# STRONG MORITA EQUIVALENCE FOR THE DENJOY C\*-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. The C\*-algebras associated with irrational rotations of the circle were classified up to strong Morita equivalence by M. A. Rieffel. As a corollary, he gave a complete classification of the C\*-algebras arising from irrational or Kronecker flows on the 2-torus up to \*-isomorphism. Here, we extend the result to the socalled Denjoy homeomorphisms. Specifically, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for the strong Morita equivalence of two C\*-algebras arising from homeomorphisms of the circle without periodic points. As a corollary, we show that two C\*-algebras arising from flows on the 2-torus obtained from such homeomorphisms by the "flow under constant function" construction are \*-isomorphic if and only if the flows themselves are topologically conjugate.

## 1. Introduction.

Let  $\varphi$  be a homeomorphism of the circle,  $S^1$ , without periodic points. We denote by  $(\mathbf{Z}, S^1, \varphi)$  the free action of the group of integers which it generates, and by  $A_{\varphi}$  the associated crossed-product or transformation group  $C^*$ -algebra. Such transformation groups are classified (topologically) by a pair of invariants. The first is called the rotation number and denoted by  $\rho(\varphi)$ . It is an irrational number between 0 and 1. The second invariant, denoted  $Q(\varphi)$ , is a countable subset of the circle which is invariant under rotation by an angle of  $2\pi\rho(\varphi)$ . In fact, the set  $Q(\varphi)$  is only defined up to a rigid rotation of the circle. For  $\varphi = R_{\alpha}$ , rotation through an angle of  $2\pi\alpha$  (with  $\alpha$  irrational),  $\rho(\varphi) = \alpha$  and  $Q(\varphi)$  is the empty set. The reader is referred to [6] or to Markley [3] for the appropriate definitions. Our set  $Q(\varphi)$  is the complement of Markley's  $T(\varphi)$ .

The C<sup>\*</sup>-algebras  $A_{\varphi}$  were classified completely up to \*-isomorphism in [6]. Here, in Section 2, we give a complete classification of them up to strong Morita equivalence (see Rieffel [8]). In Section 3, we use this result to give a complete classification of the C<sup>\*</sup>-algebras associated with Denjoy flows on the 2-torus.

These results extend those of Rieffel [7] who considered irrational rotations. Rieffel's results in [7] depend heavily on the work of M. Pimsner and D. Voiculescu ([4] and [5]) which completed the classification of the irrational

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rotation  $C^*$ -algebras up to \*-isomorphism. Similarly, the results of [6] also rely on [5].

The notation used here is the same as in [6]. The reader is referred there for a description of the dynamics and the basic facts regarding the  $C^*$ -algebras which we are considering here. We let  $\mathscr{K}$  denote the compact operators on a separable, infinite dimensional Hilbert space,  $S^1$  denote the circle and [] and {} denote integer and fractional part, respectively. We use  $\pi$  to denote the usual covering map of **R** onto  $S^1$  and  $T_r$  to denote translation by r on **R**.

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## 2. The main theorem.

In this section, we will prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. Let  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  be homeomorphisms of the circle without periodic points. The C\*-algebras  $A_{\varphi}$  and  $A_{\Psi}$  are strongly Morita equivalent if and only if there is  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  in GL(2, **Z**) such that

(i) 
$$\rho(\Psi) = \frac{a\rho(\varphi) + b}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}$$
, and

(ii) 
$$\pi^{-1}(Q(\Psi)) \approx \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d} \pi^{-1}(Q(\varphi)),$$

where  $\approx$  denotes equality up to translation.

We suppose that  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  are homeomorphisms of the circle without periodic points. We further suppose that the C\*-algebras  $A_{\varphi}$  and  $A_{\Psi}$  are strongly Morita equivalent. Since we are dealing with separable C\*-algebras, this is equivalent to the existence of a \*-isomorphism  $\sigma:A_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{K} \to A_{\Psi} \otimes \mathscr{K}$  ([1]).

For any C\*-algebra,  $\mathscr{A}$ , there is an order-preserving bijection between the ideals of  $\mathscr{A}$  and those of  $\mathscr{A} \otimes \mathscr{K}$  ([8]). There is also a natural isomorphism between the groups  $K_*(\mathscr{A})$  and  $K_*(\mathscr{A} \otimes \mathscr{K})$  and in the case of  $K_0$ -groups it is actually an order isomorphism. We will suppress this in our notation. Therefore,  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{K}$  and  $\mathscr{I}_{\Psi} \otimes \mathscr{K}$  are the unique maximal ideals in  $A_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{K}$  and  $A_{\Psi} \otimes \mathscr{K}$ , respectively, so that  $\sigma$  must carry the former to the latter isomorphically. Recall from [6] that  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}$  decomposes into the direct sum of ideals  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n(\varphi)$ , corresponding to the connected components of  $\operatorname{Prim}(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi})$ . The ideals  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^k$  are uniquely determined up to a choice of indexing and each is \*-isomorphic to  $C_0(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathscr{K}$ . As  $\operatorname{Prim}(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi})$  and  $\operatorname{Prim}(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{K})$  are homeomorphic, we conclude that

(after a suitable choice of indexing)  $\sigma$  carries  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^k \otimes \mathscr{K}$  to  $\mathscr{I}_{\Psi}^k \otimes \mathscr{K}$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n(\varphi) = n(\Psi)$ .

We will suppress the natural \*-isomorphism between  $A_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{H}/\mathscr{I}_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$  and  $(A_{\varphi}/\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}) \otimes \mathscr{H} = D_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$ . As  $\sigma$  takes  $\mathscr{I}_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$  to  $\mathscr{I}_{\Psi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$ , we obtain a \*-isomorphism between  $D_{\varphi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$  and  $D_{\Psi} \otimes \mathscr{H}$ . This will also be denoted by  $\sigma$ . We then have the following commutative diagram.

From Propositions 2.2 and 2.3 of [7] and the uniqueness of the traces on  $D_{\varphi}$  and  $D_{\Psi}$ , we conclude that there is a positive real number r such that

$$\hat{T}r_{\Psi} \circ \sigma_* = r \cdot \hat{T}r_{\varphi}: K_0(D_{\varphi}) \to \mathbf{R}.$$

In [6], it was shown that  $K_0(A_{\varphi})$  is a subgroup of  $K_0(D_{\varphi})$  and, from the commutativity of the right square of diagram (I), it must be carried to  $K_0(A_{\Psi})$  in  $K_0(D_{\Psi})$  by  $\sigma_*$ . Again from [6],

$$\hat{T}r_{\varphi}(K_0(A_{\varphi})) = \mathbf{Z} + \rho(\varphi)\mathbf{Z}.$$

We conclude that

$$r(\mathbf{Z} + \rho(\boldsymbol{\varphi})\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{Z} + \rho(\boldsymbol{\Psi})\mathbf{Z}.$$

An elementary calculation then shows that

$$r = \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}$$
 and  $\rho(\Psi) = \frac{a\rho(\varphi) + b}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}$ 

for some integers a, b, c and d with  $ad - bc = \pm 1$ . It remains to verify that condition (ii) is satisfied.

We recall the notation of [6]. Let  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n(\varphi)}$  be generators for the groups  $K_1(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^1), K_1(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^2), \ldots, K_1(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi}^{n(\varphi)})$ , respectively, such that  $i_*(x_1) = \ldots = i_*(x_{n(\varphi)})$  in  $K_1(\mathscr{I}_{\varphi})$ . Lemma 6.7 of [6] then asserts that

$$Q(\varphi) \approx \pi \Big( \pm \hat{T}r_{\varphi} \Big( \bigcup_{k} \exp^{-1}(x_1 - x_k) \Big) \Big).$$

From the commutativity of diagram (I) above we obtain the following commutative diagram of K-groups.

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For each  $k, \sigma_*(x_k)$  is a generator of  $K_1(\mathscr{A}_{\Psi}^k)$ . Moreover, the commutativity of the right square in diagram (II) implies that  $i_*(\sigma_*(x_1)) = \ldots = i_*(\sigma_*(x_{n(\varphi)}))$  in  $K_1(\mathscr{A}_{\Psi})$ . By Lemma 6.7 of [6], we have

$$Q(\Psi) \approx \pi \left( \pm \hat{T} r_{\Psi} \left( \bigcup_{k} \exp^{-1}(\sigma_{*}(x_{1}) - \sigma_{*}(x_{k})) \right) \right).$$

Now we apply the commutativity of the centre square of diagram (II), so that

$$\exp^{-1}(\sigma_*(x_1) - \sigma_*(x_k)) = \sigma_*(\exp^{-1}(x_1 - x_k)),$$

for each k. This yields

$$Q(\Psi) \approx \pi \left( \pm \hat{T}r_{\Psi} \left( \bigcup_{k} \sigma_{*}(X_{k}) \right) \right)$$
$$\approx \pi \left( \pm \hat{T}r_{\Psi} \circ \sigma_{*} \left( \bigcup_{k} X_{k} \right) \right)$$
$$\approx \pi \left( \pm r\hat{T}r_{\varphi} \left( \bigcup_{k} X_{k} \right) \right).$$

Since  $\hat{T}r_{\varphi}(X_k)$  is invariant under translation by 1 and by  $\rho(\varphi)$ , we may conclude that

$$\pi^{-1}(Q(\Psi)) \approx \pm r \hat{T}r_{\varphi} \Big(\bigcup_{k} X_{k} \Big) \approx \frac{\pm 1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d} \pi^{-1}(Q(\varphi)),$$

as desired. Note that in order to remove the possibility of -1 in the numerator, we can simply replace a, b, c and d by their negatives. This completes the proof of the necessity of the condition.

In the proof of the sufficiency of the condition, the homeomorphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  will be treated asymmetrically. Beginning with  $\varphi$ , we obtain a lifting  $\tilde{\varphi}: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$  such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(0) \in (0, 1)$ . This is equivalent to the property

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{\tilde{\varphi}^n(x)}{n}=\rho(\varphi), \quad x\in\mathbf{R},$$

without taking fractional part of the left hand side. (See [6].)

We then have an action of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  generated by the (commuting) homeomorphisms  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and  $T_1$ . For *i* and *j* in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and *x* in  $\mathbb{R}$ , define  $(i, j) \cdot x = \tilde{\varphi}^i \circ T_1^j(x)$ . We use  $\langle (i, j) \rangle$  to denote the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  generated by (i, j). Notice that  $C^*(\langle (1, 0) \rangle, \mathbb{R}/\langle (0, 1) \rangle)$  is just  $A_{\varphi}$ .

In the general situation of a locally compact group G acting on a locally compact space X, we say that the action is wandering if, for every compact set  $K \subset X$ , the set  $\{g \in G | g \cdot K \cap K \text{ is non-empty}\}$  is precompact in G. This condition will guarantee that the orbit space X/G is Hausdorff.

THEOREM 2. Let  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  act on a locally compact space X so that the action, restricted to any cyclic subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ , is wandering. Let u and v be in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ , be such that  $\langle u \rangle + \langle v \rangle = \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Let  $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & j \end{bmatrix}$  be in  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  and denote by  $A(\alpha, u, v)$ the automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  defined by sending u to iu + jv and v to ku + 1v. Then  $C^*(U, X/V)$  and  $C^*(A(\alpha, u, v)(U), X/(A(\alpha, u, v)(V)))$  are strongly Morita equivalent.

PROOF. See the discussion on page 421 of Rieffel [7].

We will apply the result to the case of our action of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with u = (1, 0)and v = (0, 1), and

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix},$$

the element of  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  given in our hypothesis relating  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$ .

We must still verify that our action satisfies the wandering hypothesis of the theorem stated above and show that the transformation groups  $(\mathbb{Z}, S^1, \Psi)$  and  $(\langle (a, b) \rangle, \mathbb{R}/\langle (c, d) \rangle)$  are isomorphic. Denote the homeomorphisms  $\tilde{\varphi}^a \circ T_1^b$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}^c \circ T_1^d$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ , respectively.

We begin with a simple lemma.

LEMMA 3. Let i and j be any integers. Then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{(\tilde{\varphi}^l\circ T_1^j)^n(x)}{n}=i\rho(\varphi)+j,\,x\in\mathbf{R}.$$

Proof.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(\tilde{\varphi}^{i} \circ T_{1}^{j})^{n}(x)}{n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}^{in}(x) + jn}{n}$$
$$= i \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{\varphi}^{in}(x)}{in} + j$$
$$= i\rho(\varphi) + j.$$

Throughout the rest of the proof, we will assume that  $c\rho(\varphi) + d$  is positive. The other case is similar.

It is a straightforward consequence of Lemma 3 that our action of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2.

From Lemma 3, we see that we may write **R** as a disjoint union

$$\mathbf{R} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \left[ \eta^k(0), \, \eta^{k+1}(0) \right).$$

Define  $g: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$  by

$$g(t) = k + \eta(0)^{-1} \eta^{-k}(t), t \in [\eta^{k}(0), \eta^{k+1}(0)].$$

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It is easy to verify that g is a homeomorphism of **R** and that  $g \circ \eta \circ g^{-1} = T_1$ .

Define a homeomorphism  $\Psi_0$  of  $S^1$  by

$$\Psi_0(\pi(x)) = \pi(g \circ \xi \circ g^{-1}(x)), x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Since  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  commute, so must  $g \circ \xi \circ g^{-1}$  and  $g \circ \eta \circ g^{-1} = T_1$ , from which we see that  $\Psi_0$  is well defined. We also remark that we have an obvious choice for a lifting  $\tilde{\Psi}_0$  of  $\Psi_0$ , namely,  $g \circ \xi \circ g^{-1}$ . It is clear that g implements an isomorphism between the transformation groups  $(\langle (a, b) \rangle, \mathbb{R}/\langle (c, d) \rangle)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}, S^1, \Psi_0)$ . It now remains for us to show that the latter is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}, S^1, \Psi)$ . To do this, we calculate  $\rho(\Psi_0)$  and  $Q(\Psi_0)$ .

Lemma 4.

**PROOF.** For each positive integer k, there is an integer 
$$m_k$$
 such that

$$\eta^{m_k}(0) \leq \xi^k(0) \leq \eta^{m_k+1}(0).$$

 $\rho(\Psi_0) = \frac{a\rho(\varphi) + b}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}.$ 

Applying g, we obtain

$$T_1^{m_k}(0) \leq \tilde{\Psi}_0^k(0) \leq T_1^{m_k+1}(0)$$
, i.e.  $m_k \leq \tilde{\Psi}_0^k(0) \leq m_k + 1$ ,

and so,

$$rac{m_k}{k} \leq rac{ ilde{\Psi}_0^k(0)}{k} \leq rac{m_k+1}{k}.$$

Thus, it suffices to show that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{m_k}{k}=\frac{a\rho(\varphi)+b}{c\rho(\varphi)+d}.$$

Recalling the first inequality above, we see that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\xi^k(0)}{\eta^{m_k}(0)}$$

exists and equals one. Hence, we obtain

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{m_k}{k} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{m_k}{\eta^{m_k}(0)} \frac{\xi^k(0)}{k}$$
$$= (c\rho(\varphi) + d)^{-1} (a\rho(\varphi) + b),$$

by Lemma 3 applied to  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ .

In order to find  $Q(\Psi_0)$ , we must find the semiconjugacy for  $\Psi_0$ . (See [6] or Markley [3].) Let h be the unique semiconjugacy for  $\varphi$  (i.e.,  $h \circ \varphi = R_{\rho(\varphi)} \circ h$ )

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such that h(0) = 0. Let  $\tilde{h}$  be the unique lifting of h to  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{h}(0) = 0$ . It is immediate that  $\tilde{h} \circ \tilde{\varphi} = T_{\rho(\varphi)} \circ \tilde{h}$  and  $\tilde{h} \circ T_1 = T_1 \circ \tilde{h}$ . So, for any integers i and  $j, \tilde{h} \circ (\tilde{\varphi}^i \circ T_1^j) = T_{i\rho(\varphi)+j} \circ \tilde{h}$ . Define  $h_0: S^1 \to S^1$  as follows:

$$h_0(\pi(x)) = \pi \left( \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d} \tilde{h} \circ g^{-1}(x) \right), x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

The fact that  $h_0$  is well defined is seen from the following:

$$\widetilde{h} \circ g^{-1} \circ T_k = \widetilde{h} \circ \eta^k \circ g^{-1} = T^k_{c\rho(\varphi)+d} \circ \widetilde{h} \circ g^{-1}.$$

It is routine to verify that  $h_0$  is a semi-conjugacy for  $\Psi_0$ , i.e.  $h_0 \circ \Psi_0 = R_{\rho(\Psi_0)} \circ h_0$ .

Lemma 5.

$$\pi^{-1}(Q(\Psi_0)) \approx \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d} \pi^{-1}(Q(\varphi)).$$

**PROOF.** We begin by identifying the unique maximal open  $\Psi_0$ -invariant proper subset of  $S^1$ . Let Y be the unique maximal open  $\varphi$ -invariant proper subset of  $S^1$  and let  $\tilde{Y} = \pi^{-1}(Y)$ . It is clear that  $\tilde{Y}$  is open and invariant under  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and  $T_1$  and that among proper subsets of **R**, it is the unique maximal one with these properties. Then it follows that  $g(\tilde{Y})$  is the unique maximal open  $\tilde{\Psi}_0$ - and  $T_1$ -invariant proper subset of **R**. Thus,  $\pi(g(\tilde{Y}))$  is the unique maximal open  $\Psi_0$ -invariant proper subset of  $S^1$ . By definition,

$$Q(\Psi_0) \approx h_0(\pi(g(\tilde{Y})))$$
$$\approx \pi \left(\frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}\tilde{h} \circ g^{-1}(g(\tilde{Y}))\right)$$
$$\approx \pi \left(\frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}\tilde{h}(\tilde{Y})\right).$$

The set  $(1/(c\rho(\varphi) + d))\tilde{h}(\tilde{Y})$  is invariant under translation by 1, so

$$\pi^{-1}(\mathcal{Q}(\Psi_0)) \approx \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d}\tilde{h}(\tilde{Y}).$$

Since  $\tilde{h}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  are liftings,  $Q(\varphi)$ , which is h(Y), is the same as  $\pi(\tilde{h}(\tilde{Y}))$ . Again, the translation invariance of  $\tilde{h}(\tilde{Y})$  then yields  $\pi^{-1}(Q(\varphi)) \approx \tilde{h}(\tilde{Y})$ .  $\Box$ 

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

## 3. Denjoy flows on the 2-torus.

We begin by setting out some notation and recalling the "flow under constant function" construction. Let  $\varphi$  be a homeomorphism of the circle without

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periodic points. We start with the topological space  $[0, 1] \times S^1$  and identify the point (1, s) with  $(0, \varphi(s))$ , for every s in  $S^1$ . This quotient space is homeomorphic to the usual 2-torus  $S^1 \times S^1$ . We obtain an action,  $F_{\varphi}$ , of **R** on the quotient space by

$$F\varphi_t(r, s) = (\{r + t\}, \varphi^{[t+r]}(s)),$$

 $t \in \mathbf{R}, r \in [0, 1], \text{ and } s \in S^1$ .

For our purposes, it will be more useful to describe this action as follows. First, consider the following action of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\Phi_{(i,j)}(r,s) = (r-i, \tilde{\varphi}^i(s) + j), (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, (r,s) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Define a flow F on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by  $F_t(r, s) = (r + t, s)$ . It is clear that these two actions commute and so we obtain a flow,  $F\varphi$ , on the quotient space  $\mathbb{R}^2/\Phi$ . Henceforth, we will denote this space by  $X_{\varphi}$ . It is homeomorphic to the quotient space defined above in an obvious way.

Following Rieffel, we use  $C_{\varphi}$  to denote the transformation group C\*-algebra  $C(X_{\varphi})x_{F\varphi}$  **R**.

THEOREM 6. Let  $\varphi$  and  $\Psi$  be homeomorphisms of the circle having no periodic points. The following statements are equivalent.

(i) There is  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  in  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  such that

$$\rho(\Psi) = rac{a
ho(\varphi) + b}{c
ho(\varphi) + d},$$

$$\pi^{-1}(Q(\Psi)) \approx \frac{1}{c\rho(\varphi) + d} \pi^{-1}(Q(\varphi)).$$

- (ii)  $C_{\varphi}$  and  $C_{\Psi}$  are strongly Morita equivalent.
- (iii)  $C_{\omega}$  and  $C_{\Psi}$  are \*-isomorphic.

(iv) There is a homeomorphism  $\sigma: X_{\varphi} \to X_{\Psi}$  and a non-zero real number e such that

$$\sigma \circ F \varphi_t \circ \sigma^{-1} = F \Psi_{et}, t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

That is, the flows  $(X_{\omega}, F_{\Psi})$  and  $(X_{\Psi}, F\Psi)$  are topologically conjugate.

PROOF. The implications (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) are immediate. Theorem 1, along with the fact that  $C_{\varphi}$  is \*-isomorphic to  $A_{\varphi} \otimes \mathcal{K}$  ([2]), yields the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

For (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv), we will produce a homeomorphism  $\overline{\sigma}: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and a non-zero e in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

(a)  $\overline{\sigma} \circ \Phi_{(a,b)} \circ \overline{\sigma}^{-1} = \Psi_{(1,0)},$ (b)  $\overline{\sigma} \circ \Phi_{(c,d)} \circ \overline{\sigma}^{-1} = \Psi_{(0,1)},$ (c)  $\overline{\sigma} \circ F_t \circ \overline{\sigma}^{-1} = F_{et}, t \in \mathbf{R}.$  [December

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to  $\Psi$ -orbits and so  $\overline{\sigma}$  drops to a homeomorphism from  $X_{\varphi} = \mathbf{R}^2/\Phi$  to  $X_{\Psi} = \mathbf{R}^2/\Psi$  which conjugates  $F_{\varphi_t}$  with  $F\Psi_{et}$  by condition (c).

Let  $\tilde{h}$  and g be as in Section 2. For convenience we will assume that  $\Psi$  and  $\Psi_0$  are actually equal, rather than just conjugate. Set  $e = c\rho(\varphi) + d$  and f = -c.

Define  $\overline{\sigma}$  by  $\overline{\sigma}(r, s) = (er - f\tilde{h}(s), g(s)), (r, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . A straightforward calculation shows that  $\overline{\sigma}$  satisfies (a), (b), and (c).

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