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LOCALLY M-PSEUDOCONVEX TOPOLOGIES ON
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Abstract. Let (A, T) be a locally A-pseudoconvex algebra over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . We define a new topology $m(T)$ on A which is the weakest among all m-pseudoconvex topologies on A stronger than T . We describe a family of non-homogeneous seminorms on A which defines the topology $m(T)$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let A be a *locally A-pseudoconvex algebra*. This means that A is an associative algebra over \mathbb{K} (where \mathbb{K} is either the field \mathbb{C} of complex numbers or \mathbb{R} of real numbers) equipped with a topology T given by a base $\{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ of neighbourhoods of zero in which each U_λ is A-pseudoconvex. So for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, U_λ is balanced, pseudoconvex (i.e. for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ there is a number $r_\lambda \in (0, 1]$ such that $U_\lambda + U_\lambda \subset 2^{1/r_\lambda}U_\lambda$) and absorbs the set $xU_\lambda \cup U_\lambda x$ for all $x \in A$. For each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ let p_λ be a mapping (the r_λ -homogeneous gauge of U_λ) defined by

$$p_\lambda(x) = \inf\{|\mu|^{r_\lambda} : x \in \mu \operatorname{conv}_{r_\lambda} U_\lambda\}$$

for all $x \in A$ (here $\operatorname{conv}_{r_\lambda} U_\lambda$ means the absolutely r_λ -convex hull of U_λ). Now p_λ is an r_λ -homogeneous A-pseudoconvex seminorm on A (here the numbers r_λ may vary). The A-pseudoconvexity of a seminorm p_λ means that for each $x \in A$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$ there exist positive numbers $L(x, \lambda)$ and $R(x, \lambda)$ (depending on x and λ) such that $p_\lambda(xy) \leq L(x, \lambda)p_\lambda(y)$ and $p_\lambda(yx) \leq R(x, \lambda)p_\lambda(y)$ for all $y \in A$. Denote this family of seminorms on A by \mathcal{P} and the corresponding topology on A by $T(\mathcal{P})$.

Now we clearly have $T(\mathcal{P}) = T$. If every $p_\lambda \in \mathcal{P}$ is m-pseudoconvex (i.e. if each p_λ is submultiplicative) then $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ is called a locally m-pseudoconvex algebra. In this case (A, T) has a base of neighbourhoods of zero, each element of which is m-pseudoconvex (i.e. is idempotent, balanced and pseudoconvex). If $r_\lambda = 1$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then each p_λ is A-convex and $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ is called a locally A-convex algebra, and if moreover each p_λ is submultiplicative, then $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ is called a locally m-convex algebra.

For locally pseudoconvex algebras see [1], [2] or [13] and for locally A-convex algebras see e.g. [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [9], [10] or [11].

2. MAIN RESULTS

It was shown in [9] that for each locally A-convex topology T on A there exists on A the weakest locally m-convex topology, say $m(T)$, which is stronger than T . We shall give a detailed proof of this fact for the locally A-pseudoconvex case.

Theorem 1. *Let (A, T) be a locally A-pseudoconvex algebra, \mathcal{B} the set of all A-pseudoconvex neighbourhoods of zero on A and $\mathcal{B}' = \{\varepsilon U' : \varepsilon \in (0, 1], U \in \mathcal{B}\}$ where $U' = \{x \in U : xU \cup Ux \subset U\}$. Then U' is r_U -convex if U is and \mathcal{B}' forms a subbase of the neighbourhoods of zero for a locally m-pseudoconvex topology $m(T)$ on A which is stronger than T . In particular, if (A, T) is a locally m-pseudoconvex algebra, then $m(T) = T$.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{E} be the family of all finite intersections of elements of \mathcal{B}' . Clearly \mathcal{E} is a basis for a filter on A . It is easy to see that every $E \in \mathcal{E}$ is balanced and absorbent and U' is r_U -convex if U is. Let now $E = \bigcap_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k U'_k$, where $\gamma_k = \varepsilon_k 2^{-1/r_{U_k}}$, $\varepsilon_k \in (0, 1]$ and $U_k \in \mathcal{B}$ for each $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$; then $F \in \mathcal{E}$. If x_1 and $x_2 \in F$, then for each $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ there exist elements $y_{(1,k)}, y_{(2,k)} \in U'_k$ for which $x_1 = \gamma_k y_{(1,k)}$ and $x_2 = \gamma_k y_{(2,k)}$ and

$$(x_1 + x_2)U_k \cup U_k(x_1 + x_2) \subset \gamma_k(U_k + U_k) \subset \gamma_k 2^{1/r_{U_k}} U_k \subset \varepsilon_k U_k.$$

Hence every E defines a F such that $F + F \subset E$. Therefore by Theorem 2.1 of [8], p. 13, there exists a topology $m(T)$ on A for which $(A, m(T))$ is a topological vector space and \mathcal{E} is a base of neighbourhoods of zero for the topology $m(T)$. To show that every $E \in \mathcal{E}$ is m-pseudoconvex let x_1 and $x_2 \in E$. Since $E = \bigcap_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k U'_k$ for

some $\varepsilon_k \in (0, 1]$ and $U_k \in \mathcal{B}$, we have

$$(x_1x_2)U_k \cup U_k(x_1x_2) \subset \varepsilon_k(x_1U_k \cup U_kx_2) \subset \varepsilon_k^2U_k \subset \varepsilon_kU_k$$

and

$$(x_1 + x_2)U_k \cup U_k(x_1 + x_2) \subset \varepsilon_k(U_k + U_k) \subset 2^{1/r_{U_k}}\varepsilon_kU_k \subset 2^{1/r}\varepsilon_kU_k$$

for all $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, where $r = \min\{r_{U_1}, r_{U_2}, \dots, r_{U_n}\}$. Thus each $E \in \mathcal{E}$ is idempotent and pseudoconvex. This shows that $m(T)$ is a locally m-pseudoconvex topology on A which is stronger than T , since $U' \subset U$ for each $U \in \mathcal{B}$. In particular, if each $U \in \mathcal{B}$ is idempotent (which means that T is locally m-pseudoconvex), then $U' = U$ and thus $T = m(T)$. \square

Theorem 2. *Let (A_1, T_1) and (A_2, T_2) be two locally A-pseudoconvex algebras and φ a continuous isomorphism from (A_1, T_1) onto (A_2, T_2) . Then φ is a continuous isomorphism from $(A_1, m(T_1))$ onto $(A_2, m(T_2))$.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_2 be the sets of all A-pseudoconvex neighbourhoods of zero of the algebras (A_1, T_1) and (A_2, T_2) , respectively. Let \mathcal{B}'_1 and \mathcal{B}'_2 be the subbases of neighbourhoods of zero for the algebras $(A_1, m(T_1))$ and $(A_2, m(T_2))$, respectively, defined in the proof of Theorem 1. If $E \in \mathcal{B}'_2$ is arbitrary, then there exist a set $V \in \mathcal{B}_2$ and $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ such that $E = \varepsilon V'$ where $V' = \{x \in V : xV \cup Vx \subset V\}$. Since φ is a continuous surjection, $U = \varphi^{-1}(V)$ is a neighbourhood of zero in (A_1, T_1) and $\varphi(U) = V$. Clearly U is an A-pseudoconvex subset of A_1 , since φ is an isomorphism, which implies that $U \in \mathcal{B}_1$. Let now $x \in U'$ be given. Then

$$\varphi(x)V \cup V\varphi(x) = \varphi(x)\varphi(U) \cup \varphi(U)\varphi(x) = \varphi(xU \cup Ux) \subset \varphi(U) = V.$$

This shows that $\varphi(U') \subset V'$ implies $\varphi(\varepsilon U') \subset \varepsilon V' = E$. As $\varepsilon U' \in \mathcal{B}_1$, it follows that φ is a continuous map from $(A_1, m(T_1))$ onto $(A_2, m(T_2))$.

Corollary 1. *Let T be a locally A-pseudoconvex topology on A and let T_1 be an arbitrary locally m-pseudoconvex topology on A which is stronger than T . Then $m(T)$ is weaker than T_1 .*

Proof. Let I be the identity map on A . Then I is a continuous isomorphism from (A, T_1) onto (A, T) . Therefore I is also continuous as a map from $(A, m(T_1))$ onto $(A, m(T))$ by Theorem 2. Since T_1 is locally m-pseudoconvex, we have $m(T_1) = T_1$ by Theorem 1. Hence $m(T)$ is weaker than T_1 . \square

Corollary 2. *Let T_1 and T_2 be two locally A-pseudoconvex topologies on A . If T_1 is weaker than T_2 , then $m(T_1)$ is weaker than $m(T_2)$.*

Proof. Let I be the identity map on A . If T_1 is weaker than T_2 , then I is a continuous isomorphism from (A, T_2) onto (A, T_1) . Therefore, I is also continuous as a map from $(A, m(T_2))$ onto $(A, m(T_1))$ by Theorem 2. Hence $m(T_1)$ is weaker than $m(T_2)$. \square

3. SEMINORMS DEFINING $m(T)$

Let $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ be a locally A-pseudoconvex algebra, where \mathcal{P} is a family of all continuous r_λ -homogeneous A-pseudoconvex seminorms on (A, T) with $r_\lambda \in (0, 1]$, defining the topology $T(\mathcal{P})$. We shall now give a description of seminorms which define the topology $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$. To this end it let

$$\tilde{p}_\lambda(x) = \sup_{p_\lambda(y) \leq 1} \max\{p_\lambda(xy), p_\lambda(yx)\}$$

for each $x \in A$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$ (see [12], p. 19). Then \tilde{p}_λ is an r_λ -homogeneous submultiplicative seminorm on A for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and the family $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \{\tilde{p}_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ defines on A a topology $T(\tilde{\mathcal{P}})$ which is not necessarily a Hausdorff topology even though $T(\mathcal{P})$ is. Let now

$$q_\lambda(x) = \max\{p_\lambda(x), \tilde{p}_\lambda(x)\}$$

for each $x \in A$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Then q_λ is an r_λ -homogeneous and submultiplicative seminorm on A for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Let $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. Then $T(\mathcal{Q})$ is a locally m-pseudoconvex topology on A which is stronger than $T(\mathcal{P})$.

In [9] the case has been considered when $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ is a locally A-convex algebra and it was stated without proof that $m(T(\mathcal{P})) = T(\mathcal{Q})$ where the seminorms q_λ are defined by $q_\lambda(x) = \max\{p_\lambda(x), \tilde{p}_\lambda(x)\}$ with $\tilde{p}_\lambda(x) = \sup_{p_\lambda(y) \leq 1} p_\lambda(xy)$ for each $x \in A$.

We will show that the results of Oubbi and Oudadess in [9] and [11] are in fact valid not only for the locally A-convex case, but also for the locally A-pseudoconvex case.

Theorem 3. *Let (A, T) be a locally A-pseudoconvex algebra and let \mathcal{P} be the family of all continuous r_λ -homogeneous A-pseudoconvex seminorms on (A, T) defining the topology T . Then $m(T(\mathcal{P})) = T(\mathcal{Q})$. Furthermore, $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ is separated if and only if $T(\mathcal{P})$ is separated.*

Proof. By Corollary 1, $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ is weaker than $T(\mathcal{Q})$. To show that $T(\mathcal{Q})$ coincides with $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ let O be an arbitrary element in the base of the neighbourhoods of zero for the topology $T(\mathcal{Q})$. Then there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \Lambda$ such that

$$O = \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{x \in A : q_{\lambda_k}(x) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Furthermore, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ let U_λ be the A -pseudoconvex neighbourhood of zero which defines on A the r_λ -homogeneous seminorm p_λ . Let U'_λ be the element of the subbase of the neighbourhoods of zero for the topology $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ defined in Theorem 1 and let p'_λ be the r_λ -homogeneous gauge of U'_λ . Suppose that $x \in A$ is an element for which $p'_\lambda(x) \leq 1$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $x_n = (1 - 1/n)x$. Then $p'_\lambda(x_n) = |1 - 1/n|^{r_\lambda} p'_\lambda(x) < 1$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Furthermore, let $y \in A$ be an element for which $p_\lambda(y) \leq 1$ and let $y_n = (1 - 1/n)y$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. As above we have $p_\lambda(y_n) < 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $x_n \in \text{conv}_{r_\lambda} U'_\lambda$ and $y_n \in \text{conv}_{r_\lambda} U_\lambda$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $U'_\lambda U_\lambda \subset U_\lambda$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, it follows that $\text{conv}_{r_\lambda} U'_\lambda \text{conv}_{r_\lambda} U_\lambda \subset \text{conv}_{r_\lambda} U_\lambda$. This implies that $p_\lambda(x_n y_n) \leq 1$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\lambda(x_n y_n - xy) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\lambda \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 xy - xy \right) \\ &= p_\lambda(xy) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 - 1 \right|^{r_\lambda} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

we have $p_\lambda(xy) \leq 1$. So we have shown that $p_\lambda(xy) \leq 1$ if $p'_\lambda(x) \leq 1$ and $p_\lambda(y) \leq 1$. In the same way we have also $p_\lambda(yx) \leq 1$ if $p'_\lambda(x) \leq 1$ and $p_\lambda(y) \leq 1$. This implies that the condition $p'_\lambda(x) \leq 1$ yields that $\tilde{p}_\lambda(x) \leq 1$. Let now $r = \max\{r_{\lambda_1}, r_{\lambda_2}, \dots, r_{\lambda_n}\}$, $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon^{1/r})$ and

$$U = \delta \bigcap_{k=1}^n U'_{\lambda_k}.$$

Then U is a neighbourhood of zero in A in the topology $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$. Thus there exists an element, say V , of the base of the neighbourhoods of zero of A in the topology $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ such that $V \subset U$. To show that $V \subset O$ let $x \in V$ be given. Since $V \subset \delta U'_{\lambda_k} \subset \delta \text{conv}_{r_{\lambda_k}} U'_{\lambda_k}$ for each k , we have $x = \delta u_k$ for some $u_k \in \text{conv}_{r_{\lambda_k}} U'_{\lambda_k}$. Therefore it follows from $p'_{\lambda_k}(u_k) \leq \delta^{r_{\lambda_k}}$ that $\tilde{p}_{\lambda_k}(x) \leq \delta^{r_{\lambda_k}}$ for all k . As $U'_{\lambda_k} \subset U_{\lambda_k}$ we have $\text{conv}_{r_{\lambda_k}} U'_{\lambda_k} \subset \text{conv}_{r_{\lambda_k}} U_{\lambda_k}$ for each k . Hence $p_{\lambda_k}(x) \leq \delta^{r_{\lambda_k}}$ for each k . Consequently, it follows from $x \in V$ that $q_{\lambda_k}(x) \leq \delta^{r_{\lambda_k}}$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. But this means that $V \subset O$ and we have shown that $T(\mathcal{Q}) = m(T(\mathcal{P}))$.

To show that $T(\mathcal{Q})$ is separated if and only if $T(\mathcal{P})$ is separated it suffices to show that $\ker q_\lambda = \ker p_\lambda$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Let $\lambda \in \Lambda$ be given. Clearly $\ker q_\lambda \subset \ker p_\lambda$. On

the other hand if $x \in \ker p_\lambda$, then $p_\lambda(xy) = p_\lambda(yx) = 0$ for all $y \in A$. This implies that $\tilde{p}_\lambda(x) = 0$ and thus also $q_\lambda(x) = 0$. So $\ker q_\lambda = \ker p_\lambda$, which completes the proof. \square

Let now $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ be a locally A-pseudoconvex algebra. We say that $T(\mathcal{P})$ is *weakly regular* if for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ there is a constant $m_\lambda > 0$ such that $p_\lambda(x) \leq m_\lambda \tilde{p}_\lambda(x)$ for all $x \in A$. Note that if A has a unit element (denoted by e), then $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ is weakly regular (we can take $m_\lambda = p_\lambda(e)$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, see [4]).

Corollary 3. *Let $(A, T(\mathcal{P}))$ be as in Theorem 3. If $T(\mathcal{P})$ is weakly regular (in particular if A has a unit), then $m(T(\mathcal{P}))$ is equivalent to $T(\widetilde{\mathcal{P}})$.*

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