

SIMPLE AMENABLE OPERATOR ALGEBRAS

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WRONG DEFINITION OF STRONG SELF-ABSORPTION

I CLAIMED UNITAL $\mathcal{D} \neq \mathbb{C}$ IS STRONGLY SELF-ABSORBING IF:

- $\mathcal{D} \cong \mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{D}$
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BUT IN FACT

Unital $\mathcal{D} \neq \mathbb{C}$ is **strongly self-absorbing** if:

- The flip map is approximately inner on $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{D}$.

and either $\boxed{\mathcal{D} \cong \mathcal{D}^{\otimes \infty}}$ or *a certain central sequence condition* *meas*

The point is that this gives an isomorphism $\theta : \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{D}$ which is approx unitarily equivalent to $x \mapsto x \otimes 1_{\mathcal{D}}$

HOWEVER: JUST ASSUMING \mathcal{D} HAS APPROXIMATE INNER FLIP

Proof that $\mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow A_{\omega} \cap A' \Rightarrow A \cong A \otimes \mathcal{D}$ still true

Converse holds when \mathcal{D} is strongly self-absorbing.

JIANG'S THEOREM: UNITAL \mathcal{Z} -STABLE C^* -ALGEBRAS
ARE K_1 INJECTIVE $[u]_1 = 0 \quad u \in U(A) \Rightarrow u \sim 1 \text{ in } U(A)$.

FOR A UNITAL AND M_{∞} -STABLE

- A is K_1 -injective
- $K_0(A)$ generated by $\{[p]_0 : p \in \mathcal{P}(A)\}$.

RECALL \mathcal{Z} IS AN INDUCTIVE LIMIT OF $\mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}$ 'S

- It suffices to show $A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}$ is K_1 -injective
- Fix unitary $u \in A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}$ with $[u]_1 = 0$.

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes SM_{6^\infty} \rightarrow A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty} \xrightarrow{q} A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty}) \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\begin{matrix} \cap \\ u. \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \parallel \\ A \otimes M_{2^\infty} \oplus A \otimes M_{3^\infty} \end{matrix}$$

$$\{q(u)\}_1 = 0 : \therefore q(u) \sim 1 \text{ in } A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty})$$

Let $q(u) = v \in A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}$ replace v by v^* so $q(u) = 1$.

JIANG'S THEOREM

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- wlog $q(u) = 1$, so $u \in (A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})^\sim = \{f \in C(\mathbb{T}, A \otimes M_{6^\infty}); f(1) = 1\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 K_1(A \otimes SM_{6^\infty}) & \longrightarrow & K_1(A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}) & \longrightarrow & K_1(A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty})) \\
 \uparrow \exp & \mapsto & \uparrow [u]_1 = 0 & & \downarrow \\
 K_0(A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty})) & \longleftarrow & K_0(A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty}) & \longleftarrow & K_0(A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})
 \end{array}$$

CLAIM

Can replace u so that $[u]_1 = 0$ in $K_1(A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})$.

$$\therefore [u]_1 = \exp(n), \quad n \in K_0(A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty})) = \sum_{j=1}^7 ([\rho_j]_0 - [\eta_j]_0)$$

with $\rho_i, \eta_i \in P(A \otimes (M_{2^\infty} \oplus M_{3^\infty}))$,

lift these to very adjoints $h_i, k_i \in (A \otimes \mathcal{Z}_{2^\infty, 3^\infty})$ in $K_1(A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})$

$$u = v e^{-2\pi i h_1} \dots e^{-2\pi i h_n} e^{2\pi i k_1} \dots e^{2\pi i k_n} v v^* \quad \& [u]_1 = 0$$

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- and wlog $[u]_1 = 0$ in $K_1(A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})$

$\therefore [u]_1 = 0 \text{ in } C(T, A \otimes M_{6^\infty}) \text{ which is } k_1\text{-injective}$

$\therefore \exists \text{ path } (v_t) \quad v_0 = 1, \quad v_1 = u \text{ in } C(T, A \otimes M_{6^\infty})$

$v_t = v_t^{(1)} * v_t \quad \text{path from 1 to } u \text{ in } (A \otimes SM_{6^\infty})^{\text{con}}$

RECALL: MATUI-SATO. LIFT McDUFFNESS TO TRACIALLY LARGE ORDER ZERO MAP

$A \neq M_n$, simple nuclear with unique trace.

$$\pi_\omega(A)'' \cong \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_\omega \cap A' & \longrightarrow & R^\omega \cap R' \\ \varphi \text{ o/z.} & \swarrow & \uparrow \\ & & M_n \end{array}$$

$$C_\omega(\varphi(l)) = 1$$

- What if A has more than one trace?

For each $T \in T(A)$ $\exists \varphi_T: M_n \rightarrow A_\omega \cap A' \text{ o/z. } C_\omega(\varphi_T(l)) \leq 1$.

Want to trivially keep o/z map $\varphi: M_n \rightarrow A_\omega \cap A' \text{ o/z. } T(\varphi(l)) \leq 1$
 $\forall T \in T_\omega(A)$.

Need to look at all traces simultaneously, and obtain uniform estimates.

LOOKING AT ALL THE TRACES AT THE SAME TIME

- $\pi_\tau(A)''$ doesn't carry uniform information about all traces on A .
- A_{fin}^{**} sees all traces — but not uniformly.

RECALL

Let τ be a trace on a C^* -algebra A . Then $\pi_\tau(A)$ is a von Neumann algebra iff the unit ball of A is complete in $\|\cdot\|_{2,\tau}$.

DEFINITION $A = C(x) \quad \|x\|_{2,T(A)} = \|x\|$

Let A be a C^* -algebra with $T(A) \neq \emptyset$. $\|x\|_{2,T(A)} = \sup_{\tau \in T(A)} \|x\|_{2,\tau}$

$$\overline{A}^{T(A)} := \frac{\{\text{norm bounded, } \|\cdot\|_{2,T(A)}\text{-Cauchy sequences}\}}{\{\text{norm bounded, } \|\cdot\|_{2,T(A)}\text{-null sequences}\}}$$

O2am.

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DEFINITION (CCEGSTW)

\mathcal{M} C^* -alg,

A **tracially complete** C^* -algebra is a pair (\mathcal{M}, X) such that $X \subset T(\mathcal{M})$ is a closed convex set such that

- $\|x\|_{2,X} = \sup_{\tau \in X} \tau(x^*x)^{1/2}$ is a norm on \mathcal{M} .
- The unit ball of \mathcal{M} is complete in $\|\cdot\|_{2,X}$.

$$\text{eg } (\mathcal{M}, \overset{\text{vN A}}{\underset{\text{unital}}{\mathcal{D}_S^2}}) ; \quad (\mathcal{M}, \overset{\text{separable vN A}}{T(\mathcal{M})}) , \quad (\overline{A}^{T(A)}, T(A)) .$$

separable vNAs \subseteq linearly complete C^* \subseteq C^* -algs.

- $\Theta: (\mathcal{M}, X) \rightarrow (\mathcal{N}, Y)$ s.t. $\forall r \in Y, \quad C \circ \Theta \in X$

McDUFFNESS (AGAIN)

Various operations: follow constructions for finite vNa using $\|\cdot\|_{2,X}$ rather than $\|\cdot\|_{2,\tau}$.

- $(\mathcal{M}, X) \overline{\otimes} (\mathcal{N}, Y) = \overline{(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N})}^{\text{co}(X \times Y)}$.
- $(\mathcal{M}, X)^\omega$ has algebra $\mathcal{M}^\omega = \ell^\infty(\mathcal{M}) / \{(x_n) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \|x_n\|_{2,X} = 0\}$.

THEN

for $\|\cdot\|_{2,X}$ -separable tracially complete C^* -algebras:

$$(\mathcal{M}, X) \cong (\mathcal{M}, X) \overline{\otimes} (\mathcal{R}, \{\tau_{\mathcal{R}}\}) \iff M_n \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{M}^n, X)^\omega \cap \mathcal{M}'.$$

Call these McDuff ~~tracially complete~~ C^* -algs.

lifting argument goes through as well $(\bar{A}^{T(A)}, T(A))$ is McDuf if \exists

$\phi: M_n \rightarrow A_n \cap A'$ tracially large.

• Is also A simple nuclear & does ϕ extend to a unitary $\tilde{\phi}: \bar{A}^{T(A)}$ McDuf? $\Rightarrow A \cong A \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$.

Open: $\bar{A}^{T(A)}$ is McDuf? (In this generality)

↑ Multi-Sets.

Eg AF A s.t. $T(A) = X$ where $\partial_\ell T(x) = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots\}$

$$T_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(t_1 + t_2)$$

$$\bar{A}^{T(A)} = \left\{ (x_n) \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \mid x_n \rightarrow \Theta \begin{pmatrix} n_1 & 0 \\ 0 & n_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\Theta: M_2(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}$.

FROM POINTWISE TO UNIFORM?

FROM

$\forall \tau \in T_\omega(A), \exists \phi_\tau : M_n \rightarrow (A_\omega \cap A')$, such that $\tau(\phi_\tau) = 1$

TO

$\exists \phi : M_n \rightarrow (A_\omega \cap A')$, such that $\forall \tau \in T_\omega(A), \tau(\phi) = 1$

ANOTHER EG: FOR A UNITARY $u \in (\mathcal{M}, X)$

For each $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists h_\epsilon$ self-adjoint s.t. $\|u - e^{ih_\epsilon}\|_{2, \epsilon} < \epsilon$. , $\|h_\epsilon\| \leq \pi$

Borel calc in $T_0(u)^*$. Qn $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists h < h^* \text{ s.t. } \|u - e^{ih}\|_{2, \epsilon} < \epsilon$?
 (i.e. unitaries in \mathcal{U}^ω are exprechib & $K_1(\mathcal{U}^\omega) = 0$).

Find $\exists h_1, h_2 \dots \in \mathcal{B}$ s.t. $\forall \epsilon \exists j$ s.t. $\|u - e^{ih_j}\|_{2, \epsilon} < \epsilon$.

POINTWISE TO UNIFORM: McDUFFNESS IS UNIVERSAL (AT LEAST WITH A FACTOR CONDITION) $T(\mathcal{U}) = \Delta$

DEFINITION

(\mathcal{M}, X) is **factorial** if X is a closed **face** of $T(\mathcal{M})$.

Automatic (but needs work) for $(\overline{A}^{T(A)}, T(A))$.

$$T(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq T(\overline{A}^{T(A)})$$

EXAMPLE — THEOREM

Let (\mathcal{M}, X) be a McDuff tracially complete C^* -algebra and $u \in \mathcal{M}$ unitary. Then there exists self-adjoint $h \in \mathcal{M}^\omega$ with $u = e^{ih}$.

- eg $(\overline{A}^{T(A)}, T(A))$ with A \mathcal{Z} -stable.

POINTWISE TO UNIFORM: McDUFFNESS IS UNIVERSAL

A CLASSIFICATION TYPE EXAMPLE

A CONSEQUENCE OF CONNES' THEOREM

Let A be a separable nuclear C^* -algebra and \mathcal{M} a finite von Neumann algebra. Maps $A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ are classified by traces.

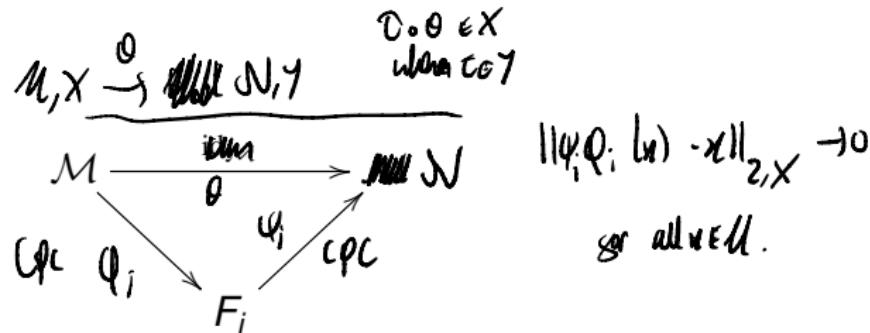
- $\varphi, \psi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ $T \circ \varphi = T \circ \psi \quad \forall T \in T(\mathcal{U}) \Rightarrow \varphi \cong_{au} \psi$. (point wise \cong)
- (when do we have) $\alpha: T(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow T(A)$ $\exists \varphi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $T \circ \varphi = \alpha(T)$ for $\forall T \in T(\mathcal{U})$

UNIFORM TRACE VERSION

Let A be separable nuclear C^* -algebra, and (\mathcal{M}, X) a McDuff factorial tracially complete C^* -algebra. Maps $A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ are classified by traces.

- $\varphi, \psi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $T \circ \varphi = T \circ \psi \quad \forall t \in X = \cancel{\text{uniform}} \quad \varphi \cong_{au} \psi$.
- (when $X \rightarrow T(\mathcal{U})$) $\exists \varphi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $T \circ \varphi = \alpha(T)$,
uniform

AMENABILITY FOR TRACIALLY COMPLETE C^* -ALGEBRAS



THEOREM (CCEGSTW)

- Amenable McDuff factorial tracially complete C^* -algebras are approximately finite dimensional.
- They are then classified by the specified set of traces.

$A, B \in Z$ -algebra, nuclear, $T(A), T(B) \neq \emptyset$ ssp. unital.

$$\bar{A}^{T(A)} \cong \bar{B}^{T(B)} \Leftrightarrow T(A) \cong T(B).$$

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Genuinely complete

→ McDougall's Virtually complete