

The Category Cu. Which maps are the correct ones? \*-homomorphisms or cpc order zero?

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#### Properties

- Cu(A) belongs to a category of semigroups called Cu that admits inductive limits that are not algebraic.
- The assignment  $A \mapsto Cu(A)$  is sequentially continuous.



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### Definition (Cu)

An object of  $\mathrm{Cu}$  is a partially ordered semigroup with zero element S such that:

- The order, in S, is compatible with the addition, i.e., if  $x_i \le y_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  then  $x_1 + x_2 \le y_1 + y_2$ ,
- every increasing sequence in S has a supremum,
- for all  $x \in S$  there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x = \sup(x_n)$  where  $x_n \ll x_{n+1}$ ,
- $\bullet\,$  the relation  $\ll\,$  and suprema are compatible with addition.

The maps of  $\rm Cu$  are those morphisms which preserve the order, the zero, the suprema of increasing sequences and the relation  $\ll.$ 

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Not all the maps between semigroups preserve  $\ll$ , usually maps between two semigroups just preserve (+,  $\leq$ , sup).



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Let A, B be two C\*-algebras and  $\varphi : A \to B$  a map. There are various types of interesting maps:



Linear Maps





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Continuous \*-homomorphisms

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#### Definition

A map φ : A → B is positive if ∀a ≥ 0 ⇒ φ(a) ≥ 0, and it is completely positive (c.p.) if φ<sup>n</sup> : M<sub>n</sub>(A) → M<sub>n</sub>(B) is positive.

• A c.p. map  $\varphi : A \to B$  is order zero if for  $a, b \in A^+$  such that  $ab = 0 \implies \varphi(a)\varphi(b) = 0.$ 

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(Possible answer) Study a bivariant verion of Cuntz Semigroup (as done by *KK*-theory)

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