

# The ideal intersection property for essential groupoid $C^*$ -algebras

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This talk will give the ideal convex combination of hand-wavy and rigorous for the question “what’s an étale groupoid”?

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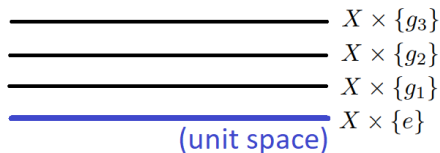
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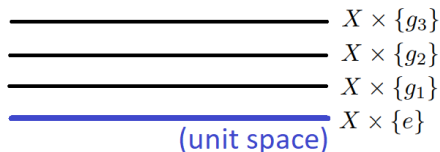
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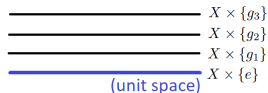
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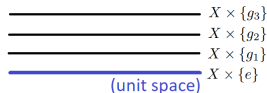
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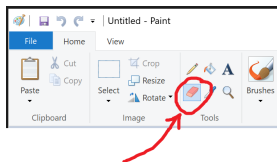
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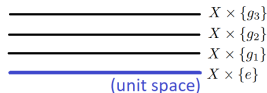
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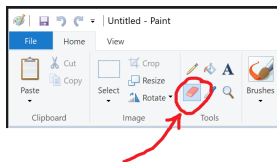


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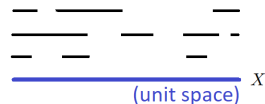
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Similarly,  $C_r^*(\mathcal{G}) = C(X) \rtimes_r S$  for an appropriate definition of crossed product. There is again a faithful conditional expectation

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*In our new category of  $\mathcal{G}$ - $C^*$ -algebras, there is an injective envelope of  $C(X)$ . Denote it by  $C(\partial_F \mathcal{G})$ , where  $\partial_F \mathcal{G}$  is the Furstenberg boundary of  $\mathcal{G}$ .*

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