

## CLOSED ALGEBRAS OF SMOOTH FUNCTIONS

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**Introduction.** In this note we announce sufficient conditions for an algebra to be a subalgebra of  $C^\infty(M)$  for some smooth manifold-without-boundary  $M$ . In fact, we are able to determine when  $M$  is compact and, more generally, when  $M$  carries a Riemannian structure. We maintain the notation and terminology used in [5] and [7]. In addition,  $m_p$  will denote the unique maximal ideal in the stalk  $A_p$ . We assume throughout this note that  $A$  is a geometrically homogeneous, harmonic, strongly semisimple,  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra with identity. We also assume that  $A$  is strongly regular and note that, as a consequence,  $\hat{f}$  is a continuous real-valued function on  $\Gamma(A)$ , for each  $f \in A$  [1]. For the sake of brevity, we call an algebra satisfying the above conditions smooth.

**Results.** If  $m_p$  is an  $A_p$ -module of finite type, then we set  $n \cdot \dim_A(M_p)$  equal to the minimal number of generators required for  $m_p$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** If there exists a positive integer  $k$  such that for each  $M_p \in \mathfrak{G}(A)$ ,  $n \cdot \dim_A(M_p) = k$ , then we say that  $A$  has finite naive dimension  $k$ , expressed by  $n \cdot \dim(A) = k$ .

If  $\sigma \in H^0(U, A)$ , then by  $[\sigma](p)$  we mean  $[\sigma(p)] \in m_p/m_p^2$ , where  $p \in U$ .

**DEFINITION 2.**  $A$  is said to be locally framed if for each  $M_p \in \mathfrak{G}(A)$  there exists a local unit  $e_p$  at  $M_p$ , a relatively compact open neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  with  $p \in \bar{U} \subset u(e_p) \subset \Gamma(A)$ , and sections  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k \in H^0(\Gamma(A), A)$  such that the family

$$([\sigma_1 - \hat{\sigma}_1(q)e_p](q), \dots, [\sigma_k - \hat{\sigma}_k(q)e_p](q))$$

spans  $m_q/m_q^2$ , where  $q \in \bar{U}$  and  $k = n \cdot \dim(A)$ . The sections  $\sigma_1|_{\bar{U}}, \dots$ ,

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