D-MATH Prof. Marc Burger Functional Analysis II

Exercise Sheet 3

1. Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space. Show that the canonical map

$$X \to \widehat{C}_0(\widehat{X})$$

is a homeomorphism where $\widehat{C_0(X)}$ is endowed with the Guelfand topology.

- 2. Find an example of a commutative Banach algebra A for which the Guelfand transform $A \to C_0(\widehat{A})$ is not surjective.
- 3. Consider the Banach algebra $A := \ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ with convolution product and

$$B := \{ f \in A : f(n) = 0 \ \forall n < 0 \}.$$

Show that B is a unital subalgebra of A. Moreover, prove $\operatorname{Sp}_A(\delta_1) \subsetneq \operatorname{Sp}_B(\delta_1)$.