

# Isometries, Jordan $*$ -isomorphisms and order isomorphisms on spaces of a unital $C^*$ -algebra-valued continuous maps

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## Abstract

This article presents a survey of the paper [14] with applications. In this paper, we study Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms, surjective linear isometries and order isomorphisms on the spaces of continuous maps taking values in unital  $C^*$ -algebras.

## § 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space and  $(\mathcal{A}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{A}})$  a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. We denote the unit of  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $1_{\mathcal{A}}$ . In this paper, every  $C^*$ -algebra is assumed to be unital. An element  $a$  in a  $C^*$ -algebra is positive if  $a$  is self-adjoint and the spectrum  $\sigma(a) \subset \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid r \geq 0\}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{A}^+$  the collection of positive elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We denote the set of all pure states on  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\text{PS}(\mathcal{A})$ . For any  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A})$ , there exists an irreducible representation  $\pi_{\rho} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow B(H_{\rho})$ , where  $B(H_{\rho})$  is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space  $H_{\rho}$ . We denote  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  by the space of all  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued continuous maps on  $X$  with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ , that is,  $\|F\|_{\infty} = \sup\{\|F(x)\|_{\mathcal{A}} : x \in X\}$ . When  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}$ , we denote  $C(X, \mathbb{C})$  by  $C(X)$ . For any  $F \in C(X, \mathcal{A})$ , we define  $F^* \in C(X, \mathcal{A})$  by  $F^*(x) = [F(x)]^*$  for any  $x \in X$ . Then  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. The unit of  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  is a constant map  $1 : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  which satisfies  $1(x) = 1_{\mathcal{A}}$  for any  $x \in X$ .

Throughout the paper let  $X_1, X_2$  be compact Hausdorff spaces and  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2$  be unital  $C^*$ -algebras.

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $T : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  be a bijective linear map.

- If the map  $T$  satisfies that  $\|Ta - Tb\|_{\mathcal{A}_2} = \|a - b\|_{\mathcal{A}_1}$  for any  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}_1$ ,  $T$  is called an isometry.
- If both  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  preserve the order structure, i.e.,  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1^+$  if and only if  $Ta \in \mathcal{A}_2^+$ , then  $T$  is called an order isomorphism.
- If the map  $T$  holds  $T(a^*) = (Ta)^*$  and  $T(a^2) = (Ta)^2$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ , then  $T$  is called a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism.

In this paper we study Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms, surjective linear isometries and order isomorphisms from  $C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  onto  $C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ .

In the classical period three results stand out, namely the theorems of Banach and Stone, Gelfand and Kolmogorov, and Kaplansky.

**Theorem 1.2** (Banach and Stone [1, 16]). *Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be compact Hausdorff spaces. Let  $T : C(X_1) \rightarrow C(X_2)$  be a map. Then  $T$  is a surjective linear isometry if and only if there is a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  and a continuous function  $u \in C(X_2)$  with  $|u| = 1$  such that*

$$Tf(y) = u(y)(f(\varphi(y))), \quad f \in C(X_1), \quad y \in X_2.$$

*Remark.* Banach proved in [1] that if  $T$  is a surjective linear isometry from  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(X_1)$  onto  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(X_2)$ , where  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(X_j)$  is the space of all real-valued continuous functions on a compact metric space  $X_j$ , then  $T$  is a weighted composition operator. In the case when  $X_j$  are compact Hausdorff spaces, Stone proved that every surjective linear isometry between  $C_{\mathbb{R}}(X_j)$  is also a weighted composition operator in [16]. The statement of Theorem 1.2 is considered as the modern version of Banach's and Stone's contributions and is called the Banach-Stone theorem.

**Theorem 1.3** (Kaplansky [10]). *Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be compact Hausdorff spaces. Let  $T : C(X_1) \rightarrow C(X_2)$  be a map. Then  $T$  is an order isomorphism if and only if there is a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  and a positive invertible element  $u \in C(X_2)$  such that*

$$Tf(y) = u(y)(f(\varphi(y))), \quad f \in C(X_1), \quad y \in X_2.$$

**Theorem 1.4** (Gelfand and Kolmogorov [4]). *Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be compact Hausdorff spaces. Let  $T : C(X_1) \rightarrow C(X_2)$  be a map. Then  $T$  is an algebra isomorphism if and only if there is a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  such that*

$$Tf(y) = f(\varphi(y)), \quad f \in C(X_1), \quad y \in X_2.$$

These imply that a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  is determined by the metric structure, the order structure and the algebraic structure respectively. How about the case of the vector-valued maps? Jerison in [7] obtained the first vector-valued version of the Banach-Stone Theorem: Suppose that  $E$  is a strictly convex Banach space. Let  $T$  be a surjective linear isometry from  $C(X_1, E)$  onto  $C(X_2, E)$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  and a continuous map  $U$  with the strong operator topology from  $X_2$  into the space of surjective linear isometries on  $E$ , where  $U_y : E \rightarrow E$  is a surjective linear isometry for any  $y \in X_2$ , such that

$$TF(y) = U_y(F(\varphi(y))), \quad F \in C(X_1, E), \quad y \in X_2.$$

Cambern, in [2], defined the Banach-Stone property. A Banach space  $E$  is said to have the Banach-Stone property if every surjective linear isometry  $T : C(X_1, E) \rightarrow C(X_2, E)$  admits a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  and a strongly continuous family  $\{V_y\}_{y \in X_2}$  of surjective linear isometries on  $E$  such that

$$TF(y) = V_y(F(\varphi(y))), \quad F \in C(X_1, E), \quad y \in X_2.$$

Later many results of surjective linear isometries are exhibited including in [3, 5, 6, 11]. They studied Banach spaces which have the Banach-Stone property. In particular, in [5], the authors studied unital surjective linear isometries between the injective tensor product of a uniform algebra and a unital factor  $C^*$ -algebra. A unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a factor if its center is trivial. As a corollary of their main theorems, they show that unital factor  $C^*$ -algebras have the Banach-Stone property as the following:

**Theorem 1.5** (Corollary 5 in [5]). *Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a unital factor  $C^*$ -algebra for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then a bijective linear map  $T : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is a surjective linear isometry if and only if there exists a homeomorphism  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ , a strongly continuous family  $\{V_y\}_{y \in X_2}$  of Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms from  $\mathcal{A}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{A}_2$  and a unitary element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  such that*

$$TF(y) = U(y)V_y(F(\varphi(y)))$$

for any  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

The authors studied hermitian operators on the injective tensor product of a uniform algebra and a unital factor  $C^*$ -algebra. They applied the notion of hermitian operators and the technique, which was introduced by Lumer in [12, 13], to characterize surjective linear isometries on the spaces.

In this paper, we study surjective linear isometries by applying studies of Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms. In Theorem 3.3 we prove that a primitive  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  has the Banach-Stone property. Since a primitive  $C^*$ -algebra is factor, Theorem 3.3 follows

from Theorem 1.5. However the proof is quite different and simple. We do not need studying hermitian operators on  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

## § 2. Jordan \*-isomorphisms

We introduce the studies of Jordan \*-isomorphisms on  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  in [14]. In addition, we will proceed to sketch the main ideas of the proof for completeness. We refer the reader to the paper [14] for more details.

In the proof, we consider the algebraic tensor product space. The algebraic tensor product space of  $C(X)$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  is denoted by  $C(X) \otimes \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (Theorem 2.4. in [14]). *Let  $J : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be a Jordan \*-isomorphism. Then there exist a continuous map  $\varphi_\rho : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  for every  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$  and a Jordan \*-homomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  such that*

$$\pi_\rho(JF(y)) = \pi_\rho(V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y))))$$

for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and all  $y \in X_2$ .

### Outline of the proof of Theorem 2.1.

We sketch the outline of the proof of Theorem 2.1. We have

$$\text{PS}(C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)) = \{\rho \circ \delta_y \mid \rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2), y \in X_2\},$$

where  $\delta_y$  is a complex linear operator from  $C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  into  $\mathcal{A}_2$  such that  $\delta_y(F) = F(y)$  for any  $F \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ . We denote the commutant of  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y}(C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2))$  by  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y}(C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2))'$ . We denote the identity operator on  $H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}$  by  $I_{H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}}$ . Since a space  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y}(C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2))$  acts irreducibly on  $H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}$ , we get  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y}(C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2))' = \mathbb{C}I_{H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}}$ . Corollary 3.4 in [15] implies that  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y} \circ J : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow B(H_{\rho \circ \delta_y})$  is either a \*-homomorphism or an anti \*-homomorphism. Thus we get for any  $f \in C(X_1)$ ,  $\pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y} \circ J(f \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}_1}) \in \mathbb{C}I_{H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}}$ . We define  $\lambda_f \in \mathbb{C}$  by

$$(2.1) \quad \pi_{\rho \circ \delta_y} \circ J(f \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}_1}) = \lambda_f \cdot I_{H_{\rho \circ \delta_y}}.$$

Since  $J^*(\rho \circ \delta_y) \in \text{PS}(C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1))$ , there exist  $\phi_{\rho, y} \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $x \in X_1$  such that  $J^*(\rho \circ \delta_y) = \phi_{\rho, y} \circ \delta_x$ . We define  $\varphi_\rho : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  by  $J^*(\rho \circ \delta_y) = \phi_{\rho, y} \circ \delta_{\varphi_\rho(y)}$ . Since  $J(1) = 1$ , we get  $f(\varphi_\rho(y)) = \lambda_f$  for any  $f \in C(X_1)$ . Moreover (2.1) shows that  $\pi_\rho(J(f \otimes 1_{\mathcal{A}_1})(y)) = f(\varphi_\rho(y))I_{H_\rho}$ . Fix  $y \in Y_2$ . We define a Jordan \*-homomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  by

$$V_y(a) = J(1 \otimes a)(y)$$

for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ . As  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $\pi_\rho$  is an irreducible representation of  $\mathcal{A}_2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_\rho(J(f \otimes a)(y)) &= \pi_\rho(J(f \otimes 1)(y))\pi_\rho(J(1 \otimes a)(y)) \\ &= \pi_\rho(V_y(f(\varphi_\rho(y))a)) = \pi_\rho(V_y(f \otimes a(\varphi_\rho(y)))). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C(X_1) \otimes \mathcal{A}_1$  is dense in  $C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $J$  is a bounded operator with  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ , we have  $\pi_\rho(JF(y)) = \pi_\rho(V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y))))$  for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and all  $y \in X_2$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* Since there is a Jordan \*-isomorphism from  $C(\{a\}, \mathbb{C}^2)$  onto  $C(\{x, y\}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $C(\{a\}, \mathbb{C}^2)$  and  $C(\{x, y\}, \mathbb{C})$  is isometric \*-isomorphic. On the other hand,  $\{a\}$  is not homeomorphic to  $\{x, y\}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is not \*-isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . We can not expect to get that  $V_y$  is an isomorphism and  $\varphi_\rho$  is a homeomorphism.

**Theorem 2.2** (Theorem 2.7. in [14]). *Assume that  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  are primitive. Then  $J : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is a Jordan \*-isomorphism if and only if there exist a homeomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $X_2$  onto  $X_1$  and a Jordan \*-isomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  so that the map  $y \mapsto V_y$  is continuous with respect to the strong operator topology such that*

$$(2.2) \quad JF(y) = V_y(F(\varphi(y)))$$

for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

**Outline of the proof of Theorem 2.2.** We omit the proof of the statement that if  $J$  is of the form described as (2.2) in the statement then  $J$  is a Jordan \*-isomorphism from  $C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  onto  $C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ .

We only mention that if  $J : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is a Jordan \*-isomorphism, then  $J$  has the form as (2.2) with the desired properties for  $\varphi$  and  $V_y$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is a primitive  $C^*$ -algebra, there is a  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$  such that  $\pi_\rho$  is faithful. We define  $\varphi : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  by  $\varphi = \varphi_\rho$ . By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$JF(y) = V_y(F(\varphi(y))).$$

We prove that  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism. Let  $y_1, y_2 \in X_2$  such that  $\varphi(y_1) = \varphi(y_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a primitive  $C^*$ -algebra, there exist a continuous map  $\psi : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and a Jordan \*-homomorphism  $S_x : \mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_1$  for each  $x \in X_1$  such that  $J^{-1}F(x) = S_x(F(\psi(x)))$ , for all  $F \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ . This implies that for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ , we have  $F(x) = S_x(V_{\psi(x)}F(\varphi(\psi(x))))$ . As  $C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  separates the points of  $X_1$ , we get  $\varphi(\psi(x)) = x$  for any  $x \in X_1$ . Applying a similar argument, we get  $F(y) = V_y(S_{\varphi(y)}(F(\psi(\varphi(y))))$  for all  $F \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  and  $\psi(\varphi(y)) = y$  for any  $y \in X_2$ . As  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are compact

Hausdorff spaces and  $\varphi$  is a continuous map,  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism. By  $\varphi^{-1} = \psi$ , we get  $S_{\varphi(y)} \circ V_y = I_{\mathcal{A}_1}$  and  $V_y \circ S_{\varphi(y)} = I_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ , where  $I_{\mathcal{A}_i}$  is the identity operator on  $\mathcal{A}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Thus  $V_y$  is a bijection and  $V_y$  is a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism such that  $V_y^{-1} = S_{\varphi(y)}$ .

Let  $\{y_\lambda\} \subset X_2$  be a net with  $y_\lambda \rightarrow y_0$ . For any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ ,  $\|V_{y_\lambda}(a) - V_{y_0}(a)\|_{\mathcal{A}_2} = \|J(1 \otimes a)(y_\lambda) - J(1 \otimes a)(y_0)\|_{\mathcal{A}_2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $J(1 \otimes a) \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ . This implies that the map  $y \mapsto V_y$  is continuous with respect to the strong operator topology.  $\square$

### § 3. Applications of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2

#### § 3.1. Surjective linear isometries

Kadison in 1951 obtained the following characterization for surjective complex linear isometries between unital  $C^*$ -algebras.

**Theorem 3.1** (Kadison [8]). *Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $T : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  is a surjective linear isometry if and only if there is a unitary element  $u \in \mathcal{A}_2$  and a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism  $J : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  such that*

$$T(a) = uJ(a), \quad a \in \mathcal{A}_1.$$

Applying Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $T : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be a surjective linear isometry. Then there exist a unitary element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ , a continuous map  $\varphi_\rho : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  for every  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$  and a Jordan  $*$ -homomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  such that*

$$\pi_\rho(TF(y)) = \pi_\rho(U(y)V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y))))$$

for all  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

*Proof.* By theorem 3.1, there is a unitary element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  and a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism  $J : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  such that  $T(F) = UJ(F)$  for any  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ . By Theorem 2.1, there exist a continuous map  $\varphi_\rho : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  for every  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$  and a Jordan  $*$ -homomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  such that

$$\pi_\rho(JF(y)) = \pi_\rho(V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y))))$$

for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and all  $y \in X_2$ . Since  $\pi_\rho : \mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow B(H_\rho)$  is an irreducible representation for any  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_\rho(TF(y)) &= \pi_\rho(U(y)J(F)(y)) = \pi_\rho(U(y))\pi_\rho(J(F)(y)) \\ &= \pi_\rho(U(y))\pi_\rho(V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y)))) = \pi_\rho(U(y)V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y)))) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ ,  $y \in X_2$ .  $\square$

In particular when  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  are primitive  $C^*$ -algebras, we have the following characterization.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Assume that  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  are primitive. Then  $T : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is a surjective linear isometry if and only if there exist a unitary element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ , a homeomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $X_2$  onto  $X_1$  and a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  so that the map  $y \mapsto V_y$  is continuous with respect to the strong operator topology such that*

$$(3.1) \quad TF(y) = U(y)V_y(F(\varphi(y)))$$

for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

*Proof.* Firstly suppose that  $T$  is of the form described as (3.1). Then by Theorem 2.2, the map  $F \mapsto V.(F(\varphi(\cdot)))$  from  $C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  onto  $C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism. Thus Theorem 3.1 implies that  $T$  is a surjective linear isometry. Now the converse statement is clear by Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is primitive then it is factor. But the converse is not true. Theorem 3.3 is a corollary of Theorem 1.5. Thus, this result was already obtained but our proof is much simpler than that presented in [5].

### § 3.2. Order isomorphisms

In [9], Kadison proved that every order isomorphism which carries the identity into identity between unital  $C^*$ -algebras is a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism. We obtain the following characterization of order isomorphisms between unital  $C^*$ -algebras as a corollary of the theorem of Kadison. Although this is a well-known fact, we give a proof by applying [9, Corollary 5] for completeness.

**Theorem 3.5** (Kadison [9]). *Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $T : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  is an order isomorphism if and only if there is a positive invertible element  $u \in \mathcal{A}_2$  and a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism  $J : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  such that*

$$T(a) = uJ(a)u, \quad a \in \mathcal{A}_1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $T : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  be an order isomorphism. Then there is a positive element  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$  with  $a \neq 0$  such that  $T(a) = 1_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ . Since  $a \leq \|a\|1_{\mathcal{A}_1}$ , we get

$$1_{\mathcal{A}_2} = T(a) \leq \|a\|T(1_{\mathcal{A}_1}).$$

As  $\|a\| \neq 0$ , we get  $\frac{1_{\mathcal{A}_2}}{\|a\|} \leq T(1_{\mathcal{A}_1})$ . By the Gelfand representation applied to the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by  $T(1_{\mathcal{A}_1})$  and  $1_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ , we get  $0 \notin \sigma(T1_{\mathcal{A}_1})$  and  $T1_{\mathcal{A}_1}$  is an invertible element. Hence we put  $u = (T1_{\mathcal{A}_1})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Since  $u$  is also invertible and positive in  $\mathcal{A}_2$ , we define a map  $J : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  by  $J(a) = u^{-1}T(a)u^{-1}$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ . It is clear that  $J$  is an order isomorphism which satisfies that  $J(1_{\mathcal{A}_1}) = 1_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ . By [9, Corollary 5],  $J$  is a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism. We conclude that  $T(a) = uJ(a)u$  for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ .

Conversely we assume that  $T(a) = uJ(a)u$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$ , where  $J$  is a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism. Then  $T$  is a linear bijective map. Since  $J$  is an order isomorphism, for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}_1$  there is  $b \in \mathcal{A}_2$  such that  $J(a^*a) = b^*b$ . Hence we obtain that

$$T(a^*a) = uJ(a^*a)u = ub^*bu = (bu)^*(bu) \geq 0.$$

In addition,  $T^{-1}(b) = J^{-1}(u^{-1}bu^{-1})$  for any  $b \in \mathcal{A}_2$ . We have

$$T^{-1}(b^*b) = J^{-1}(u^{-1}b^*bu^{-1}) = J^{-1}((bu^{-1})^*bu^{-1}) \geq 0$$

for all  $b \in \mathcal{A}_2$ . Thus  $T$  is an order isomorphism.  $\square$

By applying Theorem 3.5 and similar arguments as in the case of surjective linear isometries, we obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $T : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be an order isomorphism. Then there exist a positive invertible element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ , a continuous map  $\varphi_\rho : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  for any  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$  and a Jordan  $*$ -homomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  such that*

$$\pi_\rho(TF(y)) = \pi_\rho(U(y)V_y(F(\varphi_\rho(y)))U(y))$$

for all  $\rho \in \text{PS}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *Assume that  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  are primitive. Then  $T : C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1) \rightarrow C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  is an order isomorphism if and only if there exist a positive invertible element  $U \in C(X_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ , a homeomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $X_2$  onto  $X_1$  and a Jordan  $*$ -isomorphism  $V_y : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  for each  $y \in X_2$  where the map  $y \mapsto V_y$  is continuous with respect to the strong operator topology such that*

$$(3.2) \quad TF(y) = U(y)V_y(F(\varphi(y)))U(y)$$

for all  $F \in C(X_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $y \in X_2$ .

**Remark 3.8.** We obtain that for any unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms, surjective linear isomorphisms and order isomorphisms on  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  are represented by weighted composition operators by using the irreducible representations on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Moreover



when  $\mathcal{A}$  is a primitive  $C^*$ -algebra, we obtain complete representations of these operators. These are one of the vector-valued versions of the classical theorems by Banach and Stone, Gelfand and Kolmogorov, and Kaplansky. It is not clear to the author whether complete representations of Jordan  $*$ -isomorphisms, surjective linear isomorphisms and order isomorphisms on  $C(X, \mathcal{A})$  are obtained for other classes of  $C^*$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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