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# Non-commutative Gelfand-Naimark theorem 

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#### Abstract

We show that if Y is the Hausdorffization of the primitive spectrum of a $C^{*}$ algebra $A$ then $A$ is $*$-isomorphic to the $C^{*}$-algebra of sections vanishing at infinity of the canonical $C^{*}$-bundle over $Y$.


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## Terminology and notations.

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of a topological space $X$ is called vanishing at infinity if for every $\varepsilon>0$ there is quasicompact $K \subset X$ with $|f(y)|<\varepsilon$ for every $y \notin K$. By an $H$-family $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$ of a $C^{*}$-algebra $A$ we mean a family $\varphi=\left\{\varphi_{x}\right\}_{X}$ of $*$-epimorphisms $\varphi_{x}: A \rightarrow \xi_{x}$ where $X$ is a topological space, $\xi=\left\{\xi_{x}\right\}_{X}$ is a family of $C^{*}$-algebras and for every $s \in A$ the function $x \mapsto\left\|\varphi_{x}(s)\right\|$ is upper semicontinuous and vanishing at infinity (or equivalently for every $s \in A$ and $\varepsilon>0$ the set $\left\{x \in X \mid\left\|\varphi_{x}(s)\right\| \geq \varepsilon\right\}$ is quasicompact and closed in $\left.X\right)$. If $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$ is an $H$-family and $\xi=\left\{\xi_{x}\right\}_{X}$ we denote by $b(\varphi)$ the triple $(p, \amalg \xi, X)$ where $p: \amalg \xi \rightarrow X$ is the canonical projection of disjoint sum, and $\amalg \xi$ is equipped with the topology generated by all tubes $T(V, s, \varepsilon)=\coprod_{x \in V} B\left(\varphi_{x}(s), \varepsilon\right)$ (disjoint sum of open balls), $V$ open in $X, s \in A, \varepsilon>0$. By the same argument as in [1], [5], $b(\varphi)$ is a $C^{*}$-bundle, by which we mean an $(H) C^{*}$-bundle defined as in [3]. It is easy to see that for any $C^{*}$-bundle $\eta$ the set $\Gamma_{0}(\eta)$ of sections vanishing at infinity is a $C^{*}$-algebra. For every $H$-family $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$ the formula $\tilde{\varphi}(s)(x)=\varphi_{x}(s)$ gives a $*$-homomorphism $\tilde{\varphi}: A \rightarrow \Gamma_{0}(b(\varphi))$.

Example 1. Let $c: \check{A} \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map of the primitive spectrum $\check{A}$ of a $C^{*}$-algebra $A$ onto a Hausdorff space $X$. Let $\bar{c}_{x}: A \rightarrow A / \bigcap c^{-1}(x)$ be the quotient map for every $x \in X$. If $W$ is a closed subset of $\check{A}$ and $s \in A$ then there is $w_{0} \in W$ such that $\|s+\bigcap W\|=\sup \{\|s+w\| \mid w \in W\}=\left\|s+w_{0}\right\|$. Indeed the first equality is well known (cf. e.g. [4, 1.9]) and the existence of $w_{0}$ is an easy consequence of $[2,3.3 .6]$. Using this we see that for every $s \in A$ and $\varepsilon>0$ we have $c(\{w \in \breve{A} \mid\|s+w\| \geq \varepsilon\})=\left\{x \in X \mid\left\|\bar{c}_{x}(s)\right\| \geq \varepsilon\right\}$, whence we obtain an $H$-family $\bar{c}$.

Example 2. For every $C^{*}$-bundle $\eta$ the family of evaluations is an $H$-family of the $C^{*}$-algebra $\Gamma_{0}(\eta)$.

Theorem 1 (Stone-Weierstrass theorem for $H$-families). Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$ be an $H$-family, and $B$ a $C^{*}$-subalgebra of $A$. Assume that $B+\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x} \cap \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{y}\right)=A$ for all $x, y \in X$. Then $B+\bigcap_{X} \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}=A$.
Proof: Taking the quotient $A / \bigcap_{X} \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}$ and factorizations of all of $\varphi_{x}$ we may assume that $\bigcap_{X} \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}=0$. Let hull $\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}\right)$ denote the set $\left\{w \in \check{A} \mid \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x} \subset\right.$ $w\}$. Then $\bigcup_{X}$ hull $\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}\right)$ is a dense subset of $\check{A}$, whence, by the openness of the canonical map $P(A) \rightarrow \check{A}, \bigcup_{X} \operatorname{im} P\left(\varphi_{x}\right)$ is dense in the weak closure $\overline{P(A)}$ of the pure state space $P(A)$, here $P\left(\varphi_{x}\right): P\left(\xi_{x}\right) \rightarrow P(A)$ is the canonical map induced by $\varphi_{x}$. We shall show that for any $f \in \overline{P(A)}$ there are $x \in X$ and a map $g: \xi_{x} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $f=g \circ \varphi_{x}$. Choose a net $\left\{f_{i}\right\}_{I} \subset \bigcup_{X} \operatorname{im} P\left(\varphi_{x}\right)$ such that $f_{i} \rightarrow f$. For every $i \in I$ there are $x_{i} \in X$ and $g_{i} \in P\left(\xi_{x_{i}}\right)$ with $f_{i}=g_{i} \circ \varphi_{x_{i}}$. Let $x_{i} \rightarrow x$ and $a \in \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}$. If $|f(a)|=2 \delta>0$ then there is $i_{1} \in I$ such that $\left|f_{i}(A)\right|>\delta$ for every $i \geq i_{1}$. Then $\left\|\varphi_{x_{i}}(a)\right\| \geq\left|g_{i}\left(\varphi_{x_{i}}(a)\right)\right|=\left|f_{i}(a)\right|>\delta$ for every $i \geq i_{1}$. Since the function $y \mapsto\left\|\varphi_{y}(a)\right\|$ is upper semicontinuous, the set $U=\left\{y \in X \mid\left\|\varphi_{y}(a)\right\|<\delta\right\}$ is a neighborhood of $x$. Hence, there is $i_{2} \in I$ such that $x_{i} \in U$ for every $i \geq i_{2}$. Suppose now that $i \geq i_{1}$ and $i \geq i_{2}$. Then we obtain $\delta>\left\|\varphi_{x_{i}}(a)\right\|>\delta$ and this contradiction shows that $f(a)=0$. Hence $\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x} \subset \operatorname{ker} f$ and this shows the existence of $g$. Taking a subnet if necessary, we see that if $x$ is an accumulation point of $\left\{x_{i}\right\}_{I}$ then there is a map $g: \xi_{x} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $f=g \circ \varphi_{x}$. Suppose that the set of accumulation points of $\left\{x_{i}\right\}_{I}$ is empty. Let $s \in A$ and $\varepsilon>0$. Choose a quasicompact $K \subset X$ with $\left\|\varphi_{x}(s)\right\|<\varepsilon$ for $x \notin K$. Then for sufficiently large $i \in I$

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|f(s)| \leq\left|f(s)-f_{i}(s)\right|+\left|f_{i}(s)\right|<\varepsilon+\left|g_{i}\left(\varphi_{x_{i}}(s)\right)\right|<2 \varepsilon
$$

Hence $f=0$ and the existence of $g$ (for every $x \in X$ ) is obvious. Now, let $f_{1}, f_{2} \in$ $\overline{P(A)} \cup\{0\}$ and $f_{1} \neq f_{2}$. Take $s \in A$ such that $f_{1}(s) \neq f_{2}(s)$, choose $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and maps $g_{1}, g_{2}$ with $f_{i}=g_{i} \circ \varphi_{x_{i}}, i=1,2$. Since $A=B+\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x_{1}} \cap \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x_{2}}\right)$, there are $t \in B$ and $t^{\prime} \in\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x_{1}} \cap \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x_{2}}\right)$ such that $s=t+t^{\prime}$. We obtain $f_{1}(t)=f_{1}(s) \neq f_{2}(s)=f_{2}(t)$. Thus $B=A$ by Stone-Weierstrass-Glimm theorem [2, 11.5.2].
Corollary 1. Let $\eta$ be a $C^{*}$-bundle over $X, B$ and $A C^{*}$-subalgebras of $\Gamma_{0}(\eta)$ and $B \subset A$. Assume that for all $x, y \in X$ and $s \in A$ there is $t \in B$ with $t(x)=s(x)$ and $t(y)=s(y)$. Then $B=A$.

Proof: Let $e_{x}: \Gamma_{0}(\eta) \rightarrow \eta_{x}, e_{x}(s)=s(x)$ be the evaluation map for every $x \in X$. Let $\xi_{x}=e_{x}(A)$ and $\varphi_{x}: A \rightarrow \xi_{x}$ denote the restriction of $e_{x}$ for every $x \in X$, we obtain an $H$-family $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$. It is obvious that by our assumption we have $B+\left(\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x} \cap \operatorname{ker} \varphi_{y}\right)=A$ for every $x, y \in X$. Now, the result follows immediately from Theorem 1.
Corollary 2. Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow \xi$ be an $H$-family. Assume that $\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}+\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{y}=A$ whenever $x, y \in X, x \neq y$. Then $\tilde{\varphi}: A \rightarrow \Gamma_{0}(b(\varphi))$ is a $*$-epimorphism.

Proof: Let $x, y \in X, x \neq y$. If $w \in \xi_{x}, v \in \xi_{y}$ then by the condition $\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{x}+$ $\operatorname{ker} \varphi_{y}=A$ there is $t \in A$ such that $\varphi_{x}(t)=w$ and $\varphi_{y}(t)=v$. This implies that for every $s \in \Gamma_{0}(b(\varphi))$ there is $t \in A$ such that $\tilde{\varphi}(t)(x)=s(x)$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(t)(y)=s(y)$. Now,
applying Corollary 1 to $C^{*}$-algebras $\Gamma_{0}(b(\varphi))$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(A)$ we obtain $\tilde{\varphi}(A)=\Gamma_{0}(b(\varphi))$.

Corollary 3. Let $c: \check{A} \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map onto a Hausdorff space $X$. Then $\widetilde{\bar{c}}: A \rightarrow \Gamma_{0}(b(\bar{c}))$ is a $*$-isomorphism.

Proof: Obviously ker $\tilde{\bar{c}}=\bigcap_{X} \operatorname{ker} \bar{c}_{x}=\bigcap_{X} \bigcap c^{-1}(x)=\bigcap \check{A}=\{0\}$. If $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, then $c^{-1}(x), c^{-1}(y)$ are closed disjoint subsets of $\check{A}$. Assume $p \in \check{A}$ is a primitive ideal such that $\left(\operatorname{ker} \bar{c}_{x}+\operatorname{ker} \bar{c}_{y}\right) \subset p$. Then $\bigcap c^{-1}(x) \subset p$, hence $p \in$ $c^{-1}(x)$. Similarly $p \in c^{-1}(y)$ and this contradiction shows that the closed ideal $\operatorname{ker} \bar{c}_{x}+\operatorname{ker} \bar{c}_{y}$ is equal to $A$. Now the result follows from Corollary 2.

The next theorem is our main result and it is an immediate consequence of Corollary 3.
Theorem 2 (Non-commutative Gelfand-Naimark theorem). Let $h: \check{A} \rightarrow h(\check{A})$ be the Hausdorffization map of the primitive spectrum $\check{A}$ of a $C^{*}$-algebra $A$. Then $\simeq \bar{h}$ is a *-isomorphism.

Remarks. Corollary 1 generalizes Theorem 4.1 of [4], Corollary 3 is an analogue of Theorem 3.1 in [6]. If $h(\check{A})=\check{A}$ then Theorem 2 coincides with Non-commutative Gelfand-Naimark theorem obtained by Fell in [4] and Tomiyama in [6]. If $A$ is a $C^{*}$ algebra with identity then Theorem 2 coincides with Non-commutative GelfandNaimark theorem obtained by Dauns and Hofmann in [1].

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