

152. On Tensor Products of Operators

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1. Introduction. In this paper we shall discuss the tensor products of bounded linear operators on a complex Hilbert space H .

Following after Halmos [2], we define the numerical radius $\|T\|_N$ and the numerical range $W(T)$ as follows:

$$\|T\|_N = \sup |W(T)|$$

$$W(T) = \{(Tx, x) ; \|x\| = 1\}.$$

Definition 1. An operator T is said to be *normaloid* if

$$\|T\| = r(T),$$

where $r(T)$ means the spectral radius of T , or equivalently

$$\|T^n\| = \|T\|^n \quad (n=1, 2, \dots).$$

Definition 2. An operator T is said to be *spectraloid* if

$$\|T\|_N = r(T),$$

or equivalently

$$\|T^n\|_N = \|T\|_N^n \quad (n=1, 2, \dots) \quad ([4]).$$

Definition 3. An operator T is said to be *convexoid* if

$$\overline{W(T)} = \text{co } \sigma(T),$$

where the bar denotes the closure and $\text{co } \sigma(T)$ means the convex hull of the spectrum $\sigma(T)$ of (T) .

It is known that the classes of normaloids and convexoids are both contained in the class of spectraloids ([2]).

In recent years several authors paid attention to the spectral properties of the tensor products of operators on H ; Brown and Pearcy [1] established

Theorem A. *If $\sigma(T)$ and $\sigma(S)$ are spectra of operators T and S respectively, then*

$$\sigma(T \otimes S) = \sigma(T) \cdot \sigma(S).$$

In connection with Theorem A, T. Saitô also proved analogous theorems among the numerical ranges of T , S and $T \otimes S$ as follows.

Theorem B ([5]).

(i) *For arbitrary operators T and S on a Hilbert space H , then*

$$\overline{W(T \otimes S)} \supseteq \overline{\text{co } (W(T) \cdot W(S))}$$

where $\overline{\text{co } Z}$ means the closure of convex hull of the set Z .

(ii) *Let T and S be operators on a Hilbert space H , then the condition that $T \otimes S$ is convexoid implies*