



# Orthogonally additive polynomials on Fourier algebras <sup>☆</sup>



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## ABSTRACT

We show that an  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P$  on the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  of a locally compact group  $G$  can be represented in the form  $P(f) = \langle T, f^n \rangle$  ( $f \in A(G)$ ) for some  $T$  in the group von Neumann algebra  $VN(G)$  of  $G$  if and only if it is orthogonally additive and completely bounded.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. A map  $\Phi$  from  $A$  onto a Banach space  $Y$  is said to be *orthogonally additive* if  $\Phi(a+b) = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$  whenever  $a, b \in A$  are such that  $ab = ba = 0$ . In the case where  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra, it is known that every continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P$  on  $A$  can be represented in the form  $P(a) = \langle \omega, a^n \rangle$  ( $a \in A$ ) for some  $\omega \in A^*$  (see [5,7,22] for commutative  $C^*$ -algebras and [21] for arbitrary  $C^*$ -algebras). Our purpose is to investigate whether this representation still holds true for orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  of a locally compact group  $G$ . We refer the reader to [13] for the basic properties of  $A(G)$ . We recall that  $A(G)$  is a regular, Tauberian, semisimple, commutative Banach algebra whose character space is identified with  $G$  by point evaluation and the dual of  $A(G)$  can be identified with the group von Neumann algebra  $VN(G)$  of  $G$ . The next example shows that the required representation may fail to hold for some groups.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $\mathbb{F}_2$  be the free group on two generators  $\{a, b\}$ . It is clear that the set  $\{a^n b^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  satisfies the Leinert condition [18, Definition] and [18, (2.1)] then shows that there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(a^n b^n)|^2 \leq C \|f\|_{A(\mathbb{F}_2)}^2$  for each  $f \in A(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . This allows to define a continuous orthogonally additive

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2-homogeneous polynomial  $P: A(\mathbb{F}_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $P(f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (f(a^n b^n))^2$  for each  $f \in A(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . Suppose that  $P$  can be represented by some  $T \in VN(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . For all  $g, h \in A(\mathbb{F}_2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(a^n b^n)h(a^n b^n) &= \frac{1}{2}(P(g+h) - P(g) - P(h)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle T, (g+h)^2 \rangle - \langle T, g^2 \rangle - \langle T, h^2 \rangle) \\ &= \langle T, gh \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(a^n b^n) = \langle T, f \rangle$  for each  $f$  in the linear span  $B$  of the set  $\{gh : g, h \in A(\mathbb{F}_2)\}$ . We mention in passing that, by [18, (2.3)],  $B \neq A(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . Let  $\lambda$  be the left regular representation of  $\mathbb{F}_2$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . By [1, Theorem IV J], we have  $\|\sum_{n=1}^N \lambda(a^n b^n)\|_{VN(\mathbb{F}_2)} = 2\sqrt{N-1}$  for each  $N \geq 3$ . Since  $VN(\mathbb{F}_2) = A(\mathbb{F}_2)^*$  and  $B$  is dense in  $A(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , we conclude that there exists  $f \in B$  such that  $\|f\|_{A(\mathbb{F}_2)} = 1$  and

$$\sqrt{N-1} < \left| \left\langle \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda(a^n b^n), f \right\rangle \right| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^N f(a^n b^n) \right| = |\langle T, f \rangle| \leq \|T\|_{VN(\mathbb{F}_2)},$$

a contradiction.

In order to have a right view of the representation problem it seems to be appropriate to take into account the structure of operator space of  $A(G)$ . We refer the reader to [12] for the necessary background from operator space theory. The duality between  $A(G)$  and  $VN(G)$  equips  $A(G)$  with a natural structure of operator space. Further, with this structure,  $A(G)$  becomes a completely contractive Banach algebra (see [12, Sections 16.1 and 16.2]). This implies that the polynomial  $f \mapsto \langle T, f^n \rangle$  is not merely continuous, but actually completely bounded for each  $T \in VN(G)$ .

In Section 2 we show that a (complex-valued)  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P$  on the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  of a locally compact group  $G$  can be represented in the form  $P(f) = P_T^n(f) := \langle T, f^n \rangle$  ( $f \in A(G)$ ) for some  $T \in VN(G)$  if and only if it is orthogonally additive and completely bounded. In fact, the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is shown to be a completely isometric isomorphism from  $VN(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_{cbo}^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all completely bounded orthogonally additive (complex-valued)  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A(G)$ . Section 3 reveals that the preceding theory applies to other Banach algebras such as the Figà–Talamanca–Herz algebras and the commutative  $C^*$ -algebras.

It should be pointed out that the representation of orthogonally additive polynomials has been widely discussed in the context of Banach lattices (see [16] and the references therein).

### 1.1. Notation

Let  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. We write  $\mathcal{B}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y)$  for the Banach space of all continuous  $n$ -linear maps from  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$  into  $Y$ . We write  $\mathcal{B}^n(X, Y)$  in the case where  $X_1 = \dots = X_n = X$ . As usual, we abbreviate  $\mathcal{B}^1(X, Y)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}(X, \mathbb{C})$  to  $X^*$ . We write  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  for the dual pairing of  $X$  and  $X^*$ . A map  $P: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial if there exists  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}^n(X, Y)$  (which is unique if it is required to be symmetric) such that  $P(x) = \varphi(x, \dots, x)$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}^n(X, Y)$  denote the space of all continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials from  $X$  into  $Y$ . This is a Banach space equipped with the norm  $\|P\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|P(x)\|$ . From the polarization formula, it follows that  $\|P\| \leq \|\varphi\| \leq \frac{n^n}{n!} \|P\|$ , where  $\varphi$  is the symmetric  $n$ -linear map associated with  $P$ .

Throughout this paper we confine ourselves to complex-valued polynomials on a Banach algebra  $A$ . Of course, for any  $\omega \in A^*$ , the map  $P_\omega^n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$P_\omega^n(a) = \langle \omega, a^n \rangle \quad (a \in A)$$

is a continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial. The symmetric  $n$ -linear form  $\varphi_\omega^n: A^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  associated with  $P_\omega^n$  is given by

$$\varphi_\omega^n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \langle \omega, a_{\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{\sigma(n)} \rangle \quad (a_1, \dots, a_n \in A),$$

which becomes simply

$$\varphi_\omega^n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \langle \omega, a_1 \cdots a_n \rangle \quad (a_1, \dots, a_n \in A),$$

in the case where  $A$  is commutative.

We now suppose that  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and  $Y$  are operator spaces. As usual,  $\mathbb{M}_k(X)$  denotes the space of  $k \times k$  matrices with entries in  $X$ . This may also be thought of as the algebraic tensor product  $\mathbb{M}_k \otimes X$ , where  $\mathbb{M}_k = \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{C})$ . We identify matrices of matrices with simple matrices in the usual way. Let  $\varphi: X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n \rightarrow Y$  be an  $n$ -linear map and  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the  $(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ -amplification

$$\varphi^{(k_1, \dots, k_n)}: \mathbb{M}_{k_1}(X_1) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{M}_{k_n}(X_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{k_1 \cdots k_n}(Y)$$

of  $\varphi$  is defined through

$$\varphi^{(k_1, \dots, k_n)}(\alpha_1 \otimes x_1, \dots, \alpha_n \otimes x_n) = \alpha_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_n \otimes \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{M}_{k_1}(\mathbb{C}) \times \cdots \times \mathbb{M}_{k_n}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$ . The map  $\varphi$  is said to be completely bounded if

$$\|\varphi\|_{cb} = \sup \left\{ \left\| \varphi^{(k_1, \dots, k_n)} \right\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(\mathbb{M}_{k_1}(X_1), \dots, \mathbb{M}_{k_n}(X_n); \mathbb{M}_{k_1 \cdots k_n}(Y))} : k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} < \infty.$$

This is the same as asserting that the linearization of  $\varphi$  from  $X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_n$  into  $Y$  determines a completely bounded linear map  $\widehat{\varphi}$  from the operator space projective tensor product  $X_1 \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} X_n$  into  $Y$ . We write  $\mathcal{CB}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y)$  for the linear space of all completely bounded  $n$ -linear maps from  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  into  $Y$ . This is an operator space with matrix norms coming from the identification  $\mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y)) = \mathcal{CB}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; \mathbb{M}_k(Y))$ . We write  $\mathcal{CB}^n(X, Y)$  in the case where  $X_1 = \cdots = X_n = X$  and we abbreviate  $\mathcal{CB}^1(X, Y)$  to  $\mathcal{CB}(X, Y)$ . The map  $\varphi \mapsto \widehat{\varphi}$  is a completely isometric isomorphism from  $\mathcal{CB}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y)$  onto  $\mathcal{CB}(X_1 \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} X_n, Y)$  and there are natural completely isometric isomorphisms from  $\mathcal{CB}^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y)$  onto  $\mathcal{CB}(X_i, \mathcal{CB}^{n-1}(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n; Y))$ . An  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P: X \rightarrow Y$  is completely bounded if the symmetric  $n$ -linear form associated with  $P$  is completely bounded. We write  $\mathcal{P}_{cb}^n(X, Y)$  for the linear space of all completely bounded  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials from  $X$  into  $Y$ . This is an operator space with the structure inherited from  $\mathcal{CB}^n(X, Y)$  through the identification of  $\mathcal{P}_{cb}^n(X, Y)$  with the symmetric completely bounded  $n$ -linear maps. We refer the reader to [10] for further details about completely bounded polynomials.

## 2. Orthogonally additive polynomials on Fourier algebras

Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra, and let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Motivated by [6] we call an  $n$ -linear form  $\varphi: A^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  *orthosymmetric* if  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ , whenever  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  is such that  $a_i a_j = a_j a_i = 0$  for some  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Guided by [16] we also consider the following variant of the newly quoted orthosymmetry. An  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  is said to be *partitionally orthogonal* if there exists a partition  $\{\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_m\}$  of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $2 \leq m \leq n$  such that  $a_i a_j = a_j a_i = 0$  whenever  $i \in \Lambda_k$  and  $j \in \Lambda_l$  with  $k, l \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $k \neq l$ . An  $n$ -linear form  $\varphi: A^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be *partitionally orthosymmetric*

if  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$  whenever  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  is partitionally orthogonal. It is easy to check that the orthosymmetry of  $\varphi$  implies the partitional orthosymmetry of  $\varphi$ .

It seems appropriate to mention in passing that the orthosymmetric bilinear maps have been intensively used in [2–4] to study the disjointness preserving linear maps on a variety of Banach algebras.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra, and let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Then for any  $\omega \in A^*$  the  $n$ -linear form  $\varphi_\omega^n$  is orthosymmetric and  $\|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} \leq \|\omega\|_{A^*}$ . If  $A$  has an approximate identity of bound  $C$ , then  $\|\omega\|_{A^*} \leq C^{n-1} \|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})}$ .*

**Proof.** It is easily seen that  $\varphi_\omega^n$  is orthosymmetric and that  $\|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} \leq \|\omega\|_{A^*}$ .

Suppose that  $(\rho_\lambda)_{\lambda \in A}$  is an approximate identity of bound  $C$ . It is clear that  $\langle \omega, a \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \in A} \varphi_\omega^n(a, \rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda)$  for each  $a \in A$ . Moreover,  $|\varphi_\omega^n(a, \rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda)| \leq \|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} C^{n-1} \|a\|_A$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $\lambda \in A$ . Hence,  $|\langle \omega, a \rangle| \leq \|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} C^{n-1} \|a\|_A$  and therefore  $\|\omega\|_{A^*} \leq C^{n-1} \|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.**

- (1) If  $A$  has an approximate identity of bound 1, then  $\|\varphi_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} = \|\omega\|_{A^*}$  for each  $\omega \in A^*$ . Of course,  $\|P_\omega^n\|_{\mathcal{P}^n(A, \mathbb{C})} \leq \|\omega\|_{A^*}$ . Nevertheless, this latter inequality may fail to be an equality (see Example 2.7).
- (2) It is worth noting that the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  of any amenable group  $G$  has an approximate identity of bound 1 (further,  $A(G)$  has a bounded approximate identity precisely when  $G$  is amenable) [19].

The next result reveals the reason of considering the partitional orthosymmetry.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a Banach algebra. Let  $P: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial for some integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $\varphi: A^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the symmetric continuous  $n$ -linear form associated with  $P$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *the polynomial  $P$  is orthogonally additive;*
- (2) *the form  $\varphi$  is partitionally orthosymmetric.*

**Proof.** Let  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  partitionally orthogonal. Let  $\{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  be the corresponding partition from the definition. Let  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then the elements  $\sum_{i \in A_j} z_i a_i$  with  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  are mutually orthogonal and therefore

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n z_i a_i\right) = \sum_{j=1}^m P\left(\sum_{i \in A_j} z_i a_i\right).$$

The coefficient of the monomial  $z_1 \cdots z_n$  on the left side of the identity is  $n! \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  while the coefficient of  $z_1 \cdots z_n$  of each and every summand on the right side is zero because  $m \geq 2$ . We thus get  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group, and let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *a completely bounded  $n$ -linear form on  $A(G)$  is orthosymmetric if and only if it is partitionally orthosymmetric;*
- (2) *the map  $T \mapsto \varphi_T^n$  is a completely isometric isomorphism from  $VN(G)$  onto the space  $CB_o^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all completely bounded orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $A(G)$ ;*

(3) the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is a completely isometric isomorphism from  $VN(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_{cbo}^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all completely bounded orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M_n: A(G)^n \rightarrow A(G)$  be the  $n$ -linear map defined by

$$M_n(f_1, \dots, f_n) = f_1 \cdots f_n$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A(G)$ . It is well known that  $M_2$  is completely bounded with  $\|M_2\|_{\mathcal{CB}^2(A(G), A(G))} \leq 1$ . Furthermore, it is clear that

$$M_n^{(k_1, \dots, k_n)}(F_1, \dots, F_n) = M_2^{(k_1, k_2 \cdots k_n)}(F_1, M_{n-1}^{(k_2, \dots, k_n)}(F_2, \dots, F_n))$$

for all  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $F_1 \in \mathbb{M}_{k_1}(A(G)), \dots, F_n \in \mathbb{M}_{k_n}(A(G))$ . By using an inductive procedure we deduce that  $\|M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), A(G))} \leq 1$ .

Let  $H$  be a locally compact group. If  $f \in A(G)$  and  $g \in A(H)$ , then the function  $(s, t) \mapsto f(s)g(t)$  on  $G \times H$  lies in  $A(G \times H)$ . By [11], this induces a canonical completely isometric isomorphism from  $A(G) \widehat{\otimes} A(H)$  onto  $A(G \times H)$ . Consequently, the map  $\Psi: A(G) \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} A(G) \rightarrow A(G^n)$  defined through

$$\Psi(f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n)(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f_1(t_1) \cdots f_n(t_n)$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A(G)$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in G$  is a completely isometric isomorphism.

Let  $T \in VN(G)$ . It is clear that  $\varphi_T^n$  is partitionally orthogonal. Further, we have  $\varphi_T^n = T \circ M_n$ , and therefore  $\varphi_T^n \in \mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $[T_{ij}] \in \mathbb{M}_k(VN(G))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| [\varphi_{T_{ij}}^n] \right\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), \mathbb{C}))} &= \left\| [T_{ij}] \circ M_n \right\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \\ &\leq \left\| [T_{ij}] \right\|_{\mathcal{CB}(A(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \|M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), A(G))} \\ &\leq \left\| [T_{ij}] \right\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(VN(G))}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi$  be a completely bounded partitionally orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form on  $A(G)$ . Our next objective is to show that  $\varphi = \varphi_T^n$  for some  $T \in VN(G)$ , which establishes the orthosymmetry of  $\varphi$ . Let us also observe that such a  $T$  is necessarily unique because the linear span of the set  $\{f_1 \cdots f_n : f_1, \dots, f_n \in A(G)\}$  is dense in  $A(G)$ .

Let  $I$  be the closed linear subspace of  $A(G^n)$  generated by the set  $K$  of all functions of the form  $\Psi(f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n)$ , where  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$  is partitionally orthogonal. It is clear that  $\Psi(f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n)K \subset K$  for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$  and, since  $\Psi(A(G) \otimes \cdots \otimes A(G))$  is dense in  $A(G^n)$ , it follows that  $I$  is an ideal of  $A(G^n)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is partitionally orthosymmetric, it follows that  $I \subset \ker(\widehat{\varphi} \circ \Psi^{-1})$ . Consequently, there exists a continuous linear functional  $\widehat{\varphi}: A(G^n)/I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\widehat{\varphi} \circ \Psi^{-1} = \widehat{\varphi} \circ Q$ , where  $Q: A(G^n) \rightarrow A(G^n)/I$  is the quotient homomorphism.

The task is now to prove that

$$I = \{F \in A(G^n) : F(t, \dots, t) = 0 \text{ for each } t \in G\}.$$

To this end, we first show that the hull

$$h(I) = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in G^n : F(t_1, \dots, t_n) = 0 \text{ for each } F \in I\}$$

of  $I$  is the set  $\Delta = \{(t, \dots, t) : t \in G\}$ . It is immediate to check that  $\Delta \subset h(I)$ . Conversely, assume that  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in G^n \setminus \Delta$ . Then there exists a partition  $\{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and pairwise different

elements  $s_1, \dots, s_m \in G$  with  $2 \leq m \leq n$  such that  $t_i = s_k$  whenever  $i \in \Lambda_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Let  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  pairwise disjoint open subsets of  $G$  with  $s_k \in U_k$  ( $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ) and let  $g_1, \dots, g_m \in A(G)$  with  $\text{supp}(g_k) \subset U_k$  and  $g_k(s_k) = 1$  ( $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ). We define  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A(G)$  by  $f_i = g_k$  whenever  $i \in \Lambda_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  is partitionally orthogonal so that  $\Psi(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n) \in K$ . Since  $\Psi(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n)(t_1, \dots, t_n) = 1$ , it follows that  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in G^n \setminus h(I)$ , which completes the proof of the property  $h(I) = \Delta$ . Since  $\Delta$  is a closed subgroup of  $G^n$ , we conclude that  $\Delta$  is a set of synthesis for  $A(G^n)$  [24, Theorem 3]. This means that  $\{F \in A(G^n) : F(t, \dots, t) = 0 \text{ for each } t \in G\}$  is the only closed ideal whose hull equal to  $\Delta$  and therefore it is equal to  $I$ , as claimed.

On account of [14, Proposition 4.2], the restriction map  $\Gamma: A(G^n)/I \rightarrow A(G)$  defined by  $\Gamma(Q(F))(t) = F(t, \dots, t)$  for all  $F \in A(G^n)$  and  $t \in G$  is a completely isometric isomorphism. Further, it should be observed that clearly  $(\Gamma \circ Q \circ \Psi)(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n) = f_1 \cdots f_n$  for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$ . Define  $T = \tilde{\varphi} \circ \Gamma^{-1} \in A(G)^*$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_T^n(f_1, \dots, f_n) &= \langle \tilde{\varphi} \circ \Gamma^{-1}, (\Gamma \circ Q \circ \Psi)(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n) \rangle \\ &= \langle \tilde{\varphi} \circ Q \circ \Psi, f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n \rangle \\ &= \langle \hat{\varphi} \circ \Psi^{-1} \circ \Psi, f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n \rangle \\ &= \langle \hat{\varphi}, f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n \rangle \\ &= \varphi(f_1, \dots, f_n) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$ .

Let  $[\varphi_{ij}] \in \mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}_o^n(A(G), \mathbb{C}))$  and take  $T_{ij} = \tilde{\varphi}_{ij} \circ \Gamma^{-1}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Using that  $Q$  is a complete quotient map and that  $\Gamma, \Psi$ , and  $\hat{\cdot}$  are completely isometric isomorphisms, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|[T_{ij}]\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(VN(G))} &= \|[T_{ij}]\|_{\mathcal{CB}(A(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} = \|[T_{ij}]^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \\ &= \|[\tilde{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)} \circ (\Gamma^{-1})^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \\ &\leq \|[\tilde{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)/I), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \|(\Gamma^{-1})^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)/I))} \\ &= \|[\tilde{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)/I), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} = \|[\tilde{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)} \circ Q^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \\ &= \|[\hat{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)} \circ (\Psi^{-1})^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \\ &\leq \|[\hat{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G) \hat{\otimes} \dots \hat{\otimes} A(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \|(\Psi^{-1})^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G^n)), \mathbb{M}_k(A(G) \hat{\otimes} \dots \hat{\otimes} A(G)))} \\ &= \|[\hat{\varphi}_{ij}]^{(k)}\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A(G) \hat{\otimes} \dots \hat{\otimes} A(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \leq \|[\hat{\varphi}_{ij}]\|_{\mathcal{CB}(A(G) \hat{\otimes} \dots \hat{\otimes} A(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \\ &= \|[\hat{\varphi}_{ij}]\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}(A(G) \hat{\otimes} \dots \hat{\otimes} A(G), \mathbb{C}))} = \|[\varphi_{ij}]\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}^n(A(G), \mathbb{C}))}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the statement (2).

Finally, Lemma 2.3 and the statement (2) in the theorem now yield (3).  $\square$

We will now show that if  $G$  is almost abelian, then we are allowed to ignore the operator space structure of  $A(G)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. Let  $X$  be an operator space, and let  $\varphi: A(G)^n \rightarrow X$  be a bounded  $n$ -linear map for some positive integer  $n$ . Suppose that  $G$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index. Then  $\varphi$  is completely bounded.*

**Proof.** The case  $n = 1$  follows from [14, Theorem 4.5].

We now turn to the case  $n \geq 2$ . Throughout the proof,  $\otimes_\pi$  denotes the Banach space projective tensor product. The linearization of  $\varphi$  on  $A(G) \otimes \cdots \otimes A(G)$  gives a bounded linear map  $\varphi_\pi: A(G) \otimes_\pi \cdots \otimes_\pi A(G) \rightarrow X$ . By [20, Theorem 1], the canonical map  $\Phi: A(G) \otimes_\pi \cdots \otimes_\pi A(G) \rightarrow A(G^n)$  is a (Banach space) isomorphism (though not necessarily isometric). Since  $G^n$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index, [14, Theorem 4.5] shows that every bounded linear map from  $A(G^n)$  into any operator space is completely bounded. Consequently, the map  $\varphi_\pi \circ \Phi^{-1}$  is completely bounded. We finally observe that  $\varphi = \varphi_\pi \circ \Phi^{-1} \circ \Psi \circ \Theta$ , where  $\Psi$  is the completely isometric isomorphism from  $A(G) \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} A(G)$  onto  $A(G^n)$  used in the proof of Theorem 2.4 and  $\Theta: A(G)^n \rightarrow A(G) \widehat{\otimes} \cdots \widehat{\otimes} A(G)$  is the completely bounded  $n$ -linear map defined by  $\Theta(f_1, \dots, f_n) = f_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes f_n$  for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$ .  $\square$

Theorem 2.4 together with Lemmas 2.5 and 2.1 and Remark 2.2 now yield the next corollary. It may be worth noting that if the group  $G$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index, then  $G$  is amenable.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group, and let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $G$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index. Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *a continuous  $n$ -linear form on  $A(G)$  is orthosymmetric if and only if it is partitionally orthosymmetric;*
- (2) *the map  $T \mapsto \varphi_T^n$  is an isometry from  $VN(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{B}_o^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $A(G)$ ;*
- (3) *the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is an isomorphism from  $VN(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_o^n(A(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A(G)$ .*

**Example 2.7.** Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the circle group. The Fourier transform gives an isometric isomorphism from  $A(\mathbb{T})$  onto the group algebra  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  so that  $VN(\mathbb{T})$  is identified with  $\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z})$ . Let  $T \in VN(\mathbb{T})$  be defined by  $\langle T, f \rangle = \widehat{f}(1)$  for each  $f \in A(\mathbb{T})$ . It is a simple matter to check that  $\|T\| = 1$ . Our next goal is to show that  $\|P_T^2\| = 1/2$ . To this end, we first observe that if  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta$  and  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ , then  $4\alpha\beta \leq (\alpha + \beta)^2 \leq \alpha + \beta$ . Let  $f \in A(\mathbb{T})$  be such that  $\|f\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} = 1$ . Then  $|\widehat{f}(1 - k)| + |\widehat{f}(k)| \leq \|f\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} = 1$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |P_T^2(f)| &= |\widehat{f^2}(1)| = |(\widehat{f} * \widehat{f})(1)| = \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(1 - k) \widehat{f}(k) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(1 - k)| |\widehat{f}(k)| \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{4} (|\widehat{f}(1 - k)| + |\widehat{f}(k)|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(k)| = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Application to other Banach algebras

We will now illustrate how the preceding theory applies to other Banach algebras such as the Figà-Talamanca–Herz algebras and the commutative  $C^*$ -algebras.

#### 3.1. Figà–Talamanca–Herz algebras

We now pay attention to a significant class of Banach function algebras associated with a locally compact group  $G$ . Let  $p \in ]1, \infty[$ . Then  $A_p(G)$  is the Figà–Talamanca–Herz algebra of  $G$ .  $A_p(G)$  is a regular, Tauberian, semisimple, commutative Banach algebra whose character space is identified with  $G$  by point

evaluation (see [8, pp. 493–494] and [15]). It should be pointed out that  $A_2(G)$  agrees with  $A(G)$ . The dual space of  $A_p(G)$  is the Banach algebra  $PM_q(G)$  of  $q$ -pseudomeasures on  $G$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . It is worth noting that  $A_p(G)$  has an approximate identity of bound 1 for any amenable group  $G$  (see [15, Theorem 6]).

There have been several attempts to equip  $A_p(G)$  with an operator space structure [9,17,23]. Here we consider the structure defined in [17] which turns  $A_p(G)$  into a quantized Banach algebra (though the multiplication is not known to be completely contractive) and a quantized Banach  $A(G)$ -module.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group, and let  $p \in ]1, +\infty[$ . Let  $\varphi: A_p(G)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a completely bounded partitionally orthogonal  $n$ -linear form for some integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1)  $\varphi$  is symmetric;
- (2)  $\varphi(gf_1, \dots, f_n) = \varphi(f_1, \dots, gf_n)$  for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n, g \in A_p(G)$ .

Furthermore, in the case where  $G$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index, the complete boundedness of  $\varphi$  can be replaced by the continuity of  $\varphi$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . We claim that

$$\varphi(f_{\sigma(1)}g_1, \dots, f_{\sigma(n)}g_n) = \varphi(f_1g_1, \dots, f_ng_n) \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$\varphi(hf_1g_1, \dots, f_ng_n) = \varphi(f_1g_1, \dots, hf_ng_n) \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n, h \in A(G)$ ,  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in A_p(G)$ . Fix  $(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in A_p(G)^n$  and define  $\psi: A(G)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \varphi(f_1g_1, \dots, f_ng_n)$$

for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(G)^n$ . Then  $\psi$  is a completely bounded partitionally orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form. On account of Theorem 2.4,  $\psi = \varphi_T^n$  for some  $T \in VN(G)$ . In the case where  $G$  an abelian subgroup of finite index and  $\varphi$  is merely continuous,  $\psi$  is merely continuous and we apply Corollary 2.6 instead of Theorem 2.4. Consequently,

$$\psi(f_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, f_{\sigma(n)}) = \langle T, f_{\sigma(1)} \cdots f_{\sigma(n)} \rangle = \langle T, f_1 \cdots f_n \rangle = \psi(f_1, \dots, f_n),$$

which gives (3.1). Further,

$$\psi(hf_1, \dots, f_n) = \langle T, (hf_1) \cdots f_n \rangle = \langle T, f_1 \cdots (hf_n) \rangle = \psi(f_1, \dots, hf_n),$$

which yields (3.2). According to (3.1), we have

$$\varphi(f_{\sigma(1)}g_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, f_{\sigma(n)}g_{\sigma(n)}) = \varphi(f_1g_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, f_ng_{\sigma(n)}) = \varphi(f_1g_1, \dots, f_ng_n)$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_n \in A(G) \cap A_p(G)$ . This shows that  $\varphi$  is symmetric when restricted to the linear span  $J$  of  $(A(G) \cap A_p(G))(A(G) \cap A_p(G))$ . Similarly, (3.2) shows that (2) holds whenever  $f_1, \dots, f_n, g \in J$ . Since  $\varphi$  is continuous and  $J$  is dense in  $A_p(G)$ , the statements (1) and (2) follow.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be an amenable locally compact group, and let  $p, q \in ]1, +\infty[$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) a completely bounded  $n$ -linear form on  $A_p(G)$  is orthosymmetric if and only if it is partitionally orthosymmetric;
- (2) the map  $T \mapsto \varphi_T^n$  is a complete isomorphism from  $PM_q(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{CB}_o^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all completely bounded orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $A_p(G)$ ;
- (3) the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is a complete isomorphism from  $PM_q(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_{cb_o}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all completely bounded orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A_p(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi$  be a completely bounded partitionally orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form on  $A_p(G)$ . We claim that  $\varphi$  is orthosymmetric. Certainly, we can assume that  $n \geq 3$ . Moreover, since  $\varphi$  is known to be symmetric (Lemma 3.1), we are reduced to proving that  $\varphi(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = 0$ , whenever  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) \in A_p(G)^n$  is such that  $f_1 f_2 = 0$ . Let  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) \in A_p(G)^n$  as above. On account of Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}, gh) &= \varphi(gf_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}, h) \\ &= \varphi(g, f_1 f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}, h) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $g, h \in A_p(G)$ . Consequently,  $\varphi(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}, g) = 0$  whenever  $g$  lies in the linear span  $J$  of the set  $A_p(G)A_p(G)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is continuous and  $J$  is dense in  $A_p(G)$ , it follows that  $\varphi(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}, f_n) = 0$ , as required. This yields the statement (1).

Let  $M_n: A_p(G)^n \rightarrow A_p(G)$  be the  $n$ -linear map defined by

$$M_n(f_1, \dots, f_n) = f_1 \cdots f_n$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A_p(G)$ . Write  $\mu = \|M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^2(A_p(G), A_p(G))}$ . Then the same argument as in the beginning of the proof of Theorem 2.4 applies to show that  $\|M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), A_p(G))} \leq \mu^{n-1}$ .

Let  $[T_{ij}] \in \mathbb{M}_k(PM_q(G))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|[ \varphi_{T_{ij}}^n ]\|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C}))} &= \|[T_{ij}] \circ M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \\ &\leq \|[T_{ij}]\|_{\mathcal{CB}(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \|M_n\|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), A_p(G))}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{CB}_o^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})$ . According to Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\varphi(g_1 f_1, \dots, g_{n-1} f_{n-1}, f_n) = \varphi(g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}, f_1 \cdots f_n)$$

for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_{n-1} \in A_p(G)$ . Let  $(\rho_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be an approximate identity of  $A_p(G)$  of bound 1. Then

$$\varphi(\rho_\lambda f_1, \dots, \rho_\lambda f_{n-1}, f_n) = \varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f_1 \cdots f_n)$$

for all  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A_p(G)^n$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . We thus get

$$\varphi(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f_1 \cdots f_n)$$

for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A_p(G)^n$ . Let  $f \in A_p(G)$ . By Cohen's factorization theorem  $f$  can be written as a product  $f_1 \cdots f_n$  with  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A_p(G)$ . Therefore the net  $(\varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f))_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  is convergent. Hence we may define a linear functional  $T$  on  $A_p(G)$  by  $\langle T, f \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f)$  for each  $f \in A_p(G)$ . We now show that  $T$  is bounded. Indeed,

$$|\varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f)| \leq \|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})} \|f\|_{A_p(G)}$$

for all  $f \in A_p(G)$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , which implies  $|\langle T, f \rangle| \leq \|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})} \|f\|_{A_p(G)}$ . It is clear that  $\varphi_T^n = \varphi$ .

Let  $[\varphi_{ij}] \in \mathbb{M}_k(\mathcal{CB}_o^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C}))$  and let  $T_{ij} \in PM_q(G)$  be defined by  $\langle T_{ij}, f \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_{ij}(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f)$  for all  $f \in A_p(G)$  and  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ .

$$\| [T_{ij}] \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(PM_q(G))} = \| [T_{ij}] \|_{\mathcal{CB}(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} = \| [T_{ij}]^{(k)} \|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))}.$$

Let  $[f_{rs}] \in \mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G))$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \| [\varphi_{ij}(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, f_{rs})] \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k)} &= \| [\varphi_{ij}]^{(1, \dots, 1, k)}([\rho_\lambda], \dots, [\rho_\lambda], [f_{rs}]) \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k)} \\ &\leq \| [\varphi_{ij}]^{(1, \dots, 1, k)} \|_{\mathcal{B}^n(\mathbb{M}_1(A_p(G)), \dots, \mathbb{M}_1(A_p(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G)); \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \| [f_{rs}] \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G))} \\ &\leq \| [\varphi_{ij}] \|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \| [f_{rs}] \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G))}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\| [T_{ij}]^{(k)}([f_{rs}]) \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k)} \leq \| [\varphi_{ij}] \|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)} \| [f_{rs}] \|_{\mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G))}$$

and therefore

$$\| [T_{ij}]^{(k)} \|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{M}_k(A_p(G)), \mathbb{M}_k(\mathbb{M}_k))} \leq \| [\varphi_{ij}] \|_{\mathcal{CB}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{M}_k)}.$$

This completes our argument for (2). And lastly, [Lemma 2.3](#) and (2) establish (3).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a locally compact group, and let  $p, q \in ]1, +\infty[$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $G$  has an abelian subgroup of finite index. Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *a continuous  $n$ -linear form on  $A_p(G)$  is orthosymmetric if and only if it is partitionally orthosymmetric;*
- (2) *the map  $T \mapsto \varphi_T^n$  is an isometry from  $PM_q(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{B}_o^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $A_p(G)$ ;*
- (3) *the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is an isomorphism from  $PM_q(G)$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_o^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A_p(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Taking into account the extra statement in [Lemma 3.1](#), the same argument as in [Theorem 3.2](#) applies to prove (1) and that every continuous orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form (continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomial) on  $A_p(G)$  is of the form  $\varphi_T^n$  (respectively,  $P_T^n$ ) for some  $T \in PM_q(G)$ . Finally, [Lemma 2.1](#) together with [Remark 2.2](#) show that  $\|T\|_{PM_q(G)} = \|\varphi_T^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A_p(G), \mathbb{C})}$  for each  $T \in PM_q(G)$ . Finally, [Lemma 2.3](#) and (2) give (3).  $\square$

### 3.2. Commutative $C^*$ -algebras

Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra, and let  $u$  be a unitary element of  $A$ . Then the map  $f \mapsto f(u)$  gives a homomorphism from  $A(\mathbb{T})$  into  $A$ . Furthermore, if  $f \in A(\mathbb{T})$ , then

$$\|f(u)\|_A = \left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(k)u^k \right\|_A \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(k)| \|u\|_A^k = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(k)| = \|f\|_{A(\mathbb{T})}.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, and let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) a continuous  $n$ -linear form on  $A$  is orthosymmetric if and only if it is partitionally orthosymmetric;
- (2) the map  $T \mapsto \varphi_T^n$  is an isometry from  $A^*$  onto the space  $\mathcal{B}_o^n(A, \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear forms on  $A$ ;
- (3) the map  $T \mapsto P_T^n$  is an isomorphism from  $A^*$  onto the space  $\mathcal{P}_o^n(A, \mathbb{C})$  of all continuous orthogonally additive  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $A$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi$  be a continuous partitionally orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form on  $A$ . Fix  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  and a unitary element  $u$  of the multiplier algebra  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  of  $A$ . We define  $\psi: A(\mathbb{T})^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\psi(f_1, \dots, f_n) = \varphi(a_1 f_1(u), \dots, a_n f_n(u))$$

for each  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in A(\mathbb{T})^n$ . It is a simple matter to check that  $\psi$  is a continuous partitionally orthosymmetric  $n$ -linear form. By [Corollary 2.6](#),  $\psi = \varphi_T^n$  for some  $T \in VN(\mathbb{T})$ . Let  $\mathbf{1}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  stand for the functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  defined by  $\mathbf{1}(z) = 1$  and  $\mathbf{z}(z) = z$  for each  $z \in \mathbb{T}$ . We thus get

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\dots, a_i u, \dots, a_n) &= \psi(\mathbf{1}, \dots, \overset{i}{\mathbf{z}}, \dots, \mathbf{1}) = \langle T, \mathbf{1} \cdots \overset{i}{\mathbf{z}} \cdots \mathbf{1} \rangle \\ &= \langle T, \mathbf{1} \cdots \mathbf{z} \rangle = \psi(\mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{z}) = \varphi(\dots, a_i, \dots, a_n u) \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Since every element in  $A$  is a linear combination of four unitary elements of  $\mathcal{M}(A)$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\dots, a_i b, \dots, a_n) = \varphi(\dots, a_i, \dots, a_n b)$  for all  $b \in A$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence

$$\varphi(a_1 b_1, \dots, a_{n-1} b_{n-1}, a_n) = \varphi(b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}, a_1 \cdots a_n)$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} \in A$ .

We now take an approximate identity  $(\rho_\lambda)_{\lambda \in A}$  of  $A$  of bound 1 and the rest of the proof goes through as for [Theorem 3.2](#). We can define  $\omega \in A^*$  by  $\langle \omega, a \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \in A} \varphi(\rho_\lambda, \dots, \rho_\lambda, a)$  for each  $a \in A$ , which satisfies  $\varphi = \varphi_\omega^n$ . In particular  $\varphi$  is orthosymmetric. [Lemma 2.1](#) together with [Remark 2.2](#) show that  $\|\omega\|_{A^*} = \|\varphi_T^n\|_{\mathcal{B}^n(A, \mathbb{C})}$ . Finally, [Lemma 2.3](#) and (2) give (3).  $\square$

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