

HOMOMORPHISMS AND MAXIMAL IDEALS IN THE ALGEBRA OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction

We denote by Ω a domain of holomorphy in the complex Euclidean space C^N and by $H(\Omega)$ the algebra of all holomorphic functions in Ω , equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on each compact subset of Ω .

Let \mathcal{M} be the set of all maximal ideals of $H(\Omega)$. A well known theorem of Igusa [3] states:

Theorem IG. *For a maximal ideal $M \in \mathcal{M}$, the following conditions (i)–(iv) are equivalent:*

- (i) M corresponds to a point of Ω .
- (ii) M is closed.
- (iii) $H(\Omega)/M \cong C$ (the complex number field).
- (iv) M is finitely generated.

Non-closed maximal ideals are treated by some authors for the case $N=1$, see e.g. [1]. We considered the case $N \geq 1$ in [6], and introduced a topology in \mathcal{M} so that each $f \in H(\Omega)$ can be continuously extended to \mathcal{M} .

Let \mathcal{M}^A be the set of all closed maximal ideals of $H(\Omega)$. Theorem IG shows that an analytic structure can be introduced into \mathcal{M}^A . Our theme in this paper is a study of behaviors of $f \in H(\Omega)$ in $\mathcal{M} - \mathcal{M}^A$.

In the below, we suppose that $N=1$ and the domain Ω is the unit disk $U = \{|z| < 1\}$, and write $T = \{|z|=1\}$, $P = \{|z| \leq \infty\}$ (the Riemann sphere).

Let $f \in H(\Omega)$. In §§ 2–3, we characterize the cluster set $C(f; \alpha)$ [2, p. 3] and the boundary cluster set $C_B(f; \alpha)$ [2, p. 81] of f at $\alpha \in T$ by means of \mathcal{M} , and derive a fact (see (3.4)) which is an analogue of the theorem of Iversen-Gross [2, p. 91, Theorem 5.2].

In § 4, we study some connections between \mathcal{M} and the maximal ideal space of $H^\infty(U)$ (the set of all bounded holomorphic functions in U).

In § 5, we consider analytic structures in $\mathcal{M} - \mathcal{M}^A$.

Studies for the cases of more general plane domains or of higher dimensions will be further tasks.

For later use, we summarize here some results in [6].

(1.1) Let M be a non-closed maximal ideal. We can choose functions $f_1, \dots, f_N, f_j \in M$, such that $\{f_1 = \dots = f_N = 0\}$ is a point sequence $Z = \{z_k\}$ in Ω , infinite but not clustering in Ω . Let Ψ be a collection of subsets E of Z such that $E \in \Psi$ if there are functions g_1, \dots, g_h in M with $\{f_1 = \dots = f_N = g_1 = \dots = g_h = 0\} = E$. Then, Ψ is a ultrafilter on Z . Thus, M defines a pair (Z, Ψ) of a sequence Z and a ultrafilter Ψ on Z .

(1.2) Let M be a non-closed maximal ideal and (Z, Ψ) be the pair defined by M . Let I be the set of all positive integers and Φ be a collection of subsets A of I such that $A = \{n_k\} \in \Phi$ if there is $E \in \Psi$ with $E = \{z_{n_k}\}$. Let C^I be the set of all complex sequences. We say $\{a_i\} \equiv \{b_i\}$ if $\{i; a_i = b_i\} \in \Phi$. Then, $C^* = C^I / (\equiv)$ is a (transcendental) extension field of C , and $H(\Omega)/M \cong C^*$.

(1.3) Let \mathcal{S} be the set of all infinite point sequences in Ω , not clustering in Ω . For a $Z \in \mathcal{S}$, let $\mathcal{U}(Z)$ be the set of all ultrafilters on Z , such that $\Psi \in \mathcal{U}(Z)$ contains all sets E whose complements $Z - E$ are finite sets. Let $Z_1, Z_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\Psi_1 \in \mathcal{U}(Z_1), \Psi_2 \in \mathcal{U}(Z_2)$. We say $(Z_1, \Psi_1) \sim (Z_2, \Psi_2)$ if there is a $Z' \in \mathcal{S}, Z' \subset Z_1 \cap Z_2, Z' \in \Psi_1 \cap \Psi_2$, and $Z' \cap \Psi_1 = Z' \cap \Psi_2$.

(1.4) If (Z_1, Ψ_1) and (Z_2, Ψ_2) are pairs defined by the same maximal ideal M , as stated in (1.1), then $(Z_1, \Psi_1) \sim (Z_2, \Psi_2)$ in the sense (1.3). Conversely, for a pair (Z, Ψ) put

$$M = \{f \in H(\Omega); Z \cap \{f=0\} \in \Psi\}.$$

Then M is a maximal ideal, and, if $(Z_1, \Psi_1) \sim (Z, \Psi)$, then (Z_1, Ψ_1) determines the same maximal ideal M .

(1.5) We say an equivalence class $[(Z, \Psi)]$ determines a boundary point b_{Ψ} of Ω . Put

$$\delta\Omega = \{b_{\Psi}; Z \in \mathcal{S}, \Psi \in \mathcal{U}(Z)\}, \quad \Omega^* = \Omega \cup \delta\Omega.$$

Then by (1.4), the maximal ideal space \mathcal{M} of $H(\Omega)$ and Ω^* correspond each other in a one-to-one way.

(1.6) Ω^* is topologized as follows: For a point $z \in \Omega$, neighborhoods of z are defined as usual. For a $b_{\Psi} \in \delta\Omega$, a subset N of Ω^* is a neighborhood of b_{Ψ} if

- (a) $N \cap \Omega$ is an open set in Ω , containing a set $E \in \Psi$, and

(b) $N \cap \delta\Omega$ consists of boundary points determined by classes of ultrafilters on point sequences $(\in \mathcal{S})$ contained in $N \cap \Omega$.

By this topology, Ω^* is a Hausdorff space, which is countably compact.

(1.7) Each $f \in H(\Omega)$ can be extended continuously on Ω^* , as a map $\Omega^* \rightarrow P$. This continuous extension of f is denoted by f^* .

We suppose $N=1$ and $\Omega=U$ (the unit disk) in this paper.

2. Homomorphisms of $H(U)$

A maximal ideal M determines a point sequence $Z=\{z_k\}$ and a ultrafilter Ψ , which in turn determine a boundary point b_Ψ (see (1.5)). The maximal ideal M , or equivalently the boundary point b_Ψ , defines a homomorphism ϕ of $H(U)$ onto C^* (an extension field of C), $C^* \cong H(U)/M$, see (1.2).

Conversely, let ϕ be a homomorphism of $H(U)$ onto an extension field $C^* = C^I / (\equiv)$, where C^I is the set of all complex sequences and \equiv is the equivalence relation defined by a ultrafilter Φ on the set of all positive integers I , see (1.2). Then, the kernel $K = \ker(\phi)$ of the homomorphism ϕ is obviously a maximal ideal in $H(U)$. K can not correspond to a point of U , for otherwise we would have $H(U)/K \cong C$, in contradiction that $H(U)/K \cong C^*$. Thus, if $f \in K$, f has infinitely many zero points $Z=\{z_k\}$, see (1.1). K induces a ultrafilter Ψ on Z , which corresponds to the ultrafilter Φ on I , which defines the equivalency (\equiv) . The maximal ideal K , or equivalently (Z, Ψ) , defines a boundary point. In this way, the maximal ideal space \mathcal{M} of $H(U)$, which is a countable-compactification U^* of U , can be identified with the set of homomorphisms of $H(U)$, of the type stated above.

Every $f \in H(U)$ is continuous at boundary points as a map to P , see (1.7). Thus, at a boundary point b_Ψ , f has a limit $f(b_\Psi)$, which we denote as $\phi^*(f)$, where ϕ is the homomorphism defined by b_Ψ . Thus

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^*(f) = f(b_\Psi).$$

Then, ϕ^* is a map of $H(U)$ to P . For every $f \in H(U)$, we have

$$(2.2) \quad f^*(\phi) = \phi^*(f) \quad (= f(b_\Psi)),$$

where f^* is the continuous extension of f (see (1.7)).

For the function $z \in H(U)$, we use the symbol π for z^* :

$$\pi(\phi) = z^*(\phi), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{M}.$$

By the definitions, we have easily

Theorem 2.1. *The mapping π is a continuous map of \mathcal{M} onto the closed disk \bar{U} . Over the disk U , π is one-to-one, and π^{-1} maps U homeomorphically onto the open subset \mathcal{M}' of \mathcal{M} . \mathcal{M}' is the set of all closed maximal ideals \mathcal{M}^λ of $H(U)$. That is, π^{-1} maps $\lambda \in U$ to $\phi_\lambda \in \mathcal{M}'$, where ϕ_λ denotes the evaluation at λ .*

It is convenient to picture π as a projection of \mathcal{M} onto the closed unit disk. By Theorem 2.1, $\pi(\mathcal{M}') = U$. The remainder $\mathcal{M} - \mathcal{M}'$ is mapped by π onto the circumference T . For $\alpha \in T$, we put

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{M}_\alpha = \pi^{-1}(\alpha) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{M}; \phi^*(z) = \alpha\}.$$

\mathcal{M}_α is called the *fiber of \mathcal{M} over α* . It is a closed subset of \mathcal{M} . We have

$$(2.4) \quad \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}' \cup \left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in T} \mathcal{M}_\alpha \right), \quad \mathcal{M}_\alpha \cap \mathcal{M}_\beta = \text{void if } \alpha \neq \beta.$$

For $f \in H(U)$ and $\alpha \in T$, we define the cluster set $C(f; \alpha)$ of f at [2, p. 3] by

$$(2.5) \quad C(f; \alpha) = \{\zeta \in P; \text{there is a seq. } \{\lambda_n\} \subset U \text{ with } f(\lambda_n) \rightarrow \zeta\} \\ = \bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \overline{f(U \cap \{|z - \alpha| < \epsilon\})}.$$

Theorem 2.2. $f^*(\mathcal{M}_\alpha) = C(f; \alpha)$.

Proof. Let $b_\Psi \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha$. Then there is a sequence $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ and a ultrafilter Ψ on Z , determining b_Ψ . Let $\{\lambda_{n(\nu)}\}$ be a subnet of Z such that $\lambda_{n(\nu)} \rightarrow b_\Psi$. Then $z^*(\lambda_{n(\nu)}) \rightarrow \alpha$ and $f^*(\lambda_{n(\nu)}) \rightarrow f(b_\Psi)$ and $f(b_\Psi) \in C(f; \alpha)$. Conversely, if $\zeta \in C(f; \alpha)$, there is $\lambda_n \rightarrow \alpha$ and $f(\lambda_n) \rightarrow \zeta$. Let Ψ be a ultrafilter on $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ and b_Ψ be a boundary point determined by (Z, Ψ) . If $\{\lambda_{n(\nu)}\}$ is a subnet of $\{\lambda_n\}$ such that $\lambda_{n(\nu)} \leftarrow b_\Psi$, then $z^*(\lambda_{n(\nu)}) \rightarrow \alpha$, whence $b_\Psi \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha$, and $f(\lambda_{n(\nu)}) \rightarrow f(b_\Psi)$, therefore $\zeta = f(b_\Psi) \in f^*(\mathcal{M}_\alpha)$. Q.E.D.

By the way, we define the *boundary cluster set* $C_B(f; \alpha)$ [2, p. 81] of $f \in H(U)$ at $\alpha \in T$ by

$$(2.6) \quad C_B(f; \alpha) = \bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \overline{\left(\bigcup \{C(f; \beta); 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \epsilon, \beta \in T\} \right)}.$$

3. Boundary fibers and boundary cluster sets

Now we put

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \epsilon} = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{M}_\beta; 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \epsilon, \beta \in T \},$$

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B = \bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} \text{cl}(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \epsilon}),$$

in which $\text{cl}(E)$ denotes the closure of E in \mathcal{M} . \mathcal{M}_α^B is non-void, since \mathcal{M} is countably compact (1.6). We call \mathcal{M}_α^B the *boundary fiber of \mathcal{M} at α* . $m = \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B$

can not belong to any \mathcal{M}_β if $\beta \neq \alpha$. Hence

$$(3.3) \quad \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B \subset \mathcal{M}_\alpha.$$

\mathcal{M}_α and \mathcal{M}_α^B are closed in \mathcal{M} .

Theorem 3.1. *We have*

$$(3.4) \quad \mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B \text{ is open in } \mathcal{M} - U$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad f^*(\mathcal{M}_\alpha^B) = C_B(f; \alpha).$$

Proof. Take $m \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B$. m is defined by a point sequence $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ and a ultrafilter Ψ on Z . There is a set $E \in \Psi$ such that $\bar{E} \cap T = \{\alpha\}$. Suppose to the contrary. Then, for any $E \in \Psi$, there would be a point $\beta_E \neq \alpha$, $\beta_E \in \bar{E} \cap T$. Take a neighborhood N of m . $N \cap U$ contains a set $E \in \Psi$, whence N intersects with \mathcal{M}_{β_E} , which implies that $m \in \text{cl}(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \beta})$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $m \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B$, contradicting to the hypothesis.

Thus, there is a neighborhood N of m such that

$$N \cap (\mathcal{M} - U) \subset \mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{M}_\alpha^B,$$

which proves (3.4).

Now we have, by (2.6) and Theorem 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} C_B(f; \alpha) &= \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} \overline{\bigcup \{f^*(\mathcal{M}_\beta); 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \varepsilon, \beta \in T\}} \\ &= \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} \overline{f^*(\bigcup \{\mathcal{M}_\beta; 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \varepsilon, \beta \in T\})} \\ &\supset \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} f^*(\text{cl}(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \varepsilon})) \supset f^*(\bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} \text{cl}(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \varepsilon})) = f^*(\mathcal{M}_\alpha^B). \end{aligned}$$

Let $w_0 \in C_B(f; \alpha)$. Take a sequence $\varepsilon_n \downarrow 0$. Then

$$w_0 \in \overline{\bigcup \{f^*(\mathcal{M}_\beta); 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \varepsilon_n, \beta \in T\}}.$$

We can choose, for a sequence $\delta_n \downarrow 0$,

$$w_n \in \bigcup \{f^*(\mathcal{M}_\beta); 0 < |\beta - \alpha| < \varepsilon_n, \beta \in T\}, \quad |w_n - w_0| < \delta_n.$$

Then, $w_n \rightarrow w_0$. On the other hand,

$$w_n = f^*(m_n) \quad \text{for an } m_n \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \varepsilon_n}.$$

By the countable compactness of \mathcal{M} , we have that

$$Q = \bigcap_{k > 0} (\text{cl}(\{m_n\}_{n \geq k})) \text{ is non-void.}$$

Take a point m_0 in Q . Then $m_0 \in \text{cl}(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \varepsilon})$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$, hence m_0 belongs to \mathcal{M}_{α^B} . Obviously

$$f^*(m_0) \in \overline{\{f^*(m_n); n \geq k\}} \quad \text{for every } k,$$

therefore

$$f^*(m_0) = w_0, \quad w_0 \in f^*(\mathcal{M}_{\alpha^B}),$$

which implies (3.5). Q.E.D.

We denote by ω a subdomain of U whose boundary $\partial\omega$ consists of a Jordan curve such that $\partial\omega \cap T = \{\alpha\}$. Put

$$\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega} = \{m \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha}; m \text{ is defined by a sequence } Z = \{\lambda_n\} \text{ in } \omega \\ \text{and a ultrafilter } \Psi \text{ on } Z\}.$$

Theorem 3.2. *We have*

$$(3.6) \quad \mathcal{M}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{M}_{\alpha^B} = \bigcup_{\omega} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega},$$

where the sum on the right is taken over all subdomains ω of the type stated above.

Proof. Obviously, $\bigcup_{\omega} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{M}_{\alpha^B}$. Conversely, take $m \in \mathcal{M}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{M}_{\alpha^B}$. m is defined by a sequence $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ and a ultrafilter Ψ on Z . By the proof of Theorem 3.1, there is a set $E \in \Psi$, $\bar{E} \cap T = \{\alpha\}$. Put

$$\Psi_E = E \cap \Psi = \{E \cap F; F \in \Psi\}.$$

Then, Ψ_E is a ultrafilter on E , and (E, Ψ_E) is equivalent to (Z, Ψ) in the sense stated in (1.3). Thus the point m is also defined by (E, Ψ_E) . The sequence E is contained in some domain ω of the type stated above, hence $m \in \bigcup_{\omega} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega}$, which proves (3.6). Q.E.D.

Further, we have

Theorem 3.3. $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{M}_{\alpha^B}$ is connected.

Proof. By Theorem 3.2, it suffices to show that $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega}$ is connected. Suppose to the contrary, $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega} = A \cup B$ with open sets A and B in $\mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega}$, $A \cap B = \text{void}$. A and B are derived from some open sets in U , say O_A and O_B , respectively. Since $A \cap B = \text{void}$, we may assume that $O_A \cap O_B = \text{void}$, and

$$O_A \cup O_B \supset \omega \cap \{|z - \alpha| < r\} \quad \text{for some } r > 0,$$

because $A \cup B = \mathcal{M}_{\alpha}^{\omega}$. This is absurd by the connectivity of ω . Q.E.D.

By the same method, we can show

Theorem 3.4. \mathcal{M}_α is connected.

4. Maximal ideal spaces of $H(U)$ and of $H^\infty(U)$

We denote by $H^\infty(U)$ the set of all bounded holomorphic functions in U . $H^\infty(U)$ is a Banach algebra with the supremum norm, and has been investigated by several authors, see e.g., [4]. We write the maximal ideal space of $H^\infty(U)$ as $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$. \mathcal{M} denotes the maximal ideal space of $H(U)$ as before.

Theorem 4.1. For any $\alpha \in T$, there is a maximal ideal $M \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha$ which does not contain any bounded holomorphic function in U , other than the identically zero function.

Proof. Let $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ be a point sequence in U such that

$$(4.1) \quad \lambda_n \rightarrow \alpha \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum (1 - |\lambda_n|) = \infty.$$

Let \mathcal{F} be a family of subsets of Z defined as follows: $E \subset Z$ belongs to \mathcal{F} if

$$Z - E = \{\lambda_{n_k}\} \text{ satisfies } \sum (1 - |\lambda_{n_k}|) < \infty.$$

Let Ψ be an ultrafilter containing \mathcal{F} . Then the maximal ideal M corresponding to (Z, Ψ) can not contain any bounded function other than 0. Q.E.D.

Theorem 4.2. There is a continuous map μ from \mathcal{M} onto $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ such that for any $f \in H^\infty(U)$

$$(4.2) \quad f^*(m) = f^\wedge(\mu(m)), \quad m \in \mathcal{M},$$

where f^\wedge denotes the Gelfand representation of f [4, p. 159].

Proof. Let M be a maximal ideal in $H(U)$ and ϕ be the corresponding homomorphism of $H(U)$ onto C^* , an extension field of C . Then, ϕ^* , defined in (2.1), gives obviously a complex homomorphism of $H^\infty(U)$ onto C , and hence there exists a unique point $m^* \in \mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ corresponding to m , and the map μ is defined by

$$m^* = \mu(m).$$

(4.2) is clearly satisfied by the definition.

Conversely, take $m' \in \mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$. There is a point sequence $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ in U whose closure in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ contains m' [5, p. 85, Corollary]. Let the subnet $\{\lambda_{n(i)}\}$ of $\{\lambda_n\}$ converge to m' .

We define a family \mathcal{F} of subsets of Z as follows: $E \subset Z$ belongs to \mathcal{F} if there is an i_0 such that

$$\{\lambda_{n(i)}; i \geq i_0\} \subset E.$$

Then, \mathcal{F} is a filter on Z , and a ultrafilter Ψ containing \mathcal{F} defines a point m in \mathcal{M} . We will show that

$$(4.3) \quad m' = m^* = \mu(m).$$

Let M' and M be the maximal ideals in $H^\infty(U)$, respectively, which are represented by m' and m in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ and \mathcal{M} , respectively. Let ϕ be the homomorphism corresponding to M . For any $f \in M' \subset H^\infty(U)$, we have

$$\lim_i f(\lambda_{n(i)}) = f \wedge (m') = 0.$$

It is easy to see that the closure of $\{\lambda_{n(i)}\}$ in \mathcal{M} contains m . Hence $f(m)$ belongs to the closure of $(f(\lambda_{n(i)}))$, therefore $f(m) = 0$, $\phi^*(f) = 0$, which shows that

$$M' = \ker(\phi^*) = M^*,$$

and (4.3) holds. Thus, the map μ is onto $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$.

Now we will prove the continuity of μ . Let $\{\phi_i\}$ be a net in \mathcal{M} which converges to ϕ . Since $f \in H^\infty(U) \subset H(U)$ is continuous on \mathcal{M} , we have $f^*(\phi_i) \rightarrow f^*(\phi)$, hence

$$\phi_i^*(f) \rightarrow \phi^*(f), \quad f \in H^\infty(U),$$

which shows that

$$\mu(\phi_i) = \phi_i^* \rightarrow \phi^* = \mu(\phi)$$

in the weak* topology of $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$, whence μ is continuous. Q.E.D.

$\{f^*; f \in H(U)\}$ separates points of \mathcal{M} hence of $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$, while $\{f^*; f \in H^\infty(U)\}$ separates points of $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ but not points of \mathcal{M} .

5. Analytic structures

We write

$$(5.1) \quad L_\lambda(z) = L(z; \lambda) = (z + \lambda)/(1 + \bar{\lambda}z), \quad |\lambda| < 1,$$

which transforms U into \mathcal{M} , i.e., $L_\lambda \in (\mathcal{M})^\nu$.

L_λ can be considered also as a map from U into $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$. In this point of view, we write L_λ as \mathcal{L}_λ . That is,

$$(5.2) \quad \lambda \in U \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\lambda \in (\mathcal{M}(H^\infty))^\nu.$$

By [5, p. 88, Theorem 4.3], the transformation (5.2) can be extended to $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty) \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}(H^\infty))^\nu$, $m' \in \mathcal{M}(H^\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{m'} \in (\mathcal{M}(H^\infty))^\nu$. For transformation

$$(5.3) \quad \lambda \in U \rightarrow L_\lambda \in (\mathcal{M})^\nu$$

we obtain, correspondingly,

Theorem 5.1. *The transformation (5.3) can be extended to a continuous transformation which assigns to each $m \in \mathcal{M}$ a map $L_m \in (\mathcal{M})^\nu$.*

Let μ be the continuous map of \mathcal{M} onto $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ in Theorem 4.2. Let $m \in \mathcal{M}$. If $\mu(m)$ belongs to the closure (in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$) of some interpolating sequence in U (see [5, p. 80]), then L_m is a one-to-one analytic map of U onto a subset $P(m)$ of \mathcal{M} such that

$$\mu(P(m)) = \text{the Gleason part } \mathcal{S}(\mu(m)) \text{ of } \mu(m) \text{ in } \mathcal{M}(H^\infty). \quad [5, \text{ p. 75}]$$

$P(m)$ is an analytic set in the sense that for each $f \in H^\infty(U)$, $(f^* \circ L_m)(z)$ is a holomorphic function in U (see [5, p. 77]).

If $\mu(m)$ does not belong to the closure (in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$) of any interpolating sequence in U , then

$$\mu(L_m(U)) = \mu(m),$$

i.e., any bounded holomorphic function is constant on $L_m(U)$.

Proof. Let $m \in \mathcal{M}$ be defined by a sequence $Z = \{\lambda_n\}$ and a ultrafilter Ψ on Z . Let $\{\lambda_{n(i)}\}$ be a subnet converging to m . Then $\{\lambda_{n(i)}\}$ converges in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ to $\mu(m)$, since the map μ is continuous.

By [5, p. 88, Theorem 4.3], we have in $(\mathcal{M}(H^\infty))^\nu$

$$\lim_i \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_{n(i)}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)} \quad (\text{see, especially, [5, p. 90]}).$$

If $\mu(m)$ is in the closure of some interpolating sequence, then $\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(U)$ is the Gleason part $\mathcal{S}(\mu(m))$ in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$. Take a point $z \in U$. Put

$$W = \{w_n\}, \quad w_n = L(z; \lambda_n),$$

and, for a set $E \in \Psi$,

$$E_W = \{L(z; \lambda_n); \lambda_n \in E\}.$$

Then

$$\Psi_W = \{E_W; E \in \Psi\}$$

is a ultrafilter on W . (W, Ψ_W) defines a point $m_s \in \mathcal{M}$. Then obviously,

$$w_{n(i)} = L(z; \lambda_{n(i)}) \rightarrow m_s \quad \text{in } \mathcal{M}.$$

We define a map L_m from U into \mathcal{M} by

$$L_m(z) = m_s.$$

Since $\{w_{n(i)}\}$ converges to $\mu(m_2)$ in $\mathcal{M}(H^\infty)$ by the continuity of μ , we have

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(z) = \mu(L_m(z)).$$

If $z_1, z_2 \in U (z_1 \neq z_2)$, then $\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(z_1) \neq \mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(z_2)$ since $\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}$ is one-to-one. Hence

$$L_m(z_1) \neq L_m(z_2),$$

and the map L_m is one-to-one. Obviously, by (4.2),

$$(f^* \circ L_m)(z) = f^*(\mu(L_m(z))) = (f^* \circ \mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)})(z)$$

is holomorphic on U [5, p. 88, Theorem 4.3], hence $P(m) = L_m(U)$ is an analytic set. Further, by [5, p. 88, Theorem 4.3],

$$\mu(P(m)) = \mu(L_m(U)) = \mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(U) = \mathcal{P}(\mu(m)) = \text{the Gleason part of } \mu(m) \text{ in } \mathcal{M}(H).$$

Suppose, on the other hand, let $\mu(m)$ does not belong to the closure of any interpolating sequence. Then, $\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}$ is constant: $\mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(U) = \{\mu(m)\}$ ([5, p. 88, Theorem 4.3]), thus

$$\mu(L_m(U)) = \mathcal{L}_{\mu(m)}(U) = \{\mu(m)\}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Obviously, we have that

$$\text{if } m \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha, \text{ then } L_m(U) \subset \mathcal{M}_\alpha.$$

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