

CORRIGENDUM TO “K-THEORETIC CHARACTERIZATION OF C*-ALGEBRAS WITH APPROXIMATELY INNER FLIP”

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ABSTRACT. An error in the original paper is identified and corrected. The C*-algebras with approximately inner flip, which satisfy the UCT, are identified (and turn out to be fewer than what is claimed in the original paper). The action of the flip map on K-theory turns out to be more subtle, involving a minus sign in certain components. To this end, we introduce new geometric resolutions for C*-algebras, which do not involve index shifts in K-theory and thus allow for a more explicit description of the quotient map in the Künneth formula for tensor products.

1. INTRODUCTION: THE PROBLEM AND CORRECTIONS

The errors in [9] stem from a mistake in the proof of [9, Lemma 4.1], where it is said “The map $\alpha_{A,B}$ is explicitly described in [1, Section 23.1], and it is apparent from this description that $\alpha_{B,A} \circ \sigma_{K_*(A), K_*(B)} = K_*(\sigma_{A,B}) \circ \alpha_{A,B}$, i.e., the first square in (4.2) commutes.”

In fact, the following example shows that

$$\alpha_{B,A} \circ \sigma_{K_*(A), K_*(B)} \neq K_*(\sigma_{A,B}) \circ \alpha_{A,B},$$

when restricted to the component $K_1(A) \otimes K_1(B)$ (and thus with codomain $K_0(B \otimes A)$).

Example 1.1. *Let $A = B := C(\mathbb{T})$ and let $u \in C(\mathbb{T})$ be the canonical generator, so that $[u]_1$ is a generator of $K_1(C(\mathbb{T})) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. We identify $C(\mathbb{T}) \otimes C(\mathbb{T})$ with $C(\mathbb{T}^2)$, and under this identification, the flip map $\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}$ corresponds to swapping coordinates:*

$$(\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}(f))(w, z) = f(z, w).$$

We have $K_0(C(\mathbb{T}^2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$, generated by $[1_{C(\mathbb{T}^2)}]_0$ and the Bott element b . Note that $K_0(\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}(b)) = -b^1$ and $\alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}([u]_1 \otimes [u]_1) = b$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}(\sigma_{K_*(C(\mathbb{T})), K_*(C(\mathbb{T}))}([u]_1 \otimes [u]_1)) &= \alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}([u]_1 \otimes [u]_1) \\ &= b, \end{aligned}$$

whereas

$$\begin{aligned} K_*(\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})})(\alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}([u]_1 \otimes [u]_1)) &= K_*(\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}(b)) \\ &= -b \neq b. \end{aligned}$$

We shall show that the square on the left in the Künneth flip formula ([9, Equation (4.2)]) commutes *exactly up to a minus sign* on $K_1(A) \otimes K_1(B)$ (and commutes without the minus sign on the other three components). This has a knock-on effect that the square in the right in [9, Equation (4.2)] only commutes up to minus signs

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¹Since the Bott element in $K_0(C_0((0, 1)^2))$ arises from a clutching construction, any reflection on $(0, 1)^2$, and in particular the coordinate swap, i.e., the flip map, sends this Bott element to its inverse. Using the canonical embedding $C_0((0, 1)^2) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{T}^2)$, it follows that the same is true for the flip map and Bott element for $C(\mathbb{T}^2)$.

in appropriate components (full details in Lemma 1.4 below), and further implications in saying precisely which classifiable C^* -algebras have approximately inner half-flip. Here is an example demonstrating where the minus sign occurs for the torsion part of the Künneth flip formula.

Example 1.2. *Set $A = B := \mathcal{O}_{n+1}$. By the Künneth formula, we have that $\beta_{\mathcal{O}_n, \mathcal{O}_n}: K_1(\mathcal{O}_{n+1} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{n+1}) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is an isomorphism and it is easy to check (for example by verifying the proof of [9, Proposition 5.1]) that $\eta_{\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}}$ is the identity. On the other hand by [4, Proposition 3.5] the class of*

$$u := \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} s_i \otimes s_i^*$$

generates $K_1(\mathcal{O}_{n+1} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{n+1})$, where $\{s_i\}_{i=1}^{n+1}$ is the canonical set of generators for \mathcal{O}_{n+1} . Since $\sigma_{\mathcal{O}_{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{n+1}}(u) = u^ = u^{-1}$ it follows that $K_1(\sigma_{\mathcal{O}_{n+1}, \mathcal{O}_{n+1}}) = -\text{id}$ so that (1.2) indeed commutes in the odd degree.*

We introduce new techniques in the proof of the corrected version of commutation of the right square in [9, Eq. (4.2)]. By making use of Kirchberg algebras, we are able to obtain free resolutions that do not involve index shifts; this makes the Tor-related computations more conceptual and easier.

Another error was made in the listing of the C^* -algebras with approximately inner flip, where it is incorrectly stated that the supernatural number n in [9, Theorem 2.2] (and related results) must be of infinite type. We take the opportunity to correct this error as well.

We list here all results which are incorrect in [9] and their corrections. In the next sections, we shall prove the corrected statements. (Note that $\mathbb{Q}_1 = \mathbb{Z}$.)

The UCT class refers to the class of separable nuclear C^* -algebras which satisfy the UCT.

Theorem 1.3 (Correction to [9, Theorem 2.2]). *Let A be a separable, unital C^* -algebra with strict comparison, in the UCT class, which is either infinite or quasi-diagonal. The following are equivalent.*

- (i) A has approximately inner flip;
- (iii) A has asymptotically inner flip;
- (iv) A is simple, nuclear, has at most one trace and $K_0(A) \oplus K_1(A)$ (as a graded, unordered group) is isomorphic to one of $0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$ or $\mathbb{Q}_n \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$, where m and n are supernatural numbers with m of infinite type and such that m divides n ;
- (v) A is Morita equivalent to one of:
 - (a) \mathbb{C} ;
 - (b) $\mathcal{E}_{n,1,m}$;
 - (c) $\mathcal{E}_{n,1,m} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty$;
 - (d) $\mathcal{F}_{1,m}$,

where in (b)-(d), m and n are supernatural numbers with m of infinite type and such that m divides n .

In [9, Theorem 2.2], it was claimed that the above conditions are also equivalent to (ii) $A \otimes A$ has approximately inner flip. However, it now transpires that this is not the case, as for example \mathcal{O}^∞ does not have approximately inner flip, but $\mathcal{O}^\infty \otimes \mathcal{O}^\infty$ (which is Morita equivalent to \mathcal{O}_∞) does have approximately inner flip.

The following is the correct version of the fundamental lemma from [9] which relates the Künneth formula to the flip map. To give a statement that takes the index-related behaviour into account, we use $\beta_{A,B}: K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B))$

to denote the Künneth formula map

$$K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B)) \oplus \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_{1-i}(A), K_{1-j}(B)),$$

composed with the coordinate projection onto $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B))$.

Lemma 1.4 (Correction to [9, Lemma 4.1]). *Let A, B be separable C^* -algebras in the UCT class. For $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, the following diagrams commute:*

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K_i(A) \otimes K_j(B) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,B}} & K_{i+j}(A \otimes B) \\ \downarrow (-1)^{ij} \sigma_{K_i(A), K_j(B)} & & \downarrow K_{i+j}(\sigma_{A,B}) \\ K_j(B) \otimes K_i(A) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{B,A}} & K_{i+j}(B \otimes A) \end{array}$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}} & \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B)) \\ \downarrow K_{i+j+1}(\sigma_{A,B}) & & \downarrow (-1)^{1+ij} \eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)} \\ K_{i+j+1}(B \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{B,A}} & \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_j(B), K_i(A)). \end{array}$$

The map $\beta_{A,B}$ is as in Definition 3.4 and fits into the Künneth formula.

Theorem 1.5 (Correction to [9, Theorem 5.2]). *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra in the UCT class. Suppose that $K_0(A) \oplus K_1(A)$ is one of the following graded groups:*

- (i) $0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$, where m is a supernatural number of infinite type; or
- (ii) $\mathbb{Q}_n \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$, where m and n are supernatural numbers with m of infinite type and such that m divides n .

Then the flip map $\sigma_{A,A} : A \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ has the same KK -class as the identity map.

Corollary 1.6 (Correction to [9, Corollary 5.3]). *Let m and n be supernatural numbers such that m has infinite type and m divides n . Then $\mathcal{E}_{n,1,m}$ and $\mathcal{F}_{1,m}$ have asymptotically inner flip.*

The next result is a modification of [9, Theorem 6.1], giving correct restrictions on the K -theory of a classifiable C^* -algebra with approximately inner flip (matching those in Theorem 1.3).

Theorem 1.7. *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra in the UCT class such that A has approximately inner flip. Then $K_0(A) \oplus K_1(A)$ is isomorphic to one of the following graded groups:*

- (i) $0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$, where m is a supernatural number of infinite type; or
- (ii) $\mathbb{Q}_n \oplus \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$, where m and n are supernatural numbers with m of infinite type and such that m divides n .

Although the proofs of [9, Lemmas 6.2-6.4] are problematic as they use [9, Lemma 4.1], their statements are still correct, as we will prove.

The result [9, Corollary 7.4] is incorrect, as for example the C^* -algebra $A := \bigotimes_{p \text{ prime}} M_p$ has approximately inner flip but $A \otimes A$ is not self-absorbing.

Pull-backs. In addition to the notation and preliminaries found in [9], we will make use of pull-backs in the category of C^* -algebras; we remind the reader of their explicit realization here. Given C^* -algebras A, B, C and $*$ -homomorphisms $\phi : A \rightarrow C, \psi : B \rightarrow C$, the associated *pull-back* is the C^* -algebra

$$D := \{(a, b) \in A \oplus B : \phi(a) = \psi(b)\},$$

and the associated pull-back diagram is the commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ B & \xrightarrow{\psi} & C, \end{array}$$

where the maps $D \rightarrow A$ and $D \rightarrow B$ are the restrictions of the coordinate projections on $A \oplus B$.

Throughout the paper, \otimes denotes the minimal tensor product.

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2. GEOMETRIC RESOLUTIONS FOR C*-ALGEBRAS REVISITED

In order to prove the Künneth formula for tensor products, one needs a way to realize projective resolutions of the K-groups of a C*-algebra by maps on the level of C*-algebras. These so-called *geometric resolutions* were introduced by Schochet in [8]; a slightly different construction, used to prove the Künneth formula for all C*-algebras in the UCT class, was used by Rosenberg and Schochet in [7]. The latter construction can be summarized as follows:

Given any separable C-algebra A , there exists an extension*

$$0 \rightarrow S(S^2A \otimes \mathbb{K}) \rightarrow E \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$$

of separable C-algebras such that the associated K-theory six-term exact sequence degenerates into*

$$0 \longrightarrow K_*(E) \longrightarrow K_*(B) \xrightarrow{\partial} K_*(S(S^2A \otimes \mathbb{K})) \longrightarrow 0$$

and constitutes a projective resolution of $K_(S(S^2A \otimes \mathbb{K})) \cong K_{*+1}(A)$.*

There is, however, one minor drawback to their approach. The projective resolutions obtained this way (and in [8]) always involve a degree shift and a boundary map ∂ . This can cause problems in situations where the K-groups carry additional structure, which is preserved by K-theory maps induced by *-homomorphisms, but not necessarily by the map ∂ . This is, for example, the case in the study of K-theory for tensor products, where one needs to keep track of decompositions like $K_i(C \otimes D) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} K_j(C) \otimes K_{i+j}(D)$ (for suitable C*-algebras C, D).

In this section we introduce new geometric resolutions, which do not involve these index shifts. This makes the K-theory computations for C*-tensor products more conceptual and allows for a more explicit description of the quotient map in the Künneth formula, see Proposition 3.5.

Another subtlety is that we ask our geometric resolutions to be semisplit, which is automatic for those used by Rosenberg and Schochet as they use mapping cone sequences. The feature of being semisplit is crucial for preserving exactness when tensoring with a fixed C*-algebra with respect to the minimal tensor product, cf. Remark 3.2, but is further used to get a two-out-of-three property for the UCT, which is automatic for nuclear C*-algebras. Let us first prove this well-known result.

Lemma 2.1. *Assume*

$$0 \longrightarrow I \xrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{\pi} A \longrightarrow 0$$

is a semisplit extension of separable C^* -algebras, i.e. π admits a completely positive contractive (c.p.c.) split. Then, if two of the three algebras in the short exact sequence satisfy the UCT, so does the third.

Proof. Let D be a σ -unital C^* -algebra with $K_*(D) = 0$. Using [1, Theorem 19.5.7] and the fact that our extension is semisplit, there exists a six-term exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} KK(A, D) & \longrightarrow & KK(E, D) & \longrightarrow & KK(I, D) \\ \uparrow & & & & \downarrow \\ KK^1(I, D) & \longleftarrow & KK^1(E, D) & \longleftarrow & KK^1(A, D) \end{array}$$

If for example A and E satisfy the UCT, the above diagram simplifies to

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & KK(I, D) \\ \uparrow & & & & \downarrow \\ KK^1(I, D) & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

It follows that $KK^*(I, D) = 0$ and, since D was arbitrary, [1, 23.10.5 (iv) \Rightarrow (i)] implies that I satisfies the UCT, too. The same argument applies if we assume any other two C^* -algebras in the extension to satisfy the UCT. \square

Definition 2.2. Let A be a C^* -algebra. A semisplit short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow E \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

is called a ∂ -free geometric resolution of A , if the associated K -theory six-term exact sequence degenerates into

$$0 \rightarrow K_*(I) \rightarrow K_*(E) \rightarrow K_*(A) \rightarrow 0$$

and constitutes a projective resolution for $K_*(A)$.

Lemma 2.3. Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ be a $*$ -homomorphism. Then, there exists a C^* -algebra \hat{A} containing A such that

- (i) the inclusion $A \subseteq \hat{A}$ is a homotopy equivalence,
- (ii) the map φ extends to a surjective $*$ -homomorphism $\hat{\varphi}$ which, in addition, admits a completely positive splitting s :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & B \\ \downarrow \subseteq & \hat{\varphi} \nearrow & \\ \hat{A} & \xleftarrow{s} & \end{array}$$

Proof. We make use of free products. Let CB denote the cone over B , i.e., $CB = C_0(0, 1] \otimes B$. Set $\hat{A} := A * CB$ and $\hat{\varphi} := \varphi * \text{ev}_1$. Then $\text{id}_A * 0$ is a homotopy-inverse for the inclusion of A into \hat{A} , proving the homotopy equivalence statement. The extension $\hat{\varphi}$ is surjective by construction and admits a c.p.c. split by composing $B \rightarrow CB: b \mapsto \iota \otimes b$, where $\iota(t) := t$, with the inclusion $CB \rightarrow \hat{A}$. \square

The next theorem shows that there exist sufficiently many ∂ -free geometric resolutions.

Theorem 2.4. Let A be a separable C^* -algebra satisfying the UCT and let

$$0 \rightarrow P_* \rightarrow Q_* \xrightarrow{p} K_*(A) \rightarrow 0$$

be a countable, projective resolution of $K_*(A)$. Then, there exists a ∂ -free geometric resolution consisting of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT, which induces the given resolution of $K_*(A)$.

Proof. Let B be a unital UCT-Kirchberg algebra with $K_*(B) = Q_* \oplus (\mathbb{Z}, 0) = (Q_0 \oplus \mathbb{Z}, Q_1)$. Let us identify $p \oplus \text{id}$ with an element of $\text{Hom}(K_*(B), K_*(\tilde{A}))$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q_* \oplus (\mathbb{Z}, 0) & \xrightarrow{p \oplus \text{id}} & K_*(A) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}, 0) \\ \uparrow \cong & & \uparrow \cong \\ K_*(B) & \longrightarrow & K_*(\tilde{A}) \end{array}$$

Since B satisfies the UCT, we may lift $p \oplus \text{id}$ to an element in $KK(B, \tilde{A}) \cong KK(B, \tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty)$. By [6, Theorem 8.2.1 (i)], this KK-element can be realized by a $*$ -homomorphism

$$\varphi: B \rightarrow (\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{K}.$$

Now apply Lemma 2.3 to obtain a semisplit extension

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow \overline{B} \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} \tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K} \longrightarrow 0$$

such that $B \subseteq \overline{B}$ is a homotopy equivalence. After identifying $K_*(\overline{B})$ with $K_*(B)$ and $K_*(\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K})$ with $K_*(\tilde{A})$, we see that $K_*(\overline{\varphi})$ is isomorphic to $p \oplus \text{id}$. Since $\overline{B} \sim_{KK} B$ and $\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K} \sim_{KK} \tilde{A}$, we see that \overline{B} and $\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K}$ satisfy the UCT. As the extension is semisplit, we find I to satisfy the UCT by Lemma 2.1. Next, we need to restrict this extension to $A \subseteq \tilde{A} \subseteq (\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty) \otimes \mathbb{K}$. We do this in two steps; first consider the subextension

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow \overline{\varphi}^{-1}(\tilde{A}) \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} \tilde{A} \longrightarrow 0,$$

which is still semisplit (with the restriction of the split from before). Hence by the same two-out-of-three argument we find $\overline{\varphi}^{-1}(\tilde{A})$ to satisfy the UCT. The five-lemma applied to the K-theory of this extension shows that this subextension still induces $p \oplus \text{id}$. More precisely, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(I) & \longrightarrow & K_*(\overline{\varphi}^{-1}(\tilde{A})) & \xrightarrow{K_*(\overline{\varphi})} & K_*(\tilde{A}) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(I) & \longrightarrow & K_*(\overline{B}) & \xrightarrow{K_*(\overline{\varphi})} & K_*(\tilde{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K}) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Finally, we pass to the subextension

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow \overline{\varphi}^{-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\overline{\varphi}} A \longrightarrow 0,$$

which is again semisplit (again, by restricting the split from before) and therefore consists of C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT. Since $\overline{\varphi}^{-1}(\tilde{A})/\overline{\varphi}^{-1}(A)$ is isomorphic to \tilde{A}/A , this extension models $p: Q_* \rightarrow K_*(A)$ on K-theory. This finishes the proof. \square

The following will allow us to compare any two given ∂ -free geometric resolutions. It further shows that our construction is natural with respect to $*$ -homomorphisms, cf. Remark 3.6.

Lemma 2.5. *Given two ∂ -free geometric resolutions*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{\iota} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A & \longrightarrow & 0, \\ & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & I' & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & E' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & A' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

of C^* -algebras A, A' and a $*$ -homomorphism $\varphi: A \rightarrow A'$, form the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{E} & \xrightarrow{p'} & E' \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ E & \xrightarrow{\varphi \circ \pi} & A' \end{array}$$

Then, with $\overline{\pi} := \pi \circ p$ and $\overline{I} := \text{Ker}(\overline{\pi})$, the following diagram commutes and the middle row is a ∂ -free geometric resolution of A .

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I' & \longrightarrow & E' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & A' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \uparrow q' & & \uparrow p' & & \uparrow \varphi & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{I} & \longrightarrow & \overline{E} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\pi}} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow q & & \downarrow p & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

If the geometric resolutions of A and A' consist of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT, then \overline{I} and \overline{E} are separable and satisfy the UCT.

Proof. The K-groups of \overline{E} can be computed using the long exact Mayer-Vietoris sequence (cf. [1, Theorem 21.2.2]):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} K_{*-1}(A') & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & K_*(\overline{E}) & \xrightarrow{p_* \oplus p'_*} & K_*(E) \oplus K_*(E') & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} (\varphi \circ \pi)_* \\ -\pi'_* \end{pmatrix}} & K_*(A') \\ \uparrow & & & & & & \downarrow \gamma \\ \vdots & & & & & & \vdots \end{array}$$

Using surjectivity of π'_* one finds $\gamma = 0$ and p_* to be surjective.² In particular, $(\pi \circ p)_* = (\overline{\pi})_*$ is also surjective and the K-theory six-term sequence associated the the middle row of (2.1) therefore degenerates to

$$0 \rightarrow K_*(\overline{I}) \rightarrow K_*(\overline{E}) \rightarrow K_*(A) \rightarrow 0.$$

This is a projective resolution of $K_*(A)$ since, by exactness of the long sequence above, $K_*(\overline{E})$ is a subgroup of the free group $K_*(E) \oplus K_*(E')$ and is thereby free itself. Furthermore, if s resp. s' are c.p.c. splits for π resp. π' , then the map

$$\overline{s}: A \rightarrow \overline{E} : a \mapsto (s(a), s'(\varphi(a)))$$

is a c.p.c. split for $\overline{\pi}$. This shows that the middle row in (2.1) is a ∂ -free geometric resolution for A .

For the remaining statement note that $\overline{I} = I \oplus I'$, which shows that \overline{I} satisfies the UCT if I and I' do. Since the extension is semisplit, Lemma 2.1 shows that also \overline{E} satisfies the UCT. Separability of \overline{I} and \overline{E} follows by a standard two-out-of-three argument, as well. \square

²For $x \in K_*(E)$, there exists $y \in K_*(E')$ such that $\pi'_*(y) = (\varphi \circ \pi)_*(x)$. Thus, $(x, y) \in \text{Ker} \left(\begin{pmatrix} (\varphi \circ \pi)_* \\ -\pi'_* \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{Im}(p_* \oplus p'_*)$, and so $x \in \text{Im}(p_*)$.

3. THE KÜNNETH FORMULA

We give a revised description of the Künneth formula using the ∂ -free geometric resolutions from Section 2. Before we start constructing the Künneth sequence, we make some conventions on how to treat the Tor-terms that arise.

Definition 3.1. *Let G_0, G_1 be abelian groups and let*

$$0 \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow Q_i \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow 0 \quad (i = 0, 1)$$

be a projective resolution of G_i . Then, the left Tor-functor $\mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}$ and the right Tor functor $\mathrm{R}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}$ are defined by fitting into the following exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_0, G_1) \rightarrow P_0 \otimes G_1 \rightarrow Q_0 \otimes G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \otimes G_1 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathrm{R}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_0, G_1) \rightarrow G_0 \otimes P_1 \rightarrow G_0 \otimes Q_1 \rightarrow G_0 \otimes G_1 \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

The functors $\mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\mathrm{R}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}$ are natural in both variables and well-defined up to natural isomorphisms (coming from different choices of projective resolutions).

While basic homological algebra tells us that $\mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_0, G_1)$ is naturally isomorphic to $\mathrm{R}\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_0, G_1)$ (and therefore simply denoted by $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_0, G_1)$), we need to fix one concrete realization of the Tor-functor for the upcoming computations. We prefer to work in the $\mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}$ -picture, but we point out that all constructions have obvious analogues using $\mathrm{R}\mathrm{Tor}$ instead. This would yield the same results up to isomorphism, which is made precise in Remark 3.7. Hence, for the remainder of this paper, we use Tor and $\mathrm{L}\mathrm{Tor}$ synonymously.

Remark 3.2. *Throughout the rest of the paper, we will use the following fact without reference. Let*

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow E \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

be a semisplit short exact sequence. Then, for any C^ -algebra B , the sequences*

$$0 \rightarrow I \otimes B \rightarrow E \otimes B \rightarrow A \otimes B \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow B \otimes I \rightarrow B \otimes E \rightarrow B \otimes A \rightarrow 0$$

are exact, which follows from [2, Theorem 3.2]. This remark applies in particular to ∂ -free geometric resolutions.

Notation 3.3. *Given a C^* -algebra B and a semisplit short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0,$$

we obtain another short exact sequence by tensoring with B from the left resp. right. The induced boundary maps are denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_A: K_*(B \otimes A) &\rightarrow K_*(B \otimes I), \\ {}_A\partial: K_*(A \otimes B) &\rightarrow K_*(I \otimes B). \end{aligned}$$

These maps are odd.

For C^* -algebras A, B and for $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, we recall the map

$$\alpha_{A,B}: K_i(A) \otimes K_j(B) \rightarrow K_{i+j}(A \otimes B),$$

as defined in [1, Chapter 23]. See also Section 5 for an explicit description. When A is in the UCT class and $K_*(A)$ is torsion-free, $\alpha_{A,B}$ is an isomorphism (by the Künneth formula, [1, Theorem 23.3.1]).

Definition 3.4. Let A, B be separable C^* -algebras with A in the UCT class. Given any ∂ -free geometric resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow I \xrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{\pi} A \longrightarrow 0$$

of A (as in Definition 2.2), consisting of separable C^* -algebras in the UCT class, we define an odd map

$$\beta_{A,B} := \alpha_{I,B}^{-1} \circ {}_A\partial: K_*(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)).$$

Note that such a ∂ -free geometric resolution exists by Theorem 2.4.

Proposition 3.5. Let A, B be separable C^* -algebras with A in the UCT class, and let

$$0 \longrightarrow I \xrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{\pi} A \longrightarrow 0$$

be a ∂ -free geometric resolution of A consisting of separable C^* -algebras in the UCT class. This defines $\beta_{A,B}$ as above. Then, the range of $\beta_{A,B}$ (which is a priori contained in $K_*(I) \otimes K_*(B)$) is indeed contained in $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B))$ and the following diagram commutes:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}} & \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \\ \downarrow {}_A\partial & & \downarrow \subseteq \\ K_*(I \otimes B) & \xleftarrow{\cong_{\alpha_{I,B}}} & K_*(I) \otimes K_*(B) \\ \downarrow (\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_* & & \downarrow \iota_* \otimes \mathrm{id} \\ K_*(E \otimes B) & \xleftarrow{\cong_{\alpha_{E,B}}} & K_*(E) \otimes K_*(B) \end{array}$$

The map $\beta_{A,B}$ depends only on the choice of a ∂ -free geometric resolution up to natural isomorphism coming from such a choice³, and $\beta_{A,B}$ fits into the Künneth formula for tensor products, i.e., it makes the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K_*(A) \otimes K_*(B) \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,B}} K_*(A \otimes B) \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}} \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \longrightarrow 0$$

exact.

Proof. The top square of (3.1) commutes by definition of $\beta_{A,B}$ (once we show that the range of $\beta_{A,B}$ is correct). Observe that the lower square of (3.1) commutes by naturality of the map α and that $\alpha_{I,B}, \alpha_{E,B}$ are isomorphisms since I, E satisfy the UCT and have free K-groups. Since the left-hand side of the diagram is taken from the six-term exact sequence in K-theory associated to the extension

$$0 \rightarrow I \otimes B \rightarrow E \otimes B \rightarrow A \otimes B \rightarrow 0,$$

one sees that $\beta_{A,B}$ does in fact map to the kernel of $\iota_* \otimes \mathrm{id}$, which is $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B))$ by definition.

To see that the definition does not depend on the particular choice of a ∂ -free geometric resolution, let $0 \rightarrow I' \rightarrow E' \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ be another ∂ -free geometric resolution for A consisting of separable C^* -algebras in the UCT class and denote by $\beta'_{A,B}$ the corresponding map described in Definition 3.4. In order to compare

³But note that Tor-groups are only defined up to such a natural isomorphism.

the maps $\beta_{A,B}$ and $\beta'_{A,B}$ obtained from the two different resolutions, we apply the pullback construction described in Lemma 2.5 to find the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{\iota} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \uparrow q & & \uparrow p & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \bar{I} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\iota}} & \bar{E} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow q' & & \downarrow p' & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I' & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & E' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & A \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

with exact rows. By Lemma 2.5, the middle row is again a ∂ -free geometric resolution such that \bar{I} and \bar{E} satisfy the UCT and therefore satisfies the hypothesis of Definition 3.4 and also yields a map $\bar{\beta}_{A,B}$. Using the definitions for the different β 's, we find the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & K_{*+1}(A \otimes B) & \xlongequal{\quad} & K_{*+1}(A \otimes B) \\
& \swarrow \beta_{A,B} & \downarrow A\partial & & \swarrow \bar{\beta}_{A,B} \\
\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \\
\downarrow \subseteq & & \downarrow \subseteq & & \downarrow \subseteq \\
& \swarrow \alpha_{I,B} & K_*(I \otimes B) & \xleftarrow{(q \otimes \mathrm{id})_*} & K_*(\bar{I} \otimes B) \\
& & \downarrow \subseteq & & \downarrow \subseteq \\
K_*(I) \otimes K_*(B) & \xleftarrow{q_* \otimes \mathrm{id}} & K_*(\bar{I}) \otimes K_*(B) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & K_*(\bar{I}) \otimes K_*(B)
\end{array}$$

We need to show that the top face of the cube commutes. This follows if all other faces commute. The left and right faces commute by definition of $\beta_{A,B}$ and $\bar{\beta}_{A,B}$, the face on the back commutes by naturality of the boundary maps $A\partial$. The bottom face commutes by naturality of α and the front commutes by naturality of the Tor-functor. Hence $\beta_{A,B}$ agrees with $\bar{\beta}_{A,B}$ up to the natural isomorphism coming from the different choices of projective resolutions for $K_*(A)$. Since Tor-groups are only defined up to such isomorphisms, we have $\beta_{A,B} = \bar{\beta}_{A,B}$. The same argument applies to the second geometric realization, so that $\beta'_{A,B} = \bar{\beta}_{A,B} = \beta_{A,B}$.

Finally, the long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
K_*(I \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{(\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_*} & K_*(E \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{(p \otimes \mathrm{id})_*} & K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{A\partial} & K_*(I \otimes B) \\
\uparrow & & & & & & \downarrow \\
\vdots & & & & & & \vdots
\end{array}$$

unsplices to

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Coker}((\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_*) \longrightarrow K_*(A \otimes B) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Ker}((\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_*) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now, since $\alpha_{I,B}$ and $\alpha_{E,B}$ are isomorphisms, one finds

$$\mathrm{Coker}((\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_*) \cong \mathrm{Coker}(\iota_* \otimes \mathrm{id}) \cong K_*(A) \otimes K_*(B)$$

and

$$\mathrm{Ker}((\iota \otimes \mathrm{id})_*) \cong \mathrm{Ker}(\iota_* \otimes \mathrm{id}) \cong \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)),$$

which, after checking that the maps match up, establishes the Künneth formula for tensor products. \square

Remark 3.6. The map $\beta_{A,B}$ constructed in Definition 3.4 is natural in both variables. While naturality in the second variable is straightforward, naturality in the first variable can be shown using the pullback construction of Lemma 2.5.

Remark 3.7. Similar to Definition 3.4, we could use the right Tor-functor (see Definition 3.1) and define

$$\beta_{A,B}^R: K_*(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \mathrm{RTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B))$$

by $x \mapsto \alpha_{A,J}^{-1} \circ \partial_B(x)$, whenever B is a separable C^* -algebra satisfying the UCT. Then, for any ∂ -free geometric resolution of the second variable

$$0 \longrightarrow J \xrightarrow{\iota} F \xrightarrow{\pi} B \longrightarrow 0,$$

consisting of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT, the map $\beta_{A,B}^R$ makes the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}^R} & \mathrm{RTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \\ \partial_B \downarrow & & \downarrow \subseteq \\ K_*(A \otimes J) & \xleftarrow[\alpha_{A,J}]{\cong} & K_*(A) \otimes K_*(J) \\ (\mathrm{id} \otimes \iota)_* \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathrm{id} \otimes \iota_* \\ K_*(A \otimes F) & \xleftarrow[\alpha_{A,F}]{\cong} & K_*(A) \otimes K_*(F) \end{array}$$

commute and yields the Künneth formula for tensor products just as in Proposition 3.5. Again, $\beta_{A,B}^R$ is natural in both variables and coincides with $\beta_{A,B}$ (from Definition 3.4) up to natural isomorphism.

4. THE FLIP MAP AND THE KÜNNETH FORMULA

Lemma 4.1. Consider two ∂ -free geometric resolutions

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi_A} & A \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & J & \xrightarrow{\iota_B} & F & \xrightarrow{\pi_B} & B \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

consisting of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT. Then, the K -theory six-term exact sequences associated to

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes F & \xrightarrow{\iota_1} & I \otimes F + E \otimes J & \longrightarrow & A \otimes J \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & E \otimes J & \xrightarrow{\iota_2} & I \otimes F + E \otimes J & \longrightarrow & I \otimes B \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

degenerate into two short exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(I \otimes F) & \longrightarrow & K_*(I \otimes F + E \otimes J) & \longrightarrow & K_*(A \otimes J) \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(E \otimes J) & \longrightarrow & K_*(I \otimes F + E \otimes J) & \longrightarrow & K_*(I \otimes B) \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Proof. We consider the following commutative diagram:

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes F & \xrightarrow{\iota_1} & I \otimes F + E \otimes J & \longrightarrow & A \otimes J \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \iota & & \downarrow \mathrm{id} \otimes \iota_B \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes F & \longrightarrow & E \otimes F & \xrightarrow{\pi_A \otimes \mathrm{id}} & A \otimes F \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

The bottom row of (4.1) induces the following six-term sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_0(I \otimes F) & \longrightarrow & K_0(E \otimes F) & \longrightarrow & K_0(A \otimes F) \\ \uparrow 0 & & & & \downarrow 0 \\ K_1(A \otimes F) & \longleftarrow & K_1(E \otimes F) & \longleftarrow & K_1(I \otimes F) \end{array}$$

Indeed, by using naturality of the Künneth formula and using the fact that $K_*(F)$ is free, one sees that the maps $K_i(I \otimes F) \rightarrow K_i(E \otimes F)$ are injective. Now, by naturality of the boundary maps in the six-term sequence we see that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_{*+1}(A \otimes J) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_*} & K_{*+1}(A \otimes F) \\ \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow 0 \\ K_*(I \otimes F) & \xlongequal{\quad} & K_*(I \otimes F) \end{array}$$

It follows that the boundary maps associated to the top row of (4.1) are zero. \square

Lemma 4.2. *Consider two ∂ -free geometric resolutions*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & E & \xrightarrow{\pi_A} & A \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & J & \xrightarrow{\iota_B} & F & \xrightarrow{\pi_B} & B \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

consisting of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT. This produces the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & \dashrightarrow & K_*(A \otimes B) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_A \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(I \otimes J) & \xrightarrow{\theta_B} & K_*(I \otimes F) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id} \otimes \pi_B)_*} & K_*(I \otimes B) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K_*(E \otimes J) & \xrightarrow{(\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_*} & K_*(E \otimes F) & \longrightarrow & K_*(E \otimes B) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\partial_B} & K_*(A \otimes J) & \longrightarrow & K_*(A \otimes F) & \longrightarrow & K_*(A \otimes B) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

Then, the odd homomorphism

$$\theta_B: K_*(A \otimes B) \rightarrow K_*(A \otimes J),$$

induced by this diagram (as in [9, Section 3]), satisfies

$$\theta_B = -\partial_B.$$

Proof. We first recall the construction of θ_B . Fix $x \in K_{i+1}(A \otimes B)$ and find some lift $a \in K_i(I \otimes F)$ with $(\text{id} \otimes \pi_B)_i(a) = \partial_A(x)$. By exactness of the third row at $K_*(E \otimes F)$ we can find (a unique) $b \in K_i(E \otimes J)$ with $(\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_i(b) = (\iota_A \otimes \text{id})_i(a)$. Then one defines $\theta_B(x) = (\pi_A \otimes \text{id})_i(b)$. One can check that the outcome does not depend on the choice of a and that θ_B is a group homomorphism.

To prove the lemma we consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\partial_B} & K_*(A \otimes J) & \xleftarrow{(\pi_A \otimes \text{id})_*} & K_*(E \otimes J) \\
\parallel & & \uparrow \text{dotted} & \swarrow \text{dashed } (\iota_2)_* & \downarrow (\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_* \\
K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & K_*(I \otimes F + E \otimes J) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & K_*(E \otimes F) \\
\parallel & & \downarrow \text{dotted} & \swarrow \text{dotted } (\iota_1)_* & \uparrow (\iota_A \otimes \text{id})_* \\
K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{A\partial} & K_*(I \otimes B) & \xleftarrow{(\text{id} \otimes \pi_B)_*} & K_*(I \otimes F)
\end{array}$$

(The dotted and dashed arrows indicate exact sequences in the diagram, as we shall explain.) The middle row in this diagram is induced by the six-term exact sequence associated to

$$0 \longrightarrow I \otimes F + E \otimes J \xrightarrow{\iota} E \otimes F \xrightarrow{\pi_A \otimes \pi_B} A \otimes B \longrightarrow 0.$$

The dotted and dashed ways come from the six-term exact sequence associated to the following short exact sequences (respectively)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\longrightarrow I \otimes F \xrightarrow{\iota_1} I \otimes F + E \otimes J \longrightarrow A \otimes J \longrightarrow 0, \\
0 &\longrightarrow E \otimes J \xrightarrow{\iota_2} I \otimes F + E \otimes J \longrightarrow I \otimes B \longrightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

As shown in Lemma 4.1, their associated six-term sequences degenerate to two short exact sequences. The left part of the diagram is induced by naturality of boundary maps, i.e., by considering the following maps of short exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A \otimes J & \longrightarrow & A \otimes F & \longrightarrow & A \otimes B \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes F + E \otimes J & \xrightarrow{\iota} & E \otimes F & \longrightarrow & A \otimes B \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes B & \longrightarrow & E \otimes B & \longrightarrow & A \otimes B \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

Now, fix $x \in K_*(A \otimes B)$ and define $z := \partial(x) \in K_*(I \otimes F + E \otimes J)$. Choose $a \in K_*(I \otimes F)$ such that $(\text{id} \otimes \pi_B)_*(a) = A\partial(x)$. We see that $z - (\iota_1)_*(a)$ gets killed by the map $K_*(I \otimes F + E \otimes J) \rightarrow K_*(I \otimes B)$. By exactness of the dashed way, we see that $z - (\iota_1)_*(a) \in K_*(E \otimes J)$. Hence, there exists some $b \in K_*(E \otimes J)$ with $z = (\iota_1)_*(a) + (\iota_2)_*(b)$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \iota_*(\partial(x)) = \iota_*(z) = \iota_*((\iota_1)_*(a) + (\iota_2)_*(b)) \\
&= (\iota_A \otimes \text{id})_*(a) + (\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_*(b).
\end{aligned}$$

Since now $(\iota_A \otimes \text{id})_*(a) = (\text{id} \otimes \iota_B)_*(-b)$, we get by definition of θ_B that $\theta_B(x) = (\pi_A \otimes \text{id})_*(-b) = -\partial_B(x)$. \square

5. PROOF OF LEMMA 1.4

Proof that diagram (1.1) commutes. By naturality of the maps involved and by unitizing if necessary, we may assume that A and B are both unital, so that $K_0(A)$ and $K_0(B)$ are generated by classes of projections in matrix algebras over A and B respectively. Let p and q be projections in some matrix algebra over A resp. B and

fix unitaries u and v in some matrix algebra over A resp. B . Then, the following holds (where 1 denotes the identity in the respective matrix algebras):

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{A,B}([p]_0 \otimes [q]_0) &= [p \otimes q]_0, \\ \alpha_{A,B}([p]_0 \otimes [v]_1) &= [p \otimes v + (1-p) \otimes 1]_1, \\ \alpha_{A,B}([u]_1 \otimes [q]_0) &= [u \otimes q + 1 \otimes (1-q)]_1.\end{aligned}$$

Having these formulas, one checks by hand that they interact with the flip as claimed in Lemma 1.4. For the remaining summand we use that α is natural. Let $\phi_A: C(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow A : z \mapsto u$ and $\phi_B: C(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow B : z \mapsto v$, where z is the canonical generator of $C(\mathbb{T})$. Let us consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & K_1(C(\mathbb{T})) \otimes K_1(C(\mathbb{T})) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}} & K_0(C(\mathbb{T}) \otimes C(\mathbb{T})) \\ & \swarrow^{(\phi_A)_1 \otimes (\phi_B)_1} & \downarrow^{-\sigma_{K_1(C(\mathbb{T}), K_1(C(\mathbb{T}))}} & & \swarrow^{(\phi_A \otimes \phi_B)_1} \\ K_1(A) \otimes K_1(B) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,B}} & K_0(A \otimes B) & & \downarrow^{(\sigma_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})})_0} \\ & & \downarrow^{(\sigma_{A,B})_0} & & \\ & & K_1(C(\mathbb{T})) \otimes K_1(C(\mathbb{T})) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{C(\mathbb{T}), C(\mathbb{T})}} & K_0(C(\mathbb{T}) \otimes C(\mathbb{T})) \\ & \swarrow^{(\phi_B)_1 \otimes (\phi_A)_1} & \downarrow^{-\sigma_{K_1(C(\mathbb{T}), K_1(C(\mathbb{T}))}} & & \swarrow^{(\phi_B \otimes \phi_A)_0} \\ K_1(B) \otimes K_1(A) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{B,A}} & K_0(B \otimes A) & & \end{array}$$

The top and bottom faces commute by naturality of α . The back face commutes by Example 1.1. The left and right faces commute by definition of the flip map. A diagram chase now shows that

$$(\sigma_{A,B})_0(\alpha_{A,B}([u]_1 \otimes [v]_1)) = -\alpha_{B,A}([v]_1 \otimes [u]_1).$$

□

Proof that diagram (1.2) commutes. Fix ∂ -free geometric resolutions for A and B :

$$\begin{aligned}0 &\longrightarrow I \xrightarrow{\iota_A} E \xrightarrow{\pi_A} A \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 &\longrightarrow J \xrightarrow{\iota_B} F \xrightarrow{\pi_B} B \longrightarrow 0,\end{aligned}$$

consisting of separable C^* -algebras satisfying the UCT. For the definition of the algebraic isomorphism

$$\eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)}: \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_j(B), K_i(A)),$$

one considers the following freaking awesome, commutative diagram and performs a diagram chase:

The front (dashed) layer is induced by forming the double complex associated to the projective resolutions of $K_i(A)$ and $K_j(B)$ coming from our ∂ -free geometric resolutions. By naturality of α one arrives at the (back) solid layer, which is the one described in Lemma 4.2. We start with $x \in K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B)$ and remember that

$$\beta_{A,B}: K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B))$$

is the map $\beta_{A,B}$ from Definition 3.4 (followed by the coordinate projection onto $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B))$). Then $\eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)}(\beta_{A,B}(x))$ is computed by performing a diagram chase in the front (dashed) layer. By commutativity of the above diagram, we see that

$$\eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)}(\beta_{A,B}(x)) = \sigma_{K_i(A), K_j(J)} \circ \alpha_{A,J}^{-1} \circ \theta_B(x),$$

where θ_B is as in Lemma 4.2. By the same lemma we know that $\theta_B(x) = -\partial_B(x)$. We thus get

$$\eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)}(\beta_{A,B}(x)) = -\sigma_{K_i(A), K_j(J)} \circ \alpha_{A,J}^{-1} \circ \partial_B(x).$$

Consider the following commuting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\partial_B} & K_{i+j}(A \otimes J) \\ K_{i+j+1}(\sigma_{A,B}) \downarrow & & \uparrow K_{i+j}(\sigma_{J,A}) \\ K_{i+j+1}(B \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{B\partial} & K_{i+j}(J \otimes A) \\ \beta_{B,A} \downarrow & & \uparrow \alpha_{J,A} \\ \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_j(B), K_i(A)) & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & K_j(J) \otimes K_i(A) \end{array}$$

By walking along the outer square we may replace ∂_B and arrive at the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta_{K_i(A), K_j(B)} \circ \beta_{A,B}(x) \\ &= -\sigma_{K_i(A), K_j(J)} \circ \alpha_{A,J}^{-1} \circ K_{i+j}(\sigma_{J,A}) \circ \alpha_{J,A} \circ \beta_{B,A} \circ K_{i+j+1}(\sigma_{A,B})(x) \\ &\stackrel{(1.1)}{=} -(-1)^{ij} \beta_{B,A} \circ K_{i+j+1}(\sigma_{A,B})(x), \end{aligned}$$

as required. \square

Remark 5.1. *The conclusion of Lemma 1.4 remains the same if we consider $\beta_{A,B}^R$ instead. Indeed, the maps $\beta_{A,B}^L$ and $\beta_{A,B}^R$ are related by a minus sign:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}^L} & \mathrm{LTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B)) \\ \downarrow -1 & & \downarrow \cong \\ K_{i+j+1}(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}^R} & \mathrm{RTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_j(B)) \end{array}$$

The vertical isomorphism is the algebraic one induced by diagram chasing. Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}^R} & \mathrm{RTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \\
\downarrow -1 & & \downarrow \cong \\
K_*(A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{A,B}^L} & \mathrm{LTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(A), K_*(B)) \\
\downarrow (\sigma_{A,B})_* & & \downarrow \eta \\
K_*(B \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{B,A}^L} & \mathrm{LTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(B), K_*(A)) \\
\downarrow -1 & & \downarrow \cong \\
K_*(B \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\beta_{B,A}^R} & \mathrm{RTor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_*(B), K_*(A))
\end{array}$$

$(\sigma_{A,B})_*$ η_R

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3

Proof of Theorem 1.5. In all five cases, we see first using the Künneth formula that

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{A,A}: K_0(A) \otimes K_0(A) &\rightarrow K_0(A \otimes A) \quad \text{and} \\
\beta_{A,A}: K_1(A \otimes A) &\rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_1(A), K_1(A))
\end{aligned}$$

are isomorphisms. Second, we see that both

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{K_0(A), K_0(A)}: K_0(A) \otimes K_0(A) &\rightarrow K_0(A) \otimes K_0(A) \quad \text{and} \\
\eta_{K_1(A), K_1(A)}: K_1(A) \otimes K_1(A) &\rightarrow K_1(A) \otimes K_1(A)
\end{aligned}$$

are the respective identity maps (this uses [9, Proposition 5.1]).

Thus by Lemma 1.4,

$$K_0(\sigma_{A,A}) = (-1)^{0 \cdot 0} \alpha_{A,A} \circ \sigma_{K_0(A), K_0(A)} \circ \alpha_{A,A}^{-1} = \mathrm{id}_{K_0(A \otimes A)}$$

and

$$K_1(\sigma_{A,A}) = (-1)^{1+1 \cdot 1} \beta_{A,A}^{-1} \circ \eta_{K_1(A), K_1(A)} \circ \beta_{A,A} = \mathrm{id}_{K_1(A \otimes A)}.$$

Next (as in the proof of [9, Theorem 5.2]), we have

$$\mathrm{Ext}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A \otimes A), K_{1-i}(A \otimes A)) = 0 \quad (i = 0, 1),$$

by using [9, Lemma 1.1] in case (ii). So by the UCT, it follows that $\sigma_{A,A}$ agrees with $\mathrm{id}_{A \otimes A}$ in KK. \square

Proof of Corollary 1.6. The proof of [9, Corollary 5.3] goes through unchanged, except using Theorem 1.5 in place of [9, Theorem 5.2]. \square

To prove Theorem 1.7, we follow roughly the same argument as in [9, Section 6], but need to work with the grading. Thus we will prove variants of the intermediary lemmas from [9, Section 6], where the main change is to work with direct summands of $K_i(A)$ rather than of $K_*(A) = K_0(A) \oplus K_1(A)$.

Lemma 6.1 (cf. [9, Lemma 6.2]). *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra in the UCT class with approximately inner flip. Suppose that G_i is a direct summand of $K_0(A)$ or $K_1(A)$, for $i = 1, 2$, with $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{0\}$. Then:*

- (i) $G_1 \otimes G_2 = 0$; and
- (ii) $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_1, G_2) = 0$.

Proof. Since $\sigma_{A,A} : A \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ is approximately inner, $K_i(\sigma_{A,A})$ must be the identity map on $K_i(A \otimes A)$, for $i = 0, 1$. Let G_i be a direct summand of $K_{t_i}(A)$, for $i = 1, 2$. If $t_1 \neq t_2$, then it follows by Lemma 1.4 that $\sigma_{K_{t_1}(A), K_{t_2}(A)} = 0$ and $\eta_{K_{t_1}(A), K_{t_2}(A)} = 0$, which implies $K_{t_1}(A) \otimes K_{t_2}(A) = 0$ and $\text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_{t_1}(A), K_{t_2}(A)) = 0$.

On the other hand, if $t_1 = t_2 = t$ then by Lemma 1.4,

$$\sigma_{K_t(A), K_t(A)} = \pm \text{id}_{K_t(A) \otimes K_t(A)},$$

whereas the computation in [9, Lemma 6.2] shows that if $G_1 \otimes G_2 \neq 0$ then $\sigma_{K_t(A), K_t(A)}$ cannot be $\pm \text{id}_{K_t(A) \otimes K_t(A)}$.

Likewise, by Lemma 1.4,

$$\eta_{K_t(A), K_t(A)} = \pm \text{id}_{\text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_t(A), K_t(A))},$$

whereas the computation in [9, Lemma 6.2] shows that if $\text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(G_1, G_2) \neq 0$ then $\eta_{K_t(A), K_t(A)}$ cannot be $\pm \text{id}_{\text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_t(A), K_t(A))}$. \square

The following is the same as [9, Lemma 6.3]. The proof there works using Lemma 6.1 in place of [9, Lemma 6.2].

Lemma 6.2. *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra in the UCT class which has approximately inner flip. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} K_0(A \otimes A) &\cong (K_0(A) \otimes K_0(A)) \oplus (K_1(A) \otimes K_1(A)) \quad \text{and} \\ K_1(A \otimes A) &\cong \text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_0(A), K_0(A)) \oplus \text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_1(A), K_1(A)). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 6.3 (cf. [9, Lemma 6.4]). *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra in the UCT class, which has approximately inner flip and let G_p be a direct summand of $K_0(A)$ or $K_1(A)$ which is a nonzero p -group for some prime p . Then $G_p \cong \mathbb{Q}_p^\infty / \mathbb{Z}$.*

Proof. The proof of [9, Lemma 6.4 (i)] can be used with Lemma 6.1 in place of [9, Lemma 6.2]. Let us explain why the strengthened hypotheses of Lemma 6.1 still apply.

First, [9, Lemma 6.2 (i)] is invoked in the first paragraph of the proof of [9, Lemma 6.4 (i)], using two direct summands of G_p as G_1 and G_2 . Since G_p is assumed to be a direct summand of either $K_0(A)$ or $K_1(A)$, it follows that these two direct summands of G_p have the same property, so Lemma 6.1 can be used here.

Second, [9, Lemma 6.2 (ii)] is invoked in the third paragraph of the proof of [9, Lemma 6.4 (i)], using $A \otimes A$ in place of A and using two copies of $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ as G_1 and G_2 ; one copy sits inside $K_0(A \otimes A)$ and the other inside $K_1(A \otimes A)$. Thus, the required hypothesis of Lemma 6.1 does apply to these G_1 and G_2 , as required. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.7. Set $G_i := K_i(A)$ for $i = 0, 1$, and $G := K_*(A) = G_0 \oplus G_1$. Let T_{G_i} denote the torsion subgroup of G_i for $i = 0, 1$, so $T_G := T_{G_0} \oplus T_{G_1}$ is the torsion subgroup of G .

We follow the following three steps (similar to the proof of [9, Theorem 6.1]):

- (i) G/T_G has rank at most one;
- (ii) $T_{G_i} \cong \mathbb{Q}_{m_i}/\mathbb{Z}$, for some supernatural number m_i of infinite type; and
- (iii) the theorem.

For step (i), if G/T_G has rank greater than one, then $K_*(A \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \cong G \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ and so there would be a direct summand (a subspace) G_i of $K_0(A \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ or $K_1(A \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ for $i = 1, 2$, such that $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{0\}$. This would contradict Lemma 6.1 (i).

For step (ii), fix $i \in \{0, 1\}$. We may write T_{G_i} as a direct sum of p -components T_p , over all primes p . Fix a prime p ; it will suffice to show that T_p is either 0 or $\mathbb{Q}_p^\infty / \mathbb{Z}$.

We now consider the algebra $A \otimes \mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty}$ (where we recall that $K_*(\mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty}) \cong 0 \oplus \mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}$). Since $K_0(\mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty}) = 0$, the Künneth formula gives the following exact sequence:

$$(6.1) \quad K_{1-i}(A) \otimes K_1(\mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty}) \rightarrow K_i(A \otimes \mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_1(\mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty})) \cong T_p,$$

using [5, 62.J]. In particular, we see that $K_i(A \otimes \mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty})$ is an extension of p -groups, so it is itself a p -group, and therefore by Lemma 6.3, $K_i(A \otimes \mathcal{F}_{1,p^\infty})$ is either 0 or $\mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}$. By (6.1), it follows that T_p is a quotient of either 0 or $\mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}$, and therefore it is isomorphic to either 0 or $\mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}$.

For step (iii), we first note that since T_{G_i} is divisible and G_i/T_{G_i} is a subgroup of \mathbb{Q} , it follows using [9, Lemma 1.1] that

$$G_i \cong T_{G_i} \oplus G_i/T_{G_i}.$$

If $G_1/T_{G_1} \neq 0$ then since this group is torsion-free, we have that $(G_1/T_{G_1}) \otimes (G_1/T_{G_1})$ is a nonzero direct summand of $K_0(A \otimes A)$ (by Lemma 6.2). However by (1.1), $K_0(\sigma_{A,A}) = -\sigma_{(G_1/T_{G_1}), (G_1/T_{G_1})}$ on this direct summand, which is different from the identity map. This contradicts that A has approximately inner flip. Therefore, $G_1/T_{G_1} = 0$, i.e., $G_1 = T_{G_1}$.

Likewise, if $T_{G_0} \neq 0$ then $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(T_{G_0}, T_{G_0}) \cong \mathbb{Q}_{m_0}/\mathbb{Z}$ would be a nonzero direct summand of $K_1(A \otimes A)$, and by (1.2), $K_1(\sigma_{A,A}) = -\eta_{T_{G_0}, T_{G_0}}$ on this direct summand. By [9, Proposition 5.1], this differs from the identity map, so this contradicts approximately inner flip. We conclude that $T_{G_0} = 0$, i.e., G_0 is torsion-free and hence a subgroup of \mathbb{Q} .

Relabelling, we can summarize by saying that G_0 is either 0 or $G_0 = \mathbb{Q}_n$ for some supernatural number n , and $G_1 = \mathbb{Q}_m/\mathbb{Z}$ for some supernatural number m of finite type. Finally, by Lemma 6.1, we have $G_0 \otimes G_1 = 0$, which implies that m must divide n . \square

Proof of Theorem 1.3. (i) \Rightarrow (iii) is a combination of Theorem 1.7 and [3, Propositions 2.7, 2.8, 2.10]. (iii) \Rightarrow (iv) uses classification of C^* -algebras (see [9, Remark 2.1]). (iv) \Rightarrow (ii) is Corollary 1.6, and (ii) \Rightarrow (i) is immediate. \square

Finally, we explain why [9, Lemmas 6.2 and 6.4] are correct as stated (although their proofs are not). We can easily see from the form of $K_*(A)$ given by Theorem 1.7 that [9, Lemma 6.2] holds.

For [9, Lemma 6.4], part (i) is an obvious consequence of Theorem 1.7. For (ii), let us assume that $K_*(A) = G_p$ and that $A \otimes A$ has approximately inner flip. Then by the Künneth formula, we find that $K_*(A \otimes A)$ is a nonzero p -group, from which it follows by Theorem 1.7 that $K_0(A \otimes A) = 0$ and $K_1(A \otimes A) \cong \mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}$. Consequently, $K_0(A)$ and $K_1(A)$ must be p -divisible (or else $K_i(A) \otimes K_i(A) \neq 0$ which would imply $K_0(A \otimes A) \neq 0$ by the Künneth formula). Using this and the Künneth formula again, we see that $\mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty} \cong K_1(A \otimes A) \cong \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_0(A), K_0(A)) \oplus \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_1(A), K_1(A))$. As \mathbb{Q}_{p^∞} is directly indecomposable, $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(K_i(A), K_i(A)) \cong 0$, which implies that $K_i(A) = 0$ (by the Cartan–Eilenberg exact sequence for Tor). By [5, Corollary 27.4], it follows that $G_p = K_{1-i}(A)$ is $\mathbb{Q}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}$.

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