

An introduction to higher rank graphs and their C^* -algebras, part 2

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Higher rank graphs

Definition (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

A k -graph is a pair (Λ, d) where Λ is a small category and $d : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0^k$ is a functor such that

$$\forall \lambda \in \Lambda \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0^k \text{ with } m + n = d(\lambda) \\ \exists! \mu, \nu \in \Lambda : \mu\nu = \lambda \wedge d(\mu) = m \wedge d(\nu) = n.$$

Cuntz-Krieger Λ -families

We say that a k -graph Λ is *row-finite and with no sources* if $0 < \#\Lambda^n(v) < \infty$ for all $v \in \Lambda^0$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0^k$.

Definition (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

Let Λ be a row-finite k -graph with no sources. A *Cuntz-Krieger Λ -family* in a C^* -algebra A is a family $(s_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ of partial isometries satisfying:

- 1 $(s_v)_{v \in \Lambda^0}$ is a family of mutually orthogonal projections,
- 2 $s_\lambda s_\mu = s_{\lambda\mu}$ for all $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ with $s(\lambda) = r(\mu)$,
- 3 $s_\lambda^* s_\lambda = s_{s(\lambda)}$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$,
- 4 $s_v = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda^n(v)} s_\lambda s_\lambda^*$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0^k$ and all $v \in \Lambda^0$.

The C^* -algebra of a row-finite higher rank graph

Theorem (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

Let Λ be a row-finite k -graph with no sources. Then there exists a C^* -algebra $C^*(\Lambda)$ and a Cuntz-Krieger Λ -family $(s_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ satisfying:

- 1 $C^*(\Lambda)$ is generated by $(s_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$.
- 2 If A is a C^* -algebra which is generated by a Cuntz-Krieger Λ -family $(t_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$, then there exists a unique $*$ -homomorphism from $C^*(\Lambda)$ to A mapping s_λ to t_λ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

The gauge action of the C^* -algebra of a higher rank graph

Theorem (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

Let Λ be a row-finite k -graph with no sources. Then there exists an action $\gamma : \mathbb{T}^k \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C^*(\Lambda))$ (called the gauge action) of \mathbb{T}^k on $C^*(\Lambda)$ such that

$$\gamma_z(s_\lambda) = z^{d(\lambda)} s_\lambda$$

for $z \in \mathbb{T}^k$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

The gauge-invariant uniqueness theorem for the C^* -algebra of a higher rank graph

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The Cuntz-Krieger uniqueness theorem for the C^* -algebra of a higher rank graph

Theorem (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

Let Λ be an aperiodic, row-finite k -graph with no sources. If $\{t_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a Cuntz-Krieger Λ -family in a C^ -algebra A such that $t_v \neq 0$ for every $v \in \Lambda^0$, then the unique $*$ -homomorphism from $C^*(\Lambda)$ to A mapping s_λ to t_λ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ is injective.*

Simple C^* -algebras of a higher rank graphs

Theorem (Kumjian and Pask, 2000)

Let Λ be a row-finite k -graph with no sources. Then $C^(\Lambda)$ is simple if and only if Λ is aperiodic and cofinal.*

Purely infinite C^* -algebras of a higher rank graphs

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