

A Real p-Homogeneous Seminorm with Square Property Is Submultiplicative

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ABSTRACT

We give a functional representation theorem for a class of real p-Banach algebras. This theorem is used to show that every p-homogeneous seminorm with square property on a real associative algebra is submultiplicative.

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1. Introduction

J. Arhippainen [1] has obtained the following result:

Theorem 1 of [1]. Let q be a p-homogeneous seminorm with square property on a complex associative algebra A. Then

- 1) Ker(q) is an ideal of A;
- 2) The quotient algebra A/Ker(q) is commutative;
- 3) *q* is submultiplicative;
- 4) $q^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative seminorm on A.

This result is a positive answer to a problem posed in [2] and considered in [3-5]. The proofs of (3) and (4) depend on (2) which is obtained by using a locally bounded version of the Hirschfeld-Zelazko Theorem [1, Lemma 1]. This method can not be used in a real algebra; if q is the usual norm defined on the real algebra H of quaternions, $\operatorname{Ker}(q) = \{0\}$ and $\operatorname{H/Ker}(q) \cong \operatorname{H}$ is noncommutative, then the assertion (2) does not hold in the real case.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a real algebra analogue of the above Arhippainen Theorem, and this improves the result in [6]. Our method is based on a functional representation theorem which we will establish; it is an extension of the Abel-Jarosz Theorem [7, Theorem 1] to real p-Banach algebras. We also give a functional representation theorem for a class of complex p-Banach algebras. As a consequence, we obtain the main result in [8].

2. Preliminaries

Let A be an associative algebra over the field K = R or C.

Let $p \in [0,1]$, a map $\|.\|: A \to [0,\infty[$ is a p-homogeneous seminorm if for a,b in A and α in K, $||a+b|| \le ||a|| + ||b||$ and $||\alpha a|| = |\alpha|^p ||a||$. Moreover, if ||a|| = 0 imply that a = 0, ||.|| is called a p-homogeneous norm. A 1-homogeneous seminorm (resp.norm) is called a seminorm (resp.norm). . is submultiplicative if $||ab|| \le ||a|| ||b||$ for all a,b in A. ||.|| has the square property if $\|a^2\| = \|a\|^2$ for all $a \in A$. If $\|\cdot\|$ is a submultiplicative p-homogeneous norm on A, then $(A, \|.\|)$ is called a p-normed algebra, we denote by M(A)the set of all nonzero continuous multiplicative linear functionals on A. A complete p-normed algebra is called a p-Banach algebra. A uniform p-normed algebra is a p-normed algebra $(A, \|.\|)$ such that $\|a^2\| = \|a\|^2$ for all $a \in A$. Let A be a complex algebra with unit e, the spectrum of an element $a \in A$ is defined by

$$Sp(a) = \{\alpha \in C, \alpha e - a \notin A^{-1}\}$$

where A^{-1} is the set of all invertible elements of A. Let A be a real algebra with unit e, the spectrum of $a \in A$ is defined by

$$Sp(a) = \left\{ s + it \in C, (a - se)^2 + t^2 e \notin A^{-1} \right\}.$$

Let A be an algebra, the spectral radius of an element $a \in A$ is defined by $r(a) = \sup\{|\alpha|, \alpha \in Sp(a)\}$. Let

 $(A,\|\|)$ be a p-normed algebra, the limit $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|a^n\|^{\frac{1}{pn}}$ exists for each $a\in A$, and if A is complete, we have

 $r(a) = \lim_{n \to \infty} ||a^n||^{\frac{1}{pn}}$ for all $a \in A$. A *-algebra is a complex algebra with a mapping *: $A \to A, a \to a^*$, such that, for a, b in A and $\alpha \in C$,

$$(a^*)^* = a, (a+b)^* = a^* + b^*,$$

 $(\alpha a)^* = \overline{\alpha} a^*, (ab)^* = b^* a^*.$

The map * is called an involution on A. An element $a \in A$ is said to be hermitian if $a^* = a$. The set of all hermitian elements of A is denoted by H(A).

3. A Functional Representation Theorem for a Class of Real p-Banach Algebras

We will need the following result due to B. Aupetit and J. Zemanek ([9,10]), their algebraic approach works for real p-Banach algebras.

Theorem 3.1. Let A be a real p-Banach algebra with unit. If there is a positive constant α such that $r(ab) \le \alpha r(a) r(b)$ for all a,b in A, then for every irreducible representation π of A on a real linear space E, the algebra $\pi(A)$ is isomorphic (algebraically) to its commutant in the algebra L(E) of all linear transformations on E.

Let A be a real p-Banach algebra with unit such that $\|a\|_P^1 \le mr(a)$ for some positive constant m and all $a \in A$. Let X(A) be the set of all nonzero multiplicative linear functionals from A into the noncommutative algebra H of quaternions. For $a \in A$, we consider the map $J(a): X(A) \to H, J(a)x = x(a)$ for all $x \in X(A)$. We endow X(A) with the weakest topology such that all the functions $J(a), a \in A$, are continuous. The map $J: A \to C(X(A), H), a \to J(a)$,

is a homomorphism from A into the real algebra of all continuous functions from X(A) into H.

Theorem 3.2. If π is an irreducible representation of A, then $\pi(A)$ is isomorphic to R, C or H.

Proof. Let $a, b \in A$ and $n \ge 1$, we have

$$\left\|\left(ab\right)^{n}\right\| \leq \left\|a\right\|^{n} \left\|b\right\|^{n},$$

then

$$\|(ab)^n\|^{\frac{1}{pn}} \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \|b\|^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Letting $n \to \infty$, we obtain $r(ab) \le m^2 r(a) r(b)$. Let π be an irreducible representation of A on a real linear space E. By Theorem 3.1, $\pi(A)$ is isomorphic to its commutant Q in the algebra L(E) of all linear transformations on E. Let y_0 be a fixed nonzero element in E. For $y \in E$, we consider

$$||y||_{E} = \inf \{||a||, a \in A \text{ and } \pi(a) y_0 = y \}.$$

By the same proof as in [11, Lemma 6.5], $\|.\|_E$ is a p-norm on E and Q is a real division p-normed algebra of continuous linear operators on E. By [12], Q is isomorphic to R, C or H.

Proposition 3.3. A is semisimple and X(A) is a nonempty set which separates the elements of A.

Proof. By the condition $||a||^{\frac{1}{p}} \le mr(a)$ for all $a \in A$, we deduce that A is semisimple. Let a be a nonzero element in A, since A is semisimple, there is an irreducible representation π of A such that $\pi(a) \ne 0$. By Theorem 3.2, there is $\varphi : \pi(A) \to H$ an isomorphism (into). We consider the map $T = \varphi o \pi, T : A \to H$ is a multiplicative linear functional. Moreover,

$$T(a) = \varphi(\pi(a)) \neq 0$$

since $\pi(a) \neq 0$ and φ is injective.

Proposition 3.4.

- 1) $|x(a)| \le |a|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ for all $a \in A$ and $x \in X(A)$;
- 2) An element a is invertible in A if and only if J(a) is invertible in C(X(A), H);
 - 3) Sp(a) = Sp(J(a)) for all $a \in A$.

Proof. (1): Since H' is a real uniform Banach algebra under the usual norm

$$|\cdot|, |x(a)| = r_H(x(a)) \le r_A(a) \le ||a||^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $a \in A$ and $x \in X(A)$.

(2): The direct implication is obvious. Conversely, let π be an irreducible representation of A. By Theorem 3.2, there is $\varphi: \pi(A) \to H$ an isomorphism (into). Since $\varphi \circ \pi \in X(A)$ and J(a) is invertible,

$$0 \neq J(a)(\varphi o \pi) = \varphi(\pi(a)),$$

then $\pi(a) \neq 0$. Consequently, a is invertible.

(3):
$$s + it \in Sp(a)$$
 iff $(a - se)^2 + t^2e \notin A^{-1}$

Iff
$$J((a-se)^2+t^2e) \notin C(X(A),H)^{-1}$$
 by (2)

Iff
$$(J(a)-sJ(e))^2+t^2J(e) \notin C(X(A),H)^{-1}$$

Iff $s + it \in Sp(J(a))$.

Proposition 3.5. X(A) is a Hausdorff compact space.

Proof. Let x_1, x_2 in $X(A), x_1 \neq x_2$, there is an element $a \in A$ such that $x_1(a) \neq x_2(a)$, i.e. $J(a)x_1 \neq J(a)x_2$, so X(A) is Hausdorff. Let $a \in A$ and

$$K_a = \left\{ q \in H, \left| q \right| \le \left\| a \right\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\},\,$$

 K_a is compact in H. Let K be the topological product of K_a for all $a \in A, K$ is compact by the Tychonoff Theorem. By Proposition 3.4(1), X(A) is a subset of K. It is easy to see that the topology of

X(A) is the relative topology from K and that X(A) is closed in K. Then X(A) is compact.

Theorem 3.6. The map

$$J: A \to C(X(A), H), a \to J(a),$$

is an isomorphism (into) such that

$$m^{-1} \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le \|J(a)\|_{s} \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $a \in A$, where $\|.\|_s$ is the supnorm on C(X(A), H). If m = 1, we have $\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|J(a)\|_s$ for all $a \in A$.

Proof. By Proposition 3.3, J is an injective homomorphism. Let $a \in A$, by Proposition 3.4(3),

$$r(a) = r(J(a)) = ||J(a)||_{s}$$

since C(X(A), H) is a real uniform Banach algebra under the supnorm $\|.\|_s$. Moreover, $\|J(a)\|_s \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ by Proposition 3.4(1). Then

$$m^{-1} \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le r(a) = \|J(a)\|_{s} \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

As an application, we obtain an extension of the Kulkarni Theorem [13, Theorem 1] to real p-Banach algebras.

Theorem 3.7. Let a be an element in A such that $Sp(a) \subset R$, then a belongs to the center of A.

Proof. By Theorem 3.6, $J: A \to C(X(A), H)$ is an isomorphism (into). Let $a \in A$ with $Sp(a) \subset R$. Let $x \in X(A)$ and x(a) = s + t where $s \in R$ and

$$t = t_1 i + t_2 j + t_3 k.$$

Suppose that $t \neq 0$. We have

$$(x(a)-s)^2 = t^2 = -(t_1^2 + t_2^2 + t_3^2) = -|t|^2$$
,

Then

$$(x(a)-s)^2+|t|^2=0$$
.

Consequently

$$s+i|t| \in Sp(x(a)) \subset Sp(a)$$

with $|t| \neq 0$, a contradiction. Then

$$J(a) \in C(X(A), R)$$

and

$$J(a)J(b) = J(b)J(a)$$

for all b in A, *i.e.* J(ab-ba)=0 for all b in A. Since J is injective, ab-ba=0 for all b in A.

4. A Functional Representation Theorem for a Class of Complex p-Banach Algebras

Let | . | be a submultiplicative p-homogeneous se-

minorm on a complex algebra A. For $a \in A, |a|$ is defined as follows:

$$|a| = \inf \sum_{i=1}^{n} ||a_i||^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where the infimum is taken over all decompositions of a satisfying the condition $a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i$, $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$. By [14, Theorem 1], $|\cdot|$ is a submultiplicative seminorm on A, it is called the support seminorm of $||\cdot||$. Also, it is shown [14] the following result:

Theorem 2 of [14]. Let A be a complex algebra, $\|.\|$ a submultiplicative p-homogeneous seminorm on A, and $\|.\|$ the support seminorm of $\|.\|$. Then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left\| a^n \right\|^{\frac{1}{pn}} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left| a^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

for all $a \in A$.

In the proof of this theorem, Xia Dao-Xing uses the following inequality: If $a = a_1 + \cdots + a_m$ and $n \ge 1$, then

$$\|a^n\| \le \sum_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = n} \left(\frac{n!}{\alpha_1 ! \cdots \alpha_m !}\right)^p \|a_1\|^{\alpha_1} \cdots \|a_m\|^{\alpha_m}.$$

If the algebra is commutative,

$$a^{n} = (a_{1} + \dots + a_{m})^{n}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha_{1} + \dots + \alpha_{m} = n} \frac{n!}{\alpha_{1}! \cdots \alpha_{m}!} a_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \cdots a_{m}^{\alpha_{m}},$$

then

$$\left\|a^n\right\| \leq \sum_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = n} \left(\frac{n!}{\alpha_1! \cdots \alpha_m!}\right)^p \left\|a_1\right\|^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left\|a_m\right\|^{\alpha_m}.$$

This inequality is not justified in the noncommutative case; if the algebra is noncommutative, we only have

$$||a^n|| \le \sum_{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = n} \frac{n!}{\alpha_! \cdots \alpha_m!} ||a_1||^{\alpha_1} \cdots ||a_m||^{\alpha_m}.$$

For the sequel, we will use Theorem 2 of [14] in the commutative case.

Theorem 4.1. Let $(A, \|\cdot\|)$ be a complex p-normed algebra such that $\|a\|^2 \le m \|a^2\|$ for some positive con-

stant m and all $a \in A$. Then $|a| \le ||a||^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} |a|$ and $|a|^2 \le m^{\frac{2}{p}} |a^2|$ for all $a \in A$, where |.| is the support seminorm of ||.||.

Proof. The completion B of $(A, \|\cdot\|)$ is a p-Banach algebra such that $\|b\|^2 \le m \|b^2\|$ for all $b \in B$, it is commutative by [1, Lemma 1], so A is commutative. By induction, $\|a\| \le m^{1-2^{-n}} \|a^{2^n}\|^{2^{-n}}$ for all $a \in A$ and $n \ge 1$,

then $||a|| \le m_{\lim_{n\to\infty}} ||a^n||^{\frac{1}{n}}$ for all $a \in A$. By the commutative version of [14, Theorem 2], we have

$$|a| \le ||a||^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim_{n \to \infty} ||a^n||^{\frac{1}{pn}}$$

= $m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim_{n \to \infty} |a^n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} |a|$

for all $a \in A$. From the above inequalities,

$$|a|^2 \le ||a||^{\frac{2}{p}} \le (m||a^2||)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{\frac{2}{p}} |a^2|.$$

Corollary 4.2. Let $(A, \|.\|)$ be a complex uniform p-normed algebra. Then $|a| = \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ for all $a \in A$.

Theorem 4.3. Let $(A, \|.\|)$ be a complex p-Banach algebra with unit such that $\|a\|^2 \le m \|a^2\|$ for some positive constant m and all $a \in A$. Then the Gelfand map $G: A \to C(M(A))$ is an isomorphism (into) such that

$$m^{-\frac{2}{p}} \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{-\frac{1}{p}} |a| \le \|G(a)\|_{\infty} \le |a| \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $a \in A$, where $\|.\|_s$ is the supnorm on C(M(A)). Proof. A is commutative by [1, Lemma 1]. By Theorem

4.1, $|a| \le ||a||^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} |a|$ for all $a \in A$, then (A, |.|) is a complex commutative Banach algebra with unit. Clearly M(A) = M(A, |.|) = M(A, |.|) is a nonempty compact space. As in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we have

$$|a| \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim_{n \to \infty} |a^n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= m^{\frac{1}{p}} \sup \{ |f(a)|, f \in M(A) \}$$

$$= m^{\frac{1}{p}} ||G(a)|| \le m^{\frac{1}{p}} |a|.$$

Let $a \in A$, from the above inequalities,

$$m^{-\frac{2}{p}} \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^{-\frac{1}{p}} |a| \le \|G(a)\|_{s} \le |a| \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Corollary 4.4. Let $(A, \|\cdot\|)$ be a complex uniform p-Banach algebra with unit. Then the Gelfand map $G: A \to C(M(A))$ is an isomorphism (into) such that

$$|a| = ||a||^{\frac{1}{p}} = ||G(a)||$$

for all $a \in A$.

Theorem 4.5. Let $(A, \|.\|)$ be a complex p-normed *-algebra with unit such that

- 1) $||a||^2 \le m ||a^2||$ for some positive constant m and all $a \in A$;
- 2) Every element in H(A) has a real spectrum in the completion B of A.

Then the involution * is continuous on A and the Gelfand map $G: B \to C(M(B))$ is a *-isomorphism such that $m^{-\frac{2}{p}} \|b\|_{p}^{\frac{1}{p}} \le \|G(b)\|_{s} \le \|b\|_{p}^{\frac{1}{p}}$ for all b in B.

Proof. By Theorem 4.3, it remains to show that the involution * is continuous on A, $G(b^*) = G(b)^*$ for all $b \in B$, and G is surjective. Let $h \in H(A)$,

$$Sp_B(h) = \{f(h), f \in M(B)\} \subset R$$

by (2). Let $a \in A$, we have $a = h_1 + ih_2$ with $h_1, h_2 \in H(A)$. Let $f \in M(B)$,

$$f(a^*) = f(h_1 - ih_2) = f(h_1) - if(h_2)$$
$$= (f(h_1) + if(h_2))^* = f(h_1 + ih_2)^* = f(a)^*$$

since $f(h_1)$ and $f(h_2)$ are real. Then $G(a^*) = G(a)^*$ for all $a \in A$. By Theorem 4.3,

$$m^{-\frac{2}{p}} \|a^*\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \le \|G(a^*)\|_{s}$$

$$= \|G(a)^*\|_{s} = \|G(a)\|_{s} \le \|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $a \in A$, then $\|a^*\| \le m^2 \|a\|$ for all $a \in A$. Consequently, the involution * is continuous on A and can be extended to a continuous involution on B which we will also denote by *. Let $b \in B$, there exists a sequence $(a_n)_n$ in A such that $a_n \to b$. Since the involution on B and the Gelfand map $G: B \to C(M(B))$ are continuous, we have

$$G(a_n^*) \rightarrow G(b^*)$$

and

$$G(a_n)^* \to G(b)^*$$
,

then

$$G(b^*) = G(b)^*.$$

By the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem, we deduce that G is surjective.

As a consequence, we obtain the main result in [8].

Corollary 4.6. Let A be a complex uniform pnormed *-algebra with unit such that every element in H(A) has a real spectrum in the completion B of A, then B is a commutative C^* -algebra.

5. The Main Result

Theorem 5.1. Let A be a real associative algebra. Every p-homogeneous seminorm q with square pro-

perty on A is submultiplicative and $q^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative seminorm on A.

Proof. By [1], there exists a positive constant m such that $q(ab) \le mq(a)q(b)$ for all $a,b \in A$. Ker(q) is an ideal of A, the norm $|\cdot|$ on the quotient algebra $A/\mathrm{Ker}(q)$ defined by $|a+\mathrm{Ker}(q)|=q(a)$ is a p-norm with square property. Define

$$||a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|| = m|a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|$$

for all $a \in A$. Let $a, b \in A$,

$$||ab + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|| = m|ab + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|$$

$$\leq m^{2}|a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)||b + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|$$

$$= ||a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|||b + \operatorname{Ker}(q)||,$$

then $(A/\text{Ker}(q), \|.\|)$ is a real p-normed algebra. Let $a \in A$,

$$||a^{2} + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|| = m|a^{2} + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|$$

$$= m|a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|^{2}$$

$$= m^{-1}(m|a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)|)^{2}$$

$$= m^{-1}||a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)||^{2}$$

i.e.

$$||a + \operatorname{Ker}(q)||^2 = m||a^2 + \operatorname{Ker}(q)||$$

The completion B of $(A/\text{Ker}(q), \|.\|)$ satisfies also the property $\|b\|^2 = m\|b^2\|$ for all $b \in B$, and by induc-

tion
$$||b|| = m^{1-2^{-n}} ||b|^{2^n}||^{2^{-n}}$$
 for all $b \in B$ and $n \ge 1$, then $||b|| = mr(b)^p$ for all $b \in B$. We consider two cases:

B is unital: By section 3, X(B) is a nonempty compact space and the map $J: B \to C(X(B), H)$ is an isomorphism (into). By Proposition 3.4(3), r(b) = r(J(b)) for all $b \in B$. Let $b \in B$,

$$||b|| = mr(b)^p = mr(J(b))^p = m||J(b)||_c^p$$

since C(X(B), H) is a real uniform Banach algebra under the supnorm $\|.\|_s$. Then $|b| = m^{-1} \|b\| = \|J(b)\|_s^p$ for all $b \in A/\mathrm{Ker}(q)$, so |.| is submultiplicative and $|.|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative norm. Consequently, q is

submultiplicative and $q^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative seminorm.

B is not unital: Let B_1 be the algebra obtained from B by adjoining the unit. By the same proof of [15, Lemma 2] which works for real p-Banach algebras, there exists a p-norm N on B_1 such that

- 1) (B_1, N) is a real p-Banach algebra with unit;
- 2) $N(b)^{\frac{1}{p}} \le m^3 r_{B_1}(b)$ for all $b \in B_1$;
- 3) N and $\|.\|$ are equivalent on B.

By section 3, $X(B_1)$ is a nonempty compact space and the map $J: B_1 \to C(X(B_1), H)$ is an isomorphism (into). Let $b \in B$,

$$||b|| = mr_{R}(b)^{P} = mr_{R}(b)^{P}$$

by (3)

 $= mr(J(b))^p$ by Proposition 3.4(3) $= m \|J(b)\|_s^p$ by the square property of the supnorm. Then $|b| = m^{-1} \|b\| = \|J(b)\|_s^p$ for all $b \in A/\text{Ker}(q)$, so $\|\cdot\|$ is submultiplicative and $\|\cdot\|_p^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative and $\frac{1}{q^p}$ is a submultiplicative seminorm.

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