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### 1.1 We go through a careful computation

Recall, we're interested in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  and a cocycle  $c_\theta$ , 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  $\beta$ . 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  $\theta$  has an irrational entry, then every projective module is a direct sum of things like this. But if  $\theta$  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  $\pi$  to  $D$ , and we're not going to worry about how to match up  $\beta$  with  $c_\theta$ . In any case, restrict  $\beta$  to  $D$ , and then  $\pi$  in  $D$  is a  $\beta$ -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  $\langle, \rangle_{L^2}$  on  $L^2(M)$  to be linear in the first variable. Define a "bundle metric", i.e. an  $A$ -valued inner product on  $\Xi$ , by:

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

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  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  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:

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