

Let  $K, L$  be compact Hausdorff spaces

$\varphi: \mathcal{C}(K) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(L)$  be a  $*$ -homomorphism,  $\varphi(1) = 1$

Then  $\exists d: L \rightarrow K$  cts s.t.  $\varphi(f) = f \circ d$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{C}(K)$

By Prop. 30 we know  $\|\varphi\| \leq 1$ , thus  $\varphi$  is cts.

Thus  $\varphi': \mathcal{C}(L) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(K)$  is well defined.

We have  $\varphi'(\Delta(\mathcal{C}(L))) \in \Delta(\mathcal{C}(K))$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall h \in \Delta(\mathcal{C}(L)) &\Rightarrow \varphi'(h)(1) = h(\varphi(1)) = h(1) = 1 \\ \varphi'(h)(fg) &= h(\varphi(fg)) = h(\varphi(f)\varphi(g)) = \\ &= h(\varphi(f))h(\varphi(g)) = \varphi'(h)(f)\varphi'(h)(g) \end{aligned}$$

For  $x \in L$  let  $\delta_x \in \mathcal{C}(L)^*$  be the evaluation map  
 $\delta_x(f) = f(x)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{C}(L)$

Then  $\delta_x \in \Delta(\mathcal{C}(L))$ , thus  $\varphi'(\delta_x) \in \Delta(\mathcal{C}(K))$ .

Therefore  $\exists! d(x) \in K$  s.t.  $\varphi'(\delta_x) = \delta_{d(x)}$ .

Thus we have a mapping  $d: L \rightarrow K$

For  $f \in \mathcal{C}(K)$  and  $x \in L$  we have

$$\varphi(f)(x) = \delta_x(\varphi(f)) = \varphi'(\delta_x)(f) = \delta_{d(x)}(f) = f(d(x))$$

So,  $\varphi(f) = f \circ d$ .

It remains to show that  $d$  is cts.

Observe:  $x \mapsto \delta_x$  is cts  $L \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}(L)^*, w^*)$

[indeed,  $\forall f \in \mathcal{C}(L)$   $x \mapsto \delta_x(f) = f(x)$  is cts]

$x \mapsto \delta_x$  is one-to-one

$$[x \neq y \Rightarrow \exists f \in C(K) \quad f(x) \neq f(y)]$$

by Urysohn lemma.]

So,  $x \mapsto \delta_x$  is a homeomorphism (as  $L$  is compact Hausdorff)

Further,  $\varphi'$  is  $\mathcal{U}^*$ -to- $\mathcal{U}^*$  cts, as any dual operator

$$\Gamma \quad h \in C(K)^* \mapsto \varphi'(h) \text{ is } \mathcal{U}^*\text{-cts,}$$

as for each  $f \in C(K)$

$$h \mapsto \varphi'(h)(f) = h(\varphi(f)) \text{ is } \mathcal{U}^*\text{-cts} \quad \downarrow$$

$$\text{Thus } d : x \mapsto \delta_x \mapsto \varphi'(\delta_x) = \delta_{\varphi(x)} \mapsto d(x)$$

is cts, as the composition of three cts maps. ]

If  $\varphi$  is one-to-one, then  $d(L) = K$ , hence  $\varphi$  is an isometry

$$\Gamma \quad d(L) \subset K \text{ is closed} \quad (d \text{ cts, } K, L \text{ compact Hausdorff})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } x \in K \setminus d(L) \Rightarrow \exists f \in C(K) \text{ s.t. } f(x) = 1, f|_{d(L)} = 0$$

(by Urysohn lemma)

Then  $f \neq 0$  and  $\varphi(f) = 0$ , so  $\varphi$  is not one-to-one.

If  $d(L) = K$ , then

$$\|\varphi(f)\|_{C(L)} = \sup_{x \in L} |\varphi(f)(x)| = \sup_{x \in L} |f(\varphi(x))| =$$

$$= \sup_{y \in d(L)} |f(y)| = \sup_{y \in K} |f(y)| = \|f\|_{C(K)}. \quad ]$$