

SIMPLEXES OF EXTENSIONS OF STATES OF C^* -ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let B be a C^* -subalgebra of a C^* -algebra A , F a compact face of the state space $S(B)$ of B , and $S_F(A)$ the set of all states of A whose restrictions to B lie in F . It is shown that $S_F(A)$ is a Choquet simplex if and only if (a) F is a simplex, (b) pure states in $S_F(A)$ restrict to pure states in F , and (c) the states of A which restrict to any given pure state in F form a simplex. The properties (b) and (c) are also considered in isolation.

Sets of the form $S_F(A)$ have been considered by various authors in special cases including those where B is a maximal abelian subalgebra of A , or A is a C^* -crossed product, or the Cuntz algebra \mathcal{O}_n .

1. Introduction. Let A be a C^* -algebra with quasi-state space $Q(A)$:

$$Q(A) = \{\phi \in A^*: \phi \geq 0, \|\phi\| \leq 1\}.$$

Let B be a C^* -subalgebra of A and F a nonempty (weak*) closed face of $Q(B)$. There are various situations in which one is interested in the structure of extensions of functionals in F . Thus one studies the nonempty closed face

$$Q_F(A) = \{\phi \in Q(A): \phi|_B \in F\}$$

of $Q(A)$. For example, B might be a maximal abelian C^* -subalgebra (masa) in A , and F consist of a single pure state; a problem of some complexity is to determine whether $Q_F(A)$ also contains only a single (pure) state [1, 2, 3]. Alternatively, A might be (the multiplier algebra of) the crossed product $G \times_\alpha A_0$ of some C^* -dynamical system (A_0, G, α) , B the C^* -subalgebra $C^*(G)$ of A , and F consist of the single state ϕ_0 of B with $\phi_0(u_g) = 1$ ($g \in G$), where u is the universal representation of G in $C^*(G)$. Then $Q_F(A)$ is isomorphic to the set $Q^G(A_0)$ of G -invariant functionals in $Q(A_0)$ [4]. In algebraic models of statistical mechanics, a fundamental question is therefore whether $Q_F(A)$ is a Choquet simplex [7, §4.3].

Here we shall be concerned with the general question of when $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex. A general criterion has been established in [4, 5] for a closed face K of $Q(A)$ to be a simplex. This takes on several forms, the simplest of which is that distinct pure states in F are (unitarily) inequivalent. From this, it will be established in Theorem 4.1 that $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex if and only if the following three conditions are all satisfied:

- (a) F is a simplex;
- (b) any pure state in $Q_F(A)$ restricts to a pure state of B ;

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(c) for any pure state ψ in F , the extensions of ψ in $Q(A)$ form a simplex. (Here and throughout the paper, the zero functional is conventionally regarded as a "pure state", so the pure states are the extreme points of $Q(A)$.) Each of these conditions can be considered separately. For (a), this was done in [4, 5]; we shall see in §2 that (b) places a strong restriction on the GNS-representation of pure states in $Q_F(A)$, and in §3 that (b) comes very close to implying (c) in the special case when $F = Q(B)$. (In this special case, (c) is the *simplex extension property* (SEP) introduced in [6].) The final two sections will be concerned with applications to C^* -dynamical systems. Taking $A = G \times_\alpha A_0$ and $B = G \times_\alpha B_0$ where B_0 is a G -invariant subalgebra of A_0 , conditions will be obtained which ensure that the system (A_0, G, α) is abelian when it is known that (B_0, G, α) is abelian. Taking $A = G \times_\alpha A_0$ where A_0 is commutative and G is discrete, and $B = A_0$, it will be shown that A_0 has the (SEP) in $G \times_\alpha A_0$ if and only if the stabiliser in G of each (nonzero) pure state of A_0 is abelian. These results include as special cases some known properties of extensions of pure states of masas in \mathcal{O}_n and $\mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{O}_n$ [9, 11].

Throughout, A will be a C^* -algebra, and B will be a C^* -subalgebra of A . For a state ϕ of A with restriction ψ to B , $(\mathcal{H}_\phi, \pi_\phi, \xi_\phi)$ will be the associated cyclic representation of A , and $([\pi_\phi(B)\xi_\phi], \pi_\phi|_B, \xi_\phi)$ will be identified with $(\mathcal{H}_\psi, \pi_\psi, \xi_\psi)$. If ϕ lies in a closed face K of $Q(A)$, then p_ϕ^K will denote the orthogonal projection of \mathcal{H}_ϕ onto the closed subspace \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K of all vectors η for which the vector functional $\omega_\phi^\eta: a \rightarrow \langle \pi_\phi(a)\eta, \eta \rangle$ lies in the cone generated by K , and the dimension of \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K will be called the *K-multiplicity* of ϕ . Conventionally, the *K-multiplicity* of the zero functional is taken to be 1. It was shown in [4, 5] that K is a simplex if and only if each pure state in K has *K-multiplicity* 1, or, in other words, no two pure states in K are equivalent. This fact will be used repeatedly without further reference.

For a pure state ψ of B , let $Q_\psi(A) = Q_F(A)$, where $F = \{\psi\}$, so

$$Q_\psi(A) = \{\phi \in Q(A) : \phi|_B = \psi\}.$$

Thus B has the (SEP) in A if and only if $Q_\psi(A)$ is a simplex for each pure state ψ of B , or equivalently no two distinct equivalent pure states of A have the same pure restriction to B .

In some respects, little would be lost in the following if it was assumed that A and B have a common unit, and that F is a closed (hence compact) face of the state space $S(A)$ of A . For one may otherwise adjoin a common unit obtaining C^* -algebras \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} and identify $Q(A)$ with $S(\tilde{A})$; nearly all the properties considered here are preserved under the passage between (A, B) and (\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) . However, at certain points it will be necessary to consider ideals and crossed products, so no assumption about the presence of a unit is appropriate.

2. Restriction property for faces. The first property of faces which we shall study is described in the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.1. A face K of $Q(A)$ has the *restriction property* (RP) to B if the restriction to B of each pure state in K is a pure state of B .

LEMMA 2.2. Let K be a face of $Q(A)$ with the (RP) to B , and ϕ and ϕ' be equivalent pure states in K . Then the restrictions of ϕ and ϕ' to B are equivalent pure states.

PROOF. Suppose that the restrictions ψ and ψ' of ϕ and ϕ' are inequivalent. By assumption there is a unit vector η in \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K such that $\phi' = \omega_\phi^\eta$, and the representation π_ϕ of B has inequivalent irreducible restrictions to \mathcal{H}_ψ and $\mathcal{H}_{\psi'} (= [\pi_\phi(B)\eta])$. Hence \mathcal{H}_ψ and $\mathcal{H}_{\psi'}$ are orthogonal. If $\eta' = 2^{-1/2}(\xi_\phi + \eta) \in \mathcal{H}_\phi^K$, $\omega_\phi^{\eta'}$ is a pure state of A lying in K , so its restriction to B is pure. But $\omega_\phi^{\eta'}|_B = \frac{1}{2}(\psi + \psi')$, so $\psi = \psi'$. This is a contradiction.

THEOREM 2.3. Let F be a closed face of $Q(B)$, $K = Q_F(A)$, ϕ a (nonzero) pure state in K , and $\psi = \phi|_B$, and suppose that K has the (RP) to B , so that ψ is a pure state of B .

(i) If the F -multiplicity of ψ is 1, then

$$p_\phi^K \pi_\phi(b) p_\phi^K = \psi(b) p_\phi^K \quad (b \in B).$$

(ii) If the F -multiplicity of ψ is greater than 1, then $\mathcal{H}_\phi^K = \mathcal{H}_\psi^F$.

PROOF. (i) Suppose that the F -multiplicity of ψ is 1, so that there are no other pure states in F equivalent to ψ . For any unit vector η in \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K , the restriction ψ' of ω_ϕ^η to B is a pure state in F , and by Lemma 2.2, ψ' is equivalent to ψ , so $\psi' = \psi$. Thus

$$\langle \pi_\phi(b)\eta, \eta \rangle = \psi(b) \|\eta\|^2 \quad (b \in B, \eta \in \mathcal{H}_\phi^K),$$

so $p_\phi^K \pi_\phi(b) p_\phi^K = \psi(b) p_\phi^K$.

(ii) Suppose that the F -multiplicity of ψ is greater than 1, and let ξ' be a unit vector in \mathcal{H}_ψ^F orthogonal to ξ_ϕ , and η any unit vector in \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K . The restriction ψ' of ω_ϕ^η to B is a pure state equivalent to ψ (Lemma 2.2). Thus there is a unitary operator u of $\mathcal{H}_{\psi'}$ onto $\mathcal{H}_\psi (= [\pi_\phi(B)\eta])$ such that

$$u\pi_\phi(b)\xi = \pi_\phi(b)u\xi \quad (b \in B, \xi \in \mathcal{H}_\psi).$$

Now

$$\langle \pi_\phi(b)u\xi', u\xi' \rangle = \langle u\pi_\phi(b)\xi', u\xi' \rangle = \langle \pi_\phi(b)\xi', \xi' \rangle$$

so $\omega_\phi^{u\xi'}|_B = \omega_\phi^{\xi'}|_B = \omega_\psi^{\xi'} \in F$, and therefore $u\xi' \in \mathcal{H}_\phi^K$. Let $\eta' = \xi_\phi - u\xi'$, and $\eta'' = \|\eta'\|^{-1}\eta'$ (note that $\eta' \neq 0$). Since $\eta'' \in \mathcal{H}_\phi^K$ and K has the (RP) to B , the restriction ψ'' of $\omega_\phi^{\eta''}$ to B is a pure state in F .

Since π_ψ is irreducible, Kadison's Transitivity Theorem shows that there is some b_0 in B with

$$\pi_\phi(b_0)\xi_\phi = \xi_\phi, \quad \pi_\phi(b_0)\xi' = 0.$$

Then

$$\pi_\phi(b_0)\eta' = \pi_\phi(b_0)\xi_\phi - u\pi_\phi(b_0)\xi' = \xi_\phi.$$

Since the restriction to B of π_ϕ is irreducible on $\mathcal{H}_{\psi''} = [\pi_\phi(B)\eta']$,

$$\eta' \in [\pi_\phi(B)\xi_\phi] = \mathcal{H}_\psi.$$

Hence $u\xi' = \xi_\phi - \eta' \in \mathcal{H}_\psi$. Since the restriction to B of π_ϕ is irreducible on $\mathcal{H}_{\psi'}$, which contains $u\xi'$,

$$\eta \in [\pi_\phi(B)u\xi'] \subseteq [\pi_\phi(B)\mathcal{H}_\psi] = \mathcal{H}_\psi.$$

But $\omega_\psi^\eta = \omega_\phi^\eta|_B \in F$, so $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_\psi^F$. Thus $\mathcal{H}_\phi^K \subseteq \mathcal{H}_\psi^F$. The reverse inclusion is immediately verified.

There are various extreme cases of Theorem 2.3. §3 will be devoted to the case when $F = Q(B)$. In the opposite extreme when $F = \{\psi\}$ for a pure state ψ of B , $Q_F(A)$ automatically has the (RP) to B , and Theorem 2.3(i) is applicable. A slightly less special case occurs when F is generated by two equivalent pure states, and this leads to the following result.

COROLLARY 2.4. *Let ψ be a pure state of B , and suppose that $Q_\psi(A)$ is not a simplex. Let ψ' be a pure state of B equivalent, but not equal, to ψ . Then there is a pure state ϕ of A and a real number $\lambda > 0$ such that $\phi|_B$ is not pure, and $\phi(b) \leq \lambda(\psi(b) + \psi'(b))$ ($b \in B$).*

PROOF. Let F be the smallest face of $Q(B)$ containing ψ and ψ' , so that

$$K = Q_F(A) = \{\phi \in Q(A) : \phi|_B \leq \lambda(\psi + \psi') \text{ for some } \lambda > 0\}.$$

Suppose that the conclusion of the corollary is false, so that K has the (RP) to B . Since ψ and ψ' are distinct equivalent pure states in F , the F -multiplicity of ψ is greater than 1.

Since $Q_\psi(A)$ is not a simplex, there are distinct equivalent pure states ϕ and ϕ' in $Q_\psi(A)$. Let η be a unit vector in \mathcal{H}_ϕ^K with $\omega_\phi^\eta = \phi'$. Then $\omega_\phi^\eta|_B = \psi \in F$, so $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_\phi^K = \mathcal{H}_\psi^F$ (Theorem 2.3(ii)). Now $\omega_\psi^\eta = \psi$, and π_ψ is irreducible, so η is a scalar multiple of $\xi_\psi = \xi_\phi$. But this contradicts the fact that ϕ and ϕ' are distinct.

3. The restriction property for algebras.

DEFINITION 3.1. A C^* -subalgebra B of A has the *restriction property* (RP) in A if the restriction to B of each pure state of A is pure on B .

Thus B has the (RP) in A if and only if $Q(A)$ has the (RP) to B . Any (closed two-sided) ideal has the (RP) in A ; an abelian C^* -subalgebra has the (RP) in A if and only if it is contained in the centre of A ; a C^* -subalgebra B has the (RP) in A if A coincides with the C^* -subalgebra $(B : A)$ generated by operators of the form zb , where $b \in B$ and z is a central multiplier of A .

The next two results follow from Theorem 2.3 and Corollary 2.4 on taking $F = Q(B)$, so that $K = Q(A)$, $\mathcal{H}_\psi^F = \mathcal{H}_\psi$, $\mathcal{H}_\phi^K = \mathcal{H}_\phi$, and the F -multiplicity of ψ is 1 if and only if ψ is multiplicative. The proof of Theorem 2.3 can be made very short in this case.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Suppose B has the (RP) in A , and let ψ be a pure state of B and ϕ a pure state of A extending ψ .*

- (i) *If ψ is multiplicative, then $\pi_\phi(b) = \psi(b)\mathbf{1}$ ($b \in B$).*
- (ii) *If ψ is not multiplicative, then $\mathcal{H}_\phi = \mathcal{H}_\psi$.*

COROLLARY 3.3. *Suppose B has the (RP) in A , and ψ is a nonmultiplicative pure state of B . Then $Q_\psi(A)$ is a simplex.*

It is to be expected that the (RP) will be related to properties of restrictions of irreducible representations. The precise extent of this connection will now be discussed.

DEFINITION 3.4. A C^* -subalgebra B of A has the *irreducible representation property* (IRP) in A if, for each irreducible representation π of A , $\pi(B)$ is either irreducible or zero.

It is immediate from Definition 3.4 that a C^* -subalgebra which is rich (in the sense of [10, §11.1.1]) has the (IRP); any ideal has the (IRP) in A ; if $A = (B : A)$, then B has the (IRP) in A . If Ω is a locally compact Hausdorff space, $\{A_\omega : \omega \in \Omega\}$ is a family of C^* -algebras, Γ_1 and Γ_2 are continuous vector fields over this family with $\Gamma_2 \subseteq \Gamma_1$, and A and B are the corresponding C^* -algebras, then B has the (IRP) in A [10, Théorème 10.4.3].

PROPOSITION 3.5. Let J_0 be the ideal in A generated by the commutators $\{ab - ba : a \in A, b \in B\}$. The following are equivalent:

- (i) B has the (RP) in A ;
- (ii) $B \cap J_0$ has the (IRP) in J_0 ;
- (iii) there is an ideal J in A such that $(B + J)/J$ is contained in the centre of A/J , and $B \cap J$ has the (IRP) in J .

PROOF. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let (\mathcal{H}, π) be an irreducible representation of J_0 , $(\mathcal{H}, \tilde{\pi})$ its unique extension to A , ξ a unit vector in \mathcal{H} and ϕ the vector state: $\phi(a) = \langle \pi(a)\xi, \xi \rangle$. Since π does not vanish on J_0 , it follows from Proposition 3.2 that ϕ is not multiplicative on B , and hence that $\mathcal{H} = [\tilde{\pi}(B)\xi]$. Thus $(\mathcal{H}, \tilde{\pi}|_B)$ is the GNS-representation of the pure state $\phi|_B$, and is therefore irreducible. Hence $\pi(B \cap J_0)$ is zero or irreducible.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) This is immediate on taking $J = J_0$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Let ϕ be a pure state of A . If ϕ vanishes on J , then ϕ induces a pure state $\tilde{\phi}$ of A/J , which is therefore multiplicative on $(B + J)/J$. Hence ϕ is multiplicative and therefore pure on B .

If ϕ does not vanish on J , then $\pi_\phi(J)$ is irreducible on \mathcal{H}_ϕ . By assumption, $\pi_\phi(B \cap J)$ is either zero or irreducible. If $\pi_\phi(B \cap J)$ is irreducible, then $\phi|_B$ is the unique extension of the pure state $\phi|_{B \cap J}$ to a state of B , so ϕ is pure on B .

If ϕ vanishes on $B \cap J$, then ϕ induces a pure state of $B/(B \cap J)$ which is isomorphic to $(B + J)/J$, so by the Hahn-Banach theorem, there is a pure state ϕ' of A coinciding with ϕ on B and vanishing on J . As in the first part of this proof, $\phi'|_B$ is pure, so $\phi|_B$ is pure.

COROLLARY 3.6. If B has no multiplicative states, or if A is simple and B is nontrivial, then the (RP) and the (IRP) are equivalent.

If A is type I and B has the (IRP) in A , then there is a composition series of ideals $(I_\rho)_{0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_0}$ for A such that for each ordinal $\rho < \rho_0$, either $(B \cap I_{\rho+1} + I_\rho)/I_\rho$ is contained in the centre of $I_{\rho+1}/I_\rho$, or $((B \cap I_{\rho+1} + I_\rho)/I_\rho : I_{\rho+1}/I_\rho) = I_{\rho+1}/I_\rho$. However, the converse of this is not valid. For example, let \mathcal{K} be the C^* -algebra of compact operators on some Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , B a (type I) C^* -algebra of operators on \mathcal{H} with $B \cap \mathcal{K} = \{0\}$, $A = B + \mathcal{K}$, $I_0 = (0)$, $I_1 = \mathcal{K}$, $I_2 = A$. The identity representation is irreducible on A but not on B .

4. $Q_F(A)$ as a simplex. It has already been seen in Corollaries 2.4 and 3.3. that the (RP) is related to whether extension faces $Q_\psi(A)$ are simplexes. The following result strengthens this point.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let F be a closed face of $Q(B)$. Then $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex if and only if the following three conditions are all satisfied:*

- (a) F is a simplex;
- (b) $Q_F(A)$ has the (RP) to B ;
- (c) for each pure state ψ of B in F , $Q_\psi(A)$ is a simplex.

PROOF. Suppose first that $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex. For any pure state ψ in F , $Q_\psi(A)$ is a face of $Q_F(A)$ and is therefore a simplex.

Let ψ and ψ' be equivalent pure states in F , and ϕ be any pure state in $Q_\psi(A)$. There is a vector η in $\mathcal{H}_\psi (\subseteq \mathcal{H}_\phi)$ such that $\psi' = \omega_\psi^\eta = \omega_\phi^\eta|_B$. Thus ω_ϕ^η belongs to the simplex $Q_F(A)$, so $\phi = \omega_\phi^\eta$ and $\psi = \psi'$. Hence F is a simplex.

Let ϕ be a pure state in $Q_F(A)$, $\psi = \phi|_B$, and suppose that $\psi = \frac{1}{2}(\psi_1 + \psi_2)$ for some ψ_1 and ψ_2 in F . Since $\psi_j \leq 2\psi$ ($j = 1, 2$), there are vectors η_j in $\mathcal{H}_\psi (\subseteq \mathcal{H}_\phi)$ such that $\psi_j = \omega_\psi^{\eta_j}$. Let $\phi_j = \omega_\phi^{\eta_j}$, so that $\phi_j|_B = \psi_j$. Then ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are equivalent pure states of A belonging to the simplex $Q_F(A)$. Hence $\phi_1 = \phi_2$, so $\psi_1 = \psi_2$. Thus ψ is pure.

Conversely, suppose that conditions (a)–(c) are satisfied. Let ϕ and ϕ' be equivalent pure states in $Q_F(A)$. It follows from (b) and Lemma 2.2 that $\phi|_B$ and $\phi'|_B$ are equivalent pure states of B . It now follows from (a) that $\phi|_B = \phi'|_B$, so ϕ and ϕ' are equivalent pure states in $Q_\psi(A)$ for some pure state ψ in F . Finally, condition (c) shows that $\phi = \phi'$, so $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex.

COROLLARY 4.2. *Suppose B has the (RP) in A , and F is a closed face of $Q(B)$ containing no multiplicative functionals (in particular, $0 \notin F$). Then $Q_F(A)$ is a simplex if and only if F is a simplex.*

PROOF. This is immediate from Theorem 4.1 and Corollary 3.3.

5. C^* -dynamical systems. Let $G \times_\alpha A$ be the C^* -crossed product of a C^* -dynamical system (A, G, α) ; let $u: G \rightarrow M(G \times_\alpha A)$ be the universal representation of G in the multiplier algebra of $G \times_\alpha A$, and regard A as embedded as a C^* -subalgebra of $M(G \times_\alpha A)$. Let

$$F_G(A) = \{ \phi \in Q(G \times_\alpha A) : \phi(u_g) = \|\phi\|(g \in G) \}.$$

Then $F_G(A)$ is a closed face of $Q(G \times_\alpha A)$, and the restriction map is an affine homeomorphism of $F_G(A)$ onto the set $Q^G(A)$ of G -invariant functionals in $Q(A)$ [4, Theorem 4.2]. It will be convenient to refer to the extreme points of $Q^G(A)$ (including 0) as “ G -ergodic states”. The system (A, G, α) is said to be *abelian* if $Q^G(A)$ is a simplex. (See [4, 5] for equivalent definitions.)

THEOREM 5.1. *Let B be a G -invariant C^* -subalgebra of A , and suppose that the following three conditions are all satisfied:*

- (a) (B, G, α) is abelian;
- (b) every G -ergodic state of A restricts to a G -ergodic state of B ,
- (c) For any G -ergodic state ψ of B , the set ψ of B , the set $Q_\psi^G(A) = \{\phi \in Q^G(A) : \phi|_B = \psi\}$ is a simplex (possibly empty).

Then (A, G, α) is abelian.

Conversely, if (A, G, α) is abelian, then (b) and (c) hold. If G is amenable and (A, G, α) is abelian, then (a) also holds.

PROOF. Let $A_1 = G \times_\alpha A$, $\Phi: G \times_\alpha B \rightarrow A_1$ be the canonical $*$ -homomorphism acting as the identity on B and on u_G , $B_1 = \Phi(G \times_\alpha B)$, and

$$F = \{\phi|_{B_1} : \phi \in F_G(A)\}, \quad F' = \{\phi \circ \Phi : \phi \in F_G(A)\}.$$

Then F and F' are affinely homeomorphic closed faces of $S(B_1)$ and $F_G(B)$, respectively, so (a) implies that F is a simplex. Since $Q_F(A_1) = F_G(A)$, (b) and (c) reduce to the corresponding conditions of Theorem 4.1 for the C^* -algebra A_1 and subalgebra B_1 . If G is amenable, then Φ is isometric, and $F' = F_G(B)$, so (a) is equivalent to F being a simplex. Thus the results follow from Theorem 4.1.

COROLLARY 5.2. *Let B be a G -invariant C^* -subalgebra of A , and suppose that $\alpha(G)$ includes all the inner automorphisms of A implemented by unitaries in \tilde{B} . Then (A, G, α) is abelian if and only if, for any G -ergodic state ψ of B , the set $Q_\psi^G(A)$ is a simplex.*

PROOF. Any C^* -dynamical system containing all the inner automorphisms is abelian, so Theorem 5.1(a) is satisfied. It has been shown in [12, Lemma 3] that (b) is satisfied.

Recall that a C^* -subalgebra B has the *simplex extension property* (SEP) in A if $Q_\psi(A)$ is a simplex for each pure state of B [6]; a functional ϕ in A^* is B -central if $\phi(ab) = \phi(ba)$ ($a \in A$, $b \in B$). The relationship between B -central states and extensions has been studied in [3] in the case when B is a masa in A . It was shown there that an abelian C^* -subalgebra B has the (SEP) in a type I C^* -algebra A if $\pi(B)$ is a masa of $\pi(A)$ for each irreducible representation π of A , and that under these circumstances the B -central functionals form a simplex. This latter fact is a special case of the following result.

COROLLARY 5.3. *Let B be an abelian C^* -subalgebra of A . Then B has the (SEP) in A if and only if the B -central functionals in $Q(A)$ form a simplex.*

PROOF. Let G be the unitary group of \tilde{B} acting as inner automorphisms of A . Then $Q^G(A)$ is the set of B -central functionals in $Q(A)$, and the G -ergodic states are precisely those pure states of A which are multiplicative on B [3, 12]. The result now follows immediately from Corollary 5.2.

COROLLARY 5.4. *Let (A, G, α) be an abelian C^* -dynamical system, where G is abelian, and let $(G \times_\alpha A, G, \tilde{\alpha})$ be the system defined by*

$$\tilde{\alpha}_g(x) = u_g x u_g^* \quad (x \in G \times_\alpha A, g \in G).$$

Then $(G \times_\alpha A, G, \tilde{\alpha})$ is abelian.

PROOF. Let B be the C^* -subalgebra of $G \times_\alpha A$ generated by u_G , so B is (isomorphic to) the group C^* -algebra of G , whose pure state space is the dual group \hat{G} . The G -invariant functionals on $G \times_\alpha A$ are precisely those which are B -central, so (a slight extension of) Corollary 5.3 shows that it is sufficient to prove that $Q_\gamma(G \times_\alpha A)$ is a simplex for each γ in \hat{G} . Let $(G \times_\alpha A, \hat{G}, \hat{\alpha})$ be the dual system of (A, G, α) [13, §7.9]. Then $\phi \rightarrow \phi \circ \hat{\alpha}_\gamma$ is an affine homeomorphism of $Q_\gamma(G \times_\alpha A)$ onto $F_G(A)$, which, by assumption, is a simplex.

Corollary 5.4 may fail if G is not abelian. For example, one may take G to be the alternating group on 7 letters, A to be the group C^* -algebra of G , and α to be the action by conjugation.

6. Topological dynamical systems. In this final section, let (C, G, α) be a C^* -dynamical system, where C is abelian and G is discrete. (Some of the discussion can be modified for locally compact groups.) Let Ω be the pure state space of C , so that $C \cong C_0(\Omega)$, and there is an action of G on Ω such that $\omega(\alpha_g(x)) = (g^{-1} \cdot \omega)(x)$ ($x \in C$, $\omega \in \Omega$, $g \in G$). The alternative notation $C^*(\Omega, G)$ will be used for the C^* -crossed product $G \times_\alpha C$. Now C is a subalgebra of $C^*(\Omega, G)$, and Proposition 6.1 will identify the faces $Q_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G))$. Let $P: C^*(\Omega, G) \rightarrow C$ be the canonical projection, so that

$$\begin{aligned} P(xu_g) &= 0 & (x \in C, g \in G, g \neq e), \\ P(x) &= x & (x \in C). \end{aligned}$$

States ϕ of $C^*(\Omega, G)$ will be identified with normalised positive-definite functions $\Phi: G \rightarrow C^*$ given by

$$\Phi(g)(x) = \phi(xu_g).$$

In particular, there are no states of $C^*(\Omega, G)$ which vanish on C .

PROPOSITION 6.1. *Let ω be a point of Ω . Then $Q_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G))$ is affinely homeomorphic to the state space of the group C^* -algebra $C^*(G_\omega)$ of the stabilizer G_ω of ω in G . Furthermore $\omega \circ P$ is pure if and only if G_ω is trivial.*

PROOF. Let $\Psi: G \rightarrow C$ be a normalised positive-definite function, and define $\Phi: G \rightarrow C^*$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(g) &= \Psi(g)\omega & (g \in G_\omega), \\ &= 0 & (g \in G \setminus G_\omega). \end{aligned}$$

For g_i in G and x_i in C ($i = 1, \dots, n$),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \Phi(g_i^{-1}g_j)(\alpha_{g_i^{-1}}(x_i^*x_j)) &= \sum_{g_i^{-1}g_j \in G_\omega} \overline{(g_i \cdot \omega)(x_i)} (g_i \cdot \omega)(x_j) \Psi(g_i^{-1}g_j) \\ &= \sum_{\omega' \in \Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \overline{\lambda_i(\omega')} \lambda_j(\omega') \Psi(g_i^{-1}g_j) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda_i(g_i \cdot \omega) = (g_i \cdot \omega)(x_i)$, $\lambda_i(\omega') = 0$ ($\omega' \neq g_i \cdot \omega$). Thus Φ is positive-definite. Furthermore the corresponding state ϕ of $C^*(\Omega, G)$ satisfies

$$\phi(x) = \Phi(e)(x) = \omega(x) \quad (x \in C)$$

so ϕ belongs to $\mathcal{Q}_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G))$.

Conversely, for ϕ in $\mathcal{Q}_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G))$, x in C and g in G ,

$$\omega(x)\phi(u_g) = \phi(xu_g) = \overline{\phi(u_g^*x^*)} = \overline{\phi(\alpha_{g^{-1}}(x^*)u_g^*)} = (g \cdot \omega)(x)\phi(u_g).$$

Thus $\phi(u_g) = 0 = \phi(xu_g)$ ($g \in G \setminus G_\omega$) and $\phi(xu_g) = \omega(x)\phi(u_g)$ ($g \in G_\omega$), so ϕ is of the above form. It is clear that $\Psi \rightarrow \Phi$ is an affine homeomorphism.

If G_ω is trivial, then $\omega \circ P$ is the unique state extension of the pure state ω to $C^*(\Omega, G)$, and is therefore pure.

In general, the GNS-representation of $\omega \circ P$ may be identified with the induced representation $\pi \times \lambda$ of $C^*(\Omega, G)$ on $l^2(G)$, where λ is the left regular representation of G , and

$$(\pi(x)\xi)(h) = (h \cdot \omega)(x)\xi(h) \quad (x \in C, \xi \in l^2(G), h \in G).$$

Let ρ be the right regular representation of G on $l^2(G)$, so that $\rho_G \subseteq \lambda'_G$. For g in G_ω ,

$$(\pi(x)\rho_g\xi)(h) = (h \cdot \omega)(x)\xi(hg) = (hg \cdot \omega)(x)\xi(hg) = (\rho_g\pi(x)\xi)(h)$$

so $\rho_g \in (\pi \times \lambda)(C^*(\Omega, G))'$. Thus, if $\omega \circ P$ is pure, ρ_g is a scalar, so $g = e$.

A C^* -subalgebra B of a C^* -algebra A is said to have the *extension property* (EP) in A if $\mathcal{Q}_\psi(A)$ contains a unique functional for each pure state ψ of B .

COROLLARY 6.2. *Let G be a discrete group acting on a locally compact Hausdorff space Ω , and let $C = C_0(\Omega)$. The abelian C^* -subalgebra C has the (EP) in $C^*(\Omega, G)$ if and only if G acts freely on Ω ; C has the (SEP) in $C^*(\Omega, G)$ if and only if the stabiliser of each point in Ω is abelian.*

Let $n \geq 2$ be a fixed integer, \mathbf{Z}_n be the group of integers mod n , $\Omega_- = \bigoplus_{i=-\infty}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_n$ (in the discrete topology), $\Omega_+ = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{Z}_n$ (in the product topology), $\Omega = \Omega_- \times \Omega_+$ and $C = C_0(\Omega)$. Let $G_0 = \bigoplus_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{Z}_n$, and G be the semidirect product $G_0 \rtimes_\lambda \mathbf{Z}$ of G_0 by the shift λ to the right. The discrete group G acts on Ω by

$$((r_i), m) \cdot (s_i) = (r_i + s_{i-m}) \quad ((r_i) \in G_0, m \in \mathbf{Z}, (s_i) \in \Omega).$$

For $\omega = (\omega_-, \omega_+) \in \Omega$, G_ω is either trivial or isomorphic to \mathbf{Z} , so by Proposition 6.1, $\mathcal{Q}_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G))$ either contains $\omega \circ P$ only, or is isomorphic to the space of Radon probability measures on the unit circle, the latter case occurring when the sequence

$\omega_+ = (r_i)_{i \geq 0}$ eventually becomes periodic. If $\omega_- = 0$, then $\omega \circ P$ is the state $\phi_{[e_r]}$ considered in [11, Theorem 3.4], which result is therefore a special case of Proposition 6.1.

It was shown in [11, Proposition 3.3] (see also [5, §2.1]) that $C^*(\Omega, G)$ is isomorphic to the unique C^* -tensor product $\mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{O}_n$ of the algebra \mathcal{K} of compact operators on a separable Hilbert space and the Cuntz algebra \mathcal{O}_n generated by isometries S_1, \dots, S_n satisfying

$$S_i^* S_i = 1 = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j S_j^*.$$

Let \mathfrak{D} be the masa of all operators in \mathcal{K} which are diagonal with respect to some basis of \mathcal{K} , q a minimal projection in \mathfrak{D} , p in C the characteristic function of the subset $\{0\} \times \Omega_+$ of Ω , and \mathfrak{D}_n the masa in \mathcal{O}_n generated by words of the form $S_{i_1} \cdots S_{i_k} S_{i_k}^* \cdots S_{i_1}^*$. The isomorphism may be chosen so that C corresponds to $\mathfrak{D} \otimes \mathfrak{D}_n$, and p to $q \otimes 1$. Thus there is an induced isomorphism between $pC^*(\Omega, G)p$ and \mathcal{O}_n taking $pC = C(\Omega_+)$ onto \mathfrak{D}_n . If $\omega_- = 0$, the description of $\mathcal{Q}_\omega(C^*(\Omega, G)) = \mathcal{Q}_{\omega_+}(pC^*(\Omega, G)p)$ obtained above reduces to the result of [9, Proposition 3.1].

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