

C^* -algebras of 2-groupoids

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We show that representations of certain closed 2-subgroupoids are **induced to representations** of the 2-groupoid and use regular representation to build the vertical and horizontal **reduced C^* -algebras** of the 2-groupoid. We establish strong Morita equivalence between C^* -algebras of the 2-groupoid of composable pairs and those of the 1-arrows and unit space. We describe the reduced C^* -algebras of **r-discrete** principal 2-groupoids and find their ideals and masas.

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One motivating example is the [gauge action](#) on the [irrational rotation algebra](#) A_ϑ , which is the universal C^* -algebra generated by two unitaries U and V satisfying the commutation relation $UV = \lambda VU$ with $\lambda := \exp(2\pi i\vartheta)$. Since A_ϑ is the crossed product $C(\mathbb{T}) \rtimes_\lambda \mathbb{Z}$, for the canonical action of \mathbb{Z} on \mathbb{T} by $n \cdot z := \lambda^n \cdot z$, it could be viewed as the noncommutative analog of the non Hausdorff quotient space $\mathbb{T}/\lambda\mathbb{Z}$. This latter group acts on itself by translations, thus $\mathbb{T}/\lambda\mathbb{Z}$ is a symmetry group of A_ϑ .

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For a Hausdorff étale groupoid G and the interior $H \subseteq G$ of the set of loops (arrows with same source and target) in G , the quotient G/H is a locally Hausdorff, étale groupoid, and the pair (G, H) together with the embedding $H \rightarrow G$ and the conjugation action of G on H is a **crossed module** of topological groupoids. The corresponding C^* -algebra $C^*(G, H)$ is the **C^* -algebra of foliations** in the sense of Alan Connes (**Connes, 1982**). The C^* -algebra of general (non Hausdorff) groupoids are studied in details by Jean Renault (**Renault, 1980**).

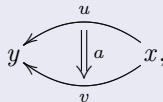
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Composition

The category structure on the space of arrows $x \rightarrow y$ gives a **vertical composition** of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & u & \\
 & \downarrow & \\
 y & \xleftarrow{b} v \xrightarrow{a} x & \mapsto & y & \xleftarrow{a \cdot_v b} x. \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & w & & w &
 \end{array}$$

Composition

The vertical product $a \cdot_v b$ is **defined** if $r(b) = d(a)$. The composition functor between the arrow categories gives a composition of 1-morphisms

$$z \xleftarrow{u} y \xleftarrow{v} x \quad \mapsto \quad z \xleftarrow{uv} x,$$

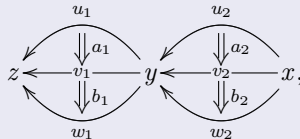
which is defined if $r(v) = d(u)$, and a **horizontal composition** of 2-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} u_1 \\ \curvearrowright \\ z \xleftarrow{\quad} y \xleftarrow{\quad} x \\ \curvearrowleft \\ v_1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} u_2 \\ \curvearrowright \\ y \xleftarrow{\quad} x \\ \curvearrowleft \\ v_2 \end{array} & \mapsto \quad \begin{array}{c} u_1 u_2 \\ \curvearrowright \\ z \xleftarrow{\quad} x \\ \curvearrowleft \\ v_1 v_2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

The horizontal product $a \cdot_h b$ is **defined** if $r^2(b) = d^2(a)$.

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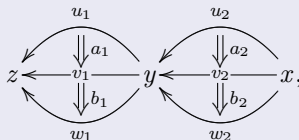
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We denote the inverse of a 1-morphism u by u^{-1} and vertical and horizontal inverses of a 2-morphism a by a^{-v} and a^{-h} .

Examples

Categories form a strict 2-category with small categories as objects, functors between categories as arrows, and natural transformations between functors as 2-morphisms. The composition of 1-morphisms is the composition of functors and the vertical composition of 2-morphisms is the composition of natural transformations. The horizontal composition of 2-morphisms yields a canonical natural transformation. Another example of a strict 2-category has **C^* -algebras** as objects, non-degenerate $*$ -homomorphisms as 1-morphisms, and unitary intertwiners between such $*$ -homomorphisms as 2-morphisms.

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2-group

All 2-groupoids are assumed to be **small** 2-categories, namely the classes of objects and morphisms are sets. A (strict) **2-group** is a strict 2-groupoid with a **single object**. Given a 2-groupoid \mathcal{G} , its objects \mathcal{G}^0 and 1-morphisms \mathcal{G}^1 form a groupoid, and so does the 1-morphisms and 2-morphisms \mathcal{G}^2 with vertical composition.

Notation

We usually write $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$ and denote the subset of **composable** elements in $\mathcal{G}^1 \times \mathcal{G}^1$ by $\mathcal{G}^{(1)}$ and the subsets of elements in $\mathcal{G}^2 \times \mathcal{G}^2$ which are vertically or horizontally **composable** by $\mathcal{G}^{(2v)}$ or $\mathcal{G}^{(2h)}$. We may use horizontal products with unit 2-morphisms to produce any 2-morphism from a 2-morphisms that starts at a unit 1-morphism:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & 1_y & \\
 y & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \Downarrow a \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} & y \\
 & r(a) &
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
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 & u &
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 \begin{array}{ccc}
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 y & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \Downarrow a \cdot_h 1_u \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} & x \\
 & r(a)u &
 \end{array}
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Crossed module

The 2-morphisms starting at the identity 1-morphisms at the object x form a **group** \mathcal{G}_x with respect to horizontal composition, and the range map is a homomorphism from the set of such 2-morphisms to the isotropy group bundle $H = \bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}_x$ of the groupoid $(\mathcal{G}^0, \mathcal{G}^1)$. This map is **onto** when \mathcal{G} is **2-transitive** (i.e. for each $u, v \in \mathcal{G}^1$ there is $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$ with $d(a) = u$ and $r(a) = v$). Furthermore, the groupoid \mathcal{G} **acts** on the group bundle H by horizontal conjugation:

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 & u & & 1_y & & u^{-1} & & & v \\
 x & \xleftarrow{\quad} & y & \xleftarrow{\quad} & y & \xleftarrow{\quad} & x & \mapsto & x \\
 & \Downarrow 1_g & & \Downarrow a & & \Downarrow 1_{u^{-1}} & & \Downarrow b \\
 & u & & r(a) & & u^{-1} & & & ur(a)u^{-1} \\
 & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & &
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where $b = 1_u \cdot_h a \cdot_h 1_{u^{-1}}$.

Crossed module

We may consider the map

$$r : \bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}_x \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}_x^x$$

and regard (H, \mathcal{G}^1, r) as a **crossed module** of groupoids. **Conversely**, for each crossed module (H, \mathcal{G}^1, r) where H is a bundle of groups, \mathcal{G}^1 is a groupoid and $r : H \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$ is a groupoid homomorphism, there is a unique 2-groupoid \mathcal{G} whose isotropic group bundle is isomorphic to H , whose set of 1-morphisms is isomorphic to \mathcal{G}^1 , and its range map realizes (after identification) as r .

Example

As a **concrete example**, consider the map $r_\theta : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}; n \mapsto e^{2\pi i n \theta}$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, then \mathbb{T} on \mathbb{Z} by conjugation and the corresponding crossed module is the symmetry of the **rotation algebra** A_θ . This gives a 2-groupoid with a single object, 1-morphisms \mathbb{T} and 2-morphisms $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{T}$.

algebraic 2-groupoid

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For each $x \in \mathcal{G}^0$ and $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ $\mathcal{G}_x^x = \{u \in \mathcal{G}^1 : d(u) = r(u) = x\}$, $\mathcal{G}_u^u = \{a \in \mathcal{G}^2 : d(a) = r(a) = u\}$, and $\mathcal{G}_{u,x}^{u,x} = \{a \in \mathcal{G}^2 : d(a) = r(a) = u, d^2(a) = r^2(a) = x\}$.

We also have the **isotropy groupoid** $\mathcal{G}(x) = (\mathcal{G}^2(x), \mathcal{G}^1(x))$ where $\mathcal{G}^2(x) = \{a \in \mathcal{G}^2 : d^2(a) = r^2(a) = x\}$ and $\mathcal{G}^1(x) = \{r(a) : a \in \mathcal{G}^2(x)\}$ with vertical multiplication.

Example

We give **three basic examples** of 2-groupoids.

(i) (**Transformation 2-group**) Let S be an **additive group** with identity 0 acting from **right** on a set U and put $\mathcal{G}^1 = U \times S$ and $\mathcal{G}^0 = U \times \{o\}$. Let T be a **multiplicative group** with identity 1 acting from **left** on S and acting trivially from **right** on U and put $\mathcal{G}^2 = T \times U \times S$ and identify $U \times S \{1\} \times U \times S$. Assume that the left action of T on S is distributive

$$t \cdot (s + s') = t \cdot s + t \cdot s',$$

for $s, s' \in S$ and $t \in T$. Define $r(u, s) = (u, 0)$ and $d(u, s) = (u \cdot s, 0)$ and partial multiplication by $(u, s) \cdot (u \cdot s, s') = (u, s + s')$ with $(u, s)^{-1} = (u \cdot s, -s)$. Also define $r(t, u, s) = (1, u, s)$ and $d(t, u, s) = (1, t \cdot s)$ and vertical multiplication by $(t, u, t' \cdot s') \cdot_v (t', u, s') = (tt', u, s')$ with $(t, u, s)^{-v} = (t^{-1}, u, t \cdot s)$ and horizontal multiplication by $(t, u, s) \cdot_h (t, u \cdot s, s') = (t, u, s + s')$ with $(t, u, s)^{-h} = (t, u \cdot s, -s)$.

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(ii) (**Principal 2-groupoid**) Let X be a set and put $\mathcal{G}^2 = X^{(5)}$, $\mathcal{G}^1 = X^{(3)}$, $\mathcal{G}^0 = X$. Define $r(x, y, z) = z$ and $d(y, z) = x$ and $(x, y, z) \cdot (z, u, v) = (x, y, v)$ with $(x, y, z)^{-1} = (z, y, x)$. Define $r(x, y, z, u, v) = (x, u, v)$ and $d(x, y, z, u, v) = (x, y, v)$ and vertical multiplication by $(x, y, z, u, v) \cdot_v (x, u, s, t, v) = (x, y, z, t, v)$ with $(x, y, z, u, v)^{-v} = (x, u, z, y, v)$ and horizontal multiplication by $(x, y, z, u, v) \cdot_h (v, w, s, t, r) = (x, y, s, u, r)$ with $(x, y, z, u, v)^{-h} = (v, u, z, y, x)$.

(iii) (**Groupoid bundle**) If $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$ satisfies $d(u) = r(u)$ for each $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ then $\mathcal{G} = \bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}(x)$ is a groupoid bundle.

Similarity

For 2-groupoids \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} , a vertical **morphism** $\varphi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ of 2-groupoids is a pair $\varphi = (\varphi^2, \varphi^1)$ such that $\varphi^2(a \cdot_v b) = \varphi^2(a) \cdot_v \varphi^2(b)$ and $\varphi^1(uv) = \varphi^1(u)\varphi^2(v)$, for $a, b \in \mathcal{G}^2$ and $u, v \in \mathcal{G}^1$, whenever both sides are defined. Two vertical morphisms φ, ψ from \mathcal{G} to \mathcal{H} are called **similar** if there are maps $\vartheta^2 : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^2$ and $\vartheta^1 : \mathcal{G}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^1$ such that

$$d(\vartheta^2(u)) = \vartheta^1(d(u)), \quad r(\vartheta^2(u)) = \vartheta^1(r(u))$$

and

$$\vartheta^2 \circ r(a) \cdot_v \varphi^2(a) = \psi^2(a) \cdot_v \vartheta^2 \circ d(a), \quad \vartheta^1 \circ r(u)\varphi^1(u) = \psi^1(u)\vartheta^1 \circ r(u)$$

for $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ and $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$. We write $\varphi \sim_v \psi$. We say that \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} are **v-similar** if there are vertical morphisms $\varphi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ and $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ such that $\varphi \circ \psi \sim_v id_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\psi \circ \varphi \sim_v id_{\mathcal{G}}$. The notions of horizontal morphisms and **h-similarity** are defined similarly and the latter is denoted by \sim_h .

Definition

Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$ be a 2-groupoid and $\mathcal{E} = (\mathcal{E}^1, \mathcal{E}^0)$ with $\mathcal{E}^0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^0$ and $\mathcal{E}^1 \subseteq \{u \in \mathcal{G}^1 : d(u), r(u) \in \mathcal{E}^0\}$, the 2-groupoid $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{E}} = (\mathcal{E}^2, \mathcal{E}^1, \mathcal{E}^0)$, where $\mathcal{E}^2 = \{a \in \mathcal{G}^2 : d(a), r(a) \in \mathcal{E}^1\}$, is called the **restriction** of \mathcal{G} to \mathcal{E} . We say that \mathcal{E} is **full** if \mathcal{E}^0 meets each equivalence class in \mathcal{G}^0 and \mathcal{E}^1 meets each equivalence class in \mathcal{G}^1 .

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Corollary

Every 2-groupoid is v-similar to a groupoid bundle. A 2-groupoid is **v-similar** to a groupoid if and only if its objects consists of only **one** equivalence class.

Identification

We **identify** \mathcal{G}^0 with a subset of \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^1 with a subset of \mathcal{G}^2 by identifying $x \in \mathcal{G}^0$ with 1_x and $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ with 1_u .

Definition

A **topological 2-groupoid** is a 2-groupoid $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$ and a topology on \mathcal{G}^2 such that

- (i) The maps $u \mapsto u^{-1}$ and $a \mapsto a^{-v}$, $a \mapsto a^{-h}$ are continuous on \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^2 .
- (ii) The maps $(u, v) \mapsto uv$ and $(a, b) \mapsto a \cdot_v b$, $(a, b) \mapsto a \cdot_h b$ are continuous on their domains.

Lemma

For any topological 2-groupoid $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$,

(i) The maps $u \mapsto u^{-1}$ and $a \mapsto a^{-v}$, $a \mapsto a^{-h}$ are **homeomorphisms** on \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^2 .

(ii) The source and range maps d, r are **continuous** on \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^2 .

(iii) If \mathcal{G}^1 is **Hausdorff**, $\mathcal{G}^0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^1$ is **closed**, and if \mathcal{G}^2 is **Hausdorff**, $\mathcal{G}^0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^1$, $\mathcal{G}^1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2$ and $\mathcal{G}^0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2$ are **closed**.

(iv) If \mathcal{G}^0 is **Hausdorff**, $\mathcal{G}^{(1)} \subseteq \mathcal{G}^1 \times \mathcal{G}^1$ is **closed**, and if \mathcal{G}^1 is **Hausdorff**, $\mathcal{G}^{(2v)} \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2 \times \mathcal{G}^2$ and $\mathcal{G}^{(2h)} \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2 \times \mathcal{G}^2$ are **closed**.

(v) For the range equivalence $a \sim_r b$ defined by $r(a) = r(b)$, the orbit space \mathcal{G}^2 / \sim_r is **homeomorphic** to \mathcal{G}^1 . Similarly \mathcal{G}^1 / \sim_r is **homeomorphic** to \mathcal{G}^0 .

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For the rest of this talk, \mathcal{G} is a locally compact 2-groupoid. We put

$$C_c(\mathcal{G}) = \{f : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ is continuous and } \text{supp}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2 \text{ is compact}\},$$

where $\text{supp}(f)$ is the complement of the union of open Hausdorff subsets of \mathcal{G}^2 on which f vanishes. By assumption \mathcal{G}^2 is a union of compact Hausdorff sets K and on the algebraic direct limit $C_c(\mathcal{G})$ is endowed with an **inductive limit** topology.

Definition

Let \mathcal{G} be a locally compact 2-groupoid. A **continuous left 2-Haar system** on \mathcal{G} consists of two families of positive Borel measures $\{\lambda_v^u\}$ and $\{\lambda_h^x\}$ on \mathcal{G}^2 , where u ranges over \mathcal{G}^1 and x ranges over \mathcal{G}^0 , such that

- (i) $\text{supp}(\lambda_v^u) = \mathcal{G}^u$ and $\text{supp}(\lambda_h^x) = \mathcal{G}^x$, for each $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ and $x \in \mathcal{G}^0$.
- (ii) For any $f \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$, the map $u \mapsto \int f d\lambda_v^u$ is **continuous** on \mathcal{G}^1 and the map $x \mapsto \int f d\lambda_h^x$ is **continuous** on \mathcal{G}^0 .
- (iii) For any $f \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$,

$$\int f(a \cdot_v b) d\lambda_v^{d(a)}(b) = \int f(b) d\lambda_v^{r(a)}(b)$$

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Proposition

If \mathcal{G} has a **continuous 2-Haar system**, we have the continuous **surjections**:

$$\lambda_v : C_c(\mathcal{G}^2) \rightarrow C_c(\mathcal{G}^1); f \mapsto \lambda_v(f), \lambda_v(f)(u) = \int f d\lambda_v^u,$$

and

$$\lambda_h : C_c(\mathcal{G}^2) \rightarrow C_c(\mathcal{G}^0); f \mapsto \lambda_h(f), \lambda_h(f)(x) = \int f d\lambda_h^x.$$

Moreover the maps $r : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$, $r : \mathcal{G}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$ and $r^2 : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$ are **open** and the associated equivalence relations on \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^0 are **open**.

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(i) (Transformation 2-group) Let S, T be locally compact groups with Haar measures λ_S and λ_T acting continuously on a locally compact Hausdorff space U as in Example 3.1(i) and $\mathcal{G}^2 = T \times U \times S$, then the vertical and horizontal left Haar systems on \mathcal{G} are given by

$$\lambda_v^{(1,u,s)} = \lambda_T \times \delta_u \times \lambda_1, \quad \lambda_h^{(1,u,0)} = \lambda_2 \times \delta_u \times \lambda_S \quad (u \in U, s \in S),$$

where λ_1, λ_2 are arbitrary Borel measures with full support on S, T , respectively.

Example

(ii) (**Principal 2-groupoid**) Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space and $\mathcal{G}^2 = X^{(5)}$. Consider the homeomorphism

$$d : \mathcal{G}^{(x,u,v)} \rightarrow X^{(2)}; (x, y, z, u, v) \mapsto (y, z),$$

let α be **any** Borel measure on $X^{(2)}$ with **full** support such that for each $f \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$, the map

$$(x, u, v) \mapsto \int f(x, y, z, u, v) d\alpha(y, z)$$

is continuous on $X^{(3)}$, then $\int f d\lambda_v^{(x,u,v)} = \int f(x, y, z, u, v) d\alpha(y, z)$ defines a vertical left Haar system. The horizontal case is treated similarly.

Example

(iii) (**Groupoid bundle**) Let $\mathcal{G} = \bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}(x)$ be a locally compact groupoid bundle. The 2-Haar system is essentially **unique** (if it **exists**), that is any two systems $\{\lambda_v^u, \lambda_h^x\}$ and $\{\sigma_v^u, \sigma_h^x\}$ are related via $\lambda_v^u = h(u)\sigma_v^u$ and $\lambda_h^x = k(x)\sigma_h^x$, where $h \in C(\mathcal{G}^1)_+$ and $k \in C(\mathcal{G}^0)_+$.

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Lemma

If \mathcal{G} is r -discrete, then

(i) for each $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ and $x \in \mathcal{G}^0$, \mathcal{G}^u and \mathcal{G}^x are **open** in \mathcal{G}^2 ,
(ii) if a **continuous 2-Haar system** exists, it is essentially the system of **counting measures**. In this case, $d, r : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$, $d, r : \mathcal{G}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$, and $d^2, r^2 : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$ are **local homeomorphisms**.

Definition

Let \mathcal{G} be a locally compact 2-groupoid. A subset s of \mathcal{G}^2 is called a \mathcal{G}^1 -set if the restrictions of d and r to s are **one-to-one**. This is equivalent to $s \cdot_v s^{-1}$ and $s^{-1} \cdot_v s$ being contained in \mathcal{G}^1 . A subset s of \mathcal{G}^2 is called a \mathcal{G}^0 -set if the restrictions of d^2 and r^2 to s are **one-to-one**, or equivalently $s \cdot_h s^{-1}$ and $s^{-1} \cdot_h s$ are contained in \mathcal{G}^0 .

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In the above definition the products are considered as products of sets. Note that both \mathcal{G}^1 -sets and \mathcal{G}^0 -sets form an **inverse semigroup**, and for each $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$ and \mathcal{G}^1 -set s , if $d(a) \in r(s)$ (resp. $r(a) \in d(s)$) then the set $a \cdot_{\vee} s$ (resp. $s \cdot_{\vee} a$) is a singleton, and so defines an element of \mathcal{G}^2 denoted again by $a \cdot_{\vee} s$ (resp. $s \cdot_{\vee} a$). Also there is a map $r(s) \rightarrow d(s); u \mapsto u \cdot s := d(u \cdot_{\vee} s)$, satisfying $u \cdot (s \cdot_{\vee} t) = (u \cdot s) \cdot_{\vee} t$, for \mathcal{G}^1 -sets s, t . Similarly, for $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$ and \mathcal{G}^0 -set s with $d^2(a) \in r^2(s)$ (resp. $r^2(a) \in d^2(s)$) the element $a \cdot_{\text{h}} s$ (resp. $s \cdot_{\vee} a$) of \mathcal{G}^2 is defined, and the map $r^2(s) \rightarrow d^2(s); x \mapsto x \cdot s := d^2(x \cdot_{\text{h}} s)$, satisfies $x \cdot (s \cdot_{\text{h}} t) = (x \cdot s) \cdot_{\text{h}} t$, for \mathcal{G}^0 -sets s, t .

Proposition

For a locally compact 2-groupoid \mathcal{G} , the following are [equivalent](#):

- (i) \mathcal{G} is **r-discrete** and has a **continuous left 2-Haar system**,
- (ii) The maps $r : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$ and $r^2 : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$ are **local homeomorphisms**,
- (iii) The product maps $\mathcal{G}^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$, $\mathcal{G}^{(2v)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1$ and $\mathcal{G}^{(2h)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0$ are **local homeomorphisms**,
- (iv) \mathcal{G}^2 has an **open basis** consisting of open G^1 -sets and one consisting of open \mathcal{G}^0 -sets.

Associated measures

Let \mathcal{G} be a locally compact 2-groupoid with continuous left 2-Haar system $\{\lambda_v^u\}$ and $\{\lambda_h^x\}$, let $\{\lambda_{vu}\}$ and $\{\lambda_{hx}\}$ be the images of this system under the inverse maps $a \mapsto a^{-v}$ and $a \mapsto a^{-h}$. Then the latter is a continuous **right 2-Haar system**. Borel measures μ^1 and μ^0 on \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^0 induce **measures**

$$\nu_v = \int \lambda_v^u d\mu^1(u), \quad \nu_h = \int \lambda_h^x d\mu^0(x)$$

with images

$$\nu_v^{-1} = \int \lambda_{vu} d\mu^1(u), \quad \nu_h^{-1} = \int \lambda_{hx} d\mu^0(x)$$

and induced **measures**

$$\nu_v^2 = \int \lambda_v^u \times \lambda_{vu} d\mu^1(u), \quad \nu_h^2 = \int \lambda_h^x \times \lambda_{hx} d\mu^0(x).$$

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from the **uniqueness** of the Radon-Nikodym derivative we have the following result which defines vertical and horizontal **modular functions**. We put $\nu_{v0} = D_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_v$ and $\nu_{h0} = D_h^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu_h$.

Proposition

For **quasi-invariant** measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 , there is a locally ν_v -integrable positive function D_v such that $\nu_v = D_v \nu_v^{-1}$ and

(i) $D_v(a \cdot_v b) = D_v(a)D_v(b)(\nu_v^2 - a.e)$, $D_v(a^{-v}) = D_v(a)^{-1}(\nu_v - a.e)$,

(ii) if $\mu'^1 = g^1 \mu^1$ where g^1 is positive and locally μ^1 -integrable then $D'_v = (g^1 \circ r)D_v(g^1 \circ d)^{-1}$ satisfies $\nu'_v = D'_v \nu_v'^{-1}$.

Similarly, for **quasi-invariant** measure μ^0 on \mathcal{G}^0 , there is a locally ν_h -integrable positive function D_h such that $\nu_h = D_h \nu_h^{-1}$ and relations similar to (i) and (ii) above hold.

Non singular units

For locally compact topological spaces X and Y and surjective map $p : X \rightarrow Y$, a measure class \mathcal{C} on X and (probability) measure $\mu \in \mathcal{C}$, $p_*\mathcal{C}$ is the measure class of $p_*\mu := \mu \circ p^{-1}$. A **pseudo-image** of $\mu \in \mathcal{C}$ is a measure in $p_*\mathcal{C}$. If (X, μ) and (Y, ν) are measure spaces and $s : X \rightarrow Y; x \mapsto x \cdot s$ is a **bi-measurable** bijection, then μ lifts to a measure $\mu \cdot s$ on Y defined by

$$\int f(y) d\mu \cdot s(y) = \int f(x \cdot s) d\mu(x) \quad (f \in C_c(Y))$$

and when $\mu \cdot s \ll \nu$ we denote the corresponding Radon-Nikodym derivative by $d\mu \cdot s / d\nu$ and say that s is **non singular** if it induces an **isomorphism** of the corresponding measure algebras.

Ergodic measures

For **quasi-invariant** measures μ^1 and μ^0 , subsets $A^1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^1$ and $A^0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}^0$ are called **almost invariant** if $r(a) \in A^1$ is equivalent to $d(a) \in A^1$ (ν_v -a.e.) and $r^2(a) \in A^0$ is equivalent to $d^2(a) \in A^0$ (ν_h -a.e.). The measures μ^1 and μ^0 are called **ergodic** if every almost invariant set is null or co-null.

For arbitrary Borel measures μ^1 and μ^0 , the pseudo-images $[\mu^1]$ and $[\mu^0]$ of ν_v and ν_h under d and d^2 are quasi-invariant and in the same measure class as μ^1 and μ^0 if and only if μ^1 and μ^0 are quasi-invariant. If α_v^u and α_h^x are pseudo-images of λ_v^u and λ_h^x then the measure class of α_v^u and α_h^x depend only on the orbits of u and x in \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^0 and α_v^u and α_h^x are **ergodic**, and every quasi-invariant pair carried by the orbits of u and x are equivalent to α_v^u and α_h^x .

Modular functions

Let μ^1 be a Borel measure on \mathcal{G}^1 with induced measure ν_v and s be a ν_v -measurable \mathcal{G}^1 -set. The measure ν_v is called **quasi-invariant under s** if the map $a \mapsto a \cdot_v s^{-v}$ is **non singular** from $(d^{-1}(d(s)), \nu_v)$ to $(d^{-1}(r(s)), \nu_v)$. Let $\delta_v(\cdot, s) = d(\nu_v \cdot s^{-v})/d\nu_v$ be the corresponding Radon-Nikodym derivative. The measure μ^1 is called **quasi-invariant under s** if the map $u \mapsto u \cdot s^{-v}$ is **non singular** from $d(s), \mu^1$ to $r(s), \mu^1$ and $\Delta_v(\cdot, s) = d(\mu^1 \cdot s^{-v})/d\mu^1$ is the corresponding Radon-Nikodym derivative. For a Borel measure μ^0 on \mathcal{G}^0 , The horizontal functions δ_h and Δ_h are defined similarly.

Lemma

Under the above [quasi-invariance](#) properties,

$$(i) \delta_v(s(a), s) = \delta_v(a, s) \quad (\nu_v\text{-a.e. } a \in d^{-1}(r(s)),$$

$$(ii) \delta_v(u, s) = D_v(u \cdot s) \Delta_v(u, s) \quad (\mu^1\text{-a.e. } u \in r(s)),$$

and the same for δ_h and Δ_h .

Invariant sets

A \mathcal{G}^1 -set s is said to be **Borel (continuous)** if the restrictions of d and r to s are Borel **isomorphisms (homeomorphisms)** onto a Borel (open) subset of G^1 . It is called **non singular** if there is a Borel (continuous) positive function $\delta_v(\cdot, s)$ on $r(s)$, bounded above and below on compact subsets of \mathcal{G}^1 , such that $\delta_v(d(a), s) = d(\lambda_v^u \cdot s^{-v})/d\lambda_v^u(a)$ for every $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$ and λ_v^u -a.e. $a \in d^{-1}(r(s))$. A non singular Borel \mathcal{G}^1 -set s is also non singular with respect to the induced measure ν_v of any Borel measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 and $\delta_v(d(a), s) = d(\nu_v \cdot s^{-v})/d\nu_v(a)$ for ν_v -a.e. $a \in d^{-1}(r(s))$. The set of non singular Borel G^1 -sets also form an **inverse semigroup** and

$$\delta_v(u, s \cdot_v t) = \delta_v(u, s)\delta_v(u \cdot s, t) \quad (u \in r(s \cdot_v t)),$$

$$ddv(u, s^{-v}) = \delta_v(u \cdot s^{-v}, s)^{-1} \quad (u \in d(s)).$$

Notation

Let \mathcal{G} be a locally compact 2-groupoid with a fixed continuous left 2-Haar system $\{\lambda_v^u\}$ and $\{\lambda_h^x\}$, for $f, g \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$ put

$$f *_v g(a) = \int f(a \cdot_v b) g(b^{-v}) d\lambda_v^{d(a)}(b), \quad f^{*_v}(a) = \bar{f}(a^{-v}),$$

and

$$f *_h g(a) = \int f(a \cdot_h b) g(b^{-h}) d\lambda_h^{d^2(a)}(b), \quad f^{*_h}(a) = \bar{f}(a^{-h}),$$

for each $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$.

Lemma

$C_c(\mathcal{G})$ is a [topological \$*\$ -algebra](#) with respect to both of the vertical and horizontal convolutions and involutions, denoted by $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$, respectively.

Representation

A **representation** of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ on a Hilbert space H is a $*$ -homomorphism $L : C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow B(H)$ which is continuous in the **inductive limit topology** on the domain and weak operator topology on the range. We have the same definition for representations of $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$. We only work with **non-degenerate** representations.

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Boundedness

For $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ put

$$\|f\|_{v,r} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{G}^1} \int |f| d\lambda_v^u, \quad \|f\|_{v,d} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{G}^1} \int |f| d\lambda_{vu}$$

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and $\|f\|_v = \max\{\|f\|_{v,r}, \|f\|_{v,d}\}$. This is a **norm** on $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ defining a topology **coarser** than the **inductive limit topology**. We say that a representation L is **v-bounded** if there is a constant $M > 0$ such that $\|L(f)\| \leq M\|f\|_v$, for each $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$. We put $\|f\|^v = \sup_L \|L(f)\|$, where the supremum is taken over all v-bounded non-degenerate representations. This is a C*-seminorm on $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\|f\|^v \leq \|f\|_v$, for each $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$. The norms $\|f\|_h$ and $\|f\|^h$ are defined similarly on $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$ using **h-bounded** representations.

Definition

A vertical representation of \mathcal{G} (abbreviated as **v-representation**) consists of a quasi-invariant Borel measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 , a \mathcal{G}^1 -Hilbert bundle \mathcal{H} over (\mathcal{G}^1, μ^1) , and a map $\pi : \mathcal{G}^2 \rightarrow Iso(\mathcal{H})$ such that

- (i) $\pi(a)$ is a map from $\mathcal{H}_{d(a)}$ to $\mathcal{H}_{d(a)}$ and $\pi(u) = id_{\mathcal{H}_u}$, for all $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$ and $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$,
- (ii) $\pi(a \cdot_v b) = \pi(a)\pi(b)$ for ν_v^2 -a.e. (a, b) ,
- (iii) $\pi(a^{-v}) = \pi(a)^{-1}$ for ν_v -a.e. a ,
- (iv) $a \mapsto \langle \pi(a)\xi \circ d(a), \eta \circ r(a) \rangle$ is measurable on \mathcal{G}^2 for all measurable sections ξ, η .

h-representations are defined similarly using Hilbert bundles over (\mathcal{G}^0, μ^0) .

Equivalence

Two v -representations $(\pi_1, \mathcal{H}_1, \mu_1^1)$ and $(\pi_2, \mathcal{H}_2, \mu_2^1)$ are **equivalent** if $\mu_1^1 \sim \mu_2^1$ and there is an isomorphism ϕ of Hilbert bundles from \mathcal{H}_1 onto \mathcal{H}_2 which intertwines π_1 and π_2 , that is

$$\pi_2(a)\phi \circ d(a) = \phi \circ r(a)\pi_1(a) \quad \text{for } \nu_v\text{-a.e. } a \in \mathcal{G}^2.$$

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Let $(\pi, \mathcal{H}, \mu^1)$ be a v -representation and $\Gamma_v(\mathcal{H})$ be the Hilbert space of **square integrable sections** with respect to μ^1 .

Lemma

Let $(\pi, \mathcal{H}, \mu^1)$ be a **v-representation** of \mathcal{G} , $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\xi, \eta \in \Gamma_v(\mathcal{H})$, then

$$\langle \tilde{\pi}(f)\xi, \eta \rangle = \int f(a) \langle \pi(a)\xi \circ d(a), \eta \circ r(a) \rangle d\nu_{v0}(a)$$

defines a **v-bounded representation** of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ on $\Gamma_v(\mathcal{H})$, and two **equivalent** v-representations of \mathcal{G} induce **equivalent** v-bounded representations of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ as above.

When $\dim(\mathcal{H}_u)$ is **constant**, namely there is a Hilbert space H with $\mathcal{H}_u \simeq H$, for all $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$,

$$\tilde{\pi}(f)\xi(u) = \int f(a) \pi(a)\xi \circ d(a) D_v^{\frac{1}{2}}(a) d\lambda_v^u(a),$$

μ^1 -a.e., for $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\xi \in L^2(\mathcal{G}^1, \mu^1, H)$. In general $\tilde{\pi}$ is a **direct sum** of representations on **constant fields** over **all** possible dimensions. Similar statements hold for **h-representations** $(\pi, \mathcal{H}, \mu^0)$ and Hilbert space $\Gamma_h(\mathcal{H})$ of square integrable sections with respect to μ^0 .

Regular representation

Consider the measurable field of Hilbert spaces $L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \lambda_v^u)$ with square integrable sections $L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v) = \int^\oplus L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \lambda_v^u) d\mu^1(u)$ where μ^1 is a quasi-invariant Borel measure on \mathcal{G}^1 . Then $\pi(a) : L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \lambda_v^{d(a)}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \lambda_v^{r(a)})$; $\pi(a)\xi(b) = \xi(a^{-v} \cdot_v b)$ is a v-representation of \mathcal{G} and

$$a \mapsto \langle \pi(a)\xi \circ d(a), \eta \circ r(a) \rangle = \int \xi(a^{-v} \cdot_v b) \bar{\eta}(b) d\lambda_v^{r(a)}(b)$$

is continuous for $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{C}_c(\mathcal{G})$ and measurable for $\xi, \eta \in L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v)$. This is called the left regular representation of \mathcal{G} with respect to μ^1 . Similarly we could define the left regular representation of \mathcal{G} with respect to a quasi-invariant measure μ^0 on \mathcal{G}^0 .

Lemma

The topological algebra $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ has a left approximate identity in the inductive limit topology. Same holds for $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$.

Modular function

The above lemma implies that v-left regular representations with respect to **all** quasi-invariant measures on \mathcal{G}^1 induce a **faithful** family of v-bounded representations of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$. Also, for each quasi-invariant measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 , $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ is a generalized **Hilbert algebra** under the inner product of $L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v^{-1})$ whose left regular representation is equivalent to the v-left regular representation with respect to μ^1 [7, 2.1.10] and by Tomita-Takesaki theory we have a **modular function** $J_v : L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v^{-1}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v^{-1})$; $J_v \xi(a) = D_v^{\frac{1}{2}}(a) \bar{\xi}(a^{-v})$ and the modular operator

$$\Delta_v : L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v) \cap L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v^{-1}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v) \cap L^2(\mathcal{G}^2, \nu_v^{-1});$$

$$\Delta_v \xi(a) = D_v(a) \xi(a).$$

The same observations hold for $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$.

Definition

The **full vertical** (resp. **horizontal**) C^* -algebra of \mathcal{G} is the completion of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) in $\|\cdot\|^v$ (resp. $\|\cdot\|^v$).

Lemma

Let $\{L, H\}$ be a **representation** of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$, there is a unique **representation** $\{L^1, H^1\}$ of $C_c(\mathcal{G}^1)$ such that

$$L(hf) = L^1(h)L(f), \quad L(fh) = L(f)L^1(h) \quad (h \in \mathbb{C}_c(\mathcal{G}^1), f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}))$$

where

$$hf(a) = h \circ r(a)f(a), \quad fh(a) = f(a)h \circ d(a) \quad (a \in \mathcal{G}^2).$$

Moreover for $f, g \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}), h \in \mathbb{C}_c(\mathcal{G}^1)$,

$$f *_v hg = fh *_v g, \quad hf *_v g = h(f *_v g), \quad (hf)^{*v} = f^{*v} h^*,$$

where $h^*(u) = \bar{h}(u)$, for $u \in \mathcal{G}^1$. There is a representation $\{L^0, H^0\}$ of $C_c(\mathcal{G}^0)$ with similar relations to the horizontal convolution.

Corollary

$C^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ and $C^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$ are **subalgebras** of the **multiplier algebras** $M(C_v^*(\mathcal{G}))$ and $M(C_v^*(\mathcal{G}))$, respectively.

Notation

Every representation of $C_c(\mathcal{G})$ **extends** to a representation of $B(\mathcal{G})$ of bounded Borel functions on \mathcal{G}^2 with vertical or horizontal convolution. For a non singular Borel \mathcal{G}^1 -set s and $f \in B(\mathcal{G})$ we define

$s \cdot_v f(a) = \delta_v^{\frac{1}{2}}(r(a), s)$ for $a \in r^{-1}(r(s))$, and zero otherwise, and $f \cdot_v s(a) = \delta_v^{\frac{1}{2}}(d(a), s^{-v})$ for $a \in d^{-1}(d(s))$, and zero otherwise, then

$$(s \cdot_v (t \cdot_v f)) = (st) \cdot_v f, (f \cdot_v s) * _v g = f * _v (s \cdot_v g), (s \cdot_v f) * _v g = s \cdot_v (f * _v g)$$

and $(f \cdot_v s)^* = s^{-v} \cdot_v f^*$, for non singular \mathcal{G}^1 -sets s, t and $f, g \in B(\mathcal{G})$.

Notation

We denote $B(\mathcal{G})$ with vertical convolution by $B_v(\mathcal{G})$. Same relations hold for $B_h(\mathcal{G})$, that is $B(\mathcal{G})$ with horizontal convolution. Also we could find a **unique representation** V^1 of the Borel ample semigroup of non singular \mathcal{G}^1 -sets such that

$$L(s \cdot_v f) = V^1(s)L(f), \quad L(f \cdot_v s) = L(f)V^1(s), \quad V^1(s)L^1(h)V^1(s)^* = L^1(h^s),$$

for non singular \mathcal{G}^1 -set s , $f \in B_v(\mathcal{G})$ and $h \in C_c(\mathcal{G}^1)$, where $h^s(u) = h(us)$ for $u \in r(s)$, and zero otherwise. same holds for representations L, L^0 and a representation V^0 of the Borel ample semigroup of non singular \mathcal{G}^0 -sets.

Theorem

If \mathcal{G} is a locally compact second countable 2-groupoid with left 2-Haar system $\{\lambda_v^u\}$ and $\{\lambda_h^x\}$ with sufficiently many non singular \mathcal{G}^1 -sets (resp. \mathcal{G}^0 -sets) then every v -bounded (resp. h -bounded) representation of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) on a separable Hilbert space is the [integration](#) of a v -representation (resp. an h -representation) of \mathcal{G} .

Corollary

When \mathcal{G} is second countable with sufficiently many non singular \mathcal{G}^1 -sets (resp. \mathcal{G}^0 -sets), every representation of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) on a separable Hilbert space is v-bounded (resp. h-bounded) and there is a [one-to-one correspondence](#) between \mathcal{G}^1 -Hilbert bundles (resp. \mathcal{G}^0 -Hilbert bundles) and separable Hermitian $\mathbb{C}_v^*(\mathcal{G})$ -modules (resp. $\mathbb{C}_v^*(\mathcal{G})$ -modules) preserving intertwining operators.

Quotients

Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}^2, \mathcal{G}^1, \mathcal{G}^0)$ be a locally compact 2-groupoid with left 2-Haar system $\{\lambda_v^u\}$ and $\{\lambda_h^x\}$ and $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{H}^2, \mathcal{H}^1, \mathcal{H}^0)$ be a closed 2-subgroupoid, that is a 2-subgroupoid such that $\mathcal{H}^i \subseteq \mathcal{G}^i$ is closed for $i = 0, 1, 2$, with left 2-Haar system $\{\sigma_v^u\}$ and $\{\sigma_h^x\}$ such that $\mathcal{G}^1 \subseteq \mathcal{H}^2$ and $\mathcal{G}^0 \subseteq \mathcal{H}^1$. For the equivalence relations $a \sim_v b$ iff $d(a) = r(b)$ and $a \cdot_v b \in \mathcal{H}^2$ and $a \sim_h b$ iff $d^2(a) = r^2(b)$ and $a \cdot_h b \in \mathcal{H}^2$, for $a, b \in \mathcal{G}^2$, the quotient space $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}$ is Hausdorff and locally compact and the quotient map: $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}$ is open. Also there are continuous open surjections from the quotient spaces to \mathcal{G}^1 and \mathcal{G}^0 induced by d and d^2 , respectively.

Lemma

There are [Bruhat](#) approximate vertical and horizontal [cross-sections](#) for \mathcal{G} over $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}$, that is non negative continuous functions b_v, b_h on \mathcal{G} whose supports have compact intersections respectively with $\mathcal{H}^2 \cdot_v K$ and $\mathcal{H}^2 \cdot_h K$ for each compact subset K of \mathcal{G}^2 such that

$$\int b_v(c^{-v} \cdot_v a) d\sigma_v^{r(a)}(c) = 1, \quad \int b_h(c^{-h} \cdot_h a) d\sigma_h^{r^2(a)}(c) = 1,$$

for each $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$.

Quotients

Consider equivalence relations on $\mathcal{G}^{(2v)}$ and $\mathcal{G}^{(2h)}$, $(a_1, b_1) \sim_v (a_2, b_2)$ iff $b_1 = b_2$ and $a_1 \cdot_v a_2^{-v} \in \mathcal{H}^2$ and $(a_1, b_1) \sim_h (a_2, b_2)$ iff $b_1 = b_2$ and $a_1 \cdot_h a_2^{-h} \in \mathcal{H}^2$, then the **quotient spaces** $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^{(2v)}$ and $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^{(2h)}$ are locally compact 2-groupoids with set of 1-morphisms $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^1$ and $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^0$ with left 2-Haar systems $\{\delta_{\dot{a}} \times \lambda_v^{d(\dot{a})}\}$ and $\{\delta_{\dot{a}} \times \lambda_h^{d^2(\dot{a})}\}$ with a ranging respectively over $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^{(2v)}$ and $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}^{(2h)}$.

Imprimitivity modules

For $\varphi \in C_c(\mathcal{H})$ and $f \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$,

$$\varphi \cdot_v f(a) = \int \varphi(c) f(c^{-v} \cdot_v a) d\sigma_v^{r(a)}(c),$$

$$f \cdot_v \varphi(a) = \int f(a \cdot_v c) \varphi(c^{-v}) d\sigma_v^{d(a)}(c),$$

and

$$\varphi \cdot_h f(a) = \int \varphi(c) f(c^{-h} \cdot_h a) d\sigma_h^{r^2(a)}(c),$$

$$f \cdot_h \varphi(a) = \int f(a \cdot_h c) \varphi(c^{-h}) d\sigma_h^{d^2(a)}(c),$$

for $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$.

Imprimitivity modules

Also for $\phi \in C_c(\mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$, $\psi \in C_c(\mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$ and $f \in C_c(\mathcal{G})$,

$$\phi \cdot_v f(a) = \int \phi(\dot{a}^{-v}, a \cdot_v b) f(b^{-v}) d\lambda_v^{d(a)}(b),$$

$$f \cdot_v \phi(a) = \int f(b) \phi(\dot{b}, b^{-v} \cdot_v a) d\lambda_v^{r(a)}(b),$$

and

$$\psi \cdot_v f(a) = \int \psi(\dot{a}^{-h}, a \cdot_h b) f(b^{-h}) d\lambda_h^{d^2(a)}(b),$$

$$f \cdot_h \psi(a) = \int f(b) \psi(\dot{b}, b^{-h} \cdot_h a) d\lambda_h^{r^2(a)}(b),$$

for $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$.

Imprimitivity modules

Then $X_v := C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ is a **bimodule** over $B_v := C_{c,v}(\mathcal{H})$ and $E_v := C_{c,v}(\mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$ with commuting actions on opposite sides and the action of $C_{c,v}(\mathcal{H})$ as **double centralizers** on $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ extends to an action on $C_v^*(\mathcal{G})$, giving a $*$ -homomorphism of $C_{c,v}(\mathcal{H})$ into the multiplier algebra $M(C_v^*(\mathcal{G}))$, and the same holds for $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$.

Imprimitivity modules

Consider X_v as a left E_v -module and right B_v -module with the following vector valued inner products

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{B_v}(c) = \int \bar{f}(a^{-v})g(a^{-v} \cdot_v c) d\lambda_v^{r(c)}(a) \text{ and}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{E_v}(a, a^{-v} \cdot_v b) = \int f(a^{-v} \cdot_v c) \bar{g}(b \cdot_v c) d\sigma_v^{r(a)}(c),$$

for $c \in \mathcal{H}^2$, $a, b \in \mathcal{G}^2$. Then

$$\langle f, gh \rangle_{B_v} = \langle f, g \rangle_{B_v} h, \quad \langle ef, g \rangle_{B_v} = \langle f, e^* g \rangle_{B_v},$$

and

$$\langle ef, g \rangle_{E_v} = e \langle f, g \rangle_{E_v}, \quad \langle f, gh \rangle_{E_v} = \langle fh^*, g \rangle_{E_v},$$

for $f, g \in X_v$, $h \in B_v$ and $e \in E_v$, and $f_1 \langle g, f_2 \rangle_{B_v} = \langle f_1, g \rangle_{E_v} f_2$, for $f_1, f_2, g \in X_v$. The same holds for the horizontal spaces and modules.

Lemma

The linear span of $\{\langle f, g \rangle_{E_v} : f, g \in X_v\}$ contains a left **approximate identity** for E_v in the **inductive limit** topology and is dense in E_v and $C_v^*(\mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{G}^{(2_v)})$. Similarly the linear span of $\{\langle f, g \rangle_{B_v} : f, g \in X_v\}$ is dense in B_v and $C_v^*(\mathcal{H})$. Same holds for E_h B_h .

Corollary

The C^* -algebras $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$ and $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ are strongly Morita equivalent. Similarly, $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^{(2h)})$ and $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$ are strongly Morita equivalent.

Conditional expectation

Now by Rieffel construction, each v -representation of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ induces a v -representation of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$ and then restricts to a v -representation of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G})$ which acts on $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^{(2v)})$ as double centralizers, in other words, the restriction map $P_v : C_{c,v}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_{c,v}(\mathcal{G}^1)$ is a generalized conditional expectation in the sense of (Rieffel, 1974). Similarly we have a generalized conditional expectation $P_h : C_{c,h}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_{c,h}(\mathcal{G}^0)$.

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More generally, if \mathcal{G} is second countable and \mathcal{H} is a closed 2-subgroupoid such that both \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} have sufficiently many non singular Borel sets, the restriction map from $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ to $C_{cv}(\mathcal{H})$ is a generalized conditional expectation, and the same for $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$.

Induced representation

For the representation of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ given by multiplication on $L^2(\mathcal{G}^1, \mu^1)$ the **induced** representation $Ind\mu^1$ acts on $L^2(\mathcal{G}^1, \nu_v^{-1})$ by convolution on the left, namely

$$\langle Ind\mu^1(f)\xi, \eta \rangle = \int \int \int f(a \cdot_v b) \xi(b^{-v}) \bar{\eta}(a) d\lambda_v^u(b) \lambda_{v,u}(a) d\mu^1(u),$$

for $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $\xi, \eta \in L^2(\mathcal{G}^1, \nu_v^{-1})$. When μ^1 is quasi-invariant, $Ind\mu^1$ is just the **left regular** representation on μ^1 . In this case, $ker(Ind\mu^1)$ consists of those $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ that $f = 0$ on $supp(\nu_v^{-1})$. Since \mathcal{G}^1 has a faithful family of quasi-invariant measures, $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ has a faithful family of v -bounded representations (consisting of induced representations of such quasi-invariant measures).

Reduced C^* -algebras

In particular, $\|f\|_{red}^v := \sup_{\mu^1} \|Ind\mu^1(f)\|$ is a C^* -norm, where μ^1 ranges over all quasi-invariant Borel measures on \mathcal{G}^1 , and $\|f\|_{red}^v \leq \|f\|^v$, for each $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$. Similarly $\|f\|_{red}^h := \sup_{\mu^0} \|Ind\mu^0(f)\| \leq \|f\|^h$ is a C^* -norm, where μ^0 ranges over all quasi-invariant Borel measures on \mathcal{G}^0 . The completions $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ and $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ and $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$ with respect to these C^* -norms are called the vertical and horizontal **reduced C^* -algebras** of \mathcal{G} , which are quotients of the vertical and horizontal full C^* -algebras $C_v^*(\mathcal{G})$ and $C_h^*(\mathcal{G})$ of \mathcal{G} .

Proposition

If a second countable locally compact groupoid \mathcal{G} has two 2-Haar systems $\{\lambda_v^u\}$, $\{\lambda_h^x\}$ and $\{\sigma_v^u\}$, $\{\sigma_h^x\}$ and it has sufficiently many non singular Borel \mathcal{G}^1 -sets (resp. \mathcal{G}^0 -sets) with respect to both systems, then the corresponding C^* -algebras $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}, \lambda)$ and $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}, \sigma)$ (resp. $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}, \lambda)$ and $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}, \sigma)$) are strongly [Morita equivalent](#).

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Lemma

Let \mathcal{G} be an r -discrete 2-groupoids with 2-Haar system and $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$. Let $L = Ind\mu^1$ (resp. $L = Ind\mu^0$) be the representation of $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) induced by the point mass $\mu^1 = \delta_{d(a)}$ (resp. $\mu^0 = \delta_{d^2(a)}$), then for every $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $f \in C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$),

$$f(a) = \langle L(f)\delta_u, \delta_a \rangle = L(f)\delta_u(a),$$

where $u = d(a)$ (resp. $u = x := d^2(a)$) and δ_u, δ_a are regarded as unit vectors in $L^2(\mathcal{G}, \lambda_{vu})$ (resp. in $L^2(\mathcal{G}, \lambda_{hx})$). In particular, $\max\{\|f\|_\infty, \|f\|_2\} \leq \|f\|_{red}^v$ (resp. the same for $\|f\|_{red}^h$) where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the norm in $L^2(\mathcal{G}, \lambda_{vu})$ (resp. in $L^2(\mathcal{G}, \lambda_{hx})$).

GNS-representation

Now the inclusion map $j_v : C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_0(\mathcal{G})$ extends to a norm decreasing linear map $j_v : C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_0(\mathcal{G})$. Let us observe that the latter map is still injective: consider the surjection $p : C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_c(\mathcal{G}^1)$, for a quasi-invariant probability measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 , the induced representation $Ind\mu^1$ is the **GNS-representation** of $\mu^1 \circ p$, namely $\int p(f)d\mu^1 = \langle Ind\mu^1(f)\xi_0, \xi_0 \rangle$ and $Ind\mu^1(f)\xi_0 = f*_v\xi_0 = j_v(f)\xi_0$ where $\xi_0 \in L^2(\mathcal{G}, \nu_v^{-1})$ is the characteristic function of \mathcal{G}^1 and j_v is now considered as the inclusion from $C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ into $L^2(\mathcal{G}, \nu_v^{-1})$, now the above lemma shows that $Ind\mu^1(g)\xi_0 = j_v(g)\xi_0$ remains valid for $g \in C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ and if $j_v(g) = 0$ then $Ind\mu^1(g) = 0$ as ξ_0 is a cyclic vector, and this, being true for all quasi-invariant probability measures μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 , implies that $g = 0$. Also $\|g\|_\infty \leq \|g\|_{red}^v$, where on the left hand side g is regarded as a continuous function on \mathcal{G} . The same observations hold for $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$.

Principal 2-groupoid

A 2-groupoid \mathcal{G} is called **essentially v-principal** (resp. **h-principal**), if for every invariant closed subset F of \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. \mathcal{G}^0) the set of $u \in F$ (resp. $x \in F$) whose isotropy group \mathcal{G}_u^u (resp. \mathcal{G}_x^x) is a singleton, is **dense** in F . It is called **essentially principal**, if for every invariant closed subset F of \mathcal{G}^0 the set of $x \in F$ whose isotropy groupoid $\mathcal{G}(x)$ is a singleton, is **dense** in F .

Lemma

Let \mathcal{G} be an r -discrete essentially v-principal (resp. h-principal) 2-groupoids with 2-Haar system and $a \in \mathcal{G}^2$. For any quasi-invariant measure μ^1 on \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. μ^0 on \mathcal{G}^0) with support F , any v-representation (resp. h-representation) π on μ^1 (resp. μ^0), and any $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $f \in C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) we have $\sup_F f \leq \|\tilde{\pi}(f)\|$.

Correspondence

Let \mathcal{G} be a locally compact groupoid with 2-Haar system. For an invariant open subset U of \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. G^0) let
 $I_{cv}(U) = \{f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G}) : f(u) = 0 \ (u \notin \mathcal{G}_U)\}$ (resp.
 $I_{ch}(U) = \{f \in C_{ch}(\mathcal{G}) : f(x) = 0 \ (x \notin \mathcal{G}_U)\}$) and $I_v(U)$ (resp. I_h) be
 its closure. Let F be the complement of U in \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. G^0) then it
 follows from [7, 2.4.5] that $I_v(U)$ (resp. I_h) is isomorphic to $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G}_U)$
 (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G}_U)$), and it is a **closed ideal** of $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp.
 $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$) whose **quotient** is isomorphic to $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G}_F)$ (resp.
 $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G}_F)$). If μ^1 (resp. μ^0) is a quasi-invariant measure on \mathcal{G}^1 (resp.
 on G^0) with support F , U is the complement of F , then
 $I_v(U) = \ker(\text{Ind}\mu^1)$ (resp. $I_h = \ker(\text{Ind}\mu^0)$). This provides a
one-to-one correspondence between invariant open subsets of \mathcal{G}^1 (resp.
 G^0) and a family of closed ideals of $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$). Both
 sets are a lattice with respect to inclusion.

GNS-representation

When \mathcal{G} is r -discrete and essentially v -principal (resp. h -principal), the above correspondence is an **order preserving** bijection, namely all closed ideals of $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$) are of the form $I_v(U)$ (resp. I_h) for some invariant open subset U of \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. G^0) and the correspondence $U \mapsto I_v(U)$ (resp. I_h) preserves inclusion. Indeed, in this case, the surjection p defined above is a conditional expectation and $Ind\mu^1$ (resp. $Ind\mu^0$) is the GNS-representation of $\mu^1 \circ p$ (resp. $\mu^0 \circ p$) and so $\|Ind\mu^1(f)\| \leq \|\tilde{\pi}(f)\|$ for $f \in C_{cv}(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $\|Ind\mu^0(f)\| \leq \|\tilde{\pi}(f)\|$ for $f \in C_{ch}(\mathcal{G})$) hence $\ker(\tilde{\pi})$ is equal to $I_v(U)$ (resp. I_h) where U is the complement of the support of μ^1 (resp. μ^0).

Lemma

Let \mathcal{G} be an r -discrete with 2-Haar system. An element g of $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$) **commutes** with each element of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ (resp. $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$) iff it vanishes **off** the isotropy group bundle $\bigsqcup_{u \in \mathcal{G}^1} \mathcal{G}_u^u$ (resp. $\bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}_x^x$).

Corollary

If \mathcal{G} is an r -discrete with 2-Haar system, $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ (resp. $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$) is a **masa** in $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$) iff \mathcal{G}^1 (resp. \mathcal{G}^0) is the **interior** of the isotropy group bundle $\bigsqcup_{u \in \mathcal{G}^1} \mathcal{G}_u^u$ (resp. $\bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{G}^0} \mathcal{G}_x^x$).

Ample semigroup

In the above corollary, if moreover \mathcal{G} is **essentially v-principal** (resp. h-principal), the restriction map $p : C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ (resp. $p : C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$) is a **faithful surjective** conditional expectation and there is a **one-to-one correspondence** between the ample semigroup of compact open \mathcal{G}^1 -sets (resp. \mathcal{G}^1 -sets) and the inverse semigroup of partial homeomorphisms of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ (resp. $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$) defined by conjugation with respect to the elements in the normalizer of $C_v^*(\mathcal{G}^1)$ (resp. $C_h^*(\mathcal{G}^0)$) in $C_{v,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$ (resp. $C_{h,red}^*(\mathcal{G})$) (c.f. [7, 2.4.8]).

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