

# On One Dimensional Dynamical Systems and Commuting Elements in Non Commutative Algebras

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We give an explicit description of the interplay between periodic orbits of one-dimensional dynamical systems and commutativity of monomials of linear operators  $A$  and  $B$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , satisfying the relation

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For all polynomials  $\Pi(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^N \alpha_k \lambda^k$ , it holds that

$$\Pi(A)B = B\Pi(F(A)) \quad (4)$$

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$$(fg)(n) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(k) \phi^k(g(n-k)), \quad (10)$$

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$$(f_n \delta^n) * (g_m \delta^m) = f_n \phi^n(g_m) \delta^{n+m} \quad (11)$$

where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $f_n, g_m \in \mathcal{A}$ .

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- $(a + b)^* = a^* + b^*$
- $(\lambda a)^* = \bar{\lambda} a^*$
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It has been proven that the crossed product  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}$  is a  $C^*$ –algebra, called the  $C^*$ –crossed product.



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### Theorem ( J. Tomiyama)

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*The unique maximal abelian subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A} \rtimes_{\sigma} \mathbb{Z}$  that contains  $\mathcal{A}$  (the commutant) is precisely the set of elements*

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Let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  be a bijection on  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_X$  an algebra of piecewise constant functions on  $X$  which is invariant under  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma^{-1}$  and let  $\tilde{\sigma} : \mathcal{A}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$  be the automorphism on  $\mathcal{A}_X$  induced by  $\sigma$ . Then for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\text{Sep}_{\mathcal{A}}^n(X) = \left\{ \bigcup_{k \nmid n} C_k \cup C_\infty \right\}, \quad (15)$$

where  $C_k$  be given by (14) and

$$C_\infty = \{x \in X \mid \nexists j \in J : \exists k : x, \sigma^k(x) \in X_j\}.$$

## Description of commutant

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Let  $\mathcal{A}_X$  be the algebra of piece-wise constant functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  any bijection on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_X$  is invariant under  $\sigma$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma} : \mathcal{A}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$  the automorphism on  $\mathcal{A}_X$  induced by  $\sigma$ . Then the unique maximal commutative subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}_X \rtimes_{\tilde{\sigma}} \mathbb{Z}$  that contains  $\mathcal{A}_X$  is given by,

$$\mathcal{A}' = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} : k|n} \left( \sum_{j_n \in J} a_{j_n} \chi_{X_{j_n}} \right) \delta^n : \text{for all } X_{j_n} \subset C_k \right\}.$$

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or more generally

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play an important role in many models of Physics and Engineering.

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**Tack så mycket!**

**Thank you!**