

## TOPOLOGICAL ALGEBRAS WITH A GIVEN DUAL

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**ABSTRACT.** Given an algebra  $E$  and a total subspace  $E'$  of its algebraic dual, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions in terms of  $E'$  for the existence of an  $A$ -convex or a locally  $m$ -convex topology on  $E$  compatible with duality  $(E, E')$ . It has also been proved that if  $E$  with the weak topology  $w(E, E')$  is the closed linear hull of a bounded set and has hypocontinuous multiplication then it is locally  $m$ -convex.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $E$  be a complex (or real) algebra and  $E'$  be a total subspace of the algebraic dual  $E^*$ . To avoid repetitions we use the notation, terminology and results in [3] and [4] without specifications. An algebra with a locally convex linear topology for which multiplication is separately continuous will be called a *locally convex algebra*. An absolutely convex set  $B$  in  $E$  is called *right (left)  $A$ -convex* if it absorbs  $Bx$  ( $xB$ ) for each  $x \in E$ , it will be called  *$A$ -convex* if it is both right and left  $A$ -convex. A locally convex algebra is called *(right, left)  $A$ -convex* if there exists a basis of (right, left)  $A$ -convex neighbourhoods of zero. Multiplication in a locally convex algebra will be said to be *right (left) hypocontinuous* if given a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $o$  and a bounded set  $B$  there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $o$  satisfying  $VB \subset U$  ( $BV \subset U$ ). We say that multiplication is *hypocontinuous* if it is both right and left hypocontinuous. Gulick [5] has, however, called right hypocontinuity by hypocontinuity.

In §2 we answer the following question asked by Cochran [4].

(3.7) Under what conditions, in terms of  $E'$ , does  $\Sigma(E, E')$  or  $\chi(E, E')$ —the finest  $A$ -convex or locally  $m$ -convex topology on  $E$  compatible with duality  $(E, E')$ —exist?

It is known ([3] and [9], MR 41 #7435) that for  $E$  with the weak topology  $w(E, E')$  the conditions of joint continuity of multiplication, of  $A$ -convexity and of local  $m$ -convexity are mutually equivalent. We prove

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in §3 that if  $(E, w(E, E'))$  is the closed linear hull of a bounded subset of itself then the condition of hypocontinuity of multiplication is also equivalent to all these conditions.

For  $y \in E$  and  $f \in E^*$ , the *right  $y$ -multiplicative translate*  $f_y$  and the *left  $y$ -multiplicative translate*  ${}_y f$  of  $f$  are given by  $f_y(x) = f(xy)$  and  ${}_y f(x) = f(yx)$  for  $x \in E$  respectively. For  $y \in E$  and  $S \subset E^*$ , let  $S(y) = \{f(y) : f \in S\}$ ,  $S_y = \{f_y : f \in S\}$  and  ${}_y S = \{{}_y f : f \in S\}$ .

## 2. Topologies on $E$ compatible with duality $(E, E')$ .

(2.1) DEFINITION. A set  $S \subset E^*$  is called *collectionwise multiplicative* if  $S(xy) \subset S(x)S(y)$  for all  $x, y \in E$ .

(2.2) DEFINITION. A set  $S \subset E^*$  is called *collectionwise right (left) multiplicative-translation invariant* if for each  $y \in E$  there is  $\rho_y \geq 0$  satisfying  $S_y(x) \subset \rho_y S(x)$  ( ${}_y S(x) \subset \rho_y S(x)$ ) for all  $x \in E$ .  $S$  will be called *collectionwise multiplicative-translation invariant* if it is both collectionwise right and collectionwise left multiplicative-translation invariant.

It is easy to see that every collection of multiplicative linear functionals is collectionwise multiplicative and every balanced,  $w(E^*, E)$ -bounded, collectionwise multiplicative subset of  $E^*$  is collectionwise multiplicative-translation invariant. Also an arbitrary union of collectionwise multiplicative sets is collectionwise multiplicative and a finite union of balanced collectionwise (right, left) multiplicative-translation invariant sets is collectionwise (right, left) multiplicative-translation invariant.

(2.3) LEMMA. Let  $S \subset E'$  be balanced and  $w(E', E)$ -compact, and let  $S^\circ$  be its polar in  $E$ .

(i)  $S^\circ$  is idempotent if and only if  $S$  is collectionwise multiplicative.

(ii)  $S^\circ$  is (right, left)  $A$ -convex if and only if  $S$  is collectionwise (right, left) multiplicative-translation invariant.

PROOF. (i) Sufficiency is clear.

*Necessity.* For  $x \in E$ , let  $p(x) = \sup\{|f(x)| : f \in S\}$ . Since  $S$  is  $w(E', E)$ -compact,  $p(x) < \infty$  and there is an  $f \in S$  (depending on  $x$ ) satisfying  $p(x) = |f(x)|$ . Because  $S$  is balanced,  $g = \text{signum } f(x) \cdot f$  is in  $S$ . So  $p(x) = g(x)$  for some  $g$  in  $S$ . Also  $S^\circ = \{x \in E : p(x) \leq 1\}$  and  $p$  is its Minkowski functional. Now  $S^\circ$  is idempotent, so  $p$  is submultiplicative i.e.  $p(xy) \leq p(x)p(y)$  for all  $x, y$  in  $E$ .

Let  $x, y \in E$  and  $f \in S$ . Then  $|f(xy)| \leq p(x)p(y)$ . So there is a scalar  $\lambda$  such that  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and  $f(xy) = \lambda p(x)p(y)$ . Also there exist  $g$  and  $h$  in  $S$  (depending on  $x$  and  $y$  respectively) satisfying  $p(x) = g(x)$  and  $p(y) = h(y)$ . If  $g_1 = \lambda g$  then  $g_1 \in S$ . Thus  $f(xy) = g_1(x)h(y) \in S(x)S(y)$ . Hence  $S(xy) \subset S(x)S(y)$  for all  $x, y \in E$  and  $S$  is collectionwise multiplicative.

(ii) Sufficiency is clear.

Suppose  $S^\circ$  is right  $A$ -convex. For  $y \in E$  there is  $\lambda_y > 0$  such that  $S^\circ y \subset \lambda_y S^\circ$ . If  $p$  is as in the proof of (i) above then  $p$  satisfies all other properties except that submultiplicativity is replaced by  $p(xy) \leq \lambda_y p(x)$  for all  $x, y \in E$ . So  $|f(xy)| \leq p(xy) \leq \lambda_y p(x)$ . Therefore,  $f(xy) = \mu \lambda_y p(x)$  for some  $\mu$  with  $|\mu| \leq 1$ . Let  $g_2 = \mu g$ , where  $g \in S$  is such that  $p(x) = g(x)$ . Then  $f(xy) = \lambda_y g_2(x)$ . So  $S(xy) \subset \lambda_y S(x)$  for all  $x, y \in E$ . Hence  $S$  is collectionwise right multiplicative-translation invariant. Similarly we can prove for other parts.

(2.4) THEOREM. *There exists a locally  $m$ -convex topology on  $E$  compatible with duality  $(E, E')$  if and only if there exists a family  $\mathcal{S}$  of absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative sets in  $E'$  that cover  $E'$ .*

(2.5) COROLLARY. *The Mackey topology  $\tau(E, E') = \chi(E, E')$  if and only if every absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact set is contained in some absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative set in  $E'$ .*

(2.6) THEOREM. *There exists a (right, left)  $A$ -convex topology on  $E$  compatible with duality  $(E, E')$  if and only if there is a family  $\mathcal{S}$  of absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise (right, left) multiplicative-translation invariant sets in  $E'$  that cover  $E'$ .*

(2.7) COROLLARY.  *$\tau(E, E') = \Sigma(E, E')$  if and only if every absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact subset of  $E'$  is contained in some absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative-translation invariant set.*

(2.8) REMARK. Since the existence of  $\chi(E, E')$  ( $\Sigma(E, E')$ ) is equivalent to the existence of some locally  $m$ -convex ( $A$ -convex) topology on  $E$  compatible with  $(E, E')$ , Theorems (2.4) and (2.6) give an answer to question (3.7) in [4].

(2.9) REMARK. If there are both  $A$ -convex and locally  $m$ -convex topologies on  $E$  compatible with  $(E, E')$  then  $\chi(E, E') = \Sigma(E, E')$  if and only if every absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative-translation invariant set in  $E'$  is contained in an absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative set in  $E'$ . This gives a partial answer to problem (3.6) in [4].

(2.10) EXAMPLE. Let  $E$  be the algebra of complex (or real) polynomials without constant term and  $E'$  be the subspace of  $E^*$  generated by  $\{g_i: i=1, 2, \dots\}$ , where  $g_i(e_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $e_j(x) = x^j$  for  $i, j=1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $(E, w(E, E'))$  is a locally  $m$ -convex algebra having no nonzero continuous multiplicative linear functionals (see Proposition 3 and discussion thereafter in [8]). By Theorem (2.4) there is a family  $\mathcal{S}$  of absolutely convex,

$w(E', E)$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative sets in  $E'$  that cover  $E'$ . In fact, if  $G_n = \{ng_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , then its absolutely convex,  $w(E', E)$ -closed hull  $H_n$  in  $E'$  is  $w(E', E)$ -compact. Also the polar  $G_n^\circ$  of  $G_n$  in  $E$  is idempotent and  $H_n^\circ = G_n^\circ$ . So by Lemma (2.3),  $H_n$  is collectionwise multiplicative.

This example shows that a collectionwise multiplicative set need not contain even a single nonzero multiplicative linear functional.

(2.11) EXAMPLE. Let  $E$  be the algebra  $\mathbf{m}$  of bounded complex (or real) sequences with pointwise addition and multiplication and let  $E'$  be the space  $l_1$  of absolutely summable sequences. Then the Mackey topology  $\tau(E, E')$  is the same as the strict topology  $\beta$  on  $E$  considered as the space  $C_b(S)$  of bounded continuous complex (or real) functions on the space  $S$  of positive integers with the discrete topology ([2], [3], and [4]). Let  $\kappa$  be the compact open topology on  $E$ . By Corollary (3.3) in [4], there is no locally  $\mathbf{m}$ -convex topology on  $E$  between  $\beta$  and  $\kappa$ . The dual of  $(E, \kappa)$  is the space of sequences with only a finite number of nonzero elements and therefore  $\kappa < w(E, E')$ .

(i)  $E$  is not locally  $\mathbf{m}$ -convex under any topology compatible with  $(E, E')$ . So there exists no family of absolutely convex,  $w(l_1, \mathbf{m})$ -compact (and therefore,  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -compact), collectionwise multiplicative sets that cover  $l_1$ .

(ii)  $(E, \beta)$  has the Mackey topology and is  $A$ -convex [4]. So every absolutely convex,  $w(l_1, \mathbf{m})$ -compact subset of  $l_1$  is contained in an absolutely convex,  $w(l_1, \mathbf{m})$ -compact, collectionwise multiplicative-translation invariant set.

3.  $E$  with the weak topology  $w(E, E')$ . In this section  $E$  will denote the space  $E$  with the weak topology  $w(E, E')$ . For  $B \subset E$  let  $E_B$  denote the linear hull of  $B$ .

(3.1) LEMMA. Suppose that  $E$  has hypocontinuous multiplication. Let  $g$  be in  $E'$  and  $B$  be an absolutely convex bounded subset of  $E$ . Then the kernel  $K(g)$  of  $g$  contains a closed subspace  $J$  of finite codimension in  $E$  such that  $K(g)$  contains  $JE_B$  and  $E_B J$ .

PROOF. Let  $V$  be the polar of  $\{g\}$  in  $E$ . Since the multiplication in  $E$  is hypocontinuous there exists a finite set  $F = \{f_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  such that  $V \supset (BF^\circ) \cup (F^\circ B)$ . Let  $J = \{x \in E: f_i(x) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then  $JB \subset F^\circ B \subset V$  and also  $J$  is a closed subspace of finite codimension in  $E$ . Also  $JE_B = JB \subset V = \{g\}^\circ$  and as  $JE_B$  is a linear space  $JE_B \subset K(g)$ . Similarly  $E_B J \subset K(g)$ .

(3.2) THEOREM. If  $E$  is the closed linear hull of a bounded subset of itself and  $E$  has hypocontinuous multiplication then  $E$  has jointly continuous multiplication.

PROOF. Let  $B$  be an absolutely convex bounded subset of  $E$  such that  $E = E_B^-$ , where ‘ $-$ ’ denotes the closure in  $E$ . Let  $g$  be in  $E'$ . Let  $J$  be as in the proof of the above lemma. Then  $JE = JE_B^- \subset (JE_B)^- \subset (K(g))^- = K(g)$ . Similarly,  $EJ \subset K(g)$ . Theorem 2 of Warner [8] now gives that  $E$  has jointly continuous multiplication.

(3.3) COROLLARY. *If  $E$  is the closed linear hull of a bounded set then  $E$  is locally  $m$ -convex if and only if  $E$  is  $A$ -convex if and only if it has jointly continuous multiplication if and only if it has hypocontinuous multiplication.*

PROOF. Combine Theorem (3.4) in [3], Theorem 1 in [9] and Theorem (3.2) above.

(3.4) REMARK. If a locally convex Hausdorff space is the closed linear hull of a bounded set i.e. it is *boundedly generated* (in short, BG) in the terminology of [6] then it is BG under each topology compatible with duality (Remark 10 in [1]). Every normed linear space is BG and a product of BG spaces is again BG [6] (see also Remark 10 in [1] and [2]). Thus our results are applicable to a large class of algebras.

(3.5) EXAMPLE. The algebra  $(m, w(m, l_1))$  is BG but not locally  $m$ -convex ([2], and Example (2.11) (i) above). So it is not  $A$ -convex and does not have hypocontinuous multiplication.

(3.6) EXAMPLE. Let  $E$  be the algebra of all complex (or real) continuous functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$  with pointwise addition and multiplication equipped with the weak topology resulting from the sup norm topology. Then  $E$  is a BG space. Warner [8] has shown that  $E$  does not have jointly continuous multiplication. Therefore,  $E$  is not  $A$ -convex and  $E$  does not have hypocontinuous multiplication. Thus the claim made in the second part of Examples 3.12 in [5] is not valid.

(3.7) EXAMPLE. Consider the algebra  $\varphi$  of complex (or real) sequences with only a finite number of nonzero elements. Then its algebraic dual is the space  $\omega$  of all complex (or real) sequences under the duality given by  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n \zeta_n$  for  $x = (\xi_n) \in \varphi$  and  $f = (\zeta_n) \in \omega$ . So the Mackey topology  $\tau(\varphi, \omega)$  is the finest locally convex topology on  $\varphi$  and therefore is the same as the direct sum topology. Also bounded sets are finite-dimensional and every absolutely convex absorbent set is a neighborhood of  $o$  in  $\varphi$ . Moreover,  $\omega$  is the  $\alpha$ -dual of  $\varphi$  and  $\tau(\varphi, \omega)$  is the same as the normal topology, a base of neighbourhoods of  $o$  which is given by

$$\left\{ U_f = \left\{ x = (\xi_n) \in \varphi : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\xi_n \zeta_n| \leq 1 \right\}, f = (\zeta_n) \in \omega \right\} \quad [7, \S 30.1].$$

Let  $V_f = \{x \in \varphi : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\xi_n \zeta_n| \leq 1, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\xi_n \eta_n \zeta_n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\eta_n \zeta_n| \text{ for all } y = (\eta_n) \in \varphi\}$ . Then  $V_f V_f \subset V_f \subset U_f$  and also  $V_f$  is an absolutely convex

absorbent set and thus a neighbourhood of  $o$  in  $\tau(\varphi, \omega)$ . So  $\tau(\varphi, \omega)$  is locally  $m$ -convex.

Now let  $E$  denote the space  $\varphi$  with the weak topology  $w(\varphi, \omega)$ . Then  $E$  has hypocontinuous multiplication but does not have jointly continuous multiplication.

If  $B$  is bounded on  $E$  then there exists an integer  $N$  and an  $\alpha \geq 0$  such that  $B \subset \{x = (\xi_n) : \xi_n = 0 \text{ for } n > N \text{ and } |\xi_n| \leq \alpha \text{ for } n \leq N\}$ . Let  $f = (\zeta_n) \in E' = \omega$  and let  $U$  be its polar in  $E$ . For  $n \leq N$ , let  $g_n \in E'$  be given by  $g_n(x) = N\alpha|\zeta_n|\xi_n$ ,  $x = (\xi_n) \in E$ . Then the polar  $V$  of  $\{g_n : 1 \leq n \leq N\}$  is a neighbourhood of  $o$  in  $E$ . Also  $VB \subset U$ . Thus  $E$  has hypocontinuous multiplication.

Now consider  $f = (\zeta_n) \in E'$  given by  $\zeta_n = 1$  for all  $n$ . If  $E$  is locally  $m$ -convex then by Theorem 1 of [8], the kernel  $K(f)$  of  $f$  contains an ideal  $J$  of finite codimension. Let  $x (\neq 0) \in J$ . Let  $y = (\eta_n) \in E$  be given by  $\eta_n = \bar{\xi}_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $xy \in J$ . Now  $f(xy) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\xi_n|^2 \neq 0$ . So  $xy \notin K(f)$ , which gives a contradiction. So  $E$  is not locally  $m$ -convex and is, therefore, not  $A$ -convex and does not have jointly continuous multiplication.

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