Notes on Noncommutative Geometry and Particle Physics

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1 Noncommutative Geometric Spaces

1.1 Exercises

Exercise 1

Make the proof of the last theorem (see week4.pdf) explicit for N=3.

For the C* algebra we have $A = \mathbb{C}^3$ For H we have $H = (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\oplus 3} = H_2 \oplus H_2^1 \oplus H_2^2$.

The symmetric operator D acting on H and the representation $\pi(a)$:

$$\pi((a(1), a(2), a(3))) = \begin{pmatrix} a(1) & 0 \\ 0 & a(2) \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} a(1) & 0 \\ 0 & a(3) \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} a(2) & 0 \\ 0 & a(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a(1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a(2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a(1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a(3) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a(2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a(3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 \\ x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_2 \\ x_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_3 \\ x_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2)$$

Then the norm of the commutator would be the largest eigenvalue

(3)

The matrix in Equation $\ref{eq:condition}$ is a skew symmetric matrix its eigenvalues are $i\lambda_1, i\lambda_2, i\lambda_3, i\lambda_4$, where the λ 's are on the upper and lower diagonal check $\verb|https://en.wikipedia.|$ org/wiki/Skew-symmetric_matrix#Skew-symmetrizable_matrix. The matrix norm of would be the maximum of the norm of the larges eigenvalues:

$$||[D, \pi(a)]|| = \max_{a \in A} \{x_1 | a(2) - a(1)|,$$

$$x_2 |(a(3) - a(1))|,$$

$$x_3 |(a(3) - a(2))|, \}$$
(5)

The metric is then:

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(1) - a(2) & a(1) - a(3) \\ a(2) - a(1) & 0 & a(2) - a(3) \\ a(3) - a(1) & a(3) - a(2) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (6)

Exercise 2

Compute the metric on the space of three points given by $d_{ij} = \sup_{a \in A} \{|a(i) - a|\}$ $|a(j)|:||[D,\pi(a)]||\leq 1\}$ for the set of data $A=\mathbb{C}^3$ acting in the defining representation $H = \mathbb{C}^3$, and

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d^{-1} & 0 \\ d^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

for some $d \in \mathbb{R}$

We have $A = \mathbb{C}^3$, $H = \mathbb{C}^3$ and D from above, then

$$||[D, \pi(a)]|| = d^{-1} \left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a(2) - a(1) & 0 \\ -(a(2) - a(1)) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right|$$
 (8)

The metric is then

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(1) - a(2) & a(1) \\ a(2) - a(1) & 0 & a(2) \\ -a(1) & -a(2) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(9)

Exercise 3

Show that d_{ij} from Equation 13 is a metric on \hat{A} by establishing that:

$$d_{ij} = 0 \Leftrightarrow i = j \tag{10}$$

$$d_{ij} = d_{ji} \tag{11}$$

$$d_{ij} \le d_{ik} + d_{kj} \tag{12}$$

$$d_{ij} = \sup_{a \in A} \left\{ |\mathbf{Tr}(a(i)) - \mathbf{Tr}((a(j))| : ||[D, a]|| \le 1 \right\}$$
 (13)

For Equation 10 set i = j in 13.

$$d_{ii} = \sup_{a \in A} \{ |\text{Tr}(a(i)) - \text{Tr}((a(i))| : ||[D, a]|| \le 1 \}$$
(14)

$$d_{ii} = \sup_{a \in A} \{ |\text{Tr}(a(i)) - \text{Tr}((a(i))| : ||[D, a]|| \le 1 \}$$

$$= \sup_{a \in A} \{ 0 : ||[D, a]|| \le 1 \} = 0$$
(15)

For Equation 11 obviously we have the commuting property of addition. For Equation 12, for k = j then $d_{kj} = 0$ and the equality holds. For i = k then $d_{ik} = 0$ and equality holds. Else set $d_{ik} = 1$ and $d_{kj} = 1$ then $d_{ij} = 1 \le d_{ik} + d_{kj} = 2$

1.2 Properties of Matrix Algebras

Lemma 1. If A is a unital C* algebra that acts faithfully on a finite dimensional Hilbert space, then A is a matrix algebra of the Form:

$$A \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{N} M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C}) \tag{16}$$

Proof. Since *A* acts faithfully on a Hilbert space, then *A* is a C* subalgebra of a matrix algebra $L(H) = M_{\dim(H)}(\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow A \simeq \text{Matrix algebra}.$

Question 1. What does the author mean when he sais 'acts faithfully on a Hilbertspace'? Then the representation is fully reducible, or that the presentation is irreducible?

For a *-representation 'faithful' if it is injective. For a *-homomorphism 'faithful' means one-to-one correspondance

Example 1. $A = M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $H = \mathbb{C}^n$, A acts on H with matrix multiplication and standard inner product. D on H is a hermitian matrix $n \times n$ matrix.

D is referred to as a finite Dirac operator as in as its ∞ dimensional on Riemannian Spin manifolds coming in Chapter 4.

Now can introduce a 'differential 'geometric structure' on the finite space X with the **devided difference**

$$\frac{a(i) - a(j)}{d_{ij}} \tag{17}$$

for each pair $i, j \in X$ the finite dimensional discrete space X. This appears in the entries in the commutator [D, a] in the above exercises.

Definition 1. Given an finite spectral triple (A, H, D), the A-bimodule of Connes' differential one-forms is:

$$\Omega_{D}^{1}(A) := \left\{ \sum_{k} a_{k}[D, b_{k}] : a_{k}, b_{k} \in A \right\}$$
(18)

Question 2. Is the Conne's differential one form the set of all '1st order differential operators' given *A*, that act on *H*?

Then there is a map $d: A \to \Omega^1_D(A), d = [D, \cdot].$

Exercise 4

Verify that 'd' is a derivation of the C* algebra

$$d(ab) = d(a)b + ad(b)$$
(19)

$$d(a^*) = -d(a)^* \tag{20}$$

For the record $d(\cdot) = [D, \cdot]$, then we have

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$$d(ab) = [D, ab] = [D, a]b + a[D, b]$$
(21)

$$= d(a)b + ad(b) \tag{22}$$

2.

$$d(a^*) = [D, a^*] = Da^* - a^*D$$
(23)

$$= -(D^*a - aD^*) = -[D^*, a]$$
 (24)

$$= -d(a)^* \tag{25}$$

Exercise 5

Verify that $\Omega^1_{\cal D}(A)$ is an A-bimodule by rewriting

$$a(a_k[D, b_k])b = \sum_k a'_k[D, b'_k] \quad a'_k, b'_k \in A$$
 (26)

Begin

$$a(a_{k}[D,b_{k}])b = aa_{k}(Db_{k} - b_{k}D)b = = aa_{k}(Db_{k}b - b_{k}Db) = aa_{k}(Db_{k}b - b_{k}Db - b_{k}bD + b_{k}bD) =$$
(27)

$$= aa_k(Db_kb - b_kDb) = aa_k(Db_kb - b_kDb - b_kbD + b_kbD) =$$
(28)

$$= aa_k(Db_kb - b_kbD + b_kbD - b_kDb) =$$
(29)

$$= aa_k[D, b_k b] + aa_k b[D, b] =$$
(30)

$$=\sum_{k}a_{k}^{\prime}[D,b_{k}^{\prime}]\tag{31}$$

Lemma 2. Let $(A,H,D) = (M_n(\mathbb{C},\mathbb{C}^n,D)$, with D a hermitian $n \times n$ matrix. If D is not a multiple of the identity then:

$$\Omega_D^1(A) \simeq M_n(\mathbb{C}) = A \tag{32}$$

Proof. Assume $D = \sum_i \lambda_i e_{ii}$ (diagonal), $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\{e_{ij}\}$ the basis of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$. For fixed i, j choose k such that $\lambda_k \neq \lambda_j$ then

$$\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_k - \lambda_j} e_{ik}\right) [D, e_{kj}] = e_{ij} \tag{33}$$

 $e_{ij} \in \Omega^1_D(A)$ by the above definition. And $\Omega^1_D(A) \subset L(\mathbb{C}^n) = H \simeq M_n(\mathbb{C}) = A$

Exercise 6

Consider $(A=\mathbb{C}^2, H=\mathbb{C}^2, D=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda \\ \bar{\lambda} & 0 \end{pmatrix})$ with $\lambda \neq 0$. Show that $\Omega^1_D(A) \simeq M_2(\mathbb{C})$

Because of the Hilbert Basis D can be extended in terms of the basis of $M_2(\mathbb{C})$, plugging this into Equation 33 will get us the same cyclic result, thus $\Omega^1_D(A) \simeq M_2(\mathbb{C})$

1.3 Morphisms Between Finite Spectral Triples

Definition 2. two finite spectral tripes (A_1, H_1, D_1) and (A_2, H_2, D_2) are called unitarily equivalent if

- $A_1 = A_2$
- $\exists U: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$, unitary with
 - 1. $U\pi_1(a)U^* = \pi_2(a)$ with $a \in A_1$
 - 2. $UD_1U^* = D_2$

Some remarks

- the above is an equivalence relation
- spectral unitary equivalence is given by the unitaries of the matrix algebra itself
- for any such U then $(A, H, D) \sim (A, H, UDU^*)$
- $UDU^* = D + U[D, U^*]$ of the form of elements in $\Omega_D^1(A)$.

Exercise 7

Show that the unitary equivalence between finite spectral triples is a equivalence relation

An equivalence relation needs to satisfy reflexivity, symmetry transitivity. Let (A_1, H_1, D_1) , (A_2, H_2, D_2) and (A_3, H_3, D_3) be three finite spectral triples.

For reflexivity $(A_1, H_1, D_1) \sim (A_1, H_1, D_1)$. So there exists a $U: H_1 \to H_1$ unitary, which is the identity and always exists.

For symmetry we need

$$(A_1, H_1, D_1) \sim (A_2, H_2, D_2) \Leftrightarrow (A_2, H_2, D_2) \sim (A_1, H_1, D_1)$$
 (34)

because U is unitary:

$$U\pi_1(a)U^* = \pi_2(a) \mid \cdot U^* \boxdot U \tag{35}$$

$$U^*U\pi_1(a)U^*U = \pi_1(a) = U^*\pi_2(a)U$$
(36)

(37)

The same with the symmetric operator D.

For transitivity we need

$$(A_1, H_1, D_1) \sim (A_2, H_2, D_2)$$
 and $(A_2, H_2, D_2) \sim (A_3, H_3, D_3)$ (38)

$$\Rightarrow (A_1, H_1, D_1) \sim (A_3, H_3, D_3) \tag{39}$$

There are two unitary maps $U_{12}: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ and $U_{23}: H_2 \rightarrow H_3$ then

$$U_{23}U_{12}\pi_1(a)U_{12}^*U_{23}^* = U_{23}\pi_2(a)U_23^*$$
(40)

$$=\pi_3(a) \tag{41}$$

$$U_{23}U_{12}D_1U_{12}^*U_{23}^* = U_{23}D_2U_23^* (42)$$

$$=D_3 \tag{43}$$

Extending the this relation we look again at the notion of equivalence from Morita equivalence of Matrix Algebras.

Definition 3. Let *A* be an algebra. We say that $I \subset A$, as a vector space, is a right(left) ideal if $ab \in I$ for $a \in A$ and $b \in I$ (or $ba \in I$, $b \in I$, $a \in A$). We call a left-right ideal simply an ideal.

Given a Hilbert bimodule $E \in KK_f(B,A)$ and (A,H,D) we construct a finite spectral triple on B, (B,H',D')

$$H' = E \otimes_A H \tag{44}$$

We might define D' with $D'(e \otimes \xi) = e \otimes D\xi$, thought this would not satisfy the ideal defining the balanced tensor product over A, which is generated by elements of the form

$$ea \otimes \xi - e \otimes a\xi; \quad e \in E, a \in A, \xi \in H$$
 (45)

This inherits the left action on B from E and has a \mathbb{C} valued inner product space. B also satisfies the ideal.

$$D'(e \otimes \xi) = e \otimes D\xi + \nabla(e)\xi \quad e \in E, a \in A$$
(46)

Where ∇ is called the *connection on the right A-module E* associated with the derivation $d = [D, \cdot]$ and satisfying the *Leibnitz Rule* which is

$$\nabla(ae) = \nabla(e)a + e \otimes [D, a] \quad e \in E, \ a \in A$$
(47)

Then D' is well defined on $E \otimes_A H$:

$$D'(ea \otimes \xi - e \otimes a\xi) = D'(ea \otimes \xi) - D'(e \otimes \xi) \tag{48}$$

$$= ea \otimes D\xi + \nabla(ae)\xi - e \otimes D(a\xi) - \nabla(e)a\xi \tag{49}$$

$$=0. (50)$$

With the information thus far we can prove the following theorem

Theorem 1. If (A, H, D) a finite spectral triple, $E \in KK_f(B, A)$. Then $(V, E \otimes_A H, D')$ is a finite spectral triple, provided that ∇ satisfies the compatibility condition

$$\langle e_1, \nabla e_2 \rangle_E - \langle \nabla e_1, e_2 \rangle_E = d \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_E \quad e_1, e_2 \in E$$
 (51)

Proof. $E \otimes_A H$ was shown in the previous section (text before the theorem). The only thing left is to show that D' is a symmetric operator, this we can just compute. Let $e_1, e_2 \in E$ and $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in H$ then

$$\langle e_1 \otimes \xi_1, D'(e_2 \otimes \xi_2) \rangle_{E \otimes_A H} = \langle \xi_1, \langle e_1, \nabla e_2 \rangle_E \xi_2 \rangle + \langle \xi_1, \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_E D \xi_2 \rangle_H \tag{52}$$

$$= \langle \xi_1, \langle \nabla e_1, e_2 \rangle_E \xi_2 \rangle_H + \langle \xi_1, d \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_E \xi_2 \rangle_H \tag{53}$$

$$+\langle D\xi_1, \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_E \xi_2 \rangle_H - \langle \xi_1, [D, \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle_E] \xi_2 \rangle_H \qquad (54)$$

$$= \langle D'(e_1 \otimes \xi_1), e_2 \otimes \xi_2 \rangle_{E \otimes_A H} \tag{55}$$

Exercise 8

Let ∇ and ∇' be two connections on a right A-module E. Show that $\nabla - \nabla'$ is a right A-linear map $E \to E \otimes_A \Omega^1_D(A)$

Both ∇ and ∇' need to satisfy the Leiblitz rule, so let's see if $\nabla - \nabla'$ does.

$$\nabla(ea) - \nabla'(ea) = \nabla(e) + e \otimes [D, a]$$
(56)

$$-\left(\nabla'(e)a + e \otimes [D', a]\right) \tag{57}$$

$$= \bar{\nabla}a + e \otimes (Da - aD - D'a + aD') \tag{58}$$

$$= \bar{\nabla}a + e \otimes ((D - D')a - a(D - D')) \tag{59}$$

$$= \bar{\nabla}a + e \otimes [D', a] \tag{60}$$

$$=\bar{\nabla}(ea)\tag{61}$$

Therefore $\nabla - \nabla'$ is a linear map.

Exercise 9

Construct a finite spectral triple (A, H', D') from (A, H, D)

- 1. show that the derivation $d(\cdot): A \to A \otimes_A \Omega^1_D(A) = \Omega^1_D(A)$ is a connection on A considered a right A-module
- **2.** Upon identifying $A \otimes_A H \simeq H$, what is D' when the connection is $d(\cdot)$.
- 3. Use 1) and 2) to show that any connection $\nabla: A \to A \otimes_A \Omega^1_D(A)$ is given

by

$$\nabla = d + \omega \tag{62}$$

where $\omega \in \Omega^1_D(A)$

- **4.** Upon identifying $A \otimes_A H \simeq H$, what is the difference operator D' with the connection on A given by $\nabla = d + \omega$
- 1. $\nabla(e \cdot a) = d(a)$
- 2. $D'(a\xi) = a(D\xi) + (\nabla a)\xi = D(a\xi)$
- 3. Use the identity element $e \in A$ $\nabla(e \cdot a) = \nabla(e)a + 1 \otimes d(a) = d(a)\nabla(e)a$
- 4. $D'(a \otimes \xi) = D'(a\xi) = a(D\xi) + (\nabla a)\xi = a(D\xi) + \nabla(e \cdot a)\xi$ = $D(a\xi) + \nabla(e)(a\xi)$

1.4 Graphing Finite Spectral Triples

Definition 4. A *graph* is a ordered pair $(\Gamma^{(0)}, \Gamma^{(1)})$. Where $\Gamma^{(0)}$ is the set of vertices (nodes) and $\Gamma^{(1)}$ a set of pairs of vertices (edges)



Figure 1: A simple graph with three vertices and three edges

Exercise 10

Show that any finite-dimensional faithful representation H of a matrix algebra A is completely reducible. To do that show that the complement W^{\perp} of an A-submodule $W \subset H$ is also an A-submodule of H.

 $A\simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^N M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$ is the matrix algebra then H is a Hilbert A-bimodule and W a submodule of A. Because we have $H=W\cup W^\perp$, then W^\perp is naturally a A-submodule, because elements in W^\perp need to satisfy the bimodularity.

Definition 5. A Λ -decorated graph is given by an ordered pair (Γ, Λ) of a finite graph Γ and a set of positive integers Λ with the labeling

- of the vetices $v \in \Gamma^{(0)}$ given by $n(v) \in \Lambda$
- of the edges $e = (v_1, v_2) \in \Gamma^{(1)}$ by operators
 - $D_e: \mathbb{C}^{n(v_1)} \to \mathbb{C}^{n(v_2)}$
 - and $D_{\rho}^*: \mathbb{C}^{n(v_2)} \to \mathbb{C}^{n(v_1)}$ its conjugate traspose (pullback?)

such that

$$n(\Gamma^{(0)}) = \Lambda \tag{63}$$

Question 3. Would then D_e be the pullback?

Question 4. These graphs are important in the next chapter I should look into it more, I don't understand much here, specific how to construct them with the abstraction of a spectral triple...

The operator D_e between \mathbf{n}_i and \mathbf{n}_j add up to D_{ij}

$$D_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{e = (v_1, v_2) \\ n(v_1) = \mathbf{n}_i \\ n(v_2) = \mathbf{n}_j}} D_e$$

$$(64)$$

Theorem 2. There is a on to one correspondence between finite spectral triples modulo unitary equivalence and Λ -decorated graphs, given by associating a finite spectral triples (A, H, D) to a Λ decorated graph (Γ, Λ) in the following way:

$$A = \bigoplus_{n \in \Lambda} M_n(\mathbb{C}); \quad H = \bigoplus_{v \in \Gamma^{(0)}} \mathbb{C}^{n(v)}; \quad D = \sum_{e \in \Gamma^{(1)}} D_e + D_e^*$$
 (65)



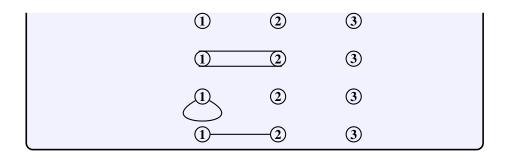
Figure 2: A Λ -decorated Graph of $(M_n(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}^n, D = D_e + D_e^*)$

Exercise 11

Draw a Λ decorated graph corresponding to the spectral triple $(A=\mathbb{C}^3, H=\mathbb{C}^3, D=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ \bar{\lambda} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix})$ 1 2 3

Exercise 12

Use Λ -decorated graphs to classify all finite spectral triples (modulo unitary equivalence) on the matrix algebra $A=\mathbb{C}\oplus M_2(\mathbb{C})$



1.4.1 Graph Construction of Finite Spectral Triples

Algebra: We know if a acts on a finite dimensional Hilbert space then this \mathbb{C}^* algebra is isomorphic to a matrix algebra so $A \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^N M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$. Where $i \in \hat{A}$ represents an equivalence class and runs from 1 to N, thus $\hat{A} \simeq \{1, \dots, N\}$. We label equivalence classes by \mathbf{n}_i , then $\hat{A} \simeq \{\mathbf{n}_1, \dots, \mathbf{n}_N\}$.

Hilbert Space: Since every Hilbert space that acts faithfully on a C* algebra is completely reducible, it is isomorphic to the composition of irreducible representations. $H \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{C}^{n_i} \otimes V_i$. Where all V_i 's are Vector spaces, their dimension is the multiplicity of the representation landed by \mathbf{n}_i to V_i itself by the multiplicity space.

Finite Dirac Operator: D_{ij} is connecting nodes \mathbf{n}_i and \mathbf{n}_j , with a symmetric map $D_{ij}: \mathbb{C}^{n_i} \otimes V_i \to \mathbb{C}^{n_j} \otimes V_j$

To draw a graph, draw nodes in position $\mathbf{n}_i \in \hat{A}$. Multiple nodes at the same position represent multiplicities in H. Draw lines between nodes to represent D_{ij} .



Figure 3: Example