

f -DERIVATIONS IN ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce the concept of f - derivation in an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) and derive some important properties of f -derivations in ADLs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of derivation, introduced from the analytic theory, is helpful for the research of structure and property in an algebraic system. Several authors ([5], [2]) have studied derivations in rings and near rings after Posner[9] has given the definition of the derivation in ring theory. The concept of a derivation in lattices was introduced by G.Szasz in 1974[15]. X. L. Xin *et al.* [16] applied the notion of derivation in the ring theory to lattices and investigated some properties. Later, several authors ([1], [3], [4], [6], [7], [8] and [18]) have worked on this concept. The concept of an f - derivation on lattices was introduced by Yilmaz Ceven [3] in 2008.

In 1980, the concept of an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) was introduced by U.M.Swamy and G.C Rao [14]. This class of ADLs include most of the existing ring theoretic generalizations of a Boolean algebra on one hand and the class of distributive lattices on the other.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of an f -derivation in an ADL and investigate some important properties. Also, we introduce the concept of an isotone f -derivation in ADLs and we establish a set of conditions which are sufficient for a derivation on an ADL with a maximal element to become an isotone derivation. We define the fixed set F_d of an f - derivation d in an ADL L and prove that it is an ideal of L if f is a constant function. Also, we give some equivalent conditions under which an f -derivation on an ADL becomes an isotone f -derivation. Finally, we prove that if f -is a join-homomorphism, then an f -derivation on an ADL is a meet homomorphism if and only if it is a join homomorphism.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recollect basic concepts and important results on Almost Distributive Lattices.

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Definition 2.1 [10]: An algebra (L, \vee, \wedge) of type $(2,2)$ is called an Almost Distributive Lattice, if it satisfies the following axioms:

$$L_1 : (a \vee b) \wedge c = (a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c) \quad (RD \wedge)$$

$$L_2 : a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) \quad (LD \wedge)$$

$$L_3 : (a \vee b) \wedge b = b$$

$$L_4 : (a \vee b) \wedge a = a$$

$$L_5 : a \vee (a \wedge b) = a$$

Definition 2.2 [10]: Let X be any non-empty set. Define, for any $x, y \in L$, $x \vee y = x$ and $x \wedge y = y$. Then (X, \vee, \wedge) is an ADL and such an ADL, we call discrete ADL.

Through out this paper L stands for an ADL (L, \vee, \wedge) unless otherwise specified.

Lemma 2.3 [10]: For any $a, b \in L$, we have

$$(i) \quad a \wedge a = a$$

$$(ii) \quad a \vee a = a.$$

$$(iii) \quad (a \wedge b) \vee b = b$$

$$(iv) \quad a \wedge (a \vee b) = a$$

$$(v) \quad a \vee (b \wedge a) = a.$$

$$(vi) \quad a \vee b = a \quad \text{if and only if} \quad a \wedge b = b$$

$$(vii) \quad a \vee b = b \quad \text{if and only if} \quad a \wedge b = a.$$

Definition 2.4 [10]: For any $a, b \in L$, we say that a is less than or equal to b and write $a \leq b$, if $a \wedge b = a$ or, equivalently, $a \vee b = b$.

Theorem 2.5 [10]: For any $a, b, c \in L$, we have the following

(i) The relation \leq is a partial ordering on L .

$$(ii) \quad a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c). \quad (LD \vee)$$

$$(iii) \quad (a \vee b) \vee a = a \vee b = a \vee (b \vee a).$$

$$(iv) \quad (a \vee b) \wedge c = (b \vee a) \wedge c.$$

(v) The operation \wedge is associative in L .

$$(vi) \quad a \wedge b \wedge c = b \wedge a \wedge c.$$

Theorem 2.6 [10]: For any $a, b \in L$, the following are equivalent.

$$(i) \quad (a \wedge b) \vee a = a$$

$$(ii) \quad a \wedge (b \vee a) = a$$

$$(iii) \quad (b \wedge a) \vee b = b$$

$$(iv) \quad b \wedge (a \vee b) = b$$

$$(v) \quad a \wedge b = b \wedge a$$

$$(vi) \quad a \vee b = b \vee a$$

(vii) The supremum of a and b exists in L and equals to $a \vee b$

(viii) there exists $x \in L$ such that $a \leq x$ and $b \leq x$

(ix) the infimum of a and b exists in L and equals to $a \wedge b$.

Definition 2.7 [10]: L is said to be associative, if the operation \vee in L is associative.

Theorem 2.8 [10]: *The following are equivalent.*

- (i) L is a distributive lattice.
- (ii) the poset (L, \leq) is directed above.
- (iii) $a \wedge (b \vee a) = a$, for all $a, b \in L$.
- (iv) the operation \vee is commutative in L .
- (v) the operation \wedge is commutative in L .
- (vi) the relation $\theta := \{(a, b) \in L \times L \mid a \wedge b = b\}$ is anti-symmetric.
- (vii) the relation θ defined in (vi) is a partial order on L .

Lemma 2.9 [10]: *For any $a, b, c, d \in L$, we have the following*

- (i) $a \wedge b \leq b$ and $a \leq a \vee b$
- (ii) $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$ whenever $a \leq b$.
- (iii) $[a \vee (b \vee c)] \wedge d = [(a \vee b) \vee c] \wedge d$.
- (iv) $a \leq b$ implies $a \wedge c \leq b \wedge c$, $c \wedge a \leq c \wedge b$ and $c \vee a \leq c \vee b$.

Definition 2.10 [10]: *An element $0 \in L$ is called zero element of L , if $0 \wedge a = 0$ for all $a \in L$.*

Lemma 2.11 [10]: *If L has 0 , then for any $a, b \in L$, we have the following*

- (i) $a \vee 0 = a$, (ii) $0 \vee a = a$ and (iii) $a \wedge 0 = 0$.
- (iv) $a \wedge b = 0$ if and only if $b \wedge a = 0$.

An element $x \in L$ is called maximal if, for any $y \in L$, $x \leq y$ implies $x = y$.

We immediately have the following.

Lemma 2.12 [10]: *For any $m \in L$, the following are equivalent:*

- (1) m is maximal
- (2) $m \vee x = m$ for all $x \in L$
- (3) $m \wedge x = x$ for all $x \in L$.

Definition 2.13 [10]: *A nonempty subset I of L is said to be an ideal if and only if it satisfies the following:*

- (1) $a, b \in I \Rightarrow a \vee b \in I$
- (2) $a \in I, x \in L \Rightarrow a \wedge x \in I$.

Definition 2.14 [10]: *A function $f : L \rightarrow L$ is said to be an ADL homomorphism if it satisfies the following:*

- (1) $f(x \wedge y) = fx \wedge fy$,
- (2) $f(x \vee y) = fx \vee fy$ for all $x, y \in L$.

3. f - DERIVATIONS IN ADLs

We begin this section with the following definition of a derivation in an ADL.

Definition 3.1 [13]: *A function $d : L \rightarrow L$ is called a derivation on L , if $d(x \wedge y) = (dx \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge dy)$ for all $x, y \in L$.*

The following definition introduces the notion of an f -derivation on ADLs.

Definition 3.2: *A function $d : L \rightarrow L$ is called an f -derivation on L if there exists a function $f : L \rightarrow L$ such that $d(x \wedge y) = (dx \wedge y) \vee (fx \wedge dy)$ for all $x, y \in L$.*

Definition 3.3: *An f -derivation d on L is called an isotone f -derivation if $da \leq db$ for all $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$.*

Example 3.4: Let d be a derivation on L . If we choose f as the identity function on L , then we get that d is an f -derivation on L . Hence every derivation on L is an f -derivation.

Example 3.5: Every constant function on L is an f -derivation, but not a derivation.

Example 3.6: Define $d : L \rightarrow L$ by $dx = a \wedge fx$ for all $x \in L$ and for some $a \in L$ where $f : L \rightarrow L$ is a function satisfies $f(x \wedge y) = fx \wedge fy$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Then d is an f -derivation on L . In addition if f is an increasing function then d is an isotone derivation also.

Lemma 3.7: Let d be an f -derivation on L , then the following hold:

1. $dx \leq fx$, for any $x \in L$
2. If L has 0, then $f0 = 0$ implies $d0 = 0$
3. $dx \wedge dy \leq d(x \wedge y)$
4. $(dx \vee dy) \wedge d(x \wedge y) = d(x \wedge y)$

Proof:

(1) If $x \in L$, then $dx = d(x \wedge x) = (dx \wedge fx) \vee (fx \wedge dx) = dx \wedge fx$ (by Lemma 2.3). Therefore, $dx \leq fx$.

(2) If L has 0 and $f0 = 0$, then by(1) above, $d0 \leq f0 = 0$. Thus, $0 \leq d0 \leq 0$ and hence $d0 = 0$.

(3) Let $x, y \in L$. We have $d(x \wedge y) = (dx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy)$.

Therefore, $dx \wedge fy \leq d(x \wedge y)$.

Now, by(1) above, we get $dx \wedge dy \leq dx \wedge fy \leq d(x \wedge y)$.

(4) For any $x, y \in L$,

$$\begin{aligned} (dx \vee dy) \wedge d(x \wedge y) &= (dx \vee dy) \wedge [(dx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy)] \\ &= [(dx \vee dy) \wedge dx \wedge fy] \vee [(dx \vee dy) \wedge fx \wedge dy] \\ &= (dx \wedge fy) \vee [fx \wedge (dx \vee dy) \wedge dy] \\ &= (dx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy) \\ &= d(x \wedge y). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.8: Suppose m is a maximal element of L and d is an f -derivation on L . Then we have the following,

1. If $x \in L$, $fx \leq dm$, then $dx = fx$.
2. If $x \in L$, $fx \geq dm$, then $dx \geq dm$.
3. If $dm = m$, then $fm = m$ and $d = f$.

Proof: Now,

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= d(m \wedge x) = (dm \wedge fx) \vee (fm \wedge dx) \\ &= fx \vee dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $fx \leq dx$. Hence $d=f$.

(1) Let $x \in L$ and $fx \leq dm$.

Then $dx = d(m \wedge x) = (dm \wedge fx) \vee (fm \wedge dx) = fx \vee (fm \wedge dx)$. Thus $fx \leq dx$ and hence $dx = fx$.

(2) Let $x \in L$ and $fx \geq dm$. Then $dx = d(m \wedge x) = (dm \wedge fx) \vee (fm \wedge dx) = dm \vee (fm \wedge dx)$. Thus $dx \geq dm$.

(3) Let $dm = m$. Then $m = dm = dm \wedge fm = m \wedge fm = fm$.

Definition 3.9: Let d be an f -derivation on L . We define $F_d = \{x \in L / dx = fx\}$.

Lemma 3.10: Suppose d is an f -derivation on L where f is an increasing function. If $x, y \in L$ with $y \leq x$ and $x \in F_d$, then $y \in F_d$.

Proof: Let $x, y \in L$ with $y \leq x$ and $x \in F_d$. By Lemma 3.8, we have $dy \leq fy$.

Thus $dy \leq fy \leq fx = dx$. Now, $dy = d(y \wedge x) = (dy \wedge fx) \vee (fy \wedge dx) = dy \vee fy = fy$. Hence $y \in F_d$.

Lemma 3.11: Let d be an f -derivation on L and suppose $f(x \wedge y) = fx \wedge fy$ for all $x, y \in L$. Then $x \wedge y \in F_d$ for all $x \in F_d, y \in L$.

Proof: Let $x \in F_d, y \in L$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x \wedge y) &= (dx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy) \\ &= (fx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy) \\ &= fx \wedge (fy \vee dy) \\ &= fx \wedge fy \\ &= f(x \wedge y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \wedge y \in F_d$.

Lemma 3.12: If d is an isotone f -derivation on L , then $dx = d(x \vee y) \wedge fx$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof: Let $x, y \in L$. Since d is an isotone f -derivation on L , $dx \leq d(x \vee y) \leq f(x \vee y)$.

Now, $dx = d[(x \vee y) \wedge x]$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee [f(x \vee y) \wedge dx] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee dx \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \vee dx] \wedge fx \\ &= d(x \vee y) \wedge fx. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.13: Let d be an isotone f -derivation on L . If f is a decreasing function, then $x \vee y \in F_d$ for all $x, y \in F_d$.

Proof: Let f be a decreasing function and $x, y \in F_d$. We have $x \leq x \vee y$. Thus

$f(x \vee y) \leq fx = dx \leq d(x \vee y)$. Therefore, by Lemma 3.8, $d(x \vee y) = f(x \vee y)$ and hence $x \vee y \in F_d$.

From Lemma 3.11 and Lemma 3.13, we get

Corollary 3.14: Let d be an isotone f -derivation on L . If f is a constant function on L , then F_d is an ideal of L .

Theorem 3.15: Let m be a maximal element in L and d be an f -derivation on L . If $fm = m$ and $f(x \wedge y) = fx \wedge fy$ for all $x, y \in L$, then the following are equivalent.

1. d is an isotone f -derivation on L .
2. $dx = dm \wedge fx$ for all $x \in L$.
3. $d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge dy$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose d is an isotone f -derivation on L and $x \in L$. Then

$dx = d(m \wedge x) = (dm \wedge fx) \vee (fm \wedge dx)$. Thus $dm \wedge fx \leq dx$. We have $x \wedge m \leq m$. So that $dx \wedge fm \leq (dx \wedge fm) \vee (fx \wedge dm) = d(x \wedge m) \leq dm$.

Therefore, $dx = dx \wedge m \wedge fx = dx \wedge fm \wedge fx \leq dm \wedge fx$. Hence $dx = dm \wedge fx$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): For any $x, y \in L$,

$$\begin{aligned} dx \wedge dy &= dm \wedge fx \wedge dm \wedge fy \\ &= dm \wedge fx \wedge fy \\ &= dm \wedge f(x \wedge y) \\ &= d(x \wedge y). \end{aligned}$$

(3) \Rightarrow (1) is trivial.

Theorem 3.16: Let d be an f -derivation on L . Then the following are equivalent.

1. d is isotone f - derivation on L .
2. $dx \wedge d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge dy$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose d is an isotone f - derivation on L and $x, y \in L$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x \wedge y) &= d(x \wedge y) \wedge dy \\ &= [(dx \wedge fy) \vee (fx \wedge dy)] \wedge dy \\ &= (dx \wedge fy \wedge dy) \vee (fx \wedge dy \wedge dy) \\ &= (dx \wedge dy) \vee (fx \wedge dy) \\ &= (dx \vee fx) \wedge dy \\ &= fx \wedge dy \end{aligned}$$

Hence $dx \wedge d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge fx \wedge dy = dx \wedge dy$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let $x, y \in L$ with $x \leq y$. By (1), $dx \wedge dy = dx \wedge d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge dx = dx$. Therefore, $dx \leq dy$ and hence d is an isotone f -derivation.

Finally, we conclude this paper with the following theorem.

Theorem 3.17: Let d be an f -derivation on L . If $f(x \vee y) = fx \vee fy$ for all $x, y \in L$, then the following are equivalent.

1. $d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge dy$ for all $x, y \in L$.
2. $d(x \vee y) = dx \vee dy$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $x, y \in L$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= d[(x \vee y) \wedge x] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee [f(x \vee y) \wedge dx] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee [(fx \wedge dx) \vee (fy \wedge dx)] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee [dx \vee (fy \wedge dx)] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee dx \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \vee dx] \wedge fx \end{aligned}$$

By (1), we get that $d(x \vee y) \wedge dx = d[(x \vee y) \wedge x] = dx$ and thus $d(x \vee y) \vee dx = d(x \vee y)$.

Hence $dx = d(x \vee y) \wedge fx$.

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= d[(x \vee y) \wedge y] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fy] \vee [f(x \vee y) \wedge dy] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fy] \vee [(fx \wedge dy) \vee (fy \wedge dy)] \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fy] \vee dy \\ &= [d(x \vee y) \vee dy] \wedge fy. \end{aligned}$$

Again by (1), we get that $d(x \vee y) \wedge dy = d[(x \vee y) \wedge y] = dy$ and thus $d(x \vee y) \vee dy = d(x \vee y)$ and hence $dy = d(x \vee y) \wedge fy$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} dx \vee dy &= [d(x \vee y) \wedge fx] \vee [d(x \vee y) \wedge fy] \\ &= d(x \vee y) \wedge (fx \vee fy) \\ &= d(x \vee y) \wedge f(x \vee y) \\ &= d(x \vee y). \end{aligned}$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let $x, y \in L$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} dx \wedge dy &= d[x \vee (x \wedge y)] \wedge d[(x \wedge y) \vee y] \\ &= [dx \vee d(x \wedge y)] \wedge [d(x \wedge y) \vee dy] \\ &= [d(x \wedge y) \vee dx] \wedge [d(x \wedge y) \vee dy] \\ &= d(x \wedge y) \vee (dx \wedge dy). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $d(x \wedge y) \leq dx \wedge dy$. Hence by Lemma 3.7, we get that $d(x \wedge y) = dx \wedge dy$.

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