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**Laszlo Zsido\*** (zsido@axp.mat.uniroma2.it), Dipartimento di Matematica, Universita di Roma "Tor Vergata", Via Della Ricerca Scientifica 1, 00133 Roma, Italy. *A quantitative BT-theorem and applications.*

The classical "BT-Theorem" of Murray and von Neumann states that if  $M$  is a von Neumann algebra on a Hilbert space  $H$ , and  $\xi, \eta$  are vectors in  $H$  such that  $\eta$  belongs to the closure of  $M\xi$ , then  $\eta = bT\xi$  where  $b \in M$  and  $T$  is a densely defined, closed linear operator affiliated to  $M$ . It can be extended to sequences in  $\overline{M\xi}$  as follows:

If  $(\eta_k)_{k \geq 1}$  is a sequence in  $\overline{M\xi}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|\eta_k\|^2 < +\infty,$$

then

$$\eta_k = b_k T\xi, \quad k \geq 1$$

where  $T$  is a densely defined, closed linear operator affiliated to  $M$  and  $b_k \in M$  can be chosen such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|b_k\| = 0$ .

The above extended "BT-Theorem" can be applied to the proof of automatic continuity results in fairly general situations.

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