

## \* - SEMI - INNER PRODUCT ALGEBRAS OF TYPE(p)

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### Abstract

The concept of \*-semi-inner product algebras of type(p) is introduced and some properties and results of such algebras are studied. Interesting results about generalized adjoints of bounded linear operators on semi-inner product spaces of type (p) are obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

Using the concept of semi-inner product space due to Lumer [9], Husain and Malviya [4] introduced the concept of a semi-inner product algebra and extended many results of Ambrose to this class of algebras.

Nath [11] generalized the concept of semi-inner product space to, what he called, generalized semi-inner product space. But he used the same name for another concept in [12]. To avoid this confusion, Abo Hadi [1] called the concept of Nath [11] a semi-inner product space of type(p) and proved,

among other results, an analogue of the Riesz Representation Theorem. In the present paper, we shall use this concept to introduce a class of algebras called  $*$ -semi-inner product algebras of type(p); they generalize the semi-inner product algebras due to Husain and Malviya [4]. We extend many results of [4] to this new class of algebras. We shall also obtain some interesting results about generalized adjoints of bounded linear operators on semi-inner product spaces of type(p). The concept of a generalized adjoint of a bounded linear operator on a semi-inner product space was considered in [13].

## 2. Preliminaries

We shall recall some definitions and results from [12].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $E$  be a vector space. Let  $[.,.]$  be a functional on  $E \times E$  defined by

$$[.,.] : E \times E \longrightarrow K$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \longrightarrow [x, y].$$

and satisfying the following conditions:

$$(2.1) \quad [x + y, z] = [x, z] + [y, z], \quad x, y, z \in E.$$

$$(2.2) \quad [\lambda x, y] = \lambda[x, y], \quad \lambda \in K$$

$$(2.3) \quad |[x, x]| > 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0.$$

$$(2.4) \quad |[x, y]| \leq [x, x]^{\frac{1}{p}} [y, y]^{\frac{p-1}{p}}, \quad 1 < p < \infty.$$

Then we say that  $[.,.]$  is a semi-inner product of type(p). A vector space  $E$ , together with a semi-inner product of type(p) defined on it, is called a semi-inner product space of type(p).

**Remark 2.2.** For  $p = 2$ , it becomes a semi-inner product space due to Lumer [9]. A semi-inner product space  $E$  of type(p) is said to be continuous if  $[y, x + \lambda y] \rightarrow [y, x]$  for all  $\lambda \rightarrow 0, x, y \in E$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** A semi-inner product space of type(p) becomes a normed space under  $\|x\| = [x, x]^{\frac{1}{p}}$  and a normed space can be made into a semi-inner product space of type(p).

### 3. \*-Semi-inner Product Algebras of Type(p)

In this section, we shall introduce the concept of \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p) and study some of the properties of such algebras.

**Definition 3.1.** (a) A vector space  $A$  is called a semi-inner product algebra of type(p) if

(SP<sub>1</sub>)  $A$  is a Banach algebra, and

(SP<sub>2</sub>)  $A$  is a semi-inner product space of type(p) with the same norm as that in the Banach algebra.

(b) A semi-inner product algebra  $A$  of type(p) is called a \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p) if corresponding to any  $x \in A$ , there is an element  $x^* \in A$  (called adjoint) satisfying either

$$(3.1) \quad [xy, z] = [y, x^*z] = [x, zy^*],$$

or

$$(3.2) \quad [z, xy] = [x^*z, y] = [zy^*, x].$$

The following example is adapted from [14]. See also [4].

**Example 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a compact topological group and let  $L_p(G)$ , ( $1 < p < \infty$ ), be the space of measurable functions whose  $p$ th power is integrable with respect to the Haar measure of  $G$ . Then,  $L_p(G)$  is a Banach algebra if

$$(f + g)x = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(fg)x = f(x)g(x)$$

$$(\lambda f)x = \lambda f(x)$$

$$\text{and } \|f\|_p = \left( \int_G |f|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Define  $[f, g] = \int_G f(x)|g(x)|^{p-1}(\text{sgn } g(x))dx$ ,  $f, g \in L_p(G)$

Then,  $L_p(G)$  becomes a semi-inner product algebra of type(p). As in [4], we define

$$f^*(x) = \bar{f}(x^{-1}), f \in L_p(G),$$

Then,  $L_p(G)$  becomes an \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p).

The proof of the following proposition is similar to that of Lemma 3 in [4] and hence, omitted.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be a  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $xA = \{0\}$  is equivalent to  $Ax = \{0\}$ .*

This leads us to the following definition.

**Definition 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$  and  $x \in A$ .  $A$  is called proper if  $xA = \{0\} \Rightarrow x = 0$  (equivalently,  $Ax = \{0\} \Rightarrow x = 0$ ).*

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $A$  be a proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$  and  $x, y \in A$ . Then (a)  $x^{**} = x$ , and (b)  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$ .*

*Proof.* (a) We know that

$$[z, xy] = [x^*z, y],$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x^*$ , we get

$$[x^{**}z, y] = [z, x^*y].$$

Also, we know that

$$[xz, y] = [z, x^*y].$$

So,  $[x^{**}z, y] = [xz, y]$  for all  $y$ .

Hence  $[(x^{**} - x^*)z, y] = 0$  for all  $y$ .

Put  $y = (x^{**} - x)z$ . Then we get

$$\| (x^{**} - x)z \|^p = 0 \text{ for all } z.$$

From this it follows that  $x^{**} = x$ , because  $A$  is proper.

(b) Similarly, we get  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$ .

Now we obtain a characterization of proper  $*$ -semi-inner algebras of type  $(p)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$ . Then  $A$  is proper if and only if every element of  $A$  has a unique adjoint.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is proper. Let  $x \in A$ . Let  $x_1^*$  and  $x_2^*$  be the adjoints of  $x$ . Then,

$$[z, xy] = [x_1^*z, y] = [x_2^*z, y] \text{ for all } y, z \in A.$$

So,  $[(x_1^* - x_2^*)z, y] = 0$  for all  $y, z \in A$ .  
 Put  $y = (x_1^* - x_2^*)z$ . Then we get

$$\|(x_1^* - x_2^*)z\|^p = 0 \quad \text{for all } z \in A.$$

Now, it follows that  $x_1^* = x_2^*$  because  $A$  is proper. The converse follows as in ([4], Theorem 3.1).

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $A$  be a proper \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p) and  $x \in A, x \neq 0$ . Then  $xx^* \neq 0, x^*x \neq 0$  and  $x^* \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $xx^* = 0$ . Then,

$$\|yx\|^p = [yx, yx] = [yxx^*, y] = 0 \quad \text{for all } y.$$

This implies that  $yx = 0$  for all  $y$ . Hence  $Ax = \{0\}$ . Since  $A$  is proper, we get  $x = 0$ . But this contradicts that  $x \neq 0$ . Similarly, we can prove the other two results.

**Notation 3.8.** We write  $E_{oc}$  to mean the orthogonal complement of a set  $E$ , i.e.

$$E_{oc} = \{x \in E : [y, x] = 0, y \in E\}.$$

The proof of the following proposition is similar to that of Lemma 3.3 in [4].

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $A$  be a (complete) continuous proper \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p) satisfying the inequality*

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \mu^2\|x - y\|^2 \leq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2, \quad 0 < \mu < 1$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Then  $xA \subset R \Rightarrow x \in R$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** *Every two-side ideal in a (complete) continuous proper \*-semi-inner product algebra  $A$  of type(p) which satisfies*

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \mu^2\|x - y\|^2 \leq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2, \quad x, y \in A, \quad 0 < \mu < 1,$$

is selfadjoint.

*Proof.* Let  $I$  be a two-side ideal in  $A$ . Let  $x_1 \in I$  and  $x_2 \in I_{oc}$ .  
Now

$$\|x_1x_2\|^p = [x_1x_2, x_1x_2] = [x_1^*x_1x_2, x_2] = 0.$$

The rest of the proof is as in Lemma 3.4 of [4].

The following results follow as in [4].

**Proposition 3.11.** *If  $R$  is a right ideal in a proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type(p), then the right ideal generated by  $R^n$  is  $R$ , where  $R^n$  stands for the set of elements of the form  $x_1x_2 \dots x_n$ ,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in R$ .*

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $A$  be a continuous proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type(p) satisfying the inequality*

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \mu^2\|x - y\|^2 \leq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2,$$

$0 < \mu < 1$ ,  $x, y \in A$ . *Then the set  $D$  of all the elements of the form  $x_1y_1 + \dots + x_ny_n$  is dense in  $A$ .*

**Proposition 3.13.** *Let  $A$  be as in Proposition 3.12 and  $I$  a right ideal in  $A$ . Then,  $L(I) = \{x; xI = (0)\}$  is the orthogonal complement of  $I^*$  in  $A$ .*

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $A$  be as in Proposition 3.12. Also, let  $A$  be a strictly convex space in which the weak convergence in the second component is finer than the norm topology. Further assume that  $[x, y] = [y^*, x^*]$  holds for  $x \in A$  and  $y \in D$  ( $D$  as defined in Proposition 3.12). Then  $\|x\| = \|x^*\|$  and the map  $x \rightarrow x^*$  is continuous.*

## 4. Existence of Idempotents

In this section we shall study the existence of idempotents in  $*$ -semi-inner product algebras of type(p) and prove that a  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type(p), under certain restrictions, contains a maximal family of doubly orthogonal primitive self-adjoint idempotents.

**Definition 4.1.** *An element  $e$  in a  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type(p) is called an idempotent if  $0 \neq e = e^2$ . The element  $e$  is called self-adjoint if  $e = e^*$ .*

Henceforth, we assume that a \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p) satisfies  $[x, y] = [y^*, x^*]$  and

$$(\alpha x + \beta y)^* = \bar{\alpha}x^* + \bar{\beta}y^*, \alpha, \beta \in K.$$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let A be a proper \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p). Let x be a self-adjoint element of A whose norm as a left multiplication operator is 1. Then the sequence  $x^{2^n}$  converges to a non - zero self-adjoint idempotent.*

*Proof.* Following Loomis [8], page 101, we proceed as follows:

Let  $|||y|||$  be the operator norm of  $y$  defined by

$$|||y||| = \sup_z (||yz|| / ||z||).$$

Since

$$||yz|| \leq ||y|| ||z||$$

we have  $|||y||| \leq ||y||$ . Since  $x$  is a self-adjoint element such that  $|||x||| = 1$ ,  $|||x^n||| = 1$  and hence  $||x^n|| \leq 1$  for all  $n$ . If  $m > n$  and if they are both even, then

$$\begin{aligned} [x^m, x^n] &\leq |[x^m, x^n]| \leq [x^m, x^m]^{\frac{1}{p}} [x^n, x^n]^{\frac{p-1}{p}}, \quad 1 < p < \infty \\ &\leq ||x^m|| ||x^n||^{p-1} = ||x^{m-n}x^n|| ||x^n||^{p-1} \\ &= \frac{||x^{m-n}x^n||}{||x^n||} ||x^n||^p \leq |||x^{m-n}||| ||x^n||^p. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$[x^m, x^n] \leq |||x^{m-n}||| ||x^n||^p = [x^n, x^n].$$

So

$$[x^m, x^n] \leq [x^n, x^n].$$

Next

$$[x^m, x^m] = ||x^m||^p = ||x^{\frac{m-n}{2}} x^{\frac{m+n}{2}}||^p.$$

Put  $2r = m - n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [x^m, x^m] &= ||x^r x^{n+r}||^p = \frac{||x^r x^{n+r}||^p}{||x^{n+r}||^p} ||x^{n+r}||^p \leq \\ &\leq |||x^r|||^p ||x^{n+r}||^p = [x^{n+r}, x^{n+r}] = [x^{*r} x^{m-r}, x^n] = [x^m, x^n]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$[x^m, x^m] \leq [x^m, x^n].$$

Thus

$$1 \leq [x^m, x^m] \leq [x^m, x^n] \leq [x^n, x^n] \leq \dots \leq [x^2, x^2]$$

and  $[x^m, x^n]$  has a limit  $L \geq 1$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  through even integres.

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim \|x^m - x^n\|^p &= \lim [x^m, x^n, x^m - x^n] = \\ &= \lim [x^m, x^m - x^n] - \lim [x^n, x^m - x^n] = \\ &= \lim [x^{*m} - x^{*n}, x^{*m}] - \lim [x^{*m} - x^{*n}, x^{*n}] = \\ &= \lim [x^m, x^m] - \lim [x^n, x^m] - \lim [x^m, x^n] + \lim [x^n, x^n] \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . And  $x^n$  converges to a self adjoint element  $e$  with  $\|e\| \geq 1$ , since  $x^{2n}$  converges both to  $e$  and to  $e^2$ , it follows that  $e$  is idempotent.

**Corollary 4.3.** *Any left (or right) ideal  $I$  in a proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$  contains a non-zero self-adjoint idempotent.*

**Definition 4.4.** (a) *The idempotents  $e$  and  $f$  of an  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra  $A$  of type  $(p)$  are called doubly orthogonal if  $[e, f] = 0$  and  $ef = fe = 0$ .*

(b) *An idempotent is said to be primitive if it can not be expressed as the sum of doubly orthogonal idempotents.*

The following results follow as in [2] and [4].

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $A$  be a proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type  $(p)$ . Let  $e$  be an idempotent in  $A$  and  $R = eA$  the right ideal in  $A$ . If  $R = R_1 + \dots + R_n$ , each  $R_i$  being a right ideal and if  $e = e_1 + \dots + e_n, e_i \in R_i$ , then the  $e_i$  is a self-adjoint idempotent.*

*Proof.* Similar to that in [2].

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $A, e$  and  $R$  be as in Proposition 4.5. If  $e$  can be expressed as a finite sum of doubly orthogonal self adjoint idempotent, say,  $e = e_1 + \dots + e_n$ , and if we define  $R_i$  by  $R_i = e_i A$ , then  $R$  is the direct sum of right ideals  $R_i$ .*



*Proof.* Similar to that in [2].

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $A$ ,  $e$  and  $R$  be as in Proposition 4.5. Then  $R$  is minimal if and only if  $e$  is primitive.*

*Proof.* Similar to that in [4], page 103.

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $A$  and  $e$  be as in Proposition 4.5. Then  $e$  is the sum of a finite number of doubly orthogonal primitive self-adjoint idempotents.*

*Proof.* Following Ambrose [2], we can write  $e = e_1 + \dots + e_n$  where  $e_i, e_2, \dots, e_n$  are self-adjoint idempotents. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e\|^p &= [e_1 + e_2 \dots + e_n, e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_n] = \\ &= [e_1, e_1] + [e_2, e_2] + \dots + [e_n, e_n] = \\ &= \|e_1\|^p + \|e_2\|^p + \dots + \|e_n\|^p \geq n, \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\|e_i\|^p = [e_i, e_i] = [e_i^2, e_i] \leq \|e_i^2\| \|e_i\|^{p-1} \leq \|e_i\|^{p+1}$$

or

$$\|e_i\| \geq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

This shows that the process of splitting  $e$  must terminate at some finite stage.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $A$  be a proper \*-semi-inner product algebra of type(p). Then  $A$  contains a maximal family of doubly orthogonal primitive self-adjoint idempotents.*

*Proof.* By Corollary 4.3,  $A$  contains self-adjoint idempotents. By Theorem 4.8,  $A$  contains a finite family of doubly orthogonal primitive self-adjoint idempotents. Hence, by Zorn's Lemma,  $A$  contains a maximal family of doubly orthogonal primitive self-adjoint idempotents.

## 5. Bounded Linear Operators and Generalized Adjoint Operators

In this section we shall consider a concept called the generalized adjoint of a bounded linear operator on a semi-inner product space of type(p) and obtain some interesting results.

The concept of the generalised adjoint of a bounded linear operator was considered in [13].

**Notation 5.1.** Let  $E$  be a (complete) continuous semi-inner product space of type(p), satisfying the inequality

$$\|u + v\|^2 + \mu^2\|u - v\|^2 \leq 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2, \quad 0 < \mu < 1.$$

Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator on  $E$ . Define  $g_y(x) = [Tx, y]$ . Then  $g_y$  is a continuous linear functional. Hence (by the analogue of the Riesz representation theorem), there exists a unique vector  $T^*y$  such that

$$[Tx, y] = g_y(x) = [x, T^*y], \quad x \in E$$

We call  $T^*$  the generalised adjoint of  $T$ .

**Remark 5.2.**  $T^*$  is not linear.

**Theorem 5.3.**

- (i)  $\|T\| = \|T^*\|^{p-1}$
- (ii)  $\|T^*T\|^{p-1} = \|T\|^p$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \|Ty\|^p &= [Ty, Ty] \\ &= [y, T^*Ty] \\ &\leq \|y\| \|T^*Ty\|^{p-1} \\ &\leq \|y\| \|T^*\|^{p-1} \|Ty\|^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(5.1) \quad \|Ty\| \leq \|y\| \|T^*\|^{p-1} \quad \text{for all } y$$

$$\Rightarrow \|T\| \leq \|T^*\|^{p-1}.$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*y\|^p &= [T^*y, T^*y] \\ &= [TT^*y, y] \\ &\leq \|TT^*y\| \|y\|^{p-1} \\ &\leq \|T\| \|T^*y\| \|y\|^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|T^*y\|^{p-1} \leq \|T\| \|y\|^{p-1},$$

Hence,

$$(5.2) \quad \|T^*\|^{p-1} \leq \|T\|$$

From (5.1) and (5.2) we get

$$\|T\| = \|T^*\|^{p-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \|T^*T\| &= \sup\{\|T^*T(x)\|, \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \|T^*\| \sup\{\|Tx\|, \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \|T^*\| \|T\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|T^*T\|^{p-1} \leq \|T^*\|^{p-1} \|T\|^{p-1}$$

Using (i) we get

$$(5.3) \quad \|T^*T\|^{p-1} \leq \|T\|^p$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|^p &= \sup\{\|Tx\|^p; \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{[Tx, Tx]; \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &= \sup\{[x, T^*Tx]; \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\|x\| \|T^*Tx\|^{p-1}; \|x\| \leq 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\|T^*Tx\|^{p-1}; \|x\| \leq 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(5.4) \quad \|T\|^p \leq \|T^*T\|^{p-1}$$

From (5.3) , (5.4) we get

$$\|T\|^p = \|T^*T\|^{p-1}.$$

Let  $A$  be a (complete) continuous and proper  $*$ -semi-inner product algebra of type(p) satisfying the inequality

$$\|u + v\|^2 + \mu^2\|u - v\|^2 \leq 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2, \quad 0 < \mu < 1.$$

If  $\beta(A)$  stands for the space of bounded linear operators on  $A$ , we define

$$\beta_L(A) = \{T_x \in \beta(A) : T_x y = x y\}$$

**Lemma 5.4.**  $T_x^* = T_x^*$

*Proof.*

$$[xy, z] = [T_x y, z] = [y, T_x^* z]$$

$$[y, x^* z] = [y, T_x^* z]$$

$$[y, T_x^* z] = [y, T_x^* z]$$

$\Rightarrow T_x^* = T_x^*$  by the Riesz representation theorem (uniqueness).

**Theorem 5.5.**

$$(1) \quad T_x^{**} = T_x$$

$$(2) \quad (T_x T_y)^* = T_y^* T_x^*$$

*Proof.* Follows easily using Lemma 5.4.

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