NUCLEAR JC-ALGEBRAS AND TENSOR PRODUCTS OF TYPES

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ABSTRACT. This article is a continuation of [1], to which the reader is referred for the definition and properties of the JC-tensor product of two JC-algebras. Our standard references for nuclear and postliminal C^* -algebras are [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]. We extend the notion of nuclearity to JC-algebras and prove that postliminal JC-algebras are nuclear. In contrast with the situation which occurs for C^* -algebras, the JC-tensor product of two postliminal JC-algebras turns out, in general, to be non-postliminal and can even be anithiminal.

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0. PRELIMINARIES.

Let A be a JC-algebra and Φ_A the canonical involutory *-antiautomorphism of C^* -algebra of A. We may suppose that $A \subset C^*(A)$, so that Φ_A restricts to the identity on A. The real C^* subalgebra of $C^*(A), R^*(A) = \{x \in C^*(A): \Phi_A(x) = x^*\}$ satisfies $R^*(A) \cap iR^*(A) = 0$ and $C^*(A) = R^*(A) \oplus iR^*(A)$. Let A be a JC-algebra contained in $C_{s,a}$, where C is a C^* -algebra, then A is said to be reversible in C if $a_1 \cdots a_n + a_n \cdots a_1$ lies in A whenever a_1, \cdots, a_n do. A is said to be universally reversible if it is reversible in $C^*(A)$ [8]. A JC-algebra A is said to be postliminal (or of Type I) if each JC-quotient of A contains a non-zero abelian projection. It is said to be liminal if for every Type I factor representation π of $A, \pi(A)$ contains a minimal projection. A JC-algebra is said to be antiliminal if it has no non-zero postliminal closed Jordan ideal. The reader is referred to [9, 10, 11, 12, 13] for a detailed account of the theory of JC-algebras.

Since our aim in this article is to extend some results on the tensor product of C^* -algebras to the tensor product of JC-algebras, we recall the following:

LEMMA 0.1. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} be C^* -algebras, and let $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ be their algebraic tensor product. A C^* -norm λ on $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is a norm such that the completion $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ of $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is a C^* -algebra. Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{I}$ be C^* -algebras, and suppose that $\pi_1: \mathcal{A} \to \mathfrak{C}, \pi_2: \mathcal{A} \to \mathfrak{I}$ are *-homomorphisms. Then the natural map $\pi_1 \otimes \pi_2: \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{C} \otimes \mathfrak{I}$ extends to a *-homomorphism $\pi_1 \otimes \pi_2: \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{C} \otimes \mathfrak{I}$, and if π_1, π_2 are injective then $\pi_1 \otimes \pi_2$ is injective. A C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} is said to be nuclear if the maximal and the minimal C^* -norms on $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ coincide. Equivalently if the canonical *-homomorphism from $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ onto $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is an isomorphism. The relevant background for the theory on tensor products of C^* -algebras can be found in [3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15].

LEMMA 0.2. [2, Corollary 4], [4, Corollary 5]. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} be C^* -algebras and I a norm closed ideal of \mathcal{A} . Then

- (i) \mathcal{A} is nuclear if and only if I and \mathcal{A}/I are nuclear.
- (ii) $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is nuclear if and only if \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are nuclear.
- (iii) $I \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is the norm-closure of $I \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ in $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$, where $\lambda = \min, \max$, the minimal and the maximal C^* -norms on $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$.
- (iv) $I \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is the kernel of the natural map $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B} \to \mathcal{A}/I \otimes \mathfrak{B}$.

DEFINITION 0.3. Let A and B be any pair of JC-algebras. We may suppose that A and B are canonically embedded in their respective universal enveloping C^* -algebras $C^*(A), C^*(B)$. Let λ be any C^* -norm on $C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$. Then the JC-tensor product of A and B with respect to λ is the completion $JC(A \otimes B)$ of the real Jordan algebra $J(A \otimes B)$ generated by $A \otimes B$ in $C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$.

The reader is referred to [16] for the properties of the JC-tensor product of two JC-algebras. THEOREM 0.4. Let A and B be JC-algebras. Then

$$C^*(JC(A \otimes B)) = C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$$
, where $\lambda = min, max$.

LEMMA 0.5. Given JC-algebras A and B, and a C*-norm λ on C*(A) \otimes C*(B), JC(A $\otimes B$) is universally reversible unless one of A, B has a scalar representation, and the other has a representation onto a spin factor $V_n, n \geq 4$.

1. NUCLEAR JC-ALGEBRAS.

In this section we introduce the notion of nuclear JC-algebras. We examine the relationship between a nuclear JC-algebra and its universal enveloping C^* -algebra, and establish the Jordan analogues of some results on nuclear C^* -algebras.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let A be a JC-algebra. Then A is said to be nuclear if, for any JC-algebra B, all restrictions of C^{*}-norms on C^{*}(A) \otimes C^{*}(B) coincide on J(A \otimes B). Equivalently, the natural surjective map $JC(A \otimes B) \rightarrow JC(A \otimes B)$ is an isomorphism for any JC-algebra B.

The following theorem is the basic result of this section.

THEOREM 1.2. Let A be a JC-algebra. Then A is nuclear if and only if its universal enveloping C^* -algebra $C^*(A)$ is nuclear.

PROOF. Suppose that $C^*(A)$ is nuclear, and let *B* be any *JC*-algebra. Then the surjective map $C^*(A) \underset{min}{\otimes} C^*(B) \rightarrow C^*(A) \underset{min}{\otimes} C^*(B)$ is an isomorphism, from which it follows that the surjective Jordan homomorphism $JC(A \underset{min}{\otimes} B) \rightarrow JC(A \underset{min}{\otimes} B)$ is an isomorphism.

Conversely, assume that A is nuclear, and let B be any C^* -algebra. Let I be the commutator ideal [B,B] of B. Then B/I is abelian, and hence nuclear, by [15, Theorem 1]. Since I has no one-dimensional representations we have

$$C^*(A) \otimes C^*(I_{\mathfrak{s},\mathfrak{a}}) \simeq C^*(A) \otimes (I \oplus I^o)$$
$$\simeq (C^*(A) \otimes I) \oplus (C^*(A) \otimes I^o),$$

by [10, 7.4.15]. By assumption max = min on $J(A \otimes I_{s,a})$ and hence, max = min on $C^*(A) \otimes C^*(I_{s,a})$, by [16, Lemma 4.4. (iii)] and so,

$$C^*(A) \underset{max}{\otimes} I = C^*(A) \underset{min}{\otimes} I. \tag{1.1}$$

By [7, 4.4.7., 4.4.9. and 4.4.22] there are homomorphisms ϕ_i , π_i , i = 1, 2, making the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} C^{*}(A) & \underset{max}{\otimes} & \mathfrak{B} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{1}} & C^{*}(A) & \underset{min}{\otimes} & \mathfrak{B} \\ \pi_{2} & & & & & \\ C^{*}(A) & \underset{max}{\otimes} & \mathfrak{B}/I & \underset{\phi_{2}}{\rightarrow} & C^{*}(A) & \underset{min}{\otimes} & \mathfrak{B}/I \end{array}$$

By [4, Proposition 14] and (1.1) we have

$$Ker(\pi_2) = C^*(A) \underset{max}{\otimes} I = C^*(A) \underset{min}{\otimes} I,$$

and hence the restriction of ϕ_1 , to $Ker(\pi_2)$ is an isomorphism. We shall complete the proof by showing that ϕ_1 is injective.

Let $x \in C^*(A) \underset{max}{\otimes} \mathfrak{B}$ such that $\phi_1(x) = 0$. Then

$$(\phi_2 o \pi_2)(x) = (\phi_1 o \phi_1)(x) = 0,$$

which implies that $x \in Ker(\pi_2)$, and so x = 0. Therefore, ϕ_1 is an isomorphism, and $C^*(A)$ is nuclear, completing the proof.

The Jordan analogue of parts (i) and (ii) of Lemma 0.2 is given in the following result.

COROLLARY 1.3. Let A be a JC-algebra, and I a norm-closed Jordan ideal of A. Then

(i) A is nuclear if and only if I and A/I are nuclear.

(ii) $JC(A \otimes B)$ is nuclear if and only if A and B are nuclear.

PROOF. (i) This follows by Theorem 1.2., Lemma 0.2. and the fact that $C^*(I)$ can be identified with a norm-closed ideal of $C^*(A)$.

(ii) Since $C^*(JC(A \otimes B)) = C^* \otimes C^*(B)$, (ii) follows by Lemma 0.2. and Theorem 1.2. It was shown by Takesaki in [7, Theorem 3] that all Type I C*-algebras are nuclear. We will extend this result to JC-algebras. In order to overcome the obstacle presented by the Type I_2 JW-algebras we need to exploit the deep C^* -algebras theorem which states that a C^* -algebra is nuclear if and only if its second dual is an injective Von Neumann algebra [3, Theorem 6.4].

Let X be a compact hypersonean space, and A a JC-algebra. Let C(X, A) denote the set of all continuous functions on X with values in A. We shall denote by C(X) (resp. C(X)) the algebra of all continuous complex valued (resp. real-valued) functions on X.

It is easy to see that C(X,A) is the *JC*-algebra $C(X) \otimes A$ generated by $C(X) \otimes A$ in $\mathbb{R}^{K} \otimes C^{*}(A)$. By Grothendieck's result [7, 4.4.14, 4.7.3] and [16, Corollary 3.5] $C(X) \otimes C^*(A).$ $\tilde{C}^*(C(X,A)) = C(X,C^*(A)).$

REMARK. Note that if A is an associative JC-algebra then A is nuclear, because $C^*(A)$ is a commutative C^* -algebra and therefore nuclear [5, 11.3.13].

THEOREM 1.4. Postliminal JC-algebras are nuclear.

PROOF. Let A be a postliminal JC-algebra. By [9, Theorem 5.6] A^{**} is a JW-algebra of Type I. So, $A^{**} = M \oplus N$, where M is a Type I_2 JW-algebra and N is a universally reversible Type I JW-algebra. Therefore

$$C^*(A)^{**} = W^*(A^{**}) = W^*(M) \oplus W^*(N).$$

by [10, 7.1.11]. By a result of $St \phi rmer$ [12, Theorem 8.2], $W^*(N)$ is a Type I Von Neumann algebra. Hence $W^*(N)$ is injective. We have to show that $W^*(M)$ is injective.

By virtue of Stacey's results [17] we may write

$$M = \sum_{k \in K}^{\bigoplus} M_k.$$

where K is a set of cardinal numbers and where, for each $k \in K$, M_k is a JW-algebra of Type $I_{2,k}$. Moreover, as is also proved in [17], there is for each $k \in K$ a compact hyperstonean space X_k and a surjective normal homomorphism

$$\pi_{\boldsymbol{k}}: C(X_{\boldsymbol{k}}, V_{\boldsymbol{k}})^{**} \to M_{\boldsymbol{k}},$$

which extends to a normal homomorphism

$$\widehat{\pi}_k: W^*(C(X_k, V_k)^{**}) \to W^*(M_k).$$

However, using [10, 7.1.11] we see that

$$W^*(C(X_k, V_k)^{**}) = C^*(C(X_k, V_k))^{**} = C(X_k, C^*(V_k))^{**}.$$

Since (see [10, 6.2.1] or [18, pp. 75, 263]) $C^*(V_k)$ can be realized as an inductive limit of finite dimensional C^* -algebras, $C^*(V_k)$ is nuclear, by [5, 11.3.12]. Consequently $C(X_k, C^*(V_k)) = \underset{C}{C}(X_k) \otimes C^*(V_k)$ is nuclear, by [2, Corollary 4] and Grothendieck's theorem mentioned above. This means that $C(X_k, C^*(V_k))^{**}$ is injective. Hence, being isomorphic to a W^* -closed ideal of this algebra, $W^*(M_k)$ must itself be injective by [3, Proposition 3.1]. Therefore,

$$W^*(M) = \sum_{k \in K}^{\bigoplus} W^*(M_k)$$

is injective, so that $C^*(A)$ is nuclear. Therefore A is a nuclear JC-algebra, by Theorem 1.2., and the proof is complete.

2. TENSOR PRODUCTS OF TYPES OF JC-ALGEBRAS.

In this section we investigate the result of tensoring types of postliminal JC-algebras. We also consider tensor products of antiliminal JC-algebras. For C^* -algebras we have the following theorem:

THEOREM 2.1. (Guichardet, [4, Theorems 7, 8]. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} be C^* -algebras and let λ be a C^* -norm on $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$. Then

(i) \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are postliminal if and only if $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is postliminal.

(ii) \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are limited if and only if $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is limited.

(iii) \mathcal{A} or \mathfrak{B} is antiliminal if and only if $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is antiliminal.

Moreover, if $\mathcal{A} \bigotimes_{\lambda} \mathfrak{B}$ is antiliminal for any C^* -norm λ , then \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are antiliminal.

To begin with we recall the following result on universal enveloping algebras.

LEMMA 2.2 [9, Proposition 4.5], [19, Theorem 2.6 and Corollary 2.7]. Let A be a JC-algebra. Then

(i) $C^*(A)$ is postliminal (resp. liminal) if and only if A is postliminal (resp. liminal) with no infinite dimensional spin factor representations.

(ii) If $C^*(A)$ is antiliminal, and A has no infinite dimensional spin factor representations, then A is antiliminal.

It turns out that neither of the equivalences (i), (ii), (iii) of Theorem 2.1 are true in the

context of JC-algebra. In fact, all can be dismissed by the same counter-example.

PROPOSITION 2.3. Let V be an infinite dimensional spin factor and let A be any JC-algebra without one dimensional representations. Then $JC(V \otimes A)$ is antiliminal.

PROOF. Put $B = JC(V \otimes A)$. Then we have $C^*(B) = C^*(V) \otimes C^*(A)$. The Clifford C^* -algebra $C^*(V)$ is antiliminal (it is simple, unital and infinite dimensional). Consequently, $C^*(B)$ is antiliminal by Theorem 2.1. But B is universally reversible. Hence B is antiliminal by Lemma 2.2. (ii).

This result shows that the next two theorems cannot be improved.

THEOREM 2.4. Let A and B be JC-algebras.

(i) If A and B are postliminal and neither has infinite dimensional spin factor representations, then $JC(A \otimes B)$ is postliminal.

(ii) If $JC(A \otimes B)$ is postliminal then A and B are postliminal.

PROOF. (i) Suppose that A and B satisfy the stated conditions. Then, $C^*(A)$ and $C^*(B)$ are postliminal. Therefore,

$$C^*(JC(A \otimes B)) = C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$$

is postliminal. Also, it follows that because neither A nor B has infinite dimensional spin factor representations, $JC(A \otimes B)$ does not have any either. So, $JC(A \otimes B)$ must be postliminal.

(ii) Suppose now that $JC(A \otimes B)$ is postliminal. We will prove that A (and so, by implication, B) is postliminal.

Let $\pi_1: A \to \mathfrak{B}(H_1)$ be an irreducible representation. We may suppose that $\pi_1(A)$ has neither one-dimensional nor spin factor representations. By [9, Proposition 5.5], it will be enough to show that $\pi_1(A) \cap C(H_1) \neq 0$, where $C(H_1)$ is the set of all compact operators on H_1 .

Let $\pi_2: B \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(H_2)$ be irreducible, and let

$$\widehat{\pi}_1: C^*(A) \to \mathfrak{B}(H_1), \qquad \widehat{\pi}_2: C^*(B) \to \mathfrak{B}(H_2),$$

be the canonical extensions. Then $\hat{\pi}_1, \hat{\pi}_2$ are also irreducible, so that,

$$\widehat{\pi}: C^*(A) \bigotimes_{\min} C^*(B) \to \mathfrak{B}(H_1) \bigotimes_{\min} \mathfrak{B}(H_2) \subset \mathfrak{B}(H_1 \otimes H_2)$$

is irreducible, by [5, 11.3.2] and [20, 2.11.3]. Consequently, since $C^*(JC(A \otimes B)) = C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$,

$$\widehat{\mathbf{r}}: JC(A \otimes B) \to \mathfrak{B}(H_1 \otimes H_2)$$

is irreducible, by [9, Proposition 5.5].

Note that the conditions imposed upon $\pi_1(A)$ imply that $\hat{\pi}$ cannot be a spin factor representation. Hence, since $JC(A \otimes B)$ is postliminal, we have

$$\widehat{\pi}(JC(A \underset{min}{\otimes} B)) \cap C(H_1 \otimes H_2) \neq 0,$$

by [9, Proposition 5.5]. Thus

$$\widehat{\pi}(C^*(A) \underset{\min}{\otimes} C^*(B)) \supset C(H_1 \otimes H_2) = C(H_1) \underset{\min}{\otimes} C(H_2)$$

By [4, Lemma 7], this implies that $C(H_1) \subset \hat{\pi}_1(C^*(A))$, in particular. Hence, since $\pi_1(A)$ is reversible in $\mathfrak{B}(H_1)$, this implies that $\pi_1(A) \cap C(H_1) \neq 0$, by [13, Lemma 3.7]. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 2.5. Let A, B be JC-algebras.

(i) If A and B are limited JC-algebras without infinite dimensional spin factor representations, then $JC(A \otimes B)$ is limited.

(ii) If $JC(A \otimes B)$ is liminal, then A and B are liminal.

PROOF. The proof of the first part is the same as Theorem 2.4 (i) transparently modified.

In order to prove (ii), suppose that $JC(A \otimes B)$ is limital. Retaining the notation used in the proof of Theorem 2.4. (ii) we then see that

$$\widehat{\pi}(JC(A \otimes B)) \subset C(H_1 \otimes H_2)$$

so that,

$$\widehat{\pi}_1(C^*(A)) \otimes_{\min} \widehat{\pi}_2(C^*(B)) \subseteq C(H_1) \otimes C(H_2)$$

and hence,

$$\widehat{\pi}_1(C^*(A)) \subset C(H_1)$$
, by [4, Lemma 7]

Consequently, $\pi_1(A) \subset C(H_1)$, and the arguments used in Theorem 2.4 imply that A is therefore liminal.

The Jordan analogue of part (iii) of Theorem 2.1 is given in the following two results.

PROPOSITION 2.6. Let A and B be JC-algebras having no infinite dimensional spin factor representations, and $\lambda \approx C^*$ -norm on $C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$. If $JC(A \otimes B)$ is antiliminal, then either A or B is antiliminal.

PROOF. Let *I*, *J* be the largest liminal ideals of *A*, *B*, respectively. Then $C^*(I), C^*(J)$ are liminal (and hence nuclear) ideals of $C^*(A)$, $C^*(B)$, respectively. Thus the closure $C^*(I) \otimes C^*(J)$ of $C^*(I) \otimes C^*(J)$ in $C^*(A) \otimes C^*(J)$ is liminal, since it is isomorphic to $C^*(I) \otimes C^*(J)$, by Theorem 2.1 (ii). It follows that $JC(A \otimes B) \cap \overline{C^*(I) \otimes C^*(J)} = 0$, which implies that $I \otimes J = 0$, and so, either *I* or *J* is zero, proving the proposition.

THEOREM 2.7. Let A be a universally reversible JC-algebra with no one-dimensional representations. If A is antiliminal, then $JC(A \otimes B)$ is antiliminal for any JC-algebra B.

PROOF. Let *I* be the largest postliminal ideal of $C^*(A)$ such that $C^*(A)/I$ is antiliminal. Then $A \cap I = 0$. Indeed, since the C^* -algebra $[A \cap I]$ generated by $A \cap I$ in *I*, being a C^* -subalgebra of *I* is again postliminal [22, Proposition 6.2.9], and therefore $A \cap I$ is a postliminal Jordan ideal of *A*. By [9, Lemma 3.1 (iii)], $A \cap I = 0$. Now, note that $\Phi_A(I) = I$, and hence $C^*(A \cap I) = I$, by [8, Lemma 4.3]. Therefore, I = 0, and so, $C^*(A)$ is antiliminal, which implies $C^*(JC(A \otimes B))$ is antiliminal. The proof is completed by Lemma 2.3 (ii), since $JC(A \otimes B)$ has no infinite dimensional spin factor representations.

Recall that [20, 4.7.20] a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} is said to be dual if and only if $\mathcal{A} \subset C(H)$, for some Hilbert space H. Then if \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are dual C^* -algebras, since $\mathcal{A} \subset C(H_1), \mathfrak{B} \subset C(H_2), H_1, H_2$ are Hilbert spaces, then

$$\mathcal{A} \bigotimes_{\min} \mathfrak{B} \subset C(H_1) \bigotimes_{\min} C(H_2) = C(H_1 \otimes H_2).$$

So, $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is dual.

The following result shows that the converse is also true.

LEMMA 2.8. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} be C^* -algebras. If $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$ is dual, then \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are dual.

PROOF. Suppose that $C_o(X), C_o(Y)$ are maximal commutative C^* -subalgebras of $\mathcal{A}, \mathfrak{B}$, respectively, where X, Y are locally compact Hausdorff spaces. Then $C_o(X \times Y) = C_o(X) \otimes C_o(Y)$ [14, Lemma 1.22.4] is a commutative subalgebra of $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$, and hence dual. Thus $X \times Y$ is discrete, which implies that X and Y are discrete, and \mathcal{A} and \mathfrak{B} are dual, by [20, 4.7.20].

Bearing in mind the counter-example given in Proposition 2.3., and the fact that spin factors are dual JC-algebras, we give the Jordan analogue of these results.

THEOREM 2.9. Let A, B be JC-algebras.

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(i) If A and B are dual without infinite dimensional spin factor representations, then $JC(A \otimes B)$ is dual.

(ii) If $JC(A \otimes B)$ is dual, then A and B are dual.

PROOF. Suppose (i) hold, then $C^*(A), C^*(B)$ are dual, by [1, 3.3, 4.2, 4.4] and hence $C^*(JC(A \otimes B)) = C^*(A) \otimes C^*(B)$ is dual. By Lemma 0.5, $JC(A \otimes B)$ does not have infinite dimensional spin factor representations. Hence $JC(A \otimes B)$ is dual, by [1, 3.3, 4.2, 4.4]. (ii) This is identical to the argument given in the proof of Lemma 2.8.

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