bar{\beta}g_\beta, \tau_\beta^*(3)e_4 = t g_\beta$ . Thus, we have

$$\tau_\beta^*(3)\tau_\beta(2)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)g_\beta = (|\beta|^2 t^2 + t^2)g_\beta.$$

It follows from  $0 < |\beta| < 1$  and  $|\beta|^2 + t^2 = 1$  that  $|\beta|^2 t^2 + t^2 < 1$ . Hence the operator  $\tau_\beta^*(3)\tau_\beta(2)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)$  is a diagonal operator with respect to basis  $g_\beta, e_2, e_3, \dots$  with eigenvalues  $|\beta|^2 t^2 + t^2$  and 1. Since this operator is not a projection, we conclude that  $M_{\tau_\beta}^*$  is not an inverse semigroup. The proof is completed.

**Theorem 4.1.** *The following assertions hold:*

1. *The representation  $\tau_\beta$  of the semigroup  $M$  is irreducible and isometric.*
2. *If  $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$  and  $|\beta_1| < 1$ , then the representations  $T_{\beta_1}$  and  $T_{\beta_2}$  are unitary equivalent.*

*Proof.* (1) Observe first that if  $|\beta|^2 t^2 + t^2 = 1$ , then  $\beta = 0$ . Hence in this case we obtain a representation  $\tau_0$  which, as it was mentioned above, is not only irreducible and isometric but also inverse. For  $|\beta|^2 t^2 + t^2 \neq 1$  we set

$$Q_\beta = c(I - \tau_\beta^*(3)\tau_\beta(2)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)), \quad \text{where } c = \frac{1}{1 - |\beta|^2 t^2 - t^2},$$

and observe that  $Q_\beta$  is a projection onto the one-dimensional space  $\mathbb{C}g_\beta$ , while

$A_\beta = (I - Q_\beta)\tau_\beta^*(2)\tau_\beta(3)(I - Q_\beta)$  is an one-sided shift operator on  $H_0$  which vanishes on  $g_\beta$ , that is,  $A_\beta g_\beta = 0, A_\beta e_n = e_{n+1}$  for  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ . Therefore the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the operator  $A_\beta$  is a Toeplitz algebra on  $H_0$  containing all the compact operators from  $(1 - Q_\beta)B(H_\beta)(1 - Q_\beta)$ . Therefore each invariant subspace of  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the representation  $\tau_\beta$  either contains  $H_0$  or is orthogonal to  $H_0$ . To complete the proof of assertion (1), it remains to observe that since  $H_\beta = \mathbb{C}g_\beta \oplus H_0$  and  $\tau_\beta(2)g_\beta \in H_0$ , the representation  $\tau$  is irreducible.

(2) Let  $\tau_{\beta_1} \sim \tau_{\beta_2}$  and  $0 < |\beta_1| < 1$ . We show that  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ . Let  $U : H_{\beta_1} \rightarrow H_{\beta_2}$  be a unitary operator such that  $\tau_{\beta_1} = UT_{\beta_2}U^*$ . Since each element from  $H_{\beta_i}$  on which the operators  $\tau_{\beta_i}^*(2)$  and  $\tau_{\beta_i}^*(3)$  vanish is a multiple of the element  $g_{\beta_i}, i = 1, 2$ , the unitary operator  $U : H_{\beta_2} \rightarrow H_{\beta_2}$  transfers the space  $\mathbb{C}g_{\beta_1}$  on  $\mathbb{C}g_{\beta_2}$ , that is,  $Ug_{\beta_1} = e^{i\theta}g_{\beta_2}, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Next, since  $V = e^{-i\theta}U$  is a unitary operator, we have  $\tau_{\beta_1} = VT_{\beta_2}V^*$  and  $Vg_{\beta_1} = g_{\beta_2}$ . Therefore

$$\beta_1 t_1 = (\tau_{\beta_1}^*(2)\tau_{\beta_1}(3)g_{\beta_1}, g_{\beta_1}) = (\tau_{\beta_2}^*(2)\tau_{\beta_2}(3)g_{\beta_2}, g_{\beta_2}) = \beta_2 t_1,$$

and  $|\beta_1|^2 t_1^2 + t_1^2 = |\beta_2|^2 t_2^2 + t_2^2$  are the eigenvalues of the operator  $\tau_{\beta_i}^*(3)\tau_{\beta_i}(2)\tau_{\beta_i}^*(2)\tau_{\beta_i}(3)$  on the vector  $g_{\beta_i}, i = 1, 2$ . This implies  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ . The proof is complete.

The following questions that arise naturally are of interest. To describe the class of all irreducible isometric representations of the semigroup  $M$ . Do all the irreducible isometric infinite representations of the semigroup  $M$  unitary equivalent to some representation  $\tau_\beta : M \rightarrow B(H_\beta)$ ?

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