

## QUANTUM ISOMETRY GROUP OF THE $n$ -TORI

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ABSTRACT. We show that the quantum isometry group (introduced by Goswami) of the  $n$ -torus  $\mathbb{T}^n$  coincides with its classical isometry group; i.e. there does not exist any faithful isometric action on  $\mathbb{T}^n$  by a genuine (non-commutative as a  $C^*$ -algebra) compact quantum group. Moreover, using an earlier result, we conclude that the quantum isometry group of the noncommutative  $n$  tori is a Rieffel deformation of the quantum isometry group of the commutative  $n$ -torus.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [4], Goswami has defined the quantum isometry group of a noncommutative manifold (given by a spectral triple), motivated by the definition and study of quantum permutation groups of finite sets and finite graphs by a number of mathematicians (see, e.g., [1], [2], [6], and the references therein) and using some ideas of Woronowicz and Soltan (see [10]).

The main ingredient of this theory is the Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}$  coming from the spectral triple  $(\mathcal{A}^\infty, \mathcal{H}, D)$  satisfying certain regularity conditions (see [4] for its construction), which coincides with the Hodge Laplacian  $-d^*d$  (restricted on a space of smooth functions) in the classical case, where  $d$  denotes the de Rham differential.

The linear span of eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{L}$ , which is a subspace of  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$ , is denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_0^\infty$ , and it is assumed that  $\mathcal{A}_0^\infty$  is norm-dense in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  obtained by completing  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$ . The  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}^\infty$  generated by  $\mathcal{A}_0^\infty$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_0^\infty) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_0^\infty$ , and a compact quantum group  $(\mathcal{G}, \Delta)$  which has an action  $\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to act smoothly and isometrically on the noncommutative manifold  $(\mathcal{A}^\infty, \mathcal{H}, D)$  if for every state  $\phi$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $(\text{id} \otimes \phi) \circ \alpha(\mathcal{A}_0^\infty) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_0^\infty$  for all states  $\phi$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ , and also  $(\text{id} \otimes \phi) \circ \alpha$  commutes with  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathcal{A}_0^\infty$ .

One can then consider the category of all compact quantum groups acting smoothly and isometrically on  $\mathcal{A}$ , where the morphisms are quantum group morphisms which intertwine the actions on  $\mathcal{A}$ . It is proved in [4] (under some regularity assumptions, which are valid for any compact connected Riemannian spin manifold with the usual Dirac operator) that there exists a universal object in this category, and this universal object is defined to be the quantum isometry group of  $(\mathcal{A}^\infty, \mathcal{H}, D)$ , denoted by  $QISO(\mathcal{A}^\infty, \mathcal{H}, D)$ , or simply as  $QISO(\mathcal{A}^\infty)$  or even  $QISO(\mathcal{A})$  if the spectral triple is understood.

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It is important to explicitly describe quantum isometry groups of sufficiently many classical and noncommutative manifolds. In [5], the quantum isometry group of the two-torus has been explicitly computed.

Although there are similarities between the basic principle of the computation of [5] and that of the present article, which is to exploit the eigenspaces of the Laplacian, there is a key difference between the two proofs, which is as follows.

The computation of the quantum isometry group of  $\mathcal{A}_\theta$  in Section 2.3 of [5] is valid for all  $\theta$ ; i.e. have all  $\theta$  has been treated on the same footing. On the other hand, we have adopted a different strategy in the present article based on the observation that the proof of [5] can be simplified quite a bit for the special case of  $\theta = 0$ , i.e. the commutative case, and this simplification even goes through easily for any  $n \geq 3$ . Thus, in this article we first compute the quantum isometry group of the commutative  $C^*$ -algebra  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)$ . This commutativity assumption decreases a lot of computations because it suffices to show that the quantum isometry group is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and hence has to coincide with the classical isometry group. Then the structure of the quantum isometry group of  $\mathbb{T}_\theta^n$  for an arbitrary value of  $\theta$  follows immediately from Theorem 3.13 of [5].

Throughout the paper, we have denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_1 \otimes \mathcal{A}_2$  the minimal (injective)  $C^*$ -tensor product between two  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$ . The symbol  $\otimes_{\text{alg}}$  has been used to denote the algebraic tensor product between vector spaces or algebras.

For a compact quantum group  $\mathcal{G}$ , let the dense unital  $*$ -subalgebra generated by the matrix coefficients of irreducible unitary representations be denoted by  $\mathcal{G}_0$ . The coproduct of  $\mathcal{G}$ , say  $\Delta$ , maps  $\mathcal{G}_0$  into the algebraic tensor product  $\mathcal{G}_0 \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{G}_0$ , and there exist a canonical antipode and a counit defined on  $\mathcal{G}_0$  which make it into a Hopf  $*$ -algebra (see [7] for the details).

*Remark 1.1.* In [4], it was assumed that the compact quantum groups are separable. But in [9], the separability assumption for the  $C^*$ -algebra of the underlying compact quantum group was removed. It can be easily seen that the separability was not at all used in the proofs of [4], and hence all the results in [4] proceed verbatim in the nonseparable case.

**1.1. Quantum isometry group of the commutative  $n$ -tori.** Consider  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)$  as the universal commutative  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $n$  commuting unitaries  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$ . It is clear that the set  $\{U_i^m U_j^n : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(C(\mathbb{T}^n), \tau)$ , where  $\tau$  denotes the unique faithful normalized trace on  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)$  given by  $\tau(\sum a_{mn} U_i^m U_j^n) = a_{00}$ , which is just the integration against the Haar measure. We shall denote by  $\langle A, B \rangle = \tau(A^* B)$  the inner product on  $\mathcal{H}_0 := L^2(C(\mathbb{T}^n), \tau)$ . Let  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)^{\text{fin}}$  be the unital  $*$ -subalgebra generated by finite complex linear combinations of  $U^m V^n$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}$  is given by  $\mathcal{L}(U_1^{m_1}, \dots, U_n^{m_n}) = -(m_1^2 + \dots + m_n^2) U_1^{m_1}, \dots, U_n^{m_n}$ , and it is also easy to see that the algebraic span of eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{L}$  is nothing but the space  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)^{\text{fin}}$  and, moreover, all the assumptions in [4] required for defining the quantum isometry group are satisfied.

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the quantum isometry group coming from the above Laplacian, with the smooth isometric action of  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $C(\mathbb{T}^n)$  given by  $\alpha : C(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{T}^n) \otimes \mathcal{Q}$ . By definition,  $\alpha$  must keep invariant the eigenspace of  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue

$-1$ , spanned by  $U_1, \dots, U_n, U_1^{-1}, \dots, U_n^{-1}$ . Thus, the action  $\alpha$  is given by

$$\alpha(U_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n U_j \otimes A_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n U_j^{-1} \otimes B_{ij},$$

where  $A_{ij}, B_{ij} \in \mathcal{Q}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By faithfulness of the action of the quantum isometry group (see [4]), the norm-closure of the unital  $*$ -algebra generated by  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}; i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  must be the whole of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

Next we derive a number of conditions on  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  using the fact that  $\alpha$  is a  $*$ -homomorphism.

**Lemma 1.2.** *The condition  $U^*U = 1 = UU^*$  gives:*

- (1) 
$$\sum_j (A_{ij}^* A_{ij} + B_{ij}^* B_{ij}) = 1$$
- (2) 
$$B_{ij}^* A_{ik} + B_{ik}^* A_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j \neq k$$
- (3) 
$$A_{ij}^* B_{ik} + A_{ik}^* B_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j \neq k$$
- (4) 
$$A_{ij}^* B_{ij} = B_{ij}^* A_{ij} = 0$$
- (5) 
$$\sum_j (A_{ij} A_{ij}^* + B_{ij} B_{ij}^*) = 1$$
- (6) 
$$A_{ik} B_{ij}^* + A_{ij} B_{ik}^* = 0 \quad \forall j \neq k$$
- (7) 
$$B_{ik} A_{ij}^* + B_{ij} A_{ik}^* = 0 \quad \forall j \neq k$$
- (8) 
$$A_{ij} B_{ij}^* = B_{ij} A_{ij}^* = 0.$$

*Proof.* We get (1) - (4) by using the condition  $U_i^* U_i = 1$  along with the fact that  $\alpha$  is a homomorphism and then comparing the coefficients of  $1, U_j U_k, U_j^{-1} U_k^{-1}$  (for  $j \neq k$ ),  $U_j^{-2}, U_k^{-2}$ .

Similarly the condition  $U_i U_i^* = 1$  gives (5) - (8). □

Now,  $\forall i \neq j, U_i^* U_j, U_i U_j^*$  and  $U_i U_j$  belong to the eigenspace of the Laplacian with eigenvalue  $-2$ , while  $U_k^2, U_k^{-2}$  belong to the eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-4$ . As  $\alpha$  preserves the eigenspaces of the Laplacian, the coefficients of  $U_k^2, U_k^{-2}$  are zero  $\forall k$  in  $\alpha(U_i^* U_j), \alpha(U_i U_j^*), \alpha(U_i U_j) \quad \forall i \neq j$ .

We use this observation in the next lemma.

**Lemma 1.3.**  $\forall k$  and  $\forall i \neq j,$

- (9) 
$$B_{ik}^* A_{jk} = A_{ik}^* B_{jk} = 0$$
- (10) 
$$A_{ik} B_{jk} = B_{ik} A_{jk}^* = 0$$
- (11) 
$$A_{ik} A_{jk} = B_{ik} B_{jk} = 0.$$

*Proof.* The equation (9) is obtained from the coefficients of  $U_k^2$  and  $U_k^{-2}$  in  $\alpha(U_i^* U_j)$ , while (10) and (11) are obtained from the same coefficients in  $\alpha(U_i U_j^*)$  and  $\alpha(U_i U_j)$ , respectively. □

Now, by Lemma 2.12 in [4] it follows that  $\tilde{\alpha} : C(\mathbb{T}^n) \otimes \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow C(\mathbb{T}^n) \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  defined by  $\tilde{\alpha}(X \otimes Y) = \alpha(X)(1 \otimes Y)$  extends to a unitary of the Hilbert  $\mathcal{Q}$ -module  $L^2(C(\mathbb{T}^n), \tau) \otimes \mathcal{Q}$  (or in other words,  $\alpha$  extends to a unitary representation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $L^2(C(\mathbb{T}^n), \tau)$ ). But  $\alpha$  keeps  $W = \text{Sp}\{U_i, U_i^* : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  invariant. So  $\alpha$  is a

unitary representation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $W$ . Hence, the matrix (say  $M$ ) corresponding to the  $2n$ -dimensional representation of  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $W$  is a unitary in  $M_{2n}(\mathcal{Q})$ .

From the definition of the action it follows that  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A_{ij} & B_{ij}^* \\ B_{ij} & A_{ij}^* \end{pmatrix}$ .

Since  $M$  is the matrix corresponding to a finite dimensional unitary representation,  $\kappa(M_{kl}) = M_{kl}^{-1}$ , where  $\kappa$  denotes the antipode of  $\mathcal{Q}$  (see [8]).

But  $M$  is a unitary,  $M^{-1} = M^*$ . So,  $(\kappa(M_{kl})) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{ji}^* & B_{ji}^* \\ B_{ji} & A_{ji} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Now we apply the antipode  $\kappa$  to get some more relations.

**Lemma 1.4.**  $\forall k$  and  $i \neq j$ ,

$$(12) \quad A_{kj}^* A_{ki}^* = B_{kj} B_{ki} = A_{kj}^* B_{ki}^* = B_{kj} A_{ki} = B_{kj} A_{ki}^* = A_{kj} B_{ki} = 0.$$

*Proof.* The result follows by applying  $\kappa$  on the equations  $A_{ik} A_{jk} = B_{ik} B_{jk} = B_{ik}^* A_{jk} = A_{ik}^* B_{jk} = A_{ik} B_{jk} = B_{ik} A_{jk}^* = 0$  obtained from Lemma 1.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.5.**  $A_{li}$  is a normal partial isometry  $\forall l, i$  and hence has the same domain and range.

*Proof.* From the relation (1) in Lemma 1.2, we have by applying  $\kappa$ ,  $\sum (A_{ji}^* A_{ji} + B_{ji} B_{ji}^*) = 1$ . Applying  $A_{li}$  on the right of this equation, we have

$$A_{li}^* A_{li} A_{li} + \sum_{j \neq l} (A_{ji}^* A_{ji} A_{li} + B_{li} B_{li}^* A_{li}) + \sum_{j \neq l} B_{ji} B_{ji}^* A_{li} = A_{li}.$$

From Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{ji} A_{li} = 0$  and  $B_{ji}^* A_{li} = 0 \forall j \neq l$ . Moreover, from Lemma 1.2, we have  $B_{li}^* A_{li} = 0$ . Applying these to the above equation, we have

$$(13) \quad A_{li}^* A_{li} A_{li} = A_{li}.$$

Again, from the relation  $\sum_j (A_{ij} A_{ij}^* + B_{ij} B_{ij}^*) = 1 \forall i$  in Lemma 1.2, applying  $\kappa$  and multiplying by  $A_{li}^*$  on the right, we have  $A_{li} A_{li}^* A_{li}^* + \sum_{j \neq l} A_{ji} A_{ji}^* A_{li}^* + B_{li}^* B_{li} A_{li}^* + \sum_{j \neq l} B_{ji}^* B_{ji} A_{li}^* = A_{li}^*$ . From Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{li} A_{ji} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  (hence  $A_{ji}^* A_{li}^* = 0$ ) and  $B_{ji} A_{li}^* = 0$ . Moreover, we have  $B_{li} A_{li}^* = 0$  from Lemma 1.2. Hence, we have

$$(14) \quad A_{li} A_{li}^* A_{li}^* = A_{li}^*.$$

From (13), we have

$$(15) \quad (A_{li}^* A_{li})(A_{li} A_{li}^*) = A_{li} A_{li}^*.$$

By taking  $*$  on (14), we have

$$(16) \quad A_{li} A_{li} A_{li}^* = A_{li}.$$

Using this in (15), we have

$$(17) \quad A_{li} A_{li}^* A_{li} = A_{li} A_{li}^*,$$

and hence  $A_{li}$  is normal.

So,  $A_{li} = A_{li}^* A_{li} A_{li}$  (from (13))  $= A_{li} A_{li}^* A_{li}$ .

Therefore,  $A_{li}$  is a partial isometry which is normal and hence has the same domain and range.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.6.**  $B_{li}$  is a normal partial isometry and hence has the same domain and range.

*Proof.* First we note that  $A_{ji}$  is a normal partial isometry and that  $A_{ji}B_{li} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  (obtained from Lemma 1.3) implies that  $Ran(A_{ji}^*) \subseteq Ker(B_{li}^*)$  and hence  $Ran(A_{ji}) \subseteq Ker(B_{li}^*)$ , which means that  $B_{li}^*A_{ji} = 0 \forall j \neq l$ .

To obtain  $B_{li}^*B_{li}B_{li} = B_{li}$ , we apply  $\kappa$  and multiply by  $B_{li}$  on the right of (5) and then use  $A_{li}^*B_{li} = 0$  from Lemma 1.2,  $A_{ji}B_{li} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  (from Lemma 1.3, which implies  $B_{li}^*A_{ji} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  as above) and  $B_{ji}B_{li} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  from Lemma 1.3.

Similarly, we have  $B_{li}B_{li}^*B_{li} = B_{li}^*$  by applying  $\kappa$  and multiplying by  $B_{li}^*$  on the right of (1) obtained from Lemma 1.2 and then using  $A_{li}B_{li}^* = 0$  (Lemma 1.2),  $B_{li}A_{ji}^* = 0 \forall j \neq l$ , and  $B_{li}B_{ji} = 0 \forall j \neq l$  (Lemma 1.3).

Using  $B_{li}^*B_{li}B_{li} = B_{li}$  and  $B_{li}B_{li}^*B_{li} = B_{li}^*$  as in Lemma 1.5, we have that  $B_{li}$  is a normal partial isometry.  $\square$

Now, we use the condition  $\alpha(U_i)\alpha(U_j) = \alpha(U_j)\alpha(U_i)\forall i, j$ .

**Lemma 1.7.**  $\forall k \neq l$ ,

$$(18) \quad A_{ik}A_{jl} + A_{il}A_{jk} = A_{jl}A_{ik} + A_{jk}A_{il}$$

$$(19) \quad A_{ik}B_{jl} + B_{il}A_{jk} = B_{jl}A_{ik} + A_{jk}B_{il}$$

$$(20) \quad B_{ik}A_{jl} + A_{il}B_{jk} = A_{jl}B_{ik} + B_{jk}A_{il}$$

$$(21) \quad B_{ik}B_{jl} + B_{il}B_{jk} = B_{jl}B_{ik} + B_{jk}B_{il}.$$

*Proof.* The result follows by equating the coefficients of  $U_kU_l, U_kU_l^{-1}, U_k^{-1}U_l$  and  $U_k^{-1}U_l^{-1}$  (where  $k \neq l$ ) in  $\alpha(U_i)\alpha(U_j) = \alpha(U_j)\alpha(U_i)\forall i, j$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.8.**  $A_{ik}B_{jl} = B_{jl}A_{ik}\forall i \neq j, k \neq l$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.7, we have  $\forall k \neq l, A_{ik}B_{jl} - B_{jl}A_{ik} = A_{jk}B_{il} - B_{il}A_{jk}$ . We consider the case where  $i \neq j$ .

We have  $Ran(A_{ik}B_{jl} - B_{jl}A_{ik}) \subseteq Ran(A_{ik}) + Ran(B_{jl}) \subseteq Ran(B_{jl}^*B_{jl} + A_{ik}^*A_{ik})$  (using the facts that  $A_{ik}$  and  $B_{jl}$  are normal partial isometries by Lemma 1.5 and 1.6 and also that  $B_{jl}^*B_{jl}$  and  $A_{ik}^*A_{ik}$  are projections).

Similarly,  $Ran(A_{jk}B_{il} - B_{il}A_{jk}) \subseteq Ran(B_{il}^*B_{il} + A_{jk}^*A_{jk})$ .

Let

$$T_1 = A_{ik}B_{jl} - B_{jl}A_{ik}$$

$$T_2 = A_{jk}B_{il} - B_{il}A_{jk}$$

$$T_3 = B_{jl}^*B_{jl} + A_{ik}^*A_{ik}$$

$$T_4 = B_{il}^*B_{il} + A_{jk}^*A_{jk}.$$

Hence,  $T_1 = T_2, RanT_1 \subseteq RanT_3, RanT_2 \subseteq RanT_4$ .

We claim that  $T_4T_3 = 0$ . Then  $Ran(T_3) \subseteq Ker(T_4)$ . But  $RanT_1 \subseteq RanT_3$  will imply that  $RanT_1 \subseteq KerT_4$ . Hence,  $Ran(T_2) \subseteq Ker(T_4) = \overline{Ran(T_4^*)}^\perp = \overline{Ran(T_4)}^\perp$ . But  $Ran(T_2) \subseteq Ran(T_4)$ , which implies that  $Ran(T_2) = 0$  and hence that both  $T_2$  and  $T_1$  are zero. Thus, the proof of the lemma will be complete if we can prove the claim

$$\begin{aligned} T_4T_3 &= (B_{il}^*B_{il} + A_{jk}^*A_{jk})(B_{jl}^*B_{jl} + A_{ik}^*A_{ik}) \\ &= B_{il}^*B_{il}B_{jl}^*B_{jl} + B_{il}^*B_{il}A_{ik}^*A_{ik} + A_{jk}^*A_{jk}B_{jl}^*B_{jl} + A_{jk}^*A_{jk}A_{ik}^*A_{ik}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.3, we have  $\forall i \neq j, B_{il}B_{jl} = 0$ , implying  $B_{il}B_{jl}^* = 0$  as  $B_{jl}$  is a normal partial isometry.

Again, from Lemma 1.4  $\forall k \neq l$ ,  $B_{il}A_{ik} = 0$ . Then  $A_{ik}$  is a normal partial isometry implies that  $B_{il}A_{ik}^* = 0 \forall k \neq l$ .

Similarly, by taking the adjoint of the relation  $B_{jl}A_{jk}^* = 0 \forall k \neq l$  obtained from Lemma 1.4, we have  $A_{jk}B_{jl}^* = 0$ .

From Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{jk}A_{ik} = 0 \forall i \neq j$ .  $A_{ik}$  is a normal partial isometry implies that  $A_{jk}A_{ik}^* = 0 \forall i \neq j$ .

Using these, we note that  $T_4T_3 = 0$ , which proves the claim and hence the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.9.**

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ik}B_{jk} &= 0 = B_{jk}A_{ik} \\ A_{ki}B_{kj} &= 0 = B_{kj}A_{ki} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall i \neq j$  and  $\forall k$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{ik}B_{jk} = 0$  and  $B_{jk}A_{ik}^* = 0 \forall i \neq j$ . The second relation along with the fact that  $A_{ik}$  is a normal partial isometry implies that  $B_{jk}A_{ik} = 0 \forall i \neq j$ .

Thus,  $A_{ik}B_{jk} = 0 = B_{jk}A_{ik} \forall i \neq j$ .

Applying  $\kappa$  to the above equation and using that  $B_{kj}$  and  $A_{ki}$  are normal partial isometries, we have  $A_{ki}B_{kj} = 0 = B_{kj}A_{ki}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.10.**  $A_{ik}B_{ik} = B_{ik}A_{ik} \forall i, k$ .

*Proof.* We have  $A_{ij}^*B_{ij} = 0 = B_{ij}^*A_{ij}$  from Lemma 1.2. Using the fact that  $B_{ij}$  and  $A_{ij}$  are normal partial isometries we have  $A_{ij}^*B_{ij}^* = 0 = B_{ij}^*A_{ij}^*$  and hence  $A_{ij}B_{ij} = B_{ij}A_{ij}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.11.**  $A_{ik}A_{jl} = A_{jl}A_{ik} \forall i \neq j, k \neq l$ .

*Proof.* Using (18) in Lemma 1.7, we proceed as in Lemma 1.8 to get  $\text{Ran}(A_{ik}A_{jl} - A_{jl}A_{ik}) \subseteq \text{Ran}(A_{jl}A_{jl}^* + A_{ik}A_{ik}^*)$  and  $\text{Ran}(A_{jk}A_{il} - A_{il}A_{jk}) \subseteq \text{Ran}(A_{il}A_{il}^* + A_{jk}A_{jk}^*)$ .

We claim that  $(A_{ik}A_{ik}^* + A_{jl}A_{jl}^*)(A_{jk}A_{jk}^* + A_{il}A_{il}^*) = 0$ .

Then by the same reasoning as given in Lemma 1.8 we will have  $A_{jk}A_{il} = A_{il}A_{jk}$ .

To prove the claim, we use  $A_{ik}A_{jk} = 0 \forall i \neq j$  from Lemma 1.3 (which implies  $A_{jk}^*A_{ik} = 0 \forall i \neq j$  as  $A_{ik}$  is a normal partial isometry),  $A_{il}^*A_{ik}^* = 0 \forall k \neq l$  from Lemma 1.4 (which implies  $A_{il}^*A_{ik} = 0 \forall k \neq l$  as  $A_{ik}$  is a normal partial isometry) and  $A_{il}A_{jl} = 0 \forall i \neq j$  from Lemma 1.3 (which implies  $A_{jl}^*A_{il} = 0 \forall i \neq j$  as  $A_{il}^*$  is a normal partial isometry).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.12.**

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ik}A_{il} &= A_{il}A_{ik} \forall k \neq l \\ A_{ik}A_{jk} &= A_{jk}A_{ik} \forall i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{ki}A_{li} = 0 \forall k \neq l$ .

Applying  $\kappa$  and taking the adjoint, we have  $A_{ik}A_{il} = 0 \forall k \neq l$ . Interchanging  $k$  and  $l$ , we get  $A_{il}A_{ik} = 0 \forall k \neq l$ . Hence,  $A_{ik}A_{il} = A_{il}A_{ik} \forall k \neq l$ .

From Lemma 1.3, we have  $A_{ik}A_{jk} = 0 \forall i \neq j$ . Interchanging  $i$  and  $j$ , we have  $A_{jk}A_{ik} = 0 \forall i \neq j$ .  $\square$

*Remark 1.13.* Proceeding in a similar way, we have that the  $B_{ij}$ 's commute among themselves.

**Theorem 1.14.** *The quantum isometry group of  $\mathbb{T}^n$  is commutative as a  $C^*$ -algebra and hence coincides with the classical isometry group.*

*Proof.* The proof follows from the results in Lemmas 1.8 - 1.12 and the remark following them.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.15.** *Using Theorem 3.13 of [5], we conclude that the quantum isometry group of the noncommutative  $n$ -tori  $\mathbb{T}_\theta^n$  is a Rieffel deformation of the quantum isometry group of  $\mathbb{T}^n$ .*

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