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# On the Tensor Products of Maximal Abelian $J W$-Algebras 

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#### Abstract

It is well known in the work of Kadison and Ringrose (1983) that if $A$ and $B$ are maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebras of von Neumann algebras $M$ and $N$, respectively, then $A \bar{\otimes} B$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $M \otimes N$. It is then natural to ask whether a similar result holds in the context of $J W$-algebras and the $J W$-tensor product. Guided to some extent by the close relationship between a JW-algebra M and its universal enveloping von Neumann algebra $W^{*}(M)$, we seek in this article to investigate the answer to this question.

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## 1. Introduction

A JC-algebra $A$ is a norm (uniformly) closed Jordan subalgebra of the Jordan algebra $B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ of all bounded self adjoint operators on a Hilbert space $H$. The Jordan product is given by $a \circ b=(a b+b a) / 2$. A subspace $I$ of a JC-algebra $A$ is called $a$ Jordan ideal if $a \circ b \in I$ for every $a \in A$ and every $b \in I$. A JC-algebra is said to be simple if it has no nontrivial norm closed Jordan ideals. A $J W$-algebra $M \subseteq B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ is a weakly closed JC-algebra. If $M$ is a $J C$-algebra (resp., $J W$-algebra), let $C^{*}(M)$ (resp., $W^{*}(M)$ ) be the universal enveloping $C^{*}$-algebra (resp., von Neumann algebra) of $M$, and let $\theta_{M}$ (resp., $\Phi_{M}$ ) be the canonical involutive $*$-antiautomorphism of $C^{*}(M)$ (resp., $W^{*}(M)$ ). Usually we will regard $M$ as a generating Jordan subalgebra of $\left.C^{*}(M)\right)$ and $W^{*}(M)$ so that $\theta_{M}$ and $\Phi_{M}$ fix each point of $M$. The real $C^{*}$-algebra $R^{*}(M)=\left\{x \in C^{*}(M): \theta_{M}(x)=x^{*}\right\}$ satisfies

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\begin{equation*}
R^{*}(M) \cap i R^{*}(M)=0, \quad C^{*}(M)=R^{*}(M) \oplus i R^{*}(M), \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the real von Neumann algebra $R W^{*}(M)=\left\{x \in W^{*}(M): \Phi_{M}(x)=x^{*}\right\}$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
R W^{*}(M) \cap i R W^{*}(M)=0, \quad W^{*}(M)=R W^{*}(M) \oplus i R W^{*}(M) . \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The reader is refered to [1-5] for a detailed account of the theory of JC-algebras and JWalgebras. The relevant background on the theory of $C^{*}$-algebras and von Neumann algebras can be found in [6-8].

A projection $e$ of a $J W$-algebra $M$ is said to be abelian if $e M e$ is associative, and it is called minimal if it is nonzero and contains no other nonzero projections of $M$, or equivalently, $e$ is minimal if and only if $e M e=\mathbb{R} e$. A JW-factor is a $J W$-algebra with trivial centre; a Type $I J W$-factor is a $J W$-factor which contains a minimal projection. A $J W$-algebra is said to be of Type $I_{\mathrm{n}}$ if there is a family of abelian projections $\left(e_{\alpha}\right)_{\alpha \in J}$ such that the central support $c_{\mathrm{M}}\left(e_{\alpha}\right)$ of $e_{\alpha}$ in $M$ equals the unit $1_{\mathrm{M}}$ of $\mathrm{M}, \sum_{\alpha \in J} e_{\alpha}=1_{\mathrm{M}}$ and card $J=n$ (see [1, Section 5.3]). A spin factor $V=H \oplus \mathbb{R} 1_{V}$ is a real Jordan algebra with identity $1_{V}$, where $H$ is a real Hilbert space of dimension at least two. The Jordan product on $V$ is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(a+\lambda 1_{V}\right) \circ\left(b+\mu 1_{V}\right)=(\mu a+\lambda b)+(\langle a, b\rangle+\lambda \mu) 1_{V}, \quad a, b \in V, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the norm on $V$ is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|a+\lambda 1_{V}\right\|=\langle a, a\rangle^{1 / 2}+|\lambda| . \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

A spin factor $V$ is universally reversible when $\operatorname{dim} V=3$ or 4 , nonreversible when $\operatorname{dim} V \neq 3,4$ or 6 , and it can be either reversible or nonreversible when $\operatorname{dim} V=6$. A spin factor is a simple reflexive $J W$-algebra and constitutes the Type $I_{2} J W$-factor (see [2, Section 6.1]).

A linear map $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ between $J C$-algebras $A$ and $B$ is called $a$ (Jordan) homomorphism if it preserves the Jordan product. A Jordan homomorphism which is one to one is called a Jordan isomorphism. A factor representation of a JC-algebra $A$ is a (Jordan) homomorphism of $A$ onto a weakly dense subalgebra of a $J W$-factor $M$. Type I factor representations are defined accordingly.

A JC-algebra $A$ is said to be reversible if $a_{1} a_{2} \cdots a_{n}+a_{n} a_{n-1} \cdots a_{1} \in A$ whenever $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n} \in A$ and is said to be universally reversible if $\pi(A)$ is reversible for every representation $\pi$ of $A$ [2, page 5]. The only universally reversible spin factors are $V_{2}=$ $M_{2}(\mathbb{R})_{s . a}$ and $V_{3}=M_{2}(\mathbb{C})_{s . a}$ [2, Theorem 2.1]. A JC-algebra $A$ is universally reversible if and only if it has no spin factor representations other than onto $V_{2}$ and $V_{3}$ [2, Theorems 2.2]. Every $J W$-algebra without a direct summand of Type $I_{2}$ is universally reversible [1, 5.1.5, 5.3.5, 6.2.3].

Two elements $a$ and $b$ of a JC-algebra $A$ are said to operator commute if $T_{a} T_{b}=T_{b} T_{a}$, where $T_{a}: A \rightarrow A$ is the multiplication operator defined by $T_{a}(x)=a \circ x$, for all $x \in A$. A $J W$-algebra $M$ is called associative if all its elements operators commute. A $J W$-subalgebra $A$ of a $J W$-algebra $M$ is called maximal associative if it is not contained in any larger associative $J W$-subalgebra of $M$. If $A$ is a $J W$-subalgebra of a $J W$-algebra $M \subseteq B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ and $A^{\prime}$ is the set of all elements of $B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ which operator commutes with all elements of $A$, then $A$ is a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of $M$ if and only if $A=A^{\prime} \cap M$. Indeed, since $A$ is associative, $A \subseteq A^{\prime} \cap M$ and $A$ together with any element of $A^{\prime} \cap M$ generates an associative $J W$-subalgebra of $M$ which implies that $A^{\prime} \cap M \subseteq A$ since $A$ is maximal abelian. In particular, if $A \subseteq B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ is an associative $J W$-algebra, then $A$ is maximal associative if and only if $A=A^{\prime}$.

This article aims to study the relationship between the maximality of an associative $J W$-subalgebra $B$ of a $J W$-algebra $M$ and that of $W^{*}(B)$ in $W^{*}(M)$. We give a counterexample which rules out the establishing of a result in the theory of $J W$-tensor products analog to that
given in [6, Theorem 11.2.18] for von Neumann tensor products (cf. Example 2.2). Then we prove that a Jordan analog of Theorem 11.2.18 in [6] can be established in some particular cases.

Theorem 1.1 (see [9, Proposition 1]). Let $M \subseteq B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$ be a $J W$-algebra, and let $a, b \in M$. Then the following are equivalent:
(i) $a b=b a$;
(ii) $T_{a} T_{b}=T_{b} T_{a}$;
(iii) $a^{2} \circ b=a b a$.

That is, $a$ and $b$ operators commute if and only if they commute under ordinary operator multiplication.

Definition 1.2. Let $M$ and $N$ be a pair of $J W$-algebras canonically embedded in their respective universal enveloping von Neumann algebras $W^{*}(\mathrm{M})$ and $W^{*}(N)$. Then the $J W$ tensor product $J W(M \bar{\otimes})$ of $M$ and $N$ is the $J W$-algebra generated by $M \otimes N$ in $W^{*}(M) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}(N)$. The reader is referred to [10] for the properties of the $J W$-tensor product of $J W$-algebras.

Theorem 1.3 (see [10, Theorem 2.9]). Let $M$ and $N$ be $J W$ - algebras. If $J W(M \bar{\otimes} N)$ is universally reversible, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
W^{*}(J W(M \bar{\otimes} N))=W^{*}(M) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}(N) \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 2. Maximal Abelian $J W$-algebras

Let $\mathfrak{A}$ and $\mathfrak{B}$ be maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebras of von Neumann algebras $\mathfrak{M}$ and $\mathfrak{N}$, respectively, then $\mathfrak{A} \bar{\otimes} \mathfrak{B}$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann algebra of $\mathfrak{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathfrak{N}$ (see [6, 11.2.18]). In Example 2.2, we show that the Jordan analog of this result, in the context of $J W$-algebras and the $J W$-tensor product, is not true in general. However, it is shown in Theorem 2.11 that the result does hold in special circumstances.

Remark 2.1. (i) Note that any $J W$-subalgebra of a spin factor which is not a spin factor is of dimension at most 2. Indeed, let A be a $J W$-subalgebra of a spin factor $V \subseteq B(H)_{\text {s.a }}$. If $1_{A} \neq 1_{V}$, then $1_{A}$ is the only projection in $A$, since every projection in $V$ is minimal, and hence $\operatorname{dim} A=1$. If $1_{A}=1_{V}$, then any family of orthogonal central projections of $A$ contains at most two projections. Indeed if $e_{1}+e_{2}+e_{3}=1_{A}, e_{i} \in Z(A), i=1,2,3$, then $e_{2}+e_{3} \leq 1_{A}-e_{1}$. Since $1_{A}-e_{1}$ is a minimal projection, we see that one of $e_{i}, i=1,2,3$ must be zero. It is clear that if $A$ is a factor, then it is of Type $I_{2}$, and hence it is a spin factor. (ii)Recall that $W^{*}(V)=M_{2}(\mathbb{C}) \oplus M_{2}(\mathbb{C})$, where $V$ is the 4-dimensional spin factor $M_{2}(\mathbb{C})_{\text {s.a }}[1,6.2 .1]$ :

$$
M_{2}(\mathbb{C})=\operatorname{span}\left\{\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0  \tag{2.1}\\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & i \\
-i & 0
\end{array}\right)\right\}=\underset{\mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{R}} M_{2}(\mathbb{R})
$$

which is an 8-dimensional real $C^{*}$-algebra.

Example 2.2. Let $A$ be a maximal abelian $J W$-subalgebra of $V=M_{2}(C)_{\text {s.a }}$. Then $J W(A \bar{\otimes} A)$ is not a maximal abelian subalgebra of $J W(V \bar{\otimes} V)$.

Proof. By the above remark, $\operatorname{dim} A=2$, and hence $A=\mathbb{R} e+\mathbb{R} f$ for some minimal projections $e, f$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
J W(A \bar{\otimes} A)=A \underset{\mathbb{R}}{\otimes} A=\mathbb{R}(e \otimes e) \oplus \mathbb{R}(e \otimes f) \oplus \mathbb{R}(f \otimes e) \oplus \mathbb{R}(f \otimes f) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and hence $\operatorname{dim} J W(A \bar{\otimes} A)=4$, since $\operatorname{dim} A \otimes A=\operatorname{dim} A \cdot \operatorname{dim} A$ (see [11, Corollary 7.5]). On the other hand, $J W(V \bar{\otimes} V)$ is universally reversible, by [10, Proposition 2.7] which implies that

$$
\begin{align*}
J W(V \bar{\otimes} V) & =R W^{*}(J W(V \bar{\otimes} V))_{\text {s.a }} \\
& =\left(R W^{*}(V) \underset{\mathbb{R}}{\otimes} R W^{*}(V)\right)_{\text {s.a }}  \tag{2.3}\\
& =\left(M_{2}(\mathbb{C}) \underset{\mathbb{R}}{\otimes} M_{2}(\mathbb{C})\right)_{\text {s.a }} \\
& =M_{2^{2}}(\mathbb{C})_{\text {s.a }} \oplus M_{2^{2}}(\mathbb{C})_{\text {s.a }}
\end{align*}
$$

since $R W^{*}\left(M_{2}(\mathbb{C})_{s . a}\right)=M_{2}(\mathbb{C})$ [3, page 385]. It can be seen that a maximal abelian $J W$ subalgebra of $J W(V \bar{\otimes} V)$ is of dimension 8 , which implies that $J W(A \bar{\otimes} A)$ is not maximal abelian in $J W(V \bar{\otimes} V)$.

Remark 2.3. Note that if $B$ is an associative $J W$-subalgebra of a $J W$-algebra $M$ such that $W^{*}(B)$ is a maximal abelian subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$, then $B$ is a maximal associative $J W$ subalgebra of $M$, since $B=W^{*}(B) \cap M$.

Lemma 2.4. Let B be an associative JW-subalgebra of a JW-algebra M. Then,

$$
\begin{equation*}
W^{*}(B)=\overline{[B]}=B \oplus i B \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

is an abelian von Neumann algebra, where $\overline{[B]}$ is the weak*-closure of the $C^{*}$-subalgebra $[B]$ of $W^{*}(M)$ generated by $B$.

Proof. Being associative, $B$ has no representation into a spin factor of the form $V_{4 n+1}$ and is, therefore, universally reversible. It follows from [3, page 383] that

$$
\begin{equation*}
B=R W^{*}(B)_{s . a} . \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, by [3, Corollary 3.2], $R W^{*}(B)$ is isomorphic to the weak ${ }^{*}$-closure $\overline{R(B)}$ of the real $C^{*}$-subalgebra $R(B)$ of $W^{*}(M)$ generated by $B$, and the result follows.

Recall that if $M$ is a $J W$-algebra isomorphic to the self adjoint part $\mathcal{N}_{\text {s.a }}$ of a von Neumann algebra $\Omega$ and has no one-dimensional representations, then $W^{*}(M)$ is *isomorphic to $\mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{N}^{\circ}$, where $\mathcal{N}^{\circ}$ is the opposite algebra of $\mathcal{N}$ [2,7.4.15]. A real $C^{*}$-algebra $\mathfrak{A}$
can be realized as a complex $C^{*}$-algebra if there is a $C^{*}$-algebra isomorphism $\phi: \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ of a complex $C^{*}$-algebra $\mathfrak{B}$ onto $\mathfrak{A}$. In this case, the real linear isometry $j$ on $\mathfrak{A}$ defined, for each $a$ in $\mathfrak{B}$, by

$$
\begin{equation*}
j \phi(a)=\phi(i a) \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

is such that $j^{2}$ and $-i d_{\mathfrak{A}}$ coincide.
Lemma 2.5. Let B be a maximal associative JW-subalgebra of a JW-algebra M. Suppose that $M$ is isomorphic to the self adjoint part $\Omega_{\text {s.a }}$ of a von Neumann algebra $\Omega$ and has no one-dimensional representations. Then $W^{*}(B)$ is not a maximal abelian on Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$.

Proof. Identifying $M$ with $\mathcal{N}_{\text {s.a }}, \overline{[B]}$ is a von Neumann subalgebra of both $\mathcal{N}$ and $\mathcal{N}^{\circ}$, and hence, the von Neumann subalgebra $\overline{[B]} \oplus \overline{[B]}$ of $\mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{N}^{\circ} \cong W^{*}(M)$ is abelian and contains $W^{*}(B)=\overline{[B]} \cong \overline{[B]} \oplus\{0\}$, which implies that $W^{*}(B)$ is not maximal abelian in $W^{*}(M)$.

Lemma 2.6. Let $B$ be a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of a JW-algebra $M$. If $R W^{*}(M)$ is *isomorphic to a complex $C^{*}$-algebra, then $W^{*}(B)$ is not a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$.

Proof. Since $C^{*}(M)$ is the complex $C^{*}$-algebra [ $M$ ] generated by $M$ in $W^{*}(M)$ [12, Theorem 2.7], $R W^{*}(M)$ is the weak ${ }^{*}$-closure of $R^{*}(M)$ in $W^{*}(M)$. Therefore, $R^{*}(M)$ is a complex $C^{*}$ algebra, which implies that $C^{*}(M)=\partial \oplus \Phi_{M}(\partial)$ for some norm closed ideal $\partial$ of $C^{*}(M)$ isomorphic to $R^{*}(M)$ [13, Lemma 1], so that $W^{*}(M)=\partial \oplus \Phi_{M}(2)$, where 2 is the weak*closure $\bar{\partial}$ of $\partial$ in $W^{*}(M)$. Hence, $\partial$ is isomorphic to $R W^{*}(M)$. Let $\phi$ be the isomorphism of $\partial$ onto $R W^{*}(M)$, and let $j$ be the corresponding real linear operator on $R W^{*}(M)$, defind above. Then, using Lemma 2.4, there exists an isomorphism $\pi$ from the $\mathrm{W}^{*}$-algebra $B \oplus i B$ into $R W^{*}(M)$ such that, for elements $b_{1}$ and $b_{2}$ in $B$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pi\left(b_{1}+i b_{2}\right)=b_{1}+j b_{2} . \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows that $\phi^{-1} \circ \pi$ and $\Phi_{M} \circ \phi^{-1} \circ \pi$ are ${ }^{*}$-isomorphisms of $\overline{[B]}=B \oplus i B$ into $\mathcal{Z}$ and $\Phi_{M}(\mathcal{2})$, respectively. Since a ${ }^{*}$-isomorphism between $C^{*}$-algebras is an isometry [7, Corollary 1.5.4], we may identify $\overline{[B]}$ with $\phi^{-1} \circ \pi(\overline{[B]})$ and $\Phi_{M} \circ \phi^{-1} \circ \pi(\overline{[B]})$. It follows that $\overline{[B]} \oplus \overline{[B]}$ is an abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$, proving that $W^{*}(B)=\overline{[B]} \cong \overline{[B]} \oplus\{0\}$ is not maximal abelian in $W^{*}(M)$.

Proposition 2.7. Let $M$ be a universally reversible JW-algebra not isomorphic to the self adjoint part of a von Neumann algebra and without direct summands of type $I_{1}$. If $B$ is a maximal associative subalgebra of $M$, then $W^{*}(B)$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.4, $W^{*}(B)=\overline{[B]}=B \oplus i B \hookrightarrow W^{*}(M)$. If $W^{*}(B)$ is not maximal abelian in $W^{*}(M)$, there exists an element $z \in W^{*}(M)=R W^{*}(M) \oplus i R W^{*}(M), z \notin W^{*}(B)$ such that $z$ together with $W^{*}(B)$ generate an abelian von Neumann subalgebra $Y \underset{\neq}{\supset} W^{*}(B) \supseteq B$ of $W^{*}(M) \supseteq M$. Let $z=x+i y, x, y \in W^{*}(M)_{s . a}$. Since $z \notin W^{*}(B)$, then either $x$ or $y$ (or both) does not belong to $W^{*}(B)$. Suppose that $x \notin W^{*}(B)$, since $W^{*}(M)=R W^{*}(M) \oplus i R W^{*}(M)$, then $x=a+i b$, for some $a, b \in R W^{*}(M)$. Then either $a$ or $b$ (or both) does not belong to
$W^{*}(B)$. Since $x \in W^{*}(M)_{\text {s. } a^{\prime}}$, we have $a=a^{*}$, and $b=-b^{*}$, and so $a \in M=R W^{*}(M)_{\text {s. } a}$, since $M$ is a universally reversible [3, page 383]. Therefore, $a$ must be the zero element, since it obviously commutes with all elements in $B$. On the other hand, $b^{2}=-b b^{*} \in R W^{*}(M)_{s . a}=M$. Since $b u=u b$ for all $u \in W^{*}(B), b^{2} u=b u b=u b^{2}$ for all $u \in B$, and so $b^{2}$ and $u$ operators commute relative to the Jordan product in $B$ [9, Proposition 1]. Hence $b^{2} \in B \subseteq W^{*}(B)$, since $B$ is a maximal associative subalgebra of $M$, which implies that $b \in W^{*}(B)$. Therefore, $x=i b \in W^{*}(B)$, a contradiction. This proves the result.

Lemma 2.8. Let $M$ be a universally reversible JW-algebra not isomorphic to the self adjoint part of a von Neumann algebra. If $B$ is a maximal associative subalgebra of $M$, then $W^{*}(B)$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$.

Proof. Splitting $M=M_{I_{1}} \oplus M_{n . a}$ as the direct sum of a $J W$-algebra $M_{I_{1}}$ of type $I_{1}$ (the abelian part) and a $J W$-algebra $M_{n . a}$ without direct summands of type $I_{1}$ (the nonabelian part). It is clear that $B \supseteq M_{I_{1}}, B_{n . a}=B \cap M_{n . a}$ is a maximal associative subalgebra of $M_{n . a}$ and $B=$ $M_{I_{1}} \oplus B_{n . a}$. By Proposition 2.7, $W^{*}\left(B_{n . a}\right)$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}\left(M_{n . a}\right)$, and hence $W^{*}(B)=W^{*}\left(M_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus W^{*}\left(B_{n . a}\right)$ is a maximal abelian von Neumann subalgebra of $W^{*}(M)$, since $W^{*}(M)=W^{*}\left(M_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus W^{*}\left(M_{n . a}\right)$ [12, Lemma 2.6].

Proposition 2.9. Let $B_{i}$ be a maximal associative subalgebra of a JW-algebra $M_{i}, i=1,2$, and suppose that $M_{i}$ is universally reversible $J W$-algebra not isomorphic to the self adjoint part of a von Neumann algebra and without direct summands of type $I_{1}$. Then $\operatorname{JW}\left(B_{1} \bar{\otimes} B_{2}\right)$ is a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of $J W\left(M_{1} \bar{\otimes} M_{2}\right)$.

Proof. Note first that $W^{*}\left(B_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(B_{2}\right)$ is a von Neumann $*$-subalgebra of $W^{*}\left(M_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(M_{2}\right)$ [8, Theorem 11.2.10], and $J W\left(B_{1} \bar{\otimes} B_{2}\right)$ is a $J W$-subalgebra of $J W\left(M_{1} \bar{\otimes} M_{2}\right)$, since $B_{1} \otimes$ $B_{2} \subseteq M_{1} \otimes M_{2}$. By Proposition 5.2, $W^{*}\left(B_{i}\right)$ is maximal abelian in $W^{*}\left(M_{i}\right)$, and hence, $W^{*}\left(B_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(B_{2}\right)$ is maximal abelian in $W^{*}\left(M_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(M_{2}\right)$ [8, Corollary 11.2.18] and [10, Theorem 2.9]. The result is now obvious, since $W^{*}\left(J W\left(B_{1} \bar{\otimes} B_{2}\right)\right)=W^{*}\left(B_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(B_{2}\right)$, and $W^{*}\left(J W\left(M_{1} \bar{\otimes} M_{2}\right)\right)=W^{*}\left(M_{1}\right) \bar{\otimes} W^{*}\left(M_{2}\right)$ [10, Theorem 2.9].

Proposition 2.10. Let $N$ be an associative JW-algebra, and let $M$ be a universally reversible JWalgebra not isomorphic to the self adjoint part of a von Neumann algebra and without direct summands of type $I_{1}$. If $B$ is a maximal associative subalgebra of $M$, then $J W(N \bar{\otimes} B)$ is a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of $J W(N \bar{\otimes} M)$.

Proof. Let $M=M_{I_{1}} \oplus M_{n . a}$ be the decomposition of $M$ into abelian part $M_{I_{1}}$ and nonabelian part $M_{n . a}$. Then $B=M_{I_{1}} \oplus B_{n . a}$, where $B_{n . a}=B \cap M_{n . a}$ is obviously a maximal associative subalgebra of $M_{n . a}$. By [10, Remark 2.14],

$$
\begin{align*}
J W(N \bar{\otimes} M) & =J W\left(N \bar{\otimes}\left(M_{I_{1}} \oplus M_{n \cdot a}\right)\right)=J W\left(A \bar{\otimes} M_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(A \bar{\otimes} M_{n \cdot a}\right), \\
J W(N \bar{\otimes} B) & =J W\left(N \bar{\otimes}\left(M_{I_{1}} \oplus B_{n . a}\right)\right)=J W\left(N \bar{\otimes} M_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(N \bar{\otimes} B_{n . a}\right) . \tag{2.8}
\end{align*}
$$

It is clear now that $J W(N \bar{\otimes} B)$ is a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of $J W(N \bar{\otimes}$ $M)$, since $J W\left(N \bar{\otimes} M_{I_{1}}\right)$ is obviously associative, and $J W\left(N \bar{\otimes} B_{n . a}\right)$ is maximal in $J W\left(N \bar{\otimes} M_{n \cdot a}\right)$, by Proposition 2.9.

Theorem 2.11. Let $M$ and $N$ be universally reversible JW-algebras not isomorphic to the self adjoint parts of von Neumann algebras. If $A$ and $B$ are maximal associative subalgebra of $M$ and $N$, respectively, then $J W(A \bar{\otimes} B)$ is a maximal associative $J W$-subalgebra of $J W(M \bar{\otimes} N)$.

Proof. Let $M=M_{I_{1}} \oplus M_{\text {n.a }}, N=N_{I_{1}} \oplus N_{n . a}$ be the decomposition of $M, N$ into abelian parts $\left(M_{I_{1}}, N_{I_{1}}\right)$, and nonabelian parts $\left(M_{n . a}, N_{n . a}\right)$. Then $A=M_{I_{1}} \oplus A_{n . a}$ and $B=N_{I_{1}} \oplus B_{n . a}$, where $A_{n . a}=A \cap M_{n . a}$ and $B_{n . a}=B \cap N_{n . a}$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{align*}
J W(M \bar{\otimes} N)= & J W\left(M_{I_{1}} \bar{\otimes} N_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(M_{I_{1}} \bar{\otimes} N_{n . a}\right) \\
& \oplus J W\left(M_{n . a} \bar{\otimes} N_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(M_{n . a} \bar{\otimes} N_{n . a}\right), \\
J W(A \bar{\otimes} B)= & J W\left(M_{I_{1}} \bar{\otimes} N_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(M_{I_{1}} \bar{\otimes} B_{n . a}\right)  \tag{2.9}\\
& \oplus J W\left(A_{n . a} \bar{\otimes} N_{I_{1}}\right) \oplus J W\left(A_{n . a} \bar{\otimes} B_{n . a}\right),
\end{align*}
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by [13, Remark 2.14]. The proof is complete, by Propositions 2.9 and 2.10.

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