

# The center of primitive locally pseudoconvex algebras

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## Abstract

It is shown that the center of a unital primitive locally  $A$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and of a unital topologically primitive locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  are topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

It is well known (see [9], Corollary 2.4.5; see also [5], Proposition 3, p. 127, and [4], Theorem 2.6.26 (ii), p. 255) that the center of a unital primitive Banach algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Similar result holds for unital primitive spectral algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  (see the proof of Theorem 6.7 in [7] or [8], Theorem 4.2.11); for unital primitive  $p$ -Banach algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  (see [3], Corollary 9.3.7); for unital primitive locally  $m$ -convex  $Q$ -algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  (see [10], Corollary 2) and for unital primitive locally  $A$ -convex algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  in which all maximal ideals are closed (see [11], Theorem 3).

In the present paper we will show that the center of any unital primitive locally  $A$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and of any unital topologically primitive locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

1. Let  $X$  be a linear topological space over  $\mathbb{K}$  (over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ),  $A$  an algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  the set of all endomorphisms on  $X$ . The addition of elements and the scalar multiplication in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  we define pointwise and the multiplication of elements in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  by the composition (that is, if  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ , then  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$  and  $(fg)(x) = f(g(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ ). Then  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  is an algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Let  $\pi$  be a representation of  $A$  on  $X$  (that is, a homomorphism or anti-homomorphism of  $A$  into  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ ). If we define on  $X$  a left module multiplication  ${}_{\pi}\cdot$  by  $a {}_{\pi}\cdot x = \pi(a)(x)$  and a right module multiplication  $\cdot {}_{\pi}$  similarly by  $x \cdot {}_{\pi} a = \pi(a)(x)$  for each  $a \in A$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  becomes respectively a left  $A$ -module, which we denote by  ${}_{\pi}X$ , and a right  $A$ -module, which we denote by  $X_{\pi}$ .

The left<sup>1</sup>  $A$ -module  ${}_{\pi}X$  is *nontrivial* if  $A {}_{\pi}\cdot X \neq \{\theta_X\}$ , where  $\theta_X$  is the zero element of  $X$ , and is *irreducible* if  ${}_{\pi}X$  is a nontrivial left  $A$ -module in which  ${}_{\pi}X$  and  $\{\theta_X\}$  are the only  $A$ -submodules of  ${}_{\pi}X$ . A representation  $\pi$  of  $A$  on  $X$  is *irreducible* if  ${}_{\pi}X$  is an irreducible left  $A$ -module (respectively  $X_{\pi}$  is an irreducible right  $A$ -module).

2. Let  $A$  be a locally pseudoconvex space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then  $A$  has a base  $\{U_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of neighbourhoods of zero which consists of balanced (that is,  $\mu a \in U_{\alpha}$  if  $a \in U_{\alpha}$  and  $|\mu| \leq 1$ ) and pseudoconvex (that is,

$$U_{\alpha} + U_{\alpha} \subset 2^{\frac{1}{k_{\alpha}}} U_{\alpha}$$

for a  $k_{\alpha} \in (0, 1)$ ) sets  $U_{\alpha}$ . It is well known (see [12], p. 4, or [3], p. 189) that the topology of  $A$  we can give by a family  $\{p_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of  $k_{\alpha}$ -homogeneous seminorms. In particular, when  $A$  is a locally pseudoconvex algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$  in which for each  $a \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  there are positive numbers  $M(a, \alpha)$  and  $N(a, \alpha)$  such that  $p_{\alpha}(ab) \leq M(a, \alpha)p_{\alpha}(b)$  and  $p_{\alpha}(ba) \leq N(a, \alpha)p_{\alpha}(b)$  for all  $b \in A$ , then  $A$  is a *locally absorbingly pseudoconvex* or *locally  $A$ -pseudoconvex* algebra. Furthermore, if all seminorms  $p_{\alpha}$  satisfy the condition  $p_{\alpha}(ab) \leq p_{\alpha}(a)p_{\alpha}(b)$  for all  $a, b \in A$ , then  $A$  is a *locally multiplicatively pseudoconvex* or *locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex* algebra. In case, when  $k_{\alpha} = 1$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $A$  is a *locally convex* (respectively *locally  $A$ -convex* and *locally  $m$ -convex*) algebra. Moreover, if  $A$  has a unit element and the set of all invertible elements  $\text{Inv}A$  of  $A$  is open, then  $A$  is a  *$Q$ -algebra*.

3. Let now  $A$  be a locally pseudoconvex algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$ , the topology of which has been given by a family  $\{p_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of  $k_{\alpha}$ -homogeneous seminorms,  $M$  a closed maximal regular left (right) ideal of  $A$ ,  $A - M$  the quotient space of  $A$  modulo  $M$  endowed with the quotient topology and  $\pi_M$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - M$ . Similarly as in [3], p. 108-109, it is easy to show that the quotient topology on  $A - M$  coincides with the topology defined on  $A - M$  by the family  $\{\dot{p}_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of  $k_{\alpha}$ -homogeneous seminorms, where

$$\dot{p}_{\alpha}(\pi_M(a)) = \inf\{p_{\alpha}(a + m) : m \in M\} \quad (1)$$

for each  $a \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ . The algebraic operations in  $A - M$  we define, as usual, by  $x_1 + x_2 = \pi_M(a_1 + a_2)$  and  $\mu x_1 = \pi_M(\mu a_1)$  for each  $x_1, x_2 \in A - M$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{K}$ ,

<sup>1</sup>Nontriviality and irreducibility of the right  $A$ -module  $X_{\pi}$  are defined similarly.

where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are arbitrary elements of the  $M$ -cosets  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively. Then  $A - M$  is a locally pseudoconvex space.

Let now  $A$  and  $B$  be two locally pseudoconvex spaces, the topologies of which have been given by families  $\{p_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $\{q_\beta : \beta \in \mathcal{B}\}$  of  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous and  $r_\beta$ -homogeneous seminorms respectively. Then a linear mapping  $T$  from  $A$  into  $B$  is continuous if and only if for each  $\beta \in \mathcal{B}$  there exist an index  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  and a constant  $C_{\alpha\beta} > 0$  such that

$$q_\beta(T(a)) \leq C_{\alpha\beta} p_\alpha(a)^{\frac{r_\beta}{k_\alpha}} \tag{2}$$

for each  $a \in A$  (see [3], p. 192).

In particular, when  $A$  is a locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then the topology of  $A$  we can define by such family  $\{p_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of  $k_v$ -homogeneous seminorms (here  $k_v \in (0, 1]$  for each  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ ) which satisfies the condition

$$p_v(ab) \leq p_{v+1}(a)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} p_{v+1}(b)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} \tag{3}$$

for each  $a, b \in A$  and  $v \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [3], p. 207). In this case  $A - M$  is a locally pseudoconvex Fréchet space for each closed maximal regular left (right) ideal  $M$  of  $A$ .

4. Let  $A$  be a topological algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$ . For each element  $a \in A$  and each maximal regular left<sup>2</sup> ideal  $M$  of  $A$  let  $L_a^M$  be a mapping from  $A - M$  into  $A - M$  defined by  $L_a^M(x) = ax$  for each  $x \in A - M$  and let  $L_M$  be a mapping from  $A$  into  $\mathcal{L}(A - M)$  defined by  $L_M(a) = L_a^M$  for each  $a \in A$ . Then  $L_M$  is a representation of  $A$  on  $A - M$ . Since  $a_{L_M} \cdot x = L_a^M(x) = ax$  for each  $a \in A$  and  $x \in A - M$ , then  $L_M(A - M)$  is an irreducible left  $A$ -module. Indeed,  $A_{L_M} \cdot (A - M)$  is not trivial, because any right regular unit element for  $M$  belongs to  $A$ . If  $Y$  is a nontrivial  $A$ -submodule of  $L_M(A - M)$ , then

$$K = \{a \in A : \pi_M(a) \in Y\}$$

is closed with respect to the addition and the multiplications over  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $A$ . Since  $M \subset K$  and  $K \setminus M$  is not empty, then  $K = A$ . But then  $\pi_M(u) \in Y$  and  $A - M = A\pi_M(u) \subset Y$  ( $u$  is a right unit of  $A$  modulo  $M$ ). It means that  $Y = A - M$ . Hence  $L_M(A - M)$  is irreducible. Thus,  $L_M$  is an irreducible representation of  $A$  on  $A - M$ . Herewith,

$$\ker L_M = \{a \in A : aA \subset M\}$$

if  $M$  is a maximal regular left ideal and

$$\ker L_M = \{a \in A : Aa \subset M\}$$

if  $M$  is a maximal regular right ideal of  $A$ . In both cases  $\ker L_M$  is called a *primitive ideal*. A topological algebra  $A$  is a *primitive algebra* if there is a maximal regular left (or right) ideal  $M \subset A$  such that  $\ker L_M = \{\theta_A\}$  and is a *topologically primitive algebra* if this ideal  $M$  is closed. In these cases  $L_M$  is an isomorphism from  $A$  into  $\mathcal{L}(A - M)$ . Since  $L_M(A - M)$  is an irreducible left (and  $(A - M)_{L_M}$  is an irreducible

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<sup>2</sup>The case, when  $M$  is a maximal regular right ideal of  $A$ , is similar.

right)  $A$ -module for each maximal regular left (respectively right) ideal  $M$  of  $A$ , then<sup>3</sup>

$$\mathcal{D}_A^M = \{T \in \mathcal{L}(A - M) : a[T(x)] = T(ax) \text{ for each } a \in A \text{ and } x \in A - M\}$$

is a division subalgebra of  $\mathcal{L}(A - M)$  for each maximal left (respectively right) ideal  $M$  of  $A$  by Schur's lemma (see, for example, [5], p. 127).

For each closed maximal regular left ideal  $M$  of  $A$  and  $a_0 \notin M$  let

$$L_M(a_0) = \{a \in A : aa_0 \in M\}.$$

Then  $L_M(a_0)$  is a closed (proper) left ideal of  $A$ . If  $J$  is a left ideal of  $A$  such that  $L_M(a_0) \subset J$  and  $J \setminus L_M(a_0)$  is not empty, then  $J\pi_M(a_0)$  is a left  $A$ -submodule of  $A - M$  and  $J\pi_M(a_0) \neq \{\theta_{A-M}\}$ . Since  ${}_{L_M} (A - M)$  is irreducible, then  $J\pi_M(a_0) = A - M$ . Therefore there is an element  $e \in J$  such that  $ea_0 - a_0 \in M$ . Hence from  $(a - ae)a_0 = a(a_0 - ea_0) \in M$  follows that  $a - ae \in L_M(a_0) \subset J$  for each  $a \in A$ , because of which  $a = (a - ae) + ae \in J$  for each  $a \in A$ . It means that  $A = J$ , which is not possible. Therefore,  $L_M(a_0)$  is a closed maximal regular left ideal of  $A$ .

In the same way it is easy to show that the set  $\{a \in A : a_0a \in M\}$  is a closed maximal regular right ideal of  $A$  for each closed maximal regular right ideal  $M$  of  $A$ .

## 2 Description of $\mathcal{D}_A^M$

To describe the set  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  in case of locally pseudoconvex algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , we need the following

**Lemma 1.** (see [5], p. 127) *Let  $A$  be an algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $M$  a maximal regular left (right) ideal of  $A$ ,  $a_0 \in A \setminus M$  and  $\pi_L$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - L_M(a_0)$ . For each  $y \in A - L_M(a_0)$  let  $U$  be a mapping from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  into  $A - M$  defined by*

$$U(y) = a\pi_M(a_0) \quad (\text{respectively } U(y) = \pi_M(a_0)a),$$

where  $a$  is any element of  $A$  for which  $y = \pi_L(a)$ . Then  $U$  is a module isomorphism from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  onto  $A - M$ .

*Proof.* If  $a, b \in A$  are such that  $\pi_L(a) = \pi_L(b)$ , then<sup>4</sup>  $(a - b)a_0 \in M$ . Hence  $a\pi_M(a_0) = b\pi_M(a_0)$ . Thus the mapping  $U$  is a well defined linear mapping. If  $U(\pi_L(a)) = \theta_{A-M}$ , then  $a \in L_M(a_0)$ . Therefore  $\pi_L(a) = \theta_{A-L_M(a_0)}$ . It means that  $U$  is injective. For all  $b \in A$  and  $\pi_L(a) \in A - L_M(a_0)$  we have that

$$U(b\pi_L(a)) = U(\pi_L(ba)) = b(a\pi_M(a_0)) = b(U(\pi_L(a))).$$

So  $U$  is a module isomorphism which is surjective because  ${}_{L_M} (A - M)$  is irreducible. ■

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<sup>3</sup>If  $M$  is a maximal regular right ideal of  $A$ , then

$$\mathcal{D}_A^M = \{T \in \mathcal{L}(A - M) : [T(x)]a = T(xa) \text{ for each } a \in A \text{ and } x \in A - M\}.$$

<sup>4</sup>Here and later we present proofs of results only for left ideals, because all the proofs for right ideals are similar.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  with a unit element or a locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  with a unit element. If  $M$  is a closed maximal left (right) ideal of  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

*Proof.* a) Let  $A$  be a locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra, topology of which has been given by a saturated family  $\{p_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous submultiplicative seminorms (here  $k_\alpha \in (0, 1]$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ ),  $M$  a closed maximal left ideal of  $A$ ,  $\pi_M$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - M$ ,  $\pi_L$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - L_M(a_0)$  for a fixed  $a_0 \in A \setminus M$  and  $U$  the module isomorphism from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  onto  $A - M$  defined by Lemma 1. Then

$$U^{-1} \circ T \circ U \in \mathcal{L}(A - L_M(a_0))$$

for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$ . Moreover, if  $y = \pi_L(a) = \pi_L(a')$  and

$$(U^{-1} \circ T)(\pi_M(a_0)) = \pi_L(b_T),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(y) &= U^{-1}[T(a\pi_M(a_0))] = U^{-1}[T(a'\pi_M(a_0))] = \\ &U^{-1}[a'T(\pi_M(a_0))] = a'[(U^{-1} \circ T)(\pi_M(a_0))] = a'\pi_L(b_T). \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $a \in A$  let

$$\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) = \inf\{p_\alpha(a + l) : l \in L_M(a_0)\}. \tag{4}$$

Then  $\{\tilde{p}_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is the family of  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous seminorms on  $A - L_M(a_0)$  which defines the quotient topology on it. Herewith, for each nonzero  $x \in A - L_M(a_0)$  there is an index  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\tilde{p}_{\alpha_0}(x) > 0$ , because  $A - L_M(a_0)$  is a Hausdorff space. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(y)] &= \tilde{p}_\alpha(a'\pi_L(b_T)) = \tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a'b_T)) = \\ &\inf\{p_\alpha(a'b_T + l) : l \in L_M(a_0)\} \leq \inf\{p_\alpha(a'(b_T + l)) : l \in L_M(a_0)\} \leq \\ &p_\alpha(a')\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(b_T)) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $a' \in a + L_M(a_0)$ , then taking the infimum over all elements of  $a + L_M(a_0)$ , we have

$$\tilde{p}_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(y)] \leq K_{\alpha,T} \tilde{p}_\alpha(y)$$

for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $y \in A - L_M(a_0)$ , where  $K_{\alpha,T} > \tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(b_T))$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ . Taking this into account, for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  we can define  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous seminorms  $r_\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  by

$$r_\alpha(T) = \sup_{\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} \tilde{p}_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))]$$

for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$ . Then  $r_\alpha$  is a  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous seminorm on  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ . To show that every  $r_\alpha$  is submultiplicative, for each  $a \in A$  let  $\mu_a = n$  (for any fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) if  $\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) = 0$  and  $\mu_a = (\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)))^{-1}$  if  $\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) > 0$ . Then

$$\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(\mu_a^{\frac{1}{k_\alpha}} a)) \leq 1.$$

Therefore from

$$p_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(\mu_a^{\frac{1}{k_\alpha}} a))] \leq r_\alpha(T)$$

follows that

$$p_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] \leq r_\alpha(T) \tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) \tag{5}$$

for each  $a \in A$  (if  $\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) = 0$ , then from

$$p_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] \leq \frac{1}{n} r_\alpha(T)$$

follows that  $\tilde{p}_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] = 0$ ). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} r_\alpha(T_1 \circ T_2) &= \sup_{\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} p_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ (T_1 \circ T_2) \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] = \\ &\sup_{\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} p_\alpha\{(U^{-1} \circ T_1 \circ U)[(U^{-1} \circ T_2 \circ U)(\pi_L(a))]\} \leq \\ r_\alpha(T_1) &\sup_{\tilde{p}_\alpha(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} p_\alpha[(U^{-1} \circ T_2 \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] \leq r_\alpha(T_1)r_\alpha(T_2) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$ .

Let now  $T$  be a nonzero element of  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$ . Then  $U^{-1} \circ T \circ U$  is a nonzero element of  $\mathcal{L}(A - M)$ . Therefore there is an element  $a \in A$  such that  $(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))$  is nonzero in  $A - L_M(a_0)$ . Taking this into account, there is an index  $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$0 < \tilde{p}_{\alpha_0}[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] \leq r_{\alpha_0}(T) \tilde{p}_{\alpha_0}(\pi_L(a))$$

by (5). Hence  $r_{\alpha_0}(T) > 0$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is a locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff division algebra in the topology defined on  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  by the family  $\{r_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of  $k_\alpha$ -homogeneous submultiplicative seminorms and therefore  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  (see [1], Corollary 1, or [2], Theorem 3.2).

b) Let now  $A$  be a locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\{p_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$  a family of  $k_v$ -homogeneous seminorms on  $A$  with  $k_v \in (0, 1]$  for each  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ , which defines the topology of  $A$ . We can assume that the system  $\{p_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$  satisfies the condition (3) for each  $v \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $a, b \in A$ . Let again  $M$  be a closed maximal left ideal of  $A$ ,  $\pi_M$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - M$  and  $\pi_L$  the canonical homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A - L_M(a_0)$  for some  $a_0 \in A \setminus M$ . Let  $\{\dot{p}_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\{\tilde{p}_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$  denote the families of  $k_v$ -homogeneous seminorms (defined by (1) and (4)), which define the quotient topologies on  $A - M$  and  $A - L_M(a_0)$  respectively, and let  $U$  be the module isomorphism from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  onto  $A - M$  defined by Lemma 1. Then  $A - M$  and  $A - L_M(a_0)$  are locally pseudoconvex Fréchet spaces (because  $M$  and  $L_M(a_0)$  are closed linear subspaces of  $A$ ),  $U^{-1} \circ T \circ U \in \mathcal{L}(A - L_M(a_0))$  for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_v(U(\pi_L(a))) &= \dot{p}_v(a' \pi_M(a_0)) = \dot{p}_v(\pi_M(a' a_0)) = \\ \inf\{p_v(a' a_0 + m) : m \in M\} &\leq \inf\{p_v(a'(a_0 + m)) : m \in M\} \leq \\ p_{v+1}(a')^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} \inf\{p_{v+1}(a_0 + m)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} : m \in M\} &\leq \\ p_{v+1}(a')^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} \dot{p}_{v+1}(\pi_M(a_0))^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} & \end{aligned}$$

for each  $a' \in a + L_M(a_0)$  by (3). Hence

$$\dot{p}_v(U(\pi_L(a))) \leq C_{v,M} \tilde{p}_{v+1}(\pi_L(a))^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}}$$

for each  $\pi_L(a) \in A - L_M(a_0)$  and  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ , where

$$C_{v,M} > \tilde{p}_{v+1}(\pi_M(a_0))^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}}$$

for all  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $U$  is a continuous mapping by (2).

Let now  $a \in A$  and  $y \in A - M$ . Then there is an element  $b \in A$  such that  $y = \pi_M(b)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_v(L_M(a)(y)) &= \dot{p}_v(\pi_M(ab)) = \inf\{p_v(ab + m) : m \in M\} \leq \\ &\inf\{p_v(a(b + m)) : m \in M\} \leq \\ p_{v+1}(a)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} &\inf\{p_{v+1}(b + m)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} : m \in M\} \leq \\ M_v(a) \dot{p}_{v+1}(y)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}} & \end{aligned}$$

by (3), where

$$M_v(a) > p_{v+1}(a)^{\frac{k_v}{k_{v+1}}}$$

for all  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $L_M(a)$  is a continuous mapping for each  $a \in A$  by (2).

Defining seminorms  $r_v$  on  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  similarly as above by

$$r_v(T) = \sup_{\tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} \tilde{p}_v[(U^{-1} \circ T \circ U)(\pi_L(a))]$$

for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$  and  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  (in the topology defined by the family  $\{r_v : v \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ) is a metrizable locally pseudoconvex division algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . To show that  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is complete, let  $(T_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$ . Then for each  $v \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a number  $N = N(v, \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r_v(T_m - T_n) < \varepsilon$  whenever  $m > n > N$ . Hence

$$\tilde{p}_v[(U^{-1} \circ (T_m - T_n) \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] < \varepsilon \tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) \tag{6}$$

whenever  $m > n > N$  for each  $y = \pi_L(a) \in A - L_M(a_0)$  by the inequality (5). Therefore  $((U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(y))$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $A - L_M(a_0)$  for each  $y \in A - L_M(a_0)$ . Since  $A - L_M(a_0)$  is complete, then the sequence  $((U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(y))$  converges in  $A - L_M(a_0)$  for each  $y \in A - L_M(a_0)$ . It means that for each  $a \in A$  there exists the limit

$$T(\pi_L(a)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(\pi_L(a)). \tag{7}$$

It is easy to show that  $T$  is a module homomorphism from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  into  $A - L_M(a_0)$ . Therefore  $U \circ T \circ U^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}((A - M)_{L_M})$ . To show that  $U \circ T \circ U^{-1} \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$ , let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $A - M$ . Then there is an element  $b \in A$  such that  $U^{-1}(x) = \pi_L(b)$ . Since  $U$  is a continuous module isomorphism from  $A - L_M(a_0)$  onto  $A - M$  and  $L_M(a)$  is continuous for each  $a \in A$ , then

$$a[(U \circ T \circ U^{-1})(x)] = (aU)[T(U^{-1}(x))] = (aU)[T(\pi_L(b))] =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (L_M(a) \circ U)[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(\pi_L(b))] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (L_M(a) \circ T_n)(x) = \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a[T_n(x)] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(ax) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n[a(U(\pi_L(b)))] = \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n[U(\pi_L(ab))] &= U[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(\pi_L(ab))] = \\
 (U \circ T)[\pi_L(ab)] &= (U \circ T)[a\pi_L(b)] = (U \circ T)[a(U^{-1}(x))] = \\
 (U \circ T)[U^{-1}(ax)] &= (U \circ T \circ U^{-1})(ax)
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $a \in A$  and  $x \in A - M$ . Consequently,  $U \circ T \circ U^{-1} \in \mathcal{D}_A^M$ .

If now  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (6), then

$$\tilde{p}_v[(T - U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U)(\pi_L(a))] \leq \varepsilon \tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) \tag{8}$$

by (7) whenever  $n > N$  for each  $\pi_L(a) \in A - L_M(a_0)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_v(U \circ T \circ U^{-1} - T_n) &= \sup_{\tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} \tilde{p}_v[(T - (U^{-1} \circ T_n \circ U))(\pi_L(a))] \leq \\
 \sup_{\tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) \leq 1} \varepsilon \tilde{p}_v(\pi_L(a)) &= \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

by (8) whenever  $n > N$ . Consequently, the sequence  $(T_n)$  converges in the topology of  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$ . It means that  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is complete. Thus  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is a locally pseudoconvex Fréchet division algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  and therefore  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  (see again [1], Corollary 1, or [2], Corollary 3.1). ■

### 3 The center of primitive locally pseudoconvex algebras

Let  $A$  be a primitive topological algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . When the center  $Z(A)$  of  $A$  is a field? The following result gives an answer to this question in case of locally pseudoconvex algebras.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A$  be a unital primitive locally  $A$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  or a unital topologically primitive locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then the center  $Z(A)$  of  $A$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a unital primitive locally  $A$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $A$  has a topology  $\tau'$ , finer than  $\tau$  (see [2], Lemma 2.2), such that  $(A, \tau')$  is a locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex Hausdorff algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\beta$  be a base of  $\tau'$  and  $\tau_A$  the topology on  $A$  which subbase is  $\beta_A = \beta \cup \{\text{Inv}A\}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $(A, \tau_A)$  is a locally  $m$ -pseudoconvex  $Q$ -algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Because  $A$  is primitive, then there is a closed maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $A$  such that  $L_M$  is an isomorphism from  $A$  into  $\mathcal{L}(A - M)$ . The same statement is true in case when  $A$  is a unital topologically primitive locally pseudoconvex Fréchet algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since  $L_M(Z(A)) \subset \mathcal{D}_A^M$  and  $\mathcal{D}_A^M$  is topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  in both cases by Theorem 1, then in both cases  $Z(A)$  is also topologically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  (because  $Z(A)$  is a Hausdorff space). ■



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