

# Hilbert-Schmidt operators and Tensor Product of two vector spaces

## I Hilbert-Schmidt operators

### ① Definition

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two separable Hilbert spaces,  $T$  a bounded operator from  $V$  to  $W$ ; i.e.  $T \in B(V, W)$ . Let  $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . We shall prove that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tv_n|^2 \text{ is independent of the choice of basis } (v_n).$$

Indeed, let  $(w_m)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $W$ . Then

$$Tv_n = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_n, w_m \rangle w_m = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle v_n, T^* w_m \rangle w_m$$

thus

$$|Tv_n|^2 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\langle v_n, T^* w_m \rangle|^2$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tv_n|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |\langle v_n, T^* w_m \rangle|^2$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle v_n, T^* w_m \rangle|^2$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|T^* w_m\|^2$$

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Thus, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_{vn}|^2$  is independent of the choice of orthonormal basis  $(v_n)$ .

Definition:  $T \in B(V, W)$  is called Hilbert-Schmidt operator if the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_{vn}|^2$  is finite.

By this definition and the above calculation, we easily see that  $T$  is Hilbert-Schmidt if and only if  $T^*$  is Hilbert-Schmidt.

② If  $T$  is Hilbert-Schmidt (HS) then  $T$  is compact.

Proof To show that  $T$  is compact, we only need to show that  $T$  is a normlimit of a sequence of finite-rank operators. For each  $v \in V$  with unit norm,

$$Tv = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle Tv, w_n \rangle w_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle v, T^* w_n \rangle w_n$$

For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we put

$$T_m v = \sum_{n=1}^m \langle v, T^* w_n \rangle w_n \quad \forall v \in V$$

Then  $T_m v - Tv = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \langle v, T^* w_n \rangle w_n$

and

$$|Tv - T_m v|^2 = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} |\langle v, T^* w_n \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \|T^* w_n\|^2$$

Thus,

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$$\|T - T_m\|^2 \leq \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} |T^* w_n|^2$$

We know that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T^* w_n|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tw_n|^2 < \infty$ . Hence,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|T - T_m\|^2 = 0.$$

(3) The space of HS operators contains the space of trace class operators.

Proof Let  $T$  be a trace class operator, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tw_n| < \infty$$

Thus,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |Tw_n| = 0$ . There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|Tw_n|^2 \leq |Tw_1| \quad \forall n \geq N$$

Hence, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tw_n|^2 < \infty$ .

(4) Norm on the space of HS operator

Hereafter, the space of HS operator from Hilbert space  $V$  to Hilbert space  $W$  is denoted  $B_2(V, W)$ . We will show that

$$\|T\|_{HS} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tw_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

is actually a norm on  $B_2(V, W)$ . We have to check 3

~~pre~~ criteria

\* Positive definite:  $\|T\|_{HS} \geq 0$ .

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If  $\|T\|_{HS} = 0$  then  $Tv_n = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $T = 0$ .

\* Homogeneous: let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\|\lambda T\|_{HS} &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda T v_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda|^2 |T v_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= |\lambda| \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T v_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} = |\lambda| \|T\|_{HS}.\end{aligned}$$

\* Triangle inequality:

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two HS operator

$$\begin{aligned}\|S+T\|_{HS} &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(S+T)v_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Sv_n + Tv_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\leq} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Sv_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |Tv_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \|S\|_{HS} + \|T\|_{HS}\end{aligned}$$

⑤  $\|T\|_{HS} = \|T^*\|_{HS}$  and  $\|T\|_\infty \leq \|T\|_{HS}$

Proof By the calculation in Point ①, we have

$$\|T\|_{HS}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T v_n|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T^* w_n|^2 = \|T^*\|_{HS}^2.$$

Thus  $\|T\|_{HS} = \|T^*\|_{HS}$ . For each  $v \in V$  with unit norm,

$$Tv = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v, w_n \rangle w_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle v, T^* w_n \rangle w_n$$

$$\text{Thus, } |Tv|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle v, T^* w_n \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T^* w_n|^2 = \|T^*\|_{HS}^2 = \|T\|_{HS}^2$$

$$\text{or } |Tv| \leq \|T\|_{HS}. \text{ Hence } \|T\|_\infty = \sup_{\|v\|=1} |Tv| \leq \|T\|_{HS}.$$

(6) The space of finite-rank operators is dense on  $B_2(V, W)$

Proof Hereafter, the space of finite-rank operators is denoted  $B_{fin}(V, W)$ . First, we'll show that  $B_{fin}(V, W) \subset B_2(V, W)$ .

Let  $S \in B_{fin}(V, W)$ . Then  $\text{Im } S$  is finite dimensional, with a finite orthonormal basis  $\{w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_k\}$ . Let  $\{v'_1, v'_2, v'_{k+1}, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal. Thus  $\text{Im } S$  is generated by finitely many elements  $S(v'_1), \dots, S(v'_k)$ . Let  $\{v''_1, \dots, v''_j, v''_{j+1}, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal set generating  $v'_1, \dots, v'_k$ . Let  $\{v''_1, \dots, v''_j, v''_{j+1}, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . Then  $S(v''_{j+1}) = S(v''_{j+2}) = \dots = 0$ . Let  $\{v''_{j+1}, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\ker S$ . Then  $\{v''_1, \dots, v''_j, v''_{j+1}, \dots\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|S(v''_n)\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^j \|S(v''_n)\|^2 < \infty$$

thus  $S \in B_2(V, W)$ .

Next, we'll show that  $B_{fin}(V, W)$  is dense in  $B_2(V, W)$ . For each  $T \in B_2(V, W)$ , we have

$$Tv = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle Tv, w_n \rangle w_n$$

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For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define the finite-rank operator

$$T_m v = \sum_{k=1}^m \langle T_0, w_k \rangle w_k \quad \forall v \in V$$

Then

$$(T - T_m)(v) = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \langle T_0, w_k \rangle w_k$$

and

$$\| (T - T_m)(v) \|^2 = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} |\langle T_0, w_k \rangle|^2 = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} | \langle v, T^* w_k \rangle |^2$$

Then

$$\| (T - T_m) v_n \|^2 = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} | \langle v_n, T^* w_k \rangle |^2$$

and

$$\| T - T_m \|_{HS}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \| (T - T_m) v_n \|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} | \langle v_n, T^* w_k \rangle |^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Using} \quad \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} | \langle v_n, T^* w_k \rangle |^2 \\ & = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \| T^* w_k \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \| T^* w_k \|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \| T v_k \|^2 < \infty, \quad \text{we have} \quad \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \| T^* w_k \|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $\| T - T_m \|_{HS} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

(7) There exists a linear isomorphic isometry between  $B_2(V, W)$  and  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Consequently,  $B_2(V, W)$  is a Hilbert space isomorphic to  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .

⑦  $B_2(V, W)$  is a Hilbert space with inner product

$$\langle T, S \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle S^* T v_i, v_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_i, S v_i \rangle$$

Proof First we show that the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_i, S v_i \rangle$  does not depend on the choice of orthonormal basis  $(v_i)$ .

$$T v_i = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_i, w_n \rangle w_n$$

$$S v_i = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle S v_i, w_m \rangle w_m$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T v_i, S v_i \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_i, w_n \rangle \langle w_n, S v_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\langle v_i, T^* w_n \rangle}_{a_{in}} \underbrace{\langle S^* w_n, v_i \rangle}_{\alpha_{in}} \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$|a_{in}| \leq \frac{1}{2} (|\langle v_i, T^* w_n \rangle|^2 + |\langle S^* w_n, v_i \rangle|^2)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,n} |a_{in}| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_n \sum_i |\langle v_i, T^* w_n \rangle|^2 + \sum_n \sum_i |\langle S^* w_n, v_i \rangle|^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_n |\langle T^* w_n, v_i \rangle|^2 + \sum_n |\langle S^* w_n, v_i \rangle|^2 \right\} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

By Fubini's Theorem,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_i, S v_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{in} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{in}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left\langle \langle S^{*}w_n, v_i \rangle w_i, T^{*}w_n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle S^{*}w_n, v_i \rangle w_i, T^{*}w_n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle S^{*}w_n, T^{*}w_n \rangle, \text{ which is independent of } (v_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have to check the following 3 properties

- \* Linear with respect to the first argument
- \* Conjugate symmetric.
- \* Positive definite

Obviously,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is linear on the first argument.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle S, T \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle S v_n, T v_n \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\langle T v_n, S v_n \rangle} = \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_n, S v_n \rangle} \\
 &= \overline{\langle T, S \rangle}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is conjugate symmetric.

$$\langle T, T \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v_n, T v_n \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T v_n|^2 = \|T\|_{HS}^2$$

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is positively definite. Up to now, we verified that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $B_2(V, W)$  which generates the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{HS}$ .

Next, we have to show that this norm is complete.

Let  $(T_m)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $B_2(V, W)$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_m v_n|^2 < \infty$$

Thus,  $\{T_m v_n\}_n \in \ell^2(N)$ . Put  $u_m = \{T_m v_n\}_n$ . Then

$$\|u_m - u_k\|_{\ell^2}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_m v_n - T_k v_n|^2 = \|T_m - T_k\|_{HS}^2,$$

or  $\|u_m - u_k\|_{\ell^2}^2 = \|T_m - T_k\|_{HS}$ . That means  $\{u_m\}$  is a

Cauchy sequence in  $\ell^2(N)$ . Since  $\ell^2(N)$  is complete, there exists  $u \in \ell^2(N)$  such that  $u_m \rightarrow u$ . ~~Denote~~ We write  $u = \{a_n\}_{n \in N}$ .

Define a mapping  $T \in B(V, W)$  such that  $T v_n = a_n$ . We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_m v_n - T v_n|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |T_m v_n - a_n|^2 = \|u_m - u\|_{\ell^2}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Thus  $T_m \rightarrow T$  in  $B_2(V, W)$ .

## I Tensor product of two vector spaces

### ① Definition

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two modules over ring  $K$ . Then  $\overset{a}{\text{Tensor product}}$  of  $V$  and  $W$  is a pair  $(L, \phi)$  consisting of a ~~vector space~~  $L$  free module  $L$  and a bilinear mapping  $\phi$  from  $V \otimes W$  to  $L$  such that for each bilinear map  $b$  from  $V \times W$  to a vector space

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$\gamma$ , there exists uniquely a linear map  $\tilde{h}$  from  $L$  to  $\gamma$  such that  $h = \tilde{h} \circ \phi$ , i.e. the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \times W & \xrightarrow{\phi} & L \\ h \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{h} & \\ \gamma & & \end{array}$$

(2) Suppose that  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  and  $(L_2, \phi_2)$  are two tensor products of vector space  $V$  and  $W$  if and only if there exists a linear isomorphism between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Proof (2) Let  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  be a tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$ . Then a pair  $(L_2, \phi_2)$  is also a tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$  if and only if there exists a linear isomorphism between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Proof The backward part

Let  $\psi: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  be an isomorphism. For each vector space  $\gamma$  and bilinear map  $h: V \times W \rightarrow \gamma$ , we'll show that there exists a unique linear map  $\tilde{h}: L_1 \rightarrow \gamma$  such that  $h = \tilde{h} \circ \phi_1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} V \times W & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & L_1 & \xrightarrow{\psi} & L_2 \\ h \downarrow & \searrow \tilde{h}_1 & & \swarrow \tilde{h}_2 & \\ \gamma & & \tilde{h}_1 \psi^{-1} = \tilde{h}_2 & & \end{array}$$

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Since  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  is a tensor product, there exists a linear map  $h_1: L_1 \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h = h_1 \phi_1$ . Put  $\tilde{h} = h_1 \psi^*$ . Then  $\tilde{h}: L_1 \rightarrow Y$  and  $h = \tilde{h} \psi \phi_1$ . If there is another  $\tilde{h}_1: L_2 \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h = \tilde{h}_1 \psi \phi_1$  then  $\tilde{h}_1 = \tilde{h}_1 \psi$  is a linear map from  $L_1$  to  $Y$  such that  $h = \tilde{h}_1 \phi_1$ . Since  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  is a tensor product,  $\tilde{h}_1 \equiv h_1$ . Then  $\tilde{h}_1 = \tilde{h}_1 \psi^* \equiv h_1 \psi^* = \tilde{h}$ . Thus,  $\tilde{h}$  is unique. That means  $(L_2, \psi \phi_1)$  is also a tensor product.

The forward part:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \times W & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & L_1 \\ \downarrow \beta_2 & \nearrow h_1 & \uparrow \\ L_2 & \dashrightarrow & L_1 \end{array}$$

Since  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  is a tensor product, there exists uniquely a linear map  $h_1: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that  $\phi_2 = h_1 \phi_1$ .

Since  $(L_2, \phi_2)$  is a tensor product there exists uniquely a linear map  $h_2: L_2 \rightarrow L_1$  such that  $\phi_1 = h_2 \phi_2$ .

Thus,  $\phi_1 = h_2 \beta_2 = h_2 h_1 \phi_1$ , i.e.  $h_2 h_1 \equiv \text{id}$  on  $\text{Im } \phi_1$ .

To show that  $h_2 h_1 \equiv \text{id}$  on  $L_1$ , we have to show that  $\text{Im } \phi_1$  can be linearly spanned from  $\text{Im } \phi_1$ . Put

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$S = \langle \text{Im } \phi_1 \rangle$ . Suppose  $\overset{\text{by contradiction}}{S \not\subseteq L_1}$ . Since  $L_1$  is a semisimple module  $S$  is its direct summand. There exists a vector space  $T$  such that  $S \oplus T = L_1$ . Let  $\{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a basis of  $T$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \times W & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & L_1 \\ \downarrow \phi_1 & \nearrow k_1 & \vdots \\ S & \dashleftarrow & k_2 \end{array}$$

Let  $h_1 : L_1 \rightarrow S$  be such that

$$h_1(x) = x \quad \forall x \in S$$

$$\text{and } h_1(v_i) = 0 \quad \forall i \in I.$$

$$\text{Then } \cancel{h_1 \circ \phi_1} = h_1 \circ \phi_1.$$

Let  $h_2 : L_1 \rightarrow S$  be such that

$$h_2(x) = x \quad \forall x \in S$$

$$h_2(v_i) = 0 \quad \forall i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}$$

$$h_2(v_{i_0}) = u_0 \neq 0$$

Then  $\phi_1 = h_2 \circ \phi_1$ . Since  $(L_1, \phi_1)$  is a tensor product,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$

must be the same. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

In short,  $h_2 \circ h_1 = \text{id}_{L_1}$ . Thus,  $h_2 = h_1^{-1}$  is the linear isomorphism

between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Point (2) guarantees that the property mentioned in Point (1) is a universal property, i.e. it contains all attributes of tensor product.

Accordingly, tensor product is unique up to a linear isomorphism.

(3) Construction of tensor product

Let  $F = K^{V \times W}$  be a direct sum, i.e. each element of  $F$  is a map from  $V \times W$  to  $K$  that is zero for all but finitely many elements in  $V \times W$ . Then  $F$  is also a module with addition

$$(f+g)(x) := f(x) + g(x) \quad \forall x \in V \times W,$$

and scalar multiplication

$$(\lambda f)(x) := \lambda f(x) \quad \forall \lambda \in K, \forall x \in V \times W.$$

For each  $(v, w) \in V \times W$ , we denote  $\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)}$  the mapping from  $V \times W$  to  $K$  such that

$$\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u = (v, w) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $F$  is a free module with basis  $\{\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} : v \in V, w \in W\}$ .

Let  $R$  be a submodule of  $F$  spanned by the set

$$\{\mathbb{1}_{(av_1 + bv_2, w)} - a\mathbb{1}_{(v_1, w)} - b\mathbb{1}_{(v_2, w)} \mid a, b \in K, v_1, v_2 \in V, w \in W\}$$

$$\cup \{\mathbb{1}_{(v, aw_1 + bw_2)} - a\mathbb{1}_{(v, w_1)} - b\mathbb{1}_{(v, w_2)} \mid a, b \in K, v \in V, w_1, w_2 \in W\}$$

On  $F$ , we define an equivalence relation

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow xy \in R$$

and denote  $F/R$  the set of all equivalence class.

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We define the map  $\phi: V \times W \rightarrow F/R$

$$(v, w) \mapsto \mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R$$

Then we claim  $(F/R, \phi)$  is a tensor product between  $V$  and  $W$ .

Proof First, we show that  $\phi$  is bilinear.

$$\phi(v_1 + v_2, w) = \mathbb{1}_{(v_1 + v_2, w)} + R = \mathbb{1}_{(v_1, w)} + \mathbb{1}_{(v_2, w)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{(v_1 + v_2, w)} - \mathbb{1}_{(v_1, w)} - \mathbb{1}_{(v_2, w)}}_{\in R}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{(v_1, w)} + \mathbb{1}_{(v_2, w)} + R \\ = \phi(v_1, w) + \phi(v_2, w)$$

$$\phi(av, w) = \mathbb{1}_{(av, w)} + R = a\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{(av, w)} - a\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)}}_{\in R} + R \\ = a\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R = a\phi(v, w)$$

Similarly,  $\phi$  is linear with respect to  $w$ .

Let  $Y$  be a vector space. Suppose  $h: V \times W \rightarrow Y$  is a bilinear map. We'll show that there exists uniquely a linear map

$\tilde{h}: F/R \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h = \tilde{h} \circ \phi$ .

$$V \times W \xrightarrow{\phi} F/R$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow h & \\ Y & \xleftarrow{\tilde{h}} & \end{array}$$

The uniqueness:

If  $\tilde{h}: F/R \rightarrow Y$  is a linear map such that  $h = \tilde{h} \phi$  then

$$h(v, w) = \tilde{h} \phi(v, w) \quad \forall (v, w) \in V \times W$$

Then  $\tilde{h}(\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R) = h(v, w)$

Since the set  $\{\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R : (v, w) \in V \times W\}$  generates  $F/R$ ,  $\tilde{h}$  is determined uniquely over  $F/R$ .

The existence:

Since  $\{\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} : v \in V, w \in W\}$  is a basis of  $F$ , there exists a linear map  $h_1 : F \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h_1(\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)}) = h(v, w) \quad \forall (v, w) \in V \times W$

Let suppose  $u_1, u_2 \in F$  such that satisfy  $u_1 - u_2 \in R$ . Then

$$u_1 - u_2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \left[ \mathbb{1}_{(a_i f_i^1 + b_i f_i^2, g_i)} - a_i \mathbb{1}_{(f_i^1, g_i)} - b_i \mathbb{1}_{(f_i^2, g_i)} \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \left[ \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^1 + d_j g_j^2)} - g_j \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^1)} - d_j \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^2)} \right]$$

By definition,  $h_1$  is linear. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(u_1 - u_2) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \left[ h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(a_i f_i^1 + b_i f_i^2, g_i)} \right) - a_i h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(f_i^1, g_i)} \right) - b_i h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(f_i^2, g_i)} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \left[ h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^1 + d_j g_j^2)} \right) - g_j h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^1)} \right) - d_j h_1 \left( \mathbb{1}_{(f_j, g_j^2)} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i [h(a_i f_i^1 + b_i f_i^2) - a_i h(f_i^1, g_i) - b_i h(f_i^2, g_i)] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j [h(f_j, g_j g_j^1 + d_j g_j^2) - g_j h(f_j, g_j^1) - d_j h(f_j, g_j^2)] \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{because } h \text{ is bilinear.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $h_1(u) = h_2(u)$ . By this reason, we can define a map

$$\tilde{h}: F/R \rightarrow Y$$

$$\tilde{h}(f+R) = h_1(f)$$

For each  $(v, w) \in V \times W$ ,

$$\tilde{h}\phi(v, w) = \tilde{h}(\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R) = h_1(\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)}) = h(v, w)$$

Thus,  $\tilde{h}\phi = h$ .

④ Let  $\{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a basis of  $V$ ,  $\{w_j\}_{j \in J}$  a basis of  $W$ . Then

$S = \{\mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} : i \in I, j \in J\}$  is a basis of  $F/R$ .

Proof: First we show that  $S$  can linearly generate  $F/R$ . We know the set  $\{\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} : v \in V, w \in W\}$  can generate  $F/R$ . Thus, it is

sufficient to show that for each  $v \in V, w \in W$ ,  $\mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R$  is a

linear combination of elements of  $S$ . We can write

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i v_i, \quad w = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w_j$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{1}_{(v,w)} + R = \mathbb{1}_{(\sum_{i \in I} v_i, \sum_{j \in J} w_j)} + R = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R$$

Next, we'll show that  $S$  is linearly independent. Suppose that  $c_j \in K$ ,  $\forall i=1\dots n; j=1\dots m$  be such that

$$\sum_{ij} c_{ij} (\mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \in R.$$

For each bilinear map  $h: V \times W \rightarrow Y$ , we define as in Point ③ the map linear map  $h_1: F \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h_1(\mathbb{1}_{(v,w)}) = h(v,w)$ . By Point ③, if  $v_1 - v_2 \in R$  then  $h_1(v_1) = h_1(v_2)$ . Note that

$$\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} - 0 \in R$$

$$\text{thus, } 0 = h_1 \left( \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \right) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} h_1(\mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)}) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} h(v_i, w_j)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{ij} c_{ij} h(v_i, w_j) = 0 \quad (*)$$

$\nexists$  bilinear  $h$  from  $V \times W$  to  $Y$

for each pair of indices  $(i_0, j_0)$ , we define the bilinear map

$$h_{i_0 j_0}: V \times W \rightarrow K$$

$$(v, w) \mapsto \alpha_{i_0} \beta_{j_0}$$

$$\text{where } v = \sum a_i v_i, \quad w = \sum b_j w_j$$

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$$h_{ij_0}(v_i, w_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=i_0, j=j_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Applying (\*) for  $h = h_{ij_0}$ , we get  $a_{j_0} = 0$ .  $\square$

Henceforth, we denote  $V \otimes W$  the space  $F/R$  together with the bilinear map  $\phi$ . That means,  $V \otimes W$  is the tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$ . Also, we define  $v \otimes w := \frac{1}{\phi(v \otimes w)} + R$ .

### III Hilbert-space tensor product

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two separable Hilbert spaces. Let  $(v_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(w_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  be respectively an orthonormal basis of  $V$  and  $W$ .

$$V_0 = \langle \{v_1, v_2, \dots\} \rangle,$$

$$W_0 = \langle \{w_1, w_2, \dots\} \rangle,$$

i.e. each element of  $V_0$  is a finite linear combination of  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ .

Note that  $V_0 \not\subseteq V$  and  $W_0 \not\subseteq W$  if  $V$  and  $W$  are infinite dimensional. In part II, we defined the algebraic tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$ . In this case,  $V$  and  $W$  have noncountable bases.

However, orthogonal bases  $(v_i)$  and  $(w_j)$  are very important in those spaces. We should introduce another tensor product between  $V$  and  $W$  that involves these orthogonal bases. Such a kind of tensor product

(19) is Hilbert-space tensor product.

①  $V_0 \otimes W_0$  is independent of the choice of orthonormal bases of  $V$  and  $W$ .

Proof Let  $(v'_i)$  and  $(w'_j)$  be respectively orthonormal bases of  $V$  and  $W$ . We denote

$$V'_0 = \langle \{v'_1, v'_2, \dots\} \rangle$$

$$W'_0 = \langle \{w'_1, w'_2, \dots\} \rangle$$

By Point ④, Part ②,  $\{v_i \otimes w_j / i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a basis of  $V_0 \otimes W_0$ , and  $\{v'_i \otimes w'_j / i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a basis of  $V'_0 \otimes W'_0$ . We can introduce a linear isomorphism between  $V_0 \otimes W_0$  and  $V'_0 \otimes W'_0$

$$\psi: V_0 \otimes W_0 \longrightarrow V'_0 \otimes W'_0$$

$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i \otimes w_j \mapsto \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v'_i \otimes w'_j$$

Thus,  $V'_0 \otimes W'_0$  is simply a tensor product of  $V_0$  and  $W_0$ .

②  $V_0 \otimes W_0$  can be equipped with the following inner product

$$\left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i \otimes w_j, \sum_{kl} \beta_{kl} v_k \otimes w_l \right\rangle = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \bar{\beta}_{ij}$$

Proof Because  $(\alpha_{ij})$  and  $(\beta_{kl})$  vanish at all but finitely many entries, the map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is well-defined. Moreover, by its definition,

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$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is linear on the first argument. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \sum_{k \in I} \beta_{k \ell} v_k \otimes w_\ell, \sum_j \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j \right\rangle &= \sum \beta_{k \ell} \overline{\alpha_j} = \overline{\sum \alpha_j \beta_{k \ell}} \\ &= \left\langle \sum_j \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j, \sum_{k \in I} \beta_{k \ell} v_k \otimes w_\ell \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is conjugate symmetric. We have

$$\left\langle \sum_{j \in I} \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j, \sum_j \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j \right\rangle = \sum \alpha_j \overline{\alpha_j} = \sum |\alpha_j|^2 \geq 0$$

The equality holds if and only if  $\alpha_j = 0 \forall j$ , i.e.  $\sum \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j = 0$

thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product and induces a norm of  $V_0 \otimes W_0$

$$\left\| \sum_j \alpha_j v_i \otimes w_j \right\| = \left( \sum |\alpha_j|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \|(\alpha_j)\|_{\ell^2(N \times N)}$$

③ By the previous point,  $(V_0 \otimes W_0, \|\cdot\|)$  is a norm space.

Definition: The completion of  $(V_0 \otimes W_0, \|\cdot\|)$  is called Hilbert-space tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$ , and denoted  $V \hat{\otimes} W$ .

By this definition, Hilbert-space tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$  is unique up to a linear isometric isomorphism.

④ In this point, we'll construct a specific Hilbert-space tensor product of two separable Hilbert spaces  $V$  and  $W$ .

Put  $G = \mathbb{C}^{V \times W}$  - the set of all maps from  $V \times W$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

We define the following subsets of  $G$ :

$$R_0 = \left\langle \left\{ \mathbb{1}_{(af_1+bf_2, cg_1+dg_2)} - ac\mathbb{1}_{(f_1, g_1)} - ad\mathbb{1}_{(f_1, g_2)} - bc\mathbb{1}_{(f_2, g_1)} - bd\mathbb{1}_{(f_2, g_2)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}; f_1, f_2 \in V_0; g_1, g_2 \in W_0 \right\} \right\rangle$$

$$R = \left\langle \left\{ \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i v_i, \sum \beta_j w_j)} - \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \mid (\alpha_i, \beta_j) \in l^2(N) \right\} \right\rangle$$

Remember that an element  $v \in V$  corresponds one to one to a sequence  $(\alpha_i) \in l^2(N)$  by the relation

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i v_i$$

there is one thing worth noticing in the definition of  $R$ . The map

$$f = \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)}$$

is simply a map from  $V \times W$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha_i \beta_j & \text{if } x = (v_i, w_j) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By definition,  $R_0$  and  $R$  are vector spaces and  $R_0 \subset R$ . Then we have two equivalence relations on  $G$

$$u \sim u' \text{ if and only if } u - u' \in R_0.$$

$$u \tilde{R} u' \text{ if and only if } u - u' \in R.$$

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As we know, a special subset of the  $R_0$ -equivalence classes is the algebraic tensor product of  $V_0$  and  $W_0$ .

$$V_0 \otimes W_0 = \tilde{F}_0 = \left\{ \sum_j \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R / (\gamma_{ij}) \text{ vanishes at all but finitely many entries} \right\}$$

We define a special set of the  $R$ -equivalence classes

$$\tilde{F} = \left\{ \sum_j \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R / (\gamma_{ij}) \in \ell^{\infty}(N \times N) \right\}$$

Then  $\tilde{F} = V \hat{\otimes} W$ .

Proof Put  $\psi: \tilde{F}_0 \rightarrow \tilde{F}$

$$\sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R_0 \mapsto \sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R$$

Then  $\psi$  is well-defined and linear. To show that  $\psi$  is injective, we only need to show that  $\ker \psi = 0$ . Suppose that

$$\sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R = 0,$$

i.e.

$$\sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \in R$$

thus,

$$\sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \left[ \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i v_i, \sum \beta_j w_j)} - \sum_{ij} \alpha_i^k \beta_j^k \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \right] \quad (**)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j)} - \sum_{ij} \bar{x}_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)}$$

where

$$\bar{x}_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_i^k \beta_j^k$$

We can assume that  $c_k \neq 0$  and  $\mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j)}$ 's are distinct.

Then  $(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j) = (v_{ik}, w_{jk}) \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, N$  and

therefore the sum with respect to  $i$  and  $j$  on the right hand side of (\*) must be finite. Thus,

$$\sum_{ij} \bar{x}_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \in R_0,$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{ij} \bar{x}_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R_0 = 0.$$

Hence,  $\psi$  is linear and injective. Then  $\psi(\tilde{F}_0)$  is a linear isomorphism to  $F_0$  and thus a tensor product of  $V_0$  and  $W_0$ .

$$\psi(\tilde{F}_0) = V_0 \otimes W_0$$

(Here the corresponding bilinear map is implicitly understood). Since  $\tilde{F}_0$  is endowed with the inner product mentioned in Point ②), we can define an inner product on  $\psi(\tilde{F}_0)$  as follows

$$\langle \psi(x), \psi(y) \rangle_{\psi(\tilde{F}_0)} := \langle x, y \rangle_{\tilde{F}_0}$$

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Then this inner product induces a norm on  $\Phi(\tilde{F}_0)$ , and  $(\Phi(\tilde{F}_0), \|\cdot\|)$  is linearly isometrically isomorphic to  $(\tilde{F}_0, \|\cdot\|)$ . Thus, the completion space of  $(\Phi(\tilde{F}_0), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Hilbert-space tensor product of  $V$  and  $W$ . The problem now becomes to show that this completion is actually  $\tilde{F}$ .

We know that each element in  $\tilde{F}$  has the form

$$f = \sum_{ij} r_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R, \text{ where } (r_{ij}) \in \ell^1(N \times N)$$

First, we'll show that this representation is unique. Suppose that

$$f = \sum_{ij} r'_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R \quad \text{where } (r'_{ij}) \in \ell^2(N \times N).$$

Put  $\alpha_{ij} = r_{ij} - r'_{ij}$ . Then  $(\alpha_{ij}) \in \ell^\infty(N \times N)$  and

$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \in R$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \left[ \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j)} - \sum_j \alpha_i^k \beta_j^k \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \right] \quad (\#*)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j)} - \sum_j \bar{\alpha}_j \mathbb{1}_{(v_j, w_j)}$$

where  $\bar{\alpha}_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i^k \beta_j^k$

Then  $(\sum \alpha_i^k v_i, \sum \beta_j^k w_j) = (v_{i_k}, w_{j_k})$ , and the sum over  $i, j$  at  $(\#*)$  is actually a finite sum.

Thus,  $\sum \alpha_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} \in R_0$ . Hence  $\alpha_{ij} = 0, \forall i, j \in N$ .

We introduce an inner product on  $\tilde{F}$ :

$$\left\langle \sum \alpha_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R, \sum \beta_{kl} \mathbb{1}_{(v_k, w_l)} + R \right\rangle_{\tilde{F}} = \sum \alpha_{ij} \bar{\beta}_{ij}$$

$$\forall (\alpha_{ij}), (\beta_{kl}) \in \ell^2(N \times N)$$

Notice that the sum at the right hand side always converges.

It is easy to see that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\tilde{F}}$  is linear in the first argument, conjugate symmetric and positively definite. Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\tilde{F}}$  is indeed an inner product on  $\tilde{F}$ . In fact,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\tilde{F}}$  is an extension of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\Phi(\tilde{F}_0)}$  on  $\tilde{F}$ . It induces a norm on  $\tilde{F}$ . Define

$$\lambda: \ell^2(N \times N) \rightarrow \tilde{F}$$

$$(\gamma_{ij}) \mapsto \sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R$$

Then  $\lambda$  is well-defined, surjective, injective, linear and norm-preserving.

$$\|\lambda((\gamma_{ij}))\| = \left\| \sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R \right\| = \|(\gamma_{ij})_{\ell^2}\|$$

Since  $\ell^2(N \times N)$  is complete,  $(\tilde{F}, \|\cdot\|)$  is also complete. The only task left is to show that  $\Phi(\tilde{F}_0)$  is dense in  $\tilde{F}$ . Let

$$f = \sum \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R \in \tilde{F}$$

For each  $N \in N$ , we define

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$$f_m = \sum_{i,j=1}^m \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R \in \Phi(\tilde{F}_0)$$

Then

$$f - f_m = \sum_{i,j>m} \gamma_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R$$

$$\|f - f_m\|^2 = \sum_{i,j>m} |\gamma_{ij}|^2$$

Because  $\sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} |\gamma_{ij}|^2$  converges,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i,j>m} |\gamma_{ij}|^2 = 0$ . Thus

$\|f - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$ , or  $f_m \rightarrow f$ . Therefore,  $\Phi(\tilde{F}_0)$  is dense in  $(\tilde{F}, \|\cdot\|)$ .

In conclusion,  $(\tilde{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\tilde{F}})$  is the Hilbert-space inner product of  $V$  and  $W$ .

⑤ With the notation  $v \hat{\otimes} w := \mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R \quad \forall v \in V, w \in W$ , we have  $\langle v \hat{\otimes} w, v' \hat{\otimes} w' \rangle_{\tilde{F}} = \langle v, v' \rangle \langle w, w' \rangle$ .

Proof We can write

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i v_i, \quad w = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_j w_j$$

$$v' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha'_k v_k, \quad w' = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \beta'_l w_l$$

where  $(\alpha_i), (\beta_j), (\alpha'_k), (\beta'_l) \in \ell^2(N \times N)$ . Then

$$v \hat{\otimes} w = \mathbb{1}_{(v, w)} + R = \mathbb{1}_{(\sum \alpha_i v_i, \sum \beta_j w_j)} + R$$

$$= \sum \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R$$

Similarly,  $v' \hat{\otimes} w' = \sum \alpha'_k \beta'_l \mathbb{1}_{(v'_k, w'_l)} + R$

By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v \hat{\otimes} w^*, v' \hat{\otimes} w' \rangle &= \left\langle \sum \alpha_i \beta_j \mathbb{1}_{(v_i, w_j)} + R, \sum \alpha'_k \beta'_l \mathbb{1}_{(v'_k, w'_l)} + R \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_i \beta_j \bar{\alpha}'_j \bar{\beta}'_i = \sum_{ij} (\alpha_i \bar{\alpha}'_j) (\beta_j \bar{\beta}'_i) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\sum_{ij} |(\alpha_i \bar{\alpha}'_j) (\beta_j \bar{\beta}'_i)| \stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \underbrace{\left( \sum_i |\alpha_i| |\bar{\alpha}'_i| \right)}_{<\infty} \underbrace{\left( \sum_j |\beta_j| |\bar{\beta}'_j| \right)}_{<\infty} < \infty$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ij} (\alpha_i \bar{\alpha}'_j) (\beta_j \bar{\beta}'_i) &= \left( \sum_i \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}'_i \right) \left( \sum_j \beta_j \bar{\beta}'_j \right) \\ &= \left\langle \sum_i \alpha_i v_i, \sum_j \beta_j w_j \right\rangle \left\langle \sum_k \beta_k v_k, \sum_l \alpha'_l w_l \right\rangle_w \\ &= \langle v, w' \rangle \langle w, w' \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\langle v \hat{\otimes} w, v' \hat{\otimes} w' \rangle = \langle v, w' \rangle \langle w, w' \rangle$ .

#### IV Some examples of Hilbert-space tensor product

$$\textcircled{1} \quad V \hat{\otimes} W = B_2(V, W)$$

Proof Let  $(v_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$

$(w_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $W$

As in previous Points, we put

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$$V_0 = \langle \{v_1, v_2, \dots\} \rangle$$

$$W_0 = \langle \{w_1, w_2, \dots\} \rangle$$

First, we'll show that  $V_0 \otimes W_0 = B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)$ . For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote  $v_i^*$  the linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$v_i^*(v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

More explicitly,

$$v_i^*(v) = \alpha_i, \text{ where } v = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j v_j.$$

Then  $v_i^* \in V^*$ . We define the map

$$\phi: V_0 \otimes W_0 \rightarrow B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)$$

$$\phi(\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i \otimes w_j) = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(.) w_j$$

Then  $\phi$  is well-defined and linear. If  $\phi(\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i \otimes w_j) = 0$  then

$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(.) w_j = 0, \text{ i.e. } \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(v) w_j = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0.$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we substitute  $v$  by  $v_k$  and obtain

$$0 = \sum_j \alpha_{kj} v_i^*(v_k) w_j = \sum_j \alpha_{kj} w_j$$

Then  $\alpha_{kj} = 0 \quad \forall j$ . Thus  $\alpha_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall i, j$ . Hence,  $\phi$  is injective.

For each  $f \in B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)$ , we have

$$f(v) = \sum_j f_j(v) w_j \quad (\text{finite sum})$$

It is easy to see that  $f_j$  is linear  $\forall j$ . Since  $v \in V$ , it can be expressed as the finite sum  $v = \sum_i f_i^* v_i = \sum_i v_i^*(v) v_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(v) &= \sum_j f_j(v) w_j = \sum_j f_j\left(\sum_i v_i^*(v) v_i\right) w_j \\ &= \sum_{ij} v_i^*(v) f_j(v_i) w_j \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\alpha_{ij} = f_j(v_i)$ . Then  $f(v) = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(v) w_j$ , or

$$f = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(.) w_j = \phi\left(\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i \otimes w_j\right)$$

Thus,  $\phi$  is surjective. That means  $\phi$  is a linear isomorphism. Hence,  $B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)$  is a tensor product of  $V_0$  and  $W_0$ . The inner product on  $B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)$  induced by  $\phi$  is

$$\left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(.) w_j, \sum_{kl} \beta_{kl} v_k^*(.) w_l \right\rangle = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \bar{\beta}_{ij}$$

Let  $f = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(.) w_j$ . Then

$$\langle f, f \rangle = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \bar{\alpha}_{ij} = \sum |\alpha_{ij}|^2$$

We have

$$f(v_k) = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} v_i^*(v_k) w_j = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \delta_{ik} w_j = \sum_j \alpha_{kj} w_j$$

$$\text{Thus } |f(v_k)|^2 = \sum_j |\alpha_{kj}|^2, \text{ and } \sum_k |f(v_k)|^2 = \sum_{ij} |\alpha_{ij}|^2.$$

$$\text{Hence } \langle f, f \rangle = \sum_k |f(v_k)|^2.$$

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The norm on  $B_{\text{fin}}(V_0, W_0)$  induced by this inner product is therefore

$$\|f\| = \left( \sum_k |f(v_k)|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

i.e. the Hilbert-Schmidt norm. For each  $f \in B_{\text{fin}}(V_0, W_0)$  and  $x \in V$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_n) \subset V_0$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

We define  $\tilde{f}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $V$ .

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_m)| = |f(x_n - x_m)| \leq \|f\| |x_n - x_m|$$

Thus  $\{\tilde{f}(x_n)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $W$ . Since  $W$  is complete, the sequence converges. Moreover, the limit is independent of the choice of sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . Thus, we can define

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$$

Then  $f$  is a finite-rank operator from  $V$  to  $W_0$ . Define

$$\psi: B_{\text{fin}}(V_0, W_0) \longrightarrow B_2(V, W)$$

$$f \mapsto \tilde{f}$$

Then  $\psi$  is well-defined and linear. If  $\tilde{f} = 0$  then  $\tilde{f}(v_i) = 0 \forall i$ , i.e.  $f(v_i) = 0 \forall i$ , i.e.  $f = 0$ . Thus  $\psi$  is injective. Hence,

$$G = \psi(B_{\text{fin}}(V_0, W_0)) = V_0 \otimes W_0. \text{ We can define an inner product on } G$$

$$\langle \psi(f), \psi(g) \rangle_G = \langle f, g \rangle_{B_{\text{fin}}(V_0, W_0)}.$$

This product is in fact the restriction of Hilbert-Schmidt inner product on  $G$

$$\langle \tilde{f}, \tilde{g} \rangle_{B_2(V,W)} = \sum_k \langle \tilde{f}(v_k), \tilde{g}(v_k) \rangle_W$$

To show that  $V \otimes W = B_2(V, W)$ , we have to show that  $B_2(V, W)$  is the completion of  $(G, \|\cdot\|_{HS})$ . By Point ⑦, Part ①,  $B_2(V, W)$  is a Banach space. The task left is to show that  $(G, \|\cdot\|_{HS})$  is dense in  $B_2(V, W)$ . For each  $T \in B_2(V, W)$ ,

$$Tv = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle T v, w_n \rangle w_n$$

For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$T_m v = \sum_{n=1}^m \langle T v, w_n \rangle w_n$$

Then  $T_m \in \Psi(B_{fin}(V_0, W_0)) = G$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|T - T_m\|_{HS}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |T v_k - T_m v_k|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \langle T v_k, w_n \rangle w_n \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} |\langle T v_k, w_n \rangle|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\langle v_k, T^* w_n \rangle|^2 = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} |T^* w_n|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|T^{w_n}\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|Tw_n\|^2 = \|T\|_{HS}^2 < \infty,$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \|T^{w_n}\|^2 = 0. \text{ Thus } \|T - T_m\|_{HS} \rightarrow 0, \text{ and}$$

$T_m \rightarrow T$ . Therefore,  $(G, \|\cdot\|_{HS})$  is dense in  $B(V, W)$  and

$$B_2(V, W) = V \hat{\otimes} W.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad L^2(X, \mu) \hat{\otimes} L^2(Y, \nu) = L^2(X \times Y, \mu \times \nu)$$

Proof Let  $(f_i)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(X, \mu)$ ,  
 $(g_j) \longrightarrow L^2(Y, \nu)$ . ( $i \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \mathbb{N}$ )

Put  $\Psi: L^2(X, \mu) \otimes L^2(Y) \rightarrow L^2(X \times Y, \mu \times \nu)$  be a linear map such that  $\Psi(f_i \otimes g_j) = h_{ij}$  where  $h_{ij}(x, y) = f_i(x)g_j(y)$ . To make sure that  $\Psi$  is well-defined, we show that  $h_{ij} \in L^2(X \times Y)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{C}$  be the product  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X \times Y$ . Then  $f_i$  and  $g_j$  are also  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{C}$ -measurable. Thus  $h_{ij}$  is  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{C}$ -measurable. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X \times Y} |h_{ij}|^2 d\mu dy &\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \int_X \int_Y |h_{ij}|^2 dy dx = \int_X |f_i(x)|^2 dx \int_Y |g_j(y)|^2 dy \\ &= \|f_i\|_{L^2(X)}^2 \|g_j\|_{L^2(Y)}^2 = 1 < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $h_{ij} \in L^2(X \times Y)$ , and  $\Psi$  is well-defined.

Next, we show that  $\Psi$  is injective. Suppose that  $\alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$  and

$$\sum \alpha_{ij} b_{ij} = 0$$

then  $\sum \alpha_{ij} f_i(x) g_j(y) = 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } (x, y) \in X \times Y$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} f_i(x) \overline{g_j(y)} \overline{\sum_{kl} \alpha_{kl} f_k(x) g_l(y)} \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{kl}} f_i(x) \overline{f_k(x)} \overline{g_j(y)} \overline{g_l(y)} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{X \times Y} \sum_{ijkl} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{kl}} f_i(x) \overline{f_k(x)} \overline{g_j(y)} \overline{g_l(y)} dx dy \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{kl}} \int_{X \times Y} f_i(x) \overline{f_k(x)} g_j(y) \overline{g_l(y)} dx dy \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{kl}} \int_X f_i(x) \overline{f_k(x)} dx \int_Y g_j(y) \overline{g_l(y)} dy \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{kl}} \langle f_i, f_k \rangle_{L^2(X)} \langle g_j, g_l \rangle_{L^2(Y)} \\ &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\alpha_{ij}} = \sum_j |\alpha_j|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\alpha_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall i, j$ , and  $\Psi$  is injective. Thus,  $\Psi(L^2(X) \times L^2(Y))$  is linearly isomorphic to  $L^2(X) \otimes L^2(Y)$ . Hence  $\text{Im } \Psi = L^2(X) \otimes L^2(Y)$ .

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The inner product on  $L^2(X) \otimes L^2(Y)$  is

$$\left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} f_i \otimes g_j, \sum_{k\ell} \beta_{k\ell} f_k \otimes g_\ell \right\rangle = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}}$$

The inner product on  $G = \Psi(L^2(X) \otimes L^2(Y))$  induced by  $\Psi$  is

$$\left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} h_{ij}, \sum_{k\ell} \beta_{k\ell} h_{k\ell} \right\rangle_G = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}}$$

This is simply the restriction of the inner product on  $L^2(X \times Y)$  onto  $G$ .

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} h_{ij}, \sum_{k\ell} \beta_{k\ell} h_{k\ell} \right\rangle_{L^2(X \times Y)} &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}} \int_{X \times Y} h_{ij} \overline{h_{k\ell}} \, dx \, dy \\ &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}} \int_{X \times Y} f_i(x) \overline{g_j(y)} \overline{f_k(x)} \overline{g_\ell(y)} \, dx \, dy \\ &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}} \int_X f_i(x) \overline{f_k(x)} \, dx \int_Y g_j(y) \overline{g_\ell(y)} \, dy \\ &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}} \langle f_i, f_k \rangle_{L^2(X)} \langle g_j, g_\ell \rangle_{L^2(Y)} \\ &= \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \overline{\beta_{ij}} \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} h_{ij}, \sum_{k\ell} \beta_{k\ell} h_{k\ell} \right\rangle_G \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $(L^2(X \times Y), \|\cdot\|_{L^2(X \times Y)})$  is a complete space. Thus, to show that  $L^2(X \times Y) = L^2(X) \otimes L^2(Y)$ , we only need to show that  $(G, \|\cdot\|)$  is dense in  $(L^2(X \times Y), \|\cdot\|)$ .

Each function  $h \in L^2(X \times Y)$  can be written as

$$h = h^+ - h^-$$

where  $h^+ = \max\{0, h\}$ ,  $h^- = \max\{0, -h\}$  and  $h^+, h^- \in L^2(X \times Y)$ .

There exist sequences of simple functions  $(s_n), (t_n)$  in  $L^2(X \times Y)$  such that  $s_n \uparrow h^+$  and  $t_n \uparrow h^-$ . Thus  $u_n = s_n - t_n \in L^2(X \times Y)$  is a simple function and

$$\|h - u_n\|_{L^2} = \|h^+ - h^- - (s_n - t_n)\|_{L^2} \leq \underbrace{\|h^+ - s_n\|_{L^2}}_{\rightarrow 0} + \underbrace{\|h^- - t_n\|_{L^2}}_{\rightarrow 0}$$

Hence  $u_n \rightarrow h$  in  $L^2(X \times Y)$ .

That means the set of simple functions in  $L^2(X \times Y)$  is dense in  $L^2(X \times Y)$ . Thus we only need to show that  $G$  is dense in this set.

Moreover, each simple function in  $L^2(X \times Y)$  is a linear combination of characteristic functions in  $L^2(X \times Y)$ . Hence the task is left as follow.

[ Let  $A$  be  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ -measurable and  $\mu(\mathcal{X})\nu(\mathcal{Y}) < \infty$ . Find a sequence in  $G$  that converges to  $X_A$ . ]

We have 3 following lemmas that will be proved in the end.

[ Lemma 1: Let  $D = A_1 \times B_1$  be a measurable rectangle in  $X \times Y$ . Then ]

$X_D$  is the limit of a sequence in  $G$  if  $\mu(A_1), \nu(B_1) < \infty$ .

We call  $Q \subset X \times Y$  an elementary set if  $Q = R_1 \cup \dots \cup R_n$  where each  $R_i$  is a measurable rectangle and  $R_i \cap R_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . The class of all elementary sets is denoted by  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Lemma 2: If  $P, Q \in \mathcal{E}$  then  $P \cap Q, P \cup Q, P \setminus Q \in \mathcal{E}$ .

Lemma 3: Let  $Q \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then  $X_Q$  is a limit of a sequence in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

By Lemma 3, we only have to show that the set  $\{X_Q : Q \in \mathcal{E}\}$  is dense in  $\{X_A : A \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{C}\}$ . We have

$$\|X_Q - X_A\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{X \times Y} |X_Q - X_A|^2 = \lambda(Q \Delta A) \quad (\text{with } \lambda(Q \Delta A) \text{ is})$$

where  $Q \Delta A = (Q \setminus A) \cup (A \setminus Q)$  is the symmetric difference of  $Q$  and  $A$ . For simplicity, we put  $\lambda = \mu \times \nu$ . Put

$$N = \{A \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{C} : \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists Q_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{E} \text{ such that } \lambda(Q_\varepsilon \Delta A) < \varepsilon\}$$

The task left is to show that  $N = \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{C}$ . Because  $\mathcal{E} \subset N \subset \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{C}$ , and  $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{C}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $X \times Y$  containing all elementary sets, we only need to show that  $N$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

We have  $\emptyset, X \times Y \in \mathcal{E} \subset N$ .

Let  $A \in N$ . We show that  $X \times Y \setminus A \in N$ . For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $Q_\varepsilon \in E$  such that  $\lambda(Q_\varepsilon \Delta A) < \varepsilon$ . By Lemma 2,

$Q'_\varepsilon = (X \times Y) \setminus Q_\varepsilon \in E$ . Put  $A' = X \times Y \setminus A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Q'_\varepsilon \Delta A' &= (Q'_\varepsilon \setminus A') \cup (A' \setminus Q'_\varepsilon) = (A \setminus Q_\varepsilon) \cup (Q_\varepsilon \setminus A) \\ &= Q_\varepsilon \Delta A \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda(Q'_\varepsilon \Delta A') = \lambda(Q_\varepsilon \Delta A) < \varepsilon$ . Hence  $A' \in N$ .

Let  $(A_n)$  be a sequence in  $N$  and  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ . We'll show

that  $A \in N$ . For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $n \in N$ , there exists  $Q_n^\varepsilon \in E$

such that  $\lambda(Q_n^\varepsilon \Delta A_n) < \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \frac{1}{2^n}$ .

For each  $m \in N$ , we put  $P_m^\varepsilon = \bigcup_{n=1}^m Q_n^\varepsilon$ . By Lemma 2,  $P_m^\varepsilon \in E$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(A \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m^\varepsilon) &= \lambda\left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m^\varepsilon)\right] \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_n \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m^\varepsilon) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_n \setminus Q_n^\varepsilon) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(Q_n^\varepsilon \Delta A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda(A \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m^\varepsilon) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(A \setminus P_m^\varepsilon)$ , we get

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$$\lambda(A \setminus \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} P_m^\varepsilon) \quad \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(A \setminus P_m^\varepsilon) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4}. \quad (1)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(P_m^\varepsilon \setminus A) &= \lambda\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^m Q_n^\varepsilon \setminus A\right) \leq \sum_{n=1}^m \lambda(Q_n^\varepsilon \setminus A) \leq \sum_{n=1}^m \lambda(Q_n^\varepsilon \setminus A_n) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(Q_n^\varepsilon \Delta A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Together with (1), we have

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(A \Delta P_m^\varepsilon) = \liminf \left[ \lambda(A \setminus P_m^\varepsilon) + \lambda(P_m^\varepsilon \setminus A) \right] \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Thus, there exists  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda(A \Delta P_{m_0}^\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ . Therefore,  $A \in N$ . That completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

### \* Proof of Lemma 1

Let  $A \in S$  and  $B \in T$  such that  $\mu(A), \nu(B) < \infty$ . Then  $\chi_A \in L^2(X)$  and  $\chi_B \in L^2(Y)$ . For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a finite sum  $\sum \alpha_i f_i \in L^2(X)$  such that

$$\left\| \sum \alpha_i f_i - \chi_A \right\|_{L^2(X)} < \varepsilon$$

and a finite sum  $\sum \beta_j g_j \in L^2(Y)$  such that

$$\left\| \sum \beta_j g_j - \chi_B \right\|_{L^2(Y)} < \varepsilon$$

Put  $h \in L^2(X \times Y)$  given by

$$h(x, y) = \left( \sum_i \alpha_i f_i(x) \right) \left( \sum_j \beta_j g_j(y) \right)$$

We

$$= \sum_{ij} \alpha_i \beta_j f_i(x) g_j(y)$$

then  $h \in G$ . We have

$$\|h - \chi_{A \times B}\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} = \|(\sum_i \alpha_i f_i)(\sum_j \beta_j g_j) - \chi_A \chi_B\|_{L^2(X \times Y)}$$

Put  $f = \sum_i \alpha_i f_i$  and  $g = \sum_j \beta_j g_j$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|h - \chi_{A \times B}\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} &= \|f(x)g(y) - \chi_A(x)\chi_B(y)\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} \\ &= \|(f(x) - \chi_A(x))g(y) + \chi_A(x)(g(y) - \chi_B(y))\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} \\ &\leq \|(f(x) - \chi_A(x))g(y)\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} + \|\chi_A(x)(g(y) - \chi_B(y))\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} \\ &= \|f - \chi_A\|_{L^2(X)} \|g\|_{L^2(Y)} + \|\chi_A\|_{L^2(X)} \|g - \chi_B\|_{L^2(Y)} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|g\|_{L^2(Y)} + \mu(A)^{1/2} \varepsilon \\ &\leq \varepsilon (\|\chi_B\|_{L^2(Y)} + \varepsilon) + \mu(A)^{1/2} \varepsilon \\ &= \varepsilon (\nu(B) + \varepsilon) + \mu(A)^{1/2} \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\chi_{A \times B}$  is a limit of a sequence in  $G$ .

\* Proof of Lemma 2

First, we see that

$$(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D),$$

i.e. the intersection of two measurable rectangles is also a measurable rectangle. Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{E}$

$$P = \bigcup R_i, \quad Q = \bigcup R'_j$$

$$\text{Then } P \cap Q = \left( \bigcup R_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcup R'_j \right) = \bigcup_{\substack{\text{measurable} \\ \text{rectangle}}} (R_i \cap R'_j) \in \mathcal{E}$$

Consequently, every finite intersection of elements in  $\mathcal{E}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Let  $A \times B \in \mathcal{E}$  be a measurable rectangle. Then

$$(X \times Y) \setminus (A \times B) = \underbrace{[A \times (Y \setminus B)]}_{R'_1} \cup \underbrace{[(X \setminus A) \times (Y \setminus B)]}_{R'_2} \cup \underbrace{[(X \setminus A) \times B]}_{R'_3}$$

$R'_1, R'_2, R'_3$  are measurable rectangles and pairwise disjoint. Thus,  $(X \times Y) \setminus (A \times B) \in \mathcal{E}$

For each  $P = \bigcup R_i \in \mathcal{E}$ , we have

$$(X \times Y) \setminus P = (X \times Y) \setminus \bigcup R_i = \bigcap_{\mathcal{E}} [(X \times Y) \setminus R_i]$$

this is a finite intersection of elements in  $\mathcal{E}$ . Thus,  $(X \times Y) \setminus P \in \mathcal{E}$ .

For each  $P, Q \in \mathcal{E}$ , we have

$$P \setminus Q = P \cap \underbrace{[(X \times Y) \setminus Q]}_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathcal{E}$$

To show that  $P \cup Q \in \mathcal{E}$ , we only need to show that  $(X \times Y) \setminus (P \cup Q) \in \mathcal{E}$ . We have

$$(X \times Y) \setminus (P \cup Q) = \underbrace{[(X \times Y) \setminus P]}_{\in \mathcal{E}} \cap \underbrace{[(X \times Y) \setminus Q]}_{\in \mathcal{E}} \in \mathcal{E}$$

### Proof of Lemma 3

Let  $Q \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $\lambda(Q) < \infty$ . We can write  $Q = \bigcup R_i$  where  $R_i$  is a measurable rectangle and  $R_i \cap R_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Thus,

$$\lambda(Q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(R_i),$$

and hence  $\lambda(R_i) < \infty$   $\forall i$ . By Lemma 1, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $f_i^\varepsilon \in G$  such that  $\|f_i^\varepsilon - \chi_{R_i}\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} < \frac{\varepsilon}{n}$ . Put

$$f^\varepsilon = \sum_i f_i^\varepsilon \in G. \text{ Then}$$

$$\|f^\varepsilon - \chi_Q\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n f_i^\varepsilon - \sum_{i=1}^n \chi_{R_i} \right\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|f_i^\varepsilon - \chi_{R_i}\| < \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{n} = \varepsilon$$

Thus

$$\|f^\varepsilon - \chi_Q\|_{L^2(X \times Y)} < \varepsilon$$

Therefore,  $\chi_Q$  is a limit of a sequence in  $(G, \|\cdot\|_2)$ .

