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**1. Introduction.** The object of this paper is to prove the ideal-theoretic version of Wiener's tauberian theorem for algebras which we will call *group algebras of vector-valued functions*. These algebras are defined as follows. Let  $G = \{a, b, \dots\}$  denote a locally compact abelian group and let  $X = \{x, y, \dots\}$  represent a complex commutative Banach algebra. Our group algebra  $B = B(G, X)$  consists of the set of all measurable absolutely integrable functions defined over  $G$  with values in  $X$ . Of course we must identify functions which differ on sets of Haar measure 0. As norm for an element  $f \in B$  we take

$$\|f\|_B = \int_G |f(a)|_X da .$$

(Hereafter, we will omit an indication of the domain of integration if the integral is taken over the entire group  $G$ .) The space  $B(G, X)$  is known to be complete in the given norm [4]. Further, we introduce into  $B$  the following operations

$$(f + g)(a) = f(a) + g(a) , \quad (\lambda f)(a) = \lambda f(a)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a complex number, and

$$(f * g)(a) = \int f(b)g(a-b) db$$

where the integral is taken in the sense of Bochner [1, 4] with respect to Haar measure  $db$ . The algebra  $B(G, X)$  thus becomes, as is easily shown, a complex commutative Banach algebra which specializes into the classical group algebra  $L(G)$  if  $X$  is chosen as the complex numbers. It is these algebras  $B(G, X)$  which will be the object of our study.

The tauberian theorem for  $B(G, X)$  will be proved by appealing to a theorem in the general theory of Banach algebras (see [5], p. 85 corollary, or [6], Theorem 38.) This latter result might be designated as the "general tauberian theorem." It says that if a complex commutative  $B$ -algebra  $Y$  is semi-simple, regular, and is such that the set of  $y \in Y$  with  $\phi_M(y)$  having compact support in  $\mathfrak{M}(Y)$  is dense in  $Y$ , then every proper closed ideal in  $Y$  is contained in a regular maximal ideal.

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Here  $\mathfrak{M}(Y)$  denotes the space (in the usual weak topology) of regular maximal ideals in  $Y$  and  $\phi_M$  represents the canonical homomorphism from  $Y$  onto the complex numbers associated with an  $M \in \mathfrak{M}(Y)$ . It will be taken as known that the classical group algebra  $L(G)$  satisfies the hypotheses of this general tauberian theorem. This amounts, then, to assuming the tauberian theorem in the case of  $L(G)$ . It will also be assumed, but only in the final theorem of the paper, that the range space  $X$  meets the conditions of the general tauberian theorem. It is clear, therefore, that the proof of the tauberian theorem for  $B(G, X)$  found here, does not yield a new proof in the case of  $L(G)$ . However, this paper does provide, it is hoped, an interesting application of the general tauberian theorem in the case of our generalized algebras.

**2. Proof of the theorem.** It is important to know the form of the most general multiplicative linear functional in  $B(G, X)$ . This is determined in Lemma 1 which requires the following preliminary observations.

The convolution  $f * g$  of a function  $f \in L(G)$  with a function  $g \in B(G, X)$  results, as is easily seen, in a function contained in  $B(G, X)$ . Suppose  $\{j_w\}$  is an approximate identity for  $L(G)$ ; that is, for each neighborhood  $W$  of the identity 0 in  $G$ ,  $j_w$  is some (numerical) non-negative function vanishing off  $W$  such that  $\int j_w(a) da = 1$ . Then for every  $f \in L(G)$  we have  $j_w * f \rightarrow f$  as  $W \rightarrow 0$ . (Of course, convergence is here understood in the sense of directed systems.) But  $\{j_w\}$  acts, also, as an approximate identity in  $B(G, X)$ , that is,  $j_w * g \rightarrow g$  in  $B$ -norm for every  $g \in B$ . This can be shown, just as in the case of  $L(G)$ , by noting that functions in  $B$  are continuous in  $B$ -norm [4], i.e., for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $W_\varepsilon$  of 0 in  $G$  such that  $\|f(a-b) - f(a)\|_B < \varepsilon$  if  $b \in W_\varepsilon$ .

The approximate identity will be of service to us in proving Lemma 1 which we now state.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $\hat{G} = \{\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \dots\}$  denote the dual group of  $G$  in the usual Pontrjagin topology. Define the "Fourier transform" of  $f \in B$  as*

$$\hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) = \int \phi_M f(a)(a, \hat{a}) da .$$

*The Fourier transform evaluated at a fixed  $(M, \hat{a}) \in \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  is a non-zero, continuous multiplicative linear functional in  $B$  and, further, all such functionals are of this type, that is, if  $\mu$  is a non-zero, continuous multiplicative linear functional in  $B$ , then there is some  $(M, \hat{a})$  such that  $\mu(f) = \hat{f}(M, \hat{a})$  for every  $f \in B$ .*

*Proof.* That the Fourier transform, at a fixed  $(M, \hat{a})$ , is a multiplicative functional is easily shown. We, consequently, turn to the second half of the lemma. Choose a function  $f \in B$  such that  $\mu(f) \neq 0$  and let  $\{j_w\}$  be an approximate identity. For every  $x \in X$ ,  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \mu(j_w x)$  exists. (Here,  $j_w x$  denotes the function  $(j_w x)(a) = j_w(a) \cdot x$ . Of course,  $j_w x \in B$ .) For

$$\mu(j_w x * f) = \mu(j_w x) \mu(f) = \mu[(j_w * f)x] \rightarrow \mu(fx) \quad \text{as } W \rightarrow 0$$

because  $(j_w * f)x \rightarrow fx$ . Hence  $\mu(j_w x)$  necessarily converges to a limit independent of the approximate identity  $\{j_w\}$ , namely  $\mu(fx)/\mu(f)$ . This limit is likewise independent of the  $f \in B$  with  $\mu(f) \neq 0$ , for if  $g \in B$  is such that  $\mu(g) \neq 0$ , then

$$\mu(fx) \mu(g) = \mu[(f * g)x] = \mu(gx * f) = \mu(gx) \mu(f)$$

so that  $\mu(fx)/\mu(f) = \mu(gx)/\mu(g)$ . We will denote the limit of  $\mu(j_w x)$  by  $\phi_\mu(x)$  for  $x \in X$ .

Suppose, temporarily, that  $X$  possesses an identity  $e$ . Then  $\phi_\mu$  is certainly not zero. For  $\phi_\mu(e) = \mu(fe)/\mu(f) = \mu(f)/\mu(f) = 1$ . Further,  $\phi_\mu$  is easily seen to be additive and homogeneous, that is,

$$\phi_\mu(\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y) = \lambda_1 \phi_\mu(x) + \lambda_2 \phi_\mu(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and complex numbers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ .

$$\phi_\mu(xy) = \frac{\mu(f * f * xy)}{\mu(f * f)} = \frac{\mu(fx)}{\mu(f)} \cdot \frac{\mu(fy)}{\mu(f)} = \phi_\mu(x) \phi_\mu(y),$$

so that  $\phi_\mu$  is multiplicative. Therefore, as is well known, there is some  $M \in \mathfrak{M}(X)$  (depending on  $\mu$ ) such that  $\phi_\mu(x) = \phi_M(x)$ .

Still assuming that  $X$  has an  $e$  (which we may take of norm 1), let  $g \in L(G)$ ,  $x \in X$ . Then

$$\mu(j_w * gx) = \mu(j_w x * ge) = \mu(j_w x) \mu(ge) \rightarrow \phi_\mu(x) \mu(ge).$$

But

$$\mu(j_w * gx) = \mu[(j_w * g)x] \rightarrow \mu(gx)$$

so that  $\mu(gx) = \phi_\mu(x) \mu(ge)$  for any  $g \in L(G)$  and any  $x \in X$ . Since  $Le = \{ge \in B \mid g \in L(G)\}$  is isometrically isomorphic with  $L(G)$  and since  $\mu$  is a continuous multiplicative linear functional on  $Le \subset B$  (not identically zero on  $Le$ , because linear combinations of functions  $gx$  with  $g \in L(G)$ ,  $x \in X$  are dense in  $B$  [1, 4]) there is an  $\hat{a} \in \hat{G}$  (depending on  $\mu$ ) such that  $\mu(ge) = \int g(a)(a, \hat{a}) da$  for all  $g \in L(G)$ .

Suppose, now, that  $f$  is any function in  $B$ . Then, because the

simple functions are dense in  $B(G, X)$  as we observed above, there exists a sequence  $g_n \in B$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow f$  and  $\mu(g_n) = \hat{g}_n(M, \hat{a}) \rightarrow \hat{f}(M, \hat{a})$  and so  $\mu(f) = \hat{f}(M, \hat{a})$ .

We now remove the restriction that  $X$  possess an identity. If  $X$  lacks an  $e$ , then we imbed  $X$ , isometrically and isomorphically, in a Banach algebra  $X'$  with unit  $e$  in such a way that maximal ideals in  $X'$  are the regular maximal ideals in  $X$  and  $X$  itself. This is done in the usual well-known manner. The homomorphisms of  $X'$  onto the complex numbers are  $\phi_M$  ( $M \in \mathfrak{M}(X)$ ) and the additional functional  $\phi_x$ , where  $\phi_x(x + \lambda e) = \lambda$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $\lambda$  a complex number. By what we have already proved, the non-zero multiplicative functionals in  $B(G, X')$  are of the form  $\hat{f}(M, \hat{a})$  and the additional functionals  $\hat{f}(X, \hat{a})$ . These latter functionals, namely,  $\int \phi_x f(a)(a, \hat{a}) da$  are, however, all identically zero in  $B(G, X)$  and thus the lemma is established.

The following lemma gives a topological characterization of the space of regular maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$  in  $B(G, X)$ . For a similar result and proof see [2].

**LEMMA 2.** *The space  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$  of regular maximal ideals in  $B$ , topologized in the weak topology, is homeomorphic with  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ , that is the topological product of  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$  and  $\hat{G}$ .*

*Proof.* There is a 1-1 correspondence between the points of  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$  and those of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . To see this, suppose  $(M, \hat{a}) \neq (N, \hat{b})$ . If  $\hat{a} \neq \hat{b}$  and  $M = N$ , take  $x \notin M$  and find an  $f \in L(G)$  such that

$$\hat{f}(\hat{a}) = \int f(a)(a, \hat{a}) da \neq \hat{f}(\hat{b}) .$$

Then

$$\hat{f}x(M, \hat{a}) = \hat{f}(\hat{a})\phi_M(x) \neq \hat{f}x(N, \hat{b}) .$$

If  $\hat{a} \neq \hat{b}$  and  $M \neq N$  or if  $\hat{a} = \hat{b}$  and  $M \neq N$ , then we may proceed in the same way to construct a function  $fx$  with  $f \in L(G)$ ,  $x \in X$  such that the Fourier transform of  $fx$  separates the points  $(M, \hat{a})$ ,  $(N, \hat{b})$ . No two points in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  give rise to the same regular maximal ideal in  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$ .

The topology of  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$  is precisely that induced by the family  $\mathfrak{S} = \{\hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) | f \in B\}$  of functions defined on  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . We must show that this topology is identical with the product topology of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . This will be done by showing that the  $\mathfrak{S}$ -topology of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  is iden-

tical with that induced by another family of functions  $\mathfrak{F} \subset \mathfrak{S}$  defined on  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . Then the proof will be completed by showing that this  $\mathfrak{F}$ -topology is identical with the product topology of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ .

First we must define  $\mathfrak{F}$ . For each positive integer  $n$  and each choice  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in L(G)$ ;  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ , there is a function  $\hat{h}$  defined on  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  by  $\hat{h}(M, \hat{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i x_i(M, \hat{a})$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be the family of all functions  $\hat{h}$  so defined. Clearly  $\mathfrak{F} \subset \mathfrak{S}$ . But  $\mathfrak{F}$  is also dense in  $\mathfrak{S}$  in the uniform norm. For, suppose  $f \in B$ . Then we can find  $f_i \in L(G)$ ,  $x_i \in X$ , such that  $\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i \right\|_B < \epsilon$ . Hence

$$\left| \hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i x_i(M, \hat{a}) \right| = \left| \int \left[ \phi_M f(a) - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(a) \phi_M(x_i) \right] (a, \hat{a}) da \right| < \epsilon .$$

Therefore,  $\sup \left| \hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i x_i(M, \hat{a}) \right| \leq \epsilon$  where the sup is taken over  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . This shows  $\mathfrak{F}$  is dense in  $\mathfrak{S}$  in the sup-norm and it is easy to see, from this, that the  $\mathfrak{F}$ - and  $\mathfrak{S}$ -topologies on  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  are identical.

It remains to show that the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -topology on  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  is the same as the product topology. To do this we first develop a few properties of  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

(i) *The functions in  $\mathfrak{F}$  separate the points of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  as we saw in the beginning of this proof.*

(ii) *Functions in  $\mathfrak{F}$  are continuous over  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  in the product topology.* For, if  $f \in L(G)$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $(M_0, \hat{a}_0)$  is a fixed point of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \hat{f}_x(M, \hat{a}) - \hat{f}_x(M_0, \hat{a}_0) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) \phi_M(x) - \hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| + \left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) \phi_{M_0}(x) - \hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| \\ & = \left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) \right| \cdot \left| \phi_M(x) - \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| + \left| \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| \cdot \left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) - \hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \right| \\ & \leq \left| f \right|_L \cdot \left| \phi_M(x) - \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| + \left| x \right| \cdot \left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) - \hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \right| \\ & < \left| f \right|_L \cdot (\epsilon/2 \left| f \right|_L) + \left| x \right| \cdot (\epsilon/2 \left| x \right|) = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

if  $(M, \hat{a}) \in U(M_0) \times \hat{U}(\hat{a}_0)$  where  $\hat{U}(M_0)$ ,  $\hat{U}(\hat{a}_0)$  are neighborhoods of  $M_0$ ,  $\hat{a}_0$  in  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$  and  $\hat{G}$ , respectively, such that  $\left| \phi_M(x) - \phi_{M_0}(x) \right| < \epsilon/2 \left| f \right|_L$  for  $M \in U(M_0)$  and  $\left| \hat{f}(\hat{a}) - \hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \right| < \epsilon/2 \left| x \right|$  for  $\hat{a} \in \hat{U}(\hat{a}_0)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}$  consists of finite linear combinations of  $\hat{f}_x (f \in L(G), x \in X)$ , each function in  $\mathfrak{F}$  is continuous in the product topology of  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ .

(iii) Let  $(M_0, \hat{a}_0) \in \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . Choose  $f \in L(G)$  such that  $\hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) \neq 0$

and let  $x \in X$  be such that  $x \notin M_0$ . Then  $\hat{f}_x(M_0, \hat{a}_0) \neq 0$ , so that *not all functions in  $\mathfrak{F}$  vanish at a fixed point in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ .*

(iv) *Each function in  $\mathfrak{F}$  vanishes at infinity in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ .* For, suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. If  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i x_i(M, \hat{a}) \in \mathfrak{F}$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i x_i(M, \hat{a}) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i(\hat{a}) \phi_M(x_i) \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

if

$$(M, \hat{a}) \notin \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{C}_i \right) \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \hat{C}_i \right) \equiv \Gamma$$

where  $|\hat{f}_i(\hat{a})| < \delta$ ,  $|\phi_M(x_i)| < \delta$  if  $\hat{a} \notin \hat{C}_i \subset \hat{G}$  and  $M \notin \mathfrak{C}_i \subset \mathfrak{M}(X)$ . Here,  $\delta < \min(\sqrt{\varepsilon/n}, \varepsilon/nK_1, \varepsilon/nK_2)$  with  $K_1 = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$  and  $K_2 = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{\hat{a} \in \hat{G}} |\hat{f}_i(\hat{a})|$ ;  $\hat{C}_i$  and  $\mathfrak{C}_i$  are compact sets which exist because each  $\hat{f}_i$  and each  $x_i$  vanish at  $\infty$  in  $\hat{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$ , respectively.  $\Gamma$  is compact in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  so that each function in  $\mathfrak{F}$  vanishes at  $\infty$ .

We now appeal to a result in general point-set topology (see [5] p. 12) which states: If  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a family of complex-valued continuous functions vanishing at infinity on a locally compact space  $S$ , separating the points of  $S$  and not all vanishing at any point of  $S$ , then the weak topology induced on  $S$  by  $\mathfrak{G}$  is identical with the given topology of  $S$ . We take  $S = \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{F}$ . This finishes the proof.

The next lemma deals with the radical and regularity in  $B(G, X)$ . Following this we conclude with the tauberian theorem.

LEMMA 3. (i) *The radical of  $B$  consists of those functions  $f \in B$  with values in the radical of  $X$  a.e.*

(ii) *If  $X$  is regular, then  $B(G, X)$  is regular.*

*Proof. Necessity* (i). Suppose  $f$  takes values in the radical  $\mathfrak{R} = \bigcap_{M \in \mathfrak{M}(X)} M$  of  $X$  a.e. Then  $\phi_M f = 0$  a.e. for each  $M \in \mathfrak{M}(X)$  and thus  $\hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) = 0$  for each  $(M, \hat{a}) \in \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . This means  $f$  is in the radical of  $B$ .

*Sufficiency* (i). Suppose that  $f$  is in the radical of  $B$ . We must show that  $f$  takes values in the radical  $\mathfrak{R}$  of  $X$ , a.e. We have  $\hat{f}(M, \hat{a}) = 0$  for all  $(M, \hat{a}) \in \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ , that is  $\int \phi_M f(a)(a, \hat{a}) da = 0$  for all  $(M, \hat{a})$ . Since  $\phi_M f$  is in  $L(G)$  and since  $L(G)$  is semi-simple, we have  $\phi_M f = 0$  a.e. for each  $M \in \mathfrak{M}(X)$ .

Let  $\{j_W\}$  be an approximate identity for  $L(G)$  consisting of bounded functions vanishing outside neighborhoods  $W$  of the identity in  $G$ . Since  $f$  is continuous in  $B$ -norm, it follows that the functions  $j_W * f$  from  $G$  to  $X$  are continuous. Consequently, the functions  $j_W * f$  take values in  $\mathfrak{R}$  *everywhere* over  $G$  since  $\mathfrak{R}$  is closed in  $X$ . Choose a sequence  $\{j_{W_n}\}$  from  $\{j_W\}$  such that  $j_{W_n} * f \rightarrow f$  in  $B$ -norm. Then, as is known, there is a subsequence of the  $j_{W_n} * f$  converging to  $f$  pointwise a.e. in  $X$ -norm. Since  $\mathfrak{R}$  is closed,  $f$  takes values in  $\mathfrak{R}$  a.e.

*Proof of (ii).* Suppose  $X$  is a regular algebra. We wish to show that, given any point  $(M_0, \hat{a}_0) \in \mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$  and any open set  $\mathfrak{Q}$  containing  $(M_0, \hat{a}_0)$ , there is a function  $g \in B(G, X)$  such that  $\hat{g}(M_0, \hat{a}_0) = 1$  and  $\hat{g}(M, \hat{a}) = 0$  if  $(M, \hat{a}) \notin \mathfrak{Q}$ . By Lemma 2, the open sets of  $\mathfrak{M}(B)$  are of the form  $\bigcup_{i \in \Omega} (\hat{O}_i \times \mathfrak{R}_i)$  where the  $\hat{O}_i$  are open in  $\hat{G}$  and the  $\mathfrak{R}_i$  are open in  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$ . Suppose our  $\mathfrak{Q}$  equals  $\bigcup_{i \in \Omega} (\hat{O}_i \times \mathfrak{R}_i)$ ; then  $(M_0, \hat{a}_0) \in \hat{O}_{i_0} \times \mathfrak{R}_{i_0}$  for some  $i_0 \in \Omega$ , that is,  $\hat{a}_0 \in \hat{O}_{i_0}$  and  $M_0 \in \mathfrak{R}_{i_0}$ . We can find a function  $f \in L(G)$  such that  $\hat{f}(\hat{a}_0) = 1$  and  $\hat{f}(\hat{a}) = 0$  if  $\hat{a} \notin \hat{O}_{i_0}$ . This follows from the regularity of the group algebra  $L(G)$ . Since  $X$  is regular, by hypothesis, there is an  $x \in X$  such that  $\phi_{M_0}(x) = 1$  and  $\phi_M(x) = 0$  if  $M \notin \mathfrak{R}_{i_0}$ . We will show that the  $g$ , above, can be taken to be  $fx$ . Firstly,  $\hat{f}x(M_0, \hat{a}_0) = 1$ . Now, suppose  $(M, \hat{a}) \notin \mathfrak{Q}$ . Then  $(M, \hat{a}) \notin \hat{O}_{i_0} \times \mathfrak{R}_{i_0}$  so that  $\hat{a} \notin \hat{O}_{i_0}$  or  $M \notin \mathfrak{R}_{i_0}$ . In either case,  $\hat{f}x(M, \hat{a}) = 0$ . Hence  $\hat{f}x(M, \hat{a}) = 0$  for all  $(M, \hat{a}) \notin \mathfrak{Q}$ .

We might add that if  $B(G, X)$  is regular, then  $X$  is likewise regular. However, this fact will not be used in the following theorem and so we do not enter into its proof.

**COROLLARY.**  $B(G, X)$  is semi-simple if and only if  $X$  is semi-simple.

**THEOREM.** Let  $X$  be semi-simple and regular. Suppose that the elements  $x \in X$  with  $\phi_M(x)$  having compact support in  $\mathfrak{M}(X)$  are dense in  $X$ . Then every proper closed ideal in  $B(G, X)$  is contained in a regular maximal ideal.

*Proof.* By the hypothesis and Lemma 3, it follows that  $B(G, X)$  is regular and semi-simple. Using the general tauberian theorem (see the introduction), we can prove that any proper closed ideal in  $B$  is contained in a regular maximal ideal by showing that if  $f$  is any function in  $B$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $h \in B$  such that  $\|f - h\|_B \leq \varepsilon$  and  $\hat{h}(M, \hat{a})$  has compact support in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . Suppose, therefore, that  $f \in B$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  are given. We can find  $f_i \in L(G)$ ,  $x_i \in X$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), such that



$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i \right\|_B < \varepsilon/3 .$$

We have functions  $f'_i \in L(G)$  such that  $|f_i - f'_i|_L < \varepsilon/3Kn$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ), where  $K = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$  and the  $\hat{f}'_i$  have compact support  $\hat{C}_i \subset \hat{G}$ . This follows from the fact that  $L(G)$  satisfies the hypotheses of the general tauberian theorem. By the hypotheses on  $X$ , we may find  $x'_i$  in  $X$  such that  $|x_i - x'_i| < \varepsilon/3Rn$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ), where  $R = \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} |f'_i|_L$  and the  $\phi_M(x_i)$  have compact support  $\mathfrak{C}_i \subset \mathfrak{M}(X)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n f'_i x'_i \right\|_B &= \left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - f'_i) x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n f'_i (x_i - x'_i) \right\|_B \\ &\leq \varepsilon/3 + Kn(\varepsilon/3Kn) + Rn(\varepsilon/3Rn) = \varepsilon . \end{aligned}$$

Take (see above)  $h \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n f'_i x'_i$ . We see that  $\hat{h}(M, \hat{a})$  has support  $\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{C}_i \right) \times \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \hat{C}_i \right)$  which is compact in  $\mathfrak{M}(X) \times \hat{G}$ . The theorem is now proved.

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