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## TRACIAL TOPOLOGICAL RANK ZERO AND STABLE RANK ONE FOR CERTAIN TRACIAL APPROXIMATION $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS

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**Abstract.** We show that let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras which have tracial topological rank zero (stable rank one). Then  $A$  has tracial topological rank zero (stable rank one) for any simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in \text{WTA } \mathcal{P}$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Inspired by Lin's tracial approximation by interval algebras in [20], Elliott and Niu in [7] considered the natural notion of tracial approximation by other classes of  $C^*$ -algebras. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras. Then the class of  $C^*$ -algebras which can be tracially approximated by  $C^*$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{P}$ , denoted by  $\text{TA } \mathcal{P}$ , is defined as follows. A simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to belong to the class  $\text{TA } \mathcal{P}$  if, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any finite subset  $F \subseteq A$ , and any element  $a \geq 0$ , there is a projection  $p \in A$  and a  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $1_B = p$  and  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  such that

- (1)  $\|xp - px\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in F$ ,
- (2)  $pxp \in_\varepsilon B$  for all  $x \in F$ , and
- (3)  $1 - p$  is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in  $\overline{aAa}$ .

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Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of finite dimensional  $C^*$ -algebras. Then the class of  $C^*$ -algebras which can be tracially approximated by  $C^*$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{P}$  is called tracial topological rank zero and denoted by  $\text{TR}(A) = 0$ .

Hirshberg and Orovitz introduce the tracially  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing in [18], they show that tracially  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing is equivalence  $\mathcal{L}$ -stability for separable simple amenable unital  $C^*$ -algebra in [18].

Inspired by Hirshberg and Orovitz's tracial  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing, Fu introduced some type finite tracial nuclear dimension in his doctoral dissertation in [13] and introduced certain tracial approximation  $C^*$ -algebras in [14], and he show that finite tracial nuclear dimension implies tracially  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing for separable, exact simple  $C^*$ -algebra with non-empty tracial state space.

Inspired by Fu's finite tracial nuclear dimension and the general tracial topological rank one in [6], Fan and Yang introduced certain weak tracial approximation by a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras in [27]. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras. Then the class of unital simple  $C^*$ -algebras which can be weak tracial approximation by  $\mathcal{P}$  is denote by  $\text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , A simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to belong to the class  $\text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$  if, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any finite subset  $F \subseteq A$ , any nonzero positive element  $a$  of  $A$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi(A) \perp B$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(A)B = 0$ , such that

- (1)  $\varphi(1) \lesssim a$ , and
- (2)  $\|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| < \varepsilon$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

In this paper, let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras which have stable rank one (tracial topological rank zero). Then  $A$  has stable rank one (tracial topological rank zero) for any simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Recall that a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to have stable rank one, written  $tsr(A) = 1$ , if the set of invertible elements is dense in  $A$ .

Recall that a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  has SP property, if every nonzero hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $A$  contains a nonzero projection.

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive elements of a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ . We write  $[a] \leq [b]$  if there is a partial isometry  $v \in A^{**}$  with  $vv^* = P_a$  such that, for every  $0 \leq c \in \text{Her}(a)$ ,  $cv \in A$  and  $v^*cv \in \text{Her}(b)$ . ( $[a] \leq [b]$  implies that  $a$  is Cuntz subequivalent to  $b$ , i.e.  $a \lesssim b$ . If  $A$  has stable rank one then, by [2],  $[a] \leq [b]$  if  $a \lesssim b$  but even in this case the preorder relation  $[a] \leq [b]$  is not necessarily an order relation.) We write  $[a] = [b]$  if, for some  $v$  as above,  $v^*\text{Her}(a)v = \text{Her}(b)$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer. We write  $n[a] \leq [b]$  if in addition there are  $n$  mutually orthogonal positive elements  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \text{Her}(b)$  such that  $[a] \leq [b_i]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (see Definition 1.1 of [23], Definition 3.2 of [22], or Definition 3.5.2 of [21].)

Let  $0 < \sigma \leq 1$  be two positive numbers. Define

$$f_\sigma(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \geq \sigma \\ \frac{2t-\sigma}{\sigma} & \text{if } \sigma/2 \leq t \leq \sigma \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < t \leq \sigma/2. \end{cases}$$

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, and let  $M_n(A)$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries elements of  $A$ . Let  $M_\infty(A)$  denote the algebraic inductive limit of the sequence  $(M_n(A), \phi_n)$ , where  $\phi_n : M_n(A) \rightarrow M_{n+1}(A)$  is the canonical embedding as the upper left-hand corner block. Let  $M_\infty(A)_+$  (resp.  $M_n(A)_+$ ) denote the positive elements of  $M_\infty(A)$  (resp.  $M_n(A)$ ). For positive elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $M_\infty(A)$ , write  $a \oplus b$  to denote the element  $\text{diag}(a, b)$ , which is also positive of  $M_\infty(A)$ . Given  $a, b \in M_\infty(A)_+$ , we say that  $a$  is Cuntz subequivalent to  $b$  (written  $a \lesssim b$ ) if there is a sequence  $(v_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of elements of  $M_\infty(A)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n b v_n^* - a\| = 0.$$

We say that  $a$  and  $b$  are Cuntz equivalent (written  $a \sim b$ ) if  $a \lesssim b$  and  $b \lesssim a$ . We write  $\langle a \rangle$  for the equivalence class of  $a$ .

Hirshberg and Orovitz introduce the tracially  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing in [18], they show that tracially  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing is equivalence  $\mathcal{L}$ -stability for separable simple amenable unital  $C^*$ -algebra in [18].

Inspired by Hirshberg and Orovitz's tracial  $\mathcal{L}$ -absorbing, some finite tracial nuclear dimensions were introduced by Fu in his doctoral dissertation in [13].

**Definition 2.1.** ([13].) *A unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to have type III tracial nuclear dimension at most  $m$ , denote  $T^3 \dim_{\text{nuc}}(A) \leq m$ , if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any finite subset  $F \subseteq A$ , any nonzero positive element  $a$  of  $A$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $\dim_{\text{nuc}}(B) \leq m$  and contractive completely positive linear maps  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi(A) \perp B$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(A)B = 0$ , such that*

- (1)  $\varphi(1) \lesssim a$ , and
- (2)  $\|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| < \varepsilon$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

Inspired by Fu's finite tracial nuclear dimension and the general tracial topological rank one in [6], Fan and Yang introduced certain weak tracial approximation by a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras in [27].

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras. Then the class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras which can be weak tracial approximated by  $C^*$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{P}$ , denoted by  $\text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , is defined as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** ([27].) *A unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to belong to the class  $\text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any finite subset  $F \subseteq A$ , any nonzero positive element  $a$  of  $A$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi(A) \perp B$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(A)B = 0$ , such that*

- (1)  $\varphi(1) \lesssim a$ , and
- (2)  $\|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| < \varepsilon$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras such that  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} \leq n$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$  if and only if  $T^3 \dim_{\text{nuc}}(A) \leq n$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** ([1], [18], [25], [26].) *Let  $A$  be a stably finite  $C^*$ -algebra.*

(1) *Let  $a, b \in A_+$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be such that  $\|a - b\| < \varepsilon$ . Then there is a contraction  $d$  in  $A$  with  $(a - \varepsilon)_+ = dbd^*$ .*

(2) *Let  $a, p$  be positive elements in  $M_\infty(A)$  with  $p$  a projection. If  $p \lesssim a$ , then there is  $b$  in  $M_\infty(A)_+$  such that  $bp = 0$  and  $b + p \sim a$ .*

(3) *The following conditions are equivalent: (1)'  $a \lesssim b$ , (2)' for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(a - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim b$ , and (3)' for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $(a - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim (b - \delta)_+$ .*

(4) Let  $a$  be a purely positive element of  $A$  (i.e.,  $a$  is not Cuntz equivalent to a projection). Let  $\delta > 0$ , and let  $f \in C_0(0, 1]$  be a non-negative function with  $f = 0$  on  $(\delta, 1)$ ,  $f > 0$  on  $(0, \delta)$ , and  $\|f\| = 1$ . We have  $f(a) \neq 0$  and  $(a - \delta)_+ + f(a) \lesssim a$ .

(5) Let  $a, b \in A$  satisfy  $0 \leq a \leq b$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $(a - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim (b - \varepsilon)_+$ .

The following Theorem is lemma 3.3 in [16].

**Theorem 2.4.** ([6]) Let  $1 > \varepsilon > 0$  and  $1 > \sigma > 0$  be given. There exists  $\delta > 0$  satisfying the following condition: If  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra, and if  $x, y \in A_+$  are such that  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$  and

$$\|x - y\| < \delta,$$

then there exists a partial isometry  $w \in A^{**}$  with  $ww^*f_\sigma(x) = f_\sigma(x)ww^* = f_\sigma(x)$ ,  $w\text{Her}(f_\sigma(x))w^* \subset \text{Her}(y)$  and

$$w^*cw \in \overline{yAy}, \|w^*cw - c\| < \varepsilon\|c\|$$

for all  $c \in \overline{f_\sigma(x)Af_\sigma(x)}$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

The technique in the proof of the following Theorem is take from [13] or from [14].

**Theorem 3.1.** If the class  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under tensoring with matrix algebras, or closed under passing to hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebras, then the class  $\text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$  is closed under tensoring with matrix algebras or passing to unital hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebras.

*Proof.* (I) Write  $B = qAq$  for some projection  $q \in A$ . We will prove that  $B \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ .

Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{16}$ ,  $\sigma = (\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2$ , there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  which satisfy Theorem 2.4.

Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{\delta_1}{4}$ ,  $\sigma = (\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2$ , there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  which satisfy Theorem 2.4.

For any finite subset  $F \subseteq B$  contain a nonzero positive element  $a \in B_+$ , since  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , for  $G = F \cup \{a\}$ , any  $\delta_2 > 0$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi' : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi' : A \rightarrow C$  with  $\varphi'(A) \perp C$ , i.e.,  $\varphi'(A)C = 0$ , such that

(1)  $\varphi'(1) \lesssim a$ , and

(2)  $\|x - \varphi'(x) - \psi'(x)\| < \delta_2$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

Let  $q' = \varphi'(q) + \psi'(q)$ , then  $\|q - q'\| < \delta_2$ .

By Theorem 2.4, there exists a partial isometry  $w \in A^{**}$  with  $ww^*f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q') = f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')ww^* = f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')$ ,  $w\text{Her}_A(f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q'))w^* \subset \text{Her}_A(q')$  and

$$w^*cw \in \overline{q'Aq'}, \|w^*cw - c\| < \frac{\delta_1}{4}\|c\|$$

for all  $c \in \overline{f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')Af_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')}$ .

Since  $\|\varphi'(q) - f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\varphi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\| < \frac{\delta_1}{4}$ , then  $\|\varphi'(q) - wf_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\varphi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')w^*\| < \frac{\delta_1}{2}$  (since  $\|w^*cw - c\| < \frac{\delta_1}{4}\|c\|$  for all  $c \in \overline{f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')Af_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')}$ ).

Let  $\bar{q} = wf_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\varphi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')w^*$ , then we have  $\|\bar{q} - \varphi'(q)\| < \frac{\delta_1}{2}$ .

By Theorem 2.4, there exists a partial isometry  $v \in A^{**}$  with  $vv^*f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q)) = f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))vv^* = f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))$ ,  $v\text{Her}_A(f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q)))v^* \subset \text{Her}_A(\bar{q})$  and

$$v^*cv \in \overline{\varphi'(q)A\varphi'(q)}, \|v^*cv - c\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{16}\|c\|$$

for all  $c \in \overline{f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))Af_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))}$ .

Since  $\|\psi'(q) - f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\psi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\| < \frac{\delta_1}{4}$ , then  $\|\psi'(q) - wf_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\psi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')w^*\| < \frac{\delta_1}{2}$  (since  $\|w^*cw - c\| < \frac{\delta_1}{4}\|c\|$  for all  $c \in \overline{f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')Af_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')}$ ).

Let  $\bar{q} = wf_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')\psi'(q)f_{(\frac{\delta_1}{4})^2}(q')w^*$ , then we have  $\|\bar{q} - \psi'(q)\| < \frac{\delta_1}{2}$ .

By Theorem 2.4, there exists a partial isometry  $u \in A^{**}$  with  $uu^*f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q)) = f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))uu^* = f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))$ ,  $u\text{Her}_A(f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q)))u^* \subset \text{Her}_A(\bar{q})$  and

$$u^*cu \in \overline{\bar{q}A\bar{q}}, \|u^*cu - c\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{16}\|c\|$$

for all  $c \in \overline{f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))Af_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))}$ .

Define  $D = u\text{Her}_C(f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q)\psi(q')f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q'))u^* \subset u\text{Her}_A(f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q')\psi(q)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q'))u^* \subset B$ , we have  $D \cong \text{Her}_C((f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q')\psi(q)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(q')))$ , then  $D \in \Omega$ .

We define  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  by taking  $x$  to  $vf_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\varphi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))v^*$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow D$  by taking  $x$  to  $uf_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))\psi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))u^*$ , then we have  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are completely positive contractive linear maps with  $\varphi(A) \perp D$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(A)D = 0$ .

We have (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| \\
& \leq \|x - \varphi'(x) - \psi'(x)\| + \|\varphi(x) - \varphi'(x)\| + \|\psi(x) - \psi'(x)\| \\
& \leq 3\varepsilon + \|vf_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\varphi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))v^* - f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\varphi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\| \\
& \quad + \|\varphi'(x) - f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\varphi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\| \\
& \quad + \|vf_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))\psi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))v^* - f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))\psi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))\| \\
& \quad + \|\psi'(x) - vf_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))\psi'(x)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\psi'(q))v^*\| \leq 7\varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\varphi(q) = vf_{\sigma(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))\varphi'(q)f_{(\frac{\varepsilon}{32})^2}(\varphi'(q))v^* \lesssim \varphi'(q) \lesssim b$  in  $A$ , since  $B$  is a hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $A$ , then we have  $\varphi(q) \lesssim b$  in  $B$ .

(II) For any finite subset  $F \subseteq M_n(A)$  contains a nonzero positive element  $b \in M_n(A)_+$ , any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , as the same argument as Theorem 3.7.3 in [21], there are mutually orthogonal and mutually equivalent projections  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  in  $\text{Her}(b)$  such that each of them is equivalent to a projection  $e_0 \in A$ .

Take  $G = \{a_{ij} : (a_{ij})_{n \times n} \in F\}$ . For  $\delta > 0$ , since  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi(A) \perp B$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(A)B = 0$ , such that

- (1)'  $\varphi(1) \lesssim e_0$ , and  
(2)'  $\|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| < \delta$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

Define  $\Phi := \varphi \otimes id : A \otimes M_n \rightarrow A \otimes M_n$  and  $\Psi := \psi \otimes id : A \otimes M_n \rightarrow B \otimes M_n$ , if we take  $\delta$  sufficiently small, then, we have

- (1)  $\varphi(1_{A \otimes M_n}) = \sum 1 \otimes e_{i,i} \lesssim \sum e_0 \otimes e_{i,i} \lesssim b$ , and  
(2)  $\|x - \varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| < \varepsilon$ , for any  $x \in F$ .

□

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras which have tracial topological rank zero. Then  $A$  has tracial topological rank zero for any simple infinite dimensional unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ .*

*Proof.* We need to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any finite subset  $F$  of  $A$ , any nonzero positive element  $b$  of  $A$ , there exist a projection  $p \in A$  and unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $D$  of  $A$  and  $D$  is finite dimensional algebra with  $1_D = p$  such that

- (1)  $\|px - xp\| < \varepsilon$  for any  $x \in F$ ,
- (2)  $\|p xp \in_\varepsilon D$  for any  $x \in F$ , and
- (3)  $[1 - p] \leq [b]$ .

Since  $A$  is an infinite dimensional simple unital  $C^*$ -algebra there exist non-zero positive elements  $b_1, b_2 \in A_+$ , such that  $b_1 b_2 = 0$  and  $b_1 + b_2 \lesssim b$ .

Since  $A \in \text{WTA } \mathcal{P}$ , for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , finite subset  $F \cup \{1_A\}$  of  $A$ , non-zero positive element  $b_1$  of  $A$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \text{WTA } \mathcal{P}$  and  $1_D = q$ , and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi' : A \rightarrow A$  and  $\psi' : A \rightarrow B$  with  $\varphi'(A) \perp B$ , such that

- (1)'  $\varphi'(1_A) \lesssim b_1$ ,
- (2)'  $\|x - \varphi'(x) - \psi'(x)\| < \varepsilon$ , for any  $x \in F$  and
- (3)'  $\|1_A - \varphi'(1_A) - \psi'(1_A)\| < \varepsilon$ .

By (2)', we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \|x - \varphi'(x) - \psi'(x)\| \\ &\geq \|qxq - q\varphi'(x)q - q\psi'(x)q\| \\ &= \|qxq - \psi'(x)\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \|x - \varphi'(x) - \psi'(x)\| \\ &\geq \|(1 - q)x(1 - q) - (1 - q)\varphi'(x)(1 - q) - (1 - q)\psi'(x)(1 - q)\| \\ &= \|(1 - q)x(1 - q) - \varphi'(x)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have  $\|x - qxq - (1 - q)x(1 - q)\| < \varepsilon$ .

By Theorem 2.3 (1), and by (3)', we have  $((1_A - \psi'(1_A)) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim \varphi'(1_A)$ , i.e.,  $1_A - q \lesssim \varphi'(1_A)$ .

Since  $1_A - q \leq 1 - \psi'(1_A)$ , by Theorem 2.3 (5), we have  $((1_A - q) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim ((1_A - \psi'(1_A)) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim \varphi'(1_A)$ . So,  $1_A - q \lesssim \varphi'(1_A)$  (since  $1_A - q$  is a projection).

Since  $B$  has topological rank zero, for  $G = \{\psi'(x), x \in F\}$ , any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a projection  $p \in A$  and unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $D$  of  $A$  and  $D$  is finite dimensional algebra with  $1_D = p$  such that



$$(1)'' \|p\psi'(x) - \psi(x)p\| < \varepsilon \text{ for any } x \in F,$$

$$(2)'' \|p\psi'(x)p \in_{\varepsilon} D \text{ for any } x \in F, \text{ and}$$

$$(3)'' [q - p] \leq [b_2].$$

Therefore, we have

(1)  $\|px - p(qxq - (1-q)x(1-q))\| < \varepsilon$ , i.e.,  $\|px - pqxq\| < \varepsilon$ , then we have  $\|px - p\psi'(x)\| < 2\varepsilon$ , as the same argument we have  $\|xp - \psi'(x)p\| < 2\varepsilon$ , by (1)'', we have  $\|px - xp\| < 4\varepsilon$ .

(2)  $\|p xp - p\psi'(x)p\| \leq \|p xp - p(qxq - (1-q)x(1-q))p\| + \|p qxq p - p\psi'(x)p\| < 2\varepsilon$ , then we have  $\|p xp \in_{2\varepsilon} D \text{ for any } x \in F, \text{ and}$

(3)  $1 - p = 1 - q + p - q \lesssim \varphi'(1_A) + p - q \lesssim b_1 + b_2 \lesssim b$ , since  $tsr(A) = 1$ , we have  $[1 - p] \leq [b]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of unital  $C^*$ -algebras which have stable rank one. Then  $A$  has stable rank one for any simple stably finite infinite dimensional unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$  and  $A$  has SP property.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will show that there exists an invertible element  $y \in A$  such that  $\|x - y\| < \varepsilon$ .

Since  $A$  is stably finite, we may assume that  $x$  is not one-sided invertible. Since  $A$  is a simple unital and to show  $x$  is a norm limit of invertible in  $A$ , it suffice to show that  $ux$  is a norm limit of invertible elements (for some unitary  $u \in A$ ), by Lemma 3.6.9 in [21], we may assume that there exist a nonzero positive element  $cx = xc = 0$ .

Since  $A$  is simple infinite dimensional and has SP property, there exist nonzero projections  $p_1, p_2 \in \text{Her}(c)$ .

By Theorem 3.1, we have  $(1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1) \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ .

For  $F = \{(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1), 1 - p_1\}$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since  $(1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1) \in \text{WTA}\mathcal{P}$ , there exist a unital  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $D$  of  $(1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1)$  with  $D \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $1_D = q$  and completely positive contractive linear maps  $\varphi : (1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1) \rightarrow (1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1)$  and  $\psi : (1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1) \rightarrow D$  with  $\varphi((1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1)) \perp D$ , i. e.,  $\varphi((1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1))D = 0$ , such that

$$(1) \varphi(1 - p_1) \lesssim p_1,$$

$$(2) \|(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1) - \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) - \psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\| < \varepsilon, \text{ and}$$

$$(3) \|1 - p_1 - \varphi(1 - p_1) - \psi(1 - p_1)\| < \varepsilon.$$

By Theorem 2.3 (1), and by (3), we have  $((1 - p_1 - \psi(1 - p_1)) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim \varphi(1 - p_1)$ , since  $\psi(1 - p_1) \leq q$ , also by Theorem 2.3 (5), we have  $((1 - p_1 - q) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim ((1 - p_1 - \psi(1 - p_1)) - \varepsilon)_+ \lesssim \varphi(1 - p_1) \lesssim p_1$ . So we have  $1 - p_1 - q \lesssim p_1$  (since  $1 - p_1 - q$  is a projection).

By (2) and  $\varphi((1 - p_1)A(1 - p_1))D = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \|(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1) - \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) - \psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\| \\ &\geq \|q(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)q - q\varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))q - q\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))q\| \\ &= \|q(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)q - q\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))q\| \\ &= \|q(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)q - \psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &> \|(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1) - \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) - \psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\| \\ &\geq \|(1 - p_1 - q)(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)(1 - p_1 - q) - \\ &\quad (1 - p_1 - q)\varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))(1 - p_1 - q) \\ &\quad - (1 - p_1 - q)\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))(1 - p_1 - q)\| \\ &= \|(1 - p_1 - q)(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)(1 - p_1 - q) \\ &\quad - (1 - p_1 - q)\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))(1 - p_1 - q)\| \\ &= \|(1 - p_1 - q)(1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)(1 - p_1 - q) - \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have  $\|x - \psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) - \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1))\| < 2\varepsilon$ , since  $\|x - qxq - (1 - p_1 - q)x(1 - p_1 - q)\| < \varepsilon$ .

Since  $\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) \in D$  and  $tsr(D) = 1$  there exist an invertible element  $y_1 \in D$  such that  $\|\psi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) - y_1\| < \varepsilon$ .

Since  $1 - p_1 - q \lesssim p_1$ . Let  $v \in A$  such that  $v^*v = 1 - p_1 - q$  and  $vv^* \leq p_1$ . Set  $y_2 = \varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) + (\varepsilon/32)v + (\varepsilon/32)v^* + (\varepsilon/8)(p_1 - vv^*)$ , Then we have  $\varphi((1 - p_1)x(1 - p_1)) + (\varepsilon/32)v + (\varepsilon/32)v^*$  is invertible in  $((1 - p_1 - q) + vv^*)A((1 - p_1 - q) + vv^*)$ . So  $y_2$  is invertible in  $(1 - p_1 - q)A(1 - p_1 - q)$ . Hence  $y_1 + y_2$  is invertible in  $A$ . Therefore, we have  $\|x - y_1 + y_2\| < 4\varepsilon$ .  $\square$

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