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# A NOTE ON UNIQUENESS OF UNIFORM NORM PROPERTY IN THE BEURLING ALGEBRA $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$

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Abstract: Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be LCA groups with identities being  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , and let  $\omega$  be a (Borel measurable) weight function on  $G_1 \times G_2$ . Let  $\overline{\omega}(s,t) = \omega(s,e_2)\omega(e_1,t)$   $((s,t) \in G_1 \times G_2)$ . Then  $\overline{\omega}$  is also a weight function on  $G_1 \times G_2$ . In this small note, it is proved that the Beurling algebra  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$  has unique uniform norm property iff  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \overline{\omega})$  has the same property. This result is important because the above statement does not hold true for some properties.

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### 1. Introduction

An algebra norm (not necessarily complete)  $|\cdot|$  on an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a uniform norm if it satisfies the square property  $|a^2| = |a|^2$   $(a \in \mathcal{A})$ . For example, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is semisimple and commutative, then the spectral radius  $r_{\mathcal{A}}(\cdot)$  is a uniform norm on  $\mathcal{A}$ . By the spectral radius formula, we can show that any two equivalent uniform norms on  $\mathcal{A}$  are identical. If  $\mathcal{A}$  admits at least one uniform norm, then it must be commutative and semisimple. So throughout  $\mathcal{A}$  is assumed to be semisimple and commutative. The  $\mathcal{A}$  has unique uniform norm property (UUNP) if it admits exactly one uniform norm. This property was introduced and studied extensively by Bhatt and Dedania (see [2], [3], [5]). Dabhi and Dedania proved one surprising result that the  $\mathcal{A}$  has either exactly one uniform norm (i.e. UUNP) or infinitely many [1]. Bhatt and Dedania asked the following question in [3], which is believed to be open: If  $\mathcal{A}$  has UUNP, then does  $\mathcal{A}$  have spectral extension property (SEP)?, i.e., every norm  $|\cdot|$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies the inequality  $r_{\mathcal{A}}(a) \leq |a|$   $(a \in \mathcal{A})$ ?.

Consider LCA groups  $(G_1, +)$  and  $(G_2, +)$  with identities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , respectively. Let  $\omega$  be a (Borel measurable) weight function on  $G_1 \times G_2$  (see [5]). Define

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1(s) &= \omega(s, e_2) \ (s \in G_1); \\ \omega_2(t) &= \omega(e_1, t) \ (t \in G_2); \\ \overline{\omega}(s, t) &= \omega(s, e_2)\omega(e_1, t) = \omega_1(s)\omega_2(t) \ ((s, t) \in G_1 \times G_2). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$ , and  $\overline{\omega}$  are weight functions on  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ , and  $G_1 \times G_2$ , respectively. Moreover,  $\omega \leq \overline{\omega}$  on  $G_1 \times G_2$ . In general, they need not be equivalent; for example, take  $\omega(m,n) = 1 + |m| + |n|$  or  $e^m + e^n$  or  $e^{|m|} + e^{|n|}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . Since  $\overline{\omega}$  is a product of single variable weight functions, it is a much simpler weight than the original two variable weight function  $\omega$ . Also there are some Banach algebra properties which are not preserved between the Beurling algebras  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$  and  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \overline{\omega})$ . However, here we shall prove by simple arguments that the algebra  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$  has UUNP iff  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \overline{\omega})$  has UUNP. Recently the two variable Beurling algebras are attracting attention of mathematicians (see [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]).

### 2. Main Results

**Lemma 2.1.** Let G be an LCA group and  $\omega$  be a weight function on G. Then there exists a weight function  $\widetilde{\omega}$  on G such that  $\widetilde{\omega} \geq 1$  on G and  $L^1(G, \omega)$  is isometrically algebra isomorphic to  $L^1(G, \widetilde{\omega})$ .

**Proof.** By [Theorem 1, [4]], the algebra  $L^1(G, \omega)$  is semisimple. By [Lemma 4.2, [3]], there exists a continuous group homomorphism  $\alpha : (G, +) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  such that  $|\alpha(s)| \leq \omega(s)$   $(s \in G)$ . Next define  $\widetilde{\omega}(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{|\alpha(s)|}$   $(s \in G)$ . Clearly,  $\widetilde{\omega}$  satisfies the hypothesis. Finally define  $\varphi : L^1(G, \widetilde{\omega}) \longrightarrow L^1(G, \omega)$  as  $\varphi(f) = f\alpha$ . Then  $\varphi$  is an isometric, onto, algebra isomorphism.

Due to the above lemma, we will assume that  $\omega(s) \ge 1$   $(s \in G)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [Definition 4.7.4, [11]] A weight  $\omega$  on G is non-quasi analytic if

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(ns)}{1+n^2} < \infty \qquad (s \in G).$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on an LCA group G. Then, the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $\omega$  is non-quasi analytic on G;

2.  $L^1(G, \omega)$  has UUNP.

**Proof.** By [4], the algebra  $L^1(G, \omega)$  is semisimple. Now the above statement is exactly [Remark, P.182, [5]].

Following are our main results.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be LCA groups and  $\omega$  be a weight function on  $G_1 \times G_2$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1.  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$  has UUNP;
- 2.  $\omega$  is non-quasi analytic on  $G_1 \times G_2$ ;
- 3.  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \overline{\omega})$  has UUNP;
- 4.  $\overline{\omega}$  is non-quasi analytic on  $G_1 \times G_2$ ;
- 5.  $L^1(G_1, \omega_1)$  and  $L^1(G_2, \omega_2)$  have UUNP;
- 6.  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are non-quasi analytic on  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively.

**Proof.** Since  $\omega(s,t) \leq \overline{\omega}(s,t) = \omega_1(s)\omega_2(t)$   $((s,t) \in G_1 \times G_2)$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(ns, nt)}{1+n^2} \le \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \overline{\omega}(ns, nt)}{1+n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(ns)}{1+n^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(nt)}{1+n^2}$$

for each  $(s,t) \in G_1 \times G_2$ . Thus it follows that  $(6) \iff (4) \implies (2)$ . On the other hand, for any  $s \in G_1$  and  $t \in G_2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(ns)}{1+n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(ns, ne_2)}{1+n^2} \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(nt)}{1+n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(ne_1, nt)}{1+n^2}$$

Thus  $(2) \Longrightarrow (6)$ . The rest follows from Theorem 2.3.

Next result is a bi-variate analogue of [Proposition 4.6, [3]].

**Proposition 2.5.** Let H be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^2$  containing  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on H. Then  $l^1(H, \omega)$  has UUNP iff  $l^1(\mathbb{Z}^2, \omega)$  has UUNP.

**Proof.** The necessary condition is obvious by Theorem 2.3. For the sufficient condition, it is enough to show that  $\overline{\omega}$  is non-quasi analytic on H due to Theorem 2.4. Let  $s = (p_1/q_1, p_2/q_2) \in \mathbb{Q}^2_+$  with  $(p_1, q_1) = (p_2, q_2) = 1$ . By the Division

Algorithm, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist unique  $k_1, k_2, i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $n = k_1q_1 + i_1, n = k_2q_2 + i_2, 0 \le i_1 < q_1$ , and  $0 \le i_2 < q_2$ . Now

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \overline{\omega}(ns)}{1+n^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \overline{\omega}(\frac{np_1}{q_1}, \frac{nq_2}{q_2})}{1+n^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(\frac{np_2}{q_2})}{1+n^2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{q_1-1} \left( \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1((k_1q_1+i_1)p_1/q_1)}{1+(k_1q_1+i_1)^2} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \left( \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2((k_2q_2+i_2)p_2/q_2)}{1+(k_2q_2+i_2)^2} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \left( \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(k_1p_1) + \ln \omega_2(i_1p_1/q_1)}{1+(k_1q_1+i_1)^2} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \left( \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(k_2p_2) + \ln \omega_2(i_2p_2/q_2)}{1+(k_2q_2+i_2)^2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(k_1p_1)}{1+(k_1q_1+i_1)^2} + \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(i_1p_1/q_1)}{1+(k_1q_1+i_1)^2} \\ &+ \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(k_2p_2)}{1+(k_2q_2+i_2)^2} + \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(i_2p_2/q_2)}{1+(k_2q_2+i_2)^2} \\ &\leq \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_1(k_1p_1)}{1+k_1^2} + \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \ln \omega_1\left(\frac{i_1p_1}{q_1}\right) \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+k_1^2} \\ &+ \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega_2(k_2p_2)}{1+k_2^2} + \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \ln \omega_2\left(\frac{i_2p_2}{q_2}\right) \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+k_2^2} \\ &= q_1 \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(k_1(p_1,0))}{1+k_1^2} + \left(1+\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) \sum_{i_1=0}^{q_1-1} \ln \omega_1\left(\frac{i_1p_1}{q_1}\right) \\ &+ q_2 \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \omega(k_2(0,p_2))}{1+k_2^2} + \left(1+\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) \sum_{i_2=0}^{q_2-1} \ln \omega_2\left(\frac{i_2p_2}{q_2}\right) \\ &\leq \infty. \end{split}$$

because  $\omega$  is non-quasi analytic on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  due to assumption. Similarly, we can show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln \overline{\omega}(ns)}{1+n^2} < \infty$  when  $s \in \mathbb{Q}^2_-$  or  $\mathbb{Q}_- \times \mathbb{Q}_+$  or  $\mathbb{Q}_+ \times \mathbb{Q}_-$ . Thus  $l^1(H, \omega)$  has UUNP due to Theorem 2.4.

**Example 2.6.** Here we give examples of weights with different properties.

(1) Let  $H = \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} + \lambda \mathbb{Z})$  for some positive irrational number  $\lambda$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \subset H$ and H is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Define  $\omega(m, n + \lambda k) = e^{|k|}$ . Then  $l^1(\mathbb{Z}^2, \omega)$  has UUNP but  $l^1(H, \omega)$  does not have UUNP. Thus Proposition 2.5 fails because H is not a subgroup  $\mathbb{Q}^2$ .

(2) Let  $\omega(s,t) = 1 + |s| + e^{|t|}$   $(s,t \in \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^2,\omega)$  does not have UUNP because the weight function  $\omega_2(t) = 2 + e^{|t|}$  associated with  $\omega$  is not a non-quasi-analytic on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(3) Let  $\omega(s,t) = 1 + |s| + |t|$   $(s,t \in \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^2,\omega)$  has UUNP because the weight functions  $\omega_1(s) = \omega_2(s) = 2 + |s|$  are non-quasi-analytic on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(4) Let  $\omega(m,n) = e^{|m|} + e^{|n|}$   $(m,n \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $\omega_1(m) = \omega_2(m) = 1 + e^{|m|}$ . The Gel'fand space of  $l^1(\mathbb{Z}^2, \overline{\omega})$  is homeomorphic to the product of two closed annuli  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{e}, e)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  with center zero and radii are  $\frac{1}{e}$  and e [Theorem 3.7, [9]]. However, by [Example 2, [9]] the Gel'fand space of  $l^1(\mathbb{Z}^2, \omega)$  is homeomorphic to  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}, \sqrt{e}) \times \Gamma(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}, \sqrt{e}) \cup [\cup_{i=1}^4 (\mathbb{T}_i \cup \mathbb{T}_i^{op})]$ , where

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{T}_1 &= \{(z,w): 1 \le |z| \le \sqrt{e} \le |w| \le e \text{ and } |z||w| \le e\} \\ \mathbb{T}_2 &= \{(z,w): \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \le |z| \le 1, \sqrt{e} \le |w| \le e \text{ and } |z|^{-1}|w| \le e\}, \\ \mathbb{T}_3 &= \{(z,w): \frac{1}{e} \le |z| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}, 1 \le |w| \le \sqrt{e} \text{ and } |z|^{-1}|w| \le e\}, \\ \mathbb{T}_4 &= \{(z,w): \frac{1}{e} \le |z| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \le |w| \le 1 \text{ and } |z||w| \ge \frac{1}{e}\}, \\ \mathbb{T}_i^{op} &= \{(w,z): (z,w) \in \mathbb{T}_i\} \ (i = 1, 2, 3, 4). \end{split}$$

**Remark 2.7.** It follows from Theorem 4.1 and the diagram on Page-212 in [3] that the UUNP, SEP, Regularity, and Weak regularity are equivalent in the Beurling algebra  $L^1(G, \omega)$ . Hence these properties also hold in the algebras  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \omega)$  and  $L^1(G_1 \times G_2, \overline{\omega})$  simultaneously.

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