# Weak Sequential Completeness of Spaces of Homogeneous Polynomials 

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#### Abstract

Let $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ be the space of all continuous $n$-homogeneous polynomials from a Banach space $E$ into another $F$, that are weakly continuous on bounded sets. We give sufficient conditions for the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. These sufficient conditions are also necessary if both $E^{*}$ and $F$ have the bounded compact approximation property. We also show that the weak sequential completeness and the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ are equivalent whenever both $E$ and $F$ are reflexive.


## 1. Introduction

For Banach spaces $E$ and $F$, let $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ be the space of all continuous $n$-homogeneous polynomials from $E$ into $F$. After the pioneer work of Ryan [26], several authors (e.g. see $[1,2,19,24,25])$ have searched for necessary and sufficient conditions for the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Among them, Alencar [1] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; \mathbb{C}\right)$ under the hypothesis of the approximation property of $E$, and Mujica [24] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ under the hypothesis of the compact approximation property of $E$.

A property closely related to the reflexivity is the weak sequential completeness. In section 3 of this paper, we give sufficient conditions for the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, the subspace of all $P$ in $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ that are weakly continuous on bounded sets. We show that these sufficient conditions are also necessary when both $E^{*}$ and $F$ have the bounded compact approximation property.

In section 4, we show that the weak sequential completeness and the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ coincide whenever both $E$ and $F$ are reflexive. As a consequence, a result of Mujica [24] about the reflexivity of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is obtained.

[^0]Mujica [23] showed that the (bounded) approximation property is inherited by the symmetric projective tensor products. In section 5, we show that the (bounded) compact approximation property is also inherited by the (symmetric) projective tensor products. However, we note that Aron and Schottenloher's counter-example [7] shows that the (bounded) compact approximation property is not inherited by the spaces of homogeneous polynomials in general.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, $E$ and $F$ are Banach spaces over the real field $\mathbb{R}$ or the complex field $\mathbb{C}$. Denote by $\mathcal{L}(E ; F), \mathcal{K}(E ; F)$, and $\mathcal{W}(E ; F)$, respectively, the spaces of all bounded, all compact, and all weakly compact linear operators from $E$ into $F$. For a bounded linear operator $T: E \rightarrow F$, let $T[E]$ denote the image of $T$ and let $T^{*}: F^{*} \rightarrow E^{*}$ denote the adjoint operator (i.e., the dual map) of $T$.

Let $n$ be a positive integer. A map $P: E \rightarrow F$ is said to be a continuous $n$-homogeneous polynomial if there is a continuous symmetric $n$-linear map $T$ from $E \times \cdots \times E$ (a product of $n$ copies of $E$ ) into $F$ such that $P(x)=T(x, \ldots, x)$. Indeed, the symmetric $n$-linear operator $T_{P}: E \times \cdots \times E \rightarrow F$ associated to $P$ can be given by the Polarization Formula:

$$
T_{P}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{2^{n} n!} \sum_{\epsilon_{i}= \pm 1} \epsilon_{1} \cdots \epsilon_{n} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_{i} x_{i}\right), \quad \forall x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E
$$

Let $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right), \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, and $\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, respectively, denote the space of all continuous $n$-homogeneous polynomials from $E$ into $F$, the subspace of all $P$ in $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ that are weakly continuous on bounded sets, and the subspace of all $P$ in $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ that are weakly sequentially continuous. In particular, if $F=\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$, then $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right), \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, and $\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ are simply denoted by $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right), \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, and $\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, respectively. It is known that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ if and only if $E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$ (see [5, Prop. 2.12], also see [14, p.116, Prop. 2.36]).

Let $\otimes_{n} E$ denote the $n$-fold algebraic tensor product of $E$. For $x_{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{n} \in \otimes_{n} E$, let $x_{1} \otimes_{s} \cdots \otimes_{s} x_{n}$ denote its symmetrization, that is,

$$
x_{1} \otimes_{s} \cdots \otimes_{s} x_{n}=\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in \pi(n)} x_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{\sigma(n)}
$$

where $\pi(n)$ is the group of permutations of $\{1, \cdots, n\}$. Let $\otimes_{n, s} E$ denote the $n$-fold symmetric algebraic tensor product of $E$, that is, the linear span of $\left\{x_{1} \otimes_{s} \cdots \otimes_{s} x_{n}: x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E\right\}$ in $\otimes_{n} E$. Let $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ denote the $n$-fold symmetric projective tensor product of $E$, that is, the completion of $\otimes_{n, s} E$ under the symmetric projective tensor norm on $\otimes_{n, s} E$ defined by

$$
\|u\|=\inf \left\{\sum_{k=1}^{m}\left|\lambda_{k}\right| \cdot\left\|x_{k}\right\|^{n}: x_{k} \in E, u=\sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_{k} x_{k} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{k}\right\}, \quad u \in \otimes_{n, s} E .
$$

Define $\theta_{n}: E \rightarrow \hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ by $\theta_{n}(x)=x \otimes \cdots \otimes x$ for every $x \in E$. Then $\theta_{n} \in$ $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; \hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E\right)$. For every $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, let $A_{P} \in \mathcal{L}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ denote its linearization, that is, $P=A_{P} \circ \theta_{n}$. Then under the isometry: $P \rightarrow A_{P}$, the Banach space $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is isometrically isomorphic to $\mathcal{L}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$. This implies that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ if and only if $\theta_{n}: E \rightarrow \hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ is sequentially continuous with respect to the weak topology of $E$ and the weak topology of $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$.

A polynomial $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is called compact (resp. weakly compact) if $P$ takes bounded subsets in $E$ into relatively (resp. weakly) compact subsets in $F$. Equivalently, $P$ is compact (resp. weakly compact) if and only if its linearization $A_{P}$ is compact (resp. weakly compact) (see [26] or [23, Prop. 3.4]). Let $\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ (resp. $\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ ) denote the space of all compact (resp. weakly compact) $n$-homogeneous polynomials from $E$ into $F$. Then through the isometry: $P \rightarrow A_{P}$ we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{K}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right), \quad \mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from [6, Lemma 2.2 and Prop. 2.5] (also see [14, p.88, Prop. 2.6]) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, we have the following.
Lemma 2.1. Assume $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. Then for any Banach space $F$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Take any $P \in \mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Then $A_{P} \in \mathcal{K}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ and hence, $A_{P}$ is a completely continuous linear operator. Since $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, it follows that $\theta_{n}: E \rightarrow \hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ is sequentially continuous with respect to the weak topology of $E$ and the weak topology of $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$. Note that $P=A_{P} \circ \theta_{n}$. Thus $P$ takes weakly convergent sequences in $E$ into norm convergent sequences in $F$, and so $P \in \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

For the basic knowledge about homogeneous polynomials and symmetric projective tensor products, readers are referred to $[14,15,22,26]$.

## 3. Weak Sequential Completeness

For every $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, let $\widetilde{P} \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E^{* *}\right)$ denote the Aron-Berner extension of $P$ (see $[4,13])$. The following lemma is a special case of [17, Corollary 5].

Lemma 3.1[17]. Let $P_{k}, P \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\lim _{k} P_{k}=P$ weakly in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ if and only if $\lim _{k} \widetilde{P}_{k}(z)=\widetilde{P}(z)$ for every $z \in E^{* *}$.

Next we will give sufficient conditions to ensure the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.

Theorem 3.2. If $E^{*}$ is weakly sequentially complete and $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete.

Proof. Take a weakly Cauchy sequence $\left\{P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. Then $\left\{P_{k}(x)\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a scalarvalued Cauchy sequence for every $x \in E$. Define a scalar-valued polynomial $P$ on $E$ by $P(x)=\lim _{k} P_{k}(x)$ for every $x \in E$. Then $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. It follows from the Polarization Formula that for every $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{k} T_{P_{k}}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=T_{P}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next we show that $\lim _{k} P_{k}=P$ weakly in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. For every $z, z_{1}, \ldots, z_{n} \in E^{* *}$, by Lemma 3.1, $\left\{\widetilde{P}_{k}(z)\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a scalar-valued Cauchy sequence, and then by the Polarization Formula, $\left\{T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(z_{1}, \ldots, z_{n}\right)\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is also a scalar-valued Cauchy sequence. For every fixed $x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E$, define $\phi_{k}(x)=T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(x, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ for every $x \in E$. Then $\phi_{k} \in E^{*}$ and $\left\langle\phi_{k}, z_{1}\right\rangle=T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(z_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ for every $z_{1} \in E^{* *}$. Thus $\left\{\phi_{k}\right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $E^{*}$ and hence,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { weak- } \lim _{k} T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(\cdot, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\text { weak- } \lim _{k} \phi_{k} \text { exists in } E^{*} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that $T_{\widetilde{P}}\left(\cdot, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \in E^{*}$ and (3.1) implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { weak }^{*}-\lim _{k} T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(\cdot, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=T_{\widetilde{P}}\left(\cdot, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Combining (3.2) and (3.3) we have that for every $z_{1} \in E^{* *}$ and every $x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E$,

$$
\lim _{k} T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(z_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=T_{\widetilde{P}}\left(z_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)
$$

Inductively, we can verify that for every $z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots, z_{n} \in E^{* *}$,

$$
\lim _{k} T_{\widetilde{P}_{k}}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots, z_{n}\right)=T_{\widetilde{P}}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots, z_{n}\right)
$$

In particular, $\lim _{k} \widetilde{P}_{k}(z)=\widetilde{P}(z)$ for every $z \in E^{* *}$. It follows from Lemma 3.1 that $\lim _{k} P_{k}=P$ weakly in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.

The following lemma is straightforward from Eberlein-Šmulian's Theorem and Rosenthal's $\ell_{1}$-Theorem.

Lemma 3.3. If $X$ and $Y$ are Banach spaces such that $X$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$ and $Y$ is weakly sequentially complete, then every continuous linear operator from $X$ to $Y$ is weakly compact.

Lemma 3.4. If $n \geqslant 2$ and $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete, then $E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$.

Proof. Assume that $E$ contains a copy of $\ell_{1}$. In the proof of [14, p.116, Prop. 2.36], there exist continuous linear operators $U: E \rightarrow L^{\infty}[0,1]$ and $j: L^{\infty}[0,1] \rightarrow \ell_{2}$ such that the following diagram commutes:

where $i$ is the inclusion of $\ell_{1}$ into $\ell_{2}$ and $k$ is the inclusion of $\ell_{1}$ into $E$.
Define $P$ and $P_{k}(k \geqslant 1)$ on $\ell_{2}$ by

$$
P\left(\left(x_{i}\right)_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_{i}^{n} \quad \text { and } \quad P_{k}\left(\left(x_{i}\right)_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{k} x_{i}^{n}, \quad \forall\left(x_{i}\right)_{i} \in \ell_{2}
$$

Then $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} \ell_{2}\right)$ and $P_{k} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} \ell_{2}\right)$. Let $Q:=P \circ j \circ U$ and $Q_{k}:=P_{k} \circ j \circ U$. We have $Q \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and $Q_{k} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. Note that $\widetilde{Q}=P \circ j^{* *} \circ U^{* *} \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E^{* *}\right)$ and $\widetilde{Q}_{k}=$ $P_{k} \circ j^{* *} \circ U^{* *} \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E^{* *}\right)$. Also note that $\lim _{k} P_{k}\left(\left(x_{i}\right)_{i}\right)=P\left(\left(x_{i}\right)_{i}\right)$ for every $\left(x_{i}\right)_{i} \in \ell_{2}$. Thus $\lim _{k} \widetilde{Q}_{k}(z)=\widetilde{Q}(z)$ for every $z \in E^{* *}$. It follows that $\left\{Q_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and hence by Lemma $3.1, Q=$ weak- $\lim _{k} Q_{k} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. However, Dineen showed in the proof of $\left[14\right.$, p.116, Prop. 2.36] that $Q \notin \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. This contradiction shows that $E$ can not contain a copy of $\ell_{1}$.

To ensure that the sufficient conditions for the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ in Theorem 3.2 are also necessary, we need the bounded compact approximation property. Recall that a Banach space $X$ is said to have the compact approximation property (CAP in short) (see [12, p. 308]) if for every compact subset $C$ of $X$ and for every $\varepsilon>0$ there is $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, X)$ such that $\|T(x)-x\| \leqslant \varepsilon$ for all $x \in C$. A Banach space $X$ is said to have the
bounded compact approximation property (BCAP in short) (see [12, p. 308]) if there exists $\lambda \geqslant 1$ so that for every compact subset $C$ of $X$ and for every $\varepsilon>0$ there is $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, X)$ such that $\|T\| \leqslant \lambda$ and $\|T(x)-x\| \leqslant \varepsilon$ for all $x \in C$. Clearly, the (bounded) approximation property implies the (B)CAP, but the converse is not true (see [27] or see [12, p. 309]).

Theorem 3.5. If $E^{*}$ has the BCAP, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete if and only if $E^{*}$ is weakly sequentially complete and $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.

Proof. Note that $E^{*}$ is isomorphic to a closed subspace of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. By Theorem 3.2, we only need to show the assertion
$\left({ }^{*}\right)$ : the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ implies that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.
It is trivial that the assertion $(*)$ holds for $n=1$. Using the induction, we assume that the assertion $\left(^{*}\right)$ holds for $n-1$ and we will show that the assertion $\left(^{*}\right)$ holds for $n$, where $n \geqslant 2$. To do this, we suppose that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete. By [7, Prop. 5.3] or [8, Prop. 5], $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$ is isomorphic to a (complemented) subspace of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$ is isomorphic to a (closed) subspace of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, which implies that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$ is also weakly sequentially complete. It follows from the induction hypothesis that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$. Moreover, by Lemma $3.4, E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{i} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{i} E\right)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Next we show that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.

Take any $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. To show that $P \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, we only need to show that $\lim _{k} P\left(t_{k}\right)=P\left(t_{0}\right)$ whenever $t_{0}, t_{1}, t_{2}, \ldots$ are in $E$ such that $\lim _{k} t_{k}=t_{0}$ weakly in $E$. Define $L_{P}: E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{P}(x)(y)=T_{P}(x, y, \ldots, y), \quad \forall x, y \in E \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then $L_{P}$ is a continuous linear operator. Since $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete, it follows from Lemma 3.3 that $L_{P}$ is weakly compact and hence, $L_{P}^{*}: \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*} \rightarrow E^{*}$ is weakly compact. Thus the space $L_{P}^{*}\left[\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}\right]$ is weakly compact generated. By [3, p.43], there is a norm one projection $u$ of $L_{P}^{*}\left[\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}\right]$ onto a closed separable subspace $Y$ of $L_{P}^{*}\left[\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}\right]$ that contains the closed linear span of $\left\{L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(t_{k}\right)\right)\right\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, where $\theta_{n-1}\left(t_{k}\right)=t_{k} \otimes \cdots \otimes t_{k} \in \otimes_{n-1, s} E \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}$.

Let $\left\{y_{i}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ be a dense sequence in $Y$. Since $E^{*}$ has the BCAP, there exist $\lambda \geqslant 1$ and a sequence $\left\{u_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ of compact linear operators from $E^{*}$ to $E^{*}$ such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\left\|u_{k}\right\| \leqslant \lambda \quad \text { and } \quad\left\|u_{k}\left(y_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right\|<\frac{1}{k}, i=1, \ldots, k
$$

It follows that $\lim _{k} u_{k}\left(y_{i}\right)=y_{i}$ in $E^{*}$ for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Now for any $y \in Y$ and any $i, k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $i<k$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|u_{k}(y)-y\right\| & \leqslant\left\|u_{k}(y)-u_{k}\left(y_{i}\right)\right\|+\left\|u_{k}\left(y_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right\|+\left\|y_{i}-y\right\| \\
& \leqslant\left\|u_{k}\left(y_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right\|+(\lambda+1)\left\|y_{i}-y\right\|
\end{aligned}
$$

which implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{k} u_{k}(y)=y \quad \text { in } \quad E^{*}, \quad \forall y \in Y \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define $T, T_{k}: E \times \cdots \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$ by

$$
T\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\langle\left(u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\delta\left(x_{i}\right)\right), x_{i}\right\rangle, \quad \forall x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E
$$

and

$$
T_{k}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\delta\left(x_{i}\right)\right), x_{i}\right\rangle, \quad \forall x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n} \in E
$$

respectively, where

$$
\delta\left(x_{i}\right):=x_{1} \otimes_{s} \cdots \otimes_{s} x_{i-1} \otimes_{s} x_{i+1} \otimes_{s} \cdots \otimes_{s} x_{n} \in \otimes_{n-1, s} E \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}
$$

(In particular, if $x_{1}=\cdots=x_{n}=x$ then $\delta(x)=\theta_{n-1}(x)$.) Then $T$ and $T_{k}$ are symmetric $n$-linear operators and hence, there exist $Q, P_{k} \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q(x)=T(x, \ldots, x)=\left\langle\left(u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(x)\right), x\right\rangle, \quad \forall x \in E \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{k}(x)=T_{k}(x, \ldots, x)=\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(x)\right), x\right\rangle, \quad \forall x \in E . \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next we show that $P_{k} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$.
Take $x, x_{i} \in E$ for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c=\sup \left\{\left\|x_{i}\right\|: i \in \mathbb{N}\right\}<\infty$ and $\lim _{i} x_{i}=x$ weakly in $E$. Then for any $k, i \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\left|P_{k}\left(x_{i}\right)-P_{k}(x)\right|= & \left|\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)\right), x_{i}\right\rangle-\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(x)\right), x\right\rangle\right| \\
= & \left|\left\langle L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)\right),\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}\left(x_{i}\right)\right\rangle-\left\langle L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}(x)\right),\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}(x)\right\rangle\right| \\
= & \mid\left\langle L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)\right),\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}\left(x_{i}-x\right)\right\rangle \\
& +\left\langle L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)-\theta_{n-1}(x)\right),\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}(x)\right\rangle \mid \\
\leqslant & c^{n-1} \cdot\left\|L_{P}^{*}\right\|\left\|\theta_{n-1}\right\|\left\|\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}\left(x_{i}-x\right)\right\| \\
& +\left|\left\langle\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)-\theta_{n-1}(x), L_{P}^{* *} \circ\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}(x)\right\rangle\right| . \tag{3.8}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that $\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}$ is compact and hence, completely continuous. Thus for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}\left(x_{i}-x\right)\right\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text { as } \quad i \rightarrow \infty \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)$. Thus $\theta_{n-1}$ is sequentially continuous from the weak topology in $E$ to the weak topology in $\hat{\otimes}_{n-1, s, \pi} E$. Note that $L_{P}$ is weakly compact implies that $L_{P}^{* *} \circ\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}(x) \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)=\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n-1, s, \pi} E\right)^{*}$. Thus for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle\theta_{n-1}\left(x_{i}\right)-\theta_{n-1}(x), L_{P}^{* *} \circ\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{*}(x)\right\rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad \text { as } \quad i \rightarrow \infty \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Combining (3.8) with (3.9) and (3.10) yields that $\lim _{i} P_{k}\left(x_{i}\right)=P_{k}(x)$ and hence, $P_{k} \in$ $\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now for every $z \in E^{* *}$, since $\theta_{n-1}(z) \in \otimes_{n-1, s} E^{* *} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E\right)^{*}$, it follows from (3.7) that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{P}_{k}(z) & =\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)^{* *}\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right), z\right\rangle=\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{* *} \circ L_{P}^{* * *}\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right), z\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u\right)^{* *} \circ L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right), z\right\rangle=\left\langle\left(u_{k} \circ u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right), z\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

Similarly, it follows from (3.6) that

$$
\widetilde{Q}(z)=\left\langle\left(u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right), z\right\rangle
$$

Note that $\left(u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}(z)\right) \in Y$. It follows from (3.5) that $\lim _{k} \widetilde{P}_{k}(z)=\widetilde{Q}(z)$ and hence, $\left\{P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ by Lemma 3.1. Thus $Q=$ weak- $\lim _{k} P_{k} \in$ $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. Since $\lim _{k} t_{k}=t_{0}$ weakly in $E$, it follows that $\lim _{k} Q\left(t_{k}\right)=Q\left(t_{0}\right)$. By (3.4) and (3.6), for $k=0,1,2, \ldots$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q\left(t_{k}\right) & =\left\langle\left(u \circ L_{P}^{*}\right)\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(t_{k}\right)\right), t_{k}\right\rangle=\left\langle L_{P}^{*}\left(\theta_{n-1}\left(t_{k}\right)\right), t_{k}\right\rangle \\
& =\left\langle\theta_{n-1}\left(t_{k}\right), L_{P}\left(t_{k}\right)\right\rangle=L_{P}\left(t_{k}\right)\left(t_{k}\right)=P\left(t_{k}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, $\lim _{k} P\left(t_{k}\right)=\lim _{k} Q\left(t_{k}\right)=Q\left(t_{0}\right)=P\left(t_{0}\right)$.
Next we will consider the weak sequential completeness of the space of vector-valued homogeneous polynomials.

Theorem 3.6. Assume that both $E^{*}$ and $F$ are weakly sequentially complete.
(i) If $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete.
(ii) If both $E^{*}$ and $F$ have the $B C A P$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. By (2.3) and then by (2.2),

$$
\mathcal{K}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)
$$

Moreover, Theorem 3.2 implies that $\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E\right)^{*}=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete. It follows from [11, Theorem 2.2] that $\mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete and then by $(2.2), \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete.
(ii) We only need to show that the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ implies that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. In the case that $n=1$, the assertion follows from [11, Theorem 2.3]. Now assume that $n \geqslant 2$. It follows that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is also weakly sequentially complete. By Lemma $3.4, E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Moreover, Theorem 3.5 implies that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and then Lemma 2.1 implies that $\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Thus we have the following:

$$
\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right),
$$

which implies that $\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete and hence, $\mathcal{K}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete. It follows from [11, Theorem 2.3] that $\mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{K}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ as well.

Under the hypothesis of the BCAP, in the linear operator case, Theorem 2.3 in [11] ensures that the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{L}(E ; F)$ implies that all $T$ in $\mathcal{W}(E ; F)$ are in $\mathcal{K}(E ; F)$. It is much better in the polynomial case as we will see that the following corollary ensures that the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ implies that all $P$ in $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ are in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Corollary 3.7. Assume that $n \geqslant 2$ and that both $E^{*}$ and $F$ are weakly sequentially complete. If both $E^{*}$ and $F$ have the $B C A P$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Proof. By Theorem 3.6, we only need to show that the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ implies that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Assume that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete. Then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete and by Lemma $3.4, E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$. Moreover, Theorem 3.5 implies that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. It follows from [9, Corollary 3.9] that $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ contains no copy of $\ell_{1}$. Now take any $P \in \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. By Lemma 3.3, $A_{P} \in \mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$ and hence, $P \in \mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Remark 3.8. It was proved in [11, Theorem 2.3] that if either $E^{*}$ or $F$ has the BCAP then the weak sequential completeness of $\mathcal{W}(E ; F)$ implies that $\mathcal{W}(E ; F)=\mathcal{K}(E ; F)$. In Theorem 3.6 and Corollary 3.7, we may not weaken the condition that both $E^{*}$ and $F$ have the BCAP to the condition that either $E^{*}$ or $F$ has the BCAP. Indeed, in the proof of

Theorem 3.6, we apply [11, Theorem 2.3] to the space $\mathcal{W}\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E ; F\right)$. If $F$ does not have the BCAP, then we must assume that $\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E\right)^{*}=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ have the BCAP. However, the BCAP is not inherited by $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ from $E^{*}$ in general. See Remark 5.6 in section 5 below.

## 4. Reflexivity

Before we present the main result of this section, we need the following lemma, which is a special case of [17, Corollary 5].

Lemma 4.1[17]. Suppose that $E$ and $F$ are reflexive Banach spaces. Let $P_{k}, P \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\lim _{k} P_{k}=P$ weakly in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ if and only if $\lim _{k}\left\langle P_{k}(x), y^{*}\right\rangle=$ $\left\langle P(x), y^{*}\right\rangle$ for every $x \in E$ and every $y^{*} \in F^{*}$.

Theorem 4.2. If $E$ and $F$ are reflexive, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive.

Proof. It follows from [11, Theorem 2.5] that the theorem holds for $n=1$. Using the induction, we assume that the theorem holds for $n-1$ and we will show that the theorem holds for $n$, where $n \geqslant 2$.

To do this, we suppose that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete. We want to show that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive. It follows from [8, Prop. 5] that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ is isomorphic to a (complemented) subspace of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ is isomorphic to a subspace of $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. Thus $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ is also weakly sequentially complete. By the induction hypothesis, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive.

To show that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive, we only need to show that every bounded sequence in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ has a weakly Cauchy subsequence. Take any bounded sequence $\left\{P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$. For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, define $\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}: E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$, see [14, p.13], by

$$
\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}(x)(y)=T_{P_{k}}(x, y, \ldots, y), \quad \forall x, y \in E
$$

Then $\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k} \in \mathcal{K}\left(E ; \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)\right)$ by [14, p.88, Prop. 2.6]. Since $P_{k} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, it follows that $\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}(x) \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ for every $x \in E$, and hence, $\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k} \in \mathcal{K}\left(E ; \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)\right)$. Note that $E$ and $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ are reflexive and note that $\left\{\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a bounded sequence in $\mathcal{K}\left(E ; \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)\right)$. It follows from [11, Lemma 2.4] that $\left\{\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ has a weakly Cauchy subsequence, without loss of generality, say $\left\{\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$.

For every $x \in E$ and every $y^{*} \in F^{*}$, define a linear functional $\phi_{x, y^{*}}$ on $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$ by $\phi_{x, y^{*}}(P)=\left\langle P(x), y^{*}\right\rangle$ for every $P \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)$. Then $\phi_{x, y^{*}} \in \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)^{*}$.

Since $\left\{\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{K}\left(E ; \mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n-1} E ; F\right)\right)$, it follows that the scalar-valued sequence $\left\{\left\langle\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}(x), \phi_{x, y^{*}}\right\rangle\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy. Note that $\left\langle\hat{d}^{n-1} P_{k}(x), \phi_{x, y^{*}}\right\rangle=$ $\left\langle P_{k}(x), y^{*}\right\rangle$. Thus $\left\{\left\langle P_{k}(x), y^{*}\right\rangle\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a scalar-valued Cauchy sequence. By Lemma 4.1, $\left\{P_{k}\right\}_{1}^{\infty}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Note that if a reflexive Banach space has the CAP then its dual space has the BCAP (see [16, Corollary 1.6]). Thus Theorems 3.2, 3.5 and 4.2 yield the following corollary, which was obtained by Mujica and Valdivia in [25].

Corollary 4.3. Assume that $E$ is reflexive.
(i) If $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is reflexive.
(ii) If $E$ has the CAP, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is reflexive if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$.

In the scalar-valued case, Alencar [1] proved that if $E$ is a reflexive Banach space with the approximation property, then $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ is reflexive if and only if $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$. Mujica and Valdivia [25] improved this result by weakening the hypothesis of the approximation property of $E$ to the hypothesis of the compact approximation property of $E$. In the vector-valued case, Alencar [2] proved that if $E$ and $F$ are reflexive Banach spaces with the approximation property, then $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive if and only if $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$; while Jaramillo and Moraes [19] obtained the same conclusion when only $E$ is assumed to have the approximation property. Moreover, Mujica [24] improved this result by weakening the hypothesis of the approximation property of $E$ to the hypothesis of the compact approximation property of $E$. As a consequence of Theorems 3.6 and 4.2 , we rediscover the Mujica's result above as the following corollary.

Corollary 4.4. Assume that both $E$ and $F$ are reflexive. (i) If $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive. (ii) If $E$ has the CAP, then $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

Proof. (i) follows from Theorem 3.6(i) and Theorem 4.2. To prove (ii), suppose that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$ is reflexive. By Corollary $4.3(\mathrm{ii}), \mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and then by Proposition 5.5 in the section 5 below, $\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E\right)^{*}=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ has the BCAP. Note that in the proof of Theorem 3.6(ii), we do not need the BCAP of $F$ if $\left(\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E\right)^{*}$ has the BCAP (see Remark 3.8). Thus Theorem 3.6(ii) implies that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w K}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E ; F\right)$.

At the end of this section, we give examples of spaces of homogeneous polynomials that are weakly sequentially complete but not reflexive. It is well known that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} c_{0}\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0}\right)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Theorem 3.2, we have one example that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0}\right)$ is weakly sequentially
complete for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Moreover, $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0}\right)$ does not contain a copy of $\ell_{\infty}$. It follows from [14, p.119, Prop. 2.38] that $\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)$ for all $1 \leqslant p<\infty$. By Lemma 2.1, $\mathcal{P}_{K}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)$ and hence, $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w s c}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)$. Thus by Theorem $3.6(\mathrm{i})$, we have another example that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} c_{0} ; \ell_{p}\right)$ is weakly sequentially complete for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $1 \leqslant p<\infty$.

## 5. BCAP and CAP for Projective Tensor Products

For Banach spaces $X$ and $Y$, let $B_{X}$ denote the closed unit ball of $X$ and $X \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} Y$ denote the projective tensor product of $X$ and $Y$. For a subset $C$ of $X$ and a subset $D$ of $Y$, let $C \otimes D:=\{x \otimes y: x \in C, y \in D\}$. It is easy to see that if $C$ and $D$ are relatively compact subsets of $X$ and $Y$ respectively, then $C \otimes D$ is a relatively compact subset of $X \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} Y$. The converse is the following lemma due to Grothendieck [18].

Lemma 5.1. If $A$ is a compact subset of $X \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} Y$, then there are a compact subset $C$ of $X$ and a compact subset $D$ of $Y$ such that $A \subseteq \overline{c o}(C \otimes D)$.

The following proposition was proved in [10]. We give a proof here for completeness.
Proposition 5.2. If $X$ and $Y$ have the $C A P$ (resp. BCAP), then $X \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} Y$ has the $C A P$ (resp. BCAP).

Proof. Take any compact subset $A$ of $X \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} Y$ and any $\varepsilon>0$. By Lemma 5.1, there are a compact subset $C$ of $X$ and a compact subset $D$ of $Y$ such that $A \subseteq \overline{c o}(C \otimes D)$. Let

$$
c_{1}=\sup \{\|x\|: x \in C\} \quad \text { and } \quad c_{2}=\sup \{\|y\|: y \in D\}
$$

Suppose $X, Y$ have the CAP. Then there exist compact operators $T: X \rightarrow X$ and $S: Y \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$
\|T(x)-x\| \leqslant \frac{\varepsilon}{4 c_{2}}, \quad \forall x \in C
$$

and

$$
\|S(y)-y\| \leqslant \frac{\varepsilon}{4\|T\| c_{1}}, \quad \forall y \in D
$$

Thus for every $x \otimes y \in C \otimes D$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|(T \otimes S)(x \otimes y)-(x \otimes y)\| & =\|T(x) \otimes S(y)-x \otimes y\| \\
& \leqslant\|T(x) \otimes(S(y)-y)\|+\|(T(x)-x) \otimes y\| \\
& \leqslant\|T\| c_{1} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{4\|T\| c_{1}}+c_{2} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{4 c_{2}}=\frac{\varepsilon}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now for every $u \in A \subseteq \overline{c o}(C \otimes D)$, there is $v \in c o(C \otimes D)$ such that

$$
\|u-v\| \leqslant \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+\|T\|\|S\|)}
$$

Write $v=\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i}\left(x_{i} \otimes y_{i}\right)$, where $x_{i} \otimes y_{i} \in C \otimes D$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|t_{i}\right| \leqslant 1$. Then

$$
\|(T \otimes S)(v)-v\| \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|t_{i}\right| \cdot\left\|(T \otimes S)\left(x_{i} \otimes y_{i}\right)-\left(x_{i} \otimes y_{i}\right)\right\| \leqslant \frac{\varepsilon}{2}
$$

which implies that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|(T \otimes S)(u)-u\| & \leqslant\|(T \otimes S)(u-v)\|+\|(T \otimes S)(v)-v\|+\|v-u\| \\
& \leqslant(\|T\| \cdot\|S\|+1) \cdot\|u-v\|+\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leqslant \varepsilon
\end{aligned}
$$

Clearly, $T \otimes S$ is compact with $\|T \otimes S\| \leqslant\|T\| \cdot\|S\|$.
If both $X, Y$ have the BCAP, then we can further assume that $\|T\| \leqslant \lambda_{1},\|S\| \leqslant \lambda_{2}$, and thus $\|T \otimes S\| \leqslant \lambda_{1} \lambda_{2}$ for two universal constants $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}$, independent of $A, C$, and $D$. The proof is complete.

For Banach spaces $X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{n}$, let $X_{1} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{2} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \cdots \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{n}$ denote the projective tensor product of $X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{n}$. Note that $X_{1} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{2} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \cdots \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{n}=X_{1} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi}\left(X_{2} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \cdots \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{n}\right)$. By Proposition 5.2 and using the induction, we have the following proposition.

Proposition 5.3. If $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}$ have the BCAP (resp. CAP), then $X_{1} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \cdots \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{n}$ has the $B C A P$ (resp. $C A P$ ).

In particular, if $X_{1}=\cdots=X_{n}=E$, let $\hat{\otimes}_{n, \pi} E:=X_{1} \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \cdots \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} X_{n}$. Note that $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ is isomorphic to a complemented subspace of $\hat{\otimes}_{n, \pi} E$ (see [14, p. 21]). Thus Proposition 5.3 yields the following proposition.

Proposition 5.4. If a Banach space $E$ has the BCAP (resp. CAP), then both $\hat{\otimes}_{n, \pi} E$ and $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ have the BCAP (resp. CAP).

Proposition 5.5. If $E$ is a reflexive Banach space with the CAP and if $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, then $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ has the $B C A P$.

Proof. By Proposition 5.4, $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ has the CAP. Since $E$ is reflexive and $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)=\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$, Corollary 4.3 implies that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ and hence, $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ is reflexive. Note that if a reflexive Banach space has the CAP then its dual space has the BCAP (see [16, Corollary 1.6]). Thus $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ has the BCAP.

Remark 5.6. (i) Note that in the proof of Proposition 5.2, if $T: X \rightarrow X$ and $S: Y \rightarrow Y$ are finite rank operators, then $T \otimes S$ is also finite rank. Thus we have all same results
of Propositions 5.2-5.5 for the approximation property and the bounded approximation property. It is worthwhile to mention that Mujica in [23, Corollary 5.5 and Corollary 5.8] proved that if a Banach space $E$ has the (bounded) approximation property then $\hat{\otimes}_{n, s, \pi} E$ has the (bounded) approximation property.
(ii) Aron and Schottenloher in [7, Prop. 5.2] constructed a reflexive Banach space $E$ with a basis such that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{2} E\right)$ does not have the approximation property. Actually, $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{2} E\right)$ does not have the CAP, either. The explanation is as follows.

Johnson [20] constructed a Banach space $C_{1}$ such that for every separable Banach space $Y$, its dual space $Y^{*}$ is isometric to a norm one complemented subspace of $C_{1}^{*}$ (also see [12, p. 280]). Note that each $\ell_{p}(1 \leqslant p<2)$ contains a closed subspace without the CAP (see [21, p. 107]). Thus $C_{1}^{*}$ does not have the CAP. Aron and Schottenloher in [7, Prop. 5.2] constructed a reflexive Banach space $E$ with a basis such that $C_{1}^{*}$ is a complemented subspace of $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{2} E\right)$. Therefore, $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{2} E\right)$ does not have the CAP.
(iii) Aron and Schottenloher's counter-example tells us that the BCAP (or CAP) is not inherited by $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ in general. However, it is inherited by $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} E\right)$ in some special circumstances (see Proposition 5.5). For instance, it is well known that $\mathcal{P}_{w}\left({ }^{n} \mathcal{T}\right)=\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} \mathcal{T}\right)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\mathcal{T}$ is the original Tsirelson space. By Proposition 5.5, we have one example that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} \mathcal{T}\right)$ has the BCAP for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We have another example that $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} \ell_{1}\right)$ has the BCAP for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ since $\mathcal{P}\left({ }^{n} \ell_{1}\right)$ is isomorphic to $\ell_{\infty}$ by [7, Prop. 5.1].

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