

# Exterior products of compact quantum metric spaces

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## Definition

An **operator system**  $X \subseteq \mathbb{L}(H)$  is a closed unital subspace of the bounded operators on a Hilbert space  $H$  such that  $x^* \in X$  for all  $x \in X$ .

## Definition

A **state** on an operator system  $X$  is a linear positive map  $\mu : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\mu(1_X) = 1$ . The state space of  $X$  is denoted by  $S(X)$  and it becomes a **compact Hausdorff space** when equipped with the weak-\* topology.

## Definition

A seminorm  $L : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a **Lipschitz seminorm** when

- 1  $L(x^*) = L(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- 2 the subspace

$$\text{dom}(L) = \{x \in X : L(x) < \infty\} \subseteq X$$

is norm-dense;

- 3 for each  $r \geq 0$ , the ball

$$\mathbb{B}_r(0, L) = \{x \in X : L(x) \leq r\}$$

is norm-closed;

- 4  $L(1_X) = 0$ .

## Example: Unbounded selfadjoint operators

### Proposition

Let  $D : \text{dom}(D) \rightarrow H$  be an unbounded selfadjoint operator and define the seminorm  $L_D : \mathbb{L}(H) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  by

$$L_D(T) := \sup \left\{ |\langle D\xi, T\eta \rangle - \langle T^*\xi, D\eta \rangle| \right. \\ \left. : \xi, \eta \in \text{dom}(D), \|\xi\|_H, \|\eta\|_H \leq 1 \right\}$$

Then  $X_D := \overline{\text{dom}(L_D)}$  is an operator system and  $L_D : X_D \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a Lipschitz seminorm.

## Definition

Suppose that  $L : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a Lipschitz seminorm. The **Monge-Kantorovich metric** is the metric  $\rho_L : S(X) \times S(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  defined by

$$\rho_L(\mu, \nu) := \sup\{|\mu(x) - \nu(x)| : x \in \mathbb{B}_1(0, L)\}.$$

## Definition

The pair  $(X, L)$  is a **compact quantum metric space** when the metric  $\rho_L$  **metrizes** the weak- $*$ -topology on the state space.

## Theorem (Rieffel, Pavlović)

*The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1 the pair  $(X, L)$  is a **compact quantum metric space**;
- 2 the subset  $q(\mathbb{B}_1(0, L)) \subseteq X/\mathbb{C}$  is **relatively compact** in the quotient norm ( $q : X \rightarrow X/\mathbb{C}$  is the quotient map).

## Definition

Let  $\varepsilon, C > 0$  be constants. An  $(\varepsilon, C)$ -**approximation** of  $(X, L)$  is a pair  $(\iota, \Phi)$  consisting of unital linear maps  $\iota, \Phi : X \rightarrow Z$  into an operator system  $Z$  such that

- 1  $C^{-1} \cdot \|x\| \leq \|\iota(x)\| \leq C \cdot \|x\|$  and  $\|\Phi(x)\| \leq C \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- 2 the image of  $\Phi$  is a **finite dimensional** subspace of  $Z$ ;
- 3  $\|(\iota - \Phi)(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \cdot L(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

## Theorem (K.)

*The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1 the pair  $(X, L)$  is a **compact quantum metric space**;
- 2 there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that
  - $\|q(x)\|_{X/\mathbb{C}} \leq C \cdot L(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
  - there exists an  $(\varepsilon, C)$ -**approximation** of  $(X, L)$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .



## Definition

An **even unital spectral triple**  $(A, H, D)$  consists of

- a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $A \subseteq \mathbb{L}(H)_0$  of the even bounded operators on a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded separable Hilbert space  $H$ ;
- an odd unbounded selfadjoint operator  $D : \text{dom}(D) \rightarrow H$

such that

- 1 the **Lipschitz algebra**  $\text{dom}(L_D) \cap A \subseteq A$  is norm-dense;
- 2 the resolvent  $(i + D)^{-1} : H \rightarrow H$  is a **compact operator**.

## Definition

An even unital spectral triple is a **spectral metric space** when the pair  $(A, L_D)$  is a compact quantum metric space.

## Definition/Theorem (Baaj and Julg)

Let  $(A, H, D)$  and  $(B, G, E)$  be even unital spectral triples. The **exterior product** is the unital spectral triple  $(A \otimes_{\min} B, H \otimes_2 G, D \times E)$ , where the odd unbounded selfadjoint operator  $D \times E$  is defined as the closure of the unbounded symmetric operator

$$D \otimes 1 + \gamma \otimes E : \text{dom}(D) \otimes \text{dom}(E) \rightarrow H \otimes_2 G,$$

with  $\gamma : H \rightarrow H$  being the grading operator on  $H$ .

## Question

*Suppose that  $(A, H, D)$  and  $(B, G, E)$  are spectral metric spaces. Is it true that  $(A \otimes_{\min} B, H \otimes_2 G, D \times E)$  is again a spectral metric space?*

## Definition

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{L}(H)$  be an operator system. An **operator seminorm**  $L$  on  $X$  is a seminorm  $L_n : M_n(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

- 1  $L_n(v \cdot x \cdot w) \leq \|v\| \cdot L_n(x) \cdot \|w\|$  for all  $x \in M_n(X)$ ,  $v, w \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ;
- 2  $L_{n+m}(x \oplus y) = \max\{L_n(x), L_m(y)\}$  for all  $x \in M_n(X)$ ,  $y \in M_m(X)$ .

## Definition

An operator seminorm  $L$  on  $X$  is a **Lipschitz operator seminorm** when  $L_n : M_n(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a Lipschitz seminorm for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## Example: Unbounded selfadjoint operators

### Proposition

Let  $D : \text{dom}(D) \rightarrow H$  be an unbounded selfadjoint operator. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the seminorm

$$(L_D)_n := L^{D^{\oplus n}} : M_n(\mathbb{L}(H)) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$$

where  $D^{\oplus n} : \text{dom}(D^{\oplus n}) \rightarrow H^{\oplus n}$  is the unbounded selfadjoint operator given by the  $n$ -fold direct sum of  $D$  with itself. Then  $X_D := \overline{\text{dom}((L_D)_1)}$  is an operator system and  $L_D$  is a Lipschitz operator seminorm.

## Proposition

Let  $L$  be a Lipschitz operator seminorm on an operator system  $X \subseteq \mathbb{L}(H)$  and let  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{L}(G)$  be an extra operator system. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the seminorm  $(L \otimes 1)_n : M_n(X \otimes_{\min} Y) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  by

$$(L \otimes 1)_n(z) := \sup \left\{ L_{n \cdot \dim(\text{im}(Q))}((1 \otimes Q)z(1 \otimes Q)) : Q \text{ is a finite rank projection on } G \right\}.$$

Then  $L \otimes 1$  is a **Lipschitz operator seminorm** on the **minimal tensor product**  $X \otimes_{\min} Y \subseteq \mathbb{L}(H \otimes_2 G)$ . The same holds true with the roles of  $X$  and  $Y$  reversed.

## Definition

Suppose that  $L : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a Lipschitz operator seminorm and let  $\varepsilon, C > 0$  be constants. A **completely bounded**  $(\varepsilon, C)$ -**approximation** of  $(X, L)$  is a pair  $(\iota, \Phi)$  consisting of unital linear maps  $\iota, \Phi : X \rightarrow Z$  into an operator system  $Z$  such that

- 1  $C^{-1} \cdot \|x\| \leq \|\iota(x)\| \leq C \cdot \|x\|$  and  $\|\Phi(x)\| \leq C \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $x \in M_n(X)$ ;
- 2 the image of  $\Phi$  is a **finite dimensional** subspace of  $Z$ ;
- 3  $\|(\iota - \Phi)(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \cdot L_n(x)$  for all  $x \in M_n(X)$ .

## Definition

Suppose that  $L : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a Lipschitz operator seminorm. We say that  $(X, L)$  is a **completely bounded compact quantum metric space** when there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

- 1  $\|q_n(x)\|_{M_n(X)/M_n(\mathbb{C})} \leq C \cdot L_n(x)$  for all  $x \in M_n(X)$ ;
- 2 there exists a completely bounded  $(\varepsilon, C)$ -approximation of  $(X, L)$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .



## Example: Ergodic actions of compact groups

### Proposition (Rieffel, K.)

Let  $G$  be a compact group equipped with a length function  $\ell : G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and suppose that  $G$  acts ergodically on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we define

$$L_n(x) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\|g(x) - x\|}{\ell(g)} : g \in G \setminus \{e\} \right\}$$

for all  $x \in M_n(A)$ . Then  $(A, L)$  is a **completely bounded** compact quantum metric space.

## Theorem (K.)

*Suppose that  $(X, L)$  and  $(Y, K)$  are completely bounded compact quantum metric spaces. Then  $(X \otimes_{\min} Y, \max\{L \otimes 1, 1 \otimes K\})$  is a completely bounded compact quantum metric space.*

## Definition

We say that an even unital spectral triple  $(A, H, D)$  is a **completely bounded spectral metric space** when  $(A, L_D)$  is a completely bounded compact quantum metric space.

## Theorem (K.)

Suppose that  $(A, H, D)$  and  $(B, G, E)$  are **completely bounded spectral metric spaces**. Then the exterior product  $(A \otimes_{\min} B, H \otimes_2 G, D \times E)$  is a completely bounded spectral metric space.