# Comparison of Non-Commutative 2- and *p*-Summing Operators from $B(l_2)$ into OH

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**Abstract.** In the theory of *p*-summing operators studied by Pietsch we know that  $\pi_2(C(K), H) = \pi_p(C(K), H)$  for any Hilbert space *H* and any *p* such that  $2 . In this paper we prove that this equality is not true in the same notion generalized by Junge and Pisier to operator spaces, i.e. <math>\pi_{l_2}(B(l_2), OH) = (\pi_2^0(B(l_2), OH)) \neq \pi_{l_p}(B(l_2), OH)$ .

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# 1. Introduction

In the recent theory of operator spaces (or non-commutative Banach spaces) developed by [1 - 6, 10 - 12], bounded operator is replaced by completely bounded operator, isomorphism by complete isomorphism and Banach space by operator space. Precisely, we view in this new category every Banach space as a subspace of B(H) for some Hilbert space H (B(H) is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators on H) which is non-commutative, instead of viewing them as a subspace of C(K)(the space of all continuous functions on a compact K) which is commutative. The abstract characterization given in [12] signed the beginning of this theory. In [10] Pisier constructed the operator Hilbert space OH (i.e. the unique space verifying  $\overline{OH^*} = OH$  completely isometrically as in the case of Banach spaces because there are Hilbert spaces in this category which are non completely isometrically) and generalized in [11] (also Junge) the notion of p-summing operators to the non-commutative case.

In this paper we show that

$$\pi_{l_2}(B(l_2), OH) \neq \pi_{l_n}(B(l_2), OH)$$

for all p in  $(2, \infty)$ . In the case of completely p-summing operators the problem is raised in [11: Problem 10.2] and is still open (i.e. is every completely operator  $u: B(H) \to OH$  necessarily completely 2-summing?). This question, which called

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the little Grothendieck's theorem in the case of Banach spaces, is the origin and the inspiration of this work. Le Merdy proved in [8: Theorem 4.2] that

$$cb(B(l_2)^*, OH) \neq \pi_2^0(B(l_2)^*, OH).$$

Let H be a Hilbert space and  $X \subset B(H)$  be a closed subspace. For all  $n \geq 1$  we denote by  $M_n(X) = M_n \otimes X$  the space of  $n \times n$  matrices  $(x_{ij})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$  with entries  $x_{ij} \in X$  equipped with the norm induced by the space  $M_n(B(H)) = B(l_2^n(H)) = B(l_2^n \otimes_2 H)$   $(l_2^n \otimes_2 H)$  is the Hilbert-space tensor product of  $l_2^n$  and H).

**Definition 1.1.** An operator space X is a closed subspace of B(H) for some Hilbert space H.

Let X be a vector space. If for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$  on  $M_n(X)$ , then the family of norms  $\{\|\cdot\|_n\}_{n>1}$  is called an  $L_{\infty}$ -matricial structure on X if

- (i)  $||axb||_n \le ||a||_{M_n(\mathbb{C})} ||x||_n ||b||_{M_n(\mathbb{C})}$
- (ii)  $||x \oplus y||_{n+m} = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{n+m} = \max\{||x||_n, ||y||_m\}$

for all a, b in  $M_n(\mathbb{C}) = B(l_2^n), x \in M_n(X)$  and  $y \in M_m(X)$ . We say that X is  $L_{\infty}$ -matricially normed if it is equipped with an  $L_{\infty}$ -matricial structure (which we suppose complete). Ruan proved in [12: Theorem 3.1] and simplified (with Effros) in [6] an important theorem which is the matricial norm characterization for operator spaces. This theorem sais that for any  $L_{\infty}$ -matricial structure on a vector space X there is a Hilbert space H and an embedding of X into B(H) such that for all  $n \ge 1$  the norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$  on  $M_n(X)$  coincides with the norm induced by the space  $B(l_2^n(H))$ . In other words, he has given an abstract characterization of operator spaces.

**Definition 1.2.** Let H and K be Hilbert spaces, and let  $X \subset B(H)$  and  $Y \subset B(K)$  be two operator spaces. A linear map  $u : X \to Y$  is *completely bounded* if the maps

$$u_n: M_n(X) \to M_n(Y), \quad (x_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le n} \to (u(x_{ij}))_{1 \le i,j \le n}$$

are uniformly bounded for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.  $\sup_{n\geq 1} ||u_n|| < +\infty$ . In this case we put  $||u||_{cb} = \sup_{n\geq 1} ||u_n||$  and we denote by cb(X, Y) the Banach space of all completely bounded maps from X into Y which is also an operator space because  $M_n(cb(X,Y)) = cb(X, M_n(Y))$  (see [3, 5]). We denote also by  $X \otimes_{\min} Y$  the subspace of  $B(H \otimes_2 K)$  with induced norm.

Let H be a Hilbert space. We denote by  $S_p(H)$   $(1 \le p < \infty)$  the Banach space of all compact operators  $u : H \to H$  such that  $\text{Tr}(|u|^p) < \infty$ , equipped with the norm

$$||u||_{S_p(H)} = \left(\operatorname{Tr}(|u|^p)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

If  $H = l_2$  or  $H = l_2^n$ , we denote simply  $S_p(l_2)$  by  $S_p$  or  $S_p(l_2^n)$  by  $S_p^n$ , respectively. We denote also by  $S_{\infty}(H)$  and  $S_{\infty}$  the Banach spaces of all compact operators equipped with the norm induced by B(H) and  $B(l_2)$ , respectively, and by  $S_{\infty}^n$  the space  $B(l_2^n)$ . Recall that if  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r}$  for  $1 \leq p, q, r < +\infty$ , then  $u \in B_{S_p(H)}$  if and only if there are  $u_1 \in B_{S_q(H)}$  and  $u_2 \in B_{S_r(H)}$  such that  $u = u_1 u_2$ , where  $B_{S_p(H)}$  is the closed unit ball of  $S_p(H)$ . Before continuing our notation we will briefly mention some properties concerning completely bounded operators. We recall that OH is homogeneous, in other words, every bounded linear operator  $u: H \to OH$  is completely bounded and

$$\|u\| = \|u\|_{cb}.\tag{1.1}$$

Note also that  $S_2$  is completely isometric to  $OH \times OH$ . We denote by  $OH_n$  the *n*-dimensional version of the Hilbert operator space OH. If now  $S_2^N$   $(N \in \mathbb{N})$  is equipped with the operator-space structure  $OH_{N^2}$ , then for any linear map  $T : S_2^N \to OH_n$  we have by homogeneity of OH

$$||T|| = ||T||_{cb}.$$
(1.2)

Finally, let us recall the last property. Let Y be an operator space such that  $Y \subset A \subset B(H)$ , A a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, and let X be an arbitrary operator space. Then, for all bounded linear operators  $u: X \to Y$ ,

$$\|u\| = \|u\|_{cb}.$$
(1.3)

Let now X be an operator space. As usual we denote by  $l_p(X)$  and  $l_p^n(X)$ the spaces of infinite sequences  $\{x_1, ..., x_n, ...\}$  and finite sequences  $\{x_1, ..., x_n\}$  in X equipped with the norm  $(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||x_n||^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  and  $(\sum_{i=1}^{n} ||x_i||^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ , respectively, which become operator spaces. Let now  $S_p[X]$  (for more details see [11: p. 10 and Theorem 1.5]) and  $S_p^n[X]$  be subspaces of  $M_{\infty}(X)$  and  $M_n(X)$  with norms

$$\|u\|_{S_p[X]} = \inf_{u=avb} \|a\|_{S_{2p}} \|v\|_{M_{\infty}(X)} \|b\|_{S_{2p}}$$
$$\|u\|_{S_p^n[X]} = \inf_{u=avb} \|a\|_{S_{2p}^n} \|v\|_{M_n(X)} \|b\|_{S_{2p}^n}$$

respectively, where

$$M_{\infty}(X) = \left\{ u = (u_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le +\infty} : \| (u_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le n} \|_{M_n(X)} \le K \quad (n \ge 1) \right\}$$

and  $||(u_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le \infty}||_{M_{\infty}(X)} = \inf K$ , which is a subspace of  $B(l_2 \otimes_2 H)$ .

# 2. Non-commutative *p*-summing operators

We first give the following definition which was introduced in [11: p. 31].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , let X and Y be operator spaces, and let  $u: X \to Y$  be a linear operator. We will say that u is completely p-summing if there is a constant C > 0 such that, for all  $n \geq 1$  and all  $(x_{ij})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} \in M_n(X)$ ,  $\|u(x_{ij})\|_{S_p^n[X]} \leq C \|(x_{ij})\|_{S_p^n \otimes \min X}$ .

We will denote by  $\pi_p^0(u)$  the smallest constant with this property and by  $\pi_p^0(X, Y)$  the space of all completely *p*-summing operators equipped with the norm  $\pi_p^0(\cdot)$  for which it becomes a Banach space.

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The classical definition in the sens of Pietsch [9] is the following: If X and Y are Banach spaces, an operator  $u: X \to Y$  is absolutely *p*-summing if there exists a constant C > 0 such that, for all  $n \ge 1$  and for all  $\{x_i\}_{1 \le i \le n} \subset X$ ,  $\|u(x_i)\|_{l_p^n(X)} \le C\|(x_i)\|_{l_p^n \otimes X}$  where  $l_p^n \otimes X$  is the injective tensor product.

After this outline and to facilitate the comprehension we will use a definition due to Junge intermediate between absolutely *p*-summing operators in the case of Banach spaces and completely *p*-summing in the case of operator spaces. All these definitions are rejoining on certain operator spaces, particularly those which interest us.

The next definition is due to Junge [7].

**Definition 2.2.** Let H be a Hilbert space, let  $X \subset B(H)$  be an operator space, and let  $u: X \to Y$  be a linear operator from X into a Banach space Y. We will say that u is  $l_p$ -summing  $(1 \le p < +\infty)$  if there is a constant C > 0 such that for all finite sequences  $\{x_i\}_{1 \le i \le n}$  in X

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|u(x_i)\|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C \sup_{a,b \in B^+_{S_{2p}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|ax_ib\|_{S_p(H)}^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

We denote by  $\pi_{l_p}(u)$  the smallest constant C for which this holds and by  $\pi_{l_p}(X, Y)$  the space of all  $l_p$ -summing operators with the norm  $\pi_{l_p}(\cdot)$  which becomes a Banach space. We can show that

$$\sup_{a,b\in B_{S_{2p}}(H)} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|ax_ib\|_{S_p(H)}^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|\{x_i\}\|_{l_p^n\otimes_{\min}X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \|e_i\otimes x_i\|_{cb(l_q^n,X)}$$
(2.1)

where q is the conjugate of p and  $\{e_i\}_{1 \le i \le n}$  is the canonical basis of  $l_q^n$ . By (2.1) Definition 2.2 is equivalent to the following: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{x_i\}_{1 \le i \le n} \in X$  and  $T \in cb(l_q^n, X)$  such that  $T(e_i) = x_i$ ,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|uT(e_i)\|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le C \|T\|_{cb}.$$
(2.2)

The following remark will be needed to prove Lemma 2.3.

**Remark 1.** Let C > 0 be a constant. Then u is  $l_p$ -summing and  $\pi_{l_p}(u) \leq C$  if and only if

$$\left\| I \otimes u : l_p^n \otimes_{\min} X \to l_p^n(Y) \right\| \le C$$
 (2.3)

for all  $n \ge 1$ .

#### Remark 2.

1) Let E and X be operator spaces and let Y and F be Banach spaces. Let  $E \xrightarrow{v} X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{w} F$  such that v is completely bounded, u is  $l_p$ -summing and w is a bounded operator. Then  $\pi_{l_p}(wuv) \leq ||w|| \pi_{l_p}(u) ||v||_{cb}$ .

**2)** Let X and Y be operator spaces and consider u in  $\pi_p^0(X, Y)$ . Then  $u \in \pi_{l_p}(X, Y)$  and  $\pi_{l_p}(u) \leq \pi_p^0(u)$ .

**3)** Let X be an operator space, Y a Banach space, and consider u in  $\pi_p(X, Y)$ . Then  $u \in \pi_{l_p}(X, Y)$  and  $\pi_{l_p}(u) \leq \pi_p(u)$ .

4) Let  $X \subset A \subset B(H)$  with A a commutative C\*-algebra and Y be operator spaces. Then by (1.3) and (2.2)  $\pi_{l_p}(X,Y) = \pi_p(X,Y)$ .

**5)** If X = OH, then by (1.1) and (2.2)  $\pi_{l_2}(OH, Y) = \pi_2^0(OH, Y)$ .

The following theorem is the extension of the Pietsch factorization for  $l_p$ -summing operators. The proof is exactly the same than that used in [11: Theorem 3.1].

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $X \subset B(H)$  be an operator space, Y a Banach space and  $u : X \to Y$  a linear operator. Let  $1 \le p < +\infty$ . The following properties of a constant C > 0 are equivalent:

- (i) u is  $l_p$ -summing and  $\pi_{l_p}(u) \leq C$ .
- (ii) There are a set I, families  $a_{\alpha}$  and  $b_{\alpha}$  in  $B^+_{S_{2p}}$  and an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on I such that  $||u(x)|| \leq C \lim_{\mathcal{U}} ||a_{\alpha}xb_{\alpha}||_{S_{p}(H)}$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iii) u factors of the form  $u = \tilde{u}(M/E_{\infty})i$  and  $\|\tilde{u}\| \leq C$  as

where

- $i(x) = \{x_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in I}$  with  $x_{\alpha} = x$  for all  $\alpha \in I$
- $E_{\infty} = i(X)$  which is a closed subspace of  $\hat{B}(H)$  and  $||i||_{cb} = 1$
- $\hat{B}(H) = (B_{\alpha}(H))/\mathcal{U}$  with  $B_{\alpha}(H) = B(H)$  for all  $\alpha \in I$
- *M* is the operator associated to  $\{M_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in I}$ ,  $M_{\alpha} : B(H) \to S_p(H), M_{\alpha}(x) = a_{\alpha}xb_{\alpha}$ and  $\pi_{l_p}(M) \leq 1$
- $\hat{S}_p(H) = (S_\alpha(H))/\mathcal{U}$  with  $S_\alpha(H) = S_p(H)$  for all  $\alpha \in I$
- $E_p = M(E_\infty)$  which is a closed subspace of  $\hat{S}_p(H)$
- $-\hat{B}(H)$  and  $\hat{S}_{p}(H)$  are operator spaces.

#### Remark 3.

1) Let  $u : X \to Y$  be a linear operator between operator spaces. Then the property u to be  $l_p$ -summing not implies that  $\tilde{u}$  is completely bounded. On the other hand, if p = 2 and Y = OH, then by (1.1) u is completely bounded and  $\pi_{l_2}(X, OH) = \pi_2^0(X, OH)$ .

**2)** Let  $Y \subset A \subset B(H)$  with A a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra and X be operator spaces. Then by (1.3) and (2.2)  $\pi_{l_p}(X,Y) = \pi_p^0(X,Y)$ .

**3)** If X = Y = OH, then clearly  $\pi_{l_2}(OH, OH) = \pi_2^0(OH, OH) = HS(OH, OH)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $X \subset B(H)$  be an operator space. Consider  $a, b \in B^+_{S_{2p}}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq q < +\infty$ . Then  $\|axb\|_{S_p(H)} \leq \|a^{\frac{p}{q}}xb^{\frac{p}{q}}\|_{S_q(H)}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and consider  $a, b \in B^+_{S_{2p}}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|axb\|_{S_{p}(H)} &= \left\|a^{1-\frac{p}{q}}a^{\frac{p}{q}}xb^{\frac{p}{q}}b^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{p}(H)} \\ &\leq \left\|a^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{\frac{2pq}{q-p}}} \left\|a^{\frac{p}{q}}xb^{\frac{p}{q}}b^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{\frac{2pq}{q-p}}} \\ &\leq \left\|a^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{\frac{2pq}{q-p}}} \left\|a^{\frac{p}{q}}xb^{\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{q}(H)} \left\|b^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{\frac{2pq}{q-p}}}^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \\ &\leq \left\|a^{\frac{p}{q}}xb^{\frac{p}{q}}\right\|_{S_{q}(H)} \end{aligned}$$

because  $\|a^{1-\frac{p}{q}}\|_{S_{\frac{2pq}{q-p}}} = \|a\|_{S_{2p}}^{\frac{q-p}{q}} \le 1$  and this illustrates that the diagram

is commutative  $\blacksquare$ 

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $1 \le p \le q < +\infty$ . Let  $X \subset B(H)$  be an operator space, Y a Banach space and  $u: X \to Y$  an  $l_p$ -summing operator. Then u is  $l_q$ -summing and  $\pi_{lq}(u) \le \pi_{lp}(u)$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\|u(x)\| \le \pi_{lp}(u) \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|a_{\alpha} x b_{\alpha}\|_{S_{p}(H)} \le \pi_{lp}(u) \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|a_{\alpha}^{\frac{p}{q}} x b_{\alpha}^{\frac{p}{q}}\|_{S_{q}(H)}$$

by Lemma 2.4 where  $a_{\alpha}^{\frac{p}{q}}$  and  $b_{\alpha}^{\frac{p}{q}}$  are in  $B_{S_{2q}}^+$  and the comparison is obtained

## 3. The finite-dimensional case

Let us now give the following finite-dimensional version of Theorem 2.3.

**Proposition 3.1.** Consider  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . Let  $X \subset M_N$  be a finite-dimensional operator space, Y a Banach space and  $u : X \to Y$  an  $l_p$ -summing operator. Then there are  $a, b \in B^+_{S^N_{2p}}$  such that  $||u(x)|| \leq \pi_{lp}(u)||axb||_{S^N_p}$ .

**Proof.** Let

$$S = \big\{ s = (a,b) \in S_{2p}^N: \, a,b \geq 0 \big\}.$$

From the proof of [11: Theorem 3.1] there are a set I, an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on I and a family  $\{\lambda_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in I}$  of probabilities on S such that

$$\|u(x)\|^{p} \leq \pi_{lp}^{p}(u) \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \int_{S} \|a_{\alpha}xb_{\alpha}\|_{S_{p}^{N}}^{p} d\lambda_{\alpha}(s).$$

As S is compact, there is a probability  $\lambda$  on S such that  $\lambda_{\alpha} \to \lambda$  in the weak topology of measures on S and

$$\lim_{\mathcal{U}} \int_{S} \|a_{\alpha} x b_{\alpha}\|_{S^{N}_{p}}^{p} d\lambda_{\alpha}(s) = \int_{S} \|a x b\|_{S^{N}_{p}}^{p} d\lambda(s).$$

Since the application

$$C(S) \to S_p^N \to \mathbb{R}, \quad s = (a, b) \to axb \to \|axb\|$$

as composition of two continuous applications is continuous, then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there are  $n_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{N}, \{s_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n_{\varepsilon}} \subset S$  and  $\{\lambda_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n_{\varepsilon}}$  with  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum \lambda_i = 1$  such that

$$\int_{S} \|axb\|_{S_{p}^{N}}^{p} d\lambda(s) \leq (1+\varepsilon) \Big(\sum \lambda_{i} \|a_{i}xb_{i}\|^{p}\Big)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Using [11: Lemma 1.4] we have

$$\int_{S} \|axb\|_{S_{p}^{N}}^{p} d\lambda(s) \leq (1+\varepsilon) \left\| \left(\sum \lambda_{i} a_{i}^{2p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2p}} x \left(\sum \lambda_{i} b_{i}^{2p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2p}} \right\|_{S_{p}^{N}}$$

for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence there are  $a, b \in S_{2p}^N$  such that  $||u(x)|| \le \pi_{lp}(u) ||axb||_{S_p^N}$  and this gives the announced result

The next lemma will be crucial to prove our main result in Section 4.

**Lemma 3.2.** Consider  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $2 . Let Y be a Banach space and <math>u: M_N \to Y$  be a linear operator. Then  $\pi_{lp}(u) \leq \pi_{l_2}^{\frac{2}{p}}(u) ||u||^{1-\frac{2}{p}}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u : M_N \to Y$  be a linear operator. As u is of finite rank, it is automatically  $l_2$ -summing and by (2.3) we have for all  $n \ge 1$ 

$$\left\| I \otimes u : l_2^n \otimes_{\min} M_N \to l_2^n(Y) \right\| \le \pi_{l_2}(u).$$
(3.1)

Apart from that we have abviously

$$\left\| I \otimes u : l_{\infty}^{n} \otimes_{\min} M_{N} \to l_{\infty}^{n}(Y) \right\| \leq \|u\|.$$
(3.2)

We will now interpolate these two estimates. Precisely, by putting  $\theta = \frac{2}{p}$ , we have

$$[l_{\infty}^n, l_2^n]_{\theta} = l_p^n$$
 and  $[l_{\infty}^n(Y), l_2^n(Y)]_{\theta} = l_p^n(Y).$ 

We have also

$$l_2^n \otimes_{\min} M_N = M_N(l_2^n), \quad l_\infty^n \otimes_{\min} M_N = M_N(l_\infty^n), \quad l_p^n \otimes_{\min} M_N = M_N(l_p^n).$$

Hence, by definition of operator space structures on  $l_2^n, l_{\infty}^n$  and  $l_p^n$ ,

$$\left[l_{\infty}^{n}\otimes_{\min}M_{N}, l_{2}^{n}\otimes_{\min}M_{N}\right]_{\theta}=l_{p}^{n}\otimes_{\min}M_{N}.$$

Therefore by interpolation of (3.1) and (3.2) we obtain

$$\left\| I \otimes u : l_p^n \otimes_{\min} M_N \to l_p^n(Y) \right\| \le \pi_{l_2}^{\theta}(u) \|u\|^{1-\theta}.$$

As this is true for all  $n \ge 1$  whence the desired result

## 4. Main result

We now prove that the converse of Proportion 2.5 is not true in the non-commutative case for certain spaces. This is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $2 . Then <math>\pi_{l_2}(B(l_2), OH) \neq \pi_{l_n}(B(l_2), OH)$ .

**Proof.** We proceed by contradiction. Assume that  $\pi_2^0(B(l_2), OH) (= \pi_{l_2}(B(l_2), OH)) = \pi_{l_p}(B(l_2), OH)$ . Then there is a constant C > 0 such that, for all  $u \in \pi_{l_p}(B(l_2), OH), \pi_2^0(u) \leq C\pi_{l_p}(u)$ . Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and consider  $u \in \pi_{l_p}(M_N, OH)$ . Using Lemma 3.2 we obtain  $\pi_{l_2}(u) = \pi_2^0(u) \leq C\pi_{l_2}^{\frac{2}{p}}(u) ||u||^{1-\frac{2}{p}}$ . Hence  $\pi_2^0(u) \leq C||u||$ . Since by [11: Corollary 3.5]  $||u||_{cb} \leq \pi_2^0(u), ||u||_{cb} \leq C||u||$  for all  $u : M_N \to OH$  which is a contradiction by [10: Theorem 2.10]

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $B(B(l_2), OH)$  be the space of all bounded operators from  $B(l_2)$  into OH. Then  $\pi_{l_2}(B(l_2), OH) \neq B(B(l_2), OH)$ .

**Remark.** Corollary 4.2 implies that the little (the variant of) Grothendieck's theorem is not true.

We end this paper by mentioning the interesting question raised in [11: Problem 10.2] whether, considering  $u \in cb(B(l_2), OH)$ ,  $u \in \pi_{2,OH}(B(l_2), OH)$  is true.

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