

SIMPLICIAL AND DIMENSION GROUPS WITH GROUP ACTION AND THEIR REALIZATION

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ABSTRACT. We define simplicial and dimension Γ -groups, the generalizations of simplicial and dimension groups to the case when these groups have an action of an arbitrary group Γ . We generalize classic results which correspond to the case when Γ is trivial. Assuming that Γ is such that its integral group ring is noetherian, we show that every dimension Γ -group is isomorphic to a direct limit of a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups and that the limit can be taken in the category of ordered groups with order-units or generating intervals.

If Γ is abelian and R is a Γ -graded ring, the Grothendieck Γ -group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ was defined by R. Hazrat. We adapt this definition for arbitrary Γ . If G is a pre-ordered abelian group with an action of Γ which agrees with the pre-ordered structure, we say that G is *realized* by a Γ -graded ring R if $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ and G are isomorphic as pre-ordered Γ -groups with an isomorphism which preserves order-units or generating intervals.

We show that every simplicial Γ -group with an order-unit can be realized by a graded matricial ring over a Γ -graded division ring. If Γ is such that its integral group ring is noetherian, every countable dimension Γ -group with an order-unit or a generating interval can be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a Γ -graded division ring. We also relate our results to graded rings with involution which give rise to Grothendieck Γ -groups with actions of both Γ and $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. We adapt the Realization Problem for von Neumann regular rings to graded rings and concepts from this work and discuss some other questions.

0. INTRODUCTION

A pre-ordered abelian group G is said to be *realized* by a ring R if the Grothendieck group $K_0(R)$ and G are isomorphic. If G is a countable *dimension group*, i.e. G is a countable abelian group which is partially ordered, directed, unperforated, and has the interpolation property, then G can be realized by an ultramatricial algebra R over a given field. Moreover, if G is considered together with an order-unit or a generating interval, the isomorphism $K_0(R) \cong G$ can be chosen to preserve order-units or generating intervals. A fundamental result on dimension groups states that every dimension group is a direct limit of *simplicial groups*, direct sums of finitely many copies of the infinite cyclic group \mathbb{Z} , and those groups can be realized by matricial algebras over a field.

The main goal of this paper is to generalize these classic results to the case when simplicial and dimension groups have an additional action of a group Γ . Such additional action is present for the Grothendieck groups of Γ -graded rings for example. The classic results correspond to the case when Γ is trivial.

If a ring R is graded by a group Γ , the Grothendieck Γ -group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is constructed analogously to the ordinary Grothendieck group $K_0(R)$, by considering finitely generated *graded* projective modules instead of finitely generated projective modules. The group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ carries more information than

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$K_0(R)$ and distinguishes some rings which have identical K_0 -groups as illustrated by examples in [12] and [14]. The Grothendieck Γ -group was introduced in [12] (now also in [13]) for the case when Γ is abelian. In section 1, we adapt the definitions and results from [13] and [14] to the general case when Γ is not necessarily abelian.

The Γ -grading of R induces a Γ -action on $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ which agrees with the pre-order. We say that $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is a pre-ordered Γ -group. If G is a pre-ordered Γ -group, we say that G is *realized* by a Γ -graded ring R if $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ and G are isomorphic as pre-ordered Γ -groups. If G is considered with an order-unit or a generating interval, the isomorphism is required to preserve them.

We define ordered Γ -group generalizations of simplicial, ultrasimplicial, and dimension groups called *simplicial Γ -groups*, *ultrasimplicial Γ -groups* and *dimension Γ -groups* respectively.

In section 2, we define a simplicial Γ -group. The existence of a \mathbb{Z} -module basis of a nontrivial simplicial group is reflected in our definition of a nontrivial simplicial Γ -group G as follows: there is a positive integer n and elements x_1, \dots, x_n , fixed by the same subgroup Δ of Γ , which generate G as a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module and such that a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -linear combination of x_1, \dots, x_n is zero exactly when the coefficients map to zero under the natural $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ (Definitions 2.1 and 2.2). The set $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is called a *simplicial Γ -basis* and Δ is its stabilizer. If Δ is a normal subgroup, G is a free $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module and the elements x_1, \dots, x_n correspond to a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -basis of G (Proposition 2.5). The main result of section 2 is Theorem 2.7 stating that every simplicial Γ -group can be realized by a graded matricial ring over a Γ -graded division ring. In this case, the basis stabilizer Δ corresponds to the graded support of the graded division ring.

In section 3, we show that appropriate categories of ordered Γ -groups are closed under formation of direct limits (Propositions 3.1) which enables us to introduce an ultrasimplicial Γ -group as a direct limit of a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups with bases stabilized by the same subgroup of Γ . The functor K_0^Γ agrees with direct limits (Proposition 3.7) and, as a corollary, the Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring is an ultrasimplicial Γ -group (Corollary 3.8). Showing the converse, that every ultrasimplicial Γ -group can be obtained in this way, requires more work and we set to achieve this in the rest of section 3. First, we show that the functor K_0^Γ is full when restricted to the category of graded matricial rings over a graded division ring (Proposition 3.9). Then we prove the main result of section 3, Theorem 3.10, stating that every ultrasimplicial Γ -group can be realized by a graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring.

In section 4, we define a dimension Γ -group. In the case when Γ is trivial, a dimension group G is defined as a partially ordered, directed, unperforated abelian group with interpolation. If G_1 is a simplicial group and $g_1 : G_1 \rightarrow G$ an order-preserving homomorphism, then there is a simplicial group G_2 and order-preserving homomorphisms $g_{12} : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ and $g_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G$ such that $g_2 g_{12} = g_1$ and $\ker g_1 = \ker g_{12}$. This statement, sometimes referred to as the *Shen criterion*, enables one to inductively construct a directed system of simplicial groups whose direct limit is any given dimension group G . The Shen criterion follows from the *Strong Decomposition Property* (SDP). If Δ is a subgroup of Γ , we formulate a generalization (SDP $_\Delta$) of the (SDP) for ordered and directed Γ -groups (Definition 4.3). The presence of the subgroup Δ in this definition can be explained by the fact that every simplicial Γ -group comes equipped with a subgroup Δ of Γ which stabilizes its simplicial Γ -basis.

We define a dimension Γ -group as a directed and ordered Γ -group which satisfies (SDP $_\Delta$) for some subgroup Δ of Γ which is contained in the stabilizer of the group (Definition 4.8). If Γ is trivial, this definition is equivalent with the usual definition. With the property of being unperforated appropriately generalized, we show that a dimension Γ -group is unperforated with respect to a

subgroup of Γ and that it has the interpolation property (Propositions 4.5 and 4.7). In Question 5.3, we ask whether the converse holds, like in the trivial case.

An ultrasimplicial Γ -group G satisfies (SDP_Δ) for some subgroup Δ of Γ . However, any such Δ may not necessarily be contained in the stabilizer of G . If G can be formed via simplicial Γ -groups with a *normal* stabilizer, then G is a dimension Γ -group (Proposition 4.9). In particular, if Γ is abelian, every ultrasimplicial Γ -group is a countable dimension Γ -group. We show the converse in the case when $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian so, in this case, the statement that “simplicial groups are building blocks of every dimension group” still holds. More specifically, with this assumption, Theorem 4.12 states that every dimension Γ -group is a direct limit of a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups with bases stabilized by a normal subgroup of Γ . Moreover, the limit can be taken in the category of ordered groups with order-units or generating intervals. The proof of Theorem 4.12 uses our generalized Shen criterion, Proposition 4.10, and the proof of Proposition 4.10 uses the assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is a noetherian ring. In Question 5.1, we ask whether Theorem 4.12 holds without this assumption.

Returning to the question of realizability, we show Theorem 4.13 stating that every countable dimension Γ -group with an order-unit or a generating interval can be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a Γ -graded division ring if $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian. Thus, if $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian, G is a countable dimension Γ -group exactly when it is realizable by a graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring K with normal support (Corollary 4.14). If Γ is a finitely generated abelian group, the class of ultrasimplicial Γ -groups and the class of countable dimension Γ -groups coincide (Corollary 4.15).

We also formulate our results for graded rings with involution and for Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroups. Thus, our results are applicable to group rings, Leavitt path algebras, and ultramatricial algebras over Γ -graded fields.

In section 5, we list some remarks and discuss open questions (including Questions 5.1 and 5.3). We state the *Realization Problem* for von Neumann regular rings in terms of graded von Neumann regular rings and we refer to this problem as the Γ -*Realization Problem*. We also note one context in which a pre-ordered Γ -group structure can arise on the standard K_0 -group of a ring not the Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded ring.

In appendix A, we show Theorem A.3 stating that K_0^Γ classifies graded ultramatricial rings over a division ring graded by an arbitrary group Γ . This parallels [13, Theorem 5.2.4] stating that the functor K_0^Γ classifies graded ultramatricial algebras over a field graded by an abelian group Γ . The connecting maps in [13, Theorem 5.2.4] are assumed to be unit-preserving while we do not make this assumption.

In appendix B, we show that an ultrasimplicial Γ -group has a dimension Γ -group extension by an appropriate one-dimensional simplicial Γ -group (Proposition B.3) just like in the case when Γ is trivial. If $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian, the same statement holds for a dimension Γ -group (Theorem B.4).

1. PRE-ORDERED Γ -GROUPS AND GROTHENDIECK Γ -GROUPS

Throughout the paper, Γ denotes an arbitrary group unless otherwise stated. We use multiplicative notation for the operation of Γ and 1_Γ , or 1 if it is clear from context, for the identity element. After a short preliminary on Γ -graded rings, in this section we adapt the theory of Grothendieck Γ -groups, defined in [12] in the case when Γ is abelian, to the general case when Γ is arbitrary.

We then consider the categories of pre-ordered Γ -groups and pre-ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroups and the structure of the Grothendieck Γ -groups of graded rings and graded $*$ -rings.

1.1. Graded rings preliminaries. A ring R is a Γ -graded ring if $R = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} R_\gamma$ for additive subgroups R_γ of R such that $R_\gamma R_\delta \subseteq R_{\gamma\delta}$ for all $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$. If it is clear from the context that R is graded by Γ , R is said to be a graded ring. The elements of $\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} R_\gamma$ are the *homogeneous elements* of R . A unital graded ring R is a *graded division ring* if every nonzero homogeneous element has a multiplicative inverse. If a graded division ring R is commutative then R is a *graded field*. We also recall that the *support* Γ_R of a graded ring R is defined by

$$\Gamma_R = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid R_\gamma \neq 0\}.$$

A Γ -graded ring R is *trivially graded* if $\Gamma_R = \{1\}$.

We adopt the standard definitions of graded ring homomorphisms and isomorphisms, graded left and right R -modules, graded module homomorphisms, graded algebras, graded left and right ideals, graded left and right free and projective modules as defined in [15] and [13]. Since we intend to adapt results proven in the case when Γ is abelian to the case when Γ is arbitrary, we review definitions of some concepts which are particularly left-right sensitive in a bit more details.

If M is a graded left R -module and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, the γ -shifted or γ -suspended graded left R -module $M(\gamma)$ is defined as the module M with the Γ -grading given by

$$M(\gamma)_\delta = M_{\delta\gamma}$$

for all $\delta \in \Gamma$. The order of the terms in the product $\delta\gamma$ in this definition is such that $R_\varepsilon M(\gamma)_\delta \subseteq M(\gamma)_{\varepsilon\delta}$ for any $\delta, \varepsilon \in \Gamma$ so that $M(\gamma)$ is indeed a graded left R -module for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$. By definition, $M(\gamma)(\delta) = M(\delta\gamma)$ for any $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

Analogously, if M is a graded right R -module, the γ -shifted graded right R -module, $(\gamma)M$ is defined as the module M with the Γ -grading given by

$$(\gamma)M_\delta = M_{\gamma\delta}$$

for all $\delta \in \Gamma$. Thus, $(\delta)(\gamma)M = (\gamma\delta)M$ for any $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$.

A graded left module of the form $R(\gamma_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R(\gamma_n)$ for $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ is graded free. Conversely, any finitely generated graded free left R -module is of this form. Analogously, every finitely generated graded free right R -module is of the form $(\gamma_1)R \oplus \dots \oplus (\gamma_n)R$ for $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ (both [15] and [13] contain details).

If M and N are graded left R -modules and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, then $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)_\gamma$ usually denotes the following.

$$\text{Hom}_R(M, N)_\gamma = \{f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \mid f(M_\delta) \subseteq N_{\delta\gamma}\}$$

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$$\text{Hom}_R(M, N)_\gamma = \{f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \mid f(M_\delta) \subseteq N_{\gamma\delta}\}$$

In both cases, if M is finitely generated (which is the case we will exclusively be interested in), then $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \text{Hom}_R(M, N)_\gamma$ (both [15] and [13] contain details).

For a Γ -graded unital ring R and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$, $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$, or $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})$ for short, denotes the ring of matrices $\mathbb{M}_n(R)$ with the Γ -grading given by

$$(r_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)_\delta \quad \text{if} \quad r_{ij} \in R_{\gamma_i \delta \gamma_j^{-1}}$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. This definition agrees with [15]. We note that the definition of $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ in [13, Section 1.3] is different. In [13], $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ is the ring of matrices $\mathbb{M}_n(R)$ such that $(r_{ij}) \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)_\delta$ if $r_{ij} \in R_{\gamma_i^{-1}\delta\gamma_j}$ for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. The definitions are equivalent since

$$\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \text{ from [13]} \quad \text{is} \quad \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1^{-1}, \dots, \gamma_n^{-1}) \text{ from [15].}$$

Using the first definition,

$$\text{Hom}_R(F, F) \cong_{\text{gr}} \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$$

as graded rings where F is the graded free right module $(\gamma_1)R \oplus \dots \oplus (\gamma_n)R$. Using the second definition, the above formula still holds but for $F = (\gamma_1^{-1})R \oplus \dots \oplus (\gamma_n^{-1})R$.

We shall use the definition from [15] in this paper. Our decision is based on the fact that this definition has been in circulation longer and, consequently, has been used in more publications than the definition from [13].

A *graded matricial ring* over a Γ -graded ring R is a finite direct sum of graded matrix rings of the form $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})$ for $\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma^n$. A *graded ultramatricial ring* over R is a ring graded isomorphic to a direct limit of a sequence of graded matricial rings over R .

It is direct to check that the graded homomorphisms between finitely generated graded free left and right R -modules below

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^m R(\delta_j^{-1}) \qquad \bigoplus_{j=1}^m (\delta_j)R \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i)R$$

are in bijective correspondence with the elements (r_{ij}) of $\mathbb{M}_{n \times m}(R)$ such that $r_{ij} \in R_{\gamma_i\delta_j^{-1}}$ (see [13, Section 1.3.4]). The abelian group of such matrices is denoted by $\mathbb{M}_{n \times m}(R)[\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n][\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m]$.

1.2. Graded rings with involution. A ring involution $*$ is an anti-automorphism of order two. A ring R with an involution $*$ is said to be an *involutive ring* or a **-ring*. In this case, the matrix ring $\mathbb{M}_n(R)$ also becomes an involutive ring with $(r_{ij})^* = (r_{ji}^*)$ and we refer to this involution as the **-transpose*. If a *-ring R is also a K -algebra for some commutative, involutive ring K , then R is a **-algebra* if $(kr)^* = k^*r^*$ for $k \in K$ and $r \in R$.

A Γ -graded ring R with involution is said to be a *graded *-ring* if $R_\gamma^* \subseteq R_{\gamma^{-1}}$ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$. In this case, the *-transpose makes $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ into a graded *-ring. A graded ring homomorphism which is also a *-homomorphism ($f(r^*) = f(r)^*$) is said to be a *graded *-homomorphism*.

A *graded matricial *-ring* over a Γ -graded *-ring R is graded matricial ring with the *-transpose in each coordinate as its involution. A *graded ultramatricial *-ring* over R is a graded ultramatricial ring which is graded *-isomorphic to a direct limit of a sequence of graded matricial *-rings over R .

1.3. The Grothendieck Γ -group. If R is a Γ -graded unital ring, let $\mathcal{V}_l^\Gamma(R)$ denote the monoid of graded isomorphism classes $[P]$ of finitely generated graded projective left R -modules P with $[P] + [Q] = [P \oplus Q]$ as the addition operation. The group Γ act on the monoid $\mathcal{V}_l^\Gamma(R)$ by

$$(\gamma, [P]) \mapsto [P(\gamma)]$$

and the action agrees with the addition. We use the term Γ -*monoid* for a monoid with an action of Γ which agrees with the monoid structure. Analogously, let $\mathcal{V}_r^\Gamma(R)$ denote the monoid of graded

isomorphism classes $[Q]$ of finitely generated graded projective right R -modules Q with the direct sum as the addition operation and the left Γ -action given by

$$(\gamma, [Q]) \mapsto [(\gamma^{-1})Q]$$

Note that the formulas for this action are reversed in [13] $((\gamma, [P]) \mapsto [P(\gamma^{-1})])$ and $(\gamma, [Q]) \mapsto [(\gamma)Q]$ due to the difference in the definition of the matrix ring.

The formulas

$$(\gamma) \operatorname{Hom}_R(P, R) = \operatorname{Hom}_R(P(\gamma^{-1}), R) \text{ and } \operatorname{Hom}_R(Q, R)(\gamma) = \operatorname{Hom}_R((\gamma^{-1})Q, R)$$

(see [15, §2.4] or [13, §1.2.3]) imply that the operation of taking the dual $\operatorname{Hom}_R(_, R)$ induces a Γ -monoid isomorphism of $\mathcal{V}_l^\Gamma(R)$ and $\mathcal{V}_r^\Gamma(R)$, so we identify these two monoids and use $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ to denote them.

In addition, $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ can also be represented using the equivalence classes of homogeneous idempotent matrices as it has been done in [13, §3.2]. In particular, the definitions and results of [13, §3.2] carry to the case when Γ is not necessarily abelian as follows. The action of γ on an equivalence class of a homogeneous idempotent $p \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)_1$ is an equivalence class of p when p is considered as an element of $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1\gamma^{-1}, \dots, \gamma_n\gamma^{-1})_1$. This agrees with the above action on $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ since if P is a finitely generated graded projective left module which is a direct summand of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1})$ and $p \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)_1$ is a graded homomorphism which corresponds to the projection onto P , then $P(\gamma)$ is a direct summand of $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1})(\gamma) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma\gamma_i^{-1})$ and $p \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1\gamma^{-1}, \dots, \gamma_n\gamma^{-1})_1$ corresponds to the projection onto $P(\gamma)$. Thus, we can identify $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ with the Γ -monoid of graded equivalence classes of homogeneous idempotent matrices.

The *Grothendieck* Γ -group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is defined as the group completion of the Γ -monoid $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ which naturally inherits the action of Γ from $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$. If Γ is trivial, $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is the usual K_0 -group.

The author of this paper prefers to use the terminology “Grothendieck Γ -group” over “graded Grothendieck group” used in [13]. This is because $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ of a graded ring R is not itself graded by Γ making the use of “the graded Grothendieck group” misleading. Secondly, if a ring R is naturally graded by two different groups Γ_1 and Γ_2 , the notation $K_0^{\text{gr}}(R)$, used in both cases, does not specify which group we are referring to while writing the groups as $K_0^{\Gamma_1}(R)$ and $K_0^{\Gamma_2}(R)$ clearly specifies them. Moreover, a Γ -action on the Grothendieck group of a ring may arise from other structure, not necessarily grading, as section 5.2 illustrates. For these reasons, we chose to use the notation K_0^Γ instead of K_0^{gr} .

We also note that K_0^Γ is indeed a functor. The formulas

$$(\gamma)(P \otimes_R Q) = (\gamma)P \otimes_R Q \quad \text{and} \quad (P \otimes_R Q)(\gamma) = P \otimes_R Q(\gamma)$$

hold for a Γ -graded ring R , a graded right R -module P and a graded left R -module Q . Thus, a graded homomorphism of graded rings $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ induces a Γ -monoid map $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^\Gamma(S)$ given by $[P] \mapsto [P \otimes_R S]$ (respectively $[Q] \mapsto [S \otimes_R Q]$) which extends to a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) : K_0^\Gamma(R) \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(S)$.

1.4. Graded Morita theory. In [13, Proposition 2.1.1. and Corollary 2.1.2], a Morita equivalence between appropriate categories of Γ -graded rings and algebras is shown in the case when Γ is abelian. In [13, Remark 2.1.6], this equivalence is expanded to the case when Γ is not necessarily abelian. We state these claims in the paragraph below.

If R is a Γ -graded unital ring and $\bar{\gamma} = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ is in Γ^n , then the categories of graded right R -modules and the graded right $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})$ -modules are equivalent. The functors Φ and Ψ below

are mutually inverse functors realizing the equivalence.

$$\Phi : M \mapsto M \otimes_R \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1}) \quad \Psi : N \mapsto N \otimes_{\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i)R$$

In particular, the following graded R -bimodules and graded $\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})$ -bimodules are graded isomorphic for any $\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma^n$.

$$R \cong_{\text{gr}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1}) \otimes_{\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i)R \quad \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma}) \cong_{\text{gr}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i)R \otimes_R \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R(\gamma_i^{-1})$$

The functors Φ and Ψ commute with the shift functors so Φ induces a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module isomorphism

$$K_0^\Gamma(R) \cong K_0^\Gamma(\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma}))$$

for any Γ -graded unital ring R and $\bar{\gamma} \in \Gamma^n$.

The following lemma generalizes [13, Lemma 5.1.2] to the case when Γ is not necessarily abelian and when a Γ -graded division ring K is not necessarily commutative.

Lemma 1.1. *If K is a Γ -graded division ring, R a graded matricial ring over K , and P and Q two finitely generated graded projective R -modules, then $P \cong_{\text{gr}} Q$ if and only if $[P] = [Q]$ in $K_0^\Gamma(R)$.*

The proof of [13, Lemma 5.1.2] uses the equivalence of categories above and [13, Proposition 3.7.1] formulated for a graded division ring, not necessarily a graded field. So, the proof of [13, Lemma 5.1.2] can be used for Lemma 1.1 also.

When presented for arbitrary Γ using multiplicative notation, [13, Proposition 1.3.16] states that for a Γ -graded unital ring R and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m \in \Gamma$, the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) $(\gamma_1)R \oplus \dots \oplus (\gamma_n)R \cong_{\text{gr}} (\delta_1)R \oplus \dots \oplus (\delta_m)R$ as graded right R -modules.
- (2) $R(\gamma_1^{-1}) \oplus \dots \oplus R(\gamma_n^{-1}) \cong_{\text{gr}} R(\delta_1^{-1}) \oplus \dots \oplus R(\delta_m^{-1})$ as graded left R -modules.
- (3) There are $a \in \mathbb{M}_{n \times m}(R)[\bar{\gamma}][\bar{\delta}]$ and $b \in \mathbb{M}_{m \times n}(R)[\bar{\delta}][\bar{\gamma}]$ such that $ab = 1_{\mathbb{M}_n(R)(\bar{\gamma})}$ and $ba = 1_{\mathbb{M}_m(R)(\bar{\delta})}$.

The proof of [13, Proposition 1.3.16] carries over to the case when Γ is not necessarily abelian. This proposition implies that $(\gamma)R$ is graded isomorphic to $(\delta)R$ if and only if there is invertible element $a \in R_{\gamma\delta^{-1}}$ (whose inverse is then necessarily in $R_{\delta\gamma^{-1}}$).

If K is a Γ -graded division ring, $\Gamma_K = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid K_\gamma \neq 0\}$ is a subgroup of Γ . So, for any $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$,

$$(\gamma)K \cong_{\text{gr}} (\delta)K \text{ iff } \gamma\delta^{-1} \in \Gamma_K \text{ iff } \gamma^{-1}\Gamma_K = \delta^{-1}\Gamma_K \text{ iff } \Gamma_K\gamma = \Gamma_K\delta.$$

Let us consider $R = \mathbb{M}_n(K)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ for any $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ now. If e_{ij} denotes the (i, j) -th standard graded matrix unit of R , we have that $[e_{ii}R] \in \mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ corresponds to $[e_{ii}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i)K)] = [(\gamma_i)K] \in \mathcal{V}^\Gamma(K)$ under the isomorphism induced by the equivalence Φ . By the discussion above and Lemma 1.1, for any $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, the following conditions are equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} [e_{ii}R] = [e_{jj}R] &\text{ iff } [(\gamma_i)K] = [(\gamma_j)K] \text{ iff } (\gamma_i)K \cong_{\text{gr}} (\gamma_j)K \text{ iff} \\ &\gamma_i\gamma_j^{-1} \in \Gamma_K \text{ iff } \gamma_i^{-1}\Gamma_K = \gamma_j^{-1}\Gamma_K \text{ iff } \gamma_i^{-1}[K] = \gamma_j^{-1}[K]. \end{aligned}$$

The relation $(\gamma_i)K = (\gamma_j\gamma_j^{-1}\gamma_i)K = (\gamma_j^{-1}\gamma_i)(\gamma_j)K$ implies that

$$[(\gamma_i)K] = \gamma_i^{-1}\gamma_j[(\gamma_j)K] \text{ and } [e_{ii}R] = \gamma_i^{-1}\gamma_j[e_{jj}R]$$

for any $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. The relation $R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n e_{ii}R$ and the relations above, imply that

$$[R] = \sum_{i=1}^n [e_{ii}R] = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^{-1} \gamma_1 [e_{11}R].$$

1.5. Pre-ordered Γ -groups. If Γ is a group and G an abelian group, a group homomorphism $\Gamma \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(G, G)$ produces a left action of Γ on G . This action uniquely determines a left $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module structure on G . In this case, G is a Γ -group or a left $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module.

Let \geq be a reflexive and transitive relation (a pre-order) on a Γ -group G such that $g_1 \geq g_2$ implies $g_1 + h \geq g_2 + h$ and $\gamma g_1 \geq \gamma g_2$ for all $g_1, g_2, h \in G$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. We say that such group G is a *pre-ordered Γ -group* or a *pre-ordered $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module*. Note that [13] uses the terminology Γ -pre-ordered module for this concept. We shall not be using this terminology in order to avoid the implication that G is pre-ordered by Γ instead of by a relation \geq .

For example, the group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is a pre-ordered Γ -group with the usual order given by $\sum k_\gamma \gamma \geq \sum m_\gamma \gamma$ if $k_\gamma \geq m_\gamma$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. It is direct to see that an abelian group G with a pre-order \geq is a pre-ordered Γ -group if and only if \geq agrees with the addition on G and if $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is such that $a \geq 0$ and $g_1 \geq g_2$ for some $g_1, g_2 \in G$, then $ag_1 \geq ag_2$.

If G is a pre-ordered Γ -group, the set $G^+ = \{x \in G \mid x \geq 0\}$, called the cone of G , is a Γ -monoid. We refer to its elements as the *positive elements* of G . Any additively closed subset of G which contains 0 and is closed under the action of Γ , defines a pre-order Γ -group structure on G . Such set G^+ is *strict* if $G^+ \cap (-G^+) = \{0\}$ and this condition is equivalent with the pre-order being a partial order. In this case, we say that G is an *ordered Γ -group*. If \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of nonnegative integers, Δ a subgroup of Γ , and Γ/Δ the set of left cosets, the set $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is a strict cone of the Γ -group $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$, making $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ into an ordered Γ -group.

An element u of a pre-ordered Γ -group G is an *order-unit* if $u \in G^+$ and for any $x \in G$, there is a positive integer n and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ (not necessarily distinct) such that $x \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u$. This condition holds if and only if $u \in G^+$ and for any $x \in G$ there is $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ such that $x \leq au$. Indeed, one direction follows by taking $a = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i$ and the other by writing $a = \sum k_\gamma \gamma$ as $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i$ where any term of the form $k_\gamma \gamma$ with k_γ positive is written as the sum $\gamma + \gamma + \dots + \gamma$ of k_γ terms. For example, if Δ is a subgroup of Γ , Δ is an order-unit of the ordered Γ -group $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$. Indeed, for $x = \sum k_\gamma (\gamma \Delta)$ one can take $a = \sum |k_\gamma| \gamma$ and have $au - x \geq 0$.

If H is a subgroup of a pre-ordered Γ -group G which is closed under the Γ -action, then H is also a pre-ordered Γ -group. Such subgroup H is upwards directed if for $x, y \in H$, there is $z \in H$ such that $x \leq z$ and $y \leq z$. The property of being downwards directed is defined analogously and, by [8, Proposition 15.16], the following conditions are equivalent: (1) H is upwards directed, (2) H is downwards directed, (3) $H = (H \cap G^+) + (H \cap -G^+)$. We say that a subgroup which satisfies any of these conditions is *directed*. The existence of an order-unit implies that $G = G^+ + (-G^+)$ and so G is directed.

If G and H are pre-ordered Γ -groups, a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ is *order-preserving* or *positive* if $f(G^+) \subseteq H^+$. If G and H are pre-ordered Γ -groups with order-units u and v respectively, an order-preserving $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ is *order-unit-preserving* (or normalized using the terminology from [9]) if $f(u) = v$.

We let \mathbf{POG}_Γ denote the category whose objects are pre-ordered Γ -groups and whose morphisms are order-preserving $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -homomorphisms, \mathbf{OG}_Γ denote the category whose objects are ordered Γ -groups and whose morphisms are morphisms of \mathbf{POG}_Γ , and \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u denote the category whose

objects are pairs (G, u) where G is an object of \mathbf{POG}_Γ and u is an order-unit of G , and whose morphisms are morphisms of \mathbf{POG}_Γ which are order-unit-preserving. Finally, we let \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u denote the category whose objects are pairs (G, u) of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u such that G is also an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ and whose morphisms are morphisms of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u .

The Γ -monoid $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ of a Γ -graded unital ring R is a cone making $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ into a pre-ordered Γ -group. The isomorphism class $[R]$ is an order-unit and so $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is directed. Any graded ring homomorphism ϕ of graded rings gives rise to $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)$ which is a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ by section 1.3. If ϕ is also unit-preserving, then $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u .

1.6. The Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded division ring. If K is a Γ -graded division ring, recall that the support Γ_K is a subgroup of Γ . If Γ is abelian, the map

$$\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Gamma_K] \text{ given by } [(\gamma_1^{-1})K^{p_1} \oplus \dots \oplus (\gamma_n^{-1})K^{p_n}] \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(\gamma_i\Gamma_K)$$

is a canonical isomorphism of Γ -monoids by [13, Proposition 3.7.1]. Note that the version of this map representing $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(K)$ using graded left projective modules is given by $[K^{p_1}(\gamma_1) \oplus \dots \oplus K^{p_n}(\gamma_n)] \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(\gamma_i\Gamma_K)$. The proof of [13, Proposition 3.7.1] uses [13, Proposition 1.3.16], which we stated for arbitrary Γ in section 1.4, and the fact that every graded module over a graded division ring is graded free which is proven for arbitrary Γ in [15, Proposition 4.6.1]. The rest of the proof of [13, Proposition 3.7.1] does not use the fact that Γ is abelian so it carries to the general case. This Γ -monoid isomorphism induces an order-preserving Γ -group isomorphism

$$K_0^\Gamma(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$$

with an order-preserving inverse.

1.7. Pre-ordered bigroups. A Γ -graded ring can have another group act on its Grothendieck Γ -group besides Γ . For example, if R is a Γ -graded $*$ -ring, both Γ and \mathbb{Z}_2 act on $K_0^\Gamma(R)$.

Let Γ_1 and Γ_2 be two groups and G an abelian group which is a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma_1]$ - $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma_2]$ -bimodule. We refer to such G as an Γ_1 - Γ_2 -bigroup. Let \geq be a reflexive and transitive relation on a bigroup G such that $g_1 \geq g_2$ implies $g_1 + h \geq g_2 + h$, $\gamma_1 g_1 \geq \gamma_1 g_2$, and $g_1 \gamma_2 \geq g_2 \gamma_2$ for any $g_1, g_2, h \in G$ and $\gamma_i \in \Gamma_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. In this case, we say that G is a *pre-ordered Γ_1 - Γ_2 -bigroup*. In this paper, we consider just the case when Γ_2 is \mathbb{Z}_2 . Let us denote the action of the nonzero element of \mathbb{Z}_2 on a group G by $x \mapsto x^*$. An element u of a pre-ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup G is an *order-unit* if u is an order-unit of G as a Γ -group and $u^* = u$. For example, consider the trivial action of \mathbb{Z}_2 and the usual Γ -action on $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ for some subgroup Δ of Γ . Then $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is an ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup and Δ is an order-unit.

1.8. The Grothendieck Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup. If R is a $*$ -ring, then $*$ is a ring isomorphism of R and the opposite ring R^{op} where $(R^{op}, +)$ is the same as $(R, +)$ and the multiplication is defined by $a \circ b = ba$. If R is a Γ -graded $*$ -ring, then R^{op} is Γ -graded by $R_\gamma^{op} = R_{\gamma^{-1}}$ and $*$ is a graded ring isomorphism $R \rightarrow R^{op}$. Every graded right R -module M has the graded left module structure given by $rm = mr^*$. We let M^{op} denote this graded left module and, analogously, we use N^{op} to denote the graded right module obtained in this way from a graded left module N . If $M^* = \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$ denotes the dual of a finitely generated graded left or right module M , then

$$\text{Hom}_R(M, R)^{op} \cong_{\text{gr}} \text{Hom}_R(M^{op}, R)$$

which can be shown directly following the definitions, analogously to [14, Lemma 1.2]. Thus, the map $[P] \mapsto [(P^{op})^*]$ defines a \mathbb{Z}_2 -action on $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$. The formulas $\text{Hom}_R(P, R)(\gamma) = \text{Hom}_R((\gamma^{-1})P, R)$

and $P^{op}(\gamma) = ((\gamma^{-1})P)^{op}$ imply that the actions of Γ and \mathbb{Z}_2 commute and so $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ is a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bimonoid. The Γ -group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ inherits the Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -action from $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$ and becomes a pre-ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup. The \mathbb{Z}_2 -action on $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R)$, represented via the homogeneous idempotents, is given by $[p]^* = [p^*]$ where p^* is the $*$ -transpose of the matrix $p \in \mathbb{M}_n(R)(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$.

If R is a unital Γ -graded $*$ -ring and F a finitely generated graded free R -module, then $[F] = [F]^*$ in $K_0^\Gamma(R)$. This claim can be shown by noting that the map $R \rightarrow (R^{op})^*$ mapping a to the left multiplication by a^* , is a graded module isomorphism which induces a graded isomorphism of F and $(F^{op})^*$ (more details can be found in [14, Lemma 1.8] which holds when Γ is not abelian also). As a corollary of this claim, $[R]$ is an order-unit of $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ as a pre-ordered bigroup.

In the remark below, we relate the functor op to the functor $^{(-1)}$ used in [13] and [14]. Readers not interested in this connection can skip this remark.

Remark 1.2. If Γ is an abelian group and R a Γ -graded ring, one can define the *inversely graded ring* $R^{(-1)}$ as R with a Γ -grading given by $R_\gamma^{(-1)} = R_{\gamma^{-1}}$. This corresponds to the (-1) -th Veronese ring as considered in [13, Example 1.1.19]. If Γ is not abelian, this definition does not necessarily define a Γ -grading of $R^{(-1)}$ since $r \in R_\gamma^{(-1)} = R_{\gamma^{-1}}$ and $s \in R_\delta^{(-1)} = R_{\delta^{-1}}$ implies that $rs \in R_{\gamma^{-1}\delta^{-1}} = R_{\delta\gamma}^{(-1)}$ which can be different from $R_{\gamma\delta}^{(-1)}$. However, if Γ^{op} is the opposite group, then $R^{(-1)}$ is a Γ^{op} -graded ring. The map $^{-1} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma^{op}$ is a group isomorphism which can be used to grade $R^{(-1)}$ by Γ so that $R_\gamma^{(-1)}$, defined as $R_{\gamma^{-1}}^{(-1)}$ via $^{-1} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma^{op}$, is equal to R_γ and so the identity is a Γ -graded ring isomorphism $R \rightarrow R^{(-1)}$.

If R is a Γ -graded $*$ -ring, composing the inverse of the graded ring isomorphism $R \rightarrow R^{(-1)}$ with the graded isomorphism $*$: $R \rightarrow R^{op}$, produces a graded ring isomorphism $R^{(-1)} \cong_{gr} R^{op}$.

The claims of [14] which involve the functor $^{(-1)}$ for a $*$ -ring graded by an abelian group, continue to hold for the functor op in the case of a $*$ -ring graded by a group which is not necessarily abelian.

2. SIMPLICIAL Γ -GROUPS

In this section, we define simplicial Γ -groups and show that they can be realized by graded matricial $*$ -rings over Γ -graded division $*$ -rings.

In the case when Γ is trivial, a simplicial group is an abelian group isomorphic to a direct sum of a finitely many copies of \mathbb{Z} equipped with the usual order. If there are n copies of \mathbb{Z} , the positive cone is exactly the sum of n copies of \mathbb{Z}^+ . This definition is equivalent to the existence of elements x_1, \dots, x_n , which constitute a \mathbb{Z} -basis called a simplicial basis. The positive cone is $\mathbb{Z}^+x_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}^+x_n$ in this case. The Grothendieck group of a matricial ring over a division ring has exactly this type of structure.

By section 1.6, if R is a graded matricial ring over a graded division ring K , then $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is isomorphic to a finite direct sum of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules of the form $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$. With this example in mind, we define a simplicial Γ -group as follows.

Let Δ be a subgroup of Γ , let Γ/Δ denotes the set of left cosets, and let $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ denotes the permutation module on which Γ acts by $(\gamma, \delta\Delta) \mapsto \gamma\delta\Delta$. Both $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ are directed ordered Γ -groups with the cones $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ respectively. Let also

$$\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$$

be the natural left $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map induced by $1 \mapsto \Delta$. Note that π is order-preserving. Let J be the set indexing the coset representatives γ_j . The kernel of π is a left $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -ideal consisting of

$x \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ such that there is a finite subset J_0 of J and a finite subset Γ_j of $\gamma_j\Delta$ such that

$$x = \sum_{j \in J_0} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma \gamma \text{ with } \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma = 0 \text{ for all } j \in J_0.$$

If G is a Γ -group and $X \subseteq G$, we let

$$\text{Stab}(X) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma x = x \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

Definition 2.1. If G is a Γ -group, the set $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq G$ is a *simplicial Γ -basis* of G if the conditions (Stab) and (Ind) below hold.

(Stab) $\text{Stab}(x_i) = \text{Stab}(x_j)$ for every $i, j = 1, \dots, n$.

If Δ denotes $\text{Stab}(x_i) = \text{Stab}(X)$ for any i , we say that the basis X is *stabilized* by Δ .

(Ind) For every $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma], i = 1, \dots, n$ with $\pi(a_i), \pi(b_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \text{ if and only if } a_i - b_i \in \ker(\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

In this case, we let

$$G^+ = \{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \text{ such that } \pi(a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta] \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

and call G^+ the *simplicial Γ -cone* of the group G . We also let \emptyset be the simplicial Γ -basis of the group $G = \{0\}$ and $G^+ = \{0\}$ be the simplicial Γ -cone in this case.

It is direct to check that the set G^+ as above contains 0, that it is additively closed and closed under the action of Γ . So, the use of the terminology ‘‘cone’’ is justified. We also note that a simplicial Γ -cone is strict. Indeed, if we assume that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n -a_i x_i$ are both in G^+ , then $\pi(a_i), \pi(-a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Since the positive cone of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is strict, we have that $\pi(a_i) = 0$ for all i which, in turn, implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$ by (Ind). Since a simplicial Γ -cone is strict, it determines a partial order on the Γ -group G as in Definition 2.1.

Definition 2.2. A Γ -group G is a *simplicial Γ -group* (or a *simplicial $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module*) if either $G = \{0\}$ or if there is a finite simplicial Γ -basis $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq G$ such that the simplicial Γ -cone G^+ , defined as in Definition 2.1, orders G so that G is directed under the order induced by G^+ .

We misuse the term basis here since we do not claim the number of basis elements to be uniquely determined nor that every basis is stabilized by the same subgroup. We use this term, however, to match the existing terminology in the case when Γ is trivial. In the case when Δ is a normal subgroup of Γ , the use of the term basis is justified since a simplicial Γ -basis corresponds to a basis of a free $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module as we show in Proposition 2.5. If Γ is abelian, both the number of basis elements as well as the subgroup stabilizing a basis are unique as Proposition 2.5 also shows.

Example 2.3. (1) For any subgroup Δ of Γ , it is direct to check that a direct sum F of n copies of the permutation module $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$, where $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, \Delta, 0, \dots, 0)$ with the nonzero element Δ at the i -th place. Indeed, every element of the form $\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_i e_i$ where $\bar{a}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i$ where a_i is any element of $\pi^{-1}(\bar{a}_i)$. Conversely, every linear combination of the form $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $\pi(a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i) e_i \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$. The condition (Ind) holds since the sum is direct.

If Δ is normal, then $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ is a ring, the module F is a free $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module, and $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module basis.

(2) If G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis X , then $X \subseteq G$ implies $\text{Stab}(G) \subseteq \text{Stab}(X)$. If $\Gamma = D_3 = \langle a, b \mid a^3 = b^2 = 1, ba = a^2b \rangle$, $\Delta = \{1, b\}$ and $G = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$, then G is a simplicial Γ -group with a Γ -basis $X = \{\Delta\}$ and $\text{Stab}(G) = \{1\} \subsetneq \text{Stab}(X) = \Delta$. Proposition 2.5 shows that if $\text{Stab}(X)$ is normal, then $\text{Stab}(G) = \text{Stab}(X)$.

We prove several properties of a simplicial Γ -group.

Proposition 2.4. *Let G be a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\Delta = \text{Stab}(X)$.*

(1) *Every element of G can be represented as $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ so we say that X generates G .*

(2) *If $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \pi(a_i) = \pi(b_i) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

(3)

$$G^+ = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma] \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

(4) *The element $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is an order-unit of G .*

(5) *The group G is isomorphic to a direct sum F of n -copies of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ as an ordered Γ -group.*

Proof. The first claim follows from the assumption that G is directed. Indeed, if $x \in G$, then $x = x^+ - x^-$ for some $x^+, x^- \in G^+$. By the definition of G^+ , one can find a_i^+ and $a_i^- \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ such that $\pi(a_i^+), \pi(a_i^-) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and such that $x^+ = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^+ x_i$ and $x^- = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^- x_i$. Letting $a_i = a_i^+ - a_i^-$, we have that $x = x^+ - x^- = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$.

To show the second claim, note first that every element of $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ can be represented as $a = a^+ - a^-$ where $a^+, a^- \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and, hence $\pi(a^+), \pi(a^-) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$. So, for $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $a_i = a_i^+ - a_i^-$ and $b_i = b_i^+ - b_i^-$ where $a_i^+, a_i^-, b_i^+, b_i^- \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ for all i . Then we have the following by (Ind).

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^+ - a_i^-) x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i^+ - b_i^-) x_i \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^+ + b_i^-) x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i^+ + a_i^-) x_i \\ &\Leftrightarrow \pi(a_i^+ + b_i^-) = \pi(b_i^+ + a_i^-) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\Leftrightarrow \pi(a_i^+) - \pi(a_i^-) = \pi(b_i^+) - \pi(b_i^-) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\Leftrightarrow \pi(a_i) = \pi(b_i) \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

To show the third claim, let C denote the set on the right side of the equality in condition (3). The inclusion $C \subseteq G^+$ follows from Definition 2.1. For the converse, let $x \in G^+$ so that $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ where $\pi(a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$. Let $\{\gamma_j \mid j \in J\}$ be the set of coset representatives, J_i finite subsets of J , and Γ_{j_i} finite subsets of $\gamma_j \Delta$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that $a_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{j_i}} k_{j_i} \gamma$. The condition $\pi(a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ implies that $k_j = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{j_i}} k_{j_i} \gamma$ is a nonnegative integer for every $j \in J_i$. Let $b_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} k_j \gamma_j$. Then $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ by definition and $\pi(b_i) = \pi(a_i) = \sum_{j \in J_i} k_j \gamma_j \Delta$. The condition (Ind) then implies that $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \in C$.

To show the fourth claim, let $x \in G$ and let $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ which exist by part (1). For each $a_i = \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} k_{ij} \gamma_{ij}$, let k be the maximum of the absolute values of k_{ij} for all $i = 1, \dots, n$

and all $j = 1, \dots, l_i$ and let $a = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} k\gamma_{ij}$. Then $a_i \leq a$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ so $a - a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ which implies that $ax_i - a_ix_i \in G^+$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Thus, $au - x = \sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i - a_ix_i) \in G^+$.

To show the last claim, let $f : F \rightarrow G$ be defined by $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ where $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is a simplicial Γ -basis of F given in Example 2.3. Then f is well-defined by (Ind), injective by part (2), surjective by part (1), $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map by definition, and order-preserving with the order-preserving inverse by the definition of F^+ and G^+ . \square

The next proposition deals with two special cases.

Proposition 2.5. (1) *If Δ is a normal subgroup of Γ and G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\text{Stab}(X) = \Delta$, then $\text{Stab}(G) = \Delta$, π is both left and right $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism, G is a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module by $\pi(a)x = ax$, and G is isomorphic to a direct sum F of n -copies of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ as a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module.*
(2) *If Γ is abelian then every simplicial Γ -basis of a simplicial Γ -group G is stabilized by the same subgroup of Γ and has the same number of elements.*

Proof. Since $X \subseteq G$ implies $\text{Stab}(G) \subseteq \text{Stab}(X) = \Delta$, let us show the inverse inclusion. Let $\gamma \in \Delta$ and let $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$. Then $\gamma x = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \gamma_i x_i$ for some $\gamma_i \in \Delta$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ since Δ is normal. Thus, $\gamma_i \in \Delta$ implies that $\gamma_i x_i = x_i$ and so $\gamma x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \gamma_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = x$.

The map π is also a right $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map since for every $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $\pi(a\gamma) = a\gamma\Delta = a\Delta\gamma = \pi(a)\gamma$. This implies that the map $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta] \times G \rightarrow G$ given by $\pi(a)x = ax$ for any $x \in G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is well-defined since if $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ and $\pi(a) = \pi(b)$ for some $b \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, then $\pi(aa_i) = \pi(a)a_i = \pi(b)a_i = \pi(ba_i)$ so that $\pi(a)x = \sum_{i=1}^n aa_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n ba_i x_i = \pi(b)x$ by part (2) of Proposition 2.4. This map induces a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module structure on G . It is direct to check that the isomorphism f from the proof of part (5) of Proposition 2.4 is a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ -module isomorphism.

To prove part (2), let us assume that G has simplicial Γ -bases $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ stabilized by Δ_1 and Δ_2 respectively. For every $\delta \in \Delta_1$, and any $j = 1, \dots, m$ with $y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, we have that $\delta y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = y_j$ and hence $\delta \in \Delta_2$. Similarly $\Delta_2 \subseteq \Delta_1$ and so $\Delta_2 = \Delta_1$. The commutative, unital ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta_1]$ has the invariant basis property and so we conclude that $m = n$ using part (1). \square

2.1. The Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded matricial ring over a graded division ring.

Let K be a Γ -graded division ring, n and $p(i)$ positive integers, and $\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)} \in \Gamma$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Let

$$R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K)(\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)})$$

be a graded matricial ring, π_i the projection of R onto the i -th component, and $e_{kl}^i \in R$ such that $\{\pi_i(e_{kl}^i) \mid k, l = 1, \dots, p(i)\}$ is the set of the standard graded matrix units of $\pi_i(R)$. By sections 1.4 and 1.6,

$$\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{V}^\Gamma(K) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$$

as Γ -monoids and, under these isomorphisms,

$$[e_{kk}^i] \mapsto (0, \dots, 0, [(\gamma_{ik})K], 0, \dots, 0) \mapsto (0, \dots, 0, \gamma_{ik}^{-1}\Gamma_K, 0, \dots, 0)$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 1, \dots, p(i)$. Thus, $\gamma_{i1}[e_{11}^i] = \gamma_{i1}\gamma_{i1}^{-1}\gamma_{ik}[e_{kk}^i] = \gamma_{ik}[e_{kk}^i]$ (see section 1.4) corresponds to $(0, \dots, 0, \Gamma_K, 0, \dots, 0)$. Extend these Γ -monoid isomorphisms to order-preserving Γ -group isomorphisms

$$K_0^\Gamma(R) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n K_0^\Gamma(K) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K].$$

The Γ -group $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Gamma_K]$ is a simplicial Γ -group and the set from Example 2.3 is a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Γ_K . Thus, the Γ -group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is also a simplicial Γ -group and the set

$$\{\gamma_{11}[e_{11}^1 R], \dots, \gamma_{n1}[e_{11}^n R]\}$$

is a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Γ_K .

Let us partition the ordered list $\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)}$ such that the inverses of the elements of the same partition part belong to the same left coset of Γ/Γ_K and the inverses of the elements from different partition parts belong to different cosets. Let $\gamma_{il1}, \dots, \gamma_{ilr_{il}}$ be the l -th part for $l = 1, \dots, k_i$ where k_i is the number of partition parts and r_{il} is the number of elements in the l -th part of the i -th ordered list $\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)}$. Note that we can have $\gamma_{i1} = \gamma_{i11}$. Thus, we partition $\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)}$ as

$$\gamma_{i11}, \dots, \gamma_{i1r_{i1}}, \gamma_{i21}, \dots, \gamma_{i2r_{i2}}, \quad \dots, \quad \gamma_{ik_i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ik_i r_{ik_i}}$$

and we have that $\sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il} = p(i)$.

By [15, Remark 2.10.6], the graded rings $\mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)})$ and $\mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(\gamma_{i\sigma(1)}, \dots, \gamma_{i\sigma(p(i))})$ are graded isomorphic for any permutation σ of the set $\{1, \dots, p(i)\}$. By [14, Proposition 1.3 (1)], these rings are also graded $*$ -isomorphic. Hence, reordering the elements of Γ as above does not change the graded $*$ -isomorphism class of the ring. This produces the following relation.

$$[R] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} [e_{kk}^i R] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} \gamma_{ik}^{-1} \gamma_{i1} [e_{11}^i R] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il} \gamma_{il}^{-1} \gamma_{i1} [e_{11}^i R]$$

Let K be any division ring now. Consider K to be trivially graded by Γ and consider the Γ -grading of the group ring $K[\Delta]$ given by $K[\Delta]_\gamma = K\{\gamma\}$ if $\gamma \in \Delta$ and $K[\Delta]_\gamma = 0$ otherwise. This makes $K[\Delta]$ into a Γ -graded division ring with $\Gamma_{K[\Delta]} = \Delta$. The proof of the proposition below follows from the rest of this section.

Proposition 2.6. *Let Γ be a group with a subgroup Δ , K a division ring, n and $p(i)$ positive integers, and $\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)} \in \Gamma$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. If*

$$R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K[\Delta])(\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)}),$$

$K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $\{\gamma_{11}[e_{11}^1 R], \dots, \gamma_{n1}[e_{11}^n R]\}$ stabilized by Δ .

2.2. Realization of a simplicial Γ -group. We show the converse of Proposition 2.6: every simplicial Γ -group can be realized as the Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded matricial ring over a graded division ring.

Theorem 2.7. *If Γ is a group and G a simplicial Γ -group with an order-unit u and a simplicial Γ -basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ stabilized by Δ , then there is a Γ -graded division ring K , Γ -graded matricial ring R over K , and an isomorphism f of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u such that*

$$f : (K_0^\Gamma(R), [R]) \cong (G, u).$$

If we consider G as an ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action, then K (thus R also) can be given a structure of a graded $*$ -ring and f can be found in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} .

Proof. By part (3) of Proposition 2.4, we can write u as $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$. Let us write a_i as $\sum_{l=1}^{k_i} \sum_{t=1}^{m_i} k_{ilt} \gamma_{ilt}^{-1}$ where $\gamma_{ilt}^{-1} \Delta = \gamma_{ilt'}^{-1} \Delta$ for all $t, t' = 1, \dots, m_i$, $\gamma_{ilt}^{-1} \Delta \neq \gamma_{ilt'}^{-1} \Delta$ for all $l \neq l'$ when $l, l' \in \{1, \dots, k_i\}$, and k_{ilt} are nonnegative integers. Since $\gamma_{ilt}^{-1} x_i = \gamma_{ilt'}^{-1} x_i$ for any $t, t' = 1, \dots, m_i$, we can replace a_i by $\sum_{l=1}^{k_i} \sum_{t=1}^{m_i} k_{ilt} \gamma_{il1}^{-1}$. If we let r_{il} denote $\sum_{t=1}^{m_i} k_{ilt}$, we have that $a_i = \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il} \gamma_{il1}^{-1}$.

Let $p(i) = \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il}$. Since $r_{il} \geq 0$ for all i and all l , $p(i) \geq 0$. We claim that for all i , there is $l \in \{1, \dots, k_i\}$ such that $r_{il} > 0$ which implies that $p(i) > 0$. Assume the opposite, that for some $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ $r_{il} = 0$ for all $l = 1, \dots, k_i$. This implies that $a_i = 0$ and hence we can write $u = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_j x_j$. Let $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ be such that $x_i \leq bu = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n b a_j x_j$ so that $\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n b a_j x_j - 1 x_i \geq 0$. Definition 2.1 implies that $\pi(-1) = \pi(-1(1_\Gamma)) = -1\Delta \geq 0$ which is a contradiction. Hence $p(i) > 0$.

Let F be any field, $K = F[\Delta]$, and $\overline{\gamma_{il1}}$ denote the list $\gamma_{i11}, \dots, \gamma_{i11}$ of γ_{i11} repeated r_{il} times for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $l = 1, \dots, k_i$. Let

$$R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K)(\overline{\gamma_{i11}}, \overline{\gamma_{i21}}, \dots, \overline{\gamma_{ik_i1}}).$$

The correspondence $f : \gamma_{i11}[e_{11}^i R] \mapsto x_i$ extends to an isomorphism $K_0^\Gamma(R) \rightarrow G$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ by Definition 2.1 and Proposition 2.4. This correspondence is order-unit-preserving since

$$f([R]) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il} \gamma_{il1}^{-1} \gamma_{i11}[e_{11}^i R]\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} r_{il} \gamma_{il1}^{-1} x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = u.$$

To prove the last sentence of the theorem, consider any involution $*$ on F (one such involution, the identity, always exists) and the standard involution on $K = F[\Delta]$ i.e. $(a\delta)^* = a^* \delta^{-1}$ for $a \in F$ and $\delta \in \Delta$. This involution makes K into a graded division $*$ -ring and any matricial ring over K into a graded $*$ -ring. The action of \mathbb{Z}_2 induced by the involution is trivial on the K_0^Γ -group of any matricial ring over a graded division $*$ -ring by [14, Proposition 1.9] and Remark 1.2, so the last sentence follows from the rest. \square

For the proof of Theorem 4.11, we need to adapt the concept of a convex subset and an ideal of a pre-ordered group to our setting. If G is a pre-ordered Γ -group, a subset H of G is *convex* if $x \leq z \leq y$ for $x, y \in H$ and $z \in G$, implies $z \in H$. It is direct to check that the intersection of convex Γ -subgroups of G is again a convex Γ -subgroup. So, for any subset X of G , one can define the convex Γ -subgroup generated by X . For any $u \in G^+$, one checks directly that

$$H = \{x \in G \mid -au \leq x \leq au \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]\}$$

is a convex Γ -subgroup and that u is its order-unit. Moreover, H is the smallest convex Γ -subgroup which contains u and we say that H is the convex Γ -subgroup generated by $\{u\}$.

A Γ -ideal of a pre-ordered Γ -group G is any directed and convex Γ -subgroup of G .

Proposition 2.8. *If G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis X stabilized by Δ , then H is a Γ -ideal of G if and only if H is a Γ -subgroup of G generated by a subgroup of X .*

As a corollary, if H is a Γ -ideal of G , then there are subsets Y and Z of X such that Y is a simplicial Γ -basis of H and Z a simplicial Γ -basis of G/H .

Proof. The proof parallels [9, Proposition 3.8 and Corollary 3.9] with some additional details.

To prove the first sentence, let $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. For any subset Y of X , let

$$H = \{x \in G \mid x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \text{ and } \pi(a_i) = 0 \text{ for all } i \text{ such that } x_i \notin Y\}.$$

The description of H is independent from the representation of an element of G as a linear combination of the basis elements since if $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i$ and $\pi(a_i) = 0$ for each i such that $x_i \notin Y$, then $\pi(b_i) = \pi(a_i) = 0$ for such i also by part (2) of Proposition 2.4. It is direct to check that H is convex and directed. By the definition of a simplicial Γ -basis, H can also be described as

$$\{x \in G \mid x = \sum_{x_i \in Y} a_i x_i, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]\}$$

and from this description it is clear that H is a Γ -subgroup of G generated by Y .

Conversely, if H is a Γ -ideal of G , let $Y = \{x_i \mid x_i \in H\}$. It is clear that the Γ -subgroup K of G generated by Y is contained in H . Suppose that there is $x \in H$ which is not in K . Let $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ and since $x \notin K$, there is j such that $x_j \notin Y$ and $\pi(a_j) \neq 0$. Since H is directed, $x = x^+ - x^-$ with $x^+, x^- \in H^+$. Represent x^+, x^- using the basis elements so that $x^+ = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^+ x_i$ and $x^- = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^- x_i$ and, since $H^+ = G^+ \cap H$, with $\pi(a_i^+) \geq 0$ and $\pi(a_i^-) \geq 0$ for all i . The condition $\pi(a_j^+) - \pi(a_j^-) = \pi(a_j) \neq 0$ implies that at least one of $\pi(a_j^+), \pi(a_j^-)$ is nonzero. If $\pi(a_j^+) \neq 0$, let $b_j \in \pi^{-1}(\pi(a_j^+))$ be such that $b_j \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and let us represent b_j as a finite sum $\sum k_\gamma \gamma$ with $k_\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k_\gamma > 0$. Then we have that $x^+ = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^+ x_i \geq a_j^+ x_j = b_j x_j \geq k_\gamma \gamma x_j \geq \gamma x_j \geq 0$ for any γ appearing in the sum $b_j = \sum k_\gamma \gamma$. The convexity of H then implies that $\gamma x_j \in H$. Since H is a Γ -subgroup of G , we have that $x_j = \gamma^{-1} \gamma x_j \in H$. This implies that $x_j \in Y$ which is a contradiction. The case $\pi(a_j^-) \neq 0$ is handled similarly. Thus, we have that $H = K$.

The second sentence of the proposition follows from the first. Let X and Y be as in the first part of the proof, let $Z = X - Y$, and let K be the Γ -subgroup of G generated by Z . Then H and K are simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases Y and Z respectively. \square

3. DIRECT LIMITS AND ULTRASIMPLICIAL Γ -GROUPS

In this section, we introduce ultrasimplicial Γ -groups (Definition 3.5) and show that every ultrasimplicial Γ -group is realizable by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a Γ -graded division ring (Theorem 3.10).

3.1. Generating intervals and direct limits. The non-unital ring case can be handled by considering generating intervals. If G is a pre-ordered Γ -group, a subset D of G^+ is a *generating interval* if D is directed, convex, and such that every element of G^+ is a sum of elements from $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]D$. Let \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D denote the category whose objects are pairs (G, D) where G is an object of \mathbf{POG}_Γ and D is a generating interval of G , and whose morphisms $f : (G, D) \rightarrow (H, E)$ are morphisms of \mathbf{POG}_Γ such that $f(D) \subseteq E$. The category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D is defined analogously to \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D with the additional requirement that the pre-order of an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D is an order.

Proposition 3.1. *The categories \mathbf{POG}_Γ , \mathbf{OG}_Γ , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D are closed under the formation of direct limits.*

Proof. The claim for the first four categories follows directly from the proof of the analogous claims in the case when Γ is trivial ([9, Propositions 1.15 and 1.16]). We sketch the proofs for completeness.

If I is a directed set, $(G_i, f_{ij}), i, j \in I, i \leq j$, a directed system in \mathbf{POG}_Γ , and G a direct limit of (G_i, f_{ij}) in the category of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules with the translational maps $f_i : G_i \rightarrow G$, let $G^+ = \bigcup_i f_i(G_i^+)$. It is direct to check that G^+ is a cone in G making G a pre-ordered Γ -group and the translational maps order-preserving homomorphisms.

If G_i are objects in \mathbf{OG}_Γ , then one can check that G^+ is a strict cone by definition, using that the cone G_i^+ is strict for every $i \in I$.

If (G_i, u_i) are objects in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u and f_{ij} morphisms in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u , let $u = f_i(u_i)$ for some i . Since $f_{ij}(u_i) = u_j$, $u = f_i(u_i)$ for any $i \in I$. It is direct to check that u is an order-unit of G and so $f_i, i \in I$ are morphisms in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u .

If $((G_i, D_i), f_{ij})$ is a directed system in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D , and G a direct limit in \mathbf{POG}_Γ with the translational maps f_i , the set $D = \bigcup_i f_i(D_i)$ is in G^+ and $f_i(D_i) \subseteq D$ by definition. The definitions of D and G^+ also imply that every element of G^+ is a sum of elements from $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]D$. One checks that D is convex and directed using definitions and the properties of direct limit. So, the category \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D is closed under the formation of direct limits. The claim for the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D follows from the statements for \mathbf{OG}_Γ and \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D . \square

Let G be a pre-ordered Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup and $x \mapsto x^*$ denote the action of the nontrivial element of \mathbb{Z}_2 . A subset D of G^+ is a *generating interval* if it is a generating interval of G as a pre-ordered Γ -group and if $D^* = D$. Let \mathbf{POG}_Γ^* , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^* , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{D*} , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} denote the categories \mathbf{POG}_Γ , \mathbf{OG}_Γ , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D with their objects having additional requirement that they are also objects in the category of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ - $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -bimodules, that morphisms are also $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ - $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -bimodule homomorphisms and, for \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{D*} , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} , we require that the action of \mathbb{Z}_2 fixes the order-units or generating intervals. The following can be shown analogously to Proposition 3.1.

Corollary 3.2. *The categories \mathbf{POG}_Γ^* , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^* , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{D*} , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} are closed under the formation of direct limits.*

3.2. Interpolation property and ultrasimplicial Γ -groups. Recall that a pre-ordered group G satisfies the *interpolation property* (also known as the Riesz interpolation property) if

- for any finite sets $X, Y \subseteq G$ if $x \leq y$ for every $x \in X, y \in Y$, there is $z \in G$ such that $x \leq z \leq y$ for every $x \in X, y \in Y$.

By induction, it is sufficient to require this condition to hold for two-element sets X and Y . For partially ordered groups, this property is equivalent to the Riesz decomposition and Riesz refinement properties listed below and the proof of these equivalences can be found in [7, Theorem IV.6.2] or [9, Proposition 2.1].

- For every $x, y_1, y_2 \in G^+$ such that $x \leq y_1 + y_2$, there are $x_1, x_2 \in G^+$ such that $x = x_1 + x_2$ and $x_i \leq y_i$ for $i = 1, 2$.
- For every $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in G^+$ such that $x_1 + x_2 = y_1 + y_2$, there are $z_{ij} \in G^+, i, j = 1, 2$ such that $x_i = z_{i1} + z_{i2}$ and $y_j = z_{1j} + z_{2j}$ for $i, j = 1, 2$.

Lemma 3.3. *Every simplicial Γ -group has the interpolation property. As a corollary, every direct limit of a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups has the interpolation property.*

Proof. Let G be a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $X = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and $\Delta = \text{Stab}(X)$. Let $x_1 + x_2 = y_1 + y_2$ for some $x_j, y_k \in G^+, j, k = 1, 2$. By part (3) of Proposition 2.4, we have that

$x_j = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ji}e_i$ and $y_k = \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ki}e_i$ for some $b_{ji}, c_{ki} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, $j, k = 1, 2, i = 1, \dots, n$, and, by part (2) of Proposition 2.4, $\pi(b_{1i}) + \pi(b_{2i}) = \pi(c_{1i}) + \pi(c_{2i})$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ where π is the natural left $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$. Since $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ satisfies the interpolation property (which is direct to check using the fact that \mathbb{Z} satisfies the interpolation property), there are $d_{jk}^i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ such that $\pi(d_{jk}^i) \geq 0$, for all $j, k = 1, 2, i = 1, \dots, n$, $\pi(d_{j1}^i) + \pi(d_{j2}^i) = \pi(b_{ji})$ for $j = 1, 2$, and $\pi(d_{1k}^i) + \pi(d_{2k}^i) = \pi(c_{ki})$ for $k = 1, 2$.

Letting $z_{jk} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_{jk}^i e_i \in G^+$, $j, k = 1, 2$ produces the required equations since

$$\pi(b_{ji}) = \pi(d_{j1}^i) + \pi(d_{j2}^i) \text{ implies that } x_j = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ji}e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (d_{j1}^i + d_{j2}^i)e_i = z_{j1} + z_{j2}$$

for $j = 1, 2$ by (Ind) and, similarly, $y_k = z_{1k} + z_{2k}$, for $k = 1, 2$.

It is direct to check that the interpolation property is preserved under direct limits so the second sentence of the lemma holds. \square

If (G, u) is an ordered group with the interpolation property, then the set $\{x \in G \mid 0 \leq x \leq u\}$ is a generating interval by the paragraph preceding Lemma 17.8 of [9]. We write this set shorter as $[0, u]$, and we formulate and prove the Γ -group version of this statement below.

Proposition 3.4. *If (G, u) is an ordered Γ -group with the interpolation property, then $[0, u]$ is a generating interval. Thus, if (G, u) is a simplicial Γ -group, then $[0, u]$ is a generating interval.*

Proof. It is direct to show that $[0, u]$ is convex. To show that $[0, u]$ is upwards directed, let $x, y \in [0, u]$ and let z be an interpolant for $\{x, y\} \leq \{u\}$. By $0 \leq x \leq z \leq u$, $z \in [0, u]$ and so $[0, u]$ is directed. Lastly, if $x \in G^+$, we want to represent x as a finite sum of elements from $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma][0, u]$. Since u is an order-unit, there is n and $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that $x \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u$. By interpolation, there are $x_i \in G^+$ such that $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $x_i \leq \gamma_i u$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. The relations $0 \leq x_i \leq \gamma_i u$ imply that $0 \leq \gamma_i^{-1} x_i \leq u$. For $y_i = \gamma_i^{-1} x_i$ we have that $y_i \in [0, u]$ and $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i y_i$.

The last sentence follows directly from the first. \square

We use Proposition 3.1, Corollary 3.2, and Proposition 3.4 to define an ultrasimplicial Γ -group.

Definition 3.5. Let Γ be a group and G an ordered and directed Γ -group. If u is an order-unit of G , (G, u) is an *ultrasimplicial Γ -group* if (G, u) is a direct limit of a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups (G_n, u_n) with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by the same subgroup Δ of Γ in the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . If D is a generating interval of G , (G, D) is an *ultrasimplicial Γ -group* if (G, D) is a direct limit of a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups $(G_n, [0, u_n])$ with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by the same subgroup Δ of Γ in the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D . In either one of these two cases, we say that G is an *ultrasimplicial Γ -group*.

If all the simplicial groups G_n as above are considered as Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroups with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action, direct limits can be considered in categories \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} or \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} and the group G can also be considered as a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial action of \mathbb{Z}_2 .

The proposition below is the Γ -group version of [10, Proposition 12.3]. We use this property to describe the Grothendieck Γ -group of a non-unital graded regular ring and to show Corollary 3.8.

Proposition 3.6. *Let Γ be a group with a subgroup Δ , (G, u) an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u such that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(\{u\})$ and such that G is directed and has the interpolation property. If $f : (G, u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u and $D = \{x \in \ker f \mid 0 \leq x \leq u\}$, then the following holds.*

- (1) $\ker f$ is directed and convex $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -submodule of G .
- (2) D is a generating interval in $(\ker f)^+$.
- (3) $G^+ = \{x + au \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma], x \in \ker f, x + ad \geq 0 \text{ for some } d \in D\}$.

Proof. It is direct to show that $\ker f$ is a convex $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -submodule of G . To show that $\ker f$ is directed, it is sufficient to show that $\ker f = (\ker f)^+ - (\ker f)^+$. To show this, we follow the ideas of the proof of [10, Proposition 12.3], adapting some arguments as needed. Let $x \in \ker f$. Since G is directed, we can write $x = y - z$ for $y, z \in G^+$. For y , $y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u$ for some n and $\gamma_i \in \Gamma, i = 1, \dots, n$. By the interpolation property, there are $y_i \in G^+, i = 1, \dots, n$ such that $y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ and $0 \leq y_i \leq \gamma_i u$. Applying f to this last inequality implies that $0 \leq f(y_i) \leq \gamma_i \Delta$. The last relation implies that $f(y_i) = 0$ or $f(y_i) = \gamma_i \Delta$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$.

If $f(y_i) = 0$, $y_i \in (\ker f)^+$ and we can write $y_i = 0 + y_i - 0$ which is in $\{0, 1\}\gamma_i u + (\ker f)^+ - (\ker f)^+$. If $f(y_i) = \gamma_i \Delta$, then $f(\gamma_i u - y_i) = 0$ and $y_i \leq \gamma_i u$ so $y_i = \gamma_i u + 0 - (\gamma_i u - y_i)$ which is also in $\{0, 1\}\gamma_i u + (\ker f)^+ - (\ker f)^+$. In both cases, we have $y_i = p_i \gamma_i u + a_i - b_i$ for $p_i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $a_i, b_i \in (\ker f)^+$. Let

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \gamma_i u + a - b \text{ for } a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \in (\ker f)^+ \text{ and } b = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \in (\ker f)^+.$$

Analogously, for $z \in G^+$, we obtain that there is $m, p'_j \in \{0, 1\}, \gamma'_j \in \Gamma$, for $j = 1, \dots, m$, and $a', b' \in (\ker f)^+$ such that $z = \sum_{j=1}^m p'_j \gamma'_j u + a' - b'$.

Since $f(x) = 0$, we have that $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \gamma_i \Delta = f(y) = f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^m p'_j \gamma'_j \Delta$. Thus, there is a bijection $\sigma : A = \{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid p_i = 1\} \rightarrow B = \{j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \mid p'_j = 1\}$ such that $p_i = 1$ if and only if $p'_{\sigma(i)} = 1$ and $\gamma_i \Delta = \gamma'_{\sigma(i)} \Delta$ for all $i \in A$. So, $(\gamma_i - \gamma'_{\sigma(i)})u = 0$ for all $i \in A$ by the assumption that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(\{u\})$. Since either $p_i = 0$ or $i \in A$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have that $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \gamma_i u - \sum_{j=1}^m p'_j \gamma'_j u = \sum_{i \in A} \gamma_i u - \sum_{i \in A} \gamma'_{\sigma(i)} u = 0$ and so $x = y - z = (a + b') - (a' + b)$ is in $(\ker f)^+ - (\ker f)^+$ which finishes the proof of (1).

To show (2), it is direct to check that D is convex. If $x, y \in D$ and z is an interpolant for $\{x, y\} \leq \{x + y, u\}$, then $0 \leq x \leq z \leq u$. By $x \leq z \leq x + y$, $f(z) = 0$ and so $z \in D$. If $x \in (\ker f)^+$, let n and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$ be such that $x \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u$. Let elements $x_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ be such that $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $0 \leq x_i \leq \gamma_i u$ and let $y_i = \gamma_i^{-1} x_i \in [0, u]$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. The relations $0 \leq x_i \leq x$ imply that $f(x_i) = 0$ for all i and so $f(y_i) = \gamma_i^{-1} f(x_i) = 0$ for all i as well. Thus $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i y_i$ for $y_i \in D, i = 1, \dots, n$.

To show (3), let C denote the set on the right side of the equation in (3). Then $C \subseteq G^+$ since for $d \in D, d \leq u$ and so $ad \leq au$ which implies $x + ad \leq x + au$. Hence if $x + ad \geq 0$, we have that $x + au \geq 0$. For the converse, let $y \in G^+$ and $f(y) = a\Delta$ for some $a = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$. The element $x = y - au$ is in $\ker f$ by definition. Since $\ker f$ is directed, $x = v - w$ for some $v, w \in (\ker f)^+$ and, since $y \in G^+, w \leq y + w = au + x + w = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u + v$. By interpolation, there are $w_0 \in G^+$ and $w_i \in G^+, i = 1, \dots, n$ such that $w = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i, w_0 \leq v$ and $w_i \leq \gamma_i u$ so that $0 \leq \gamma_i^{-1} w_i \leq u$. Let d be an interpolant for $\{\gamma_1^{-1} w_1, \dots, \gamma_n^{-1} w_n\} \leq \{u, \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^{-1} w\}$. The relations $0 \leq \gamma_i^{-1} w_i \leq d \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^{-1} w$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and the convexity of $\ker f$ imply that d is in $\ker f$. Since $0 \leq \gamma_i^{-1} w_i \leq d \leq u, d$ is in D . Hence, we have that $w = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \gamma_i^{-1} w_i \leq v + \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i d = v + ad$ and so $x + ad = v - w + ad \geq 0$. This implies that $y = x + au$ is in C . \square

3.3. The Grothendieck Γ -group of a non-unital graded ring and the functor K_0^Γ . After a short review of Grothendieck Γ -groups of non-unital graded rings, we show that the functor K_0^Γ

preserves direct limits on appropriate categories. This implies Corollary 3.8 stating that $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is ultrasimplicial if R is a graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring.

Let R be a ring, possibly non-unital. The Grothendieck group $K_0(R)$ can be defined using unitization of R (see [10], for example). If R is also Γ -graded, the Grothendieck Γ -group of R is defined analogously, see [13, Section 3.4]. If R is a graded $*$ -ring, see [14, Section 4]. We briefly review some relevant facts of these constructions.

If R is a Γ -graded ring, possibly non-unital, a unitization R^u of R can be defined as $R \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ with the addition given component-wise, the multiplication given by $(r, m)(s, n) = (rs + nr + ms, mn)$, for $r, s \in R$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the Γ -grading given by $R_0^u = R_0 \times \mathbb{Z}$, $R_\gamma^u = R_\gamma \times \{0\}$, $\gamma \neq 0$.

The map $K_0^\Gamma(R^u) \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(R^u/R)$ induced by the graded epimorphism $p_R : R^u \rightarrow R^u/R$ is a natural Γ -group homomorphism. The group $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is defined as the kernel of this homomorphism. It inherits the action of Γ and the pre-order structure from $K_0^\Gamma(R^u)$. Let

$$D_R = \{x \in \ker(K_0^\Gamma(R^u) \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(R^u/R)) \mid 0 \leq x \leq [R^u]\}.$$

If R is unital, then the definition of its K_0^Γ -group coincides with the construction using the projective modules and the set D_R is naturally isomorphic to $\{x \in K_0^\Gamma(R) \mid 0 \leq x \leq [R]\}$ (the version of this statement for trivial Γ is shown in [10, Proposition 12.1]).

If R and S are two Γ -graded rings (possibly non-unital) and $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ a graded ring homomorphism (possibly non-unital), then $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)(D_R) \subseteq D_S$.

Since we consider \mathbb{Z} trivially graded in the above construction, $K_0^\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ (see [13, Example 3.1.5]) and $K_0^\Gamma(p_R) : (K_0^\Gamma(R^u), [R^u]) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma], 1)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u . Clearly, $\{1\} \subseteq \text{Stab}([R^u])$. So, the assumptions of Proposition 3.6 are satisfied provided that $K_0^\Gamma(R^u)$ is ordered and with interpolation. We consider the conditions on the graded ring R which guarantee that. In that case, we can conclude that D_R is a generating interval.

If R is a unital (von Neumann) regular ring (i.e. $x \in xRx$ for every x), then $K_0(R)$ has interpolation by [8, Theorem 2.8]. In this case, when $K_0(R)$ is also ordered (for example when $\mathbb{M}_n(R)$ is directly finite for every n), then D_R is a generating interval. Recall that a Γ -graded ring R is *graded regular* if $x \in xRx$ for every homogeneous element x (see [13, Section 1.1.9]). We note the graded version of [8, Theorem 2.8]: if R is a unital Γ -graded regular ring, then $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is a pre-ordered Γ -group with interpolation. This statement can be shown directly following the proof of [8, Theorem 2.8] and translating it to the graded ring setting. [8, Theorems 1.7 and 1.11], which the proof also uses, can be formulated and shown for graded regular rings as well. As a result, if R is a graded matricial ring over a graded division ring K , then $(K_0^\Gamma(R), [R])$ is an ordered and directed Γ -group with interpolation. The assumptions of Proposition 3.4 are satisfied and so D_R , naturally isomorphic to $[0, [R]]$, is a generating interval. If R and S are two matricial Γ -graded rings and $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ a graded ring homomorphism (possibly non-unital), $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D .

If R is a Γ -graded $*$ -ring, then R^u is also a graded $*$ -ring with $(r, n)^* = (r^*, n)$ for $r \in R$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, the map $p_R : R^u \rightarrow R^u/R$ is a $*$ -homomorphism, and $K_0^\Gamma(p_R)$ is a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} . The kernel of this map inherits the action of \mathbb{Z}_2 from $K_0^\Gamma(R^u)$.

Let $\mathbf{GrRings}$ denote the category of Γ -graded rings, $\mathbf{GrRings}^*$ the category of Γ -graded $*$ -rings, $\mathbf{GrURings}$ denote the category of unital, Γ -graded rings, and $\mathbf{GrURings}^*$ the category of unital, Γ -graded $*$ -rings.

Proposition 3.7. *For any group Γ , the functor K_0^Γ preserves direct limits on the following categories.*

- (1) $K_0^\Gamma : \mathbf{GrRings} \rightarrow \mathbf{POG}_\Gamma$, and $K_0^\Gamma : \mathbf{GrURings} \rightarrow \mathbf{POG}_\Gamma^u$.
(2) $K_0^\Gamma : \mathbf{GrRings}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{POG}_\Gamma^*$ and $K_0^\Gamma : \mathbf{GrURings}^* \rightarrow \mathbf{POG}_\Gamma^{u*}$.

Proof. To show (1), let I be a directed set, (R_i, ϕ_{ij}) a directed system in $\mathbf{GrRings}$, R its direct limit, and ϕ_i the translational maps. Let G be a direct limit of $(K_0^\Gamma(R_i), K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{ij}))$ in the category \mathbf{POG}_Γ which exists by Proposition 3.1 and let f_i denote the translational maps. If $f : G \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is a unique map in \mathbf{POG}_Γ such that $ff_i = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_i)$, [13, Theorem 3.2.4] shows that f is injective and that $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R) \subseteq f(G^+)$. Since $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ is directed, the relation $\mathcal{V}^\Gamma(R) \subseteq f(G^+)$ implies that f is surjective and that f^{-1} is order-preserving. So, f is an isomorphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ .

If $R_i, i \in I$, from above are unital, the maps $\phi_{ij}, i \leq j$, morphisms of $\mathbf{GrURings}$, and R is a direct limit in $\mathbf{GrURings}$, let G, f_i , and f be as in the previous paragraph. Since $K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{ij})([R_i]) = [R_j]$, $f_i([R_i]) = f_j([R_j])$ for any $i, j \in I$. Let $u \in G^+$ be the element $u = f_i([R_i])$ for any i . For $x \in G$ such that $x = f_i(x_i)$, let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ be such that $x_i \leq a[R_i]$. Then $x \leq au$ so u is an order-unit of G . Since $f(u) = f(f_i([R_i])) = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_i)([R_i]) = [R]$, f is an isomorphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u .

To show (2), let (R_i, ϕ_{ij}) be a directed system in $\mathbf{GrRings}^*$ and let G, f_i , and f be as in the first paragraph of the proof. For $g \in G$ such that $g = f_i(x_i)$ we can define $g^* = f_i(x_i^*)$. The map $g \mapsto g^*$ is well-defined and it makes $f_i, i \in I$, into morphisms of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^* . Then f is also a morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^* since $f(g^*) = ff_i(x_i^*) = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_i)(x_i^*) = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_i)(x_i)^* = (ff_i(x_i))^* = f(g)^*$. If, in addition, (R_i, ϕ_{ij}) is a directed system in $\mathbf{GrURings}^*$, then $K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{ij})$ and f_i are morphisms in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} . The order-unit $u = f_i([R_i])$ in G is such that $u^* = f_i([R_i])^* = f_i([R_i]^*) = f_i([R_i]) = u$ so (G, u) is an object in \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} . \square

We now establish an expected result: every Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring gives rise to an ultrasimplicial Γ -group. The main result of section 3, Theorem 3.10, states the converse of this statement: every ultrasimplicial Γ -group can be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring.

Corollary 3.8. *Let K be a Γ -graded division ring.*

- (1) *If R is a unital graded ultramatricial ring over K , then $(K_0^\Gamma(R), [R])$ is an ultrasimplicial Γ -group.*
(2) *If R is a graded ultramatricial ring over K , then $(K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R)$ is an ultrasimplicial Γ -group.*

If K is a Γ -graded division $$ -ring and R is a direct limit in $\mathbf{GrURings}^*$ (respectively $\mathbf{GrRings}^*$), then the ultrasimplicial Γ -group from (1) (respectively (2)) is an object in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} (respectively \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*}).*

Proof. (1) Let (R_n, ϕ_{nm}) be a directed system of matricial rings over K with R as their direct limit in $\mathbf{GrURings}$. By sections 1.4 and 1.6, $K_0^\Gamma(R_n)$ is a simplicial Γ -group for every n and, by Proposition 3.7, $(K_0^\Gamma(R), [R])$ is a direct limit of $((K_0^\Gamma(R_n), [R_n]), K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{nm}))$ in the category \mathbf{POG}_Γ^u . Moreover, $((K_0^\Gamma(R_n), [R_n]), K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{nm}))$ is a directed system in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u so $(K_0^\Gamma(R), [R])$ is an object in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u also.

(2) Let (R_n, ϕ_{nm}) be a directed system of graded matricial rings over K with R as their direct limit in $\mathbf{GrRings}$, so that the maps ϕ_{nm} may possibly be non-unital. If $R_n^u, n \in \omega$, and R^u denote the unitizations of R_n and R respectively, then $K_0^\Gamma(R_n^u)$ and $K_0^\Gamma(R^u)$ have the interpolation property by Lemma 3.3 and by part (1). Thus, D_{R_n} and D_R are generating intervals of $K_0^\Gamma(R_n)$ and $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ respectively by Proposition 3.6.

To shorten the notation, we use $\overline{\phi}$ for $K_0^\Gamma(\phi)$ for any graded ring homomorphism ϕ . Since $\overline{\phi_n}(D_{R_n}) \subseteq D_R$ we have that $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} \overline{\phi_n}(D_{R_n}) \subseteq D_R$. Let G be a direct limit of $(K_0^\Gamma(R_n), \overline{\phi_{nm}})$ in the category \mathbf{POG}_Γ , let $f_n : K_0^\Gamma(R_n) \rightarrow G$ be the translational maps and $f : G \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(R)$ be a unique morphism of \mathbf{POG}_Γ such that $ff_n = \overline{\phi_n}$. Then f is an isomorphism by Proposition 3.7. It is sufficient to show that $D = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} f_n(D_{R_n})$ is a generating interval of G such that $f(D) = D_R$.

If $x \in G^+$, then $x = f_n(x_n)$ for some $x_n \in K_0^\Gamma(R_n)^+$. Since D_{R_n} is a generating interval, x_n is a sum of elements from $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]D_{R_n}$ and so x is a sum of elements from $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]D$ by the definition of D . If $x, y \in D$, we can find n such that $x = f_n(x_n), y = f_n(y_n)$ for some $x_n, y_n \in D_n$. The set D_{R_n} is directed so there is $z_n \in D_{R_n}$ $z_n \geq x_n, z_n \geq y_n$, and so $f_n(z_n) \geq x, f_n(z_n) \geq y$, showing that D is directed. If $x, y \in D$ and $x \leq z \leq y$ for some $z \in G$, we can find n such that $x = f_n(x_n), y = f_n(y_n), z = f_n(z_n), x_n, y_n \in D_{R_n}, z_n \in K_0^\Gamma(R_n)$. The order $f_n(x_n) \leq f_n(z_n) \leq f_n(y_n)$ implies that there is $m \geq n$ such that $\overline{\phi_{nm}}(x_n) \leq \overline{\phi_{nm}}(z_n) \leq \overline{\phi_{nm}}(y_n)$. Since D_{R_m} is convex, $\overline{\phi_{nm}}(z_n) \in D_{R_m}$ and so $z = f_n(z_n) = f_m(\overline{\phi_{nm}}(z_n)) \in f_m(D_{R_m}) \subseteq D$.

As $D = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} f_n(D_{R_n})$, $f(D) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} ff_n(D_{R_n}) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \overline{\phi_n}(D_{R_n}) \subseteq D_R$. It remains to show that $D_R \subseteq f(D)$. Let $\phi_{nm}^u : R_n^u \rightarrow R_m^u, n \leq m$ and $\phi_n^u : R_n^u \rightarrow R^u$ denote the extension of ϕ_{nm} and ϕ_n respectively and let $\iota_n : R_n \rightarrow R_n^u$ and $\iota : R \rightarrow R^u$ denote the natural injections. Let $x \in D_R$. Since f is onto, $x = ff_n(x_n) = \overline{\phi_n}(x_n)$ for some n and $x_n \in K_0^\Gamma(R_n)^+$. By definition of D_R , we have that $0 \leq \overline{\iota}(x) \leq [R^u]$ and that $\overline{\iota}(x) = \overline{\iota\phi_n}(x_n) = \overline{\phi_n^u\iota_n}(x_n)$. The relation $0 \leq \overline{\phi_n^u\iota_n}(x_n) \leq \overline{\phi_n^u}([R_n^u])$ and part (1) imply that there is $m \geq n$ such that $0 \leq \overline{\phi_{nm}^u\iota_n}(x_n) = \overline{\iota_m\phi_{nm}}(x_n) \leq \overline{\phi_{nm}^u}([R_n^u]) = [R_m^u]$. Thus, $x_m = \overline{\phi_{nm}^u}(x_n)$ is in D_{R_m} and $x = ff_n(x_n) = ff_m\overline{\phi_{nm}}(x_n) = ff_m(x_m) \in ff_m(D_{R_m}) \subseteq f(D)$.

If K is also a Γ -graded division $*$ -ring, R_n and R are graded $*$ -rings and their Grothendieck Γ -groups are Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 bigroups with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action. Thus, the connecting and translational maps $\overline{\phi_{nm}}$ and $\overline{\phi_n}$ are maps in categories \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{u*} or \mathbf{POG}_Γ^{D*} . \square

3.4. Fullness of K_0^Γ and realization of ultrasimplicial Γ -groups. Let K be a Γ -graded division ring and let \mathbf{GrMat}_K denote the category whose objects are graded matricial rings over K and whose morphisms are graded ring homomorphisms. We show that the functor $K_0^\Gamma : \mathbf{GrMat}_K \rightarrow \mathbf{OG}_\Gamma^D$ is full (Proposition 3.9). Using this result, we show the main result of this section, Theorem 3.10.

Proposition 3.9. (Fullness) *Let K be a Γ -graded division ring, R and S be graded matricial rings over K and $f : (K_0^\Gamma(R), [0, [R]]) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(S), [0, [S]])$ a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D . There is a graded ring homomorphism $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) = f$. Furthermore, if f is order-unit-preserving (i.e. a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u), then ϕ can be chosen to be unit-preserving.*

Proposition 3.9 is an analogue of [13, Theorem 5.1.3(2)] (also [12, Theorem 2.13(2)]) stating that if Γ is abelian, K commutative, and f order-unit-preserving, then the graded ring homomorphism ϕ can also be required to be a graded K -algebra homomorphism. In the case when f is order-unit-preserving, Proposition 3.9 can be shown analogously to [13, Theorem 5.1.3(2)], which is shown following the steps of the classic proof [8, Lemma 15.23(a)]. The proof of [10, Theorem 12.5] extends the classic proof to the case when f is not necessarily order-unit-preserving and we adapt these arguments in our proof.

Proof. Let us first assume that f is order-unit-preserving $f : (K_0^\Gamma(R), [R]) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(S), [S])$. Let

$$R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n R_i, \text{ for } R_i = \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(K)(\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)})$$

and let $\pi_i : R \rightarrow R_i, \iota_i : R_i \rightarrow R$ denote the canonical projections and injections for $i = 1, \dots, n$. We also use e_{kl}^i to denote the element of R such that $\pi_i(e_{kl}^i)$ is the (k, l) -th standard graded matrix unit of R_i as before.

Since f is order-preserving, there is a finitely generated graded right projective S -module P_i such that $[P_i] = f([\iota_i(R_i)])$. Then $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n P_i \cong_{\text{gr}} S$ by Lemma 1.1 since

$$\left[\bigoplus_{i=1}^n P_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n [P_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n f([\iota_i(R_i)]) = f\left([\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \iota_i(R_i)]\right) = f([R]) = [S].$$

Let g_i be homogeneous orthogonal idempotents in S with $\sum_{i=1}^n g_i = 1$ such that $g_i S \cong_{\text{gr}} P_i$.

Consider the module $(\gamma_{i1}^{-1})e_{11}^i R$ and finitely generated graded right projective S -module Q_i such that $[Q_i] = f([\gamma_{i1}^{-1}e_{11}^i R])$. Since we have that $[\iota_i(R_i)] = \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} \gamma_{ik}^{-1} \gamma_{i1} [e_{11}^i R]$ (see section 2.1), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} [g_i S] &= [P_i] = f([\iota_i(R_i)]) = \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} \gamma_{ik}^{-1} \gamma_{i1} f([e_{11}^i R]) = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} \gamma_{ik}^{-1} f([\gamma_{i1}^{-1}e_{11}^i R]) = \sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} \gamma_{ik}^{-1} [Q_i] = \left[\bigoplus_{k=1}^{p(i)} (\gamma_{ik}) Q_i \right] \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $g_i S \cong_{\text{gr}} \bigoplus_{k=1}^{p(i)} (\gamma_{ik}) Q_i$ again by Lemma 1.1.

Let g_{kl}^i be the elements of the first ring below corresponding to the standard graded matrix units of the last ring in the chain of the isomorphisms below.

$$g_i S g_i \cong_{\text{gr}} \text{End}_S(g_i S) \cong_{\text{gr}} \text{End}_S\left(\bigoplus_{k=1}^{p(i)} (\gamma_{ik}) Q_i\right) \cong_{\text{gr}} \mathbb{M}_{p(i)}(\text{End}_S(Q_i))(\gamma_{i1}, \dots, \gamma_{ip(i)})$$

We have that g_{kk}^i are homogeneous orthogonal idempotents with $\sum_{k=1}^{p(i)} g_{kk}^i = g_i$ and $g_{11}^i S \cong_{\text{gr}} (\gamma_{i1}) Q_i$ so that

$$[g_{11}^i S] = [(\gamma_{i1}) Q_i] = \gamma_{i1}^{-1} [Q_i] = \gamma_{i1}^{-1} f([\gamma_{i1}^{-1}e_{11}^i R]) = \gamma_{i1}^{-1} \gamma_{i1} f([e_{11}^i R]) = f([e_{11}^i R]).$$

Thus, the correspondence $e_{kl}^i \mapsto g_{kl}^i$ extends to a graded ring homomorphism $\phi : R \rightarrow S$. We have that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) = f$ since

$$K_0^\Gamma(\phi)([e_{11}^i R]) = [\phi(e_{11}^i R)] = [g_{11}^i S] = f([e_{11}^i R])$$

and $[e_{11}^i R], i = 1, \dots, n$, generate $K_0^\Gamma(R)$.

If f is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D not necessarily of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , it extends to a morphism $f^u : K_0^\Gamma(R^u) \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(S^u)$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u by $[R^u] \mapsto [S^u]$. By the previous case, there is a graded ring homomorphism $\phi^u : R^u \rightarrow S^u$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi^u) = f^u$.

If $p_R : R^u \rightarrow R^u/R$ and $p_S : S^u \rightarrow S^u/S$ denote the natural projections, we claim that ϕ^u maps $\ker p_R$ into $\ker p_S$. If $r \in \ker p_R$ is a homogeneous element of R^u , then $K_0^\Gamma(p_R)([rR^u]) = 0$. By definition of f^u , $f^u(\ker K_0^\Gamma(p_R)) \subseteq \ker K_0^\Gamma(p_S)$, and so $0 = K_0^\Gamma(p_S)f^u([rR^u]) = K_0^\Gamma(p_S)([\phi^u(r)S^u]) = [p_S\phi^u(r)S^u]$, which implies that $p_S\phi^u(r)S^u = 0$ by Lemma 1.1. Every finitely generated graded right ideal of a graded regular ring is generated by a homogeneous idempotent (see [13, Proposition 1.1.32]). So, since S^u is graded regular, $xS^u = 0$ implies that $x = 0$ for every homogeneous element $x \in S^u$. Hence, the condition $p_S\phi^u(r)S^u = 0$ implies that $p_S\phi^u(r) = 0$.

If r is any element of $\ker p_R$, then any homogeneous component r_γ of r is in $\ker p_R$ also since p_R is a graded map. By the case when r is homogeneous, $\phi^u(r_\gamma) \in \ker p_S$ for every component r_γ and so $\phi^u(r) \in \ker p_S$. This proves the claim. By the claim, we can define $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ as the restriction of ϕ^u on the kernel of p_R . \square

We now use Proposition 3.9 to prove the main result of this section.

Theorem 3.10. (*Ultrasimplicial Realization*) *Let Γ be a group, Δ a subgroup of Γ , and let (G_n, u_n) be a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ .*

- (1) *If (G, u) is a direct limit of (G_n, u_n) in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , there is a graded division ring K with $\Gamma_K = \Delta$, a unital Γ -graded ultramatricial ring R over K , and an isomorphism f of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u such that*

$$f : (G, u) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(R), [R]).$$

- (2) *If (G, D) is a direct limit of $(G_n, [0, u_n])$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , there is a graded division ring K with $\Gamma_K = \Delta$, a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring R over K , and an isomorphism f of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D such that*

$$f : (G, D) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R).$$

Proof. The proof of (1) follows the steps of [8, Theorem 15.24 (b)]. Let g_{nm} be the connecting maps and g_n the translational maps. We use induction to produce graded matricial rings R_n , unit-preserving graded ring homomorphisms $\phi_{nm} : R_n \rightarrow R_m$ for every $n < m$, and isomorphisms $f_n : (G_n, u_n) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(R_n), [R_n])$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u such that $\phi_{mk}\phi_{nm} = \phi_{nk}$ for every $n < m < k$, and $f_m g_{nm} = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{nm})f_n$ for every $n < m$.

If F is any field, consider it trivially graded by Γ and let $K = F[\Delta]$ with the grading as in section 2.1 so that $\Gamma_K = \Delta$. Use Theorem 2.7 to produce a graded matricial ring R_1 over K and an isomorphism $f_1 : (G_1, u_1) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(R_1), [R_1])$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u .

Assuming the induction hypothesis for n , use Theorem 2.7 again to produce a graded matricial ring R_{n+1} and an isomorphism $f_{n+1} : (G_{n+1}, u_{n+1}) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(R_{n+1}), [R_{n+1}])$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . Then use Proposition 3.9 to produce a unit-preserving graded ring map $\phi_{n(n+1)} : R_n \rightarrow R_{n+1}$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{n(n+1)}) = f_{n+1} g_{n(n+1)} f_n^{-1}$. For any $k < n$, define $\phi_{k(n+1)}$ as $\phi_{n(n+1)} \phi_{kn}$. The construction and the induction hypothesis imply the conditions $\phi_{m(n+1)} \phi_{km} = \phi_{k(n+1)}$ for every $k < m < n + 1$, and $f_{n+1} g_{m(n+1)} = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_{m(n+1)}) f_m$ for every $m < n + 1$.

Let R be a direct limit of (R_n, ϕ_{nm}) and let ϕ_n denote the translational maps. By construction, R is a unital graded ultramatricial ring with unit $1_R = \phi_n(1_{R_n})$ for any n . The map $f : (G, u) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(R), [R])$ given by $f(g_n(x_n)) = K_0^\Gamma(\phi_n)(f_n(x_n))$ is an isomorphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u .

To prove (2), if g_{nm} are the connecting maps, we have that $g_{nm}(u_n) \leq u_m$. Produce R_n and $\phi_{n(n+1)}$ in the same way as in the proof of part (1) using Proposition 3.9. All the maps f_n are isomorphisms in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u but g_{nm} may not be order-unit-preserving, and so ϕ_{nm} may fail to be unit-preserving. Let R be a direct limit of (R_n, ϕ_{nm}) . Then $f(D) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} f g_n([0, u_n]) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} K_0^\Gamma(\phi_n) f_n([0, u_n]) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} K_0^\Gamma(\phi_n)(D_{R_n}) = D_R$ so $f : (G, D) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R)$ is an isomorphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D . \square

3.5. The bigroup case. If K is a graded $*$ -field, let \mathbf{GrMat}_K^* denote the category whose objects are graded matricial $*$ -algebras over K with $*$ -transpose involution and whose morphisms are graded algebra $*$ -homomorphisms. If Γ is abelian, [14, Theorem 2.7], stated below, can be used for the involutive version of Theorem 3.10.

Proposition 3.11. [14, Theorem 2.7] (**-Fullness*) *Let Γ be an abelian group, K a Γ -graded $*$ -field such that every nonzero graded component contains a unitary element (invertible element x with $x^{-1} = x^*$), R and S be graded matricial $*$ -algebras over K and $f : (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(S), D_S)$ a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , then there is a graded $*$ -algebra homomorphism $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) = f$. If f is order-unit-preserving, then ϕ can be chosen to be unit-preserving.*

The following theorem is a corollary of Theorem 3.10 and Proposition 3.11.

Theorem 3.12. (*Ultrasimplicial Bigroup Realization*) *Let Γ be an abelian group, Δ a subgroup of Γ , and let (G_n, u_n) be a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ .*

- (1) *If (G, u) is a direct limit of (G_n, u_n) in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , there is a graded $*$ -field K such that every nonzero graded component contains a unitary element and $\Gamma_K = \Delta$, there is a unital Γ -graded ultramatricial $*$ -algebra R over K , and an isomorphism f of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} such that*

$$f : (G, u) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(R), [R]).$$

- (2) *If (G, D) is a direct limit of $(G_n, [0, u_n])$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} , there is a graded $*$ -field K as in (1), a Γ -graded ultramatricial $*$ -algebra R over K , and an isomorphism f of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} such that*

$$f : (G, D) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R).$$

Proof. Note that if Γ is abelian, $K = F[\Delta]$ from the proof of Theorem 3.10 is a graded $*$ -field such that for every $\delta \in \Gamma_K = \Delta$, δ is a unitary element in $K_\delta = F\{\delta\}$. The proof of Theorem 3.10 transfers to the involutive case step by step except that we are working category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} instead of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u in part (1) and in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} instead of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D in part (2). This is possible because we can use Proposition 3.11 instead of Proposition 3.9. Theorem 2.7 was formulated for Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroups also. \square

4. DIMENSION Γ -GROUPS

4.1. Review of the trivial case. To motivate our definition of a dimension Γ -group, we review the relevant definitions in the case when Γ is trivial. Recall that a pre-ordered abelian group G is *unperforated* if

- for every positive integer n and every $x \in G$, $nx \geq 0$ implies that $x \geq 0$.

A pre-ordered group G is a *dimension group* if it is directed, partially ordered, unperforated and has the interpolation property.

By [9, Proposition 3.15] and the paragraph following its proof, a directed and ordered group G is a dimension group if and only if the following condition holds.

(SDP) If $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x_i \in G^+$, then there is a positive integer m , $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $y_j \in G^+$ for $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$ such that

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, m.$$

This property, referred to as the *strong decomposition property* in [9], is the key to the proof of the main structural theorem of dimension groups: every dimension group is isomorphic to a direct limit of a directed system of simplicial groups.

4.2. Generalizing the properties of being unperforated and satisfying (SDP). First, we look for a meaningful way of defining the property of being an unperforated Γ -group. Given the trend of earlier definitions, one would expect that a pre-ordered Γ -group G is unperforated if for every $x \in G$ and every $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, $ax \in G^+$ implies that x is in G^+ . However, this property fails already in some rather basic cases which we would prefer not to rule out. For example, if $\Gamma = \langle x|x^2 = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $G = \mathbb{Z}[x]/\langle x^2 = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$, G is a simplicial Γ -group and we would like it to be unperforated. However, $1 + x \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, $(1 + x)(1 - x) = 1 - x^2 = 0 \in G^+$ and $1 - x \notin G^+$.

To obtain a more meaningful definition, let us consider the case when G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ stabilized by Δ and let $ax \in G^+$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $x = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j x_j \in G$ for some $b_j \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then we have that $ax = \sum_{j=1}^n ab_j x_j \geq 0$ which implies that $\pi(ab_j) \geq 0$ for every $j = 1, \dots, n$ by Definition 2.1. This motivates the following.

Definition 4.1. Let Δ be a subgroup of Γ and $\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ the natural $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map. A pre-ordered Γ -group G is *unperforated* with respect to a subgroup Δ of Γ if $ax \in G^+$ for some $x \in G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ implies that there is a positive integer m , elements $y_j \in G^+$ and $b_j \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ such that

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(ab_j) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Note that if Γ is trivial this definition is equivalent to the condition that $nx \in G^+$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ implies $x \in G^+$. Indeed, if $nx \in G^+$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ implies $x \in G^+$, then one can choose $m = 1$, $b_1 = 1$ and $y_1 = x$. Conversely, assume that $nx \in G^+$ and there is a positive integer m , $y_j \in G^+$ and $b_j \in \mathbb{Z}$, $j = 1, \dots, m$, such that $x = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j$ and $nb_j \geq 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$. The conditions $nb_j \geq 0$ and $n \geq 0$ imply that $b_j \geq 0$ and so $b_j y_j \in G^+$ for every j . This implies that $x = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j$ is in G^+ .

It may also appear that it is sufficient to require that $m = 1$ in the definition of an unperforated Γ -group. The following example illustrates that this is not sufficient.

Example 4.2. Let $\Gamma = \langle x|x^2 = 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $G = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$. Then G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ stabilized by $\{1\}$. As such, it is unperforated with respect to $\{1\}$ by Proposition 4.5 (see below). Consider the elements $a = 1 + x \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $u = (1 - x, 2 - x) \in G$ such that $au = (0, 1 + x) \in G^+$. Assuming that there is $b = b_1 + b_2 x \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $y = (y_1, y_2) = (m_1 + m_2 x, n_1 + n_2 x) \in G^+$ such that $u = by$ and $ab \geq 0$, we claim that we arrive to a contradiction. The relation $ab \geq 0$ implies that $b_1 + b_2 \geq 0$. The relation $by = u$ implies that $(b_1 + b_2 x)(m_1 + m_2 x) = 1 - x$ and $(b_1 + b_2 x)(n_1 + n_2 x) = 2 - x$. The equation $(b_1 + b_2 x)(m_1 + m_2 x) = 1 - x$ implies $b_1 m_1 + b_2 m_2 = 1$, $b_2 m_1 + b_1 m_2 = -1$. From this system of equations we obtain that $(b_2^2 - b_1^2)m_2 = b_2 + b_1$ and $(b_1^2 - b_2^2)m_1 = b_2 + b_1$ which implies that $b_1 + b_2 = 0$ since $m_1 \geq 0$ and $m_2 \geq 0$. Hence $b_2 = -b_1$ and so $b_1(m_1 - m_2) = 1$ which implies that $b_1 = \pm 1$. With these values, the equation $(b_1 + b_2 x)(n_1 + n_2 x) = 2 - x$ becomes $\pm 1(1 - x)(n_1 + n_2 x) = 2 - x$ which implies that $\pm 1(n_1 - n_2) = 2$ and $\pm 1(-n_1 + n_2) = -1$ so that $2 = \pm 1(n_1 - n_2) = \mp 1(-n_1 + n_2) = 1$ which is a contradiction.

We generalize now the strong decomposition property as follows.

Definition 4.3. If Δ is a subgroup of Γ , $\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ the natural $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map, and G is a directed and ordered Γ -group, then G has the *strong decomposition property* with respect to Δ if the following condition holds.

(SDP $_{\Delta}$) If $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $x_i \in G^+$, then there is a positive integer m , $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $y_j \in G^+$ for $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$, such that

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } j = 1, \dots, m.$$

If Γ is trivial, it is direct to check that (SDP $_{\{1\}}$) is equivalent to (SDP). Also, if G is a directed and ordered Γ -group which satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$) for some subgroup Δ of Γ then G satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta'}$) for every subgroup Δ' of Γ which contains Δ . Indeed, if π' and $\pi_{\Delta\Delta'}$ denote the natural $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphisms $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta']$ and $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta']$ respectively, then $\pi' = \pi_{\Delta\Delta'} \pi$ so the claim follows. Similarly, if G is unperforated with respect to Δ then G is unperforated with respect to Δ' . Thus, if G is a directed and ordered Γ -group which satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$) for some subgroup Δ or is unperforated with respect to Δ , then the *smallest* such Δ is the most relevant.

Lemma 4.4. *A simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$). As a corollary, an ultrasimplicial Γ -group which is a direct limit of simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$).*

Proof. Let G be a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $X = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ and $\Delta = \text{Stab}(X)$. Assume that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $x_i \in G^+$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. By part (3) of Proposition 2.4, we can write x_i as $\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} e_j$ for some $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$. Then

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} e_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{ij} \right) e_j$$

which implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) = 0$ so G satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$).

Having (SDP $_{\Delta}$) is preserved under taking direct limits, so the second sentence follows. \square

Proposition 4.5. *If G is an ordered and directed Γ -group which satisfies (SDP $_{\Delta}$), then G is unperforated with respect to Δ .*

Proof. Let $ax \in G^+$ for some $x \in G$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$. Since G is directed, we can represent x as $x^+ - x^-$ for some $x^+, x^- \in G^+$. Let $x_1 = x^+, x_2 = x^-, x_3 = ax$, so that $x_i \in G^+$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. The relation $ax_1 - ax_2 - x_3 = 0$ implies that there is a positive integer m , elements $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $y_j \in G^+$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, m$ such that $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$ and $\pi(ab_{1j} - ab_{2j} - b_{3j}) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$. Hence $\pi(b_{3j}) = \pi(a(b_{1j} - b_{2j}))$ and $\pi(b_{3j}) \geq 0$ since $b_{3j} \geq 0$. For $b_j = b_{1j} - b_{2j}$ we have that $\pi(ab_j) = \pi(b_{3j}) \geq 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$, and $x = x^+ - x^- = \sum_{j=1}^m (b_{1j} - b_{2j}) y_j = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j$. \square

4.3. Defining a dimension Γ -group. If G is a Γ -group as in Proposition 4.5, we would like to have that G has interpolation, just like in the case when Γ is trivial. This can be shown under an additional assumption: that Δ is contained in the stabilizer of G for some Δ for which (SDP $_{\Delta}$) holds. Since $\text{Stab}(G)$ is a normal subgroup of Γ , if $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, then the *normal closure* $\overline{\Delta}$ of Δ (i.e. the normal subgroup of Γ generated by Δ) is in $\text{Stab}(G)$ as well. Before proving Proposition 4.7, we show a short technical lemma.

Lemma 4.6. *If G is a Γ -group, Δ a subgroup of Γ such that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, and $\pi : \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ the natural $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module map, then $\pi(a) = 0$ implies $ax = 0$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and $x \in G$.*

Proof. Let $\{\gamma_j \mid j \in J\}$ be a set of left coset representatives for Γ/Δ . For $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, let J_0 be a finite subset of J and Γ_j a finite subset of $\gamma_j\Delta$ such that $a = \sum_{j \in J_0} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma \gamma$. The condition $\pi(a) = 0$ implies that $\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma = 0$ for all $j \in J_0$. The condition $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$ implies that $\gamma x = \gamma_j x$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_j$ and any $x \in G$ so that $ax = \sum_{j \in J_0} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma \gamma x = \sum_{j \in J_0} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma \gamma_j x = \sum_{j \in J_0} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_j} k_\gamma \right) \gamma_j x = 0$. \square

Proposition 4.7. *If G is an ordered and directed Γ -group which satisfies (SDP_Δ) for some $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, then G has the interpolation property.*

Proof. The proof is the same as the proof of Lemma 3.3 except that elements of G^+ which exist by (SDP_Δ) replace the simplicial Γ -basis elements of the proof of Lemma 3.3 and the condition $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$ ensures the implication $\pi(a) = 0 \Rightarrow ax = 0$ for $x \in G$ by Lemma 4.6. This implication is needed to replace the condition (Ind) in the proof of Lemma 3.3. \square

Propositions 4.5 and 4.7 motivate the definition of a dimension Γ -group below.

Definition 4.8. If G is a directed and ordered Γ -group then G is a *dimension Γ -group* (or a *dimension $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module*) if G has the strong decomposition property with respect to some subgroup Δ of Γ such that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$.

If Γ is trivial, Definition 4.8 coincides with the usual definition because any ordered and directed group has (SDP) if and only if it is unperforated and has the interpolation property. By Lemma 4.4, all ultrasimplicial Γ -groups satisfy (SDP_Δ) for some subgroup Δ of Γ . However, such Δ cannot always be found inside the stabilizer (see part (2) of Example 2.3). Thus, a simplicial Γ -group G may fail to be a dimension Γ -group. If G has a simplicial Γ -basis with a normal stabilizer, then G is a dimension Γ -group by Proposition 2.5 so the following holds.

Proposition 4.9. *If G is an ultrasimplicial Γ -group which is a direct limit of a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by a normal subgroup of Γ , then G is a countable dimension Γ -group. In particular, if Γ is abelian, every ultrasimplicial Γ -group is a countable dimension Γ -group.*

The statement “simplicial groups are building blocks of every dimension group” remains to hold in the case when $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian. Under this assumption, we show Theorem 4.12 stating that every dimension Γ -group is a direct limit of a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups which can be constructed so that their bases are stabilized by a normal subgroup of Γ .

4.4. Dimension Γ -groups as direct limits of ultrasimplicial Γ -groups. The main objective of this section is to show Theorem 4.12. The assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is a noetherian ring enables us to adapt the steps of the proof of the classic result (see [9, Section 3.4]) to the case when Γ is nontrivial. First, we show that the appropriately modified Shen criterion, Proposition 4.10, holds if $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian. Then we show that Proposition 4.10 implies Theorem 4.11 which then implies Theorem 4.12. We also note that the proof of Proposition 4.10 requires only that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is *left* noetherian. However, $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is left noetherian if and only if it is right noetherian (the natural involution is an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ and the opposite ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]^{op}$), so we are not assuming more than we need in the proof.

If Γ is polycyclic-by-finite (has a normal subgroup of finite index which admits a subnormal series with cyclic factors) then $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is a noetherian ring by Hall ([11]). Thus, if Γ is finite or finitely

generated abelian, then $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian. If Γ is abelian, then $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian exactly when Γ is finitely generated. Indeed, if $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian and Γ is abelian, then Γ is a noetherian group (each subgroup is finitely generated) which implies that Γ is finitely generated itself.

Proposition 4.10. (*Shen criterion*) *If Γ is such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian, G_1 a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by a normal subgroup Δ of Γ , G a dimension Γ -group which satisfies (SDP_Δ) and $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, and $g_1 : G_1 \rightarrow G$ a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ , then there is a simplicial Γ -group G_2 with a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ and morphisms $g_{12} : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ and $g_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g_1 = g_2 g_{12}$ and $\ker g_{12} = \ker g_1$.*

This proposition is the key for the inductive argument of creating a “telescope” of simplicial groups $G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow \dots$ with G as their limit. Given $g_1 : G_1 \rightarrow G$ as in the proposition, one would like to take $G_2 = G_1 / \ker g_1$ but this may fail to be simplicial. The strong decomposition property guarantees that one can find an appropriate simplicial group G_2 .

Proof. The proof parallels the case when Γ is trivial given in [9, Proposition 3.16] (also [7, Lemma IV.7.1]). We modify some arguments using definitions and results of this paper when necessary. First we show the following claim.

Claim. If z_1, \dots, z_k are in $\ker g_1$, then there is a simplicial Γ -group G_2 with a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ , morphisms $g_{12} : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$, and $g_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g_1 = g_2 g_{12}$ and $z_1, \dots, z_k \in \ker g_{12}$.

Clearly if G_1 is trivial, one can take $G_2 = G_1$, and g_{12}, g_2 to be the trivial maps. Hence assume that G_1 is nontrivial and let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ . We prove the claim by induction on k . If $k = 1$, let $z = z_1 \in \ker g_1$. Then $z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma], i = 1, \dots, n$. Let $x_i = g_1(e_i) \in G^+$. Since $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = g_1(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i) = g_1(z) = 0$, there is a positive integer m , $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, and $y_j \in G^+$ for $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$ such that $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$ by (SDP_Δ) .

Let G_2 be a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ stabilized by Δ (for example, one such group is given in Example 2.3). Let $g_{12}(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} f_j$, and $g_2(f_j) = y_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$ and extend these maps to morphisms in \mathbf{OG}_Γ . By the assumption that Δ is normal, π is both left and right $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism. Thus, the extension g_{12} is well-defined since if $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i e_i = 0$, then $\pi(c_i) = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and then $\pi(c_i b_{ij}) = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 1, \dots, m$ so that $g_{12}(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m (\sum_{i=1}^n c_i b_{ij}) f_j = 0$. The extension g_2 is well-defined since if $\sum_{j=1}^m c_j f_j = 0$, then $\pi(c_j) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$, and so $c_j y_j = 0$ for all j by Lemma 4.6. This implies $g_2(\sum_{j=1}^m c_j f_j) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j y_j = 0$. The maps g_{12} and g_2 are order-preserving since $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $y_j \in G^+$. By definition of these maps, we have that

$$g_2 g_{12}(e_i) = g_2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} f_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j = x_i = g_1(e_i)$$

and so $g_2 g_{12} = g_1$. We have that $z \in \ker g_{12}$ since

$$g_{12}(z) = g_{12} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} f_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{ij} \right) f_j = 0$$

where the last equality holds since $\pi(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{ij}) = 0$.

Assuming that the assumption holds for $\ker g_1$ having k generators, consider the case when z_1, \dots, z_k, z_{k+1} are in $\ker g_1$. Let H be a simplicial Γ -group with a basis stabilized by Δ which exists

by the induction hypothesis for z_1, \dots, z_k , and let $g_{1H} : G_1 \rightarrow H, g_H : H \rightarrow G$ be morphisms in \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g_H g_{1H} = g_1$ and $z_1, \dots, z_k \in \ker g_{1H}$. Then $0 = g_1(z_{k+1}) = g_H g_{1H}(z_{k+1})$ and so $g_{1H}(z_{k+1}) \in \ker g_H$. By the case $k = 1$, there is a simplicial Γ -group G_2 with a basis stabilized by Δ and $g_2 : G_2 \rightarrow G, g_{H2} : G_H \rightarrow G_2$ such that $g_H = g_2 g_{H2}$ and $g_{1H}(z_{k+1}) \in \ker g_{H2}$. Let $g_{12} = g_{H2} g_{1H}$. Then $g_2 g_{12} = g_2 g_{H2} g_{1H} = g_H g_{1H} = g_1$ and $z_1, \dots, z_{k+1} \in \ker g_{12}$. This finishes the proof of the claim.

To prove the proposition now, we use the assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is a noetherian ring so that every finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module has its submodules finitely generated. In particular, any $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -submodule of any simplicial Γ -group is finitely generated. As a result, $\ker g_1$ is finitely generated as a $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module. Let $\{z_1, \dots, z_k\}$ be generators of $\ker g_1$. If G_2, g_{12} and g_2 are as in the claim, then $\ker g_1 \subseteq \ker g_{12}$ follows from $z_1, \dots, z_k \in \ker g_{12}$ and $\ker g_{12} \subseteq \ker g_1$ follows from $g_1 = g_2 g_{12}$. \square

Theorem 4.11. *Let Γ be a group such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian and let G be a countable dimension Γ -group which satisfies (SDP_Δ) for some Δ with $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$. By replacing Δ with its normal closure in Γ , we can assume that Δ is normal.*

- (1) *There is a countable sequence of simplicial Γ -groups G_n with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ and an isomorphism of G and a direct limit of the Γ -groups G_n in \mathbf{OG}_Γ .*
- (2) *If (G, u) is an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , the simplicial Γ -groups and the isomorphism from (1) can be found in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u .*
- (3) *If (G, D) is an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , the simplicial Γ -groups and the isomorphism from (1) can be found in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D .*

If G is considered to be a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action, the simplicial Γ -groups and isomorphisms in the three parts can be found in categories \mathbf{OG}_Γ^ , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} respectively.*

Proof. If Γ is trivial, the statement becomes [9, Theorem 3.17 and Corollary 3.18] (parts (1) and (2)) and [7, Theorem IV.7.3] (parts (2) and (3)). Our proof follows the ideas of the proofs of these results, modifying the arguments using the results of this paper.

To show (1), we use the assumption that G is countable to index the elements of G^+ by the infinite countable cardinal ω so that $G^+ = \{x_n \mid n \in \omega\}$ with repetitions of elements allowed. We use induction to construct a sequence of simplicial Γ -groups $G_n, n \in \omega$, with bases stabilized by Δ and morphisms $g_{n(n+1)} : G_n \rightarrow G_{n+1}$ and $g_n : G_n \rightarrow G$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that the following three conditions hold $g_{n+1} g_{n(n+1)} = g_n$, $\ker g_n = \ker g_{n(n+1)}$ and $x_n \in g_n(G_n^+)$. Let $G_0 = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ and g_0 be the Γ -group homomorphism extension of the map $\Delta \mapsto x_0$. This extension is well-defined since if $a\Delta = 0$ for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$, then $\pi(a) = 0$. The assumption $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$ ensures that $ax_0 = 0$ by Lemma 4.6. The map g_0 is order-preserving since x_0 is in G^+ .

Now let us assume that $G_i, g_i, i = 0, \dots, n$ and $g_{i(i+1)}, i = 0, \dots, n-1$ have been defined and that they have the three required properties. Let $H = G_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ so that H is a simplicial Γ -group with a basis stabilized by Δ and let $h : H \rightarrow G$ be the Γ -group homomorphism extension of the map $(x, 0) \mapsto g_n(x)$ and $(0, \Delta) \mapsto x_{n+1}$. This extension is well-defined by the assumption that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$ and h is order-preserving since g_n is order-preserving and $x_{n+1} \in G^+$. By Proposition 4.10, there is a simplicial Γ -group G_{n+1} with a basis stabilized by Δ and morphisms $g_H : H \rightarrow G_{n+1}$ and $g_{n+1} : G_{n+1} \rightarrow G$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g_{n+1} g_H = h$ and $\ker g_H = \ker h$. Let $i : G_n \rightarrow H$ be the natural injection and let $g_{n(n+1)} = g_H i$. The three desired properties are satisfied by definitions.

Let $g_{nm} = g_{n(n+1)} \cdots g_{(m-1)m}$ for $n < m$ and let F be a direct limit of (G_n, g_{nm}) in \mathbf{OG}_Γ which exists by Proposition 3.1. Let $f_n : G_n \rightarrow F$ be the translational maps and let $f : F \rightarrow G$ be a unique morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $f f_n = g_n$. Thus we have that $f(F^+) \subseteq G^+$. The converse holds since $x_n \in g_n(G_n^+) = f f_n(G_n^+) \subseteq f(F^+)$ for every n , and so $G^+ \subseteq f(F^+)$. This also implies that f

is onto since G is directed. To show that f is injective, let $x \in F$ be such that $f(x) = 0$. Write x as $f_n(y_n)$ for some $y_n \in G_n$. Since $g_n(y_n) = f f_n(y_n) = f(x) = 0$, $y_n \in \ker g_n = \ker g_{n(n+1)}$. Thus $x = f_n(y_n) = f_{n+1}g_{n(n+1)}(y_n) = f_{n+1}(0) = 0$. This shows that f is an isomorphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ .

To show (2), let u be an order-unit of G and let $H_n, n \in \omega$, be simplicial Γ -groups, $h_{nm}, n < m$, and h_n be morphisms which exist by part (1) in the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ . Since $u \in G^+$, there is n_0 and $u_{n_0} \in H_{n_0}$ such that $u = h_{n_0}(u_{n_0})$. Since G is a direct limit of (H_n, h_{nm}) , with $n_0 \leq n < m$, without loss of generality we can assume that $n_0 = 1$. Let $u_n = h_{1n}(u_1)$ so that $u = h_1(u_1) = h_n h_{1n}(u_1) = h_n(u_n)$ for every $n > 1$ and $u_n = h_{1n}(u_1) = h_{kn} h_{1k}(u_1) = h_{kn}(u_k)$ for every $1 < k < n$.

Let $G_n = \{x \in H_n \mid -au_n \leq x \leq au_n \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]\}$ be the convex Γ -subgroup of H_n generated by $\{u_n\}$ so that (G_n, u_n) is an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . The group G_n is directed since for $x, y \in G_n$ with $-au_n \leq x \leq au_n$ and $-bu_n \leq y \leq bu_n$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, $x, y \leq (a+b)u_n \in G_n$. So G_n is a Γ -ideal of H_n . By Proposition 2.8, G_n is a simplicial Γ -group with a basis stabilized by Δ . Applying the order-preserving map $h_{n(n+1)}$ to the relation $-au_n \leq x \leq au_n$, we obtain that $-au_{n+1} \leq h_{n(n+1)}(x) \leq au_{n+1}$ so we have that $h_{n(n+1)}(G_n) \subseteq G_{n+1}$. Let $g_{n(n+1)}$ be the restriction of $h_{n(n+1)}$ on G_n . This produces a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups $((G_n, u_n), g_{nm})$.

Let g_n be the restriction of h_n to G_n . Clearly $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n(G_n) \subseteq G$ and $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n(G_n^+) \subseteq G^+$. If $x \in G^+$, then $x = h_n(y_n)$ for some $y_n \in H_n^+$ and there is $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ such that $0 \leq x \leq au$. Hence $0 \leq h_n(y_n) \leq ah_n(u_n)$. This implies the existence of $m > n$ such that $0 \leq h_{nm}(y_n) \leq ah_{nm}(u_n) = au_m$. Then, $h_{nm}(y_n) \in G_m^+$ and so $x = h_m h_{nm}(y_n) = g_m(h_{nm}(y_n)) \in g_m(G_m^+)$. This shows that $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n(G_n^+) = G^+$. As G is directed, this implies that $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n(G_n) = G$. Hence, (G, u) is a direct limit of $((G_n, u_n), g_{nm})$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . Note that the map g_{nm} maps $[0, u_n]$ into $[0, u_m]$, that g_n maps $[0, u_n]$ into $[0, u]$, and that $[0, u] = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n([0, u_n])$.

To show (3), let D be a generating interval of G , let us index the elements of D so that $D = \{d_n \mid n \in \omega\}$ with possible repetitions, and let H_n, h_{nm} , and h_n be groups and morphisms which exist by part (1).

For $v_1 = d_1 \in D$, there is a positive integer k_1 and element $u_1 \in H_{k_1}^+$ such that $h_{k_1}(u_1) = v_1$. Let G_1 be the convex Γ -subgroup of H_{k_1} generated by $\{u_1\}$, let D_1 be $[0, u_1]$ which is a generating interval of G_1 by Proposition 3.4. Let g_1 be the restriction of h_{k_1} on G_1 and let $v_2 \in D$ be such that $v_1, d_2 \leq v_2$. There is a positive integer m and $u'_2 \in H_m^+$ such that $h_m(u'_2) = v_2$. Since $0 \leq v_1 = h_{k_1}(u_1) \leq v_2 = h_m(u'_2)$, there is an integer $k_2 \geq \max\{m, k_1\}$ such that $0 \leq h_{k_1 k_2}(u_1) \leq h_{mk_2}(u'_2)$. Let $u_2 = h_{mk_2}(u'_2)$ and let G_2 be the convex Γ -subgroup of H_{k_2} generated by $\{u_2\}$, D_2 be $[0, u_2]$ (thus a generating interval by Proposition 3.4), g_2 be the restriction of h_{k_2} on G_2 , and g_{12} be the restriction of $h_{k_1 k_2}$ on G_1 . Let v_3 be the element of D such that $v_2, d_3 \leq v_3$ and continue the construction inductively. By the construction, the translational maps g_n are such that $g_n(u_n) = v_n$ and the connecting maps g_{nm} such that $g_{nm}(D_n) \subseteq D_m$ for $n < m$ so that both are morphisms of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D . Analogously as in part (2), we have that G is a direct limit of (G_n, g_{nm}) and that $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} g_n(D_n) = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} [0, v_n] = D$. Thus, (G, D) is a direct limit of $((G_n, D_n), g_{nm})$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D .

The last sentence of the theorem follows directly since the \mathbb{Z}_2 -action is trivial. \square

Theorem 4.12. *Let Γ be a group such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian and let G be a dimension Γ -group which satisfies (SDP_Δ) for some Δ with $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$. By replacing Δ with its normal closure in Γ , we can assume that Δ is normal.*

- (1) *There is a directed system I , simplicial Γ -groups $G_i, i \in I$, with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ , a directed system (G_i, g_{ij}) of \mathbf{OG}_Γ , and an isomorphism of G and a direct limit of (G_i, g_{ij}) in \mathbf{OG}_Γ .*

- (2) If (G, u) is an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , the directed system and the isomorphism from (1) can be found in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u .
- (3) If (G, D) is an object of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , the directed system and the isomorphism from (1) can be found in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D .

If G is considered to be a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action, the directed systems and isomorphisms in the three parts can be found in categories \mathbf{OG}_Γ^* , \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{u*} , and \mathbf{OG}_Γ^{D*} respectively.

Proof. If G is zero, there is nothing to prove. Let us assume that G is nonzero so that there is a nonzero element in G and, since G is directed, there is $0 \neq x \in G^+$. Assuming that $nx = 0$ for some positive integer n implies that $0 \leq x \leq 2x \leq 3x \leq \dots \leq nx = 0$ which implies that $x = 0$ since G^+ is strict. Hence, the elements $x, 2x, 3x, \dots$ are different and so G^+ is infinite.

The rest of the proof of (1) follows the proof of [9, Theorem 3.19] using results of this paper instead of the analogous results for the case $\Gamma = \{1\}$.

Let \mathcal{A} be the family of all nonempty finite subsets of G^+ . Then \mathcal{A} is directed under inclusion. For every $A \in \mathcal{A}$, we construct a simplicial Γ -group G_A with a basis stabilized by Δ and morphisms $g_A : G_A \rightarrow G$ and $g_{BA} : G_B \rightarrow G_A, B \subset A$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that the following four conditions hold: $g_A g_{BA} = g_B$, $\ker g_B = \ker g_{BA}$, $g_{BA} g_{CB} = g_{CA}$ and $A \subseteq g_A(G_A^+)$ for all $C \subset B \subset A$.

If A is a singleton $\{a\}$, let $G_A = \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ and g_A be the extension of the map $\Delta \mapsto a$ to a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ which exists by the assumption that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$ and that a is in G^+ .

Assuming that G_A, g_A , and $g_{BA}, B \subset A$, have been constructed for all sets $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ of cardinality less than n , let us consider $A \in \mathcal{A}$ of cardinality n . Let \mathcal{B} be the set of all nonempty and proper subsets of A and let $G_{\mathcal{B}} = \bigoplus_{B \in \mathcal{B}} G_B$ which is a simplicial Γ -group with a basis stabilized by Δ . For $B \in \mathcal{B}$, let q_B be the natural injection $G_B \rightarrow G_{\mathcal{B}}$. Let $g : G_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow G$ be a unique morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g_B = g q_B$. By Proposition 4.10, there is a simplicial Γ -group G_A with a basis stabilized by Δ and morphisms $g_{BA} : G_B \rightarrow G_A$ and $g_A : G_A \rightarrow G$ of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $g = g_A g_{BA}$ and $\ker g_{BA} = \ker g$. For every $B \subset A$, let $g_{BA} = g_{BA} q_B$. One checks that the above four conditions hold so that the collection $\{(G_A, g_{BA}) \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \subset A\}$ is a directed system.

Let H be a direct limit of the collection $\{(G_A, g_{BA}) \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \subset A\}$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ (which exists by Proposition 3.1). Let h_A , for $A \in \mathcal{A}$, be the translational maps and let $h : H \rightarrow G$ be a unique morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ such that $h h_A = g_A$. For any $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $A \subseteq g_A(G_A^+) = h h_A(G_A^+) \subseteq h(H^+)$ so $G^+ \subseteq h(H^+)$ and the converse holds since h is order-preserving. Hence $G^+ = h(H^+)$. This implies that h is onto as G is directed. If $h(x) = 0$ for some $x \in H$, let $x = h_B(x_B)$ for some $B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $x_B \in G_B$. Then $g_B(x_B) = h h_B(x_B) = h(x) = 0$. Since G^+ is infinite, there is $A \supset B$ such that $g_{BA}(x_B) = 0$ by the second condition. Thus, $x = h_B(x_B) = h_A g_{BA}(x_B) = h_A(0) = 0$ showing that h is injective.

The proofs of parts (2) and (3) are analogous to the proofs of parts (2) and (3) of Theorem 4.11. We list some more details for the proof of (3). Let us index the elements of D by the directed set \mathcal{A} so that $D = \{d_A \mid A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ with possible repetitions and let H_A, h_A , and h_{AB} be groups and morphisms which exist by part (1).

We use induction on the number of elements of sets $A \in \mathcal{A}$ to construct simplicial Γ -groups G_A , connecting maps g_{BA} and translational maps g_A as required. If $A = \{a\}$, let $v_A = d_A \in D$. There is $B_A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $u_A \in H_{B_A}^+$ such that $h_{B_A}(u_A) = v_A$. Let G_A be the convex Γ -subgroup of H_{B_A} generated by $\{u_A\}$, D_A be $[0, u_A]$ (which is a generating interval of G_A by Proposition 3.4), and g_A be the restriction of h_{B_A} on G_A . Assume that simplicial Γ -groups G_A elements $v_A \in D$ such that $v_B, d_A \leq v_A$ for $B \subset A$, and order-units $u_A \in G_A^+$ are defined for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with less than n

elements and are such that G_A is a convex subset of H_{B_A} for some $B_A \in \mathcal{A}$ and that g_A , and g_C are the restrictions of h_{B_A} and $h_{B_C B_A}$ for $C \subset A$, $g_A(u_A) = v_A$, $g_C(u_C) \leq u_A$ for $C \subset A$.

Let us consider a set $A \in \mathcal{A}$ with n elements. Let \mathcal{B} be the set of all proper and nonempty subsets of A . Since D is directed, there is $v_A \in D$ such that $v_A \geq v_B$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $v_A \geq d_A$. For v_A , there is $C \in \mathcal{A}$ and $u_C \in G_C^+$ such that $h_C(u_C) = v_A$. For any $B' \in \mathcal{B}$, $0 \leq v_{B'} = g_{B'}(u_{B'}) = h_{B_{B'}}(u_{B'}) \leq v_A = h_C(u_C)$. Let $B_A \in \mathcal{A}$ be larger than all $B_{B'}$ for $B' \in \mathcal{B}$ and C and such that $0 \leq h_{B_{B'} B_A}(u_{B'}) \leq h_{C B_A}(u_C)$. Define u_A as $h_{C B_A}(u_C)$ and G_A as the convex Γ -subgroup of H_{B_A} generated by $\{u_A\}$. Let D_A be $[0, u_A]$ (which is a generating interval again by Proposition 3.4), g_A the restriction of h_{B_A} to G_A and g_C the restriction of $h_{B_C B_A}$ to G_A for any $C \in \mathcal{B}$. By the construction, the translational maps g_A are such that $g_A(u_A) = h_{B_A}(h_{C B_A}(u_C)) = h_C(u_C) = v_A$ and the connecting maps g_C such that $g_C(D_C) \subseteq D_A$ for $C \subset A$ since $0 \leq h_{B_C B_A}(u_C) \leq u_A$. Thus $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} g_A(D_A) = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} [0, v_A] = D$ and $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} g_A(G_A^+) = G^+$ by construction and so (G, D) is a direct limit of $((G_A, D_A), g_{BA})$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D . \square

4.5. Realization of dimension Γ -groups for Γ with $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ noetherian. The statement that every countable dimension group can be realized as a K_0 -group of an ultramatrixial algebra over a field generalizes the Effros-Handelman-Shen Theorem for C^* -algebras. In this section, we show the generalization of this classic result for dimension Γ -groups if Γ is such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian.

Theorem 4.13. (*Dimension Γ -group Realization*) *Let Γ be a group such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian. If G is a countable dimension Γ -group satisfying (SDP_Δ) for some $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, then G is an ultrasimplicial Γ -group and, as such, realizable by a Γ -graded ultramatrixial ring over a graded division ring K with Γ_K equal to the normalizer of Δ .*

In the case when Γ is abelian (thus Γ is a finitely generated abelian group), and G is considered to be a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action, then G is realizable by a Γ -graded ultramatrixial $$ -algebra over a graded $*$ -field K with $\Gamma_K = \Delta$.*

Proof. The first part of the theorem follows directly from Theorems 4.11 and 3.10. The last sentence follows from Theorems 4.11 and 3.12. \square

We obtain a direct corollary of Proposition 4.9, Corollary 3.8, and Theorem 4.13 as follows.

Corollary 4.14. *Let Γ be a group such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian and (G, D) an object of \mathbf{POG}_Γ^D . Then $(G, D) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R)$ for some Γ -graded ultramatrixial ring R over a graded division ring K with Γ_K normal if and only if G is a countable dimension Γ -group.*

Proof. One direction is a direct corollary of Proposition 4.9 and Corollary 3.8. The converse follows directly from Theorem 4.13. \square

Since every finitely generated abelian group Γ is such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian and its every subgroup is normal, Proposition 4.9 and Theorem 4.13 imply the following.

Corollary 4.15. *Let Γ be a finitely generated abelian group. The class of ultrasimplicial Γ -groups and the class of countable dimension Γ -groups coincide.*

5. SOME REMARKS AND OPEN PROBLEMS

5.1. The Realization Problem. The Realization (or representation) Problem is asking for a description of all monoids which are isomorphic to $\mathcal{V}(R)$ for some von Neumann regular ring R .

Survey article [1] contains a comprehensive overview of this and several related open problems. The Realization Problem can also be phrased as asking for a description of all abelian groups realizable by a von Neumann regular ring.

Realization Problem is known to hold for large classes of monoids or, equivalently, abelian groups. The classic result include realization of countable dimension monoids, i.e. the positive cones of dimension groups or, equivalently, cancellative, refinement (the Riesz refinement property holds), unperforated, conical ($x + y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y = 0$) monoids. Any such countable monoid can be realized by an ultramatricial algebra over a field. The assumption that the monoid is countable here is relevant by an example from [16] of a dimension monoid of size \aleph_2 which cannot be realized by a regular ring. More recently, graph monoids, monoids with simple presentations in terms of vertices of oriented graphs, have been shown to be realizable (see [2] and [3]). In [5], the authors show that graph monoids appear more generally than it may seem from their definition: by [5, Theorem 3.6], any finitely generated conical regular ($2x \leq x$ for all x) refinement monoid is isomorphic to a graph monoid of a countable row-finite graph.

In the context of this paper, we generalize the Realization Problem to the case when a group Γ acts on an abelian group G so that the classic Realization Problem corresponds to the case when Γ is trivial. Recall that a Γ -graded ring R is *graded regular* if $x \in xRx$ for every homogeneous element x . We state the modified Realization Problem as follows.

Γ -Realization Problem. Describe all abelian Γ -groups which are isomorphic to $K_0^\Gamma(R)$ for some Γ -graded von Neumann regular ring R .

If R is a graded ring which is regular it is automatically graded regular. Moreover, since every regular ring can be trivially graded by any group, the class of graded regular rings is larger than the class of regular rings. In addition, every abelian group can be made into a Γ -group by considering the trivial action of Γ . Thus, a solution of the Γ -Realization Problem will solve the Realization Problem also.

Theorem 4.13 shows that if Γ is such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian, then every countable dimension Γ -group can be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring R over a graded division ring. Note that such ring R is graded regular. This brings us to our first question.

Question 5.1. Can every countable dimension Γ -group be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial ring over a graded division ring even if $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is not necessarily noetherian?

Every dimension Γ -group can be considered as a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with the trivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action. If such G is countable and Γ is finitely generated abelian, G can be realized by a Γ -graded ultramatricial $*$ -algebra over a graded $*$ -field by Theorem 4.13. However, a countable dimension Γ -group G can be equipped with some nontrivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action making it into a Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup. In this case, we ask whether it can also be realized by a graded $*$ -ring. In particular, since the involutive version of a regular ring is a $*$ -regular ring (every principal right ideal is generated by a self-adjoint idempotent) and a graded $*$ -regular ring is defined analogously by replacing “ideal” by “graded ideal” and “idempotent” by “homogeneous idempotent”, we pose the following.

Question 5.2. Can every countable dimension Γ - \mathbb{Z}_2 -bigroup with a nontrivial \mathbb{Z}_2 -action be realized by a Γ -graded $*$ -regular ring?

5.2. The Grothendieck Γ -group of a smash product. Generalizing some results of [6], the authors of [4] showed that the category of graded left modules over a Γ -graded ring R is isomorphic to the category of left modules of the smash product $R\#\Gamma$. The ring $R\#\Gamma$ is defined by introducing

new symbols p_γ for $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and letting the finite sums of the form $\sum rp_\gamma$ be added component-wise and multiplied by the rule $rp_\gamma sp_\delta = rs_{\gamma\delta^{-1}}p_\delta$ where $s_{\gamma\delta^{-1}} \in R_{\gamma\delta^{-1}}$ denotes the term in the representation of s as a sum of homogeneous terms. In [6], Cohen and Montgomery studied the case when Γ is finite and R is an algebra over a field K . The consideration of the smash product in [6] was motivated by the fact that there is a bijective correspondence of Γ -gradings on R and $R\#\text{Hom}_K(K[\Gamma], K)$ -module structure of R . This correspondence has been established by considering $p_\gamma, \gamma \in \Gamma$, to be the elements of the basis of $\text{Hom}_K(K[\Gamma], K)$ dual to the standard basis $\{\gamma \mid \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ of $K[\Gamma]$. The notation $R\#\Gamma$ of [4] corresponds to $R\#K[\Gamma]^*$ of [6].

Although the ring $R\#\Gamma$ can also be graded by Γ (by $(R\#\Gamma)_\gamma = \sum_\delta R_\gamma p_\delta$), the isomorphism of the categories from [4] is a way to consider the action of Γ on the standard K_0 -group of a ring instead of on the Grothendieck Γ -group of a graded ring. Thus, the results of this paper on graded rings can be formulated in terms of the module structure over the smash product.

For example, in the case when Γ is \mathbb{Z} and R is a Leavitt path algebra $L_K(E)$ of a graph E over a field K , $L_K(E)$ is naturally graded by \mathbb{Z} and there is a \mathbb{Z} -monoid isomorphism $\mathcal{V}^{\mathbb{Z}}(L_K(E)) \cong \mathcal{V}(L_K(E)\#\mathbb{Z})$ by [4, Corollary 5.3 and Proposition 5.7]. This isomorphism induces an order-preserving \mathbb{Z} -group isomorphism

$$K_0^{\mathbb{Z}}(L_K(E)) \cong K_0(L_K(E)\#\mathbb{Z}).$$

The graph C^* -algebra of the skew-product graph $E \times_1 \mathbb{Z}$ (or the covering \overline{E} of [4]) has the Grothendieck group with a natural \mathbb{Z} -group structure since the inclusion $L_{\mathbb{C}}(E \times_1 \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C^*(E \times_1 \mathbb{Z})$ induces an isomorphism of K_0 -groups and, by [4, Corollary 5.3 and Proposition 5.7],

$$K_0(C^*(E \times_1 \mathbb{Z})) \cong K_0(L_{\mathbb{C}}(E \times_1 \mathbb{Z})) \cong K_0^{\mathbb{Z}}(L_{\mathbb{C}}(E)).$$

5.3. The converse of Propositions 4.5 and 4.7. If Γ is trivial, a directed and ordered group G satisfies (SDP) if and only if it is a dimension group, i.e. it is unperforated and satisfies the interpolation property, by [9, Proposition 3.15] or [7, Lemma IV.7.1]. The proof fundamentally relies on the fact that every element of $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}[\{1\}]$ is either positive or negative, the fact that is not necessarily true for the order on $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ for nontrivial Γ . By Propositions 4.5 and 4.7, every dimension Γ -group is ordered, directed, unperforated with respect to some subgroup of Γ , and has the interpolation property. We ask whether a Γ -group with these four properties is necessarily a dimension Γ -group.

Question 5.3. If Γ is a group with a subgroup Δ and G is an ordered and directed Γ -group which satisfies the interpolation property and which is unperforated with respect to Δ , does G satisfy (SDP $_{\Delta'}$) for some subgroup Δ' ? If so, can Δ' be found such that $\Delta' \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$?

5.4. Weakening the assumptions. We ask whether the assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian can be weakened or deleted from the results of this paper which assume this condition. For example, we ask whether Theorem 4.11 is true (and, consequently, Theorems 4.12 and 4.13) if the assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian is weakened.

APPENDIX A. FAITHFULNESS AND THE CLASSIFICATION THEOREM

In [13, Theorem 5.2.4], it is shown that the functor K_0^Γ classifies graded ultramatricial algebras over a field K graded by an abelian group Γ . We show that K_0^Γ classifies graded ultramatricial rings over a graded division ring K for *any* Γ (Theorem A.3). The proof of [13, Theorem 5.2.4] uses the intertwining method, analogously to the classic proof ([8, Theorem 15.26]). In order for

all arguments to work out, one shows that [13, Lemma 5.1.2] and [13, Theorem 5.1.3] (fullness and faithfulness) remain to hold when certain graded matricial algebras are replaced by graded ultramatricial algebras as [13, Remark 5.1.4 and Lemma 5.1.5] establish. Lemma 1.1 generalizes [13, Lemma 5.1.2] and the lemma below generalizes [13, Lemma 5.1.5].

Lemma A.1. *If K is a Γ -graded division ring, R a graded ultramatricial ring over K , and P and Q two finitely generated graded projective R -modules, then $P \cong_{\text{gr}} Q$ if and only if $[P] = [Q]$ in $K_0^\Gamma(R)$.*

Proof. The proof of [13, Lemma 5.1.5] relies on the fact that any homogeneous idempotent matrix over R corresponds to a homogeneous idempotent matrix over some graded matricial ring from the sequence of graded rings used to form R . This argument holds if Γ is not abelian and K not commutative. In particular, the proof of [13, Lemma 5.1.5] carries over when using Lemma 1.1 instead of [13, Lemma 5.1.2]. \square

By using Lemma A.1 instead of Lemma 1.1, we obtain that the proof of Proposition 3.9 (fullness) holds if S (from the statement of Proposition 3.9) is a graded ultramatricial ring, not necessarily a graded matricial ring. We formulate Proposition A.2, which parallels [13, Theorem 5.1.3, part (1)] (faithfulness).

Proposition A.2. *(Faithfulness) Let Γ be any group, K a Γ -graded division ring, R a graded matricial ring, S a graded ultramatricial ring over K , and $\phi, \psi : R \rightarrow S$ graded ring homomorphisms (not necessarily unit-preserving). The following are equivalent.*

- (1) $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) = K_0^\Gamma(\psi)$
- (2) *There exist an invertible element $u \in S_{1_\Gamma}$ such that $\phi(r) = u\psi(r)u^{-1}$, for all $r \in R$.*

The proof of [13, Theorem Remark 5.1.3, part (1)] uses the relations on the standard graded matrix units which hold without the requirements that Γ is abelian or that K is commutative. If a graded ring homomorphism maps the standard graded matrix units of a graded matrix ring over K to zero, then the homomorphism is the zero map. Using this argument and Lemma A.1 instead of Lemma 1.1, the proof of [13, Theorem 5.1.3, part (1)] can be used for Proposition A.2.

Propositions 3.9 and A.2 (fullness and faithfulness) imply the classification result below which parallels [13, Theorem 5.2.4].

Theorem A.3. *(Classification) If Γ is any group, K a Γ -graded division ring, R and S are graded ultramatricial rings over K , and $f : (K_0^\Gamma(R), D_R) \rightarrow (K_0^\Gamma(S), D_S)$ is an isomorphism of the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , then there is a graded ring isomorphism $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi) = f$. If f is order-unit-preserving, then ϕ can be chosen to be unit-preserving.*

Proof. If f is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , the claim follows by the proof of [13, Theorem 5.2.4] when using Proposition A.2 and Proposition 3.9 (with S from the statement of Proposition 3.9 ultramatricial instead of matricial) in place of [13, Theorem 5.1.3 and Remark 5.1.4]. The proof in the case when f is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D follows the idea of the proof of the non-unital case of Proposition 3.9. In particular, if f is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , it extends to $f^u : K_0^\Gamma(R^u) \rightarrow K_0^\Gamma(S^u)$ by $[R^u] \mapsto [S^u]$ which is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . By the unital case, there is a graded ring isomorphism $\phi^u : R^u \rightarrow S^u$ such that $K_0^\Gamma(\phi^u) = f^u$.

If $p_R : R^u \rightarrow R^u/R$ and $p_S : S^u \rightarrow S^u/S$ denote the natural projections, we claim that ϕ^u maps $\ker p_R$ onto $\ker p_S$. The inclusion $\phi^u(\ker p_R) \subseteq \ker p_S$ is shown completely analogously as in

the proof of Proposition 3.9 except that Lemma A.1 is used instead of Lemma 1.1. The reverse inclusion holds by the analogous statement for the inverse of ϕ^u . Thus, we can define $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ as the restriction of ϕ^u on the kernel of p_R . \square

If Γ is abelian and K a Γ -graded $*$ -field, [14, Theorems 2.7, 3.4 and 4.5] are involutive versions of Propositions 3.9, A.2, and Theorem A.3 respectively.

One may wonder whether the homomorphism ϕ from Theorem A.3 can be required to be both a graded ring and a graded K -module homomorphism, just like in the case when Γ is abelian and K commutative in [13, Theorem 5.2.4]. The example below illustrate that this cannot be required.

Let K be a Γ -graded division ring such that $\Gamma_K = \Gamma$. For example, let $K = F[\Gamma]$ graded by $K_\gamma = F\{\gamma\}$ for any group Γ and any field F trivially graded by Γ . Let $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$, $R = \mathbb{M}_1(K)(\gamma)$ and $S = \mathbb{M}_1(K)(\delta)$. By the assumptions that $\Gamma_K = \Gamma$ and that K is a graded division ring, there is an invertible element $a \in K_{\delta\gamma^{-1}}$. Thus, the map $x \mapsto axa^{-1}$ is a graded ring isomorphism $R \cong_{\text{gr}} S$ and so $(K_0^\Gamma(R), [R]) \cong (K_0^\Gamma(S), [S])$ in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . If we assume that there is $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ which is both a graded ring and a graded K -module isomorphism, we have that $\phi(x) = x\phi(1)$ for any $x \in K$. In particular, if $x \in R_\gamma = K_\gamma$, then $\phi(x) \in S_\gamma = K_{\delta\gamma\delta^{-1}}$ and $x\phi(1) \in K_\gamma$. By considering Γ and K such that $K_{\delta\gamma\delta^{-1}} \neq K_\gamma$, for example $\Gamma = D_3 = \langle a, b | a^3 = 1, b^2 = 1, ba = a^2b \rangle$, $K = \mathbb{C}[\Gamma]$, $\gamma = a$ and $\delta = b$, we arrive to a contradiction.

APPENDIX B. DIMENSION Γ -GROUP EXTENSIONS

In the case when Γ is trivial, every dimension group with a generating interval D has a dimension group extension with an order-unit by the group $(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$. In this section, we prove a generalization of this statement for an ultrasimplicial Γ -group and, consequently, for a dimension Γ -group in the case when $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian.

If G, H and K are ordered Γ -groups then H is an *ordered Γ -group extension* of G by K if

$$0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{i} H \xrightarrow{p} K \longrightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence in the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ (thus p, i are order-preserving Γ -group homomorphisms such that i is injective, p surjective, and $i(G) = \ker p$), $i^{-1}(H^+) = G^+$, and $p(H^+) = K^+$.

If D is a generating interval of G , u an order-unit of H , and v an order-unit of K , then (H, u) is an *ordered Γ -group extension* of (G, D) by (K, v) if H is a Γ -group extension of G by K , p is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u , and $i^{-1}([0, u]) = D$ (which also implies that i is a morphism of \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D). This is written as follows.

$$0 \longrightarrow (G, D) \xrightarrow{i} (H, u) \xrightarrow{p} (K, v) \longrightarrow 0$$

Proposition B.1. *Let Γ be a group with a subgroup Δ . If G is an ordered and directed Γ -group with a generating interval D , then (G, D) has an ordered Γ -group extension by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$.*

Proof. Let $H = G \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$, let $i : G \rightarrow H$ be the natural injection and $p : H \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ the natural projection so that the diagram $0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{i} H \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta] \longrightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence in the category of $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules. Let us denote the set

$$\{(x, a\Delta) \in H \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma] \text{ and } x + ad \in G^+ \text{ for some } d \in D\}$$

by H^+ . It is direct to check that H^+ is closed under the action of Γ and that $(0, 0) \in H^+$. Let $(x, a\Delta), (y, b\Delta) \in H^+$ and $d_1, d_2 \in D$ be such that $x + ad_1, y + bd_2 \in G^+$. Since D is directed, there

is $d \in D$ such that $d \geq d_1, d \geq d_2$ so that $x + ad \geq x + ad_1 \geq 0$ and $y + bd \geq y + bd_2 \geq 0$. Thus $x + y + (a + b)d \geq 0$ and so H^+ is additively closed. Hence, H^+ is a cone in H . The cone H^+ is strict since the cone G^+ is strict. So, H^+ defines a partial order on H .

Next, we show that $(0, \Delta)$ is an order-unit of H . For any $(x, a\Delta) \in H$, there is $y \in G^+$ with $x \leq y$ since G is directed. Then $y = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i d_i$ for some $n, d_i \in D$ and $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Since D is directed, one can find $d \in D$ such that $d_i \leq d$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Thus $x \leq y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n b_i d = bd$ for $b = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$. Let $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ be such that $c \geq a + b$. This implies that $c - a \geq b$ so that $(c - a)d \geq bd$. The relation $x \leq bd$ implies that $-x + bd \geq 0$ and so $-x + (c - a)d \geq -x + bd \geq 0$. Thus, we have that $(-x, (c - a)\Delta) \in H^+$ and, hence, $(x, a\Delta) \leq (0, c\Delta)$. This demonstrates that $(0, \Delta)$ is an order-unit and also implies that H is directed.

By definition of H^+ , we have that i and p are order-preserving. Since $(0, a\Delta)$ is in H^+ for every $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, we have that $p(H^+) = \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$. The relation $i^{-1}(H^+) = G^+$ holds since $i(x) \in H^+$ for $x \in G$ if and only if x is in G^+ . The relation $p(0, \Delta) = \Delta$ holds by definition of p . So, it remains to show that $i^{-1}([(0, 0), (0, \Delta)]) = D$. For $d \in D$, $(-d, \Delta) \in H^+$ by definition of H^+ . Hence $(0, 0) \leq (d, 0) \leq (0, \Delta)$ and so $i(d) \in [(0, 0), (0, \Delta)]$. Conversely, if $i(x) \in [(0, 0), (0, \Delta)]$ for some $x \in G$, then $(0, 0) \leq (x, 0) \leq (0, \Delta)$ which implies that $(x, 0), (-x, \Delta) \in H^+$. Hence $x \in G^+$ and $-x + d \in G^+$ for some $d \in D$ by definition of H^+ . Thus $0 \leq x \leq d$ which implies that $x \in D$ by the convexity of D . \square

Proposition B.2. *Let Δ be a normal subgroup of Γ . If G is a simplicial Γ -group with a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ and a generating interval D , then (G, D) has an ordered Γ -group extension (H, u) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$ such that H satisfies (SDP_Δ) and that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(H)$.*

Proof. Let $H = G \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ and $u = (0, \Delta)$. Then (H, u) is an ordered Γ -group extension of (G, D) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$ by definition and by Proposition B.1. By Proposition 2.5, $\text{Stab}(H) = \Delta$. So, it is sufficient to show that H satisfies (SDP_Δ) . Let $X_i = (x_i, b_i\Delta)$ be in H^+ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and assume that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i = (0, 0)$ for some $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$. This implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$, that the elements b_i can be chosen in $\mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$, that $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_i) = 0$, and that there are $d_i \in D$ such that $x_i + b_i d_i \geq 0$. Since D is directed, there is $d \in D$ such that $d_i \leq d$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and, hence, $x_i + b_i d \geq x_i + b_i d_i \geq 0$.

Let $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \subseteq G^+$ be a simplicial Γ -basis stabilized by Δ . Thus, for $x_i + b_i d, d \in G^+$, there are $b_{ij}, c_j \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ for $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$ such that $x_i + b_i d = \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j$ and $d = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j y_j$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. The condition

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (x_i + b_i d) - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i d = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i b_{ij} y_j - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i b_i c_j y_j$$

implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n (\pi(a_i b_{ij}) - \pi(a_i b_i c_j)) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$.

Since Δ is normal in Γ , the map π is both a left and a right $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module homomorphism. So, $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_i) = 0$ implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_i c_j) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$, and hence

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_i c_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) - 0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}).$$

Let $Y_j = (y_j, 0)$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$ and $Y_{m+k} = (-d, \Delta)$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$. Then Y_j and Y_{m+k} are in H^+ by Proposition B.1. For all $i, k = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$, let $B_{ij} = b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ and $B_{i(m+k)} = \delta_{ik} b_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma]$ where δ_{ik} is the Kronecker symbol $\delta_{ik} = 0$ if $i \neq k$ and $\delta_{ik} = 1$ if $i = k$. For

any $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= (x_i, b_i \Delta) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j - b_i d, b_i \Delta \right) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} y_j, 0 \right) + b_i(-d, \Delta) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m b_{ij} (y_j, 0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{ik} b_k(-d, \Delta) = \sum_{j=1}^m B_{ij} Y_j + \sum_{k=1}^n B_{i(m+k)} Y_{m+k}. \end{aligned}$$

For any $j = 1, \dots, m$ and any $k = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i B_{ij}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_{ij}) = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i B_{i(m+k)}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i \delta_{ik} b_k) = \sum_{i=1}^n \pi(a_i b_i) = 0.$$

□

Proposition B.2 implies the following.

Proposition B.3. *Let Δ be a normal subgroup of Γ . If (G, D) is a direct limit of a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups with simplicial Γ -bases stabilized by Δ in the category \mathbf{OG}_Γ^D , then (G, D) has an ordered Γ -group extension (H, u) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$ such that H satisfies (SDP_Δ) and that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(H)$.*

Proof. Let I be a directed set, (G, D) a direct limit of simplicial Γ -groups $((G_i, D_i), g_{ij})$, $i, j \in I$, $i \leq j$, with bases stabilized by Δ , and $g_i, i \in I$ be the translational maps. By Proposition B.2, we can find ordered Γ -group extensions $(H_i, u_i), i \in I$, of (G_i, D_i) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$ which satisfy (SDP_Δ) and such that $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(H_i)$. Let ι_i denote the inclusion of (G_i, D_i) into (H_i, u_i) and p_i denote the projection $(H_i, u_i) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta)$. If $h_{ij} = g_{ij} \oplus 1_{\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]}$ where the second term is the identity map on $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$, then the system $((H_i, u_i), h_{ij}), i, j \in I, i \leq j$, is a directed system in \mathbf{OG}_Γ^u . Note that $h_{ij} \iota_i = \iota_j g_{ij}$ and $p_j h_{ij} = p_i$ by definition for all $i \leq j$. Let (H, u) be a direct limit of this directed system which exists by Proposition 3.1. Since all Γ -groups H_i satisfy (SDP_Δ) and are stabilized by Δ , H satisfies (SDP_Δ) and it is stabilized by Δ .

Define the maps $\iota : G \rightarrow H$ and $p : H \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta]$ by $\iota(g_i(x_i)) = h_i \iota_i(x_i)$ and $p(h_i(y_i)) = p_i(y_i)$. We claim that we obtain the required properties from the commutative diagram below.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & (G_i, D_i) & \xrightarrow{\iota_i} & (H_i, u_i) & \xrightarrow{p_i} & (\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow g_i & & \downarrow h_i & & \downarrow = \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & (G, D) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & (H, u) & \xrightarrow{p} & (\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\Delta], \Delta) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Indeed, one checks that the maps ι and p are well-defined, that ι is injective and p surjective using properties of a direct limit. Then one checks that $\ker p$ is equal to the image of ι , that ι and p are order-preserving, that $\iota^{-1}(H^+) = G^+$, $p(u) = \Delta$, and $p(H^+) = \mathbb{Z}^+[\Gamma/\Delta]$ using the definitions of the maps. It remains to check that $\iota^{-1}([0, u]) = D$. If $d \in D = \bigcup_{i \in I} g_i(D_i)$, then there is $i \in I$ and $d_i \in D_i = \iota_i^{-1}([0, u_i])$ such that $d = g_i(d_i)$. Hence the relation $0 \leq \iota_i(d_i) \leq u_i$ holds in H_i . Applying h_i to this relation, we obtain that $0 \leq h_i \iota_i(d_i) = \iota_j g_{ij}(d_i) \leq h_i(u_i) = u$. Hence $d = g_i(d_i) \in \iota^{-1}([0, u])$. Conversely, if $x \in \iota^{-1}([0, u])$, let $\iota(x) = h_i(y_i)$ for some $y_i \in H_i$. Since $0 = p \iota(x) = p h_i(y_i) = p_i(y_i)$, $y_i = \iota_i(x_i)$ for some $x_i \in G_i$ and then $\iota(x) = h_i(y_i) = h_i \iota_i(x_i) = \iota_j g_{ij}(x_i)$ which implies $x = g_i(x_i)$ since ι is injective. The relation $0 \leq \iota(x) = h_i \iota_i(x_i) \leq u = h_i(u_i)$ implies that there is $j \geq i$ such that $0 \leq h_{ij} \iota_i(x_i) = \iota_j g_{ij}(x_i) \leq h_{ij}(u_i) = u_j$ and so $g_{ij}(x_i) \in \iota_j^{-1}([0, u_j]) = D_j$. Thus $x = g_i(x_i) = g_j g_{ij}(x_i) \in g_j(D_j) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} g_i(D_i) = D$. □

We show the main result of this appendix now.

Theorem B.4. *If Γ is such that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian, Δ any subgroup of Γ , and (G, D) a dimension Γ -group satisfying (SDP_Δ) for some $\Delta \subseteq \text{Stab}(G)$, then (G, D) has an ordered Γ -group extension (H, u) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\overline{\Delta}], \overline{\Delta})$, where $\overline{\Delta}$ is the normal closure of Δ in Γ , such that H satisfies $(SDP_{\overline{\Delta}})$ and that $\overline{\Delta} \subseteq \text{Stab}(H)$.*

Proof. By Theorem 4.12, we can find a directed system of simplicial Γ -groups with bases stabilized by $\overline{\Delta}$ such that (G, D) is a direct limit of this directed system. By Proposition B.3, an ordered Γ -group extension (H, u) by $(\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma/\overline{\Delta}], \overline{\Delta})$ exists and it satisfies the required properties. \square

We ask whether the assumption that $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ is noetherian can be dropped from Theorem B.4.

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