

## Automatic Continuity of Dense Range Homomorphisms into Multiplicatively Semisimple Complete Normed Algebras

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### المخلص

المسألة المفتوحة الآتية تنص على انه: إذا كان  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  تطبيق متشاكل ذا مستقر كثيف من جبر باناخ  $A$  إلى جبر باناخ  $B$  بحيث إن  $B$  شبه بسيطة. هل أن  $\phi$  مستمرة تلقائياً؟ (انظر [1]).

في [5] أعطي حلاً جزئياً للمسألة أعلاه كالآتي:

ليكن  $A$  و  $B$  جبر فريجيت بحيث إن  $B$  شبه بسيطة، نصف القطر الطيفي  $r_B$  مستمر على  $B$  و نصف القطر الطيفي  $r_A$  مستمر عند الصفر. إذا كان  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  تطبيق متشاكل ذا مستقر كثيف، عندئذ  $\phi$  مستمرة تلقائياً. في هذا البحث برهنا النتيجة التالية:

إذا كان  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  تطبيق متشاكل ذا مستقر كثيف من جبر معياري كامل غير تجميعي  $A$  إلى جبر معياري كامل غير تجميعي  $B$  بحيث إن  $B$  شبه بسيطة وجبر المضروبات  $M(B)$  شبه بسيطة أيضاً، نصف القطر الطيفي  $\rho_{M(B)}$  هو مستمر على  $M(B)$  ونصف القطر الطيفي  $\rho_{M(A)}$  مستمر عند الصفر، عندئذ  $\phi$  مستمرة تلقائياً.

### ABSTRACT

The following open problem state that: If  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism from Banach algebra  $A$  into Banach algebra  $B$  such that  $B$  is semisimple. Is  $\phi$  automatically continuous? (see[1])

In [5] given a partial solution of the above problem as follows:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be a Fréchet algebras such that  $B$  is semisimple, the spectral radius  $r_B$  is continuous on  $B$  and the spectral radius  $r_A$  is

continuous at zero. If  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism, then  $\phi$  is automatically continuous.

In this paper, we prove the following result:

If  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism from a complete normed nonassociative algebra  $A$  into a complete normed nonassociative algebra  $B$  such that  $B$  is semisimple and multiplication algebra  $M(B)$  of  $B$  is also semisimple, the spectral radius  $\rho_{M(B)}$  is continuous on  $M(B)$  and the spectral radius  $\rho_{M(A)}$  is continuous at zero, then  $\phi$  is automatically continuous.

## 1. Introduction

If  $A$  and  $B$  are Banach algebras,  $B$  is semisimple and  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism, then the continuity of  $\phi$  is along-standing open problem.

This is perhaps the most interesting open problem remains unsolved in automatic continuity theory of the Banach algebras.(see[1]).

We recall that from [4], the radical of an algebra  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{rad } A$ , is the intersection of all maximal left(right) ideals in  $A$ . The algebra  $A$  is called semisimple if  $\text{rad } A = \{0\}$ . In [5], for the algebra  $A$  the spectrum of an element  $x \in A$  is the set of all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\lambda 1 - x$  is not invertible in  $A$  and is denoted by  $Sp(x)$ (or by  $Sp_A(x)$ ). Thus  $Sp(x) = \{\lambda \in \mathcal{C} : \lambda 1 - x \notin \text{Inv}(A)\}$ .

Also let  $A$  be Banach algebra, then the spectral radius of  $x$  (with respect to  $A$ ) is denoted by  $r(x)$  (or  $r_A(x)$ ) and is defined by the formula  $r(x) = \text{Sup}\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in Sp(x)\}$ .

If  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach algebra (not necessarily commutative) then

$$r_A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \|x\|.$$

It is known that for any algebra  $A$  we have:

$$\text{rad } A = \{x \in A : r_A(xy) = 0 \text{ for every } y \in A\}.$$

From [9], for  $X, Y$  normed spaces and  $T$  a linear mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$ , then the separating subspace  $S(T)$  of  $T$  is defined as follows:

$$S(T) = \{y \in Y : \exists \{x_n\} \subseteq X, x_n \rightarrow 0, Tx_n \rightarrow y, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

### Proposition 1.1

Let  $A, B$  be normed algebras (complete). If  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism, then  $S(\phi)$  is a closed ideal of  $B$ .

**Proof:** see[6].

We recall from [2] that, an annihilator of algebra  $A$  (denoted by  $Ann(A)$ ) is defined as follows:  $Ann(A) = \{x \in A : ax = xa = 0, \forall a \in A\}$  and we say that  $A$  is zero annihilator if  $Ann(A) = \{0\}$ . In [7] the multiplication algebra of  $A$  denoted by  $M(A)$  is defined as a subalgebra of  $L(A)$  (the algebra of all linear mapping on  $A$ ) generated by following operators:

$$Id_A : A \rightarrow A \qquad , L_x : A \rightarrow A \qquad , R_x : A \rightarrow A$$

$$a \mapsto Id_A(a) = a \qquad a \mapsto L_x(a) = xa \qquad a \mapsto R_x(a) = ax$$

Where  $a, x \in A$ , which are called identity, left and right multiplication operators respectively.

**Proposition 1.2 [7]**

Let  $A, B$  be normed algebras,  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is a dense range homomorphism. Then  $\hat{\phi} : M(A) \rightarrow M(B)$  is a dense range homomorphism given by the relation :

$$\phi F = \hat{\phi}(F)\phi \quad \forall F \in M(A) \quad \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

**Proposition 1.3**

If  $\phi$  is a dense range homomorphism from a normed algebra  $A$  into a normed algebra  $B$ , then

1.  $S(\hat{\phi})(B) \subseteq S(\phi)$ .
2.  $L_{S(\phi)} \cup R_{S(\phi)} \subseteq S(\hat{\phi})$ , where  $L_{S(\phi)} = \{L_x : x \in S(\phi)\}$  ,  
 $R_{S(\phi)} = \{R_x : x \in S(\phi)\}$  .

**Proof:**

1. To prove that  $S(\hat{\phi})(B) \subseteq S(\phi)$ , we first prove that  $S(\hat{\phi})(\phi(A)) \subseteq S(\phi)$ . Let  $a \in A$ , let  $T \in S(\hat{\phi})$  and  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of continuous operators in  $M(A)$ , such that  $\{F_n\} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\{\hat{\phi}(F_n)\} \rightarrow T$ .

From strange operator topology ( $SOT$ ), we obtain  $\{F_n(a)\} \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\{\phi(F_n(a))\} = \{(\phi F_n)(a)\} = \{(\hat{\phi}(F_n)\phi)(a)\} = \{(\hat{\phi}(F_n)(\phi(a)))\} \rightarrow T(\phi(a)).$$

Therefore,  $T(\phi(a)) \in S(\phi)$ , for all  $T \in S(\hat{\phi})$ ,  $a \in A$ . i.e.

$S(\hat{\phi})(\phi(A)) \subseteq S(\phi)$ . Note that,

$$S(\hat{\phi})(B) = \overline{S(\hat{\phi})(\phi(A))}$$

$$\subseteq \overline{S(\hat{\phi})(\phi(A))}$$

$$\subseteq \overline{S(\phi)} = S(\phi) \qquad \text{(by proposition(1.1)).}$$

2. Let  $b \in S(\phi)$ . Then  $\exists \{a_n\} \subseteq A$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(a_n) = b$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_{a_n} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_{\phi(a_n)} = L_b$ . This implies that  $L_b \in S(\hat{\phi})$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $R_b \in S(\hat{\phi})$ .

## 2. Fundamental Results

In this section we prove our fundamental following results:

### Theorem 2.1

Let  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism with dense range from normed algebra  $A$  into normed algebra  $B$  then  $S(\hat{\phi})$  is a closed ideal of  $M(B)$ .

**Proof:**

Clearly  $S(\hat{\phi})$  is a closed linear subspace of  $M(B)$ . Let  $G \in S(\hat{\phi})$  and  $Z \in \hat{\phi}(M(A))$ . There exists a sequence  $\{F_n\}$  in  $M(A)$  such that  $\{F_n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  and  $\{\hat{\phi}(F_n)\} \rightarrow G$ . Note that,  $Z = \hat{\phi}(F)$  for some  $F \in M(A)$ . Hence,

$\{FF_n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  and  $\{\hat{\phi}(FF_n)\} = \hat{\phi}(F)\hat{\phi}(F_n) \rightarrow ZG \in S(\hat{\phi})$ . similarly,  $GZ \in S(\hat{\phi})$ . Therefore,  $S(\hat{\phi})$  is an ideal of  $\hat{\phi}(M(A))$ . Hence,  $\hat{\phi}(M(A))S(\hat{\phi}), S(\hat{\phi})\hat{\phi}(M(A)) \subseteq S(\hat{\phi})$  and this implies

$$\overline{\hat{\phi}(M(A))S(\hat{\phi})} \subseteq \overline{S(\hat{\phi})} \text{ and } \overline{S(\hat{\phi})\hat{\phi}(M(A))} \subseteq \overline{S(\hat{\phi})}.$$

Thus  $M(B)S(\hat{\phi}) \subseteq S(\hat{\phi})$  and  $S(\hat{\phi})M(B) \subseteq S(\hat{\phi})$  as required. ■

### Theorem 2.2

Let  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  be a dense range homomorphism from complete normed nonassociative algebra  $A$  into complete normed nonassociative algebra  $B$  such that  $B$  is semisimple and  $M(B)$  is also semisimple, the spectral radius  $\rho_{M(B)}$  is continuous on  $M(B)$  and the spectral radius  $\rho_{M(A)}$  is continuous at zero, then  $\phi$  is automatically continuous.

**Proof:**

According to the proposition (1.2) there exists homomorphism with dense range  $\hat{\phi}: M(A) \rightarrow M(B)$  given by the relation  $\hat{\phi}F = \hat{\phi}(F)\phi$ .

For every  $G \in S(\hat{\phi})$  There exists a sequence  $\{F_n\} \subseteq M(A)$  such that  $\{F_n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  in  $M(A)$  and  $\hat{\phi}(\{F_n\}) \rightarrow G$  in  $M(B)$ . Since  $\rho_{M(A)}$  is continuous at zero by assumption, we have  $\rho_{M(A)}(F_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\rho_{M(B)}(\hat{\phi}(F_n)) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ .

On the other hand, again by continuity of  $\rho_{M(B)}$  we have  $\rho_{M(B)}(\hat{\phi}(F_n)) \rightarrow \rho_{M(B)}(G)$ . Hence,

$$\rho_{M(B)}(G) = \mathbf{0} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Since  $\hat{\phi}: M(A) \rightarrow M(B)$  is a dense range homomorphism by theorem(2.1)  $S(\hat{\phi})$  is an ideal in  $M(B)$ . Thus for every  $Z \in M(B)$ ,  $GZ \in S(\hat{\phi})$ . By (2) we get  $\rho_{M(B)}(GZ) = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $M(B)$  is semisimple, we have:

$$rad M(B) = \{G \in M(B) : \rho_{M(B)}(GZ) = \mathbf{0} \text{ for every } Z \in M(B)\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

Therefore,  $G \in rad M(B)$ . So  $S(\hat{\phi}) \subseteq rad M(B)$ . Hence, we have  $S(\hat{\phi}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and according the proposition (1.3)(2) we get  $L_{S(\hat{\phi})} \cup R_{S(\hat{\phi})} \subseteq S(\hat{\phi})$  and this imply  $L_{S(\hat{\phi})} = R_{S(\hat{\phi})} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus,  $S(\hat{\phi}) \subseteq Ann(B)$  and since  $Ann(B) = \mathbf{0}$  then  $S(\hat{\phi}) = \mathbf{0}$ . By closed graph theorem we get  $\hat{\phi}$  continuous. ■

### 3. An application example

We recall from [8] that , the intersection of full subalgebras of an associative algebra  $A$  is another full subalgebra of  $A$  it follows that for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $A$  there is a smallest full subalgebra of  $A$  which contains  $S$ . This subalgebra will be called the full subalgebra of  $A$  generated by  $S$ .

Now let  $A$  be a nonassociative algebra. The full subalgebra of  $L(A)$  generated by  $L_A \cup R_A$  will be called the full multiplication algebra of  $A$  and will be denoted by  $FM(A)$ .

Consider the set  $W(A)$  of those elements  $a$  in  $A$  for which  $L_a$  and  $R_a$  belong to the Jacobson radical of  $FM(A)$ ,  $W(A)$  is a subspace of  $A$  so it contains a largest subspace invariant under the algebra of operators  $FM(A)$ . This last subspace, which is clearly a two-sided ideal of  $A$ , will be called the weak radical of  $A$  and denoted by  $w\text{-Rad}(A)$ .

Let  $A$  be nonassociative algebra and let  $C$  be any subalgebra of  $L(A)$  such that  $L_A \cup R_A \subset C \subset FM(A)$ . As in the definition of weak radical we can consider the largest  $C$ -invariant subspace of  $A$  consisting of elements  $a$  such that  $L_a$  and  $R_a$  lie in the Jacobson radical of  $C$ . This subspace will be called the  $C$ -radical of  $A$  and denoted by  $C\text{-Rad}(A)$ . The ultra-weak radical of  $A$  ( $uw\text{-Rad}(A)$ ) is defined as the sum of all the  $C$ -radicals of  $A$  when  $C$  runs through the set of all subalgebras of  $L(A)$  satisfying  $L_A \cup R_A \subset C \subset FM(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.1**

Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism from a complete normed nonassociative algebra  $A$  into a complete normed nonassociative algebra  $B$ . Assume that the ultra-weak radical of  $B$  is zero. Then  $T$  is continuous.

**Proof:** (see[3],[8]).

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