

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

Take \mathbb{T} as the unit circle in the complex plane, and take $\mathcal{A} = C(\mathbb{T})$ and $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ the closure in \mathcal{A} of polynomials in z . $\sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(z) = \mathbb{T}$ and $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(z) = cl\mathbb{T} = \text{unit disk}$.

This appears to contradict VIII.1.14 since \mathbb{B} is a subset of \mathcal{A} with a common identity (namely the function that maps \mathbb{T} to 1) and common norm (namely the sup norm), yet the spectra of a shared point (in this case z) differ.

However, the premise of VIII.1.14 requires both \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} to be C^* algebras, and while \mathcal{A} is closed under taking the adjoint, \mathcal{B} is not.

Take z^* , which as a function equals $z^{-1}/||z||$. The problem thus reduces to on what subset of the complex plane the function $1/z$ is holomorphic.

Here my complex analysis is too weak, but certainly the whole unit disk would be no good since it contains a pole. I believe the circle is also out because of some fact about winding numbers that I can't remember.