

## Representation of ABA's by Sections of Sheaves

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**Abstract.** An Almost Boolean Algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  (abbreviated as ABA) is an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) with a maximal element in which for any  $x \in A$ , there exists  $y \in A$  such that  $x \wedge y = 0$  and  $x \vee y$  is a maximal element in  $A$ . If  $(S, \Pi, X)$  is a sheaf of nontrivial discrete ADL's over a Boolean space such that for any global section  $f$ , support of  $f$  is open, then it is proved that the set  $\Gamma(X, S)$  of all global sections is an ABA. Conversely, it is proved that every ABA is isomorphic to the ADL of global sections of a suitable sheaf of discrete ADL's over a Boolean space.

### 1. Introduction

The axiomatization of George Boole's two valued propositional calculus led to the concept of Boolean algebra (ring). M. H. Stone [3] established a strong duality between Boolean algebras (rings) and Compact Hausdorff topological spaces in which closed and open subsets form a base for the topology. After the notion of Boolean algebra (ring) came to light, several generalizations have come up in which the ring theoretic generalizations like regular rings,  $p$ -rings, biregular rings etc and the lattice theoretic generalizations like distributive lattices, Heyting algebras, post algebras, pseudo-complemented distributive lattices, Stone lattices etc. U. M. Swamy and G. C. Rao [6] have introduced a common abstraction of these two streams in the form of an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) as an algebra

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$(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  which satisfies all the axioms of a distributive lattice with 0 except the commutativity of the binary operations and, in this case, the commutativity of either of the binary operation is equivalent to that of the other. An ADL  $A$  with a maximal element  $m$  is said to be an ABA if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists  $y \in A$  such that  $x \wedge y = 0$  and  $x \vee y$  is maximal (equivalently, for each  $x \in A$ , the interval  $[0, x]$  is a Boolean algebra under the induced operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ ).

In this paper, first we obtain an ABA from a given sheaf over a Boolean spaces. Also, we have considered the prime spectrum of a nontrivial Almost Boolean Algebra which forms a compact, Hausdorff and totally disconnected topological space and it is well known that such spaces are called Boolean spaces. With this as the base space, we have constructed a sheaf of discrete ADL's whose ADL of continuous sections is isomorphic to the given Almost Boolean Algebra.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we collect certain definitions and properties of ADLs from [6–8] that are required in the main text of this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** An algebra  $A = (A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  is called an *Almost Distributive Lattice* (abbreviated as ADL) if it satisfies the following identities.

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

**Example 2.1.** Every non-empty set  $X$  can be regarded as an ADL as follows. Let  $a_0 \in X$ . Define the binary operations  $\wedge, \vee$  on  $X$  by

$$a \wedge b = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } a \neq a_0 \\ a_0 & \text{if } a = a_0 \end{cases} \quad a \vee b = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \neq a_0 \\ b & \text{if } a = a_0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, \wedge, \vee, a_0)$  is an ADL with  $a_0$  as the zero element.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  be an ADL. For any  $a$  and  $b \in A$ , define

$$a \leq b \text{ if } a = a \wedge b \text{ (equivalently } a \vee b = b).$$

Then  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $(A, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  is an ADL, for any  $a, b, c \in A$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $a \vee b = a \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b = b$
- (2)  $a \vee b = b \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b = a$

- (3)  $\wedge$  is associative in  $A$
- (4)  $a \wedge b \wedge c = b \wedge a \wedge c$
- (5)  $(a \vee b) \wedge c = (b \vee a) \wedge c$
- (6)  $a \wedge b = 0 \Leftrightarrow b \wedge a = 0$
- (7)  $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$
- (8)  $a \wedge (a \vee b) = a$ ,  $(a \wedge b) \vee b = b$   
and  $a \vee (b \wedge a) = a$
- (9)  $a \leq a \vee b$  and  $a \wedge b \leq b$
- (10)  $a \wedge a = a$  and  $a \vee a = a$
- (11)  $0 \vee a = a$  and  $a \wedge 0 = 0$
- (12) If  $a \leq c$ ,  $b \leq c$  then  
 $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$  and  $a \vee b = b \vee a$
- (13)  $a \vee b = (a \vee b) \vee a$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A homomorphism between ADLs  $(A, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  into an ADL  $L'$ , we mean, a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow A'$  satisfying the following:

- (1)  $f(a \vee b) = f(a) \vee f(b)$
- (2)  $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \wedge f(b)$
- (3)  $f(0) = 0$ .

A nonempty subset  $I$  of an ADL  $A$  is called an ideal of  $A$  if  $x \vee y \in I$  and  $x \wedge a \in I$  whenever  $x, y \in I$  and  $a \in A$ . For any  $X \subseteq A$ , the ideal generated by  $X$  is  $(X) = \left\{ \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \wedge x : a_i \in X, x \in A, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$ . If  $X = \{x\}$ , then we write  $(x)$  for  $(X)$  and this is called a principal ideal generated by  $x$ . The set of all principal ideals of  $A$  is a distributive lattice and it is denoted by  $P\mathfrak{I}(A)$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of  $A$  is called prime if for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \wedge y \in P$  then  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ . For any  $x, y \in A$  with  $x \leq y$ ,  $[x, y] = \{t \in A : x \leq t \leq y\}$  is a bounded distributive lattice with respect to the operations induced from those on  $A$ . An element  $m$  is maximal in  $(A, \leq)$  if and only if  $m \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in A$ . An ADL  $A$  is said to be discrete if every nonzero element is maximal. If  $m$  is maximal element in  $A$ , then  $x \vee m$  is maximal in  $A$ , for each  $x \in A$ . The ADL given in the example 2.2 is a discrete ADL. For any  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $X^* = \{a \in A : x \wedge a = 0 \forall x \in X\}$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $X^*$  is called the annihilator of  $X$ . We don't know, so far, whether  $\vee$  is associative in an ADL or not. In this paper  $A$  denotes an ADL  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  in which  $\vee$  is associative.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Then, for any  $a, b \in A$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $(a) = \{a \wedge x : x \in A\}$
- (2)  $a \in (b) \Leftrightarrow b \wedge a = a$
- (3)  $a \wedge b \in I \Leftrightarrow b \wedge a \in I$
- (4)  $(a) \cap (b) = (a \wedge b) = (b \wedge a)$

$$(5) [a] \vee [b] = [a \vee b] = [b \vee a]$$

$$(6) [a] = A \iff a \text{ is maximal.}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $x, y \in A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

$$(1) \{x \vee y\}^* = \{x\}^* \cap \{y\}^*$$

$$(2) \{x \wedge y\}^* = \{y \wedge x\}^*$$

$$(3) \{x\}^{***} = \{x\}^*$$

$$(4) x \leq y \Rightarrow \{y\}^* \subseteq \{x\}^*$$

$$(5) \{x \wedge y\}^{**} = \{x\}^{**} \cap \{y\}^{**}$$

**Definition 2.4.** *An ADL  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is said to be relatively complemented if every interval in  $A$  is a Boolean algebra.*

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be an ADL. Then the following are equivalent to each other.*

(1) *For any  $a, b \in A$  there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $a \wedge x = 0$  and  $a \vee x = a \vee b$*

(2) *For any  $a \leq b$  in  $A$ ,  $[a, b]$  is a complemented lattice.*

(3) *For any  $a \in A$ ,  $[0, a]$  is complemented lattice*

**Definition 2.5.** *A nontrivial ADL  $A$  is called an Almost Boolean algebra (ABA) if it has a maximal element and satisfies one, and hence all of the equivalent conditions given in the above theorem.*

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be an ADL with a maximal element. Then the following are equivalent to each other.*

(1)  *$A$  is an Almost Boolean algebra*

(2) *For any  $a \in A$ , there exists  $b \in A$  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.*

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $m$  and  $n$  be maximal elements in  $A$ . Then the lattices  $[0, m]$  and  $[0, n]$  are isomorphic to each other. Moreover, the Boolean algebras  $[0, m]$  and  $[0, n]$  are isomorphic when  $A$  is Almost Boolean algebra.*

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  be an ABA. Then for any  $a$  and  $b$  in  $A$  there exists a unique  $x \in A$  such that  $a \wedge x = 0$  and  $a \vee x = a \vee b$ .*

**Definition 2.6.** *A nontrivial ADL  $A$  is called dense if  $a \wedge b \neq 0$  for all  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$  (equivalently,  $\{a\}^* = \{0\}$ , for any  $0 \neq a \in A$ ).*

### 3. Sheaf of ADL's

**Definition 3.1.** *A triple  $(S, \pi, X)$  is called a sheaf over  $X$  if  $S$  and  $X$  are topological spaces and  $\pi : S \rightarrow X$  is a local homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $X$ ; that is  $\pi$  is a surjective map and, for any  $s \in S$ ,*

there are open sets  $G$  and  $U$  containing  $s$  and  $\pi(s)$  in  $S$  and  $X$  respectively such that the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $G$  is a homeomorphism of  $G$  onto  $U$ .

Let  $(S, \pi, X)$  be a sheaf over  $X$ . Then  $\pi : S \rightarrow X$  is continuous and open map. Here  $S$  is called the sheaf space,  $X$  the base space and  $\pi$  the projection. For any  $Y \subseteq X$ , a continuous map  $f : Y \rightarrow S$  such that  $\pi \circ f$  is identity on  $Y$  is called a section on  $Y$ . Sections on the whole space  $X$  are called global sections. For any  $x \in X$ , the set  $S_x = \{s \in S : \pi(s) = x\} = \pi^{-1}(\{x\})$  is called the stalk at  $x$ . The set of all global sections will be denoted by  $\Gamma(X, S)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  is called a sheaf of (discrete) ADLs if for each  $x \in X$ , the stalk  $S_x$  is an (discrete) ADL  $(S_x, \wedge, \vee, 0_x)$  satisfies the following.

- (1) The operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  are continuous mappings of  $S \otimes S$  into  $S$ , where  $S \otimes S = \{(s, t) \in S \times S : \pi(s) = \pi(t)\}$ .
- (2) The map  $x \mapsto 0_x$  is a continuous map of  $X$  into  $S$ , where  $0_x$  is the zero element in the stalk  $S_x$ .

In the following, we obtain an ABA from a given sheaf over a Boolean space.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(S, \pi, X)$  be a sheaf of nontrivial discrete ADLs over a Boolean space  $X$  such that, for any global section  $f$ , support  $|f| = \{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0_x\}$  is open in  $X$ . Then  $\Gamma(X, S)$  is an ABA.

*Proof.* Since  $x \mapsto 0_x$  is continuous, it is a section on  $X$  and we denote it by  $\bar{0}$ . Therefore  $\bar{0} \in \Gamma(X, S)$  and hence  $\Gamma(X, S) \neq \emptyset$ . For any  $f, g \in \Gamma(X, S)$ , we define  $f \wedge g$  and  $f \vee g$  by  $(f \wedge g)(x) = f(x) \wedge g(x)$  and  $(f \vee g)(x) = f(x) \vee g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

The  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  on the right-hand side are those in the stalk  $S_x$  which is an ADL. It can be easily verified that  $(\Gamma(X, S), \wedge, \vee, \bar{0})$  an ADL. It is easily verified that, for any global sections  $f$  and  $g$ , the set

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$$

is a closed set in  $X$  and by hypothesis  $\langle f, \bar{0} \rangle (= |f|)$  is open also. Thus  $|f|$  is a closed set in  $X$  for all global sections  $f$ . For each  $x \in X$ , we can choose  $s (\neq 0_x) \in S_x$  and a global section  $f_x$  such that  $f_x(x) = s \in S_x$  and hence  $x \in |f_x|$ , the support of  $f_x$ . Since to each  $x \in X$ ,  $|f_x|$  is clopen and  $X$  is compact, there exists clopen sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  such that  $U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_n = X$  and there is global section  $f_i$  such that  $f_i(y) \neq 0_y$  for all  $y \in U_i$ .

Let  $f = f_1 \vee f_2 \vee \dots \vee f_n$ . Then  $f$  is a global section and  $|f| = X$ . Let  $g \in \Gamma(X, S)$ . Then  $(f \wedge g)(x) = f(x) \wedge g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  (since each  $S_x$  is discrete and hence every nonzero element in  $S_x$  is maximal) and hence  $f \wedge g = g$  for all  $g \in \Gamma(X, S)$ . Therefore  $f$  is a maximal element in the ADL  $\Gamma(X, S)$ . Further, let  $g \in \Gamma(X, S)$  and  $f$  be any maximal element in  $\Gamma(X, S)$ . Then  $f(x) \neq 0_x$

for all  $x \in X$ . Define  $h : S \rightarrow X$  by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0_x & \text{if } x \in |g| \\ f(x) & \text{if } x \notin |g|. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h$  is continuous (since  $x \mapsto 0_x$  and  $f$  are continuous and  $|g|$  is clopen). Therefore  $h \in \Gamma(X, S)$ . Also  $(g \wedge h)(x) = g(x) \wedge h(x) = 0_x$  for all  $x \in X$  and hence  $g \wedge h = \bar{0}$ . Further  $(g \vee h)(x) \neq 0_x$  for all  $x \in X$  and hence  $g \vee h$  is maximal in  $\Gamma(X, S)$ . Thus  $\Gamma(X, S)$  is an ABA.  $\square$

#### 4. Representation Theorem

In this section, we represent a given ABA by a sheaf over a Boolean space. For this, we obtain a sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  of discrete ADL's from a given ABA  $A$  and also prove that  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(X, S)$ . Let us recall the following from [6].

**Definition 4.1.** [6] For any element  $a$  in an ADL  $A$ , define

$$\theta_a = \{(x, y) \in A \times A : a \wedge x = a \wedge y\}.$$

Then  $\theta_a$  is a congruence relation on  $A$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $A$  be an ADL and  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ . Let

$$\theta_P = \{(x, y) \in A \times A : a \wedge x = a \wedge y\}$$

for some  $a \in A - P$ . Then  $\theta_P$  is a congruence relation on  $A$  and the Quotient  $A/\theta_P$  is a nontrivial discrete ABA.

*Proof.* Clearly  $\theta_P = \bigcup_{a \in A-P} \theta_a$  and it is easy to verified that  $\theta_P$  is a congruence relation on  $A$ . Also, for any  $x \in A$ ,

$$x \in P \iff (x, 0) \in \theta_P.$$

Since  $P$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ , there exists  $x \in A - P$  and hence  $(x, 0) \notin \theta_P$  so that  $x/\theta_P \neq 0/\theta_P$ . Therefore  $A/\theta_P$  is a nontrivial ADL. Now, if  $x/\theta_P \neq 0/\theta_P$ , then  $x \notin P$  and  $(x \wedge a, a) \in \theta_P$  so that  $x/\theta_P \wedge a/\theta_P = (x \wedge a)/\theta_P = a/\theta_P$  for all  $a \in A$  and hence  $x/\theta_P$  is maximal in  $A/\theta_P$ . Therefore,  $A/\theta_P$  is discrete ADL.  $\square$

Let us recall from [6] that, for any ABA  $A = (A, \wedge, \vee, 0, m)$ ,  $\text{Spec}(A)$  denotes the space of all prime ideals of  $A$  together with the hull-kernal topology for which  $\{X_a : a \in A\}$  is a base, where  $X_a = \{P \in \text{Spec}(A) : a \notin P\}$  and that  $\text{Spec}(A)$  is a Boolean space (a Compact Hausdorff and totally disconnected topological space).

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $A$  be an ABA and  $a \in A$ . Then

$$\theta_a = \bigcap \{\theta_P : P \in \text{Spec}(A) \text{ and } a \notin P\} = \bigcap \{\theta_P : P \in X_a\}.$$

*Proof.* First, it can be easily verified  $x, y \in A$ , the set  $\langle x, y \rangle = \{b \in A : b \wedge x = b \wedge y\}$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Let  $a \in A$ . we have that  $\theta_P = \bigcup_{b \in A-P} \theta_b$ . Therefore

$$P \in X_a \Rightarrow a \notin P \Rightarrow \theta_a \subseteq \theta_P.$$

Hence  $\theta_a \subseteq \bigcap_{P \in X_a} \theta_P$ . On the otherhand, suppose that  $(x, y) \notin \theta_a$ . Then  $a \wedge x \neq a \wedge y$  and hence  $a \notin \langle x, y \rangle$ . Since  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is an ideal, there exists a prime ideal  $P$  of  $A$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \subseteq P$  and  $a \notin P$ . Now  $P \in X_a$  and  $(x, y) \notin \theta_P$ . Therefore  $\bigcap_{P \in X_a} \theta_P \subseteq \theta_a$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{P \in X_a} \theta_P = \theta_a$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.1.** *If  $A$  is an ABA, then  $\bigcap \{\theta_P : P \in \text{Spec}(A)\} = \Delta_A$ , the diagonal relation on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* It follows by the fact that, for any maximal element  $m$  in  $A$ ,  $X_m = X$  and,  $\theta_m = \Delta_A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Any ABA is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(X, S)$  for a suitable sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  of discrete ADLs over a Boolean space  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an ABA and  $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ . Then  $X$  is a Boolean space. For any  $P \in X$ , let  $S_P = A/\theta_P$  and  $S$  be the disjoint union of  $A/\theta_P$ 's,  $P \in X$ . For any  $x \in A$ , define  $\hat{x} : X \rightarrow S$  by  $\hat{x}(P) = x/\theta_P$ . Define  $\pi : S \rightarrow X$  by  $\pi(s) = P$  if  $s \in S_P$ . Let  $S$  be equipped with the largest topology with respect to which each  $\hat{x}$ ,  $x \in A$ , is continuous. Now we shall prove that  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of discrete ADLs over the Boolean space  $X$  and finally we proved that  $A \cong \Gamma(X, S)$ . First, we prove that the class  $\{\hat{x}(X_a) : x, a \in A\}$  forms a base for the topology on  $S$ . Clearly  $\bigcup_{x, a \in A} \hat{x}(X_a) = S$ . For any

$x, y \in A$  and  $a, b \in A$ , we have

$$s \in \hat{x}(X_a) \cap \hat{y}(X_b) \Rightarrow s = x/\theta_P = y/\theta_Q \text{ for some } P \in X_a, Q \in X_b$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \pi(s) = Q$$

$$\Rightarrow P = Q \in X_a \cap X_b$$

and  $c \wedge x = c \wedge y$  for some  $c \in A - P$

$$\Rightarrow P \in X_{a \wedge b \wedge c} \text{ and } a \wedge b \wedge c \wedge x = a \wedge b \wedge c \wedge y$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in X_{a \wedge b \wedge c} \text{ and } s = \hat{x}(P) = \hat{y}(Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow s \in \hat{x}(X_{a \wedge b \wedge c}) \subseteq \hat{x}(X_a) \cap \hat{y}(X_b).$$

Therefore the class mentioned is a base for a topology, say  $\tau$  on  $S$ . Also, for any  $x, y$  and  $a \in A, P \in \hat{x}^{-1}(\hat{y}(X_a))$

$$\Rightarrow x/\theta_P = y/\theta_P \text{ and } P \in X_a$$

$$\Rightarrow b \wedge x = b \wedge y \text{ for some } b \in A - P$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in X_{a \wedge b} \subseteq \hat{x}^{-1}(\hat{y}(X_a)).$$

Therefore each  $\hat{x}$ ,  $x \in A$  is continuous with respect to the topology  $\tau$  and it can be easily proved that  $\tau$  is the largest topology on  $S$  with respect to which each  $\hat{x}$  is continuous. Since  $\pi(s) = P$  for all  $s \in S_P = A/\theta_P, P \in X$ ,  $\pi : S \rightarrow X$  is a bijection mapping. Let  $s \in S$ . Then  $s = x/\theta_P = \hat{x}(P)$  for some  $P \in X$  and  $x \in A$ . If  $\pi(s) = P$ , choose  $a \in A - P$ , then  $P \in X_a$  and  $s \in \hat{x}(X_a)$ . Since  $\hat{x}(X_a)$

is open in  $S$  and  $\hat{x}(X_a)$  is a neighbourhood of  $s$  in  $S$  and  $X_a$  is open neighbourhood of  $\pi(s)$  in  $X$  and hence it can be easily verified that any restriction of  $\pi$  to  $\hat{x}(X_a)$  is a homeomorphism of  $\hat{x}(X_a)$  onto  $X_a$ . Therefore  $\pi$  is a local homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $X$  and hence  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf over Boolean space  $X$ . Since  $\theta_P$  is a congruence on  $A$ , it follows that the continuity of ADL operations  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $0$ . And, for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $\{P \in X : (x, y) \in \theta_P\}$  is an open subset of  $X$ . Also, for each  $P \in X$ ,  $A/\theta_P$  is a nontrivial discrete ADL (by lemma 4.2). Thus  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of nontrivial discrete ADLs over the Boolean space  $X$ . Since the operations are point-wise and each stalk  $A/\theta_P$  is an ADL, it follows that  $\Gamma(X, S)$  is also an ADL. Finally define  $\alpha : A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, S)$  by  $\alpha(x) = \hat{x}$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $\widehat{x \wedge y} = \hat{x} \wedge \hat{y}$  and  $\widehat{x \vee y} = \hat{x} \vee \hat{y}$ , it follows that  $\alpha$  is a homomorphism of ADLs. Also, for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x) = \alpha(y) &\Rightarrow \hat{x} = \hat{y} \\ &\Rightarrow \hat{x}(P) = \hat{y}(P) \text{ for all } P \in X \\ &\Rightarrow x/\theta_P = y/\theta_P \text{ for all } P \in X \\ &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \bigcap_{P \in X} \theta_P = \Delta_A \\ &\Rightarrow x = y. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is an injection. Lastly, let  $f \in \Gamma(X, S)$ . For each  $P \in X$ , there exists  $x_P \in A$  such that  $f(P) = x_P/\theta_P = \hat{x}_P(P)$ . Since  $f$  and  $\hat{x}_P$  are sections on  $X$ , we can choose open sets  $G$  and  $W$  in  $S$  and  $X$  respectively such that  $f(P) (= \hat{x}_P(P)) \in G$ ,  $P (= \pi(f(P))) \in W$  and  $\pi/G : G \rightarrow W$  is a homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}(G) \cap \hat{x}_P^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$  and hence  $f^{-1}(G) \cap \hat{x}_P^{-1}(G) = X_{a_P}$  for some  $a_P \in A$  (since  $X_a$ 's,  $a \in A$  form a base for open sets) and  $P \in X_{a_P}$ . Also, for any  $Q \in X_{a_P}$ ,  $f(Q)$  and  $\hat{x}_P(Q) \in G$  and  $\pi(f(Q)) = \pi(\hat{x}_P(Q))$  and implies that  $f(Q) = \hat{x}_P(Q)$  (since  $\pi$  is an injection on  $G$ ). By using the compactness of  $X$  and the fact that  $X$  is a Boolean space, there exists  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n x_i = X$  and  $f(Q) = \hat{x}_i(Q)$  for all  $Q \in X_{a_i}$ . Since each  $X_{a_i}$  is clopen, we choose  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} X_{b_1} &= X_{a_1} \\ X_{b_2} &= x_{a_2} \cap (X - X_{a_1}) \\ X_{b_3} &= x_{a_3} \cap (X - X_{a_1}) \cap (X - X_{a_2}) \\ &\vdots \\ X_{b_n} &= x_{a_n} \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} (X - X_{a_i}). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $X_{b_i \wedge b_j} = X_{b_i} \cap X_{b_j} = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_{b_i} = X$  and  $f(Q) = \hat{x}_i(Q)$  for all  $Q \in X_{b_i}$ . Put  $x = \bigvee_{i=1}^n (b_i \wedge x_i)$ . Then, for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $(b_i \wedge x_i, x_i) \in \theta_{b_i}$  and hence  $(b_i \wedge x_i) \in \theta_Q$  for all  $Q \in X_{b_i}$  and it implies that  $(b_i \wedge x_i)/\theta_Q = x_i/\theta_Q$  so that  $\widehat{b_i \wedge x_i}(Q) = \hat{x}_i(Q) = f(Q)$  for all  $Q \in X_{b_i}$  and for  $j \neq i$ ,  $\widehat{b_j \wedge x_j}(Q) = \hat{b}_j(Q) \wedge \hat{x}_j(Q) = \hat{0}(Q)$  for all  $Q \in X_{b_j}$  (since  $b_j \in Q \Rightarrow \hat{b}_j(Q) = \hat{0}(Q)$ ). Therefore, for any  $Q \in X$ , there exists unique  $i$  such that  $Q \in X_{b_i}$  and  $Q \notin X_{b_j}$  for all  $j \neq i$  and



hence  $\hat{x}(Q) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \widehat{(b_i \wedge x_i)}(Q) = \hat{x}_i(Q) = f(Q)$ . Thus  $f = \hat{x}$ . This implies that  $\alpha : A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, S)$  is an isomorphism of  $A$  onto  $\Gamma(X, S)$ .  $\square$

Note that in the above sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  the support of any global section is a closed set, since any global section  $f$  is of the form  $\hat{x}$  for some  $x \in A$  and  $|f| = |\hat{x}| = X_x$  which is clopen in  $X$ .

## 5. Conclusion

It is yet to be investigated whether the correspondences  $A \mapsto (S, \pi, X)$  and  $(S, \pi, X) \mapsto \Gamma(X, S)$  are inverses to each other (up to isomorphism) and give us a duality between the class of ABA's and the class of sheaves of nontrivial discrete ADL's over Boolean spaces in which the support of any global section is a clopen set in the base space.

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