

Quotient gradings and IYB groups

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- A particular case which is called an elementary crossed product grading is where H is of order n and the n -tuple consists of the distinct elements in H .

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- A main motivation here is that quotient gradings admit a key role in the study of the intrinsic fundamental group (Cibils, Redondo and Solotar) of an algebra \mathcal{A} which is essentially the inverse limit of a diagram whose objects are groups which grade \mathcal{A} in a connected way, and whose morphisms are group epimorphisms which correspond to quotient gradings between these gradings.

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- We conclude that this quotient of a twisted grading is an elementary crossed product C_2 -grading determined by $(\bar{e}, \bar{\sigma})$.

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- This is because quotient H/N -grading of elementary H gradings which correspond to a tuple $(h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) \in H^n$ is given simply by taking the appropriate elements in the tuple $(\bar{h}_1, \bar{h}_2, \dots, \bar{h}_n) \in (H/N)^n$.

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- Consequently, for $|N| = \sqrt{|G|}$, the G/N -grading is elementary (and hence elementary crossed product) if and only if $|\text{Irr}(\mathbb{C}^\alpha N)| = |N|$ which happens if and only if N is abelian and the restriction of α to N is trivial (that is N is isotropic with respect to α).

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Now, let $N = \langle \tau \rangle \cong C_n$. Then, the G/N quotient grading is an elementary crossed product grading.

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