

Topics in Analysis (F24)

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Chapter 1: Banach Algebras

1.1: Definitions and Basic Properties

Definition: Banach Space

A Banach space X (over \mathbb{C}) is a normed vector space with algebraic operations

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) &\mapsto x + y && \text{addition} \\ (\lambda, y) &\mapsto \lambda y && \text{scalar multiplication}\end{aligned}$$

and a norm

$$x \mapsto \|x\|$$

which is complete (i.e. every Cauchy sequence converges).

Definition: (Complex) Banach Algebra

A (complex) Banach algebra B is a Banach space in which there is multiplication

$$B \times B \ni (x, y) \mapsto xy \in B$$

such that

1. $x(yz) = (xy)z$
2. $(x+y)z = xz + yz$ and $x(y+z) = xy + xz$
3. $\lambda(xy) = (\lambda x)y = x(\lambda y)$
4. $\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$

Definition: Unital Banach Algebra

B is called a unital Banach algebra if $\exists e \in B$ such that

$$xe = ex = x \quad \text{and} \quad \|e\| = 1.$$

If e exists, it is unique.

1.2: Examples

Example 1

If X is a Banach space, then $B = \mathcal{L}(X)$ (the set of all bounded linear operators $A : X \rightarrow X$) equipped with algebraic operations

$$\begin{aligned}
(A+B)x &= Ax + Bx \\
(\lambda A)x &= \lambda(Ax) \\
(AB)x &= A(Bx)
\end{aligned}$$

and the operator norm

$$\|A\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_X}{\|x\|_X}.$$

$B = \mathcal{L}(X)$ is complete because X is complete.

The unit element is given by $I_X x = x$.

Example 2

If $X = \mathbb{C}^n$, then $B = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n) \cong \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$.

$$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n \quad Ax = y \quad \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = y_i.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The norm in \mathbb{C}^n leads to a norm in $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(x_i)\| &= \left(\sum |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2} & \|A\| &= \\
\|(x_i)\| &= \sum |x_i| & \|A\| &= \max_j \sum_i |a_{ij}| \\
\|(x_i)\| &= \max |x_i| & \|A\| &= \max_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|
\end{aligned}$$

All norms are equivalent.

Example 3

Take $B = C(K)$ with K a compact Hausdorff space, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous and $\|f\| = \max_{t \in K} |f(t)|$.

Example 4

Take $B = A(K)$, $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ compact with $\text{int}(K) \neq \emptyset$, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous where f is holomorphic on $\text{int}(K)$ and

$$\|f\| = \max_{t \in K} |f(t)| = \max_{t \in K \setminus \text{int}(K)} |f(t)|$$

e.g. $K = \overline{\mathbb{D}} = \{t \in \mathbb{C} : |t| \leq 1\}$. Then $A(K) \subseteq C(K)$.

Example 5

Take $B = \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$ or $B = L^\infty(S, \sigma, \mu)$ with (S, σ, μ) a measure space, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ essentially bounded functions and

$$\|f\| = \text{ess sup}_{t \in S} |f(t)| = \inf_{\substack{N \subseteq S \\ \mu(N)}} \left(\sup_{t \in S \setminus N} |f(t)| \right)$$

Example 6

Take $B = \ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ or $B = L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\|\{x_n\}\| = \sum |x_n|$ and $\|f\| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(t)| dt$ respectively. Multiplication is given by the convolution. e.g.

$$fg = (f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-t)g(t) dt$$

$\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ is unital, but $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is non-unital (since the unit of convolution is the Dirac delta; see Example 7).

Example 7

Take $B = M(\mathbb{R}^d)$ the complex measures on \mathbb{R}^d with bounded variation.

Then multiplication is given as

$$(\mu * \nu)(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mu(A-x) d\nu(x)$$

and norm

$$\|\mu\| = \sup_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup A_i \\ \text{disjoint}}} \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu(A_i)| < +\infty.$$

Then, $f dm = d\mu$ gives $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Example 8

Take $B = C^{n \times n}[K]$ with K compact and Hausdorff, continuous functions $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and norm

$$\|f\|_B = \max_{t \in K} \|f(t)\|_{C^{n \times n}}.$$

Then $B \cong (C(K))^{n \times n}$ the $n \times n$ matrices with entries from $C(K)$.

1.3: Remarks

- If B does not have a unit element, consider $B_1 = B \times \mathbb{C}$ with operations

$$\begin{aligned} (b_1, \lambda_1) + (b_2, \lambda_2) &= (b_1 + b_2, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \\ \alpha(b, \lambda) &= (\alpha b, \alpha \lambda) \\ (b_1, \lambda_1)(b_2, \lambda_2) &= b_1 b_2 + \lambda_1 b_2 + \lambda_2 b_1, \lambda_1 \lambda_2) \end{aligned}$$

and norm

$$||(b, \lambda)|| = ||b|| + |\lambda|.$$

Then B_1 is a unital Banach algebra with $e = (0, 1)$. One writes $(b, \lambda) = (b, 0) + \lambda(0, 1) = b + \lambda \cdot e$. In some sense, $B \subseteq B_1$ where $b \in B \mapsto (b, 0) \in B_1$.

1.4: Definitions

Definition: Commutative Banach Algebra

B is called commutative if $xy = yx$.

Definition: Banach Subalgebra

A subset B_0 of a B -algebra is called a subalgebra if it is closed with respect to the algebraic operations

$$x, y \in B_0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \rightsquigarrow x + y, xy, \lambda x \in B$$

Definition: Closed Subalgebra

B_0 is a closed subalgebra or Banach subalgebra if it is norm-closed.

- Proposition: B_0 is a Banach algebra.

Definition: Generated Subalgebra

Let $M \neq \emptyset$ be a subset of a Banach algebra B .

The Banach subalgebra generated by M is the smallest closed subalgebra containing M .

$$\text{alg } M = (\text{clos alg}_B M)$$

- Remark

$\text{alg } M$ is the intersection of all closed subalgebras containing M .

$\text{alg } M = \text{clos} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i a_1^{(i)} a_2^{(i)} \cdots a_{n_i}^{(i)} \right\}$ is the norm-closure of finite linear combinations of finite products of $a_j^{(i)} \in M$.

1.5: Examples

Example 1

Take B unital, $b \in B$. Then

$$\text{alg}\{e, b\} = \text{clos}_B \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i b^i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}, N \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

where $b^0 = e$.

1.6 Definitions

Definition: Banach Algebra Homomorphism

A Banach algebra homomorphism is a map $\phi : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$ between Banach algebras B_1 and B_2 such that

- ϕ is linear
- ϕ is bounded (continuous)
- ϕ is multiplicative

$$\phi(b_1 b_2) = \phi(b_1) \cdot \phi(b_2)$$

- ϕ is unital if both B_1, B_2 have units and $\phi(e_{B_1}) = e_{B_2}$.

Definition: Banach Algebra Isomorphism

A Banach algebra homomorphism which is bijective is called a Banach algebra isomorphism.

Then $\phi^{-1} : B_2 \rightarrow B_1$ is an isomorphism as well.

Definition: Banach Algebra Isometry

ϕ is an isometry if $||\phi(x)|| = ||x||$.

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Recall

Given $M \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X)$ with X a Banach space (and $\mathcal{L}(X)$ itself a Banach algebra), we may construct $B = \text{alg}_{\mathcal{L}(X)} M$.

1.7 Proposition

Let B be a unital Banach algebra. Then the map

$$\phi : B \ni x \rightarrow L_x \in \mathcal{L}(B)$$

is an isometric isomorphism onto a closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(B)$ where

$$L_x : B \ni z \mapsto xz \in B$$

is the left-representation of x .

Proof

L_x is in $\mathcal{L}(B)$ since $L_x z = xz$

- is linear in z and
- $||L_x z|| = ||xz|| \leq ||x|| \cdot ||z||$ implies $||L_x|| \leq ||x||$ (i.e. L_x is a bounded).

The map $\phi : x \mapsto L_x$ is linear

$$L_{x_1+x_2}z = (x_1 + x_2)z = x_1z + x_2z = L_{x_1}z + L_{x_2}z = (L_{x_1} + L_{x_2})z$$

ϕ is multiplicative

$$L_{x_1 x_2}z = (x_1 x_2)z = x_1(x_2 z) = L_{x_1}(L_{x_2}z)$$

From the above, we conclude that ϕ is a homomorphism.

To show that ϕ is an isometry,

$$\|L_x\| = \sup_{z \neq 0} \frac{\|L_x z\|}{\|z\|} \geq \frac{\|L_x e\|}{\|e\|} = \frac{\|x\|}{1} = \|x\|.$$

Then also ϕ is injective and $\text{im } \phi$ is closed. Since $\text{im } \phi$ is a Banach algebra, it is therefore a closed subalgebra.

1.7 Remark: Right-Regular Representation

Every unital Banach algebra is isometrically isomorphic to a Banach algebra of operators.

Right-regular representation:

$$R_x = z \mapsto zx$$

Section 1.2: Group of Invertible Elements in a Banach Algebra

2.1 Definition: Invertible Element

Let B be a unital Banach algebra. An element $x \in B$ (in B) if there exists $y \in B$ such that $xy = yx = e$.

Note that $y = x^{-1}$ is uniquely determined.

Write GB for the set of all invertible elements of B .

Remark

GB is a (multiplicative group).

- $x, y \in GB \implies xy \in GB$ and $(xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1}$,
- $x \in GB \implies x^{-1} \in GB$ and $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$, and
- $e \in GB$.

2.2 Lemma

If $x \in B$ and $\|x\| < 1$, then $e - x \in GB$.

Proof

Take the Neumann series

$$e + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

which converges to some $s \in B$

$$s_n = e + x + \cdots + x^n$$

where s_n are Cauchy:

$$||s_{n+k} - s_n|| = ||x^{n+1} + \cdots + x^{n+k}|| \leq ||x||^{n+1} + ||x||^{n+2} + \cdots = \frac{||x||^{n+1}}{1 - ||x||}.$$

So $s_n \rightarrow S$,

$$(e - x)s_n = s_n(e - x)e - x^{n+1}.$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(e - x)s = s(e - x) = e.$$

2.3 Proposition

The group GB is open in B and the map $\Lambda : GB \ni x \mapsto x^{-1} \in GB$ is continuous (in the norm).

Proof

Take $x \in GB$ and consider $y \in B$ with $||y|| < \frac{1}{||x^{-1}||} = \varepsilon$.

Then $x + y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$ is invertible,

$$x + y = x(e + x^{-1}y),$$

and

$$||x^{-1}y|| \leq ||x^{-1}|| \cdot ||x|| < 1.$$

Therefore GB is open, since $B_\varepsilon(X) \subseteq GB$. The inverse

$$(x + y)^{-1} = (e + x^{-1}y)^{-1}x^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^{-1}y)^n x^{-1} = x^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-x^{-1}y)^n x^{-1}$$

so

$$||(x + y)^{-1} - x^{-1}|| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||x^{-1}||^{n+1} ||y||^n = \frac{||x^{-1}||^2 ||y||}{1 - ||x^{-1}|| \cdot ||y||}.$$

This converges to zero as $||y|| \rightarrow 0$.

2.4 Examples

Example 1

$B = C(K)$, K compact Hausdorff, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous.

$GB = \{f \in C(K) : f(t) \neq 0, \forall t \in K\}$.

Example 2

$$B = \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}.$$

$$GB = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \det A \neq 0\}.$$

2.5 Definition:

Let $G_0 B$ stand for the connected component of GB containing e .

Remarks

- the ε -neighborhoods $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq B$ are (path-)connected.

$$B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in B : ||x - y|| < \varepsilon\}$$

For $y_1, y_2 \in B_\varepsilon(x)$, there is a continuous path

$$\sigma : [0, 1] \ni \lambda \mapsto y_1 \lambda + y_2 (1 - \lambda) \in B_\varepsilon(x)$$

- Because GB is open and $B_\varepsilon(x)$ is path-connected, GB is locally (path-)connected (i.e. every $x \in GB$ has a (path-)connected open neighborhood in GB).
- In this context, connectedness and path-connectedness are equivalent. Therefore the components of GB are the path-components of GB .
- GB is the union of disjoint (path-)components where each component is both open and closed in GB .
- $x, y \in GB$ belong to the same path-component if there exists a continuous path $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ such that $\gamma(0) = x$ and $\gamma(1) = y$. Here, $x \sim y$ is an equivalence relation.
- $G_0 B = \{x \in GB : \exists \text{ a path in } GB \text{ connecting } e \text{ and } x\}$.

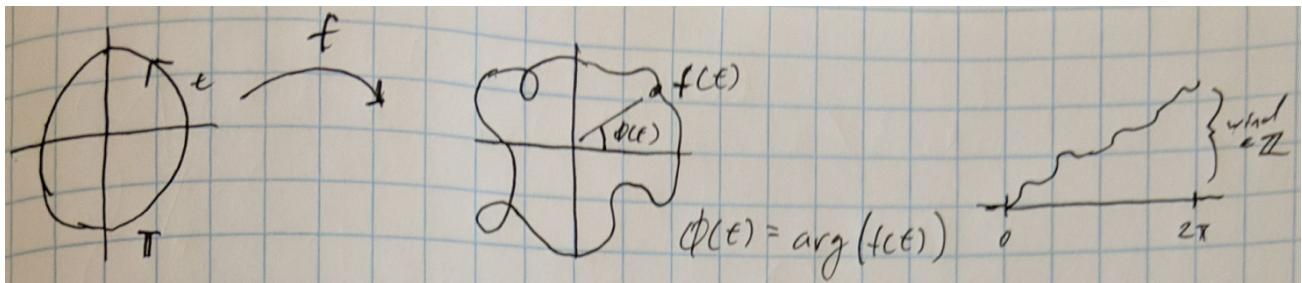
2.6 Examples

Example 1

Take $B = C(\mathbb{T})$ with $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ and continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

GB is the non-vanishing continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ($f(t) \neq 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{T}$).

For $f \in GB$ one can define a winding number.



We have $\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg f(e^{ix})$ a continuous function with

$$\text{wind}(t) = \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg f(e^{ix}) \right]_{x=0}^{2\pi} = \phi(2\pi) - \phi(0)$$

and $\text{wind}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The map $GB \ni f \mapsto \text{wind}(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ is continuous, hence locally constant (i.e. constant on each connected component).

Therefore $G_0 C(\mathbb{T}) \subseteq \{f \in GC(\mathbb{T}) : \text{wind}(f) = 0\}$. In fact, we will see that we have equality.

That is, f can be contracted (in GB) to the constant function $e(t) = 1$.

2.7 Proposition

$G_0 B$ is a normal subgroup of GB .

Proof

- $G_0 B$ is a group.

For any $x, y \in G_0 B$, there exist paths $\gamma_1 : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ and $\gamma_2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ with $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0) = e$, $\gamma_1(1) = x$ and $\gamma_2(1) = y$.

Define $\gamma(t) = \gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)$ a path in GB such that $\gamma(0) = e$ and $\gamma(1) = xy$. Then $xy \in G_0 B$.

Following from Lemma 2.2, $\hat{\gamma} = (\gamma_1(t))^{-1}$ is a continuous path with $\hat{\gamma}_1(0) = e$, $\hat{\gamma}_1(1) = x^{-1}$ and $x^{-1} \in GB$.

- $G_0 B$ is a normal subgroup of GB .

For every $y \in GB$, $yG_0By^{-1} \subseteq G_0B$ if and only if $yG_0B = G_0By$.

Take $x \in G_0 B$ with path γ , then

$$\delta(t) = y\gamma(t)y^{-1}, \quad \delta(0) = yey^{-1} = e, \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(1)yxy^{-1} \in G_0 B.$$

2.8 Definition: Abstract Index Group

The quotient group $GB/G_0 B$ is called the abstract index group of B .

Remark

$GB/G_0 B$ is in 1-to-1 correspondence with the set of connected components of GB .

Indeed, the (path-)connected components of GB are given by $yG_0 B = G_0 B y$ (for $y \in GB$).

$$y_1 G_0 B = y_2 G_0 B \iff y_2^{-1} y_1 G_0 B = G_0 B \iff y_2^{-1} y_1 \in G_0 B \iff [y_2] = [y_1] \text{ in } GB/G_0 B.$$

2.9 Definition: Exponential Map

For $x \in B$, we define the exponential map $B \ni x \mapsto \exp(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$.

2.10 Lemma

The exponential map $B \ni x \mapsto \exp(x) \in GB$ is well-defined and continuous.

For $xy = yx$, we have $\exp(x+y) = \exp(x)\exp(y)$.

In particular, $(\exp(x))^{-1} = \exp(-x)$.

Proof

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ is absolutely convergent.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{||x||^n}{n!} < +\infty.$$

It follows that $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$ is a Cauchy sequence and therefore converges.
 Continuity left as an exercise. Need to show:

$$\left| \left| \sum \frac{x^n}{n!} - \sum \frac{y^n}{n!} \right| \right| \leq ||x - y|| \cdot M_{x,y}$$

The fact that $\exp(x + y) = \exp(x)\exp(y)$ follows from multiplying terms and the binomial formula.

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Recall

GB $e + x$.

G_0B connected component of GB containing e .

GB/G_0B is the abstract index group.

$B = C(\mathbb{T}) \rightsquigarrow f \in GC(\mathbb{T}) \rightsquigarrow \text{ind}(f)$.

Definition: Exponential Map

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \in GB$$

Lemma:

For $y \in B$, $||y|| < 1$, there exists $x \in B$ such that $\exp(x) = e + y$.

Proof

Define

$$\log(e + y) = y - \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{y^3}{3} - \dots \in B.$$

This converges absolutely ($||y|| < 1$), therefore it converges in B by completeness.

Identities

$$\exp(\log(e + y)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\sum_k \frac{y^k}{k} (-1)^{k-1} \right)^n}{n!} = e + y$$

Proof

G_0B is equal to the set of all finite products of exponentials of elements in B .

$$G_0B = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_n = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{ \exp(a_1) \exp(a_2) \cdots \exp_{a_n} \in B \}$$

Proof

Call $\Gamma = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma^n$.

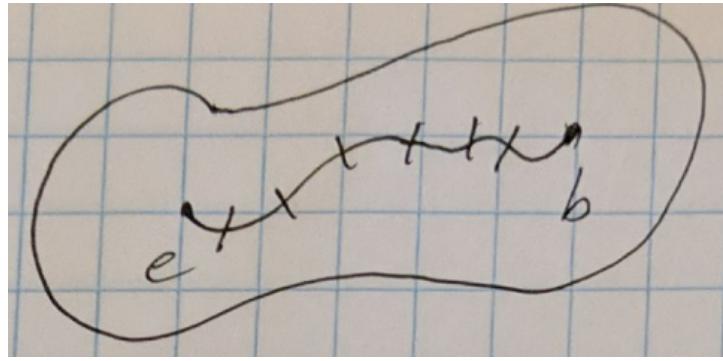
Then observe that each Γ_n is path-connected and contains e .

For $b = \exp(a_1) \cdots \exp(a_n) \in \Gamma_n$, define a path

- $\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Gamma_n$
- $\sigma(t) = \exp(ta_1) \cdots \exp(ta_n)$ is continuous with $\sigma(0) = e$ and $\sigma(1) = b$.

Therefore, Γ is path-connected and contains e . It follows that $\Gamma \subseteq G_0 B$.

To prove that $G_0 B \subseteq \Gamma$, take $b \in G_0 B$ and show that there exists a path in GB $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ continuous with $\gamma(0) = e$ and $\gamma(1) = b$.



We have that $(\gamma(t))^{-1}$ is continuous and bounded in the norm. Then $\gamma(t)$ is uniformly continuous.

$$\|\gamma^{-1}(t)\| \leq M.$$

$$(\exists N) : |t - s| \leq \frac{1}{N} \implies \|\gamma(t) - \gamma(s)\| \leq \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Write}$$

$$b = \gamma(1) \cdot \gamma^{-1}(0) = \gamma(1) \gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right) \gamma\left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right) \gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{N-2}{2}\right) \cdots \gamma\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \gamma(0) = \prod_{k=1}^N \gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) \gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{N}\right).$$

Therefore, with $s_k = \gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) \gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{N}\right)$, $b = \prod_{k=1}^N \exp(\log(s_k))$.

$$\|s_k - e\| \leq \|\gamma^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)\| \cdot \|\gamma\left(\frac{k-1}{N}\right) - \gamma\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)\| \leq M \cdot \frac{1}{2M} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Corollary

If B is commutative, $G_0 B = \{\exp(a) : a \in B\}$.

Remark

Special case: $B = C(K)$ (K compact Hausdorff space).

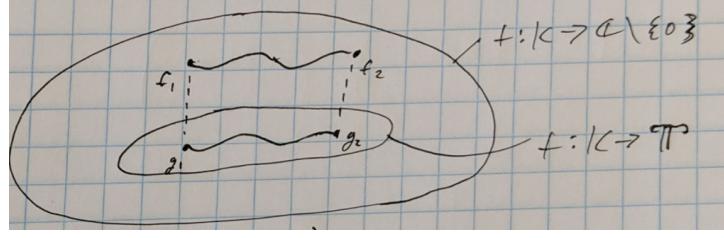
$$G_0 B = \{\exp(a) : a \in C(K)\}.$$

$GB/G_0 B$ is an equivalence class of functions $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ with respect to path-connectedness.

That is, $f_1 \sim f_2$ if and only if there exists continuous $F(t, x) : [0, 1] \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ with $F(0, x) = f_1(x)$ and $F(1, x) = f_2(x)$.

These are the homotopy classes of continuous functions $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

This corresponds to homotopy classes of continuous functions $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ (with $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$) called the 1st co-homotopy group of K $\pi_1^*(K)$.



$f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\frac{f}{|f|} : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ are path-connected by $\sigma(s) = \frac{f}{|f|^s}$, $s \in [0, 1]$.

$f_1 \sim f_2$ in $K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ implies that $\frac{f_1}{\|f_1\|} \sim \frac{f_2}{\|f_2\|}$ in $K \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ by $F(s, x)$ and $\frac{F(s, x)}{|F(s, x)|}$.

We conclude that $\pi^1(K) \cong GC(K)/G_0C(K)$.

Example

Let $B = C(\mathbb{T})$.

$$G_0B = \{\exp(a) : a \in C(\mathbb{T}) = \{f \in GC(\mathbb{T}) : \text{wind}(f) = 0\}\}$$

For $f \in GC(\mathbb{T})$, $\text{wind}(f) = 0$ implies that $f = \exp(a)$ has a logarithm.

This implies that $f \in G_0B$ which itself implies that $\text{wind}(f) = 0$, since $\text{wind}(f)$ is continuous on $GC(\mathbb{T})$ and therefore constant on the component.

Therefore, $GB/G_0B \cong \mathbb{Z}$ via the winding number.

For connected components of GB , define $\chi_n(t) = t^n$, $|t| = 1$, where $\text{wind}(\chi_n) = n$.

Remark: Closed Subalgebras and Invertibility

Let A be a closed subalgebra of B (both being unital, $e \in A$, $e \in B$).

Obviously, if $a \in A$ is invertible in A (i.e. $a^{-1} \in A$) then a is invertible in B . Then $GA \subseteq GB \cap A \subseteq GB$.

Example

Take $B = C(\mathbb{T})$ and $A = \{f \in C(\mathbb{T}) : f_n = 0, \forall n < 0\} = C_+(\mathbb{T})$ where $f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{ix}) e^{-inx} dx$ is the n th Fourier coefficient.

Formally: $f(t) \cong \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n t^n$ in $B = C(\mathbb{T})$, $|t| = 1$.

$f \in A : f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n t^n$, $|t| = 1$ has an analytic extension into the unit disk $|t| < 1$.

More precisely, $\phi : A(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) \rightarrow C_+(\mathbb{T}) \subseteq C(\mathbb{T})$ by $f \mapsto f|_{\mathbb{T}}$.

Where $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) = \{f \in \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ continuous, holomorphic on } \mathbb{D}\}$ and $\mathbb{D} = \{t \in \mathbb{C} : |t| \leq 1\}$.

Then, for $f \in A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ with $n \in \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$,

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{ix}) e^{-inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}} dz = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{f(rz)}{z^{n+1}} dz = 0$$

- In fact, ϕ is an isometry.

$$\|f\|_{A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})} = \sup_{|z| \leq 1} |f(z)| = \max_{|z|=1} |f(z)| = \|f\|_{\mathbb{T}} \|f\|_{C(\mathbb{T})}$$

By maximum modulus principle of holomorphic functions, since ϕ is not constant.

- ϕ is linear and multiplicative.

- $C_+(\mathbb{T})$ is a closed subset of $C(\mathbb{T})$.

$$\Lambda_n : C(\mathbb{T}) \ni f \mapsto f_n \in \mathbb{C}$$

is a continuous linear functional.

$$C_+(\mathbb{T}) = \bigcap_{n=0} \ker \Lambda_n$$

- Less trivially, ϕ is surjective and $C_+(\mathbb{T})$ is an algebra.

Example

$\chi_1(t) = t$ is invertible in $C(\mathbb{T}) = B$.
 $\chi_1^{-1}(t) = \frac{1}{t} = x_{-1}(t) \notin C_+(\mathbb{T})$ while $\chi_1(t) \in C_+(\mathbb{T})$.
Therefore $GA \subseteq GB \cap A$ may not be equal.

Definition: Boundary

The boundary of a subset U of a topological space X is $\partial U = \overline{U} \setminus \text{int}(U)$.

Remark

For $U \subseteq X$, $X = \text{int}(U) \cup \partial U \cup \text{int}(X \setminus U)$ a union of disjoint sets.

Lemma:

1. if $a \in \partial GA$, then $a \notin GA$ and there exists a sequence $a_n \in GA$ such that $a_n \rightarrow a$.
2. if $a \in \partial a$ and $a_n \in GA$ such that $a_n \rightarrow a$, then $\|a_n^{-1}\| \rightarrow +\infty$.

Proof of 1

$a \in GA$ would imply $a \in \text{int}(GA)$ and not a boundary point.

Proof of 2

Otherwise, there would exist a bounded subsequence $\|a_{n_i}^{-1}\| \leq M$.

$$\|a_{n_i}^{-1} - a_{n_j}^{-1}\| \leq \|a_{n_i}^{-1}\| \cdot \|a_{n_j} - a_{n_i}\| \cdot \|a_{n_j}^{-1}\| \leq M^2 \|a_{n_i} - a_{n_j}\|$$

Since a_n converges, $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy which implies $a_{n_i}^{-1}$ is Cauchy.

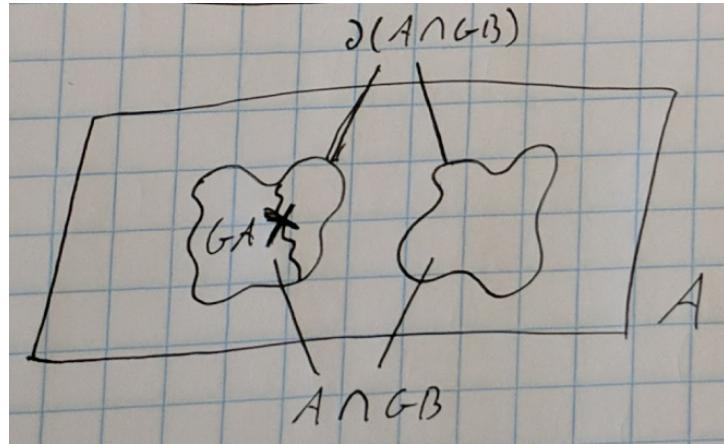
Then $a_{n_i}^{-1} \rightarrow b \in A$. $e = a_{n_i} a_{n_i}^{-1} \rightarrow ab$ implies $a^{-1} = b$ and $a \in GA$. However $a \notin GA$.

Proposition

Let A be a closed subalgebra of B ($e \in A$, $e \in B$). Then $\partial GA \subseteq \partial(A \cap GB)$ (both boundaries are considered in A).

Remark

Both GA and $A \cap GB$ are open subsets of A .



Proof

Take $a \in \partial GA$ and suppose $a \notin \partial(A \cap GB)$.

Take $a \in \partial GA$: $a_n \in GA$, $a \notin GA$, $a_n \rightarrow a$, $\|a_n^{-1}\| \rightarrow +\infty$.

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Recall

$A \subseteq B$, $GA \subseteq A \cap GB$.

If $A = C_+(\mathbb{T}) \cong A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ and $B = C(\mathbb{T})$.

Recall: Theorem

For GA , $A \cap GB$ open sets in A , $U \subseteq X$, $\partial U = \overline{U} \setminus \text{int } U$, we have that $\partial GA \subseteq \partial(A \cap GB)$.

Proof

Take $a \in \partial GA$, $a_n \rightarrow a$, $a \notin GA$, $a \in A$.

Since $a_n \in GA$, $\|a_n^{-1}\| \rightarrow +\infty$.

However, $a \notin GB$ otherwise $a \in GB$, $a_n \rightarrow a$ implies $a_n^{-1} \rightarrow a^{-1}$ (in GB) and, consequently, $\sup \|a_n^{-1}\| < +\infty$, a contradiction.

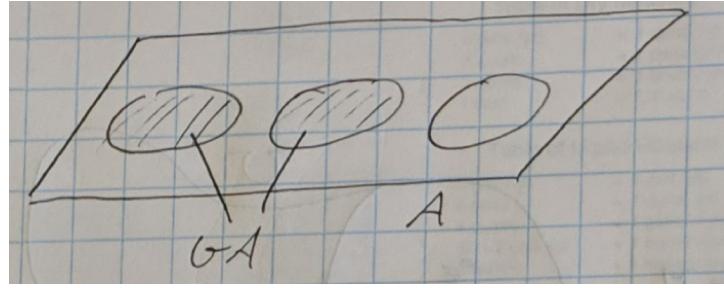
Therefore $a \notin A \cap GB$ and, consequently, $a \in \partial(A \cap GB) = \overline{(A \cap GB)} \setminus (A \cap GB)$.

Theorem

Let A be a closed subalgebra of B .

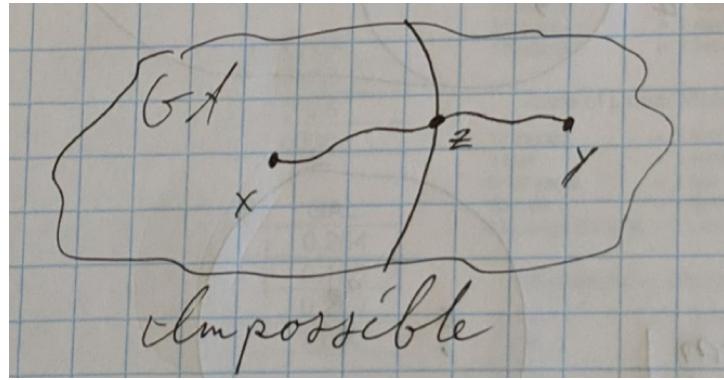
GA is equal to the union of some components of $A \cap GB$.

Proof



Let U be a component of $A \cap GB$.

We want to show that either $U \cap GA \neq \emptyset$ or $U \subseteq GA$.



The above cannot occur since, by path-connectedness, for $x, y \in U$, $x \in GA$, $y \notin GA$, there would need to be some $z \in \partial GA$ with $z \notin A \cap GB$ a contradiction.

Alternatively, take $A \cap GB$ open in A .

Then $A \cap GB \cap \partial(A \cap GB) = \emptyset$ and $(A \cap GB) \cap \partial GA = \emptyset$ by the previous theorem.

Write $A = GA \cup \partial GA \cup \text{int}(A \setminus GA)$. Then

$$A \cap GB = GA \cup \emptyset \cup \text{int}(A \setminus GA) \cap (A \cap GB)$$

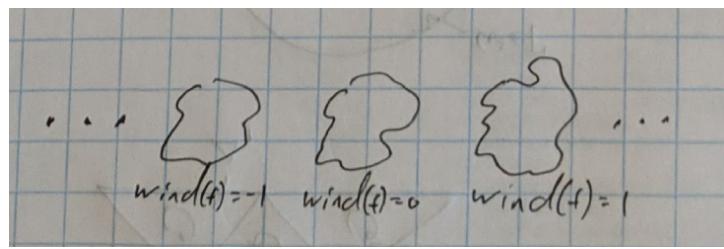
and $U = (GA \cap U) \cup \text{int}(A \setminus GB) \cap U$ where $(GA \cap U) \cap \text{int}(A \setminus GA) = \emptyset$ and open in U .

Therefore either $GA \cap U = \emptyset$ or $GA \cap U = U$ which implies that $U \subseteq GA$.

Example

Take $B(\mathbb{T})$ and $A = C_+(\mathbb{T}) \cong A(\overline{D})$.

Then $GB = \{f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f(t) \neq 0\}$.



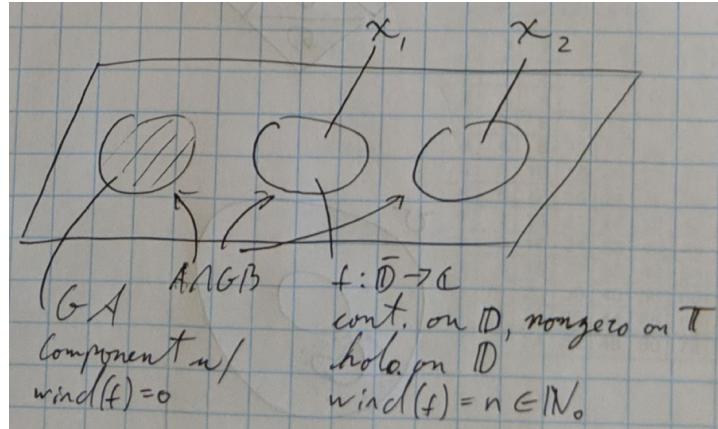
Then take

$$A \cap GB = \{f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ continuous, } f(t) \neq 0, |t| = 1 \text{ with analytic continuation into } |t| < 1\}$$

such that $f \in A \cap GB$ which implies $\text{wind}(f) \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ gives the number of zeroes of f inside \mathbb{D} .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{wind}(f) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\log f(e^{ix}) \right]_{x=0}^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \left[\log f(re^{ix}) \right]_{x=0}^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int_0^\pi \frac{f'(re^{ix})}{f(re^{ix})} ire^{ix} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{z=re^{ix}} \int_{|z|=r} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz\end{aligned}$$

Which gives the number of zeros of $f(z)$ inside $|z| < 1$



Section 1.3: Holomorphic Vector-Valued Functions

Goal

Define the notion of holomorphic/analytic functions $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ open and X a (complex) Banach space.

Summary

- Basically all classical results remain true.
- There is a strong and a weak version of holomorphy, but they are equivalent.

Theorem

For a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$, $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open and X Banach, the following are equivalent

1. f is differentiable at every $z_0 \in \Omega$, i.e. there exists $f'(z_0) \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left\| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} - f'(z_0) \right\|_X = 0$$

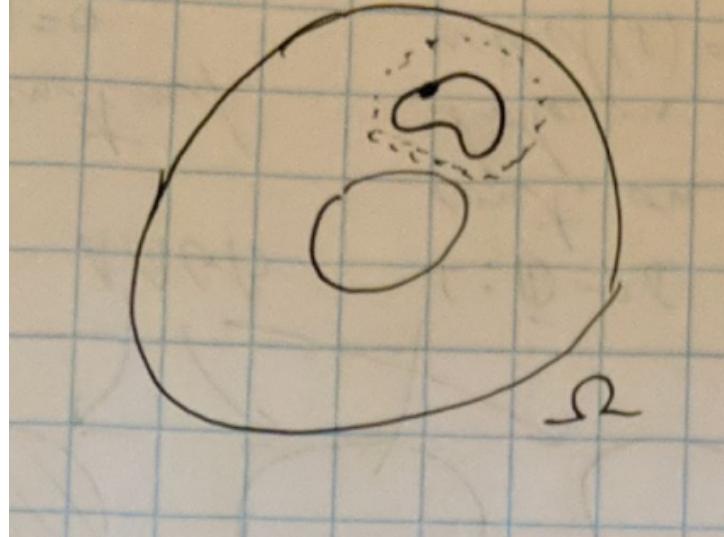
2. f is analytic at each point $z_0 \in \Omega$, i.e. f has a convergent power series at z_0 with radius of convergence $R_{z_0} > 0$.

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n, |z - z_0| < R_{z_0}, a_n \in X$$

which converges in the norm of X .

3. $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ is continuous (in the norm) and for every piecewise smooth closed contour Γ contained in a disk D ($\Gamma \subseteq D \subseteq \Omega$).

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$



Definition: (Strongly) Holomorphic Function

If (1)-(3) hold, then f is (strongly)-holomorphic.

Remarks: Integration of Vector-Valued Functions

A piecewise smooth contour Γ can be parameterized by $\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Omega$.

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \int_0^1 \underbrace{f(\sigma(t))\sigma'(t)}_{h(t) \text{ continuous}} dt$$

This is independent of the choice of parameterization.

Now $I = \int_0^1 h(t) dt$ can be defined via Riemann sums. Given a partition P , $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ continuous.

$$\lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \|S(h, P, \xi) - I\|_X = 0$$

where $S(h, P, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$, $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$.

Note that h is uniformly continuous and $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $\text{mesh}(P_1) < \delta$, $\text{mesh}(P_2) < \delta$ implies

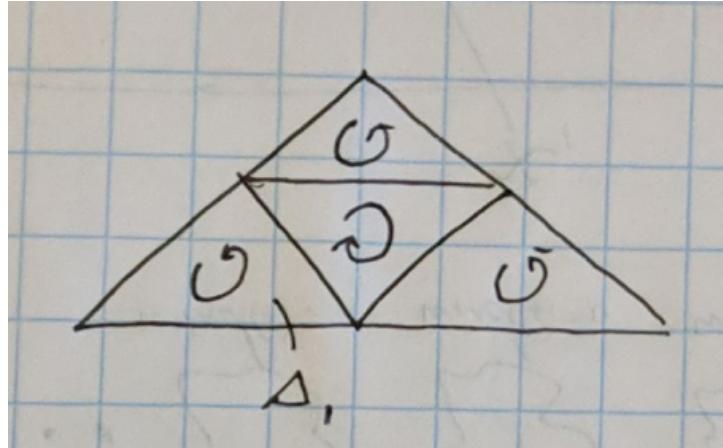
$$\|S(f, P_1, \xi^{(1)}) - S(f, P_2, \xi^{(2)})\| < \varepsilon$$

All usual properties of integrals hold.

- linear in integrand
- $\|\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz\| \leq \int_{\Gamma} \|f(z)\| |dz| \leq (\text{length}(\Gamma)) \sup_{z \in \Gamma} \|f(z)\|$.

Sketch of Proof (1) to (3)

To show: $\int_{\Delta} f(z) dz = x_0 = 0$ by contradiction that $x_0 \neq 0$.

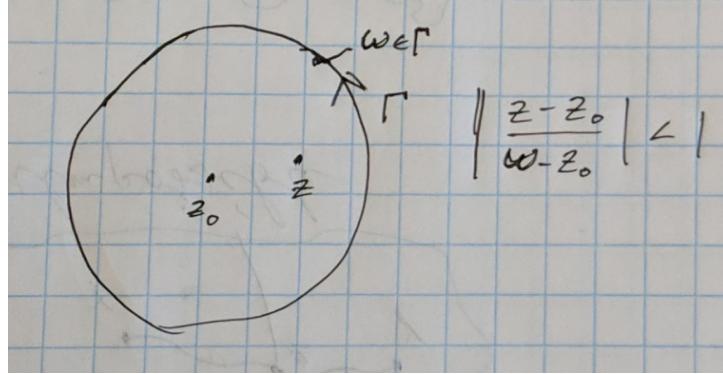


We have $\left| \int_{\Delta_1} f dz \right| \geq \frac{\|x_0\|}{4}$, $\left| \int_{\Delta_n} f dz \right| \geq \frac{\|x_0\|}{4^n}$.

Sketch of Proof (3) to (2)

$\int_{\Gamma} f dz = 0$ implies the Cauchy integral formula. Take

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\omega)}{\omega - z} d\omega$$



$$\frac{1}{\omega - z} = \frac{1}{(\omega - z_0) - (z - z_0)} = \frac{1}{w - z_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{w - t} \right)^n$$

Therefore

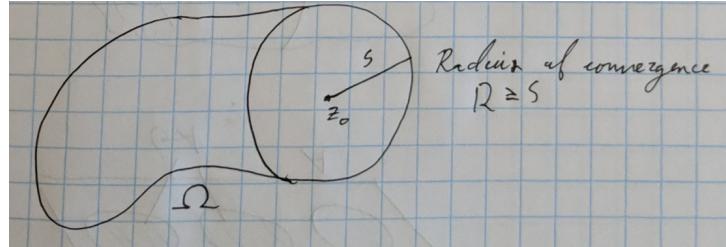
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} f(\omega) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(\omega - z)^{n+1}} d\omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z - z_0)^n \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\omega)}{(\omega - z)^{n+1}} d\omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z - z_0)^n a_n$$

with the sequence converging (in X) on $|z - z_0| < |\omega - z_0|$.

- Radius of Convergence

$$R^{-1} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a_n\|^{1/n}$$

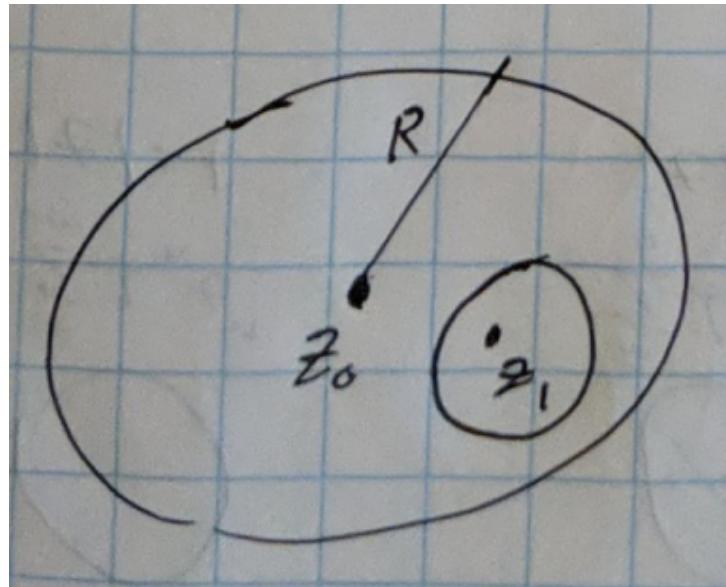
(Root Test: $|z - z_0| < R$ convergence; $|z - z_0| > R$ divergence)



Sketch of Proof (2) to (1)

One can show that a function defined by convergent power series is differentiable, $f(z) = \sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$, then $f'(z) = \sum a_n \cdot n(z - z_0)^{n-1}$.

The radius of convergence is the same. This also implies that f is infinitely differentiable.



Take $z - z_0 = (z - z_1) + (z_1 - z_0)$ and, by the binomial theorem,

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (z - z_1)^k \left(\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n \binom{n}{k} (z_1 - z_0) \right)$$

which converges for at least $|z - z_1| < R - |z_1 - z_0|$.

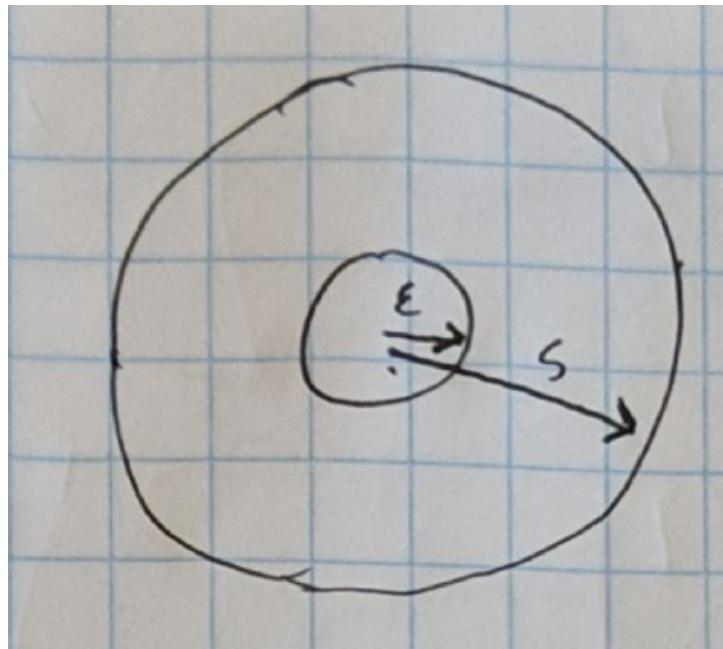
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Theorem

Let $f : D_\varepsilon(z_0) \rightarrow X$ ($D_\varepsilon(z_0) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}$) be holomorphic.

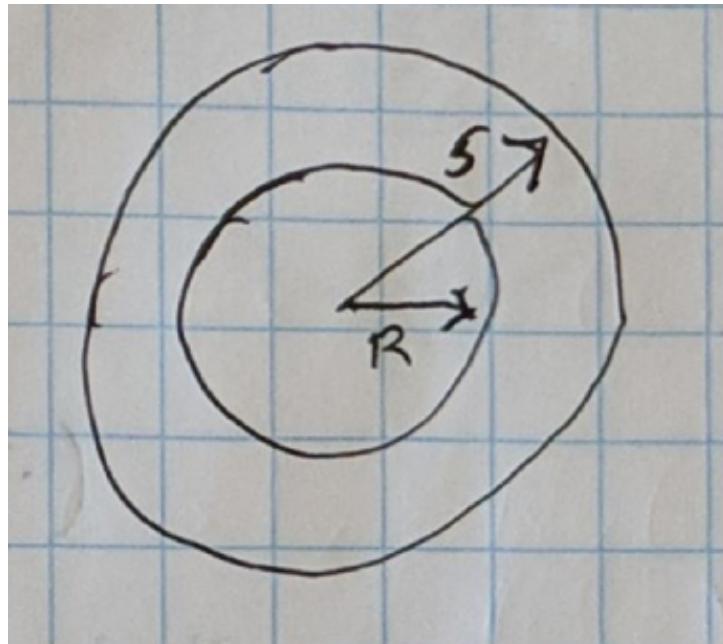
Then $R = S$ where

1. R is the radius of convergence of $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n$ ($R^{-1} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a_n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$).
2. S is the radius of the largest open disk $D_S(z_0)$ such that there exists an analytic extension of f from $D_\varepsilon(z_0)$ to $D_S(z_0)$.



Proof

By definition, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$ converges for $|z-z_0| < R$. Then $|z-z_0| < R$ if and only if $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||a_n(z-z_0)^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} < 1$ if and only if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$ converges. Therefore, it converges to a holomorphic function on $R \leq S$. If $f(z)$ has an analytic extension to $D_S(z_0)$, see step (3) \implies (2) of previous theorem.



Then $f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\omega)}{\omega \cdot z} d\omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$ converges for $|z-z_0| < r < S$ with $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\omega)}{(z-\omega)^{n+1}} d\omega$. From this, we conclude $R \geq S$.

Definition: (Weakly) Holomorphic Function

A function $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ ($\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open, X Banach) is called weakly holomorphic if $\phi \circ f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, $\forall \phi \in X^* = \mathcal{L}(X; \mathbb{C})$ bounded linear functionals.

A function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ (X, Y Banach) is weakly-operator holomorphic if $h_{\phi, X} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic for all $\phi \in Y^*$, $x \in X$ where $h_{\phi, X}(z) = \phi(f(z)x)$.

Remarks

Obviously: f strongly holomorphic $\implies f$ weakly holomorphic.

$$\left\| \frac{\phi(f(z+h)) - \phi(f(z))}{h} - \phi(f'(z)) \right\| \leq \|\phi\| \cdot \left\| \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} - f'(z) \right\|$$

For $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$: f strongly holomorphic $\implies f$ weakly holomorphic $\implies f$ weakly operator holomorphic.

For $x \in X$, $\phi \in Y^*$, $\Lambda_{x,\phi} : \mathcal{L}(X, y) \ni A \mapsto \phi(Ax) \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\Lambda_{x,\phi} \in (\mathcal{L}(X, y))^*$.

All the converses are also true.

Theorem (Dunford)

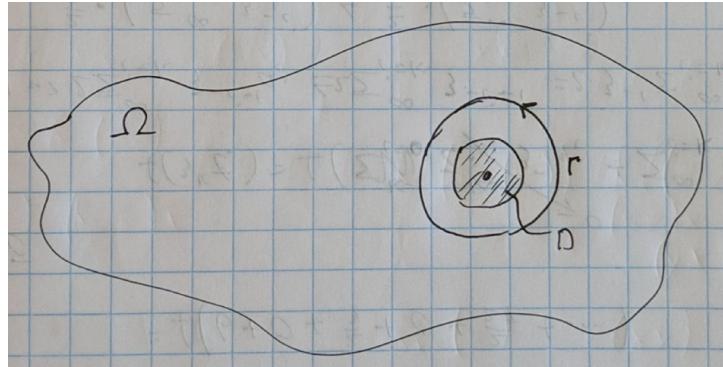
Take X Banach, $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open.

If $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$ is weakly holomorphic, then it is strongly holomorphic.

Proof

We want to show that for any $z_0 \in \Omega$, $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$ exists in X .

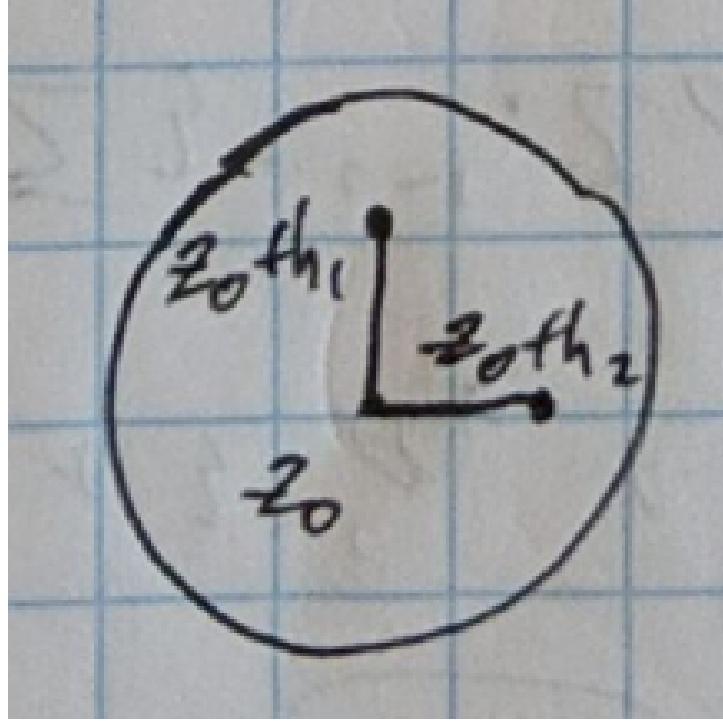
Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the disk $D_\varepsilon(z_0)$ and circle $C_{2\varepsilon}(z_0) = \Gamma$ are in Ω .



For $\phi \in X^*$, $\phi(f(z))$ is holomorphic in Ω .

$$\phi(f(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\phi(f(\omega))}{z - \omega} d\omega, z \in D$$

Apply this to $z = z_0$, $z = z_0 + h_1$ and $z = z_0 + h_2$ with $0 < |h_1| < \varepsilon$, $0 < |h_2| < \varepsilon$, $h_1 \neq h_2$.



$$\begin{aligned}
A_{h_1, h_2} &= \frac{1}{h_1 - h_2} \left\{ \frac{f(z_0 + h_1) - f(z_0)}{h_1} - \frac{f(z_0 + h_2) - f(z_0)}{h_2} \right\} \\
\phi(A_{h_1, h_2}) &= \frac{1}{h_1 - h_2} \left\{ \frac{\phi(f(z_0 + h_1)) - \phi(f(z_0))}{h_1} - \frac{\phi(f(z_0 + h_2)) - \phi(f(z_0))}{h_2} \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \phi(f(\omega)) \frac{1}{h_1 - h_2} \left\{ \frac{1}{h_1} \left(\frac{1}{z_0 + h_1 - \omega} - \frac{1}{z_0 - \omega} \right) - \frac{1}{h_2} \left(\frac{1}{z_0 + h_2 - \omega} - \frac{1}{z_0 - \omega} \right) \right\} d\omega \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \phi(f(\omega)) \frac{1}{h_1 - h_2} \left\{ \frac{1}{(z + h_1 - \omega)(z_0 - \omega)} - \frac{1}{(z + h_2 - \omega)(z_0 - \omega)} \right\} d\omega \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \phi(f(\omega)) \frac{1}{(z_0 + h_1 - \omega)(z_0 + h_2 - \omega)(z_0 - \omega)} d\omega
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that the denominator is at least ε^3 , therefore $|\phi(A_{h_1, h_2})| \leq \frac{\varepsilon^3}{2\pi} \sup_{\omega \in \Gamma} |f(\omega)| \cdot |\phi|$ (so long as f continuous, which will be proven).

Therefore $\forall \phi \in X^*$,

$$\sup_{\substack{0 < |h_1| < \varepsilon \\ 0 < |h_2| < \varepsilon \\ h_1 \neq h_2}} |\phi(A_{h_1, h_2})| < +\infty.$$

By the uniform boundedness principle, identify $A_{h_1, h_2} \in X$ with $X^{**} = \mathcal{L}(X^*, \mathbb{C})$.

Then $\sup_{h_1, h_2} \|A_{h_1, h_2}\| < +\infty$ and

$$\left\| \frac{f(z_0 + h_1) - f(z_0)}{h_1} - \frac{f(z_0 + h_2) - f(z_0)}{h_2} \right\| \leq C \cdot |h_1 - h_2|.$$

Now, for any sequence $\{h_n\}_{n=3}^{\infty}$, $0 < |h_n| < \varepsilon$, $h_n \rightarrow 0$,

$$\frac{f(z_0 + h_n) - f(z_0)}{h_n}$$

is a cauchy sequence. Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(z_{0+h_n}) - f(z_0)}{h_n}$ exists in X independent of choice of $\{h_n\}$. That is

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h}$$

exists in X .

Section 1.4: Spectrum and Resolvent

Consider a unital Banach algebra B .

Definition: Spectrum

For $b \in B$, the spectrum of b in B $\sigma_B(b) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda e - b \text{ is not invertible in } B\}$.

Definition: Resolvent

The resolvent is a function $R(b; \lambda) = (\lambda e - b)^{-1}$. $R(b, \cdot) : \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_B(b) \rightarrow B$.
 $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_B(b)$ is the resolvent set.

Theorem

1. The spectrum $\sigma_B(b)$ is a non-empty, compact subset of \mathbb{C} .
2. The resolvent $R(b, \lambda)$ is an analytic, Banach valued function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_B(b)$.

Proof of (a)

$\sigma_B(b)$ is bounded, because $\lambda e - b$ is invertible for $|\lambda| > \|b\|$.

$$\lambda e - b = \lambda \left(e - \frac{1}{\lambda} b \right)$$

has $\left| \left| \frac{1}{\lambda} b \right| \right| < 1$ for sufficiently large λ . Therefore, $\sigma_B(b) \subseteq \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| \leq \|b\|\}$.

To show that $\sigma_B(b)$ is closed, if $\lambda \notin \sigma_B(b)$ then $\forall \mu$ such that $|\lambda - \mu| < \varepsilon$ we have that $\mu \notin \sigma_B(b)$.

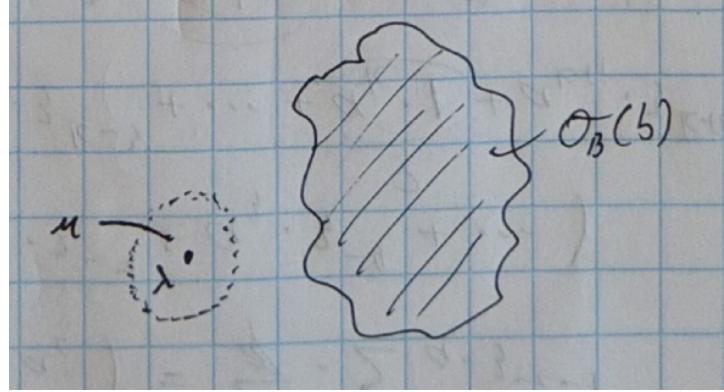
$$\mu e - b = \lambda e - b + (\mu - \lambda)e = (\lambda e - b) \underbrace{\left[e + \frac{(\mu - \lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1}}{\|\cdot\| < 1} \right]}_{\|\cdot\| < 1}$$

when $|\mu - \lambda| < \frac{1}{\|(\lambda e - b)^{-1} \|}$.

Therefore $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_B(b)$ is open.

Proof of (b)

Take $\lambda \notin \sigma_B(b)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{R(b, \mu) - R(b, \lambda)}{\mu - \lambda} &= \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} \left((\mu e - b)^{-1} - (\lambda e - b)^{-1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\mu - \lambda} (\mu e - b)^{-1} \{(\lambda e - b) - (\mu e - b)\} (\lambda e - b)^{-1} \\
 &= -(\mu e - b)^{-1} (\lambda e - b)^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using continuity with $GB \ni a \mapsto a^{-1} \in GB$ in the norm, $-(\mu e - b)^{-1} (\lambda e - b)^{-1} \rightarrow -((\lambda e - b)^{-1})^2$ as $\mu \rightarrow \lambda$. Therefore $R^1(b, \lambda) = -(R(b, \lambda))^2$ and $R(b, \lambda)$ is analytic.

Proof of non-empty in (a)

Take $\sigma_B(b) \neq 0$, otherwise $R(b, \lambda)$ is analytic on \mathbb{C} and bounded

$$(\lambda e - b)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(e - \frac{1}{\lambda} b \right)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\lambda^{n+1}} b^n$$

We can estimate

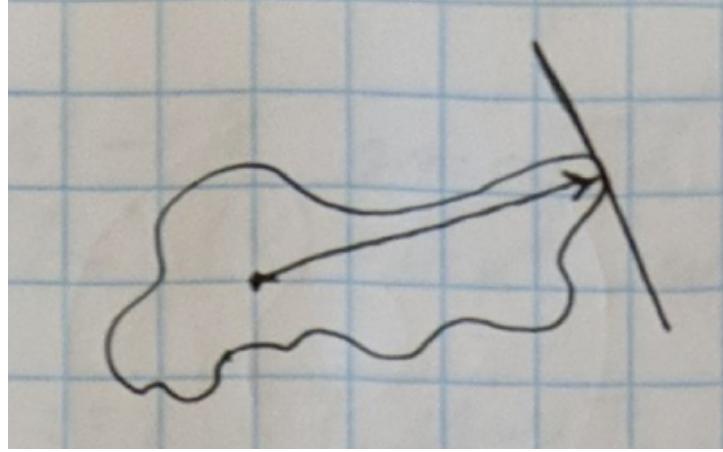
$$\|\cdot\| \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda| \left(1 - \frac{\|b\|}{|\lambda|} \right)} = \frac{1}{|\lambda| - \|b\|}$$

so $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \|(\lambda e - b)^{-1}\| = 0$.

By Liouville's theorem, bounded and entire functions are constant. But we may also proceed by weak analyticity. If $\phi(R(b, \lambda))$ is analytic and bounded on \mathbb{C} , $\forall \phi \in B^*$, it follows that $\phi(R(b, \lambda)) \equiv 0$, $\forall \lambda$, $\forall \phi \in B^*$ and that $R(b, \lambda) \equiv 0$ for any λ a contradiction.

Definition: Spectral Radius

For $b \in B$, the spectral radius $r(b) = \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_B(b)\}$.



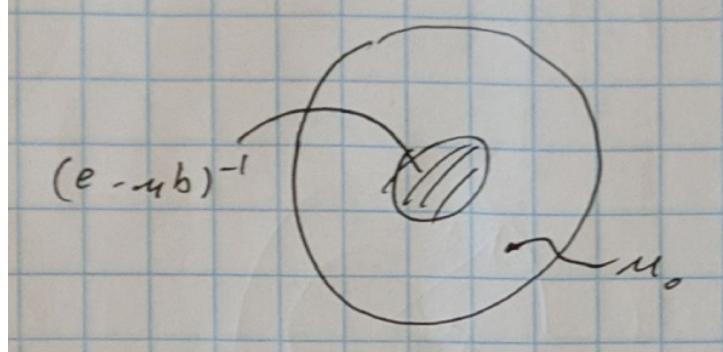
Remark

Write $\frac{1}{r(b)} = \min\{|\lambda|^{-1} : \lambda e - b \text{ is not invertible}\} = \min\{|\mu| : e - \mu b \text{ is not invertible}\}$ with $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$.

$$\underbrace{(e - \mu b)^{-1}}_{\text{analytic in } |\mu| < \frac{1}{||b||}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu^n b^n$$

converges for $|\mu| < \frac{1}{||b||}$.

Then the radius of convergence $R^{-1} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}}$ gives us that R is equal to the largest disk where $(e - \mu b)^{-1}$ has an analytic extension. Therefore $S = \frac{1}{r(b)}$.



Suppose we have an analytic extension $f(\mu)$ beyond S .

$$f(\mu)(e - \mu b) = (e - \mu b)f(\mu) = e$$

implies that and, if $(e - \mu_0 b)$ not invertible, $f(\mu_0)(e - \mu_0 b) = \dots = e$ a contradiction.

Theorem

$$r(b) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Proof

To demonstrate existence, fix $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $n = q \cdot n_0 + r$, $0 \leq r < n_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} ||b^n|| &\leq ||b^{n_0}||^q \cdot ||b||^r \\ ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} &\leq ||b^{n_0}||^{\frac{q}{n}} \cdot ||b||^{\frac{r}{n}} \\ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} &\leq ||b^{n_0}||^{\frac{1}{n_0}} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $1 = \frac{q}{n} \cdot n_0 + \frac{r}{n}$. Take $n \rightarrow \infty$. Write

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \inf_{n_0 \in \mathbb{N}} ||b^{n_0}||^{\frac{1}{n_0}} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||b^n||^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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Note: Closed Subalgebras

Assume A is a closed subalgebra of B ($e \in A \subseteq B$).

Take $b \in A \subseteq B$.

Obviously, $b - \lambda e$ being invertible in A implies $b - \lambda e$ is invertible in B . We also have

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_A(b) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_B(b)$$

(confer. $GA \subseteq GB$ with $\partial GA = \partial(A \cap GB)$) and, equivalently,

$$\text{sp}_B(b) \subseteq \text{sp}_A(b).$$

One can show similarly that

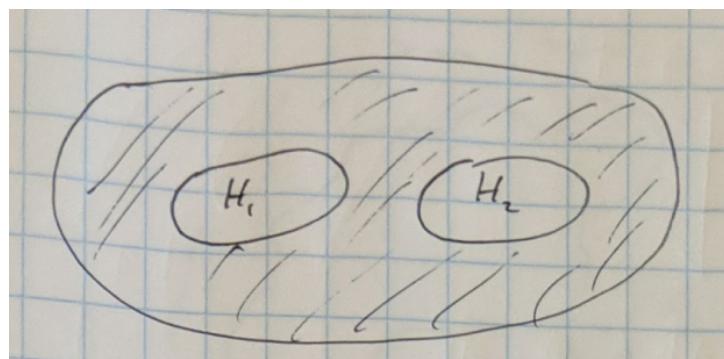
$$\begin{aligned} \partial(\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_A(b)) &\subseteq \partial(\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_B(b)) \\ &= \dots = \\ \partial \text{sp}_A(b) &\subseteq \partial \text{sp}_B(b) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

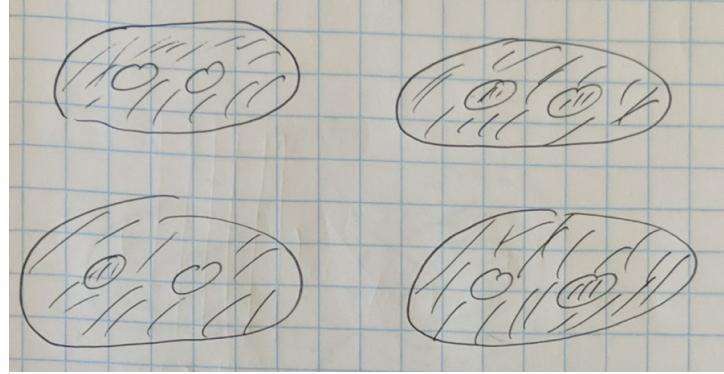
1. $\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_A(b)$ is the union of some components of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_B(b)$.
2. $\text{sp}_A(b) = \text{sp}_B(b) \cup \bigcup_{\omega} H_{\omega}$ where H_{ω} are some components of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp}_B(b)$.

Example 1

Suppose $\text{sp}_B(b)$ looks like

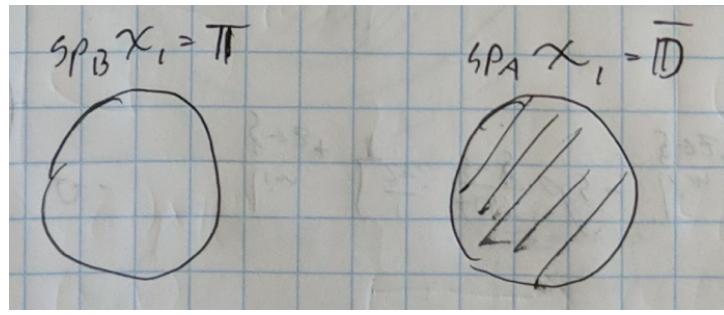


Now $\text{sp}_A(b)$ can only be one of the 4 possibilities.



Example 2

$B = C(\mathbb{T})$, $A = C_+(\mathbb{T}) \simeq A(\mathbb{D})$, $\chi_1(t) = t$, $\text{sp}_B \chi_1 = \mathbb{T}$.



Theorem: Spectral Mapping Theorem (Simple Version)

For a polynomial $p(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N p_n z^n$ we define $p(b) = \sum_{n=0}^N p_n b^n$ for $b \in B$ where $b^0 = e$.

Let p be a polynomial and $b \in B$ with B a unital Banach algebra, then $\text{sp}(p(b)) = p(\text{sp}(b)) := \{p(z) : z \in \text{sp}(b)\}$.

Proof

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, consider $q(z) = p(z) - \lambda = c \prod_{i=1}^N (z - \gamma_i)$.

Now, $q(b) = p(b) - \lambda e = c \prod_{i=1}^N (b - \gamma_i e)$. It follows that

$$\lambda \notin \text{sp}(p(b)) \iff p(b) - \lambda e \text{ is invertible.}$$

a commuting product

$$\iff \overbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N (b - \gamma_i e)}^{\text{a commuting product}} \text{ is invertible.}$$

$$\iff \forall i, b - \gamma_i e \text{ is invertible.}$$

$$\iff \forall i, \gamma_i \notin \text{sp}(b)$$

$$\iff \forall z \in \text{sp}(b), q(z) = c \prod_{i=1}^N (z - \gamma_i) \neq 0$$

$$\iff \forall z \in \text{sp}(b), p(z) \neq \lambda$$

$$\iff \lambda \notin p(\text{sp}(b))$$

Applications

If $p(b) = 0$, then $\text{sp}(b) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C} : p(z) = 0\}$, because

$$\{0\} = \text{sp } 0 = \text{sp } p(b) \stackrel{\text{SMT}}{=} p(\text{sp } b).$$

It follows that if b is nilpotent, such that $b^n = 0$ for some n ($p(z) = z^2$), then $\text{sp}(b) = \{0\}$.

If b is idempotent, such that $b^2 = b$ ($p(z) = z^2 - z$), then $\text{sp}(b) \subseteq \{0, 1\}$.

If b is unipotent (or flip), such that $b^2 = e$, then $\text{sp}(b) = \{\pm 1\}$.

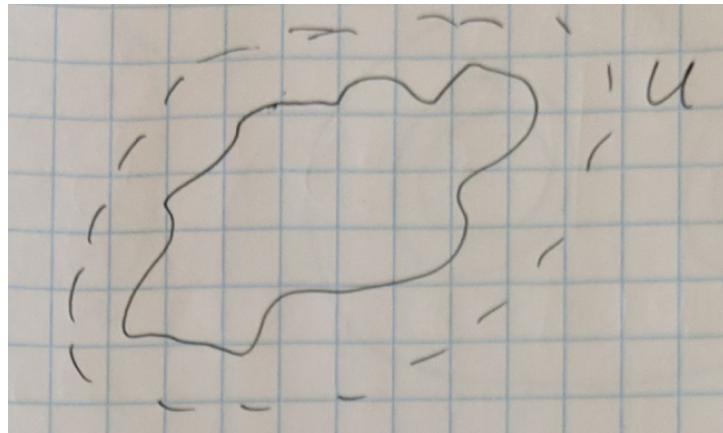
Section 1.5: Riesz Functional Calculus

Question:

Can one define $f(b)$ for $b \in B$ a unital Banach algebra for more general functions f ?

Definition: Set of Functions Holomorphic on the Spectrum

For a unital Banach algebra B and $b \in B$, let $A[\text{sp}(b)]$ stand for the set of all functions f which are holomorphic on some open neighborhood U of $\text{sp}(b)$.



Lemma

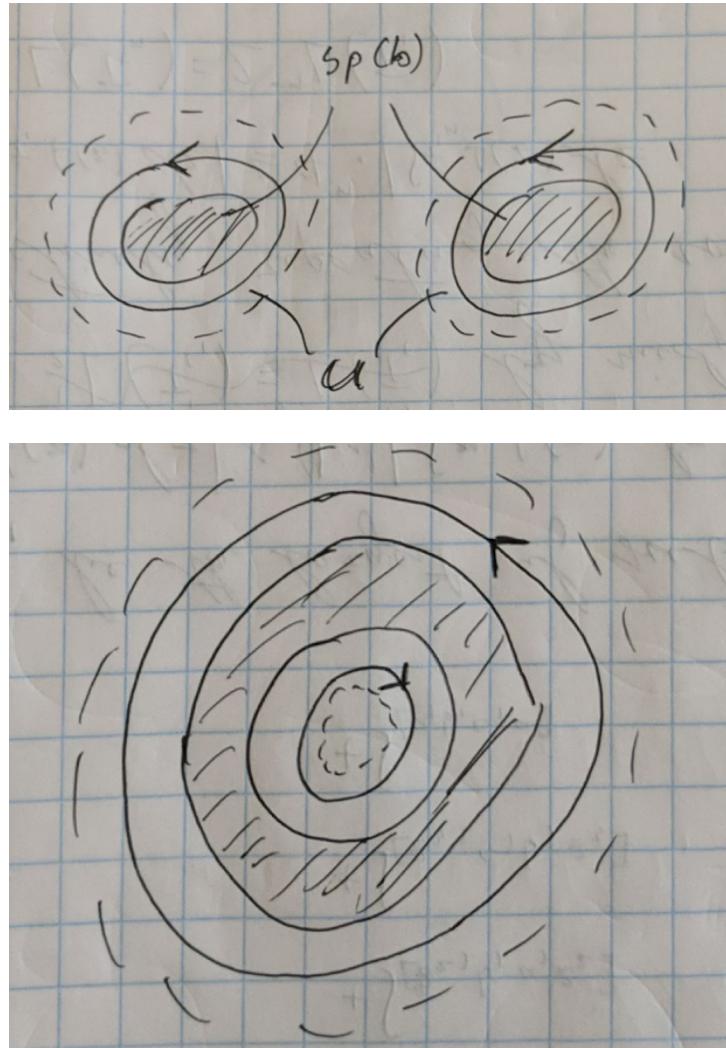
Let $f \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$, i.e. $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic. Then there exists an open set W with (piece-)smooth boundary such that

$$\text{sp}(f) \subseteq W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq U$$

(i.e. $\partial \overline{W} \subseteq U \setminus \text{sp}(b)$) and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial W} \frac{d\omega}{\omega - z} = \begin{cases} 1 & z \in \text{sp}(b) \\ 0 & z \notin U \end{cases}.$$

Example



- Proof

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Definition:

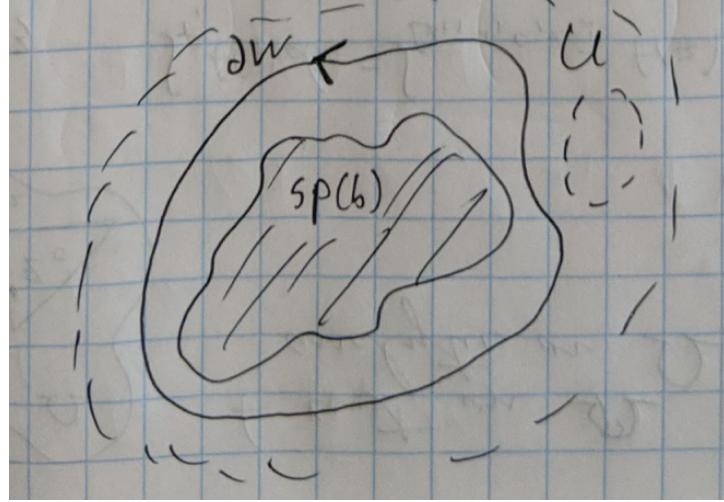
Using the lemma, we define for $f \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$

$$f(b) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} f(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda$$

(where $\text{sp}(b) \subseteq W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq U$).

One can show that this is independent of choice of W (and also of U).

Note $f(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1}$ is holomorphic on $U \setminus \text{sp}(b)$.



Remark

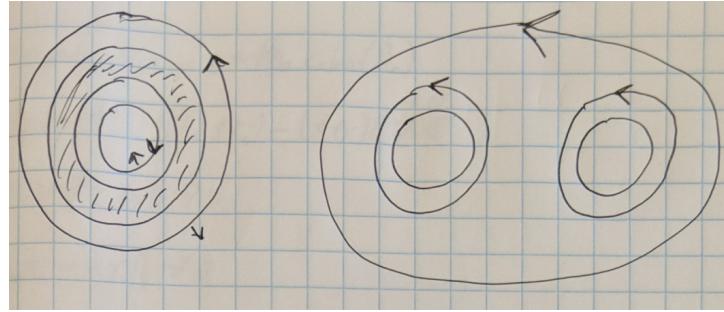
$f_1, f_2 \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$ implies $f_1 + f_2 \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$ and $(f_1 + f_2)(b) = f_1(b) + f_2(b)$.

Proposition

For a polynomial $f(z) = p(z) = \sum p_i z^i$, we get $f(b) = p(b) = \sum p_i b^i$.

Proof

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} (\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\lambda|=R} (\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\lambda|=R} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^n}{\lambda^{n+1}} d\lambda = e$$



Therefore, $p(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} p(b)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda$, and

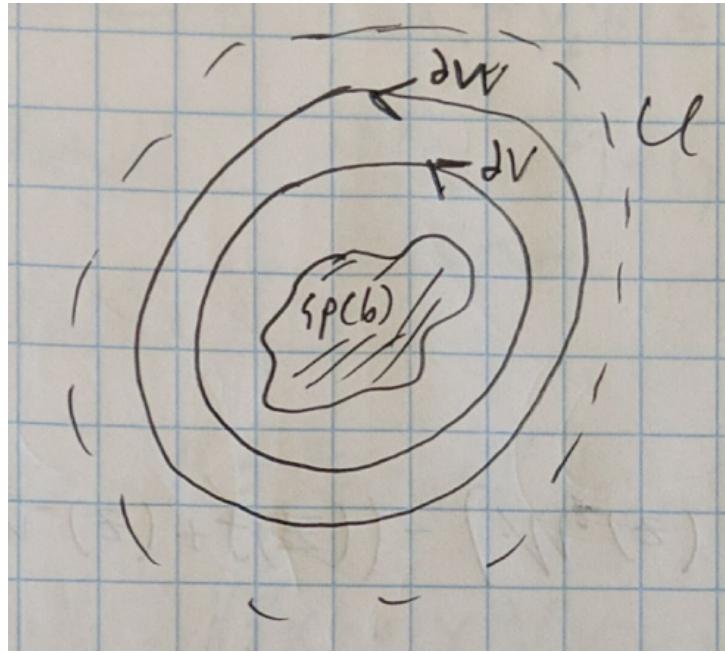
$$\begin{aligned} f(b) - p(b) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} (f(\lambda)e - p(b))(\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} \sum_{n=0}^N \underbrace{(\lambda^n e - b^n)}_{(\lambda^{n-1}e + \dots + b^{n-1})(\lambda e - b)} (\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} \text{"polynomial in } \lambda, b \text{" } d\lambda = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

If $f_1, f_2 \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$, then $f_1 f_2 \in A[\text{sp}(b)]$.

$$(f_1 f_2)(b) = f_1(b) \cdot f_2(b)$$

Proof



We assume ∂V is inside ∂W .

$$f_1(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} f_1(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} d\lambda$$

$$f_2(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial V} f_2(\xi)(\xi e - b)^{-1} d\xi$$

Then

$$f_1(b)f_2(b) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial W} \int_{\partial V} f_1(\lambda)f_2(\xi)(\lambda e - b)^{-1}(\xi e - b)^{-1} d\xi d\lambda$$

Recall that

$$(\lambda e - b)^{-1}(\xi e - b)^{-1} = (\lambda e - b)^{-1} \left[\frac{(\lambda e - b) - (\xi e - b)}{\lambda - \xi} \right] (\xi e - b)^{-1} = \frac{(\xi e - b)^{-1} - (\lambda e - b)^{-1}}{\lambda - \xi}$$

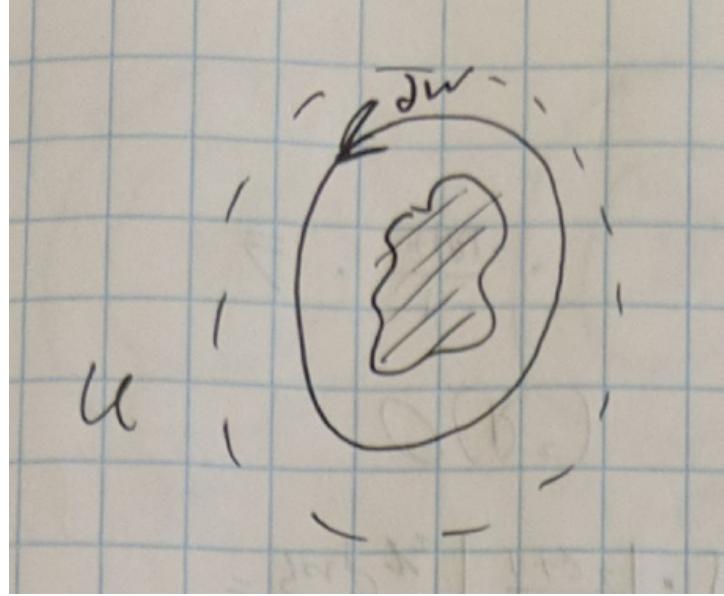
Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(b)f_2(b) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial V} \int_{\partial W} f_1(\lambda)f_2(\xi)(\xi e - b)^{-1} \frac{1}{\lambda - \xi} d\lambda d\xi - \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial W} \int_{\partial V} f_1(\lambda)f_2(\xi)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} \frac{1}{\lambda - \xi} d\xi d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial V} f_2(\xi)(\xi e - b)^{-1} \underbrace{\int_{\partial W} \frac{f_1(\lambda)}{\lambda - \xi} d\lambda}_{\equiv f_2(\xi)} d\xi - \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial W} f_1(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} \underbrace{\int_{\partial V} \frac{f_2(\xi)}{\lambda - \xi} d\xi}_{\equiv 0} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial V} f_2(\xi)f_1(\xi)(\xi e - b)^{-1} d\xi \\ &= (f_1f_2)(b) \end{aligned}$$

Recall

$f \in A[\text{sp } b]$, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\text{sp}(b) \subseteq U$ open. Define

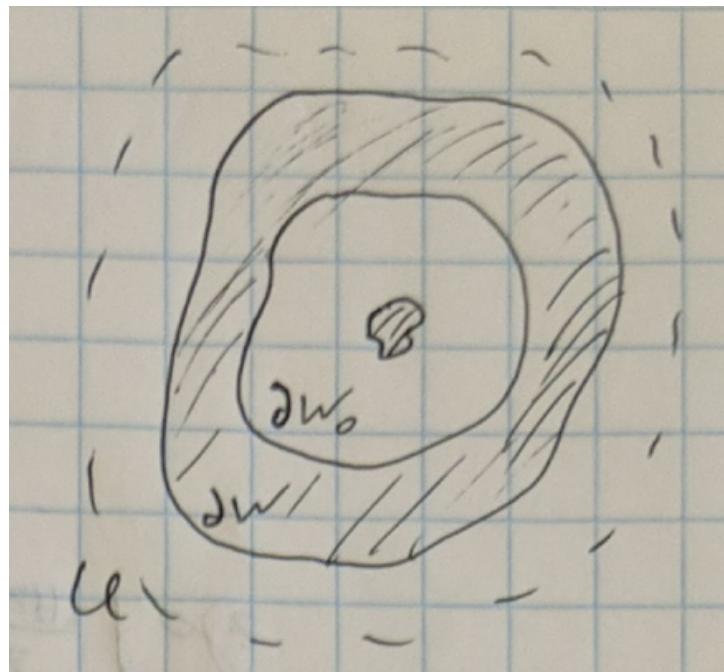
$$(1) \quad f(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} \underbrace{f(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1}}_{\text{analytic in } U \setminus \text{sp } b} dz$$



with $\text{sp } b \subseteq W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq U$ and ∂W piecewise smooth.

From the above lemma, applied to W , we get W_0 such that $\text{sp } b \subseteq W_0 \subseteq \overline{W}_0 \subseteq W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq U$. Then

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W_0} f(\lambda)(\lambda e - b)^{-1} dz$$



with $V = W \setminus W_0$, $\partial V = \partial W \cup \partial W_0$.

$$(1) - (2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial V} \underbrace{\frac{f(\lambda)(\lambda e - b))^{-1}}{\text{holomorphic on } V}} dz = 0$$

and $V \subseteq \overline{V} \subseteq U \setminus \text{sp}(b)$.

Results

$$f_1, f_2 \in A[\text{sp } b] \implies f_1 + f_2 \in A[\text{sp } b]$$

$$f_1(b) + f_2(b) = (f_1 + f_2)(b).$$

For f polynomial, $\sum_{n=0}^N f_n t^n$, $f(b) = \sum_{n=0}^N f_n b^n$.

Proposition

$$f_1(b)f_2(b) = (f_1 f_2)(b).$$

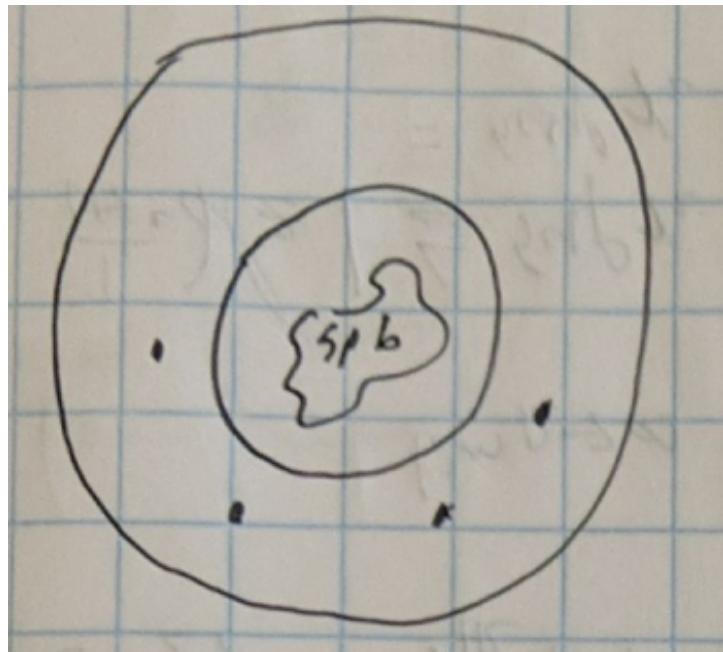
Theorem: Spectral Mapping Theorem

Let $b \in B$ and $f \in A[\text{sp } b]$. Then $\text{sp}(f(b)) = f(\text{sp } b) := \{f(z) : z \in \text{sp } b\}$.

Proof

1. take $\mu \notin f(\text{sp } b)$.

Then $\mu \notin f(z)$, $\forall z \in \text{sp } b$ and $\mu - f(z) \neq 0$.



Therefore, there exist an open $U_1 \ni \text{sp}(b)$, $U_1 \subseteq U$, such that $\mu - f(z) \neq 0$, $\forall z \in U_1$.

Define $g(z) = \frac{1}{\mu - f(z)}$ holomorphic on U_1 , and

$$g(z) \cdot (\mu - f(z)) = 1 \implies g(b) \cdot (\mu e - f(b)) = e$$

by the previous proposition and the polynomial result. So $\mu e - f(b)$ is invertible, and $\mu \notin \text{sp}(f(b))$.

- Remark

$$(\mu e - f(b))^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W_1} \frac{1}{\mu - f(z)} (ze - b)^{-1} dz$$

for $\text{sp } b \subseteq W_1 \subseteq \overline{W}_1 \subseteq U_1$.

- take $\mu \notin \text{sp}(f(b))$ and, for contradiction, assume $\mu \in f(\text{sp } b)$.

Then $\mu e - f(b)$ is invertible, $\mu = f(\lambda)$ for some $\lambda \in \text{sp } b$.

- Idea

$$\mu e - f(b) = f(\lambda)e - f(b) = (\lambda e - b) \cdot g_\lambda(b)$$

We define

$$g_\lambda(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\lambda)e - f(z)}{\lambda - z} & z \in U \supseteq \text{sp}(b) \\ f'(\lambda) & z = \lambda \end{cases}$$

such that $g_\lambda(z)$ is holomorphic on U . Therefore $g_\lambda(b) \in B$,

$$(\lambda - z)g_\lambda(z) = f(\lambda) - f(z), \quad \forall z \in U$$

and $(\lambda e - b)g_\lambda(b) = f(\lambda)e - f(b) = g_\lambda(b)(\lambda e - b)$. Since this is invertible, $(\lambda e - b)$ is left and right invertible.

Remark

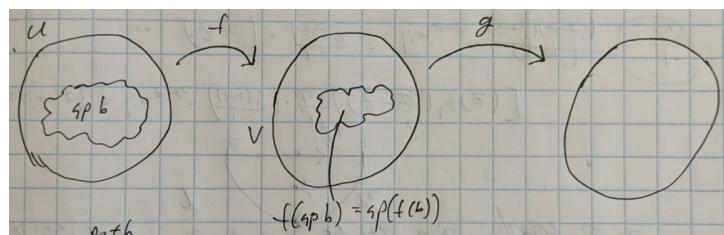
$$g_\lambda(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} \frac{f(\lambda) - f(z)}{\lambda - z} (ze - b)^{-1} dz$$

Theorem: Composition of Functions

Let $b \in B$ unital, $f \in A[\text{sp } b]$, and $g \in A[\text{sp}(f(b))] = A[f(\text{sp } b)]$.

Then $h = g \circ f \in A[\text{sp } b]$ and $h(b) = g(f(b))$.

Remark



f is an open mapping and maps U to the open set $V \supseteq \text{sp}(f(b))$.

Applications

- Exponentials

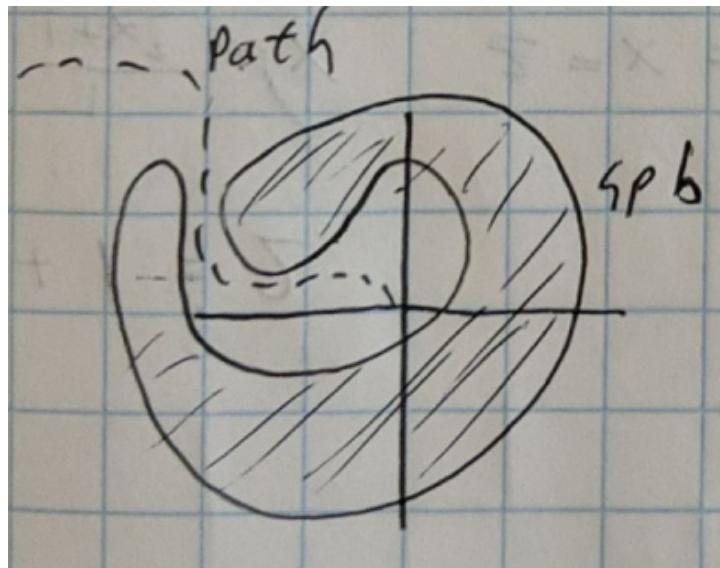
$$\exp(b) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} e^z (ze - b)^{-1} dz$$

- Logarithms

$\log b$, $b \in B$ under the assumption that

- $0 \notin \text{sp } b$
- There exists a path connecting 0 to ∞ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{sp } b$.

This gives us that $\log z$ is analytic on $U \supseteq \text{sp } b$.



$\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{path}$ is simply connected, so there exists an analytic $\log z$ on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{path}$.

- if $\log b$ is well-defined, then $\exp(\log b)) = b$ (via composition)
- likewise, one can define powers $f(z) = z^\alpha$ ($\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$)

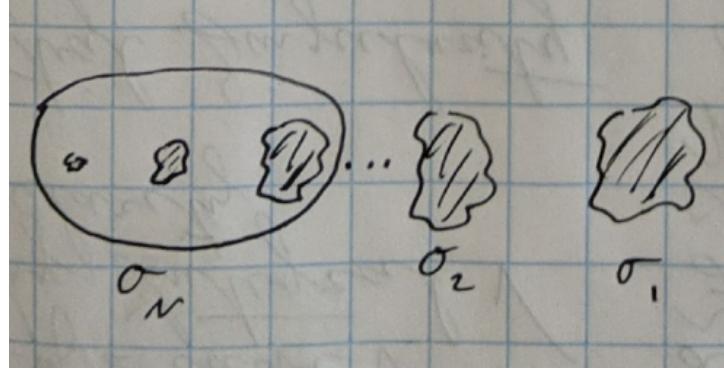
Application: Spectral Idempotents (Riesz Idempotents)

p is idempotent if $p^2 = p$.

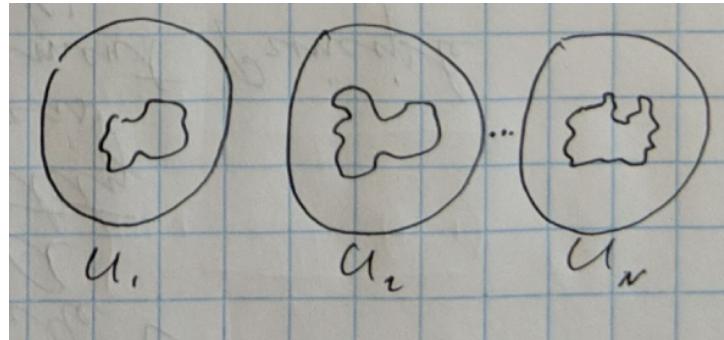
Assume that $b \in B$ and that $\text{sp } b$ is not connected.

$$\text{sp } b = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2 \cup \dots \cup \sigma_N$$

with σ_i closed and disjoint subsets of $\text{sp } b$.



Now let U_1, \dots, U_n be open neighborhoods of $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$ which are themselves disjoint.



Write $U = U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_n \supseteq \text{sp } b$, and consider

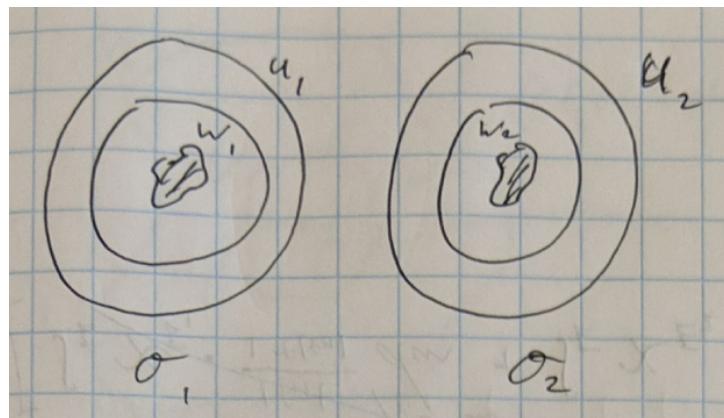
$$\chi_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in U_i \\ 0 & x \in U_j, j \neq i \end{cases}$$

Then χ_i is analytic on $U \supseteq \text{sp}(b)$.

Put $p_i = \chi_i(b)$ the spectral or Riesz idempotents.

Properties / Remarks

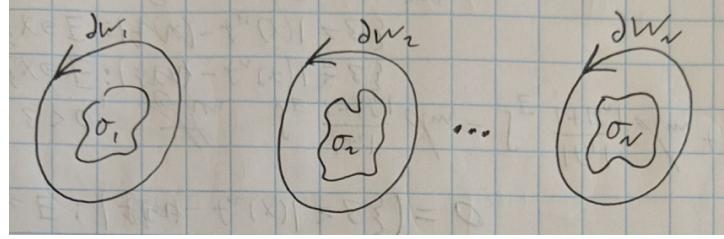
- $p_i^2 = p_i$ because $(\chi_i)^2 = \chi_i$.
- $e = p_1 + \dots + p_N$, mutually orthogonal such that $p_i p_j = 0$, $\forall i \neq j$, because $\chi_1 + \dots + \chi_N = 1$ and $\chi_i \chi_j = 0$.
- $p_i b = b p_i$, because $\chi_i f = f \chi_i$ for $f(z) = z$.
- $p_i = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W} \chi_i(z) (ze - b)^{-1} dz$ where $\text{sp } b \subseteq W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq U$.



$W_i = W \cap U_i$, $W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_N = W$. Therefore

$$p_i = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \int_{\partial W_j} \chi_i(z) (ze - b)^{-1} dz = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

Then $p_i = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W_i} (ze - b)^{-1} dz$.



- Write

$$b = (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_N)b(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_N) = p_1bp_1 + p_2bp_2 + \dots + p_Nbp_N$$

since $p_i bp_j = bp_i p_j = 0$.

- For an idempotent $p \neq 0$,

$$B_p = \{pap : a \in B\}$$

and, therefore, B_p has a unit element p .

Lemma

Assume $b \in B$ with Riesz idempotents $p_1, \dots, p_N \neq 0$.

Then b is invertible if and only if $p_i bp_i$ is invertible in B_{p_i} for all i .

Proof

$b^{-1} = c$, $bc = e$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1 + \dots + p_N)b(p_1 + \dots + p_N)c &= e \\ \sum p_i b(p_i p_i)c &= e \\ (p_i b_i)(p_i c p_i) &= p_i \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_i bp_i$ invertible in B_{p_i} . Then $p_i bp_i c = p_i$, $c_i = p_i cp_i$ and $b^{-1} = c = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i c_i p_i$.

Remark

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & & 0 \\ & B_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots & & B_N \end{pmatrix} \quad P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & I & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore B invertible if and only if B_i are invertible. $B_i \cong P_i B P_i$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & B_i & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Lemma

Let $b \in B$ and $p_1, \dots, p_n \in B$ satisfying $p_i^2 = p_i$, $p_i p_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$), $p_1 + \dots + p_n = e$, $b p_i = p_i b$. Then b is invertible in B if and only if for each i , $p_i b p_i$ are invertible in B_{p_i} and

$$\text{sp}_B(b) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i)$$

where $B_{p_i} = \{p_i a p_i : a \in B\}$ is a unital Banach algebra with unit p_i .

Theorem

Let p_1, \dots, p_N be spectral idempotents of b with respect to $\text{sp}(b) = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2 \cup \dots \cup \sigma_N$ (closed and disjoint). If $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N \neq \emptyset$, then $p_1, \dots, p_N \neq 0$ and $\text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i) = \sigma_i$.

Note: if $\sigma_i = \emptyset$ then

$$p_i = \chi_{U_i}(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial W_i} \underbrace{|ze - b|}_{\text{analytic}}^{-1} dz.$$

Proof

Without loss of generality, we may assume $p_1, \dots, p_M \neq 0$ ($M \geq 1$) and $p_{M+1} = \dots = p_N = 0$. Then by the above lemma $p_1 + \dots + p_M = e$ and

$$\text{sp}_B(b) = \bigcup_{i=1}^M \text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i)$$

Assuming $\text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i) = \sigma_i$ is proven for $j = 1, \dots, M$, then

$$\text{sp}_B(b) = \bigcup_{i=1}^M \sigma_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \sigma_i$$

and therefore that $M = N$.

To prove that $\text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i) = \sigma_i$ for each $p_i \neq 0$,

$$\text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : p_i(b - \lambda)p_i + e - p_i \text{ not invertible in } B\}$$

For fixed λ , $f_\lambda(z) = \chi_i(z)(z - \lambda)\chi_i(z) + (1 - \chi_i(z))$ is analytic in a neighborhood of $\text{sp}(b)$.

$$f_\lambda(b) = p_i(b - \lambda e)p_i + (1 - p_i)$$

Then $\lambda \in \text{sp}_{B_{p_i}}(p_i b p_i)$ if and only if $f_\lambda(b)$ is not invertible in B .

Equivalently that $0 \in \text{sp}(f_\lambda(b))$ or, by spectral mapping theorem, $0 \in f_\lambda(\text{sp } b)$.

This is further equivalent to there existing some $\xi \in \text{sp } b : 0 = f_\lambda(\xi)$

$$f_\lambda(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \in \sigma_j \subseteq U_j, i \neq j \\ z - \lambda & z \in \sigma_i \end{cases}$$

That is, if $\xi \in \text{sp } b : \xi \in \sigma_i$ and $\xi = \lambda$ or, simply, $\lambda \in \sigma_i$.

Chapter 2: Commutative Banach Algebras

Section 2.1: Homomorphisms, Ideals and Quotient Algebras.

B need not be commutative.

Definition: Banach Algebra Homomorphisms

$\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is a Banach algebra homomorphism if it is linear, multiplicative and bounded.

Definition: Banach Algebra Ideal

A (two-sided) ideal J of a Banach algebra is a linear subspace $J \subseteq A$ such that $\forall a \in A, \forall j \in J, aj, ja \in J$.

Remark

If $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is a Banach algebra homomorphism then $\ker \phi$ is a closed two-sided ideal of A .

Proof

Put $J \in \ker \phi$, $a \in A, j \in J$. Then $\phi(j) = 0, \phi(aj) = \phi(a)\phi(j) = 0 = \phi(j)\phi(a) = \phi(ja)$ and $aj, ja \in J$.

Definition: Quotient Algebra

If J is a closed, two-sided ideal of A ($J \neq A$), then A/J is a Banach algebra. A/J is a Banach algebra $[a] = a + J$.

A/J is a vector space, a normed space (J closed) with $\|[a]_J\| = \inf_{j \in J} \|a + j\|$, and a Banach space because A is complete.

$[a_1] + [a_2] = [a_1 + a_2]$ and $[a_1] \cdot [a_2] = [a_1 \cdot a_2]$

$$(a_1 + j_1)(a_2 + j_2) = a_1 a_2 + \underbrace{a_1 j_2 + a_2 j_1 + j_1 j_2}_{\in J}$$

Definition: Quotient Map

Take $\pi : A \rightarrow A/J$ by $a \mapsto [a]$.

This is a Banach algebra homomorphism which is surjective with $\ker \pi = J$.

Proposition

Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ be a Banach algebra homomorphism and $J \subseteq \ker \phi$ a closed, two-sided ideal of A .

Then there exists a Banach algebra homomorphism $\phi^J : A/J \rightarrow B$ such that $\phi = \phi^J \circ \pi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\
 & \searrow \pi & \swarrow \phi^J \\
 & A/J &
 \end{array}$$

Write $\phi^J([a]_J) = \phi(a)$, and $[a_1] = [a_2]$ implies $a_1 - a_2 \in J \subseteq \ker \phi$ and subsequently that $\phi(a_1) = \phi(a_2)$.

Remark

$J = \{0\}$ and $J = A$ are always closed, two-sided ideals of A .

Examples

- $A = \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Only ideals are $\{0\}$ and A .
- $A = L(X)$ (continuous operators) for X a Banach space. Then at least $\{0\}$, $K(X)$ (compact operators), and A are ideals.
- X a separable hilbert space. Only $\{0\}$, $K(X)$ and A .
- $A = \mathbb{C}_{\text{upper}}^{n \times n}$ upper triangular matrices. Then there are many (one sided) ideals for $n = 2$.
- $A = C(X)$ for X compact Hausdorff spaces. Then every closed set $E \subseteq X$ generates a closed ideal

$$J_E = \{f \in C(x) : f|_E \equiv 0\}$$

In particular, $E = \{x_0\}$, $J_{x_0} = \{f \in C(X) : f(x_0) = 0\}$, $\dim(A/J_{x_0}) = 1$ implies $A/J_{x_0} \cong \mathbb{C}$.

Remark

Every closed (2-sided) ideal is a closed subalgebra of A but not vice versa.

For a set $S \subseteq A$, let $J = \text{clos id}_A(S)$ be the smallest closed 2-sided ideal containing S (i.e. the ideal generated by S or the intersection of all ideals containing S). One can show that

$$J = \text{clos}_A \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N a_i j_i b_i : a_i, b_i \in A, j_i \in S \right\}$$

Section 2.2: Maximal Ideals and Multiplicative Linear Functionals

From now on, B is a unital, commutative Banach algebra.

Definition: Multiplicative Linear Functional

A multiplicative linear functional on B is a linear map $\phi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$ ($\phi \neq 0$).

Proposition

A multiplicative linear functional on B is bounded. In fact $\phi \in B^*$, $\|\phi\| = 1$, $\phi(e) = 1$.

Proof

$\phi \neq 0$ means that there exists $a \in B$ such that $\phi(a) \neq 0$.

Then $\phi(e)\phi(a) = \phi(ea) = \phi(a)$ so $\phi(e) = 1$ and consequently that $\|\phi\| \geq 1$.

If $|\phi(a)| \leq ||a||$, then $||\phi|| \leq 1$. If this were not the case,

$$|\phi(a)| > ||a|| \iff \left\| \frac{a}{\phi(a)} \right\| < 1$$

and $e - \frac{a}{\phi(a)}$ is invertible. Call the inverse b . Then

$$\begin{aligned} b \left(e - \frac{a}{\phi(a)} \right) = e &\implies \underbrace{\phi(b) \phi \left(e - \frac{a}{\phi(a)} \right)}_{= \phi(e) - \frac{1}{\phi(a)} \phi(a) = 0} = \phi(e) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

which is a clear contradiction.

Definition: Maximal Ideal

A (two-sided) ideal I of B is called maximal if

- $I \neq B$ (I is a proper ideal)
- if J is another ideal of B such that $I \subseteq J \subseteq B$, then either $I = J$ or $J = B$.

Proposition

A maximal ideal I is closed and B/I is a field.

Proof (Closed)

We have $I \subseteq \bar{I} \subseteq B$ with \bar{I} an ideal. Since I is maximal, either $I = \bar{I}$ or $\bar{I} = B$. But then $e \in \bar{I}$, and there exists $a \in I$ such that $||a - e|| < 1$. Then $a = e + (a - e)$ is invertible and for each $b \in B$, $b = ba^{-1}a \in I$ and $I = B$ a contradiction.

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Recall: Multiplicative Linear Functionals

$$\phi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

- linear
- $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$, $\phi \neq 0$.

Then $\phi(e) = 1$, $||\phi|| = 1$

Recall: Maximal Ideals

I is a maximal ideal of B if

- $I \subsetneq B$
- If J is an ideal with $I \subseteq J \subseteq B$, then either $I = J$ or $J = B$.

Proposition

Every maximal ideal is closed and, in a commutative Banach algebra B , B/I is a field.

Proof (Field)

We know that B/I is a Banach algebra. We need to show that every nonzero $[a] \in B/I$ is invertible.

Consider $[a] \in B/I$ with $[a] \neq 0$. Then $a \notin I$. Define

$$J = \{i + ax : i \in I, x \in B\}$$

Then J is a linear subspace and an ideal in B since for any $y \in B$

$$\begin{aligned} y(i + ax) &= yia(yx) \in J \\ (i + ax)y &= \underbrace{iy}_{\in I} + a(xy) \in J \end{aligned}$$

Since $I \subseteq J \subseteq B$ and I is maximal, it cannot be that $I = J$ since $0 + a \cdot e \in J$ implies $a \in I$ a contradiction.

If $J = B$, then $e \in J$ and $e = i + ax$ for some $i \in I$ and $x \in B$. Therefore, in the quotient,

$$[e] = [a] \cdot [x] = [x] \cdot [a]$$

and $[a]$ is invertible in B/I .

Theorem: Gelfand/Mazur

Any (complex) Banach algebra which is a field is isomorphic to \mathbb{C} .

Proof

Let A be a Banach algebra which is a field with unit $e \in A$, and consider the map

$$\Lambda : \mathbb{C} \ni \lambda \mapsto \lambda e \in A$$

This Banach algebra homomorphism is isometric ($\|\lambda e\| = |\lambda|$) and injective.

If Λ is surjective, then it is a Banach algebra isomorphism.

Take $a \in A$. We know that $\text{sp}(a) \neq \emptyset$, therefore $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\lambda e - a$ is not invertible.

It follows that $\lambda e - a = 0$ and, consequently, $a = \lambda e = \Lambda(\lambda)$.

Corollary

Let B be a unital, commutative Banach algebra and I be a maximal ideal. Then $B/I \cong \mathbb{C}$.

Theorem: 1-1 Correspondence Between Maximal Ideals and Multiplicative Linear Functionals

Let B be a unital, commutative Banach algebra.

1. If ϕ is a multiplicative linear functional on B , then $\ker \phi$ is a maximal ideal in B .
2. If I is a maximal ideal in B , then there exists a unique multiplicative linear functional ϕ such that $\ker \phi = I$.

Proof of 1

If ϕ is a multiplicative linear functional, it is bounded and $\ker \phi$ is a closed, two-sided ideal.

We know $I \subseteq B$ because $\phi \not\equiv 0$ ($\phi(e) = 1$).

We have that $B = \ker \phi + \mathbb{C} \cdot e$ because

$$b = \underbrace{b - \phi(b) \cdot e}_{\in \ker \phi} + \phi(b) \cdot e$$

$$\phi(b - \phi(b) \cdot e) = \phi(b) - \phi(b) \cdot \phi(e) = 0$$

and therefore $\dim B/I = 1$.

If $I \subseteq J \subseteq B$, then $J/I \subseteq B/I$ and either $\dim(J/I) = 0$ ($J = I$) or $\dim(J/I) = 1$ ($J = B$).

Proof of 2

Let I be a maximal ideal in B .

By Gelfand/Mazur (corollary) $B/I \cong \mathbb{C}$, so there exists a Banach algebra isomorphism $\psi : B/I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{C} \\ & \searrow \pi & \nearrow \psi \\ & B/I & \end{array}$$

where π and ψ are Banach algebra homomorphisms.

Put $\phi = \psi \circ \pi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\phi(b) = \psi([b])$. Then ϕ is a Banach algebra homomorphism that is also a multiplicative linear functional with $\phi(e) = 1$. Since ψ is injective,

$$\ker \phi = \ker \pi = I$$

Suppose $\ker \phi_1 = \ker \phi_2 = I$. Then

$$b - \phi_1(b) \cdot e \in \ker \phi_1 = I$$

$$b - \phi_2(b) \cdot e \in \ker \phi_2 = I$$

and $(\phi_1(b) - \phi_2(b))e \in I$. But a proper ideal cannot contain invertible elements. Therefore $\phi_1(b) = \phi_2(b)$. Since this holds for all b , $\phi_1 \equiv \phi_2$.

Definition: Maximal Ideal Space

For a unital (complex) commutative Banach algebra B , $M(B)$ denotes the maximal ideal space (i.e. the set of all multiplicative linear functionals on B).

Remark

$$M(B) \subseteq B^*$$

$$M(B) \subseteq \{\phi \in B^* : \|\phi\| \leq 1\}$$

The multiplicative linear functionals are a proper subset of bounded linear functionals.

Example

$B = C(X)$ (the set of continuous functions $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$) for X a compact Hausdorff space.

Every $x_0 \in X$ determines a multiplicative linear functional $\phi_{x_0} : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\phi_{x_0}(f) = f(x_0)$ for $f \in B$.

The corresponding maximal ideals are of the form $I_{x_0} = \ker \phi_{x_0} = \{f \in C(X) : f(x_0) = 0\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} C(X) &= I_{x_0} + \mathbb{C} \cdot e, \quad e(x) \equiv 1 \\ C(X)/I_{x_0} &\cong \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\phi_{x_0} \in M(C(X))$. In fact one can show that $M(C(X)) = \{\phi_x : x \in X\}$. So $M(C(X)) \cong X$.

Remark

$$M(C(X)) \subseteq C(X)^*$$

$C(X)^*$ is isomorphic to the set of all complex Borel measures on X by

$$\phi(f) = \int_X f(x) d\mu(x)$$

with bounded linear functional $\mu = \delta_{x_0} \rightsquigarrow \delta_{x_0} \in M(C(X))$.

Section 2.3: Gelfand Theory and Gelfand Transform

Setting

Unital commutative (complex) Banach algebra B .

Lemma

Every proper (two-sided) ideal I_0 of B is contained in some maximal ideal of B .

Proof

Zorn's lemma applied to the collection S of all proper ideals.

Lemma

Every non-invertible element $a \in B$ is contained in at least one maximal ideal.

Proof

Consider $a \in B$ and $I_0 \in \{ax : x \in B\}$ an ideal ($y(ax) = a(yx) \in I_0$ and $(ax)y = a(xy) \in I_0$).

I_0 is proper, otherwise $I_0 = B$, $e \in I$ and $ax = xa = e$ a contradiction.

Then, by the previous lemma, $a = ae \in I_0 \subset I$ for some maximal ideal I .

Theorem: Gelfand Theory

Let B be a unital commutative Banach algebra and $b \in B$ arbitrary. Then b is invertible in B if and only if $\phi(b) \neq 0$, $\forall \phi \in M(B)$.

Proof

(\implies) if b is invertible,

$$1 = \phi(e) = \phi(b^{-1}b) = \phi(b^{-1}) \cdot \phi(b)$$

so $\phi(b) \neq 0$ for all ϕ .

(\impliedby) if b is not invertible, then there exists $\phi \in M(B)$ such that $\phi(b) = 0$.

If b is not invertible, then b is contained in some maximal ideal I and $I = \ker \phi$ for some $\phi \in M(B)$. Therefore $b \in I = \ker \phi$ implies $\phi(b) = 0$.

Definition/Notation: Gelfand Transform

The Gelfand transform of an element $b \in B$ is the function $\hat{b} : M(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\hat{b}(\phi) := \phi(b)$.

Remark

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{a+b} &= \hat{a} + \hat{b} \\ \widehat{ab} &= \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sup_{\phi \in M(B)} |\hat{a}(\phi)| = \sup_{\phi \in M(B)} |\phi(a)| \leq \|a\|.$$

Later we will consider $M(B)$ with topology (a compact Hausdorff space).

Definition: Gelfand Transform of B

$$\Lambda : B \ni b \mapsto \hat{b} \in C(M(B))$$

It is a Banach algebra homomorphism.

Gelfand's theorem states that b is invertible in B if and only if $\Lambda(b)$ is invertible in $C(M(B))$.

Note

b is invertible if and only if $\phi(b) = \hat{b}(\phi) \neq 0, \forall \phi \in M(B)$.

Equivalently, \hat{b} is invertible in $C(M(B))$.

A continuous functional is invertible within the set of continuous functions if and only if it is non-zero everywhere.

Purpose of Gelfand Theory

Invertibility in B corresponds to invertibility in $C(M(B))$.

We need to determine $M(B)$.

Remark

If $B = C(X)$ (X compact Hausdorff), then $M(B) = M(C(X))$ is homeomorphic to X .

$M(B) \cong X$ (homeomorphic) implies that $C(M(B)) \cong C(X) = B$ isometric Banach algebra isomorphisms.

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Recall

$M(B)$ the multiplicative linear functionals or the maximal ideal space.

b invertible if and only if $\phi(b) \neq 0, \forall \phi \in M(B)$.

$\hat{b} : M(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $\hat{b}(\phi) = \phi(b)$ the Gelfand transform of b .

$\Lambda : B \rightarrow C(M(B))$ where $b \mapsto \hat{b}$ is the Gelfand transform of B .

Section 2.4: The Topology of the Maximal Ideal Space

Since $M(B) \subseteq \{\phi \in B^* : \|\phi\| \leq 1\} \subseteq B^*$, $M(B)$ is a topological space with the subspace topology with respect to the weak*-topology of B^* .

A base for the topology in $M(B)$ is given by

$$U_{\varepsilon; b_1, \dots, b_n}[\phi] = \{\psi \in M(B) : |\psi(b_i) - \phi(b_i)| < \varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

with $\varepsilon > 0$, $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ and $\phi \in M(B)$.

Theorem

$M(B)$ is a compact Hausdorff space.

Proof

$M(B)$ is Hausdorff because it is a subspace of the Hausdorff space B^* .

By Banach-Alaoglu, the unit ball is compact in the weak*-topology. We need that $M(B)$ is a closed subset of the unit ball.

Let ϕ be in the closure of $M(B)$ with respect to the unit ball such that $\phi \in B^*$ and $\|\phi\| \leq 1$. To show that $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$, consider

$$U_{\varepsilon;a,b,ab}[\phi] = \{\psi \in B^* : |\psi(b_i) - \phi(b_i)| < \varepsilon, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Then $\psi \in M(B) \cap U_{\varepsilon;a,b,ab}[\phi]$, so we have

$$|\psi(a) - \phi(a)| < \varepsilon, \quad |\psi(b) - \phi(b)| < \varepsilon, \quad \text{and} \quad |\psi(ab) - \phi(ab)| < \varepsilon.$$

We know that $\psi(ab) = \psi(a)\psi(b)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(ab) - \phi(a)\phi(b)| &= |\phi(ab) - \psi(ab) - \phi(a)\phi(b) + \psi(a)\psi(b)| \\ &\leq |\phi(ab) - \psi(ab)| + |\phi(a) - \psi(a)| \cdot |\phi(b)| + |\psi(a)| \cdot |\phi(b) - \psi(b)| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|b\| + \varepsilon \|a\| \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$, $\forall a, b \in B$. Similarly, $\phi(e) = 1$.

Thus $\phi \in M(B)$ and $M(B)$ is closed in the unit ball of B^* .

Proposition

For $b \in B$, the Gelfand transform $\hat{b} : M(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous and $\|\hat{b}\| := \max_{\phi \in M(B)} |\hat{b}(\phi)| \leq \|b\|$. In other words, $\hat{b} \in C(M(B))$.

Proof

We need to show that \hat{b} is continuous at each $\phi_0 \in M(B)$.

Consider $U = B_\varepsilon(\hat{b}(\phi_0))$ an ε -neighborhood in \mathbb{C} . Then the preimage is

$$\hat{b}^{-1}(U) = \{\phi \in M(B) : \hat{b}(\phi) \in B_\varepsilon(\hat{b}(\phi_0))\} = \{\phi \in M(B) : |\hat{b}(\phi) - \hat{b}(\phi_0)| < \varepsilon\} = \{\phi \in M(B) : |\phi(b) - \phi_0(b)| < \varepsilon\} = U_{\varepsilon;b}[\phi_0]$$

with $[\phi_0]$ open in $M(B)$.

Also note that

$$|\hat{b}(\phi)| = |\phi(b)| \leq \|\phi\| \cdot \|b\| = \|b\|$$

Corollary

The Gelfand transform of B , $\Lambda : B \rightarrow C(M(B))$ by $b \mapsto \hat{b}$ is a Banach algebra homomorphism with $\|\Lambda\| = 1$

Proof

Λ is linear and multiplicative with

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{a+b} &= \hat{a} + \hat{b} \\ \widehat{ab} &= \hat{a}\hat{b}\end{aligned}$$

$||\Lambda|| = 1$ because $||\hat{b}|| \leq ||b||$ and $||\hat{e}|| = ||e|| = 1$.

Then $\hat{e}(\phi) = \phi(e) = 1$.

It follows also that

$$(\widehat{ab})(\phi) = \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \hat{a}(\phi) \cdot \hat{b}(\phi) = (\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b})(\phi)$$

Corollary

For $b \in B$, $b \in GB$ if and only if $\hat{b} = \Lambda(b) \in GC(M(B))$.

As a consequence, $\text{sp}_B(b) = \text{sb}_{C(M(B))} \Lambda(b)$ (Λ preserves spectrum).

Proof

$b \in GB$ implies that $ab = e$ and that $\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} = \hat{e} = 1$. Therefore $(\hat{b})^{-1} = \hat{a} = \widehat{b^{-1}}$.

We have also that $\hat{b} \in GC(M(B))$ implies $\hat{b}(\phi) \neq 0$, $\forall \phi \in M(B)$ and $\phi(b) \neq 0$ similarly. Therefore $b \in GB$.

Gelfand Theory

Two problems for a given Banach algebra B :

1. How to determine $M(B)$.
2. How to determine its topology.

Theorem

Let B be a commutative Banach algebra with maximal ideal space $M(B) = X$ and topology τ on X .

Now assume we have another topology ρ on X such that

1. (X, ρ) is a compact topological space.
2. $\forall b \in B$, $\hat{b} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous in the (X, ρ) topology.

Then $\tau = \rho$.

Proof

First show that $\tau \subseteq \rho$.

Take $U \in \tau$ from the base of the topology

$$U = U_{\varepsilon; b_1, \dots, b_n}[\phi] = \{\psi \in X : |\psi(b_i) - \phi(b_i)| < \varepsilon, \forall i\}$$

Then

$$U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{\psi \in X : |\hat{b}_i(\psi) - \hat{b}_i(\phi)| < \varepsilon\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (\hat{b}_i)^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(\hat{b}_i(\phi)))$$

which is open in the (X, ρ) topology because \hat{b}_i is continuous. Therefore $U \in \rho$.

We have that $\text{id} : (X, \rho) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ where (X, ρ) is compact and (X, τ) is Hausdorff is continuous ($\tau \leq \rho$).

Then as an open map, we map closed sets to closed sets.

$A \subset X$ closed $\implies A$ compact $\implies \text{i}(A)$ compact $\implies \text{id}(A)$ closed.

Therefore $(\text{id})^{-1}$ is continuous and $\rho = \tau$.

Theorem

Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and $B = C(X)$.

Then $M(B)$ is homeomorphic to X by the map

$$\tau : X \ni x \mapsto \phi_x \in M(B)$$

where $\phi_x(b) = b(x)$ is the point evaluation for $b \in B = C(X)$.

Proof

We have that ϕ_x is indeed in $M(B)$ easily.

Then to show τ is injective, $\phi_x = \phi_y$ implies that $\phi_x(b) = \phi_y(b)$, $\forall b \in B$. Then $b(x) = b(y)$, $\forall b \in C(X)$ and $x = y$.

Because $x \neq y$ implies that there exists $b \in C(X)$ such that $b(x) \neq b(y)$.

Since X is a normed space, $\{x\}$ and $\{y\}$ are closed. By Urysohn's Lemma, there exists a continuous b such that $b|_{\{x\}} = 0$ and $b|_{\{y\}} = 1$.

IMAGE 1

To see that τ is surjective, otherwise there would exist $\phi \in M(B)$ such that $\phi \neq \phi_x$, $\forall x \in X$.

That implies that there exists $b_x \in B$ such that $\phi(b_x) \neq \phi_x(b_x) = b_x(x)$.

Put $a_x = b_x - \phi(b_x) \cdot e$. Then $\phi(a_x) = 0$. So

$$\phi_x(a_x) = \phi_x(b_x) - \phi(b_x) \neq 0$$

IMAGE 2

With a_x continuous, we find a neighborhood $U_x \ni x$ where $a_x(t) \neq 0$, $\forall t \in U_x$.

For $\{U_x\}_{x \in X}$ an open cover of X , there exists a finite subcover $\{U_{x_i}\}_{i=1,\dots,N}$. Consider

$$a(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N |a_{x_i}(t)|^2$$

which is itself continuous and $a(t) > 0$ for each $t \in X$.

So $a \in B = C(X)$, a is invertible in B and

$$\phi(a) = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi(\overline{a_{x_i}}) \underbrace{\phi(a_{x_i})}_{=0}$$

which would imply that a is not invertible, a contradiction.

To show that $\tau : X \ni x \mapsto \phi_x \in M(B)$ is continuous, take $X \ni x_0 \mapsto \phi_{x_0}$ and consider

$$U = U_{\varepsilon; b_1, \dots, b_N}[\phi_{x_0}] = \{\phi_x : |\phi_x(b_i) - \phi_{x_0}(b_i)| < \varepsilon\} = \{\phi_x : |b_i(x) - b_i(x_0)| < \varepsilon\}$$

Then

$$\tau^{-1}(U) = \{x \in X : |b_i(x) - b_i(x_0)| < \varepsilon\}$$

which is the open preimage of $b_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with b_i continuous.

Then $\tau : X \rightarrow M(B)$ is a continuous map between compact, Hausdorff spaces and τ^{-1} is continuous.

Section 2.5: Commutative Banach Algebras Generated by Single Elements

Consider the Banach algebra $A \ni B$ and

$$B = \text{alg}_A\{e, b\} = \text{clos}_A \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^N \lambda_n b^n \right\}$$

Theorem

The maximal ideal space $M(B)$ of $B = \text{alg}_A\{e, b\}$ is homeomorphic to $\text{sp}_B(b)$.