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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  $f:X\to\mathbb{R}$  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  $\varphi:A\to \xi$  of a  $C^*$ -algebra A we mean a family  $\varphi=\{\varphi_x\}_X$  of \*-epimorphisms  $\varphi_x:A\to \xi_x$  where X is a topological space,  $\xi=\{\xi_x\}_X$  is a family of  $C^*$ -algebras and for every  $s\in A$  the function  $x\mapsto \|\varphi_x(s)\|$  is upper semicontinuous and vanishing at infinity (or equivalently for every  $s\in A$  and  $\varepsilon>0$  the set  $\{x\in X\mid \|\varphi_x(s)\|\geq \varepsilon\}$  is quasicompact and closed in X). If  $\varphi:A\to \xi$  is an H-family and  $\xi=\{\xi_x\}_X$  we denote by  $b(\varphi)$  the triple  $(p,\coprod \xi,X)$  where  $p:\coprod \xi\to X$  is the canonical projection of disjoint sum, and  $\coprod \xi$  is equipped with the topology generated by all tubes  $T(V,s,\varepsilon)=\coprod_{x\in V}B(\varphi_x(s),\varepsilon)$  (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  $\varphi:A\to \xi$  the formula  $\tilde{\varphi}(s)(x)=\varphi_x(s)$  gives a \*-homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi}:A\to \Gamma_0(b(\varphi))$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $c: \check{A} \to X$  be a continuous map of the primitive spectrum  $\check{A}$  of a  $C^*$ -algebra A onto a Hausdorff space X. Let  $\overline{c}_x: A \to A/\bigcap c^{-1}(x)$  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  $\|s + \bigcap W\| = \sup\{\|s + w\| \mid w \in W\} = \|s + w_0\|$ . 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  $c(\{w \in \check{A} \mid \|s + w\| \geq \varepsilon\}) = \{x \in X \mid \|\overline{c}_x(s)\| \geq \varepsilon\}$ , whence we obtain an H-family  $\overline{c}$ .

**Example 2.** For every  $C^*$ -bundle  $\eta$  the family of evaluations is an H-family of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $\Gamma_0(\eta)$ .

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**Theorem 1** (Stone-Weierstrass theorem for H-families). Let  $\varphi: A \to \xi$  be an H-family, and B a  $C^*$ -subalgebra of A. Assume that  $B + (\ker \varphi_x \cap \ker \varphi_y) = A$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $B + \bigcap_X \ker \varphi_x = A$ .

PROOF: Taking the quotient  $A/\bigcap_X \ker \varphi_x$  and factorizations of all of  $\varphi_x$  we may assume that  $\bigcap_X \ker \varphi_x = 0$ . Let hull  $(\ker \varphi_x)$  denote the set  $\{w \in \mathring{A} \mid \ker \varphi_x \subset A \mid \ker \varphi_x \subset A \mid \ker \varphi_x \subset A \mid \ker \varphi_x \in A \mid \ker$ w. Then  $\bigcup_X \text{hull}(\ker \varphi_X)$  is a dense subset of  $\check{A}$ , whence, by the openness of the canonical map  $P(A) \to A$ ,  $\bigcup_{Y}$  im  $P(\varphi_X)$  is dense in the weak closure P(A) of the pure state space P(A), here  $P(\varphi_x): P(\xi_x) \to P(A)$  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  $g : \xi_x \to \mathbb{C}$ with  $f = g \circ \varphi_x$ . Choose a net  $\{f_i\}_I \subset \bigcup_X \text{ im } P(\varphi_x) \text{ such that } f_i \to f$ . For every  $i \in I$  there are  $x_i \in X$  and  $g_i \in P(\xi_{x_i})$  with  $f_i = g_i \circ \varphi_{x_i}$ . Let  $x_i \to x$  and  $a \in \ker \varphi_x$ . If  $|f(a)| = 2\delta > 0$  then there is  $i_1 \in I$  such that  $|f_i(A)| > \delta$  for every  $i \geq i_1$ . Then  $\|\varphi_{x_i}(a)\| \geq |g_i(\varphi_{x_i}(a))| = |f_i(a)| > \delta$  for every  $i \geq i_1$ . Since the function  $y \mapsto \|\varphi_y(a)\|$  is upper semicontinuous, the set  $U = \{y \in X \mid \|\varphi_y(a)\| < \delta\}$ 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  $\delta > \|\varphi_{x_i}(a)\| > \delta$  and this contradiction shows that f(a) = 0. Hence  $\ker \varphi_x \subset \ker f$  and this shows the existence of g. Taking a subnet if necessary, we see that if x is an accumulation point of  $\{x_i\}_I$  then there is a map  $g: \xi_x \to \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f = g \circ \varphi_x$ . Suppose that the set of accumulation points of  $\{x_i\}_I$  is empty. Let  $s \in A$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose a quasicompact  $K \subset X$  with  $\|\varphi_x(s)\| < \varepsilon$  for  $x \notin K$ . Then for sufficiently large  $i \in I$ 

$$|f(s)| \le |f(s) - f_i(s)| + |f_i(s)| < \varepsilon + |g_i(\varphi_{x_i}(s))| < 2\varepsilon.$$

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  $A = B + (\ker \varphi_{x_1} \cap \ker \varphi_{x_2})$ , there are  $t \in B$  and  $t' \in (\ker \varphi_{x_1} \cap \ker \varphi_{x_2})$  such that s = t + t'. 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  $e_x: \Gamma_0(\eta) \to \eta_x$ ,  $e_x(s) = s(x)$  be the evaluation map for every  $x \in X$ . Let  $\xi_x = e_x(A)$  and  $\varphi_x: A \to \xi_x$  denote the restriction of  $e_x$  for every  $x \in X$ , we obtain an H-family  $\varphi: A \to \xi$ . It is obvious that by our assumption we have  $B + (\ker \varphi_x \cap \ker \varphi_y) = A$  for every  $x, y \in X$ . Now, the result follows immediately from Theorem 1.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $\varphi: A \to \xi$  be an *H*-family. Assume that  $\ker \varphi_x + \ker \varphi_y = A$  whenever  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}: A \to \Gamma_0(b(\varphi))$  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  $\ker \varphi_x + \ker \varphi_y = A$  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  $c: \check{A} \to X$  be a continuous map onto a Hausdorff space X. Then  $\stackrel{\sim}{\overline{c}}: A \to \Gamma_0(b(\overline{c}))$  is a \*-isomorphism.

PROOF: Obviously  $\ker \tilde{\overline{c}} = \bigcap_X \ker \overline{c}_x = \bigcap_X \bigcap c^{-1}(x) = \bigcap \check{A} = \{0\}$ . 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  $(\ker \overline{c}_x + \ker \overline{c}_y) \subset p$ . 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  $\ker \overline{c}_x + \ker \overline{c}_y$  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  $h: \check{A} \to h(\check{A})$  be the Hausdorffization map of the primitive spectrum  $\check{A}$  of a  $C^*$ -algebra A. Then  $\overset{\sim}{h}$  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 Gelfand-Naimark theorem obtained by Dauns and Hofmann in [1].

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