

Let A be a Banach algebra

(a) A unital $\Rightarrow \Delta(A)$ is a w^* -compact subset of S_{A^*} .

By Prop. 21 we have

- $\Delta(A) \subset S_{A^*}$

- $\Delta(A) = \{ h \in A^* ; \forall x, y \in A : h(x+y) = h(x) + h(y) \text{ \& } h(1) = 1 \}$,
so $\Delta(A)$ is w^* -closed.

So, by Banach-Alaoglu, B_{A^*} is w^* -compact,
hence $\Delta(A)$ is w^* -compact. \lrcorner

(b) $\Delta(A^+) = \{ \tilde{h} ; h \in \Delta(A) \} \cup \{ h_{\infty} \}$, where

$$\tilde{h}(x, \lambda) = h(x) + \lambda, \quad (x, \lambda) \in A^+$$

$$h_{\infty}(x, \lambda) = \lambda, \quad (x, \lambda) \in A^+$$

" \supset ": By Prop. 21 $\tilde{h} \in \Delta(A^+)$ whenever $h \in \Delta(A)$
Moreover, clearly $h_{\infty} \in \Delta(A^+)$

" \subset ": Let $g \in \Delta(A^+)$. Define $h(x) = g(x, 0)$, $x \in A$
Then $h \in A^*$, h is multiplicative
 \Rightarrow either $h \in \Delta(A)$ (then $g = \tilde{h}$)
or $h = 0$ (then $g = h_{\infty}$). \lrcorner

(c) A has no unit $\Rightarrow \Delta(A) \subset B_{A^*}$, $\Delta(A) \cup \{0\}$ is w^* -compact

$\Delta(A) \subset B_{A^*}$ by Prop. 21

$$\Delta(A) \cup \{0\} = \{ h \in A^* ; \forall x, y \in A : h(x+y) = h(x) + h(y) \}$$

$\therefore w^*$ -closed, so w^* -compact \lrcorner