

# Superderivations of $C^*$ -Algebras Implemented by Symmetric Operators

Edward Kissin

School of Mathematical Sciences, University of North London, 166-220 Holloway Road,  
London N7 8DB, United Kingdom

Received: 3 March 1993

**Abstract:** The paper studies unbounded symmetric and dissipative implementations  $(S, G)$  of  $*$ -superderivations  $\delta$  of  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathfrak{U}$ . It associates with them representations  $\pi_s^\delta$  of the domains  $D(\delta)$  of  $\delta$  on the deficiency spaces  $N(S)$  of the symmetric operators  $S$ . A link is obtained between the deficiency indices  $n_\pm(S)$  of  $S$  and the dimensions of irreducible representations of  $\mathfrak{U}$ . For the case when  $(S, G)$  is a maximal implementation and  $\max(n_\pm(S)) < \infty$ , some conditions are given for the representation  $\pi_s^\delta$  to be semisimple and to extend to a bounded representation of  $\mathfrak{U}$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathfrak{U}$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\varrho$  be a  $*$ -representation of  $\mathfrak{U}$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Let  $\delta$  be a linear closed mapping from a dense  $*$ -subalgebra  $D(\delta)$  of  $\mathfrak{U}$  into the algebra  $B(\mathfrak{H})$  of all bounded operators on  $\mathfrak{H}$  such that, for  $A \in D(\delta)$ ,

- (i)  $\delta(AB) = \delta(A)\varrho(B) + \varrho(\varphi(A))\delta(B)$ ,
- (ii)  $\delta(\varphi(A)^*) = \delta(A)^*$ ,

where  $\varphi$  is an automorphism of  $D(\delta)$ . Then  $\delta$  a closed  $*$ -superderivation of  $\mathfrak{U}$  relative to the pair  $(\varrho, \varphi)$ . A pair  $(S, G)$ , where  $S$  is a densely defined closed operator on  $\mathfrak{H}$ ,  $S^*$  is its adjoint and  $G$  is a bounded operator on  $\mathfrak{H}$  such that  $G^{-1} \in B(\mathfrak{H})$ , implements  $\delta$  if, for  $A \in D(\delta)$ ,

$$\varrho(\varphi(A)) = G^{-1}\varrho(A)G, \quad (1)$$

$$GD(S) = D(S) \quad \text{and} \quad GD(S^*) = D(S^*), \quad (2)$$

$$\varrho(A)D(S) \subseteq D(S) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(A)|_{D(S)} = i(S\varrho(A) - G^{-1}\varrho(A)GS)|_{D(S)}. \quad (3)$$

If a pair  $(T, G)$  also implements  $\delta$  and  $T$  extends  $S$ , then  $(T, G)$  is a  $\delta$ -extension of  $(S, G)$ . If  $S$  is symmetric and  $G$  is selfadjoint,  $(S, G)$  is a symmetric implementation of  $\delta$ . If  $(S, G)$  has no symmetric  $\delta$ -extensions, it is a maximal symmetric implementation of  $\delta$ .