

# Seminorms Associated with Subadditive Weights on $C^*$ -Algebras

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**Abstract**—Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  be the set of all elements  $x$  in  $\mathcal{A}^+$  with  $\varphi(x) < +\infty$ . A seminorm  $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$  is introduced on the lineal  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}} = \text{lin}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$ , and a sufficient condition for the seminorm to be a norm is given. Let  $I$  be the unit of the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\varphi(I) = 1$ . Then, for every element  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , the limit  $\rho_\varphi(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\varphi(I + tx) - 1)/t$  exists and is finite. Properties of  $\rho_\varphi$  are investigated, and examples of subadditive weights on  $C^*$ -algebras are considered. On the basis of Lozinskii's 1958 results, specific subadditive weights on  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  are considered. An estimate for the difference of Cayley transforms of Hermitian elements of a von Neumann algebra is obtained.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In connection with the progress in the theory of von Neumann algebras and the extension of the scope of its applications, the problem of extending Segal integration theory [1] to normal weights in arbitrary (not necessarily semifinite) von Neumann algebras has become urgent. This problem is also meaningful for noncentral normal states. The solution of the problem of constructing a noncommutative space  $L_1(\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  associated with a faithful normal semifinite weight  $\varphi$  on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  uses the completion of the lineal  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$  with respect to the norm

$$\|x\|_\varphi = \inf\{\varphi(a + b) : x = a - b, a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+\};$$

see [2, Chap. 3, Sec. 15]. Here  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ = \{x \in \mathcal{A}^+ : \varphi(x) < +\infty\}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}} = \text{lin}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$ , and the key role is played by the weight lineal [2, Chap. 3, Sec. 14]

$$D_\varphi = \{\xi \in \mathcal{H} : \exists \lambda > 0 \forall x \in \mathcal{A}^+ (\langle x\xi, \xi \rangle \leq \lambda\varphi(x))\}. \quad (1)$$

In the present paper, a similar (semi)norm is introduced with respect to a subadditive weight  $\varphi$  on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . These weights were studied in [3]–[8]; ideal seminorms were treated in [9] and [10]. Let us list our results. Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be subadditive weights on a hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of some von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ , and let every projection in  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$ . Then, for every  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$ , there is an increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$  such that  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (Theorem 1). Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive trace on the von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$\varphi(|K(x) - K(y)|) \leq 2\varphi(|x - y|) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}},$$

where  $K(z)$  is the Cayley transform of the operator  $z \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  (Theorem 4).

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Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\varphi(I) = 1$ . Then, for every  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , the following limit exists and is finite:

$$\rho_\varphi(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(I + tx) - 1}{t} \quad (\text{Lemma}).$$

We have

- $\rho_\varphi(x + y) \leq \rho_\varphi(x) + \rho_\varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ ;
- $\rho_\varphi(x) \leq \rho_\varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  with  $x \leq y$ ;
- $\rho_\varphi(\lambda x) = |\lambda| \rho_\varphi(\text{sgn} \lambda x)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ ;
- $|\rho_\varphi(x) - \rho_\varphi(y)| \leq \|x - y\|_\varphi$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  (Theorem 5).

A sufficient condition for  $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$  to be a norm on the lineal  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$  is given (Corollary 3). Particular subadditive weights on  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  are considered (Example 3).

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION

By a  $C^*$ -algebra we mean a complex Banach  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\|x^*x\| = \|x\|^2$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . An element  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  is called a *projection* if  $x = x^2 = x^*$ .

For a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , by  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{pr}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}^+$  we denote the subsets of projections, Hermitian elements, and positive elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \{x \in \mathcal{A} : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

If  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $|x| = \sqrt{x^*x} \in \mathcal{A}^+$ .

If  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , then  $x_+ = (|x| + x)/2$  and  $x_- = (|x| - x)/2$  belong to  $\mathcal{A}^+$ ,  $x = x_+ - x_-$ , and  $x_+x_- = 0$ .

We denote the unit of a unital algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $I$ . A  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of a given  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *hereditary* if, for  $a \in \mathcal{A}^+$  and  $b \in \mathcal{B}^+$ , the inequality  $a \leq b$  implies  $a \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space over the field  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be the  $*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . By the *commutant* of a set  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  we mean the set

$$\mathcal{X}' = \{y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : xy = yx \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

By a *von Neumann algebra* acting on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  we mean a  $*$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of the algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  for which  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}''$ . Every  $C^*$ -algebra can be realized as a  $C^*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  for some Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  (Gel'fand–Naimark; see [11, Theorem 3.4.1]). The following definition was given in [3] (see also [4, Remark 1.6]).

**Definition 1.** By a *subadditive weight* on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  we mean a mapping  $\varphi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^+$ ,
- (ii)  $\varphi(x + y) \leq \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^+$ ,
- (iii)  $\varphi(\lambda x) = \lambda \varphi(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^+$ ,  $\lambda \geq 0$  (here  $0 \cdot (+\infty) \equiv 0$ ).

For a subadditive weight  $\varphi$ , we set

$$\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ = \{x \in \mathcal{A}^+ : \varphi(x) < +\infty\}, \quad \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}} = \lim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+, \quad \mathfrak{M}_\varphi = \lim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+.$$

A subadditive weight  $\varphi$  is said to be *faithful* if  $\varphi(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^+$ ; it is called a *subadditive trace* if  $\varphi(x^*x) = \varphi(xx^*)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . A subadditive weight  $\varphi$  on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *normal* if  $x_i \nearrow x$  and  $(x_i, x \in \mathcal{A}^+) \Rightarrow \varphi(x) = \sup_i \varphi(x_i)$ .

3. SUBADDITIVE WEIGHTS AND SEMINORMS ON  $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be subadditive weights on a hereditary  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of some von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ , and let every projection in  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$ . Then, for every  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$ , there is an increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$  such that  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, we assume that  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Then

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{2^k} p_k$$

for some sequence  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{A}^{\text{pr}}$  [11, Theorem 4.1.13]. We set

$$x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^k} p_k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then  $x_n \nearrow x$  and  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $p_k \leq 2^k x$ , it follows that  $p_k \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ \cap \mathcal{A}^{\text{pr}} \subset \mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,  $x_n \in \mathfrak{M}_\psi^+$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

**Corollary 1.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, we have  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}} \subset \overline{\mathfrak{M}_\psi^{\text{sa}}}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi \subset \overline{\mathfrak{M}_\psi}$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider the following functions on the real vector space  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_\varphi &= \inf\{\varphi(a+b) : x = a-b, a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+\}, \\ \|x\|_{\varphi,1} &= \inf\{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) : x = a-b, a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi,1}$  are seminorms. Moreover,

$$\|x\|_\varphi \leq \|x\|_{\varphi,1} \leq 2\|x\|_\varphi, \quad \|x\|_\varphi \leq \| |x| \|_\varphi = \varphi(|x|)$$

for all  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ .

**Proof.** We prove only the triangle inequality for  $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ ; we set  $\alpha = \|x\|_\varphi$  and  $\beta = \|y\|_\varphi$ . Then, for  $a, b, c, d \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  with  $a-b = x$  and  $c-d = y$ , we have  $\varphi(a+b) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\varphi(c+d) \geq \beta$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ \quad (a_\varepsilon - b_\varepsilon = x, \varphi(a_\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon) \leq \alpha + \varepsilon), \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists c_\varepsilon, d_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ \quad (c_\varepsilon - d_\varepsilon = y, \varphi(c_\varepsilon + d_\varepsilon) \leq \beta + \varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for every number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are elements  $a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon, c_\varepsilon, d_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} a_\varepsilon + c_\varepsilon - b_\varepsilon - d_\varepsilon &= x + y, \\ \varphi(a_\varepsilon + c_\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon + d_\varepsilon) &\leq \varphi(a_\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon) + \varphi(c_\varepsilon + d_\varepsilon) \leq \alpha + \beta + 2\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

We set  $u_\varepsilon = a_\varepsilon + c_\varepsilon$  and  $v_\varepsilon = b_\varepsilon + d_\varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We have

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists u_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+ \quad (u_\varepsilon - v_\varepsilon = x + y, \varphi(u_\varepsilon + v_\varepsilon) \leq \alpha + \beta + 2\varepsilon);$$

since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we obtain  $\|x + y\|_\varphi \leq \|x\|_\varphi + \|y\|_\varphi$  for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ . This concludes the proof of the theorem. □

**Corollary 2.** *If  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$  and  $\|x\| \leq \varepsilon$ , then  $\|x\|_\varphi \leq \varepsilon\varphi(I)$ .*

**Proof.** For  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ , we have the implications

$$\begin{aligned} \| |x| \| = \|x\| \leq \varepsilon &\iff -\varepsilon I \leq x \leq \varepsilon I \iff |x| \leq \varepsilon I \\ &\implies \|x\|_\varphi \leq \| |x| \|_\varphi = \varphi(|x|) \leq \varphi(\varepsilon I) = \varepsilon\varphi(I). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the following proposition is similar to that of Proposition 16.2 in [2].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  acting on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , let  $D_\varphi$  be the lineal defined by formula (1), and let  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ . A vector functional  $\omega_\xi(x) \equiv \langle x\xi, \xi \rangle$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$ -continuous on the real space  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$  if and only if  $\xi \in D_\varphi$ .*

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive trace on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then*

- i) *the mapping  $x \mapsto \|x\|_{\varphi,2} = \varphi(|x|)$  defines a seminorm on  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ ;*
- ii)  *$\|x\|_\varphi \leq \varphi(|x|) \leq \|x\|_{\varphi,1}$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ .*

**Proof.** (i) By Corollary 1 of [12], for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , there is a unitary operator  $u \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  such that

$$|x + y| \leq 2^{-1}(|x| + |y| + u(|x| + |y|)u).$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi(|x + y|) \leq \varphi(|x| + |y|) \leq \varphi(|x|) + \varphi(|y|).$$

(ii) The first inequality was established in Theorem 2, and the proof of the second one is similar to that of Proposition 15.7 in [2], where it was shown that, for  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$  and  $a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+$  with  $a - b = x$ , we have  $\varphi(a) \geq \varphi(x_+)$  and  $\varphi(b) \geq \varphi(x_-)$ . □

**Remark 1.** If a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is unital and  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , then, for every number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are unitary  $u, v \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $|x + y| \leq u|x|u^* + v|y|v^* + \varepsilon I$ ; see Theorem 4.2 of [13]. Therefore, the mapping  $x \mapsto \|x\|_{\varphi,2} = \varphi(|x|)$  defines a seminorm on  $\mathcal{A}$  for every finite subadditive trace  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Theorems 2 and 3 imply the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a faithful subadditive trace on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then the mappings*

$$\begin{aligned} x \mapsto \|x\|_{\varphi,2} = \varphi(|x|), & \quad x \mapsto \|x\|_\varphi = \inf\{\varphi(a + b) : x = a - b, a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+\}, \\ x \mapsto \|x\|_{\varphi,1} = \inf\{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) : x = a - b, a, b \in \mathfrak{M}_\varphi^+\} \end{aligned}$$

*define equivalent norms on the real vector space  $\mathfrak{M}_\varphi^{\text{sa}}$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. As is well known, the Cayley transform

$$K(x) = \frac{x + iI}{x - iI} = (x - iI)^{-1}(x + iI) = (x + iI)(x - iI)^{-1}$$

of an element  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  is a unitary element of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive trace on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\varphi(|K(x) - K(y)|) \leq 2\varphi(|x - y|) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}.$$

**Proof.** *Step 1.* Let us show that  $\varphi(|azb|) \leq \varphi(|z|)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $z \in \mathcal{A}$ . To this end, we shall prove that  $\varphi(|c|) = \varphi(|c^*|)$  for all  $c \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $c = u|c|$  be the polar decomposition of the operator  $c \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $|c^*| = u|c|u^*$  (see [14]). We have

$$\varphi(|c^*|) = \varphi(u|c|u^*) = \varphi(u\sqrt{|c|} \cdot \sqrt{|c|}u^*) = \varphi(\sqrt{|c|}u^* \cdot u\sqrt{|c|}) = \varphi(|c|).$$

Now, for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $z \in \mathcal{A}$ , from the operator monotonicity of the function  $\lambda \mapsto \sqrt{\lambda}$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(|azb|) &= \varphi(\sqrt{b^*z^*a^*azb}) \leq \varphi(\sqrt{b^*z^*zb}) = \varphi(|zb|) = \varphi(|(zb)^*|) \\ &= \varphi(|b^*z^*|) = \varphi(\sqrt{zbb^*z^*}) \leq \varphi(\sqrt{zz^*}) = \varphi(|z^*|) = \varphi(|z|). \end{aligned}$$

*Step 2.* For  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} K(x) - K(y) &= (x - iI)^{-1}(x + iI) - (y + iI)(y - iI)^{-1} \\ &= (x - iI)^{-1}[(x + iI)(y - iI) - (x - iI)(y + iI)](y - iI)^{-1} \\ &= -2i(x - iI)^{-1} \cdot (x - y) \cdot (y - iI)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the function  $f(\lambda) = 1/(\lambda - i)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , satisfies the inequality  $|f(\lambda)| \leq 1$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we see that  $f(x) = (x - iI)^{-1}$ ,  $f(y) = (y - iI)^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_1$ . By Step 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(|K(x) - K(y)|) &= \varphi(|-2i(x - iI)^{-1} \cdot (x - y) \cdot (y - iI)^{-1}|) \\ &= 2\varphi(|(x - iI)^{-1} \cdot (x - y) \cdot (y - iI)^{-1}|) \leq 2\varphi(|x - y|). \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

#### 4. A FUNCTIONAL ASSOCIATED WITH A SUBADDITIVE WEIGHT

**Lemma.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\varphi(I) = 1$ . Then, for every  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , the limit*

$$\rho_\varphi(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(I + tx) - 1}{t}$$

*exists and is finite.*

**Proof.** For  $x = 0$ , the assertion is obvious. For  $x \neq 0$ , we set

$$J_x = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : -\|x\|^{-1} < t < \|x\|^{-1}\}.$$

We have  $I + tx \in \mathcal{A}^+$  for all  $t \in J_x$ . Consider the function  $f$  defined by the formula

$$f(t) = \varphi(I + tx), \quad t \in J_x.$$

Let us show the continuity of the function  $f$  on  $J_x$ . Take  $s, t \in J_x$  such that  $|s - t| < \varepsilon\|x\|^{-1}$ . Then  $\|(s - t)x\| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|(s - t)x\|_\varphi < \varepsilon$  by Corollary 2. Since  $I + sx = I + tx + (s - t)x$ , it follows from the triangle inequality that

$$\|I + sx\|_\varphi < \|I + tx\|_\varphi + \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,  $\|I + sx\|_\varphi - \|I + tx\|_\varphi < \varepsilon$ . Interchanging the roles of  $s$  and  $t$ , we obtain the inequality  $\|I + tx\|_\varphi - \|I + sx\|_\varphi < \varepsilon$ . Thus,

$$|\|I + sx\|_\varphi - \|I + tx\|_\varphi| < \varepsilon,$$

and the equalities  $\|I + ux\|_\varphi = \varphi(I + ux)$  for  $u \in \{s, t\}$  imply

$$|\varphi(I + sx) - \varphi(I + tx)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,  $f$  is continuous on  $J_x$ . For all  $s, t \in J_x$ , we have

$$f\left(\frac{s+t}{2}\right) = \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}(I + sx) + \frac{1}{2}(I + tx)\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi(I + sx) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(I + tx) = \frac{1}{2}f(s) + \frac{1}{2}f(t),$$

i.e., the function  $f$  is convex on  $J_x$ . By virtue of a well-known fact (see, e.g., Theorem 111 of [15]), the function  $f$  has finite right derivative at every point  $t \in J_x$ . In particular, the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t) - f(0)}{t}$$

exists and is finite. Since  $f(0) = 1$ , this limit is equal to  $\rho_\varphi(x)$ . Note that, by well-known properties of convex functions, the fraction  $(f(t) - f(0))/t$  monotonically decreases to  $\rho_\varphi(x)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ . This concludes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\varphi(I) = 1$ . Then

- i)  $\rho_\varphi(x + y) \leq \rho_\varphi(x) + \rho_\varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ ;
- ii)  $\rho_\varphi(x) \leq \rho_\varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  with  $x \leq y$ ;
- iii)  $\rho_\varphi(\lambda x) = |\lambda| \rho_\varphi(\text{sgn} \lambda x)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ ;
- iv)  $\rho_\varphi(x + \lambda I) = \rho_\varphi(x) + \lambda$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- v)  $|\rho_\varphi(x) - \rho_\varphi(y)| \leq \|x - y\|_\varphi$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ .

**Proof.** Let us use the lemma.

(i) For sufficiently small numbers  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(I + t(x + y)) - 1 &= \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}(I + 2tx) + \frac{1}{2}(I + 2ty)\right) - 1 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\varphi(I + 2tx) - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(\varphi(I + 2ty) - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides of this inequality by  $t > 0$  and passing to the limit as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , we obtain the desired assertion.

The proof of (ii) is similar to that of (i).

(iii) For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$  and for  $t > 0$  with  $|t\lambda| < \|x\|^{-1}$ , we have

$$\frac{\varphi(I + t(\lambda x)) - 1}{t} = \frac{\varphi(I + t(\lambda x)) - 1}{t\lambda} \lambda.$$

Passing to the limit as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , we obtain the desired fact for  $\lambda \neq 0$ . For  $\lambda = 0$ , the equation  $\rho_\varphi(\lambda x) = |\lambda| \rho_\varphi(\text{sgn} \lambda x)$  is obvious.

(iv) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t > 0$  be such that  $\lambda t > -1$ . For  $s = t(1 + \lambda t)^{-1}$ , we have  $s \rightarrow 0+$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$  and, for sufficiently small numbers  $t > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\varphi(I + t(x + \lambda I)) - 1}{t} &= \frac{\varphi((1 + \lambda t)I + tx) - 1}{t} = \frac{(1 + \lambda t)\varphi(I + sx) - 1}{t} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(I + sx) - (1 + \lambda t)^{-1}}{s} = \frac{\varphi(I + sx) - 1}{s} + \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

(v) *Step 1.* Let us show that  $|\rho_\varphi(x)| \leq \|x\|_\varphi$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , and let  $x = a - b$  for  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^+$ . For sufficiently small numbers  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(I + tx) &= \varphi(I + t(a - b)) \leq \varphi(I + t(a + b)) \leq \varphi(I) + t\varphi(a + b) = 1 + t\varphi(a + b), \\ 1 &= \varphi(t(a + b) + I - t(a + b)) \leq \varphi(t(a + b)) + \varphi(I - t(a + b)) \\ &\leq t\varphi(a + b) + \varphi(I - t(b - a)) \leq t\varphi(a + b) + \varphi(I + tx). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$|\varphi(I + tx) - 1| \leq t\varphi(a + b), \quad |(\varphi(I + tx) - 1)t^{-1}| \leq \varphi(a + b).$$

Therefore,

$$|(\varphi(I + tx) - 1)t^{-1}| \leq \inf\{\varphi(a + b) : x = a - b, a, b \in \mathcal{A}^+\} = \|x\|_\varphi,$$

and

$$|\rho_\varphi(x)| = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \left| \frac{\varphi(I + tx) - 1}{t} \right| \leq \|x\|_\varphi, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}.$$

Step 2. It follows from part (i), by virtue of Step 1 for  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\varphi(y) - \rho_\varphi(x) &\leq \rho_\varphi(y - x) \leq \|y - x\|_\varphi = \|x - y\|_\varphi, \\ \rho_\varphi(x) - \rho_\varphi(y) &\leq \rho_\varphi(x - y) \leq \|x - y\|_\varphi, \end{aligned}$$

as was to be proved. Now, by Theorem 2, we obtain

$$|\rho_\varphi(x) - \rho_\varphi(y)| \leq \|x - y\|_{\varphi,1} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}.$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem. □

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , and let  $\varphi(I) = 1$ . Then  $\rho_\varphi(I) = 1$ , and the restriction  $\rho_\varphi|_{\mathcal{A}^+}$  is a subadditive weight on  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted by  $\psi$ , and  $\rho_\varphi = \rho_\psi$ . Moreover,  $\|x\|_\psi \leq \|x\|_\varphi$  and  $\|x\|_{\psi,1} \leq \|x\|_{\varphi,1}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ .*

**Proof.** It follows from part (ii) of Theorem 5 that  $\psi: \mathcal{A}^+ \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ . For any  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\psi(x) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho_\varphi(I + sx) - 1}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(I + t(I + sx)) - 1 - t}{st} \right) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(I + st/(1+t)x) - 1}{st/(1+t)} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \rho_\varphi(x) = \rho_\varphi(x). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 and part (v) of Theorem 5 imply

$$\psi(x) = \rho_\varphi(x) \leq \|x\|_\varphi \leq \varphi(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{A}^+.$$

This concludes the proof of the assertion. □

**Remark 2.** Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be subadditive weights on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\varphi(I) = \psi(I) = 1$ , and let  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$\rho_{\lambda\varphi+(1-\lambda)\psi}(x) = \lambda\rho_\varphi(x) + (1-\lambda)\rho_\psi(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}.$$

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive weight on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\varphi(I) = 1$ , and let  $\psi = \rho_\varphi|_{\mathcal{A}^+}$ . If  $\varphi$  is normal, then  $\psi$  is also normal. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite and  $\varphi$  is a subadditive trace, then  $\psi$  is also a subadditive trace.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite (i.e.,  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $a^*a = I$  imply  $aa^* = I$ ). Let  $\varphi$  be a subadditive trace, and let  $x = u|x|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $xx^* = ux^*xu^*$  and there is a unitary operator  $v \in \mathcal{A}$  with the property  $xx^* = vx^*xv^*$  (see the proof of Theorem 2 in [16]). We have  $x^*x = v^*xx^*v$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\varphi(x^*x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(I + tv^*xx^*v) - 1}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(v^*(I + txx^*)v) - 1}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(\sqrt{I + txx^*}v^*\sqrt{I + txx^*}) - 1}{t} = \rho_\varphi(xx^*). \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of the proposition. □

**Example 1.** For a vector state  $\varphi = \langle (\cdot)\xi, \xi \rangle$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\|\xi\| = 1$ , on the algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , we have  $\|x\|_\varphi = |\langle x\xi, \xi \rangle|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^{\text{sa}}$  (see [2, Example 15.6]). Obviously,  $\rho_\varphi(x) = \langle x\xi, \xi \rangle$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})^{\text{sa}}$ . Therefore, the inequality of part (v) of Theorem 5 is an equality.

**Example 2.** Let  $\psi$  be a faithful state on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\langle x, y \rangle_\psi = \psi(y^*x)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , is an inner product on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{\psi(x^*x)}$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , is a norm on  $\mathcal{A}$ . If the state  $\psi$  is tracial, then  $\varphi|_{\mathcal{A}^+}$  is a subadditive trace on  $\mathcal{A}$  [10, Proposition 1] (the converse assertion also holds; see the theorem in [17]). Since the positive functional  $\psi$  is automatically continuous, it follows that, for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{sa}}$ , we have

$$\rho_\varphi(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{\psi((I + tx)^2)} - 1}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\psi((I + tx)^2) - \psi(I)}{t(\sqrt{\psi((I + tx)^2)} + 1)} = \psi(x).$$

**Example 3.** For every vector  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we set

$$\|\xi\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |\xi_k|, \quad \|\xi\|_2 = \sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k|, \quad \|\xi\|_3 = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n |\xi_k|^2}.$$

These norms induce the norms

$$\|x\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \sum_{m=1}^n |x_{km}|, \quad \|x\|_2 = \max_{1 \leq m \leq n} \sum_{k=1}^n |x_{km}|, \quad \|x\|_3 = \sqrt{\lambda_1(x^*x)},$$

respectively, on  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , where  $x = [x_{km}]_{k,m=1}^n$  and  $\lambda_1(x^*x)$  stands for the greatest eigenvalue of the matrix  $x^*x$ . Consider the mappings from  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^+$  to  $\mathbb{R}^+$  defined by the formulas

$$\phi(x) = \|x\|_1, \quad \varphi(x) = \|x\|_2, \quad \psi(x) = \|x\|_3, \quad x \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^+.$$

Then  $\phi(I) = \varphi(I) = \psi(I) = 1$  and, by Lemma 4 of [18] (see also [19, pp. 461–465]), we have

$$\rho_\phi(x) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ x_{kk} + \sum_{m=1, m \neq k}^n |x_{km}| \right\}, \quad \rho_\varphi(x) = \max_{1 \leq m \leq n} \left\{ x_{mm} + \sum_{k=1, k \neq m}^n |x_{km}| \right\},$$

and  $\rho_\psi(x)$  is equal to the largest eigenvalue of the matrix  $x \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^{\text{sa}}$ . Since  $\psi$  is a faithful subadditive trace, it follows that  $\|\cdot\|_\psi$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\psi,1}$  are norms on  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{C})^{\text{sa}}$  by Corollary 3. Some applications of matrix norms studied by us were given in [20] and [21].

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