

CLASSIFICATION OF SEMISIMPLE COMMUTATIVE BANACH ALGEBRAS OF TYPE I

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ABSTRACT. In the first and fourth authors' paper in 2017, it was shown that there exists a BSE-algebra of type I isomorphic to no C^* -algebras, which solved negatively a question posed by the fourth author and O. Hatori. However, this result suggests a further investigation of commutative Banach algebra of type I. In the first part of the paper, we classify type I algebras into six families by means of BSE, BED, and Tauberian. It is shown that a Banach algebra of type I is isomorphic to a Segal algebra in some commutative C^* -algebra if and only if it is Tauberian. In the second part, we give concrete examples of type I algebras to show that all of six families mentioned above are nonempty.

1. Introduction and overview of main results

Let A be a semisimple commutative Banach algebra with Gelfand space Φ_A , and $C^b(\Phi_A)$ the Banach algebra of all bounded continuous complex-valued functions on Φ_A with supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. Put $\widehat{A} = \{\widehat{x} : x \in A\}$, where \widehat{x} is the Gelfand transform of $x \in A$. Let $M(A)$ be the multiplier algebra of A . It is well known that for each $T \in M(A)$ there exists a unique bounded complex-valued continuous function \widehat{T} on Φ_A such that $\widehat{Tx} = \widehat{T}\widehat{x}$ for all $x \in A$ (cf. [5]). Put $\widehat{M}(A) = \{\widehat{T} : T \in M(A)\}$. Then we have $\widehat{A} \subseteq \widehat{M}(A) \subseteq C^b(\Phi_A)$. We say that an algebra A is of *type I* if $\widehat{M}(A) = C^b(\Phi_A)$. Let A_c be the set of all $x \in A$ such that \widehat{x} has compact support. We say that A is *Tauberian* if A_c is norm-dense in A . Any commutative C^* -algebra is a typical Tauberian Banach algebra of type I.

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In [3], the first and fourth authors have shown that there exists a BSE-algebra of type I such that it is not isomorphic to any C*-algebra. This solves a question posed by the fourth author and Hatori (see [9, p.153, Problem 1]) negatively. However, this result suggests a further investigation of Banach algebras of type I.

The purpose of this paper is to study type I Banach algebras by classifying them into six families by means of BSE, BED and Tauberian. We also construct a subfamily of each of these six families. Tauberian algebras and Segal algebras will play a crucial role in our arguments because, as stated in the section 3, a Banach algebra of type I is Tauberian if and only if it is isomorphic to a Segal algebra in a certain commutative C*-algebra. Also it will be clear that any unital Banach algebra of type I is just isomorphic to a unital commutative C*-algebra, and hence the non-unital case is essential in our arguments.

For the details of Segal algebras, BSE-algebras and BED-algebras, refer to the next section.

Let \mathcal{B}_{typeI} be the collection of all Banach algebras of type I. We define $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,1}$, $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0}$, $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,1}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0}$ by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,1} &= \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI} : A \text{ is of BSE and of BED}\}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0} &= \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI} : A \text{ is of BSE but not of BED}\}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,1} &= \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI} : A \text{ is not of BSE but of BED}\}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0} &= \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI} : A \text{ is not of BSE nor of BED}\},\end{aligned}$$

respectively. By using the Tauberian property, we divide $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j}$ ($i, j = 0, 1$) into two families:

$$\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j,1} = \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j} : A \text{ is Tauberian}\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j,0} = \{A \in \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j} : A \text{ is not Tauberian}\}.$$

Since any algebra in $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{i,j,1}$ is Tauberian for $j = 1$ (see Theorem 3.2), these divisions are meaningful in the case $j = 0$. Thus we have the following disjoint union representation of \mathcal{B}_{typeI} :

$$\mathcal{B}_{typeI} = \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,1,1} \cup \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0,1} \cup \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0,0} \cup \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,1,1} \cup \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0,1} \cup \mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0,0}.$$

We prove that $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,1,1}$ consists of all commutative C*-algebras up to isomorphism (see Corollary 4.2). We next give a concrete subfamily of $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0,1}$ which extends the result obtained in [3]. This will be described in Theorem 5.1. Then we construct a subfamily of $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{1,0,0}$ in Theorem 5.2. For $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,1,1}$, we give two subfamilies in Theorems 6.1 and 6.2. Finally subfamilies of $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0,1}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{typeI}^{0,0,0}$ are given in Theorems 7.1 and 7.3, respectively. We will give such subfamilies by constructing special Banach function algebras on noncompact locally compact Hausdorff spaces.

2. Segal algebras, BSE-algebras and BED-algebras

(I) Segal algebras.

H. Reiter investigated Segal algebras in commutative group algebras. For Reiter's Segal algebras we refer to [6] and [7]. In [2], the first and fourth authors introduced the notion of Segal algebras in semisimple commutative Banach algebras A with the following properties:

- (α) A is regular.
- (β) There is a bounded approximate identity of A composed of elements in A_c .

It is obvious that commutative C*-algebras and group algebras on LCA groups satisfy the conditions (α) and (β).

An ideal S in A is called a *Banach ideal* in A if S itself constitutes a Banach space under a norm $\|\cdot\|_S$ satisfying $\|a\|_A \leq \|a\|_S$ ($a \in S$) and $\|ax\|_S \leq \|a\|_S\|x\|_A$ ($a \in S, x \in A$). A dense Banach ideal in A is called a *Segal algebra* in A if it has approximate units. When A is equal to a group algebra $L^1(G)$ of an LCA group G , Segal algebras in A coincide with Reiter's Segal algebras in $L^1(G)$. We here present the following important lemma which asserts that Segal algebras preserve "type I".

Lemma 2.1. *Let A be a Banach algebra of type I satisfying the conditions (α) and (β), and S be a Segal algebra in A . Then S is also of type I.*

Proof. By [2, Theorem B'-(ii)], we identify Φ_S with Φ_A . Take $\sigma \in C^b(\Phi_A)$ arbitrarily. Since A is of type I, we can take $T \in M(A)$ with $\sigma = \widehat{T}$. For any $x \in S$, there are $y \in S$ and $z \in A$ such that $x = yz$ by [2, Theorem A']. Then we have

$$\sigma \widehat{x} = \widehat{T} \widehat{y} \widehat{z} = \widehat{(Tz)} \widehat{y} \in \widehat{S},$$

hence σ yields a linear operator T_σ from S to itself such that $T_\sigma(ab) = (T_\sigma a)b$ for all $a, b \in S$. Note that T_σ is continuous by the closed graph theorem, so T_σ is a multiplier of S with $\widehat{T_\sigma} = \sigma$. This observation implies that $\widehat{M}(S) = C^b(\Phi_S)$, namely, S is of type I. \square

(II) BSE-algebras and BED-algebras.

Let A be a semisimple commutative Banach algebra with Gelfand space Φ_A . We denote by $\text{span}(\Phi_A)$ the linear span of Φ_A in the dual space A^* of A . Therefore, an arbitrary element p in $\text{span}(\Phi_A)$ has the unique expression

$$p = \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi_A} \widehat{p}(\varphi) \varphi,$$

where \widehat{p} is a complex-valued function on Φ_A with finite support. A function $\sigma \in C^b(\Phi_A)$ is said to be a *BSE-function* if there is a constant $\beta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi_A} \widehat{p}(\varphi) \sigma(\varphi) \right| \leq \beta \|p\|_{A^*}$$

for all $p \in \text{span}(\Phi_A)$. The BSE-norm of σ , denoted by $\|\sigma\|_{BSE(A)}$, is the infimum of all such β . The norm $\|\cdot\|_{BSE(A)}$ is written simply as $\|\cdot\|_{BSE}$ if it will cause no confusion.

Let $C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ be the algebra of all BSE-functions, then it is a semisimple commutative Banach algebra under the BSE-norm (see [9, Lemma 1]). An algebra A is said to be a *BSE-algebra* if $\widehat{M}(A) = C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ (see [9, p.151, Definition]). If $\{e_\lambda\}$ is a net in A satisfying the condition

$$\lim_{\lambda} \varphi(e_\lambda) = 1 \quad (\varphi \in \Phi_A),$$

then we call it a Φ -weak approximate identity of A . We note that $\widehat{M}(A) \subseteq C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ if and only if A has a bounded Φ -weak approximate identity (see [9, Corollary 5]). Therefore, any BSE-algebra has a bounded Φ -weak approximate identity. For more details on BSE-algebras, we refer the reader to [1, 4].

Let $\mathcal{K}(\Phi_A)$ be the directed set consisting of all compact subsets in Φ_A with respect to the inclusion order. For $\sigma \in C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}(\Phi_A)$, define

$$\|\sigma\|_{BSE,K} = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi_A} \widehat{p}(\varphi) \sigma(\varphi) \right| : p \in \text{span}(\Phi_A), \|p\|_{A^*} \leq 1, \widehat{p}|_K = 0 \right\},$$

and so we have $\|\sigma\|_{BSE,K} \leq \|\sigma\|_{BSE}$. We set

$$C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A) = \left\{ \sigma \in C_{BSE}(\Phi_A) : \lim_{K \in \mathcal{K}(\Phi_A)} \|\sigma\|_{BSE,K} = 0 \right\}.$$

Then we see that $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A)$ is a closed ideal of $C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ (see [1, Corollary 3.9]). An algebra A is said to be a *BED-algebra* if each function in $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A)$ is precisely the Gelfand transform of some element of A , that is, $\widehat{A} = C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A)$ (see [1, Definition 4.13]).

We now give a basic result for Segal algebras in a Banach algebra of type I.

Lemma 2.2. *Let A be a Banach algebra of type I satisfying the conditions (α) and (β) , and S be a Segal algebra in A . Then \widehat{S} is a dense subset of $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_S)$.*

Proof. Let $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a bounded approximate identity of A bounded by $\beta > 0$ composed of elements in A_c . Then we see from [2, Theorem A'] that $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is an approximate identity of S and $\|e_\lambda f\|_S \leq \beta \|f\|_S$ holds for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $f \in S$. We see from [2, Lemma 3.4] that S is regular. By Lemma 2.1, S is of type I, and then

$C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_S) \subseteq C^b(\Phi_S) = \widehat{M}(S)$. We observe that \widehat{S} is dense in $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_S)$ with the help of [1, Proposition 4.4]. \square

In the rest of this paper, we will identify Φ_S with Φ_A if S is a Segal algebra in a semisimple commutative Banach algebra A satisfying the conditions (α) and (β) . In fact, [2, Theorem B'-(ii)] states that Φ_S is homeomorphic to Φ_A . Especially, in the case where A is a commutative C^* -algebra $C_0(X)$, consisting of all continuous complex-valued functions on a locally compact Hausdorff space X vanishing at infinity, we will identify both Φ_S and Φ_A with X . In this case, the Gelfand transforms on S and A are the identity mapping under this identification. Therefore, we may and do write $C_{BSE(S)}(X)$ and $C_{BSE(S)}^0(X)$ instead of $C_{BSE}(\Phi_S)$ and $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_S)$, respectively. Moreover, we will say that S has a X -weak approximate identity if S has a Φ -weak approximate identity. Also we define $C_c(X) = (C_0(X))_c$, that is, the algebra of all continuous complex-valued functions on X with compact supports.

3. Tauberian Banach algebras of type I

In this section, we characterize a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I in terms of Segal algebras. Moreover, we show that any BED-algebra of type I is Tauberian.

Theorem 3.1. *Let A be a semisimple commutative Banach algebra. Then A is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I if and only if it is isomorphic to a Segal algebra in a certain commutative C^* -algebra.*

Proof. First, assume that A is isomorphic to a Segal algebra in a commutative C^* -algebra. Then A is of type I by Lemma 2.1. Also we see from [2, Theorem A'] that A is Tauberian.

Conversely, assume that A is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I. Put $S = \widehat{A}$ and $\|\widehat{a}\|_S = \|a\|_A$ for each $a \in A$. Then S becomes a commutative Banach algebra which is isomorphic to A . Put $X = \Phi_A$ and so S becomes a Banach ideal in $C_0(X)$ because A is of type I.

Now we assert that $C_c(X) \subseteq S$. To show this, let $f \in C_c(X)$ and put $K = \text{supp}(f)$. Take $x \in X$ arbitrarily and choose $f_x \in S$ with $f_x(x) \neq 0$. There exist a neighborhood U_x of x and $g_x \in C_0(X)$ such that $g_x(y) = 1/f_x(y)$ for all $y \in U_x$. Put $e_x = f_x g_x$, and then $e_x \in S$ with $e_x = 1$ on U_x . Since K is compact, we can find a finite number of elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in K$ such that $\{U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_n}\}$ is a covering of K . We now define

$$u_K = 1 - (1 - e_{x_1}) \cdots (1 - e_{x_n}),$$

and then $u_K \in S$ with $u_K = 1$ on K . Thus $f = f u_K \in S$ as required.

The above assertion implies that S is a Segal algebra in $C_0(X)$. In fact, it is sufficient to show that S has approximate units. To do this, let $f \in S$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ be

chosen arbitrarily. Then there is $g \in S$ with compact support such that $\|f - g\|_S < \varepsilon/2$ because S is Tauberian. Put $K' = \text{supp}(g)$ and choose $e_{K'} \in C_c(X)$ such that $0 \leq e_{K'} \leq 1$ and $e_{K'} = 1$ on K' . Then we have $e_{K'} \in S$ by our assertion. We obtain

$$\|e_{K'}(f - g)\|_S \leq \|e_{K'}\|_\infty \|f - g\|_S < \varepsilon/2.$$

The above inequalities show that

$$\|e_{K'}f - f\|_S \leq \|e_{K'}f - e_{K'}g\|_S + \|e_{K'}g - f\|_S < \varepsilon/2 + \|g - f\|_S < \varepsilon,$$

and hence S has approximate units. \square

The following theorem describes a relationship between “BED” and “Tauberian” in a Banach algebra of type I.

Theorem 3.2. *Any BED-algebra of type I is Tauberian.*

Proof. Let A be a BED-algebra of type I and put $X = \Phi_A$. As observed in the proof of Theorem 3.1, A is isomorphic to a certain Banach ideal S in $C_0(X)$. We will show that S is Tauberian. To do this, let $f \in S$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ be chosen arbitrarily. Since S is of BED, we can find a compact subset K in X with $\|f\|_{BSE,K} < \varepsilon$. Choose $e_K \in C_c(X)$ such that $0 \leq e_K \leq 1$ and $e_K = 1$ on K . Also, take $p \in \text{span}(X)$ arbitrarily and define

$$q(g) = \sum_{x \in X} (1 - e_K(x)) \widehat{p}(x) g(x)$$

for each $g \in S$. Then q is an element of $\text{span}(X)$ such that

$$\widehat{q}(x) = (1 - e_K(x)) \widehat{p}(x)$$

for each $x \in X$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|q\|_{S^*} &= \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{x \in X} (1 - e_K(x)) \widehat{p}(x) g(x) \right| : g \in S, \|g\|_S \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{x \in X} \widehat{p}(x) (1 - e_K(x)) g(x) \right| : g \in S, \|g\|_S \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq 2 \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{x \in X} \widehat{p}(x) h(x) \right| : h \in S, \|h\|_S \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq 2 \|p\|_{S^*} \end{aligned}$$

because $\|(1 - e_K)g\|_S \leq \|g\|_S + \|e_K\|_\infty \|g\|_S \leq 2\|g\|_S$ for each $g \in S$. Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{x \in X} \widehat{p}(x)(1 - e_K)f(x) \right| &= \left| \sum_{x \in X} \widehat{q}(x)f(x) \right| = \left| \sum_{x \notin K} \widehat{q}(x)f(x) \right| \\ &\leq \|q\|_{S^*} \|f\|_{BSE, K} \\ &\leq 2\|p\|_{S^*} \times \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $\|f - fe_K\|_{BSE(S)} = \|(1 - e_K)f\|_{BSE(S)} < 2\varepsilon$. Since S is of BED, it follows that $\|\cdot\|_S$ and $\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S)}$ are equivalent, and hence we conclude that S is Tauberian. \square

4. Algebras which belong to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,1}$

We have the following result which gives a characterization of commutative C^* -algebras in terms of BSE and BED.

Theorem 4.1. *Let A be a Banach algebra of type I. Then the following are equivalent to each other :*

- (i) *A has a bounded approximate identity.*
- (ii) *A is isomorphic to a C^* -algebra.*
- (iii) *A is of BSE and of BED.*

Proof. (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii). This is essentially shown in the proof of [9, Theorem 3].

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). If A is isomorphic to a C^* -algebra, then it is of BSE and of BED by [9, Theorem 3] and [1, Theorem 5.10], respectively.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose that A is of BSE and of BED. Since A is a BSE-algebra of type I, it follows that $C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$ is isomorphic to the C^* -algebra $C^b(\Phi_A)$. Also, since $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A)$ is a closed ideal of $C_{BSE}(\Phi_A)$, we see that $C_{BSE}^0(\Phi_A)$ is isomorphic to a C^* -algebra. By the initial assumption, A is of BED, and then we deduce that it must be isomorphic to a C^* -algebra. \square

Recall that an arbitrary commutative C^* -algebra is always of type I, and hence we obtain the following from Theorem 4.1.

Corollary 4.2. *The family $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,1}$ consists of all commutative C^* -algebras up to isomorphism.*

5. Algebras which belong to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,0,k}$ ($k = 0, 1$)

The case of $k = 1$.

Let X be a noncompact locally compact Hausdorff space and μ a positive continuous regular Borel measure on X with $\mu(X) = \infty$. Let $L^p(X, \mu)$ be the L^p -space on X , where $1 \leq p < \infty$, and define

$$C_{0,p}(X, \mu) = C_0(X) \cap L^p(X, \mu).$$

Then $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ becomes a semisimple commutative Banach algebra with l^1 -norm:

$$\|f\|_{\infty,p} = \|f\|_{\infty} + \|f\|_p \quad (f \in C_{0,p}(X, \mu)).$$

As observed in the proof of [3, Lemma 2.1], $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ is a Segal algebra in $C_0(X)$. Theorem 3.1 shows that it is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I. Moreover, we see that this algebra has a bounded X -weak approximate identity as observed in the proof of [3, Lemma 2.2]. Therefore, we see from [2, Theorem 9.10] that this Segal algebra is of BSE.

Since X is noncompact and $\mu(X) = \infty$, we can find a sequence $\{K_1, K_2, \dots\}$ of compact subsets of X and a sequence $\{V_1, V_2, \dots\}$ of open subsets of X with compact closure such that

$$V_i \cap V_j = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j), \quad K_n \subseteq V_n \quad \text{and} \quad \mu(K_n) \geq 1 \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}).$$

For each $n \in \mathbf{N}$, choose a continuous complex-valued function f_n on X such that

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n^{1/p}} \quad (x \in K_n), \quad 0 \leq f_n \leq \frac{1}{n^{1/p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp}(f_n) \subseteq V_n.$$

Put

$$f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n.$$

Then it is easy to see that $f \in C_0(X)$ and $f \notin L^p(X, \mu)$, hence $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ is proper in $C_0(X)$. This yields that $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ has no bounded approximate identity by [2, Theorem C'-(ii)]. Therefore, we see from Theorem 4.1 that $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ is not of BED.

By summarizing the above arguments, the following theorem is obtained.

Theorem 5.1. *Let $C_{0,p}(X, \mu)$ be as in the above. Then it is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I which is of BSE but is not of BED, that is, this algebra belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,0,1}$.*

Remark 1. A family of Segal algebras obtained in [3] is, of course, contained in $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,0,1}$, but the family obtained in the above theorem is a wider one than this family.

The case of $k = 0$.

Let X be a noncompact σ -compact locally compact Hausdorff space and μ a positive Borel measure on X . Let τ be a continuous complex-valued function on X such that $\tau(x) > 0$ for all $x \in X$ and $1/\tau \in C_0(X)$, where $(1/\tau)(x) = 1/\tau(x)$ ($x \in X$). Note that there do exist such a function τ because X is σ -compact. Furthermore, let $\{V_x\}_{x \in X}$ be a family of open neighbourhoods V_x of $x \in X$ with compact closure. We define

$$\begin{aligned} S &\equiv S_{\tau, \{V_x\}}(X, \mu) \\ &= \left\{ f \in C_0(X) : \|f\|_\tau := \sup_{x \in X} \int_{V_x} |f(t)|\tau(t)d\mu(t) < \infty \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|f\|_S = \|f\|_\infty + \|f\|_\tau$$

for each $f \in S$. Then $(S, \|\cdot\|_S)$ is a natural Banach function algebra on X . Actually, it is apparent that $C_c(X) \subseteq S$, hence S separates strongly the points of X . By a routine argument, we see that S is a Banach module over $C_0(X)$. We now prove that S is natural. Let $\varphi \in \Phi_S$ be chosen arbitrarily and take $e_\varphi \in S$ with $\varphi(e_\varphi) = 1$. For any $f \in C_0(X)$, we can find a sequence $\{f_n\}$ in S which converges uniformly to f because S is uniformly dense in $C_0(X)$. Then we have

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n e_\varphi - f_m e_\varphi\|_S \leq \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty \|e_\varphi\|_S = 0,$$

and hence $\{\varphi(f_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ converges to a complex number. We define

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(f_n)$$

for each $f \in C_0(X)$. This is well-defined because we can easily see that $\tilde{\varphi}(f)$ does not depend on a choice of $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$. Apparently, $\tilde{\varphi}$ is an element of $\Phi_{C_0(X)} \cong X$ with $\tilde{\varphi}|_S = \varphi$, hence S is natural. Therefore, Φ_S can be identified with X by [8, Theorem 3.2.4].

We assume that (X, μ) and $\{V_x\}_{x \in X}$ have the following properties:

- (a) There are two positive constants m_μ and M_μ such that $m_\mu \leq \mu(V_x) \leq M_\mu$ for all $x \in X$.
- (b) For any compact subset K in X , there is $x \in X$ such that $V_x \subseteq X \setminus K$.
- (c) Given $x \in X$, a neighbourhood V of x and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a neighbourhood U of x such that $U \subseteq V$ and $\mu(U) < \varepsilon$.

Then we have the following

Theorem 5.2. *Under the assumptions (a), (b) and (c), the Banach algebra $S = S_{\tau, \{V_x\}}(X, \mu)$ has the following properties:*

- (i) S is of type I.

- (ii) S is not Tauberian.
- (iii) S is of BSE but is not of BED.

Namely, S belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{1,0,0}$.

Proof. (i) We can easily see that S is a Banach module over $C^b(X)$, and hence $M(S) = C^b(X)$, namely S is of type I.

(ii) We have $\|1/\tau\|_\tau \leq M_\mu < \infty$ by (a), hence $1/\tau \in S$. Let h be an arbitrary function in S with compact support. We can choose $x_0 \in X$ with $V_{x_0} \subseteq X \setminus \text{supp}(h)$ by (b). Then we have from (a) that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\tau} - h \right\|_S \geq \left\| \frac{1}{\tau} - h \right\|_\tau \geq \int_{V_{x_0}} \frac{1}{\tau(t)} \tau(t) d\mu(t) = \mu(V_{x_0}) \geq m_\mu > 0,$$

which implies that S is not Tauberian.

(iii) To see that S is of BSE, let Λ be the directed set consisting of all finite subsets of X with inclusion order, and take $\lambda = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \Lambda$ arbitrarily. By (c), we can find a family $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$ consisting of open subsets in X such that

$$x_i \in U_i \subseteq V_{x_i}, \quad \mu(U_i) < \frac{1}{nM_i} \quad \text{and} \quad U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j)$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $M_i = \sup\{\tau(x) : x \in V_{x_i}\}$. Next, we choose a finite set $\{e_{x_1}, \dots, e_{x_n}\}$ in $C_c(X)$ such that

$$e_{x_i}(x_i) = 1, \quad 0 \leq e_{x_i} \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp}(e_{x_i}) \subseteq U_i$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. We define e_λ by

$$e_\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n e_{x_i}.$$

Then we have that $e_\lambda(x_i) = 1$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_\lambda\|_S &= \|e_\lambda\|_\infty + \|e_\lambda\|_\tau = 1 + \sup_{x \in X} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_x} e_{x_i}(t) \tau(t) d\mu(t) \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{U_i} e_{x_i}(t) \tau(t) d\mu(t) \leq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{U_i} M_i \mu(t) < 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is a bounded X -weak approximate identity of S . Therefore, we have that $M(S) \subseteq C_{BSE(S)}(X)$ by [9, Corollary 5]. Hence S must be of BSE because S is of type I by (i). S is not Tauberian by (ii), and then Theorem 3.2 shows that S is not of BED. \square

Remark 2. If X is a locally compact σ -compact Hausdorff space with a positive continuous regular Borel measure μ , then (c) is automatically satisfied.

Remark 3. Let G be a locally compact σ -compact noncompact group with continuous left Haar measure μ . Then the conditions (a), (b) and (c) are automatically satisfied. In fact, take an open neighbourhood V_e of the identity element e with compact support and put $V_x = xV_e$ for each $x \in G$. Then $m_\mu = M_\mu = \mu(V_e) = \mu(V_x) > 0$ and hence (a) is satisfied. Let K be an arbitrary compact set in G . If $K \cap V_x \neq \emptyset$ for all $x \in G \setminus K$, then $G \setminus K \subseteq KV_e^{-1}$, hence G must be compact because KV_e^{-1} has compact closure. This contradicts that G is noncompact. Thus, we see that (b) is satisfied. Also, since μ is continuous and regular, it follows from Remark 2 that (c) is satisfied.

6. Algebras which belong to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,1}$

In this section, we will give two subfamilies of $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,1}$. To do this, let X be a noncompact locally compact Hausdorff space.

(I)

Assume that X is σ -compact. Then we can choose a sequence $\{U_1, U_2, \dots\}$ of open subsets of X with compact closure such that $\overline{U_1} \subsetneq U_2 \subseteq \overline{U_2} \subsetneq U_3 \subseteq \dots$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n = X$. For each $n \in \mathbf{N}$, choose $x_n \in U_n \setminus \overline{U_{n-1}}$, where $U_0 = \emptyset$, and define

$$C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X) = \left\{ f \in C_0(X) : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)|^p < \infty \right\},$$

for $1 \leq p < \infty$. Then it becomes a semisimple commutative Banach algebra under l^1 -norm:

$$\|f\|_{\infty,p,\{x_i\}} = \|f\|_{\infty} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (f \in C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)).$$

In this case, we have the following

Theorem 6.1. *The Banach algebra $C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ is a BED-algebra of type I but is not a BSE-algebra, that is, this algebra belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,1}$.*

Proof. We first show that $C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ is a Segal algebra in $C_0(X)$. Since each compact subset of X is contained in some U_n , it follows that $C_c(X) \subseteq C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$, hence $C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ is a dense Banach ideal in $C_0(X)$. Then it is sufficient to show that $C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ has approximate units. To see this, take $f \in C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrarily. Then there is $N_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{N}$ such that

$$\sum_{i=N_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)|^p < \varepsilon^p/2^p.$$

Put

$$K = \{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq \varepsilon/2\} \cup \overline{U_{N\varepsilon}},$$

and let U be an open neighbourhood of K with compact closure. Choose a continuous function e on X such that $e|_K = 1, e|_{X \setminus U} = 0$ and $0 \leq e \leq 1$. Then e is in $C_c(X)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - fe\|_{\infty, p, \{x_i\}} &= \sup_{x \notin K} |f(x)(1 - e(x))| + \left(\sum_{i=N\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)(1 - e(x_i))|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &< \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

holds. Then $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ has approximate units as required.

By the above argument and Theorem 3.1, we see that $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I. Furthermore, we see that $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ has no bounded X -weak approximate identity. In fact, suppose on the contrary that it has a bounded X -weak approximate identity $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ bounded by β . Then for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$, we can find $\lambda_n \in \Lambda$ such that

$$n^{1/p}/2 \leq \|e_{\lambda_n}\|_{\infty, p, \{x_i\}} \leq \beta.$$

This is a contradiction because n is arbitrary. Thus we see that $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ is not of BSE by [9, Corollary 5].

Finally, we show that $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ is of BED. In fact, since $C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$ is Tauberian, it follows from [1, Proposition 4.1] that

$$C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X) \subseteq C_{BSE(C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X))}^0(X).$$

To show the reverse inclusion, let $f \in C_{BSE(C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X))}^0(X)$. Take $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrarily, and hence there is $K_0 \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ with $\|f\|_{BSE, K_0} < \varepsilon$. Let $p_x(g) = g(x)$ for $x \in X$ and $g \in C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)$. Since $\|p_x\|_{C_{0, p, \{x_i\}}(X)^*} \leq 1$ and $\widehat{p}_x|_{K_0} = 0$ for all $x \notin K_0$, it follows that

$$|f(x)| \leq \|f\|_{BSE, K_0} < \varepsilon$$

for all $x \notin K_0$, and hence $f \in C_0(X)$. Next, we need to show $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)|^p < \infty$. To do this, take $n \in \mathbf{N}$ arbitrarily and consider the space l_n^q , where $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Then we can choose $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in l_n^q$ such that

$$\|a\|_{l_n^q} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(x_i) \right| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)|^p \right)^{1/p}. \quad (6.1)$$

Moreover, let $p_a \in \text{span}(X)$ be a functional defined by $\widehat{p}_a(x_i) = a_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\widehat{p}_a(x) = 0$ otherwise. Then we have from Hölder-Rogers' inequality and the first

equation of (6.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|p_a\|_{C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)^*} &= \sup_{\substack{g \in C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X) \\ \|g\|_{\infty,p,\{x_i\}} \leq 1}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g(x_i) \right| \\
&\leq \sup_{\substack{g \in C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X) \\ \|g\|_{\infty,p,\{x_i\}} \leq 1}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^q \right)^{1/q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |g(x_i)|^p \right)^{1/p} \\
&\leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i)|^p &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(x_i) \right|^p \leq \sup_{\substack{p \in \text{span}(X) \\ \|p\|_{C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)^*} \leq 1}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{p}(x_i) f(x_i) \right|^p \\
&= \|f\|_{BSE(C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X))}^p < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

holds by the second equation of (6.1). Since n is arbitrary, it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f(x_i)|^p \leq \|f\|_{BSE(C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X))}^p < \infty$$

as required, that is, $f \in C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$. Consequently, we have

$$C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X) = C_{BSE(C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X))}^0(X),$$

namely, $C_{0,p,\{x_i\}}(X)$ is of BED. □

(II)

Let $A = C_0(X)$ and τ an unbounded complex-valued continuous function on X . For $n \in \mathbf{N}$, define

$$A_{\tau(n)} = \{f \in A : f\tau^k \in A \ (0 \leq k \leq n)\}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{\tau(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \|f\tau^k\|_{\infty} \quad (f \in A_{\tau(n)}).$$

Note that τ is a local A -function, that is, $f\tau \in A$ holds for all $f \in A_c$. Therefore, it follows from [2, Theorem 5.4 (ii)] that $A_{\tau(n)}$ is a Segal algebra in A , hence it is of type I from Lemma 2.1. Moreover, we see from [2, Remark 9.11 (b)] that $A_{\tau(n)}$ is of BED but is not of BSE.

By summarizing the above arguments, the following theorem is obtained.

Theorem 6.2. *Let $A_{\tau(n)}$ be as in the above. Then $A_{\tau(n)}$ is a BED-algebra of type I but is not a BSE-algebra, that is, this algebra belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{\text{type I}}^{0,1}$.*

In addition, we have from [2, Proposition 8.2 (ii)] that

$$A \supsetneq A_{\tau(1)} \supsetneq A_{\tau(2)} \supsetneq \cdots \supsetneq A_{\tau(n)} \supsetneq \cdots .$$

7. Algebras which belong to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,0,k}$ ($k = 0, 1$)

The case of $k = 1$.

Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space. Let S_1 and S_2 be two Segal algebras in $C_0(X)$. Then $S_1 \cap S_2$ is a Segal algebra in $C_0(X)$ with norm $\|f\|_{S_1} + \|f\|_{S_2}$ for $f \in S_1 \cap S_2$ (see [2, Theorem D']). We denote by $S_1 \wedge S_2$ such a Segal algebra in $C_0(X)$. Under this notation, we have the following

Theorem 7.1. *Assume that S_1 is not of BSE, S_2 is of BSE and $S_1 \not\subseteq S_2$. Then*

- (i) $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is a Tauberian Banach algebra of type I.
- (ii) $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is neither of BSE nor of BED.

Namely, $S_1 \wedge S_2$ belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,0,1}$.

Proof. (i) This follows directly from Theorem 3.1.

(ii) We first show that $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is not of BSE. In fact, suppose on the contrary that $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is of BSE, so it has a bounded X -weak approximate identity, say $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$. Since $\|e_\lambda\|_{S_1} \leq \|e_\lambda\|_{S_1 \wedge S_2}$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, it follows that $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is also a bounded X -weak approximate identity of S_1 . Therefore, S_1 must be of BSE with the help of [2, Theorem 9.10]. This contradicts that S_1 is not of BSE.

We next show that $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is not of BED. We first assert that $C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}(X) = C_{BSE(S_1)}(X)$ holds. Clearly $C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}(X) \subseteq C_{BSE(S_1)}(X)$ because $\|p\|_{(S_1 \wedge S_2)^*} \leq \|p\|_{S_1^*}$ for all $p \in \text{span}(X)$. To show the reverse inclusion, take $\sigma \in C_{BSE(S_1)}(X)$ arbitrarily. Then by [9, Theorem 4], we can find a bounded net $\{\sigma_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ in S_1 such that $\lim_\lambda \sigma_\lambda(x) = \sigma(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Also, since S_2 is of BSE, it has a bounded X -weak approximate identity, say $\{u_i\}_{i \in I}$. Put $\sigma_{\lambda,i} = \sigma_\lambda u_i$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $i \in I$. Since both S_1 and S_2 are ideals of $C_0(X)$, it follows that $\{\sigma_{\lambda,i}\}_{(\lambda,i) \in \Lambda \times I}$ is a net in $S_1 \wedge S_2$ such that $\lim_{\lambda,i} \sigma_{\lambda,i}(x) = \sigma(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sigma_{\lambda,i}\|_{S_1 \wedge S_2} &= \|\sigma_\lambda u_i\|_{S_1} + \|\sigma_\lambda u_i\|_{S_2} \leq \|\sigma_\lambda\|_{S_1} \|u_i\|_\infty + \|\sigma_\lambda\|_\infty \|u_i\|_{S_2} \\ &\leq \|\sigma_\lambda\|_{S_1} \|u_i\|_{S_2} + \|\sigma_\lambda\|_{S_1} \|u_i\|_{S_2} \\ &\leq 2 \sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \|\sigma_\lambda\|_{S_1} \times \sup_{i \in I} \|u_i\|_{S_2} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $i \in I$. Thus, we see that $\{\sigma_{\lambda,i}\}_{(\lambda,i) \in \Lambda \times I}$ is a bounded net in $S_1 \wedge S_2$. Then it follows that $\sigma \in C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}(X)$ with the help of [9, Theorem 4] again. Thus, we see that the reverse inclusion holds as required. Our assertion implies that two BSE-norms $\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1)}$ on $C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}(X) = C_{BSE(S_1)}(X)$ are equivalent. Note also that S_1 is the $\|\cdot\|_{S_1}$ -norm closure of $C_c(X)$ by [2, Theorem A']

and that the $\|\cdot\|_{S_1}$ -norm closure of $C_c(X)$ is contained in the $\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1)}$ -norm closure of $S_1 \wedge S_2$ because $C_c(X) \subseteq S_1 \wedge S_2$ and $\|f\|_{BSE(S_1)} \leq \|f\|_{S_1}$ for all $f \in S_1$. Moreover, note that $\overline{S_1 \wedge S_2}^{\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}} = C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}^0(X)$ holds by Lemma 2.2. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 \wedge S_2 &\not\subseteq S_1 = \overline{C_c(X)}^{\|\cdot\|_{S_1}} \subseteq \overline{S_1 \wedge S_2}^{\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1)}} = \overline{S_1 \wedge S_2}^{\|\cdot\|_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}} \\ &= C_{BSE(S_1 \wedge S_2)}^0(X), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is not of BED. \square

The above theorem gives many Segal algebras belonging to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,0,1}$. For example, let $S_1 = C_0(\mathbf{R}^n)_{\tau(1)}$ and $S_2 = C_{0,p}(\mathbf{R}^n, dx)$, where $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $1 \leq p < 1/\alpha$ and dx is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{R}^n with $\tau(x) = |x|^\alpha + 1$ ($x \in \mathbf{R}^n$). Then S_1 is a Segal algebra of type I in $C_0(\mathbf{R}^n)$ which is not of BSE by Theorem 6.2. Also S_2 is a BSE Segal algebra of type I in $C_0(\mathbf{R}^n)$ by Theorem 5.1. Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/|x|^{1/p} & (|x| > 1) \\ 1 & (|x| \leq 1). \end{cases}$$

Then we can easily see that $f \in S_1 \setminus S_2$, and hence $S_1 \not\subseteq S_2$. Thus, by Theorem 7.1, we obtain the following

Corollary 7.2. *If $\tau(x) = |x|^\alpha + 1$ ($x \in \mathbf{R}^n$), $1 \leq p < n/\alpha$ and dx is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{R}^n , then $C_0(\mathbf{R}^n)_{\tau(1)} \wedge C_{0,p}(\mathbf{R}^n, dx)$ belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{type I}^{0,0,1}$.*

The case of $k = 0$.

Let X be a noncompact locally compact Hausdorff space and τ a continuous complex-valued function on X such that $\inf_{x \in X} \tau(x) \geq 1$ and $1/\tau \in C_0(X)$. Define

$$C_0(X; \tau) = \{f \in C^b(X) : \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|\tau(x) < \infty\}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{\infty, \tau} = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|\tau(x)$$

for each $f \in C_0(X; \tau)$. By a routine argument, we see that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is a commutative Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\infty, \tau}$ such that

$$C_c(X) \subseteq C_0(X; \tau) \subseteq C_0(X).$$

Therefore, $C_0(X; \tau)$ becomes a dense Banach ideal in $C_0(X)$. Also $C_0(X; \tau)$ is natural. In fact, let φ be an arbitrary element of $\Phi_{C_0(X; \tau)}$. Choose $h \in C_0(X; \tau)$ with $\varphi(h) \neq 0$ and define

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f) = \varphi(hf)/\varphi(h)$$

for each $f \in C_0(X)$. This is well-defined because the right hand side of the above equation is independent of a choice of h . By an easy calculation, we see that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is a nonzero complex homomorphism on $C_0(X)$, and hence we can find $x \in X$ such that $\tilde{\varphi}(f) = f(x)$ holds for all $f \in C_0(X)$. This implies that $\varphi(f) = f(x)$ holds for all $f \in C_0(X; \tau)$, namely, $C_0(X; \tau)$ is natural as required. Therefore, $\Phi_{C_0(X; \tau)}$ can be identified with X by [8, Theorem 3.2.4]. Then we have the following

Theorem 7.3. *Let $C_0(X; \tau)$ be as in the above. Then*

- (i) $C_0(X; \tau)$ is not Tauberian.
- (ii) $C_0(X; \tau)$ is a Banach algebra of type I but is neither of BSE nor of BED.

Namely, $C_0(X; \tau)$ belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{\text{type I}}^{0,0,0}$.

Proof. (i) Suppose that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is Tauberian. Put $h = 1/\tau$, and then it must be in $C_0(X; \tau)$. Therefore, we can find $f \in C_0(X; \tau)$ with compact support such that $\|h - f\|_{\infty, \tau} < 1$ by hypothesis. On the other hand, we have

$$\|h - f\|_{\infty, \tau} = \sup_{x \in X} \left| \frac{1}{\tau(x)} - f(x) \right| \tau(x) = \sup_{x \in X} |1 - f(x)\tau(x)| \geq 1.$$

Thus, we reach to a contradiction.

(ii) Note that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is an ideal of $C^b(X)$, and hence $C^b(X) \subseteq M(C_0(X; \tau))$ holds. Also, since $\Phi_{C_0(X; \tau)}$ can be identified with X , it follows that $M(C_0(X; \tau)) \subseteq C^b(X)$. Thus we obtain $M(C_0(X; \tau)) = C^b(X)$, that is, $C_0(X; \tau)$ is of type I. Also, since $C_0(X; \tau)$ is a Banach algebra of type I but is not Tauberian, it follows from Theorem 3.2 that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is not of BED. Finally, we show that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is not of BSE. Suppose on the contrary that $C_0(X; \tau)$ is of BSE, hence it has a bounded X -weak approximate identity, say, $\{e_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ bounded by β . Then we can choose $x_0 \in X$ and $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$ such that $\tau(x_0) \geq 2\beta + 1$ and $|e_{\lambda_0}(x_0) - 1| \leq 1/2$ because $\sup_{x \in X} \tau(x) = \infty$ by the assumption on τ . Then we have

$$\beta \geq \|e_{\lambda_0}\|_{\infty, \tau} = \sup_{x \in X} |e_{\lambda_0}(x)|\tau(x) \geq |e_{\lambda_0}(x_0)|\tau(x_0) \geq \frac{2\beta + 1}{2} = \beta + \frac{1}{2},$$

which is a contradiction. □

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