

**BANACH SPACE ACTIONS,  
ADMISSIBLE ALGEBRAS AND  
GROUP UNIFORMITIES.**

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- A norm–closed subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $C_b(\mathcal{G})$  containing the constant function is called *m-admissible* if it is left–translations invariant, and it is *left-m-introverted*, i.e. for every  $\nu \in \text{MM}(\mathcal{A})$  and every  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  the function  $T_\nu f$ , defined below belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$(T_\nu f)(x) := \langle \nu, L_x f \rangle \quad (x \in \mathcal{G}),$$

- Given an admissible algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  we can define a product on  $\text{MM}(\mathcal{A})$  by  $\mu\nu(f) := \mu(T_\nu f)$ . It can be shown that  $\text{MM}(\mathcal{A})$  with this product and its  $w^*$ -topology is a semigroup compactification of  $\mathcal{G}$  which we shall denote by  $\mathcal{G}^\mathcal{A}$ . Moreover, the functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  are precisely the functions which can be continuously extended to  $\mathcal{G}^\mathcal{A}$ .

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$$g \longmapsto \langle \psi(g)x, y^* \rangle,$$

where  $x \in B$ ,  $y^* \in B^*$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the dual pairing of  $B$  and  $B^*$ .

- The WOT of  $\text{Is}(B)$  is defined as the weakest topology which makes the functions

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- Notice that similar results relating representability to certain admissible algebra exist for many classes of Banach spaces, such as Hilbert spaces, Asplund spaces, Rosenthal spaces (see the work of Eli Glasner and Michael Megrelishvili who also also considered general dynamical systems).

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**Remark.** Many admissible algebras can be defined in this way.

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- A pre-pseudometric  $h$  is a pseudometric precisely when its *triangle deficiency*  $\Theta_h : \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$ , defined by

$$\Theta_h(a, b) = \sup\{h(x, z) : h(x, y) \leq a, h(y, z) \leq b, x, y, z \in X\},$$

satisfies  $\Theta_h(a, b) \leq a + b$ , for every  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}^+$ . We shall be interested in pre-pseudometrics whose triangle deficiency function enjoys the following continuity property.

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- In order for the triangle deficiency function  $\Theta_h$  to satisfy the above condition it suffices that the pre-pseudometric  $h$  satisfies a condition related to the notion of uniform equivalence which is stated in the following definition.

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- The triangle deficiency of every locally continuous pre-pseudometric is a TD-function.

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**Proof.** (Idea for the metric case.) Construct the pre-metric

$$h(x, y) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_n(x^{-1}y)}{2^{n+1}}$$

using functions  $f_n \in \mathcal{A}$  which generate the topology of  $\mathcal{G}$  and correct it.  $\square$

**Thank you!**