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EXTENSION OF NORMAL FAMILIES OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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Let X be a Stein manifold, and let A be an analytic subset of X . A well-known application of Cartan's Theorem B [2, Théorème 3 p. 52] states that each holomorphic function on A is the restriction of a holomorphic function on X . This paper presents a generalization of this application, namely that each normal family of holomorphic functions on A is the restriction of a normal family of holomorphic functions on X .

1. Let X be a topological space which is σ -compact, i.e., the union of a countable family of compact sets. Let $K(X)$ denote the set of all compact subsets of X . For $K \in K(X)$ and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ define $\|f\|_K = \sup\{|f(x)| \mid x \in K\}$. Define

$$B(X) = \{f \mid f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \|f\|_K < \infty \text{ for all } K \in K(X)\}.$$

Clearly $B(X)$ is a complex vector space, and $\{\|\cdot\|_K \mid K \in K(X)\}$ is a family of pseudonorms on $B(X)$ which then becomes a locally convex vector space. Since X is σ -compact, $B(X)$ is metrizable, and it is readily checked to be a Fréchet space.

DEFINITION. Let V be a vector subspace of $B(X)$. We say that a set $F \subset V$ is normal with respect to V iff every sequence in F has a subsequence which converges in V .

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LEMMA 1. *Let V be a vector subspace of $B(X)$. Then $F \subset V$ is normal with respect to V if and only if \bar{F} is a compact subset of V .*

We say that $F \subset B(X)$ is uniformly bounded on compact sets iff $\sup \{\|f\|_K | f \in F\} < \infty$ for all $K \in K(X)$. If V is a vector subspace of $B(X)$ and $F \subset V$ is normal with respect to V , then F is uniformly bounded on compact sets.

DEFINITION. Let V be a vector subspace of $B(X)$. We say that the Vitali theorem holds for V iff every set $F \subset V$ which is uniformly bounded on compact sets is normal with respect to V .

LEMMA 2. *Let V be a vector subspace of $B(X)$. If the Vitali theorem holds for V , then V is a closed subset of $B(X)$, i.e., V is a Fréchet space with the induced pseudonorms.*

PROOF. Let $f \in \bar{V}$. Then there exists a sequence $\{f_n\}$ in V such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Take $K \in K(X)$. There exists an integer n_0 such that $\|f_n - f\|_K < 1$ for $n \geq n_0$. Let $M = \max \{\|f_n\|_K + 1 | n = 1, \dots, n_0\}$. Then $\|f_n\|_K \leq M$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Hence $\sup \{\|f_n\|_K | n = 1, 2, \dots\} \leq M < \infty$, that is $\{f_n | n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is uniformly bounded on compact sets. Since the Vitali theorem holds for V , $\{f_n\}$ has a subsequence which converges in V . The limit of this subsequence must be f . Hence $f \in V$.

LEMMA 3. *Let A be a closed subset of the σ -compact space X . Define $R: B(X) \rightarrow B(A)$ by $R(f) = f|_A$ for $f \in B(X)$. Then R is continuous and linear.*

PROOF. Clearly R is linear. Each compact subset of A is also compact in X . Hence each pseudonorm in $B(A)$ is the restriction of a pseudonorm in $B(X)$. Therefore R is continuous.

LEMMA 4. *Let E and F be Fréchet spaces, and let $u: E \rightarrow F$ be continuous, linear, and surjective. Let K be a compact subset of F . Then there exists a compact subset K' of E such that $u(K') = K$.*

PROOF. Let $G = u^{-1}(0)$. Then G is a closed linear subspace of E , hence E/G is a Fréchet space. Let $r: E \rightarrow E/G$ be the residual map, and define $v: E/G \rightarrow F$ by $v \circ r = u$. Then v is continuous, linear, and bijective. According to [4, Satz (1), p. 170], v is a topological isomorphism. The lemma then follows from [4, Satz (7), p. 281].

2. If X is a complex space, we define $H(X)$ to be the set of holomorphic functions on X . As has been proved by Gunning [3] and Andreotti and Stoll [1, pp. 326–327], the Vitali theorem holds for

$H(X)$. We say that $F \subset H(X)$ is a normal family of holomorphic functions iff F is normal with respect to $H(X)$.

THEOREM. *Let X be a Stein manifold, and let A be an analytic subset of X . Let $F = \{f_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a normal family of holomorphic functions on A . Then there exists a normal family $G = \{g_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ of holomorphic functions on X such that $g_\lambda|_A = f_\lambda$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$.*

PROOF. According to the well-known application of Theorem B of Cartan referred to at the beginning of this paper, the restriction map $R: H(X) \rightarrow H(A)$, defined by $R(f) = f|_A$, is onto. By Lemma 3, R is continuous and linear. Since the Vitali theorem holds for $H(X)$ and $H(A)$, they are Fréchet spaces (Lemma 2). Application of Lemma 1 and Lemma 4 completes the proof.

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