

# Realising the Toeplitz algebra of a higher-rank graph as a Cuntz–Krieger algebra

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ABSTRACT. For a row-finite higher-rank graph  $\Lambda$ , we construct a higher-rank graph  $T\Lambda$  such that the Toeplitz algebra of  $\Lambda$  is isomorphic to the Cuntz–Krieger algebra of  $T\Lambda$ . We then prove that the higher-rank graph  $T\Lambda$  is always aperiodic and use this fact to give another proof of a uniqueness theorem for the Toeplitz algebras of higher-rank graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

Higher-rank graphs and their Cuntz–Krieger algebras were introduced by Kumjian and Pask in [5] as a generalisation of the Cuntz–Krieger algebras of directed graphs. Kumjian and Pask proved an analogue of the Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem for a family of *aperiodic* higher-rank graphs [5, Theorem 4.6]. Aperiodicity is a generalisation of Condition (L) for directed graphs and comes in several forms for different kinds of higher-rank graphs (see [1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]).

The Toeplitz algebra of a directed graph is an extension of the Cuntz–Krieger algebra in which the Cuntz–Krieger equations at vertices are replaced by inequalities. An analogous family of Toeplitz algebras for higher-rank graph was introduced and studied by Raeburn and Sims [9]. They

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proved a uniqueness theorem for Toeplitz algebras [9, Theorem 8.1], generalising a previous theorem for directed graphs [3, Theorem 4.1].

For a directed graph  $E$ , the Toeplitz algebra of  $E$  is canonically isomorphic to the Cuntz–Krieger algebra of a graph  $TE$  (see [7, Theorem 3.7] and [15, Lemma 3.5]). Here we provide an analogous construction for a row-finite higher-rank graph  $\Lambda$ . We build a higher-rank graph  $T\Lambda$ , and show that the Toeplitz algebra of  $\Lambda$  is canonically isomorphic to the Cuntz–Krieger algebra of  $T\Lambda$  (Theorem 4.1). Our proof relies on the uniqueness theorem of [9]. However, it is interesting to observe that the higher-rank graph  $T\Lambda$  is always aperiodic. Hence our isomorphism shows that the uniqueness theorem of [9] is a consequence of the general Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem of [11] (see Remark 4.3).

## 2. Higher-rank graphs

Let  $k$  be a positive integer. We regard  $\mathbb{N}^k$  as an additive semigroup with identity 0. For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^k$ , we write  $m \vee n$  for their coordinate-wise maximum.

A *higher-rank graph* or *k-graph* is a pair  $(\Lambda, d)$  consisting of a countable small category  $\Lambda$  together with a functor  $d : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^k$  satisfying the *factorisation property*: for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^k$  with  $d(\lambda) = m + n$ , there are unique elements  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda = \mu\nu$  and  $d(\mu) = m$ ,  $d(\nu) = n$ . We then write  $\lambda(0, m)$  for  $\mu$  and  $\lambda(m, m+n)$  for  $\nu$ . We regard elements of  $\Lambda^0$  as *vertices* and elements of  $\Lambda$  as *paths*. For detailed explanation and examples, see [8, Chapter 10].

For  $v \in \Lambda^0$  and  $E \subseteq \Lambda$ , we define  $vE := \{\lambda \in E : r(\lambda) = v\}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^k$ , we write  $\Lambda^m := \{\lambda \in \Lambda : d(\lambda) = m\}$ . We use term *edge* to denote a path  $e \in \Lambda^{e_i}$  where  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and write

$$\Lambda^1 := \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq k} \Lambda^{e_i}$$

for the set of all edges. We say that  $\Lambda$  is *row-finite* if for every  $v \in \Lambda^0$ , the set  $v\Lambda^{e_i}$  is finite for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Finally, we say  $v \in \Lambda^0$  is a *source* if there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}^k$  such that  $v\Lambda^m = \emptyset$ .

For a row-finite  $k$ -graph  $\Lambda$ , we shall construct a  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$  which is row-finite and always has sources. Our  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$  is typically not *locally convex* in the sense of [10, Definition 3.9] (see Remark 3.3), so the appropriate definition of Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family is the one in [11]. For detailed discussion about row-finite  $k$ -graphs and their generalisations, see [16, Section 2].

From now on, we focus on a row-finite  $k$ -graph  $\Lambda$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ , we say that  $\tau$  is a *minimal common extension* of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if

$$d(\tau) = d(\lambda) \vee d(\mu), \tau(0, d(\lambda)) = \lambda \text{ and } \tau(0, d(\mu)) = \mu.$$

Let  $\text{MCE}(\lambda, \mu)$  denote the collection of all minimal common extensions of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Then we write

$$\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu) := \{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda \times \Lambda : \lambda\lambda' = \mu\mu' \in \text{MCE}(\lambda, \mu)\}.$$

A set  $E \subseteq v\Lambda^1$  is *exhaustive* if for all  $\lambda \in v\Lambda$ , there exists  $e \in E$  such that  $\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, e) \neq \emptyset$ .

A *Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family* is a collection  $\{t_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of partial isometries in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  satisfying:

- (TCK1)  $\{t_v : v \in \Lambda^0\}$  is a collection of mutually orthogonal projections.
- (TCK2)  $t_\lambda t_\mu = t_{\lambda\mu}$  whenever  $s(\lambda) = r(\mu)$ .
- (TCK3)  $t_\lambda^* t_\mu = \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} t_{\lambda'} t_{\mu'}^*$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ .

**Remark 2.1.** In [9, Lemma 9.2], Raeburn and Sims required also that “for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}^k \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $v \in \Lambda^0$ , and every set  $E \subseteq v\Lambda^m$ ,  $t_v \geq \sum_{\lambda \in E} t_\lambda t_\lambda^*$ ”. However, by [11, Lemma 2.7 (iii)], this follows from (TCK1)–(TCK3), and hence our definition is basically same as that of [9].

Meanwhile, based on [11, Proposition C.3], a *Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family* is a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family  $\{t_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  which satisfies

$$(\text{CK}) \quad \prod_{e \in E} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) = 0 \text{ for all } v \in \Lambda^0 \text{ and exhaustive } E \subseteq v\Lambda^1.$$

Raeburn and Sims proved in [9, Section 4] that there is a  $C^*$ -algebra  $TC^*(\Lambda)$  generated by a universal Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family

$$\{t_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}.$$

If  $\{T_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$ , we write  $\phi_T$  for the homomorphism of  $TC^*(\Lambda)$  into  $B$  such that  $\phi_T(t_\lambda) = T_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . The quotient of  $TC^*(\Lambda)$  by the ideal generated by

$$\left\{ \prod_{e \in E} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) : v \in \Lambda^0, E \subseteq v\Lambda^1 \text{ is exhaustive} \right\}$$

is generated by a universal family of the Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family

$$\{s_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\},$$

and hence we can identify it with the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(\Lambda)$ . For a Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family  $\{S_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$ , we write  $\pi_S$  for the homomorphism of  $C^*(\Lambda)$  into  $B$  such that  $\pi_S(s_\lambda) = S_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Furthermore, we have  $s_v \neq 0$  for  $v \in \Lambda^0$  [11, Proposition 2.12].

As for directed graphs, we have uniqueness theorems for the Toeplitz algebra [9, Theorem 8.1] and the Cuntz–Krieger algebra [6, Theorem 4.7]. The former does not need any hypothesis on the  $k$ -graph as stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph. Let  $\{T_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$ . Suppose that for every  $v \in \Lambda^0$ ,*

$$(*) \quad \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \neq 0$$

(where this includes  $T_v \neq 0$  if  $v\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ ). Suppose that  $\phi_T : TC^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow B$  is the homomorphism such that  $\phi_T(t_\lambda) = T_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Then

$$\phi_T : TC^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow B$$

is injective.

**Remark 2.3.** Every  $k$ -graph  $\Lambda$  gives a product system of graphs over  $\mathbb{N}^k$  and a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family gives a Toeplitz  $\Lambda$ -family of the product system [9, Lemma 9.2]. Lemma 9.3 of [9] shows that, if the Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family satisfies  $(*)$ , then the Toeplitz  $\Lambda$ -family satisfies the hypothesis of [9, Theorem 8.1].

**Remark 2.4.** In the actual hypothesis, we need to verify whether

$$\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} \left( T_v - \sum_{e \in G_i} T_e T_e^* \right) \neq 0$$

for every  $v \in \Lambda^0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and finite set  $G_i \subseteq v\Lambda^{e_i}$ . However, since we only consider row-finite  $k$ -graphs, then for every  $v \in \Lambda^0$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , the set  $v\Lambda^{e_i}$  is finite. Thus for a row finite  $k$ -graph, we can simplify Lemma 9.3 of [9] as Theorem 2.2.

On the other hand, Lewin and Sims in [6, Theorem 4.7] proved that the Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem only holds for  $k$ -graphs which satisfy the following *aperiodicity* condition: for every pair of distinct paths  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$  with  $s(\lambda) = s(\mu)$ , there exists  $\eta \in s(\lambda)\Lambda$  such that  $\text{MCE}(\lambda\eta, \mu\eta) = \emptyset$  [6, Definition 3.1]. (For discussion about the equivalence of various aperiodicity definitions, see [6, 12, 13, 14].) Now we state the uniqueness theorem as follows:

**Theorem 2.5** ([6, Theorem 4.7]). *Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is an aperiodic row-finite  $k$ -graph and  $\{S_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family in a  $C^*$ -algebra  $B$  such that  $S_v \neq 0$  for  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . Suppose that  $\pi_S : C^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow B$  is the homomorphism such that  $\pi_S(s_\lambda) = S_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Then  $\pi_S$  is an injective homomorphism.*

### 3. The $k$ -graph $T\Lambda$

Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a row-finite  $k$ -graph. In this section, we define a  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$ ; later we show that  $TC^*(\Lambda) \cong C^*(T\Lambda)$  (Theorem 4.1). Interestingly, our  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$  is always aperiodic (Proposition 3.5).

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\Lambda = (\Lambda, d, r, s)$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph. Then define sets  $T\Lambda^0$  and  $T\Lambda$  as follows:*

$$T\Lambda^0 := \{\alpha(v) : v \in \Lambda^0\} \cup \{\beta(v) : v\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset\};$$

$$T\Lambda := \{\alpha(\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \cup \{\beta(\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda, s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Define functions  $r, s : T\Lambda \setminus T\Lambda^0 \rightarrow T\Lambda^0$  by

$$\begin{aligned} r(\alpha(\lambda)) &= \alpha(r(\lambda)), \quad s(\alpha(\lambda)) = \alpha(s(\lambda)), \\ r(\beta(\lambda)) &= \alpha(r(\lambda)), \quad s(\beta(\lambda)) = \beta(s(\lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

( $r, s$  are the identity on  $T\Lambda^0$ ). We also define a partially defined product  $(\tau, \omega) \mapsto \tau\omega$  from

$$\{(\tau, \omega) \in T\Lambda \times T\Lambda : s(\tau) = r(\omega)\}$$

to  $T\Lambda$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)) &\mapsto \alpha(\lambda\mu) \\ (\alpha(\lambda), \beta(\mu)) &\mapsto \beta(\lambda\mu) \end{aligned}$$

and a function  $d : T\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^k$  where

$$d(\alpha(\lambda)) = d(\beta(\lambda)) = d(\lambda).$$

Then  $(T\Lambda, d)$  is a  $k$ -graph.

**Proof.** First we claim that  $T\Lambda$  is a countable category. Note that  $T\Lambda$  is countable since  $\Lambda$  is countable.

Now we show that for all paths  $\eta, \tau, \omega$  in  $T\Lambda$  where  $s(\eta) = r(\tau)$  and  $s(\tau) = r(\omega)$ , we have  $s(\tau\omega) = s(\omega)$ ,  $r(\tau\omega) = r(\tau)$ , and  $(\eta\tau)\omega = \eta(\tau\omega)$ . If one of  $\tau, \omega$  is a vertex then we are done. So assume otherwise, and we have  $\eta = \alpha(\lambda)$ ,  $\tau = \alpha(\mu)$ , and  $\omega$  is either  $\alpha(\nu)$  or  $\beta(\nu)$  for some paths  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$  in  $\Lambda$ . In both cases, we always have  $s(\lambda) = r(\mu)$ ,  $s(\mu) = r(\nu)$ , and  $(\lambda\mu)\nu = \lambda(\mu\nu)$ . If  $\omega = \alpha(\nu)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} s(\tau\omega) &= s(\alpha(\mu)\alpha(\nu)) = s(\alpha(\mu\nu)) \\ &= \alpha(s(\mu\nu)) = \alpha(s(\nu)) = s(\alpha(\nu)) = s(\omega), \\ r(\tau\omega) &= r(\alpha(\mu)\alpha(\nu)) = r(\alpha(\mu\nu)) \\ &= \alpha(r(\mu\nu)) = \alpha(r(\mu)) = r(\alpha(\mu)) = r(\tau), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta\tau)\omega &= (\alpha(\lambda)\alpha(\mu))\alpha(\nu) = \alpha(\lambda\mu)\alpha(\nu) = \alpha((\lambda\mu)\nu) \\ &= \alpha(\lambda(\mu\nu)) = \alpha(\lambda)\alpha(\mu\nu) = \alpha(\lambda)(\alpha(\mu)\alpha(\nu)) = \eta(\tau\omega). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $\omega = \beta(\nu)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} s(\tau\omega) &= s(\alpha(\mu)\beta(\nu)) = s(\beta(\mu\nu)) \\ &= \beta(s(\mu\nu)) = \beta(s(\nu)) = s(\beta(\nu)) = s(\omega), \\ r(\tau\omega) &= r(\alpha(\mu)\beta(\nu)) = r(\beta(\mu\nu)) \\ &= \alpha(r(\mu\nu)) = \alpha(r(\mu)) = r(\alpha(\mu)) = r(\tau), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta\tau)\omega &= (\alpha(\lambda)\alpha(\mu))\beta(\nu) = \alpha(\lambda\mu)\beta(\nu) = \beta((\lambda\mu)\nu) \\ &= \beta(\lambda(\mu\nu)) = \alpha(\lambda)\beta(\mu\nu) = \alpha(\lambda)(\alpha(\mu)\beta(\nu)) = \eta(\tau\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $T\Lambda$  is a countable category, as claimed.

Now we show that  $d$  is a functor. Note that both  $T\Lambda$  and  $\mathbb{N}^k$  are categories. First take object  $x \in T\Lambda^0$ , then  $d(x) = 0$  is an object in category  $\mathbb{N}^k$ . Next take morphisms  $\tau, \omega \in T\Lambda$  with  $s(\tau) = r(\omega)$ . Then by definition of  $d$ ,

$$d(\tau\omega) = d(\tau) + d(\omega).$$

Hence,  $d$  is a functor.

To show that  $d$  satisfies the factorisation property, take  $\omega \in T\Lambda$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^k$  such that  $d(\omega) = m + n$ . By definition,  $\omega$  is either  $\alpha(\lambda)$  or  $\beta(\lambda)$  for some path  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda$ . In both cases, there exist paths  $\mu, \nu$  in  $\Lambda$  such that  $\lambda = \mu\nu$ ,  $d(\mu) = m$ , and  $d(\nu) = n$ . Then, we have  $d(\alpha(\mu)) = m$ ,  $d(\alpha(\nu)) = d(\beta(\nu)) = n$ , and  $\omega$  is either equal to  $\alpha(\mu)\alpha(\nu)$  or  $\alpha(\mu)\beta(\nu)$ . Therefore, the existence of factorisation is guaranteed.

Now we show that the factorisation is unique. First suppose

$$\omega = \alpha(\mu)\alpha(\nu) = \alpha(\mu')\alpha(\nu')$$

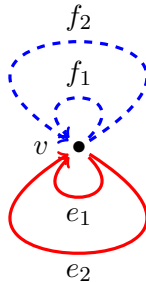
where  $d(\alpha(\mu)) = d(\alpha(\mu'))$  and  $d(\alpha(\nu)) = d(\alpha(\nu'))$ . We consider paths  $\lambda = \mu\nu$  and  $\lambda' = \mu'\nu'$ . Since  $\alpha(\lambda) = \omega = \alpha(\lambda')$ , then  $\lambda = \lambda'$ . This implies  $\mu = \mu'$  and  $\nu = \nu'$  based on the uniqueness of factorisation in  $\Lambda$ . Then  $\alpha(\mu) = \alpha(\mu')$  and  $\alpha(\nu) = \alpha(\nu')$ . For the case  $\omega = \alpha(\mu)\beta(\nu)$ , we get the same result by using the same argument. The conclusion follows.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** For a directed graph  $E$  (that is, for  $k = 1$ ), the graph  $TE$  was constructed by Muhly and Tomforde [7, Definition 3.6] (denoted  $E_V$ ), and by Sims [15, Section 3] (denoted  $\tilde{E}$ ). Our notation follows that of Sims because we want to distinguish between paths in  $T\Lambda$  (denoted  $\alpha(\lambda)$  and  $\beta(\lambda)$ ) and those in  $\Lambda$  (denoted  $\lambda$ ).

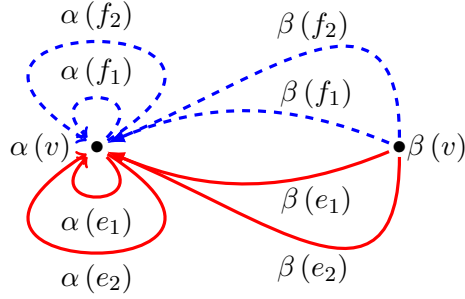
**Remark 3.3.** Every vertex  $\beta(v)$  satisfies  $\beta(v)T\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Then if  $\Lambda$  has a vertex  $v$  which receives edges  $e, f$  with  $d(e) \neq d(f)$ , then there is no edge  $g \in \beta(s(e))T\Lambda^{d(f)}$  (or  $g \in \alpha(s(e))T\Lambda^{d(f)}$  if  $s(e)\Lambda = \emptyset$ ), and hence  $T\Lambda$  is not locally convex.

To give an illustration how we construct the  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$  from a  $k$ -graph  $\Lambda$ , we first recall coloured graphs of [4]. By choosing  $k$ -different colours  $c_1, \dots, c_k$ , we can view paths in  $\Lambda^{e_i}$  as edges of colour  $c_i$ . For a  $k$ -graph  $\Lambda$ , we call its corresponding coloured graph the *skeleton* of  $\Lambda$ . For further discussion about  $k$ -graphs and their skeletons, see [4].

**Example 3.4.** Consider the 2-graph  $\Lambda$  which has skeleton



where  $e_i f_j = f_i e_j$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , the solid edges have degree  $(1, 0)$  and the dashed edges have degree  $(0, 1)$ . Then the 2-graph  $T\Lambda$  has skeleton



where  $\alpha(e_i) \alpha(f_j) = \alpha(f_i) \alpha(e_j)$  and  $\alpha(e_i) \beta(f_j) = \alpha(f_i) \beta(e_j)$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , the solid edges have degree  $(1, 0)$  and the dashed edges have degree  $(0, 1)$ .

The following lemma tells about properties of the  $k$ -graph  $T\Lambda$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph and  $T\Lambda$  be the  $k$ -graph as in Proposition 3.1. Then,*

- (a)  $T\Lambda$  is row-finite.
- (b)  $T\Lambda$  is aperiodic.

**Proof.** To show part (a), take  $x \in T\Lambda^0$ . If  $x = \beta(v)$  for some  $v \in \Lambda^0$ , then  $xT\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$  by Remark 3.3. Suppose  $x = \alpha(v)$  for some  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . If  $v\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , then  $xT\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Otherwise, for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  such that  $v\Lambda^{e_i} \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$|xT\Lambda^{e_i}| \leq 2|v\Lambda^{e_i}|,$$

which is finite.

For part (b), take  $\tau, \omega \in T\Lambda$  such that  $\tau \neq \omega$  and  $s(\tau) = s(\omega)$ . We have to show there exists  $\eta \in s(\tau)T\Lambda$  such that  $\text{MCE}(\tau\eta, \omega\eta) = \emptyset$ . If  $s(\tau) = \beta(v)$  for some  $v \in \Lambda^0$ , then choose  $\eta = \beta(v)$  and  $\text{MCE}(\tau\eta, \omega\eta) = \emptyset$ . So suppose  $s(\tau) = \alpha(v)$  for some  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . If  $v\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , then choose  $\eta = \alpha(v)$  and  $\text{MCE}(\tau\eta, \omega\eta) = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $v\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ . Take  $e \in v\Lambda^1$ . If  $s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , then choose  $\eta = \alpha(e)$  and  $\text{MCE}(\tau\eta, \omega\eta) = \emptyset$ . Otherwise, we have  $s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ . Then choose  $\eta = \beta(e)$  and  $\text{MCE}(\tau\eta, \omega\eta) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $T\Lambda$  is aperiodic.  $\square$

### 4. Realising $TC^*(\Lambda)$ as a Cuntz–Krieger algebra

Let  $\Lambda$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph and  $T\Lambda$  be the  $k$ -graph as in Proposition 3.1. In this section, we show that  $TC^*(\Lambda)$  is isomorphic to  $C^*(T\Lambda)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph and  $T\Lambda$  be the  $k$ -graph as in Proposition 3.1. Let  $\{t_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be the universal Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger*

$\Lambda$ -family and  $\{s_\omega : \omega \in T\Lambda\}$  be the universal Cuntz–Krieger  $T\Lambda$ -family. For  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , let

$$T_\lambda := \begin{cases} s_{\alpha(\lambda)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)} & \text{if } s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset \\ s_{\alpha(\lambda)} & \text{if } s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

Then there is an isomorphism  $\phi_T : TC^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow C^*(T\Lambda)$  satisfying

$$\phi_T(t_\lambda) = T_\lambda$$

for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Furthermore,  $s_{\alpha(\lambda)} = \phi_T(t_\lambda)$  if  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Meanwhile, if  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$s_{\alpha(\lambda)} = \phi_T \left( t_\lambda - t_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) \right),$$

$$s_{\beta(\lambda)} = \phi_T \left( t_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) \right).$$

**Proof that  $\{T_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family.** To avoid an argument by cases, for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  with  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , we write

$$s_{\beta(\lambda)} := 0,$$

so that

$$T_\lambda = s_{\alpha(\lambda)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}.$$

First, we want to show  $\{T_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family in  $C^*(T\Lambda)$ . For (TCK1), take  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . Since  $\{s_{\alpha(v)}\} \cup \{s_{\beta(v)}\}$  are mutually orthogonal projections, then  $T_v$  is a projection. Meanwhile, for  $v, w \in \Lambda^0$  with  $v \neq w$ ,

$$T_v T_w = s_{\alpha(v)} s_{\alpha(w)} + s_{\alpha(v)} s_{\beta(w)} + s_{\beta(v)} s_{\alpha(w)} + s_{\beta(v)} s_{\beta(w)} = 0.$$

Next we show (TCK2). Take  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  where  $s(\mu) = r(\nu)$ . Then

$$T_\mu T_\nu = s_{\alpha(\mu)} s_{\alpha(\nu)} + s_{\alpha(\mu)} s_{\beta(\nu)} + s_{\beta(\mu)} s_{\alpha(\nu)} + s_{\beta(\mu)} s_{\beta(\nu)}.$$

If  $\nu$  is a vertex, the middle terms vanish and we get

$$T_\mu T_\nu = s_{\alpha(\mu)} + s_{\beta(\mu)} = T_\mu,$$

as required. Otherwise, the last two terms vanish and we get

$$T_\mu T_\nu = s_{\alpha(\mu)} s_{\alpha(\nu)} + s_{\alpha(\mu)} s_{\beta(\nu)} = s_{\alpha(\mu\nu)} + s_{\beta(\mu\nu)} = T_{\mu\nu},$$

which is (TCK2).

To show (TCK3), take  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ . Then

$$(4.1) \quad T_\lambda^* T_\mu = s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} + s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^* s_{\beta(\mu)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}^* s_{\beta(\mu)}.$$



We give separate arguments for  $\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu) = \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu) \neq \emptyset$ . For case  $\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu) = \emptyset$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset &= T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)) = T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \beta(\mu)) \\ &= T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)) = T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \beta(\mu)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\mu)} = s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\mu)} = s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\mu)} = s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\mu)} = 0$  and then Equation (4.1) becomes

$$T_{\lambda}^*T_{\mu} = 0 = \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} T_{\lambda'}T_{\mu'}^*.$$

Now suppose  $\Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu) \neq \emptyset$ . Take  $(a, b) \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)$ . We consider several cases: whether  $a$  equals  $s(\lambda)$  and/or  $b$  equals  $s(\mu)$ . First suppose  $a = s(\lambda)$  and  $b = s(\mu)$ . So  $\lambda = \lambda s(\lambda) = \mu s(\mu) = \mu$ . Because  $\alpha(\lambda)$  and  $\beta(\lambda)$  are paths with the same degree and different sources, then  $T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \beta(\lambda)) = \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\lambda)} = 0 = s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\lambda)}$$

and Equation (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\lambda}^*T_{\lambda} &= s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\lambda)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\lambda)} \\ &= s_{s(\alpha(\lambda))} + s_{s(\beta(\lambda))} = s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} + s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} \\ &= T_{s(\lambda)} = T_{s(\lambda)}T_{s(\lambda)}^* \\ &= \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \lambda)} T_{\lambda'}T_{\mu'}^* \text{ (since } \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \lambda) = \{s(\lambda), s(\lambda)\} \text{)}. \end{aligned}$$

Next suppose  $a = s(\lambda)$  and  $b \neq s(\mu)$ . Then  $\lambda = \mu b$  and

$$T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \beta(\mu)) = \emptyset = T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \beta(\mu))$$

since  $s(\beta(\mu))T\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Hence

$$s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\mu)} = 0 = s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\beta(\mu)}$$

and Equation (4.1) becomes

$$T_{\lambda}^*T_{\mu} = s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\mu)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}^*s_{\alpha(\mu)}.$$

Every  $(\alpha(s(\lambda)), \eta) \in T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu))$  has  $\eta = \alpha(\mu')$  with

$$(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu).$$

Similarly, every  $(\beta(s(\lambda)), \eta) \in T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \alpha(\mu))$  has  $\eta = \beta(\mu')$  with  $(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)$ . Thus, by using (TCK3) in  $C^*(T\Lambda)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
T_\lambda^* T_\mu &= s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} \\
&= \sum_{(\alpha(s(\lambda)), \eta) \in T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu))} s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} s_\eta^* + \sum_{(\beta(s(\lambda)), \eta) \in T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \alpha(\mu))} s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} s_\eta^* \\
&= \sum_{(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} s_{\alpha(\mu')}^* + \sum_{(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} s_{\beta(\mu')}^* \\
&= \sum_{(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} (s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} s_{\alpha(\mu')}^* + s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} s_{\beta(\mu')}^*) \\
&= \sum_{(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} (s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} + s_{\beta(s(\lambda))}) (s_{\alpha(\mu')}^* + s_{\beta(\mu')}^*) \\
&= \sum_{(s(\lambda), \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} T_{s(\lambda)} T_{\mu'}^* = \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} T_{\lambda'} T_{\mu'}^*.
\end{aligned}$$

By taking adjoints, we deduce (TCK3) when  $a \neq s(\lambda)$  and  $b = s(\mu)$ .

Now we consider the last case, which is  $a \neq s(\lambda)$  and  $b \neq s(\mu)$ . This means we have neither  $\lambda = \mu b$  nor  $\mu = \lambda a$ . Hence,

$$T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \beta(\mu)) = T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)) = T\Lambda^{\min}(\beta(\lambda), \beta(\mu)) = \emptyset$$

since  $s(\beta(\lambda)) T\Lambda^1 = \emptyset = s(\beta(\mu)) T\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Hence,

$$s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^* s_{\beta(\mu)} = s_{\beta(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} = s_{\beta(\lambda)}^* s_{\beta(\mu)} = 0.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)) \\
&= \{(\alpha(\lambda'), \alpha(\mu')), (\beta(\lambda'), \beta(\mu')) : (\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Equation (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
T_\lambda^* T_\mu &= s_{\alpha(\lambda)}^* s_{\alpha(\mu)} = \sum_{(\omega, \eta) \in T\Lambda^{\min}(\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu))} s_\omega s_\eta^* \\
&= \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} (s_{\alpha(\lambda')} s_{\alpha(\mu')}^* + s_{\beta(\lambda')} s_{\beta(\mu')}^*) \\
&= \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} (s_{\alpha(\lambda')} + s_{\beta(\lambda')}) (s_{\alpha(\mu')}^* + s_{\beta(\mu')}^*) \\
&= \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} T_{\lambda'} T_{\mu'}^*.
\end{aligned}$$

So for all cases, we have

$$T_\lambda^* T_\mu = \sum_{(\lambda', \mu') \in \Lambda^{\min}(\lambda, \mu)} T_{\lambda'} T_{\mu'}^*$$

and  $\{T_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  satisfies (TCK3).  $\square$

**Proof that  $\phi_T$  is injective.** Now the universal property of  $TC^*(\Lambda)$  gives a homomorphism  $\phi_T : TC^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow C^*(T\Lambda)$  satisfying  $\phi_T(t_\lambda) = T_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

We show the injectivity of  $\phi_T$  by using Theorem 2.2. Take  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . We show

$$\prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \neq 0.$$

First suppose  $v\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ . Take  $1 \leq i \leq k$  such that  $v\Lambda^{e_i} \neq \emptyset$ . We claim

$$\prod_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \geq s_{\beta(v)}.$$

Since  $v\Lambda^{e_i} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\alpha(v)T\Lambda^{e_i} \neq \emptyset$  and by [11, Lemma 2.7 (iii)],

$$\begin{aligned} s_{\alpha(v)} &\geq \sum_{g \in \alpha(v)T\Lambda^{e_i}} s_g s_g^* \\ &= \sum_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^* + \sum_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i} \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} s_{\beta(e)} s_{\beta(e)}^* \\ &= \sum_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i} \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} \left( s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^* + s_{\beta(e)} s_{\beta(e)}^* \right) + \sum_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i} \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset}} s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^* \\ &= \sum_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i} \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} T_e T_e^* + \sum_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i} \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset}} T_e T_e^* \\ &= \sum_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} T_e T_e^*. \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile, since every  $e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}$  has the same degree,

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) &= T_v - \sum_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} T_e T_e^* \\ &= (s_{\alpha(v)} + s_{\beta(v)}) - \sum_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} T_e T_e^* \\ &= s_{\beta(v)} + \left( s_{\alpha(v)} - \sum_{e \in v\Lambda^{e_i}} T_e T_e^* \right) \\ &\geq s_{\beta(v)}, \end{aligned}$$

as claimed. This claim implies

$$\prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \geq \prod_{\{i: v\Lambda^{e_i} \neq \emptyset\}} s_{\beta(v)} = s_{\beta(v)} \neq 0$$

since  $v\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ , as required.

Finally, for  $v \in \Lambda^0$  with  $v\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , we have

$$T_v = s_{\alpha(v)} \neq 0.$$

Hence, by Theorem 2.2,  $\phi_T$  is injective.  $\square$

**Proof that  $\phi_T$  is surjective.** Now we show the surjectivity of  $\phi_T$ . Since  $C^*(T\Lambda)$  is generated by  $\{s_\tau : \tau \in T\Lambda\}$ , then it suffices to show that for every  $\tau \in T\Lambda$ ,  $s_\tau \in \text{im}(\phi_T)$ . Recall that for every  $\tau \in T\Lambda$ ,  $s_\tau$  is either  $s_{\alpha(\lambda)}$  or  $s_{\beta(\lambda)}$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Take  $v \in \Lambda^0$ . First we show  $s_{\alpha(v)}$  and  $s_{\beta(v)}$  (if it exists) belong to  $\text{im}(\phi_T)$ . If  $v\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , then

$$s_{\alpha(v)} = T_v \in \text{im}(\phi_T).$$

Next suppose  $v\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ . First we show that  $s_{\beta(v)} = \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*)$ . Note that for every  $f \in \alpha(v)T\Lambda^1$ , the projection  $s_{\alpha(v)} - s_f s_f^* \leq s_{\alpha(v)}$  is orthogonal to  $s_{\beta(v)}$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{f \in \alpha(v)T\Lambda^1} ((s_{\alpha(v)} + s_{\beta(v)}) - s_f s_f^*) &= s_{\beta(v)} + \prod_{f \in \alpha(v)T\Lambda^1} (s_{\alpha(v)} - s_f s_f^*) \\ &= s_{\beta(v)}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $v\Lambda^1$  is an exhaustive set. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} s_{\beta(v)} &= \prod_{f \in \alpha(v)T\Lambda^1} ((s_{\alpha(v)} + s_{\beta(v)}) - s_f s_f^*) \\ &= \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^*) \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} (T_v - s_{\beta(e)} s_{\beta(e)}^*) \\ &= \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset}} (T_v - s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^*) \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} (T_v - s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^*) (T_v - s_{\beta(e)} s_{\beta(e)}^*) \\ &= \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset}} (T_v - s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^*) \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} (T_v - (s_{\alpha(e)} s_{\alpha(e)}^* + s_{\beta(e)} s_{\beta(e)}^*)) \\ &= \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset}} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \prod_{\substack{e \in v\Lambda^1 \\ s(e)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset}} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \\ &= \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*), \end{aligned}$$

as required, and  $s_{\beta(v)}$  belongs to  $\text{im}(\phi_T)$ . Furthermore,

$$s_{\alpha(v)} = T_v - s_{\beta(v)} = T_v - \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (T_v - T_e T_e^*) \in \text{im}(\phi_T),$$

as required.

Now take  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . We have to show  $s_{\alpha(\lambda)}$  and  $s_{\beta(\lambda)}$  (if it exists) belong to  $\text{im}(\phi_T)$ . If  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ , then

$$s_{\alpha(\lambda)} = s_{\alpha(\lambda)}s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} = T_\lambda T_{s(\lambda)} = T_\lambda \in \text{im}(\phi_T).$$

Next suppose  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $s_{\beta(\lambda)}s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} = 0$  and  $s_{\alpha(\lambda)}s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} = 0$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} s_{\alpha(\lambda)} &= s_{\alpha(\lambda)}s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} = (s_{\alpha(\lambda)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)})s_{\alpha(s(\lambda))} \\ &= T_\lambda \left( T_{s(\lambda)} - \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (T_{s(\lambda)} - T_e T_e^*) \right) \\ &= T_\lambda - T_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (T_{s(\lambda)} - T_e T_e^*) \in \text{im}(\phi_T) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} s_{\beta(\lambda)} &= s_{\beta(\lambda)}s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} = (s_{\alpha(\lambda)} + s_{\beta(\lambda)})s_{\beta(s(\lambda))} \\ &= T_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (T_{s(\lambda)} - T_e T_e^*) \in \text{im}(\phi_T). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\phi_T$  is surjective and an isomorphism. □

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a row-finite  $k$ -graph and  $T\Lambda$  be the  $k$ -graph as in Proposition 3.1. Let  $\{t_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be the universal Toeplitz–Cuntz–Krieger  $\Lambda$ -family and  $\{s_\omega : \omega \in T\Lambda\}$  be the universal Cuntz–Krieger  $T\Lambda$ -family. For  $\tau \in T\Lambda$ , define*

$$S_\tau := \begin{cases} t_\lambda & \text{if } \tau = \alpha(\lambda) \text{ with } s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset \\ t_\lambda - t_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) & \text{if } \tau = \alpha(\lambda) \text{ with } s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset \\ t_\lambda \prod_{e \in s(\lambda)\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*) & \text{if } \tau = \beta(\lambda) \text{ with } s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

Suppose that  $\phi_T : TC^*(\Lambda) \rightarrow C^*(T\Lambda)$  is the isomorphism as in Theorem 4.1 and  $\pi_S : C^*(T\Lambda) \rightarrow TC^*(\Lambda)$  is the homomorphism such that  $\pi_S(s_\tau) = S_\tau$  for  $\tau \in T\Lambda$ . Then  $\phi_T^{-1} = \pi_S$ .

**Proof.** Take  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . By Theorem 4.1, we get  $\phi_T^{-1}(s_{\alpha(\lambda)}) = t_\lambda$  if  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 = \emptyset$ . Meanwhile, if  $s(\lambda)\Lambda^1 \neq \emptyset$ , by Theorem 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_T^{-1}(s_{\alpha(\lambda)}) &= t_\lambda - t_\lambda \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*), \\ \phi_T^{-1}(s_{\beta(\lambda)}) &= t_\lambda \prod_{e \in v\Lambda^1} (t_v - t_e t_e^*). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\phi_T^{-1}(s_\tau) = S_\tau$  for  $\tau \in T\Lambda$ . This implies that  $\{S_\tau : \tau \in T\Lambda\}$  is a Cuntz–Krieger  $T\Lambda$ -family, and then  $\phi_T^{-1} = \pi_S$ . □

**Remark 4.3.** Proposition 3.5 says that  $T\Lambda$  is always aperiodic, and hence the Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem always applies to  $T\Lambda$ . This helps explain why no hypothesis on  $\Lambda$  is required in the uniqueness theorem of [9, Theorem 8.1]. Indeed, we could have deduced that theorem by applying the Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem to  $T\Lambda$ . With our current proof of Theorem 4.1, this argument would be circular, since we used [9, Theorem 8.1] in the proof of Theorem 4.1. However, we could prove Corollary 4.2 directly by showing that  $\{S_\tau : \tau \in T\Lambda\}$  is a Cuntz–Krieger  $T\Lambda$ -family in  $TC^*(\Lambda)$ , hence gives a homomorphism  $\pi_S : C^*(T\Lambda) \rightarrow TC^*(\Lambda)$ , and using the Cuntz–Krieger uniqueness theorem to see that  $\pi_S$  is injective. Then we could deduce [9, Theorem 8.1] from Corollary 4.2, and this would be a legitimate proof. We worked out the details of this approach, but it seemed to require an extensive cases argument, and hence became substantially more complicated.

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