

# On Equivariant Embedding of Hilbert $C^*$ modules

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### Abstract

We prove that an arbitrary (not necessarily countably generated) Hilbert  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module on a  $G$ - $C^*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  admits an equivariant embedding into a trivial  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module, provided  $G$  is a compact Lie group and its action on  $\mathcal{A}$  is ergodic.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group,  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, and assume that there is a strongly continuous representation  $\alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{A})$ . Following the terminology of [6], we introduce the concept of a Hilbert  $C^*$   $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module as follows :

**Definition 1.1** A Hilbert  $C^*$   $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module (or  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module for short) is a pair  $(E, \beta)$  where  $E$  is a Hilbert  $C^*$   $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $\beta$  is a map from  $G$  into the set of  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear (caution : **not**  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear !) maps from  $E$  to  $E$ , such that  $\beta_g \equiv \beta(g)$ ,  $g \in G$  satisfies the following :

- (i)  $\beta_{gh} = \beta_g \circ \beta_h$  for  $g, h \in G$ ,  $\beta_e = \text{Id}$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ ;
- (ii)  $\beta_g(\xi a) = \beta_g(\xi) \alpha_g(a)$  for  $\xi \in E, a \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
- (iii)  $g \mapsto \beta_g(\xi)$  is continuous for each fixed  $\xi \in E$ ;
- (iv)  $\langle \beta_g(\xi), \beta_g(\eta) \rangle = \alpha_g(\langle \xi, \eta \rangle)$  for all  $\xi, \eta \in E$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued inner product of  $E$ .

When  $\beta$  is understood from the context, we may refer to  $E$  as a  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module, without explicitly mentioning the pair  $(E, \beta)$ . Given two  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  modules  $(E_1, \beta)$  and  $(E_2, \gamma)$ , there is a natural  $G$ -action induced on  $\mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$ , given by  $\pi_g(T)(\xi) := \gamma_g(T(\beta_{g^{-1}}(\xi)))$  for  $g \in G, \xi \in E_1, T \in \mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$ .  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$  is said to be  $G$ -equivariant if  $\pi_g(T) = T$  for all  $g \in G$ . It is clear that for each fixed  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$  and  $\xi \in E_1$ ,  $g \mapsto \pi_g(T)\xi$  is continuous. We say that  $T$  is  $G$ -continuous if  $g \mapsto \pi_g(T)$  is continuous with respect to the norm topology on  $\mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$ . We say that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are *isomorphic as  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules*, or that they are *equivariantly isomorphic* if there is a  $G$ -equivariant unitary map  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E_1, E_2)$ . We call a  $(G - \mathcal{A})$  module of

the form  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}, \alpha_g \otimes \gamma_g)$  (where  $\mathcal{H}$  is some Hilbert space) a trivial  $G - \mathcal{A}$  module. We say that  $(E, \beta)$  is *embeddable* if there is an equivariant isometry from  $E$  to  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  for some Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with a  $G$ -action  $\gamma$ , or in other words,  $(E, \beta)$  is equivariantly isomorphic with a sub- $G - \mathcal{A}$  module of  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}, \beta \otimes \gamma)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  is the closure of  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{H}$  under the norm inherited from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_0, \mathcal{H}_0 \otimes \mathcal{H})$  where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is any Hilbert space such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is isometrically embedded into  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_0)$ . The following result on the embeddability is due to Mingo and Phillips ([6]).

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $(E, \beta)$  be a Hilbert  $C^*$   $G - \mathcal{A}$  module and assume that  $E$  is countably generated as a Hilbert  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, that is, there is a countable set  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$  of elements of  $E$  such that the right  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear span of  $S$  is dense in  $E$ . Assume furthermore that  $G$  is compact. Then  $(E, \beta)$  is embeddable.*

When  $G$  is the trivial singleton group, the above result was proved by Kasparov.

If the  $C^*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is replaced by a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(h)$  for some Hilbert space  $h$  and  $G$  is a locally compact group with a strongly continuous unitary representation  $g \mapsto u_g \in \mathcal{B}(h)$ , one can define Hilbert von Neumann  $G$ - $\mathcal{B}$  module  $(E, \beta)$ . The only difference is that  $E$  is now a Hilbert von Neumann  $\mathcal{A}$ -module equipped with the natural locally convex strong operator topology, and that we replace the norm-continuity in (iii) of the above definition by a weaker continuity : namely, the continuity of  $g \mapsto \beta_g(\xi)$  (for fixed  $\xi \in E$ ) with respect to the locally convex topology of  $E$ . In this case, we have a stronger version of the Theorem 1.2 (see [3] and [2], Theorem 4.3.5, page 99), namely without the condition of  $E$  being countably generated and without the compactness of  $G$ . It should be remarked here that the trivial Hilbert von Neumann  $\mathcal{B}$  module  $\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  is defined to be the closure of  $\mathcal{B} \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{H}$  with respect to the strong-operator-topology inherited from  $\mathcal{B}(h, h \otimes \mathcal{H})$ .

In Theorem 1.2, the assumption that  $E$  is countably generated restricts the applicability of the result, since it is not always easy to check the property of being countably generated. However, under some special assumption on the  $G$ - $C^*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e. conditions on the group  $G$ , the  $C^*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and also on the nature of the action, it may be possible to prove the embedability for an arbitrary Hilbert  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module. The aim of the present article is to give some such sufficient conditions.

## 2 Ergodic action and its implication

We say that the action  $\alpha$  of  $G$  on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is *ergodic* if  $\alpha_g(a) = a$  for all  $g \in G$  if and only if  $a$  is a scalar multiple of 1. There is a considerable amount of literature on ergodic action of compact groups, and we shall quote one interesting structure theorem which will be useful for us.

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $G$  be a compact group acting ergodically on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then there is a set of elements  $t_{ij}^\pi, \pi \in \hat{G}, i = 1, \dots, d_\pi, j = 1, \dots, m_\pi$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\hat{G}$  is the set of equivalence classes of irreducible representations of  $G$ ,  $d_\pi$  is the dimension of the irreducible representation space denoted by  $\pi$ ,  $m_\pi \leq d_\pi$  is a natural number, such that the followings hold :*

- (i) *There is a unique faithful  $G$ -invariant state  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is in fact a trace,*
- (ii) *The linear span of  $\{t_{ij}^\pi\}$  is norm-dense in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,*
- (iii)  *$\{t_{ij}^\pi\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $h = L^2(\mathcal{A}, \tau)$ ,*
- (iv) *The action of  $u_g$  coincides with the  $\pi$ th irreducible representation of  $G$  on the vector space spanned by  $t_{ij}^\pi, i = 1, \dots, d_\pi$  for each fixed  $j$  and  $\pi$ ,*
- (v)  *$\sum_{i=1, \dots, d_\pi} (t_{ij}^\pi)^* t_{ik}^\pi = \delta_{jk} d_\pi 1$ , where  $\delta_{jk}$  denotes the Kronecker delta symbol. Thus, in particular,  $\|t_{ij}^\pi\| \leq \sqrt{d_\pi}$  for all  $\pi, i, j$ .*

The proof can be obtained by combining the results of [7],[4] and [1].

Let now  $h = L^2(\mathcal{A}, \tau)$ , where  $\tau$  is the unique invariant faithful trace described in Proposition 2.1. Let  $u_g$  be the unitary in  $h$  induced by the action of  $G$ , that is, on the dense set  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq h$ ,  $u_g(a) := \alpha_g(a)$ , where  $\alpha_g$  denotes the  $G$ -action on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Denote also by  $\alpha$  the action  $g \mapsto u_g \cdot u_g^*$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is the weak closure of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{B}(h)$ .

Let us now specialize to the case of a compact Lie group. If  $G$  is such a group, with a basis of the Lie algebra given by  $\{\chi_1, \dots, \chi_N\}$ , which has a strongly continuous action  $\theta$  on a Banach space  $F$ , we can consider the space of ‘smooth’ or  $C^\infty$ -elements of  $F$ , denoted by  $F^\infty$ , consisting of all  $\xi \in F$  such that  $G \ni g \mapsto \theta_g(\xi)$  is  $C^\infty$ . It is easy to prove that  $F^\infty$  is dense in  $F$ , and it is a  $*$ -subalgebra if  $F$  is a locally convex  $*$ -algebra. Moreover, we equip  $F^\infty$  with a family of seminorms  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty, n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  given by

$$\|\xi\|_{\infty, n} := \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k; k \leq n, i_t \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \|\partial_{i_1} \partial_{i_2} \dots \partial_{i_k} \xi\|,$$

with the convention  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty, 0} = \|\cdot\|$  and where  $\partial_j(\xi) := \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} \theta_{\exp(t\chi_j)}(\xi)$ . The space  $F^\infty$  is complete under this family of seminorms, and thus is a

Fréchet space. When  $F$  is Hilbert space or a Hilbert module, we shall also consider a map  $d_j$  given by essentially the same expression as that of  $\partial_j$ , with  $\chi_j$  replaced by  $i\chi_j$ , and the Hilbertian seminorms  $\{\|\cdot\|_{2,n}\}$  are given by

$$\|\xi\|_{2,n}^2 := \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k; k \leq n, i_t \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \|d_{i_1} d_{i_2} \dots d_{i_k} \xi\|_2^2,$$

with  $\|\cdot\|_2$  denoting the norm of the Hilbert space (or Hilbert module)  $F$ .

More generally, if  $F$  is a complete locally convex space given by a family of seminorms  $\{\|\cdot\|^{(q)}\}$ , then we can consider the smooth subspace  $F^\infty$  and the maps  $\partial_j$  as above, and make it a complete locally convex space with respect to a larger family of seminorms  $\{\|\cdot\|_n^{(q)}\}$  where

$$\|\xi\|_n^{(q)} := \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k; k \leq n, i_t \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \|\partial_{i_1} \partial_{i_2} \dots \partial_{i_k} \xi\|^{(q)}.$$

In case  $F$  is a von Neumann algebra equipped with the locally convex strong operator topology, the locally convex space  $F^\infty$  is a topological  $*$ -algebra, strongly dense in  $F$ .

**Lemma 2.2** [2] *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting ergodically on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $h^\infty = \mathcal{A}^\infty$  as Fréchet spaces.*

*Proof :*

The fact that  $\mathcal{A}^\infty = h^\infty$  as sets is contained in Lemma 8.1.20 of [2] (page 200-201). We only prove that the identity map is a topological homeomorphism.

Since the trace  $\tau$  is finite, the Fréchet topology of  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$  is stronger than that of  $h_\infty$ . This implies that the identity map  $I$ , viewed as a linear map from the Fréchet space  $h^\infty$  to the Fréchet space  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$  is closable, hence continuous. This completes the proof that the two Fréchet topologies on  $\mathcal{A}^\infty = h^\infty$  are equivalent, i.e.  $\mathcal{A}^\infty = h^\infty$  as topological spaces.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a (not necessarily separable) Hilbert space with a unitary representation  $w \equiv w_g$  of  $G$ , and let us consider the Fréchet modules  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H})^\infty$  and  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H})^\infty$  corresponding to the action  $\gamma_g := \alpha_g \otimes w_g$ . Let  $\xi$  be an element of  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H})^\infty$  such that  $g \mapsto \gamma_g(\xi)$  is continuous in the operator-norm topology. Then  $\xi$  actually belongs to  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof :-*

We shall denote by  $\|\cdot\|_p$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) the  $L^p$ -norm coming from the trace  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . The identity 1 of  $\mathcal{A}$  will also be viewed as a unit vector in  $L^2(\tau)$ .

Fix an orthonormal basis  $\{e_\alpha, \alpha \in T\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  (which need not be separable), with each  $e_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}^\infty$ . Fix  $\xi \in (\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H})^\infty$  satisfying the hypothesis of the lemma. Since  $L^2(\tau)$  is separable, say with an orthonormal basis given by  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ , we can find, for each  $i$ , a countable subset  $T_i$  of  $T$  such that  $\langle \xi 1, x_i \otimes e_\alpha \rangle = 0$  for all  $\alpha \notin T_i$ . Denoting by  $T_\infty$  the countable set  $\bigcup_i T_i$ , we have  $\langle \xi 1, v \otimes e_\alpha \rangle = 0 \ \forall v \in L^2(\tau)$ , for all  $\alpha \notin T_\infty$ . Write  $T_\infty = \{e_{\alpha_1}, e_{\alpha_2}, \dots\}$ . Denote by  $\xi_n$  the element in  $\mathcal{A}^\infty \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{H}^\infty$  given by  $\xi_n = (I \otimes P_n)\xi$ , where  $P_n$  denotes the orthogonal projection onto the linear span of  $\{e_{\alpha_1}, \dots, e_{\alpha_n}\}$ . It is clear that  $\xi_n 1 \rightarrow \xi 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, for a  $C^\infty$  complex-valued function  $f$  on  $G$  and an element  $\eta \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ , denote by  $\gamma(f)(\eta)$  the element  $\int_G f(g) \gamma_g(\eta) dg \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H} \subseteq L^2(\tau) \otimes \mathcal{H}$ , where  $dg$  stands for the normalised Haar measure on  $G$  and the integral is convergent in the strong-operator topology. We claim that it is enough to prove that  $\gamma(f)(\xi) \in \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(G)$ . Let us first prove this claim. Since  $g \mapsto \gamma_g(\xi)$  is norm-continuous, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find a nonempty open subset  $U$  of  $G$  such that  $\|\gamma_g(\xi) - \xi\| \leq \epsilon$  for all  $g \in U$ , and then choose  $f \in C^\infty(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(f) \subseteq U$ ,  $f \geq 0$  and  $\int_G f dg = 1$ . It is easy to see that  $\|\gamma(f)(\xi) - \xi\| \leq \epsilon$ . Thus,  $\xi$  is the operator-norm limit of a sequence of elements of the form  $\gamma(f)(\xi)$ , which proves the claim.

Let us now complete the proof of the lemma by showing that  $\eta := \gamma(f)(\xi)$  indeed belongs to  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  for every  $f \in C^\infty(G)$ . To this end, first observe that  $\eta_n := \gamma(f)(\xi_n)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}^\infty \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{H}^\infty \subseteq \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  for all  $n$ . Moreover, since  $u_g 1 = 1$  for all  $g$  and  $\gamma_g(\cdot) = \text{ad}_{u_g} \otimes w_g$ , it is clear that  $\eta_n 1 \rightarrow \gamma(f)(\xi) 1 = \eta 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since each  $\eta_{m,n}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ , for proving  $\eta \in \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  it is enough to prove that  $\eta_{m,n} \rightarrow 0$  in the topology of  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ , i.e.  $x_{mn} := \langle \eta_{m,n}, \eta_{m,n} \rangle \rightarrow 0$  in the norm-topology of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We shall prove that  $x_{mn} \rightarrow 0$  in the Fréchet topology of  $h^\infty$ , which will prove that it converges to 0 also in the topology of  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$ .

To this end, first note that for  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in (\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes \mathcal{H})$ , we have

$$\| \langle \beta_1, \beta_2 \rangle \|_2^2 = \tau(\beta_2^* \beta_1 \beta_1^* \beta_2) \leq \|\beta_1\|^2 \tau(\beta_2^* \beta_2),$$

hence  $\| \langle \beta_1, \beta_2 \rangle \|_2 \leq \|\beta_1\| \|\beta_2\|_2$ . Moreover,  $\| \langle \beta_2, \beta_1 \rangle \|_2 = \| \langle \beta_1, \beta_2 \rangle^* \|_2 = \| \langle \beta_1, \beta_2 \rangle \|_2$  (since  $\tau(x^* x) = \tau(x x^*)$ , we have  $\|x\| = \|x^*\|$ ). From this, we have

$$\| \langle \gamma(f)(\beta), \gamma(f)(\beta) \rangle \|_2 \leq C(f)^2 \|\beta\| \|\beta\|_2,$$

where  $C(f) := \int |f| dg$ . Let us now fix an ordered  $k$ -tuple  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$  ( $k$  nonnegative integer), and let  $C$  denote the maximum of  $C(\chi_{j_1} \dots \chi_{j_p} f)$  where  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_p)$  varies over all (including the empty set) ordered subsets of  $I$ .

Let us abbreviate  $\partial_{j_1} \dots \partial_{j_p} \beta$  and  $\chi_{j_1} \dots \chi_{j_p} f$  by  $\partial_J \beta$  and  $f_J$  respectively, for  $\beta \in (\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H})^\infty$ . Note that

$$\partial_J \gamma(f)(\beta) = (-1)^k \gamma(f_J)(\beta).$$

Using this as well as the Leibniz formula  $\partial_I \langle \beta, \beta \rangle = \sum_J \langle \partial_J \beta, \partial_{I-J} \beta \rangle$  (with  $J$  varying over all ordered subsets of  $I$ ), we have the following :

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\partial_I x_{mn}\|_2 \\ & \leq \sum_J \|\langle \partial_J(\eta_m - \eta_n), \partial_{I-J}(\eta_m - \eta_n) \rangle\|_2 \\ & \leq 2^k C^2 \|\xi_m - \xi_n\| \|\xi_m - \xi_n\|_2 \\ & \leq 2^{k+1} C^2 \|\xi\| \|\xi_m - \xi_n\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

since the number of ordered subsets of  $I$  is  $2^k$  and it is clear from the definition of  $\xi_n$  that  $\|\xi_n\| \leq \|\xi\|$  for all  $n$ . We also have  $\|\xi_m - \xi_n\|_2^2 = \tau(\langle \xi_m - \xi_n, \xi_m - \xi_n \rangle) = \langle (\xi_m - \xi_n)(1), (\xi_m - \xi_n)(1) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . This proves  $x_{m,n} \rightarrow 0$  in the topology of  $h_\infty$ , thereby completing the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

### 3 Main results on equivariant embedding of Hilbert modules

Let  $(E, \beta)$  be a  $G$ - $\mathcal{A}$  module, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $G$  are as in the previous section, i.e.  $G$  is a compact Lie group acting ergodically on the  $C^*$  algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . In this final section, we shall prove that any such  $(E, \beta)$  is embeddable.

**Lemma 3.1** *We can find a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K}$ , a strongly continuous unitary representation  $g \mapsto V_g \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K})$  and a  $\mathcal{A}$ -linear isometry  $\Gamma_0 : E \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$ , such that  $\Gamma_0 \beta_g(\xi) = V_g(\Gamma_0 \xi) u_g^{-1}$ , and moreover, the complex linear span of elements of the form  $\Gamma \xi w$  where  $\xi \in E$  and  $w \in h$  is dense in  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

*Proof :*

The proof of this result is adapted from [3] and [2], Theorem 4.3.5 (page 99-101). We shall give only a brief sketch of the arguments involved, omitting the details. We consider first the formal vector space (say  $\mathcal{V}$ ) spanned by symbols  $(\xi, w)$ , with  $\xi \in E$  and  $w \in h$ , and define a semi-inner product on this formal vector space by setting

$$\langle (\xi, w), (\xi', w') \rangle = \langle w, \langle \xi, \xi' \rangle w' \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \xi, \xi' \rangle$  denotes the  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued inner product on  $E$ . By extending this semi-inner product by linearity and then taking quotient by the subspace (say  $\mathcal{V}_0$ ) consisting of elements of zero norm we get a pre-Hilbert space, and its completion under the pre-inner product is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}$ . We also define  $\Gamma_0 : E \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$  by setting

$$(\Gamma_0(\xi))w := [\xi, w],$$

where  $[\xi, w]$  represents the equivalence class of  $(\xi, w)$  in  $\mathcal{S} \equiv \mathcal{V}/\mathcal{V}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ . That it is an isometry is verified by straightforward calculations. Next, we define  $V_g$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  by

$$V_g[\xi, w] := [\beta_g(\xi), u_g w],$$

and verify that it is indeed an isometry, and since its range clearly contains a total subset,  $V_g$  extends to a unitary on  $\mathcal{K}$ . Furthermore,  $V_g V_h = V_{gh}$  and  $V_e = \text{Id}$  (where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ ) on  $\mathcal{S}$ , and hence on the whole of  $\mathcal{K}$ . The strong continuity of  $g \mapsto V_g$  is also easy to see. Indeed, it is enough to prove that  $g \mapsto V_g X$  is continuous for any  $X$  of the form  $[\xi, v]$ ,  $\xi \in E, v \in h$ . But  $\|V_g([\xi, v]) - [\xi, v]\|^2 = 2\langle [\xi, v], [\xi, v] \rangle - \langle V_g([\xi, v]), [\xi, v] \rangle - \langle [\xi, v], V_g([\xi, v]) \rangle$ , and we have,  $\langle V_g([\xi, v]), [\xi, v] \rangle - \langle [\xi, v], [\xi, v] \rangle = \langle (u_g v - v) \langle \beta_g(\xi), \xi \rangle v \rangle + \langle v, \langle (\beta_g(\xi) - \xi), \xi \rangle v \rangle$ . By assumption  $\lim_{g \rightarrow e} (\beta_g(\xi) - \xi) = 0$  in the norm topology of  $E$ , so  $\langle (\beta_g(\xi) - \xi) v, \xi v \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $g \rightarrow e$ . Furthermore,  $g \mapsto u_g v$  is continuous. This completes the proof of strong continuity of  $V_g$ .  $\square$

In view of the above result, we assume without loss of generality that  $E \subset \mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$  (with the natural Hilbert module structure inherited from that of  $\mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$ ), and  $\beta_g(\cdot) = V_g \cdot u_g^{-1}$ . Consider the strong operator closure of  $\tilde{E}$  of  $E$  in  $\mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$ . It is a Hilbert von Neumann  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  module (where  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is the weak closure of  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $h$ ). Moreover, the  $G$ -action  $\beta_g = V_g \cdot u_g^{-1}$  can be extended to the whole of  $\mathcal{B}(h, \mathcal{K})$ , and denoted again by  $\beta_g$ . Clearly, this action leaves  $\tilde{E}$  invariant, hence  $(\tilde{E}, \beta)$  is a Hilbert von Neumann  $G$ - $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  module. Let us recall that by  $\tilde{E}^\infty$  we denote the locally convex space of elements  $\xi$  in  $\tilde{E}$  such that  $g \mapsto \beta_g(\xi)$  is  $C^\infty$  in the strong operator topology of  $\tilde{E}$ .

**Theorem 3.2** *There exist a Hilbert space  $k_0$ , a unitary representation  $w_g$  of  $G$  in  $k_0$  and an isometry  $\Sigma$  from  $\mathcal{K}$  to  $h \otimes k_0$  such that*

- (i)  $\Sigma$  is equivariant in the sense that  $\Sigma V_g = (u_g \otimes w_g) \Sigma$  for all  $g$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \xi \in \mathcal{A} \otimes k_0$  for all  $\xi \in E$ .

*Proof :*

The statement (i) is contained in the Theorem 4.3.5 of [2] (page 99). For

proving (ii), we note that  $E^\infty$  (w.r.t. the action  $\beta$ ) is mapped by  $\Sigma$  into  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \otimes k_0)^\infty$  (w.r.t. the action  $\gamma_g := \text{ad}_{u_g} \otimes w_g$ ), and moreover, for  $\xi \in E$ ,  $g \mapsto \gamma_g(\Sigma(\xi)) = \Sigma\beta_g(\xi)$  is norm-continuous since  $g \mapsto \beta_g(\xi)$  is so and  $\Sigma$  is isometry. Thus, (ii) follows from Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

It follows from the above theorem that  $E$  can be equivariantly embedded in the trivial  $G - \mathcal{A}$  module  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes k_0, \alpha \otimes w)$ . In particular, we have that

**Theorem 3.3** *If a compact Lie group  $G$  has an ergodic action on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , then every  $G - \mathcal{A}$  module  $(E, \beta)$  is embeddable.*

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