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Introduction

I will talk today on my paper: Finitely Correlated Representations of Product Systems of C^* -Correspondences over \mathbb{N}^k , J. Funct. Anal. 260 (2011)

Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space. A row-operator is a bounded map from $\mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ to \mathcal{H} of the form $A = [A_1, \dots, A_n]$, where each $A_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$.

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The representation (S, T) is a *minimal* dilation when \mathcal{H} is cyclic for (S, T), i.e.

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Isometric Dilations Existence

Theorem (Solel (2006); Davidson, Power & Yang (2010))

If A and B are θ -commuting row-contractions on $\mathcal H$ then they have an isometric dilation S and T on $\mathcal K\supseteq \mathcal H$.

Further, if A and B are row-coisometries i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} A_i A_i^* = I = \sum_{j=1}^{n} B_j B_j^*,$$

then if (S, T) is chosen to be minimal then S and T will be row-unitaries and will be unique (up to a unitary equivalence fixing \mathcal{H}).

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Moreover, if $S = Alg\{I, S_1, \dots, S_m, T_1, \dots, \overline{T_n}\}^{WOT}$ then $P_{\mathcal{V}}$ is in S and $P_{\mathcal{V}}SP_{\mathcal{V}}$ is a C^* -algebra.

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This allows us to consider a single finitely correlated row-isometry, in place of two. Finitely correlated row-isometries were previously studied by Davidson, Kribs and Shpigel (2001).

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If E is complete with respect to the inner-product norm, then it is a C^* -correspondence.



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- ▶ If α is an automorphism on \mathcal{A} we can form a C^* -correspondence ${}_{\alpha}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$ with the following left and right actions $(a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in {}_{\alpha}\mathcal{A})$

$$a \cdot b = \alpha(a)b$$
 and $b \cdot a = ba$

and inner-product: $\langle b, c \rangle = b^*c$.

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Product Systems of C^* -correspondences

Let E_1, \ldots, E_k be C^* -correspondences over a common C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . They form a product system over \mathbb{N}^k if there are (associative) isomorphisms

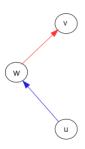
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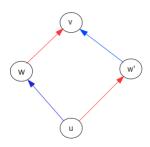


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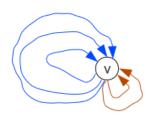
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