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- Professor Pjek-Hwee Lee and many other colleagues in the audience have nice results on this subject.

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- So, in the study of quantum information science, one often deals with tensor products of matrices.

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- The proof of [FS] (similar to an earlier proof of ours) depends heavily on the convex feature of $S_{m,n}$ and is not easy to be extended to the multi-partitite case.

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