

# OUTER AUTOMORPHISMS OF INJECTIVE C\*-ALGEBRAS

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## Introduction.

Let  $A$  be a C\*-subalgebra of a C\*-algebra  $B$  and let  $\beta$  be an inner automorphism of  $B$  which leaves  $A$  invariant. When is the restriction of  $\beta$  to  $A$  an inner automorphism of  $A$ ? That is, when is  $\beta$  implemented by a unitary in  $A$ , if  $A$  is unital, or by a unitary in  $M(A)$ , the multiplier algebra of  $A$ , if  $A$  is not unital?

A deep theorem of Kishimoto [10], which builds on the important earlier work of Elliott [3] and Lance [11], shows that when  $A$  is separable and simple and when  $B$  is the second dual of  $A$  then the answer is “always”. We proved in [17] that when  $A$  is simple and  $B$  is the regular completion of  $A$  then the answer is also “always”. We shall prove a much stronger result than we did in [17]. Let  $\alpha$  be an outer \*-automorphism of  $A$ , where  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. Let  $B$  be the injective envelope of  $A$  (see below for definitions). Then Theorem 3.6 implies that  $\alpha$  has a unique extension to an outer \*-automorphism of  $B$ .

The following elementary example illustrates what can go wrong. Let  $H$  be an infinite dimensional Hilbert space, let  $B$  be the algebra of all bounded operators on  $H$  and let  $A$  be the subalgebra of  $B$  generated by the identity of  $B$  and the algebra of compact operators on  $H$ . Then each unitary in  $B$  induces an automorphism of  $A$  which, in general, will not be inner.

We shall only consider automorphisms which are \*-automorphisms.

## 1. Preliminaries.

We recall that a C\*-algebra  $B$  is said to be *injective* when it is unital and if, whenever  $A$  is a unital C\*-algebra and  $S$  is a self-adjoint subspace of  $A$  containing the unit, then each completely positive map from  $S$  into  $B$  which maps the unit of  $A$  to the unit of  $B$  can be extended to a completely positive map from  $A$  into  $B$  (see, for example, Choi and Effros in [2]). Arveson [1] proved that, for each Hilbert space  $H$ , the algebra of bounded operators on  $H$  is injective. So each C\*-algebra is a subalgebra of an injective algebra.

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Each C\*-algebra  $A$  can be embedded canonically in a larger C\*-algebra  $\text{Inj } A$ , called the injective envelope of  $A$ . The injective envelope is characterized by the following two properties. First,  $\text{Inj } A$  is injective. Secondly, if  $\varphi$  is a completely positive map from  $\text{Inj } A$  to  $\text{Inj } A$  such that  $\varphi(a + \lambda 1) = a + \lambda 1$  for all  $a \in A$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  then  $\varphi$  is the identity map on  $\text{Inj } A$ . The existence of injective envelopes is a deep result of Hamana [4] who also established their fundamental properties. For each C\*-algebra  $A$ , its injective envelope is a monotone complete AW\*-algebra which need not be a von Neumann algebra [5].

In all that follows,  $A$  is a C\*-algebra with injective envelope  $\text{Inj } A$  and  $\alpha$  is a \*-automorphism of  $A$ . By Corollary 4.2 in [4],  $\alpha$  has a unique extension to a \*-automorphism  $\tilde{\alpha}$  of  $\text{Inj } A$ . This implies, see Corollary 4.3 in [4], that the relative commutant of  $A$  in  $\text{Inj } A$  is the centre of  $\text{Inj } A$ .

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $B$  be a C\*-subalgebra of  $\text{Inj } A$  such that  $B$  contains  $A$ . Let  $J$  be a closed two-sided ideal of  $B$  such that  $J \cap A = \{0\}$ . Then  $J = \{0\}$ .*

This is Lemma 3.2 [7].

A subset  $S$  of  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -invariant if  $\alpha[S] \subset S$  and  $\alpha^{-1}[S] \subset S$ .

When  $D$  is any hereditary C\*-subalgebra of  $A$ , we define  $D_0^+$  to be the set of all positive elements of  $D$  with norm less than one, that is,  $\{d \in D: \|d\| < 1 \text{ and } d \geq 0\}$ . Then, see Theorem 1.4.2 in [15],  $D_0^+$  is an upward directed, approximate unit for  $D$ . Since  $D_0^+$  is upward directed it has a supremum  $p$  in  $\text{Inj } A$ . It is straightforward to show that  $p$  is a projection and that  $pd = dp = d$  for each  $d \in D$ . It follows from Theorem 6.5 [6] that  $\text{Inj } D$  can be identified with  $p(\text{Inj } A)p$ . This fact will be used extensively. When  $D$  is  $\alpha$ -invariant then  $D_0^+$  is also  $\alpha$ -invariant. Hence  $\tilde{\alpha}(p) = p$ .

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $A$  be a non-unital C\*-algebra. Then the supremum of  $A_0^+$  in  $\text{Inj } A$  is the unit of  $\text{Inj } A$ .*

Let  $p$  be the projection in  $\text{Inj } A$  which is the supremum of  $A_0^+$ . Then  $p$  is in the commutant of  $A$  and so  $p$  is in the centre of  $\text{Inj } A$ . So  $1 - p$  is a central projection. Thus  $(1 - p)\text{Inj } A$  is a closed two-sided ideal of  $\text{Inj } A$  whose intersection with  $A$  is the zero ideal. So, by Lemma 1.1,  $p = 1$ .

For any C\*-algebra  $A$ , we recall that its multiplier algebra,  $M(A)$ , is defined to be  $\{m \in A^{**}: mA \subset A \text{ and } Am \subset A\}$  which is a C\*-subalgebra of  $A^{**}$ . Clearly, when  $A$  is unital,  $M(A)$  coincides with  $A$ . When  $A$  is not unital,  $M(A)$  can be much larger than the algebra obtained from  $A$  by adjoining a unit. For example, the multiplier algebra of  $C_0(\mathbb{R})$  is the algebra of all bounded continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The following lemma shows that we may regard  $M(A)$  as being naturally embedded in  $\text{Inj } A$ .

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $A$  be a non-unital  $C^*$ -algebra with multiplier algebra  $M(A)$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the canonical embedding of  $A$  in  $\text{Inj } A$ , the injective envelope of  $A$ . Then there exists an isometric  $*$ -isomorphism  $\varphi: M(A) \rightarrow \text{Inj } A$  which extends  $\varphi$ . Moreover,*

$$\Phi[M(A)] = \{z \in \text{Inj } A : zA \subset A \text{ and } Az \subset A\}.$$

Let  $B$  be the smallest  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $\text{Inj } A$  which contains  $A$  and the unit and is such that, whenever  $(b_j)$  is an upward directed net in  $B$  with supremum  $b$  in  $\text{Inj } A$ , then  $b$  is in  $B$ . Then  $B$  is the regular completion of  $A$  [5, 18].

By the proof of Corollary 2.2 in [16], there is an extension of  $\varphi$  to an isometric  $*$ -isomorphism  $\Phi: M(A) \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\Phi[M(A)] = \{z \in B : zA \subset A \text{ and } Az \subset A\}.$$

Let

$$M = \{z \in \text{Inj } A : zA \subset A \text{ and } Az \subset A\}.$$

To establish the lemma it suffices to show that the  $C^*$ -algebra  $M$  is contained in  $B$ .

By Lemma 1.2, the upward directed set  $A_0^+$  has 1 as its supremum in  $\text{Inj } A$ . So, whenever  $m \in M$ ,  $mm^*$  is the supremum in  $\text{Inj } A$  of  $\{mam^* : a \in A_0^+\}$ . Since  $mam^* \in A$  for each  $a \in A_0^+$ , it follows that  $mm^* \in B$ . Hence  $M \subset B$ .

Let  $B$  be any  $C^*$ -algebra. We shall define  $C^*(B, 1)$  to be the algebra formed by adjoining a unit to  $B$ , if  $B$  is not unital, and define  $C^*(B, 1)$  to be  $B$  whenever  $B$  is unital.

## 2. Cross-products by discrete groups.

We recall some basic properties of cross-products which will be needed later.

Let  $G$  be a discrete group and let  $\beta$  be a homomorphism of  $G$  into the group of  $*$ -automorphisms of  $A$ . We recall that a (non-degenerate) covariant representation of the system  $(A, G, \beta)$  is a triple  $(\pi, H, u)$ , where  $H$  is a Hilbert space,  $(\pi, H)$  is a (non-degenerate) representation of  $A$ , and  $u$  is a unitary representation of  $G$  on  $H$  such that

$$\pi(\beta_\gamma(a)) = u_\gamma \pi(a) u_\gamma^*$$

for each  $a \in A$  and each  $\gamma \in G$ . We refer the reader to [15], for a lucid account of  $C^*$ -dynamical systems and cross-products. Corresponding to the system  $(A, G, \beta)$  there can be constructed the (universal) cross-product  $A \times_\beta G$ . There exists a unitary representation  $U$  of  $G$  in  $M(A \times_\beta G)$  such that

$$U_\gamma a U_\gamma^* = \beta_\gamma(a)$$

for each  $a \in A$  and each  $\gamma \in G$ . Also,  $A \times_{\beta} G$  is the closure of the sub-algebra whose elements are all finite sums of the form  $\sum a_{\gamma} U_{\gamma}$ , where each  $a_{\gamma}$  is in  $A$ . Further,  $A \times_{\beta} G$  has the following “universal” property, given a non-degenerate covariant representation  $(\pi, H, u)$  of  $(A, G, \beta)$ , there exists a representation  $(\Pi, H)$  of  $A \times_{\beta} G$  such that

$$\Pi(aU_{\gamma}) = \pi(a)u_{\gamma}$$

for each  $a \in A$  and every  $\gamma \in G$ .

Let  $(\varrho, H)$  be the universal representation of  $A$ . Then we define a corresponding covariant representation  $(\tilde{\varrho}, l^2(G, H), \lambda)$  as follows. First,  $l^2(G, H)$  is the Hilbert space of all square summable  $H$ -valued sequences indexed by  $G$ , that is,  $l^2(G, H) = l^2(G) \otimes H$ . Secondly, for each  $\underline{\xi} \in l^2(G, H)$  and each  $g \in G$

$$(\lambda_g \underline{\xi})(\gamma) = \underline{\xi}(g^{-1}\gamma).$$

Thirdly, for each  $a \in A$  and each  $\underline{\xi} \in l^2(G, H)$

$$(\tilde{\varrho}(a)\underline{\xi})(\gamma) = (\beta_{\gamma}^{-1}(a))\underline{\xi}(\gamma).$$

Let  $\tilde{\varrho} \times \lambda$  be the representation of  $A \times_{\beta} G$  corresponding to the above (non-degenerate) covariant representation of the system  $(A, G, \beta)$ . The algebra  $(\tilde{\varrho} \times \lambda)[A \times_{\beta} G]$  is defined to be the reduced cross-product,  $A \times_{r\beta} G$ . It turns out, see [15], that if  $(\varrho, H)$  were replaced by any faithful representation of  $A$ , then the corresponding construction would give an algebra isomorphic to  $A \times_{r\beta} G$ .

Whenever the group  $G$  is amenable, in particular when  $G$  is abelian, the homomorphism  $\tilde{\varrho} \times \lambda$  is faithful.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $G$  be a discrete group with a representation  $\beta$  in the automorphism group of  $A$ . Let  $u: G \rightarrow \text{Inj } A$  be a unitary representation of  $G$  such that  $u_{\gamma} z u_{\gamma}^* = \beta_{\gamma}(z)$  for all  $z \in A$ . Let  $I$  be the canonical embedding of  $A$  into  $\text{Inj } A$ . Let  $B$  be the C\*-subalgebra of  $\text{Inj } A$  generated by all finite sums of the form  $\sum a_{\gamma} u_{\gamma}$ , where each  $a_{\gamma} \in A$ . Then there exists a surjective homomorphism  $\Pi$  from  $A \times_{\beta} G$  onto  $B$  such that*

$$\Pi(aU_{\gamma}) = au_{\gamma}$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $\gamma \in G$ .

Let  $H_1$  be the universal representation space of  $\text{Inj } A$ .

When  $1 \in A$ , then  $A$  acts non-degenerately on  $H_1$ . So  $(I, H_1, u)$  is a non-degenerate, covariant representation of the system  $(A, G, \beta)$ . By the universal property of the cross-product,  $\Pi$  exists.

Let us now suppose that  $A$  is not unital and let  $C^*(A, 1)$  be the C\*-algebra obtained from  $A$  by adjoining a unit. Then  $\text{Inj } A$  is the injective envelope of

$C^*(A, 1)$ . Let  $H$  be the closure of  $A[H_1]$ . Since  $u_\gamma Au_\gamma^* = A$  for each  $\gamma \in G$ , we have  $u_\gamma[H] = H$  for each  $\gamma \in G$ . Thus  $H$  is invariant under  $B$ . For all  $b \in B$  let  $\pi(b) = b|_H$  and let  $\tilde{u}: G \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(H)$  be defined by  $\tilde{u}_\gamma = u_\gamma|_H$ . Then  $(\pi, H, \tilde{u})$  is a covariant non-degenerate representation of the system  $(A, G, \beta)$ . So there exists an homomorphism  $\Pi_1$  from  $A \times_{r\beta} G$  onto  $\pi[B]$  such that

$$\Pi_1(aU_\gamma) = \pi(a)\tilde{u}_\gamma,$$

for each  $a \in A$  and each  $\gamma \in G$ .

Since  $\pi$  is faithful on  $A$ ,  $\pi^{-1}\{0\}$  is an ideal of  $B$  which is disjoint from  $A$ . So, by Lemma 1.1,  $\pi^{-1}\{0\} = 0$ . Let  $\Pi = \pi^{-1} \circ \Pi_1$ . Then  $\Pi$  has the required properties.

Let  $A, G, \beta$  be as above. We shall need the following basic property of reduced cross-products by discrete groups. There exists a completely positive map  $E$  from  $A \times_{r\beta} G$  onto  $A$  such that

- (i)  $E(\tilde{g}(a)) = a$  for all  $a \in A$
- (ii)  $E(\tilde{g}(a)\lambda_\gamma) = 0$  whenever  $\gamma$  is not the neutral element of  $G$ .

When  $A$  is not unital, neither is  $A \times_{r\beta} G$ . Then  $E$  can be extended to a completely positive map from  $C^*(A \times_{r\beta} G, 1)$  onto  $C^*(A, 1)$  where  $E1 = 1$ . To see this let  $P$  be the projection from  $l^2(G, H)$  onto  $H$  defined by  $P\xi = \xi(0)$ , where  $0$  is the neutral element of  $G$ . Then the compression  $z \rightarrow PzP$  is a completely positive linear map whose restriction to  $C^*(A \times_{r\beta} G, 1)$  has the required properties.

When  $G$  is amenable, in particular, when  $G$  is abelian then we may identify the cross-product and the reduced cross-product. So there exists a completely positive projection  $E$  from  $C^*(A \times_{r\beta} G, 1)$  onto  $C^*(A, 1)$ , such that  $E(aU_\gamma) = 0$  whenever  $\gamma$  is not the neutral element of  $G$ .

### 3. Automorphisms.

When  $\alpha$  is an automorphism of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , then  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -simple if the only  $\alpha$ -invariant, closed, proper, two-sided ideal of  $A$  is  $0$ .

We shall need the following notation. Let  $H^\alpha(A)$  be the family of all non-zero, closed,  $\alpha$ -invariant, hereditary  $C^*$ -sub-algebras of  $A$ . For each  $B \in H^\alpha(A)$  we define  $\text{Sp}(\alpha|B)$  to be the spectrum of the operator  $\alpha$ , restricted to  $B$ , regarded as an operator on the Banach space  $B$ . We define the *Connes spectrum* of  $\alpha$  to be

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \bigcap \{ \text{Sp}(\alpha|B) : B \in H^\alpha(A) \}.$$

Let  $(A, \mathbf{Z}, \langle \alpha \rangle)$  be the dynamical system, where  $\langle \alpha \rangle$  is the action of  $\mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $n \rightarrow \alpha^n$ . Then the Connes spectrum of the dynamical system, as defined by

Olesen, coincides with  $\Gamma(\alpha)$ , see page 340 in [15]. Provided that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple,  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  also coincides with the Borchers spectrum of the system  $(A, \mathbf{Z}, \langle \alpha \rangle)$ .

Let  $\Gamma(\alpha)^\perp = \{n \in \mathbf{Z} : \lambda^n = 1 \text{ for all } \lambda \in \Gamma(\alpha)\}$ .

LEMMA 3.1. (Olesen-Pedersen) *Let  $\alpha$  be a \*-automorphism of  $A$  such that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The integer  $n$  is an element of  $\Gamma(\alpha)^\perp$ .*
- (ii) *There exists  $B \in H^2(A)$  and a \*-derivation  $\delta$  on  $B$  such that  $\alpha^n|_B = \exp \delta$  and  $\alpha \circ \delta = \delta \circ \alpha$ .*
- (iii) *For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there can be found  $B \in H^2(A)$  and a \*-derivation  $\delta$  on  $B$ , commuting with  $\alpha$ , such that  $\alpha^n|_B = \exp \delta$  and  $\|\exp \delta - I\| < \varepsilon$ .*
- (iv) *There exists  $B \in H^2(A)$  such that  $\|(\alpha^n - I)|_B\| < 2$ .*

The equivalence of (i) and (ii) is a consequence of Theorem 4.3 in [14]. It follows from Lemma 4.1 in [14] that (ii) implies (iii). Trivially (iii) implies (iv). To complete the circle of implications, we observe that, by the Kadison-Ringrose Theorem, (iv) implies the existence of a derivation  $\delta$  on  $B$  such that  $\alpha^n|_B = \exp \delta$ . Moreover  $\delta$  is the limit of a sequence of polynomials in  $\alpha$  and hence commutes with  $\alpha$ . That is, (iv) implies (ii).

We come now to the first key theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let  $A$  be a non-zero C\*-algebra. Let  $\alpha$  be an automorphism of  $A$ , not the identity automorphism, such that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. Further, for each integer  $n$ , either  $\alpha^n = I$  or else, for every  $\alpha$ -invariant, non-zero, hereditary C\*-subalgebra  $D$ ,*

$$\|(\alpha^n - I)|_D\| = 2.$$

*Then,  $\tilde{\alpha}$ , the unique extension of  $\alpha$  to an automorphism of  $\text{Inj } A$ , is an outer automorphism.*

If there is no positive integer  $n$  for which  $\alpha^n = I$ , let  $G = \mathbf{Z}$ . Otherwise, let  $k$  be the smallest positive integer for which  $\alpha^k = I$  and let  $G = \mathbf{Z}_k$ .

By Lemma 3.1,  $\Gamma(\alpha)^\perp = \{0\}$  and hence  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the full circle group. So, by a theorem of Olesen and Pedersen [15], the reduced cross-product  $A \times_{r_\alpha} G$  is simple. Since  $G$  is abelian, it is an amenable group and so the canonical homomorphism from  $A \times_\beta G$  onto  $A \times_{r_\alpha} G$  is an isomorphism.

We shall assume that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is not an outer automorphism of  $\text{Inj } A$  and then derive a contradiction. By our assumptions there is a unitary  $u$  in  $\text{Inj } A$  which implements  $\tilde{\alpha}$ .

When  $G = \mathbf{Z}_k$ , we have  $u^k(a + \lambda 1)u^{-k} = a + \lambda 1$  for  $a \in A$  and  $\lambda \in G$ . So, by the

fundamental property of the injective envelope,  $u^k z u^{-k} = z$  for each  $x$  in  $\text{Inj } A$ , that is  $u^k$  is in the centre of  $\text{Inj } A$ . Since  $\tilde{\alpha}(u^k) = u^k$ , either  $u^k$  is a scalar multiple of the identity or, by spectral theory, there exists a non-trivial central projection  $q$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha}(q) = q$ . If such a  $q$  exists then  $q(\text{Inj } A)$  is a non-zero, proper, closed two-sided ideal of  $\text{Inj } A$  which is  $\tilde{\alpha}$ -invariant. So, by Lemma 1.1,  $q(\text{Inj } A) \cap A$  is a non-zero ideal of  $A$ . But  $q(\text{Inj } A \cap A)$  is  $\alpha$ -invariant and  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. So  $q(\text{Inj } A) \cap A = A$ . Similarly,  $(1-q)(\text{Inj } A) \cap A = A$ . This is impossible, so  $u^k$  is a scalar multiple of the identity. We may suppose that  $u^k = 1$ .

Let  $B$  be the closed subspace of  $\text{Inj } A$  generated by all sums of the form  $\sum_{j \in S} a_j u^j$ , where  $S$  is a finite subset of  $G$  and  $a_j \in A$  for each  $j \in S$ . Then  $B$  is a  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $\text{Inj } A$  and, by Lemma 2.1, there exists a surjective  $*$ -homomorphism  $\Pi$  from  $A \times_{\beta} G$  onto  $B$  such that  $\Pi(aU^j) = au^j$ . Since  $G$  is abelian,  $A \times_{\beta} G$  may be identified with  $A \times_{r\alpha} G$  which is simple. So we may regard  $\Pi$  as an isomorphism from  $A \times_{r\alpha} G$  onto  $B$ .

From the basic properties of reduced cross-products by discrete groups, discussed in section 2, it follows that there exists a completely positive projection  $E$  from  $C^*(B, 1)$  onto  $C^*(A, 1)$  such that  $E(au^j) = 0$  for  $a \in A$  and  $j \in G \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $\text{Inj } A$  is an injective  $C^*$ -algebra,  $E$  can be extended to a completely positive map  $\tilde{E}$  from  $\text{Inj } A$  to  $\text{Inj } A$ . Since the restriction of  $\tilde{E}$  to  $C^*(A, 1)$  is the identity map it follows, by the fundamental property of the injective envelope, that  $\tilde{E}$  is the identity map on  $\text{Inj } A$ .

Let  $a$  be any non-zero element of  $A$ . Then

$$au = \tilde{E}(au) = E(au) = 0.$$

So

$$a = auu^* = 0.$$

This is impossible. So the assumption that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  was implemented by a unitary in  $\text{Inj } A$  is false, that is,  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is an outer automorphism.

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $\alpha$  be an automorphism of a non-zero  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  such that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. Let  $H$  be any non-zero,  $\alpha$ -invariant hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $A$ . Then  $H$  is also  $\alpha$ -simple.*

Let  $J$  be any proper, closed  $\alpha$ -invariant ideal of  $H$ . Then there exists a primitive ideal of  $H$ ,  $Q$ , such that  $J \subset Q$ . Since  $H$  is an hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $A$ , there exists a primitive ideal  $P$  in  $A$  such that  $Q = P \cap H$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the collection of all primitive ideals of  $A$ ,  $L$ , such that  $J \subset L$ . By the preceding paragraph,  $\mathcal{A}$  is not empty. Since  $J$  is  $\alpha$ -invariant,  $L \in \mathcal{A}$  if, and only if  $\alpha[L] \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $M$  be the intersection of all the ideals in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $M$  is an  $\alpha$ -invariant closed ideal of  $A$ . Each ideal in  $\mathcal{A}$  is primitive and hence proper. So  $M$

is a proper,  $\alpha$ -invariant, closed ideal of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple,  $M$  must be the zero ideal of  $A$ . Hence  $J$  is the zero ideal of  $H$ . So  $H$  is  $\alpha$ -simple.

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $\beta$  be a \*-automorphism of a C\*-algebra  $B$  such that  $B$  is  $\beta$ -simple. Let there exist a positive integer  $k$  such that  $\beta^k$  is a derivable automorphism. Then, given any primitive ideal  $J$ , the primitive ideal space of  $B$ ,  $\text{Prim } B$ , is the finite set*

$$\{\beta^n[J] : n=0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$$

*equipped with the discrete topology.*

Let  $E$  be any primitive ideal of  $B$ . Then  $\beta^k[E]=E$  because  $\beta^k$  is derivable. Since  $B$  is  $\beta$ -simple, it follows that

$$\bigcap_{n=0}^{k-1} \beta^n[E] \quad \text{is the zero ideal .}$$

In particular,

$$\bigcap_{n=0}^{k-1} \beta^n[E] \subset J .$$

Since  $J$  is primitive, it is a prime ideal. So, for some positive integer  $n$ ,  $\beta^n[E] \subset J$ . Similarly, for some positive integer  $m$ ,

$$\beta^m[J] \subset E .$$

So

$$\beta^{m+n}[E] \subset \beta^m[J] \subset E .$$

Hence

$$E \supset \beta^{m+n}[E] \supset \beta^{2(m+n)}[E] \supset \dots \supset \beta^{k(m+n)}[E] .$$

Since  $\beta^k$  is derivable, we have  $E = \beta^{k(m+n)}[E]$ .

Hence  $\beta^m[J]=E$ . So every primitive ideal of  $B$  is in the finite set  $\{\beta^n[J] : n = 0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ .

Since each closed ideal of  $B$  is the intersection of the primitive ideals which contain it and since  $\text{Prim } B$  is finite, one of the primitive ideals must be a maximal ideal. Since  $\beta$  is an automorphism, it follows that each of the primitive ideals is maximal and hence corresponds to a closed point in the hull-kernel topology. In other words,  $\text{Prim } B$  has the discrete topology.

COROLLARY 3.5. *Let  $\beta$  be a \*-automorphism of a C\*-algebra  $B$  such that  $B$  is  $\beta$ -simple and, for some positive integer  $k$ ,  $\|\beta^k - 1\| < 2$ . Then there exists a unitary  $v$*



in  $M(B)$ , the multiplier algebra of  $B$ , such that  $\tilde{\beta}(v) = v$  and  $\beta^k = \text{Ad } v^k$  where  $\tilde{\beta}$  is the unique extension of  $\beta$  to an automorphism of  $\text{Inj } B$ .

Since  $\|\beta^k - 1\| < 2$  it follows from the Kadison-Ringrose Theorem that  $\beta^k = \exp \delta_1$  for some  $*$ -derivation  $\delta_1$ . Moreover,  $\delta_1$  is the norm limit of a sequence of polynomials in powers of  $\beta$ . So  $\delta_1$  commutes with  $\beta$ . Let  $\delta = (1/k)\delta_1$ . Then  $\beta \circ \delta = \delta \circ \beta$ .

Let  $h$  be the minimal positive generator of  $\delta$  in  $B^{**}$ .

By Lemma 3.3, every real valued function on  $\text{Prim } B$  is continuous. So, by Theorem 8.6.9 in [15],  $h$  is in  $M(B)$ , the multiplier algebra of  $B$ . Because  $\delta$  commutes with  $\beta$  and  $\beta^{-1}$ , trivial algebraic manipulation shows that  $\tilde{\beta}(h)$  and  $\tilde{\beta}^{-1}(h)$  are also positive generators of  $\delta$ . So  $h \leq \tilde{\beta}(h)$  and  $h \leq \tilde{\beta}^{-1}(h)$ . Thus  $h = \tilde{\beta}(h)$ .

Let  $v = \exp ih$ , so that  $v$  is a unitary in  $M(B)$  with the required properties.

We come now to the main theorem.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a non-zero  $C^*$ -algebra. Let  $\alpha$  be a  $*$ -automorphism of  $A$  such that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple. Let  $\tilde{\alpha}$  be the unique extension of  $\alpha$  to a  $*$ -automorphism of  $\text{Inj } A$ , the injective envelope of  $A$ . If  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is an inner automorphism of  $\text{Inj } A$  then  $\alpha$  is also an inner automorphism of  $A$ , being implemented by a unitary in  $M(A)$ , the multiplier algebra of  $A$ .*

Let  $u$  be a unitary in  $\text{Inj } A$  which implements  $\tilde{\alpha}$ . By Theorem 3.2 there exists a positive integer  $k$  and some  $B \in H^{\alpha}(A)$  such that  $\|(\alpha^k - I)|B\| < 2$ . Equivalently, by Lemma 3.1,  $k \in \Gamma(\alpha)^{\perp}$ . Let us suppose  $k$  to be the smallest positive integer in  $\Gamma(\alpha)^{\perp}$  and let  $B \in H^{\alpha}(A)$  such that  $\|(\alpha^k - I)|B\| < 2$ .

By Corollary 3.5, there exists a unitary  $v$  in  $M(B)$  for which  $\alpha(v) = v$  and such that  $\alpha^k|B = \text{Ad } v$ . Let  $\gamma = \text{Ad } v^* \circ (\alpha|B)$ . Then the dynamical systems  $(B, Z, \langle \gamma \rangle)$  and  $(B, Z, \langle \alpha|B \rangle)$  are exterior equivalent. So, by Proposition 8.11.5 in [15],  $\Gamma(\gamma) = \Gamma(\alpha|B)$ .

Let  $q$  be any positive integer in  $\Gamma(\gamma)^{\perp}$ . Then  $q \in \Gamma(\alpha|B)^{\perp}$ . Since  $\Gamma(\alpha) \subset \Gamma(\alpha|B)$ ,  $q \in \Gamma(\alpha)^{\perp}$ . Hence  $q \geq k$ .

We shall now assume that  $k > 1$  and deduce a contradiction. For  $1 \leq r < k$  we have that  $r \notin \Gamma(\gamma)^{\perp}$  and so, by Theorem 3.1 applied to  $B$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  is not implemented by a unitary in  $\text{Inj } B$ . Hence  $\alpha|B$  is not implemented by a unitary in  $\text{Inj } B$ . But, see section 1, there is a projection  $p$  from  $\text{Inj } A$  such that  $\text{Inj } B$  may be identified with  $p(\text{Inj } A)p$ . Since  $B$  is  $\alpha$ -invariant we also have  $\tilde{\alpha}(p) = p$ . Thus  $p$  commutes with  $u$ , the unitary in  $\text{Inj } A$  which implements  $\tilde{\alpha}$ . So  $pu$  is a unitary in  $\text{Inj } B$  which implements  $\alpha|B$ . This is a contradiction. So  $k = 1$ .

Since  $\alpha|B$  is a derivable automorphism, each ideal of  $B$  is  $\alpha$ -invariant. By Lemma 3.2, each closed  $\alpha$ -invariant ideal of  $B$  is either  $B$  or the zero ideal. So  $B$  is simple. It then follows from Lemma 1.1 that the centre of  $\text{Inj } B$  is trivial.

We have

$$(up)x(up)^* = vxv^*$$

for all  $x$  in  $B$  and so all  $x$  in  $\text{Inj } B$ . So  $(up)^*v$  is in the centre of  $\text{Inj } B$ . Thus  $up$  is a scalar multiple of  $v$ . So  $up$  is a multiplier of  $B$ .

Let  $J = \{x \in A : ux \in A\}$ . Then  $J$  is a closed,  $\alpha$ -invariant ideal. By the preceding paragraph,  $J$  contains  $B$ , so that  $J$  is not the zero ideal. Since  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -simple,  $J$  must be the whole of  $A$ . So, for all  $x \in A$ ,  $ux \in A$ . Whenever  $y \in A$ ,

$$yu = uu^*yu = u\alpha^{-1}(y).$$

So  $yu \in A$ . Thus  $u$  is a multiplier of  $A$ .

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