



## On $\tau$ -Compactness of Products of $\tau$ -Measurable Operators

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**Abstract** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a von Neumann algebra of operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\tau$  be a faithful normal semifinite trace on  $\mathcal{M}$ . We obtain some new inequalities for rearrangements of  $\tau$ -measurable operators products. We also establish some sufficient  $\tau$ -compactness conditions for products of selfadjoint  $\tau$ -measurable operators. Next we obtain a  $\tau$ -compactness criterion for product of a nonnegative  $\tau$ -measurable operator with an arbitrary  $\tau$ -measurable operator. We construct an example that shows importance of nonnegativity for one of the factors. The similar results are obtained also for elementary operators from  $\mathcal{M}$ . We apply our results to symmetric spaces on  $(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ . The results are new even for the  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  of all linear bounded operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  endowed with the canonical trace  $\tau = \text{tr}$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a von Neumann algebra of operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\tau$  be a faithful normal semifinite trace on  $\mathcal{M}$ . Products of  $\tau$ -measurable operators appear in various problems of the noncommutative integration theory (for example, in [19] in definition of Köthe dual space; in Hölder inequality [28], in Golden-Tompson inequality [7] and the Peierls-Bogoliubov inequality [8], among others). Some sufficient conditions for integrability of  $\tau$ -measurable operators products can be found in [14]. The present paper continues the

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