# 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) $\operatorname{Ker}(q)$ is an ideal of $A$;
2) The quotient algebra $A / \operatorname{Ker}(q)$ 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 $\mathrm{H} / \operatorname{Ker}(q) \cong \mathrm{H}$ 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 $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{R}$ or C .

Let $p \in] 0,1]$, a map $\|\|:. A \rightarrow[0, \infty[$ is a p-homogeneous seminorm if for $a, b$ in A and $\alpha$ in K, $\|a+b\| \leq\|a\|+\|b\|$ and $\|\alpha a\|=|\alpha|^{p}\|a\|$. Moreover, if $\|a\|=0$ imply that $a=0,\|$.$\| is called a p-homo-$ geneous norm. A 1-homogeneous seminorm (resp.norm) is called a seminorm (resp.norm). $\|$.$\| is submultipli-$ cative if $\|a b\| \leq\|a\|\|b\|$ for all $a, b$ in $A$. $\|$.$\| has the$ square property if $\left\|a^{2}\right\|=\|a\|^{2}$ 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 $\mathrm{M}(A)$ 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 $\left\|a^{2}\right\|=\|a\|^{2}$ 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

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

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

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

Let $A$ be an algebra, the spectral radius of an element $a \in A$ is defined by $r(a)=\sup \{|\alpha|, \alpha \in S p(a)\}$. Let $(A,\| \|)$ be a p-normed algebra, the limit $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|a^{n}\right\|^{\frac{1}{p n}}$ exists for each $a \in A$, and if A is complete, we have
$r(a)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|a^{n}\right\|^{\frac{1}{p n}}$ for all $a \in A$. A $*$-algebra is a complex algebra with a mapping $*: A \rightarrow A, a \rightarrow a^{*}$, such that, for $a, b$ in A and $\alpha \in C$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(a^{*}\right)^{*}=a,(a+b)^{*}=a^{*}+b^{*} \\
& (\alpha a)^{*}=\bar{\alpha} a^{*},(a b)^{*}=b^{*} a^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

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 $\mathrm{H}(A)$.

## 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 $\alpha$ such that $r(a b) \leq \alpha r(a) r(b)$ for all $a, b$ in $A$, then for every irreducible representation $\pi$ 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 $\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m r(a)$ 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 $J(a): X(A) \rightarrow H, J(a) x=x(a)$ 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 $J: A \rightarrow C(X(A), H), a \rightarrow J(a)$, is a homomorphism from $A$ into the real algebra of all continuous functions from $X(A)$ into $H$.
Theorem 3.2. If $\pi$ is an irreducible representation of $A$, then $\pi(A)$ is isomorphic to $R, C$ or $H$.
Proof. Let $a, b \in A$ and $n \geq 1$, we have

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

then

$$
\left\|(a b)^{n}\right\|^{\frac{1}{p n}} \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}\|b\|^{\frac{1}{p}}
$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain $r(a b) \leq m^{2} r(a) r(b)$. Let $\pi$ 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

$$
\|y\|_{E}=\inf \left\{\|a\|, a \in A \text { and } \pi(a) y_{0}=y\right\} .
$$

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 $\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m r(a)$ 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 $\pi$ of $A$ such that $\pi(a) \neq 0$. By Theorem 3.2, there is $\varphi: \pi(A) \rightarrow H$ an isomorphism (into). We consider the map $T=\varphi \circ \pi, T: A \rightarrow H$ is a multiplicative linear functional. Moreover,

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

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

## Proposition 3.4.

1) $|x(a)| \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 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) $S p(a)=S p(J(a))$ for all $a \in A$.

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

$$
\left\|,|x(a)|=r_{H}(x(a)) \leq r_{A}(a) \leq\right\| a \|^{\frac{1}{p}}
$$

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

$$
0 \neq J(a)(\varphi \circ \pi)=\varphi(\pi(a))
$$

then $\pi(a) \neq 0$. Consequently, a is invertible.
(3): $s+i t \in S p(a)$ iff $(a-s e)^{2}+t^{2} e \notin A^{-1}$

Iff $J\left((a-s e)^{2}+t^{2} e\right) \notin C(X(A), H)^{-1}$ by (2)
Iff $(J(a)-s J(e))^{2}+t^{2} J(e) \notin C(X(A), H)^{-1}$
Iff $s+i t \in \operatorname{Sp}(J(a))$.
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

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

$K_{a}$ 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

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

is an isomorphism (into) such that

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

for all $a \in A$, where $\left\|\|_{s_{1}}\right.$ 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 $\|\cdot\|_{s}$. Moreover, $\|J(a)\|_{s} \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ by Proposition 3.4(1). Then

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

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 $S p(a) \subset R$, then $a$ belongs to the center of $A$.
Proof. By Theorem 3.6, $J: A \rightarrow C(X(A), H)$ is an isomorphism (into). Let $a \in A$ with $S p(a) \subset R$. 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

$$
(x(a)-s)^{2}=t^{2}=-\left(t_{1}^{2}+t_{2}^{2}+t_{3}^{2}\right)=-|t|^{2},
$$

Then

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

Consequently

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

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. $J(a b-b a)=0$ for all $b$ in $A$. Since $J$ is injective, $a b-b a=0$ 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:

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

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

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

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|a^{n}\right\| \frac{1}{p n}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left|a^{n}\right|^{\frac{1}{n}}
$$

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 $n \geq 1$, then

$$
\left\|a^{n}\right\| \leq \sum_{\alpha_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{m}=n}\left(\frac{n!}{\alpha_{1}!\cdots \alpha_{m}!}\right)^{p}\left\|a_{1}\right\|^{\alpha_{1}} \cdots\left\|a_{m}\right\|^{\alpha_{m}}
$$

If the algebra is commutative,

$$
\begin{aligned}
a^{n} & =\left(a_{1}+\cdots+a_{m}\right)^{n} \\
& =\sum_{\alpha_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{m}=n} \frac{n!}{\alpha_{1}!\cdots \alpha_{m}!} a_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \cdots a_{m}^{\alpha_{m}},
\end{aligned}
$$

then

$$
\left\|a^{n}\right\| \leq \sum_{\alpha_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{m}=n}\left(\frac{n!}{\alpha_{1}!\cdots \alpha_{m}!}\right)^{p}\left\|a_{1}\right\|^{\alpha_{1}} \cdots\left\|a_{m}\right\|^{\alpha_{m}}
$$

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

$$
\left\|a^{n}\right\| \leq \sum_{\alpha_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{m}=n} \frac{n!}{\alpha_{1}!\cdots \alpha_{m}!}\left\|a_{1}\right\|^{\alpha_{1}} \cdots\left\|a_{m}\right\|^{\alpha_{m}}
$$

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

Theorem 4.1. Let $(A,\| \|)$ be a complex p-normed algebra such that $\|a\|^{2} \leq m\left\|a^{2}\right\|$ for some positive constant $m$ and all $a \in A$. Then $|a| \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}}|a|$ and $|a|^{2} \leq m^{\frac{2}{p}}\left|a^{2}\right|$ for all $a \in A$, where $\|$ is the support seminorm of $\|$.$\| .$

Proof. The completion $B$ of $(A,\| \| \|)$ is a p-Banach algebra such that $\|b\|^{2} \leq m\left\|b^{2}\right\|$ for all $b \in B$, it is commutative by [1, Lemma 1], so $A$ is commutative. By induction, $\|a\| \leq m^{1-2^{-n}}\left\|a^{a^{n}}\right\|^{2^{-n}}$ for all $a \in A$ and $n \geq 1$, then $\|a\| \leq m \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|a^{n}\right\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$ for all $a \in A$. By the commutative version of [14, Theorem 2], we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
|a| & \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|a^{n}\right\|^{\frac{1}{p n}} \\
& =m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left|a^{n}\right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}}|a|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
|a|^{2} \leq\|a\|^{\frac{2}{p}} \leq\left(m\left\|a^{2}\right\|\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m^{\frac{2}{p}}\left|a^{2}\right| .
$$

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 $\|a\|^{2} \leq m\left\|a^{2}\right\|$ for some positive constant $m$ and all $a \in A$. Then the Gelfand map $G: A \rightarrow C(M(A))$ is an isomorphism (into) such that

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

for all $a \in A$, where $\|\cdot\|_{s}$ is the supnorm on $C(M(A))$.
Proof. A is commutative by [1, Lemma 1]. By Theorem 4.1, $|a| \leq \|\left. a\right|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}}|a|$ 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

$$
\begin{aligned}
|a| & \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left|a^{n}\right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
& =m^{\frac{1}{p}} \sup \{|f(a)|, f \in M(A)\} \\
& =m^{\frac{1}{p}}\|G(a)\|_{s} \leq m^{\frac{1}{p}}|a| .
\end{aligned}
$$

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

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

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

$$
|a|=\left\|\left.a\right|^{\frac{1}{p}}=\right\| G(a) \|_{s}
$$

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

1) $\|a\|^{2} \leq m\left\|a^{2}\right\|$ 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 $G: B \rightarrow C(M(B))$ is a $*$-isomorphism such that $m^{-\frac{2}{p}}\|b\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq\|G(b)\|_{s} \leq\|b\|^{\frac{1}{p}}$ for all $b$ in $B$.

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

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

by (2). Let $a \in A$, we have $a=h_{1}+i h_{2}$ with $h_{1}, h_{2}$ $\in H(A)$. Let $f \in M(B)$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
f\left(a^{*}\right) & =f\left(h_{1}-i h_{2}\right)=f\left(h_{1}\right)-i f\left(h_{2}\right) \\
& =\left(f\left(h_{1}\right)+i f\left(h_{2}\right)\right)^{*}=f\left(h_{1}+i h_{2}\right)^{*}=f(a)^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

since $f\left(h_{1}\right)$ and $f\left(h_{2}\right)$ are real. Then $G\left(a^{*}\right)=G(a)^{*}$ for all $a \in A$. By Theorem 4.3,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& m^{-\frac{2}{p}}\left\|a^{*}\right\|^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq\left\|G\left(a^{*}\right)\right\|_{s} \\
& =\left\|G(a)^{*}\right\|_{s}=\|G(a)\|_{s} \leq\|a\|^{\frac{1}{p}}
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $a \in A$, then $\left\|a^{*}\right\| \leq m^{2}\|a\|$ 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 $\left(a_{n}\right)_{n}$ in $A$ such that $a_{n} \rightarrow b$. Since the involution on $B$ and the Gelfand map $G: B \rightarrow C(M(B))$ are continuous, we have

$$
G\left(a_{n}^{*}\right) \rightarrow G\left(b^{*}\right)
$$

and

$$
G\left(a_{n}\right)^{*} \rightarrow G(b)^{*}
$$

then

$$
G\left(b^{*}\right)=G(b)^{*}
$$

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 property 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 $q(a b) \leq m q(a) q(b)$ for all $a, b \in A$. $\operatorname{Ker}(q)$ is an ideal of $A$, the norm $\|$ on the quotient algebra $A / \operatorname{Ker}(q)$ defined by $|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)|=q(a)$ is a p-norm with square property. Define

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

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|a b+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\| & =m|a b+\operatorname{Ker}(q)| \\
& \leq m^{2}|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)||b+\operatorname{Ker}(q)| \\
& =\|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\|\|b+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\|,
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|a^{2}+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\right\| & =m\left|a^{2}+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\right| \\
& =m|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)|^{2} \\
& =m^{-1}(m|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)|)^{2} \\
& =m^{-1}\|a+\operatorname{Ker}(q)\|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

i.e.

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

The completion $B$ of $(A / \operatorname{Ker}(q),\| \|)$ satisfies also the property $\|b\|^{2}=m\left\|b^{2}\right\|$ for all $b \in B$, and by induction $\|b\|=m^{1-2^{-n}}\left\|b^{2^{n}}\right\|^{2^{-n}}$ for all $b \in B$ and $n \geq 1$, then $\|b\|=m r(b)^{p}$ for all $b \in B$. We consider two cases:
$B$ is unital: By section $3, \quad X(B)$ is a nonempty compact space and the map $J: B \rightarrow C(X(B), H)$ is an isomorphism (into). By Proposition 3.4(3), $r(b)=r(J(b))$ for all $b \in B$. Let $b \in B$,

$$
\|b\|=m r(b)^{p}=m r(J(b))^{p}=m\|J(b)\|_{s}^{p}
$$

since $C(X(B), H)$ is a real uniform Banach algebra under the supnorm $\|\cdot\|_{s}$. Then $|b|=m^{-1}\|b\|=\|J(b)\|_{s}^{p}$ for all $b \in A / \operatorname{Ker}(q)$, so $\|$ is submultiplicative and $\left\|\|^{\frac{1}{p}}\right.$ 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) $\left(B_{1}, N\right)$ is a real p-Banach algebra with unit;
2) $N(b)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq m^{3} r_{B_{1}}(b)$ for all $b \in B_{1}$;
3) $N$ and $\|$.$\| are equivalent on B$.

By section 3, $X\left(B_{1}\right)$ is a nonempty compact space and the map $J: B_{1} \rightarrow C\left(X\left(B_{1}\right), H\right)$ is an isomorphism (into). Let $b \in B$,

$$
\|b\|=m r_{B}(b)^{p}=m r_{B_{1}}(b)^{p}
$$

by (3)
$=m r(J(b))^{p}$ 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 $b \in A / \operatorname{Ker}(q)$, so $\|$ is submultiplicative and $\left\|\|^{\frac{1}{p}}\right.$ is a submultiplicative norm. Consequently, $q$ is submultiplicative and $q^{\frac{1}{p}}$ is a submultiplicative seminorm.

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