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**Examples of non connective  $C^*$ -algebras**

**Abstract.** This paper investigates the problem of the existence and uniqueness of solutions under the generalized self-similar forms to the space-fractional diffusion equation. Therefore, through applying the properties of Schauder's and Banach's fixed point theorems; we establish several results on the global existence and blow-up of generalized self-similar solutions to this equation.

### 1. Introduction

For a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , we denote by  $L(\mathcal{H})$  the  $C^*$ -algebra of bounded and linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . The ideal of compact operators is denoted by  $\mathcal{K} \subset L(\mathcal{H})$ . For the  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , the cone over  $A$  is defined as  $CA = C_0[0, 1] \otimes A$ , the suspension of  $A$  as  $SA = C_0(0, 1) \otimes A$ .

#### DEFINITION 1

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$ .  $A$  is *connective* if there is a  $\star$ -monomorphism

$$\Phi: A \rightarrow \prod_n CL(\mathcal{H}) / \bigoplus_n CL(\mathcal{H}),$$

which is liftable to a completely positive and contractive map  $\phi: A \rightarrow \prod_n CL(\mathcal{H})$ .

For a discrete group  $G$ , we define  $I(G)$  to be the augmentation ideal, i.e. the kernel of the trivial representation  $C^*(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Group  $G$  is called connective if  $I(G)$

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is a connective  $C^*$ -algebra. From definition (see [4, p. 4921]) connectivity of  $G$  may be viewed as a stringent topological property that accounts simultaneously for the quasidiagonality of  $C^*(G)$  and the verification of the Kadison-Kaplansky conjecture for certain classes of groups. Here we can referring to conjecture from 2014 [2, p. 166]: *If  $G$  is a discrete, countable, torsion-free, amenable group, then the natural map*

$$[[I(G), \mathcal{K}]] \rightarrow KK(I(G), \mathcal{K}) \cong K^0(I(G))$$

*is an isomorphism of groups.* Here  $KK(I(G), \mathcal{K})$  is the Kasparov group and  $[[I(G), \mathcal{K}]]$  is a group of the homotopy classes of asymptotic morphisms. In 2017 M. Dadarlat found an amenable and not connective group  $G_2$  for which the above conjecture fails [6, Cor. 3.2].

Connective groups must be torsion-free, [3, Remark 2.8 and 4.4]. Here is a short list of such groups:

1. a countable torsion free nilpotent groups, [3, Th.4.3];
2. let  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$  be a central extension of discrete countable amenable groups where  $N$  is torsion-free. If  $H$  is connective then so does  $G$ ; [3, Th. 4.1];
3. wreath product of connective groups is a connective group [5, Th.3.2];
4. a torsion-free crystallographic group is connective if and only if is locally indicable if and only if is diffuse (see below) and [6].

A discrete group  $G$  is called *locally indicable* if every finitely generated non-trivial subgroup  $L$  of  $G$  has an infinite abelianization. The group  $G$  is called *diffuse* if every non-empty finite subset  $A$  of  $G$  has an element  $a \in A$  such that for any  $g \in G$ , either  $ga$  or  $g^{-1}a$  is not in  $A$ , see [6] and [7]. More examples of nonabelian connective groups were exhibited in [4], [5] and [6].

Dadarlat's group  $G_2$  is a 3-dimensional, torsion-free crystallographic group, where a crystallographic group  $\Gamma$ , of dimension  $n$  is a cocompact and discrete subgroup of the isometry group  $E(n) = O(n) \times \mathbb{R}^n$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Group  $\Gamma$  is cocompact if and only if the orbit space  $E(n)/\Gamma$  is compact.

From Bieberbach theorems (see [9, Chapter 1]) any crystallographic group  $\Gamma$  defines a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0,$$

where a free abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is a maximal abelian subgroup and  $H$  is a finite group. Group  $H$  is sometimes called a holonomy group of  $\Gamma$ . The above group  $G_2$  is isomorphic to the subgroup  $E(3)$  and is generated by

$$G_2 \cong \text{gen} \left\{ A = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right) \right), B = \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \left( 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) \right\}.$$

A torsion-free crystallographic group is called a Bieberbach group. The orbit space  $\mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$  of a Bieberbach group is a  $n$ -dimensional closed flat Riemannian manifold  $M$  with holonomy group isomorphic to  $H$ .

A general characterization of connective Bieberbach groups is given in [6]. The following two theorems give us a landscape of them.

THEOREM 1 ([6, Theorem 1.2])

Let  $\Gamma$  be a Bieberbach group. The following assertions are equivalent.

1.  $\Gamma$  is connective
2. Every nontrivial subgroup of  $\Gamma$  has a nontrivial center.
3.  $\Gamma$  is a poly- $\mathbb{Z}$  group
4.  $\widehat{G} \setminus \{\iota\}$  has no nonempty compact open subsets.

The unitary dual  $\widehat{G}$  of  $G$  consists of equivalence classes of irreducible unitary representations of  $G$  and  $\iota$  denotes the trivial representation.

THEOREM 2 ([6, Theorem 1.1])

A Bieberbach group with a finite abelianization is not connective.

In our note we give an example of two infinite families of not connective groups. Both of them are generalization of the 3-dimensional Hantzsche-Wendt group  $G_2$ .

## 2. Examples

EXAMPLE 1 ([9, Definition 9.1])

Let  $n \geq 3$ . By generalized Hantzsche-Wendt (GHW for short) group we shall understand any torsion-free crystallographic groups of rank  $n$  with a holonomy group  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}$ .

EXAMPLE 2 ([1, Definition], [10, Definition 1])

Let  $n \geq 0$ . A group

$$G_n = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n : x_i^{-1}x_j^2x_ix_j^2 \text{ for all } i \neq j\}$$

we shall call a combinatorial Hantzsche-Wendt group.

For the properties of GHW groups we refer to [9, Chapter 9]. We have  $G_0 = 1$  and  $G_1 \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ . Combinatorial Hantzsche-Wendt groups are torsion-free, see [1, Theorem 3.3] and for  $n \geq 2$  are nonunique product groups. A group  $G$  is called a unique product group if given two nonempty finite subset  $X, Y$  of  $G$ , there exists at least one element  $g \in G$  which has a unique representation  $g = xy$  with  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . We are ready to present our main result.

PROPOSITION 1

Generalized Hantzsche-Wendt groups with trivial center and nonabelian, combinatorial Hantzsche-Wendt groups are not connective.

*Proof.* From [3, Remark 2.8 (i)] the connectivity property is inherited by subgroups. Let  $G$  be any group from family of GHW groups or family of combinatorial Hantzsche-Wendt groups. In both cases a group  $G_2$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . In the

first case it follows from [9, Proposition 9.7]. In the second case it follows from definition, see [1, Prop. 3.4].

Note that in the case of GHW groups we can also use Theorem 2, since all these groups have a finite abelianizations.

#### REMARK 1

From [10], for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $G_n$  has a non-abelian free subgroup. Hence is not amenable.

#### REMARK 2

The counterexample to the Kaplansky unit conjecture was given in 2021 by G. Gardam [8]. It was found in the group ring  $\mathbb{F}_2[G_2]$ . The Kaplansky unit conjecture states that every unit in  $K[G]$  is of the form  $kg$  for  $k \in K \setminus \{0\}$  and  $g \in G$ .

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