

SOME RESULTS ON 2-BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We consider a 2-Banach algebra and prove some new results, including Gelfand-Mazur type theorems.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this article we give some new results for 2-Banach algebras. In particular, we prove an analogy of famous Gelfand-Mazur theorem for 2-Banach algebras.

Recall that the concept of 2-Banach algebra, apparently, was introduced by Mohammed and Siddiqui [1]. Following by Mohammed and Siddiqui [1], note that a 2-Banach algebra B is an algebra with $\dim B > 2$ which is a 2-Banach space (with respect to 2-norm topology) and in addition, the following condition being satisfied:

$$\|a, bc\| \leq M \|a, b\| \cdot \|a, c\|, \quad a, b, c \in B$$

$M > 0$ is a constant.

Note that the concept of 2-Banach space was introduced by Gähler [2]. Later, the various aspect of this concept have been studied in [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. In particular, Mohammed and Siddique [1] proved analog of some known results of the usual Banach algebras in 2-Banach algebras.

Before giving our results, let us give some necessary definitions and notations.

Let X be a vector space of dimension greater than 1 and $\|.,.\|$ be a real function on $X \times X$ satisfying the following conditions:

- 1) $\|a, b\| = 0$ if and only if a and b are linearly dependent;
- 2) $\|a, b\| = \|b, a\|$;
- 3) $\|\lambda a, b\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|a, b\|$ for any number λ ;
- 4) $\|a + b, c\| \leq \|a, c\| + \|b, c\|$ for every $a, b, c \in X$.

$\|.,.\|$ is called a 2-norm and X equipped with $\|.,.\|$ is a 2-normed space (see [2]). Gähler [2] has proved that $\|.,.\|$ is a non-negative function.

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in 2-Banach space X is called a Cauchy sequence if there exists $y, z \in X$ such that y and z are linearly independent, the $\lim \|x_n - x_m, y\| = 0$ and

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the $\lim \|x_n - x_m, z\| = 0$. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a 2-normed space X is said to be convergent if there is an $x \in X$ such that the $\lim \|x_n - x, y\| = 0$, for every $y \in X$.

2. Results

In this section, we give some new results for 2-Banach algebras.

Let $G(B)$ denote the set of all invertible elements of B . The following theorem shows that $G(B)$ is an open set of B and the map $x \rightarrow x^{-1}$ is continuous with respect to 2-norm topology.

Theorem 1. *Let B be a unital 2-Banach algebra, $x \in G(B)$, $h \in B$ and $\|h, b\| < \frac{1}{2}\|x^{-1}, b\|^{-1}$ for all $b \in B$. Then $x + h \in G(B)$ and*

$$\|(x + h)^{-1} - x^{-1} + x^{-1}hx^{-1}, b\| \leq 2\|x^{-1}, b\|^3 \|h, b\|^2$$

for any $b \in B$.

Proof. Let us write the element $x + h$ in the form $x + h = x(e + x^{-1}h)$, where e is an identity element of the 2-Banach algebra B , that is for every $a \in B$, $a.e = e.a = a$ and $\|a, e\| \neq 0$. Since $\|x^{-1}h, b\| < \frac{1}{2}$, it is not difficult to show that $e + x^{-1}h$ is invertible, and hence, $x(e + x^{-1}h)$ is an invertible element in B . Indeed, since $\|(-x^{-1}h)^n, b\| \leq \| -x^{-1}h, b\|^n$ for any $b \in B$, we assert that the sequence

$$S_n := e - x^{-1}h + (x^{-1}h)^2 - (x^{-1}h)^3 + \dots + (x^{-1}h)^n \quad (1)$$

is a Cauchy sequence in B . By considering that B is complete with respect to 2-norm topology, $S_n \rightarrow s$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for some $s \in B$. Using that $(-x^{-1}h)^n \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) and

$$S_n \cdot (e - x) = e - x^{n+1} = (e - x) \cdot S_n,$$

then it follows from continuity of multiplication with respect to 2-norm in B (see, for example, [1]) that an element $s \in B$ is an inverse of the element $e + x^{-1}h$. Further, it follows from (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|s - e + x^{-1}h, b\| &= \|(x^{-1}h)^2 - (x^{-1}h)^3 + \dots, b\| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \|x^{-1}h\|^n = \frac{\|x^{-1}h, b\|^2}{1 - \|x^{-1}h, b\|} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for every $b \in B$.

On the other hand, since

$$(x + h)^{-1} - x^{-1} + x^{-1}hx^{-1} = [(e + x^{-1}h)^{-1} - e + x^{-1}h]x^{-1},$$

by considering (2) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x + h)^{-1} - x^{-1} + x^{-1}hx^{-1}, b\| &= \|[(e + x^{-1}h)^{-1} - e + x^{-1}h]x^{-1}, b\| \\ &\leq 2\|x^{-1}h, b\|^2 \|x^{-1}, b\| \end{aligned}$$

for all $b \in B$, which gives the desired result. The theorem is proved. \square

Corollary 1. *If B is a 2-Banach algebra, then $G(B)$ is an open set in B , and the map $x \rightarrow x^{-1}$ is a 2-homeomorphism of $G(B)$ onto $G(B)$.*

Note that as in the usual Banach algebra, it can be proved (see, for example, Rudin [10]) that the spectrum of element x in 2-Banach algebra is non-empty set, i.e., $\sigma(x) \neq \emptyset$. This allow us to prove Gelfand-Mazur type theorem in 2-Banach algebra B .

Theorem 2. *Let B be a 2-Banach algebra such that every nonzero element x in B is invertible. Then B is isometrically isomorphic to the field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} .*

Proof. If $x \in B$ and $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, then only one of these elements can be equal to 0. Therefore, at least one of this is invertible. Since $\sigma(x) \neq \emptyset$, it follows that $\sigma(x) = \{\lambda(x)\}$ for every $x \in B$. By considering that $\lambda(x)e - x$ is noninvertible, we have that $\lambda(x)e - x = 0$, that is $x = \lambda(x)e$, and therefore, the map $x \rightarrow \lambda(x)$ is an isomorphism between B and \mathbb{C} , and moreover, this map is isometric isomorphism, because

$$|\lambda(x)| = \|\lambda(x)e, b\| = \|x, b\|$$

for all $x \in B$ and $b \in B$, which completes the proof of theorem. \square

Theorem 3. *Let B be a 2-Banach algebra, $x_n \in G(B)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and let $x \in \partial G(B)$ (the boundary of the set $G(B)$). If $\|x_n - x, b\| \rightarrow 0$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for any $b \in B$, then $\|x_n^{-1}, b\| \rightarrow \infty$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$).*

Proof. Suppose in contrary that there exists a finite number $M > 0$ such that $\|x_n^{-1}, b\| < M$ for any $b \in B$ and infinite numbers n . We can then choose the number n such that $\|x_n - x, b\| < \frac{1}{M}$ for all $b \in B$. Then, for such n we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|e - x_n^{-1}x, b\| &= \|x_n^{-1}(x_n - x), b\| \\ &\leq \|x_n^{-1}, b\| \cdot \|x_n - x, b\| < M \cdot \frac{1}{M} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all $b \in B$, and hence, $x_n^{-1}x \in G(B)$. Since $x = x_n(x_n^{-1}x)$ and $G(B)$ is a group, we obtain that $x \in G(B)$. But this is contradiction, because $G(B)$ is an open set in B . The theorem is proved. \square

Our next result gives Gelfand-Mazur type theorem. Its proof uses Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. *Let B be a 2-Banach algebra such that*

$$\|x, b\| \cdot \|y, b\| \leq M \|xy, b\| \quad (x \in B, y \in B)$$

for all $b \in B$ and some positive number M . Then B is isometrically isomorphic to \mathbb{C} .

Proof. Let y be a boundary point for the $G(B)$. Then, obviously, there exist a sequence $\{y_n\}$ with $y_n \in G(B)$ such that $y = \lim_n y_n$ in 2-norm topology. According to Theorem 3, we obtain that $\lim \|y_n^{-1}, b\| = \infty$ for any $b \in B$. By condition of theorem $\|y_n, b\| \cdot \|y_n^{-1}, b\| \leq M \|e, b\|$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), that is

$$\|y_n, b\| \leq \frac{M \|e, b\|}{\|y_n^{-1}, b\|} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

which shows that $0 = \lim_n \|y_n, b\| = \|y, b\|$ for any $b \in B$, and thus, $\|y, b\| = 0$, which implies that y and b are linearly dependent. This means that $\lambda b = y$ for any $b \in B$. On the other hand, if $x \in B$ and μ is a boundary point in $\sigma(x)$, that is $\mu \in \partial\sigma(x)$, then $\mu e - x$ is a boundary point in any $G(B)$. Then, $\mu e - x = \eta b$ for any $b \in B$. In particular, $\mu e - x = \tau e$, and hence $x = (\mu - \tau)e$, which means that $B = \{\zeta e : \zeta \in \mathbb{C}\}$, as desired. The theorem is proved. \square

In conclusion note that a 2-Banach algebra need not be in general a Banach algebra.

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