

A normed algebra A whose radical is isomorphic to \mathcal{C} .

Suppose that $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c \in \mathcal{C} \right\}$. Then A is a subalgebra of $M_2(\mathcal{C}) \simeq B(\mathcal{C}^2)$ and the only its characters are $f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = a$ and $g\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}\right) = c$, since

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for A . Therefore $Rad(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; b \in \mathcal{C} \right\}$ is isometrically isomorphic to \mathcal{C} .