

1 Why does Theorem VIII.1.14 not contradict Example VII.5.1

Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ be Banach Algebras.

Take $X \equiv \{a - \lambda I : \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}$. By VII.5.4 (pg 207), $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(a) \subseteq \sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(a)$.

This can be interpreted as saying in general that there are elements of X that are not invertible in \mathcal{A} but are invertible in \mathcal{B} since there simply more elements in \mathcal{B} , that might be the inverse of an element in X .

However, if both \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are C^* , then by the proof of VIII.1.14, going from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B} does not add any inverses.

Subsequently the elements of X that are invertible is the same when taken as a subset of \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{B} , thus $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(a) = \sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(a)$.