

# Projections in Eberlein compactifications

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# A classical decomposition

$G$  – locally compact group

$\pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  continuous unitary representation

Theorem [Jacobs–de Leeuw–Glicksberg]

$$\pi = \pi_{\text{wm}} \oplus \pi_{\text{ret}} \text{ on } p_{\text{wm}} \mathcal{H} \oplus^2 p_{\text{ret}} \mathcal{H}$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{wm}} = \left\{ \xi \in \mathcal{H} : 0 \in \overline{\pi(G)\xi}^w \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{ret}} = \left\{ \xi \in \mathcal{H} : \xi \in \overline{\pi(G)\eta}^w \text{ whenever } \eta \in \overline{\pi(G)\xi}^w \right\}.$$

## Semigroup perspective

$(\text{ball}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})), \text{w.o.t.})$  – semitopological semigroup  
i.e.  $x \mapsto xy, yx$  each continuous for each fixed  $y$

$G^\pi = \overline{\pi(G)}^{\text{w.o.t.}}$  – compact semitopological semigroup  
E.g.:  $\lambda : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(L^2(G))$  left reg. rep'n,  $G^\lambda = G_\infty$

Theorem [de Leeuw–Glicksberg, Troallic]

- $p_{\text{ret}}$  minimal projection (idempotent) in  $G^\pi$
- $G_{\text{ret}}^\pi = p_{\text{ret}} G^\pi$  compact group & ideal in  $G^\pi$

# Eberlein compactification

$S$  – compact semitop'l semigroup

called Eberlein if  $S \hookrightarrow (\text{ball}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})), \text{w.o.t.})$  homeo'lly

$\varpi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  – universal representation

Theorem [Megrelishvili, S.–Stokke]

$G^{\mathcal{E}} := G^{\varpi}$  universal Eberlein compactification of  $G$

$S$  Eberlein semigroup,  $\eta : G \rightarrow S$  homo'm w. dense range

(i.e.  $(\eta, S)$  is an Eberlein compactification of  $G$ )

$\Rightarrow \exists$  extension  $\tilde{\eta} : G^{\mathcal{E}} \twoheadrightarrow S$

Can be done for non-locally compact  $G$  as well.

# Eberlein groups & topologies

$(G, \tau_G)$  – (complete) topological group

$$B(G) = \left\{ s \mapsto \langle \pi(s)\xi | \eta \rangle : \begin{array}{l} \pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ } \tau_G\text{-w.o.t.-cts.} \\ \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H} \text{ Hil. space} \end{array} \right\}$$

$(G, \tau_G)$  is Eberlein if  $\tau_G = \sigma(G, B(G))$ .

Equivalently,  $\varpi : G \hookrightarrow \varpi(G) \subset G^{\mathcal{E}}$  is a homeomorphism.

E.g.  $(G, \tau_G)$  locally compact, or discrete.

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Coarser Eberlein topologies:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G) = \{ \tau \subseteq \tau_G : (G, \tau) \text{ top'l group, } \tau = \sigma(G, B_\tau(G)) \}$$

where  $B_\tau(G) = B(G) \cap \mathcal{C}(G, \tau)$ .

## ... Eberlein topologies

$$\tau \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$$

$N_\tau = \bigcap \{U : U \text{ } \tau\text{-nbhd. of } e\}$  is a  $\tau$ -closed normal subgroup

$\bar{\tau}$  – (Hausdorff) topology induced on  $G/N_\tau$

$\mathcal{U}_{\bar{\tau}}$  – two-sided uniformity on  $G/N_\tau$  generated by  $\bar{\tau}$ .

### Facts

- $G_\tau = \overline{(G/N_\tau, \bar{\tau})}^{\mathcal{U}_{\bar{\tau}}}$  is an Eberlein group
- $\exists$  cts. homo'm  $\eta_\tau : G \rightarrow G_\tau$  w. dense range
- $\exists$  unique cts. ext'n  $\tilde{\eta}_\tau : G^\mathcal{E} \twoheadrightarrow G_\tau^\mathcal{E}$

# Relations to central projections

$$\text{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E}) = \{z \in G^\mathcal{E} : z^2 = z \text{ & } tz = zt \forall t \in G^\mathcal{E}\}$$

Theorem (after [Ruppert] for abelian  $G$ )

(i)  $\exists$  map  $T : \text{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$ :

- define for  $z$ ,  $\eta_z : G \rightarrow G^\mathcal{E}$  by  $\eta_z(s) = z\varpi(s)$
- let  $T(z) = \sigma(G, \{\eta_z\})$

(ii)  $\exists$  map  $E : \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G) \rightarrow \text{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E})$ :

- given  $\tau$ , the compact semigroup  $\tilde{\eta}_\tau^{-1}(\{e_\tau\}) \subset G^\mathcal{E}$  admits a unique min'l idempotent,  $z = E(\tau)$  [Ruppert, Troallic]
- $E(\tau)$  is central in  $G^\mathcal{E}$

Notes. •  $E \circ T = \text{id}_{\text{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E})}$ ,  $T \circ E(\tau) \supseteq \tau$ .

- $G_{T(z)} \cong G^\mathcal{E}(z) := \{t \in G^\mathcal{E} : tz = t \text{ & } tt^* = z = t^*t\}$
- $\tau \subseteq \tau' \Rightarrow E(\tau) \leq E(\tau')$ ,  $z \leq z' \Rightarrow T(z) \subseteq T(z')$

# When is $T \circ E(\tau) = \tau$ ?

$\tau \subseteq \tau'$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$   
get cts. homo'ms w. dense range  
 $\eta_{\tau'}^{\tau'} \circ \eta_{\tau'} = \eta_{\tau}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\eta_{\tau'}} & G_{\tau'} \\ & \searrow \eta_{\tau} & \downarrow \eta_{\tau}^{\tau'} \\ & & G_{\tau} \end{array}$$

## Co-compact/Cauchy containment

$\tau \subseteq_c \tau'$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$  if  $\tau \subseteq \tau'$  &

- $\ker \eta_{\tau}^{\tau'}$  compact &  $\eta_{\tau}^{\tau'}$  open.

- Eq'ly, each  $\tau$ -Cauchy net in  $G$  admits  $\tau'$ -Cauchy refinement.

## Theorem

$\tau \subseteq \tau'$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$ :  $\tau \subseteq_c \tau' \Leftrightarrow E(\tau) = E(\tau')$  &  $\tau \subseteq_c T \circ E(\tau)$

“Reasonable” Eberlein topologies:  $\mathcal{T}(G) = T(\text{ZE}(G^{\mathcal{E}})) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{T}}(G)$

# Jacobs–de Leeuw–Glicksberg revisited

$B(G) \cong (\varpi(G)'')_*$ , Banach algebra of functions on  $G$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \pi(\cdot)\xi|\eta \rangle + \langle \pi'(\cdot)\xi'|\eta' \rangle &= \langle \pi \oplus \pi'(\cdot)\xi \oplus \xi'|\eta \oplus \eta' \rangle \\ \langle \pi(\cdot)\xi|\eta \rangle \langle \pi'(\cdot)\xi'|\eta' \rangle &= \langle \pi \otimes \pi'(\cdot)\xi \otimes \xi'|\eta \otimes \eta' \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Almost periodic (Bohr) topology  $\tau_{\text{ap}} = T(p_{\text{ret}})$  satisfies

- $\pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  rep'n,  $\pi = \pi_{\tau_{\text{ap}}^\perp} \oplus \pi_{\tau_{\text{ap}}}$ ,  $p_{\text{ret}} = \pi''(E(\tau_{\text{ap}}))$
- $B(G) = I_{\tau_{\text{ap}}}(G) \oplus B_{\tau_{\text{ap}}}(G)$ ,  $B_{\tau_{\text{ap}}}(G) = E(\tau_{\text{ap}}) \cdot B(G)$ ,

## Theorem

Let  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}(G)$ . Then

- $\pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  rep'n,  $\pi = \pi_{\tau^\perp} \oplus \pi_\tau$ ,  $\pi_\tau = \pi''(E(\tau))\pi$
- $B(G) = I_\tau(G) \oplus B_\tau(G)$  where  
 $B_\tau(G) = E(\tau) \cdot B(G)$ ,  $I_\tau(G) \triangleleft B(G)$

# Operator amenability of $B(G)$

$G$  locally compact

Theorem [Dales–Ghahramani–Helemskii, Brown–Moran]

Measure algebra  $M(G)$  (op.) amenable  $\Leftrightarrow G$  discrete & amenable.  
 $G$  abelian:  $B(G) \cong M(\widehat{G})$  (op.) amenable  $\Leftrightarrow G$  compact.

False conjecture:  $B(G)$  op. amenable  $\Leftrightarrow G$  compact.

Theorem [Runde-S.] (after [Ilie-S.])

$G_{n,p} = \mathbb{Q}_p^n \rtimes \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  has  $B(G_{n,p})$  op. amenable.

Proposition

$B(G)$  op. amenable  $\Rightarrow |\mathrm{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E})| = |\mathcal{T}(G)| < \infty$ .

[Elgün]  $G$  abelian non-compact,  $|\mathrm{ZE}(G^\mathcal{E})| \geq \mathfrak{c}$

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