

REAL RANK OF THE GROUP C^* -ALGEBRAS OF
LIE GROUPS

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Abstract: We estimate the real rank of the group C^* -algebras of Lie groups. We consider separately the case of connected solvable Lie groups of type I, the case of non-compact, locally compact CCR groups such as semi-simple or reductive Lie groups, and the case of certain connected or disconnected, solvable Lie groups of non type I.

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1. Introduction

The real rank for C^* -algebras viewed as noncommutative spaces is introduced by Brown and Pedersen [2] as a real analogue to the (topological) stable rank of Rieffel [10] and as an algebraic real dimension, in the commutative case, corresponding to real dimension for spaces. In particular, C^* -algebras with real rank zero have been of great interest in the classification theory of C^* -algebras by K-theory (see, for instance, [12]).

On the other hand, the stable rank of group C^* -algebras of some Lie groups has been estimated by Sheu [13], Takai and the author [20], [21], and the author

[14], [15], [16], [17]. Recently, the author [19] has obtained a useful formula (an upper bound given below in the list) of real rank for extensions of C^* -algebras, which is an analogue to the formula of stable rank for the extensions in [10].

In this paper we estimate the real rank of the group C^* -algebras of Lie groups. We consider separately the case of connected solvable Lie groups of type I, the case of non-compact, locally compact CCR groups such as semi-simple or reductive Lie groups, and the case of certain connected or disconnected, solvable Lie groups of non type I, using some known structure theorems for those group C^* -algebras. These results generalize those in [18] for the real rank of CCR C^* -algebras by a different method in computation.

Notation. For a C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} , we denote by \mathfrak{A}_{sa} the set of all self-adjoint elements of \mathfrak{A} . For a unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} , denote by $L_n(\mathfrak{A})$ the set of all elements $(a_j)_{j=1}^n$ of \mathfrak{A}^n such that $\sum_{j=1}^n b_j a_j = 1$ for some $(b_j)_{j=1}^n$ of \mathfrak{A}^n . Set $L_n(\mathfrak{A})_{sa} = L_n(\mathfrak{A}) \cap (\mathfrak{A}_{sa})^n$. The real rank of a unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} is defined to be the smallest non-negative integer $n = \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \geq 0$ such that $L_{n+1}(\mathfrak{A})_{sa}$ is dense in $(\mathfrak{A}_{sa})^{n+1}$. If no such integer exists, then set $\text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) = \infty$. The real rank of a non-unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} is defined by $\text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) = \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}^+)$, where \mathfrak{A}^+ is the unitization of \mathfrak{A} . The connected stable rank of a unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} is defined to be the smallest positive integer $n = \text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}) \geq 1$ such that $L_m(\mathfrak{A})$ is connected for any $m \geq n$. If no such integer exists, then set $\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}) = \infty$. The connected stable rank of a non-unital C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} is defined by $\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}) = \text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}^+)$.

List of Formulae. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, set $\lfloor x \rfloor = [x] + 1$ if x is not an integer, where $[x]$ means the maximum integer $\leq x$, and $\lceil x \rceil = x$ if x is an integer.

Let $C(X)$ be the C^* -algebra of continuous functions on a compact Hausdorff space X . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RR}(C(X)) &= \dim X \quad (\text{see [2, Proposition 1.1]}); \\ \text{csr}(C(X)) &\leq \lfloor (\dim X + 1)/2 \rfloor + 1 \quad (\text{see [7, Corollary 2.5]}). \end{aligned}$$

As for tensor products with the $n \times n$ matrix algebra $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and the C^* -algebra \mathbb{K} of all compact operators, by [1],

$$\text{RR}(C(X) \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})) = \lceil \dim X / (2n - 1) \rceil \quad \text{and} \quad \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \leq 1$$

for any C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} . For a C^* -algebra \mathfrak{A} , by [11, Theorem 4.7],

$$\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A} \otimes M_n(\mathbb{C})) \leq \lceil (\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}) - 1)/n \rceil + 1,$$

and $\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \leq 2$ by [7, Corollary 2.5] or [13, Theorem 3.10].

For a short exact sequence of C^* -algebras: $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow 0$,

$$\max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}), \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{J})\} \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}), \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{J}), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{J}) - 1\}$$

by [4] and [19] respectively. On the other hand, by [13, Theorem 3.9]

$$\text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \max\{\text{csr}(\mathfrak{J}), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{J})\}.$$

Let \mathfrak{A} be a C^* -algebra which has a composition series of closed ideals \mathfrak{J}_j . Then we have

$$\sup_j \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_j/\mathfrak{J}_{j-1}) \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \sup_j \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_j/\mathfrak{J}_{j-1}), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{J}_j/\mathfrak{J}_{j-1}) - 1\}.$$

Sketch of Proof. Using the real rank estimates for C^* -algebra extensions above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_2/\mathfrak{J}_1) \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_2) &\leq \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_1), \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_2/\mathfrak{J}_1), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{J}_2/\mathfrak{J}_1) - 1\}, \\ \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_2), \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_3/\mathfrak{J}_2)\} &\leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_3) \\ &\leq \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_2), \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_3/\mathfrak{J}_2), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{J}_3/\mathfrak{J}_2) - 1\}, \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

so that we inductively obtain for each j , with $\mathfrak{J}_0 = \{0\}$,

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_k/\mathfrak{J}_{k-1}) \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_j) \leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \max\{\text{RR}(\mathfrak{J}_k/\mathfrak{J}_{k-1}), \text{csr}(\mathfrak{J}_k/\mathfrak{J}_{k-1}) - 1\}.$$

If the union of \mathfrak{J}_j is dense in \mathfrak{A} , we obtain the formula above using the density, and if not, we apply for transfinite induction, from which the same estimate is concluded. □

2. The Case of Lie Groups of Type I

Theorem 2.1. *Let $C^*(G)$ be the group C^* -algebra of a connected solvable Lie group G of type I. Then*

$$\text{RR}(C_0(G_1^\wedge)) \leq \text{RR}(C^*(G)) \leq \max\{1, \text{RR}(C_0(G_1^\wedge)), \text{csr}(C_0(G_1^\wedge)) - 1\},$$

where G_1^\wedge is the space of all 1-dimensional representations of G , and $C_0(G_1^\wedge)$ is the C^* -algebra of all continuous functions on G_1^\wedge vanishing at infinity. This implies the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim G_1^\wedge \leq \text{RR}(C^*(G)) &\leq \max\{1, \dim G_1^\wedge, \lfloor (\dim G_1^\wedge + 1)/2 \rfloor\} \\ &\leq \max\{1, \dim G_1^\wedge\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since G is a connected solvable Lie group, its irreducible representations are either 1-dimensional or infinite dimensional. It follows that $C^*(G)$ has the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow C^*(G) \rightarrow C_0(G_1^\wedge) \rightarrow 0,$$

where the closed ideal \mathfrak{J} has only infinite dimensional representations. Since $C^*(G)$ is of type I, so is \mathfrak{J} . Therefore, \mathfrak{J} has a composition series of closed ideals

such that its subquotients have continuous trace. Furthermore, note that the spectrum of G (or $C^*(G)$) can be determined by a generalized orbit method which involves the coadjoint action of G on the real dual space of the Lie algebra of G , so that we may assume that the spectrums of those subquotients are paracompact and finite dimensional. By induction using local triviality, it follows that each subquotient has a composition series of closed ideals such that its subquotients are trivial as a continuous field on their spectrums with fibers \mathbb{K} only.

Since $2n \geq n + 1$ for any integer $n \geq 1$, we have

$$n \geq (n + 1)/2 \geq \lfloor (n + 1)/2 \rfloor.$$

On the other hand, $0 = \lfloor (0 + 1)/2 \rfloor$. □

Remark. Note that as a space, G_1^\wedge is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{Z}^l$ for some $k, l \geq 0$ since the quotient group $G/[G, G]$ by the commutator $[G, G]$ of G is a connected commutative Lie group and its spectrum is identified with G_1^\wedge .

Corollary 2.2. *Let G be a simply connected solvable Lie group of type I. Then*

$$\text{RR}(C^*(G)) = \dim G_1^\wedge.$$

Proof. In this case, G_1^\wedge is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^k for some $k \geq 1$ (see [21] and also [20]). □

Example 2.3. Let \mathbb{T}^n be the n -torus, which is also a connected Lie group. Then $C^*(\mathbb{T}^n) \cong C_0(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ by the Fourier transform. Therefore, $\text{RR}(C^*(\mathbb{T}^n)) = 0 = \dim \mathbb{Z}^n$.

Moreover, let G be a compact group. Then $C^*(G)$ is isomorphic to the c_0 -direct sum of matrix algebras over \mathbb{C} . Thus, $\text{RR}(C^*(G)) = 0$, while G_1^\wedge may be empty. For instance, let $G = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_n$ a semi-direct product of the n -cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_n , for which $C^*(G) \cong M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

More generally,

Proposition 2.4. *Let \mathfrak{A} be a C^* -algebra. Then we have*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{A}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow C_0(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge) \rightarrow 0,$$

where \mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge is the space of all 1-dimensional representations of \mathfrak{A} . Assume that $\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ has a composition series of closed ideals such that its subquotients are stable. Then

$$\dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \max\{1, \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+\}.$$

Namely,
$$\text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) = \begin{cases} \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ & \text{if } \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ \geq 1, \\ 0 \text{ or } 1 & \text{if } \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ = 0 \text{ or } -1, \end{cases}$$

where $\dim \emptyset = -1$ and $(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+$ means the one-point compactification of \mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge if \mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge non-compact, otherwise, just the same as \mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge .

Using the above proposition we obtain

Theorem 2.5. *Let G be a non-compact, CCR locally compact group. Then*

$$\dim G_1^\wedge \leq \text{RR}(C^*(G)) \leq \max\{1, \dim G_1^\wedge\}.$$

Let $C_r^*(G)$ be the reduced group C^* -algebra of G . Then $\text{RR}(C_r^*(G)) \leq 1$.

Proof. Note that $C_r^*(G)$ has no finite dimensional irreducible representations. □

Corollary 2.6. *Let G be a non-compact, reductive Lie group. Then we have $\text{RR}(C_r^*(G)) \leq 1$.*

If the center of G has the spectrum with dimension non-zero, then we have $\text{RR}(C_r^(G)) = 1$.*

Theorem 2.7. *Let G be a non-compact, connected semi-simple Lie group. Then $\text{RR}(C_r^*(G)) = 1$.*

Proof. Note that G is CCR. Thus, $\text{RR}(C_r^*(G)) \leq 1$. On the other hand, $C_r^*(G)$ has a closed ideal with no non-trivial projections (see [14]), so that it has real rank non-zero. Therefore, $\text{RR}(C_r^*(G)) \geq 1$. □

3. The Case of Solvable Lie Groups of Non-Type I

Proposition 3.1. *Let \mathfrak{A} be a C^* -algebra. Assume that the closed ideal $\mathfrak{I}_\mathfrak{A}$ defined above has a composition series of closed ideals \mathfrak{I}_j such that its each subquotient $\mathfrak{I}_j/\mathfrak{I}_{j-1}$ is given by one of the following:*

$$\begin{cases} (1) & C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathbb{K}, & (2) & C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}, \\ (3) & C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j} \otimes \mathbb{K}, \\ (4) & C_0(X_j) \otimes \Gamma_0(Y_j, \{\mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_t}\}_{t \in Y_j}) \otimes \mathbb{K}, \end{cases}$$

where X_j is a locally compact Hausdorff space, \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} is a noncommutative torus, and $\Gamma_0(Y_j, \{\mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_t}\}_{t \in Y_j})$ is the C^* -algebra associated with a continuous field of

noncommutative tori \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_t} over a locally compact Hausdorff space Y_j . Then

$$\text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \sup_j \max\{1, \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+, \text{RR}(C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}), \text{csr}(C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) - 1\}.$$

If each \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} is a simple AT algebra, then

$$\dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ \leq \text{RR}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq \max\{1, \dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+\}.$$

Proof. The first estimate follows from applying the formulae in the list above and the estimate

$$\dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ \geq \lfloor (\dim(\mathfrak{A}_1^\wedge)^+ + 1)/2 \rfloor$$

as shown in the proof of Theorem 2.1.

To see the second estimate, if \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} is a simple AT algebra, then the tensor product $C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}$ is an inductive limit of matrix algebras $M_{n_k}(C_0(X_j \times \mathbb{T}))$ over $C_0(X_j \times \mathbb{T})$ for some $n_k \geq 1$ going to ∞ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Since

$$\text{RR}(M_{n_k}(C_0(X_j \times \mathbb{T}))) \leq \text{RR}(M_{n_k}(C((X_j \times \mathbb{T})^+))) = \lceil \dim(X_j \times \mathbb{T})^+ / (2n_k - 1) \rceil,$$

which is equal to 1 if n_k is large enough, we have $\text{RR}(C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) \leq 1$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{csr}(M_{n_k}(C_0(X_j \times \mathbb{T}))) &\leq \lceil (\text{csr}(C_0(X_j \times \mathbb{T})) - 1) / n_k \rceil + 1 \\ &\leq \lceil \lfloor (\dim(X_j \times \mathbb{T})^+ + 1) / 2 \rfloor / n_k \rceil + 1, \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to 2 if n_k is large enough. Hence $\text{csr}(C_0(X_j) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) \leq 2$. \square

Theorem 3.2. *Let G be a simply connected solvable Lie group that is a semi-direct product $\mathbb{C}^n \rtimes \mathbb{R}$. Then*

$$\text{RR}(C^*(G)) = \dim(G_1^\wedge)^+.$$

Proof. By [15], $C^*(G)$ has a finite composition series of closed ideals such that its subquotients are given among $C_0(G_1^\wedge)$, the cases (1) or (3) in the proposition above, where \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} are the crossed products $C(\mathbb{T}^{n_j}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ for some $n_j \geq 1$, which are simple AT algebras by [6]. \square

Example 3.3. Let $M^5 = \mathbb{C}^2 \rtimes_\alpha \mathbb{R}$ be the Mautner group, where the action α of \mathbb{R} on \mathbb{C}^2 is defined by $\alpha_t(z, w) = (e^{2\pi i \theta t} z, e^{2\pi i t} w) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and θ a fixed irrational number. The group C^* -algebra $C^*(M^5)$ of M^5 has a finite composition series $\{\mathfrak{I}_j\}_{j=1}^4$ of closed ideals with $\mathfrak{I}_0 = \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{I}_4 = C^*(M^5)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{I}_1 &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \mathbb{K} \otimes (C(\mathbb{T}) \rtimes_\theta \mathbb{Z}), \\ \mathfrak{I}_j / \mathfrak{I}_{j-1} &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}) \otimes \mathbb{K} \quad (j = 2, 3), \\ \mathfrak{I}_4 / \mathfrak{I}_3 &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R}), \end{aligned}$$

where $C(\mathbb{T}) \rtimes_\theta \mathbb{Z}$ is a simple noncommutative 2-torus corresponding to θ (see [15]), so that it is an AT algebra by [5]. Hence we obtain $\text{RR}(C^*(M^5)) = 1 =$

$\dim \mathbb{R}$, where $(M^5)_1^\wedge$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R} .

Example 3.4. Let $D^7 = \mathbb{C}^2 \rtimes_\alpha H^3$ be the Dixmier group, where the action α of the Heisenberg Lie group H^3 on \mathbb{C}^2 is defined by $\alpha_g(z, w) = (e^{ia}z, e^{ib}w) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ for $g = (c, b, a) \in H^3$ consisting of the following matrices:

$$g = (c, b, a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. The group C^* -algebra $C^*(D^7)$ of D^7 has a finite composition series $\{\mathfrak{I}_j\}_{j=1}^4$ of closed ideals with $\mathfrak{I}_0 = \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{I}_4 = C^*(D^7)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{I}_1 &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes C^*(H_{(1,1)}^3) \otimes \mathbb{K}, \\ \mathfrak{I}_2/\mathfrak{I}_1 &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R}) \otimes C^*(H_{(1,0)}^3) \otimes \mathbb{K}, \\ \mathfrak{I}_3/\mathfrak{I}_2 &\cong C_0(\mathbb{R}) \otimes C^*(H_{(0,1)}^3) \otimes \mathbb{K}, \\ \mathfrak{I}_4/\mathfrak{I}_3 &\cong C^*(H_3), \end{aligned}$$

where $H_{(1,1)}^3$, $H_{(1,0)}^3$, and $H_{(0,1)}^3$ are the stabilizers corresponding to the points $(1, 1)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$ in \mathbb{C}^2 respectively, and their group C^* -algebras are decomposed into extensions of certain commutative C^* -algebras by closed ideals given among the cases (1) or (4) (see [16]). Furthermore, we have

$$0 \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) \otimes \mathbb{K} \rightarrow C^*(H^3) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, we obtain $\text{RR}(C^*(D^7)) = 2 = \dim \mathbb{R}^2$, where $(D^7)_1^\wedge$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^2 .

Theorem 3.5. Let G be a disconnected solvable Lie group that is a semi-direct product $\mathbb{C}^n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(G_1^\wedge)^+ &\leq \text{RR}(C^*(G)) \\ &\leq \max\{1, \dim(G_1^\wedge)^+, \sup_j \text{RR}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j}) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}), \sup_j \text{csr}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j}) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) - 1\} \\ &\leq \max\{\dim(G_1^\wedge)^+, \sup_j \lceil (n_j + 1 + s_j)/(2p_j - 1) \rceil, \sup_j \lceil [(n_j + 2 + s_j)/2]/p_j \rceil\}, \end{aligned}$$

where G_1^\wedge is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{C}^g \times \mathbb{T}$ for some $g \geq 0$, and some $n_j \geq 1$, and each $\mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j} = C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}$ for some $s_j \geq 1$ is a simple or non-simple noncommutative torus, where the action α_j is a multi-rotation, and each $p_j \geq 2$ for some $j \geq 1$ is a period corresponding to a non-simple noncommutative torus $\mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j} = C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}$.

Furthermore, if $n_j + s_j$ is odd or if $n_j + s_j$ is even and $n_j + s_j + 2 \geq 2p_j$, then

$$\lceil (n_j + 1 + s_j)/(2p_j - 1) \rceil \geq \lceil [(n_j + 2 + s_j)/2]/p_j \rceil,$$

and its reverse inequality holds if $n_j + s_j$ is even and $n_j + s_j + 2 \leq 2p$.

Proof. By [17], $C^*(G)$ has a finite composition series of closed ideals such that its subquotients are given among $C_0(G_1^\wedge)$, the cases (1) or (2) in the proposition above, where X_j and \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} are given as in the statement above.

To check the last estimate in the statement, if \mathfrak{A}_{Θ_j} is simple, then it is an AT algebra by [6]. As in the proof of the proposition above, we obtain

$$\text{RR}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j}) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) \leq 1, \quad \text{csr}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j}) \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j}) \leq 2.$$

If $\mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j} = C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}$ is not simple, then there exists a period $p_j \geq 2$ so that

$$0 \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R}) \otimes (C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{\Theta_j} \rightarrow C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j} \rightarrow 0$$

and $C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \rtimes_{\alpha_j} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j} \cong M_{p_j}(C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}))$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RR}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1}) \otimes M_{p_j}(C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}))) &= \text{RR}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1} \times \mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \otimes M_{p_j}(\mathbb{C})) \\ &\leq \text{RR}(C((\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1} \times \mathbb{T}^{s_j})^+) \otimes M_{p_j}(\mathbb{C})) = \lceil (n_j + 1 + s_j)/(2p_j - 1) \rceil \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{csr}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1}) \otimes M_{p_j}(C(\mathbb{T}^{s_j}))) &= \text{csr}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1} \times \mathbb{T}^{s_j}) \otimes M_{p_j}(\mathbb{C})) \\ &\leq \lceil (\text{csr}(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_j+1} \times \mathbb{T}^{s_j}) - 1)/p_j \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil [(n_j + 2 + s_j)/2]/p_j \rceil + 1, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the second estimate in the statement above.

Furthermore, we compare the following numbers ≥ 1 :

$$\lceil (a + 1)/(2p - 1) \rceil, \quad \lceil [(a + 2)/2]/p \rceil$$

for integers $a \geq 2$ and $p \geq 2$. Assume first that $a = 2a' - 1$ for an integer $a' \geq 2$. Then

$$\lceil [((2a' - 1) + 2)/2]/p \rceil = \lceil a'/p \rceil = \lceil 2a'/2p \rceil$$

so that $\lceil ((2a' - 1) + 1)/(2p - 1) \rceil = \lceil 2a'/(2p - 1) \rceil \geq \lceil 2a'/2p \rceil$. Next assume that $a = 2a'$ for an integer $a' \geq 1$. Then, by direct computation,

$$(2a' + 1)/(2p - 1) \leq (2a' + 2)/2p = (a' + 1)/p = \lceil (2a' + 2)/2 \rceil / p$$

if and only if $a' + 1 \leq p$. In this case, we have

$$\lceil (2a' + 1)/(2p - 1) \rceil \leq \lceil [(2a' + 2)/2]/p \rceil,$$

and its reverse inequality holds if $a' + 1 \geq p$. □

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