

# Tracial approximation and its application in crossed producted $C^*$ -algebras

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### Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras such that  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under taking unital hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebras and closed taking finite direct sums. Let  $A$  be a simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra. Then the definition of G. A. Elliott and Z. Niu. and the definition of X. Fang and Q. Fan. are equivalent.

The question of the behavior of  $C^*$ -algebra properties under passage from a class  $\mathcal{C}$  to the class  $\text{TA}\mathcal{C}$  is interesting and sometimes important. In fact the property of having tracial states, the property of being of stable rank one, and the property that the strict order on projections is determined by traces were used in the proof of the classification theorem by G. A. Elliott and Z. Niu.

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Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, and let  $M_n(A)$  denote the  $n \times n$  matrices whose entries are elements of  $A$ . Let  $M_\infty(A)$  denote the algebraic limit of the direct system  $(M_n(A), \phi_n)$  where  $\phi_n : M_n(A) \rightarrow M_{n+1}(A)$  is given by  $a \mapsto \text{diag}(a, 0)$ . Let  $M_\infty(A)_+$  (resp.  $M_n(A)_+$ ) denote the positive elements in  $M_\infty(A)$  (resp.  $M_n(A)$ ). For positive element  $a$  and  $b$  in  $M_\infty(A)$ , write  $a \oplus b$  to denote the element  $\text{diag}(a, b)$ , which is also positive in  $M_\infty(A)$ . Given  $a, b \in M_\infty(A)_+$ , we say that  $a$  is Cuntz subequivalent to  $b$  (written  $a \lesssim b$ ) if there is a sequence  $(v_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of element of  $M_\infty(A)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n b v_n^* - a\| = 0.$$

We say that  $a$  and  $b$  are Cuntz equivalent (Written  $a \sim b$ ) if  $a \lesssim b$  and  $b \lesssim a$ . We write  $\langle a \rangle$  for the equivalent class of  $a$ .

The object

$$W(A) := M_\infty(A)_+ / \sim$$

will be called the Cuntz semigroup of  $A$ . Observe that  $W(A)$  becomes a positively ordered abelian monoid when equipped with the operation

$$\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle a \oplus b \rangle$$

and the partial order

$$\langle a \rangle \leq \langle b \rangle \Leftrightarrow a \lesssim b.$$

We define

$$Cu(A) = (A \otimes \mathbb{K})_+ / \sim.$$

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We say that  $W(A)$  has the cancelation property, if for any  $a, b, c$  be positive elements (all in  $M_\infty(A)_+$ ),  $a \oplus c \lesssim b \oplus c$  imply that  $a \lesssim b$ .

We say that  $W(A)$  has the weak cancelation property, if for any  $a, b$  be positive elements,  $a \oplus c \lesssim b \oplus (c - \epsilon)$  imply that  $a \lesssim b$  for some positive element  $c$  and positive real number  $\epsilon$ . Clearly if  $W(A)$  has weakly cancelation property, then  $a \oplus p \lesssim b \oplus p$  imply that  $a \lesssim b$  for any nonzero projection  $p$  in  $M_\infty(A)_+$ , which is called projectional cancelation property.

The Cuntz semigroup is constructed using positive elements of a  $C^*$ -algebra in much the same way that Murray-von Neuman semigroup is constructed using projections.

For the possible lack of much projections in a  $C^*$ -algebra, the Cuntz semigroup has more capability to detect significantly more structure than Murray-von Neuman semigroup.

This sensitivity of the Cuntz semigroup makes it an excellent candidate to distinguish  $C^*$ -algebras, both simple and non-simple. In the simple case, well-behaved algebras, it contains the same information as the Elliott invariant.

Toms used the Cuntz semigroup to distinguish simple, nuclear  $C^*$ -algebras which cannot be distinguished by the Elliott invariant.

A. Ciuperca and G. A. Elliott show that in the non-simple case, the Cuntz semigroup is a classifying invariant for all  $AI$   $C^*$ -algebras (their approach relies on Thomsen's classification of  $AI$   $C^*$ -algebras).

It then became clear that a further study of the Cuntz semigroup is needed, in fact, it is very important in Elliott's classification program.

M. Rordam, W. Winter show that  $W(A)$  has the weak cancellation for any stable rank one  $C^*$ -algebra.

### Theorem

*Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra of stable rank one, let  $a, b$  be positive elements in  $M_\infty(A)$ , and let  $p$  be a projection in  $M_\infty(A)$  such that*

$$a \oplus p \lesssim b \oplus p$$

*Then  $a \lesssim b$ .*

Recently, we show that the following theorem about Cuntz semigroup.

### Theorem

*Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras such that for any  $B \in \mathfrak{C}$ , the Cuntz semigroup  $W(B)$  has the weak (or projectional) cancelation property. Then the Cuntz semigroup  $W(A)$  has the weak (or projectional) cancelation property for any simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ .*

**Proof** We show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(a - 3\varepsilon)_+ \lesssim b$ .

Without loss of generality, we may assume that there exist  $d \in A$  such that  $(a + p) = d(b + p)d^*$ .

For  $F = \{a, b, p, d, d^*\}$ , any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any  $\delta > 0$ , since  $A \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ , there exist a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $A_n$  of  $A$  and a nonzero projection  $q_n \in A$  with  $A_n \in \mathfrak{C}$  and  $1_{A_n} = q_n$ , such that

$$\|a - a_n - \bar{a}_n\| < \varepsilon,$$

and

$$\|a_n + p_n + \bar{a}_n + \bar{p}_n - (\bar{d}_n + d_n)(b_n + p_n + \bar{b}_n + \bar{p}_n)(d_n^* + \bar{d}_n^*)\| < \delta.$$

Therefore we have

$$\|a - (a_n - \varepsilon)_+ - (\bar{a}_n - \varepsilon)_+\| < 3\varepsilon,$$

$$\|a_n + p_n - d_n(b_n + p_n)d_n^*\| < \delta,$$

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Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$(\bar{a}_n + \bar{p}_n - \delta)_+ = \bar{e}(\bar{b}_n + \bar{p}_n)\bar{e}.$$

Since  $a_n, p_n, b_n, (a_n - \varepsilon)_+ \in A_n$ , and  $A_n \in \mathfrak{C}$  (We chose sufficiently small  $\delta$ ), we have

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For  $F = \{\bar{a}_n, \bar{p}_n, (\bar{a}_n - \varepsilon)_+, \bar{b}_n, (a_n - \varepsilon)_+\} \subseteq A$ , any  $\bar{\delta} > 0$ , Since  $A \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ . There exist a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B_m$  of  $A$  and a nonzero projection  $r_m \in A$  with  $B_m \in \mathfrak{C}$  and  $1_{B_m} = r_m$ , there exist  $\bar{a}_{n,m}, \bar{b}_{n,m}, \bar{p}_{n,m} \in B_m$ , and  $\bar{\bar{a}}_{n,m}, \bar{\bar{b}}_{n,m}, \bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m} \in (1 - r_m)A(1 - r_m)$ , such that

$$\|\bar{a}_n - \bar{a}_{n,m} - \bar{\bar{a}}_{n,m}\| < \varepsilon/3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\bar{a}_{n,m} - \delta)_+ + \bar{p}_{n,m} + (\bar{\bar{a}}_{n,m} - \delta)_+ + \bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m} \\ & - (\bar{e}_{n,m} + \bar{\bar{e}}_{n,m})(\bar{b}_{n,m} + \bar{\bar{b}}_{n,m} + \bar{p}_{n,m} + \bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m})(\bar{e}_{n,m} + \bar{\bar{e}}_{n,m})\| < \bar{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore We have

$$\|(\bar{a}_{n,m} - \delta)_+ + \bar{p}_{n,m} - \bar{e}_{n,m}(\bar{b}_{n,m} + \bar{p}_{n,m})\bar{e}_{n,m}\| < \bar{\delta},$$

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Since  $[\bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m}] \leq [1 - r_m] \leq [(a_n - \varepsilon)_+]$ , there exist  $c \in A$  such that  $[\bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m}] + [c] = [(a_n - \varepsilon)_+]$ . We have ((We chose sufficiently small  $\delta, \bar{\delta}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a - 3\varepsilon)_+ &\lesssim (a_n - \varepsilon)_+ + (\bar{a}_n - \varepsilon)_+ \\
 &\lesssim [\bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m}] + [c] + (\bar{a}_{n,m} - \varepsilon/3)_+ + (\bar{\bar{a}}_{n,m} - \varepsilon/3)_+ \\
 &\lesssim [\bar{\bar{p}}_{n,m}] + [c] + (\bar{a}_{n,m} - \varepsilon/3)_+ + (\bar{\bar{b}}_{n,m} - \varepsilon/3)_+ \\
 &\lesssim b_n + \bar{b}_{n,m} + \bar{\bar{b}}_{n,m} \lesssim b
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have  $a \lesssim b$ .

The Rokhlin property in ergodic theory was adapted to the context of von Neumann algebras by A. Connes . It was adapted by R. Hermann and A. Ocneanu for UHF-algebras. M. Rordam and A. Kishimoto introduced the Rokhlin property in a more general  $C^*$ -algebra context. More recently, N. C. Phillips and H. Osaka studied finite group actions which have a certain type of Rokhlin property on simple  $C^*$ -algebras.

N. C. Phillips raised the question how to introduce an appropriate Rokhlin property for non-simple  $C^*$ -algebras.

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### Example (X. Yang and X. Fang):

Suppose that  $G$  is a finite group and  $D$  is an infinite dimensional simple unital AF-algebra. Let  $\beta : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$  be an action satisfying the tracial Rokhlin property. Suppose that  $\text{card}(G) = n$ , and we may write

$G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$ . Let  $A = \overbrace{D \oplus D \oplus \dots \oplus D}^n$ , where  $n > 1$ , and define  $\alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{g_i}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ = (\beta_{g_i}(a_i), \beta_{g_i}(a_2), \dots, \beta_{g_i}(a_{i-1}), \beta_{g_i}(a_1), \beta_{g_i}(a_{i+1}), \dots, \beta_{g_i}(a_n)). \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $A$  is non-simple but  $\alpha$ -simple. Moreover, it is easy to check that  $\alpha$  has the second tracial Rokhlin property.

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Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras such that  $\mathfrak{C}$  is closed under taking unital hereditary  $C^*$ -algebra and closed taking finite direct sums. Suppose that  $B/I \in \mathfrak{C}$  for any  $B \in \mathfrak{C}$  and every closed ideal  $I$  of  $B$ . Let  $A \in TA\mathfrak{C}$  be an infinite dimensional  $\alpha$ -simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra with the  $SP$  property. Suppose that  $\alpha : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$  is an action of a finite group  $G$  on  $A$  which has the second tracial Rokhlin property. Then the crossed product algebra  $C^*(G, A, \alpha) \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ .

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**Proof** We need to show that for any finite subset  $F = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\} \subseteq A$ , any nonzero positive element  $a$ , and any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a projection  $r \in A$  and a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $D$  of  $A$  with  $1_D = r$  and with  $D \in \mathfrak{C}$ , such that

- (1)  $\|xr - rx\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in F$ ,
- (2)  $rxr \in_{\varepsilon} D$  for all  $x \in F$ ,
- (3)  $[1_A - r] \leq [a]$ .

Since  $A \in TA(TA\mathfrak{C})$ , for any  $\delta > 0$  and any finite subset  $G \subseteq A$ , there exist a projection  $p \in A$  and a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $1_B = p$  and with  $B$  a member of  $TA\mathfrak{C}$ , such that

$$(1)' \quad \|xp - px\| < \delta \text{ for all } x \in G,$$

$$(2)' \quad pxp \in_\delta B \text{ for all } x \in G,$$

$$(3)' \quad 2[1_A - p] \leq [a].$$

If  $[1_A - p] = 0$ , we have  $1_A = p$ ,  $A$  is a  $TA\mathfrak{C}$  algebra.

Suppose that  $[1_A - p] \neq 0$ . By (3)', there exist partial isometries  $v_1, v_2 \in A$  such that  $v_1^*v_1 = 1_A - p$ ,  $v_2^*v_2 = 1_A - p$ ,  $v_1v_1^*, v_2v_2^* \in Her(a)$  and  $(v_1v_1^*)(v_2v_2^*) = 0$ . Set  $a_1 = v_1v_1^*$ ,  $a_2 = v_2v_2^*$ . Then we have  $a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $a_1, a_2 \in Her(a)$ ,  $a_1a_2 = 0$ .

Since  $A$  is a simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra, there are  $x_i \in A (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i a_1 x_i^* = 1$ .

Since  $A \in TA(TA\mathfrak{C})$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a projection  $t \in A$  and a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $C$  of  $A$  with  $1_C = t$  and  $C \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ , such that

(1)''  $\|xt - tx\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in H$ ,

(2)''  $txt \in_\varepsilon C$  for all  $x \in H$ , and  $\|ta_1 t\| \geq \|a_1\| - \varepsilon$ ,

(3)''  $[1_A - t] \leq [a_2]$ , where

$H = F \cup \{a_1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*\}$ .

By (1)'' and (2)'' there exist  $a'_1 \in C$  and  $a''_1 \in (1_A - t)A(1_A - t)$  such that  $\|a_1 - a'_1 - a''_1\| < 2\varepsilon$ . We have  $a'_1 \neq 0$  and  $[a'_1] \leq [a_1]$ .



By (1)'' and (2)'' there exist  $x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k$  in  $C$ , such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k x'_i a'_1 x'^*_i = t$ . Take  $0 < d_1 < d_2 < 1$  such that

$\|\sum_{i=1}^k x'_i a'^{1/2}_1 f_{d_1}^{d_2}(a'_1) a'^{1/2}_1 x'^*_i - t\| < 1$ . Put

$z = (\sum_{i=1}^k x'_i a'^{1/2}_1 f_{d_1}^{d_2}(a'_1) a'^{1/2}_1 x'^*_i)^{-1}$ ,  $y_i = z^{-1/2} x'_i a'^{1/2}_1$ . Then we have  $\sum_{i=1}^k y_i f_{d_1}^{d_2}(a'_1) y^*_i = t$ .

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any  $0 < \sigma_3 < \sigma_4 < \sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < 1$ , we may assume that  $\sigma_4 < d_3 < d_4 < d_1 < d_2 < \sigma_1$  and  $\|a\| \leq 1$ , since  $C \in TA\mathfrak{C}$ , there exist a projection  $r \in A$  and a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $D$  of  $C$  with  $1_D = r$  and  $D \in \mathfrak{C}$ , such that

(1)'''  $\|rx - xr\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in H'$ ,

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(3)'''  $k[f_{d_1}^{d_2}((t-r)a'_1(t-r))] \leq [f_{d_3}^{d_4}(ra'_1r)]$ , where

$H' = \{tb_1t, tb_2t, \dots, tb_nt, a'_1, x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k, y_1, y'_2, \dots, y_k, y^*_1, y'^*_2, \dots, y^*_k, f_{d_1}^{d_2}(a'_1), t\}$ ,

By functional calculus, we have

$$\|\sum_{i=1}^k (t-r)y_i(t-r)f_{d_1}^{d_2}((t-r)a'_1(t-r))(t-r)y_i^*(t-r) - (t-r)\| < 1.$$

So there are  $z_i \in (t-r)C(t-r)$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i f_{d_1}^{d_2}((t-r)a'_1(t-r))z_i^* = t-r.$$

We have

$$[t-r] \leq k[f_{d_1}^{d_2}((t-r)a(t-r))].$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} [t-r] &\leq k[f_{d_1}^{d_2}((t-r)a'_1(t-r))] \leq [f_{d_3}^{d_4}(ra'_1r)] + [f_{d_3}^{d_4}((t-r)a'_1(t-r))] \\ &\leq [f_{\sigma_3}^{\sigma_4}(a'_1)] \leq [a'_1]. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(1) \|xr - rx\| < 3\varepsilon \text{ for all } x \in F,$$

$$(2) rxr \in_{3\varepsilon} D \text{ for all } x \in F,$$

$$(3) [1_A - r] \leq [1_A - t] + [t - r] \leq [a_2] + [a'_1] \leq [a_2] + [a_1] \leq [a].$$

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