

COMPACT AND HILBERT-SCHMIDT INDUCED REPRESENTATIONS

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We consider the general question of when an induced representation is compact (CCR) or Hilbert-Schmidt.

We first show that an induced representation is CCR only if the original representation is CCR. We also give necessary and sufficient conditions for the C^* -algebra of a certain kind of transformation group to be CCR.

After discussing the concept of Hilbert-Schmidt representation, we obtain several results on when an induced representation is Hilbert-Schmidt. In conjunction with the normal subgroup case, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for product-convolution operators and induced representations of twisted group algebras to be Hilbert-Schmidt.

1. Introduction. In this paper we consider the general question of when an induced continuous unitary representation is compact, i.e., CCR, or Hilbert-Schmidt. The notion of CCR representation is well-established; however, this is not the case for Hilbert-Schmidt representation. We will discuss each in detail.

Let H be a (second countable) locally compact group and π a unitary representation of H in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then π is called CCR if the bounded operator $\pi(f) = \int_H f(x)\pi(x) dx$ is compact for each f in $L^1(H)$. The group (or Banach*-algebra) H is called CCR if each irreducible representation of H is CCR. If H is a closed subgroup of the locally compact group G , then we can form the induced representation U^π of G [9] and ask when U^π is CCR. The author and others have investigated this problem extensively. Specifically, this problem was completely solved for the case when H is normal in G [3], [4]. Furthermore, in [14] the author showed that if G/H is compact and π is CCR, then U^π is CCR. In Section 2 we show that in general π CCR is a necessary condition for U^π to be CCR (Theorem 2.2). As a consequence of these last two results, we are able to determine necessary and sufficient conditions for the C^* -algebra of a certain kind of transformation group to be CCR. Specifically, let (G, X) be a (second countable) locally compact Hausdorff transformation group having the property that each stability group G_x , x in X , is co-compact, i.e., G/G_x is compact. Then the C^* -algebra [6], [7] corresponding to (G, X) is CCR if and only if each G_x is CCR (Theorem 2.4). This characterization is interesting in view of recent results by E. Gootman [7] on when this C^* -algebra is type I without the compactness assumptions (See Section 2.).

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