

## $C^*$ -algebra generated by four projections with sum equal to 2

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**ABSTRACT.** We describe the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by four orthogonal projections  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ , satisfying the linear relation  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 = 2I$ . The simplest realization by  $2 \times 2$ -matrix-functions over the sphere  $S^2$  is given.

### Introduction

In the present paper we consider a realization of a certain  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with irreducible representations of dimensions equal to 1 or 2 only, as a  $C^*$ -algebra of continuous matrix-functions over  $S^2$  with boundary conditions.

$C^*$ -algebras with restriction on the dimensions of the irreducible representations are the object of intensive investigations, started from the works of Gelfand-Naimark, Fell, Tomiyama-Takesaki, Vasil'ev (see [4], [6], [7]).

An interesting fact is that the property for a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  to have irreducible representations of dimensions less or equal to  $n$  can be formulated in pure algebraic way. Let  $F_n$  denote the following polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $n$  non-commuting variables:

$$F_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^{p(\sigma)} x_{\sigma(1)} \dots x_{\sigma(n)},$$

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where  $S_n$  is the symmetric group of degree  $n$ ,  $p(\sigma)$  is the parity of a permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ . We say that an algebra  $A$  is an algebra with  $F_n$  identity if for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$ , we have  $F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . The Amitsur-Levitsky theorem says that the matrix algebra  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is an algebra with  $F_{2n}$  identity. A  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  has irreducible representations of dimension less or equal to  $n$  iff  $A$  satisfies the  $F_{2n}$  condition (see [5]).

One of the basic  $C^*$ -algebra classes with  $F_{2n}$  identity is the class of  $n$ -homogeneous algebras. Recall, that an algebra is called  $n$ -homogeneous iff all its irreducible representations are of dimension  $n$ . Any  $n$ -homogeneous  $C^*$ -algebra can be described in terms of algebraic bundles, see [6] or [7]. It is also convenient to realize these algebras as algebras of continuous matrix-functions. For example, it was proved in [1], that one has exactly  $n$  pairwise non-isomorphic  $n$ -homogeneous  $C^*$ -algebras having the dual space  $S^2$  (see [1]). We will denote them by  $A_{n,k}$ ,  $k = \overline{0, n-1}$ . Such algebras can be realized in the following way. Let  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  be the boundary of the unit disk  $D^2$  in the complex plane and consider

$$V_k : S^1 \longrightarrow U(n), z \mapsto \text{diag}(z^k, 1, \dots, 1), k = \overline{0, n-1}.$$

Then

$$A_{n,k} = \{f \in C(D^2 \longrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) \mid f(z) = V_k(z)^* f(1) V_k(z), z \in S^1\}.$$

Evidently, the dual space is homeomorphic to  $D^2/S^1 \simeq S^2$  (see [1] for more details).

An analogous realization of  $n$ -homogeneous algebra, having the two-dimensional torus as the dual space, was presented in [2]. Namely, any such algebra is isomorphic to

$$B_{V,W} = \{g \in C([0, 1]^2 \longrightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C})) \mid g(0, s) = V^* g(1, s) V, \\ g(t, 0) = W^* g(t, 1) W, s, t \in [0, 1]\},$$

where  $V, W \in U(n)$  are some unitary matrices such that  $VWV^*W^*$  is a scalar matrix.

Note, that concrete finitely generated  $F_{2n}$ -algebras are mostly non-homogeneous. Indeed, the group  $C^*$ -algebra of any non-commutative finite group satisfies the  $F_{2n}$  condition for some  $n$ , but it is not homogeneous. The group algebra of  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_2$  gives an example of  $F_4$  algebra corresponding to infinite discrete group. One can also generate  $C^*(\mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_2)$  by the free pair of projections. Indeed, it is easy to see, that

$$C^*(\mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_2) = C^*\langle p_1, p_2 \mid p_k^2 = p_k = p_k^*, k = 1, 2 \rangle := \mathcal{P}_2.$$

A realization of  $\mathcal{P}_2$  as algebra of matrix-functions was constructed in [8].

Namely,

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \{f \in C([0, 1] \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) \mid f(0), f(1) \text{ are diagonal}\}.$$

In this paper we study the C\*-algebra  $A$  generated by four projections (self-adjoint idempotents)  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  satisfying the following relation:

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 = 2I.$$

The algebra  $A$  is an enveloping of the \*-algebra:

$$\tilde{A} = \mathbb{C}\langle P_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^4 P_i = 2I, P_i = P_i^* = P_i^2, i = 1 \dots 4 \rangle.$$

In Theorem 1, we realize  $A$  as an algebra of continuous  $2 \times 2$  matrix-functions with some boundary conditions. In the theorem 2 we give the most simple of possible realizations of  $A$ .

## 1. Preliminaries

In this Section, for convenience of the reader, we recall some information used below.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a \*-algebra, having at least one representation. Then a pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \rho)$  of a C\*-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and a homomorphism  $\rho : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called an enveloping pair for  $\mathbf{A}$  if every irreducible representation  $\pi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow B(H)$  factors uniquely through the  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e. there is precisely one irreducible representation  $\pi_1$  of algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\pi_1 \circ \rho = \pi$ . The algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an enveloping for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The following statement is a simple corollary of the noncommutative analogue of the Stone-Weierstrass theorem for C\*-algebras (see Glimm-Stone-Weierstrass theorem in [4] or [7]).

**Statement 1.** Let  $Y$  be a compact Hausdorff space. Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  be subalgebras of  $\mathcal{A} = C(Y \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C}))$ . For every pair  $x_1, x_2 \in Y$  define  $\mathcal{A}(x_1, x_2)$  ( $\mathcal{B}(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(x_1, x_2)$  respectively) as:

$$\mathcal{A}(x_1, x_2) := \{(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \times M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid f \in \mathcal{A} \\ (f \in \mathcal{B}, f \in \mathcal{C} \text{ respectively})\}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C} \iff \mathcal{B}(y_1, y_2) = \mathcal{C}(y_1, y_2) \quad \forall y_1, y_2 \in Y.$$

In the next section we will also need a classification of all irreducible representation of  $\tilde{A}$  (see [5] for more details). Namely, irreducible representations are either 1-dimensional or 2-dimensional. The images of generators of  $\tilde{A}$  in two-dimensional representations have the following form :

$$P_1(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+a & -b-ic \\ -b+ic & 1-a \end{pmatrix}, P_2(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & b-ic \\ b+ic & 1+a \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_3(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & -b+ic \\ -b-ic & 1+a \end{pmatrix}, P_4(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+a & b+ic \\ b-ic & 1-a \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$  and the space of parameters  $(a, b, c)$  corresponding to irreducible pairwise non-equivalent 2-dimensional representations is (a part of the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ):

$$P = \{(a, b, c) | a > 0, b > 0, c \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(a, b, c) | a = 0, b > 0, c > 0\} \cup \{(a, b, c) | a > 0, b = 0, c > 0\}.$$

Note that when  $(a, b, c) \in \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ , the formulas for  $P_k$  give reducible representations of  $\tilde{A}$ , moreover, any one-dimensional representation of  $\tilde{A}$  can be obtained by decomposition of some of these reducible ones on irreducible components.

We will denote by  $\overline{P}$  the closure of  $P$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Evidently

$$\overline{P} = \{(a, b, c) | a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1, a \geq 0, b \geq 0\}.$$

## 2. The structure of enveloping $C^*$ -algebra

In this section we give a description of the enveloping  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  of  $\tilde{A}$ . Theorem 1 realizes  $A$  by matrix-functions, and Theorem 2 gives the simplest of all descriptions for  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let*

$$X = \{(x, y) | (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, |x| + |y| \leq 1\}, V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_0 = \{f \in C(X \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) | f(t, 1-t) = Vf(-t, 1-t)V,$$

$$f(t, t-1) = Wf(-t, t-1)W, t \in [0, 1]\},$$

then  $A \simeq A_0$ .

*Proof.* Consider the functions  $P_i = P_i(a, b, c)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 4}$  naturally corresponding to generators  $P_i$  defined on  $\overline{P}$ . Let  $\hat{A} \subseteq C(\overline{P} \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C}))$  be

the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $P_i$ . It is easy to check, that  $\widehat{A}$  is an enveloping  $C^*$ -algebra of  $\widetilde{A}$ , i.e.  $A$ . Indeed, we have homomorphism of  $\widetilde{A}$  into  $\widehat{A}$ , which satisfies the universal property, so  $\widehat{A}$  is enveloping algebra by Definition 1. We will show, that  $\widehat{A}$  coincides with

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A} = \{f \in C(\overline{P} \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) \mid Vf(s, 0, t)V = f(s, 0, -t), \\ Wf(0, s, t)W = f(0, s, -t), s^2 + t^2 = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

To do so we apply Statement 1.

Let us check that  $\widehat{A} \subseteq \overline{A}$ . Indeed, it is easy to check, that  $P_i$  satisfy the boundary conditions from the definition of  $\overline{A}$ , so we have  $P_i \in \overline{A}$ .

The fact, that  $P$  is space of pairwise non-equivalent irreducible representations insures that:

$$\widehat{A}(x_1, x_2) = \overline{A}(x_1, x_2) = M_2(\mathbb{C}) \times M_2(\mathbb{C}), \forall x_1, x_2 \in P,$$

and automatically:

$$\widehat{A}(x_1, x_2) = \overline{A}(x_1, x_2) \subset M_2(\mathbb{C}) \times M_2(\mathbb{C}), \forall x_1, x_2 \in \overline{P}.$$

So, by Statement 1 we have  $\widehat{A} = \overline{A}$ .

Choose a homeomorphism between  $\overline{P}$  and  $X$  which maps the points  $(1, 0, 0), (0, 0, \pm 1), (0, 1, 0) \in \overline{P}$  to the points  $(0, 1), (\pm 1, 0), (0, -1) \in X$ , correspondingly. This homeomorphism induces the isomorphism between  $\overline{A}$  and  $A_0$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** It is easy to show that this theorem implies that the space of primitive ideals of algebra  $A$  is the same as for algebra of all continuous matrix-functions on the sphere  $S^2$  having values in diagonal matrix in three fixed points. It turns out that  $A$  is isomorphic to such an algebra.

**Theorem 2.** *Let*

$$B = \{f \in C(S^2 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) \mid f(x_i) \in B_i \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}), i = 1, 2, 3\},$$

where  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are fixed points of the sphere  $S^2$ , then  $A \simeq B$ .

*Proof.* We will prove this theorem in a few steps, sequently building different realizations of  $A$ .

I. It is easy to see, that the algebra  $A_0$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $A_1$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 = \{(f_1, f_2) \mid f_1, f_2 \in C(X_1 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})), f_1(s, 0) = f_2(s, 0), s \in [-1, 1], \\ Vf_1(t, 1-t)V = f_1(-t, 1-t), Wf_2(t, 1-t)W = f_2(-t, 1-t), t \in [0, 1]\}, \\ X_1 = \{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, |x| + y \leq 1, y \geq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

(the norm on the algebra  $A_1$  is natural:  $\|(f_1, f_2)\| = \max(\|f_1\|, \|f_2\|)$ ).

The boundary conditions for  $A_1$  imply that:

$$f_1(0, 1) \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{a, b \in \mathbb{C}}, f_2(0, 1) \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{c, d \in \mathbb{C}},$$

$$f_1(1, 0) = f_2(1, 0) = V f_1(-1, 0) V = W f_2(-1, 0) W \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ -f & e \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{e, f \in \mathbb{C}}.$$

Let

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, R_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can check, that  $R_1^* \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} R_1, R_2^* \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ -f & e \end{pmatrix} R_2$  are diagonal matrices for any  $c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{C}$ . So, one has natural isomorphism, which will be used in considerations below.

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{c, d \in \mathbb{C}} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}), \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ -f & e \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{e, f \in \mathbb{C}} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}).$$

II. Let

$$\lambda_1 : [0, 1] \longrightarrow U(2), t \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi t} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda_2 : [0, 1] \longrightarrow U(2), t \mapsto e^{i\frac{\pi t}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\pi t}{2} & -i\sin\frac{\pi t}{2} \\ -i\sin\frac{\pi t}{2} & \cos\frac{\pi t}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

be homotopies joining the unit matrix  $E$  with  $V$  and  $W$  respectively.

Construct maps  $\mu_i : X_1 \longrightarrow U(2)$  by the rule:

$$(x, y) \mapsto \lambda_i \left( \frac{x+1-y}{2(1-y)} \right), (x, y) \neq (0, 1),$$

$$(0, 1) \mapsto E.$$

Neither  $\mu_1$  nor  $\mu_2$  is continuous, nevertheless it is easy to check, that  $\forall (f_1, f_2) \in A_1, (\mu_1^* f_1 \mu_1, \mu_2^* f_2 \mu_2)$  is a pair of continuous matrix-functions (here  $\mu_i^*(x), x \in X_1$ , means the adjoint of the matrix  $\mu_i(x)$ ). The correspondence:

$$A_1 \ni (f_1, f_2) \mapsto (\mu_1^* f_1 \mu_1, \mu_2^* f_2 \mu_2),$$

induces an isomorphism:

$$A_1 \simeq A_2 = \{(\mu_1^* f_1 \mu_1, \mu_2^* f_2 \mu_2) | (f_1, f_2) \in A_1\} =$$

$$= \{(g_1, g_2) | g_1, g_2 \in C(X_1 \longrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})), g_i(0, 1) \in A_2^{(i)} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$g_1(t, 1-t) = g_1(-t, 1-t), g_2(t, 1-t) = g_2(-t, 1-t), t \in [0, 1],$$

$$\lambda_1((s+1)/2) g_1(s, 0) \lambda_1^*((s+1)/2) =$$

$$= \lambda_2((s+1)/2) g_2(s, 0) \lambda_2^*((s+1)/2), s \in [-1, 1]\}.$$

III. Further, the boundary conditions

$$g_1(t, 1-t) = g_1(-t, 1-t), g_2(t, 1-t) = g_2(-t, 1-t), \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

for algebra  $A_2$  allow us to replace  $X_1$  by  $X_1/\sim$  where the equivalence relation  $\sim$  is defined as follows:

$$(t, 1-t) \sim (-t, 1-t), t \in [0, 1],$$

and we can consider the algebra  $A_2$  as an algebra of pairs of functions on the quotient space  $X_1/\sim$ . Evidently  $X_1/\sim$  is homeomorphic to the closed unit disk  $D^2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We denote this disk by  $X_2$ . In the following, it will be convenient for us to consider  $X_2$  as the unit disk with center  $(0, 1)$ . In the polar coordinates one has:

$$X_2 = \{(r \cos \phi, r \sin \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid r \leq 2 \sin \phi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi\}.$$

Below, for any  $x \in X$ , by  $[x]$  we denote its class in  $X_1/\sim$ . We can suppose that the homeomorphism  $\psi : X_1/\sim \rightarrow X_2$  maps  $[(0, 1)]$  to the center of disk and the image of  $[-1, 1] \times \{0\}$  is the boundary of  $D^2$

$$\partial X_2 = \{(r \cos \phi, r \sin \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid r = 2 \sin \phi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi\}.$$

To be more precise, one can choose  $\psi$  such that:

$$[(0, 1)] \mapsto (0, 1) \in D^2,$$

$$[(s, 0)] \mapsto (2 \sin(\pi(s+1)/2), \pi(s+1)/2) \in \partial D^2, s \in [-1, 1].$$

The explanations given above show that one can consider the elements of  $A_2$  as the functions on the quotient space. So one has the isomorphism:

$$A_2 \simeq A_3 = \{(h_1, h_2) = (h_1(r, \phi), h_2(r, \phi)) \mid h_i \in C(X_2 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})),$$

$$h_i(1, \pi/2) \in A_3^{(i)} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$h_1(2 \sin \phi, \phi) = \lambda_1^* \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right) \lambda_2 \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right) h_2(2 \sin \phi, \phi) \lambda_2^* \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right) \lambda_1 \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right), \phi \in [0, \pi]\}.$$

The boundary conditions in the point  $(0, 0)$  imply that

$$h_1(0, 0) = h_2(0, 0) \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ -f & e \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{e, f \in \mathbb{C}}.$$

IV. To prove an isomorphism  $A \simeq B$  we construct a map (non-continuous!):

$$\nu = \nu(r, \phi) : X_2 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$(r, \phi) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^{i \frac{r\phi}{4 \sin \phi}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} & e^{i \frac{r(\phi-\pi)}{4 \sin \phi}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \\ -e^{-i \frac{r(\phi-\pi)}{4 \sin \phi}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} & e^{-i \frac{r\phi}{4 \sin \phi}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \end{pmatrix}, r \neq 0, (0, 0) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note, that the restriction of  $\nu$  on the set  $\{(2\sin\phi, \phi) | \phi \in [0, \pi]\} = \partial X_2$  coincides with

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1^* \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right) \lambda_2 \left( \frac{\phi}{\pi} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} & -ie^{i\frac{\phi}{2}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \\ -ie^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} & e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} & e^{i\frac{\phi-\pi}{2}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \\ -e^{-i\frac{\phi-\pi}{2}} \sin \frac{\phi}{2} & e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \cos \frac{\phi}{2} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

One can check that for every pair  $(h_1, h_2) \in A_3$ ,  $(h_1, \nu h_2 \nu^*)$  is also a pair of continuous matrix function, so the correspondence:

$$A_3 \ni (h_1, h_2) \mapsto (h_1, \nu h_2 \nu^*).$$

induces an isomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &\simeq A_4 = \{(h_1, \nu h_2 \nu^*) | (h_1, h_2) \in A_3\} = \\ &= \{(k_1, k_2) | k_1, k_2 \in C(X_2 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})); k_1(0, 0) = \\ &= k_2(0, 0) \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ -f & e \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{e, f \in \mathbb{C}}, k_i(1, \pi/2) \in A_4^{(i)} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}); \\ &k_1(2\sin\phi, \phi) = k_2(2\sin\phi, \phi), \phi \in [0, \pi]\}. \end{aligned}$$

V. The last two conditions for the algebra  $A_4$  allow us to unite pairs of functions in one. Namely, let  $S^2 = S_+^2 \cup S_-^2$ , where  $S^2$  is a unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $S_+^2$ ,  $S_-^2$  are the upper and the lower closed half-spheres and  $\chi_{\pm} : X_2 \rightarrow S_{\pm}^2$  be homeomorphisms such that

$$\chi_+(2\sin\phi, \phi) = \chi_-(2\sin\phi, \phi), \phi \in [0, \pi].$$

Denote by  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in S^2$  the points  $\chi_+(1, \pi/2), \chi_-(1, \pi/2), \chi_+(0, 0) = \chi_-(0, 0)$ . The pair of homeomorphisms  $\chi_{\pm}$  defines an isomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} A_4 &\simeq A_5 = \{l \in C(S^2 \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C})) | \\ &l(x_i) \in A_5^{(i)} \simeq M_1(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_1(\mathbb{C}), i = 1, 2, 3\}, \end{aligned}$$

given by the rule:

$$A_4 \ni (k_1(x), k_2(x)) \mapsto l(x) = \begin{cases} k_1(\chi_+^{-1}(x)), & x \in S_+^2, \\ k_2(\chi_-^{-1}(x)), & x \in S_-^2. \end{cases}$$

Evidently  $A_5 \simeq B$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

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