

C^* -algebras associated to graphs, path spaces and equilibrium states

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References: Bratteli-Robinson, Pedersen.

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Verifications can often be reduced to a, b in a norm-dense $*$ -subalgebra of analytic elements.

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Goal: analyse KMS states for $\mathcal{TC}^*(E)$ and $C^*(E)$ for countable E .

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Theorem (an Huef-Laca-Raeburn-Sims, 2012)

Let A be the vertex matrix of E . Consider $\mathcal{TC}^*(E)$ and $C^*(E)$ with the gauge action.

- (a) If E is strongly connected (i.e. A is irreducible), then there is a unique KMS_β state at $\ln(\rho(A))$.
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The crossed product $A \rtimes G$ is the enveloping C^* -algebra of the space $\{f : G \rightarrow A \mid f(g) \in D_g, g \in G, \sum_g \|f(g)\| < \infty\}$ endowed with suitable convolution and involution. Write $f = \sum_g a_g \delta_g$ where $f(g) = a_g \in D_g$.

References: Exel, McClanahan, Quigg-Raeburn.

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Exel-Laca: $\mathcal{T}_A = C_0(\Omega) \rtimes \mathbb{F}$ for a semi-saturated orthogonal action.

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Define E_{rec}^∞ to be the collection of infinite paths that meet a vertex of E infinitely often (*recurrent* infinite paths).

Theorem (Carlsen-L)

Let $\mathcal{C}_{\text{inf}, a}^\beta$ consist of $m \in \mathcal{C}^\beta$ such the associated measure μ is supported on E_{rec}^∞ . The map

$$\phi(m)(v) = m(v)Z_v(\beta)$$

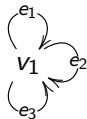
is a well-defined isomorphism of convex sets from $\mathcal{C}_{\text{inf}, a}^\beta$ to $\{\epsilon : E_{\beta, c}^0 / \sim \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \sum_{[v]} \epsilon([v]) = 1\}$. Moreover, $\phi(m_v^\beta) = \delta_v$ for all $v \in [v]$.

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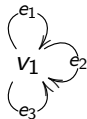
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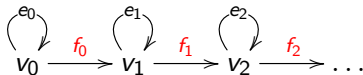


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$E_{\beta,c}^0$	\emptyset	$\{v_1\}$	\emptyset
KMS_β	\emptyset	$C_{\text{inf},a}^\beta$	C_f^β

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Consider the graph



For $\mathcal{TC}^*(E)$ and the gauge-action:

β	0	$(0, \ln 2)$	$[\ln 2, \infty)$
$E_{\beta,r}^0$	\emptyset	E^0	E^0
$E_{\beta,c}^0$	$\{v_0\}$	\emptyset	\emptyset
KMS_β	$\mathcal{C}_{\text{inf},a}^\beta = \{m_{v_0}\}$	$\mathcal{C}_f^\beta \sqcup m_{\text{inf},b}^\beta$	\mathcal{C}_f^β

Note: $m_{\text{inf},b}^\beta$ has support on the *non-recurrent* path $f_0 f_1 \dots$.
Such paths do not occur in the case of finite graphs.