

## Characterizing injective operator space $V$ for which $I_{11}(V) \cong B(H)$

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**Abstract.** Let  $V \cong B(K, H)$  where  $H$  and  $K$  are Hilbert spaces. Then we know that  $I_{11}(V) \cong B(H)$ . Let  $V$  be an injective operator space. In this paper we recover the above result and show that  $I_{11}(V) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  where  $H_1, \dots, H_n$  are Hilbert spaces if and only if there are Hilbert spaces  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  such that  $V \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $B(H)$  be the set of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space  $H$ . Operator spaces are the concrete closed subspaces of  $B(H)$  as formulated in [3]. Given operator spaces  $V$  and  $W$  and a linear mapping  $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a corresponding linear mapping  $\varphi_n : M_n(V) \rightarrow M_n(W)$  defined by  $\varphi_n(T) = [\varphi(T_{i,j})]$  for all  $T = [T_{i,j}] \in M_n(V)$ . The completely bounded norm of  $\varphi$  is defined by

$$\|\varphi\|_{cb} = \sup\{\|\varphi_n\| : n \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

(this might be infinite). It is evident that the norms  $\|\varphi_n\|$  form an increasing sequence

$$\|\varphi\| \leq \|\varphi_2\| \leq \dots \leq \|\varphi_n\| \leq \dots \leq \|\varphi\|_{cb}.$$

It is said that  $\varphi$  is completely bounded (respectively, completely contractive) if  $\|\varphi\|_{cb} < \infty$  (respectively,  $\|\varphi\|_{cb} \leq 1$ ). We say that the operator spaces  $V$  and  $W$  are completely isometrically isomorphic if there is an onto linear map  $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$

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such that each mapping  $\varphi_n : M_n(V) \rightarrow M_n(W)$  is an isometry. This notion is indicated by  $V \cong W$ .

Recall that an operator space  $V$  is injective, if for given operator spaces  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ , any completely bounded linear map  $\varphi_1 : W_1 \rightarrow V$  can be extended to a completely bounded map  $\varphi_2 : W_2 \rightarrow V$  with  $\|\varphi_2\|_{cb} = \|\varphi_1\|_{cb}$ . It has been known for a long time that  $B(H)$  is an injective operator space for any Hilbert space  $H$  (see [7]). If we are given a linear space  $V$ , then we say that a linear mapping  $\varphi : V \rightarrow V$  is a projection if  $\varphi^2 = \varphi$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $V$  be an operator subspace of  $B(H)$ . Then  $V$  is an injective operator space if and only if there is a completely contractive projection of  $B(H)$  onto  $V$ .*

Let  $V$  be an operator subspace of  $B(H)$ . From Wittstock Theorem [7],  $B(H)$  is an injective operator space contains  $V$ . HAMANA [5], [6] and RUAN [4] independently have shown that for any operator space  $V$  in  $B(H)$  there is a minimal injective operator subspace of  $B(H)$  contains  $V$ , called injective envelope of  $V$  and denoted by  $I(V)$ .

Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with the unit  $I = I_A$ . The operator space  $V \subseteq A$  is called an operator system if  $I \in V$  and  $V^* = V$  such that  $V^*$  is the space of all adjoint of members of  $V$ . If  $V$  is an operator system then  $M_n(V)$  is an operator system. Given operator systems  $V$  and  $W$ , a linear mapping  $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$  is called completely positive if  $\varphi_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and we then write  $\varphi \geq_{cb} 0$ . We need the following theorem which proof is found in [3, Theorem 6.1.3].

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $V \subseteq B(H)$  is an injective operator system, then there is a unique multiplication*

$$\circ : V \times V \rightarrow V$$

*for which, together with its given  $*$ -operation and norm, is a  $C^*$ -algebra with the multiplication identity  $I$ .*

Suppose  $V$  is an injective operator system, we may fix a completely contractive onto projection  $\varphi : B(H) \rightarrow V$ . Given  $T, S \in V$ , we define an operation  $\circ_\varphi$  on  $V$  by

$$T \circ_\varphi S = \varphi(TS).$$

With this definition  $(V, \circ_\varphi)$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. For more detail see [3, Section 6].

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $V$  be a unital operator space. Then  $I(V)$  is a unital injective  $C^*$ -algebra.*

PROOF. From Hamana theorem,  $V$  has an injective envelope  $I(V)$  in  $B(H)$ , thus there is a completely contractive onto projection  $\varphi : B(H) \rightarrow I(V)$ . Since  $V$  is a unital operator space,  $\varphi$  is a unital map and so  $\varphi$  is completely positive [3, Corollary 5.1.2] therefore,  $I(V)$  is a unital operator system. Now by Theorem 1.1,  $I(V)$  is a unital injective  $C^*$ -algebra.  $\square$

Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $B(H)$ , the Paulsen operator system  $\mathcal{S}(V)$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{S}(V) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_H & V \\ V^* & \mathbb{C}I_H \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & T \\ S^* & \beta \end{bmatrix} : T, S \in V, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

in  $M_2(B(H))$ , where the entries  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  stand for  $\alpha I_H$  and  $\beta I_H$  and  $S^*$  means the adjoint of  $S$  in  $B(H)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{S}(V)$  is an operator subspace of  $B(H^2)$ . From Hamana and Ruan Theorems,  $\mathcal{S}(V)$  has an injective envelope in  $B(H^2)$  which we denote by  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$ . So there is a unital completely contractive onto projection  $\Phi : B(H^2) \rightarrow I(\mathcal{S}(V))$ . Therefore  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with the new product  $T \circ_\Phi S = \Phi(TS)$  where  $T, S \in I(\mathcal{S}(V))$ . Indeed, since  $\Phi : B(H \oplus K) \rightarrow B(H \oplus K)$  fixes the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}$  which is the diagonal of  $\mathcal{S}(V)$ , it follows immediately that the following elements of  $\mathcal{S}(V)$  are two self adjoint projections with sum  $I$  in the  $C^*$ -algebra  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$ :

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} I_H & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_H \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\Phi(p) = p$  and  $\Phi(q) = q$ , it follows from [1, 2.6.16] that  $\Phi$  is ‘corner-preserving’, thus we can write  $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi \\ \varphi^* & \varphi_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , such that  $\varphi^*(T) = \varphi(T^*)^*$  for any  $T \in B(H)$ . Therefore, we may decompose  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$  to write it as consisting of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Hamana has shown that  $pI(\mathcal{S}(V))q$ , the 1-2 corner of  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$ , is the injective envelope of  $V$ . The four corners of  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$  we will name:

$$I(\mathcal{S}(V)) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(V) & I(V) \\ I(V)^* & I_{22}(V) \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is clear that  $I_{11}(V)$  and  $I_{22}(V)$  are also injective  $C^*$ -algebras with the new product. We define

$$IM_l(V) = \{T \in I_{11}(V) : T \circ_\varphi V \subseteq V\},$$

where  $T \circ_\varphi S = \varphi(TS)$  for any  $T \in I_{11}(V)$  and  $S \in V$ . From [1, Theorem 4.5.5],  $V$  is a left operator  $IM_l(V)$ -module. Now we define the left multiplier space of  $V$

to be the family of all linear maps  $\psi : V \rightarrow V$  such that there exists a Hilbert space  $K$ ,  $T \in B(K)$ , and a linear completely isometry  $\pi : V \rightarrow B(K)$  such that  $\pi(\psi(S)) = T\pi(S)$  for any  $S \in V$ . We define the multiplier norm of  $\psi$  to be the infimum of  $\|T\|$  over all possible  $K, T, \pi$  as above and denote that with  $\mathcal{M}_l(V)$ . From [1, Theorem 4.5.5] we have  $\mathcal{M}_l(V)$  and  $IM_l(V)$  are completely isometrically isomorphic, i.e.  $\mathcal{M}_l(V) \cong IM_l(V)$ . Let  $H$  and  $K$  be Hilbert spaces. Then from [1] 4.5.1 and 4.12 we have

$$\mathcal{M}_l(B(K, H)) \cong IM_l(B(K, H)) = \{T \in I_{11}(B(K, H)) : T \circ B(K, H) \subseteq B(K, H)\}$$

(with the new product) is a subspace of  $B(H)$ . From the definition of  $\mathcal{M}_l(B(K, H))$  we have  $B(H) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_l(B(K, H))$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{M}_l(B(K, H)) \cong IM_l(B(K, H)) = B(H).$$

## 2. Main results

Let  $V = B(K, H)$  be such that  $H$  and  $K$  are Hilbert spaces. Then from the above notation we have  $I_{11}(V) \cong B(H)$ . By using this, our aim is to characterize injective operator space  $V$  for which  $I_{11}(V) \cong B(H)$ . We will show that this is the case if and only if  $V \cong B(K, H)$  where  $K$  is a Hilbert space. We then characterize the operator spaces  $V$  for which  $I_{11}(V) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $V$  be an injective operator space. Then  $I_{11}(V) \cong B(H)$  if and only if  $V$  is completely isometrically isomorphic to  $B(K, H)$  for some Hilbert space  $K$ .*

PROOF. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $V$  be completely isometrically isomorphic to  $B(K, H)$ . Then from the definition of the left multiplier algebra and [1, Theorem 4.5.5] we have

$$I_{11}(V) \cong I_{11}(B(K, H)) = IM_l(B(K, H)) \cong \mathcal{M}_l(B(K, H)) = B(H).$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $V$  be an injective operator subspace of  $B(L)$  for some Hilbert space  $L$ . By the injectivity of  $I(\mathcal{S}(V)) \subseteq B(L^2)$  there is a completely contractive onto projection

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi \\ \varphi^* & \varphi_2 \end{bmatrix} : B(L^2) \rightarrow I(\mathcal{S}(V)) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(V) & V \\ V^* & I_{22}(V) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus by Theorem 1.1,  $(I(\mathcal{S}(V)), \circ_\Phi)$  is a unital injective  $C^*$ -algebra with the new product. From assumption, there is some unital completely isometric isomorphism mapping  $\psi : I_{11}(V) \rightarrow B(H)$ . Now we define the map  $m : V \otimes V^* \rightarrow B(H)$  by  $m(T \otimes S^*) = \psi(\varphi_1(TS^*))$  for any  $T, S \in V$  which infact comes from

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \circ_\Phi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ S^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \Phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ S^* & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(TS^*) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(V) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra and also an operator algebra with the new product. Thus from [1, Theorem 2.3.2],  $m$  can be extended to Haagerup tensor product  $V \otimes_h V^*$  and trivially we have  $\|m\|_{cb} = \|\psi \circ \varphi_1\|_{cb} \leq 1$ . From [3, Theorem 9.4.3] there exists a Hilbert space  $K$  and completely contractive mappings

$$\psi_1 : V \rightarrow B(K, H) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2 : V^* \rightarrow B(H, K)$$

such that for any  $T, S \in V$  we have

$$\psi(\varphi_1(TS^*)) = m(T \otimes S^*) = \psi_1(T)\psi_2(S^*).$$

Let  $p$  be a projection in  $K$  onto the closure of  $\psi_2(V^*)H$ . Then we have

$$\psi(\varphi_1(TS^*)) = m(T \otimes S^*) = [\psi_1(T)p][p\psi_2(S^*)],$$

thus we can assume that  $\psi_2(V^*)H$  is a dense subspace of Hilbert space  $K$ . For any  $T \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|^2 &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \circ_\Phi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^* \right\| \\ &= \|\varphi_1(TT^*)\| = \|\psi(\varphi_1(TT^*))\| = \|\psi_1(T)\psi_2(T^*)\| \leq \|\psi_1(T)\|\|T\| \leq \|T\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\psi_1$  is a completely isometry and  $V \cong \psi_1(V)$ . Let  $I_H$  and  $I_K$  be identities for  $B(H)$  and  $B(K)$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}(\psi_1(V))$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_H & \psi_1(V) \\ \psi_1(V)^* & \mathbb{C}I_K \end{bmatrix}$  are completely isometrically isomorphic together, so are  $I(\mathcal{S}(\psi_1(V)))$  and  $I\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_H & \psi_1(V) \\ \psi_1(V)^* & \mathbb{C}I_K \end{bmatrix}\right)$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(\psi_1(V)) & \psi_1(V) \\ \psi_1(V)^* & I_{22}(\psi_1(V)) \end{bmatrix} = I \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_H & \psi_1(V) \\ \psi_1(V)^* & \mathbb{C}I_K \end{bmatrix} \right) \subseteq B(H \oplus K).$$

Now we want to prove  $B(H)\psi_1(V) \subseteq \psi_1(V)$  and then  $I_{11}(\psi_1(V)) = B(H)$ . Let  $T \in B(H)$ . Then there is some  $T' \in I_{11}(V)$  such that  $T = \psi(T')$ . Therefore for any  $S_1, S_2 \in V$  and  $h \in H$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} [T\psi_1(S_1)]\psi_2(S_2^*)h &= \psi(T')[\psi_1(S_1)\psi_2(S_2^*)]h = \psi(T')\psi(\varphi_1(S_1S_2^*))h \\ &= \psi(T' \circ_{\varphi_1} \varphi_1(S_1S_2^*))h = \psi(\varphi(T'S_1) \circ_{\varphi_1} S_2^*)h \\ &= \psi(\varphi_1(\varphi(T'S_1)S_2^*))h = [\psi_1(\varphi(T'S_1))]\psi_2(S_2^*)h. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for any  $S \in V$  we have  $T\psi_1(S) = \psi_1(\varphi(T'S))$  on  $\psi_2(V^*)H$ . Therefore  $T\psi_1(S) = \psi_1(\varphi(T'S)) \in \psi_1(V)$ . That means,  $B(H)\psi_1(V) \subseteq \psi_1(V)$  and therefore the new product of  $I_{11}(\psi_1(V))$  on  $\psi_1(V)$  comes from the usual product of  $B(H)$  on  $B(K, H)$ .

By [2, Corollary 1.2],  $\varphi_1(VV^*) = V \circ_{\varphi_1} V^*$  is an essential ideal of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $(I_{11}(V), \circ_{\varphi_1})$ . By assumption, since  $\psi : (I_{11}(V), \circ_{\varphi_1}) \rightarrow B(H)$  is a unital completely isometric surjection between two  $C^*$ -algebras, by [1, Corollary 1.3.10],  $\psi$  is an  $*$ -homomorphism. Thus  $\psi(\varphi_1(VV^*)) = \psi_1(V)\psi_2(V^*)$  is an essential ideal of  $B(H)$ . Let  $T \in B(H)$  such that  $T\psi_1(V) = 0$ . Then  $T\psi_1(V)\psi_2(V^*) = 0$ . Since  $\psi_1(V)\psi_2(V^*)$  is an essential ideal of  $B(H)$ ,  $T = 0$ . Therefore by definition of the left multiplier algebra of an operator space, for any  $T \in B(H)$ ,  $\varphi_T \in \mathcal{M}_l(\psi_1(V))$  by definition  $\varphi_T(\psi_1(S)) = T\psi_1(S)$  for any  $S \in V$ . By [1, Theorem 4.5.2] there is some  $T'' \in I_{11}(\psi_1(V)) \subseteq B(H)$  such that  $\varphi_T(\psi_1(S)) = T'' \circ \psi_1(S)$  (with the new product). On the other hand, the product of  $I_{11}(\psi_1(V))$  on  $\psi_1(V)$  is the usual product. So, for any  $S \in V$ ,

$$T\psi_1(S) = \varphi_T(\psi_1(S)) = T'' \circ \psi_1(S) = T''\psi_1(S),$$

i.e.  $T'' = T$ . Therefore  $I_{11}(\psi_1(V)) = B(H)$  such that  $B(H)\psi_1(V) \subseteq \psi_1(V)$ .

Let  $W = \psi_1(V)$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}(W)$  is completely isometrically isomorphic to  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_H & W \\ W^* & \mathbb{C}I_K \end{bmatrix}$ , so are  $I(\mathcal{S}(W))$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} B(H) & W \\ W^* & I_{22}(W) \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus there is some completely contractive onto projection

$$\Phi : B(H \oplus K) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} B(H) & W \\ W^* & I_{22}(W) \end{bmatrix} \subseteq B(H \oplus K)$$

such that  $\begin{bmatrix} B(H) & W \\ W^* & I_{22}(W) \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra with the new product.  $\Phi$  is the identity on  $B(H)$ . Thus from [3, Corollary 5.2.2] we have

$$\Phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \Phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \Phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

for any  $T \in B(H)$  and  $S \in W$ . That means the new product of  $B(H)$  on  $W$  comes from the usual product of  $B(H)$  on  $B(K, H)$  and therefore  $B(H)W \subseteq W$ .

Let  $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be an orthogonal basis for the Hilbert space  $H$ . Then  $e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha$ 's are projections in  $B(H)$ , where  $(e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha)(h) = \langle h, e_\alpha \rangle e_\alpha$  for any  $h \in H$ .  $(e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha)W \subseteq W$ . Since, the product of  $B(H)$  on  $W$  is the usual product. For any  $T \in (e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha)W$  there is a  $h \in K$  such that  $T(g) = \langle g, h \rangle e_\alpha$  for each  $g \in K$ , we then denote  $T$  with  $T_{h, e_\alpha}$ . Let  $K_\alpha = \{h \in K : T_{h, e_\alpha} \in (e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha)W\}^{-\|\cdot\|}$ . We have  $(e_\alpha \otimes e_\beta)W \subseteq W$  for each  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , thus  $K_\alpha = K_\beta$  for each  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . So we can assume that  $W \subseteq B(K', H)$  where  $K' = K_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Also  $\Sigma_{\alpha \in F}(e_\alpha \otimes e_\alpha)W \subseteq W$  for any finite set  $F$ . Therefore  $K(K', H)$ , the space of compact operators in  $B(K', H)$  is a subspace of  $W$  too. We have

$$K(H \oplus K') = \begin{bmatrix} K(H) & K(K', H) \\ K(H, K') & K(K') \end{bmatrix}$$

is an essential ideal of

$$B(H \oplus K') = \begin{bmatrix} B(H) & B(K', H) \\ B(H, K') & B(K') \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore by [2] we have  $I(K(H \oplus K')) = B(H \oplus K')$ , so  $W = B(K', H)$ . Thus we have  $V \cong B(K', H)$   $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $V$  be an injective operator space. Then  $V$  is completely isometrically isomorphic to some row Hilbert operator space if and only if  $I_{11}(V) \cong C$ .*

PROOF. By Theorem 2.1 we have  $I_{11}(V) \cong \mathbb{C}$  if and only if  $V \cong B(K, \mathbb{C})$  for some Hilbert space  $K$ , such that  $B(K, \mathbb{C})$  is a row Hilbert space.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $V$  be an operator space. Then  $I_{11}(V) = I_{22}(V) \cong \mathbb{C}$  if and only if  $V \cong \mathbb{C}$ .*

PROOF. If  $V \cong \mathbb{C}$ , then obviously we have  $I_{11}(V) = I_{22}(V) \cong \mathbb{C}$ . On the other hand, if  $I_{11}(V) = I_{22}(V) \cong \mathbb{C}$  then  $V$  is completely isomorphic to row and column Hilbert operator spaces. Therefore  $V$  is one dimensional.  $\square$

Note that for any operator space  $V$ , we have  $I(\mathcal{S}(V)) = I(\mathcal{S}(I(V)))$  and so

$$I_{11}(V) = I_{11}(I(V)) = IM_l(I(V)) \cong M_l(I(V))$$

and

$$I_{22}(V) = I_{22}(I(V)) = IM_r(I(V)) \cong M_r(I(V)).$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be two operator spaces. Then  $I_{11}(V \oplus W) = I_{11}(V) \oplus I_{11}(W)$  and  $I_{22}(V \oplus W) = I_{22}(V) \oplus I_{22}(W)$ .*

PROOF. For any operator spaces  $V$  and  $W$ , we have  $I(V \oplus W) = I(V) \oplus I(W)$ . So

$$\mathcal{S}(V \oplus W) \subseteq \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(V) \oplus I_{11}(W) & I(V) \oplus I(W) \\ I(V)^* \oplus I(W)^* & I_{22}(V) \oplus I_{22}(W) \end{bmatrix} \cong I(\mathcal{S}(V)) \oplus I(\mathcal{S}(W)),$$

such that  $I(\mathcal{S}(V)) \oplus I(\mathcal{S}(W))$  is an injective operator space. So  $I_{11}(V \oplus W) \subseteq I_{11}(V) \oplus I_{11}(W)$ . On the other hand, let  $T \in I_{11}(V) = IM_l(I(V)) \cong M_l(I(V))$  and  $S \in I_{11}(W) = IM_l(I(W)) \cong M_l(I(W))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix} &\in M_l(I(V) \oplus I(W)) \cong IM_l(I(V) \oplus I(W)) = IM_l(I(V \oplus W)) \\ &= I_{11}(I(V \oplus W)) = I_{11}(V \oplus W). \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $I_{11}(V) \oplus I_{11}(W) \subseteq I_{11}(V \oplus W)$ , so the proof is completed. For  $I_{22}$  one can use the same argument.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $V$  be an injective operator space. Then  $I_{11}(V) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  if and only if  $V \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$  where  $H_i$  and  $K_i$  are Hilbert spaces ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).*

PROOF. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $V \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$ . Then by Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$I_{11}(V) \cong I_{11}(\oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)) = \oplus_{i=1}^n I_{11}(B(K_i, H_i)) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i).$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $V$  be an injective operator subspace of  $B(L)$  for some Hilbert space  $L$ . From the injectivity of  $I(\mathcal{S}(V))$  there is a completely contractive onto projection

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi \\ \varphi^* & \varphi_2 \end{bmatrix} : B(L^2) \rightarrow I(\mathcal{S}(V)) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(V) & V \\ V^* & I_{22}(V) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus by Theorem 1.1,  $(I(\mathcal{S}(V)), \circ_\Phi)$  is a unital injective  $C^*$ -algebra with the new product. Let  $\psi : I_{11}(V) \rightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  be a unital completely isometric isomorphism. Thus by the same technique of the above theorem, we can define a completely contractive map  $m : V \otimes_h V^* \rightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  by  $m(T \otimes S^*) =$

$\psi(\varphi_1(TS^*))$ . Suppose  $\pi_i : \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i) \rightarrow B(H_i)$  is a completely contractive onto projection, then there are Hilbert spaces  $K_i$  and completely contractive mappings

$$\psi_i : V \rightarrow B(K_i, H_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi'_i : V^* \rightarrow B(H_i, K_i)$$

such that for any  $T, S \in V$  we have

$$\pi_i(m(T \otimes S^*)) = \psi_i(T)\psi'_i(S^*).$$

For each  $T \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|^2 &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \circ_{\Phi} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^* \right\| = \|\varphi_1(TT^*)\| = \|\psi(\varphi_1(TT^*))\| = \|m(T \otimes T^*)\| \\ &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\pi_i(m(T \otimes T^*))\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\psi_i(T)\psi'_i(T^*)\| \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|\psi_i(T)\| \|T\| \leq \|T\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there are completely isometric map

$$\Psi = (\psi_i)_{i=1}^n : V \rightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$$

and completely contractive map

$$\Psi' = (\psi'_i)_{i=1}^n : V^* \rightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i, K_i),$$

where

$$\psi(\varphi_1(TS^*)) = m(T \otimes S^*) = \Psi(T)\Psi'(S^*).$$

Thus  $V \cong \Psi(V) \subseteq \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$ , respectively. Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be identities for operator space  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  and  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{S}(\Psi(V))$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_1 & \Psi(V) \\ \Psi(V)^* & \mathbb{C}I_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are completely isometrically isomorphic, so are  $I(\mathcal{S}(\Psi(V)))$  and  $I\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}I_1 & \Psi(V) \\ \Psi(V)^* & \mathbb{C}I_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ . Therefore there is a completely contractive onto projection

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varphi'_1 & \varphi'_2 \\ \varphi'^* & \varphi'_2 \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i) & \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i) \\ \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i, K_i) & \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}(\Psi(V)) & \Psi(V) \\ \Psi(V)^* & I_{22}(\Psi(V)) \end{bmatrix},$$

such that the first operator space is completely isometrically isomorphic to the injective operator space  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i \oplus K_i)$ .

Similar to Theorem 2.1 we have  $I_{11}(\Psi(V)) = \oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  and the new product of  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  on  $\Psi(V)$  is the usual product on  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(K_i, H_i)$ . Let  $P_i$  be a projection on  $\oplus_{i=1}^n B(H_i)$  which is the identity on  $B(H_i)$  and zero else. Thus  $P_i V \subseteq V$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then we can write  $V = \oplus_{i=1}^n V_i$  such that  $V_i$  are injective operator spaces in  $B(K_i, H_i)$  and  $I_{11}(V_i) = B(H_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence by Theorem 2.1 there are Hilbert spaces  $K'_i \subseteq K_i$  such that  $V_i \cong B(K'_i, H_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , i.e.  $V \cong \oplus_{i=1}^n B(K'_i, H_i)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $V$  be an injective operator space. Then  $V$  is a direct sum of row Hilbert spaces if and only if  $I_{11}(V) = \oplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}$ .*

PROOF. Put  $H_i = \mathbb{C}$  in the above theorem. □

Note that all of above statements are true for  $I_{22}(V)$  too.

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