



Spectral permanence II

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Abstract. “Spectral permanence” for homomorphisms $T : A \rightarrow B$ is extended from the obvious subsemigroups of invertibles and semi-invertibles to more or less arbitrary $H_X \subseteq X$, in particular when there is a “functorial” property $T(H_A) \subseteq H_B$.

1. Invertibility

Suppose A is a semigroup (with identity), more generally [2] an abstract category: then we can identify the *invertible group*

$$1.1 \quad A^{-1} = \{x \in A : 1 \in Ax \cap xA\} .$$

Now if $T : A \rightarrow B$ is a (unital) homomorphism of semigroups then there is inclusion

$$1.2 \quad T(A^{-1}) \subseteq B^{-1} \subseteq B ;$$

equivalently

$$1.3 \quad A^{-1} \subseteq T^{-1}(B^{-1}) \subseteq A .$$

If there is equality in (1.3),

$$1.4 \quad T^{-1}B^{-1} \subseteq A^{-1} ,$$

we shall say that the homomorphism T has the *Gelfand property*. In other terminology we may say that T “is a determinant”, or alternatively “has spectral permanence”. In the inclusion (1.2) the invertible group A^{-1} can be replaced by the *left invertibles*

$$1.5 \quad A_{left}^{-1} = \{x \in A : 1 \in Ax\} ,$$

the *right invertibles*

$$1.6 \quad A_{right}^{-1} = \{x \in A : 1 \in xA\} ,$$

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and the *generalized invertibles*

$$1.7 \quad A^\cap = \{x \in A : x \in xAx\}.$$

The analogues of equality (1.4) may be described as *left*, *right* and *generalized* permanence. To further extend this idea we might replace the invertible group A^{-1} by some more or less arbitrary semigroup $H_A \subseteq A$; to be relevant we are likely to require inclusion

$$1.8 \quad A^{-1} \subseteq H_A \subseteq A.$$

More subtle is to see that $H_B \subseteq B$ is in some sense consistent with $H_A \subseteq A$: we will ask that the passage from X to H_X is *functorial*. Specifically if $T : A \rightarrow B$ is a semigroup homomorphism there is to be an induced homomorphism $H_T : H_A \rightarrow H_B$ for which

$$1.9 \quad (H)_{ST} = H_S H_T ; H_I = I.$$

What we require is inclusion

$$1.10 \quad T(H_A) \subseteq H_B :$$

then $H_T = T_H = T : H_A \rightarrow H_B$ is the restriction. When $H_X = X^{-1}$ then H_T is a semigroup homomorphism between groups; when $H_X = X^\cap$, not itself a semigroup, we find $T(a'a) = (Ta')(Ta)$ whenever $\{a, a', a'a\} \subseteq A^\cap$.

2. Exactness

In fact the semigroup assumption for $H_A \subseteq A$ is unnecessarily restrictive: following Vladimir Müller [11],[6] we shall ask that $H_A \subseteq A$ is a *regularity*. Here we specialize to semigroups which are *rings*; more generally [1] *additive categories*. We shall describe the ordered pair $(c, a) \in A^2$ as a *chain* provided

$$2.1 \quad ca = 0 \in A,$$

and as *splitting exact* [3],[7],[8] (whether or not it is a chain) provided

$$2.2 \quad 1 \in Ac + aA \subseteq A.$$

Evidently a ring homomorphism $T : A \rightarrow B$ sends chains $(c, a) \in A^2$ to chains $(Tc, Ta) \in B^2$, and splitting exact (c, a) to splitting exact (Tc, Ta) . Notice that $(c, 0)$ is splitting exact iff $c \in A_{left}^{-1}$ is left invertible; dually $(0, a)$ is splitting exact iff $a \in A_{right}^{-1}$ is right invertible. Evidently there is now another kind of permanence in view: we shall say that $T : A \rightarrow B$ is *exactly permanent* if there is implication

$$2.3 \quad 1 \in B(Tc) + (Ta)B \subseteq B \implies 1 \in Ac + aA \subseteq A.$$

Now we shall describe $H_A \subseteq A$ as [6],[7],[8] a *non commutative regularity* if, whenever $(c, a) \in A^2$ is splitting exact, there is implication

$$2.4 \quad ca \in H_A \iff \{a, c\} \subseteq H_A.$$

The implication (2.4) holds for each of the H of (1.1), (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7).

Alternatively we can consider the condition that

$$2.5 \quad H_A \cdot_{com} H_A \subseteq H_A,$$

where we write

$$2.6 \quad K \cdot_{com} L = \{k * j : jk = kj\};$$

when A is a ring we can do this separately for addition $* = +$ and for multiplication $* = \cdot$.

3. Weak exactness.

We shall describe [3],[7],[8] the ordered pair $(c, a) \in A^2$ as *weakly exact* if there is implication, for arbitrary $(u, v) \in A^2$,

$$3.1 \quad cu = 0 = va \implies vu = 0 .$$

For example $(c, 0)$ is weakly exact iff $c \in A$ is a *monomorphism* in the sense

$$3.2 \quad cu = 0 \implies u = 0 ;$$

when (3.2) holds we write

$$3.3 \quad c \in A_{left}^o .$$

Dually $(0, a)$ is weakly exact iff $a \in A$ is an *epimorphism* in the sense

$$3.4 \quad va = 0 \implies v = 0 ;$$

when (3.4) holds we write

$$3.5 \quad a \in A_{right}^o .$$

Evidently splitting exactness implies weak exactness; conversely weak exactness together with regularity implies splitting exactness; here “regularity” for $(c, a) \in A^2$ means

$$3.6 \quad \{a, c\} \subseteq A^\cap .$$

In particular

$$3.7 \quad A_{left}^o \cap A^\cap = A_{left}^{-1} ; A_{right}^o \cap A^\cap = A_{right}^{-1} .$$

With either $H_X = X_{left}^o$ or $H_X = X_{right}^o$ we do not in general get the functorial inclusion (1.10); however if the homomorphism $T : A \rightarrow B$ is one one we get in both cases the reverse, permanence, inclusion

$$3.8 \quad T^{-1}H_B \subseteq H_A .$$

More generally (3.8) says that H_X is in a sense a “contravariant” functor: when $T : A \rightarrow B$ is one-one there is $H^T : H_B \rightarrow H_A$, where

$$3.9 \quad a \in H_A \implies H^T(Ta) = a .$$

4. Skew exactness

We call the pair $(c, a) \in A^2$ *left skew exact* if [4],[7] there is inclusion

$$4.1 \quad a \in Aca ;$$

Evidently exactness and (left) skew exactness implies (left) invertibility:

$$4.2 \quad (1 \in Ac + aA \ \& \ a \in Aca) \implies 1 \in Aa ;$$

conversely left invertibility (1.5) for $a \in A$ implies the left hand side of (4.2) for $c = 1 \in A$. If $T : A \rightarrow B$ then (4.1) implies left skew exactness for $(Tc, Ta) \in B^2$, and we shall describe $T : A \rightarrow B$ as *left skew permanent* if there is implication

$$4.3 \quad Ta \in BTcTa \implies a \in Aca .$$

Dually we say that $(c, a) \in A^2$ is *right skew exact* if

$$4.4 \quad a \in caA .$$

For “linear categories” A there is *linear exactness* defined for $(c, a) \in A^2$, where $a : X \rightarrow Y$ and $c : Y \rightarrow Z$, by the inclusion

$$4.5 \quad c^{-1}(0) \subseteq a(X) ;$$

now *linear left skew exactness* says

$$4.6 \quad c^{-1}(0) \cap a(X) = \{0\} ,$$

and *linear right skew exactness*

$$4.7 \quad c^{-1}(0) + a(X) = Y .$$

Normed linear exactness for $(c, a) \in A^2$ says there are $k > 0$ and $h > 0$ for which

$$4.8 \quad \|vu\| \leq k\|v\| \|cu\| + h\|va\| \|u\| ;$$

for the induced “strong monomorphisms” $c \in A_{left}^\bullet$ and “strong epimorphisms” $a \in A_{right}^\bullet$ there are $k > 0$ and $h > 0$ for which

$$4.9 \quad \|u\| \leq k\|cu\| ; \|v\| \leq h\|va\| .$$

Skew exactness is here given by

$$4.10 \quad \|a\| \leq k\|ca\| ; \|c\| \leq h\|ca\| .$$

When $T : A \rightarrow B$ is bounded below then (3.8) and (3.9) hold with $H_X = X_{left}^\bullet$ and with $H_X = X_{right}^\bullet$.

5. Composite permanence

If $T : A \rightarrow B$ and $S : B \rightarrow D$ with

$$5.1 \quad T(H_A) \subseteq H_B , S(H_B) \subseteq H_D ,$$

so that also

$$ST(H_A) \subseteq H_D ,$$

then if

$$5.2 \quad T^{-1}H_B \subseteq H_A \ \& \ S^{-1}H_D \subseteq H_B ,$$

it also follows

$$5.3 \quad (ST)^{-1}H_D \subseteq H_A ;$$

in turn (5.3) implies the first half of (5.2). In words “ H permanence” for each of S and T implies “ H permanence” for ST , which in turn implies “ H permanence” for T . It is a nice problem to decide whether splitting exactness of the pair (S, T) of homomorphisms is enough, together with H permanence for ST , to ensure H permanence for S . The fact that permanence properties of a product ST are transmitted to the factor T guarantees that *left invertible* homomorphisms have all the permanence properties we can think of.

These conditions are valid for

$$5.4 \quad H_X \in \{X^{-1}, X_{left}^{-1}, X_{right}^{-1}, X^\cap\} .$$

When the homomorphisms are one one we can add

$$5.5 \quad H_X \in \{X_{left}^0, X_{right}^0\};$$

When the homomorphisms are bounded below we can also add

$$5.6 \quad H_X \in \{X_{left}^\bullet, X_{right}^\bullet\}.$$

6. Spectral permanence

When the ring A is a (complex) linear algebra then we have the concept of *spectrum*:

$$6.1 \quad \sigma(a) \equiv \sigma_A(a) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : a - \lambda \notin A^{-1}\};$$

more generally H_A gives rise to

$$6.2 \quad \omega = \omega_H : a \mapsto \omega_H(a) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : a - \lambda \notin H_A\}.$$

Conversely a “spectrum” ω on A gives rise to a regularity

$$6.3 \quad H = R^\omega = \{a \in A : 0 \notin \omega(a)\}.$$

Now if $T : A \rightarrow B$ is a linear algebra homomorphism then the fundamental inclusion (1.10) takes the form

$$6.4 \quad \text{AND}_{a \in A} : \omega_B(Ta) \subseteq \omega_A(a);$$

the spectral permanence condition (3.8) is the opposite inclusion

$$6.5 \quad \text{AND}_{a \in A} : \omega_A(a) \subseteq \omega_B(Ta);$$

Thus in particular, when $H_X = X^{-1}$ so that $\omega_H = \sigma$ then “spectral permanence” is what it says on the tin:

$$\sigma_B(Ta) = \sigma_A(a).$$

When the linear algebra homomorphism $T : A \rightarrow B$ is one one then (3.8) holds:

$$6.6 \quad \pi_A^{left}(a) \subseteq \pi_B^{left}(Ta); \quad \pi_A^{right}(a) \subseteq \pi_B^{right}(Ta).$$

Here

$$6.7 \quad H_A = A_{left}^0 \implies \omega_H = \pi^{left}; \quad H_A = A_{right}^0 \implies \omega_H = \pi^{right}.$$

Specializing further to Banach algebras, if $T : A \rightarrow B$ is bounded below then

$$6.8 \quad \tau_A^{left}(a) \subseteq \tau_B^{left}(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_B^{left}(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_A^{left}(a)$$

and

$$6.9 \quad \tau_A^{right}(a) \subseteq \tau_B^{right}(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_B^{right}(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_A^{right}(a).$$

Here

$$6.10 \quad H_A = A_{left}^\bullet \implies \omega_H = \tau^{left}; \quad H_A = A_{right}^\bullet \implies \omega_H = \tau^{right}.$$

Since also in Banach algebras

$$6.11 \quad \partial \sigma^{left}(a) \subseteq \tau^{right}(a); \quad \partial \sigma^{right}(a) \subseteq \tau^{left}(a),$$

it follows that if $T : A \rightarrow B$ is bounded below then

$$6.12 \quad \partial\sigma_A(a) \subseteq \sigma_B(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_A(a) .$$

If we only assume that $T : A \rightarrow B$ is one one then we still get

$$6.13 \quad \text{iso } \sigma_A(a) \subseteq \sigma_B(Ta) \subseteq \sigma_A(a) .$$

7. Invariant subspaces

Suppose $Y \subseteq X$ is a linear subspace, alternarively a closed linear subspace of a Banach space, with quotient $Z = X/Y$, and then write

$$7.1 \quad B = L(X) , D = L(Y) , E = L(Z) \equiv L(X/Y) ,$$

(alternatively $B(X), B(Y), B(Z)$) and finally

$$7.2 \quad A = B_Y \equiv \{a \in B : a(Y) \subseteq Y\} :$$

then there are homomorphisms

$$7.3 \quad J : A \rightarrow B , L : A \rightarrow D , K : A \rightarrow E .$$

The *natural embedding* $J : a \mapsto a$ is one-one; $L : a \mapsto a_Y$ is the *restriction*, and then the *quotient* $K : a \mapsto a_{/Y}$ is onto. If $a \in A$ there is [1] implication

$$7.4 \quad (L(a) \text{ one one } \& K(a) \text{ one one}) \implies J(a) \text{ one one} \implies L(a) \text{ one one} ;$$

$$7.5 \quad (L(a) \text{ onto } \& K(a) \text{ onto}) \implies J(a) \text{ onto} \implies K(a) \text{ onto} ;$$

$$7.6 \quad (J(a) \text{ one one } \& L(a) \text{ onto}) \implies K(a) \text{ one one} ;$$

$$7.7 \quad (J(a) \text{ onto } \& K(a) \text{ one one}) \implies L(a) \text{ onto} .$$

It follows that [7] the conditions

$$7.8 \quad J(a) \in B^{-1} ; L(a) \in D^{-1} ; K(a) \in E^{-1}$$

“form a democracy”.

8. Hyperinvariant subspaces

With

$$8.1 \quad A' = \{a \in B : \text{comm}(a)(Y) \subseteq Y\} = \{a \in B : \text{comm}(a) \subseteq A\} ,$$

$$8.2 \quad A'' = \{a \in B : \text{comm}^2(a) \subseteq A\} ,$$

$$8.3 \quad A''' = \{a \in B : a - \lambda \in B^{-1} \implies (a - \lambda)^{-1} \in A\} ,$$

there is [1] inclusion

$$8.4 \quad A' \subseteq A'' \subseteq A''' \subseteq A ;$$

each of these three inclusions is liable to be proper. Since

$$8.5 \quad \text{comm}^2(a) = \text{comm}^2(a^{-1}) ,$$

the inclusion $A' \subseteq B$ has spectral permanence:

$$8.6 \quad A' \cap B^{-1} \subseteq (A')^{-1} .$$

Of course the subset $A' \subseteq A \subseteq B$ is not in general a subring: indeed, since $B \in \{L(X), B(X)\}$ is *irreducible* there is implication

$$8.7 \quad 1 \in A' \implies B \subseteq A \implies Y \in \{O, X\} .$$

There is by definition spectral permanence for the inclusion $A''' \subseteq B$:

$$8.8 \quad A''' \cap B^{-1} \subseteq (A''')^{-1} .$$

It is plausible that $A'' \subseteq B$ satisfy the commuting product condition (2.5), at least if there is inclusion

$$8.9 \quad A''' \subseteq A'' .$$

Jerry Koliha has noticed [10] that (8.9) holds for finite dimensional X .

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