

# Aperiodicity for Hilbert bimodules and $C^*$ -inclusions

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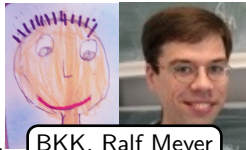
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# 1) Aperiodicity for Hilbert bimodules

Let  $\alpha : A \rightarrow A$  be an automorphism of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ .

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- $\alpha$  is **purely outer** if  $\alpha|_I$  is outer for every non-zero  $\alpha$ -invariant  $I \triangleleft A$
- $\alpha$  is **topologically free** if  $\{[\pi] \in \widehat{A} : [\pi \circ \alpha] = [\pi]\}$  has empty interior in  $\widehat{A}$  (O'Donovan 1975, Zeller-Meier 1968)

Thm. (Kishimoto 1982)

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Thm. (Pedersen-Olesen 1982) Assume  $A$  is **separable**

Then  $\alpha$  is aperiodic  $\iff \alpha$  is topologically free and TFAE:

- $\alpha^n$  is aperiodic for all  $n > 0$
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Ex.  $\alpha : A \xrightarrow{\sim} A$  an automorphism  $\implies M_\alpha := A$  is a Hilbert  $A$ -bimodule with

$$x \cdot a := xa, \quad a \cdot x := \alpha(a)x, \quad \langle x, y \rangle_A := x^*y \quad {}_A \langle x, y \rangle := \alpha^{-1}(xy^*)$$

Def. (Muhly-Solel 2000, K-Meyer) Let  $M$  be a normed  $A$ -bimodule

$M$  is **aperiodic** if  $\forall x \in M \forall 0 \neq D \subseteq A$  hereditary  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists a \in D_1^+ \|a \cdot x \cdot a\| < \varepsilon$

## Def.

$M$  is a **Hilbert  $A$ -bimodule** if  $M$  is a right Hilbert  $A$ -module and a left Hilbert  $A$ -module such that  ${}_A\langle x, y \rangle z = x\langle y, z \rangle_A$ ,  $x, y, z \in M$ .

**Rem.** If  $\overline{\langle M, M \rangle}_A = {}_A\overline{\langle M, M \rangle} = A$ ,  $M$  is a Morita-Rieffel equivalence bimodule. In general,  $M$  induces a **partial homeomorphism**  $\widehat{M}$  of  $\widehat{A}$ :

$$\widehat{A} \supseteq \widehat{\langle M, M \rangle}_A \xrightarrow{\widehat{M}} {}_A\widehat{\langle M, M \rangle} \subseteq \widehat{A}$$

where  $\widehat{M}([\pi])$  acts on  $M \otimes_{\pi} H_{\pi}$  by left multiplication on  $M$ .

**Def.**  $I \triangleleft A$  is  **$M$ -invariant** if  $MI = IM$ . Then  $M|_I := MI$  is a Hilbert  $I$ -bimodule

**Ex.** If  $M_{\alpha} := A$  is associated to  $\alpha : A \xrightarrow{\sim} A$ , then  $\widehat{M}_{\alpha}([\pi]) = [\pi \circ \alpha]$ ,

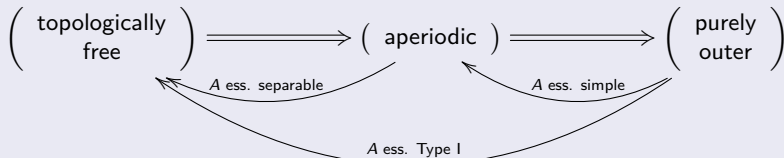
$M_{\alpha}I = IM_{\alpha} \iff \alpha(I) = I$ , and then  $M_{\alpha}|_I = M_{\alpha|_I}$

$\alpha(\cdot) = u(\cdot)u^*$  for a unitary  $u \in \mathcal{M}(A) \iff M_{\alpha} \cong A$

## Def. Let $M$ be a **Hilbert $A$ -bimodule**

- $M$  is **purely outer** if  $M|_I \not\cong I$  for every non-zero  $M$ -invariant  $I \triangleleft A$
- $M$  is **topologically free**:  $\{[\pi] : \widehat{M}([\pi]) = [\pi]\}$  has empty interior in  $\widehat{A}$
- $M$  is **aperiodic**:  $\forall x \in M \forall 0 \neq D \subseteq A$  hereditary  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists a \in D_1^+ \|a \cdot x \cdot a\| < \varepsilon$

Thm. (K-Meyer 2018, 2022) For any Hilbert  $A$ -module we have



Thm. (K-Meyer 2018) Assume  $A$  is **ess. separable** or **ess. Type I**. TFAE:

- 1  $M^{\otimes n}$  is aperiodic for all  $n > 0$
- 2  $M^{\otimes n}$  is topologically free for all  $n > 0$
- 3  $A$  **detects ideals** in  $A \rtimes_M \mathbb{Z} = \overline{\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} M^{\otimes n}} = \mathcal{O}_M$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_g\}_{g \in G}$  be a **Fell bundle over a discrete group**  $G$  and let  $A = B_1$ .  $C_r^*(\mathcal{B}) = \bigoplus_{g \in G} B_g$  is  $G$ -graded and there is a faithful  $E : C_r^*(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow A \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{B})$

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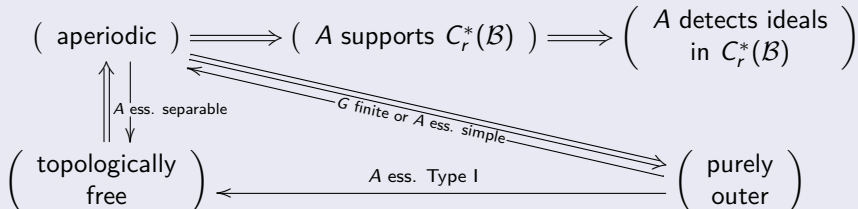
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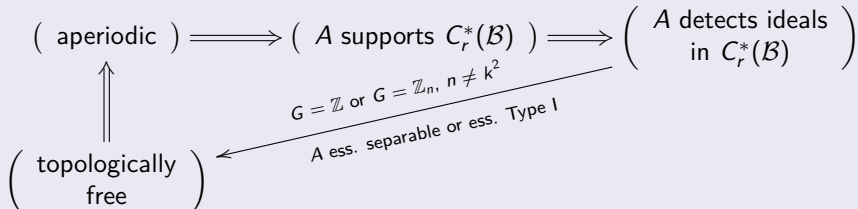
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## 2) Aperiodic $C^*$ -inclusions $A \subseteq B$

Def. (K-Meyer 2021)

$A \subseteq B$  is **aperiodic** if the Banach  $A$ -bimodule  $B/A$  is aperiodic.

**Rem.** If  $E : B \rightarrow A$  a conditional expectation, then  $B/A \cong \ker E$  and thus  $A \subseteq B$  aperiodic  $\iff \forall b \in \ker E \forall 0 \neq D \subseteq A$  hereditary  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists a \in D_1^+ \|a \cdot b \cdot a\| < \varepsilon$

**Ex.**  $A \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{B}) = \overline{\bigoplus_{g \in G} B_g}$  aperiodic  $\iff \mathcal{B} = \{B_g\}_{g \in G}$  aperiodic

Def. (Pitts 2012) Let  $I(A)$  be the **injective envelope** of  $A$

**Pseudo-expectation** for  $A \subseteq B$  is a ccp map  $E : B \rightarrow I(A)$  with  $E|_A = id$

Thm. (K-Meyer 2022)

If  $A \subseteq B$  is aperiodic it admits a **unique pseudo-expectation**  $E$  and then

$E : B \rightarrow I(A)$  is faithful  $\iff A$  supports all  $C$  with  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$

$\iff A$  detects ideals in all  $C$  with  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$

**Thm.** (K-Meyer 2022) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_g\}_{g \in G}$  be a Fell bundle and  $A := B_1$

Assume  $A$  is ess. separable or ess. Type I. TFAE:

- (1)  $A \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{B})$  aperiodic (equivalently  $\mathcal{B}$  is aperiodic or topologically free)
- (2)  $A$  supports all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $A \subseteq C \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{B})$
- (3)  $A$  detects ideals in all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $A \subseteq C \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{B})$
- (4)  $A$  detects ideals in  $C := C_r^*(\{B_h\}_{h \in H})$  for all cyclic subgroups  $H \subseteq G$

The above theorem extends to **Fell bundles over inverse semigroups** and in particular can be applied to **Fell bundles over étale groupoids!!!**

**Ex.**  $(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$  twisted étale groupoid with locally compact Hausdorff unit space  $X$ .

$C_0(X) \subseteq C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$  aperiodic  $\iff \mathcal{G}$  is **topologically free**, i.e. for every open bisection  $U \subseteq \mathcal{G} \setminus X$ , the set  $\{x \in X : \mathcal{G}(x) \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$  has empty interior in  $X$ .

**Rem.** There is always a pseudo-expectation induced by restriction  $f \mapsto f|_X$

$$E_{\text{ess}} : C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)/\mathcal{M}(X) = I(C_0(X))$$

It descends to a faithful map on  $C_{\text{ess}}^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma) := C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)/\mathcal{N}$  where  $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \ker E_{\text{ess}}$

**Def.** (K-Meyer 2021)

We call  $C_{\text{ess}}^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma) = C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)/\mathcal{N}$  the **essential groupoid algebra**.

**Cor.** TFAE:

- 1  $C_0(X) \subseteq C_{\text{ess}}^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$  aperiodic
- 2  $\mathcal{G}$  is topologically free
- 3  $C_0(X)$  supports all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $C_0(X) \subseteq \mathcal{C} \subseteq C_{\text{ess}}^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$
- 4  $C_0(X)$  detects ideals in all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $C_0(X) \subseteq \mathcal{C} \subseteq C_{\text{ess}}^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$

3) Cartan  $C^*$ -inclusions  $A \subseteq B$

**Def. (Kumjian 1986)** A  $C^*$ -inclusion  $A \subseteq B$  is **regular** if it is nondegenerate and the normalizers  $\{b \in B : bAb^* \subseteq A, b^*Ab \subseteq A\}$  generate  $B$ .

**Prop. (Exel 2011)**  $A \subseteq B$  is regular  $\iff A = B_1$  and  $B = \overline{\sum_{t \in S} B_t}$  is graded by a unital inverse semigroup  $S$ , i.e.  $B_t^* = B_{t^*}$ ,  $B_t \cdot B_s \subseteq B_{ts}$ , and  $B_t \subseteq B_s$  if  $t \leq s$

**Thm. (K-Meyer 2020+2022)**

Assume  $A \subseteq B$  is regular with a faithful cond. expectation  $E : B \rightarrow A$  and  $A = C_0(X)$  is **commutative**. TFAE:

- 1  $A$  is a MASA in  $B$ , i.e. a **Cartan subalgebra** in the sense of Renault
- 2  $A \subseteq B$  is aperiodic
- 3  $A \subseteq B$  has a unique expectation (in fact a unique pseudo-expectation)
- 4  $A$  supports all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$
- 5  $A$  detects ideals in all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$
- 6  $B \cong C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma)$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is étale, Hausdorff, top. free with the unit space  $X$

**Def. (Exel 2011)** A **virtual commutant** of  $A \subseteq B$  is an  $A$ -bimodule map  $I \rightarrow B$  defined on an ideal  $I \triangleleft A$ . It is **trivial** if it has range in  $A$ .

Thm. (K-Meyer 2020)

Assume  $A \subseteq B$  is regular with a faithful cond. expectation  $E : B \rightarrow A$  and that  $X := \text{Prim}(A)$  is Hausdorff. TFAE:

- 1  $A \subseteq B$  is a **noncommutative Cartan inclusion** in the sense of Exel, i.e. it has no non-trivial virtual commutants
- 2  $A' \cap \mathcal{M}(B) = Z\mathcal{M}(A)$
- 3  $A \subseteq B$  has a unique conditional expectation
- 4  $B \cong C_r^*(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  for a **purely outer Fell bundle**  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \mathcal{G}}$  **over a Hausdorff étale groupoid**  $\mathcal{G}$  with unit space  $X$  and  $A = C_r^*(X, \mathcal{B})$  (both  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are uniquely determined by  $A \subseteq B$ )

If  $A$  is ess. Type I or ess. simple, then the above are equivalent to

- 5  $A \subseteq B$  is aperiodic.

**Rem.**  $A \subseteq B$  noncommutative Cartan does not imply  $A$  detect ideals in  $B$



**Thm.** Let  $A \subseteq B$  be a regular  $C^*$ -inclusion with  $A$  **simple**. TFAE:

- 1  $A \subseteq B$  is a  **$C^*$ -irreducible** (Rørdam 2021), i.e. all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$  are simple
- 2  $A' \cap \mathcal{M}(B) = \mathbb{C} \cdot 1$ , i.e.  $A \subseteq B$  is **irreducible**, and  $B$  is simple
- 3 there is a **unique faithful conditional expectation**  $E : B \rightarrow A$
- 4  $A \subseteq B$  is a **noncommutative Cartan subalgebra** in the sense of Exel
- 5  $B \cong C_r^*(\mathcal{B})$  for an **outer Fell bundle**  $\mathcal{B} = (B_g)_{g \in G}$  over a discrete group  $G$  with the unit fiber  $B_1 = A$   
( $\mathcal{B}$  and  $G$  are uniquely determined by  $A \subseteq B$ )
- 6  $A \subseteq B$  is an **aperiodic inclusion** and the necessarily unique pseudo-expectation is faithful
- 7  $A \subseteq B$  **supports** all intermediate  $C^*$ -algebras



**Conjecture:** If the above holds, then

every intermediate  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $A \subseteq C \subseteq B$  is of the form  
 $C = C_r^*((B_h)_{h \in H})$  for a subgroup  $1 \subseteq H \subseteq G$