

Corollary XI.11 A, B C^* -algebras, $h: A \rightarrow B$
 a one-to-one $*$ -homomorphism $\Rightarrow h$ is an isometry
 of A into B

Proof: (1) WLOG A, B unital and $h(e) = e$

Γ otherwise take $h^+: A^+ \rightarrow B^+$ defined by $h^+(a, \lambda) = (h(a), \lambda)$

(2) It is enough to show $\|h(x)\| = \|x\|$ for x self-adjoint

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma y \in A \text{ general} &\Rightarrow \|h(y)\|^2 = \|h(y)^* h(y)\| = \\ &= \|h(y^* y)\| = \|y^* y\| = \|y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

\uparrow
 $y^* y$ self-adjoint

(3) Let $x \in A$ be self-adjoint. Then $h(x) \in B$ is also self-adjoint

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } A_0 &:= \overline{\text{alg}} \{e, x\} = \overline{\text{span}} \{e, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\} \\ B_0 &:= \overline{\text{alg}} \{e, h(x)\} = \overline{\text{span}} \{e, h(x), h(x)^2, h(x)^3, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Then A_0, B_0 are unital commutative C^* -subalgebras
 of A, B and, moreover, $h(A_0) \subset B_0$

By Gelfand-Meirnaud $A_0 \cong C(\Delta(A_0))$, $B_0 \cong C(\Delta(B_0))$,
 hence $h|_{A_0}$ defines a one-to-one $*$ -homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{h} &: C(\Delta(A_0)) \rightarrow C(\Delta(B_0)) \\ \text{s.t. } \tilde{h}(1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By Example XI.7 \tilde{h} is an isometry.

In particular $\|h(x)\| = \|x\|$.