TENSOR PRODUCTS OF σ -WEAKLY CLOSED NEST ALGEBRA SUBMODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we prove that for any unital σ -weakly closed algebra $\mathcal{A}$ which is σ -weakly generated by finite-rank operators in $\mathcal{A}$, every σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule has *Property S_σ* . In the case of nest algebras, if $\mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_n$ are nests, we obtain the following n -fold tensor product formula:

$$\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n},$$

where each $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_i}$ is the σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodule determined by an order homomorphism ϕ_i from $\mathcal{L}_i$ into itself.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the central results in the theory of tensor products of von Neumann algebras is Tomita's commutation formula:

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{M}' \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}' = (\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})',$$

where $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ are von Neumann algebras. It was observed in [2] that if we let $\mathcal{L}_1$ and $\mathcal{L}_2$ denote the projection lattices of $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ respectively, then (1) can be rewritten as

$$(2) \quad \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1 \overline{\otimes} \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_2 = \text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2).$$

This version of Tomita's theorem makes sense for any pair of reflexive algebras $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1$ and $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_2$. It remains a deep open question whether the tensor product formula (2) is valid for general reflexive algebras, or even general CSL algebras. However, (2) has been verified in a number of special cases ([2], [4], [5], [6], [7]). In particular, it is known that if $\mathcal{L}_1$ is a commutative subspace lattice that is either completely distributive [8] or of finite width [4], then (2) is valid for $\mathcal{L}_1$ and any subspace lattice $\mathcal{L}_2$.

The main purpose of this paper is to study tensor products of σ -weakly closed submodules of some reflexive algebras (in particular, of nest algebras). Section 1 of this paper is devoted to notation and preliminaries. In Section 2, we make use of slice maps to show that if $\mathcal{A}$ is a σ -weakly closed algebra which is σ -weakly generated by finite-rank operators in $\mathcal{A}$, then every σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule has *Property S_σ* . As a corollary, we obtain $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2}$, where each $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$ is

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a σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodule and $\mathcal{L}_i$ is a nest. However, the 2-fold tensor product formula cannot be generalized to the n -fold formula by induction (see the beginning of Section 3). So in Section 3, we use another method to prove the n -fold tensor product formula $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \cdots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n}$, where each $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_i}$ is a σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodule and $\mathcal{L}_i$ is a nest. The key to this proof is [3, Theorem 2] and [2, Proposition 2.4].

In this paper, all Hilbert spaces will be separable. Let $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ be the algebra of bounded operators on $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ be the set of finite-rank operators on $\mathcal{H}$. A sublattice $\mathcal{L}$ of the projection lattice of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to be a subspace lattice if it contains 0 and I and is strongly closed, where we identify projections with their ranges. If the elements of $\mathcal{L}$ pairwise commute, $\mathcal{L}$ is a commutative subspace lattice (CSL). A nest is a totally ordered subspace lattice. If $\mathcal{L}$ is a subspace lattice, $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ denotes the set of operators in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ that leave the elements of $\mathcal{L}$ invariant. Note that $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is a σ -weakly closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. If $\mathcal{L}$ is a CSL, $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is said to be a CSL algebra. If $\mathcal{L}$ is a nest, $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is said to be a nest algebra.

If $\mathcal{A}$ is a subset of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, then $\text{Lat } \mathcal{A}$, the set of projections left invariant by each element of $\mathcal{A}$, is a subspace lattice. A subalgebra $\mathcal{A}$ of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is reflexive if $\mathcal{A} = \text{Alg Lat } \mathcal{A}$. The reflexive algebras are precisely the algebras of the form $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$, where $\mathcal{L}$ is a subspace lattice. If $\mathcal{L}_i \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_i)$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are subspace lattices, $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$ is the subspace lattice in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_n)$ generated by $\{P_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes P_n : P_i \in \mathcal{L}_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$. If $\mathcal{S}_i \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_i)$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are σ -weakly closed subspaces, then $\mathcal{S}_1 \overline{\otimes} \cdots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{S}_n$ denotes the σ -weakly closed linear span of $\{S_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes S_n : S_i \in \mathcal{S}_i\}$ in $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_n)$.

The main technical tool in Section 2 is the use of slice maps. Slice maps were introduced by Tomiyama in [11] and have been used extensively in the study of tensor products of C^* -algebras and tensor products of von Neumann algebras. We recall some definitions and results from [7] and refer the reader to [7] for further results and motivation. If $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ are von Neumann algebras, and ϕ is in the predual $\mathcal{M}_*$ of $\mathcal{M}$, then the right slice map R_ϕ is the unique σ -weakly continuous linear map from $\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\langle X, \phi \otimes \psi \rangle = \langle R_\phi(X), \psi \rangle, \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}, \psi \in \mathcal{N}_*.$$

If $X = A \otimes B$ ($A \in \mathcal{M}, B \in \mathcal{N}$), then $R_\phi(X) = \langle A, \phi \rangle B$. The left slice map $L_\psi : \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}, \psi \in \mathcal{N}_*$, is similarly defined. If $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ are σ -weakly closed subspaces, let

$$F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}) = \{X \in \mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} : R_\phi(X) \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } L_\psi(X) \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{M}_*, \psi \in \mathcal{N}_*\}.$$

As noted in [7], we can replace $\mathcal{M}$ by $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)$ and $\mathcal{N}$ by $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)$ without affecting $F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$. Moreover $\mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T} \subseteq F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$. Tomiyama proved in [12] that if $\mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{T}$ are von Neumann algebras, then

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T} = F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}).$$

His proof uses Tomita's theorem and, in fact, Tomita's theorem (1) is equivalent to the validity of (3) for von Neumann algebras. Hence (3) can be considered as a possible general version of Tomita's theorem for σ -weakly closed subspaces.

A σ -weakly closed subspace $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is said to have *Property S_σ* if

$$\{X \in \mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N} : R_\phi(X) \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for all } \phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})_*\} = \mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$$

for all pairs $\{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{N}\}$, where $\mathcal{T}$ is a σ -weakly closed subspace of a von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{N}$. $\mathcal{S}$ has *Property S_σ* if and only if $F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ for all σ -weakly closed subspaces $\mathcal{T}$ of each von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{N}$ ([7, Remark 1.5]).

2. PROPERTY S_σ

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a reflexive subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Suppose that $E \rightarrow \tau(E)$ is an order homomorphism of $\text{Lat } \mathcal{A}$ into itself (i.e., $E \leq F$ implies $\tau(E) \leq \tau(F)$). Then the set $\mathcal{U} = \{T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : (I - \tau(E))TE = 0, \forall E \in \text{Lat } \mathcal{A}\}$ is clearly a σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. We denote $\mathcal{U}$ by $\mathcal{U}_\tau$.

Erdos and Power in [1] proved that any σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ for a nest algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is of the above form. Here the following result is due to Han Deguang [3]:

Theorem H. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a unital σ -weakly closed subalgebra which is σ -weakly generated by rank-one operators in $\mathcal{A}$, and let $\mathcal{U}$ be a σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then $\mathcal{U}$ has the form*

$$\mathcal{U} = \{T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : (I - \tau(E))TE = 0, \forall E \in \text{Lat } \mathcal{A}\},$$

where $E \rightarrow \tau(E) = [\mathcal{U}E]$ is an order homomorphism of $\text{Lat } \mathcal{A}$ into itself.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a unital σ -weakly closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ with the property that the finite-rank operators of $\mathcal{A}$ are σ -weakly dense in $\mathcal{A}$. Then every σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule has *Property S_σ* .*

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{U}$ is a σ -weakly closed $\mathcal{A}$ -submodule. Let $\mathcal{T}$ be a σ -weakly closed subspace of a von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{N}$, and suppose that $X \in \mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ and $R_\phi(X) \in \mathcal{T}$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})_*$. It suffices to show that $X \in \mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$. Let π be the normal $*$ -isomorphism of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ into $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ defined by $\pi(A) = A \otimes I$ for $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. If $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})_*$, a routine calculation shows that $R_\phi(\pi(F_1)X\pi(F_2)) = R_{F_2\phi F_1}(X)$, where $F_2\phi F_1 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})_*$ is defined by $\langle A, F_2\phi F_1 \rangle = \langle F_1 A F_2, \phi \rangle$, $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Hence $R_\phi(\pi(F_1)X\pi(F_2))$ is in $\mathcal{T}$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})_*$. Since $\pi(F_1)(\mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N})\pi(F_2) = F_1 \mathcal{U} F_2 \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{N}$ and $F_1 \mathcal{U} F_2$ has *Property S_σ* by [7, Proposition 1.7], $\pi(F_1)X\pi(F_2)$ is in $F_1 \mathcal{U} F_2 \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$. But $F_1 \mathcal{U} F_2 \subseteq \mathcal{U}$; thus $\pi(F_1)X\pi(F_2) \in \mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$. Let $\{F_\alpha\}$ be a net in $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ converging σ -weakly to the identity map I . Then $\pi(F_\alpha)X\pi(F)$ converges σ -weakly to $X\pi(F)$ for all $F \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$, and so $X\pi(F) \in \mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ for all $F \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$. Finally, $X\pi(F_\alpha)$ converges σ -weakly to X , and so $X \in \mathcal{U} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$. Hence $\mathcal{U}$ has *Property S_σ* . $\square$

It is known from [10] that a commutative subspace lattice $\mathcal{L}$ is completely distributive if and only if the rank-one subalgebra of $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ is σ -weakly dense in $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$. Thus we have the following result:

Corollary 2.2. *If $\mathcal{L}$ is a completely distributive CSL, then every σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ -submodule has *Property S_σ* .*

If $\mathcal{L}$ is a completely distributive CSL, it follows from Theorem H that every σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ -submodule is of the form $\mathcal{U}_\tau$, where $E \rightarrow \tau(E)$ is an order homomorphism of $\mathcal{L}$ into itself.

Corollary 2.3. *Suppose that $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) are completely distributive CSLs, and that $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$ ($i = 1, 2$) are σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodules respectively. Then $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2} = F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$.*

Proof. A σ -weakly closed subspace $\mathcal{S}$ has *Property S_σ* if and only if $\mathcal{S} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{T} = F(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$ for all σ -weakly closed subspaces $\mathcal{T}$ ([7, Remark 1.5]). Thus the corollary follows from Corollary 2.2. $\square$

In the case of nest algebras, we can say more about tensor products of σ -weakly closed nest algebra submodules. In the rest of this paper, we suppose that $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are nests on separable complex Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}_i$ and τ_i are order homomorphisms of $\mathcal{L}_i$ into $\mathcal{L}_i$.

If $L \in \mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$, it follows from [2, Proposition 2.4] that

$$L = \vee \{E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n : E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n \leq L\}.$$

Thus we can define

$$(\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n)(L) = \vee \{\tau_1(E_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n(E_n) : E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n \leq L\}.$$

Obviously, $(\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) = \tau_1(E_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n(E_n)$. Thus $\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n$ is a well-defined order homomorphism of $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$ into itself and $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$ is a σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$ -submodule. Hence the equality $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1 \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_n = \text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$ of [2, Theorem 2.6] can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{U}_{I_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{I_n} = \mathcal{U}_{I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes I_n},$$

where I_i is the identity map of $\mathcal{L}_i$ into $\mathcal{L}_i$.

Lemma 2.4. *Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) be nests on separable Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}_i$ and τ_i ($i = 1, 2$) be order homomorphisms of $\mathcal{L}_i$ into $\mathcal{L}_i$. Then $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2} = F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$.*

Proof. Suppose that $X \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2)$. If $E_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)_*$, it follows from [7] (1.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(E_2)R_\phi(X)E_2 &= R_\phi((I_1 \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(I_1 \otimes E_2)) \\ &= R_\phi((I_1 \otimes \tau_2(E_2))(\tau_1(I_1) \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(I_1 \otimes E_2)) \\ &= R_\phi((\tau_1(I_1) \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(I_1 \otimes E_2)) \\ &= R_\phi(X(I_1 \otimes E_2)) = R_\phi(X)E_2. \end{aligned}$$

So $R_\phi(X) \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2}$. Similarly, $L_\psi(X) \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)_*$. Hence by the definition of $F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$, we have $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2} \subseteq F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$.

Conversely, suppose that $X \in F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$. If $E_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)_*$, then $\tau_2(E_2)R_\phi(X)E_2 = R_\phi(X)E_2$. Thus $R_\phi((I_1 \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(I_1 \otimes E_2)) = R_\phi(X(I_1 \otimes E_2))$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1)_*$. It follows from [7] (1.5) that

$$(I_1 \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(I_1 \otimes E_2) = X(I_1 \otimes E_2).$$

Similarly, if $E_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1$, we have that $X(E_1 \otimes I_2) = (\tau_1(E_1) \otimes I_2)X(E_1 \otimes I_2)$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X(E_1 \otimes E_2) &= X(E_1 \otimes I_2)(I_1 \otimes E_2) \\ &= (\tau_1(E_1) \otimes I_2)X(I_1 \otimes E_2)(I_1 \otimes I_2) \\ &= (\tau_1(E_1) \otimes I_2)(I_1 \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(E_1 \otimes E_2) \\ &= (\tau_1(E_1) \otimes \tau_2(E_2))X(E_1 \otimes E_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by virtue of [2, Proposition 2.4], it is easy to show that $XL \subseteq (\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2)(L)$ for each $L \in \mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2$. Hence $X \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2} = F(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1}, \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2})$. $\square$

Theorem 2.5. *Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ and τ_i be as in the preceding lemma. Then $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2}$.*

Proof. Since every nest is a completely distributive CSL, the theorem follows from Corollary 2.3 and Lemma 2.4, obviously. $\square$

3. THE n -FOLD TENSOR PRODUCT FORMULA

Since $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2$ is not totally ordered in general, we cannot deduce the tensor product formula $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2 \otimes \tau_3} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_3}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2 \otimes \tau_3} &= \mathcal{U}_{(\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2) \otimes \tau_3} \\ &= \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \tau_2} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_3} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_2} \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_3}. \end{aligned}$$

(In order to use Theorem 2.5, the second equality needs the totally ordered property of $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \mathcal{L}_2$.) So we cannot generalize Theorem 2.5 to n -fold tensor products for $n > 2$ by induction. In this section, instead of the slice maps, we shall use Theorem H to prove the n -fold tensor product formula. Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) be nests and let $\mathcal{U}_i$ be σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodules. From Theorem H, it follows from $\mathcal{U}_i = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$, where $\tau_i(E) = [\mathcal{U}_i E]$ for any $E \in \mathcal{L}_i$. In the rest of this section, we always use τ_i to denote these special order homomorphisms.

Lemma 3.1. *For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $E_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ and $f_i \in E_i$ such that $[(\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i) f_i] = E_i$. Then $[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)] = [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} E_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} E_n]$.*

Proof. Since $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i} \cdot \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$, $[\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i} E_i] = [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i} f_i]$. By virtue of [2] Lemma 2.2,

$$E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n = [(\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1 \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_n)(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)].$$

Thus, since $(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1 \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_n) = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n}$,

$$[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)] = [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)].$$

Hence it suffices to prove that

$$[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)] = [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n].$$

If g_i is any vector in $[\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i} f_i]$, then g_i can be norm approximated by vectors of the form $T_i f_i$, where $T_i \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$. Hence $g_1 \otimes \dots \otimes g_n$ can be approximated by vectors of the form $T_1 f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n f_n = (T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n)(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)$. Thus any vector of the form $g_1 \otimes \dots \otimes g_n$ with $g_i \in [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i} f_i]$ lies in $[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)]$. Since such vectors generate $[\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n]$, we have $[\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n] \subseteq [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)]$.

To prove the reverse inequality, for any $T_i \in \mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n])(T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) \\ &= ([\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} E_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} E_n])(T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) \\ &= (\tau_1(E_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n(E_n))(T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) \\ &= \tau_1(E_1) T_1 E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n(E_n) T_n E_n \\ &= T_1 E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n E_n \\ &= (T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$\begin{aligned} &([\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n])(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) \\ &= [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)] &= [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)] \\ &\leq [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)] = [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} f_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} f_n].$$

This completes the proof. $\square$

Theorem 3.2. Let $\mathcal{U}_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) be σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodules and $\tau_i(E) = [\mathcal{U}_i E]$ for any $E \in \mathcal{L}_i$. Then $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$.

Proof. It is obvious that $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n}$ is a σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_1 \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_n$ -submodule. By virtue of [2, Theorem 2.6], $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n}$ is a σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$ -submodule. It follows from [2, Proposition 2.7] that $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$ is a completely distributive CSL. Thus, Theorem H shows that $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n}$ is determined by the order homomorphism $L \rightarrow [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})L]$ of $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$ into itself.

Now suppose that $E_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$. For each i , choose a vector $v_i \in E_i$ such that $[(\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i)v_i] = E_i$ (the proof of the existence of such v_i is routine). It follows from Lemma 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} [(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)] &= [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} E_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} E_n] \\ &= \tau_1(E_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n(E_n) \\ &= (\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n). \end{aligned}$$

If $L \in \mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$, [2, Proposition 2.4] shows that

$$L = \vee \{E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n : E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n \leq L\}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})L] \\ &= \vee \{[(\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n})(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n)] : E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n \leq L\} \\ &= \vee \{(\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n)(E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n) : E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n \leq L\} \\ &= (\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n)(L). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$ are σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$ -submodules determined by the same order homomorphism. This shows that

$$\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}.$$

□

Given general order homomorphisms ϕ_i from $\mathcal{L}_i$ into $\mathcal{L}_i$, we will consider the relation between $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$. We need some lemmas at first.

For non-zero vectors $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$, the rank-one operator xy^* is defined by the equation

$$(xy^*)(z) = \langle z, y \rangle x, \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Lemma 3.3. Suppose that $\mathcal{L}$ is a subspace lattice, and that $\mathcal{U}_\phi$ is the σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ -submodule determined by an order homomorphism ϕ from $\mathcal{L}$ into itself. Then a rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_\phi$ if and only if there exists an element $N \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $x \in N$ and $y \in \phi_\sim(N)^\perp$, where $\phi_\sim(N) = \vee \{G \in \mathcal{L} : \phi(G) \not\leq N\}$.

Proof. The proof is routine. We leave the details to the interested readers. □

Lemma 3.4. Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ be a nest and ϕ_i be an order homomorphism from $\mathcal{L}_i$ into itself. Define $\psi_i : I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_i \otimes \dots \otimes I_n \rightarrow I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_i \otimes \dots \otimes I_n$ by

$$\psi_i(I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes N_i \otimes \dots \otimes I_n) = I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_i(N_i) \otimes \dots \otimes I_n, \quad \forall N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i.$$

Then the rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_{\psi_i}$ if and only if there exists an element $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ such that $x \in I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes N_i \otimes \dots \otimes I_n$ and $y \in I_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{i\sim}(N_i)^\perp \otimes \dots \otimes I_n$.

Proof. Certainly ψ_i is an order homomorphism from $I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$ into itself, and $\mathcal{U}_{\psi_i}$ is the σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg}(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n)$ -submodule determined by ψ_i . By virtue of Lemma 3.3, a rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_{\psi_i}$ if and only if there exists an element $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ such that $x \in I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$ and $y \in \psi_{i\sim}(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n)^\perp$. In the following, we compute

$$\psi_{i\sim}(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n)^\perp.$$

By the definition of $\psi_{i\sim}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{i\sim}(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n) \\ &= \vee \{I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes G_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n : \psi_i(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes G_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n) \\ & \quad \not\supseteq I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n\} \\ &= \vee \{I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes G_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n : I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_i(G_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n \\ & \quad \not\supseteq I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n\} \\ &= \vee \{I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes G_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n : \phi_i(G_i) \not\supseteq N_i\} \\ &= I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes (\vee \{G_i : \phi_i(G_i) \not\supseteq N_i\}) \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n \\ &= I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{i\sim}(N_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n, \end{aligned}$$

and so $\phi_{i\sim}(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n)^\perp = I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{i\sim}(N_i)^\perp \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$. $\square$

Proposition 3.5. *Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) be nests and ϕ_i be order homomorphisms from $\mathcal{L}_i$ into itself. Then a rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n}$ if and only if there exist $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ such that $x \in N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n$ and $y \in \phi_{1\sim}(N_1)^\perp \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{n\sim}(N_n)^\perp$.*

Proof. Set $\mathcal{F}_i = I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$, and define $\psi_i : \mathcal{F}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_i$ by

$$\psi_i(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n) = I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_i(N_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n, \quad \forall N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i.$$

Each ψ_i is an order homomorphism from $\mathcal{F}_i$ into itself and $\mathcal{U}_{\psi_i}$ is the σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{F}_i)$ -submodules determined by ψ_i . Thus we have the equation $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\psi_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{\psi_n}$. In fact, by virtue of [2, Proposition 2.4],

$$L = \vee \{N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n : N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n \leq L\} \quad \text{for any } L \in \mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n.$$

Thus it is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n} &= \{T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_n) : T(N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n) \\ & \quad \subseteq \phi_1(N_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n(N_n), \forall N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i\}, \end{aligned}$$

and so $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{\psi_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{\psi_n}$. For any $T \in \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n}$, we have that for any $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$,

$$T(N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n) \subseteq T(I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n) \subseteq I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_i(N_i) \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Thus $T(N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n) \subseteq \phi_1(N_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n(N_n)$ and $T \in \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n}$. Hence $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\psi_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{\psi_n}$. From Lemma 3.4 it follows that for any $1 \leq i \leq n$, a rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_{\psi_i}$ if and only if there exists $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ such that $x \in I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_i \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$ and $y \in I_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{i\sim}(N_i)^\perp \otimes \cdots \otimes I_n$. Therefore a rank-one operator $xy^* \in \mathcal{U}_{\psi_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{U}_{\psi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_n}$ if and only if there exists $N_i \in \mathcal{L}_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) such that $x \in N_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes N_n$ and $y \in \phi_{1\sim}(N_1)^\perp \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi_{n\sim}(N_n)^\perp$. $\square$

Lemma 3.6. *Suppose that $\mathcal{L}$ is a subspace lattice and that $\mathcal{U}_\phi$ is the σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}$ -submodule determined by an order homomorphism ϕ from $\mathcal{L}$ into itself. Then $\tau \leq \phi$ and $\tau_\sim = \phi_\sim$, where $\tau(E) = [\mathcal{U}_\phi E]$ for any $E \in \mathcal{L}$.*

Proof. It follows from the definition of $\mathcal{U}_\phi$ that

$$\tau(E) = [\mathcal{U}_\phi E] \leq \phi(E) \quad \text{for any } E \in \mathcal{L}.$$

So $\tau \leq \phi$.

Since $\tau \leq \phi$, we have $\tau_\sim \geq \phi_\sim$. So it suffices to show that $\tau_\sim \leq \phi_\sim$. If not, there exists $E \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $\tau_\sim(E) \not\leq \phi_\sim(E)$. It follows from the definition of $\tau_\sim$ that there exists $F \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $\tau(F) \not\leq E$ and $F \not\leq \phi_\sim(E)$. Thus we can choose non-zero vectors x, y such that $x \in E$ and $x \notin \tau(F)$, $y \in \phi_\sim(E)^\perp$ and $y \notin F^\perp$. From Lemma 3.3, it follows that $x \otimes y \in \mathcal{U}_\phi$. Since $(I - \tau(F))(x \otimes y)F \neq 0$, $x \otimes y \notin \mathcal{U}_\tau$. However it follows from the proof of Theorem H that $\mathcal{U}_\tau = \mathcal{U}_\phi$. This is a contradiction. Accordingly, $\tau_\sim \leq \phi_\sim$ and $\tau_\sim = \phi_\sim$. $\square$

Now we are in the position to show the general tensor product formula of σ -weakly closed $\text{Alg } \mathcal{L}_i$ -submodules.

Theorem 3.7. *Let $\mathcal{L}_i$ ($1 = 1, \dots, n$) be nests and ϕ_i be order homomorphisms from $\mathcal{L}_i$ into itself. Then $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$.*

Proof. It follows from Theorem H that $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_i} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$, where $\tau_i(E) = [\mathcal{U}_{\phi_i} E]$ for any $E \in \mathcal{L}_i$. Thus by virtue of Theorem 3.2, we have that

$$\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\tau_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}.$$

So it suffices to show $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$. Since $\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n$ is a completely distributive CSL ([2, Proposition 2.7]), it follows from [10] Theorem 3 that the rank-one operators of $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$ are σ -weakly dense in $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}_n)$. So it is routine to show that the linear spans of rank-one operators in $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$ are σ -weakly dense in $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$ respectively. From Proposition 3.5 and Lemma 3.6, it follows that $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$ have the same rank-one operators. Therefore $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{\phi_1} \overline{\otimes} \dots \overline{\otimes} \mathcal{U}_{\phi_n} = \mathcal{U}_{\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_n}$. $\square$

Remark 3.8. Theorem 2.5 is a particular case of Theorem 3.2. In [9], Theorem 2.2 shows that $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are reflexive subspaces. Combining the above result, we know that the tensor product of $\mathcal{U}_{\tau_i}$ is also reflexive. It is natural to ask whether the tensor product of reflexive subspaces is also reflexive. This seems a challenging problem.

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