

Exercises on C^* -simplicity

- 1) A ~~unitary~~ unitary representation $\pi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)$ has almost invariant vectors if there is a net of unit vectors $(\xi_i)_{i \in I}$ in H st
- $$\forall g \in \Gamma: \|\pi(g)\xi_i - \xi_i\|_2 \rightarrow 0$$

Assume that λ_Γ has almost inv. vectors. Prove that there is a $*$ -homomorphism

$$\varepsilon: C^*_{red} \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{st} \quad \varepsilon(u_g) = 1 \quad \text{for } g \in \Gamma.$$

- 2) Show that for a discrete group Γ the following statements are equivalent:

a) Γ is C^* -simple

b) If $\pi < \lambda$, then $\lambda < \pi$.

- 3) A discrete group Γ is called Powers group if the following statement holds:

$$\forall F \subseteq \Gamma \text{ finite } \exists C, D \subseteq \Gamma \exists g_1, \dots, g_n \in \Gamma:$$

a) $\Gamma = C \amalg D$ (disjoint union)

b) $\forall g \in F: gC \cap C = \emptyset$

c) $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}: g_i D, \dots, g_n D$ are pw. disjoint.

Show that a Powers group admits a top free boundary.