

# ON PRINCIPAL IDEALS AND BANDS IN $l$ -ALGEBRA

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Let  $A$  be a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e$ . Some results are obtained about algebra structure of principal ideal and principal band.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

An ordered vector spaces  $E$  is called a Riesz space (or a vector lattice) if  $\sup\{x, y\} = x \vee y$  (or  $\inf\{x, y\} = x \wedge y$ ) exists in  $E$ , for all  $x, y \in E$ . Sets of the form  $[x, y] = \{z \in E : x \leq z \leq y\}$  are called order intervals or simply intervals. The subset  $M$  of  $E$  is said to be order bounded if  $M$  is included in some order interval. A linear map  $T$ , between  $E$  and  $L$ , is said to be order bounded whenever  $T$  maps order bounded sets into order bounded sets. Order bounded linear maps between  $E$  and  $L$  will be denoted by  $L_b(E, L)$ . We denote  $L_b(E)$  the order bounded operators from  $E$  into itself. A mapping  $\pi \in L_b(E)$  is called an orthomorphism if  $x \perp y$  (i.e.,  $|x| \wedge |y| = 0$ ) implies  $\pi x \perp y$ . An order bounded operator  $T$  on an Archimedean Riesz space  $E$  is orthomorphism if and only if  $T(B) \subseteq B$  holds for each band  $B$  of  $E$ . The set of orthomorphisms of  $E$  will be denoted by  $Orth(E)$ . The principal order ideal generated by the identity operator  $I$  in  $Orth(E)$  is called the ideal center of  $E$  and is denoted by  $Z(E)$  (i.e.,  $Z(E) = \{\pi \in Orth(E) : |\pi| \leq \lambda I, \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$ ). If  $E$  is an Dedekind complete Riesz space then  $Z(E)$  is the ideal generated by  $I$  and  $Orth(E)$  is the band generated by  $I$  in  $L_b(E)$ . Moreover, if  $E$  is a Banach lattice then  $Z(E) = Orth(E)$ .

Let  $A$  be a Riesz algebra (lattice ordered algebra), i.e.,  $A$  is a Riesz space which is simultaneously an associative algebra with the additional property that  $a, b \in A^+$  implies that  $a \cdot b \in A^+$ . An  $f$ -algebra  $A$  is a Riesz algebra which satisfies the extra requirement that  $a \perp b$  implies that  $ac \perp b = ca \perp b$ , for all  $c \in A^+$ . Every Archimedean  $f$ -algebra is commutative.  $Orth(E)$  and  $Z(E)$  are  $f$ -algebras under pointwise order and composition of operators.

In [4], Huijsmans has given some properties for principal ideal and band generated by unit in a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra  $A$  with unit element  $e > 0$ ,

which are similar properties to  $Z(E)$  and  $Orth(E)$ . Alpay and Uyar have studied algebra structure of principal ideals and bands generated by order bounded operators in  $L_b(E)$  [3]. In this paper, we will obtain some results about algebra structure of principal ideals and bands generated by an element in a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra  $A$  with unit element  $e > 0$ .

The Riesz spaces in this paper are assumed to be Archimedean. For all undefined terminology concerning vector lattice and  $l$ -algebra we shall adhere to the definitions in [1], [5], [6] and [8].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Let  $A$  be a  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ . We shall now investigate whether  $I_a$  (principal ideal generated by  $a$ ), and  $B_a$  (principal band generated by  $a$ ) are subalgebras of  $A$ .

**THEOREM 2.1** ([4], Theorem 1). *Let  $A$  be a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ . Then, the following holds:*

(1) *The principal band  $B_e$  generated by  $e$  in  $A$  is a projection band, i.e.,  $A = B_e \oplus B_e^d$ .*

(2) *For any  $a \in B_e$ , the left multiplication  $\pi_a^l$  by  $a$  and right multiplication  $\pi_a^r$  by  $a$  are orthomorphisms.*

**THEOREM 2.2** ([4], Theorem 2). *Let  $A$  be a Banach  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ . Then, the principal ideal  $I_e$  generated by  $e$  satisfies  $I_e = B_e$ , and so,  $A = I_e \oplus I_e^d$ .*

We now give a simple necessary and sufficient condition for  $I_a$  to be subalgebra.

**LEMMA 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be an  $l$ -algebra and  $a \in A$ . Then,  $I_a$  is an subalgebra if and only if  $|a|^2 \leq \lambda|a|$ , for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $A$  be a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ . Then, the following holds:*

- (1)  $I_e$  and  $B_e$  are Archimedean  $f$ -algebras with unit element  $e$ ;
- (2)  $I_e = Z(I_e)$  and  $B_e = Orth(B_e)$  (lattice and algebra isomorphic).

*Proof.* (1)  $I_e$  is a subalgebra from Lemma 2.3. As  $\pi_a^l \in Orth(A)$ ,  $\pi_a^r \in Orth(A)$  and  $B_e$  is a band,  $B_e$  is an  $f$ -algebra.

- (2) It follows from Theorem 141.1 in [8].  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *Let  $A$  be a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $a \in A^+$ . Then, the principal*

band  $B_a$  generated by  $a$  is a projection band, i.e.,  $A = B_a \oplus B_a^d$ . If  $A$  is a Banach  $l$ -algebra then,  $I_a = B_a$  is satisfied, and so,  $A = I_a \oplus I_a^d$ .

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 24.7 in [5], it is sufficient to show that  $\sup_n(b \wedge na)$  exists in  $B_a$  for each  $b \in A^+$ . Since  $B_e$  is a projection band,  $\sup_n(a^{-1}b \wedge ne) = v$  exist in  $B_e$ , for each  $b \in A^+$ . The mapping  $\pi_a^l$  is evidently a positive isomorphism. Furthermore, the invers mapping  $(\pi_a^l)^{-1} = \pi_{a^{-1}}^l$  is also positive. Hence,  $\pi_a^l$  is an order continuous lattice isomorphism. We have  $\sup_n(b \wedge na) = av$  and  $av \in B_a$  since  $\pi_v^r \in Orth(A)$ . Let  $A$  be a Banach lattice and  $0 \leq b \in B_a$ . We have to prove that  $b \in I_a$ . By Theorem 3.4 in [1],  $\sup_n(b \wedge na) = b$ . Therefore,  $\sup_n(a^{-1}b \wedge ne) = a^{-1}b$ . This implies  $a^{-1}b \in I_e$  as  $B_e$  is a projection band and  $I_e = B_e$ . We find  $b \in I_a$  as desired.  $\square$

Although  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $0 \leq a \in A$ ,  $I_a$  (or  $B_a$ ) may not be subalgebra.

*Example 2.6.* Let  $A$  denote the set of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrix. It is well known that  $A$  is Dedekind complete (hence, uniformly complete)  $l$ -algebra with matrix operations and the order " $[a_{i,j}] \leq [b_{i,j}] \Leftrightarrow a_{i,j} \leq b_{i,j}$ , for all  $i$  and  $j$ ".

Let  $0 \leq a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $a^{-1}$  exists in  $A$  and is positive but  $a^2$  is not an element of  $I_a$  (or  $B_a$ ). Hence,  $I_a$  (or  $B_a$ ) is not a subalgebra.

**PROPOSITION 2.7.** *Let  $A$  be a Dedekind complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$  and  $a \in A^+$ . Then, the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $a \in B_e$  and  $I_a$  is a subalgebra;
- (ii)  $a \in I_e$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $a \in B_e$  and  $I_a$  be a subalgebra. As  $I_a$  be a subalgebra  $0 \leq a^2 \leq \lambda a$ , for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . By the Theorem 8.15 in [1] and Corollary 2.4 (2) there exists  $b \in B_e$  such that  $0 \leq b \leq e$  and  $\lambda ab = a^2$ . We have  $a(a - \lambda b) = 0$  and consequently  $a \wedge |a - \lambda b| = 0$  because of  $B_e$  is an  $f$ -algebra. But  $a - \lambda b \leq a$  implies that  $a - \lambda b \leq a \wedge |a - \lambda b| = 0$ . Hence,  $a \leq \lambda b \leq \lambda e$ , so  $a \in I_e$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is evident.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.8.** *Let  $A$  be an  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $a \in A^+$ . Then,  $B_a$  is a subalgebra if and only if  $a \in B_e$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $B_a$  is a subalgebra. As  $a^2 \in B_a$ , we have  $\sup_n(a^2 \wedge na) = a^2$ . Therefore,  $\sup_n(a \wedge ne) = a$  and this yields  $a \in B_e$ . Let now  $a \in B_e$ . Since  $\pi_a^l \in Orth(A)$ , we get  $\pi_a^l(B_a) \subseteq B_a$ . Hence,  $B_a$  is a subalgebra.

The hypothesis that  $a^{-1}$  be positive is indispensable.  $\square$

*Example 2.9.* Let  $A$  be the  $l$ -algebra in Example 2.6 and  $0 \leq a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $a^{-1}$  exists in  $A$  and  $B_a$  is a subalgebra. But,  $a$  is not element of  $B_e$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.10.** *Let  $A$  be an  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $a \in A^+$ . Then,*

$$B_a = \{b \in A : b = ac, \text{ for some } c \in B_e\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\pi_a^l$  is a lattice homomorphism, the set  $\{b \in A : b = ac, \text{ for some } c \in B_e\}$  is Riesz subspace of  $A$ . Furthermore, it is easy to see that

$$b \in B_a \Leftrightarrow \sup_n (b \wedge na) = b \Leftrightarrow \sup_n (a^{-1}b \wedge ne) = a^{-1}b \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in B_e,$$

and  $b = a(a^{-1}b)$ , for each  $0 \leq b$ . Thus, the equality follows.

Let  $A$  be an algebra and  $M$  be a non-empty subset of  $A$ . The commutant of  $M$  is denoted by  $M_c = \{a \in A : am = ma, \text{ for all } m \in M\}$ . Suppose  $E$  is a Riesz space with separating order dual. Let  $x \in E$  be arbitrary and  $0 \leq y \leq x$ .  $E$  is said to have topologically full centre (or topologically full) if there exists a net  $0 \leq \pi_\alpha \leq I$  in  $Z(E)$  with  $\pi_\alpha x \rightarrow y$  in  $\sigma(E, E^\sim)$ . The class of Riesz spaces that have topologically full centre are quite large. Each  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete Riesz spaces and each unital  $f$ -algebras with separating order dual are topologically full [7]. In [2] we have shown that if  $E$  is a topologically full Riesz space, then the commutant  $Z(E)$  in  $L_b(E)$  is  $Orth(E)$ , i.e.,  $Z(E)_c = Orth(E)$ . Now, we will give similar properties for the commutant of  $I_a$  in a  $l$ -algebra  $A$ .

After then,  $A^\sim$  (or  $E^\sim$ ) will be assumed to separate the points of  $A$  (or  $E$ ). This assumption implies that  $A$  (or  $E$ ) is Archimedean.

Let  $E, F$  and  $G$  be Riesz space and  $\mu : E \times F \rightarrow G$  be a bilinear map. If for each  $x \in E^+$  and  $y \in F^+$ , the maps  $\mu_x : F \rightarrow G : z \rightarrow \mu_x(z) = \mu(x, z)$  and  $\mu_y : E \rightarrow G : u \rightarrow \mu_y(u) = \mu(u, y)$  are positive (lattice homomorphism), then  $\mu$  is called bipositive (bilattice homomorphism). Let  $E$  be a Riesz space. We can define a bilinear map

$$\mu : E \times E^\sim \rightarrow Z(E)^\sim : (x, f) \rightarrow \mu_{x,f}, \mu_{x,f}(\pi) = f(\pi x), \quad \text{for } \pi \in Z(E).$$

Some properties of this map is studied in [7]. We will study similar a bilinear map.

If  $A$  is an  $l$ -algebra and  $a \in A^+$  then, the following bilinear map is considered

$$\mu : A \times A^\sim \rightarrow I_a^\sim : (x, f) \rightarrow \mu_{x,f}, \mu_{x,f}(b) = f(bx), \quad \text{for } b \in I_a.$$

For each  $x \in A^+$ ,  $0 \leq f \in A^\sim$ , the map  $\mu_x : A^\sim \rightarrow I_a^\sim$  and the map  $\mu_f : A \rightarrow I_a^\sim$  are positive and we have  $|\mu_{x,f}| \leq \mu_{|x|,|f|}$ , for each each  $(x, f) \in A \times A^\sim$ . If

$A$  is a topologically full algebra we can say more about the positivity of the map  $\mu$ .

**THEOREM 2.11.** *If  $A$  is a topologically full algebra and  $a \in A^+$  then,  $\mu_f : A \rightarrow I_a^\sim$  is a lattice homomorphism, for each  $0 \leq f \in A^\sim$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \leq f \in A^\sim$ . It is enough to show that  $\mu_f(x) \wedge \mu_f(y) = 0$  for each  $x, y$  in  $A$  satisfying  $x \wedge y = 0$ . It is well known that

$$\begin{aligned} [\mu_f(x) \wedge \mu_f(y)](b) &= [\mu_{x,f} \wedge \mu_{y,f}](b) \\ &= \inf\{\mu_{x,f}(c) + \mu_{y,f}(d) : 0 \leq c, d \in I_a, c + d = b\} \\ &= \inf\{f(cx) + f(dy) : 0 \leq c, d \in I_a, c + d = b\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $z = x + y$  and  $I_x, I_y$  and  $I_z$  be respectively, the order ideals generated by  $x, y$  and  $z$ . Then,  $I_z$  is actually the order direct sum of  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  by Theorem 1.7.6 in [5]. We denote  $p$  the order projection of  $I_z$  onto  $I_x$ . Let  $J$  be the restriction to  $I_z$  of order bounded functionals on  $A$ . Then,  $J$  is an order ideal in  $I_z^\sim$  because if  $f \in I_z^\sim$  satisfies  $0 \leq f \leq g/I_z$ , for some  $g \in A^\sim$  then  $f$  has extension to a positive functional on  $A$  by Theorem 2.3 in [1]. The adjoint  $p^\sim : I_z^\sim \rightarrow I_z^\sim$  of  $p$  satisfies  $0 \leq p^\sim \leq I$  and as a consequence we obtain  $p^\sim(J) \subseteq J$ . As a result of these simple observations, the pair  $(I_z, J)$  constitutes a Riesz pair and  $p : (I_z, \sigma(I_z, J)) \rightarrow (I_x, \sigma(I_x, J))$  is continuous. Since  $0 \leq p(z) \leq z$  there exists  $(\pi_\alpha)$  in  $Z(A)$  such that  $0 \leq \pi_\alpha \leq I$  and  $\pi_\alpha(z) \rightarrow p(z) = x$ , and also the continuity of  $p$   $p(\pi_\alpha(z)) = \pi_\alpha(p(z)) \rightarrow p(x)$  now yields  $\pi_\alpha(x) \rightarrow x$  in  $\sigma(I_x, J)$ . Since  $\pi_\alpha(z) = \pi_\alpha(x) + \pi_\alpha(y)$  for each  $\alpha$ , we have  $\pi_\alpha(y) \rightarrow 0$  in  $\sigma(I_y, J)$ . As

$$[\mu_f(x) \wedge \mu_f(y)](b) \leq f((b - \pi_\alpha(b))x + \pi_\alpha(b)y)$$

for each  $\alpha$ , we obtain

$$[\mu_f(x) \wedge \mu_f(y)](b) \leq \lim_{\alpha} f((b - \pi_\alpha(b))x + \pi_\alpha(b)y) = 0,$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.12.** *Let  $A$  be a topologically full  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists for  $a \in A^+$ . Then,  $(I_a)_c \subseteq B_e$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $b \in (I_a)_c$  be arbitrary. We show that  $\pi_b^l \in Orth(A)$ . If  $x \perp y$  in  $A$ , then the positivity of the map  $\mu$  implies

$$|\mu_{x,f}| \leq \mu_{|x|,|f|} \leq \mu_{|x|,|f| \vee |g|} \quad \text{and} \quad |\mu_{y,g}| \leq \mu_{|y|,|g|} \leq \mu_{|y|,|f| \vee |g|}$$

for each  $f, g \in A^\sim$ . Hence,

$$0 \leq |\mu_{x,f}| \wedge |\mu_{y,g}| \leq \mu_{|x|,|f| \vee |g|} \wedge \mu_{|y|,|f| \vee |g|} = \mu_{|x| \wedge |y|, |f| \vee |g|} = 0$$

by Theorem 2.11. Thus, if  $x \perp y$  in  $A$ , then  $\mu_{x,f} \perp \mu_{y,g}$  in  $I_a^\sim$ , for each  $f, g \in A^\sim$ . On the other hand, as  $b \in (I_a)_c$  we have

$$\mu_{\pi_b^l(x),f}(z) = \mu_{bx,f}(z) = f(z(bx)) = f(b(zx)) = (\pi_b^l)^\sim(f)(zx) = \mu_{x,(\pi_b^l)^\sim(f)}(z),$$

for each  $z \in I_a$ . Hence,  $\mu_{\pi_b^l(x),f} \perp \mu_{y,f}$ , for each  $f \in A^\sim$ . As  $\mu_f$  is a lattice homomorphism for each  $0 \leq f \in A^\sim$ ,  $\mu_{|\pi_b^l(x)| \wedge |y|,f} = 0$ . Thus,  $\mu_{|\pi_b^l(x)| \wedge |y|,f}(a) = 0$ , for each  $f \in A^\sim$ . Since  $A^\sim$  separates the points of  $A$ , we have  $a(|\pi_b^l(x)| \wedge |y|) = 0$  which yields  $|\pi_b^l(x)| \wedge |y| = 0$  as  $a^{-1}$  exists. So,  $\pi_b^l \in Orth(A)$ . It follows that  $\pi_b^l(e) = b \in B_e$  as  $\pi_b^l(B_e) \subseteq B_e$ .

Corollary 2.4 suggests that if  $A$  is a uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$  then,  $B_e$  is an Archimedean  $f$ -algebra. Hence,  $B_e$  is a commutative algebra. By this observation and Theorem 2.12 we can give a corollary.

**COROLLARY 2.13.** *If  $A$  is a topologically full uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , then  $(I_e)_c = (B_e)_c = B_e$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.14.** *If  $A$  is a topologically full uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists for  $a \in A^+$ . Then  $(I_a)_c = B_e$  if and only if  $a \in B_e$ .*

*Proof.* If  $a \in B_e$ , then it is clear that  $(I_a)_c = B_e$ . Let  $(I_a)_c = B_e$ . This implies that  $ba = ab$ , for each  $b \in B_e$ . Hence,  $a \in (B_e)_c = B_e$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.15.** *If  $A$  is a topologically full uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , then  $B_e$  is a full subalgebra (i.e., if  $c \in B_e$  and  $c^{-1}$  exists in  $A$ , then  $c^{-1} \in B_e$ ).*

*Proof.* Since  $(B_e)_c = B_e$  and  $(B_e)_c$  is a full subalgebra, then  $B_e$  is a full subalgebra.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.16.** *Let  $A$  be a topologically full uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $a \in A^+$ . If  $B_a$  is an algebra, then it is full subalgebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $B_a$  be an algebra,  $b \in B_a$  and  $b^{-1}$  exists in  $A$ . As  $B_e$  is full algebra, we have

$$\begin{aligned} b \in B_a &\Rightarrow b \wedge na \uparrow b \Rightarrow ba^{-1} \wedge ne \uparrow ba^{-1} \Rightarrow ba^{-1} \in B_e \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in B_e \\ &\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \wedge ne \uparrow ab^{-1} \Rightarrow a^2b^{-1} \wedge na \uparrow a^2b^{-1} \Rightarrow a^2b^{-1} \in B_a. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $B_a$  is an algebra,  $a \in B_e$  by Proposition 2.8. Hence,  $a^{-1} \in B_e$ . This implies  $\pi_{a^{-1}}^l \in Orth(A)$ . It follows that  $b^{-1} \in B_a$  as  $\pi_{a^{-1}}^l(B_a) \subseteq B_a$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 2.17. *Let  $A$  be a topologically full uniformly complete  $l$ -algebra with unit element  $e > 0$ , and  $a^{-1}$  exists and is positive for  $a \in A^+$ . Then,  $B_a$  is an algebra if and only if  $B_a = B_e$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.8 and Corollary 2.16, the proof is clear.  $\square$

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