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**If  $L$  is a Riesz space (lattice ordered vector space), a Riesz homomorphism of  $L$  is an order preserving linear map which preserves the finite operations " $\vee$ " and " $\wedge$ ". It is shown here that if  $L$  is one of a large class of spaces and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism from  $L$  onto an Archimedean Riesz space, then  $\varphi$  preserves the order limits of sequences.**

The symbol  $\theta$  will be used to denote the zero element of any vector space. Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space (lattice ordered vector space). If  $f \in L$  then  $|f| = f \vee \theta - (f \wedge \theta)$ . If  $M$  is a linear subspace of  $L$  then  $M$  is said to be an *ideal* of  $L$  if, whenever  $|g| \leq |f|$  and  $f \in M$ , then  $g \in M$ . If each of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is a Riesz space, a *Riesz homomorphism*  $\varphi$  from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  is a linear map from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  which preserves order and the finite operations " $\vee$ " and " $\wedge$ ". A sequence  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  of points is said to *order converge* to the point  $f$  if there exists a sequence  $u_1 \geq u_2 \geq u_3 \geq \dots$  and a sequence  $v_1 \leq v_2 \leq v_3 \leq \dots$  of points such that  $\bigvee v_p = f$ ,  $\bigwedge u_p = f$ , and  $v_p \leq f_p \leq u_p$ . Order convergence for nets is defined analogously. A sequence  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  of elements of the Riesz space  $L$  is said to converge *relatively uniformly* to the element  $f$  of  $L$  if there exists an element  $g$  of  $L$  (called the regulator) such that if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a number  $N_\varepsilon$  such that if  $n$  is a positive integer greater than  $N_\varepsilon$ , then  $|f - f_n| \leq \varepsilon g$ . A Riesz space  $L$  is said to be *Archimedean* if, whenever  $f$  and  $g$  are two points of  $L$  such that  $\theta \leq nf \leq g$  for all positive integers  $n$ , then  $f = \theta$ . Also  $L$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -*complete* if each countable set of positive elements has a greatest lower bound and *complete* if each set of positive elements has a greatest lower bound. If  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism which preserves the order limits of sequences then  $\varphi$  is said to be a *Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism*. If  $\varphi$  preserves the order limits of nets it is said to be a *normal Riesz homomorphism*. A one-to-one onto map which is a Riesz homomorphism is a *Riesz isomorphism*. If  $H$  is a subset of  $L$ ,  $H^+$  will denote the set of all points  $f$  of  $H$  such that  $f \geq \theta$ . If  $f \in L$  then  $f^+$  denotes  $f \vee \theta$ .

Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space,  $M$  is an ideal of  $L$ , and the algebraic quotient  $L/M$  is partially ordered as follows: If each of  $H$  and  $K$  belongs to  $L/M$  and there is an element  $h$  of  $H$  and  $k$  of  $K$  such that  $h \geq k$ , then  $H \geq K$ . It follows that  $L/M$  is a Riesz space and the normal map  $\pi: L \rightarrow L/M$  is a Riesz homomorphism (Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], p. 102). The coset of  $L/M$  containing  $f$  will be denoted  $[f]$ . Further, if  $M$  is the kernel of a Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  defined

on a Riesz space  $L$  then the image of  $\varphi$  is Riesz isomorphic to  $L/M$ . (Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], p. 102).

If  $M$  is a subset of a Riesz space  $L$  with the property that whenever  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots$  is a sequence of points of  $M$  which converges relatively uniformly to a point  $b$  of  $L$ ,  $b$  is in  $M$ , then  $M$  is said to be *uniformly closed*.

In many instances properties of Riesz homomorphisms can be related to properties of their kernels. The following four theorems which are examples of this are listed for future reference.

**THEOREM A.** *If  $L$  is a Riesz space and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism defined on  $L$  then  $\varphi(L)$  is Archimedean if and only if the kernel of  $\varphi$  is uniformly closed. (See Veksler [8] or Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 60.2.)*

An ideal  $M$  of  $L$  is called a  $\sigma$ -ideal if, whenever  $\{m_i\}$  is a countable subset of  $M$  and  $b = \bigvee m_i$ , then  $b \in M$ .

**THEOREM B.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism from  $L$  onto the Riesz space  $K$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism if and only if the kernel of  $\varphi$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal. (See Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 18.11.)*

**THEOREM C.** *Suppose  $L$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete Riesz space and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism defined on  $L$ . Then  $\varphi(L)$  is  $\sigma$ -complete. (See Veksler [7] or Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 59.3.)*

An ideal  $M$  of  $L$  is called a *band* if, whenever  $\{m_\alpha\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \lambda$ , is a subset of  $M$  and  $b = \bigvee m_\alpha$ , then  $b \in M$ .

**THEOREM D.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism from  $L$  onto the Riesz space  $K$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a normal Riesz homomorphism if and only if the kernel of  $\varphi$  is a band. (See Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 18.13.)*

A question of interest is when can properties of  $L$  imply properties of a class of Riesz homomorphisms defined on  $L$ . By combining some known results it can be noted that to place requirements on all the Riesz homomorphisms on  $L$  is quite strong.

The sequence  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  is called a *uniform Cauchy sequence* (with regulator  $g$ ) if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a number  $N$  such that if  $n$  and  $m$  are positive integers and  $n, m > N$ , then  $|f_n - f_m| \leq \varepsilon g$ . The Riesz space is *uniformly complete* whenever every uniform Cauchy sequence (with regulator  $g$ ) converges uniformly (with regulator

$g$ ) to a point of  $L$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Suppose  $L$  is a uniformly complete Archimedean Riesz space. Each two of the following four statements are equivalent:*

(1) *For each Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  defined on  $L$ ,  $\varphi(L)$  is Archimedean,*

(2) *For each Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $L$  onto a Riesz space  $K$ ,  $\varphi$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism,*

(3) *For each Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $L$  onto a Riesz space  $K$ ,  $\varphi$  is a normal Riesz homomorphism, and*

(4) *There is a nonempty set  $X$  such that  $L$  is Riesz isomorphic to the space of all real functions which are zero except on some finite subset of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* By a theorem of Luxemburg and Moore [2], (1)  $\rightarrow$  (4). By Theorems A, B, and D, (4)  $\rightarrow$  (3)  $\rightarrow$  (2)  $\rightarrow$  (1).

On the other hand, if requirements are placed on only a subcollection of the collection of all Riesz homomorphisms on  $L$ , results of wider applicability can be obtained. In particular, in the following theorems, it is shown that for a large class of Riesz spaces every Riesz homomorphism onto an Archimedean Riesz space is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism.

If  $\omega$  is a subset of  $L$ ,  $\omega^d$  denotes the set of all elements  $g$  such that  $|g| \wedge |f| = \theta$  for each point  $f$  of  $\omega$ . If  $M$  is a band in  $L$  it is said to be a *projection band* if  $L = M \oplus M^d$ .

A *principal band* is a band generated by a single element. The Riesz space  $L$  is said to have the *principal projection property* if every principal band is a projection band. The Riesz space  $L$  has the principal projection property if and only if for each pair of points  $f$  and  $g$  of  $L^+$ ,  $\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} (nf \wedge g)$  exists. (See Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 24.7.)

Order convergence in  $L$  is said to be *stable* if whenever  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  is a sequence order converging to  $\theta$  there is an unbounded, non-decreasing sequence of positive numbers  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $c_1 f_1, c_2 f_2, c_3 f_3, \dots$  order converges to  $\theta$ . Order convergence in the spaces  $L_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ;  $l_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ; and  $C_0$  is stable.

If order convergence in  $L$  is stable then every uniformly closed ideal in  $L$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal. Thus if  $\varphi$  is a Riesz homomorphism from  $L$  onto an Archimedean Riesz space  $K$ , then  $\varphi$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism.

For certain sets  $X$  order convergence in  $R^X$  is not stable. This can be seen as follows: Let  $X$  be the set to which  $x$  belongs only if  $x$  is an unbounded, nondecreasing sequence of positive numbers. Let

$f_n$  be the function defined on  $X$  such that if  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  is a point of  $X$  then  $f_n(c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots)$  is  $1/c_n$ . Then  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  order converges to  $\theta$ , but if  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  is an unbounded, nondecreasing sequence of positive numbers then  $c_1 f_1, c_2 f_2, c_3 f_3, \dots$  does not order converge to  $\theta$  since  $c_n f_n(c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots) = 1$  for each positive integer  $n$ . If  $X$  is made of larger cardinality then clearly order convergence in  $R^X$  still fails to be stable.

The author, in a paper concerned with the order properties of convergence of Baire functions [6], defined a positive element  $x$  of a Riesz space  $L$  to have *property c* if for each sequence  $h_1 \leq h_2 \leq h_3 \leq \dots$  of elements of  $L$  such that  $x = \bigvee h_i$ , there exists an element  $b$  of  $L$  such that for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $b \leq \sum_{i=1}^n h_i$ .

EXAMPLE 2. The constant function 1 in  $R^x$  has property *c*.

The constant function 1 in  $B[0, 1]$  (the space of all Baire functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ ) has property *c*.

Let  $\omega$  be the set of all functions defined on the interval  $[0, 1]$  whose ranges are a subset of the rational numbers and let  $Q$  be the vector space generated by  $\omega$ . Then  $Q$  is a Riesz space with the principal projection property but is not uniformly complete. This can be seen as follows: If  $f$  is in  $\omega$ ,  $H$  is a subset of the interval  $[0, 1]$ , and  $\tilde{f}$  is the function obtained by setting  $f$  to zero on  $H$  and leaving it unchanged off  $H$ , then  $\tilde{f}$  is in  $\omega$ . For  $Q$  to be a Riesz space it is sufficient that  $f \vee \theta$  exists for each point  $f$  of  $Q$ . Thus, if  $f$  is in  $Q$  it is of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i f_i$  where the  $f_i$ 's are in  $\omega$ . Let  $H$  be the set of numbers  $x$  for which  $f(x) < 0$ . Then  $f \vee \theta = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \tilde{f}_i$  and  $f \vee \theta$  is in  $Q$ . Clearly  $Q$  has the principal projection property. Each point of  $Q$  has as range a countable number set, but a function which fails to have this property, say  $g(x) = x$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ , is the uniform limit of a sequence of points of  $Q$ . Further the constant function 1 in  $Q$  has property *c*.

Let  $L$  be a Riesz space and  $x$  a positive element of  $L$  which has property *c* and  $M$  be a sub Riesz space of  $L$  containing  $x$  with the property that if  $f$  belongs to  $L$  then there is a point  $g$  to  $M$  such that  $g \geq f$ . Then  $x$  has property *c* in  $M$ .

THEOREM 3. Suppose  $L$  is an Archimedean Riesz space containing a point  $x$  which has property *c*. Then each Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $L$  into an Archimedean Riesz space  $K$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism.

*Proof.* If it can be shown that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \leq \dots \leq \theta$  and  $\bigvee f_p = \theta$  implies  $\bigvee \varphi(f_p) = \theta$ , then the theorem is proved.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
f_p \vee (-x) + f_p \wedge (-x) &= f_p - x \\
\varphi(f_p \vee (-x)) + \varphi(f_p \wedge (-x)) &= \varphi(f_p) - \varphi(x) \\
\varphi(f_p \wedge (-x)) + \varphi(x) &= \varphi(f_p) - \varphi(f_p \vee (-x)) \\
&= \varphi(f_p \wedge (-x) + x) = \varphi((f_p + x) \wedge \theta) \\
\sum_{p=1}^n \varphi((f_p + x) \wedge \theta) &= \sum_{p=1}^n \varphi(f_p) - \varphi(f_p \vee (-x)) \\
\varphi\left(\sum_{p=1}^n (f_p + x) \wedge \theta\right) &= \sum_{p=1}^n \varphi(f_p) - \varphi(f_p \vee (-x)).
\end{aligned}$$

As  $x$  has property  $c$  there exists an element  $b$  such that  $b \leq \sum_{p=1}^n (f_p + x) \wedge \theta$  for each positive integer  $n$ . Thus,

$$\varphi(b) \leq \varphi\left(\sum_{p=1}^n (f_p + x) \wedge \theta\right) = \sum_{p=1}^n \varphi(f_p) - \varphi(f_p \vee (-x)).$$

Suppose that  $u \leq \theta$  is an upper bound for  $\{\varphi(f_p)\}$ . Then

$$\varphi(b) \leq \sum_{p=1}^n (u - \varphi(f_p \vee (-x))) \leq \sum_{p=1}^n (u - \varphi(-x)) = n(u - \varphi(-x)).$$

Thus,  $u - \varphi(-x) \geq \theta$  as  $K$  is Archimedean and  $u \geq \varphi(-x)$ .

But if  $x$  has property  $c$ ,  $(1/n)x$  has property  $c$  for each positive integer  $n$ . Therefore,  $u \geq (1/n)\varphi(-x)$  and  $u = \theta$  as  $K$  is Archimedean. So  $\bigvee \varphi(f_p) = \theta$  and  $\varphi$  is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism.

Frequently inclusion maps do not preserve the order limits of sequences. For instance the inclusion map of the space of continuous functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$  into the space of all functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$  fails to preserve the order limits of sequences. For this reason most theorems which guarantee that a Riesz homomorphism is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism require that the mappings be onto. Theorem B would not be true if  $\varphi$  was not specified to be an onto map because of the example just noted. However in view of Theorem 3, no such problem can arise in a space that contains an element with property  $c$ . Any embedding of such a space into an Archimedean space must preserve the order limits of sequences.

If in Theorem 3,  $x$  is assumed to be a strong unit (a point with the property that if  $f \in L$  there is a number  $r$  such that  $rx \geq |f|$ ) rather than have property  $c$ , then the statement is no longer true. For instance, let  $L$  consist of the set of all bounded sequences and  $M$  be the set of all sequences  $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots$  with the property that if  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is only a finite number of positive integers  $n$  such that  $|s_n| > \varepsilon$ . Then  $M$  is a uniformly closed ideal but not a  $\sigma$ -ideal.

The Riesz space  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -complete if and only if it is uniformly complete and has the principal projection property (Luxemburg and Zaanen [3], Theorem 42.5). If  $L$  is uniformly complete and  $\varphi$  is a

Riesz homomorphism defined on  $L$  then  $\varphi(L)$  is uniformly complete (Luxemburg and Moore [2]).

Thus the question of when the operation of taking a quotient preserves the property of  $\sigma$ -completeness can be included in the question of when this operation preserves the principal projection property.

The Riesz space  $L$  has the *quasi principal projection property* if for each point  $f$  of  $L$ ,  $L = \{f\}^d \oplus \{f\}^{dd}$ . Then  $L$  has the principal projection property if and only if it has the quasi principal projection property and is Archimedean. If  $L$  has the quasi principal projection property then for each point  $f$  of  $L$  and  $g$  of  $L$  there is a unique element  $g_1$  of  $\{f\}^d$  and a unique element  $g_2$  of  $\{f\}^{dd}$  such that  $g = g_1 + g_2$ . Denote  $g_2$  by  $P_f(g)$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the quasi principal projection property,  $M$  is an ideal of  $L$ , and  $\pi$  is the natural map of  $L$  onto  $L/M$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *If  $m$  is a point of  $M$ ,  $P_m L$  is a subset of  $M$  and*
- (2) *(a)  $L/M$  has the quasi principal projection property and  
(b)  $\pi P_f = P_{\pi f} \pi$  for each point  $f$  of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose Condition 1 is true and each of  $H$  and  $K$  belongs to  $(L/M)^+$ . We wish to show that there exist points  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  belonging to  $K^d$  and  $K^{dd}$  respectively such that  $H = H_1 + H_2$ . There exist points  $h$  and  $k$  in  $L^+$  such that  $H = [h]$  and  $K = [k]$ . As  $L$  has the quasi principal projection property there exist points  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  of  $\{k\}^d$  and  $\{k\}^{dd}$  respectively such that  $h = h_1 + h_2$ . Now  $H = [h_1] + [h_2]$  and  $[h_1] \wedge [h_2] = \theta$ . Since  $h_1$  is in  $\{k\}^d$ ,  $h_1 \wedge k = \theta$ , so  $[h_1] \wedge [k] = [h_1 \wedge k] = \theta$  and  $[h_1]$  belongs to  $\{K\}^d$ . Suppose  $J \geq \theta$  is in  $\{K\}^d$ , i.e.,  $J \wedge K = \theta$ . There is a point  $j$  of  $L^+$  such that  $[j] = J$ . There is a point  $m$  of  $M$  such that  $j \wedge k = m$ . By hypothesis there exists a point  $m_1$  of  $M$  such that  $P_m(j) = m_1$ . Thus there is a point  $j_1 \geq \theta$  and a point  $m_1 \geq \theta$  such that  $j_1 + m_1 = j$ ,  $j_1$  is in  $\{j \wedge k\}^d$ , and  $m_1$  is in  $\{j \wedge k\}^{dd}$ . Since  $j_1 + m_1 = j$  and  $m_1 \geq \theta$ ,  $j_1 \leq j$  and  $j_1 \wedge j = j_1$ . Therefore,  $\theta = j_1 \wedge (j \wedge k) = (j_1 \wedge j) \wedge k = j_1 \wedge k$  or  $(j - m_1) \wedge k = \theta$ . So  $j - m_1$  is in  $\{k\}^d$  and hence  $(j - m_1) \wedge h_2 = \theta$ . It follows that  $[j] \wedge [h_2] = \theta$  and  $[h_2]$  is in  $\{K\}^{dd}$ .

Also  $\pi P_k(h) = \pi(h_2) = [h_2] = P_K(H) = P_{\pi k} \pi(h)$ .

Suppose Condition 2 is true. If  $m$  is a point of  $M$  and  $h$  is a point of  $L$

$$\theta = P_\theta \pi(h) = P_{\pi m} \pi(h) = \pi P_m(h).$$

Thus  $P_m(h)$  belongs to  $M$ .

**COROLLARY 5.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the quasi*

*principal projection property,  $M$  is an ideal of  $L$ , and  $\pi$  is the natural map of  $L$  onto  $L/M$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) (a) *If  $m$  is a point of  $M$ ,  $P_m L$  is a subset of  $M$  and*  
       (b)  *$M$  is relatively uniformly closed, and*
- (2) (a)  *$L/M$  has the principal projection property and*  
       (b)  *$\pi P_f = P_{\pi f} \pi$  for each point  $f$  of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* For  $L/M$  to have the principal projection property it is equivalent that  $L/M$  have the quasi principal projection property and be Archimedean. By Theorem A it is necessary and sufficient for  $L/M$  to be Archimedean that  $M$  be uniformly closed.

**THEOREM 6.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the quasi principal projection property and  $M$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Consider the following two properties:*

- (1) (a) *If  $m$  is a point of  $M$ ,  $P_m L$  is a subset of  $M$  and*  
       (b)  *$M$  is relatively uniformly closed, and*
- (2)  *$M$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal.*

*Then properties 1 and 2 are independent. If  $L$  is assumed to have the principal projection property then property 2 implies property 1 but property 1 does not necessarily imply property 2. If  $L$  is assumed to be uniformly complete then property 1 implies property 2, but property 2 does not necessarily imply property 1.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $L$  is assumed to have the principal projection property and property 2. For each positive integer  $n$  and point  $m$  of  $M$ ,  $nm \wedge h$  belongs to  $M$  as  $M$  is an ideal. Now  $P_m h = \bigvee (nm \wedge h)$ ,  $P_m h$  belongs to  $M$  since  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal, and property 1(a) holds. Property 1(b) is clearly true.

An example of a space with the principal projection property in which property 1 does not imply property 2 is the following: Let  $L$  be the subspace of the space of all sequences generated by the collection of all constant sequences and all sequences which are zero except for a finite number of terms. Let  $M$  be the ideal consisting of the collection of all sequences which are zero except for a finite number of terms. Then  $M$  satisfies property 1 but not property 2.

Assume  $L$  is uniformly complete and property 1 is true. Suppose  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots\}$  is a subset of  $M^+$  and  $h = \bigvee_{i=1}^{\infty} m_i$ . Let  $r_p = \bigvee_{i=1}^p m_i$ . Then  $\theta \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq r_3 \leq \dots$  and  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{\infty} r_i = h$ . Let  $j$  be a positive integer,  $f_1 = P_{r_{j+1}} h$ ,  $f_2 = h - f_1$ ,  $g_1 = P_{r_j} h$ ,  $g_2 = h - g_1$ , and  $d_j = f_1 - g_1$ . Note that  $d_j$  is in  $M$ . Since  $f_1 + f_2 = g_1 + g_2$ ,  $d_j = g_2 - f_2$ . As each of  $g_2$  and  $f_2$  is in  $\{r_j\}^d$ ,  $d_j$  is in  $\{r_j\}^d$  and  $d_j \wedge g_1 = \theta$ . Thus  $d_j \vee g_1 = f_1$ .

Therefore, there exists a countable pairwise disjoint subset  $\{d_1, d_2,$



$d_3, \dots\}$  of  $M$  such that  $h = \bigvee_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i$ . Now the sequence  $d_1, d_1 + (1/2)d_2, d_1 + (1/2)d_2 + (1/3)d_3, d_1 + (1/2)d_2 + (1/3)d_3 + (1/4)d_4, \dots$  converges relatively uniformly to a point  $m$  of  $M$ . Then  $h$  belongs to the band generated by  $m$ ,  $P_m h = h$ , and it follows that  $h$  is in  $M$ .

An example of a uniformly complete space with the quasi principal projection property in which property 2 does not imply property 1 is the lexicographically ordered plane. The vertical axis is a  $\sigma$ -ideal but does not have property 1 (a).

Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space and  $e \geq \theta$  is a point of  $L$ . Then  $e$  will be called a *weak unit* if  $e \wedge |f| = \theta$  only in case  $f = \theta$ .

When necessary, it will be assumed that  $L$  is a subspace of the set of all almost finite extended real valued continuous functions on an extremally disconnected compact Hausdorff space  $S$ . Further if  $L$  has a weak unit  $e$ , this subspace may be chosen so that  $e$  is the function identically to 1.

Suppose  $e$  is a weak unit of the Riesz space  $L$ . The pair  $(L, e)$  will be said to be a *Vulikh algebra* if a multiplication can be defined on  $L$  which makes it an associative, commutative algebra with multiplicative unit  $e$  which is positive in the sense that if  $f \geq \theta$  and  $g \geq \theta$  then  $fg \geq \theta$ . For some properties of Vulikh algebras see Rice [4], Tucker [5], or Vulikh [9], [10].

Suppose that it is assumed that  $L$  is a subspace of the set of all almost finite extended real valued continuous functions on an extremally disconnected compact Hausdorff space  $S$  and that  $e$  is the function identically equal to 1. If each of  $f$  and  $g$  belong to  $L$  their pointwise product will be defined as follows: Both  $f$  and  $g$  are finite on a dense subset  $Q$  of  $S$ . Their pointwise product on  $Q$  is a continuous function on  $Q$  and can be extended uniquely to a continuous function on  $S$ , since  $S$  is extremally disconnected.

There is at most one multiplication which makes  $(L, e)$  a Vulikh algebra (Kantorovitch, Vulikh, and Pinsker [1]). If  $(L, e)$  is a Vulikh algebra and it is represented as a Riesz space as a subspace of the set of all almost finite extended real valued continuous functions on an extremally disconnected compact Hausdorff space with  $e$  the constant function 1, then the Vulikh algebra multiplication will be the same as the pointwise multiplication described above.

**THEOREM 7.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the principal projection property,  $M$  is a uniformly closed ideal of  $L$ ,  $\pi$  is the natural map of  $L$  onto  $L/M$  and for each  $m$  in  $M^+$ , if  $K$  is the principal band generated by  $m$ ,  $(K, m)$  is a Vulikh algebra. Then  $L/M$  has the principal projection property and  $\pi P_f = P_{\pi f} \pi$  for each point  $f$  of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 4 it is sufficient to show that for each point  $m$  of  $M^+$  and  $f$  of  $L^+$  that  $\mathbf{V}(nm \wedge f)$  belongs to  $M$ . Let  $K$  be the principal band generated by  $m$ .

By the representation theorem for Riesz spaces  $K$  can be assumed to consist of almost finite continuous extended real valued functions on a compact Hausdorff space  $S$ , where  $m$  is the constant function with value 1 everywhere.

Let  $h = \mathbf{V}(nm \wedge f)$ . The point  $h$  belongs to  $K$ . By hypothesis  $(K, m)$  is a Vulikh algebra. Thus  $h^2$  belongs to  $K$ .

Suppose  $x$  is a point of  $S$ . If  $h(x) \geq n$ , then

$$(h - (nm \wedge f))(x) \leq h(x) \leq \frac{1}{n} h^2(x).$$

If  $h(x) < n$ , then

$$(h - (nm \wedge f))(x) = 0 \leq \frac{1}{n} h^2(x).$$

Thus  $m \wedge f, 2m \wedge f, 3m \wedge f, \dots$  converges relatively uniformly to  $h$  with regulator  $h^2$ . As  $M$  is uniformly closed,  $h$  is in  $M$ .

If  $\alpha$  is a subset of  $L^+$  with the property that for each two points  $f$  and  $g$  of  $\alpha$ ,  $f \wedge g = \theta$ , then  $\alpha$  is said to be *orthogonal*.

**THEOREM 8.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the principal projection property,  $M$  is a uniformly closed ideal of  $L$  with the property that if  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$  is a bounded countable orthogonal subset of  $M^+$  there is an unbounded nondecreasing positive number sequence  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $\{c_1 f_1, c_2 f_2, c_3 f_3, \dots\}$  is bounded, and  $\pi$  is the natural map of  $L$  onto  $L/M$ . Then  $L/M$  has the principal projection property and  $\pi P_f = P_{\pi f} \pi$  for each point  $f$  of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 4 it is sufficient to show that for each point  $m$  of  $M^+$  and  $f$  of  $L^+$  that  $\mathbf{V}(nm \wedge f)$  belongs to  $M$ .

Let  $K$  be the principal band generated by  $m$ . By hypothesis  $K$  is a projection band, let  $h = \mathbf{V}(nm \wedge f)$ . The point  $h$  belongs to  $K$ . Also  $\mathbf{V}(nm \wedge f) = \mathbf{V}(nm \wedge h)$ .

If  $k$  is in  $K^+$ , let  $\chi(k) = \mathbf{V}(nk \wedge m)$ . This supremum exists as  $K$  has the principal projection property. Let

$$d_n = \chi((nm \wedge h - (n-1)m)^+) - \chi(((n+1)m \wedge h - nm)^+).$$

By the representation theorem for Riesz spaces  $K$  can be assumed to consist of almost finite continuous extended real valued functions on a compact Hausdorff space  $S$ , where  $m$  is the constant function with value 1 everywhere.

Suppose  $x$  is a point of  $S$ . If  $h(x) > n$ , then  $d_n(x) = 0$ , if

$n \geq h(x) > n - 1$ , then  $d_n(x) = 1$ , and if  $h(x) \leq n - 1$ , then  $d_n(x) = 0$ . Let  $h_n = (nm \wedge h - (n - 1)m)^+ - \chi((h - nm)^+) + (n - 1)d_n$ . If  $h(x) > n$ , then  $h_n(x) = 0$ , if  $n \geq h(x) > n - 1$ , then  $h_n(x) = h(x)$ , and if  $h(x) \leq n - 1$ , then  $h_n(x) = 0$ .

Therefore  $\{h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots\}$  is an orthogonal subset of  $M^+$  bounded above by  $h$ . By hypothesis there is an unbounded nondecreasing positive number sequence  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $\{c_1 h_1, c_2 h_2, c_3 h_3, \dots\}$  is bounded above by a point  $b$  of  $L$ . Then if  $i$  is a positive integer,  $h - (h_1 + h_2 + \dots + h_i) \leq (1/c_{i+1})b$ , and the sequence  $h_1, h_1 + h_2, h_1 + h_2 + h_3, \dots$  converges relatively uniformly to  $h$ . As  $M$  is uniformly closed,  $h$  is in  $M$ .

**COROLLARY 9.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space which is  $\sigma$ -complete and with the property that if  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$  is a bounded countable orthogonal subset of  $L^+$  there is an unbounded nondecreasing positive number sequence  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $\{c_1 f_1, c_2 f_2, c_3 f_3, \dots\}$  is bounded then every Riesz homomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $L$  onto an Archimedean Riesz space is a Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism.*

**EXAMPLE 10.** Suppose  $L$  is one of the space  $L_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ;  $l_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ; or  $C_0$  in which order convergence is stable or  $L$  is one of the spaces  $R^x$  or  $B[0, 1]$  which has a point with property  $c$  as described in Example 2. Then  $L$  satisfies the conditions of Corollary 9. On the other hand, let  $L$  be the space of all functions defined on the  $x$ -axis with compact support. In this case  $L$  satisfies the hypothesis of Corollary 9, while  $L$  neither contains a point with property  $c$  nor is order convergence stable in  $L$ .

By what has just been shown, if  $L$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete Riesz space with the property that if  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$  is a bounded countable orthogonal subset of  $L^+$  then there is an unbounded nondecreasing positive number sequence  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $\{c_1 f_1, c_2 f_2, c_3 f_3, \dots\}$  is bounded is sufficient to imply that every uniformly closed ideal is a  $\sigma$ -ideal, but this condition is not necessary, as the following example shows.

**EXAMPLE 11.** Let  $S$  be the set of all ordered pairs of positive integers. Let  $L$  be the collection to which  $f$  belongs only in case  $f$  is a real valued function on  $S$  with the property that there is a set  $\omega$  which includes all but at most a finite number of positive integers such that if  $k$  is a positive integer in  $\omega$ ,  $f(1, k), f(2, k), f(3, k), \dots$  is a bounded number sequence.

The space  $L$  is a complete Riesz space.

Suppose  $M$  is an ideal which is uniformly closed. Let  $f$  be the l.u.b. of a countable subset  $\alpha$  of  $M$ . Let  $\beta$  be the collection to which

$g$  belongs only in case there is a positive integer  $k$  and a member  $h$  of  $\alpha$  such that  $g(k, p) = h(k, p)$  for each positive integer  $p$  and if  $i$  is a positive integer not  $k$  then  $g(i, p) = 0$  for each positive integer  $p$ . Then  $f$  is the l.u.b. of  $\beta$ . For each positive integer  $k$ , let  $f_k$  be the function such that  $f_k(k, p) = f(k, p)$  for each positive integer  $p$  and if  $i$  is a positive integer not  $k$  then  $f_k(i, p) = 0$  for each positive integer  $p$ .

The function which is equal to  $f(i, j)$  at  $(i, j)$  and zero elsewhere is in  $M$ . Then since the function which is  $pf_k(i, p)$  at  $(i, p)$  is in  $L$ ,  $f_k$  is in  $M$ . Since the function which is  $if(i, j)$  at  $(i, j)$  is in  $L$ ,  $f$  is in  $M$ .

Thus each uniformly closed ideal of  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal. For each positive integer  $i$  let  $g_i$  be the function such that  $g_i(p, q) = 1$  if  $p = i$  and  $g_i(p, q) = 0$  if  $i \neq p$ . Then  $\{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots\}$  is an orthogonal subset of  $L$  which is bounded above by the constant function 1 but there is no nondecreasing unbounded positive number sequence  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  such that  $\{c_1g_1, c_2g_2, c_3g_3, \dots\}$  is bounded above.

The Riesz space  $L$  has the *projection property* if every band in  $L$  is a projection band. Suppose  $L$  has the projection property,  $\omega$  is a subset of  $L$ ,  $H$  is the band generated by  $\omega$ , and  $f$  is a point of  $L$ . There is a unique point  $f_1$  of  $H^d$  and a unique point  $f_2$  of  $H$  such that  $f = f_1 + f_2$ . Denote  $f_2$  by  $P_\omega(f)$ .

The analogous question of when can the projection property be preserved in a natural manner can be answered easily.

**THEOREM 12.** *Suppose  $L$  is a Riesz space with the projection property,  $M$  is an ideal of  $L$ , and  $\pi$  is the natural map of  $L$  onto  $L/M$ . Then the following two properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi$  is a normal Riesz homomorphism, and
- (2) (a)  $L/M$  has the projection property, and  
(b)  $\pi P_\omega = P_{\pi\omega}\pi$  for each subset  $\omega$  of  $L$ .

*Proof.* If (1) is true then the kernel of  $\pi$ ,  $M$ , is a projection band and 2(a) and (b) clearly hold. If (2) is true and  $\omega$  is a subset of  $M$  with the point  $f$  as least upper bound, then  $\pi P_\omega f = \pi f$ , but  $P_{\pi\omega}\pi f = P_\theta\pi f = \theta$ .

Also, several answers to the question of when is every Riesz  $\sigma$ -homomorphism from an Archimedean Riesz space  $L$  onto a Riesz space  $K$  a normal Riesz homomorphism are given in Theorem 29.3 of Luxemburg and Zaanen [3].

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