

Def: The full or universal crossed product of a  $C^*$ -dynamical system  $(A, \Gamma, \alpha)$  denoted  $A \rtimes_{\alpha} \Gamma$  is the completion of  $C_c(A, \Gamma)$  w.r.t. The norm  $\|S\|_u := \sup \{ \|\pi \rtimes u(S)\| : (\pi, u) \text{ is a covariant-rep} \}$

To avoid technicalities we assume  $\Gamma$  is discrete.

Prop: For every covariant rep  $(\pi, u)$  of  $(A, \Gamma, \alpha)$  There exists a unique  $*$ -hom  $\tilde{\pi}: A \rtimes_{\alpha} \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  s.t.

$$\tilde{\pi} \left( \sum_{s \in \Gamma} \xi_s S \right) = \sum_{s \in \Gamma} \tilde{\pi}(\xi_s) u_s \quad \forall S \in C_c(\Gamma, A)$$

[P] First, one check that this is a  $*$ -hom when restricted to  $C_c(\Gamma, A)$ .  $\tilde{\pi}(S) = \pi(S)$   $\forall S \in C_c(\Gamma, A)$

Next note that  $\|\tilde{\pi}(S)\| = \|\pi \rtimes u(S)\| \leq \|S\|_u$  by def

Let  $S_r \rightarrow S \in A \rtimes_{\alpha} \Gamma$  where  $\xi_{S_r} \in C_c(A, \Gamma)$ . Note that this net is Cauchy

So given  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \gamma_0$  s.t.  $\|S_r - S_\beta\| < \epsilon$  w/f  $r, \beta \geq \gamma_0$

Hence,  $\|\tilde{\pi}(S_r) - \tilde{\pi}(S_\beta)\| = \|\tilde{\pi}(S_r - S_\beta)\| \leq \|S_r - S_\beta\| < \epsilon$  w/f  $r, \beta \geq \gamma_0$

So  $\{\tilde{\pi}(S_r)\}$  is Cauchy in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and has limit say  $\psi$ .

Defining  $\tilde{\pi}(S) = \psi$  makes  $\tilde{\pi}$  a  $*$ -hom.  $\square$

So this is like the universal prop for  $C^*(\Gamma)$  or  $A \otimes_{\max} B$

fun fact:

Lemma 2.73 (Will.ams)

If  $\tau: \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$  is trivial then  $A \rtimes_{\tau} \Gamma \cong A \otimes_{\max} C^*(\Gamma)$   
(The question remains, do covariant representations exist?)

The reduced crossed product:

First we begin with a faithful representation  $\rho: A \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Since  $\rho$  is faithful  $A \cong \rho(A)$  so we identify  $A$  with  $\rho(A)$  and (abusing the notation) view  $A \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Next, define a new rep  $\pi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes \ell^2(\Gamma)$  by

$$\pi(a)(v \otimes \delta_g) = \alpha_g(a)(v) \otimes \delta_g$$

Now the left regular rep spatially implements the action of  $\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \otimes \lambda_s) \pi(a) (1 \otimes \lambda_s^*) (v \otimes \delta_g) &= (1 \otimes \lambda_s) \pi(a) (v \otimes \delta_{s^{-1}g}) \\ &= (1 \otimes \lambda_s) (\alpha_{g^{-1}s}(a)(v) \otimes \delta_{s^{-1}g}) \\ &= \alpha_{g^{-1}}(\alpha_s(a)(v)) \otimes \delta_g \\ &= \pi(\alpha_s(a)) (v \otimes \delta_g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (1 \otimes \lambda_s) \pi(a) (1 \otimes \lambda_s)^* = \pi(\alpha_s(a))$$

Hence, we have an induced covariant representation  $\pi \rtimes (1 \otimes \lambda)$  called the regular rep

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prop:

The reduced crossed product does not depend on the choice of faithful rep  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ .

**Pf** For a finite set  $F \subseteq \Gamma$  let  $P \in \mathcal{B}(l^2(\Gamma))$  be the Proj onto the span  $\{\delta_g : g \in F\}$ . Let  $\{e_{r,s}\}$  be the matrix units of  $P\mathcal{B}(H)P \cong M_{|F|}(\mathbb{C})$ . Recall that  $H \otimes l^2(\Gamma) \cong \bigoplus_{r \in \Gamma} H$ . Thus, we may view  $\pi(a)$  as a diagonal matrix in  $\mathcal{B}(\bigoplus_{r \in \Gamma} H)$

$$\pi(a) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^{-1}(a) & & \\ & \alpha_2^{-1}(a) & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \alpha_r^{-1}(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

So in the tensor picture we have  $\pi(a) = \sum_{r \in \Gamma} \alpha_r^{-1}(a) \otimes e_{r,r}$

So our representation looks like

$$\begin{aligned} U: \Gamma &\rightarrow \mathcal{U}(H \otimes l^2(\Gamma)) & \pi: A &\rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H \otimes l^2(\Gamma)) \\ s &\mapsto 1 \otimes \lambda_s & a &\mapsto \sum_{r \in \Gamma} \alpha_r^{-1}(a) \otimes e_{r,r} \end{aligned}$$

$$(\pi \rtimes u)(s) = \sum_{s' \in \Gamma} \pi(s_s)(1 \otimes \lambda_{s'}) = \sum_{s' \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{r \in \Gamma} \alpha_r^{-1}(s_s) \otimes e_{r,r} \right) (1 \otimes \lambda_{s'})$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 \otimes P) \pi(a) (1 \otimes \lambda_s) (1 \otimes P) \\ &= (1 \otimes P) \pi(a) (1 \otimes P) (1 \otimes \lambda_s) (1 \otimes P) \\ &= (1 \otimes P) \pi(a) (1 \otimes P \lambda_s P) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_s: \delta_g \mapsto \delta_{sg} \quad 1 \otimes \lambda_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow s \\ \downarrow s \\ \downarrow s \\ \downarrow s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } (1 \otimes P) (1 \otimes \lambda_s) (1 \otimes P) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} = (1 \otimes P) (1 \otimes \lambda_s) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} = (1 \otimes P) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } (1 \otimes P \lambda_s P) = \sum_{r \in F \cap s^{-1}F} 1 \otimes e_{r,s^{-1}r} \quad **$$

$$\text{Thus, } (1 \otimes P) [(\pi \rtimes u)(s)] (1 \otimes P)$$

$$= \sum_{s' \in \Gamma} (1 \otimes P) \pi(s_s) (1 \otimes \lambda_{s'}) (1 \otimes P)$$

$$= \sum_{s' \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{g \in F} \alpha_g^{-1}(s_s) \otimes e_{g,g} \right) \left( \sum_{r \in F \cap s'^{-1}F} 1 \otimes e_{r,s'^{-1}r} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{s' \in \Gamma} \sum_{r \in F \cap s'^{-1}F} \alpha_r^{-1}(s_s) \otimes e_{r,s'^{-1}r} \in M_{|F|}(A)$$

$M_n(A)$  has a unique  $C^*$ -norm

So

$(1 \otimes P) [(\pi \rtimes u)(s)] (1 \otimes P)$  does not depend on the choice of embedding.

Taking limits over all finite  $F \subseteq \Gamma$  gives the result,