

Classification of crossed products of irrational rotation algebras by cyclic subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

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One basic example (noncommutative torus)

The universal C^* -algebra generated by two unitaries U_1 and U_2 with the relation

$$U_2 U_1 = e^{2\pi i \theta} U_1 U_2, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

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$A \rtimes_{\alpha} G$, for a unital C^* -algebra A and a discrete group G , has a natural representation (also called regular representation) ι on the Hilbert module $l^2(G, A)$ which is given by

$$\iota(a)(\xi)(g) = \alpha_{g^{-1}}(a)\xi(g), \quad \iota(h)(\xi)(g) = \xi(h^{-1}g),$$

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Let $A \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be a matrix of infinite order, and consider the restriction of the above action to the (infinite cyclic) subgroup generated by A . Denote the corresponding crossed product by \mathbb{Z} as $A_\theta \rtimes_A \mathbb{Z}$.

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