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# A new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem in complete random normed algebras

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## Abstract

In this article we first present the notion of multiplicative  $L^0$ -linear function. Moreover, we establish a new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem in unital complete random normed algebras.

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## 1 Introduction

Gleason [1] and, independently, Kahane and Żelazko [2] proved the so-called Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem which is a famous theorem in classical Banach algebras. There are various extensions and generalizations of this theorem [3]. The Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem in an unital complete random normed algebra as a random generalization of the classical Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem is given in [4].

Based on the study of [5], we will establish a new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem in an unital complete random normed algebra. In this article we first present the notion of multiplicative  $L^0$ -functions. Then, we give the new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem in an unital complete random normed algebra as another random generalization of the classical Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem.

The remainder of this article is organized as follows: in Section 2 we give some necessary definitions and lemmas and in Section 3 we give the main results and proofs.

## 2 Preliminary

Throughout this article,  $N$  denotes the set of positive integers,  $K$  the scalar field  $R$  of real numbers or  $C$  of complex numbers,  $\bar{R}$  (or  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ ) the set of extended real numbers,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  a probability space,  $\bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$  the set of extended real-valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $\Omega$ ,  $\bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$  the set of equivalence classes of extended real-valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  the algebra of  $K$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $\Omega$  under the ordinary pointwise addition, multiplication and scalar multiplication operations,  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  the algebra of equivalence classes of  $K$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $\Omega$ , i.e., the quotient algebra of  $\mathcal{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$ , and 0 and 1 the null and unit elements, respectively.

It is well known from [6] that  $\bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$  is a complete lattice under the ordering  $\leq$ :  $\zeta \leq \eta$  iff  $\zeta^0(\omega) \leq \eta^0(\omega)$  for  $P$ -almost all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$  (briefly, a.s.), where  $\zeta^0$  and  $\eta^0$  are arbitrarily chosen representatives of  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$ , respectively. Furthermore, every subset  $A$  of  $\bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$  has a supremum, denoted by  $\vee A$ , and an infimum, denoted by  $\wedge A$ , and there exist two sequences  $\{a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\{b_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in  $A$  such that  $\vee_{n \geq 1} a_n = \vee A$  and  $\wedge_{n \geq 1} b_n = \wedge A$ . If, in addition,  $A$  is directed (accordingly, dually directed), then the above  $\{a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (accordingly,  $\{b_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ) can be chosen as nondecreasing (accordingly, nonincreasing). Finally  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$ , as a sublattice of  $\bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$ , is complete in the sense that every subset with an upper bound has a supremum (equivalently, every subset with a lower bound has an infimum).

Specially, let  $\bar{L}_+^0(\mathcal{F}) = \{\xi \in \bar{L}^0(\mathcal{F}, R) \mid \xi \geq 0\}$  and  $L_+^0(\mathcal{F}) = \{\xi \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, R) \mid \xi \geq 0\}$ .

The following notions of generalized inverse, absolute value, complex conjugate and sign of an element in  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  bring much convenience to this article.

**Definition 2.1.** [7] Let  $\zeta$  be an element in  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$ . For an arbitrarily chosen representative  $\zeta^0$  of  $\zeta$ , define two  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables  $(\zeta^0)^{-1}$  and  $|\zeta^0|$ , respectively, by

$$(\zeta^0)^{-1}(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\zeta^0(\omega)} & \text{if } \zeta^0(\omega) \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$|\zeta^0|(\omega) = |\zeta^0(\omega)|, \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

Then the equivalence class of  $(\zeta^0)^{-1}$ , denoted by  $\zeta^{-1}$ , is called the generalized inverse of  $\zeta$ ; the equivalence class of  $|\zeta^0|$ , denoted by  $|\zeta|$ , is called the absolute value of  $\zeta$ . When  $\xi \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, C)$ , set  $\zeta = u + iv$ , where  $u, v \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$ ,  $\bar{\xi} := u - iv$  is called the complex conjugate of  $\zeta$  and  $\text{sgn}(\zeta) := |\zeta|^{-1} \cdot \zeta$  is called the sign of  $\zeta$ . It is obvious that  $|\xi| = |\bar{\xi}|$ ,  $\xi \cdot \text{sgn}(\bar{\xi}) = |\xi|$ ,  $|\text{sgn}(\xi)| = \tilde{I}_A$ ,  $\xi^{-1} \cdot \xi = \xi \cdot \xi^{-1} = \tilde{I}_A$ , where  $A = \{\omega \in \Omega : \zeta^0(\omega) \neq 0\}$  and  $\tilde{I}_A$  denotes the equivalence class of the characteristic function  $I_A$  of  $A$ . Throughout this article, the symbol  $\tilde{I}_A$  is always understood as above unless stated otherwise.

Besides the equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables, we also use the equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable sets. Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then the equivalence class of  $A$ , denoted by  $\tilde{A}$ , is defined by  $\tilde{A} = \{B \in \mathcal{F} : P(A \Delta B) = 0\}$ , where  $A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$  is the symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $P(\tilde{A})$  is defined to be  $P(A)$ . For two  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable sets  $G$  and  $D$ ,  $G \subset D$  a.s. means  $P(G \setminus D) = 0$ , in which case we also say  $\tilde{G} \subset \tilde{D}$ ;  $\tilde{G} \cap \tilde{D}$  denotes the the equivalence class determined by  $G \cap D$ . Other similar notations are easily understood in an analogous manner.

As usual, we also make the following convention: for any  $\xi, \eta \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, R)$ ,  $\xi > \eta$  means  $\xi \geq \eta$  and  $\xi \neq \eta$ ;  $[\zeta > \eta]$  stands for the equivalence class of the  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable set  $\{\omega \in \Omega : \zeta^0(\omega) > \eta^0(\omega)\}$  (briefly,  $[\zeta^0 > \eta^0]$ ), where  $\zeta^0$  and  $\eta^0$  are arbitrarily selected representatives of  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$ , respectively, and  $I_{[\zeta > \eta]}$  stands for  $\tilde{I}_{[\zeta^0 > \eta^0]}$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\zeta > \eta$  on  $\tilde{A}$  means  $\zeta^0(\omega) > \eta^0(\omega)$  a.s. on  $A$ , similarly  $\zeta \neq \eta$  on  $\tilde{A}$  means that  $\zeta^0(\omega) \neq \eta^0(\omega)$  a.s. on  $A$ , also denoted by  $\tilde{A} \subset [\xi \neq \eta]$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [7] An ordered pair  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a random normed module (briefly, an RN module) over  $K$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  if  $S$  is a left module over the algebra  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is a mapping from  $S$  to  $L^0_+(\mathcal{F})$  such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (RNM-1)  $\|\xi x\| = |\xi| \|x\|, \forall \xi \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, K), x \in S;$
- (RNM-2)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \forall x, y \in S;$
- (RNM-3)  $\|x\| = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  (the zero element in  $S$ ).

Where  $\|x\|$  is called the  $L^0$ -norm of the vector  $x$  in  $S$ .

In this article, given an RN module  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  over  $K$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  it is always assumed that  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is endowed with its  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology: for any  $\epsilon > 0, 0 < \lambda < 1$ , let  $N(\epsilon, \lambda) = \{x \in S \mid P\{\omega \in \Omega : \|x\|(\omega) < \epsilon\} > 1 - \lambda\}$ , then the family  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \{N(\epsilon, \lambda) \mid \epsilon > 0, 0 < \lambda < 1\}$  forms a local base at the null element 0 of some metrizable linear topology for  $S$ , called the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology for  $S$ . It is well known that a sequence  $\{x_n, n \geq 1\}$  in  $S$  converges in the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology to some  $x$  in  $S$  if  $\{\|x_n - x\|, n \geq 1\}$  converges in probability  $P$  to 0, and that  $S$  is a topological module over the topological algebra  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$ , namely the module multiplication  $\cdot : L^0(\mathcal{F}, K) \times S \rightarrow S$  is jointly continuous (see [7] for details). Besides, let  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  be the RN module of equivalence classes of  $X$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , where  $X$  is an ordinary normed space, then it is easy to see that the  $(\epsilon, \lambda)$ -topology on  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  is exactly the topology of convergence in probability and  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  is complete iff  $X$  is complete, in particular  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  is complete.

**Definition 2.3.** [5] An ordered pair  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a random normed algebra (briefly, an RN algebra) over  $K$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  if  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is an RN module over  $K$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and also a ring such that the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $(\xi \cdot x)y = x(\xi \cdot y) = \xi \cdot (xy)$ , for all  $\xi \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, K)$  and all  $x, y \in S;$
- (2) the  $L^0$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is submultiplicative, that is,  $\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ .

Furthermore, the RN algebra is said to be unital if it has the identity element  $e$  and  $\|e\| = 1$ . As usual, the RN algebra  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is said to be complete if the RN module  $(S, \|\cdot\|)$  is complete.

**Example 2.1.** [5] Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed algebra over  $C$  and  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, X)$  be the RN module of equivalence classes of  $X$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Define a multiplication  $\cdot : L^0(\mathcal{F}, X) \times L^0(\mathcal{F}, X) \rightarrow L^0(\mathcal{F}, X)$  by  $x \cdot y =$  the equivalence class determined by the  $\mathcal{F}$ -random variable  $x^0 y^0$ , which is defined by  $(x^0 y^0)(\omega) = (x^0(\omega)) \cdot (y^0(\omega)), \forall \omega \in \Omega$ , where  $x^0$  and  $y^0$  are arbitrarily chosen representatives of  $x$  and  $y$  in  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, X)$ , respectively. Then  $(L^0(\mathcal{F}, X), \|\cdot\|)$  is an RN algebra, in particular  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, C)$  is a unital RN algebra with identity 1.

**Example 2.2.** [5] It is easy to see that  $L^\infty_{\mathcal{F}}(\epsilon, C)$  is a unital RN algebra with identity 1 (see [8,9] for the construction of  $L^\infty_{\mathcal{F}}(\epsilon, C)$ ).

**Definition 2.4.** [5] Let  $(S, ||\cdot||)$  be an RN algebra with identity  $e$  over  $C$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , and  $A$  be any given element in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $P(A) > 0$ . An element  $x \in S$  is invertible on  $A$  if there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $\tilde{I}_A \cdot xy = \tilde{I}_A \cdot yx = \tilde{I}_A \cdot e$ . Clearly,  $\tilde{I}_A \cdot y$  is unique and called the inverse on  $A$  of  $x$ , denoted by  $x_A^{-1}$ . Let  $G(S, A)$  denote the set of elements of  $S$  which are invertible on  $A$ . Then  $\tilde{I}_A \cdot G(S, A)$  is also a group, and  $(xy)_A^{-1} = y_A^{-1}x_A^{-1}$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\tilde{I}_A \cdot G(S, A)$ . For any  $x \in S$ , the sets

$$\sigma(x, S, A) = \left\{ \xi \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, C) : \tilde{I}_A \cdot (\xi \cdot e - x) \notin \tilde{I}_A \cdot G(S, A) \right\},$$

$$\sigma(x, S) = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{F}} \sigma(x, S, A)$$

are called the random spectrum on  $A$  of  $x$  in  $S$  and the random spectrum of  $x$  in  $S$ , respectively, and further their complements  $\rho(x, S, A) = L^0(\mathcal{F}, C) \setminus \sigma(x, S, A)$  and  $\rho(x, S) = L^0(\mathcal{F}, C) \setminus \sigma(x, S)$  are called the random resolvent set on  $A$  of  $x$  and the random resolvent set of  $x$ , respectively.

**Definition 2.5.** [5] Let  $(S, ||\cdot||)$  be an RN algebra with identity  $e$  over  $C$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . For any  $x \in S$ ,  $r(x) = \vee\{|\zeta| : \zeta \in \sigma(x, S)\}$  is called the random spectral radius of  $x$ .

Besides,  $\bigwedge \left\{ \|x^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} | n \in N \right\}$  is denoted by  $r_p(x)$ , for any  $x$  in an RN algebra over  $K$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** [5] Let  $(S, ||\cdot||)$  be a unital complete RN algebra with identity  $e$  over  $C$  with base  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Then for any  $x \in S$ ,  $\sigma(x, S)$  is nonempty and  $r(x) = r_p(x)$ .

### 3 Main results and proofs

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $S$  be a random normed algebra,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $f$  be an  $L^0$ -linear function on  $S$ , i.e., a mapping from  $S$  to  $L^0(\mathcal{F}, C)$  such that  $f(\xi \cdot x + \eta \cdot y) = \xi f(x) + \eta f(y)$  for all  $\xi, \eta \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, C)$  and  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $f$  is called multiplicative if  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and is called nonzero if there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $[f(x) \neq 0] = \tilde{\Omega}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $S$  be a random normed algebra with identity  $e$ , and let  $f$  be an  $L^0$ -function on  $S$  satisfying  $f(e) = 1$  and  $f(x^2) = f(x)^2$  for all  $x \in S$ . Then  $f$  is multiplicative.

**Proof.** By assumption we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^2) + f(xy + yx) + f(y^2) &= f(x^2 + xy + yx + y^2) \\ &= f((x + y)^2) \\ &= f(x + y)^2 \\ &= f(x)^2 + 2f(x)f(y) + f(y)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$f(xy + yx) = 2f(x)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in S$ . So it remains to verify that  $f(xy) = f(yx)$ . For  $a, b \in S$ , the identity

$$(ab - ba)^2 + (ab + ba)^2 = 2[a(bab) + (bab)a]$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} f(ab - ba)^2 + 4f(a)^2f(b)^2 &= f((ab - ba)^2) + f(ab + ba)^2 \\ &= f((ab - ba)^2 + (ab + ba)^2) \\ &= f((ab - ba)^2 + (ab + ba)^2) \\ &= 2f(a(bab) + (bab)a) \\ &= 4f(a)f(bab). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $a = x - f(x) \cdot e$ , so that  $f(a) = 0$ , and  $b = y$  we get  $f(ay) = f(ya)$  and hence  $f(xy) = f(yx)$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.

The following theorem is a new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $S$  be an unital complete random normed algebra with identity  $e$ , and let  $f$  be an  $L^0$ -linear function on  $S$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is nonzero and multiplicative.
- (2)  $f(e) = 1$  and  $f(x) \neq 0$  on  $\tilde{A}$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $P(A) > 0$  and  $x \in G(S, A)$ .
- (3)  $f(x) \in \sigma(x, S)$  for every  $x \in S$ .

**Proof** If  $f$  is multiplicative, then  $f(e) = f(e^2) = f(e)f(e)$ . Since  $f$  is nonzero, we have  $f(e) = 1$  and hence  $\tilde{I}_A = \tilde{I}_A f(e) = f(xx_A^{-1}) = f(x)f(x_A^{-1})$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $P(A) > 0$  and  $x \in G(S, A)$ . Thus (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) is clear since if  $\zeta \in \rho(x, S)$ , then there exists  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $P(A) > 0$  such that  $\tilde{I}_A(\xi - f(x)) = f[\tilde{I}_A \cdot (\xi \cdot e - x)] \neq 0$  on  $\tilde{A}$  and hence  $f(x) \in \sigma(x, S)$ . Assume (3), then  $f(e) = 1$  since  $f(e) \in \sigma(e, S)$ . Now, let  $n \geq 2$  and consider the random polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = f((\lambda \cdot e - x)^n)$$

of degree  $n$ . Therefore we can find  $\lambda_i \in L^0(\mathcal{F}, C) (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  such that

$$0 = p(\lambda_i) = f((\lambda_i \cdot e - x)^n) \in \sigma((\lambda_i \cdot e - x)^n, S)$$

for each  $\lambda_i$ . This implies that  $\lambda_i \in \sigma(x, S)$  and hence  $|\lambda_i| < r_p(x)$  by Lemma 2.1. Note that

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - \lambda_i) = p(\lambda) = \lambda^n - nf(x)\lambda^{n-1} + C_n^2 f(x^2)\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^n f(x^n).$$

Comparing coefficients we can see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = nf(x), \quad \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \lambda_i \lambda_j = C_n^2 f(x^2).$$

On the other hand, by the second equation,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \lambda_i \lambda_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 + n(n-1)f(x^2).$$

Combining these equalities yields

$$n^2 |f(x)^2 - f(x^2)| = \left| -nf(x^2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \right| \leq n |f(x)^2| + nr_p(x)^2.$$

Hence

$$\left| f(x)^2 - f(x^2) \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} [|f(x^2)| + r_p(x)^2].$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we then obtain  $f(x^2) = f(x)^2$  for all  $x \in S$ . It follows from Lemma 3.1 that  $f$  is multiplicative. Clearly,  $f$  is nonzero. Thus (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**Remark 3.1.** When the base space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  of the RN module is a trivial probability space, i.e.,  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Omega, \emptyset\}$ , the new version of the Gleason-Kahane-Żelazko theorem automatically degenerates to the classical case.

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