

Scalar corner from a representative of the unique irreducible-representation class

`MathlibAnnex.Analysis.CStarAlgebra.NonUnitalCStarRepresentation.exists_nonzero_projection_scalar_corner`

Produces a nonzero projection with one-dimensional corner from a separably acting representative of the unique irreducible-representation class.

Statement

Let A be a nonzero complex C^* -algebra, not assumed unital, H a separable complex Hilbert space, and π a representation of A on H that is a representative of the unique unitary-equivalence class of nonzero irreducible representations of A . There is a nonzero star projection p in A whose every corner $p a p$ is a complex scalar multiple of p .

Assumptions

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Conclusion

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Proof idea

The source takes a nonzero a , inserts $b=a^* a$ into a maximal abelian subalgebra of the unitization, uses separability to count its characters, and obtains an isolated character distinct from the scalar character. A projection supported at that character has a scalar corner; the zero scalar coordinate forces that projection back into A .

Proof steps

1. Exact Lean statement: $\forall \{A : \text{Type } u\} [\text{inst} : \text{NonUnitalCStarAlgebra } A] [\text{inst}_1 : \text{PartialOrder } A] [\text{StarOrderedRing } A] \{H : \text{Type } v\} [\text{inst}_3 : \text{NormedAddCommGroup } H] [\text{inst}_4 : \text{InnerProductSpace } \mathbb{C} H] [\text{inst}_5 : \text{CompleteSpace } H] [\text{Nontrivial } A] [\text{TopologicalSpace.SeparableSpace } H] (\pi : \text{MathlibAnnex.Analysis.CStarAlgebra.NonUnitalCStarRepresentation } A H), \pi.\text{IsSingletonIrreducibleModel} \rightarrow \exists p, \text{IsStarProjection } p \wedge p \neq 0 \wedge \forall (a : A), \exists c, p * a * p = c \cdot p$
2. $\exists p : A, \text{IsStarProjection } p \wedge p \neq 0 \wedge \forall a : A, \exists c : \mathbb{C}, p * a * p = c \cdot p$.
3. The source takes a nonzero a , inserts $b=a^* a$ into a maximal abelian subalgebra of the unitization, uses separability to count its characters, and obtains an isolated character distinct from the scalar character. A projection supported at that character has a scalar corner; the zero scalar coordinate forces that projection back into A .

Main citations

`MathlibAnnex.Analysis.CStarAlgebra.NonUnitalCStarRepresentation.countable_characterSpace_of_nonUnital_singleton`

Exact formal dependency; inspect the linked Card and exact source.

`MathlibAnnex.Analysis.CStarAlgebra.NonUnitalCStarRepresentation.exists_isolated_character_ne_infinity`

Exact formal dependency; inspect the linked Card and exact source.

`MathlibAnnex.Analysis.CStarAlgebra.exists_maximalAbelian_containing_isSelfAdjoint`

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Lean source signature (exact)

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theorem exists_nonzero_projection_scalar_corner [Nontrivial A]
[TopologicalSpace.SeparableSpace H]
(pi : NonUnitalCStarRepresentation A H)
(hsingle : IsSingletonIrreducibleModel.{u, v, u} pi) :
 $\exists p : A, \text{IsStarProjection } p \wedge p \neq 0 \wedge$ 
 $\forall a : A, \exists c : \mathbb{C}, p * a * p = c \cdot p$ 
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