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Added in proof (January 1990). D. Werner (*Remarks on M -ideals of compact operators*, to appear in Quart. J. Math. Oxford) proved that the result of C.-M. Cho and W. B. Johnson also holds for subspaces of c_0 -sums of finite-dimensional spaces. A similar result is given by E. Oja (C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris 309 (1989), 983–968).

Very recently, P. G. Casazza and N. J. Kalton (*Notes on approximation properties in separable Banach spaces*, preprint) have introduced the notion of μ -ideal which is more general than that of M -ideal and have given a characterization of separable reflexive Banach spaces X with AP for which $\mathcal{K}(X)$ is a μ -ideal in $\mathcal{L}(X)$.

**Partial differential operators of infinite order
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 on the space of analytic functions on the polydisc**

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Abstract. For a componentwise radial plurisubharmonic function $p: \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfying some technical conditions we consider the (DFN)-space $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) := \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}^N) \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{N}: \|f\|_k = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^N} |f(z)| e^{-(1+1/k)p(z)} < \infty\}$ of analytic functions on \mathbb{C}^N . If we put $A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N) := \{F \mid \forall k \in \mathbb{N}: F^k \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)\}$ then $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is an $A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$ -module such that $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a closed subspace of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$. We prove that $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a complemented subspace of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$ iff the strong dual $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b'$ has the linear topological invariant (DN) iff $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ itself is a complemented subspace of a corresponding weighted (LB)-space $L_{p,1}^2(\mathbb{C}^N)$ of locally square integrable functions on \mathbb{C}^N . Applying this result to the function $p(z) = \sum_{j=1}^N |z_j|^2$, $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$, we deduce that each nonzero linear partial differential operator of infinite order with constant coefficients on the Fréchet space $A(\Delta)$ of all analytic functions on the unit polydisc Δ in \mathbb{C}^N admits a continuous linear right inverse. In our approach we use a sequence space representation of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b'$ and elementary function theory to give all the projections by explicit formulas.

For a plurisubharmonic function p on \mathbb{C}^N denote by $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ the space of all entire functions f satisfying $|f(z)| \leq A e^{Bp(z)}$ for some $A > 0$, $1 > B > 0$ depending on f . If we allow arbitrarily large $B > 0$, then we get an algebra denoted by $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$. Both spaces, endowed with their natural inductive limit topology, are (DFN)-spaces, provided that p satisfies some technical conditions.

Recently Meise and Taylor ([12], [13]) showed for radial weights p that each principal ideal of $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented if and only if the strong dual $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)_b'$ has the linear topological invariant (DN).

In the present paper we find for componentwise radial weights p that each subspace $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented if and only if the strong dual $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b'$ has the linear topological invariant (DN) (see Wagner [21] and Vogt [19]). Our proof also gives rise to a new and more elementary proof of the above-mentioned result of Meise and Taylor.

To state an application of our result, we denote by $A(\Delta)$ the Fréchet space of all analytic functions on the unit polydisc Δ in \mathbb{C}^N . Then each nonzero

linear partial differential operator

$$L: A(D) \rightarrow A(D), \quad L[f] = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_\alpha D^\alpha f,$$

of infinite order with constant coefficients admits a continuous linear right inverse, since $A(D)_b$ is isomorphic to $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$, $p(z) = \sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|$, via Fourier-Borel transform.

To prove the sufficiency of (DN), first we note that – since p is component-wise radial – $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b$ is in a natural way isomorphic to a Köthe sequence space $\lambda(A)$, $A = (a_{\alpha,k})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N, k \in \mathbb{N}}$. We give a characterization of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b$ having (DN) in terms of A and p , which says that we may assume $a_{\alpha,k} = e^{(1-1/k)p(r_\alpha)}/r_\alpha^\alpha$ with appropriate $r_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$. Now, for a given nontrivial subspace $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ we apply the classical minimum modulus theorem for analytic functions to construct sets T_α , $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$, close to the distinguished boundary of the polydiscs $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid |z_i| < r_{\alpha,i}, i = 1, \dots, N\}$ such that the modulus of F is sufficiently large on T_α . Hence from our description of $a_{\alpha,k}$ and by the nuclearity of $\lambda(A)$ we conclude that a continuous projection $P: A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \rightarrow F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is given by the formula

$$P[f](z) = F(z) \cdot \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \right)^N \int_{T_\alpha} \frac{f(\zeta)}{F(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha+1}} d\zeta \cdot z^\alpha.$$

To prove the necessity of (DN) we make a reduction to the case $N = 1$. Using our characterization of the property (DN), if $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})_b$ does not have (DN), we construct an entire function F with $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}) \subset A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ such that $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is not complemented. To show this we use a sequence space representation of $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})/F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ and conclude by standard arguments.

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I. Preliminaries. We use standard notation from complex analysis and functional analysis. We write $\mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty[$ and $|z| := \sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$.

1. DEFINITION. A continuous plurisubharmonic function $p: \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is called a *weight function* if

- (1) $\log(1 + |z|) = o(p(z))$, $|z| \rightarrow \infty$.
- (2) $p(2z) = O(p(z))$, $\sup_{|w| \leq 1} p(z+w) = (1 + o(1))p(z)$, $|z| \rightarrow \infty$.
- (3) $p(z) = p(|z_1|, \dots, |z_N|)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$.

2. Remark. For each weight function p on \mathbb{C}^N we have

$$\lim_{C \rightarrow 1+} \limsup_{|r| \rightarrow \infty} p(Cr)/p(r) = 1.$$

Proof. Apply [14], Lemma 1.10, to $\omega(t) = p(rt)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$.

3. DEFINITION. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N , let $\eta \in \{1, \infty\}$ and let $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow \eta$ be a strictly increasing sequence of positive numbers. We define the linear spaces

$$A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N) = \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}^N) \mid \|f\|_k := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^N} |f(z)| e^{-\eta_k p(z)} < \infty \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

$$L_{p,\eta}^2(\mathbb{C}^N) = \{f \in L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{C}^N) \mid \left(\int_{\mathbb{C}^N} (|f(z)| e^{-\eta_k p(z)})^2 dm_{2N} \right)^{1/2} < \infty \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

where $A(\mathbb{C}^N)$ denotes the space of all entire functions. $A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a linear subspace of $L_{p,\eta}^2(\mathbb{C}^N)$. Endowed with their natural inductive limit topology, $A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ and $L_{p,\eta}^2(\mathbb{C}^N)$ are (LB)-spaces. $A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is even a (DFN)-space, i.e. the strong dual of a nuclear Fréchet space. Furthermore, we define

$$A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N) := \{F \in A(\mathbb{C}^N) \mid F^k \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \text{ for each } k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Obviously

$$A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N) \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \subset A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N).$$

The algebra $A_{p,\infty}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is usually called $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$.

4. DEFINITION. Let $A = (a_{\alpha,k})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N, k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a matrix of positive numbers with

$$a_{\alpha,k} \leq a_{\alpha,k+1} \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N.$$

Then

$$\lambda(A) := \{(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}_0^N} \mid \|x\|_k := \sum_{\alpha} |x_\alpha| a_{\alpha,k} < \infty \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is called the *Köthe sequence space* determined by A .

In particular, let $\eta \in]0, \infty]$ and let $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow \eta$ be a strictly increasing sequence of positive numbers. If $a_{\alpha,k} = \eta_k^{\beta_\alpha}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, for a sequence $\beta = (\beta_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ in \mathbb{R}_+ , then we put $A_\eta(\beta) = \lambda(A)$ and call this space a *power series space of type η* . Note that $A_\eta(\beta) \cong A_1(\beta)$ for each $\eta \in]0, \infty[$.

5. PROPOSITION. For a weight function p on \mathbb{C}^N , for $\eta \in \{1, \infty\}$ and $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow \eta$ put

$$a_{\alpha,k} := \inf_{r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N} \frac{e^{\eta_k p(r)}}{r^\alpha}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N, k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad A := (a_{\alpha,k})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N, k \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

Then the map

$$A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N) \rightarrow \lambda(A)_b, \quad f \mapsto (f^{(\alpha)}(0)/\alpha!)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N},$$

is a (linear topological) isomorphism.

Proof. $\eta = 1$: Use Cauchy's integral formula. On the other hand, note that by Definition 1 for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there is $C > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_{\alpha,k} r^\alpha \leq C e^{\eta k + 1/p(r)} \quad \text{for all } r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N.$$

For $\eta = \infty$ see [12], 3.2.

For examples of algebras $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$ we refer to [8] and [12].

6. EXAMPLES. (1) For the case $N = 1$:

(a) If p is a weight function on \mathbb{C} such that there exists $C > 1$ with $2p(r) \leq p(Cr) + C$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}) \cong A_1(\beta)_b$, $\beta = (j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ (see e.g. [8], 2.9).

(b) For $p(z) = \log(1 + |z|^s)$, $s > 1$: $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}) \cong A_1(\beta)_b$, $\beta = (j^{s/(s-1)})_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$.

(c) For $p(z) = \log(1 + |z|) \log \log(e + |z|)$: $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}) \cong \lambda(A)_b$,

$$A = \left(\exp \left(- \exp \left(\frac{j}{1-1/k} \right) \right) \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0, k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

(see [3], Example 5 (5)).

(2) For the case $N > 1$:

(a) If p_j , $j = 1, \dots, N$, are weight functions on \mathbb{C} , then

$$p(z) = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j(z_j), \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N,$$

is a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N . Furthermore, for $\eta \in \{1, \infty\}$ we have

$$A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N) = \hat{\otimes}_{j=1}^N A_{p_j,\eta}(\mathbb{C}).$$

(b) For $p(z) = |z|$ we get by Examples (1)(a) and (2)(a)

$$A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \cong A_1(|\alpha|)_b.$$

II. Linear topological invariants. We make use of the following linear topological invariants (DN) and $(\underline{\text{DN}})$ (see [17], 1.1, [21], 1.2, [18], 2.1).

7. DEFINITION. A metrizable locally convex space E with a fundamental system of seminorms $(\|\cdot\|_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ has *property* $(\underline{\text{DN}})$ if the following holds: There exists $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and $D > 0$ with $\|\cdot\|_k^{1+\varepsilon} \leq D \|\cdot\|_l \|\cdot\|_n$.

E has *property* (DN) if E has property $(\underline{\text{DN}})$ and we can always choose $\varepsilon = 1$.

$(\underline{\text{DN}})$ and (DN) are linear topological invariants which are inherited by topological subspaces (see [21], 1.2, [17], 1.1, and [18], 2.2).

In the sequel we need the following characterizations of these invariants.

8. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N and let $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ be fixed. For $t > 0$ let $r(t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ satisfy

$$e^{p(r(t))/r^\alpha} = \inf_{r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N} e^{p(r)/r^\alpha}.$$

Then the function $t \mapsto p(r(t))$ is increasing.

Proof. By the hypothesis we have

$$\exp \left(\frac{p(r(t)) - p(r)}{t} \right) \leq \left(\frac{r(t)}{r} \right)^\alpha \quad \text{for all } t > 0 \text{ and } r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N.$$

From this we get for $t_2 > t_1$

$$\exp \left(\frac{p(r(t_2)) - p(r(t_1))}{t_2} \right) \leq \left(\frac{r(t_2)}{r(t_1)} \right)^\alpha \leq \exp \left(\frac{p(r(t_2)) - p(r(t_1))}{t_1} \right),$$

hence $p(r(t_2)) \geq p(r(t_1))$.

9. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b$ has property $(\underline{\text{DN}})$.

(ii) There exists $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and $D > 0$ with

$$\frac{\alpha_{\alpha,k}}{a_{\alpha,n}} \leq D \left(\frac{a_{\alpha,l}}{a_{\alpha,k}} \right)^\varepsilon \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N \text{ (} a_{\alpha,k} \text{ as in Proposition 5)}.$$

(iii) There exists a sequence $(r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ in \mathbb{R}_+^N such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $D > 0$ with

$$e^{(1-1/k)p(r_\alpha)/r_\alpha^\alpha} \leq D a_{\alpha,n} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N.$$

(iv) $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b$ is isomorphic to some $A_1(\beta)$ (see Definition 4).

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). By Proposition 5, $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b \cong \lambda(A)$ and $A = (a_{\alpha,k})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N, k \in \mathbb{N}}$. By [21], 1.6, or [18], 4.1, $\lambda(A)$ has property $(\underline{\text{DN}})$ iff (ii) holds for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$. Because of Definition 1 (i) and since w.l.o.g. $p|_A \equiv 0$ on the unit polydisc A , (ii) is valid even for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Put $\eta_k := 1 - 1/k$, $k \geq 1$. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ we choose $r_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ with

$$(1) \quad e^{p(r_\alpha)/r_\alpha^\alpha} = \inf_{r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N} e^{p(r)/r^\alpha} =: a_{\alpha,\infty}.$$

For $l \in \mathbb{N}$ as in (ii) choose $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\eta_m^2 \geq \eta_l$. Put $C := \eta_m/\eta_l$. Applying (ii) to $k = m$ we get $\varepsilon > 0$ and $D > 0$ with

$$(2) \quad a_{\alpha,m}/a_{\alpha,\infty} \leq D (a_{\alpha,l}/a_{\alpha,m})^\varepsilon \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^N.$$

Now, for $k \geq 1$ given, put $n := (C/\varepsilon)k$ and $\delta := \varepsilon m/(Ck)$.

With the abbreviation $s_\alpha := r_{\alpha/C\eta_m}$ we get for all $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N$

$$(3) \quad e^{-(1-\eta_m)p(r_\alpha)} \leq \left(\frac{e^{p(s_\alpha)}}{s_\alpha^{C/C}} \Big/ a_{\alpha/C, \infty} \right) e^{-(1-\eta_m)p(s_\alpha)} \\ = \frac{(a_{\alpha/C\eta_m, \infty})^{\eta_m}}{a_{\alpha/C, \infty}} = \frac{a_{\alpha/C, m}}{a_{\alpha/C, \infty}},$$

since $C\eta_m \geq 1$ and hence $p(s_\alpha) \leq p(r_\alpha)$ by Lemma 8.

Because of $C^2\eta_l \geq 1$ we get for all $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N$

$$a_{C\alpha, \infty} \leq (a_{C\alpha/C^2\eta_l, \alpha})^{C^2\eta_l} = (a_{\alpha/\eta_m, \infty})^{C\eta_m} = (a_{\alpha, m})^C, \\ a_{C\alpha, m} = (a_{C\alpha/\eta_m, \infty})^{\eta_m} = (a_{\alpha/\eta_l, \infty})^{C\eta_l} = (a_{\alpha, l})^C,$$

hence

$$(4) \quad (a_{\alpha, l}/a_{\alpha, m})^C \leq a_{C\alpha, m}/a_{C\alpha, \infty} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N.$$

Since $\eta_n = 1 - \delta + \delta\eta_m$, we have for all $r, \alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N$

$$a_{\alpha, \infty}^{1-\delta} a_{\alpha, m}^\delta \leq \frac{e^{(1-\delta)p(r)} e^{\delta\eta_m p(r)}}{r^{(1-\delta)\alpha} r^{\delta\alpha}} \leq \frac{e^{\eta_m p(r)}}{r^\alpha},$$

hence

$$(5) \quad a_{\alpha, \infty} (a_{\alpha, m}/a_{\alpha, \infty})^\delta \leq a_{\alpha, n} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N.$$

Put $B := D^{(C/\delta)^\delta}$. Combining (2)–(5) we get for all $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N$

$$\frac{e^{(1-1/k)p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} = a_{\alpha, \infty} e^{-(1-\eta_m)(C/\delta)p(r_\alpha)} \leq a_{\alpha, \infty} \left(\frac{a_{\alpha/C, m}}{a_{\alpha/C, \infty}} \right)^{(C/\delta)\delta} \\ \leq B a_{\alpha, \infty} \left(\frac{a_{\alpha/C, l}}{a_{\alpha/C, m}} \right)^{C\delta} \leq B a_{\alpha, \infty} \left(\frac{a_{\alpha, m}}{a_{\alpha, \infty}} \right)^\delta \leq B a_{\alpha, n}.$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). Because of the trivial estimate

$$a_{\alpha, n} \leq \frac{e^{(1-1/n)p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N \text{ and } n \in \mathbf{N},$$

and the hypothesis (iii) we have

$$A_{p, 1}(\mathbf{C}^N)_b \cong \lambda(A) = \lambda \left(\left(\frac{e^{(1-1/k)p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} \right)_{\alpha} \right),$$

where $\beta = (p(r_\alpha))_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N}$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i). By [21], 1.8, or [18], 2.3, the spaces $A_1(\beta)$ have property (DN).

Remark. The proof of Lemma 9 makes use of ideas from [21], 1.22, and [3], 7. Furthermore, the proof shows that $\sup_\alpha \beta_{C\alpha}/(1+\beta_\alpha) < \infty$ for some $C > 1$.

10. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbf{C}^N . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) $A_p(\mathbf{C}^N)_b$ has property (DN).

(ii) There exists $l \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for each $k \in \mathbf{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $D > 0$ with

$$a_{\alpha, k}^2 \leq D a_{\alpha, l} a_{\alpha, n} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N \text{ (} a_{\alpha, k} \text{ as in Proposition 5).}$$

(iii) There exists a sequence $(r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N}$ in \mathbf{R}_+^N such that for each $k \in \mathbf{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $D > 0$ with

$$e^{k p(r_\alpha)}/r_\alpha^\alpha \leq D a_{\alpha, n} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N.$$

(iv) $A_p(\mathbf{C}^N)_b$ is isomorphic to some $A_{\infty}(\beta)$ (see Definition 4).

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Proposition 5 and [17], 2.3.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let $l \in \mathbf{N}$ be as in (ii). For $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N$ we choose $r_\alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+^N$ with

$$e^{(l+1)p(r_\alpha)}/r_\alpha^\alpha = \inf_{r \in \mathbf{R}_+^N} e^{(l+1)p(r)}/r^\alpha = a_{\alpha, l+1}.$$

Following an idea from [20], 2.7, we iterate the hypothesis and get: For each $k \in \mathbf{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $D > 0$ with $a_{\alpha, l+1}^k \leq D a_{\alpha, l}^{k-1} a_{\alpha, n}$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N$. From this we conclude that for each $k \in \mathbf{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $D > 0$ with

$$\frac{e^{(l+k)p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} = \frac{e^{(l+1)p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} e^{(k-1)p(r_\alpha)} \\ \leq a_{\alpha, l+1} \left(\frac{a_{\alpha, l+1}}{a_{\alpha, l}} \right)^{k-1} \leq D a_{\alpha, n} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^N.$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). The same argument as in Lemma 9.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i). By [17], 2.4, the spaces $A_{\infty}(\beta)$ have property (DN).

For other characterizations of the property (DN) for $A_p(\mathbf{C}^N)_b$ we refer to [12], 2.12, 3.1, and [9], 2.11.

III. Complemented subspaces. We need the following application of the classical minimum modulus theorem for entire functions of one variable ([16], Lehrsatz 11):

11. LEMMA. Let $\varphi: [1, \infty[\rightarrow]0, \infty[$ be continuous, and let $t \mapsto \varphi(t)/t$ be decreasing. We define an unbounded sequence $(R_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}_0}$ by

$$R_0 := 1, \quad R_{n+1} := R_n + \varphi(R_n), \quad n \in \mathbf{N}_0.$$

Let X be a locally compact and σ -compact Hausdorff space and let $f: X \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be a continuous function with $f(x, \cdot) \in A(\mathbf{C})$ for all $x \in X$ and with $f(\cdot, 0) \equiv 1$. Then there is a constant $D \geq 1$ depending only on $\varphi(1)$, and for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$ there exists a measurable function $S_n: X \rightarrow]R_{n-1}, R_n[$ such that for all $x \in X$

and all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z| = S_n(x)$

$$\log|f(x, z)| > -D \frac{|z|}{\varphi(|z|)} \sup_{|w|=D|z|} \log|f(x, w)|.$$

Proof. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we put

$$C := \varphi(1), \quad \varepsilon := \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \frac{3}{2}e, (8(1+C) \sup_{x>0} e^{-x} x)^{-1} \right\}, \quad \eta_n := \varepsilon \exp \left(-\frac{R_{n-1}}{\varphi(R_{n-1})} \right).$$

For $x \in X$ and $r \geq 0$ we define

$$M(x, r) := \sup_{|w|=r} |f(x, w)|.$$

By [6], Lehrsatz 11, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in X$ there are discs with sum of radii less than or equal to $4\eta_n R_n$ such that for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z| \leq R_n$ and for z outside these discs we have the estimate

$$(1) \quad \log|f(x, z)| > -H_n \log M(x, 2eR_n), \quad H_n = 2 + \log \frac{3e}{2\eta_n}.$$

By the assumption we get

$$(2) \quad \sup_{r \geq 1} \varphi(r)/r = \varphi(1) = C,$$

and hence

$$(3) \quad R_n \leq (1+C)R_{n-1} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By the choice of η_n , ε and R_n , we see from (3) that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot 4\eta_n R_n &\leq 8\eta_n(1+C)R_{n-1} \\ &= \varepsilon 8(1+C) \exp \left(-\frac{R_{n-1}}{\varphi(R_{n-1})} \right) \frac{R_{n-1}}{\varphi(R_{n-1})} \varphi(R_{n-1}) \\ &< \varphi(R_{n-1}) = R_n - R_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we deduce from (1) that for each $x \in X$ there is a sequence $(S_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $]1, \infty[$ such that $R_{n-1} < S_n(x) < R_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and

$$\log|f(x, z)| > -H_n \log M(x, 2eR_n) \quad \text{if } |z| = S_n(x).$$

By (2), for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$H_n = 2 + \log \frac{3e}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{R_{n-1}}{\varphi(R_{n-1})} \leq \left(\left(2 + \log \frac{3e}{2\varepsilon} \right) C + 1 \right) \frac{R_{n-1}}{\varphi(R_{n-1})}.$$

Since $t \mapsto t/\varphi(t)$ and $t \mapsto M(x, t)$ are increasing, and since we have (3), this implies the desired estimate.

By the assumption, for each $S \in]1, \infty[$ the function

$$H_S: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad x \mapsto H_S(x) = \inf_{|z|=S} (|f(x, z)| \left(\sup_{|w|=D|z|} |f(x, w)| \right)^{D|z|/\varphi(|z|)}),$$

is continuous. Hence, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and fixed $x_0 \in X$ we may assume that on a neighborhood of x_0 the number $S_n(x)$ does not depend on x . So we can achieve that locally the functions S_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, are measurable simple functions.

12. MAIN LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N and let $(r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R}_+^N . Then for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$, resp. $F \in A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$, with $F(0) = 1$, there are open sets U^i in \mathbb{C}^{i-1} ($U^1 := \{0\}$) and measurable functions $q_\alpha^i: U^i \rightarrow]1, \infty[$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$, $1 \leq i \leq N$, such that the sets

$$T_\alpha := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid |z_1| = q_\alpha^1, |z_2| = q_\alpha^2(z_1), \dots, |z_N| = q_\alpha^N(z_1, \dots, z_{N-1})\}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N,$$

have the following properties:

In the case $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$:

(a) For each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $A > 0$ such that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$

$$|F(z)|^{-1} \leq A e^{\varepsilon p(z)} \quad \text{for all } z \in T_\alpha.$$

(b) For each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $a > 0$ such that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$

$$r_{\alpha,i} \leq |z_i| \leq (1+\varepsilon)r_{\alpha,i} + a \quad \text{for all } z \in T_\alpha,$$

where $r_\alpha = (r_{\alpha,1}, \dots, r_{\alpha,N})$.

In the case $F \in A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$:

(a) There exist $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $A > 0$ such that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$

$$|F(z)|^{-1} \leq A e^{k p(z)} \quad \text{for all } z \in T_\alpha.$$

(b) There exist $B > 0$ and $a > 0$ such that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$

$$r_{\alpha,i} \leq |z_i| \leq B r_{\alpha,i} + a \quad \text{for all } z \in T_\alpha.$$

Proof. The case $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$: For $r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N$ we put

$$M(r) := \sup \{ |F(z)| \mid |z_i| = r_i, 1 \leq i \leq N \}.$$

Since $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$, we have $\log M(r) = o(p(r))$, $|r| \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore we can choose a continuous decreasing function $\psi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow]0, 1]$ such that

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{\log M(r)}{p(r)} \right)^{1/N} = o(\psi(|r|)) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(t) = o(1).$$

We define

$$\varphi(t) := \psi(t)t, \quad t \in]1, \infty[.$$

Let $(R_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ be as in Lemma 11, and let $1 \leq i \leq N$ be fixed. We put

$$U^i := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^{i-1} \mid F(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0) \neq 0\}$$

and apply Lemma 11 to the function $f: U^i \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$,

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}; z_i) := F(z_1, \dots, z_i, 0, \dots, 0) / F(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0).$$

We find that there is $D \geq 1$ and a sequence of measurable functions

$$(2) \quad S_n^i: U^i \rightarrow]R_{n-1}, R_n[, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, all $(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) \in U^i$ and all $z_i \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z_i| = S_n^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1})$ we have

$$(3) \quad \log |F(z_1, \dots, z_i, 0, \dots, 0)| - \log |F(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0)|$$

$$> -D \frac{|z_i|}{\varphi(|z_i|)} \log \left(\sup_{|w|=D|z_i|} |f(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}; w)| \right)$$

$$\geq -D \frac{|z_i|}{\varphi(|z_i|)} (\log M(|z_1|, \dots, |z_{i-1}|, D|z_i|, 0, \dots, 0) - \log F(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0)).$$

We put $S_0^i := 0$ and for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$

$$U_n^i(r_{\alpha,i}) := \{z \in U^i \mid S_{n-1}^i(z) \leq r_{\alpha,i} < S_n^i(z)\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \infty$, $(U_n^i(r_{\alpha,i}))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a partition of U^i .

Now, for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$ we can define

$$\varrho_\alpha^i: U^i \rightarrow]1, \infty[, \quad \varrho_\alpha^i := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n^i 1_{U_n^i(r_{\alpha,i})},$$

i.e. $\varrho_\alpha^i(z) = S_n^i(z)$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the smallest index with $S_n^i(z) > r_{\alpha,i}$.

Let $z = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N$ and $1 \leq i \leq N$. If $i = 1$ let $|z_i| = S_n^i$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $1 < i \leq N$ let (z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) be in U^i and let $|z_i| = S_n^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1})$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since ψ and M are increasing, we get from (3) ($\log^- x := \min\{0, \log x\}$)

$$\log^- |F(z_1, \dots, z_i, 0, \dots, 0)|$$

$$> 2D \frac{|z|}{\varphi(|z|)} \log^- |F(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, 0, \dots, 0)| - D \frac{|z|}{\varphi(|z|)} \log M(D|z_1|, \dots, D|z_N|),$$

in particular $(z_1, \dots, z_i) \in U^{i+1}$ if $1 \leq i < N$.

By induction on i we get for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$, all $z \in T_\alpha$ and all $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$\log^- |F(z_1, \dots, z_i, 0, \dots, 0)| > -E_i \left(\frac{|z|}{\varphi(|z|)} \right)^i \log M(D|z_1|, \dots, D|z_N|),$$

where $E_1 = D_1$ and $E_{i+1} = E_i \cdot 2D + D$ for $i = 1, \dots, N-1$, hence

$$(4) \quad \log |F(z)| > -E_N \frac{\log M(D|z_1|, \dots, D|z_N|)}{\psi(D|z|)^N}.$$

We prove the properties (a) and (b):

(a) By (1) and Definition 1 (2) for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $C(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$(5) \quad E_N \frac{\log M(Dr)}{\psi(D|r|)^N} \leq \varepsilon p(r) + C(\varepsilon) \quad \text{for all } r \in \mathbb{R}_+^N.$$

From (4) and (5) we get $\log |F(z)| \geq -\varepsilon p(z) - C(\varepsilon)$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ and $z \in T_\alpha$.

(b) For $z \in T_\alpha$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ we have $|z_1| = \varrho_\alpha^1 > r_{\alpha,1}$ and $|z_i| = \varrho_\alpha^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) > r_{\alpha,i}$ for $2 \leq i \leq N$, by the definition of ϱ_α^i .

To prove the upper bounds let $\varepsilon > 0$ be fixed and choose $K(\varepsilon) > 0$ according to (1) such that

$$(6) \quad \varphi(t) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+\varphi(1))} t + K(\varepsilon) \quad \text{for all } t \in [1, \infty[.$$

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$, $1 \leq i \leq N$ and $z \in T_\alpha$ be given. From (2), (6), the definition of ϱ_α^i and $(R_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ we get with an appropriate $n = n(i; \alpha; z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} |z_i| &= \varrho_\alpha^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) = S_n^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) - S_{n-1}^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + S_{n-1}^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) \\ &\leq R_n - R_{n-2} + r_{\alpha,i} = \varphi(R_{n-1}) + \varphi(R_{n-2}) + r_{\alpha,i} \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+\varphi(1))} R_{n-1} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} R_{n-2} + r_{\alpha,i} + 2K(\varepsilon) \\ &\leq \varepsilon R_{n-2} + r_{\alpha,i} + 2K(\varepsilon) \\ &\leq \varepsilon S_{n-1}^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) + r_{\alpha,i} + 2K(\varepsilon) \\ &\leq \varepsilon p_{\alpha,i} + r_{\alpha,i} + 2K(\varepsilon) \\ &= (1+\varepsilon)r_{\alpha,i} + 2K(\varepsilon) \quad \text{if } n \geq 2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|z_i| = S_n^i(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}) < R_1 \quad \text{if } n = 1.$$

Hence, we get the assertion with $a = 2K(\varepsilon) + R_1$.

The proof of the case $F \in A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is analogous. However, in this case the choice of the function φ is simpler: Put always $\varphi(t) := 2t$, $t \in [1, \infty[$.

13. PROPOSITION. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N , let $\eta = 1$ (resp. $\eta = \infty$), and let $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$ (resp. $F \in A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$). Then $F \cdot A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a closed subspace of $A_{p,\eta}(\mathbb{C}^N)$.

Proof. The case $\eta = 1$. Fix a sequence $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow 1$. Let $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N) \setminus \{0\}$. We may assume that $F(0) = 1$, since otherwise we choose $w \in \mathbb{C}^N$, $|w| \leq 1$ with $F(w) \neq 0$ and consider the entire function $\tilde{F}(z) := F(z+w)/F(w)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$. For $g \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ with $h = g/F \in A(\mathbb{C}^N)$ we have to prove that $h \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$.

To this end we apply Lemma 12 to $r_\alpha = \alpha$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$. For fixed $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$ we choose α such that $\alpha_i \leq |z_i| < \alpha_i + 1$, $1 \leq i \leq N$. By Cauchy's integral formula we have

$$h(z) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^N \int_{\zeta \in T_{\alpha+2}} \frac{h(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z)^1} d\zeta,$$

where $\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1)$ and $\mathbf{2} = (2, \dots, 2) \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$. Since $g \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$, we get by Definition 1(1) and by Lemma 12(a) and (b)

$$|h(z)| \leq \sup_{\zeta \in T_{\alpha+2}} |h(\zeta)| |\zeta^{\mathbf{1}}| = \sup_{\zeta \in T_{\alpha+2}} \left| \frac{g(\zeta)}{F(\zeta)} \right| |\zeta^{\mathbf{1}}| \leq C \sup_{\zeta \in T_{\alpha+2}} e^{\eta_k p(\zeta)}$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $C \geq 1$, not depending on z . By Remark 2 and Lemma 12(b), we obtain from this

$$|h(z)| < \tilde{C} e^{\eta_k + 1 p(z)},$$

for some $\tilde{C} > C$, not depending on z .

The proof of the case $\eta = \infty$ is analogous.

Remark. In the case $\eta = 1$, $N = 1$, for some particular weights the assertion of Proposition 13 can be found in [5] or [16]. The result concerning the case $\eta = \infty$ is essentially contained in [2], Thm. 7.1.

14. THEOREM. *Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N such that $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has property (DN). Then $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented in $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$.*

Proof. Fix a sequence $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow 1$. Let $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N) \setminus \{0\}$. Applying a translation if necessary, we may assume that $F(0) \neq 0$, w.l.o.g. $F(0) = 1$. By the hypothesis and Lemma 9(iii) we get a sequence $(r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ in \mathbb{R}_+^N . Applying Lemma 12 to this family we get sets T_α , $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$. We claim that the map

$$P: A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \rightarrow F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N),$$

$$P[f](z) = F(z) \cdot \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^N \int_{\zeta \in T_\alpha} \frac{f(\zeta)}{F(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha+1}} d\zeta \cdot z^\alpha,$$

is a continuous linear projection onto $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ ($\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{N}^N$). To show this let $f \in A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ with $\|f\|_k < \infty$ be given. For each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$ put

$$b_\alpha(f) := \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^N \int_{\zeta \in T_\alpha} \frac{f(\zeta)}{F(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha+1}} d\zeta.$$

By Lemma 12 and Remark 2 there are $A_2 \geq A_1 \geq 1$ such that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$

$$\begin{aligned} |b_\alpha(f)| &\leq \sup_{\zeta \in T_\alpha} \frac{|f(\zeta)|}{|F(\zeta)| |\zeta^\alpha|} \leq \sup_{\zeta \in T_\alpha} \frac{\|f\|_k e^{\eta_k p(\zeta)}}{|F(\zeta)| |\zeta^\alpha|} \\ &\leq A_1 \|f\|_k \sup_{\zeta \in T_\alpha} \frac{e^{\eta_k + 1 p(\zeta)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha} \leq A_2 \|f\|_k \frac{e^{\eta_k + 2 p(r_\alpha)}}{r_\alpha^\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 9(iii) there exist $m \geq k+2$ and $A_3 \geq A_2$ such that we get

$$|b_\alpha(f)| \leq A_3 \|f\|_k a_{\alpha,m} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N.$$

As in the proof of Proposition 5 we get for some $A_4 \geq A_3$, not depending of f ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} |b_\alpha(f)| |z^\alpha| &\leq A_3 \|f\|_k \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_{\alpha,m} |z^\alpha| \\ &\leq A_4 \|f\|_k e^{\eta_m + 1 p(z)} \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{C}^N. \end{aligned}$$

From this we conclude easily that P is continuous.

Remark. The formula for the projection P is motivated by the formula for a continuous linear right inverse of a nonzero convolution operator on $A(\mathbb{C})$, which has been communicated to the author by Prof. B. A. Taylor. This formula is closely related to [4], (43).

15. THEOREM. *Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C}^N such that $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has property (DN). Then each principal ideal is a complemented subspace of $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$.*

Proof. Analogous to the proof of Theorem 14.

Remark. Let p be a radial weight function on \mathbb{C}^N , i.e. $p(z) = p(\sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|^2)^{1/2}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}^N$. Then by Definition 1(2), p is equivalent to the weight function \tilde{p} ,

$$\tilde{p}(z) = \sum_{i=1}^N p(|z_i|), \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N,$$

i.e. $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N) = A_{\tilde{p}}(\mathbb{C}^N)$. Hence, Theorem 15 gives an extension of [13], Cor. 15, where an abstract splitting theorem of Vogt and Wagner (see [20]) has been applied. In the situation of Theorem 14 a corresponding general result is not available. However, in the case $N = 1$ one knows more details on the structure of the spaces involved, hence, we can apply a result of Vogt (see [19]) to get a second proof for the one-dimensional part of Theorem 14.

16. PROPOSITION. *Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} , and let $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow 1$. If $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C})$ has precisely the zeros $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ (counted with respect to multiplicities), then*

$$(A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})/F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}))'_b \cong \lambda((e^{\eta_k p(a_j)})_{j, k \in \mathbb{N}}).$$

Proof. Analogous to the proof of [8], 3.7, using the estimates of Lemma 12.

17. Remark. In the case $N = 1$ we give a second proof of Theorem 14: Since $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is a (DFN)-space, we have to show for given $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{0\}$ that the following short exact sequence splits:

$$0 \rightarrow (A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})/F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}))'_b \rightarrow A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b \rightarrow (F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}))'_b \rightarrow 0.$$

W.l.o.g. F has infinitely many zeros. To apply [19], in Definition 3 we fix $\eta_k = 1 - 1/k$, $k \geq 1$. Using the notions from [19] it suffices to prove that all the three spaces involved are isomorphic to power series spaces $\lambda((e^{-1/k})^{j_i})_{j_i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of type 1 in a *linear tame* way. The proof of Proposition 16 shows that this is true for the first one. The proof of Proposition 13 shows that the second and the third one are *tamely* isomorphic. Now, by the proof of Proposition 5, $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b$ is *tamely* isomorphic to $\lambda(A)$. By the proof of Lemma 9(ii) \Rightarrow (iii), $\lambda(A)$ is *linear tamely* isomorphic to some space of the prescribed type. Hence by [19] the sequence splits.

By Examples 6(1)(c) and (2)(a) there are weight functions p on \mathbb{C}^N for which $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ fails to have property (DN). We will now prove that for weight functions as in Example 6(2)(a) the hypothesis that $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has property (DN) is even *necessary* for all subspaces $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$, $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$, to be complemented.

We first consider the case $N = 1$.

18. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} and let $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow 1$. For $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s > 0$ we put

$$\varphi_{k,n}(s) := \sup_{0 < r < s} \frac{\eta_k p(s) - \eta_n p(r)}{\log(s/r)}, \quad \Phi_{k,n}(s) := \inf_{r > s} \frac{\eta_k p(s) - \eta_n p(r)}{\log(s/r)}.$$

Let $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C})$ and assume that F has only simple zeros $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and that (*) holds:

(*) There are $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $C > 0$ such that

$$|F'(a_j)|^{-1} < C e^{\eta_m p(a_j)} \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented in $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$, then for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $\tilde{k} \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ and $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$$\varphi_{\tilde{k}, \tilde{n}}(a_j) \leq \Phi_{k,n}(a_j) \quad \text{for } j \geq j_0.$$

Proof. Put $B := (e^{\eta_k p(a_j)})_{j, k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and define $q: A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \lambda(B)'_b$ by $q[f] := (f(a_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then a suitable variation of the arguments in [1], Thm. 4, shows that q is onto and that $\ker q = F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$. Since $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented by hypothesis, there is a continuous linear right inverse R for q . Since R is continuous, the subharmonic functions

$$u_j(z) := \sup_{|w|=|z|} \log |R[(\delta_{ij})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}](w)|, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, j \in \mathbb{N},$$

satisfy the following estimates (see [12], 2.13): For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $j_k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$(1) \quad u_j(r) \leq \eta_n p(r) - \eta_k p(a_j) \quad \text{for all } r > 0 \text{ and } j \geq j_k,$$

$$(2) \quad u_j(a_j) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By the subharmonicity of u_j , $j \in \mathbb{N}$, and by (2) there is a sequence $(d_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathbb{R}_+ such that $d_j \log(r/|a_j|) \leq u_j(r)$ for all $r > 0$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$. From this and (1) we deduce that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $j_k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$d_j \log(r/|a_j|) \leq \eta_n p(r) - \eta_k p(a_j) \quad \text{for all } r > 0 \text{ and } j \geq j_k,$$

hence

$$\sup_{0 < r < a_j} \frac{\eta_k p(a_j) - \eta_n p(r)}{\log(a_j/r)} \leq d_j \leq \inf_{r > a_j} \frac{\eta_k p(a_j) - \eta_n p(r)}{\log(a_j/r)} \quad \text{for all } j \geq j_k.$$

19. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} and $(\eta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \uparrow 1$. Let $\varphi_{k,n}$ and $\Phi_{k,n}$, $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$, be as in Lemma 18. If for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $\tilde{k} \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\varphi_{\tilde{k}, \tilde{n}}(s) \leq \Phi_{k,n}(s) \quad \text{for large } s \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

then $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b$ has property (DN).

Proof. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ choose by induction numbers $n(k) \in \mathbb{N}$, $n(k+1) \geq n(k)$, $\eta_{n(k)} \geq \eta_k/\eta_{k+1}$, such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $s_k > 0$ with

$$(1) \quad \varphi_{k,n(k)}(s) \leq \min_{l \leq k} \Phi_{l,n(l)}(s) =: \psi_k(s) \quad \text{for all } s \geq s_k.$$

We may assume $\psi_k(s_k) \uparrow \infty$. We put $\psi_0(s_0) := 0$. For $j \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\psi_k(s_k) \leq j < \psi_{k+1}(s_{k+1})$ we can choose $r_j \geq s_k$ (since ψ_k is unbounded) with $j = \psi_k(r_j)$. From (1) we get for $\psi_k(s_k) \leq j < \psi_{k+1}(s_{k+1})$

$$\varphi_{k,n(k)}(r_j) \leq j \leq \Phi_{k,n(k)}(r_j),$$

and for $\psi_{k+1}(s_{k+1}) \leq j < \psi_{k+2}(s_{k+2})$

$$\varphi_{k,n(k)}(r_j) \leq \varphi_{k+1,n(k+1)}(r_j) \leq j = \psi_{k+1}(r_j) \leq \Phi_{k,n(k)}(r_j),$$

since

$$\varphi_{k,n(k)}(s) = \eta_{n(k)} \sup_{r < s} \frac{(\eta_k/\eta_{n(k)})p(s) - p(r)}{\log(s/r)}$$

and $\eta_k/\eta_{n(k)} \leq \eta_{k+1}/\eta_{n(k+1)}$. By induction we get for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\varphi_{k,n(k)}(r_j) \leq j \leq \Phi_{k,n(k)}(r_j) \quad \text{for all } j \geq \psi_k(s_k),$$

hence $e^{\eta_k p(r_j)}/r_j^j \leq C a_{j,n(k)}$ for all $j \geq \psi_k(s_k)$. By Lemma 9, $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b$ has property (DN).

20. LEMMA. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} such that $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented in $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C})$ that satisfies the condition (*) of Lemma 18. Then $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b$ has property (DN).

Proof. We show that the hypothesis of Lemma 19 is fulfilled. Assume not; then there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $\tilde{k} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ there is an unbounded sequence $(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} = (x_j(n, \tilde{n}))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathbb{R}_+ with

$$(1) \quad \varphi_{k,\tilde{n}}(x_j) > \Phi_{k,n}(x_j) \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Now choose a strictly increasing sequence $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $]0, \infty[$ having infinitely many members in common with $(x_j(n, \tilde{n}))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ for all $n, \tilde{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ and such that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $C > 0$ with

$$\left| \frac{\prod_{i \neq j} (1 - z/a_i)}{\prod_{i \neq j} (1 - a_j/a_i)} \right| \leq C e^{\varepsilon p(z)} \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

This is possible, since $\log(1+r) = o(p(r))$ by Definition 1(1) (see e.g. [6], Kap. I, Hilfssatz 3). Put

$$F(z) := \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - z/a_i), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Then F fulfills (*) of Lemma 18, and hence, $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented by hypothesis. By the choice of $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, we get a contradiction to (1) from Lemma 18.

21. THEOREM. Let $p_l, l = 1, \dots, N$, be weight functions on \mathbb{C} . For the weight function $p(z) = \sum_{l=1}^N p_l(z_l)$, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N$, on \mathbb{C}^N the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i) $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has property (DN).
- (ii) $F \cdot A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented in $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ for each $F \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}^N)$.
- (iii) $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a complemented subspace of $L^2_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Theorem 14.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Since p has this particular form, it is easy to see that for each $1 \leq l \leq N$ and each $F \in A_{p_l}^0(\mathbb{C})$ the subspace $F \cdot A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented in $A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$. Hence, for $1 \leq l \leq N$ the space $A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})'_b$ has (DN) by Lemma 20. Since

$$A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) = \bigotimes_{l=1}^N A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C}),$$

$A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has (DN), too.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii). Choose $(r_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ according to Lemma 9(iii). Then we get the desired projection $P: L^2_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \rightarrow A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ by the following formula:

$$P[f](z) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_\alpha^{-1} \int_{A_\alpha} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta^\alpha} dm_{2N} \cdot z^\alpha,$$

where

$$A_\alpha := \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid r_{\alpha,1} < \zeta_1 < r_{\alpha,1} + 1, \dots, r_{\alpha,N} < \zeta_N < r_{\alpha,N} + 1\},$$

$$a_\alpha := \prod_{l=1}^N \{\pi((r_{\alpha,l} + 1)^2 - r_{\alpha,l}^2)\} \geq \pi^N, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N.$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 14 we conclude that P is well defined and continuous.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Let $1 \leq l \leq N$ be fixed. From (iii) we see that $A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is a complemented subspace of $L^2_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$. Let P_l be a projection onto $A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$. From [1], Thm. 1, we conclude that

$$R_l[f] = g - P_l[g], \quad \text{where } g \in L^2_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C}) \text{ with } \bar{\partial}g = f,$$

is a continuous linear right inverse for the $\bar{\partial}$ -operator

$$\bar{\partial}: \{f \in L^2_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C}) \mid \bar{\partial}f \in L^2_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})\} \rightarrow L^2_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C}).$$

As indicated in [15], § 1, from this we find that for each $F \in A_{p_l,1}^0(\mathbb{C})$ satisfying the hypothesis (*) of Lemma 18, $F \cdot A_{p_l,1}(\mathbb{C})$ is complemented. Hence, as in the previous part of the proof we get (i).

22. THEOREM. Let $p_l, l = 1, \dots, N$, be weight functions on \mathbb{C} . For the weight function $p(z) = \sum_{l=1}^N p_l(z_l)$, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N$, on \mathbb{C}^N the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i) $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)'_b$ has property (DN).
- (ii) Each principal ideal of $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented.
- (iii) $A_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is a complemented subspace of $L^2_p(\mathbb{C}^N)$.

Proof. Analogous to the proof of Theorem 21. Instead of Lemma 20 use Lemma 10 and [12], Prop. 2.15.

IV. Applications

23. DEFINITION and REMARK. Let A be the polydisc $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^N \mid |z_j| < 1, j = 1, \dots, N\}$ and let $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N}$ be a sequence of complex numbers satisfying the estimates

$$(1) \quad \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} |a_\alpha| \alpha! e^{k|\alpha|} < \infty \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ i.e. } (a_\alpha \alpha!)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} \in A_\infty(|\alpha|).$$

Then some calculation shows that we get a continuous linear operator on the space of all analytic functions on Δ by setting

$$L: A(\Delta) \rightarrow A(\Delta), \quad L[f] = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_\alpha D^\alpha f,$$

where $D^\alpha := \partial^{|\alpha|} / \partial z_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial z_N^{\alpha_N}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N$. L is called a *linear partial differential operator of infinite order with constant coefficients*. By the continuity of L , we get for the associated function

$$(2) \quad \hat{L} \in A_{|z|,1}^0(\mathbb{C}^N), \quad \hat{L}(z) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} a_\alpha z^\alpha, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^N.$$

Conversely, (2) implies (1). Now, by the Fourier–Borel transform

$$\mathfrak{F}: A(\Delta)_b \rightarrow A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N), \quad \mathfrak{F}[\varphi](z) = \varphi(e^{\langle z, \cdot \rangle}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^N} \frac{\varphi(w^\alpha)}{\alpha!} z^\alpha,$$

we identify the strong dual of $A(\Delta)$ with $A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$. By this identification the adjoint operator is the operator $M_{\hat{L}}$ of multiplication with the associated function, i.e.

$$L' = M_{\hat{L}}: A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N) \rightarrow A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N), \quad M_{\hat{L}}[f] = \hat{L} \cdot f.$$

24. THEOREM. Each nonzero linear partial differential operator L of infinite order with constant coefficients on $A(\Delta)$ admits a continuous linear right inverse.

Proof. Since $\hat{L} \in A_{|z|,1}^0(\mathbb{C}^N) \setminus \{0\}$ and $A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)_b \cong A_1(|\alpha|)$, by Example 6(2)(b), we find from Theorem 14 that $\text{im } L' = \hat{L} \cdot A_{|z|,1}(\mathbb{C}^N)$ is complemented, i.e. L' admits a continuous linear left inverse. Since $A(\Delta)$ is a nuclear Fréchet space, L admits a continuous linear right inverse.

Remark. In the case $N = 1$ we get a description of $\ker L$ as in [7], Thm. 3.4, from Proposition 16.

25. DEFINITION and REMARK. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} and let $A = (a_{j,k})_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0, k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $B = (b_{j,k})_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0, k \in \mathbb{N}}$ where

$$a_{j,k} := \inf_{r > 0} \frac{e^{(1-1/k)p(r)}}{r^j}, \quad b_{j,k} := \left(\inf_{r > 0} \frac{e^{(1/k)p(r)}}{r^j} \right)^{-1}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}_0, k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Let $\mu = (\mu_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in \lambda(B)$. For the associated function we get (see [11], 1.12)

$$\hat{\mu} \in A_p^0(\mathbb{C}), \quad \hat{\mu}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

and vice versa. According to Proposition 5 we identify $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})_b$ with $\lambda(A)$. Then for the adjoint $T_\mu := M_{\hat{\mu}}$ of the multiplication operator $M_{\hat{\mu}}$ on $A_{p,1}(\mathbb{C})$ we get (see [10], 3.4(1))

$$T_\mu: \lambda(A) \rightarrow \lambda(A), \quad T_\mu[(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}] = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_{n+j} \mu_n \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}.$$

The continuous linear operator T_μ is called a *Toeplitz operator*. Since $M_{\hat{\mu}}$ has closed range (Proposition 13), T_μ is onto for $\mu \neq 0$. If $\hat{\mu}$ has the zeros $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ (counted with respect to multiplicities), we get from Proposition 16 (see [10], 3.5)

$$\ker T_\mu \cong \lambda((e^{(1-1/k)p(a_j)})_{j,k \in \mathbb{N}}).$$

Since $\lambda(A)$ is nuclear, dualizing Theorem 21 we get:

26. THEOREM. Let p be a weight function on \mathbb{C} . Let $\lambda(A)$ and $\lambda(B)$ be as in Definition 25. Then $\lambda(A)$ has property (DN) (i.e. is isomorphic to some $A_1(\beta)$ by Lemma 9) if and only if each Toeplitz operator T_μ on $\lambda(A)$, $\mu \in \lambda(B)$, $\mu \neq 0$, admits a continuous linear right inverse.

27. COROLLARY. Let $1 < s < \infty$ and let $\mu \in A_\infty(j^s)$, $\mu \neq 0$. Then for each $0 < \varrho < 1$ the Toeplitz operator

$$T_\mu: A_\varrho(j^s) \rightarrow A_\varrho(j^s), \quad T_\mu[(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}] = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_{n+j} \mu_n \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0},$$

admits a continuous linear right inverse.

Proof. Let $1 < s < \infty$ be fixed. For $0 < \varrho < 1$ we consider the weight function

$$p(z) = a(\log(1+|z|))^t, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

where

$$t := \frac{s}{s-1} > 1, \quad a := \log R(\varrho) := \left(\frac{t^{1-s} - t^{-s}}{-\log \varrho} \right)^{1/(s-1)} > 0.$$

Since

$$\inf_{r \geq 1} e^{b(\log r)^t / r^j} = \exp(-(t^{1-s} - t^{-s})(1/b)^{s-1} j^s)$$

for $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b > 0$, in Theorem 26 we get $\lambda(A) = A_\varrho(j^s)$ and $\lambda(B) = \lambda_\infty(j^s)$. Hence the assertion follows from Theorem 26.

Let us compare this result with earlier results (see [8], [10] and [11]):

28. Remark. We use the notation of the proof of Corollary 27. Let $1 < s < \infty$ and let $\mu \in A_\infty(j^s)$, $\mu \neq 0$. Let us assume that the associated function $\hat{\mu}$ (in $A_p^0(\mathbb{C})$) has the zeros $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ (counted with respect to multiplicities). Then by [10], 3.9 and 3.6, and by Corollary 27 the Toeplitz operator

$$T_\mu[(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}] = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_{n+j} \mu_n \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$$

acts continuously and surjectively on the spaces $A_\infty(j^s)_b = \bigcup_{0 < \varrho < 1} A_\varrho(j^s)$ and $A_1(j^s) = \bigcap_{0 < \varrho < 1} A_\varrho(j^s)$ as well as on the steps $A_\varrho(j^s)$, $0 < \varrho < 1$. By [10], 3.9 and 3.6, by the proof of Corollary 27 and by Definition 25, we get

$$\ker T_\mu \cong A_1(\beta)_b = \bigcup_{0 < \varrho < 1} A_{R(\varrho)}(\beta), \quad \ker T_\mu \cong A_\infty(\beta) = \bigcap_{0 < \varrho < 1} A_{R(\varrho)}(\beta),$$

$$\ker T_\mu \cong A_{R(\varrho)}(\beta), \quad 0 < \varrho < 1,$$

respectively, where $\beta = ((\log(1 + |a_j|))^j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. By [11], 3.7(2), and [8], 4.12(1), T_μ does not admit a continuous linear right inverse on the limit spaces $A_\infty(j^s)_b$ and $A_1(j^s)$ respectively, even though it does on each step $A_\varrho(j^s)$, $0 < \varrho < 1$, as we proved in Corollary 27.

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