

38 Introduction to KK

in this talk: all C^* -algebras are separable

- $C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}$ - category of C^* -algebras

Kasparov groups (Pierre's talk)

- A, B in $C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}$:

- $\text{KK}_0(A, B)$ - Kasparov's KK -theory group

- homotopy classes of Kasparov modules $[E, \phi, F]$

features

- $f : A \rightarrow B$ induces $\text{kk}_0(f) := [B, f, 0] \in \text{KK}_0(A, B)$

- Kasparov product: $\circ : \text{KK}_0(B, C) \otimes \text{KK}_0(A, B) \rightarrow \text{KK}_0(A, C)$

- is associative, compatible with composition of morphisms

encode this structure as \mathbb{Z} -enriched category KK_0

- objects: C^* -algebras

- morphisms: $\text{Hom}_{\text{KK}_0}(A, B) := \text{KK}_0(A, B)$

- composition: \circ

express naturality properties:

Proposition 38.1. *We have a functor $\text{kk}_0 : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \text{KK}_0$.*

further properties:

- homotopy invariance: $A \mapsto C([0, 1]) \otimes A$ goes to iso

- K -stability: $A \cong \mathbb{C} \otimes A \xrightarrow{p \otimes \text{id}_A} K \otimes A$ goes to iso

- split exact: for split exact $0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \overset{\curvearrowright}{\longrightarrow} C \longrightarrow 0$ the sequence $0 \longrightarrow kk_0(A) \longrightarrow kk_0(B) \overset{\curvearrowright}{\longrightarrow} kk_0(C) \longrightarrow 0$ presents $kk_0(B) \cong kk_0(A) \oplus kk_0(C)$
- kk_0 sends sums to sums

Theorem 38.2 (Higson). KK_0 is an additive category and $kk_0 : C^* \mathbf{Alg}_s^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow KK_0$ is the initial homotopy invariant, K -stable and split exact functor to an additive category.

$$kk_0^* : \mathbf{Fun}^{\text{add}}(KK_0, \mathbf{A}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,\text{split}}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}, \mathbf{A})$$

example: $K_0 : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ is homotopy invariant K -stable and split exact

- has unique factorization:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} & \xrightarrow{K_0} & \mathbf{Ab} \\
 \searrow^{kk_0} & & \nearrow^{\text{Hom}_{KK_0}(kk_0(\mathbb{C}), kk_0(-))} \\
 & \mathbf{KK} &
 \end{array}$$

- for $F : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ homotopy invariant, split-exact and K -stable:
- by Yoneda Lemma $\text{Nat}(K_0, F) \cong F(\mathbb{C})$

encode external products

Proposition 38.3. KK_0 has a unique bi-additive symmetric monoidal structure such that $kk_0 : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow KK_0$ is symmetric monoidal

(two statements, one for \otimes_{\min} and one for \otimes_{\max})

define $\Omega := kk_0(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \otimes - : KK_0 \rightarrow KK_0$

- additional structure: boundary maps
- consider semiexact $0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \overset{\curvearrowright}{\longrightarrow} C \longrightarrow 0$
- induces $\partial : \Omega kk_0(C) \rightarrow kk_0(A)$ (explicit construction on cycle level)

Proposition 38.4.

$$\Omega \text{kk}_0(C) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{kk}_0(A) \rightarrow \text{kk}_0(B) \rightarrow \text{kk}_0(C) \quad (38.1)$$

is exact.

Toplitz sequence $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_0 \overset{\curvearrowright}{\longrightarrow} C_0(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow 0$ and $\text{kk}_0(\mathcal{T}_0) \cong 0$ (Cuntz) gives Bott periodicity:

$$\Omega^2 \cong \Omega \text{kk}_0(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \otimes - \overset{\partial \otimes -}{\cong} \text{kk}_0(K) \otimes - \cong \text{id}$$

- use this to define Ω^i for $i < 0$

Proposition 38.5 (Meyer-Nest). KK_0 has structure of a triangulated category with shift Ω and triangles (38.1).

Questions:

1.

- as above: KK -groups are defined using cycles by relations
- additional structures (composition, product, boundaries) must be constructed on cycle level
- very technical arguments for well-defineness and properties
- Can one show by abstract nonsense that there exists a functor with the universal property of $\text{kk}_0 : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \text{KK}_0$ from Proposition 38.3?
- It would be unique up to unique isomorphism.
- Get all the structures for free and in a simple manner (except boundaries).
- Main remaining problem in this approach: Must relate the resulting Hom-groups in this category with Kasparov modules.

2.

- usually triangulated categories are homotopy categories of stable ∞ -categories

Can one construct a stable ∞ -category KK with homotopy category KK_0 and a refinement $\text{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \text{KK}$ of kk_0 .

- Existence of boundary operators for semiexact sequences becomes property.

classical Answer to 1. is Higsons construction

Quick solution for 2. by Land-Nikolaus:

- W - kk_0 - equivalences in $C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}$

Define: $kk : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}[W^{-1}] =: KK$ by Dwyer-Kan localization

Proposition 38.6 (Land-Nikolaus). *KK is a stable ∞ -category and*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} & \xrightarrow{kk_0} & KK_0 \\
 & \searrow^{kk} & \nearrow^{ho} \\
 & & KK
 \end{array}$$

commutes. All works with symmetric monoidal structures \otimes_{\max} and \otimes_{\min} .

proof uses fibration category (Uuye):

- weak equivalences: kk_0 -equivalences

- fibrations: semi-split surjections

combine this with classical constructions:

Corollary 38.7. *kk is homotopy invariant, K -stable and sends semi-exact sequences to fibre sequences.*

Lecture course question: How can one tell students what KK is without explaining KK_0 ?

notions of exactness for functor F :

- $? \in \{\text{Schochet fibration, split, semisplit, surjective}\}$

- F is $?$ -exact: it sends cartesian square with property $?$ to cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C \longrightarrow A & & F(C) \longrightarrow F(A) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 D \longrightarrow B & \mapsto & F(D) \longrightarrow F(B)
 \end{array}$$

- $f : A \rightarrow B$ is Schochet fibration of $\text{Hom}_{C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}}(D, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}}(D, B)$ is Serre fibration

Theorem 38.8. *There is an initial Schochet- and split exact, homotopy invariant and K -stable functor $\text{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{KK}$ to a left-exact and additive ∞ -category. All works with symmetric monoidal structures \otimes_{\max} and \otimes_{\min} .*

$$\text{kk}^* : \mathbf{Fun}^{\text{lex}}(\mathbf{KK}, \mathbf{A}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,\text{split}+\text{sch}}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}, \mathbf{A})$$

- commutes by comparison of universal properties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} & \xrightarrow{\text{kk}_0} & \mathbf{KK}_0 \\ & \searrow \text{kk} & \nearrow \text{ho} \\ & & \mathbf{KK} \end{array}$$

1. $L_h : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}$ Dwyer-Kan at homotopy equivalences

- get left exact pointed ∞ -category

- $\text{Map}_{C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}}(A, B) \simeq \ell\text{Hom}(A, B)$ (Anima associated to topological Hom-space)

- L_h is Schochet exact

2. $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow K$ is tensor idempotent in $C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}$

- left Bousfield localization $L_K := K \otimes - : C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}$

- inverts $A \rightarrow K \otimes A$

- get left semi-additive left-exact ∞ -category

- $L_K \circ L_h$ is Schochet-exact and K -stable

- $\text{Map}_{L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}}(A, B) \simeq \ell\text{Hom}(A, K \otimes B)$

3. force split exactness:

- in $L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}$: $A * A \simeq A \oplus A$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & & \iota_0 & & \\
& & & & \curvearrowright & & \\
- & 0 & \longrightarrow & qA & \longrightarrow & A * A & \xrightarrow{fold} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \searrow \text{dotted} & & \downarrow & & & & \\
& & & & & & & A & & \\
& & & & & & & \nearrow & & \\
& & & & & & & \iota_A & &
\end{array}$$

$$0 \rightarrow qA \rightarrow A * A \xrightarrow{\nabla} A \rightarrow 0, qA \rightarrow A$$

$$- qA \rightarrow A$$

- any split exact functor should invert ι_A

- Dwyer-Kan localize at $W := \{\iota_A | A \in C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}\}$

- $L_q : L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}[W^{-1}] =: \mathbf{KK}$

- get additive left-exact ∞ -category (easy)

- $\mathbf{kk} := L_{q,K,h} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{KK}$ is homotopy invariant, K -stable and Schochet- and split exact and aninital with this property.

- calculus of fractions: $\mathbf{Map}_{\mathbf{KK}}(A, B) \simeq \text{colim}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \ell\text{Hom}(q^n A, B \otimes K)$

This is a complete description of $\mathbf{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{KK}$ independent of clasdical cycle by relations picture!

deep theorem of Cuntz: $q^2 A \rightarrow qA$ is equivalence in $L_K C^* \mathbf{Alg}_h^{\text{nu}}$

- implies: L_q is right Bousfield localization

- $\mathbf{Map}_{\mathbf{KK}}(A, B) \cong \ell\text{Hom}(qA, B \otimes K)$

- this is one of the classical formulas for \mathbf{KK}

stability, fibre sequences ?

interpretation of Cuntz-Skandalis:

Theorem 38.9 (Automatik semiexactess). *For any left-exact additive ∞ -category \mathbf{A}*

$$\text{incl} : \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,se+Sch}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,split+Sch}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}, \mathbf{A})$$

is an equivalence.

apply to $\mathrm{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\mathrm{nu}} \rightarrow \mathrm{KK}$

- conclude: kk is semiexact

- note that $\Omega := \mathrm{kk}(C_0(\mathbb{R})) \otimes -$ is loop endofunctor of left-exact structure

- use Toeplitz extension as above: $\Omega^2 \simeq \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{KK}}$

Corollary 38.10. *KK is a stable ∞ -category with bi-leftexact symmetric monoidal structure.*

- gives long exact sequences, Bott periodicity, triangulated structure on hoKK

$se \implies Sch + split$ if target is stable:

Corollary 38.11. *$\mathrm{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\mathrm{nu}} \rightarrow \mathrm{KK}$ is an initial homotopy invariant, K -stable and semi-exact functor to a stable ∞ -category. All works with symmetric monoidal structures \otimes_{\max} and \otimes_{\min} .*

for any stable \mathbf{C}

$$\mathrm{kk}^* : \mathbf{Fun}^{ex}(\mathrm{KK}, \mathbf{C}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,se}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\mathrm{nu}}, \mathbf{C})$$

How fits E -theory in this picture?

for exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ get comparison map $\mathrm{kk}(A) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fib}(\mathrm{kk}(B) \rightarrow \mathrm{kk}(C))$

- equivalence if sequence is semisplit, but not in general

Dwyer-Kan $W :=$ all comparison maps

- get functor $c : \mathrm{KK} \rightarrow \mathrm{KK}[W^{-1}] =: \mathbf{E}$

- set $e := c \circ \mathrm{kk} : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\mathrm{nu}} \mathrm{KK} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$

Theorem 38.12. *$e : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\mathrm{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ is a Dwyer-Kan localization and the initial homotopy invariant, K -stable and exact functor to a stable ∞ -category. All works with symmetric monoidal structure \otimes_{\max} .*

$$e^* : \mathbf{Fun}^{ex}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{C}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{Fun}^{h,K,ex}(C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}}, \mathbf{C})$$

comparison with classical E -theory (Higson)

- commutes by comparison of universal properties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} & \xrightarrow{e_0} & \mathbf{E}_0 \\ & \searrow e & \nearrow ho \\ & & \mathbf{E} \end{array}$$

Get lax symmetric monoidal, homotopy invariant, K -stable and exact spectrum-valued K -theory functor for free:

$$K(-) := \text{map}_{\mathbf{E}}(e(\mathbb{C}), e(-)) : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sp}$$

- for homotopy invariant, exact and K -stable $F : C^* \mathbf{Alg}^{\text{nu}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sp}$

- $\text{Nat}(K, F) \simeq \Omega^\infty F(\mathbb{C})$ (Yoneda Lemma)

- $\pi_0 \text{Nat}(K, K[1/p]) \cong \mathbb{Z}[1/p]$

application:

- for commutative algebras have $\Psi^p : K \rightarrow K[1/p]$ (Adams operation)

- does not extend to all C^* -algebras