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1.1 We go through a careful computation

Recall, we're interested in \mathbb{Z}^d and a cocycle c_θ , and we want projective modules.

The strategy: let M be a locally compact abelian group: $M = \mathbb{R}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus F$ for F finite abelian. ****If F is torsion but not finite, what do we get?*** Then let $G = M \times \hat{M}$, where \hat{M} is the dual group, $\hat{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^m \oplus T^m \oplus \hat{F}$, where $\hat{F} \cong F$, but not in a canonical way — none of these equalities is canonical. Hence $G \cong \mathbb{R}^{2m} \times \mathbb{Z}^n \times T^n \times F \times \hat{F}$.

Then G has a projective “Schrodinger” unitary rep on $L^2(M)$ with cocycle β . Then what we will attempt is to find embeddings (as closed subgroup) $\mathbb{Z}^d \hookrightarrow M \times \hat{M}$, such that $\beta|_{\mathbb{Z}^d} = c_\theta$. Then we can hope that $C_c(M) \subseteq L^2(M)$ gives a projective module. The condition will be that if \mathbb{Z}^d is *cocompact* in G — i.e. G/\mathbb{Z}^d is compact — then we do get a projective module. A necessary condition is that $2m + n = d$. This all, at least in the abelian case, defines a *lattice* in G .

This generates a whole bunch of projective modules. It's hard to tell, and we will not in this class, whether these modules are isomorphic; to sort them out requires a non-commutative Chern class. You can prove: if θ has an irrational entry, then every projective module is a direct sum of things like this. But if θ is entirely rational, then the situation is Morita-equivalent to the commutative ($\theta = 0$) case, and you do not get all of the modules in this way, just a lot of modules.

Ok, so we begin the calculation. Let $(\pi_{(x,s)}\xi)(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle y, s \rangle \xi(y - x)$ for $x, y \in M, s \in \hat{M}$. We find the cocycle:

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi_{(x,s)}\pi_{(y,t)}\xi)(z) &= \langle z, s \rangle (\pi_{(y,t)}\xi)(z - x) \\ &= \langle z, s \rangle \langle z - x, t \rangle \xi(z - x - y) \\ (\pi_{(x+y,s+t)}\xi)(z) &= \langle z, s + t \rangle \xi(z - (x + y)) \\ (\pi_{(x,s)}\pi_{(y,t)}\xi)(z) &= \overline{\langle x, t \rangle} ((\pi_{(x+y,s+t)}\xi)(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we define

$$\beta((x, s), (y, t)) = \overline{\langle x, t \rangle}$$

which is not skew-symmetric. Using u, v for letters in $G = M \times \hat{M}$, we set

$$\pi_u^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \beta(u, u)\pi_{-u}$$

Now, let D (e.g. $D \cong \mathbb{Z}^d$) be a discrete subgroup of $M \times \hat{M} = G$. Much of what we do works with any closed subgroup, which is fine, but everywhere where we'll have a sum, you'll need an integral.

We don't need that generality, so we skip it. In any case, let's restrict π to D , and we're not going to worry about how to match up β with c_θ . In any case, restrict β to D , and then π in D is a β -projective representation of D on $C_c(M) \subseteq L^2(M)$.

Another bookkeeping: we will use right-modules, since we need to consider endomorphisms (for us, acting from the left) in order to show projectivity. So let's make $C_c(M)$ into a right $C_c(D)$ -module (a certain amount carries over to L^2 ; of course, $C_c(D)$ for D discrete is just the functions of finite support): for $\xi \in L^2(M)$ and $f \in C_c(D)$, we set

$$\xi \cdot f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{u \in D} (\pi_u^* \xi) f(u)$$

the $*$ makes it a right-action. Check that this works out:

$$\begin{aligned} ((\xi \cdot f) \cdot g) &= \sum_u \pi_u^* (\xi \cdot f) g(u) \\ &= \sum_u \pi_u^* \left(\sum_v (\pi_v^* \xi) f(v) \right) g(u) \\ &= \sum_{u,v} \pi_u^* \pi_v^* \xi f(v) g(u) \\ &= \sum_{u,v} (\pi_v \pi_u)^* \xi f(v) g(u) \\ &= \sum_{u,v} (\beta(v, u) \pi_{v+u})^* \xi f(v) g(u) \\ &= \sum_{u,v} \bar{\beta}(v, u) \pi_{v+u}^* \xi f(v) g(u) \\ &= \sum_{u,v} \bar{\beta}(v, u-v) \pi_u^* \xi f(v) g(u-v) \\ &= \sum_u (\pi_u^* \xi) \underbrace{\sum_v f(v) g(u-v) \bar{\beta}(v, u-v)}_{f \star_{\bar{\beta}} g \text{ restricted to } D} \end{aligned}$$

Ok, so this works for $\xi \in L^2$, but let's move in the C_c direction. So we let $A = (C_c(D), \star_{\bar{\beta}})$, and later complete to a C^* algebra. We leave Hilbert space: let $\Xi = C_c(M)$, later on completed. Let's pick the ordinary inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2}$ on $L^2(M)$ to be linear in the first variable. Define a "bundle metric", i.e. an A -valued inner product on Ξ , by:

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_A \left(\underset{D}{u} \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\langle \xi, \pi_u^* \eta \rangle_{L^2(M)}} = \overline{\langle \pi_u \xi, \eta \rangle_{L^2(M)}} = \int_{y \in M} \overline{(\pi_u \xi)(y)} \eta(y) dy$$

If $u = (x, s)$, then

$$\int_{y \in M} \overline{(\pi_u \xi)(y)} \eta(y) dy = \int_M \overline{\langle y, s \rangle \xi(y-x)} \eta(y) dy$$

Now, if η and ξ are each of compact support on M , then for each s this is certainly of compact support in x . This is more interesting; we still have this s to deal with, and there's no reason why this should be of compact support in s . Ok, so the solution is that we need to take a bigger space: when $M = \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{Z}^n \times F$, we need the *Schwartz space* $\mathcal{S}(M)$: all derivatives in the \mathbb{R}^m direction should exist, and everything (including all derivatives) in the \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{Z}^n directions should vanish at infinity faster than any polynomial.

Lemma: If $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{S}(M)$, then $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_A \in \mathcal{S}(D)$.

We'll skip this proof. Anyway, so then this really does work the way you want:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi, \eta \cdot f \rangle_A(v) &= \sum_u \langle \xi, \eta \cdot \delta_u \rangle_A(v) f(u) \\ \langle \xi, \eta \cdot \delta_u \rangle_A(v) &= \langle \xi, \pi_u^* \eta \rangle_A(v) \\ &= \end{aligned}$$