

SPECIAL CLASSES OF IDEALS AND FILTERS  
OF PSEUDO-COMPLEMENTED ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES

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ABSTRACT

*In this paper we introduce the concepts of  $\alpha$ -ideal and  $\beta$ -filter of a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL in general and of a pseudo-complemented ADL in particular and discuss certain properties of these. Mainly, we prove that the sets of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters of a pseudo-complemented ADL form algebraic lattices. Also, we characterize Stone ADLs and Almost Boolean algebras in terms of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters.*

**Key words:** Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL); weak pseudo-complementation; pseudo-complementation;  $\alpha$ -ideal;  $\beta$ -filter; minimal prime ideal; Almost Boolean algebra.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) was introduced by U. M. Swamy and G. C. Rao [3] as a common abstraction of several lattice theoretic and ring theoretic generalizations of Boolean algebra and Boolean ring. Further, U. M. Swamy, G. C. Rao and G. N. Rao [4] have introduced the notion of pseudo-complementation on an ADL and proved that the class of pseudo-complemented ADLs is equationally definable and they exhibited a one-to-one correspondence between maximal elements and pseudo-complementations on an ADL. Later, R. V. Babu, Ch. S. Sundar Raj and B. Venkateswarlu [7] have introduced the notion of weak pseudo-complementation on an ADL and proved several properties of this. In particular, they have proved that an ADL is pseudo-complemented if and only if it is weakly pseudo-complemented, even though a weak pseudo-complementation need not be a pseudo-complementation. In [1], Blyth defined the concepts of  $*$ -ideals and  $*$ -filters in pseudo-complemented semi lattices. Here, we extend these concepts to ADLs and we define these in the form of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters of weakly pseudo-complemented ADLs in general and of pseudo-complemented ADLs in particular. Mainly, we prove that the  $\alpha$ -ideals ( $\beta$ -filters) are independent of the weak pseudo (pseudo)-complementation. The main object of this paper is to study the classes of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters of a pseudo-complemented ADL and prove that these classes form algebraic lattices. Also, in this paper we characterize minimal prime ideals in a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL. Mainly, we characterize Stone ADLs and Almost Boolean algebras in terms of their  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters.

We recall the notion of an Almost Distributive Lattice (abbreviated: ADL) and certain necessary results which will be used in the main text of this paper.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1 ([3]):** An algebra  $A = (A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  is called an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL), if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $a, b$  and  $c$  in  $A$ .

- (1)  $0 \wedge a = 0$
- (2)  $a \vee 0 = a$
- (3)  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$
- (4)  $(a \vee b) \wedge c = (a \vee c) \wedge (b \wedge c)$
- (5)  $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$
- (6)  $(a \vee b) \wedge b = b$

An ADL is  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is said to be associative if the operation  $\vee$  is associative. Throughout this paper by  $A$  we mean an associative ADL  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  unless otherwise mentioned.

For any  $a, b \in A$ , we say that  $a$  is less than or equal to  $b$  and we write  $a \leq b$ , if  $a \wedge b = a$  (equivalently  $a \vee b = b$ ). It can be easily proved that  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ .

**Lemma 1.2 ([3]):** The following hold for any  $a, b$  and  $c$  in an ADL  $A$ .

- (1)  $a \wedge 0 = 0$  and  $a = 0 \vee a$
- (2)  $a \wedge a = a = a \vee a$
- (3)  $a \wedge b \leq b$  and  $a \leq a \vee b$
- (4)  $a \wedge b = a \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = b$  and  $a \wedge b = b \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = a$
- (5)  $(a \wedge b) \wedge c = a \wedge (b \wedge c)$  (i.e.,  $\wedge$  is associative)
- (6)  $a \vee (b \vee a) = a \vee b$
- (7)  $(a \wedge b) \wedge c = (b \wedge a) \wedge c$
- (8)  $(a \vee b) \wedge c = (b \vee a) \wedge c$
- (9)  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = b \vee a$ .

An element  $m \in A$  is said to be maximal if  $m \leq x$  implies  $m = x$ . It can be easily observed that  $m$  is maximal if and only if  $m \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 1.3 ([3]):** A non-empty set  $I$  of an ADL  $A$  is said to be an ideal (filter) of  $A$  if  $a \vee b$  ( $a \wedge b$ )  $\in I$  for all  $a$  and  $b \in I$  and  $a \wedge x$  ( $x \vee a$ )  $\in I$  for all  $a \in I$  and  $x \in A$ .

It follows as a consequence that for any ideal (filter)  $I$  of  $A$ ,  $x \wedge a$  ( $a \vee x$ )  $\in I$  for all  $a \in I$  and  $x \in A$ .

For any  $X \subseteq A$ , the smallest ideal (filter) of  $A$  containing  $X$  is called the ideal (filter) generated by  $X$  and is denoted by  $\langle X \rangle$  ( $[X]$ ). If  $X = \{x\}$ , we simply write  $\langle x \rangle$  ( $[x]$ ) for  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$  ( $[\{x\}]$ ). we have the following for any  $X \subseteq A$  and  $x \in A$

$$\langle X \rangle = \left\{ \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \wedge a / n \geq 0, x_i \in X \text{ and } a \in A \right\}$$

$$[X] = \left\{ a \vee \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^n x_i \right) / n \geq 0, x_i \in X \text{ and } a \in A \right\}$$

and  $\langle x \rangle = \{x \wedge a \mid a \in A\}$  and  $[x] = \{a \vee x \mid a \in A\}$ .

$\langle x \rangle$  ( $[x]$ ) is called the principal ideal (filter) generated by  $x$ .

For any subset  $S$  of  $A$ , let  $S^* = \{a \in A : a \wedge s = 0 \text{ for all } s \in S\}$ . Then  $S^*$  is always an ideal of  $A$  for all  $S \subseteq A$ . It can be proved that  $S^* = \langle S \rangle^*$  in particular for any  $a \in A$ ,

$$\langle a \rangle^* = \{a\}^* = \{x \in A \mid a \wedge x = 0\}.$$

**Definition 1.4 ([7]):** Let  $A$  be an ADL. A mapping  $a \mapsto a^*$  of  $A$  into itself is called a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$  if  $a \wedge b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^* \wedge b = b$  for any  $a$  and  $b \in A$ . An ADL  $A$  is said to be weakly pseudo-complemented if there is a weak pseudo-complementation  $a \mapsto a^*$  on  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.5 ([7]):** The following are equivalent to each other for any mapping  $a \mapsto a^*$  of an ADL  $A$  into itself.

- (1)  $a \mapsto a^*$  is a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$
- (2)  $\{a\}^* = \langle a^* \rangle$  for any  $a \in A$
- (3) For any  $a \in A$ ,  $a \wedge a^* = 0$  and  $a \wedge b = 0 \Rightarrow a^* \wedge b = b$  for any  $b \in A$ .

Let us recall from [8], that two elements  $a$  and  $b$  in an ADL  $A$  are said to be associates to each other if  $a \wedge b = b$  and  $b \wedge a = a$  (equivalently  $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$ ); in this case we write  $a \sim b$ . Also, in this case for any ideal (filter)  $I$  of  $A$ ,  $a \in I \Leftrightarrow b \in I$ .

**Theorem 1.6 ([7]):** Let  $a \mapsto a^*$  and  $a \mapsto a^+$  be two weak pseudo-complementations on an ADL  $A$ . Then the following hold for any  $a$  and  $b \in A$ .

- (1)  $a^* \sim a^+$
- (2)  $a^{**} \sim a^{++}$
- (3)  $a^* \sim b^* \Leftrightarrow a^+ \sim a^+$
- (4)  $a^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^+ = 0$
- (5)  $a^* \wedge 0^+ \sim a^+$
- (6)  $a^* \vee a^{**} \sim 0^* \Leftrightarrow a^+ \vee a^{++} \sim 0^+$

**Theorem 1.7 ([7]):** Let  $a \mapsto a^*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $A$ . Then the following hold for any  $a$  and  $b \in A$ .

- (1)  $0^*$  is a maximal element in  $A$
- (2)  $m$  is maximal in  $A \Rightarrow m^* = 0$
- (3)  $0^{**} = 0$
- (4)  $a^* \wedge a = 0$
- (5)  $a^{**} \wedge a = a$
- (6)  $a \wedge b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^{**} \wedge b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b^{**} = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^{**} \wedge b^{**} = 0$
- (7)  $a^* \sim a^{***}$
- (8)  $a^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^{**}$  is maximal
- (9)  $a = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^{**} = 0$
- (10)  $(a \vee b)^* \sim a^* \wedge b^*$

**Theorem 1.8 ([7]):** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $a \mapsto a^*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Then the following hold for any  $a$  and  $b \in A$ .

- (1)  $a \sim b \Rightarrow a^* \sim b^*$
- (2)  $(a \wedge b)^* \sim (b \wedge a)^*$
- (3)  $(a \vee b)^* \sim (b \vee a)^*$
- (4)  $(a \wedge b)^{**} \sim a^{**} \wedge b^{**}$ .

**Definition 1.9 ([4]):** Let  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  be an ADL. Then a unary operation  $a \mapsto a^*$  on  $A$  is called a pseudo-complementation on  $A$  if, for any  $a, b \in A$ , the following independent axioms are satisfied

- (1)  $a \wedge b = 0 \Rightarrow a^* \wedge b = b$
- (2)  $a \wedge a^* = 0$
- (3)  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$

### 3. $\alpha$ -IDEALS AND $\beta$ -FILTERS

In this section, we define an  $\alpha$ -ideal and a  $\beta$ -filter of a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL in general and of a pseudo-complemented ADL in particular and provide certain examples of these.

For any non-empty subset  $X$  of an ADL  $A$ , let us denote  $\alpha(X)$  by

$$\alpha(X) = \{y \in A : x \wedge y = 0 \text{ for some } x \in X\}.$$

Clearly  $\alpha(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\}^*$ .

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $X$  a non-empty subset of  $A$  such that  $x \wedge y \in X$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\alpha(X)$  is an ideal of  $A$ .

**Corollary 2.2:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $F$  be a filter of  $A$ . Then  $\alpha(F)$  is an ideal of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.3:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Then for any filter  $F$  of  $A$ ,  $\alpha(F) = \{x \in A : x^* \in F\}$  and  $\alpha(F)$  is independent of the weak pseudo-complementation  $*$  on  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in \alpha(F)$ . Then  $x \wedge y = 0$  for some  $y \in F$ , therefore  $x^* \wedge y = y$ , and hence  $x^* \vee y = x^*$ ,  $y \in F$ . Therefore,  $x^* \in F$ . On the other hand if  $x^* \in F$ , then  $x \wedge x^* = 0$  and  $x^* \in F$ , it implies that  $x \in \alpha(F)$ . Let  $+$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ .

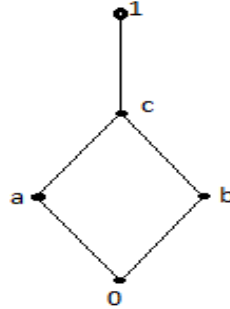
Then,  $x^* \in F \Rightarrow x^+ \sim x^* \wedge 0^+ \in F \Rightarrow x^+ \in F$   
and  $x^+ \in F \Rightarrow x^* \sim x^+ \wedge 0^* \in F \Rightarrow x^* \in F$

Since  $0^*$  and  $0^+$  are maximal and hence are in  $F$ . Therefore  $\alpha(F)$  is independent of the weak pseudo complementation  $*$  on  $A$ .

For any non-empty subset  $X$  of an ADL  $A$ , let us define  $\beta(X)$  by  
 $\beta(X) = \{x \in A : \{x\}^* \subseteq X\}$ .

**Remark 2.4:**  $\beta(I)$  need not be a filter even though  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ . For, consider the following example.

**Example 2.5:** Let  $L$  be a lattice represented by the Hasse diagram given below,



Then  $I = \{0, a, b, c\}$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Clearly,  $\{0\}^* = L$ ,  $\{a\}^* = \{0, b\}$ ,  $\{b\}^* = \{0, a\}$ ,  $\{c\}^* = \{0\}$  and  $\{1\}^* = \{0\}$ . Therefore  $\beta(I) = \{a, b, c, 1\}$  which is not a filter of  $L$ , since  $a \wedge b = 0 \notin \beta(I)$ .

**Lemma 2.6:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Then for any ideal  $I$  of  $A$ ,  $\beta(I) = \{x \in A : x^* \in I\}$  and  $\beta(I)$  is independent of the weak pseudo-complementation  $*$  on  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.7:** For any ideal  $I$  of a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL  $A$ ,  $\alpha(\beta(I)) \subseteq I$ .

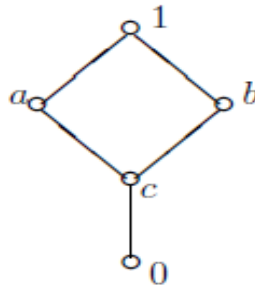
**Proof:** Let  $*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$  and  $x \in \alpha(\beta(I))$ . Then  $x \wedge y = 0 = y \wedge x$ , for some  $y \in \beta(I)$ . This implies,  $x = y^* \wedge x$  and  $y^* \in I$ , therefore  $x \in I$ .

**Lemma 2.8:** For any filter  $F$  of a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL  $A$ ,  $F \subseteq \beta(\alpha(F))$ .

**Proof:** Let  $*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$  and  $x \in F$ . Then,  $x^{**} = x^{**} \vee x \in F$  (since  $x^* \wedge x = 0$  and hence  $x^{**} \wedge x = x$ ) and hence  $x^* \in \alpha(F)$ , it follows that  $x \in \beta(\alpha(F))$ .

**Remark 2.9:** The following examples shows that the equality may not hold in 2.7 and 2.8.

**Example 2.9(1):** Let  $L$  be the lattice represented by the Hasse diagram given below



Define the map  $*$  on  $L$  by  $0^* = 1$  and  $a^* = b^* = c^* = 1^* = 0$ . Then  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $L$  and  $I = \{0, c, a\}$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Now  $\beta(I) = \{x \in L : x^* \in I\} = \{c, a, b, 1\}$  and  $\alpha(\beta(I)) = \{x \in L : x^* \in \beta(I)\} = \{0\}$ . This shows  $\alpha(\beta(I)) \neq I$ .

**Example 2.9(2):** Let  $A = \{a, b, c, 0\}$ . Define  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  on  $A$  as follows

| $\vee$ | 0 | a | b | c |
|--------|---|---|---|---|
| 0      | 0 | a | b | c |
| a      | a | a | a | a |
| b      | b | b | b | b |
| c      | c | a | b | c |

| $\wedge$ | 0 | a | b | c |
|----------|---|---|---|---|
| 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| a        | a | 0 | a | b |
| b        | b | 0 | a | b |
| c        | c | 0 | c | c |

Then  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is an ADL. Define the map  $*$  on  $A$  by  $x^* = 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  and  $0^* = a$ . Then  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Let  $F = \{a, b\}$ , then  $F$  is a filter of  $A$  and  $\alpha(F) = \{0\}$  and  $\beta(\alpha(F)) = \{a, b, c\}$ . This shows,  $F \neq \beta(\alpha(F))$ .

**Theorem 2.10:** Let  $*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $A$  and  $I$  an ideal of  $A$ . Then the following are equivalent to each other.

- (1)  $x \in I \Rightarrow x^{**} \in I$
- (2)  $I \subseteq \alpha(\beta(I))$
- (3)  $I = \alpha(\beta(I))$
- (4)  $I = \alpha(F)$  for some filter  $F$  of  $A$ .

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Assume (1). Let  $x \in I$ . Then  $x^{**} \in I$  and hence  $x^* \in \beta(I)$ . Since  $x \wedge x^* = 0$  and  $x^* \in \beta(I)$ , we get  $x \in \alpha(\beta(I))$ . Therefore  $I \subseteq \alpha(\beta(I))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is clear by the lemma 2.7.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Assume that  $I = \alpha(\beta(I))$ . It suffices to prove that  $\beta(I)$  is a filter of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in \beta(I)$ . Then  $x, y^* \in I$  and hence  $x^* \vee y^* \in I$ . Therefore  $x^* \vee y^* \in \alpha(\beta(I))$ , implies  $(x^* \vee y^*) \wedge a = 0$  for some  $a \in \beta(I)$  and hence  $(x^* \vee y^*)^{**} \wedge a = 0, a \in \beta(I)$ . This shows that  $(x^* \vee y^*)^{**} \in \alpha(\beta(I))$ . Now,  $(x \wedge y)^* \sim (x \wedge y)^{***} \sim (x^{**} \wedge y^{**})^* \sim (x^* \vee y^*)^{**} \in I$ . Therefore  $(x \wedge y)^* \in I$  and hence  $x \wedge y \in \beta(I)$ . Further, let  $x \in \beta(I)$  and  $a \in A$ . Then  $x^* \in I$  and  $(a \vee x)^* \sim (x \vee a)^* \sim x^* \wedge a^* \in I$ . This implies  $(a \vee x)^* \in I$  and hence  $a \vee x \in \beta(I)$ . Therefore  $\beta(I)$  is a filter of  $A$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Assume that  $I = \alpha(F)$  for some filter  $F$  of  $A$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in I &\Rightarrow x \in \alpha(F) \Rightarrow x^* \in F \\ &\Rightarrow x^{***} \sim x^* \in F \\ &\Rightarrow x^{***} \in F \\ &\Rightarrow x^{**} \in \alpha(F) \\ &\Rightarrow x^{**} \in I. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.11:** Let  $*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $A$  and  $F$  a filter of  $A$ . Then the following are equivalent to each other.

- (1)  $x^{**} \in F \Rightarrow x \in F$
- (2)  $\beta(\alpha(F)) \subseteq F$
- (3)  $F = \beta(\alpha(F))$
- (4)  $F = \beta(I)$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $A$

Now, we introduce  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters in weakly pseudo-complemented ADLs.

**Definition 2.12:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Then

- (1) an ideal  $I$  of  $A$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -ideal of  $A$  if any one (and hence all) of the conditions in theorem 2.10 holds
- (2) a filter  $F$  of  $A$  is said to be a  $\beta$ -filter of  $A$  if any one (and hence all) of the conditions in theorem 2.11 holds.

**Example 2.12:** Let  $A = \{0, a\}$  and  $B = \{0, b_1, b_2\}$  be two discrete ADLs.

Write  $L = A \times B = \{(0, 0), (a, 0), (0, b_1), (0, b_2), (a, b_1), (a, b_2)\}$ . Then  $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is an ADL under point-wise operations. Consider the ideals  $I_1 = \{(0, 0), (a, 0)\}$  and  $I_2 = \{(0, 0), (0, b_1), (0, b_2)\}$ .

Then  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are  $\alpha$ -ideals since  $I_1 = \alpha(F_1), I_2 = \alpha(F_2)$

where  $F_1 = \{(0, b_1), (0, b_2), (a, b_1), (a, b_2)\}$  and  $F_2 = \{(a, 0), (a, b_1), (a, b_2)\}$  are filters. Also,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are  $\beta$ -filters, since  $F_1 = \beta(I_1)$  and  $F_2 = \beta(I_2)$ .

### 3. PROPERTIES OF $\alpha$ –IDEALS AND $\beta$ –FILTERS

Let us recall from [5, 4] that, an element  $a$  of an ADL  $A$  is said to be dense if  $\{a\}^* = \{0\}$ . It can be verified that  $a$  is dense if and only if  $a^* = 0$  where  $*$  is a weak pseudo (pseudo)-complementation on  $A$ . Also, the set  $D(A)$  of dense elements of  $A$  is a filter of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.1:** Let  $A$  be a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL. Then  $A, \{0\}$  are  $\alpha$  –ideals and  $A, D(A)$  are  $\beta$  –filters.

**Proof:** It is by the fact that  $A = \alpha(A)$ ,  $\{0\} = \alpha(D(A))$  and  $A = \beta(A)$ ,  $D(A) = \beta(\{0\})$ . It can be easily observed that, for any subset  $S$  of  $A$ ,  $S^*$  is an  $\alpha$  –ideal of  $A$ .

**Lemma 3.2:** Let  $A$  be a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL and  $F$  be a filter of  $A$ . Then  $F$  is a  $\beta$  –filter of  $A$  if and only if  $D(A) \subseteq F$ .

**Proof:** Let  $*$  be a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Suppose that  $F$  is a  $\beta$  –filter of  $A$  and  $x \in D(A)$ . Then  $x^* = 0$  and hence  $x^{**} = 0^*$  which is maximal. Therefore  $x^{**} \in F$  and hence  $x \in F$ . Thus  $D(A) \subseteq F$ . Conversely, let  $x^{**} \in F$  then  $x \vee x^* \in F$ , since  $x \vee x^*$  is dense. Therefore  $x^{**} \wedge (x \vee x^*) \in F$ , implies  $(x^{**} \wedge x) \vee (x^{**} \wedge x^*) \in F$  which implies  $x \vee 0 \in F$  and hence  $x \in F$ . Therefore  $F$  is a  $\beta$  –filter of  $A$ .

**Corollary 3.3:**  $D(A)$  is the smallest  $\beta$  –filter of  $A$ .

Now, we shall discuss certain properties of  $\alpha$  –ideals and  $\beta$  –filters in pseudo-complemented ADLs.

In general the lattice  $\mathcal{I}(A)$  of ideals of an ADL  $A$  is a complete lattice since it is closed under arbitrary intersections. However, the lattice  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  of filters of  $A$  is not necessary complete; infact  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  is complete if and only if  $A$  has a maximal element. If  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $A$ , then  $0^*$  is necessarily a maximal element in  $A$  and hence  $0^* \in F$  for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}(A)$ . Therefore, every class  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$  of filters of a pseudo complemented ADL  $A$  has infimum

$$\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} F_i \text{ and supremum } \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} F_i = \left[ \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} F_i \right] \text{ in } \mathcal{F}(A).$$

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $A$  be a pseudo-complemented ADL. Then the set  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  of  $\alpha$  –ideals of  $A$  is a complete distributive lattice ordered by set inclusion, in which the lattice operations are as follows:

If  $\{I_i\}_{i \in \Delta} \subseteq \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  then

$$glb\{I_i : i \in \Delta\} = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} I_i \text{ and } lub\{I_i : i \in \Delta\} = \alpha \left( \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} F_i \right)$$

where to each  $i \in \Delta$ ,  $I_i = \alpha(F_i)$ , for some filter  $F_i$  of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Straight forward.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $A$  be a pseudo-complemented ADL. Then the lattice  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  of  $\alpha$  –ideals of  $A$  is an algebraic lattice.

**Proof:** Let  $*$  be a pseudo-complementation on  $A$  and  $I \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$ . Then

$$I = \alpha(F) = \bigcup_{a \in F} \{a\}^* = sup\{\{a^*\} : a \in F\}$$

for some filter  $F$  of  $A$ . Further, it can be verified that, for any  $a \in A$ ,  $\{a^*\}$  is a compact element in  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  and it follows that  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  is an algebraic lattice.

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $A$  be a weakly pseudo (pseudo)-complemented ADL and  $I$  be an  $\alpha$  –ideal of  $A$ . Then  $\beta(I)$  is a filter of  $A$  (and hence  $\beta$  –filter).

**Proof:** Straight forward.

Form the theorem 3.6,  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  induce isotone mappings  $\hat{\beta} : \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$  and  $\hat{\alpha} : \mathcal{F}_\beta(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  where  $\mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$  denote the set of  $\beta$  –filters of a pseudo-complemented ADL  $A$ . Also, from 2.10 and 2.11,  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  are isomorphisms which are inverses to each other. Therefore we have the following.

**Theorem 3.7:**  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A) \cong \mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$ .

The following are immediate consequences.

**Theorem 3.8:** The set  $\mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$  of  $\beta$ -filters of a pseudo-complemented ADL  $A$ , ordered by set inclusion, is a complete distributive lattice in which the lattice operations are as follows: If  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Delta} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$ , then

$$\inf\{F_i : i \in \Delta\} = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} F_i \text{ and}$$

$$\sup\{F_i : i \in \Delta\} = \left\{x \in A : x^{**} \in \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} F_i\right\} = \beta\left(\alpha\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} F_i\right)\right)$$

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $A$  be a pseudo-complemented ADL. Then the lattice  $\mathcal{F}_\beta(A)$  is an algebraic lattice.

Recall from [5], that an ADL  $A$  with a pseudo-complementation  $*$  is said to be a Stone ADL, if  $x^* \vee x^{**} = 0^*$  for all  $x \in A$  or equivalently  $(x \wedge y)^* = x^* \vee y^*$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

Here we characterize Stone ADLs in terms of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters.

**Theorem 3.10:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . Then  $A$  is a Stone ADL if and only if  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{I}(A)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is a Stone ADL. Let  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  and  $x \in I \vee J$ . Then  $x = a \vee b$  for some  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$  and hence  $a^{**} \in I$  and  $b^{**} \in J$ .

Now,  $x^{**} = (a \vee b)^{**} = (a^* \wedge b^*)^* = a^{**} \vee b^{**} \in I \vee J$ . Therefore  $I \vee J$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal and hence

$I \vee J \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  and clearly  $I \cap J \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{I}(A)$ .

Conversely, we suppose that  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(A)$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{I}(A)$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then,  $\langle x^* \rangle$  and  $\langle x^{**} \rangle$  are  $\alpha$ -ideals of  $A$ , by assumption  $\langle x^* \rangle \vee \langle x^{**} \rangle = \langle x^* \vee x^{**} \rangle$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal of  $A$ . This implies

$0^* = (x^{**} \wedge x^*)^* = (x^{**} \wedge x^{***})^* = (x^* \vee x^{**})^{**} \in \langle x^* \vee x^{**} \rangle$  and since  $0^*$  is maximal, we get that  $\langle x^* \vee x^{**} \rangle = A = \langle 0^* \rangle$ . This implies  $x^* \vee x^{**} = 0^*$  since  $x^*$  and  $x^{**} \leq 0^*$ . Thus  $A$  is a Stone ADL.

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $A$  be a Stone ADL. Then  $\beta(I)$  is a filter of  $A$ , for all ideals  $I$  of  $A$ .

#### 4. PRIME IDEALS AND FILTERS

Recall from [2], a proper ideal (filter)  $P$  of an ADL  $A$  is said to be prime, if for any  $a, b \in A, a \wedge b(a \vee b) \in P \Rightarrow$  either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ . A prime ideal  $P$  of an ADL  $A$  is called minimal if there is no prime ideal  $Q$  of  $A$  such that  $Q \subset P$ .

**Remark 4.1:** In general, a prime ideal may not be an  $\alpha$ -ideal and  $\alpha$ -ideal need not be prime. For example, in 2.9(1) the prime ideals  $\{0, c, a\}$  and  $\{0, c, b\}$  are not  $\alpha$ -ideals, since  $c^{**} = 0^* = 1$  and in 2.5  $\{0\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal but not prime since  $a \wedge b = 0$ . Also, a prime filter may not be a  $\beta$ -filter. For, in 2.9(1),  $\{b, 1\}$  is a prime filter but not a  $\beta$ -filter since  $a^{**} = 0^* = 1$ .

**Theorem 4.2 ([2]):** Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of an ADL  $A$ . Then  $P$  is minimal prime ideal if and only if  $\{a\}^* \not\subseteq P$  for all  $a \in P$ .

In the following, minimal prime ideals of a weakly pseudo-complemented ADL are characterized in terms of their  $\alpha$ -ideals.

**Theorem 4.3:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$  and  $P$  a prime ideal of  $A$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $P$  is minimal
- (2)  $x \in P$  implies that  $x^* \notin P$
- (3)  $x \in P$  implies that  $x^{**} \in P$
- (4)  $P \cap D(A) = \phi$ .

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $P$  be minimal and  $x \in P$ . Then by theorems 4.2 and 1.5(2),  $\langle x^* \rangle = \{x^*\}^* \not\subseteq P$ . This implies  $x^* \notin P$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Assume (2). Let  $x \in P$ . Then  $x^* \notin P$ . Since  $x^* \wedge x^{**} = 0 \in P$  and  $P$  is prime, we get  $x^{**} \in P$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Assume (3). If  $x \in P \cap D(A)$  for some  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in P$  and  $x^* = 0$  and hence  $x^{**} = 0^* \notin P$ , since  $0^*$  is maximal, a contradiction to (3).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): If  $P$  is not minimal, then  $Q \subset P$  for some prime ideal  $Q$  of  $A$ . Let  $x \in P - Q$ . Then  $x \wedge x^* = 0 \in Q$  and  $x \notin Q$ ; therefore  $x^* \in Q \subset P$ , which implies that  $x \vee x^* \in P$ . Also,  $x \vee x^*$  is dense, thus we obtain  $x \vee x^* \in P \cap D(A)$ , a contradiction to (4). Hence  $P$  is minimal.

**Theorem 4.4:** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $*$  a weak pseudo-complementation on  $A$  and let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $A - P$  is maximal filter
- (2)  $A - P$  is prime filter and  $a \vee a^* \in A - P$  for each  $a \in A$
- (3)  $P$  is a minimal prime ideal
- (4)  $P$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal
- (5)  $P \cap D(A) = \phi$ .

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Clearly  $A - P$  is a prime filter since every maximal filter is prime filter. Let  $a \in A$  such that  $a \notin A - P$  then  $A - P \neq [(A - P) \cup \{a\}] = (A - P) \vee \langle a \rangle$ , so by the maximality, we get  $(A - P) \vee \langle a \rangle = A$ . In particular,  $0 = x \wedge a$  for some  $x \in A - P$  and hence  $a^* \wedge x = x$ . But  $x \in A - P$  implies  $a^* \in A - P$  and hence  $a \vee a^* \in A - P$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Since  $A - P$  is a prime filter,  $P$  is a prime ideal. Let  $Q$  be a prime ideal and  $Q \subset P$  with  $a \in P - Q$ . Then  $a \wedge a^* = 0 \in Q$  and hence  $a^* \in Q \subset P$ , this implies  $a \vee a^* \in P$ , which is a contradiction to hypothesis. Thus  $P$  is minimal prime ideal.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) follow from the above theorem.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since  $P$  is a prime ideal,  $A - P$  is a prime filter. Let  $F$  be a filter of  $A$  and  $A - P \subset F$  with  $a \in F - (A - P)$ . Since  $a \vee a^*$  is dense,  $a \vee a^* \in D(A)$  and hence  $a \vee a^* \notin P$ . But  $a \in P$  and therefore  $a^* \in A - P \subset F$ . Also  $a \in F$  and thus  $a \wedge a^* = 0 \in F$  which implies that  $F = A$ .

For any  $a$  and  $b \in A$  with  $a \leq b$ , the interval  $[a, b] = \{x \in A : a \leq x \leq b\}$  is bounded distributive lattice with respect to the operations induced by those in the ADL  $A$ .

Recall from [3, 6] that, an ADL with a maximal element is said to be an Almost Boolean algebra if for any  $a, b \in A$  with  $a < b$ , the interval  $[a, b]$  is a complemented lattice.

**Theorem 4.5 ([6]):** Let  $A$  be an ADL with a maximal element. Then, the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra
- (2) For any  $a \in A$ , there exist  $b \in A$  such that  $a \wedge b = 0$  and  $a \vee b$  is maximal
- (3)  $[0, m]$  is a Boolean algebra for all maximal elements  $m$
- (4) There exists a maximal element  $m$  such that  $[0, m]$  is a Boolean algebra.

In general, an Almost Boolean algebra is pseudo-complemented but converse is not true. However, in the following we characterize an Almost Boolean algebra in terms of  $\alpha$ -ideals and  $\beta$ -filters.

**Theorem 4.6:** Let  $A$  be a pseudo-complemented ADL. Then,  $A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra if and only if every ideal of  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal.

**Proof:** Let  $*$  be a pseudo-complementation on  $A$ . We assume that  $A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ . Let  $x \in I$ . Then  $x \vee 0^*$  is maximal since  $0^*$  is maximal. By assumption, the interval  $[0, x \vee 0^*]$  is a Boolean algebra and  $x \leq x \vee 0^*$ . Therefore, there exists  $y \in [0, x \vee 0^*]$  such that  $x \wedge y = 0$  and  $x \vee y = x \vee 0^*$ , hence  $x \vee y$  is maximal and  $y \wedge x^{**} = 0$ .  
Now,  $x^{**} = (x \vee y) \wedge x^{**} = (x \wedge x^{**}) \vee (y \wedge x^{**}) = x \wedge x^{**} \in I$  (since  $x \in I$  and  $I$  is an ideal). Thus,  $I$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal.



Conversely suppose that every ideal of  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal. Then, for any  $x \in A$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  is an  $\alpha$ -ideal and hence  $x^{**} \in \langle x \rangle$ . This implies  $x^{**} = x \wedge x^{**}$ .

Now,  $x \wedge 0^* = x^{**} \wedge x \wedge 0^* = x \wedge x^{**} \wedge 0^* = x^{**} \wedge 0^* = x^{**}$ . (since  $x^* \wedge x = 0$  and hence  $x^{**} \wedge x = x$  and  $x^{**} \leq 0^*$ ). Let  $x \in [0, 0^*]$ . Then  $x = x \wedge 0^* = x^{**}$ . This shows that  $[0, 0^*] = A^*$ , which is a Boolean algebra (refer [4]). By theorem 4.5,  $A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra.

The following is similar to above theorem.

**Theorem 4.7:**  $A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra if and only if every filter of  $A$  is a  $\beta$ -filter.

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