

SEMICROSSED PRODUCTS AND REFLEXIVITY

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ABSTRACT. Given a w^* -closed unital algebra \mathcal{A} acting on H_0 and a contractive w^* -continuous endomorphism β of \mathcal{A} , there is a w^* -closed (non-selfadjoint) unital algebra $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ acting on $H_0 \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$, called the w^* -semicrossed product of \mathcal{A} with β . We prove that $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ is a reflexive operator algebra provided \mathcal{A} is reflexive and β is unitarily implemented, and that $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ has the bicommutant property if and only if so does \mathcal{A} . Also, we show that the w^* -semicrossed product generated by a commutative C^* -algebra and a continuous map is reflexive.

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INTRODUCTION

As is well known, to construct the C^* -crossed product of a unital C^* -algebra \mathcal{C} by a $*$ -isomorphism $\alpha : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, we begin with the Banach space $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)$ which is the closed linear span of the monomials $\delta_n \otimes x$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x \in \mathcal{C}$, under the norm $\left\| \sum_{n=-k}^k \delta_n \otimes x_n \right\|_1 = \sum_{n=-k}^k \|x_n\|_{\mathcal{C}}$, equipped with the (isometric) involution $(\delta_n \otimes x)^* = \delta_{-n} \otimes \alpha^{-n}(x^*)$. Now, there are two “natural” ways to define multiplication in $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)$; either the left multiplication $(\delta_n \otimes x) *_l (\delta_m \otimes y) = \delta_{n+m} \otimes a^m(x)y$, or the right one $(\delta_n \otimes x) *_r (\delta_m \otimes y) = \delta_{n+m} \otimes xa^n(y)$. Then the corresponding algebras are isometrically $*$ -isomorphic via the map $\Psi(\delta_n \otimes x) = \delta_{-n} \otimes a^{-n}(x)$. We can see that $(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1)^{\text{OPP}} = \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}^{\text{OPP}}, \alpha)_r$, where for an algebra \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{B}^{OPP} is the space \mathcal{B} along with the multiplication $x \odot y := yx$; hence, in case \mathcal{C} is commutative, each algebra is the opposite of the other. The left and right crossed product are the completion of the corresponding involutive Banach algebras under a universal norm induced by the $\|\cdot\|_1$ -contractive $*$ -representations (hence, they are C^* -algebras characterized by a universal property) and the map

Ψ extends to a C^* -isomorphism. Moreover, it can be proved that the crossed product is $*$ -isomorphic to the reduced crossed product $C_1^*(\mathcal{C})$, i.e. the norm closure of the range of the left regular representation, and thus we end up with just one object to which we refer as *the crossed product of the dynamical system (\mathcal{C}, α)* . The key fact is that there is a bijection between the $\|\cdot\|_1$ -contractive $*$ -representations of each of these ℓ^1 -algebras and the (left or right) covariant unitary pairs (see Section 1).

If we wish to construct a non-selfadjoint analogue, we can see that there are more possibilities. For example, Peters defined the semicrossed product as the completion of the Banach algebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$ under the universal norm that arises from the left covariant isometric pairs and examined the case when α is an injective $*$ -endomorphism of \mathcal{C} . He proved that this semicrossed product embeds isometrically in a crossed product (see [12]) and, for the commutative case, that this crossed product is the C^* -envelope of the semicrossed product (see [13]).

In Section 1 we use an alternative definition using “sufficiently many” homomorphisms of the Banach algebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$ (see also [4]). The advantage is that there is a bijection between the left covariant contractive pairs and the homomorphisms of the Banach algebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$. Moreover, there is a duality between the left covariant contractive pairs and the right covariant contractive pairs, which induce the homomorphisms of the Banach algebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_r$; hence, we get similar results for the right version. Also, using a dilation theorem of [10], we can see that this definition gives the one in [12]. If we consider the maximal operator space structure, then the semicrossed products are operator algebras with a universal property that characterizes them up to completely isometric isomorphism. In Theorem 1.4 we prove that the semicrossed product is independent of the way \mathcal{C} is (faithfully) represented and in Theorem 1.5 we prove that in case α is a $*$ -isomorphism, its C^* -envelope is exactly the crossed product. So, in order to define a w^* -analogue of the semicrossed product that arises by a w^* -continuous contractive endomorphism β of a w^* -closed subalgebra \mathcal{A} of some $\mathcal{B}(H_0)$ (for example, a von Neumann algebra), either we take the w^* -closed linear span of a non-selfadjoint left regular representation or the w^* -closed linear span of the analytic polynomials of the von Neumann crossed product, depending on the properties of β .

In Section 2 we analyze the properties of the w^* -semicrossed product, in case β is unitarily implemented. First of all, we study the connection between the semicrossed product and the w^* -tensor product $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$, where \mathcal{T} is the algebra of the analytic Toeplitz operators, and give an example when these two algebras are incomparable. A main result of this section is the reflexivity of the w^* -semicrossed product, when \mathcal{A} is reflexive. Recall that a subspace $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(H)$ is *reflexive* if it coincides with its *reflexive cover*, namely $\text{Ref}(\mathcal{S}) = \{T \in \mathcal{B}(H) : T\xi \in \overline{\mathcal{S}\xi}, \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathcal{H}\}$ (see [8]); unlike [8], we will call \mathcal{S} *hereditarily reflexive* if every w^* -closed subspace of \mathcal{S} is reflexive. As a consequence we have that, when a unitary implementation condition holds, the w^* -closed image of lt_π (see

Example 1.1) induced by a representation (H_0, π) of \mathcal{C} is reflexive. Also, we get several known results as applications. As another main result, we prove that the w^* -semicrossed product is the commutant of a w^* -semicrossed product and is its own bicommutant if and only if the same holds for \mathcal{A} .

In the last section we consider the semicrossed product of a commutative C^* -algebra $C(K)$ with a continuous map $\phi : K \rightarrow K$. As observed in Theorem 1.4, the representations induced by a character of $C(K)$, say $ev_t, t \in K$, suffice to obtain the norm of the semicrossed product and play a significant role for its study. First, we show that the w^* -closure of such representations is always reflexive; in fact, it has the form $(\mathfrak{T}P_{n_0}) \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_0) \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_{p-1})$, where \mathfrak{T} is the algebra of lower triangular operators in $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$, \mathcal{T} is the algebra of analytic Toeplitz operators and $P_{n_0}, P_0, \dots, P_{p-1}$ some projections determined by the orbit of the point $t \in K$.

In what follows we use standard notation, as in [5] for example. $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and all infinite sums are considered in the strong-convergent sense. Throughout, we use the symbol v for the unilateral shift on $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$, given by $v(e_n) = e_{n+1}$. A useful tool for the proofs in Sections 2 and 3 is a *Féjer-type Lemma*; consider the unitary action of \mathbb{T} on $H = H_0 \overline{\otimes} \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ induced by the operators $U_s, s \in \mathbb{R}$, given by $U_s(\xi \otimes e_n) = e^{ins}\xi \otimes e_n$. For every $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ and every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define the “ m -Fourier coefficient”

$$G_m(T) = \int_0^{2\pi} U_s T U_s^* e^{-ims} \frac{ds}{2\pi}$$

the integral taken as the w^* -limit of Riemann sums. If we set

$$\sigma_l(T)(t) = \frac{1}{l+1} \sum_{n=0}^l \sum_{m=-n}^n G_m(T) \exp(imt),$$

then $\sigma_l(T)(0) \xrightarrow{w^*} T$. Note that $G_m(\cdot)$ is w^* -continuous for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Now, for every $\kappa, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ let the “matrix elements” $T_{\kappa, \lambda} \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ be defined by $\langle T_{\kappa, \lambda} \xi, \eta \rangle = \langle T(\xi \otimes e_\lambda), \eta \otimes e_\kappa \rangle, \xi, \eta \in H_0$; then we can write the Fourier coefficients explicitly by the formula

$$G_m(T) = \begin{cases} V^m \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} T_{m+n, n} \otimes p_n \right) & \text{when } m \geq 0, \\ \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} T_{n, -m+n} \otimes p_n \right) (V^*)^{-m} & \text{when } m < 0, \end{cases}$$

where $V = 1_{H_0} \otimes v$. For simplicity, we define the diagonal matrices

$$T_{(m)} = \begin{cases} \sum_{n \geq 0} T_{m+n, n} \otimes p_n & \text{when } m \geq 0, \\ \sum_{n \geq 0} T_{n, -m+n} \otimes p_n & \text{when } m < 0. \end{cases}$$

Note that the sums converge in the w^* -topology as well, since the partial sums are uniformly bounded by $\|T\|$. Hence, $G_m(T)$ is the m -diagonal of T , when we view H as the ℓ^2 -sum of copies of H_0 .

1. SEMICROSSED PRODUCTS OF C^* -ALGEBRAS

Let \mathcal{C} be a unital C^* -algebra and $\alpha : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ a $*$ -morphism; define $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)$ to be the closed linear span of the monomials $\delta_n \otimes x$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $x \in \mathcal{C}$, under the norm

$$\left\| \sum_{n=0}^k \delta_n \otimes x_n \right\|_1 = \sum_{n=0}^k \|x_n\|_{\mathcal{C}}.$$

We endow $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)$ either with the left multiplication $(\delta_n \otimes x) *_l (\delta_m \otimes y) = \delta_{n+m} \otimes \alpha^m(x)y$, or with the right one $(\delta_n \otimes x) *_r (\delta_m \otimes y) = \delta_{n+m} \otimes x\alpha^n(y)$, and denote the corresponding Banach algebras by $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$ and $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_r$, respectively. One can see that $(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l)^{opp}$ is exactly $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}^{opp}, \alpha)_r$, where, if \mathcal{B} is an algebra, \mathcal{B}^{opp} is the space \mathcal{B} with the multiplication $x \odot y := yx$. Thus, in case \mathcal{C} is commutative, each algebra is the opposite of the other.

Let (H, π) be a $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} and T a contraction in $\mathcal{B}(H)$. The pair (π, T) is called a *left covariant contractive (l-cov.con.)* pair, if the left covariance relation is satisfied, i.e. $\pi(x)T = T\pi(\alpha(x))$, $x \in \mathcal{C}$. If, in particular, T is an isometry, pure isometry, co-isometry or unitary, then we will call such a pair a *left covariant isometric, purely isometric, co-isometric or unitary pair*. We can see that every l-cov.con. pair induces a $\|\cdot\|_1$ -contractive representation $(H, T \times \pi)$ of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$, given by

$$(T \times \pi) \left(\sum_{n=0}^k \delta_n \otimes x_n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^k T^n \pi(x_n).$$

Conversely, if $\rho : \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H)$ is a contractive representation, then (H, ρ) restricts to a contractive representation (H, π) of the C^* -algebra \mathcal{C} , thus a $*$ -representation. If we set $\rho(\delta_1 \otimes e) = T$, then $\|T^n\| \leq 1$, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. It is easy to check that the pair (π, T) satisfies the left covariance relation.

Analogously, there is a bijection between the *right covariant contractive (r-cov.con.)* pairs (π, T) , (i.e. satisfying the right covariance condition $T\pi(x) = \pi(\alpha(x))T$, $x \in \mathcal{C}$) and the $\|\cdot\|_1$ -contractive representations $\pi \times T$ of the algebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_r$. Note that if (π, T) is a l-cov.con. pair then (π, T^*) is a r-cov.con. pair. Thus TT^* commutes with $\pi(\mathcal{C})$.

EXAMPLE 1.1. Let (H_0, π) be a faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} and define on $H_0 \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ the representation $\tilde{\pi}(x) = \text{diag}\{\pi(\alpha^n(x)) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ and $V = 1_{H_0} \otimes v$, where v is the unilateral shift. Then $(\tilde{\pi}, V)$ is a l-cov.is. pair. For simplicity we will denote the corresponding representation $V \times \tilde{\pi}$, by lt_π . As mentioned before,

the pair $(\tilde{\pi}, V^*)$ is a r-cov.con. pair which induces the representation $rt_{\tilde{\pi}} := \tilde{\pi} \times V^*$. One can check that $lt_{\tilde{\pi}}$ and $rt_{\tilde{\pi}}$ are faithful.

DEFINITION 1.2. The (left) semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_{\alpha} \mathcal{C}$ is the completion of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$ under the norm

$$\|F\|_l = \sup\{\|(T \times \pi)(F)\| : (\pi, T) \text{ is a l-cov.con. pair}\}.$$

The (right) semicrossed product $\mathcal{C} \times_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}_+$ is the completion of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_r$ under the norm

$$\|F\|_r = \sup\{\|(\pi \times T)(F)\| : (\pi, T) \text{ is a r-cov.con. pair}\}.$$

The left semicrossed product is endowed with an operator space structure (the maximal one, see 1.2.22 of [2]) induced by the matrix norms

$$\|[F_{i,j}]\|_1 = \sup\{\|[(T \times \pi)(F_{i,j})]\| : (\pi, T) \text{ l-con.cov. pair}\}.$$

We note that there is a bijective correspondence between the l-cov.con. pairs (π, T) and the unital completely contractive representations of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$. So, the left semicrossed product has the following universal property (up to completely isometric isomorphisms): for any unital operator algebra \mathcal{B} and for any unital completely contractive morphism $\rho : \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, there exists a unique unital completely contractive morphism $\tilde{\rho} : \mathbb{Z}_+ \times_{\alpha} \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ that extends ρ .

In Theorem 1.4, we prove that the semicrossed product, as an operator algebra, is independent of the way \mathcal{C} is (faithfully) represented. In order to do so, we use some dilations theorems of [10] and [12] and arguments similar to the ones in Theorem 6.2 of [7].

First of all, every l-cov.con. pair (π, T) on a Hilbert space H dilates to a l-cov.is. pair (η, W) on a Hilbert space $H_1 \supseteq H$, such that $\eta(x)H \subseteq H$ and $\eta(x)|_H = \pi(x)$, for every $x \in \mathcal{C}$, and $T^n = P_H W^n|_H$, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, where W is an isometry (see [10]). Hence, by II.5 of [12] we see that the norm $\|\cdot\|_l$ is the supremum over all left covariant purely isometric pairs. By Proposition I.4 of [12], for such a pair (η, W) on a Hilbert space H_1 there is a representation (H_2, π') of \mathcal{C} such that $W \times \eta$ is unitarily equivalent to $lt_{\pi'}$. Thus, eventually we have that, for $F \in \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$, $\|F\|_l = \sup\{\|lt_{\pi}(F)\| : (H, \pi) \text{ a } * \text{-representation of } \mathcal{C}\}$. Moreover, $\|[F_{i,j}]\|_1 = \sup\{\|[lt_{\pi}(F_{i,j})]\| : (H, \pi) \text{ a } * \text{-representation of } \mathcal{C}\}$.

PROPOSITION 1.3. If $F_{i,j} \in \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_l$, then $\|[F_{i,j}]\|_1 = \|[lt_{\pi_u}(F_{i,j})]\|$, where (H_u, π_u) is the universal representation of \mathcal{C} . Analogously, if $F_{i,j} \in \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_r$, then $\|[F_{i,j}]\|_r = \|[rt_{\pi_u}(F_{i,j})]\|$.

Proof. Let (H, π) be a $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} . By definition of the universal representation we have that $\pi_u|_H = \pi$ and $\pi_u(x)H \subseteq H$. Let $H_0 = H \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$. We denote by P_{H_0} the projection onto $H \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \subseteq H_u \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ and observe that $P_{H_0}(\mathbf{1}_{H_u} \otimes v)^n|_{H_0} = (\mathbf{1}_{H_0} \otimes v)^n$, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Thus, for every $v \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and for every $[F_{i,j}] \in \mathcal{M}_v(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha))$, we have that $[lt_{\pi}(F_{i,j})] = (P_{H_0} \otimes I_v)[lt_{\pi_u}(F_{i,j})]|_{(H_0)(v)}$, and so $\|[lt_{\pi}(F_{i,j})]\| \leq \|[lt_{\pi_u}(F_{i,j})]\|$. ■

If (H, π) is a faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} , we denote by $C^*(\pi, V)$ the C^* -algebra generated by the representation lt_π in $\mathcal{B}(H \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$. The covariance relation shows that $C^*(\pi, V)$ is the norm-closed linear span of the monomials $V^m \tilde{\pi}(x)(V^*)^\lambda$, $m, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Since, $C^*(\pi, V)$ is a direct summand of $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)$, the compression $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(H_u \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ is a $*$ -epimorphism when restricted on $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)$. We will prove that it is also faithful, hence completely isometric.

To this end, for every $s \in [0, 2\pi]$, we define $u_s : \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ by $u_s(e_m) = e^{2\pi i s} e_m$. Let $\tilde{U}_s = \mathbf{1}_{H_u} \otimes u_s$ and $U_s = \mathbf{1}_H \otimes u_s$. The map $\tilde{\gamma}_s = \text{ad}_{\tilde{U}_s}$ is a $*$ -automorphism of $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)$, since $\tilde{\gamma}_s(\tilde{\pi}_u(x)) = \tilde{\pi}_u(x)$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_s(\tilde{V}_u^n) = e^{2\pi i n s} \tilde{V}_u^n$. Similarly, $\gamma_s = \text{ad}_{U_s}$ is a $*$ -automorphism of $C^*(\pi, V)$. It is clear that $\Phi \circ \tilde{\gamma}_s = \gamma_s \circ \Phi$, because $\Phi(\tilde{U}_s) = U_s$. We denote by $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ the fixed point algebra of $\tilde{\gamma}$ and define the contractive, faithful projection $\tilde{E} : C^*(\pi_u, V_u) \rightarrow C^*(\pi_u, V_u)^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ by

$$\tilde{E}(X) := \int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{\gamma}_s(X) \frac{ds}{2\pi},$$

(as a Riemann integral of a norm-continuous function). Let

$$\mathcal{B}_k := \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^k V_u^n \tilde{\pi}_u(x_n)(V_u^*)^n : x_n \in \mathcal{C} \right\};$$

then we can check that $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ is the norm-closure of $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \mathcal{B}_k$. Let X_k be an element of \mathcal{B}_k . Since, $V_u^n \tilde{\pi}_u(x)(V_u^*)^n = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, \pi_u(x), \pi_u(\alpha(x)), \dots\}$, we see that X_k is a diagonal matrix whose (m, m) -entry is the element $(X_k)_{m,m} = \pi_u\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\min\{m,k\}} \alpha^{m-j}(x_{m-j})\right)$. So, if (H, π) is a faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(X_k)_{m,m}\| &= \left\| \pi_u\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\min\{m,k\}} \alpha^{m-j}(x_{m-j})\right) \right\| = \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\min\{m,k\}} \alpha^{m-j}(x_{m-j}) \right\|_{\mathcal{C}} \\ &= \left\| \pi\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\min\{m,k\}} \alpha^{m-j}(x_{m-j})\right) \right\| = \|(\Phi(X_k))_{m,m}\|. \end{aligned}$$

So $\|X_k\| = \sup_m \{ \|(X_k)_{m,m}\| \} = \sup_m \{ \|(\Phi(X_k))_{m,m}\| \} = \|\Phi(X_k)\|$; hence $\Phi : C^*(\pi_u, V_u) \rightarrow C^*(\pi, V)$ is isometric on each \mathcal{B}_k . Thus, Φ is injective when restricted to the fixed point algebra $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)^{\tilde{\gamma}}$.

THEOREM 1.4. *The left semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C}$ is completely isometrically isomorphic to the norm-closed linear span of $\sum_{n=0}^k V^n \tilde{\pi}(x_n)$, $x_n \in \mathcal{C}$, where (H, π) is any faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} . Respectively, the right semicrossed product $\mathcal{C} \times_\alpha \mathbb{Z}_+$ is*

completely isometrically isomorphic to the norm-closed linear span of $\sum_{n=0}^k \tilde{\pi}(x_n)(V^*)^n$, $x_n \in \mathcal{C}$, where (H, π) is any faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} .

Proof. It suffices to prove that the natural $*$ -epimorphism Φ is faithful, hence a (completely) $*$ -isometric isomorphism. Let $X \in \ker \Phi$, then $X^*X \in \ker \Phi$. Hence,

$$\Phi(\tilde{E}(X^*X)) = \Phi\left(\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{\gamma}_s(X^*X) \frac{ds}{2\pi}\right) = \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(\tilde{\gamma}_s(X^*X)) \frac{ds}{2\pi} = \int_0^{2\pi} \gamma_s(\Phi(X^*X)) \frac{ds}{2\pi} = 0.$$

Now $\tilde{E}(X^*X)$ is in $C^*(\pi_u, V_u)^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ and Φ is faithful there; hence $\tilde{E}(X^*X) = 0$ and so $X^*X = 0$. For the right semicrossed product, note that $C^*(\pi, V^*) = C^*(\pi, V)$. ■

If, in particular, α is a $*$ -isomorphism, then there is a natural way to identify the left semicrossed product as a closed subalgebra of the (reduced) crossed product, i.e. $C_1^*(\mathcal{C})$. In this case, we refer to this closed subalgebra as the *left reduced semicrossed product*. In a dual way, we can define the *right reduced semicrossed product*. The following is proved in [13], when \mathcal{C} is abelian.

THEOREM 1.5. *If α is a $*$ -isomorphism, then the C^* -envelope of the semicrossed product is the (reduced) crossed product.*

Proof. Since α is a $*$ -isomorphism, we can view $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$ as a $|\cdot|_1$ -closed subalgebra of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$. First we prove that the inclusion map $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha) \hookrightarrow \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)$ is completely isometric. The key is to prove that

$$\|F\|_1 = \sup\{\|(U \times \pi)(F)\| : (\pi, U) \text{ l-cov.un. pair of } \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1\},$$

for every $F \in \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$, since the right hand side is exactly the norm of the (left) crossed product. For simplicity, we denote this norm by $\|\cdot\|$. It is obvious that $\|F\| \leq \|F\|_1$, since every l-cov.un. pair of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$ restricts to a l-cov.un. pair of the subalgebra $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$. Also, if (H_0, π) is a faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} , then lt_π is the compression of the left regular representation of $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1$ induced by π , denoted simply by lt . So, $\|lt_\pi(F)\| \leq \|lt(F)\|$, thus $\|F\|_1 \leq \|F\|$ by Theorem 1.4. Arguing in the same way, we get that $\|[F_{i,j}]\| \leq \|[F_{i,j}]\|_1$ and $\|[lt_\pi(F_{i,j})]\| \leq \|[lt(F_{i,j})]\|$, for every $[F_{i,j}] \in \mathcal{M}_v(\ell^1(\mathbb{Z}_+, \mathcal{C}, \alpha)_1)$. But lt is a $*$ -morphism of the crossed product, hence completely contractive. Thus, $\|[F_{i,j}]\|_1 \leq \|[F_{i,j}]\|$ and equality holds. Hence, if $\hat{\pi}(x) = \text{diag}\{\pi(a^m(x)), m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and $U = 1_{H_0} \otimes u$, where u is the bilateral shift, then the map $\delta_n \otimes x \mapsto U^n \hat{\pi}(x)$ extends to a complete isometry $\iota : \mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C} \rightarrow C_1^*(\mathcal{C})$, whose image generates $C_1^*(\mathcal{C})$ as a C^* -algebra. Let \mathcal{B} be the C^* -envelope of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C}$. Then, by the universal property of C^* -envelopes, there is a surjective C^* -homomorphism $\Psi : C_1^*(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, which restricts to a completely isometry on $\iota(\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C})$. Let

$G \in \ker \Phi$ be of unit norm, and choose $F = \sum_{n=-k}^k U^n \hat{\pi}(x_n)$ with $\|G - F\| < 1/2$.

Thus $U^k G \in \ker \Psi$, $\iota^{-1}(U^k F) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C}$, $\|\iota^{-1}(U^k F)\| = \|U^k F\| = \|F\| > 1/2$ and $\|U^k G - U^k F\| = \|G - F\| < 1/2$. Then $1/2 < \|\iota^{-1}(U^k F)\| = \|\Psi(U^k F)\| = \|\Psi(U^k F - U^k G)\| \leq \|U^k F - U^k G\| < 1/2$, which is a contradiction. ■

2. w^* -SEMICROSSED PRODUCTS

Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq B(H_0)$ be a unital subalgebra, closed in the w^* -operator topology, and $\beta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, a contractive w^* -continuous endomorphism of \mathcal{A} . From now on we fix $H = H_0 \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ and $\pi := \tilde{\text{id}}_{\mathcal{A}}$, as in Example 1.1. Then π is a faithful representation of \mathcal{A} on H , and we can write $\pi(b) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \beta^n(b) \otimes p_n$, where $p_n \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ is the projection onto $[e_n]$. Note that the sum converges in the w^* -topology as well. Hence, $\pi(b)$ belongs to the w^* -tensor product algebra $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$. This is, by definition, the w^* -closed linear span in $\mathcal{B}(H)$ of the operators $b \otimes a$, with $b \in \mathcal{A}$ and $a \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$. We also represent \mathbb{Z}_+ on H by the isometries $V^n = \mathbf{1}_{H_0} \otimes v^n$, where v is the unilateral shift on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$. Thus, $V^n \in \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$.

DEFINITION 2.1. The w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ is the w^* -closure of the linear space of the “analytic polynomials” $\sum_{n=0}^k V^n \pi(b_n)$, $b_n \in \mathcal{A}$, $k \geq 0$.

It is easy to check that the left covariance relation $\pi(b)V = V\pi(\beta(b))$ holds. Hence, (π, V) is a left covariant isometric pair. Thus, the w^* -semicrossed product is a unital (non-selfadjoint) subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(H)$ and by definition, $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$.

PROPOSITION 2.2. An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is in the w^* -semicrossed product if and only if $T_{\kappa, \lambda} \in \mathcal{A}$ and $G_m(T) = V^m \pi(T_{m,0})$, when $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, while $G_m(T) = 0$ for $m < 0$. Equivalently, when $T_{\kappa, \lambda} \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\beta(T_{m+\lambda, \lambda}) = T_{m+\lambda+1, \lambda+1}$ for every $m, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, while $T_{\kappa, \lambda} = 0$ when $\kappa < \lambda$.

Proof. If $T = \sum_{\kappa=0}^n V^\kappa \pi(b_\kappa)$ with $b_\kappa \in \mathcal{A}$, then $G_m(T) = V^m \pi(b_m)$ when $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ and $G_m(T) = 0$ otherwise. Let $T \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ and a net $A_i = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{n_i} V^\kappa \pi(b_{i,\kappa})$ of analytic polynomials converging to T in the w^* -topology. Since G_m is w^* -continuous, we have that $G_m(T) = w^*\text{-}\lim_i G_m(A_i)$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus $G_m(T) = 0$ when $m < 0$. If $m \geq 0$, then $T_{(m)} = (V^*)^m G_m(T) = w^*\text{-}\lim_i (V^*)^m G_m(A_i) = w^*\text{-}\lim_i \pi(b_{i,m})$. Let $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)_*$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then $\phi \overline{\otimes} \omega_{e_\kappa, e_\kappa} \in \mathcal{B}(H)_*$; hence we get

$$\phi(T_{m+\kappa, \kappa}) = (\phi \overline{\otimes} \omega_{e_\kappa, e_\kappa})(T_{(m)}) = \lim_i (\phi \overline{\otimes} \omega_{e_\kappa, e_\kappa})(\pi(b_{i,n})) = \lim_i \phi(\beta^k(b_{i,n})).$$

Thus $T_{m+\kappa,\kappa} = w^*\text{-}\lim_i \beta^\kappa(b_{i,m})$, for every $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, so $T_{m+\kappa,\kappa} \in \mathcal{A}$. Also, since β is w^* -continuous, we get that $\beta^\kappa(T_{m,\rho}) = w^*\text{-}\lim_i \beta^\kappa(b_{i,m}) = T_{m+\kappa,\kappa}$, for every $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Hence, we get that $G_m(T) = V^m \pi(T_{m,\rho})$, for every $m \geq 0$. For the opposite direction, if $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ satisfies the conditions, we can see that $G_m(T) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$, and so by the Féjer Lemma, $T \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ as well. The last equivalence is trivial. ■

REMARK 2.3. Note that each ad_{U_s} leaves $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ invariant, and hence, being unitarily implemented, also leaves its reflexive cover invariant. Thus, so does $G_m(\cdot)$.

Suppose now that the endomorphism β is implemented by a unitary w acting on H_0 , so that $\beta(b) = w b w^*$, for all $b \in \mathcal{A}$. Let $\rho(b) = b \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)}$, for $b \in \mathcal{A}$ and $W = w^* \otimes v$. Then (ρ, W) is a left covariant isometric pair and we denote by $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_w \mathcal{A}$ the w^* -closure of the linear space of the “analytic polynomials” $\sum_{n=0}^k W^n \rho(b_n)$, $b_n \in \mathcal{A}, k \geq 0$.

It is easy to check that $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_w \mathcal{A}$ is unitarily equivalent to $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$, via $Q = \sum_{n \geq 0} w^{-n} \otimes p_n$. Thus we refer to $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ as the w^* -semicrossed product, as well. Using the unitary operator Q and Proposition 2.2 we get the following characterization.

PROPOSITION 2.4. An operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ is in $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ if and only if $G_m(T) = W^m \rho(b_m)$, for some $b_m \in \mathcal{A}$, when $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $G_m(T) = 0$ for $m < 0$. Equivalently, when $T_{m+\lambda,\lambda} = (w^*)^m b_m$, for every $m, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $T_{\kappa,\lambda} = 0$, when $\kappa < \lambda$.

The relation between the w^* -tensor product $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ depends on some properties of w . Specifically,

- $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T} = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ if and only if $w, w^* \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ if and only if $w^* \notin \mathcal{A}, w \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A} \subsetneq \mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ if and only if $w \notin \mathcal{A}, w^* \in \mathcal{A}$.
- $(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}) \cap (\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}) = \rho(\mathcal{A})$, if and only if $(w^n \mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{A} = \{0\}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

It is easy to verify that, when $(w^n \mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{A} = \{0\}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then $w, w^* \notin \mathcal{A}$, but the converse is not always true.

EXAMPLE 2.5. Take $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ acting on $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ and $\beta(f)(z) = f(\lambda z)$, where λ is a q -th root of unity. Then β is unitarily implemented by $w \in \mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{T}))$, with $(w(g))(z) = g(\lambda z)$. Then $w^{mq} = I_{H_0}$, for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, hence $w^{mq} \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$. In this case, $(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}) \cap (\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T})$ contains the w^* -closed algebra generated by $\sum_{n=0}^k W^{nq} \rho(b_n), b_n \in \mathcal{A}$, which properly contains $\rho(\mathcal{A})$.

The following lemma will be superseded below (Theorem 2.9).

LEMMA 2.6. *The w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ is reflexive, for every unitary $w \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$.*

Proof. Let $T \in \text{Ref}(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0))$. Then, by Remark 2.3, each $G_m(T)$ belongs to the reflexive cover of the w^* -semicrossed product. Thus, for $\kappa < \lambda$ and $\xi, \eta \in H_0$, there is a sequence $A_n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ such that $\langle T(\xi \otimes e_\lambda), \eta \otimes e_\kappa \rangle = \lim_n \langle A_n(\xi \otimes e_\lambda), \eta \otimes e_\kappa \rangle$. Hence, $\langle T_{\kappa, \lambda} \xi, \eta \rangle = \lim_n \langle (A_n)_{\kappa, \lambda} \xi, \eta \rangle = 0$, since each $(A_n)_{\kappa, \lambda} = 0$, for $\kappa < \lambda$. So $G_m(T) = 0$ for every $m < 0$. Now, fix $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and consider $\xi \in H_0$, $g_r = \sum_n r^n e_n$, $0 \leq r < 1$. We can check that the subspace $\mathcal{F} = \overline{[(b\xi) \otimes g_r : b \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)]}$ is $(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0))^*$ -invariant, and as a consequence, $G_m(T)^*$ -invariant. Since $\xi \otimes g_r \in \mathcal{F}$, there is a sequence (b_n) in $\mathcal{B}(H_0)$ such that $G_m(T)^*(\xi \otimes g_r) = \lim_n (b_n \xi) \otimes g_r$. Thus, $\sum_\kappa r^{m+\kappa} T_{m+\kappa, \kappa}^* \xi \otimes e_\kappa = \lim_n (b_n \xi) \otimes g_r$. Taking scalar product with $\eta \otimes e_\kappa$, where $\eta \in H_0$ and $\kappa \geq 0$, we have that $r^{m+\kappa} \langle T_{m+\kappa, \kappa}^* \xi, \eta \rangle = \lim_n r^\kappa \langle b_n \xi, \eta \rangle$. Hence, $r^m \langle T_{m+\kappa, \kappa}^* \xi, \eta \rangle = \lim_n \langle b_n \xi, \eta \rangle = r^m \langle T_{m,0}^* \xi, \eta \rangle$, for every η . Thus, $T_{m+\kappa, \kappa}^* \xi = T_{m,0}^* \xi$, for arbitrary $\xi \in H_0$, so $T_{m+\kappa, \kappa} = T_{m,0}$ for every $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Hence, $G_m(T) \in \mathcal{B}(H_0) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$, which coincides with $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ since $w \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. ■

Let \mathcal{S} be a w^* -closed subspace of $\mathcal{B}(H)$. We say that \mathcal{S} is G -invariant if $G_m(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. If, in particular, \mathcal{S} is a w^* -closed subspace of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$, then $G_m(\mathcal{S}) = 0$, for every $m < 0$. In the next proposition we prove that we can associate a sequence $(\mathcal{S}_m)_{m \geq 0}$ of w^* -closed subspaces of $\mathcal{B}(H_0)$ to such an \mathcal{S} , and vice versa.

PROPOSITION 2.7. *A w^* -closed subspace \mathcal{S} of $\mathcal{B}(H)$ is a G -invariant subspace of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ if and only if it is the w^* -closure of the linear space of the analytic polynomials $\sum_{n=0}^k W^n \rho(x_n)$, $x_n \in \mathcal{S}_n, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, where \mathcal{S}_n are w^* -closed subspaces of $\mathcal{B}(H_0)$.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{S} be a G -invariant w^* -closed subspace of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ and let $\mathcal{S}_m = \{w^m T_{m,0} : T \in \mathcal{S}\}$, for every $m \geq 0$. Then \mathcal{S}_m is a w^* -closed subspace of $\mathcal{B}(H_0)$. Indeed, let $x = w^* \lim_i w^m (T_i)_{m,0}$, for $T_i \in \mathcal{S}$. Then $\rho((w^*)^m x) = w^* \lim_i \rho((T_i)_{m,0})$, so $W^m \rho(x) = w^* \lim_i V^m \rho((T_i)_{m,0}) = w^* \lim_i G_m(T_i)$, since $T_i \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. But \mathcal{S} is G -invariant, hence $W^m \rho(x) \in \mathcal{S}$, which gives that $x = w^m (V^m \rho(x))_{m,0} \in \mathcal{S}_m$. A use of the Féjer Lemma and Proposition 2.4, completes the forward implication. For the converse, let \mathcal{S} be a w^* -closed subspace as in the statement and $A \in \mathcal{S}$; so $A = w^* \lim_i A_i$, where $A_i = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{n_i} W^\kappa \rho(x_{i,\kappa})$, with $x_{i,\kappa} \in \mathcal{S}_\kappa$. Then $A \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$ and $G_m(A) = w^* \lim_i G_m(A_i) = w^* \lim_i W^m \rho(x_{i,\kappa})$. So, $w^m A_{m,0} = w^* \lim_i x_{i,m} \in \mathcal{S}_m$. Hence, we have that $G_m(A) = W^m \rho(w^m A_{m,0}) \in \mathcal{S}$. ■

THEOREM 2.8. *Let $(\mathcal{S}_m)_{m \geq 0}$ be the sequence associated to a G -invariant w^* -closed subspace \mathcal{S} of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. If every \mathcal{S}_m is reflexive then \mathcal{S} is reflexive.*

Proof. By Lemma 2.6, $\text{Ref}(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \text{Ref}(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)) = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. So, for every T in the reflexive cover of \mathcal{S} and every $m, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we have that $T_{m+\lambda, \lambda} = (w^*)^m b_m$, where $b_m \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. Thus, it suffices to prove that $b_m \in \mathcal{S}_m$. Since $T \in \text{Ref}(\mathcal{S})$, then, for every $\xi, \eta \in H_0$, there is a sequence (A_n) in \mathcal{S} such that $\langle T(\xi \otimes e_\lambda), (w^*)^m \eta \otimes e_{m+\lambda} \rangle = \lim_n \langle A_n(\xi \otimes e_\lambda), (w^*)^m \eta \otimes e_{m+\lambda} \rangle$. So, $\langle b_m \xi, \eta \rangle = \langle T_{m+\lambda, \lambda} \xi, (w^*)^m \eta \rangle = \lim_n \langle (A_n)_{m+\lambda, \lambda} \xi, (w^*)^m \eta \rangle$. Since each $A_n \in \mathcal{S}$, we get that $(A_n)_{m+\lambda, \lambda} = (w^*)^m b_{n,m}$ for some $b_{n,m} \in \mathcal{S}_m$. Thus $\langle b_m \xi, \eta \rangle = \lim_n \langle b_{n,m} \xi, \eta \rangle$, which means that $b_m \in \text{Ref}(\mathcal{S}_m) = \mathcal{S}_m$. ■

THEOREM 2.9. *If \mathcal{A} is a reflexive algebra, then $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive. In addition, if \mathcal{A} is hereditarily reflexive, then every G -invariant w^* -closed subspace of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive.*

Proof. The algebra $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ is associated to the sequence $(\mathcal{A})_{m \geq 0}$; hence it is reflexive by the previous theorem. ■

APPLICATIONS 2.10. A. (*Sarason’s result*, Theorem 3 in [15]). Consider the case of a reflexive subalgebra \mathcal{A} of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and a unitary $w \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that $w \mathcal{A} w^* \subseteq \mathcal{A}$. Then $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive. Note that $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{T}$ when $n = 1$ and $w = I_{H_0}$.

B. (*Ptak’s result*, Theorem 2 in [14]). More generally, $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ coincides with $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_{I_{H_0}} \mathcal{A}$. So $\mathcal{A} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ is reflexive, when \mathcal{A} is reflexive.

C. If \mathcal{M} is a maximal abelian selfadjoint algebra and β is a $*$ -automorphism, then $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{M}$ is reflexive, since every $*$ -automorphism of a m.a.s.a. is unitarily implemented. For example let $\mathcal{M} = L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ acting on $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ and β the rotation by $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. Also $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive whenever \mathcal{A} is a β -invariant w^* -closed subalgebra of \mathcal{M} , since \mathcal{M} is hereditarily reflexive (see [8]).

D. Consider \mathcal{T} acting on $H^2(\mathbb{T})$ and β as in the previous example. Then, \mathcal{T} is reflexive and so $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{T}$ is a reflexive subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(H^2(\mathbb{T})) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$.

E. If \mathcal{A} is a nest algebra and β is an isometric automorphism, then it is unitarily implemented (see [3]). Thus, $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive.

F. Consider a C^* -algebra \mathcal{C} and a $*$ -morphism $\alpha : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Let (H_0, σ) be a faithful $*$ -representation of \mathcal{C} such that the induced $*$ -morphism

$$\beta : \sigma(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{C}) : \sigma(x) \mapsto \beta(\sigma(x)) = \sigma(\alpha(x))$$

is implemented by a unitary $w \in \mathcal{B}(H_0)$. Then the induced representation lt_σ is faithful on $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C}$. Thus, $\overline{lt_\sigma(\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C})}^{w^*}$ is the w^* -closed linear span of the

analytic polynomials $\sum_{n=0}^k V^n \pi(\sigma(x))$, and it is unitarily equivalent to the algebra $\mathfrak{C} := \overline{\text{span}\{\rho(\sigma(x)), W^n : x \in \mathcal{C}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}^{w^*}}$, via $Q = \sum_{n \geq 0} w^{-n} \otimes p_n$. But \mathfrak{C} is exactly the w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \overline{\sigma(\mathcal{C})}^{w^*}$. Thus, $\overline{\text{lt}_\sigma(\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha \mathcal{C})}^{w^*}$ is reflexive. In particular, let K be a compact, Hausdorff space, μ a positive, regular Borel measure on K and $\sigma : C(K) \rightarrow B(L^2(K, \mu)) : f \mapsto M_f$. Consider a homeomorphism ϕ of K , such that ϕ and ϕ^{-1} preserve the μ -null sets and let $\alpha(f) = f \circ \phi$. Then the map $M_f \rightarrow M_{f \circ \phi}$ extends to a $*$ -automorphism of $L^\infty(K, \mu)$, hence it is unitarily implemented. Thus, $\overline{\text{lt}_\sigma(\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha C(K))}^{w^*}$ is reflexive.

G. Let (\mathcal{M}, τ) be a von Neumann algebra with a faithful, normal, tracial state τ and let $L^2(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ be the Hilbert space associated to (\mathcal{M}, τ) . Let $\beta : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be a trace-preserving $*$ -automorphism and consider \mathcal{M} acting on $L^2(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ by left multiplication. Then β is unitarily implemented and it can be verified that the w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{M}$ coincides with the adjoint of the analytic semicrossed product defined in [9] and [11]. Hence, we obtain Proposition 4.5 of [11] for $p = 2$.

REMARK 2.11. An analogous result to Theorem 2.8 is proved in [1]. They also obtain Ptak's result (see 2.10 **B**).

We conclude the analysis of the w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ by finding its commutant. We know that $U_s(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})U_s^* = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$, for all $s \in [0, 2\pi]$, hence, $U_s(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'U_s^* = (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$. Thus, $T \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$ if and only if $G_m(T) \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$, for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Now, recall that $w\mathcal{A}w^* \subseteq \mathcal{A}$, hence $w^*\mathcal{A}'w \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$. So, we can define the w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}'$, where $\gamma \equiv \text{ad}_{w^*} : \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$.

THEOREM 2.12. *If $\gamma \equiv \text{ad}_{w^*}$, then $(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})' = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}'$.*

Proof. Obviously $T \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$ if and only if $T \in \{b \otimes \mathbf{1}, w^* \otimes v : b \in \mathcal{A}\}'$; note also that $V \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$. Let $T \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$, then for $m \geq 0$ and $b \in \mathcal{A}$, $n \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} G_m(T)(b \otimes \mathbf{1}) &= (b \otimes \mathbf{1})G_m(T) \quad \text{and} \quad G_m(T)(w^* \otimes v) = (w^* \otimes v)G_m(T), \\ \text{hence, } T_{m+n,n}b &= bT_{m+n,n} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{m+n+1,n+1}(w^*)^n = (w^*)^n T_{m+n,n}, \\ \text{so, } T_{m+n,n} &\in \mathcal{A}' \quad \text{and} \quad T_{m+n,n} = \gamma^n(T_{m,0}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we set $\pi'(T_{m,0}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \gamma^n(T_{m,0}) \otimes p_n$, we get that $G_m(T) = V^m \pi'(T_{m,0})$, for $m \geq 0$. Now, let $m < 0$, hence $G_m(T) = T_{(m)}(V^*)^{-m}$. Since, $V \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$, we have that $T_{(m)} = G_m(T)V^{-m} \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$. Thus, $G_0(T_{(m)}) = T_{(m)} \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$ and so, by what we have proved, $T_{n,-m+n} = \gamma^n(T_{0,-m})$. Since $G_m(T)(\xi \otimes e_0) = 0$, then

$$G_m(T)(w^* \otimes v)^{-m}(\xi \otimes e_0) = (w^* \otimes v)^{-m}G_m(T)(\xi \otimes e_0) = 0,$$

so $(T_{0,-m}(w^*)^{-m}\xi) \otimes e_0 = 0$; hence $T_{0,-m} = 0$. Therefore $T_{n,-m+n} = \gamma^n(T_{0,-m}) = 0$, for every $n \geq 0$; hence $G_m(T) = 0$, for every $m < 0$. Hence, by Proposition 2.2, we get that $T \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}'$. For the converse, let $T \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}'$, then $G_m(T) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}'$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, and we can see that $G_m(T) \in \{b \otimes \mathbf{1}, w^* \otimes v : b \in \mathcal{A}\}'$. Hence, $G_m(T) \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $T \in (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'$. ■

THEOREM 2.13. *The double commutant of $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$ is $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}''$. Thus, the w^* -semicrossed product is its own bicommutant if and only if $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}''$.*

Proof. We recall that $Q(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A})Q^* = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}$, where $Q = \sum_n w^{-n} \otimes p_n$; hence $Q^*(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}')Q = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_{w^*} \mathcal{A}'$. Thus, $(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A})'' = (\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\gamma \mathcal{A}')' = (Q(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_{w^*} \mathcal{A}')Q^*)' = Q(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_{w^*} \mathcal{A}')'Q^* = Q(\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}'')Q^* = \mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_w \mathcal{A}''$. ■

We end this section with a note on the *reduced w^* -semicrossed products* (see the definition below). Let \mathcal{M} be a von Neumann algebra acting on a Hilbert space H_0 , β a $*$ -automorphism of \mathcal{M} and consider $\mathbb{Z} \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{M}$ to be the usual w^* -crossed product, a von Neumann subalgebra of $\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}))$. This is by definition the von Neuman algebra $\{\widehat{\pi}(b), U : b \in \mathcal{M}\}''$, where $\widehat{\pi}(b) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \beta^n(b) \otimes p_n$ and $U = 1_{H_0} \otimes u$, the ampliation of the bilateral shift $u \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}))$.

DEFINITION 2.14. The reduced w^* -semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{M}$ is the w^* -closure of the linear space of “analytic polynomials” $\sum_{n=0}^k U^n \widehat{\pi}(b_n), b_n \in \mathcal{M}, k \geq 0$.

Since $(\widehat{\pi}, U)$ is a l-cov.un. pair, the reduced w^* -semicrossed product is a (w^* -closed) subalgebra of the w^* -crossed product. In fact, note that $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{M}$ is the intersection of $\mathbb{Z} \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{M}$ with the “lower triangular” matrices. Hence, we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.15. *The reduced w^* -semicrossed product of a von Neumann algebra is reflexive.*

Now, take \mathcal{A} to be a w^* -closed subalgebra of \mathcal{M} which is invariant under β . We define $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ to be the w^* -closure of the linear space of “analytic polynomials” $\sum_{n=0}^k U^n \widehat{\pi}(b_n), b_n \in \mathcal{A}, k \geq 0$. Using the technique of Theorem 2.9 one can show the following.

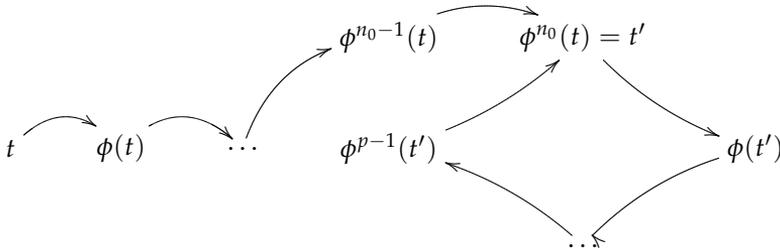
COROLLARY 2.16. *If \mathcal{A} is reflexive subalgebra of \mathcal{M} which is invariant under β , then $\mathbb{Z}_+ \overline{\times}_\beta \mathcal{A}$ is reflexive.*

3. THE COMMUTATIVE CASE

Now, we examine the case where \mathcal{C} is a commutative, unital C^* -algebra, $\mathcal{C} = C(K)$, and the $*$ -endomorphism α is induced by a continuous map $\phi : K \rightarrow$

K . Let ev_t be the evaluation at $t \in K$, i.e. $\text{ev}_t(f) = f(t)$; then $(\ell^2(K), \bigoplus_t \text{ev}_t)$ is a faithful $*$ -representation of $C(K)$. If some $t \in K$ has dense orbit, we obtain a faithful representation of $C(K)$ on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$. As observed in Theorem 1.4, such representations play a fundamental role for the semicrossed product $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha C(K)$, since they are “enough” to obtain the norm. Let $\pi_t := \widetilde{\text{ev}}_t$, as in Example 1.1. So, $\pi_t : C(K) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ is given by $\pi_t(f) := \sum_{n \geq 0} f(\phi^n(t))p_n$, where p_n is the one-dimensional projection on $[e_n]$. Then (π_t, v) is a left covariant isometric pair. We define the *one point w^* -semicrossed product* to be $\mathcal{C}_t = \overline{\text{lt}\pi_t(\mathbb{Z}_+ \times_\alpha C(K))}^{w^*}$, i.e. the w^* -closed linear span in $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ of the “analytic polynomials” $\sum_{n=0}^k v^n \pi_t(f_n)$, $f_n \in C(K)$.

Let $t' = \phi^{n_0}(t)$ be the first periodic element of the orbit of t with period p (as in the diagram that follows). Then $\text{orb}(t) = \{t, \dots, \phi^{n_0-1}(t), t', \dots, \phi^{p-1}(t')\}$ induces a family of projections $\{P_{n_0}, P_0, \dots, P_{p-1}\}$ such that $I = P_{n_0} \oplus P_0 \oplus \dots \oplus P_{p-1}$. Indeed, let P_{n_0} be the projection on $[e_0, \dots, e_{n_0-1}]$ and P_i be the projection on $[e_{n_0+i+pj} : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+]$ for $i = 0, \dots, p-1$. Note that if $f \in C(K)$, then $\pi_t(f)(e_{n_0+i+pj}) = f(\phi^{n_0+i+pj}(t))e_{n_0+i+pj} = f(\phi^i(t'))e_{n_0+i+pj}$, for $j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Hence, $\pi_t(f)P_i = f(\phi^i(t'))P_i$, for every $i = 0, \dots, p-1$.



PROPOSITION 3.1. *The algebra \mathcal{C}_t is the linear sum $(\mathfrak{T}P_{n_0}) \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_0) \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_{p-1})$, where \mathfrak{T} is the algebra of lower triangular operators in $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$, \mathcal{T} is the algebra of analytic Toeplitz operators and $P_{n_0}, P_0, \dots, P_{p-1}$ are the projections induced by the orbit of t .*

Proof. For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $f \in C(K)$, we have

$$v^n \pi_t(f) = v^n \pi_t(f)P_{n_0} \oplus f(t')v^n P_0 \oplus f(\phi^{p-1}(t'))v^n P_{p-1}.$$

Thus, $\mathcal{C}_t \subseteq (\mathfrak{T}P_{n_0}) \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_0) \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_{p-1})$. For the converse, first let $TP_{n_0} \in \mathfrak{T}P_{n_0}$ and note that $(TP_{n_0})_{\kappa,\lambda} = 0$ when $\kappa < \lambda$ or $n_0 - 1 < \lambda$. Then we get that $G_m(TP_{n_0}) = 0$, when $m < 0$, and $G_m(TP_{n_0}) = v^m \left(\sum_{n=0}^{n_0-1} (TP_{n_0})_{m+n,n} p_n \right)$, when $m \geq 0$. Note that $(TP_{n_0})_{\kappa,\lambda} \in \mathbb{C}$ for every $\kappa, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Fix $m \geq 0$ and let $n \in \{0, \dots, n_0 - 1\}$. Then by Urysohn’s Lemma there is a sequence $(f_{n,j})_j$ of continuous functions on K , such that $\lim_j f_{n,j}(\phi^n(t)) = (TP_{n_0})_{m+n,n}$ and $f_{n,j}(s) =$

0 for $s \in \text{orb}(t) \setminus \{\phi^n(t)\}$. Hence, $(TP_{n_0})_{m+n,n}p_n = w^*\text{-}\lim_j \pi_t(f_{n,j}) \in \mathcal{C}_t$ and so $v^m(TP_{n_0})_{m+n,n}p_n \in \mathcal{C}_t$. Thus $G_m(TP_{n_0}) \in \mathcal{C}_t$, and, by the Féjer Lemma, $TP_{n_0} \in \mathcal{C}_t$. So, $\mathfrak{I}P_{n_0} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_t$. Also, for fixed $i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, consider $v^m P_i \in \mathcal{T}P_i$. Again by Urysohn's Lemma, there is a sequence $(f_{i,j})_j$ of continuous functions on K , such that $\lim_j f_{i,j}(\phi^i(t')) = 1$ and $f_{i,j}(s) = 0$ for $s \in \text{orb}(t) \setminus \{\phi^i(t')\}$. Then $w^*\text{-}\lim_j \pi_t(f_{i,j}) = P_i$, so $v^m P_i \in \mathcal{C}_t$. Hence, $\mathcal{T}P_i \subseteq \mathcal{C}_t$, for every $i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$. Thus, $(\mathfrak{I}P_{n_0}) \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_0) \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathcal{T}P_{p-1}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}_t$. ■

Note that if $\text{orb}(t)$ has no periodic points, then $\mathcal{C}_t = \mathfrak{I}$, since $P_{n_0} = \mathbf{1}_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)}$. Also, if $\text{orb}(t)$ has exactly one periodic point t' , then $\phi^n(t) = t'$ for every $n \geq n_0$ (i.e. t' is a fixed point); thus $\mathcal{C}_t = \mathfrak{I}P_{n_0} \oplus \mathcal{T}P_{n_0}^\perp$. If t is itself a fixed point, then $\mathcal{C}_t = \mathcal{T}$.

REMARK 3.2. Let \mathcal{D} be the algebra of diagonal operators in $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ and $\mathcal{D}_\phi = \{T \in \mathcal{D} : T_{\kappa,\kappa} = T_{n,n} \text{ when } \phi^\kappa(t) = \phi^n(t)\}$ which is a w^* -closed subalgebra of \mathcal{D} . Hence, $T \in \mathcal{D}_\phi$ if and only if T is of the form

$$T = \text{diag}\{y_0, \dots, y_{n_0-1}, y_{n_0}, \dots, y_{p-1}, y_{n_0}, \dots, y_{p-1}, \dots\}.$$

It is immediate from the previous proposition that \mathcal{C}_t is generated by the unilateral shift in $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ and the diagonal matrices $\text{id } \mathcal{D}_\phi$. Thus, an operator $T \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+))$ is in \mathcal{C}_t if and only if for every $m < 0$, $G_m(T) = 0$, and for every $m \geq 0$, $G_m(T) = v^m \sum_n T_{m+n,n} p_n$ where $T_{m+\kappa,\kappa} = T_{m+n,n}$, whenever $\phi^\kappa(t) = \phi^n(t)$.

THEOREM 3.3. *The algebra \mathcal{C}_t is reflexive.*

Proof. If $T \in \text{Ref}(\mathcal{C}_t)$, then $G_m(T) \in \text{Ref}(\mathcal{C}_t)$; thus $G_m(T) = 0$, for $m < 0$. Let $g_r = \sum_{n \geq 0} r^n e_n$, with $0 \leq r < 1$, and $\mathcal{F} = \overline{[\pi_t(f)g_r : f \in C(K)]}$. Then \mathcal{F} is $(\mathcal{C}_t)^*$ -invariant; thus $G_m(T)^*$ -invariant, for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. So, there is a sequence of $f_j \in C(K)$ such that $G_m(T)^*g_r = \lim_j \pi_t(f_j)g_r$. Hence $r^m \overline{T}_{m+n,n} = \lim_j (f_j(\phi^n(t)))$, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Thus, $T_{m+n,n} = T_{m+\kappa,\kappa}$, if $\phi^\kappa(t) = \phi^n(t)$. So, by Remark 3.2, $T \in \mathcal{C}_t$. ■

REMARK 3.4. In order to construct \mathcal{C}_t , it is sufficient to take coefficients from any uniform algebra \mathfrak{A} on K . Indeed, let \mathfrak{A} be a norm closed subalgebra of $C(K)$ containing the constant functions which separates the points of K and form the polynomials $\sum_{n=0}^k v^n \pi_t(f_n)$, $f_n \in \mathfrak{A}$. By Remark 3.2, it suffices to prove that $\pi_t(\text{ball}(\mathfrak{A}))$ is w^* -dense in $\text{ball}(\mathcal{D}_\phi)$. Fix $z \in \mathbb{T}$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and take $T \in \mathcal{D}_\phi$, such that $T_{n_0,n_0} = z$ and $T_{n,n} = 1$, if $\phi^n(t) \neq \phi^{n_0}(t)$. Using the argument of the claim of Theorem 2.9 of [6] we can find a sequence of $(f_j)_j$ in $\text{ball}(\mathfrak{A})$ such that $w^*\text{-}\lim_j \pi_t(f_j) = T$. To complete the proof, observe that products of elements of

this form approximate the unitaries in \mathcal{D}_ϕ in the w^* -topology and that the strong closure of $\pi_t(\text{ball}(\mathfrak{A}))$ is closed under multiplication.

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