

# Weak containment by restrictions of induced representations

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# Containment of Representations

Let  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  be representations of a locally compact group  $G$ .

Three notions for what it means for  $\pi$  to contain  $\sigma$ :

- ▶  $\sigma$  is unitarily equivalent to a subrepresentation of  $\pi$
- ▶  $\sigma$  is quasi-contained in  $\pi$
- ▶  $\sigma$  is weakly contained in  $\pi$

# Quasi-containment

$\pi, \sigma$  – representations of  $G$

$$\text{VN}_\pi := \pi(G)'' \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_\pi)$$

## Definition

$\sigma$  is *quasi-contained* in  $\pi$  if  $\sigma$  is unitarily equivalent to a subrepresentation of some amplification of  $\pi$ .

## Theorem

$\pi$  quasi-contains  $\sigma$  iff the identity map on  $G$  extends to a normal  $*$ -homomorphism  $\text{VN}_\pi \rightarrow \text{VN}_\sigma$ .

# Weak containment

$\pi, \sigma$  – representations of  $G$

$\pi_{\xi, \eta}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\pi_{\xi, \eta}(s) = \langle \pi(s)\xi, \eta \rangle$  for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_\pi$

$$C_\pi^* := \overline{\pi(L^1(G))}^{\|\cdot\|}$$

## Definition

$\sigma$  is *weakly contained* in  $\pi$  (write  $\sigma \prec \pi$ ) if for every  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}_\sigma$ ,  $\sigma_{\xi, \xi}$  is the limit of positive definite functions of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^N \pi_{\eta_i, \eta_i}$  in the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of  $G$ .

## Theorem

$\pi$  weakly contains  $\sigma$  if and only if the identity map on  $L^1(G)$  extends to  $*$ -homomorphism  $C_\pi^* \rightarrow C_\sigma^*$ .

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## Easy exercise

If  $G$  be a discrete group, then  $\pi$  is unitarily equivalent to a subrepresentation of  $(\text{Ind}_H^G \pi)|_H$ .

## Aside: Classes of Locally Compact Groups

$\tau : G \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^1(G))$  defined by  $\tau(s)f(t) = f(s^{-1}ts)\Delta(s)$

### Definition

A locally compact group  $G$  is a *SIN* group if the identity of  $G$  admits a neighbourhood base consisting of conjugation invariant compact sets  $K$ , i.e., sets  $K$  such that  $s^{-1}Ks = K$  for all  $s \in G$ .

### Example

- ▶ Abelian groups,
- ▶ Discrete groups,
- ▶ Compact groups

### Theorem (Mosak)

A locally compact group  $G$  is SIN if and only if  $L^1(G)$  has a *central BAI*, i.e., a BAI  $\{e_\alpha\} \subset L^1(G)$  such that  $\tau(s)e_\alpha = e_\alpha$  for all  $s \in G$ .

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A locally compact group  $G$  is *QSIN* if  $L^1(G)$  has a *quasi-central BAI*, i.e., a BAI  $\{e_\alpha\} \subset L^1(G)$  such that  $\|\tau(s)e_\alpha - e_\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $G$ .

### Theorem (Losert-Rindler)

Every amenable group is QSIN.



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### Theorem (Cowling-Rodway)

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### Example (Khalil)

The above result fails for  $G = \mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}^+$  be the  $ax + b$  group and  $H$  be the subgroup  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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## Example (Bekka)

The above result fails for  $G = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $H = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .

# Completely Positive Maps

## Definition

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras.

A linear map  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is *completely positive* if

$[a_{ij}] \in M_n(A)$  is positive  $\Rightarrow [\phi(a_{ij})] \in M_n(B)$  is positive.

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## Theorem(Kirchberg)

A  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is nuclear iff it has the CPAP.

# Nuclearity of Group $C^*$ -algebras

$$C_r^*(G) := C_\lambda^* = \overline{\lambda(L^1(G))}^{\|\cdot\|}$$

$C_r^*(G) := C_{\pi_u}^*$ , where  $\pi_u$  is universal representation of  $G$

## Theorem (Lance)

Let  $G$  be a discrete group. Then  $G$  is amenable if and only if  $C_r^*(G)$  is nuclear.

## Theorem (Connes)

Let  $G$  be a separable and connected. Then  $C^*(G)$  is nuclear.



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## Theorem (Kirchberg)

A  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  has the LLP if and only if  $A \otimes_{\min} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) = A \otimes_{\max} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  canonically.

# Local properties of C\*-algebras

## Theorem (Effros-Haagerup)

If  $A$  is a locally reflexive C\*-algebra, then the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow J \otimes_{\min} C \rightarrow A \otimes_{\min} C \rightarrow A/J \otimes_{\min} C \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for every closed two-sided ideal  $J$  of  $A$  and every C\*-algebra  $C$ .

## Theorem (Effros-Haagerup)

Let  $B$  be a C\*-algebra and  $J$  a closed two sided ideal of  $B$ . If  $A := B/J$  has the local lifting property, then the sequence

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Thank you!