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Embeddings of unitary groups

We discuss unitary groups of C^* -algebras with a focus on group homomorphisms between them, and how such homomorphisms give relationships between the K-theory and traces. With this information, one can use the state-of-the-art K-theoretic classification of embeddings to conclude that there are certain embeddings between C^* -algebras if and only if there are appropriate embeddings between their unitary groups.