

## Tensor products of almost $r$ -summing maps

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### ABSTRACT

If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are continuous linear maps on locally convex spaces, we prove that  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  is almost  $r$ -summing if and only if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  so are. We also obtain a sufficient condition under which the unique extension of  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  to the complete  $\epsilon$ -tensor product is almost  $r$ -summing

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### 0. Introduction and notation

The purpose of this note is to study tensor products of almost  $r$ -summing maps. In 1970, Holub [3] considered tensor product mappings on Banach spaces, obtaining the following result: "Let  $E_1, E_2, F_1$ , and  $F_2$  be Banach spaces. If  $T_i : E_i \rightarrow F_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are continuous linear maps, then  $T_1 \otimes T_2 : E_1 \otimes_{\epsilon} E_2 \rightarrow F_1 \otimes_{\epsilon} F_2$  is  $r$ -summing if and only if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  so are". We prove an analogous statement for almost  $r$ -summing maps on locally convex spaces, and we obtain a sufficient condition under which the unique extension of  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  to the complete  $\epsilon$ -tensor product is almost  $r$ -summing.

We use in this paper the notation from [2]. Let  $E$  be a Hausdorff locally convex space, following K. Floret and J. Wloka [2]. A sequence  $(x_n)$  from  $E$  is called weakly  $r$ -summable if  $(\langle x_n, x' \rangle) \in \ell^r$  whenever  $x' \in E'$  ( $1 \leq r < +\infty$ ). We put

$$c_{r,E}(x_n) = \sup \left\{ \left( \sum |\langle x_n, x' \rangle|^r \right)^{1/r} : x' \in E' \right\}. \quad (1)$$

$U$  running through the family  $\mathcal{U}_E(0)$  of absolutely convex and closed neighbourhoods of  $E$ . The space of all weakly  $r$ -summable sequences from  $E$  is denoted by  $\ell_n^r(E)$ .

The finite section  $\hat{x}(P)$  of  $\hat{x} = (x_n)$  is the sequence defined by

$$x_n(P) = \begin{cases} x_n, & \text{if } n \in P; \\ 0, & \text{if } n \notin P, \end{cases}$$

where  $P \subset \mathbf{N}$  is finite. A sequence  $\hat{x} = (x_n)$  is called  $r$ -summable if

$$\hat{x} = c_r - \lim_P \hat{x}(P) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{L}_w^r(E).$$

The subspace of  $\mathcal{L}_w^r(E)$  formed by all  $r$ -summable sequences from  $E$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_s^r(E)$ .

A sequence  $(x_n)$  from  $E$  is called absolutely  $r$ -summable if  $(p_U(x_n)) \in \mathcal{L}^r$  whenever  $U \in \mathcal{U}_E(0)$ . The class of all absolutely  $r$ -summable sequences from  $E$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_a^r(E)$ . If we put

$$\pi_{r,U}(x_n) = \left[ \sum p_U(x_n)^r \right]^{1/r} \quad \text{for all } U \in \mathcal{U}_E(0) \quad (2)$$

the system of all seminorms (2) defines a natural topology  $\pi_r$  on  $\mathcal{L}_a^r(E)$ .

In [2], a continuous linear map  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is called almost  $r$ -summing ( $1 \leq r < +\infty$ ) if it takes each  $r$ -summable sequence  $(x_n)$  from  $E$  into an absolutely  $r$ -summable sequence  $(Tx_n)$  from  $F$ . If this is the case, it is known that a linear map can be defined by

$$\hat{T} : (x_n) \in \mathcal{L}_w^r(E) \rightarrow (Tx_n) \in \mathcal{L}_a^r(F)$$

mapping bounded subsets of  $\mathcal{L}_w^r(E)$  into bounded subsets of  $\mathcal{L}_a^r(F)$ , but it is not necessarily continuous [5, p. 36]. In [2]  $T$  is called  $r$ -summing when  $\hat{T}$  is continuous. If  $E$  is a metric or nuclear locally convex space, then almost  $r$ -summing maps defined on  $E$  are  $r$ -summing.

## 1. Tensor products of almost $r$ -summing maps

Let  $E_1, E_2, F_1,$  and  $F_2$  be locally convex spaces. If  $T_i : E_i \rightarrow F_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are continuous linear maps such that  $T_1 \otimes T_2$  from  $E_1 \otimes_r E_2$  into  $F_1 \otimes_r F_2$  is almost  $r$ -summing and  $T_i \neq 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), then simple modifications of the proof of [3, Proposition 3.1] show that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are almost  $r$ -summing, because the class of all almost  $r$ -summing maps on locally convex spaces is an operator ideal [2]. For the converse

**Theorem 1**

If  $T_1 : E_1 \rightarrow F_1$  and  $T_2 : E_2 \rightarrow F_2$  are two almost  $r$ -summing maps, then  $T_1 \otimes T_2 : E_1 \otimes_\epsilon E_2 \rightarrow F_1 \otimes_\epsilon F_2$  is almost  $r$ -summing.

*Proof.* If  $(z_n)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_s^r(E_1 \otimes_\epsilon E_2)$  we must prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (p_{V_1} \otimes_\epsilon p_{V_2} [(T_1 \otimes T_2)z_n])^r < +\infty, \quad (3)$$

where  $V_1$ , resp.  $V_2$ , run through  $\theta$ -neighbourhoods of  $F_1$ , resp.  $F_2$ . If  $z_n = \sum_i x_{in} \otimes y_{in}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the inequality (3) is equivalent to prove that there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left| \sum_i \langle T_1 x_{in}, x_n \rangle \langle T_2 y_{in}, y_n \rangle \right|^r \leq M \quad \text{for } x'_n \in V_1^\circ, y'_n \in V_2^\circ. \quad (4)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \langle T_1 x_{in}, x'_n \rangle \langle T_2 y_{in}, y'_n \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_i \langle y_{in}, {}^t T_2 y'_n \rangle x_{in}, {}^t T_1 x'_n \right\rangle \\ &= \langle T_1 \left( \sum_i \langle y_{in}, {}^t T_2 y'_n \rangle x_{in} \right), x'_n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

(4) is equivalent to the following

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (p_{V_1} [(T_1 \circ A({}^t T_2 y'_n))z_n])^r \leq M \quad \text{for } y'_n \in V_2^\circ. \quad (5)$$

where, for each  $u \in E_2'$ ,  $A(u)$  is the continuous linear map defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i \otimes y_i \in E_1 \otimes_\epsilon E_2 \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^m \langle y_i, u \rangle x_i \in E_1.$$

Now we shall prove that the set

is bounded in  $\ell_s^r(E_1)$ . Indeed, if  $r^*$  is the conjugate exponent of  $r$ , for each  $x' \in E_1'$ ,  $P \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{N})$  and  $(\alpha_n)$  in the unit ball of  $\ell^{r^*}(\mathbf{N})$ , we have

$$\left| \left\langle \sum_{n \in P} \alpha_n A({}^t T_2 y'_n) z_n, x' \right\rangle \right| = \left| \sum_{n \in P} \alpha_n \left\langle T_2 \left( \sum_i \langle x_{in}, x' \rangle y_{in} \right), y'_n \right\rangle \right|. \quad (6)$$

So if  $B(x')$  denotes the linear map defined by

$$\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i \in E_1 \otimes_\epsilon E_2 \longmapsto \sum_i \langle x_i, x' \rangle y_i \in E_2.$$

from (6) we obtain the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle \sum_{n \in P} \alpha_n A({}^t T_2 y'_n) z_n, x' \right\rangle \right| &\leq \left( \sum_{n \in P} |\alpha_n|^{r^*} \right)^{1/r^*} \left( \sum_{n \in P} |((T_2 \circ B(x')) z_n, y'_n)|^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (p_{V_2}((T_2 \circ B(x')) z_n))^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &< +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

because  $T_2 : E_2 \rightarrow F_2$  is almost  $r$ -summing and  $(B(x') z_n)$  belongs to  $\ell_s^r(E_2)$ . This proves that  $H$  is bounded in  $\ell_s^r(E_1)$ . Hence, as the map  $T_1$  is almost  $r$ -summing, there exists  $M > 0$  so that (5) is valid.  $\square$

## 2. Almost $r$ -summing maps on dense subspaces

Let  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  be locally convex spaces such that  $E$  is a dense subspace of  $F$  and  $G$  is complete. If  $T : F \rightarrow G$  is a continuous linear map so that its restriction to  $E$  is almost  $r$ -summing, it seems to be unknown if  $T$  is always almost  $r$ -summing. We have obtained the following results.

**DEFINITION 2.** A subspace  $F$  of a space  $E$  is said to be large if every bounded set in  $E$  is contained in the closure in  $E$  of a bounded set in  $F$  [1].

### Proposition 3

Let  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  be locally convex spaces such that  $\ell_s^r(E)$  is a large subspace of  $\ell_s^r(F)$  and  $G$  is complete. If  $T : F \rightarrow G$  is a continuous linear map, then its

*Proof.* If  $T$  is almost  $r$ -summing, it is clear that  $T_E$  is almost  $r$ -summing. Assume then that  $T_E$  is almost  $r$ -summing. If  $\hat{x} = (x_n)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(F)$ , the set  $A = \{\hat{x}(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(F)$  (here  $\hat{x}(n)$  denotes the finite section  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, \dots)$ ). By assumption there exists a bounded subset  $B$  of  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(E)$  such that  $A$  is contained in the closure in  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(F)$  of  $B$ . Since  $T_E : E \rightarrow G$  is almost  $r$ -summing, for each continuous seminorm  $q(x)$  on  $G$ , there exists a constant  $M > 0$  so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} q(z_n)^r \leq M^r \quad \text{for } (z_n) \in B.$$

On the other hand, there is a continuous seminorm  $p(x)$  on  $F$  such that  $q(Tx) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in F$ . Now we shall see that

$$\sum_{n=1}^m q(Tx_n)^r \leq (1 + M)^r \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Indeed, given  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can choose  $\hat{z} = (z_n) \in B$  so that

$$\epsilon_{r, V_p}(\hat{x}(m) - \hat{z}) < m^{-1/r}.$$

Hence we have  $p(x_n - z_n) < m^{-1/r}$  for all  $n \leq m$ . Thus we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{n=1}^m q(Tx_n)^r \right)^{1/r} &\leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^m (q(Tx_n - Tz_n) + q(Tz_n))^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^m q(Tx_n - Tz_n)^r \right)^{1/r} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^m q(Tz_n)^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^m p(x_n - z_n)^r \right)^{1/r} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q(Tz_n)^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq 1 + M \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . This proves that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q(Tx_n)^r < +\infty$  and the proof is complete because  $q(x)$  is an arbitrary continuous seminorm on  $G$ .  $\square$

Obviously, if  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(E)$  is a large subspace of  $\mathcal{C}_s^r(F)$ , then  $E$  is a large subspace of

DEFINITION 4. Let  $E$  be a subspace of  $F$ . We say that  $E$  has the property (P) if there exists an equicontinuous net  $(T_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  from  $\mathcal{L}(F, E)$  so that

$$\lim_{\alpha} T_\alpha(x) = x \quad \text{for } x \in F. \quad (7)$$

**Proposition 5**

*If  $E$  is a subspace of  $F$  which has the property (P), then  $\ell_s^r(E)$  is a large subspace of  $\ell_s^r(F)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a bounded subset of  $\ell_s^r(F)$ . If we put

$$A_0 = \{\hat{x}(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}, \hat{x} \in A\},$$

then  $A_0$  is bounded in  $\ell_s^r(F)$ . By the property (P), there is an equicontinuous net  $(T_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{L}(F, E)$  such that (7) is valid.

Hence the set

$$B = \bigcup_{\alpha} \hat{T}_\alpha(A_0)$$

is bounded in  $\ell_s^r(E)$ . We shall see that  $A$  is contained in the closure in  $\ell_s^r(F)$  of  $B$ . In fact, if  $\hat{x} = (x_n) \in A$  and  $p(x)$  is a continuous seminorm on  $F$ , given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\epsilon_{r, V_p}(\hat{x} - \hat{x}(n)) < \epsilon 2^{-1/r} \quad \text{for } n \geq n_0.$$

By (7), there exists  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  so that

$$p(T_\alpha(x_n) - x_n) \leq \epsilon (2n_0)^{-1/r} \quad \text{for } n \leq n_0.$$

Then, if  $x' \in V_p^\circ$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{n_0} |(x_n - T_\alpha(x_n), x')|^r + \sum_{n > n_0} |(x_n, x')|^r < \frac{\epsilon^r}{2} + \frac{\epsilon^r}{2} = \epsilon^r.$$

Hence  $\epsilon_{r, V_p}(\hat{x} - T_\alpha(\hat{x}(n_0))) \leq \epsilon$ . This proves that  $\hat{x}$  belongs to  $\hat{B}$ .  $\square$

*Remark 6.* a) If  $E$  is a dense subspace of  $F$  which has the bounded approximation property [4], then  $E$  has property (P). Indeed, if  $(T_\alpha)_\alpha \in \Lambda$  is an equicontinuous net from  $\mathcal{F}(E, E)$  which is pointwise convergent to the identity mapping, then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  the continuous linear map  $x \in E \rightarrow T_\alpha(x) \in T_\alpha(E)$  has a unique extension to  $F$  which is denoted also by  $T_\alpha$ . Easy arguments prove that  $\{T_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \subset \mathcal{L}(F, E)$  is equicontinuous and  $\lim_{\alpha} T_\alpha(x) = x$  for all  $x \in F$ .

b) It is well known that the identity mapping from  $\ell^1$  into  $\ell^2$  is 1-summing. We can generalize this result to spaces of sequences whose terms are elements of a locally convex space: "The identity mapping from  $\ell_s^1(E)$  into  $\ell_s^2(E)$  is almost 1-summing if and only if the identity mapping on  $E$  so is". (Note that  $\ell^1 \otimes_r E$  is a dense subspace

Now we turn our attention to the complete  $c$ -tensor product  $E\tilde{\otimes}_c F$ . Simple modifications of the proof of [1, Proposition 4] prove the following

**Proposition 7**

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be locally convex spaces such that  $E$  has the bounded a. p. and  $F$  is complete. Then  $E\otimes_\epsilon F$  is a dense subspace of  $E\tilde{\otimes}_\epsilon F$  which has property (P).

Finally, by combining the above results we obtain

**Theorem 8**

Let  $E_1, E_2, F_1$  and  $F_2$  be locally convex spaces such that  $E_1$  has the bounded a. p. and  $E_2$  is complete. If  $T_i : E_i \rightarrow F_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are almost  $r$  summing, then  $T_1\tilde{\otimes}T_2 : E_1\tilde{\otimes}_c E_2 \rightarrow F_1\tilde{\otimes}_c F_2$  so is.

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