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1. Let A be a closed separating subalgebra of C(X), X compact, with maximal ideal space  $\mathfrak{M}_A$  and Šilov boundary  $\partial_A$ . Naturally A can also be viewed as a closed subalgebra of  $C(\mathfrak{M}_A)$  or  $C(\partial_A)$ .

Call A analytic on X if the vanishing of  $f \in A$  on a non-void open subset of X implies  $f \equiv 0$ , or simply analytic if this holds for  $X = \mathfrak{M}_A$ . Recently Kenneth Hoffman asked if the analyticity of A on  $\partial_A$ implied analyticity on  $\mathfrak{M}_A$ ; the present note is devoted to a counterexample.<sup>1</sup> Evidently such an example, analytic on its Šilov boundary, must be an integral domain, so our algebra is a non-analytic integral domain.

The example was suggested by, and utilizes, an interpolation theorem of Rudin and Carleson [5, 9], recently generalized by Bishop [3], which in fact permits the construction of a variety of unfamiliar tractable subalgebras of familiar algebras; consequently we shall discuss the construction in more generality than is absolutely necessary. Finally we give a slightly more complicated example which is also dirichlet.

NOTATION. M(X) will denote the space of (finite complex regular Borel) measures  $\mu$  on X; for such a  $\mu$ ,  $\mu$  is orthogonal to  $A(\mu \perp A)$  if  $\mu(f) = \int f d\mu = 0$ , f in A. And  $\mu_F$  will denote the usual restriction of  $\mu$  to  $F \subset X$ , while  $f \mid F$  will be the restriction of a function f,  $A \mid F$ the set  $\{f \mid F : f \in A\}$ . An algebra A will always be assumed to contain the constants.

Our construction is based on the following fact.
(2.1) Suppose F is a closed subset of X, and μ<sub>F</sub> = 0 for all μ in M(X) orthogonal to A. Then<sup>2</sup>
(2.1.1) A | F = C(F) [3]
(2.1.2) if X is metric, F is a peak set of A, i.e., there is an f in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After this note was completed, I found that analyticity of A on  $\mathfrak{M}_A$  implies analyticity on  $\partial_A$ ; this will appear in a subsequent paper.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  (2.11) is Bishop's generalization of the Rudin-Carleson result mentioned before, which applies to the special case in which A is the "disc algebra" and F a subset of measure zero of the unit circle. (2.12) will actually be avoided in the specific examples we construct.

A with f(F) = 1 and |f| < 1 on  $X \setminus F$  [7, 4.8].

Now suppose we are given two uniformly closed algebras  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , as subalgebras of  $C(\mathfrak{M}_1)$ ,  $C(\mathfrak{M}_2)$ , where  $\mathfrak{M}_i = \mathfrak{M}_{A_i}$  is metric, i = 1, 2. Further suppose  $\partial_2 = \partial_{A_2}$  is homeomorphic to a (compact) subset F of  $\partial_1$  satisfying the hypothesis of (2.1) with  $A = A_1$ ,  $X = \partial_1$ , so that  $A_1 | F = C(F)$ . Identifying F and  $\partial_2$  (via some homeomorphism) we may form a compact metric space  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}_1 \cup \mathfrak{M}_2$  containing each  $\mathfrak{M}_i$  as a subspace, with  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \cap \mathfrak{M}_2 = F = \partial_2$ . Now form the closed subalgebra A of  $C(\mathfrak{M})$  consisting of those f with  $f | \mathfrak{M}_i$  in  $A_i$ , i = 1, 2. (Since  $\partial_2 \subset \partial_1$ , A may also be viewed as a closed subalgebra of  $A_1$ .)

The consequences of (2.1) for A are the following facts.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathfrak{M}_{A} = \mathfrak{M}_{A} \\ \mathfrak{M}_{A} = \mathfrak{H}_{A} \\ \mathfrak{H}_{A} = \mathfrak{H}_{A} \end{array}$$

(2.4)  $k\mathfrak{M}_2 = \{f \in A : f(\mathfrak{M}_2) = 0\}$  separates the points of  $\mathfrak{M} \setminus \mathfrak{M}_2$ .

In particular (2.4) implies there are many functions in A vanishing on the (possibly void) open subset  $\mathfrak{M}\backslash\mathfrak{M}_1 = \mathfrak{M}_2\backslash\partial_2$  of  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}_4$ .

Note that since  $A_1 | F = C(F)$ , for any f in  $A_2$ ,  $f | \partial_2 = f | F$  has an extension to  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  in  $A_1$ ; consequently f itself has an extension to  $\mathfrak{M}$  in A. Thus

$$A \mid \mathfrak{M}_2 = A_2 ,$$

and A separates the points of  $\mathfrak{M}_2$ . On the other hand trivially (2.6) f in  $A_1$  and  $f(F) = f(\partial_2) = 0$  imply f has an extension  $(\equiv 0 \text{ on } \mathfrak{M}_2)$  in A.

Now the f in  $A_1$  satisfying the hypothesis of (2.6) form an ideal kF of  $A_1$ , and of course the quotient algebra  $A_1/kF$  has the hull of kF as its maximal ideal space. But  $A_1/kF$  is naturally isomorphic to  $A_1|F = C(F)$ , so that F is the maximal ideal space, hence the hull of kF. So (as is well known and easily proved) the Banach algebra kF has

(2.7) 
$$\partial_{kF} = \partial_1 \backslash F = \partial_1 \backslash \partial_2$$
,  $\mathfrak{M}_{kF} = \mathfrak{M}_1 \backslash F$ .

Hence from the trivial relation (2.6),  $k\mathfrak{M}_2 = \{f \in A : f(\mathfrak{M}_2) = 0\}$  separates the points of  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \setminus F = \mathfrak{M} \setminus \mathfrak{M}_2$ , yielding (2.4), and separates any element of  $\mathfrak{M} \setminus \mathfrak{M}_2$  from one of  $\mathfrak{M}_2$ . Since A separates the points of  $\mathfrak{M}_2$  by (2.5), A separates  $\mathfrak{M}$ , and  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a subspace of  $\mathfrak{M}_4$ . Moreover by (2.6) kF and  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$  are isomorphic, whence  $\partial_{k\mathfrak{M}_2} = \partial_1 \setminus \partial_2$ , so that

$$\partial_1 \langle \partial_2 \subset \partial_A \rangle$$

The remainder of (2.2) now follows by a standard argument: if a multiplicative linear functional  $\varphi$  on A vanishes on  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$ , hence corresponds to an element of  $\mathfrak{M}_{4/k\mathfrak{M}_2}$ , then the isomorphism of  $A/k\mathfrak{M}_2$  and  $A \mid \mathfrak{M}_2 = A_2$  shows  $\varphi$  arises from a point in  $\mathfrak{M}_2 \subset \mathfrak{M}$ . But if  $\varphi$  does not vanish on  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$  it provides a nonzero functional on this algebra,

hence on kF, and (since  $\mathfrak{M}_{kF} = \mathfrak{M}_1 \backslash F$ ) we have some x in  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  for which  $\varphi(f) = f(x)$ , f in  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$ . Choosing f in  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$  with  $f(x) = \varphi(f) = 1$ , we have fg in  $k\mathfrak{M}_2$  for any g in A, so  $\varphi(g) = \varphi(fg) = fg(x) = g(x)$ .

For (2.3), we already have  $\partial_A \subset \partial_1$  (since  $f \in A$  assumes its maximum modulus on  $\partial_1$  by the definition of A) and  $\partial_1 \setminus \partial_2 \subset \partial_A$  by (2.8). Consequently (2.3) follows immediately if  $F = \partial_2$  is nowhere dense in  $\partial_1$  (as in the case of our examples to follow) since  $\partial_1 = (\partial_1 \setminus \partial_2)^- \subset \partial_A$ .

For the general case we need only show x in  $\partial_2$  lies in  $\partial_4$ , and for this part of the argument we shall restrict our attention to  $\partial_1$ and regard A and  $A_1$  as subalgebras of  $C(\partial_1)$ ,  $A_2$  as one of  $C(\partial_2)$ . By (2.12) (with  $X = \partial_1$ ,  $F = \partial_2$  and  $A_1$  our algebra) we have an element f of  $A_1$  peaking on F, so f(F) = 1, |f| < 1 on  $\partial_1 \setminus F$ ; and of course  $f \in A$ . For our x in  $\partial_2$  and any open neighborhood U of x in  $\partial_1$  we know there is a  $g_2$  in  $A_2$  assuming its maximum modulus over  $\partial_2 - 1$ say—only within  $\partial_2 \cap U$ , and by (2.5)  $g_2$  has an extension g in A. Moreover for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|g_2| < 1 - \varepsilon$  on  $\partial_2 \setminus U$ , so  $|g| < 1 - \varepsilon$  on some open subset V of  $\partial_1$  containing  $\partial_2 \setminus U$ . Since  $\partial_2$  is contained in the open subset  $U \cup V$  of  $\partial_1$ , sup  $|f(\partial_1 \setminus (U \cup V))| < 1$ , so  $|f^n g| < 1 - \varepsilon$  on  $\partial_1 \setminus (U \cup V)$  for some *n*, while  $|f^n g| \leq |g| < 1 - \varepsilon$  on *V*. Thus  $|f^ng| < 1 - \varepsilon$  on  $\partial_1 \setminus U$ ; since  $f^ng = g$  on  $\partial_2$  the element  $f^ng$  of A assumes its maximum modulus 1 only within U, whence  $x \in \partial_A$  and  $\partial_2 \subset \partial_A$ as desired.

2.2 REMARK. (2.2)-(2.4) apply to a more general construction; for with  $F \subset \partial_1$  having  $\mu_F = 0$  for all  $\mu$  in  $M(\partial_1)$  orthogonal to  $A_1$  as before, and  $\rho$  any (not one-to-one) continuous map of F onto  $\partial_2$  we can set

$$A = \{f \in A_1 : f \mid F \in A_2 \circ \rho\}$$

and again arrive at the same conclusions. Here, of course, in forming  $\mathfrak{M}$  there is some identification of points in F, while  $\partial_A$  is  $\partial_1$  with just such identifications. (An appropriate modification of (4.1) below can also be obtained in this setting.)

3. We can now write down our example. Let  $A_1$  be the disc algebra of all functions continuous in the disc  $D = \{z : |z| \leq 1\}$  and analytic on |z| < 1. Let  $A_2$  be Rudin's algebra [10] of all functions continuous on the Riemann sphere S and analytic off a compact perfect 0-dimensional subset E of the plane with  $E \cap U$  void or of positive plane measure for each open U. Then<sup>3</sup>  $E = \partial_2$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_2 = S$  [2].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This follows from the argument of [10, p. 826]. For if U is open in S and  $E \cap U \neq \phi$  is open and closed in E then—with  $E \cap U$  in place of E—[10] shows there are non-constant f in C(S) analytic off  $E \cap U$ , hence elements of A assuming their maximum modulus only within  $E \cap U$ .

Now pick a Cantor set F of measure 0 on the unit circle  $T^1 = \partial_1$  so  $\mu_F = 0$  for each  $\mu$  in  $M(T^1)$  orthogonal to  $A_1$  by the F. and M. Riesz theorem [8].  $E = \partial_2$  and F are homeomorphic so we may identify these sets as before, in effect tacking S onto D along F. Our algebra A on the resulting space  $\mathfrak{M} = D \cup S$  consists of all functions continuous on an open subset of  $\partial_A = \partial_1 = T^1$  must vanish on  $\mathfrak{M}$  and analytic off  $T^1$ .

Now  $S \setminus E = \mathfrak{M}_2 \setminus F$  is a non-void open subset of  $\mathfrak{M}_A = \mathfrak{M}$  on which nonzero elements of A do vanish by (2.4); but an f in A which vanishes on all of  $T^1$ , being analytic on the interior of D, whence  $f \equiv 0$ .

4. We conclude with a modification of our example in which our nonanalytic integral domain is also a dirichlet algebra on its  $\check{S}$ ilov boundary [8]. In order to see the example is dirichlet, we require the following additional information, which holds in the context of §2.

Let  $A, A_1, A_2$  again be as in §2. Let  $A_i^{\perp}$  denote the measures on  $\partial_i$  orthogonal to  $A_i$ , and  $A^{\perp}$  those on  $\partial_A = \partial_1$  orthogonal to A. (Since  $\partial_2 \subset \partial_1$ , we shall view  $A_2^{\perp}$  as consisting of measures on  $\partial_1$ .) Then

(4.1) 
$$A^{\perp} = A_1^{\perp} + A_2^{\perp}$$
.

(4.1) is a consequence of an argument of Browder and Wermer [4]. To obtain it, consider the weak\* closed subspaces  $A^{\perp}$ ,  $A_i^{\perp}$  of the dual  $M(\partial_1)$  of  $C(\partial_1)$ . Clearly  $A_i^{\perp} \subset A^{\perp}$ , so  $A_1^{\perp} + A_2^{\perp} \subset A^{\perp}$ . On the other hand any f in  $C(\partial_1)$  orthogonal to  $A_1^{\perp} + A_2^{\perp}$  has  $f \mid \partial_i$  in  $A_i \mid \partial_i$ , so  $f \mid \partial_i$  has an extension  $g_i$  in  $A_i$ , i = 1, 2; and evidently  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  combine to yield an extension g of f,  $g \in A$ . So  $f \in A \mid \partial_1$ , which shows  $A_1^{\perp} + A_2^{\perp}$  is weak\* dense in  $A^{\perp}$ .

So it suffices to prove  $A_1^{\perp} + A_2^{\perp}$  is weak\* closed in  $M(\partial_1)$ . But by hypothesis  $\mu_{\partial_2} = 0$  for all  $\mu$  in  $A_1^{\perp}$ , so  $\mu$  in  $A_1^{\perp}$  and  $\nu$  in  $A_2^{\perp}$  are mutually singular, and  $||\mu + \nu|| = ||\mu|| + ||\nu||$ . Consequently the argument of Browder and Wermer [4] applies to complete the proof of (4.1).

Now let  $Z^2$  be the lattice points in the plane,  $\alpha$  an irrational real number, and H the half-space of  $Z^2$  of all (m, n) with

$$mlpha+n\geq 0$$
 .

Let  $A_1$  be the closed algebra of continuous functions on the torus  $T^2$  spanned by the characters of  $T^2$  corresponding to the elements of the semigroup H; alternatively  $A_1$  consists of those f in  $C(T^2)$  with Fourier coefficients vanishing off H. A description of  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  can be found in [1]; but here we only need the fact that  $\partial_1 = T^2$  [1], and that  $A_1$  is a dirichlet algebra on  $T^2$ .

Let F be the subset  $T^1 \times \{1\}$  of  $T^2$ . Then from an extension of the F. and M. Riesz theorem obtained recently by K. de Leeuw and the

author [6] we have<sup>4</sup> (i)  $\mu_F = 0$  for all  $\mu$  in  $M(T^2)$  orthogonal to  $A_1$  [6, Th. 3.1], while (ii) any f in  $A_1$  which vanishes on an open subset of  $T^2$  vanishes identically [6, Th. 4.1]. From (i) we can apply our construction, identifying F with the boundary of the disc D, taking  $A_2$  as the disc algebra. The resulting algebra A again contains nonzero elements vanishing on an open subset of  $\mathfrak{M}_4$ —the interior of D— and again is analytic on  $\partial_A = T^2$  by (ii).

And A is dirichlet on  $T^2$  by (4.1): for if  $\lambda$  is any real measure in  $M(T^2)$  orthogonal to A, so that  $\lambda = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ ,  $\mu_i$  in  $A_i^{\perp}$ , then  $\mu_2 = \lambda_F$ ,  $\mu_1 = \lambda_{F'}$ , by (i). Consequently  $\mu_i$  is a real measure on  $\partial_i$  orthogonal to  $A_i$ , hence zero since  $A_i$  is dirichlet on  $\partial_i$ .

Finally, note that A has a simple description as a subalgebra of  $C(T^2)$ : viewing  $T^1$  as the reals mod  $2\pi$ , A consists of all f with

$$\int_0^{2lpha} \int_0^{2lpha} f( heta,arphi) e^{-i(m heta+narphi)} d heta darphi = 0 \;, \qquad \qquad mlpha + n < 0 \;, \ \int_0^{2lpha} f(0,arphi) e^{-inarphi} darphi = 0 \;, \qquad \qquad n < 0 \;.$$

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Here the map  $\psi$  of [6] taking  $Z^2$  into R is  $(m, n) \rightarrow m\alpha + n$ .

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