

C^* -algebras associated to quotient maps

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$$R(\psi) = ((0, 1] \times (0, 1]) \cup \{(0, 0)\}$$

is not a locally compact subset of $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$.

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Because X is a T_1 space, all representations of $C^*(R(\psi))$ are induced. [C (2007)] □

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- NOTE: We reconciled various notions of 'twisted groupoid C^* -algebras'. For LCH principal and Cartan groupoid G (with LHS) and continuous normalised 2-cocycle σ we show

$$C^*(E_\sigma; G) \cong C^*(G, \sigma) = C_r^*(G, \sigma) \cong C^*(\Gamma_\sigma; G)$$

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