

Free A^* -algebras

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Abstract

In this paper we studied the free A^* -algebras, the sub A^* -algebra generated by a subset and its characterization, an A^* -algebra freely generated by a subset and introduced the concept of A^* -field of sets. Also we established some theorems on making A^* -field of sets into A^* -algebras.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1994, P. Koteswara Rao introduced the concept of A^* -algebras and studied their equivalence with Adas, C – algebras, Stone type representation and introduced the concept of A^* - clones and the if-then-else structure over A^* - algebras and ideals of A^* -algebras. In this paper we introduced the concept of free A^* -algebras analogous to the free Boolean algebras.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition: For any non-empty set X , a class M of subsets of X which is closed under finite union of sets, finite intersection of sets, complementation of sets is called a field of sets.

Definition: A Boolean algebra is an algebra $(B, \vee, \wedge, (-)'$, $0, 1)$ with two binary operations, one unary operation (called complementation), and two nullary operations which satisfies:

- (1) (B, \vee, \wedge) is a distributive lattice.
- (2) $x \wedge 0 = 0, \quad x \vee 1 = 1$
- (3) $x \wedge x' = 0, \quad x \vee x' = 1$

Definition: An indexed set $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ of subalgebras of a Boolean algebra B is said to be independent if $a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n \neq 0$ for every finite sequence of non zero elements a_i chosen from subalgebras B_t with different indices.

Definition: Let $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ be an indexed set of Boolean algebras. By a Boolean product of $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ we mean any pair $\{\{i_t\}_{t \in T}, B\}$ such that

- a) B is a Boolean algebra.
- b) For every $t \in T, i_t : B_t \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism.
- c) The indexed set $\{i_t(B_t)\}_{t \in T}$ of subalgebras of B is independent.

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- d) The union of all subalgebras $\{i_t(B_t)\}_{t \in T}$ generates B .

Definition: Suppose $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$ is an indexed set of non-empty sets. Let X be the Cartesian product of X_t 's. Let M_t be the field of subsets of X_t . For every set $A \subseteq X_t$, let A^* be the set of all points $x \in X$ whose t^{th} coordinate $x_t \in A$ and let M_t^* be the field composed of all sets A^* where $A \in M_t$. The field M of subsets of X generated by all the classes $\{M_t^*\}_{t \in T}$ is called the field product of $\{M_t\}_{t \in T}$.

Definition: An algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)_{\pi}, 1)$ is an A^* - algebra if it satisfies :

For $a, b, c \in A$

- i. $a_{\pi} \vee (a_{\pi})^\sim = 1, (a_{\pi})_{\pi} = a_{\pi}$, where $a \vee b = (a^\sim \wedge b^\sim)^\sim$.
- ii. $a_{\pi} \vee b_{\pi} = b_{\pi} \vee a_{\pi}$
- iii. $(a_{\pi} \vee b_{\pi}) \vee c_{\pi} = a_{\pi} \vee (b_{\pi} \vee c_{\pi})$
- iv. $(a_{\pi} \wedge b_{\pi}) \vee (a_{\pi} \wedge (b_{\pi})^\sim) = a_{\pi}$
- v. $(a \wedge b)_{\pi} = a_{\pi} \wedge b_{\pi}, (a \wedge b)^{\#} = a^{\#} \vee b^{\#}$, where $a^{\#} = (a_{\pi} \vee a^\sim)^\sim$
- vi. $a^\sim_{\pi} = (a_{\pi} \vee a^{\#})^\sim, a^{\#} = a^{\#}$
- vii. $(a * b)_{\pi} = a_{\pi}, (a * b)^{\#} = (a_{\pi})^\sim \wedge (b^\sim)^\sim$
- viii. $a = b$ if and only if $a_{\pi} = b_{\pi}, a^{\#} = b^{\#}$. We write 0 for $1^\sim, 2$ for $0 \cdot 1$.

Example: 3 $=\{0,1,2\}$ with the operations defined below is an A^* - algebra

\wedge	0	1	2	\vee	0	1	2	$*$	0	1	2	x	0	1	2
0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	x^\sim	1	0	2
1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	x_{π}	0	1	0
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	$x^{\#}$	0	0	1

Definition : Let $(A_1, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)_{\pi}, 1)$ and $(A_2, \wedge, (-)^\sim, (-)_{\pi}, *, 1)$ be two A^* -algebras. A Mapping $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ is called an A^* - homomorphism if for all

 $a, b \in A_1$

- I. $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \wedge f(b)$
- II. $f(a \vee b) = f(a) \vee f(b)$
- III. $f(a * b) = f(a) * f(b)$
- IV. $f(a_{\pi}) = (f(a))_{\pi}$
- V. $f(a^\sim) = (f(a))^\sim$

VI. $f(1) = 1$

VII. $f(0) = 0.$

Definition: Let C be a non-empty set. By a free A*-algebra on C we shall mean an A*-algebra F together with a mapping f: C→F such that for every A*-algebra A and every mapping g: C→A there is a unique A*-homomorphism h: F→A such that hog = f.

Now we state some routine theorems without proof.

Theorem: If (F, f) is a free A*-algebra on a non-empty set C then f is injective and Im f generates F.

Theorem: Let (F, f) be a free A*-algebra on a non empty set C. Then (F, f) is also a free A*-algebra on C iff there is a unique A*-isomorphism j: F→F such that jof = f.

Theorem: Let (B, ∧, (-)', 0, 1) be a Boolean algebra. The A(B) = {(a, b) | a, b ∈ B, a ∧ b = 0} becomes an A*- algebra with the following A*- algebraic operations:

For a = (x_π, x[#]), b = (y_π, y[#]) ∈ A(B)

- I. $a \wedge b = (x_{\pi} y_{\pi}, x_{\pi} y^{\#} + x^{\#} y_{\pi} + x^{\#} y^{\#})$
- II. $a \vee b = (x_{\pi} y_{\pi} + x_{\pi} y^{\#} + x^{\#} y_{\pi}, x^{\#} y^{\#})$
- III. $a * b = (x_{\pi}, ((x_{\pi})' y^{\#}))$
- IV. $a^{-} = (x^{\#}, x_{\pi})$
- V. $a_{\pi} = (x_{\pi}, (x_{\pi})')$
- VI. $1 = (1, 0), 0 = (0, 1), 2 = (0, 0).$

Theorem : If A is an A*- algebra then

- I. $B(A(B)) \cong B.$
- II. $A(B(A)) \cong A.$

Theorem: Let A₁, A₂ be A*- algebras and B₁, B₂ be Boolean algebras then

- I. $A_1 \cong A_2$ iff $B(A_1) \cong B(A_2).$
- II. $B_1 \cong B_2$ iff $A(B_1) \cong A(B_2).$

MAIN RESULTS

Theorem: For every non-empty set C, there exists a free A*-algebra on C.

Proof: Let $F = \{\theta / \theta : C \rightarrow 3 = \{0, 1, 2\}, \theta(c) = 0 \text{ for all most all } c \in C\}$ Define $\vee, \wedge, (-)’, (-)_{\pi}, *, 0, 1, 2$ as follows:

Let $\theta, \xi \in F.$ For all $c \in C,$ define

$(\theta \vee \xi)(c) = (\theta)(c) \vee (\xi)(c)$

$(\theta \wedge \xi)(c) = (\theta)(c) \wedge (\xi)(c)$

$(\theta * \xi)(c) = (\theta)(c) * (\xi)(c)$

$\theta^{-}(c) = (\theta)(c)^{-}$

$0(c) = 0$

$1(c) = 1$

$2(c) = 2$

Then F is an A*-algebra.

Now define f : C→ F as follows:

For any $c \in C,$ $f(c) : C \rightarrow 3$ by $f(c)(d) = 1$ if $d = c$

= 0 if $d \neq c$

Claim: (F, f) is a free A*-algebra on C.

Let A be any A*-algebra and $g : C \rightarrow A$ be a mapping.

Define $h : F \rightarrow A$ as follows:

Let $\theta \in F$

$h(\theta) = \vee_{c \in C} \theta(c) g(c)$

Where $\theta(c).g(c) = (\theta(c).g(c))_{\pi} * (\theta(c).g(c))^{\#}$

$(\theta(c).g(c))_{\pi} = (\theta(c) \wedge g(c))_{\pi} \vee (\theta(c)^{\#} \wedge g(c)^{\#})$

$(\theta(c).g(c))^{\#} = (\theta(c)_{\pi} \wedge g(c)^{\#}) \vee (\theta(c)^{\#} \wedge g(c)_{\pi})$

Clearly h is an A*- homomorphism

$h(f(c)) = \vee_{t \in C} (f(c))(t).g(t) = g(c)$

Therefore hog = g.

Uniqueness of h:

Let $\theta \in F, t \in C$

$\theta(t) = \theta(t).1$

$= \vee_{c \in C} \theta(c).[f(c)](t)$

$= [\vee_{c \in C} \theta(c).f(c)](t)$

Therefore $\theta = \vee_{c \in C} \theta(c)f(c)$

Suppose $\bar{h} : F \rightarrow A$ is another A*- homomorphism such that

$\bar{h}of = g$

$\bar{h}(\theta) = \bar{h}(\vee_{c \in C} \theta(c)f(c))$

$= \vee_{c \in C} \theta(c)\bar{h}(f(c))$

$= \vee_{c \in C} \theta(c)g(c)$

$= h(\theta)$

Therefore $\bar{h} = h$

Remark: The free A*-algebra F constructed as in the above theorem is called the free A*-algebra on C.

Definition: Suppose A is an A*-algebra and $C \subseteq A.$ Then A is said to be freely generated by C if

- (i) $\langle C \rangle = A$
- (ii) Every mapping $f : C \rightarrow A', A'$ is another A*-algebra, can be extending uniquely to a homomorphism $h : A \rightarrow A'.$

Theorem: If A is an A*-algebra and $B = B(A), C \subseteq A.$ then A is freely generated by C if and only if B is freely generated by $C_{\pi},$ where $C_{\pi} = \{a_{\pi} / a \in C\}.$

Proof: Suppose A is an A*-algebra, $B = B(A)$ and $C \subseteq A.$ Assume that A is freely generated by C.

We have to prove that B is freely generated by $C_{\pi} = \{a_{\pi} / a \in C\}.$

Let $g : C \rightarrow B'$ is a mapping where B' is another Boolean algebra.

Define $f : C \rightarrow A(B')$ by $f(a) = (g(a)_{\pi}, g(a)_{\pi}^{-}).$

Since C generates A, f can be extended to a unique homomorphism

$h : A \rightarrow A(B').$

$h_{\pi} : B \rightarrow B(A(B'))$ is also a unique homomorphism of Boolean

algebras.

Since $B(A(B')) \cong B'$, let $I : B(A(B'))$ is an isomorphism such that $I(a, a^c) = a, \forall (a, a^c) \in B(A(B'))$.

Then $I h_\pi : B \rightarrow B'$ is a homomorphism and $I h_\pi$ is a unique extension of g .

Therefore C_π generates B freely.

Conversely assume that C_π generates B freely.

We have to prove that A is freely generated by C .

Suppose $f : C \rightarrow A'$ is another mapping where A' is another A^* -algebra.

Define $f_\pi : C_\pi \rightarrow B(A')$ by $f_\pi(a) = (f(b))_\pi$

Since C_π generates B freely \exists a unique homomorphism $g : B \rightarrow B(A')$

Such that $f_\pi(a) = g(a) \forall a \in C_\pi$.

Define $h : A \rightarrow A'$ by $h(a) = (g(a_\pi) * g(a_\pi^c))$

Then h is a homomorphism. Since g is unique, h is also unique.

We now show that $h = f$ on C .

Let $a \in C \Rightarrow a_\pi \in C_\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} h(a) &= (g(a_\pi) * g(a_\pi^c)) = f_\pi(a_\pi) * (f_\pi(a_\pi^c)) \\ &= [f(a)_\pi * ((f_\pi(a_\pi^c)))] \\ &= f(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore h is a unique extension of f .

Therefore C generates A freely.

Definition: Let X be a non-empty set. A class

$F^* = \{(A_1, A_2) / A_1, A_2 \subseteq X, A_1 \cap A_2 = \phi\}$ is called an A^* -field of subsets of X if

- (i) $(X, \phi) \in F^*$
- (ii) $(A_1, A_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_2, A_1) \in F^*$
- (iii) $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_1 B_1, A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 + A_2 B_2) \in F^*$
- (iv) $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_1, A_1^c B_2) \in F^*$

Juxtaposition and addition stand for intersection and union of sets

From the above definition immediately we have the following theorem.

Theorem: Let X be a non-empty set. A class $F^* = \{(A_1, A_2) / A_1, A_2 \subseteq X,$

$A_1 \cap A_2 = \phi\}$. Then F^* is an A^* -algebra with the following operations:

- (i) $1 = (X, \phi), 0 = (\phi, X), 2 = (\phi, \phi)$
- (ii) $(A_1, A_2)_\pi = (A_2, A_1^c)$
- (iii) $(A_1, A_2)^c = (A_2, A_1)$
- (iv) $(A_1, A_2) * (B_1, B_2) = (A_1, A_1^c B_2)$
- (v) $(A_1, A_2) \wedge (B_1, B_2) = (A_1 B_1, A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 + A_2 B_2)$
- (vi) $(A_1, A_2) \vee (B_1, B_2) = (A_1 B_1 + A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1, A_2 B_2)$

Proof: It is routine to verify the axioms in 1.6.

Theorem: Let F^* be an A^* -field of subsets of a non-empty set X and $F = \{A / (A, A^c) \in F^*\}$

Then F is a field of subsets of X and $B(F^*) \cong F$.

Proof: Suppose F^* is an A^* -field of subsets of X .

We have to prove that $F = \{A / (A, A^c) \in F^*\}$ is a field of subsets of X .

Let $A, B \in F$

Consider $(A, A^c) \wedge (B, B^c) = (AB, AB^c + A^c B + A^c B^c) \in F^*$

$$= (AB, AB^c + A^c(B + B^c)) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, AB^c + A^c) \in F^* \quad (AB, (A + A^c)(B^c + A^c)) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, A^c + B^c) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, (AB)^c) \in F^*$$

$$= AB \in F$$

Let $A \in F$. Then $(A, A^c) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A^c, A) \in F^*$

$$\Rightarrow (A^c, (A^c)^c) \in F^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^c \in F$$

Therefore F is a field of subsets of X and clearly $F \cong B(F^*)$

Theorem: Let F is a field of subsets of a non-empty set X . Then $A(F) = \{(A, B) / A, B \in F, A \cap B = \phi\}$ is an A^* -field of subsets of X .

Proof: It is routine to verify the axioms in 2.5.

We now prove the following theorem.

Theorem: Every A^* -algebra A is isomorphic to an A^* -field of subsets F^* of a Stone space.

Proof: Let A be an A^* -algebra.

Let $B = B(A)$. Then there exists a Stone space H such that $B \cong F$, where F is the field of clopen subsets of H .

By the known result $A(B) \cong A(F)$.

But $A \cong A(B)$. Thus $A \cong A(F)$.

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