

Extending Derivations

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§ 1. Introduction

If τ is the action of a compact abelian group G on a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} , and δ is a derivation on \mathcal{A} commuting with τ , then there has been much interest recently in the problem of deciding when δ is a generator, under some conditions on the C^* -dynamical system (\mathcal{A}, G, τ) and on the restriction of the derivation to the fixed point algebra, see e. g. [1-6, 8-10, 12]. Here we consider the problem of deciding when a given derivation on the fixed point algebra extends to a derivation on \mathcal{A} which commutes with the group action. In particular, let \mathcal{D} be a $*$ -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} , (assumed unital), which contains a unitary $u(\gamma)$ in each spectral subspace $\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$, $\gamma \in \hat{G}$, and such that δ_0 is a densely defined derivation on $\mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{A}^\tau$. Suppose that there exists a family of traces on \mathcal{A} which separate its centre. Then we show that δ_0 extends to a derivation on \mathcal{D} if and only if both of the following conditions hold:

- (1.1) $u(\gamma)\delta_0(u(\gamma)^*(\cdot)u(\gamma))u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(\cdot)$ is a bounded inner derivation on \mathcal{A} for all γ in \hat{G} .
- (1.2) $\varphi[\delta_0(u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)] = 0$
for any trace φ on \mathcal{A} , $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \hat{G}$.

Our technique is to produce a cohomological obstruction to extending δ_0 and to show that this obstruction vanishes in the circumstances of the preceding paragraph. We note further that in

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fact the extension problem for δ_0 is equivalent to a problem on group extensions.

§ 2. Preliminaries

If G is a compact abelian group, an action τ of G on a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} will be a homomorphism τ from G into $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{A})$, the group of all $*$ -automorphisms of \mathcal{A} , which is strongly continuous in the sense that $g \rightarrow \tau(g)(x)$ is norm continuous for each x in \mathcal{A} . If $\gamma \in \Gamma$, the dual group of G , the spectral subspace corresponding to γ is

$$\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma) = \{x \in \mathcal{A} : \tau(g)(x) = \langle \gamma, g \rangle x, g \in G\}.$$

We write \mathcal{A}^τ for the fixed point algebra. Then

$$\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma_1)\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma_2) \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2), \quad \mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)^* = \mathcal{A}^\tau(-\gamma).$$

If \mathcal{A} is a C^* -algebra, always assumed unital, $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ will denote its centre and \mathcal{A}_h its hermitian elements. A derivation on \mathcal{A} will be a linear map δ defined on a dense $*$ -subalgebra \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{A} , containing the unit of \mathcal{A} , into \mathcal{A} satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(xy) &= \delta(x)y + x\delta(y) \\ \delta(x^*) &= \delta(x)^*, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}. \end{aligned}$$

If φ is a trace on \mathcal{A} , and u, v unitaries in \mathcal{D} , then [13]:

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi[\delta(uv)v^*u^*] = \varphi[\delta(u)u^*] + \varphi[\delta(v)v^*].$$

Moreover

$$(2.2) \quad \delta(u^*) = -u^*\delta(u)u^*.$$

§ 3. Extending Derivations

Let (\mathcal{A}, G, τ) be a C^* -dynamical system where τ is an action of a compact abelian group G on a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} , and δ_0 a derivation on \mathcal{A}^τ with domain \mathcal{D}_0 .

Suppose that there exist unitaries $u(\gamma)$ in $\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$ for each γ in Γ such that

$$(3.1) \quad u(0) = 1$$

$$(3.2) \quad u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \in \mathcal{D}_0, \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$$

$$(3.3) \quad u(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_0u(\gamma)^* \subseteq \mathcal{D}_0, \quad \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

Then

$$u(\gamma)u(-\gamma) \in \mathcal{D}_0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u(\gamma)^* \mathcal{D}_0 u(\gamma) &= u(-\gamma) [u(\gamma)u(-\gamma)]^* \mathcal{D}_0 [u(\gamma)u(-\gamma)] u(-\gamma)^* \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{D}_0 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$u(\gamma) \mathcal{D}_0 u(\gamma)^* = \mathcal{D}_0 = u(\gamma)^* \mathcal{D}_0 u(\gamma).$$

Moreover

$$u(\gamma)^* = [u(-\gamma)u(\gamma)]^* u(-\gamma).$$

Thus

$$(3.4) \quad \mathcal{D} = \text{lin} \{ \mathcal{D}_0 u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \hat{G} \}$$

is a G -invariant $*$ -subalgebra of \mathcal{A} , and $\mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{A}^\tau = \mathcal{D}_0$.

Consider the following condition on the family $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$:

Hypothesis 3.1. *For each γ in Γ , there exists a self adjoint $b(\gamma)$ in \mathcal{A}^τ such that*

$$(3.5) \quad u(\gamma) \delta_0(u(\gamma)^* x u(\gamma)) u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(x) = i[b(\gamma), x], \quad x \in \mathcal{D}_0$$

$$(3.6) \quad b(0) = 0.$$

The following shows that this condition is essentially independent of the choice of unitaries in the spectral subspaces. Let $\{v(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ be another family of unitaries in $\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$ with $c(\gamma) = u(\gamma)v(\gamma)^* \in \mathcal{D}_0$, $c(0) = 1$, so that v satisfies (3.1-3). Then $\mathcal{D} = \text{lin} \{ \mathcal{D}_0 v(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma \}$. (Equivalently, for each γ in Γ , let $v(\gamma)$ be a unitary in $\mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$, with $v(0) = 1$).

Lemma 3.2. *Let $u(\cdot)$ and $v(\cdot)$ be as above. Then Hypothesis 3.1 holds for $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ if and only if it holds for $\{v(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$.*

Proof. For $x \in \mathcal{D}_0$:

$$\begin{aligned} &u(\gamma) \delta_0 [u(\gamma)^* x u(\gamma)] u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(x) \\ &= c(\gamma) v(\gamma) \delta_0 [v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* v(\gamma) v(\gamma)^* x v(\gamma) v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma) v(\gamma)] v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* \\ &\quad - \delta_0(x) \\ &= c(\gamma) v(\gamma) \{ \delta_0 [v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* v(\gamma)] v(\gamma)^* x v(\gamma) v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma) v(\gamma) \\ &\quad + v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* v(\gamma) \delta_0 [v(\gamma)^* x v(\gamma)] v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma) v(\gamma) \\ &\quad + v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* v(\gamma) v(\gamma)^* x v(\gamma) \delta_0 [v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma) v(\gamma)] \} v(\gamma)^* c(\gamma)^* \\ &\quad - \delta_0(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$=v(\gamma)\delta_0[v(\gamma)*xv(\gamma)]v(\gamma)^*-\delta_0(x)+[d(\gamma), x]$$

if

$$\begin{aligned} d(\gamma) &=c(\gamma)v(\gamma)\delta_0[v(\gamma)*c(\gamma)*v(\gamma)]v(\gamma)^* \\ &=-v(\gamma)\delta_0[v(\gamma)*c(\gamma)v(\gamma)]v(\gamma)^*c(\gamma)^*\in\mathcal{A}^\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where $d(0)=0$.

Under the conditions of Hypothesis 3.1, define $\Phi=\Phi_u:\Gamma^2\rightarrow\mathcal{A}^\tau$ by

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) &=b(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)-b(\gamma_1)-u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &\quad +iu(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \end{aligned}$$

for $\gamma_1, \gamma_2\in\Gamma$.

Lemma 3.3. $\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is self adjoint and lies in the centre $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)$ of \mathcal{A}^τ , for all γ_1, γ_2 in Γ .

Proof. That $\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ is self adjoint follows easily from (2.2). Then for $x\in\mathcal{D}_0$, using (3.5):

$$\begin{aligned} i[\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2), x] &=u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*xu(\gamma_1+\gamma_2))u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*-\delta_0(x) \\ &\quad -u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1)*xu(\gamma_1))u(\gamma_1)^*+\delta_0(x) \\ &\quad -u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)*xu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &\quad +u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1)*xu(\gamma_1))u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &\quad -u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*x \\ &\quad +xu(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &=u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0\{[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad \cdot [u(\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)*xu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad \cdot [u(\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)]\}u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^* \\ &\quad -u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)*xu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &\quad -u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*x \\ &\quad +xu(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\ &=0. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.4. Φ is a u -twisted 2-cocycle, i. e.,

$$(3.8) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1+\gamma_2, \gamma_3)+\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)=\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2+\gamma_3)+u(\gamma_1)\Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)u(\gamma_1)^*$$

for all $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ in Γ .

Proof.

$$\Phi(\gamma_1+\gamma_2, \gamma_3)+\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)-\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2+\gamma_3)-u(\gamma_1)\Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)u(\gamma_1)^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3) - b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) - u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)b(\gamma_3)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) - b(\gamma_1) - u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3) + b(\gamma_1) + u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)]u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)u(\gamma_1)^* + u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad + u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)b(\gamma_3)u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&= u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)[b(\gamma_3), u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)]u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)]u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&= iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)]u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)] \\
&\quad \quad \cdot u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)]u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&= -iu(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad + iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0\{[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)] \\
&\quad \quad \cdot [u(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]\}u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^* \\
&= iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&\quad - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\delta_0\{[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)] \\
&\quad \quad \cdot [u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_3)]\}u(\gamma_3)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.5. *Suppose*

$$(3.9) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = z(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) - z(\gamma_1) - u(\gamma_1)z(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^*, \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$$

for some self adjoint family $\{z(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}^\varepsilon)$, with $z(0) = 0$. Let $b_0(\gamma) = b(\gamma) - z(\gamma)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Then

$$(3.10) \quad \delta(xu(\gamma)) = \delta_0(x)u(\gamma) - ix b_0(\gamma)u(\gamma), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, x \in \mathcal{D}_0$$

defines a derivation δ on \mathcal{D} which commutes with G , and extends δ_0 .

Proof. The map $b_0 : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\hbar^*$ satisfies

$$(3.11) \quad u(\gamma)\delta_0(u(\gamma)^*xu(\gamma))u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(x) = i[b_0(\gamma), x], \quad x \in \mathcal{D}_0$$

$$(3.12) \quad b_0(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) = b_0(\gamma_1) + u(\gamma_1)b_0(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^* \\ - iu(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*$$

$$(3.13) \quad b_0(0) = 0.$$

Define δ by (3.10). Now by (3.12):

$$(3.14) \quad 0 = b_0(\gamma) + u(\gamma)b_0(-\gamma)u(\gamma)^* - i\delta_0(u(\gamma)u(-\gamma))u(-\gamma)^*u(\gamma)^*.$$

Then for $x \in \mathcal{D}_0$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta[xu(\gamma)]^* &= \delta[(u(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*)u(-\gamma)] \\ &= \delta_0[u(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*]u(-\gamma) - iu(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*b_0(-\gamma)u(-\gamma) \\ &= \delta_0(u(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*)u(-\gamma) \\ &\quad - iu(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*[-u(\gamma)^*b_0(\gamma)u(\gamma) \\ &\quad + iu(\gamma)^*\delta_0(u(\gamma)u(-\gamma))u(-\gamma)^*]u(-\gamma) \\ &= u(\gamma)^*\delta_0(x^*u(-\gamma)^*u(\gamma)^*)u(\gamma)u(-\gamma) \\ &\quad + iu(\gamma)^*b_0(\gamma)x^* - iu(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*u(\gamma)^*b_0(\gamma)u(\gamma)u(-\gamma) \\ &\quad + iu(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*u(\gamma)^*b_0(\gamma)u(\gamma)u(-\gamma) \\ &\quad + u(\gamma)^*x^*u(-\gamma)^*u(\gamma)^*\delta_0(u(\gamma)u(-\gamma)) \\ &= u(\gamma)^*\delta_0(x^*) + iu(\gamma)^*b_0(\gamma)x^* \\ &= [\delta(xu(\gamma))]^*. \end{aligned}$$

Hence δ is a $*$ -map. To show that δ is a derivation, consider $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{D}_0$, $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x_1u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)) - \delta(x_1u(\gamma_1))x_2u(\gamma_2) - x_1u(\gamma_1)\delta(x_2u(\gamma_2)) \\ &= \delta(x_1u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)) - \delta(x_1u(\gamma_1))x_2u(\gamma_2) \\ &\quad - x_1u(\gamma_1)\delta(x_2u(\gamma_2)) \\ &= \delta_0[x_1u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad - ix_1u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*b_0(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad - \delta_0(x_1)u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2) + ix_1b_0(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2) \\ &\quad - x_1u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(x_2)u(\gamma_2) + ix_1u(\gamma_1)x_2b_0(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_2) \\ &= x_1\{\delta_0[u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad - iu(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*b_0(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad - iu(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)b_0(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad - u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \\ &\quad + ib_0(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2) - u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(x_2)u(\gamma_2) \\ &\quad + iu(\gamma_1)x_2b_0(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_2)\} \\ &= x_1\{\delta_0[u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & +i[b_0(\gamma_1), u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & +iu(\gamma_1)x_2[b_0(\gamma_2), u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)]u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(x_2)u(\gamma_2)\} \\
 = & x_1\{\delta_0[u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & +u(\gamma_1)\delta_0[x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)]u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -\delta_0[u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*]u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & +u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -u(\gamma_1)x_2\delta_0[u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)]u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -u(\gamma_1)x_2u(\gamma_2)\delta_0[u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2)]u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) \\
 & -u(\gamma_1)\delta_0(x_2)u(\gamma_2)\} \\
 = & 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The following lemma shows that at least all symmetric Φ which we have considered can be decomposed.

Lemma 3.6. *Let D be a divisible abelian group and $\Phi : \Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow D$ a symmetric 2-cocycle, i. e.,*

$$(3.15) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1+\gamma_2, \gamma_3) + \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2+\gamma_3) + \Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3), \quad \gamma_i \in \Gamma.$$

$$(3.16) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1, 0) = 0 = \Phi(0, \gamma_1), \quad \gamma_1 \in \Gamma.$$

$$(3.17) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = \Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_1), \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma.$$

Then there exists $z : \Gamma \rightarrow D$ such that

$$(3.18) \quad \Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = z(\gamma_1+\gamma_2) - z(\gamma_1) - z(\gamma_2), \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma.$$

$$(3.19) \quad z(0) = 0.$$

Proof. Define a new group $\tilde{\Gamma} = \{(\gamma, b) : \gamma \in \Gamma, b \in D\}$ with addition

$$(\gamma_1, b_1) + (\gamma_2, b_2) = (\gamma_1+\gamma_2, b_1+b_2+\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)).$$

and inverse: $-(\gamma_1, b_1) = (-\gamma_1, -b_1 - \Phi(\gamma_1, -\gamma_1))$. Then $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is abelian because Φ is symmetric.

Now [7] if K is a subgroup of a (discrete) abelian group H , then any homomorphism of K into a divisible abelian group D , extends to H . Taking $H = \tilde{\Gamma}$, $K = D$, this means that there exists a homomorphism $\eta : \tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow D$ extending the identity map from D into D . Taking $z(\gamma) = -\eta(\gamma, 0)$, we have the result.

Remark 3.7. In order to measure the obstruction to Φ (defined by (3.7)) being a coboundary, it will be useful to look at

$$\varphi \{ \delta_0 [u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_2)] u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1) \}$$

if φ is a trace on \mathcal{A} . It is useful to note that this expression does not depend on the choice of family $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$. Thus let $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ be a family of unitaries satisfying (3.1-3), such that Hypothesis 3.1 holds. Let $v(\gamma)$ be another family of unitaries in $\mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$. Then if $d(\gamma) = v(\gamma) * u(\gamma) \in \mathcal{D}_0$:

$$\begin{aligned} & u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_2) \\ &= d(\gamma_1) * [v(\gamma_1) * d(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1)] [v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad \cdot [v(\gamma_2) * d(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)] d(\gamma_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi [\delta_0 (u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_2)) u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1)] \\ &= \varphi [\delta_0 (d(\gamma_1) *) d(\gamma_1)] + \varphi [\delta_0 (v(\gamma_1) * d(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1)) v(\gamma_1) * d(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [\delta_0 (v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)) v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [\delta_0 (v(\gamma_2) * d(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)) v(\gamma_2) * d(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [\delta_0 (d(\gamma_2)) d(\gamma_2) *] \\ &= \varphi [\delta_0 (d(\gamma_1) *) d(\gamma_1)] + \varphi [v(\gamma_1) * \delta_0 (d(\gamma_2) *) v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_1) * d(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1)] \\ &\quad + \varphi \{ v(\gamma_1) * i [e(\gamma_1), d(\gamma_2) *] v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_1) * d(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1) \} \\ &\quad + \varphi [\delta_0 (v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)) v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [v(\gamma_2) * \delta_0 (d(\gamma_1)) v(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_2) * d(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [v(\gamma_2) * i [e(\gamma_2), d(\gamma_1)] v(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_2) * d(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2)] \\ &\quad + \varphi [\delta_0 (d(\gamma_2)) d(\gamma_2) *] \\ &= \varphi [\delta_0 (v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) v(\gamma_2)) v(\gamma_2) * v(\gamma_1) * v(\gamma_2) v(\gamma_1)] \end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$\delta_0 (v(\gamma) * x v(\gamma)) - v(\gamma) * \delta_0 (x) v(\gamma) = v(\gamma) * i [e(\gamma), x] v(\gamma)$$

for $x \in \mathcal{D}_0$ and some family $e(\gamma)$ in \mathcal{A}_h^τ .

Theorem 3.8. *Let τ be an action of a compact abelian group on a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} , δ_0 be a derivation on \mathcal{A}^τ with domain \mathcal{D}_0 , and suppose that there exists a family $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ of unitaries in $\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$ satisfying (3.1-3). Suppose that*

(3.20) *there exists a family of traces on \mathcal{A} , which separates $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)$.*

Then δ_0 extends to a derivation on

$$\mathcal{D} = \text{lin} \{ \mathcal{D}_0 u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma \}$$

which commutes with G , if and only if both the following hold:

(3.21) There exists a family $\{b(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ of self adjoint elements of \mathcal{A}^τ such that

$$u(\gamma)\delta_0(u(\gamma)^*xu(\gamma))u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(x) = i[b(\gamma), x]$$

for all x in \mathcal{D}_0 , $\gamma \in \Gamma$.

(3.22) $\varphi[\delta_0(u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*u(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)] = 0$

for any trace φ on \mathcal{A} , $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$.

If δ_0 is closable, then so is δ .

Proof. We claim that $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ (cf. [2]). Let u be any unitary in $\mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$ for some γ in Γ . Then $uzu^* \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)$ for any $z \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)$. If φ is a trace on \mathcal{A} , then $\varphi(z) = \varphi(uzu^*)$ and so by (3.20), $z = uzu^*$, and hence $z \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$.

We now prove necessity of conditions (3.21) and (3.22). If δ extends δ_0 , then for $x \in \mathcal{D}_0$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$:

$$\begin{aligned} & u(\gamma)\delta_0(u(\gamma)^*xu(\gamma))u(\gamma)^* - \delta_0(x) \\ &= u(\gamma)[\delta(u(\gamma)^*)xu(\gamma) + u(\gamma)^*\delta_0(x)u(\gamma) + u(\gamma)^*x\delta(u(\gamma))]u(\gamma)^* \\ &\quad - \delta_0(x) \\ &= [-\delta(u(\gamma))u(\gamma)^*, x] \end{aligned}$$

noting that by (2.2)

$$\delta(u(\gamma)^*) = -u(\gamma)^*\delta(u(\gamma))u(\gamma)^*$$

and that $\delta(u(\gamma))u(\gamma)^* \in \mathcal{A}^\tau$ if δ commutes with τ . If φ is any trace on \mathcal{A} , then by (2.1), $u \rightarrow \varphi[\delta(u)u^*]$ is a homomorphism on the unitary part of \mathcal{D} . Hence (3.22) holds. Conversely, suppose (3.21) and (3.22) hold. Define Φ by 3.7. Then $u(\gamma_1)\Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)u(\gamma_1)^* = \Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)$, $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$, because $\Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_3) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau) \subset \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ by Lemma 3.3 and the above remark. Let φ be any trace on \mathcal{A} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)) &= \varphi(b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_1)) - \varphi[u(\gamma_1)b(\gamma_2)u(\gamma_1)^*] \\ &\quad - i\varphi[u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\delta_0(u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)u(\gamma_2))u(\gamma_2)^*u(\gamma_1)^*] \\ &= \varphi(b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_1)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -i\varphi \{ \delta_0 [u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_2)] \\
 & \quad \cdot u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) \} \\
 & = \varphi(b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_1)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_2)) \\
 & \quad - i\varphi [\delta_0 (u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1)) u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)] \\
 & \quad - i\varphi [\delta_0 (u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) u(\gamma_2)) u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1)] \\
 & = \varphi(b(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_1)) - \varphi(b(\gamma_2)) \\
 & \quad - i\varphi [\delta_0 (u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) * u(\gamma_2) u(\gamma_1)) u(\gamma_1) * u(\gamma_2) * u(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)] \\
 & = \varphi(\Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_1))
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (2.1) and (3.22). But $\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h$ by Lemma 3.3. Hence $\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = \Phi(\gamma_2, \gamma_1)$ by (3.21). Then by Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.6 with $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h$, there exists a map $z : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)$ such that $z(0) = 0$ and $\Phi(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = z(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) - z(\gamma_1) - z(\gamma_2)$. Thus by Lemma 3.5, δ extends to a derivation on \mathcal{D} commuting with τ . The final remark is clear by uniqueness of Fourier decompositions.

Remark 3.9. The hypotheses of Theorem 3.8 eliminate the “twist” from Φ . Here we explain why this is necessary. The existence of the family of unitaries $\{u(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ leads to an action $\eta : \Gamma \mapsto \text{Aut}(\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau))$ where

$$\eta(\gamma)(b) = u(\gamma) b u(\gamma)^*, \quad b \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

The u -twisted 2-cocycle Φ defines a group

$$\Gamma_\Phi = \{(\gamma, b) : \gamma \in \Gamma, b \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h\}$$

by

$$(\gamma, b) + (\gamma', b') = (\gamma + \gamma', \Phi(\gamma, \gamma') + \eta(\gamma)(b') + b)$$

and hence Φ determines an element ζ_Φ of the second cohomology group $H^2_\eta(\Gamma, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h)$ where we use the notation of [11]. Then (3.9) is equivalent to ζ_Φ being zero. Thus a necessary and sufficient condition for (3.9) to hold is that the exact sequence

$$(3.23) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h \longrightarrow \Gamma_\Phi \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 0$$

split (see [11] again). Unfortunately simple criteria for Φ , as defined by (3.7), to define a sequence (3.23) which splits do not appear to exist except when η is trivial where we have the necessary and sufficient condition that Φ be symmetric.

Note that $H^2(\Gamma, \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{A}^\tau)_h) = (0)$ if $\Gamma = \mathbf{Z}$.

§ 4. An Example

Let $G = \mathbf{T}^2$, $\Gamma = \mathbf{Z}^2$. For $\gamma_1 = (m_1, n_1)$, $\gamma_2 = (m_2, n_2) \in \Gamma$, define $[\gamma_1, \gamma_2] = m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1$, and $\omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in C[0, 1]$ by $\omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)(t) = \exp\{it[\gamma_1, \gamma_2]/2\}$, $t \in [0, 1]$. Then $\overline{\text{lin}}\{\omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) : \gamma_i \in \Gamma\} = C[0, 1]$, and

$$(4.1) \quad \omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)\omega(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2, \gamma_3) = \omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)\omega(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)$$

for $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ in Γ . Let K denote the Hilbert space $l^2(\Gamma, L^2[0, 1])$, and define unitaries $\{W(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ on K by

$$(W(\gamma_2)f)(\gamma_1) = \omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)f(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)$$

for $f \in K$, $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$, and where we let $C[0, 1]$ act on $L^2[0, 1]$ by pointwise multiplication. Then by (4.1)

$$(4.2) \quad W(\gamma_1)W(\gamma_2) = \omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)W(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)$$

for $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$, and where we let $C[0, 1]$ act on K through its action on $L^2[0, 1]$ alone.

Let \mathcal{A} denote the C^* -algebra generated by $\{W(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$. Then by (4.2), $\mathcal{A} \supset C[0, 1]$, and

$$\mathcal{A} = \overline{\text{lin}}\{C[0, 1]W(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}.$$

Define a strongly continuous unitary representation U of G on K by

$$(U_g f)(\gamma) = \langle \gamma, g \rangle^{-1} f(\gamma)$$

$f \in K$, $g \in G$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Then

$$U_g W(\gamma) U_g^* = \langle \gamma, g \rangle W(\gamma)$$

for $g \in G$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Hence

$$\tau_g = \text{Ad}(U_g)|_{\mathcal{A}}$$

defines a strongly continuous action of G on \mathcal{A} such that $W(\gamma) \in \mathcal{A}^\tau(\gamma)$ for each γ in Γ . It is clear from (4.2) that $C[0, 1] \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\tau$, and in fact it is easy to see using $P = \int_G \tau(g) dg$ that $\mathcal{A}^\tau = C[0, 1]$.

Let $\mathcal{D}_0 = C^1[0, 1]$, and δ_0 denote differentiation on \mathcal{D}_0 . Then W satisfies conditions (3.1-3.3). In fact, note that $W(\gamma)$ commutes with $C[0, 1]$ so that in this case

$$C[0, 1] = \mathcal{A}^\tau = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}^\tau) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}).$$

If φ is any state on \mathcal{A}^τ , $\varphi \circ P$ is a trace on \mathcal{A} , so that (3.22) holds.

Moreover

$$W(\gamma)\delta_0(W(\gamma)^*(\cdot)W(\gamma))W(\gamma)^*-\delta_0(\cdot)\equiv 0$$

so that one can take $b(\gamma)\equiv 0$. However, if $\gamma_1, \gamma_2\in\Gamma$, and

$$W=W(\gamma_1)^*W(\gamma_2)^*W(\gamma_1)W(\gamma_2)=\overline{\omega(\gamma_2, \gamma_1)}\omega(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$$

then W is the function $t\in[0, 1]\rightarrow\exp(it[\gamma_1, \gamma_2])$, so that $\delta_0(W^*)W=i[\gamma_1, \gamma_2]$ and (3.22) cannot possibly hold.

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