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Division of Mathematics and Computer Science, Box 5815, Potsdam, NY 13699. *Peripheral  
Multiplicativity and Isomorphisms Between Standard Operator Algebras.*

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are Banach spaces, then subalgebras  $\mathfrak{A} \subset B(X)$  and  $\mathfrak{B} \subset B(Y)$ , not necessarily unital nor complete, are called *standard operator algebras* if they contain all finite-rank operators on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. The peripheral spectrum of  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$  is the set  $\sigma_\pi(A) = \{\lambda \in \sigma(A) : |\lambda| = \max_{z \in \sigma(A)} |z|\}$  of spectral values of  $A$  of maximum modulus, and a map  $\varphi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  is called *peripherally-multiplicative* if it satisfies the equation  $\sigma_\pi(\varphi(A) \circ \varphi(B)) = \sigma_\pi(AB)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathfrak{A}$ . We show that any peripherally-multiplicative and surjective map  $\varphi: \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ , neither assumed to be linear nor continuous, is a bijective bounded linear operator such that either  $\varphi$  or  $-\varphi$  is multiplicative or anti-multiplicative. This holds in particular for the algebras of finite rank operators or of compact operators on  $X$  and  $Y$  and extends earlier results of Molnár. (Received January 12, 2009)