

Graphs and Groupoids

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Motivation for the Work Package

- Many C^* -algebras are (stably) isomorphic to (twisted) graph groupoid C^* -algebras.
- They form an important class of combinatorially definable C^* -algebras [Kumjian–Pask–Raeburn–Renault]
- From the very beginning of Renault’s idea of modeling C^* -algebras by groupoids, the question of relating
 - the combinatorial or topological structure of the model
 - the invariants of the C^* -algebrahas been regarded as a fundamental problem.
- Time has ripened for links between graph properties and C^* -algebra properties to be established via graph groupoids.

Groupoids

- Essentially Zakrzewski's idea

Groupoid = Group object in the symmetric monoidal category of sets as objects and relations as morphisms

- The Zakrzewski functor

$(\text{Groupoids, Z-relations}) \longrightarrow (\text{C}^*\text{-algebras, } *\text{-homomorphisms})^{\text{op}}$

Zakrzewski relations between graphs

- The Zakrzewski functor restricted to the groupoids of one-sided infinite paths of directed graphs defines Z-relations between directed graphs and leads to a functor

$$\underline{(\text{Graphs, Z-relations}) \longrightarrow (\text{C}^*\text{-algebras, } * \text{-homomorphisms})^{\text{op}}}$$

categorifying the graph (and k-graph) C*-algebra construction.

- This relates the Zakrzewski category of groupoids to the *New morphisms of graphs* Work Package.

Bicolimits in the bicategory of C^* -correspondences

[Albandik–Meyer, Meyer–Fabre Sehnem]

Quantized relations = C^* -correspondences

- Crossed products,
 - Cuntz–Pimsner algebras,
 - (topological) graph C^* -algebras,
 - groupoid C^* -algebras,
 - actions of Ore monoids on spaces by topological correspondences.
- Properties of the underlying groupoid are related to
 - the ideal structure and the pure infiniteness of the C^* -algebra.

Morita equivalence of graph C^* -algebras

[Abrams–Tomforde, Eilers–Restorff–Ruiz–Sørensen]

- This translates into graph moves, and descends to an analogous concept at the level of the corresponding groupoids.
- However, in many cases, it is unclear how (K -theoretical) invariants and C^* -algebraic properties translate to groupoid invariants.
 - Examples and counterexamples.

Invariants of combinatorially defined C^* -algebras

[Temperley–Lieb, Jones, Baxter, Martin, Martin–Saleur]

The Temperley-Lieb algebra and the Jones polynomial

- statistical mechanics,
- integrable models,
- graph theory,
- knot theory,
- the braid group actions,
- quantum groups
- subfactors of von Neumann algebras

Objectives of the Work Package

- Establishing links between graph properties and C^* -algebra properties via graph groupoids.
- Finding topological and geometrical properties of groupoids allowing us to study, adapt and reinterpret their C^* -algebras from the point of view of the Baum–Connes conjecture and related conjectures (e.g. the Matui HK conjecture).
- Extending the results about actions of Ore monoids on étale groupoids.
- Extending the Jones construction to a wider class of combinatorial structures like graphs, diagrams, categories (e.g., groupoids), etc.

Proposed research methods

- In the first two objectives, case-by-case studies
- Third objective aims to integrate methods of groupoid models with methods worked out in search of C^* -algebraic properties of the C^* -algebras of
 - self-similar groups [Nekrashevych],
 - self-similar graphs [Exel–Pardo],
 - self-similar k -graph [Hui Li–Dilian Yang],
 - irreversible algebraic dynamical systems [Stammeier].
- For the fourth objective, we plan to fuse the methods of quantum groups, integrable systems, and topology with the fact of explicit computability of the K -theory of graph C^* -algebras [Raeburn–Szymański, Drinen–Tomforde].