

## Quotient $f$ -Modules

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### Abstract

Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $f$ -algebra  $A$ . Then  $L^\sim$  is a  $cf$ -module over the  $f$ -algebra  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$ . Quotient  $f$ -modules are studied and subsequently a connection between  $Z(L^\sim)$  and  $[A^\sim)_n^\sim]_e$  is investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

In this note Riesz spaces are assumed to have separating order duals. Let  $A$  be a Riesz 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  $ab \in A_+$ . An  $f$ -algebra  $A$  is a Riesz algebra which satisfies the extra requirement that  $a \wedge b = 0$  implies  $ac \wedge b = ca \wedge b = 0$  for all  $c \in A_+$ . If  $A$  is an Archimedean  $f$ -algebra, then  $A$  is necessarily commutative. It is well-known that for any Archimedean  $f$ -algebra  $A$  with point separating order dual,  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$  is an Archimedean  $f$ -algebra with respect to the Arens multiplication [4]. We denote by  $L_b(L)$ , the class of all order bounded operators from  $L$  into itself. Recall that  $\pi \in L_b(L)$  is called an orthomorphism of  $L$  if  $x \perp y$  in  $L$  imply that  $\pi(x) \perp y$ . Orthomorphisms of  $L$  will be denoted by  $\text{Orth}(L)$ .  $\text{Orth}(L)$  is an  $f$ -algebra under pointwise order and composition. The principal order ideal generated by the identity operator  $I$  in  $\text{Orth}(L)$  is called the ideal center of  $L$  and is denoted by  $Z(L)$ . If  $L$  is an Dedekind complete Riesz space the  $Z(L)$  is the ideal generated by  $I$  in  $L_b(L)$  and  $\text{Orth}(L)$  is the band generated by

$I$  in  $L_b(L)$ . We refer to [1] and [7] for terminology and further information about Riesz spaces.

## 2. Quotient $f$ -Modules

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $A$  be an  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$  and  $L$  be a Riesz space.  $L$  is said to be a left  $f$ -module over  $A$  if there exists a map  $A \times L \rightarrow L : (a, x) \rightarrow ax$  satisfying*

- (i)  $L$  is a left module over  $A$  and  $ex = x$  for each  $x \in L$ ,
- (ii) for each  $a \in A_+$  and  $x \in L_+$  we have  $ax \in L_+$
- (iii) if  $x \perp y$  in  $L$ , then for each  $a \in A$  we have  $ax \perp ay$ .

A right  $f$ -module over  $A$  is defined similarly. We shall only consider the left  $f$ -modules from now on and these will simply be referred to as  $f$ -modules. A  $f$ -module over  $A$  is called an  $cf$ -module if it has the following property:

- (iv) If  $(a_\alpha) \subseteq A$  and  $a_\alpha \uparrow a$  for some  $a \in A$ , then  $a_\alpha x \uparrow ax$  for each  $x \in L_+$

If  $L$  is an  $f$ -module over  $A$ , then for each  $a \in A$ , the mapping  $p_a$  of  $L$  into  $L$  defined by  $p_a(x) = ax, x \in L$ , is an orthomorphism of  $L$ . We refer to [2] and [6] for further information about  $f$ -modules.

If  $A$  is an Archimedean  $f$ -algebra then any uniformly closed ideal in  $A$  is an  $r$ -ideal (i.e., a linear subspace of  $A$  which is a two-sided ring ideal) [3]. Let  $A$  be an  $f$ -algebra and  $N$  be a uniformly closed ideal in  $A$ . It is easy to see that the quotient Riesz space  $A/N$  is an Archimedean  $f$ -algebra with multiplication given by  $(x+N)(y+N) = xy+N$ . If  $A$  is an  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$  then  $\dot{e}$  is a unit of  $A/N$ .

**Definition 2.2** *Let  $A$  be an  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$ ,  $N$  be a uniformly closed ideal in  $A$  and  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ .  $L_0(N) = \{x \in L : Nx = \{0\}\}$  is said to be a null ideal of  $L$  with respect to  $N$ .*

Note that  $L_0(N)$  is a band in  $L$  since  $L_0(N) = \bigcap_{a \in N} N_{p_a}$ , where  $N_{p_a}$  is null ideal of  $p_a$ . Furthermore,  $NL = \{0\}$  if and only if  $L_0(N) = L$ .

**Example 2.3** *Let  $A = C[0, 1]$  and  $N = \{f \in C[0, 1] : f(x) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1/2\}$ . If we take  $L = N$  then  $L_0(N) = \{0\}$ . On the other hand, if we take  $L = A$  then  $L_0(N) = \{f \in C[0, 1] : f(x) = 0 \text{ for } 1/2 \leq x \leq 1\}$ .*

**Proposition 2.4** *Let  $A$  be an  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$  and  $N$  be a uniformly closed ideal in  $A$ . If  $L$  is an  $f$ -module over  $A$  then  $L_0(N)$  is an  $f$ -module over  $A/N$  with multiplication given by*

$$(a + N)x = ax.$$

**Proof.** Once we have shown that multiplication is well defined, the proof that  $L_0(N)$  is an  $f$ -module over  $A/N$  is routine as  $L_0(N)$  is a band in  $L$ .  $ax \in L_0(N)$  as  $A$  commutative. Suppose  $a + N = b + N$ . Since  $a \in a + N = b + N$ ,  $a = b + n$  for some  $n \in N$ . Consequently  $ax = (b + n)x = bx + nx$  for each  $x$  in  $L_0(N)$ . As  $nx = 0$ ,  $ax = bx$ .

In an Archimedean Riesz space, any relatively uniformly convergent sequence is order convergent. Thus, any band in an Archimedean Riesz space is uniformly closed. Let  $A$  be a Dedekind complete Riesz space and  $N$  be a band in  $A$ . Since  $A/N \cong N^d$ ,  $A/N$  is a Dedekind complete.

Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Let  $x \in L$  be arbitrary and  $0 \leq y \leq x$ .  $L$  is said to be discrete with respect to  $Z(A)$  (topologically full with respect to  $A$ ) if there exists  $0 \leq a \leq e$  such that  $ax = y$  (if there exists a net  $0 \leq a_\alpha \leq e$  such that  $a_\alpha x \rightarrow y$  in  $\sigma(L, L^\sim)$ ) [2].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5** *Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$  and  $N$  be a uniformly closed ideal in  $A$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- i) If  $L$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(A)$  then  $L_0(N)$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(A/N)$ .*
- ii) If  $NL = \{0\}$  and  $L$  is a topologically full with respect to  $A$  then  $L_0(N)$  is topologically full with respect to  $A/N$ .*
- iii) If  $L$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A$  and  $N$  is a projection band in  $A$  then  $L_0(N)$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A/N$ .*

**Proof.** i) Suppose  $x, y \in L_0(N)$  be such that  $0 \leq y \leq x$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $0 \leq a \leq e$  such that  $ax = y$ . Therefore, there exists  $0 \leq \hat{a} \leq \hat{e}$  such that  $\hat{a}x = ax = y$ .

ii) This statement can be proven similarly.

iii) Let  $P$  be the band projection of  $A$  onto  $N^d$ .  $\bar{P} : A/N \rightarrow N^d; \hat{a} \rightarrow \bar{P}(\hat{a}) = P(a)$  is a Riesz isomorphism. Suppose that  $(\hat{a}_\alpha) \subseteq A/N$  and  $\hat{a}_\alpha \uparrow \hat{a}$  in  $A/N$ . As  $\bar{P}$  is order continuous,  $\bar{P}\hat{a}_\alpha \uparrow \bar{P}\hat{a}$  and so  $P\hat{a}_\alpha \uparrow P\hat{a}$ . On the other hand, there exists  $b_\alpha \in \hat{a}_\alpha, b \in \hat{a}$  such that  $P\hat{a}_\alpha = b_\alpha, P\hat{a} = b$  for each  $\alpha$ . Since  $L$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A$ ,  $b_\alpha x \uparrow bx$  for

each  $x \in L_0(N)_+$ . By definition of the multiplication, we obtain that  $\dot{a}_\alpha x \uparrow \dot{a}x$  for each  $x \in L_0(N)_+$ .  $\square$

**Examples 2.6** (i) Let  $A = \ell_\infty$  and  $L = \ell_p, (1 \leq p < \infty)$  and  $N = \{x \in \ell_\infty : x = (x_1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)\}$ . It is easy to see that  $L_0(N) = \{(x_n) \in \ell_p : x_1 = 0\}$ .  $L_0(N)$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A/N$  and discrete with respect to  $Z(A/N)$ , since  $L$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A$  and discrete with respect to  $Z(A)$ .

(ii) Let  $A = \ell_\infty$  and  $L = \{(x_n) \in \ell_p : x_{2n-1} = 0, \text{ for all } n \in N\}, (1 \leq p < \infty)$  and  $N = \{(a_n) \in \ell_\infty : a_{2n} = 0, \text{ for all } n \in N\}$ . Since  $NL = \{0\}$ ,  $L_0(N) = L$ . Moreover,  $L$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A/N$  and discrete with respect to  $Z(A/N)$ .

### 3. The Connection Between $\mathbf{Z}(L^\sim)$ and $[(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}}$

Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . It is known that  $L^\sim$  is an  $f$ -module over  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$ . Furthermore,  $L^\sim$  is topologically full with respect to  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$  when  $L$  is topologically full with respect to  $A$ . It can also be seen that  $L^\sim$  is discrete with respect to  $Z((A^\sim)_n^\sim)$  under the hypothesis of Proposition 3.12 in [6].

Let us consider a particular bilinear map  $\phi : L \times L^\sim \rightarrow A^\sim, (x, f) \rightarrow \psi_{x,f} : \psi_{x,f}(a) = f(a.x)$  for each  $a \in A$  of an  $f$ -module  $L$  over  $A$ . For each  $x \in L_+$  the map  $f \rightarrow \phi(x, f)$  and for each  $0 \leq f \in L^\sim$  the map  $x \rightarrow \phi(x, f)$  are positive and we have  $|\phi(x, f)| \leq \phi(|x|, |f|)$  for each  $(x, f) \in L \times L^\sim$ . If  $L$  is a topologically full  $f$ -module then  $\phi$  is a bilattice homomorphism. Let  $x \in L$  be arbitrary and consider  $S(x) = \{\psi_{x,f} : f \in L^\sim\}$ . Then  $S(x)$  is an ideal in  $A^\sim$  [6]. We denote by  $L \otimes L^\sim$  the union of  $S(x)$  for each  $x$  in  $L$ , i.e.,  $L \otimes L^\sim = \{\psi_{x,f} : x \in L, f \in L^\sim\}$ .

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Then  $L^\sim$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(F_\alpha) \subseteq (A^\sim)_n^\sim$  and  $F_\alpha \uparrow F$  in  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$ . We shall show that  $F_\alpha f \uparrow Ff$  for each  $0 \leq f \in L^\sim$ . For this, we pick  $0 \leq f \in L^\sim$  and  $0 \leq x \in L$ . Then  $0 \leq \psi_{x,f} \in A^\sim$  and  $F_\alpha(\psi_{x,f}) \uparrow F(\psi_{x,f})$  holds [1]. Thus,  $F_\alpha f(x) \uparrow Ff(x)$  holds for each  $0 \leq x \in L$  because of module structure on  $L^\sim$ . So  $F_\alpha f \uparrow Ff$  in  $L^\sim$  for each  $0 \leq f \in L^\sim$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2** *Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Then  $L \otimes L^\sim$  is an ideal in  $A^\sim$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $0 \leq |x| \leq |y|$  in  $L$ . For each  $f \in L^\sim$   $|\psi_{x,f}| \leq \psi_{|x|,|f|} \leq \psi_{y,|f|}$  holds in  $A^\sim$ . Since  $S(y)$  is an ideal,  $S(x) \subseteq S(y)$ . Let  $u, v \in L \otimes L^\sim$ . There exists  $x, y \in L$  such that  $u \in S(x), v \in S(y)$ . Since  $S(x) \subseteq S(|x| \vee |y|)$  and  $S(y) \subseteq S(|x| \vee |y|)$ ,  $\lambda u + v \in S(|x| \vee |y|)$  for each  $\lambda \in R$ . Now suppose  $0 \leq |u| \leq |v|; u \in A^\sim, v \in L \otimes L^\sim$ . Then  $v \in S(x)$  for some  $x \in L$ . As  $S(x)$  is ideal,  $u \in S(x)$  and so  $u \in L \otimes L^\sim$   $\square$

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Then  $N = \{F \in (A^\sim)^\sim_n : F|_{L \otimes L^\sim} = 0\}$  is a band in  $(A^\sim)^\sim_n$  and  $NL^\sim = \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.**  $N$  is clearly a subspace. Let  $0 \leq |F| \leq |G|$  with  $G \in N$ . Since  $|G|_{L \otimes L^\sim} = |G|_{L \otimes L^\sim}$  holds in  $(L \otimes L^\sim)^\sim_n$ , we see that  $F|_{L \otimes L^\sim} = 0$ . So  $N$  is an ideal in  $(A^\sim)^\sim_n$ . We shall show that it is a band. Let  $(F_\alpha) \subseteq N$  and  $0 \leq F_\alpha \uparrow F$  in  $(A^\sim)^\sim_n$ . Then  $F_\alpha(\mu) \uparrow F(\mu)$  for each  $0 \leq \mu \in L \otimes L^\sim$ . Thus  $F(\mu) = 0$  for each  $0 \leq \mu \in L \otimes L^\sim$ , that is  $F \in N$ . To show that  $NL^\sim = 0$ , we pick  $F \in N$  and  $f \in L^\sim$ . For each  $x \in L, \psi_{x,f} \in L \otimes L^\sim$  and so  $Ff(x) = F(\psi_{x,f}) = 0$ . That is,  $Ff = 0$ .  $\square$

The mapping  $p : A \rightarrow Orth(L)$ , defined by  $p(a) = p_a$ ,  $a \in A$ , is an algebraic homomorphism,  $p$  is also positive linear mapping of  $A$  into  $Orth(L)$  satisfying  $p(e) = I$ . The principal ideal generated by unit in  $A$  will be denoted by  $I_e$ . We quote the following from [2].

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be Dedekind complete  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$ ,  $L$  be a Dedekind complete Riesz space and assume that  $L$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $A$ . Then  $p : I_e \rightarrow Z(L)$  is surjective if and only if  $L$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(A)$ .*

**Remark.** Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Since  $I_e$  is a subalgebra of  $A$ , we see that  $L$  is an  $f$ -module over  $I_e$ . Furthermore,  $Z(L)$  is  $f$ -module over  $I_e$  with  $I_e \times Z(L) \rightarrow Z(L)$   $(a, \pi) \rightarrow a\pi = p(a)\pi$ . Under the hypothesis of Proposition 3.4,  $Z(L)$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(I_e)$  whenever  $L$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(A)$ . Indeed,  $\pi, \tau \in Z(L)$  with  $0 \leq \pi \leq \tau$  then Dedekind completeness of  $Z(L)$  ensures that there exists  $0 \leq \mu \leq I$  with  $\mu\tau = \pi$ . As  $p$  is surjective, there exists  $0 \leq a \leq e$  with  $\mu = p(a)$  and so  $a\tau = \pi$ . Since  $p$  is an algebra homomorphism, we obtain that  $p$  is  $I_e$ -linear. Note that  $p$  is an  $f$ -orthomorphism whenever  $Z(L)$  is discrete with respect to  $Z(I_e)$  [6].  $\square$

Let  $L, A$  and  $N$  be as in Proposition 3.3. The principal ideal generated by unit in  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N$  will be denoted by  $[(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N]_{\hat{e}}$ .  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N$  is Dedekind complete and  $L_0^\sim(N) = L^\sim$  as we discussed earlier. By Proposition 2.5 (iii) and Proposition 3.1,  $L^\sim$  is an  $cf$ -module over  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N$ . Furthermore,  $L^\sim$  is discrete with respect to  $Z((A^\sim)_n^\sim/N)$  whenever  $L$  is topologically full  $f$ -module over  $A$  [6]. As an application of the quotient  $f$ -modules let us obtain special case of 3.4

**Corollary 3.5** *Let  $L, A$  and  $N$  be as in Proposition 3.3 and  $L$  be a topologically full  $f$ -module over  $A$ . Then  $p : [(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N]_{\hat{e}} \rightarrow Z(L^\sim)$  is a unital algebra and a Riesz isomorphism. In addition,  $p$  is an  $f$ -orthomorphism.*

**Proof.** To see that  $p$  is surjective, we can take respectively  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N$  and  $L^\sim$  instead of  $A, L$  in Proposition 3.4.  $p$  is clearly a unital algebra and a Riesz homomorphism and a  $f$ -orthomorphism. Thus, it is enough to show  $p$  is injective. For this, let  $\dot{F} \in [(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N]_{\hat{e}}$  and  $p(\dot{F}) = 0$ . Then  $\dot{F}f = Ff = 0$  for each  $f \in L^\sim$ . Therefore,  $Ff(x) = F(\psi_{x,f}) = 0$  for each  $x \in L, f \in L^\sim$ . That is,  $F|_{L \otimes L^\sim} = 0$  and so  $F \in N$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.6** *Let  $A$  be an  $f$ -algebra with unit  $e$  and  $L = A$ . It is well known that  $A$  is topologically full with respect to itself [6]. Since  $\psi_{e,f} = f$  for each  $f \in A^\sim, L \otimes L^\sim = A^\sim$  and so  $N = \{0\}$ . Thus we obtained that  $[(A^\sim)_n^\sim/N]_{\hat{e}} = [(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}} = Z(A^\sim)$ .*

Let  $p : [(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}} \rightarrow Z(L^\sim)$  where  $p_F(f) = Ff$  for each  $f \in L^\sim$ . It is clear that  $\text{Kerp} = N \cap [(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}}$ . Note that  $\bar{p} : [(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}}/\text{Kerp} \rightarrow Z(L^\sim)$  is a Riesz isomorphism under the hypothesis of 3.5. When is  $p$  injective? Following result to give necessary and sufficient conditions for this.

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $L$  be an  $f$ -module over  $A$ .  $p$  is injective if and only if  $L \otimes L^\sim$  is an order dense ideal in  $A^\sim$ , i.e.,  $(L \otimes L^\sim)^d = \{0\}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $\text{Kerp} = \{0\}$ . Since  $A^\sim$  is Dedekind complete, there exists a band projection  $P$  of  $A^\sim$  onto  $(L \otimes L^\sim)^d$ . By Theorem 5.2 in [4],  $(A^\sim)_n^\sim$  is an  $f$ -algebra isomorphic to  $\text{Orth}(A^\sim)$ . Since  $P \in Z(A^\sim)$ , there exists  $F \in [(A^\sim)_n^\sim]_{\hat{e}}$  such that  $P(g) = Fg$  for each  $g \in A^\sim$ . Thus  $P(\psi_{x,f}) = F\psi_{x,f} = 0$  for each  $x \in L$  and  $f \in L^\sim$  from the definition of  $L \otimes L^\sim$ . Therefore,  $F\psi_{x,f}(e) = F(\psi_{x,f}e) = F(\psi_{x,f}) = 0$  for each  $x \in L$  and  $f \in L^\sim$ . That is,  $F \in N$  and so  $F \in \text{Kerp}$ . By our hypothesis,  $F = 0$ . So  $P = 0$ , i.e.,

$$(L \otimes L^\sim)^d = \{0\}.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $L \otimes L^\sim$  is order dense in  $A^\sim$ . Let  $F \in \text{Ker } p$ . Since  $p$  is an Riesz homomorphism,  $\text{Ker } p$  is an ideal. So, we can assume that  $F$  is positive. Let  $0 \leq g \in A^\sim$ . There exists  $(g_\alpha) \subseteq L \otimes L^\sim$  such that  $0 \leq g_\alpha \uparrow g$ . Since  $F$  is order continuous,  $0 = F(g_\alpha) \uparrow F(g)$  and so  $F = 0$ .  $\square$

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