

Now we are going to consider another enrichment of  $C^*$ -Alg. This was introduced by Gennadi Kasparov and it is denoted by  $KK$ . In a sense, it is a category of noncommutative topological motives, i.e. an universal cohomology theory of correspondences between noncommutative spaces.

For applications it is customary to consider  $C^*$ -algebras acted on by a fixed locally compact group  $G$ . The corresponding theory is denoted by  $KK_G$  and is called  $G$ -equivariant  $KK$ -theory.

We start from the classical topological context.

**Definition.** A  $G$ -space is a locally compact space  $X$  equipped with a continuous map

$$G \times X \rightarrow X, (g, x) \mapsto gx$$

s.t.  $g(g'x) = (gg')x$ ,  $ex = x$ .

**Example.**  $H < G$  closed subgroup of a compact group  $G$ .  $X := G/H$  is a compact Hausdorff space.

$$G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H, (g, g'H) \mapsto (gg')H.$$

**Definition.** the isotropy subgroup (or stabilizer)

of  $x \in X$  :  $= \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \} =: G_x$ .

Note that  $\overline{G_x} = G_x$ .

**Exercise 19.** Show that  $\mathbb{C}P^n \cong U(n+1)/U(1) \times U(n)$ .

where

$$U(1) \times U(n) \hookrightarrow \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|ccc} U(1) & 0 & - & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & \end{array} \right) \right\} \subset U(n+1).$$

**Definition.** By  $\text{CpctHaus}_G$  we denote the category of compact Hausdorff  $G$ -spaces with  $G$ -equivariant maps  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  as morphisms (i.e. s.t.  $f(gx) = gf(x)$ ).

**Definition.** For a closed subgroup  $H < G$   
 one defines the pair of functors

$$\text{CptHens}_G \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_H^G} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Ind}_H^G} \end{array} \text{CptHens}_H$$

$$\text{Res}(G \times X \rightarrow X) = (H \times X \xrightarrow{\quad} G \times X \rightarrow X)$$

$$\text{Ind}(H \times X \rightarrow X) = G \times^H X := (G \times X) / H$$

where  $(g, x)h := (gh, h^{-1}x)$ .

**Exercise 20.** Show that if a  $G$ -space admits a  $G$ -equivariant map  $X \xrightarrow{f} G/H$ , then  $X = \text{Ind}_H^G(Y)$  for some  $H$ -space  $Y$ .

**Solution.** If  $X = G \times^H Y \xrightarrow{f} G/H$  then  $Y = \bar{f}^{-1}(eH)$ , hence it must be so if  $X$  is induced from  $H$ .

Now,  $G \times^H \bar{f}^{-1}(eH) \rightarrow X, [g, x] \mapsto gx$  is  $G$ -equivariant if  $g'[g, x] = [g'g, x]$  and admits a  $G$ -equivariant inverse

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times^H \bar{f}^{-1}(eH) & \longleftarrow & X \\ (g, \bar{g}^{-1}x) & \longleftarrow & x \end{array}, \text{ where } f(x) = gH. \quad \square$$

**Exercise 21.**  $(\text{Ind}_H^G \circ \text{Res}_H^G)(X) = G/H \times X$ , where the RHS is a diagonal  $G$ -space, i.e.  $g'(gH, x) = (g'gH, g'x)$ .

**Solution.**  $G \times^H X \longrightarrow G/H \times X$ ,  $[g, x] \longmapsto [gH, gx]$

is  $G$ -equivariant and has an inverse

$$[g, \tilde{g}^{-1}x] \longleftarrow (gH, x). \quad \square$$

**Theorem.** [Palais] Let  $G$  be a Lie group, acting properly on  $X$ . Then

$\forall x \in X \exists$   $G$ -invariant open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$

and a  $G$ -map  $U \longrightarrow G/G_x$ , i.e.  $U = \text{Ind}_{G_x}^G(U)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** If a Lie group  $G$  acts freely on  $X$ , then locally  $X$  looks like  $G \times Y$  for some  $Y$ .

**Fact.** Assume  $X$  is a smooth manifold with  $G$  a Lie group acting smoothly on  $X$ . Let  $G_x$  be an orbit of  $x \in X$  and  $N$  be its normal bundle. Then the vector space  $N_x$  is a representation of  $G_x$  and the tubular neighborhood  $U$  of the orbit can be taken as  $U \cong G \times^{G_x} N_x$ .



**Definition.** A vector bundle over a (compact Hausdorff)

space is a space  $E$  equipped with

a) a map  $\pi: E \rightarrow X$

b) a structure of a finite-dimensional  
vector space on each fibre  $E_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$

c)  $\forall x \in X \exists U \ni x$   $\pi^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{C}^n$  linear on each fibre,  
open

**Definition.** A vector bundle  $E \xrightarrow{\pi} X$  is  $G$ -equivariant

if  $\pi$  is a  $G$ -equivariant map of  $G$ -spaces,

and the action  $E_x \rightarrow E_{gx}$  is linear.

**Example.** Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space and  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$  be a finite-dimensional representation. The

$X \times V$  with a diagonal  $G$ -action is a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle on  $X$  with respect to  $\pi: X \times V \rightarrow X$  being the canonical projection.

**Example.** If  $G$  acts smoothly on a compact manifold  $X$  then  $TX \rightarrow X$  is a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle.

**Example.** Let  $X \rightarrow Y$  be an embedding of  $G$ -manifolds. Then the normal bundle of  $X$  in  $Y$  is a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle.

**Example.** If  $H < G$  is a closed subgroup and  $\rho: H \rightarrow GL(V)$  is a finite-dimensional representation, then  $G \times^H V \rightarrow G/H$ ,  $[g, v] \mapsto gH$  is a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle. This is called the induced vector bundle.

Note that if  $\rho$  extends to a representation of  $G$  then this bundle is trivial:  $G \times^H V = G/H \times V$ .

**Example.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $G$ -equivariant map of  $G$ -spaces and  $F \rightarrow Y$  is a  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle. Then  $E = f^*F = X \times_Y F \rightarrow X$  is a  $G$ -equivariant v.b.

This is called the pull-back of an equivariant vector bundle.

**Theorem.** If  $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  are  $G$ -equivariant maps which are homotopic, then  $f_0^* F \cong f_1^* F$  for any  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle  $F$  on  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Operations on  $G$ -equivariant vector bundles.**

$$E_1 \oplus E_2 := E_1 \times_X E_2 = \{ (e_1, e_2) \in E_1 \times E_2 \mid \pi_1(e_1) = \pi_2(e_2) \}$$

$$E_1 \otimes E_2 := \coprod_{x \in X} E_{1x} \otimes E_{2x}$$

**Definition.**  $\text{Vect}_G(X) :=$  abelian monoid  
of isomorphism classes of  $G$ -vector bundles over  $X$   
with respect to the direct sum.

The twisting by a representation  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$   
is  $E \otimes (X \times V)$ .

**Definition.** The  $G$ -equivariant  $K$ -theory  $K_G^0(X)$   
of  $X$  is the Grothendieck group of the monoid  
 $\text{Vect}_G(X)$ . It is a ring over  $R(G)$ , the representation  
ring of  $G$ . Note that  $K_G^0(*) = R(G)$ .

**Remark.** If  $G$  is trivial, then  $R(G) = \mathbb{Z}$   
and  $K^0(X) := K_G^0(X)$  is simply an abelian group.

If  $X$  is a trivial  $G$ -space, then  $K_G^0(X) \cong K^0(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R(G)$ .

**Theorem**, [Serre-Swan] Let  $X$  be compact Hausdorff.

Then  $E \mapsto \Gamma(E)$ , the space of sections  
induces an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{Vect}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{f.g.pMod}(C(X))$$

vector bundles on  $X$

finitely generated  
projective modules over  $C(X)$

**Proof.**

**Lemma.** If  $X$  is paracompact (i.e. compact), any exact sequence of vector bundles over  $X$

$$0 \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{\pi} E'' \rightarrow 0$$

splits. In particular, the canonical sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{\pi} E/E' \rightarrow 0,$$

for a subbundle  $E'$  of  $E$ , splits.

**Proof.** At each  $x \in X$  the short exact sequence

$$\text{of vector spaces } 0 \rightarrow E'_x \rightarrow E_x \rightarrow E''_x \rightarrow 0 \text{ splits.}$$

There is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  s.t.  
 $\pi$  is represented by a matrix function  $p: U \rightarrow \text{Vect}(\mathbb{C}^j, \mathbb{C}^r)$   
 where  $\text{rank}(p(x)) = r$ . Since the set of matrices  
 of rank  $r$  is open in  $\text{Vect}(\mathbb{C}^j, \mathbb{C}^r)$ , there is  
 an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $\text{rank } p|_V = r$   
 at every point of  $V$  so the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E'|_V \xrightarrow{\text{Li}^{\delta}|_V} E|_V \rightarrow E''|_V \rightarrow 0$$

splits. We may assume that such  $V$ 's form  
 a locally finite covering of  $X$ . Let  $(\varphi_V)$  be  
 a partition of unity subordinate to this  
 covering.



Set now

$$\sigma := \sum_V \varphi_V \sigma_V.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \sigma &= \sum_V \varphi_V \pi \sigma_V = \sum_V \varphi_V \text{Id}_{E''|_V} = \left( \sum_V \varphi_V \right) \text{Id}_{E''} \\ &= \text{Id}_{E''} \end{aligned}$$

hence the short exact sequence splits.  $\square$

**Lemma.** Let  $E$  be a vector bundle over a paracompact space  $X$  with a finite open trivializing cover (i.e.  $X$  compact). Then there exists a vector bundle  $E'$  s.t.  $E' \oplus E \rightarrow X$  is trivial.

Proof.  $(U_i)$  finite open covering of  $X$   
 trivializing  $E$ ,  $s_{ij} \in \Gamma(U_i, E)$  linearly independent  
 sections,  $(\varphi_i)$  partition of unity subordinate  
 to  $(U_i)$ . Define  $\sigma_{ij} := \varphi_i s_{ij}$ . Then  $\sigma_{ij}$  span  
 $E_x$  at every  $x \in X$ , so we have an epimorphism  
 $\pi: X \times \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow E$ , hence we have a short  
 exact sequence of v. bundles

$$0 \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\iota} X \times \mathbb{C}^N \xrightarrow{\pi} E \rightarrow 0$$

where  $E' = \ker \pi$  is a vector bundle.

By the previous lemma it splits, hence  $\exists E'$  s.t.

$$E' \oplus E \cong X \times \mathbb{C}^N. \quad \square$$

**Lemma.** Each  $C(X)$ -linear map  $\Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(F)$

is of the form  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  for some vector bundle

map  $\alpha: E \rightarrow F$ , i.e.  $\text{Vect}_X(E, F) \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{C(X)}(\Gamma(E), \Gamma(F))$  is surjective.

**Proof.** The bundle maps  $\alpha$  form the module of sections of  $\text{Hom}(E, F) = E^* \otimes F \rightarrow X$ ,

$\Rightarrow \alpha \in \Gamma(E^* \otimes F)$ . On the other hand,

$C(X)$ -linear maps  $\Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(F)$  belongs to

$$\text{Mod}_{C(X)}(\Gamma(E), \Gamma(F)) = \Gamma(E)^\vee \otimes_{C(X)} \Gamma(F)$$

The latter equality follows from the fact that  $\Gamma(E^*) \cong \Gamma(E)^\vee$  and the fact that for v. bundles  $E, F$   
 $\Gamma(E \oplus F) \cong \Gamma(E) \oplus_{C(X)} \Gamma(F)$ .

Both facts are obvious for trivial  $E$  and  $F$ .  
In general, we can complement  $E$  and  $F$  to  
trivial  $E' \oplus E$  and  $F' \oplus F$ , and form a  
commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Gamma(E) \otimes_{C(X)} \Gamma(F) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \Gamma(E \otimes F) \\
\Gamma(\sigma_E) \otimes \Gamma(\sigma_F) \downarrow & & \downarrow \Gamma(\sigma) \\
\Gamma(E' \oplus E) \otimes_{C(X)} \Gamma(F' \oplus F) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \Gamma((E' \oplus E) \otimes (F' \oplus F)) \\
\Gamma(\pi_E) \otimes \Gamma(\pi_F) \downarrow & & \downarrow \Gamma(\pi) \\
\Gamma(E) \otimes_{C(X)} \Gamma(F) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \Gamma(E \otimes F)
\end{array}$$

where  $0 \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\iota} E' \oplus E \xrightarrow[\pi]{\sigma_E} E \rightarrow 0$  and

$$0 \rightarrow (E' \oplus F') \otimes (E' \oplus F) \otimes (E \otimes F') \rightarrow (E' \oplus E) \otimes (F' \oplus F) \xrightarrow[\pi]{\sigma} E \otimes F \rightarrow 0$$

are canonical splittings.

The upper square yields that  $\alpha$  is mono,  
the bottom square yields that  $\alpha$  is epi,  
hence in general  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism of  
 $C(X)$ -modules.

**Corollary.** The functor of global sections

$E \mapsto \Gamma(E)$  is faithful, full and exact.

**Proof.** "Faithful" means that  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \Gamma(\beta)$

implies  $\alpha = \beta$ , which is clear from the definition

of  $\Gamma$ , "Full" means that  $\text{Vect}_X(E, F) \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{C(X)}^{(\Gamma(E), \Gamma(F))}$

is surjective, which we have just established.

"Exact" means that  $\Gamma$  preserves short exact sequences. But all these split, so under  $\Gamma$  they are (split) exact.  $\square$

**Lemma.** If  $X$  is compact Hausdorff, the  $C(X)$ -modules  $\Gamma(E)$  are finitely generated and projective.

**Proof.**  $\exists E'$  such that  $E' \oplus E$  is trivial so we have a split short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow X \times \mathbb{C}^{N_{E'}} \xrightarrow{N_{E'}} E \rightarrow 0$$

which induces a split short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(E') \rightarrow C(X)^N \xrightarrow[\pi]{\epsilon \cdot \sigma} \Gamma(E) \rightarrow 0$$

so  $\Gamma(E)$  is a direct summand in the free

$C(X)$ -module  $C(X)^N$ .  $\square$

**Remark.**  $\sigma\pi$  can be regarded as an idempotent

matrix  $e = e^2 \in M_N(C(X))$  with entries in  $C(X)$

and  $\Gamma(E) \cong e C(X)^N$  as right  $C(X)$ -modules.