

A Loomis–Sikorski quotient for Banach lattices

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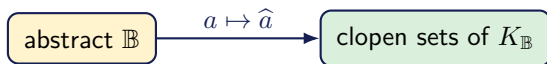
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Let $\mathbb{B}$ be a Boolean algebra. Its Stone space $K_{\mathbb{B}} = \text{Ult}(\mathbb{B})$ is the compact Hausdorff zero-dimensional space of ultrafilters. For $a \in \mathbb{B}$, put

$$\hat{a} = \{U \in \text{Ult}(\mathbb{B}) : a \in U\}.$$

Then $a \mapsto \hat{a}$ is a Boolean algebra isomorphism from $\mathbb{B}$ onto $\text{Clop}(K_{\mathbb{B}})$.



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$$x \in \phi\left(\left[\bigcap_n B_n\right]\right) = \emptyset.$$

Theorem (Loomis–Sikorski)

For every σ -complete Boolean algebra $\mathbb{B}$, there are a σ -algebra of sets $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ and a σ -ideal $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\mathbb{B} \cong \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{N}$$

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Examples

- ▶ $C(K)$, pointwise order;
- ▶ $L^p(\mu)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, a.e. order;
- ▶ the dual X^* , with $x^* \geq 0$ if $x^*(X_+) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$.

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To obtain a *lattice* embedding, one would like to mimic the same construction using *lattice homomorphisms*

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Even if $x_n \downarrow 0$ in X , the infimum $\inf J(x_n)$ in S need not be zero.

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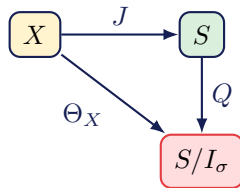
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With $Q : S \rightarrow S/I_\sigma$, define

$$\Theta_X := QJ : X \longrightarrow S/I_\sigma.$$

By construction

Θ_X is contractive and σ -order continuous: if $u_n \downarrow 0$, then $\inf_n \Theta_X u_n = 0$.



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$$\text{LS}_{\text{sep}} : 0 < x \in X_+ \Rightarrow \exists \phi \in A(u_n) \text{ with } \phi(x) > 0,$$

$$\text{LS}_{\text{norm}}^c : \|x\| \leq c \sup\{x^*(x) : x^* \in A(u_n)\} \quad (c \geq 1),$$

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Each condition is required for every $x \in X_+$ and every $u_n \downarrow 0$.

Theorem (Faithfulness of Θ_X)

Let X be a Banach lattice. Then:

- 1. Θ_X is injective if and only if X has LS_{sep} .*
- 2. Θ_X is an isomorphic embedding if and only if X has $\text{LS}_{\text{norm}}^c$ for some $c \geq 1$.*
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Weakly Fatou not isomorphic (Elliott; Avilés-Taylor-Tradacete)

There exists a Banach lattice with weakly Fatou norm not equivalent to a Fatou norm

Failure of injectivity

There exists a Banach lattice together with a null sequence $x_n \downarrow 0 \subset X$ for which there is no admissible functional:

$$\phi(x_n) \rightarrow \alpha_\phi > 0$$

for every $\phi \in X_+^*$

Thank you!

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