

Quantum Metric Spaces

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- 1 $(\mathfrak{A}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{A}})$ is a Banach space,
- 2 $\forall a, b \in \mathfrak{A} \quad \|ab\|_{\mathfrak{A}} \leq \|a\|_{\mathfrak{A}} \|b\|_{\mathfrak{A}},$
- 3 $\forall a \in \mathfrak{A} \quad \|aa^*\|_{\mathfrak{A}} = \|a\|_{\mathfrak{A}}^2.$

A *C*-algebra* A is *unital* when it has a multiplicative unit $1_{\mathfrak{A}}$.

A **-morphism* is an algebraic morphism for the ***-algebra structure.

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The extreme points of $\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{A})$ are *pure states*. If \mathfrak{A} is an Abelian unital C^* -algebra, then \mathfrak{A} is $*$ -isomorphic to the C^* -algebra of \mathbb{C} -valued continuous functions on the pure state space.

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Example: Noncommutative Topology

Noncommutative *topology* is the study of (unital) C^* -algebras as generalizations of the algebras of *continuous* functions over a (locally) *compact* Hausdorff space.

This framework includes the development of K-theory, KK-theory,

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Other examples of this analogy includes quantum groups as Hopf algebras, noncommutative Riemannian manifolds as spectral triples, Von Neumann algebras as noncommutative measurable spaces.

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- Motivated by mathematical physics, addresses problems such as:
 - Can we approximate quantum spaces with finite dimensional algebras?
 - Are certain functions from a topological space to quantum spaces continuous? Lipschitz?
 - Are certain functions from a topological space to modules over quantum spaces continuous?

Structure of the talk

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$$\forall b \in \text{dom}(L_{\mathfrak{B}}) \quad L_{\mathfrak{B}}(b) = \inf \{ L_{\mathfrak{A}}(a) : \pi(a) = b \}.$$

A *full quantum isometry* π is a $*$ -isomorphism such that $L_{\mathfrak{B}} \circ \pi = L_{\mathfrak{A}}$.

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Theorem (McShane, 1934)

Let (Z, m) be a metric space and $X \subseteq Z$ not empty. If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a *k-Lipschitz* function on X then there exists a *k-Lipschitz* function $g : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that g restricts to f on X .

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This construction recovers the usual ultrametrics of the Cantor set.

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Example: Quantum tori

- $G = \mathbb{T}^d$,
- $\mathfrak{A} = C^*(\mathbb{Z}^d, \sigma)$ (universal for $U_j U_k = \sigma(j, k) U_{j+k}$),
- α : dual action ($\alpha^z U_j = z^j U_j$).
- Associated with a differential calculus when ℓ from invariant Riemannian metric.

Spectral triples and quantum metrics

Theorem (L., 15)

Let α be an *ergodic action* of a *compact Lie group* G on a unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} . Let π be the GNS rep from the invariant tracial state of \mathfrak{A} . Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be an orthonormal basis for the *Lie algebra* \mathfrak{g} of G equipped with an inner product, and let:

$$\partial_j : a \in \mathfrak{A}^1 \mapsto \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha^{\exp(tX_j)} a - a}{t} \text{ for } j \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

For $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & \dots & h_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{n1} & \dots & h_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(\pi(\mathfrak{A})')$, we set:

$$D_H = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n h_{jk} \partial_k \otimes \text{Clifford}(X_j)$$

$(\mathfrak{A}, \|\cdot\|, \|\cdot\|, \|[D_H, \pi^{\oplus n}(\cdot)]\|)$ is a *Leibniz quantum compact metric space*.

Some Other Examples

- 1 Hyperbolic group C^* -algebras (Rieffel, Ozawa, 05),
- 2 Nilpotent group C^* -algebras (Christ, Rieffel, 16),
- 3 Connes-Landi spheres (Li, 03)
- 4 Conformal deformations of quantum metric spaces from spectral triples (L., 15)
- 5 Group C^* -algebras for groups with rapid decay (Antonescu, Christensen, 2004)
- 6 Noncommutative Solenoids (L., Packer, 16)
- 7 Certain C^* -crossed-products (J. Bellissard, M. Marcolli, Reihani, 10), (involves my work on locally compact quantum metric space).

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Notation

The *Hausdorff distance* on the compact subsets of a metric space (X, m) is denoted by Haus_m .

Definition (Gromov, 81)

The *Gromov-Hausdorff distance* between two compact metric spaces (X, m_X) and (Y, m_Y) is:

$$\inf \{ \text{Haus}_{m_Z}(\iota_X(X), \iota_Y(Y)) : (Z, m_Z, \iota_X, \iota_Y) \in \text{Adm}(m_X, m_Y) \}.$$

The Dual Gromov-Hausdorff Propinquity

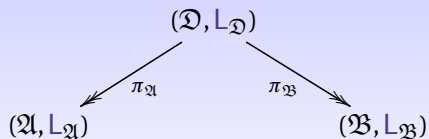


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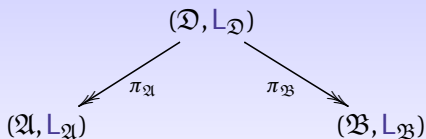


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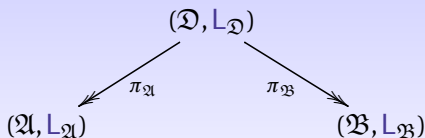


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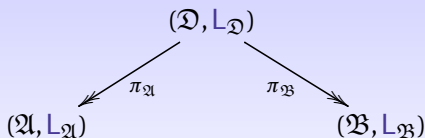


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The dual propinquity is a *complete metric* up to *full quantum isometry*, which induces the same topology on classical compact metric spaces as the Gromov-Hausdorff distance.

Quantum Tori and the quantum propinquity

Endow \mathbb{T}^d with a continuous length function ℓ . Let α be the dual action of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_k \subseteq \mathbb{T}^d$ on $C^*(\mathbb{Z}_k^d, \sigma)$, and set for $a \in \mathfrak{sa}(C^*(\mathbb{Z}_k^d, \sigma))$:

$$L_\sigma(a) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|a - \alpha^g(a)\|_{21}}{\ell(g)} : g \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_k^d \setminus \{1\} \right\}.$$

L_σ is an L-seminorm (Rieffel, 98).

Theorem (Latrémolière, 2013)

Let $d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$, σ a multiplier of \mathbb{Z}^d . If for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we let $k_n \in \overline{\mathbb{N}}^d$ and σ_n be a multiplier of $\mathbb{Z}_{k_n}^d = \mathbb{Z}^d / k_n \mathbb{Z}^d$ such that:

- 1 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = (\infty, \dots, \infty)$,
- 2 the unique lifts of σ_n to \mathbb{Z}^d as multipliers converge pointwise to σ ,

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda \left((C^*(\mathbb{Z}^d, \sigma), L_\sigma), (C^*(\mathbb{Z}_{k_n}^d, \sigma_n), L_{\sigma_n}) \right) = 0$.

Curved Quantum Tori

Theorem (L., 15)

- Let G be a compact Lie group acting ergodically on a unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} . Let τ be the G -invariant tracial state of \mathfrak{A} .
- Identify \mathfrak{A} with its image by the regular representation acting on $L^2(\mathfrak{A}, \tau)$ (τ canonical trace)
- Define the length function $\ell : K \in GL_d(\mathfrak{A}') \mapsto \|1 - K\|_{L^2(\mathfrak{A}, \tau)}$.

If $H \in GL_d(\mathfrak{A}')$ then:

$$\lim_{\substack{G \rightarrow H \\ G \in \mathfrak{GL}_n(\mathfrak{A}')}} \Lambda((\mathfrak{A}, L_G), (\mathfrak{A}, L_H)) = 0$$

where $L_H = \| \| [D_H, \cdot] \| \|$ with $D_H = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n H_{jk} \partial_k \otimes X_j$ for a fixed orthonormal basis (X_1, \dots, X_d) of the Lie algebra of G , equipped with some inner product.

Effros-Shen AF algebras

Theorem (Aguilar, L., 15)

- For $\theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, let $\theta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n^\theta}{q_n^\theta}$ with $\frac{p_n^\theta}{q_n^\theta} = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n}}}}$

for $a_1, \dots \in \mathbb{N}$.

- Set $\mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{F}_\theta} = \varinjlim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathfrak{M}_{q_n} \oplus \mathfrak{M}_{q_{n-1}}, \psi_{n,\theta})$ where $\psi_{n,\theta}$ involves a_{n+1} .
- For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\beta_n = \frac{1}{q_n^2 + q_{n-1}^2}$ and \mathbb{L}_θ the L-seminorm for this data.

For all $\theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, we have:

$$\lim_{\substack{\vartheta \rightarrow \theta \\ \vartheta \notin \mathbb{Q}}} \Lambda((\mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{F}_\vartheta}, \mathbb{L}_\vartheta), (\mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{F}_\theta}, \mathbb{L}_\theta)) = 0.$$

- 1 *Compact Quantum Metric Spaces*
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Gromov's compactness Theorem

What is a noncommutative analogue of the following?

Theorem (Gromov, 1981)

A class \mathcal{S} of compact metric spaces is totally bounded for the Gromov-Hausdorff distance if, and only if the following two assertions hold:

- 1 there exists $D \geq 0$ such that for all $(X, m) \in \mathcal{S}$, the diameter of (X, m) is less or equal to D ,
- 2 there exists a function $G : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $(X, m) \in \mathcal{S}$, and for every $\varepsilon > 0$, the smallest number $\text{Cov}_{(X, m)}(\varepsilon)$ of balls of radius ε needed to cover (X, m) is no more than $G(\varepsilon)$.

Since the Gromov-Hausdorff distance is complete, a class of compact metric spaces is compact for the Gromov-Hausdorff distance if and only if it is closed and totally bounded.

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- $\text{diam}(\mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{A}), \text{mk}_{\mathbb{L}}) \leq K$,
- $\text{cov}_{(F)}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathbb{L} | \varepsilon) \leq G(\varepsilon)$.

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This uses a result from Blackadar and Kirchberg.

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Notation (Latrémolière, 2015)

If $C \geq 1$, $D \geq 0$, a quasi-Leibniz quantum compact metric space (\mathfrak{A}, L) such that for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{sa}(\mathfrak{A})$:

$$L(a \circ b) \vee L(\{a, b\}) \leq C (\|a\|_{\mathfrak{A}} L(b) + L(a) \|b\|_{\mathfrak{B}}) + D L(a) L(b)$$

is a (C, D) -quasi-Leibniz quantum compact metric space.

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Let $C \geq 1$, $D \geq 0$. If $(\mathfrak{A}, L_{\mathfrak{A}})$ is a (C, D) -quasi-Leibniz quantum compact metric space with \mathfrak{A} pseudo-diagonal, and if $\delta > 0$, then there exists a sequence $(\mathfrak{B}_n, L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of *finite dimensional $(C + \delta, D + \delta)$ -quasi-Leibniz quantum compact metric spaces* such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_{C,D}((\mathfrak{A}, L_{\mathfrak{A}}), (\mathfrak{B}_n, L_n)) = 0$.

Other examples

- 1 Conformal perturbations of quantum metrics (L., 15)
- 2 AF algebras as limits of their inductive sequence in a *metric* sense; UHF and Effros-Shen algebras form continuous families (Aguilar and L., 15),
- 3 Spheres as limits of full matrix algebras (Rieffel, 15)
- 4 Nuclear quasi-diagonal quasi-Leibniz quantum compact metric spaces have finite dim approximations (L., 15),
- 5 There exists an analogue of Gromov's compactness theorem (L., 15)
- 6 Noncommutative solenoids form a continuous family and have approximations by quantum tori (L. and Packer, 16)
- 7 Closed balls for the noncommutative Lipschitz distance are totally bounded for Λ (L., 16)

Thank you!

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