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GENERALIZED-ANALYTIC SETS IN A GLEASON PART

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We give conditions, under which a metric neighbourhood of a Gleason part in the maximal ideal space of a uniform algebra is homeomorphic to a set, quite different from a classical analytic set.

Let A be a uniform algebra on the compact Hausdorff space X , i. e. A is a closed point-separating subalgebra of $C(X)$, containing the constants. $\text{Sp}A$ will denote the spectrum of A , i. e. the space of linear multiplicative functionals on A , which is naturally equivalent to the space of the maximal ideals of A . An interesting and important problem in the theory of commutative Banach algebras is to find conditions which assure the existence of special structures in $\text{sp}A$, according to which the functions of A belong to certain classes. Wermer showed first, that if A is a Dirichlet algebra on X , then each Gleason part (i. e. each equivalence class of the relation $\|\varphi - \theta\| < 2$, $\varphi, \theta \in \text{sp}A$) of $\text{sp}A$ is either a single point or an analytic disc, according to which all functions of A are analytic; then Hoffman generalized Wermer's result to logmodular algebras; finally Lumer observed that if a linear multiplicative functional φ has a unique representing measure on X , then the Gleason part P_φ of $\text{sp}A$, containing φ consists either of φ alone or of an analytic disc through φ (see [3]). Later Gamelin proved, that if a linear multiplicative functional φ with finite-dimensional space of representing measures has a unique logarithmic measure on X , then P_φ consists of φ alone or admits a structure of a connected open Riemannian surface, according to which all functions of A are analytic. The further investigations of the matter have been connected with its local nature. In [1] Browder proved the following generalization of a theorem of Gleason [2; 3]: *If A is a commutative Banach algebra with unit, and φ is a linear multiplicative functional on A , which continuous-point-derivation space $\text{Ker } \varphi / [(\text{Ker } \varphi)^2]$ is finite-dimensional, then some neighbourhood of φ in the metric topology, which $\text{sp}A$ inherits from A^* , is homeomorphic to an analytic subset of some finite-dimensional polydisc, according to which the Gelfand transforms of elements of A are analytic functions.* Note, that any element f of A in this case has a unique presentation of the form: $f = \sum_1^n \lambda_j \omega_j + \sum_1^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k$ for some $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n \in A$, where $\lambda_j, \mu_k \in \mathbb{C}$, $\sum_1^\infty |\mu_k| < \infty$, $g_k, h_k \in A$, $\|g_k\|, \|h_k\| \leq 1$. The further picture of the matter seemed to be somehow vague until the following enlarging of the concept of analyticity has been attracted into consideration.

Let Γ be a subgroup of the group \mathbb{R} of all rational numbers, provided with discrete topology, $G = \widehat{\Gamma}$ is the compact connected group of characters of the group Γ and Δ_G is the "big disc", i. e. the cone over G : $\Delta_G = [0, 1) \times G / \{0\} \times G$ with $\{*\} = \{0\} \times G / \{0\} \times G$ as a peak. For any $p \in \Gamma_+ = \Gamma \cap [0, +\infty)$ the character

$\chi_p^p(g) = g(p)$ on G is extendable on the whole $\bar{\Delta}_G$ in the following way: $\chi^p(\lambda, g) = \lambda^p \chi^p(g)$ for $p \neq 0, \lambda \neq 0$; $\chi^p(*) = 0$ for any $p \neq 0$ and $\chi^0 \equiv 1$ on $\bar{\Delta}_G$. In 1956 Arens and Singer [5] introduced the algebra A_G of generalized-analytic functions on a compact group G with ordered group of characters $\Gamma = \hat{G}$. The following is an equivalent definition: a continuous on $\bar{\Delta}_G$ function f is called generalized-analytic, i. e. by finite linear combinations over \mathbb{C} of functions $\chi^p, p \in \Gamma_+$ (see e. g. [3; 6]). If $\Delta_G(\varepsilon)$ denotes the big disc with radius $\varepsilon > 0$, i. e. the set $[0, \varepsilon) \times G / \{0\} \times G$, then $A_G(\varepsilon)$ is the uniform algebra of continuous on $\bar{\Delta}_G(\varepsilon)$ functions, uniformly approximable by gen. polynomials on $\bar{\Delta}_G(\varepsilon)$. If V is a subset of some big disc $\Delta_G(\varepsilon)$, we call V a generalized-analytic set, if it coincides with the vanishing set of some family of gen.-analytic functions on $\bar{\Delta}_G(\varepsilon)$.

In [7] it is shown, that if A is an antisymmetric uniform algebra, generated by the elements of a multiplicative semigroup, isomorphic to the positive rational numbers, where the generators are constant on the Šilov boundary ∂A of A , then $\text{sp} A$ is homeomorphic to some big disc, according to which the functions of A are gen.-analytic and A is isometrically isomorphic to the algebra $A_G(1)$. The Gleason parts of the algebra $A_G(\varepsilon)$ are not interesting from our point of view, because $A_G(\varepsilon)$ is a Dirichlet algebra and according to Wermer's theorem all its parts are either separate points (as the point $*$) or analytic discs. Of a greater interest is the Gleason part P_* of the algebra $A^v(\varepsilon) = \{f \in A_G(\varepsilon) \mid \int_G f(\lambda, g) \chi^p(g) dg = 0 \text{ for any } p: 0 < p < v\}$, containing the point $*$, which coincides with the whole big disc $\Delta_G(\varepsilon)$. Indeed, an application of a generalized version of the classical Schwarz's Lemma (see [8]) shows that any point of the open big disc $\Delta_G(\varepsilon)$ belongs to P_* . Of course the point $*$ admits far from only one representing measure on $\varepsilon \times G$ in this case. In [6] it is proved, that if there exists a multiplicative semigroup of elements $\{u_{p(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ from $\text{Ker } \varphi$, where $\varphi \in \text{sp} A, \|u_{p(j)}\| \leq 1$, isomorphic to the semigroup Q^1 of rational numbers, bigger or equal to 1, such that any element of A is presentable in the form: $f = \varphi(f) + \sum_{j=1}^\infty f_j u_{p(j)}$ with some $f_j \in A, \sum_{j=1}^\infty \|f_j\| < \infty$, then near φ the spectrum $\text{sp} A$ of A , provided with the Gelfand (i. e. weak*) topology is homeomorphic to a gen.-analytic set, according to which all functions of A are gen.-analytic. Because any weak*-neighbourhood contains a metric neighbourhood, φ is non-isolated in the metric topology of $\text{sp} A$ and also a metric neighbourhood of φ is homeomorphic to a gen.-analytic set of a big disc. Note, that in this case any element f of A admits a representation of the following type: $f = \varphi(f) + \sum_{j=1}^\infty \varphi(f_j) \cdot u_{p(j)} + \sum_{j,k=1}^\infty f_{j,k} u_{p(j)} u_{p(k)}$, where $f_{j,k} \in A, \sum_{j,k} \|f_{j,k}\| < \infty$, the last summand being a special element of the space $[(\text{Ker } \varphi)^2]$.

In the present paper we show, that if each element f of A admits the following representation:

$$f = \varphi(f) + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ p(j) \in Q^v}}^\infty \lambda_j u_{p(j)} + g,$$

where

$$g = \sum_1^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k, \quad \lambda_j, \mu_k \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \sum_1^\infty |\lambda_j| < \infty, \quad \sum_1^\infty |\mu_k| < \infty, \quad \varphi \in \text{sp } A,$$

$$g_k, h_k \in \text{Ker } \varphi, \quad \|g_k\|, \|h_k\| \leq 1,$$

then either φ is an isolated point of $\text{sp } A$ with respect to the metric topology, which $\text{sp } A$ inherits from A^* (namely with respect to the metric $\rho(\varphi, \theta) = \|\varphi - \theta\|$) and $P_\varphi = \{\varphi\}$ or a metric neighbourhood of φ is homeomorphic to a gen.-analytic set of a big disc, according to which the functions of A belong to the algebra $A^\nu(\varepsilon)$ and hence are gen.-analytic. Note, that the space $\text{Ker } \varphi / [(\text{Ker } \varphi)^2]$ of continuous point derivations at φ is infinite-dimensional in this case.

Let A be a commutative Banach algebra with unit. The maximal ideal space of A provided with Gelfand (weak*-) topology we denote by $\text{sp } A$. Let $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots)$ and I be the set of these sequences $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ from non-negative integers a_j , the most finite of which are different from zero. As usual $|a| = \sum_1^\infty a_j$ and $z^a = z_1^{a_1}, z_2^{a_2}, \dots$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}^\infty, a \in I$. Analogously, if $\{g_j\}_1^\infty$ is a sequence of elements of A and $a \in I$, by a^a we denote the finite product $a_1^{a_1} \cdot a_2^{a_2} \cdot \dots$. A polynomial of infinite-dimensional argument we call any linear combination of functions $z^a, a \in I$.

Let $\omega(\varepsilon) = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^\infty \mid \|z\|_{l_1} = \sum_1^\infty |z_j| < \varepsilon\}$ and $0 < \rho \leq 1/2$. Following the Brouder's technique for the finite-dimensional case [1], we consider the function

$$P(z) = \rho \left(1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} (\sum_1^\infty z_j) \right]^{1/2} \right)$$

on $\omega(\rho^2)$, where $(\cdot)^{1/2}$ is the principal value of the square root. According to the binomial theorem,

$$(1) \quad P(z) = -\rho \sum_{k=1}^\infty \binom{1/2}{k} \left(-\frac{1}{\rho^2}\right)^k \left(\sum_{j=1}^\infty z_j\right)^k.$$

Applying the Cauchy rule for absolutely convergent series, (1) can be rewritten as:

$$(2) \quad P(z) = \sum_{a \in I} C_a z^a,$$

where $z \in \omega(\rho^2)$ and $C_a = C_{(a_1, a_2, \dots)}, C_0 = 0$. Because $\left| \binom{1/2}{k} \right| \leq 1/2$ for any k we obtain the estimation:

$$(3) \quad |P(z)| \leq \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}\right)^k = \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{\frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}}{1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}} = \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{\|z\|_{l_1}}{\rho^2 - \|z\|_{l_1}}.$$

Let $P_r(z)$ denote the expression $P_r(z) = -\rho \sum_{k=r+1}^\infty \binom{1/2}{k} \left(-\frac{1}{\rho^2}\right)^k (\sum_1^\infty z_j)^k$. Then on $\omega(\rho^2)$ we have analogously:

$$(4) \quad |P_r(z)| \leq \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{k=r+1}^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}\right)^k = \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}\right)^{r+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \|z\|_{l_1}} = \frac{\|z\|_{l_1}^{r+1}}{2\rho^{2r-1}(\rho^2 - \|z\|_{l_1})}.$$

Now we shall deduce a recurrent dependence, connecting various coefficients C_α from (2). According to (2), the function $P(z)$ develops into an absolutely convergent series $\sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} C_\alpha z^\alpha$ on $w(\rho^2)$. Then

$$(P(z))^2 = \left(\sum_{|\beta| \geq 1} C_\beta z^\beta \right) \left(\sum_{|\gamma| \geq 1} C_\gamma z^\gamma \right) = \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} \left(\sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \right) z^\alpha.$$

On the other hand, by definition of $P(z)$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (P(z))^2 &= \rho^2 \left(1 - 2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} (\Sigma z_j) \right]^{1/2} + 1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} (\Sigma z_j) \right) = \rho^2 \left(\frac{2}{\rho} P(z) - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \Sigma z_j \right) \\ &= 2\rho P(z) - \Sigma z_j = \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} 2\rho C_\alpha z^\alpha - \sum_{|\alpha|=1} z^\alpha = \sum_{|\alpha|=1} (2\rho C_\alpha - 1) z^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} 2\rho C_\alpha z^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} \left(\sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \right) z^\alpha = \sum_{|\alpha|=1} (2\rho C_\alpha - 1) z^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} 2\rho C_\alpha z^\alpha,$$

from where $\sum_{|\alpha|=1} (2\rho C_\alpha - 1) z^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} (2\rho C_\alpha - \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma) z^\alpha = 0$. Let $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots) = (\rho_1 e^{i\theta_1}, \rho_2 e^{i\theta_2}, \dots)$, $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots)$ and $(\alpha, \theta) = \sum \alpha_j \theta_j$ for any $\alpha \in I$. Then

$$(5) \quad \sum_{|\alpha|=1} (2\rho C_\alpha - 1) \rho^{|\alpha|} e^{i(\alpha, \theta)} + \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 2} \left[2\rho C_\alpha - \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \right] \rho^{|\alpha|} e^{i(\alpha, \theta)} = 0.$$

Let Φ denote the functional on the set of finite products of continuous functions $f_k(z_j)$ of one variable on the circles $|z_j|=1$, $j=1, 2, \dots$, defined as the product of corresponding Lebesgue integrals on circles $|z_j|=1$, $j=1, 2, \dots$. For any $\alpha \in I$, $\alpha \neq 0$ holds: $\Phi(e^{i(\alpha, \theta)}) = 0$. If we fix a $\alpha_0 \in I$, multiply both sides in (5) by $e^{-i(\alpha_0, \theta)}$ and apply Φ to the expressions obtained, we get that the coefficient before $e^{i(\alpha_0, \theta)}$ is zero. Thus since all the coefficients in (5) are zero, we have:

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} C_\alpha &= 1/2\rho \geq 1 \quad \text{if } |\alpha|=1; \\ C_\alpha &= 1/2\rho \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

In the following by B_E we denote the closed unit ball of the linear subspace $E \subset A$. Let $\theta \in \text{sp } A$ and M be the kernel of θ . Suppose that there exists a sequence $\mathfrak{U} = \{u_j\}_1^\infty$, $\|u_j\|=1$, with elements of M , $u_i - u_j \notin [M^2]$ for $i \neq j$, such that every element $f \in M$ is presentable in a unique way in the form

$$(7) \quad f = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \lambda_j \mu_j + g,$$

where $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $j=1, 2, \dots$, $\sum |\lambda_j| < \infty$ and $g \in [M^2]$. In the following Lemma N denotes the linear subspace

$$\{f \in M \mid f = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k; g_k, h_k \in B_M, \|\{\mu_k\}\|_1 < \infty\}.$$

Lemma 1. *There exists a constant $\rho: 0 < \rho \leq 1/2$, such that if r is a positive integer, any element $f \in B_M$ takes the form $f = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq r} \xi_\alpha (\lambda \mu)^\alpha + F$ for some constants ξ_α and λ_j , $j=1, 2, \dots$ with $\sum |\lambda_j| \leq 1/2\rho$, and for some element $F \in N$ with $\|\varphi(F)\| \leq \rho^{r+1}$ for all $\varphi \in \text{sp } A$, $\|\varphi - \theta\| \leq \varepsilon = \rho^5$.*

Proof. We shall show a little more, namely that the constants ξ_α can be chosen so that $|\xi_\alpha| \leq C_\alpha$ for $|\alpha| \leq r$. Let

$$S = \{f \in A \mid f = \sum_1^\infty \lambda_j u_j + \sum \zeta_k g_k h_k, g_k, h_k \in B_M, \lambda_j, \zeta_k \in \mathbb{C}, \sum |\lambda_j| + \sum |\zeta_k| \leq 1\}.$$

It is clear that $S \subset M$. Because $M = \bigcup_{m=1}^\infty mS = \bigcup_{m=1}^\infty [mS]$, according to the Baire category theorem there exists a $m > 0$, such that $\text{int}[mS] \neq \emptyset$. Consequently $\text{int}[S] \neq \emptyset$. Because S is a convex and symmetric set, then $[S]$ contains some neighbourhood of the origin, say $\{f \in M \mid \|f\| \leq 4\rho\}$. Hence, any fixed element f from B_M belongs to $[\frac{1}{4\rho}S]$. Denote by f_1 such an element of $\frac{1}{4\rho}S$, for which $\|f - f_1\| \leq 1/2$. Then $f - f_1 \in [\frac{1}{8\rho}S]$ and we can find such $f_2 \in S/8\rho$ that $\|f - f_1 - f_2\| \leq 1/4$. By induction we obtain that for every $m > 0$ there exist such $f_k \in \frac{1}{2^{k+1}\rho}S$, that $\|f - \sum_1^m f_k\| \leq \frac{1}{2^m}$. It is clear that $f = \sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k \in \frac{1}{4\rho}S + \frac{1}{8\rho}S + \frac{1}{16\rho}S + \dots \subset \frac{1}{2\rho}S$, i. e. $B_M \subset \frac{1}{2\rho}S$. Consequently for any $f \in B_M$ there exist λ_j and $\mu_k \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\sum |\lambda_j| + \sum |\mu_k| \leq 1/2\rho$ and such $g_k, h_k \in B_M$, that

$$(8) \quad f = \sum_1^\infty \lambda_j u_j + \sum_1^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k.$$

If $\|f\| = 1$, then $1 = \|f\| \leq \sum |\lambda_j| + \sum |\mu_k| \leq 1/2\rho$, from where $\rho \leq 1/2$. If we take $\xi_\alpha = 1$ for $|\alpha| = 1$, then $|\xi_\alpha| = 1 \leq 1/2\rho = C_\alpha$, $|\alpha| = 1$. Now for $F = \sum_1^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k$ we have

$$|\varphi(F)| \leq \sum_1^\infty |\mu_k| |\varphi(g_k)| |\varphi(h_k)| \leq \frac{1}{2\rho} \|\varphi - \theta\|^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2\rho} \leq \frac{\rho^{10}}{2\rho} \leq \rho^2$$

for all $\varphi \in \{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid \|\varphi - \theta\| \leq \varepsilon\}$. The case $r = 1$ is proved. As an immediate corollary from it we see that $N = [M^2]$. Let now $r \geq 2$ and suppose that the assertion of the Lemma is true for the case $r - 1$. Then the elements g_k and h_k from (8) admit the representations:

$$g_k = \sum_{|\alpha| < r} \lambda'_{\alpha,k} (\lambda u)^\alpha + G_k, \quad h_k = \sum_{|\alpha| < r} \lambda''_{\alpha,k} (\lambda u)^\alpha + H_k,$$

where $|\lambda'_{\alpha,k}| \leq C_\alpha$, $|\lambda''_{\alpha,k}| \leq C_\alpha$ for any α and k , and $|\varphi(G_k)| \leq \rho^r$, $|\varphi(H_k)| \leq \rho^r$ for every k . We can rewrite (8) as follows: $f = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq r} \lambda_\alpha (\lambda u)^\alpha + F$, where $\lambda_\alpha = 1$ for $|\alpha| = 1$ and $\lambda_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mu_k \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} |\beta|, |\gamma| < r} \lambda'_{\beta,k} \cdot \lambda''_{\gamma,k}$ for $2 \leq |\alpha| \leq r$, and $F = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mu_k F_k$ with

$$F_k = G_k H_k + G_k \sum_{|\alpha| < r} \lambda''_{\alpha,k} (\lambda u)^\alpha + H_k \sum_{|\alpha| < r} \lambda'_{\alpha,k} (\lambda u)^\alpha + \sum_{\substack{\beta+\gamma=\alpha \\ r < |\alpha| < 2r \\ |\beta|, |\gamma| < r}} \lambda'_{\beta,k} \lambda''_{\gamma,k} (\lambda u)^\alpha.$$

Consequently $|\lambda_\alpha| = 1 \leq C_\alpha$ for $|\alpha| = 1$, and

$$|\lambda_\alpha| \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\mu_k| \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \leq \frac{1}{2\rho} \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma \leq C_\alpha$$

for $2 \leq |\alpha| \leq r$. In addition, for every $\varphi \in \text{sp } A$,

$$|\varphi(F_k)| \leq |\varphi(G_k)\varphi(H_k)| + (|\varphi(G_k)| + |\varphi(H_k)|) \sum_{|\alpha| < r} C_\alpha |\varphi(\lambda u)|^\alpha + \sum_{r < |\alpha| < 2r} (\sum_{\beta + \gamma = \alpha} C_\beta C_\gamma) |\varphi(\lambda u)|^\alpha.$$

Because

$$\|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1} = \sum_1^\infty |\varphi(\lambda_j u_j)| \leq \|\varphi - \theta\| \sum_1^\infty \|\lambda_j u_j\| \leq \varepsilon \sum_1^\infty |\lambda_j| \leq \rho^5 \frac{1}{2\rho} \leq \frac{\rho^4}{2},$$

then the sequence $\{\varphi(\lambda_j u_j)\}_1^\infty$ belongs to $\omega(\frac{\rho^3}{2}) \subset \omega(\rho^2)$, where the corresponding function $P(z)$ is defined. Now $|P(\varphi(\lambda u))| = |P(\{\varphi(\lambda_j u_j)\}_1^\infty)| \leq \sum_{\alpha \in I} C_\alpha |\varphi(\lambda u)|^\alpha = P(|\varphi(\lambda u)|)$, which yields

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(F_k)| &\leq |\varphi(G_k)| |\varphi(H_k)| + (|\varphi(G_k)| + |\varphi(H_k)|) P(|\varphi(\lambda u)|) + 2\rho \sum_{|\alpha| > r} C_\alpha |\varphi(\lambda u)|^\alpha \\ &\leq \rho^{2r} + 2\rho^r P(|\varphi(\lambda u)|) + 2\rho \cdot P_r(|\varphi(\lambda u)|) \\ &\leq \rho^{2r} + 2\rho^r \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{\|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}}{\rho^2 - \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}} + \frac{2\rho \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}^{r+1}}{2\rho^{2r-1}(\rho^2 - \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1})} \\ &\leq \rho^{2r} + \rho^{r+1} \frac{\|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}}{\rho^2 - \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}} + \frac{2\rho \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1}^{r+1}}{2\rho^{2r+1}(\rho^2 - \|\varphi(\lambda u)\|_{l_1})} \\ &\leq \rho^{2r} + \frac{\rho^{r-1} \cdot \rho^4}{2 - \rho^2} + \frac{2\rho \cdot \rho^{4r+4} / 2^{r+1}}{2\rho^{2r-1}(\rho^2 - \frac{\rho^4}{2})} \leq \rho^{2r} + \frac{\rho^{r+3}}{2 - \rho^2} + \frac{\rho^{4r+4} \cdot 2\rho}{2^{r+2} \rho^{2r-1}(\rho^2 - \frac{\rho^4}{2})} \\ &\leq \rho^{2r} + \frac{2}{3} \rho^{r+2} + \frac{2\rho \cdot \rho^{2r+3}}{2^{r+2}(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}) \cdot \rho^2} \leq \rho^{r+2}(\rho^{r-2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{\rho^r}{3 \cdot 2^{r-1}}) \\ &\leq \rho^{r+2}(1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}) \leq 2\rho^{r+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now $|\varphi(F)| \leq \sum |\mu_k| |\varphi(F_k)| \leq \frac{1}{2\rho} 2\rho^{r+2} = \rho^{r+1}$, Q. E. D.

Note, that according to the remark after the case $r=1$, $N=[M^2]$ and hence the space $M/[M^2]=M/N$ of continuous point derivations at the point θ is not finite-dimensional.

If $E \subset \widehat{\Delta}_{\widehat{R}}(\eta)$, then $A_{G^v}(E)$ will denote the algebra of uniform limits of finite linear combinations over \mathbb{C} of functions χ^p , with p belonging to $\Gamma_+ = Q^v = \text{Rat}[v, +\infty) \cup \{0\}$. By $\widehat{u}: \text{sp } A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\infty$ we denote in the following the function: $\widehat{u}(\varphi) = (\widehat{u}_1(\varphi), \widehat{u}_2(\varphi), \dots) = (\varphi(u_1), \varphi(u_2), \dots)$, $u_j \in A$.

Theorem 1. *Let A be a uniform algebra and θ be a fixed linear multiplicative functional on A . Suppose, that there exists a multiplicative subsemigroup $\mathfrak{U} = \{u_{p(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ in $M = \text{Ker } \theta$, $\|u_{p(j)}\| \leq 1$, $u_{p(i)} - u_{p(j)} \notin [M^2]$ for $i \neq j$, isomorphic to the additive semigroup $Q^v = \text{Rat}[v, +\infty) \cup \{0\}$, $0 < v < 1$, such that any function $f \in A$ is presentable uniquely in the form*

$$f = \theta(f) + \sum_{p(j) \in [v, 2v]} \sum_{j=1}^\infty \lambda_j \mu_{p(j)} + g,$$

where $g \in N = \{f \in M \mid f = \sum_1^\infty \mu_k g_k h_k, g_k, h_k \in B_M, \|\{\mu_k\}\|_{l_1} < \infty\}$. Then there exists a non-isolated point according to the metric topology in $\text{sp } A$, there exists

a set $U \subset \text{sp } A$, containing θ as an inner point in the metric topology of $\text{sp } A$, a gen.-analytic set V in some big disc $\Delta_G(d)$, where $G = \bar{Q}$, $d > 0$, and a homeomorphism $\tau : U \rightarrow V$, $\tau(\theta) = \{*\}$, such that $\hat{f} \circ \tau^{-1}$ is a gen.-analytic function from the algebra $A_G^v(d) = A_G^v(\Delta_G(d))$ for any $f \in A$.

It is clear that under the above conditions the space M/N , and consequently the space $M/[M^2]$ of continuous point derivations at θ too, have countable many dimensions.

P r o o f. If $\psi \in \text{sp } A$, for every $p = n/m \in R^v$ it holds that: $|\psi(u_p)|^m = |\psi(u_{n/m})|^m = |\psi(U_m)| = |\psi(u_1)|^n$, i. e. $|\psi(u_p)| = |\psi(u_1)|^{n/m} = |\psi(u_1)|^p$. Let ρ be the positive number, defined in Lemma 1, $\varepsilon = \rho^5$, $\delta = 2\rho^7/1 + \rho^4 < \varepsilon$, $\eta = \delta^{1/\nu} < \delta$ and $U_1 = \{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid \|\varphi - \theta\| \leq \varepsilon, |\varphi(u_1)| < \eta\} \supset \{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid \|\varphi - \theta\| < \eta\} \ni \theta$, considered with the metric topology, induced on U_1 from A^* . We claim that for every $\varphi \in U_1$ there exists a point $\tau(\varphi)$ in $\bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$, where $G = \bar{R}$, such that $\chi^p(\tau(\varphi)) = \varphi(u_p) = \hat{U}_p(\varphi)$ for any $p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$. Let $\lambda_\varphi = |\varphi(u_1)| \leq 1$ and $\gamma_\varphi(p) = \varphi(u_p) / |\varphi(u_p)|$ for any $p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$, $\gamma_\varphi(p) = \gamma_\varphi(-p)$ for $p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$. The function γ_φ is automatically extendable on R , so that we can assume that $\gamma_\varphi \in G = \bar{R}$. For any $\varphi \in U_1$ the point $\tau(\varphi) = (\lambda_\varphi, \gamma_\varphi)$ belongs to $\bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$ and $\chi^p(\tau(\varphi)) = \chi_\varphi^p \chi^p(\gamma_\varphi) = \lambda_\varphi^p \gamma_\varphi(p) = |\varphi(u_p)| (\varphi(u_p) / |\varphi(u_p)|) = \varphi(u_p) = \hat{u}_p(\varphi)$. Consequently $\tau(U_1) \subset \bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$ and $(\lambda_\varphi, \gamma_\varphi)$ satisfies the sought properties. The point $\tau(\varphi)$ is defined uniquely, because the functions $\chi^p, p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$, separate the points of $\bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$. If $\varphi_\alpha \rightarrow \varphi_0$ is a strongly convergent sequence of elements of $U_1 \subset A^*$, then $\varphi_\alpha(u_p) \rightarrow \varphi_0(u_p)$ for every $p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$. Then $\lambda_\alpha \rightarrow \lambda_0, \gamma_\alpha \rightarrow \gamma_0$. If t_0 is a point of accumulation for $\{\tau(\varphi_\alpha)\} = \{(\lambda_\alpha, \gamma_\alpha)\}$, then $\tau(\varphi_{\alpha_\beta}) \rightarrow t_0$ for some subsequence α_β , from where $\tau(\varphi_0) = t_0$.

From $\chi^p(\tau(\varphi)) = \hat{u}_p(\varphi) = 0$ for $p \in \text{Rat}[\nu, 2\nu]$, we obtain that $\tau(\theta) = \{*\}$. Applying Lemma 1 to the algebra A , we see that given a function $f \in M$, there exists a sequence $\{p_r \mid p_r(\lambda z) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq r} \xi_{\alpha,r} \lambda^\alpha z^\alpha, |\xi_{\alpha,r}| \leq 2 \|f\| C_\alpha\}$ of polynomials of countable many-dimensional arguments and the functions $p_r(\lambda \hat{U})$ approximate the function $\hat{f} - \theta(f)$ uniformly on U_1 . Consequently every $\varphi \in U_1$ is uniquely determined by its values on the elements $u_p, p \in Q^v$. A consequence from this is that the mapping $\tau : U_1 \rightarrow \tau(U_1) \subset \bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$ is one-to-one. As a one-to-one and continuous mapping from a locally compact set $U_1 \subset \text{sp } A$ into a Hausdorff space, τ is a homeomorphism. Consequently the peak $\{*\}$ is an inner point of $V_1 = \tau(U_1)$. On the other hand, we obtain that for any $f \in A$ the function $\hat{f} \circ \tau^{-1} \in A_G^v(V_1)$, i. e. that the function $\hat{f} \circ \tau^{-1}$ belongs to the algebra $A_G^v(V_1)$. Moreover, the function $\hat{f} \circ \tau^{-1}$ can be extended from V_1 up to the big disc $\Delta_G(d)$ as an element of $A_G^v(d)$. In fact, the functions $q_r = p_r \circ \lambda \hat{U} \circ \tau^{-1}$ are defined not only on V_1 , but also on $\bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)$, and present the partial sums of a gen.-power series, converged on any big disc $\bar{\Delta}_G(d)$ with $0 < d < \max\{\lambda \mid (\lambda, g) \in V_1 \subset \bar{\Delta}_G(\eta)\}$, according to a generalized version of Abel's theorem for power series. Let V denote the set $\Delta_G(d) \cap V_1$, where d is as above, and let $U = \tau^{-1}(V)$. In order to prove that V is a gen.-analytic subset of $\Delta_G(d)$, we consider the family $\mathcal{F} = \{F \in A_G^v(d) \mid F(\lambda, g) = 0 \text{ on } V\}$ of gen.-analytic functions, and the set $\tilde{V} = \{(\lambda, g) \in \Delta_G(d) \mid F(\lambda, g) = 0, F \in \mathcal{F}\}$. It is clear that $V \subset \tilde{V}$. Let $(\gamma_0, g_0) \in \tilde{V}$. Let $A_f = \{F \in A_G^v(d) \mid \hat{f} \circ \tau^{-1} = F\}$, where f is the given element of A . If F_1 and F_2 are elements of A_f , then $F_1 - F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ and $F_1(\lambda_0, g_0) = F_2(\lambda_0, g_0)$ for the point

(λ_0, g_0) from \tilde{V} , Now the linear and multiplicative functional $\varphi_0: \varphi_0(f) = F(\lambda_0, g_0)$ belongs to the spectrum $\text{sp } A$ (see [1]). According to Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi_0(f) - \theta(f)| &= |F(\lambda_0, g_0) - F(*)| = \lim_r |q_r(\lambda_0, g_0)| = \left| \sum_a a_\alpha \lambda^\alpha (\mathbf{X}^{p(j)})^\alpha \right| \\ &\leq 2 \|f\| \sum C_\alpha |\lambda^\alpha (\mathbf{X}^{p(j)})^\alpha| \leq 2 \|f\| p(\{|\lambda_j \mathbf{X}^{p(j)}|\}) \leq 2 \|f\| \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{\sum |\lambda_j| |\mathbf{X}^{p(j)}|}{\rho^2 - \sum |\lambda_j| |\mathbf{X}^{d(j)}|} \\ &\leq \rho \|f\| \frac{1}{\rho^2 - \frac{1}{2\rho}} \leq \rho \|f\| \frac{1}{2\rho^3 - \eta^v} \leq \rho \|f\| \frac{\rho}{2\rho^3 - \delta} \leq \frac{\rho}{2\rho^3 - \frac{1}{1+\rho^4}} \|f\| = \rho^5 \|f\| = \varepsilon \|f\| \end{aligned}$$

for $(\lambda_0, g_0) \in \Delta_G(d) = \Delta_G(\eta)$ and $f \in A_0$. Consequently $\|\varphi_0 - \theta\| \leq \varepsilon$, and $\varphi(u_1) = \widehat{u}_1(\varphi_0) = \mathbf{X}^1(u_1) \in V$, since $|\varphi_0(u_1)| = |\widehat{u}_1(\varphi_0)| = |\mathbf{X}^1(u_1)| \leq d \leq \eta$. Now $(\lambda_0, g_0) = \tau(\varphi_0) \in V$, because $\varphi_0 \in U_1$, $\tau(\varphi_0) \in \Delta_G(d)$. Hence, $\tilde{V} = V$, i. e. V is a gen.-analytic subset of $\Delta_G(d)$. The theorem is proved.

As an application of Theorem 1 we give another proof of the result of [6].

Corollary 1. *Let $\theta \in \text{sp } A$ be such that in $M = \text{Ker } \theta$ there exists a sequence $\{g_{p(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$, $\|g_{p(j)}\| \leq 1$, for which:*

- 1) $\{g_{p(j)}\}$ is a multiplicative subsemigroup, isomorphic to the additive semigroup $Q^v = \text{Rat } [v, +\infty) \setminus \{0\}$, $0 < v < 1$;
- 2) any element f of M admits a unique representation of the form, where $f_j \in A$, $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|f_j\| < \infty$. Then there exist a number $d > 0$, a neighbourhood U of θ of the type $U = \{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid |\varphi(g_1)| < \eta, \eta > 0\}$, a gen.-analytic set V in some big disc $\Delta_G(d)$ with $G = \widehat{Q}$ and a homeomorphism $\tau: U \rightarrow V$, $\tau(\theta) = \{*\}$ such that $\widehat{f} \circ \tau^{-1}$ is a gen.-analytic function from the algebra $A_G^v(d)$ for any $f \in A$.

Proof. Let $f \in M$, $f = \sum f_j g_{p(j)}$, $f_j \in A$, $\|f\|_1 = \sum \|f_j\| < \infty$. For every $j = 1, 2, \dots$, $f_j - \theta(f_j) = \sum_{k \neq j} f_{jk} g_{p(k)}$, with $\sum \|f_{jk}\| < \infty$, and hence $f = \sum \theta(f_j) g_{p(j)} + \sum_{j,k} f_{jk} g_{p(k)} g_{p(j)}$, where $\sum |\theta(f_j)| \leq \sum \|f_j\| < \infty$, so that the kernel M satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1. We shall show that now any metric neighbourhood of θ contains a set of the type $\{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid |\varphi(g_1)| < \varepsilon\}$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. In fact, if $S = \{f \in A \mid f = \sum f_j g_{p(j)}, \|f\|_1 \leq 1\}$, then $M = \bigcup_m mS = \bigcup_m [mS]$. Applying the Baire category theorem, we can see that $[S]$ contains a $\|\cdot\|_1$ -neighbourhood of 0, say $\{f \in M \mid \|f\|_1 = \sum \|f_j\| \leq 4\sigma\}$. It is easy to see that similarly to the situation in Lemma 1, $B_M \subset \frac{1}{2\sigma} S$. Consequently for any $f \in A$ there exist elements $f_j \in A$, with $\sum \|f_j\| \leq \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|f\|$, for which $f = \sum_1^\infty f_j g_{p(j)}$. If now $\|f\| \leq 1$, $f \in A_0$, then... Now the metric neighbourhood $\{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid \|\varphi - \theta\| < \varepsilon\}$ of θ contains the weak*-neighbourhood $\{\varphi \in \text{sp } A \mid |\varphi(g_1)| < d = (\varepsilon\sigma)^{1/v}\}$, Q. E. D.

Remark 1. With obvious modifications Lemma 1 holds also in the case of uncountable subsemigroups \mathfrak{U} of \mathbf{R}^1 .

Remark 2. The right inequality for $v: 0 < v < 1$ in Theorem 1 and in Corollary 1 can be dropped without loss of generality.

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