## Asymptotically Abelian II<sub>1</sub>-Factors

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## 1. Introduction

Recently, physicists (cf. [2], [4], [5], [7], [8], [12], [13], [14]) have introduced the notion of asymptotic abelianness into the theory of operator algebras and obtained various interesting results. In the present paper, we shall extend this notion to finite factors, and by using it, we shall show the existence of a new  $II_1$ -factor. For type III-factors, we shall discuss in another paper.

## 2. Theorems

First of all, we shall define

**Definition 1.** Let M be a finite factor and let  $\tau$  be the unique normalized trace on M. M is called asymptotically abelian, if there exists a sequence of \*-automorphisms  $\{\rho_n\}$  on M such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||[\rho_n(a), b]||_2 = 0$  for  $a, b\in M$ , where [x, y] = xy - yx and  $||x||_2 = \tau(x^*x)^{1/2}$  for  $x, y\in M$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a finite factor, and let  $\varphi$  be the normalized trace on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{L} = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$  with  $\mathfrak{A}_n = \mathfrak{A}$  be the infinite  $C^*$ -tensor product (cf. [3]), and let  $\psi = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_n$  with  $\varphi_n = \varphi$  be the infinite product trace on  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Let G be the group of finite permutations of positive integers N, i.e. an element  $g \in G$  is a one-to-one mapping of N onto itself which leaves all but a finite number of positive integers fixed.

Then, g will define a \*-automorphism, also denoted by g of  $\mathfrak L$ 

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by  $g(\Sigma \otimes a_n) = \Sigma \otimes a_{g(n)}$ , where  $a_n = 1$  for all but a finite number of indices.

For each integer n, we denote by  $g_n$  the permutation

$$g_n(k) = \left\{ egin{array}{lll} 2^{n-1} + k & & ext{if} & 1 \leq k \leq 2^{n-1} \ k - 2^{n-1} & & ext{if} & 2^{n-1} < k \leq 2^n \ k & & ext{if} & 2^n < k \,. \end{array} 
ight.$$

Then, we can easily show that  $\lim_{n} ||[g_n(a), b]|| = 0$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Clearly, the trace  $\psi$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is G-invariant—that is,  $\psi(g(a)) = \psi(a)$  for  $g \in G$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\{\Pi_{\psi}, \S_{\psi}\}$  be the \*-representation of  $\mathfrak Q$  on a Hilbert space  $\S_{\psi}$  constructed via  $\psi$ , then there exists a unitary representation  $g \to U_g$  of G on  $\S_{\psi}$  such that  $U_g 1_{\psi} = 1_{\psi}$  for  $g \in G$  and  $\Pi_{\psi}(g(a)) = U_g \Pi_{\psi}(a) U_g *$  for  $a \in \mathfrak Q$ , where  $1_{\psi}$  is the image of 1 in  $\S_{\psi}$ . Let  $\mathfrak M$  be the weak closure of  $\Pi_{\psi}(\mathfrak Q)$  on  $\S_{\psi}$ , then  $\mathfrak M$  is a finite factor (cf. [3]). The mapping  $x \to U_g x U_g * (x \in \mathfrak M)$  will define a \*-automorphism  $\rho_g$  on  $\mathfrak M$ .

**Definition 2.** The finite factor  $\mathfrak M$  is called the canonical infinite  $W^*$ -tensor product of finite factors  $\{\mathfrak A_n\}$  and denoted by  $\overset{\circ}{\otimes}\mathfrak A_n$ .

**Proposition 1.**  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$  is asymptotically abelian.

**Proof.** Let  $\tau$  be the normalized trace on  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$ . We shall identify  $\mathfrak{A}$  with the image  $\Pi_{\psi}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then,  $\tau = \psi$  on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Let  $x, y \in \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$ , then by Kaplansky's density theorem, there exist two sequences  $(x_m)$  and  $(y_m)$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $||x_m|| \leq ||x||$ ,  $||y_m|| \leq ||y||$  and  $||x_m - x||_2 \to 0$ ,  $||y_m - y||_2 \to 0$   $(m \to \infty)$ , where  $||v||_2 = \tau (v * v)^{1/2}$  for  $v \in \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_n$ .

Then

$$\begin{split} &||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x), y] - [\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x_{m}), y_{m}]||_{2} \\ &\leq ||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x), y] - [\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x), y_{m}] + [\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x), y_{m}] - [\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x_{m}), y_{m}]||_{2} \\ &\leq ||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x), y - y_{m}]||_{2} + ||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x) - \rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x_{m}), y_{m}]||_{2} \\ &\leq ||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x)(y - y_{m})||_{2} + ||(y - y_{m})\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x)||_{2} + ||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x - x_{m})y_{m}||_{2} \\ &+ ||y_{m}\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x - x_{m})||_{2} \\ &\leq ||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x)|| ||y - y_{m}||_{2} + ||y - y_{m}||_{2} ||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x)|| + ||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x - x_{m})||_{2} ||y_{m}|| \\ &+ ||y_{m}||||\rho_{\mathcal{B}_{n}}(x - x_{m})||_{2} \\ &= 2||x||||y - y_{m}||_{2} + 2||y_{m}||||x - x_{m}||_{2} \to 0 \qquad (m \to \infty) \; . \end{split}$$

Hence, for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $m_0$  such that

$$|||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_n}(x), y]||_2 - ||[\rho_{\mathcal{B}_n}(x_{m_0}), y_{m_0}]||_2| < \varepsilon$$
 for all  $n$ .

On the other hand,  $||[\rho_{\mathcal{E}_n}(x_{m_0}), y_{m_0}]|| < \varepsilon$  for  $n \ge n_0$ , where  $n_0$  is some integer; hence  $||[\rho_{\mathcal{E}_n}(x), y]||_2 < 2\varepsilon$  for  $n \ge n_0$ . This completes the proof.

Now let  $\Phi$  be a countable discrete group, and let  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi)$  be the  $W^*$ -algebra generated by the left regular representation of  $\Phi$ . We show examples of asymptotically abelian finite factors.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{L}_1$  be the type  $I_1$ -factor, then clearly it is asymptotically abelian.

**Example 2.** Let  $\Pi$  be the countable discrete group of all finite permutations on the set of all positive integers, then the  $W^*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  is a hyperfinite  $II_1$ -factor (cf. [6]). Since all hyperfinite  $II_1$ -factors on separable Hilbert spaces are \*-isomorphic (cf. [6]),  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  is \*-isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{L}_{2,n}$ , with  $\mathfrak{L}_{2,n} = \mathfrak{L}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{L}_2$  is the type  $I_2$ -factor. Since the asymptotic abelianness is preserved under a \*-isomorphism, by Proposition 1,  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  is asymptotically abelian.

**Example 3.** Let  $\Phi_2$  be the countable discrete, free group with two generators, then the  $W^*$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  is a  $II_1$ -factor (cf. [6]).

Let  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ , then by Proposition 1,  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$  is asymptotically abelian.

Now, we shall show examples of finite factors which are not asymptotically abelian.

**Example 4.** Let  $\mathfrak{L}_p$  be the type  $I_p$ -factor with  $2 \leq p < +\infty$  (p integer), then  $\mathfrak{L}_p$  is not asymptotically abelian.

**Proof.** Let  $(\rho_n)$  be a sequence of \*-automorphisms on  $\mathfrak{L}_p$ . Let  $B(\mathfrak{L}_p)$  be the Banach algebra of all bounded operators on  $\mathfrak{L}_p$ , then  $B(\mathfrak{L}_p)$  is finite-dimensional; therefore there exists a subsequence  $(\rho_{n_j})$  of  $(\rho_n)$  such that  $||\rho_{n_j} - T|| \to 0$   $(j \to \infty)$ , where T is a bounded operator on  $\mathfrak{L}_p$ . It is easy to show that T is also a \*-automorphism on  $\mathfrak{L}_p$ ; hence clearly  $\mathfrak{L}_p$  is not asymptotically abelian.

**Example 5.** Let  $\Phi_2$  be the countable discrete, free group with two generators, then  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  is not asymptotically abelian.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  is asymptotically abelian, and let  $(\rho_n)$  be a family of \*-automorphisms such that  $||[\rho_n(a), b]||_2 \to 0$   $(n \to \infty)$  for  $a, b \in \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ .

Clearly, there exists a unitary element u in  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  such that  $\tau(u)=0$ , where  $\tau$  is the normalized trace on  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ . Then  $||[\rho_n(u),b]||_2$  =  $||\rho_n(u)b-b\rho_n(u)||_2 = ||\rho_n(u)b\rho_n(u)^*-b||_2 \to 0 \ (n\to\infty)$  for  $b\in\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ .

Since  $\rho_n(u)$  is unitary and  $\tau(\rho_n(u)) = \tau(u) = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  has the property  $\Gamma$ ; this is a contradiction (cf. [6]).

**Example 6.** Let  $\Pi$  be the group of all finite permutations on the set of all positive integers, and let  $\Phi_2$  be the free group of two generators, and let  $\Phi_2 \times \Pi$  be the direct product group of  $\Phi_2$  and  $\Pi$ . Then,  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is \*-isomorphic to the  $W^*$ -tensor product  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2) \otimes \mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  (cf. [6], [9]).

In the following considerations, we shall show that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is not asymptotically abelian.

Lemma 1. Let  $\Phi$  be a group and let E be a subset of  $\Phi$ . Suppose there exist a subset  $F \subset E$  and two elements  $g_1, g_2 \in \Phi$  such that (i)  $F \cup g_1 F g_1^{-1} = E$ ; (ii)  $F, g_2^{-1} F g_2$  and  $g_2 F g_2^{-1}$  are contained in E and mutually disjoint. Let f(g) be a complex valued function on  $\Phi$  such that  $\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g)|^2 < +\infty$  and  $(\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g_i g g_i^{-1}) - f(g)|^2)^{1/2} < \mathcal{E}$  (i=1,2). Then,  $(\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g)|^2)^{1/2} < K\mathcal{E}$ , where K does not depend on  $\mathcal{E}$  and f.

**Proof.** 
$$\nu(x) = \sum_{g \in X} |f(g)|^2$$
 for a subset  $X \subset \Phi$ . Then, 
$$\mathcal{E} > (\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g_1 g g_1^{-1}) - f(g)|^2)^{1/2} \ge |\nu(g_1 F g_1^{-1})^{1/2} - \nu(F)^{1/2}|.$$

Putting  $\nu(E)^{1/2} = s$ , then

$$\begin{split} |\nu(g_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}Fg_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{-1}) - \nu(F)| &= |\nu(g_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}Fg_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{-1})^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2} + \nu(F)^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2}| \cdot |\nu(g_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}Fg_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{-1})^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2} - \nu(F)^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2}| \\ &< 2s\varepsilon \quad \text{and so} \quad \nu(g_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}Fg_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{-1}) < \nu(F) + 2s\varepsilon \,; \end{split}$$

hence

$$s^2 \leq \nu(g_1 F g_1^{-1}) + \nu(F) < 2(\nu(F) + s\varepsilon)$$
,

so that

$$\nu(F) > \frac{s^2}{2} - s\varepsilon$$
.

Since

$$(\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g_2 g g_2^{-1}) - f(g)|^2)^{1/2} = (\sum_{g \in \Phi} |f(g_2 g_2^{-1} g g_2 g_2^{-1}) - f(g_2^{-1} g g_2)|^2)^{1/2},$$

analogously we have

$$|\nu(g_2Fg_2^{-1})-\nu(F)|<2s\varepsilon$$

and

$$|\nu(g_2^{-1}Fg_2)-\nu(F)| < 2s\varepsilon;$$

hence

$$\nu(g_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}Fg_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}^{-1})\!>\!\nu(F)\!-\!2s\epsilon\!>\!rac{s^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}}{2}\!-\!3s\epsilon$$

and

$$\nu(g_2^{-1}Fg_2) > \frac{s^2}{2} - 3s\varepsilon$$
.

Therefore,

$$s^{2} = \nu(E) \geq \nu(F) + \nu(g_{2}^{-1}Fg_{2}) + \nu(g_{2}Fg_{2}^{-1}) > \frac{3}{2}s^{2} - 7s\varepsilon;$$

hence

$$s < 14\varepsilon$$
.

This completes the proof.

Now, let us consider the group  $\Phi_2 \times \Pi$ . Let  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  be the generators of the group  $\Phi_2$ , and let  $F_1$  be the set of elements  $\in \Phi_2$  which, when written as a power of  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  of minimum length, end with  $k_1^n$ ,  $n=\pm 1$ ,  $\pm 2$ ,  $\cdots$ . Let  $F=F_1 \times \Pi$  and let  $a_1=(k_1,e)$  and  $a_2=(k_2,e)$ , where e is the unit of  $\Pi$ .

Then,

$$a_{1}Fa_{1}^{-1}=(k_{1}F_{1}k_{1}^{-1},\Pi)$$

and

$$a_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}Fa_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}^{-1}=(k_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}F_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}k_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}^{-1},\,\Pi)$$
 ;

moreover

$$F \cup a_1Fa_1^{-1} = (F_1, \Pi) \cup (k_1F_1k_1^{-1}, \Pi) = (F_1 \cup k_1Fk_1^{-1}, \Pi) = (e, \Pi)^c$$
 ,

where  $(\cdot)^c$  is the complement of  $(\cdot)$ ; F,  $a_2^{-1}Fa_2$  and  $a_2Fa_2^{-1}$  are contained in  $(e, \Pi)^c$  and mutually disjoint. Hence by Lemma 1, we have

**Lemma 2.** Suppose that  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of complex valued functions on  $\Phi_2 \times \Pi$  such that  $(\sum_{a \in \Phi_2 \times \Pi} |f_n(a)|^2)^{1/2} < +\infty$  and

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left( \sum_{a\in\Phi_0\times\Pi} |f_n(a_i a a_i^{-1}) - f_n(a)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = 0 \qquad (i=1,\,2) \ .$$

Then,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left( \sum_{a\in(e,\Pi)^c} |f_n(a)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = 0.$$

Now we shall show

**Theorem 1.**  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is not asymptotically abelian.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 = \Pi)$  is asymptotically abelian, and let  $(\rho_n)$  be a sequence of \*-automorphisms on  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  such that

$$||[\rho_n(x), y]||_2 \rightarrow 0 \qquad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon_t(t \in \Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  be the unitary element of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  such that  $(\varepsilon_t f)(a) = f(t^{-1}a)$  for  $f \in \mathfrak{l}^2(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  and  $a \in \Phi_2 \times \Pi$ , where  $\mathfrak{l}^2(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is the Hilbert space of all complex valued square summable functions on  $\Phi_2 \times \Pi$ .

Since all elements of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  are realized as left convolution operators by elements of a subset of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  (cf. [6]), we shall embed  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  into  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ . Then,  $x \in \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is a complex valued square summable function on  $\Phi_2 \times \Pi$ .

Now let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$  be a finite subset of elements of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ . Then,

$$||[\rho_n(x_j), \varepsilon_{a_i}]||_2 \rightarrow 0 \qquad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

for i=1, 2 and  $j=1, 2, \dots, p$ .

$$\begin{split} ||[\rho_{n}(x_{j}), \, \mathcal{E}_{a_{i}}]||_{2} &= ||\rho_{n}(x_{j})\mathcal{E}_{a_{i}} - \mathcal{E}_{a_{i}}\rho_{n}(x_{j})||_{2} \\ &= ||\mathcal{E}_{a_{i}}^{-1}\rho_{n}(x_{j})\mathcal{E}_{a_{i}} - \rho_{n}(x_{j})||_{2} = (\sum_{a \in \Phi_{0} \times \Pi} |\rho_{n}(x_{j})(a_{i}aa_{i}^{-1}) - \rho_{n}(x_{j})(a)|^{2})^{1/2} \end{split}$$

Hence, by Lemma 2,

$$\left(\sum_{a\in(e_1,\Pi)^c}|\rho_n(x_j)(a)|^2\right)^{1/2}\to 0 \qquad (n\to\infty).$$

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$$f_n(x_j)(a) = \begin{cases} \rho_n(x_j)(a) & \text{if } a \in (e, \Pi) \\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin (e, \Pi) \end{cases}$$

then we can easily show that  $f_n(x_j) \in \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{N} = \{\mathfrak{l} \mid \mathfrak{l}(a) = 0 \text{ for } a \notin (e, \Pi) \text{ and } \mathfrak{l} \in \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)\}$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a  $W^*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ ; moreover put  $\tilde{\mathfrak{l}}(h) = \mathfrak{l}(e, h)$  for  $h \in \Pi$  and  $\mathfrak{l} \in \mathfrak{N}$ , then the mapping  $\mathfrak{l} \to \tilde{\mathfrak{l}}$  is a \*-isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{N}$  onto the  $II_1$ -factor  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$ ; hence  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a hyperfinite  $II_1$ -factor.

For arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that

$$(\sum_{a\in(\ell_j,\mathrm{ID})^c}(
ho_{n_0}(x_j)(a)\,|^{\,2})^{1/2}{<}arepsilon\qquad ext{for}\quad j=1,\,2,\,\cdots\,,\,p$$
 .

Then,

$$||
ho_{n_0}(x_j)-f_{n_0}(x_j)||_2 < \varepsilon$$
 for  $j=1, 2, \dots, p$ .

Since  $\mathfrak R$  is a hyperfinite  $II_1$ -factor, there exist a type  $I_{n_p}$  subfactor  $\mathfrak L_{n_p}$  of  $\mathfrak R$  and elements  $r_1,\,r_2,\,\cdots\,,\,r_n\in\mathfrak L_{n_p}$  such that

$$||f_{n_0}(x_j)-r_j||_2 < \varepsilon$$
 for  $j=1, 2, \dots, p$ .

Therefore,

$$||
ho_{n_0}(x_j) - r_j||_2 < 2 \epsilon$$
 for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

Since  $\rho_{n_0}$  is a \*-automorphism,  $||x_j-\rho_{n_0}^{-1}(r_j)||_2<2\varepsilon$  and  $\rho_{n_0}^{-1}(r_j)\in$   $\rho_{n_0}^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_{n_p})$  for  $j=1,\,2,\,\cdots$ , p.  $\rho_{n_0}^{-1}(\mathfrak{L}_{n_p})$  is a type  $I_{n_p}$  factor and  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2\times\Pi)$  is a  $II_1$ -factor on a separable Hilbert space; hence by the result of Murray and von Neumann [6],  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2\times\Pi)$  is a hyperfinite  $II_1$ -factor.

On the other hand, by Schwartz's theorem [10],  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is not hyperfinite. This is a contradication and completes the proof.

Now we shall show the existence of the fifth example of  $II_1$ -factors on separable Hilbert spaces.

Corollary 1.  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is not \*-isomorphic to  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ .

**Proof.** Clearly the asymptotic abelianness is preserved under \*-isomorphisms; hence  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  is not \*-isomorphic to  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 2.**  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{L}(\Pi) = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  and  $(\cdot) \overline{\otimes} (\cdot)$  is the  $W^*$ -tensor product of  $(\cdot)$  and  $(\cdot)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  is a  $II_1$ -factor, there exists a type  $I_2$ -factor  $\mathfrak{L}_2$  such that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2) = \mathfrak{L}_2 \otimes \mathfrak{L}_2'$ , where  $\mathfrak{L}_2'$  is the commutant of  $\mathfrak{L}_2$  in  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ ; hence  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{L}_n = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n} \otimes \mathfrak{L}_{2,n}'$ , where  $\mathfrak{L}_{2,n} = \mathfrak{L}_2$  and  $\mathfrak{L}_2'$ ,  $n = \mathfrak{L}_2'$ .

Hence

$$\begin{split} & \underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_{n} \otimes \mathfrak{L}(\Pi) = (\underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n}') \overline{\otimes} \underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n} \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{L}(\Pi) \\ & = \underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n}' \otimes \mathfrak{L}_{2,n} = \underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_{n}, \end{split}$$

because  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  are hyperfinite and so  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{L}_{2,n} \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  is also hyperfinite.

This completes the proof.

The following defintion is due to Ching [1].

**Definition 3.** A finite factor M is said to have property C, if for each sequence  $u_n(n=1, 2, \cdots)$  of unitary elements in M with the property that

$$||u_n^* x u_n - x||_2 \to 0 \qquad (n \to \infty)$$

for each  $x\in M$ , there exists a uniformly bounded sequence  $v_n$   $(n=1,\,2,\,\cdots)$  of mutually commuting elements in M such that  $||u_n-v_n||_2\to 0$   $(n\to\infty)$ .

Then, Ching [1] proved that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$  do not have property C and also there exists a type  $II_1$ -factor  $M_4$  which has both of properties C and  $\Gamma$ .

It is not so difficult to see that  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  has property C, although we do not need it here.

Corollary 2.  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  does not have property C.

Let  $g_i$  be the element in  $\Pi$  which permutes i and i+1 and leaves all other positive integers fixed, for each  $i=1, 2, \cdots$ .

Clearly  $||\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{E}_i}^* * x \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{E}_i}^{-1} - x||_2 \to 0$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{D}(\Pi)$ . Hence let 1 be the unit of  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{D}_n$ , then  $||1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{E}_i}^* y 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{E}_i} - y||_2 \to 0$  for  $y \in \overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{D}_n \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{D}(\Pi)$ . Suppose  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{D}_n$  has property C, then  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{D}_n \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{D}(\Pi)$  has property C.

Let  $\{v_i\}$  be a uniformly bounded sequence of mutually commuting elements in  $\underset{n=1}{\overset{\infty}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n \overline{\otimes} \mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  such that  $||1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{E}_i} - v_i||_2 \to 0$   $(i \to \infty)$ . Then, since  $g_i g_{i+1} \pm g_{i+1} g_i$ ,

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{2} &= ||1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{(\mathcal{B}_i \mathcal{B}_{i+1})} - 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{(\mathcal{B}_{i+1} \mathcal{B}_i)}||_2 \\ &= ||1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_i} 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i+1}} - 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i+1}} 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_i}||_2 \\ &\leq ||(1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_i} - v_i) 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i+1}}||_2 + ||v_i(1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i+1}} - v_{i+1})||_2 \\ &+ ||(v_{i+1} - 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i+1}})v_i||_2 + ||1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{i+1}(v_i - 1 \otimes \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}_i})||_2 \to 0 \qquad (n \to \infty) \ . \end{split}$$

This is a contradiction and completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.** There are five examples of  $II_1$ -factors with different algebraical types on separable Hilbert spaces.

**Proof.**  $\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{Q}_n$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2) + \mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$ , because  $\mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  can not contain the  $II_1$ -factor which is \*-isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$  as W\*-subalgebra (cf. [10]).

Clearly  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n \pm \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2)$ , because  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n = \overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n \otimes \mathfrak{L}(\Pi)$  has property  $\Gamma$ ; by Theorem 1  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n \pm \mathfrak{L}(\Phi_2 \times \Pi)$ ; by Corollary 2,  $\overset{\circ}{\underset{n=1}{\otimes}} \mathcal{Q}_n \pm M_4$ . This completes the proof.

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