

**STRICTLY CYCLIC BANACH REPRESENTATIONS NAIMARK-
RELATED TO *-REPRESENTATIONS AND THEY ARE
*-REPRESENTATIONS**

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1. Introduction.

In The first part of this note auther studied strictly cyclic Banach representations of Banach *-algebra (or C^* -algebra) Naimark-related to *-representations which is the weaker than the similarity problem, while in the second part the auther considered when strictly cyclic Banach representations of a C^* -algebra equal to *-representations, this is the stronger property than the similarity. Throughout this note X will denotes a complex Banach space, $B(X)$ the algebra of all bounded linear operators on X . A rpresentation π is always continuous and not *-preserving. A representation $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ is said to be essential if for any $\xi \in X$ the condition $\pi(x)\xi = 0$ for all $x \in A$ implies $\xi = 0$. It is called strictly cyclic (resp. topologically cyclic) if there is a vector ξ_0 in X such that $\pi(A)\xi_0 = X$ (resp. $\overline{\pi(A)\xi_0} = X$). A representation is called topologically irreducible provided that the only closed π -invariant subspaces of X are $\{0\}$ and X , and it is algebraically irreducible if the only π -invariant subspaces of X are $\{0\}$ and X .

2. Naimark-related problem for representations of a Banach *-algebra.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$, $\phi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be Banach representations of a Banach *-algebra A . π and ϕ are said to be Naimark-related if there exists a closed densely defined one-to-one linear operator U defined in X with dense range in Y such that

- (i) domain of U is π -invariant
- (ii) $\phi(x)U\xi = U\pi(x)\xi$ for any $\xi \in \text{domain of } U$ and any $x \in A$.

THEOREM 2.2. *Let A be a Banach *-algebra, let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be a strictly cyclic Banach representation with a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 in X . If there*

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exists a state f on A with the following conditions:

(i) $f(x^*x)^{1/2} \leq K\|\pi(x)\xi_0\|$ ($K > 0$) for all $x \in A$

and (ii) $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\} = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}$.

Then π is Naimark-related to a $*$ -representation.

Proof. We define an inner product \langle, \rangle in $X = \pi(A)\xi_0$ by

$$f(y^*x) = \langle \pi(x)\xi_0, \pi(y)\xi_0 \rangle \quad (x, y \in A).$$

According to a property of a state $f(y^*x) \leq f(y^*y)f(x^*x)$ and the condition (ii), it is easily shown that the inner product is well defined with the property that

$$(1) \quad \langle \pi(z)\pi(x)\xi_0, \pi(y)\xi_0 \rangle = \langle \pi(x)\xi_0, \pi(z^*)\pi(y)\xi_0 \rangle$$

for all x, y and z in A .

We denote the inner product space $(\pi(A)\xi_0, \langle, \rangle)$ by H_0 . It is known that every $*$ -representation of a U^* -algebra A on a pre-Hilbert space is continuous and each $\pi(z)$ ($z \in A$) is also continuous on the pre-Hilbert space. Furthermore, every complex Banach $*$ -algebra is a U^* -algebra ([8], proposition 5, Theorem 7). Thus $\pi(z) \in B(H_0)$ ($z \in A$) and $\pi : A \rightarrow B(H_0)$ is continuous. Let H be the completion of H_0 and we define an operator extension of $\pi(z)$ ($z \in A$) by

$$(2) \quad \overline{\pi(z)}\xi = \lim_{\xi_n \rightarrow \xi} \pi(z)\xi_n, \quad \{\xi_n\} \subset H_0 \text{ and } \xi \in H.$$

Then this extension is unique with the properties that

$$(3) \quad \|\overline{\pi(z)}\| = \|\pi(z)\|, \quad \overline{\pi(z)}|_{H_0} = \pi(z) \quad (z \in A).$$

And also $\overline{\pi(z)}$ is a closed operator, whence $(\overline{\pi(z)})^* = \pi(z)^* \in B(H)$.

Since $\pi(z)^*$ is a closed operator whether $\pi(z)$ is closed or not, thus $\overline{\pi(z)}^* = \pi(z)^*$. It follows that

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \overline{\pi(z_1 z_2)}\xi &= \overline{\pi(z_1)\pi(z_2)}\xi, \\ (\overline{\pi(z)})^*\xi &= \pi(z)^*\xi = \overline{\pi(z)^*\xi} = \overline{\pi(z^*)}\xi \quad (\xi \in H). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we define $\bar{\pi} : A \rightarrow B(H)$ by

$$(5) \quad \bar{\pi}(z) = \overline{\pi(z)} \quad (z \in A).$$

Then $\bar{\pi}$ is the continuous $*$ -representation of A on the Hilbert space H .

It remains to prove that π and $\bar{\pi}$ are Naimark-related. We define a linear operator $U : X \rightarrow H_0$ by $U\xi = \xi$ ($\xi \in X$), then the domain U is X , range of

U is dense in H and U is one-to-one. For each $\xi \in X$, there is a sequence $\{\xi_n\}$ in X such that $U\xi_n = \xi_n \rightarrow \xi$ for X -norm. But by (i)

$$\langle \pi(x_n)\xi_0 - \xi, \pi(x_n)\xi_0 - \xi \rangle = f((x_n - x)^*(x_n - x)) \leq K^2 \|\pi(x_n)\xi_0 - \xi\|^2.$$

This shows that X -norm limit can be considered as an H -norm limit. Thus if $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi$ and $U\xi_n \rightarrow \xi$ for the X -norm, then $\xi \in X (= \text{domain of } U)$ and $U\xi = \xi \in H_0 \subset H$. Therefore U is a closed operator.

Furthermore, since

$$\bar{\pi}(x)U\xi = \pi(x)\xi = U\pi(x)\xi \quad \text{for any } \xi \in X \ (x \in A),$$

π and $\bar{\pi}$ are Naimark-related. We have proved the Theorem.

In special case, if the equality $f(x^*x)^{1/2} = \|\pi(x)\xi_0\|$ ($x \in A$) holds in condition (i) of the Theorem 2.2, we have a following stronger result.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let A be a Banach *-algebra, let π be a Banach representation of A on a Banach space X with a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 in X .*

If there exist a state f on A such that

$$(i') \quad f(x^*x)^{1/2} = \|\pi(x)\xi_0\| \quad (x \in A),$$

*then X will be a Hilbert space in the same norm as the initial one, and π is a *-representation of A on H .*

REMARK. (a) Let A be a Banach *-algebra. A positive linear form f on A is said to be a state if 1 is the minimum value of m such that

$$|f(x)|^2 \leq mf(x^*x) \quad \text{for all } x \in A.$$

(b) If A is a C^* -algebra with unit e ($\|e\| = 1$), then a positive linear form f on A is a state if and only if $\|f\| = 1$.

For the proof, let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a state, then

$$|f(x)|^2 \leq mf(x^*x) \leq m\|f\|\|x^*x\| = m\|f\|\|x\|^2,$$

then

$$|f(\frac{x}{\|x\|})|^2 \leq m\|f\| \quad (x \neq 0), \quad \text{i. e. } \|f\| \leq m.$$

Hence, if $\min\{m : |f(x)|^2 \leq mf(x^*x), x \in A\} = 1$ then $\|f\| = 1$.

Conversely, suppose that $\|f\| = 1$. Since

$$|f(x)|^2 \leq f(e)f(x^*x) \leq \|f\|\|e\|f(x^*x) = f(x^*x) \quad (x \in A)$$

we have $\min\{m : |f(x)|^2 \leq mf(x^*x), x \in A\} = 1$.

A subset $\{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}$ of A is said to be the left kernel of the state f .

THEOREM 2.4. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit, let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be a strictly cyclic Banach representation with a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 in X . If a subset $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$ is a left kernel of a state f of A , then π is Naimark-related to a $*$ -representation $\bar{\pi}$. ($\bar{\pi}$ is the $*$ -representation defined in 2.2).*

Proof. We put $J = \{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$. J is a closed left ideal of A . Define a map $\phi : A/J \rightarrow \pi(A)\xi_0 = X$ by $\phi(x+J) = \pi(x)\xi_0$, $x \in A$. Then ϕ is a bijection and continuous; the continuity from the quotient space A/J follows from the fact that

$$\|\phi(x+J)\| = \|\pi(x+z)\xi_0\|, \quad z \in J. \leq \|\pi\| \|x+z\| \|\xi_0\|, \quad z \in J.$$

Hence $\|\phi(x+J)\| \leq \|\pi\| \|\xi_0\| \|x+J\|_Q$ ($x \in A$), where $\|\cdot\|_Q$ is the quotient norm on A/J . Therefore ϕ is a homeomorphism by the open mapping theorem, whence there exist $m > 0$ such that

$$\|\phi(x+J)\| = \|\pi(x)\xi_0\| \geq m \|x+J\|_Q \quad (x \in A).$$

Since A is a C^* -algebra, $\|f\| = 1$ so we have following inequality

$$f(x^*x) = \inf_{z \in J} f((x+z)^*(x+z)) \leq \inf_{z \in J} \|x+z\|^2 = \|x+J\|_Q^2.$$

It follows that

$$f(x^*x) \leq \|x+J\|_Q^2 \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \|\pi(x)\xi_0\|^2$$

$$\text{i. e. } f(x^*x)^{1/2} \leq K \|\pi(x)\xi_0\|, \quad \left(k = \frac{1}{m}\right).$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.2, the conclusion follows.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit, J a closed left ideal of A such that $A/J = \{x+J : x \in A\}$ is separable for the quotient norm. Then there exists a state f on A such that*

$$J = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}.$$

Proof. Let $A^+ = \{x^*x : x \in A\}$, then the set $A^+ \cap J$ is a face in the positive cone A^+ . For any $x \in A/J$, $x^*x \geq 0$ and $x^*x \notin J$. Applying the geometric form of Hahn-Banach theorem to the fact $A^+ \cap J$, we obtain a state f on A such that

$$f = 0 \text{ on } J, \quad f(x^*x) > 0 \quad (x \in A) \text{ and } f(e) = 1.$$

Since A/J is separable, there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in A such that $f_n|_J = 0$, $f_n(x_n^*x_n) > 0$ and $f_n(e) = 1$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).

We put $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f_n$, then obviously f is a normalized state on A with $f|_J = 0$. Moreover since J is a left ideal and $|f(y)|^2 \leq f(y^*y)f(e)$ holds for any state f on A ,

$$f(y^*y) = 0 \iff y^*y \in J \iff y \in J.$$

$$\text{i. e. } J = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}.$$

From the Theorem 2.4 and the Lemma 2.5, we have a following

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit, let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be a strictly cyclic Banach representation. If A/J is separable for the quotient norm, then π is Naimark-related to a $*$ -representation, where $J = \{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$ and ξ_0 is a strictly cyclic vector of π .*

Also we have the following result:

COROLLARY 2.7. *Let A be a separable C^* -algebra with unit, let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ a strictly cyclic Banach representation. Then π is Naimark-related to a $*$ -representation of A on some Hilbert space.*

2.8. **EXAMPLE.** We illustrate that the conditions (i) , (ii) of the Theorem 2.2 are resonable.

Let \mathcal{A} be the set of all complex homomorphism of a commutative Banach algebra A with identity. The formula $\hat{x}(h) = h(x)$ ($h \in \mathcal{A}$, $x \in A$) assigns to each $x \in A$ a function $\hat{x} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We call \hat{x} the Gelfand transformation of x . Let $\hat{A} = \{\hat{x} : x \in A\}$. The Gelfand topology of \mathcal{A} is the weak topology induced by \hat{A} . Obviously $\hat{A} \subset C(\mathcal{A})$, $C(\mathcal{A})$ is the algebra of complex continuous functions on \mathcal{A} . The set \mathcal{A} equipped with the Gelfand topology is called the maximal ideal space of A ; this is a compact Hausdorff space.

The Gelfand-Naimark theorem says that if A is commutative C^* -algebra with the maximal ideal space \mathcal{A} , then the Gelfand transform $\mathcal{A} : A \rightarrow \hat{A} \subset C(\mathcal{A})$ is an isometric isomorphism of A onto $C(\mathcal{A})$ which has the property that $(x^*)^\wedge = \overline{\hat{x}}$.

We define a representation $\pi : A \rightarrow B(A)$ of a commutative C^* -algebra with unit and with the maximal ideal space \mathcal{A} on A by $\pi(x)y = xy$. Then π is a continuous Banach representation with a strictly cyclic vector e (unit of A).

Also we define a linear functional $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $f(x) = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \hat{x} d\mu$, where μ is a positive regular Borel measure on \mathcal{A} such that $\mu(\mathcal{A}) \leq 1$, $\text{supp } \mu = \mathcal{A}$.

$$\text{Then } f(y^*x) = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \hat{x} \hat{y}^* d\mu = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \hat{x} \overline{\hat{y}} d\mu$$

$$\text{and } f(x^*x) = \int_{\mathcal{A}} |\hat{x}|^2 d\mu = 0 \iff \hat{x} = 0 \iff x = 0$$

hold by the Gelfand-Naimark theorem. Therefore

$$\{x \in A : \pi(x)e = 0\} = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\} = \{0\},$$

and we can define an inner product \langle, \rangle in A by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = f(y^*x) \quad (x, y \in A).$$

Furthermore,

$$f(x^*x)^{1/2} = \left(\int_d |\hat{x}(h)|^2 d(h) \right)^{1/2} \leq \max_{h \in d} |\hat{x}(h)| = \|\hat{x}\|_\infty$$

$$= \|x\| = \|\pi(x)e\| \quad (x \in A).$$

$$\text{i. e. } f(x^*x)^{1/2} \leq \|\pi(x)e\| \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

In this case the extension $\bar{\pi}$ of π is defined by $\overline{\pi(x)y} = \lim_{y_n \rightarrow y} \pi(x)y_n = xy$ ($y \in H$).

If $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ is an essential algebraically irreducible Banach representation of a Banach $*$ -algebra A on X , then every nonzero vector ξ in X is strictly cyclic and the set $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi = 0\}$ is a maximal modular left ideal.

Thus if there is a state f on A such that $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi = 0\}$ is the left kernel of the state f , then π is Naimark-related to a $*$ -representation. The converse of this statement is true ([4], p. 9, Theorem 1).

3. Conditions for a strictly cyclic Banach representation to be a $*$ -representation.

Let A be a Banach $*$ -algebra and f a state on A . f is said to be pure if every state on A dominated by f is of the form λf ($0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$).

3.1. THEOREM. *Let A be a C^* -algebra, $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ a strictly cyclic Banach representation with a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 in X . If there exists a pure state f on A such that $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$ is the left kernel of f , then X is a Hilbert space in an equivalent norm and π is a $*$ -representation of A on this Hilbert space.*

Proof. $M = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}$ is a closed left ideal of A , we define an inner product on $A/M = \{x+M : x \in A\}$ by

$$(x+M, y+M) = f(y^*x) \quad (x, y \in A).$$

Then $|x+M| = f(x^*x)^{1/2}$ is a norm of $x+M \in A/M$. This norm coincides with the quotient norm $\|x+M\|_Q = \inf \{\|x+z\| : z \in M\}$ on A/M ([16], Theorem 1). Thus A/M is a Hilbert space for the norm $\|\cdot\|_Q$. Define a map $\phi : A/M$

$\rightarrow \pi(A)\xi_0 = X$ by $\phi(x+M) = \pi(x)\xi_0$ ($x \in A$), then ϕ is bijection and continuous. Therefore ϕ is a homeomorphism by the open mapping theorem, whence two norms $\|\cdot\|_Q$ and the original norm of X are equivalent. Now, we define a new norm $\|\cdot\|_2$ of X by $\|\pi(x)\xi_0\|_2 = \|x+M\|_Q$ ($=f(x^*x)^{1/2}$). Then this is the induced norm by an inner product on X , that is, $\langle \pi(x)\xi_0, \pi(y)\xi_0 \rangle = f(y^*x)$. And, by definition, the norm $\|\pi(x)\xi_0\|_2 = f(x^*x)^{1/2}$ on $\pi(A)\xi_0 = X$ is a Hilbert space norm. Obviously two norms $\|\cdot\|_2$ and the original norm $\|\cdot\|$ on X are equivalent. We put $(X, \|\cdot\|_2) = H$, then by proof of the Theorem 2.2, $\bar{\pi} = \pi : A \rightarrow B(H)$ is a *-representation.

3.2. LEMMA. *Let A be a Banach algebra with unit e , $\|e\|=1$. Let K be a proper left ideal of A . Then there exists a maximal left ideal M containing K .*

Method of the proof is used a standard tool, we omit the proof. We have also a following Lemma.

3.3. LEMMA. *Let A be a Banach algebra. A maximal left ideal M of A is closed.*

3.4. THEOREM. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit e , let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be a topologically irreducible Banach representation. If there is a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 of π in X , then X is a Hilbert space H in an equivalent norm and π is a *-representation of A on H .*

Proof. We put $K = \{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$, then K is a closed left ideal of A . We show that K is maximal. By Lemma 3.2 and 3.3, there exists a maximal left ideal M of A such that $K \subseteq M = \bar{M}$. Let A/K be a quotient space equipped with the quotient norm. A map $\phi : A/K \rightarrow \pi(A)\xi_0 = X$, defined by $\phi(x+K) = \pi(x)\xi_0$ ($x \in A$), is a homeomorphism.

Since M is closed in A , M/K is closed in A/K . Thus $\phi(M/K) = \pi(M)\xi_0$ is closed in X since ϕ is a homeomorphism.

And since

$$\pi(x)\phi(M/K) = \pi(x)\pi(M)\xi_0 \subseteq \pi(M)\xi_0 = \phi(M/K) \quad (x \in A),$$

$\phi(M/K)$ is a closed π -invariant subspace of X . Hence we have

$$\phi(M/K) = X = \pi(A)\xi_0 = \phi(A/K).$$

i. e. $M/K = A/K$ or $M = A$, whence $M = K$.

Therefore, there exists a state f on A such that

$$K = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}, \quad \|f\| = f(e) = 1 \quad ([13], \text{ p. 259, p. 266}).$$

This state f is also a pure state ([1], p. 463).

It follows that there is a pure state f on A such that

$$\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\} = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}.$$

Thus, by Theorem 3.1, the conclusion follows.

The condition on existence of strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 in Theorem 3.4 may be replaced by another condition. In general we have a following fact: Let X be a locally convex topological vector space over \mathbf{K} ($\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{C}$ or \mathbf{R}) for a topology τ , let S be a convex subset of X , then S is τ -closed if and only if it is weakly closed ([14], p.158).

3.5. COROLLARY. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit, let $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ be topologically irreducible Banach representation. If there is a vector ξ_0 in X and there exists a left ideal J of A such that $0 \neq \pi(J)\xi_0$ is weakly closed in X , then the same conclusion follows as the Theorem 3.4.*

For a proof, since $\pi(J)\xi_0$ is a linear subspace of X , it is convex. By the above statement $\pi(J)\xi_0$ is weakly closed if and only if it is norm closed in X . Thus $\pi(A)\xi_0 = X$. Thus the result follows.

Now we are going to prove the following.

3.6. THEOREM. *Let A be a C^* -algebra with unit, $\pi : A \rightarrow B(X)$ a Banach representation with a strictly cyclic vector ξ_0 of π .*

If there exists a irreducible state f on A such that $\{x \in A : \pi(x)\xi_0 = 0\}$ is the left kernel of this state f on A , then X is a Hilbert space in an equivalent norm, f is a strictly pure state on A and π is an algebraically irreducible $$ -representation of A on this Hilbert space.*

In order to prove this theorem we have to add some definitions and preliminary subjects.

A positive sesquilinear form (PSE) ϕ on a $*$ -algebra A said to be adjunctive if $\phi(xy, z) = \phi(y, x^*z)$ ($x, y, z \in A$).

If f is a state on a $*$ -algebra A , then the formula

$$\phi_f(x, y) = f(y^*x) \quad (x, y \in A)$$

defined an adjunctive PSF ϕ_f .

Let ϕ be an adjunctive PSF on a $*$ -algebra A and if

$$N_\phi = \{x \in A : \phi(x, x) = 0\}$$

then N_ϕ is a left ideal of A . The quotient vector space $A_\phi = A/N_\phi$ is an inner product space with inner product defined by

$$(x_\phi | y_\phi) = \phi(x, y), \quad \text{where } x_\phi = x + N_\phi \quad (x \in A).$$

For each $a \in A$, $x_\phi \rightarrow (ax)_\phi$ is a well defined linear map on the quotient vector space A_ϕ ; We denote it by the formula $T_a x_\phi = (ax)_\phi$. Then this satisfies $(T_a x_\phi | y_\phi) = (x_\phi | T_a^* y_\phi)$.

A positive sesquilinear form ϕ on a *-algebra A is said to be admissible if (i) ϕ is adjunctive and (ii) for each $a \in A$ there exists a constant $K_a \geq 0$ such that $\phi(ax, ax) \leq K_a \phi(x, x)$ for all $x \in A$.

If ϕ is admissible PSF on a *-algebra A then $T_a : A_\phi \rightarrow A_\phi$ is continuous linear map on the inner product space A_ϕ . The unique continuous extension of T_a to the completion H_ϕ of A_ϕ will denote also by T_a , thus $T_a \in B(H_\phi)$.

Let A be a *-algebra. A representation $a \rightarrow T_a \in B(H_\phi)$ is said to be *-representation determined by a admissible PSF ϕ on A .

An admissible PSF ϕ on a *-algebra A is said to be strictly irreducible if $H_\phi \neq 0$ and if the *-subset $\{T_a : a \in A\}$ of $B(H_\phi)$ is strictly irreducible.

A state f on a *-algebra A is admissible if the adjunctive PSF ϕ_f determined by $\phi_f(x, y) = f(y^*x)$ is admissible, and a state f is strictly irreducible if the *-subset $\{T_a \in B(H_{\phi_f}) | a \in A\}$ is strictly irreducible.

We denote $H_f = H_{\phi_f}$, thus $N_f = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}$ and $A_f = A/N_f$.

Let A be a Banach *-algebra. A positive form f on A is called strictly pure if f is pure and the *-representation of A determined by f (or ϕ_f) is strictly irreducible.

Proof of the Theorem 3.6. Since on a C*-algebra with unit every state f is continuous and f is admissible ([14], p.293). Therefore f is strictly irreducible if and only if f is a pure state on A ([14], Theorem 67.22), in this case f is also a strictly pure state ([1], p.460, Theorem 2.1).

Hence, by assumptions and Theorem 3.1, X is a Hilbert space H in an equivalent norm and π is a *-representation of A on H .

We put $N_f = \{x \in A : f(x^*x) = 0\}$, $A_f = A/N_f$ and $|x_f| = |x + N_f| = f(x^*x)^{1/2}$ ($x \in A$). This norm $|\cdot|$ on A_f is a complete norm and the map $\phi : A_f \rightarrow \pi(A)\xi_0 = X$ defined by $\phi(x_f) = \pi(x)\xi_0$ ($x_f \in A_f$) is a homeomorphism. And the *-subset $\{T_a : a \in A\} \subset B(A_f) (= B(H_f))$ is strictly irreducible by the hypothesis on f , where T_a is defined by $T_a x_f = (ax)_f$, $x_f \in A_f$.

Moreover since $\phi(T_a x_f) = \phi(ax + N_f) = \pi(a)\pi(x)\xi_0$, we have

$$\phi(T_a x_f) = \pi(a)\phi(x_f) \quad (a \in A, x_f \in A_f).$$

It follows that the *-subset $\{T_a : a \in A\}$ of $B(H_f)$ is strictly irreducible if and only if π is algebraically irreducible; for, if $\pi(a)S \subset S$ for all $a \in A$ then there exists a unique subset M of A_f such that $\phi(M) = S$. Thus

$$\pi(a)\phi(M) \subset \phi(M) \iff \phi(T_a M) \subset \phi(M) \iff T_a M \subset M$$

for all $a \in A$, and obviously

$$M = N_f \text{ or } A_f \text{ if and only if } S = \{0\} \text{ or } X.$$

Therefore $\pi : A \rightarrow B(H_f)$ is an algebraically irreducible $*$ -representation of A on H_f , we put $H_f = H$, this completes the proof.

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