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## $\Omega$ -ALMOST BOOLEAN RINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper the concept of an  $\Omega$  - Almost Boolean ring is introduced and illistrated how a sheaf of algebras can be constructed from an  $\Omega$ - Almost Boolean ring over a locally Boolean space.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Ever since Dauns and Hoffmann [2] exhibited representation of biregular rings by sheaves, several algebraists paid attention to the representation of algebraic structures by sheaves of suitable algebras over suitable topological spaces. The works of Pierce.R.S [4], Subrahmanyam.N.V [5], Comer.S.D [1], Davey.B.A [3], Wolf.A [10], Swamy. U.M [6] thrown much light on the theory of representations of algebras by sheaves. In particular, Subrahmanyam.N.V [5], Comer.S.D[1], Swamy.U.M [6] concentrated on sheaves of algebras over (locally) compact, hausdorff, and totally disconnected spaces, which are called (locally)Boolean spaces. Swamy.U.M and Rao.G.C [7] introduced the concept of an Almost Boolean Ring and observed Stone like correspondence with Almost Distributive Lattices (ADLs). Later, Swamy U.M and Kishore.M.P.K [8] studied the prime ideal spectrum of an Almost Boolean Ring(ABR) and observed that the class of all prime ideals together with hull-kernel topology forms a locally Boolean space. Swamy.U.M et.al., [9] characterized the class of Almost Boolean Rings by sheaves of sets over locally Boolean spaces. In a quest to find equivalent characterization for sheaves of algebras, the concept of a

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 $\Omega$ -Almost Boolean rings is introduced here and observed the equivalence between these two classes. An Almost Boolean ring (ABR) R is defined as a (2,2,0) type algebraic structure that satisfies the conditions of a Boolean ring except for the associativity of addition. Instead, it satisfies (x +(y + z)). t = ((x + y) + z).t, for x,y,z,t in R. As a consequence several properties were observed [8].

The annihilator ideals and prime ideals of an ABR are defined analogous to those of a ring. It is also observed that the set X of all prime ideals of an ABR R together with the hull-kernel topology, forms a locally Boolean space in which the sets of the form  $X_a = \{P \in X | a \notin P\}$ for some  $a \in R$ , is a base [8]. A sheaf is a triple,  $(S, \pi, X)$  where S and X are topological spaces and  $\pi$  is a surjective local homeomorphism of S onto X. For  $Y \subseteq X$ , a section on Y is a continuous map  $f: Y \to S$ such that  $\pi \circ f = Id_Y$ . It can be observed that if f and g are sections on  $Y(\subseteq X)$  and f (p) = g(p) for some  $p \in Y$ , then there exists an open set W in Y containing p such that

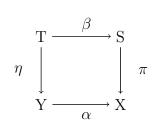
 $f|_W = g|_W$ . The class {  $f(U) \mid U$  is a basic open set in X and f is a section on U } is a base for the topology on S.

Any section on X is called a global section. The sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  is called a global sheaf if every element of the sheaf space S is in the image of some global section. A sheaf of algebras is a sheaf  $(S, \pi, X)$  in which for each

 $p \in X$ , the stalk  $S_p$  is an algebra and for each  $\sigma \in \Omega_n$ , the map  $(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n) \rightarrow \sigma(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n)$  of  $S^{(n)}$  into S is continuous where,

$$S^{(n)} = \{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in S_n | \pi(s_1) = \pi(s_2) = \dots = \pi(s_n) \}.$$

Suppose  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf and for each  $p \in X$ , stalk  $S_p$  is an algebra. Then  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of algebras if and only if for each open set  $U \subseteq X$  the set  $\Gamma(U, S)$  of all sections on U is an  $\Omega$ -algebra, in which for any n-ary operation  $\sigma \in \Omega_n$ ,  $f_1, f_2, ..., f_n \in \Gamma(U, S)$ ,  $\sigma(f_1, f_2, ..., f_n)(p)$  is defined point wise. That is  $(f_1, f_2, ..., f_n)(p) = (f_1(p), f_2(p), ..., f_n(p))$ . Two sheaves  $(S, \pi, X)$  and  $(T, \eta, Y)$  of  $\Omega$ -algebras are said to be isomorphic if there exists homeomorphisms  $\alpha : Y \to X$  and  $\beta : T \to S$  such that  $\pi \circ \beta = \alpha \circ \eta$  and for any  $q \in Y$  and  $p \in X$  such that  $\alpha(q) = p$ ,  $\beta|_{T_q} = T_q \to S_p$  is a  $\Omega$ -isomorphism. That is the diagram,



is commutative.

## 2. Ω-ALMOST BOOLEAN RING

**Definition 2.1.** An algebra  $(R, +, ., 0, \Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a set of finitary operational symbols different from +, and . on R, is called an  $\Omega$  -Almost Boolean Ring if

 $(\mathbf{R}, +, ..., 0)$  is an ABR and for any n-ary  $\sigma \in \Omega, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

I. (1).  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_i + a, ..., x_n)$ =  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_i, ..., x_n) + \sigma(x_1, ..., x_{i-1}, a, x_{i+1}, ..., x_n)$ (2).  $a\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_i, ..., x_n) = \sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., ax_i, ..., x_n)$ for all  $1 \le i \le n$ .

II. 
$$\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)^* = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* (n \ge 1)$$
, where  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* = \{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i | a_i \in x_i^*\}$  and  $x_i^*$  is an annihilator of  $x_i$ .

**Example 2.2.** Consider the Real number system with the usual multiplication (\*) and define + and . on R by

$$x + y = \begin{cases} x, & if \ y = 0\\ y, & if \ x = 0\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases} \quad and \ x.y = \begin{cases} 0, & if \ x = 0\\ y, & if \ x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

it can easily observed that  $(R+, ., \Omega)$  is an  $\Omega$ - Almost Boolean ring, where  $\Omega = \{*\}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let R be an  $\Omega$ -ABR and  $\sigma \in \Omega_n, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in R$ . Then the following hold.

1. If  $x_i = 0$  for some *i*, then  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = 0$ . 2.  $x_i^* \subseteq \sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)^*$  for all *i*. 3.  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* \subseteq \sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)^*$ .

The ideals and prime ideals of an  $\Omega$ -ABR are defined same as that of the underlying ABR and hence the set of all prime ideals of an ABR together with hull-kernel topology forms a locally Boolean space.

*Proof.* Follows easily from Definition 2.1.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let R be a  $\Omega$ -ABR. For any  $x \in R$ ,  $xR + x^* = R$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $xR + x^* \subseteq R$ . Let  $a \in R$ . We have  $x \in xR$  and (a + ax)x = ax + ax = 0and hence  $a + ax \in x^*$ , so that  $x + (a + ax) \in xR + x^*$ . It can be observed that, a = a + 0= a + (xa + xa)= aa + (xa + axa)= (a + (x + ax))a $= (x + (a + ax))a \in xR + x^*$  (since  $xR + x^*$  is an ideal of R) Therefore  $R \subseteq xR + x^*$ Thus  $xR + x^* = R$ 

**Lemma 2.5.** Let P be a prime ideal of an  $\Omega$ -ABR and let  $x \in R$  then  $x^* \subseteq P$  iff  $x \notin P$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $x^* \subseteq P$ . Since  $xR + x^* = R$ ,  $xR \not\subseteq P$ , and as a consequence  $x \notin P$ . Conversely suppose  $x \notin P$ , then for  $a \in R$ , ax=0implies  $a \in P$  and hence  $x^* \subseteq P$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** Let R be an ABR together with an algebraic structure. Then, for any  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in R$  and  $\sigma \in \Omega_n$  and the following are equivalent:

 $1 \sigma(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^* = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^*$ 2. For any prime ideal P of the ABR, R,  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in P$  if and only if  $x_i \in P$  for some *i*.

*Proof.* Suppose (1) holds. Let P be any prime ideal of the ABR R then  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in P \Leftrightarrow \sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)^* \notin P$  (by Lemma 2.5)  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^* \notin P$  by (1)  $\Leftrightarrow x_i^* \notin P$  for some i $\Leftrightarrow x_i \in P$  for some iConversely suppose (2) holds. Then for any prime ideal of P of the ABR R, we have  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \subseteq P \Leftrightarrow \sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \notin P$  $\Leftrightarrow x_i \notin P$  for all *i* by (2)  $\Leftrightarrow x_i^* \subseteq P \text{ for all } i$  $\Leftrightarrow \sum x_i^* \subseteq P$  (by the properties of ideals)

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# 3. SHEAF OF $\Omega$ -ALGEBRAS FROM A GIVEN $\Omega$ -ALMOST BOOLEAN RING

Swamy, U.M [6] gave a general construction of global sheaf from a given topological space X and a non empty set A. On the same lines

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sheaf of algebras can be constructed from the given ABR. The following observations can be made.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let X denote the set of all prime ideals of an ABR R. For any  $P \in X$ , define  $\phi_p = \{(x, y) \in R \times R | ax = ay \text{ for some } a \in R - P\}$ . Then  $\phi_p$  is a congruence relation on the  $\Omega$ -ABR R.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let P be a Prime ideal of R and  $\phi_P$  be the congruence defined as in Lemma 3.1. Then  $[\phi_P(x)]^* = \phi_P(x^*)$ . Where  $\phi_P(x^*) = \{\phi_p(a)|a \in x^*\}$  and  $(\phi_p(x))^* = \{\phi_p(a) \in R/\phi_p | \phi_p(a)\phi_p(x) = \phi_p(0)\}.$ 

**Definition 3.3.** Let R be a non empty set. Designate an arbitrary element as 0. Define the binary operations +, '.' by,

$$x + y = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } y = 0\\ y, & \text{if } x = 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad and \ x.y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = 0\\ y, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for any x, y in}$$

R. Then (R, +, ., 0) satisfies the conditions of an Almost Boolean Ring and is defined as a discrete ABR.

**Definition 3.4.** An  $\Omega$ -ABR is said to be discrete  $\Omega$ -ABR if the underlying ABR is discrete.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let P be a Prime ideal of R and  $\phi_p$  be the congruence relation defined as in Lemma 3.1. Then  $R/\phi_P$  is a discrete  $\Omega$ -ABR together with the induced operation of +, . and  $\Omega$  operations.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let X be a topological space A be any non empty set. Let  $p \mapsto \phi_p$  be a mapping of X into the set  $\xi(A)$ , of all equivalence relations on A. Let  $S_p = A/\theta_p$  and  $S = \bigcup_{p \in X}^+ S_p$  the disjoint union of  $S'_ps$ . For any  $a \in A$ , define  $\hat{a} : X \to S$  by  $\hat{a}(p) = \theta_p(a)$ . Equip S with the largest topology with respect to which each  $\hat{a}$  is continuous. Define  $\pi : S \to X$  by  $\pi(s) = p$  if  $s \in S_p$ . Then  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a global sheaf if and only if, for any  $a, b \in A$ , the set  $\langle a, b \rangle = \{p \in X | (a, b) \in \theta_p\}$  is open in X.

Note: The above theorem is restatement of similar theorem which is given in terms of congruences in [6]. However for the sake of completeness proof is given here for the construction of global sheaf of sets.

*Proof.* Let  $(S, \pi, X)$  be a global sheaf. First we prove that for  $a \in A$ ,  $\hat{a}$  is a global section. Continuity of  $\hat{a}$  is clear from the definition. Also  $\pi \circ \hat{a}(p) = \pi(\eta_p(a)) = p$  for all  $p \in X$ . Therefore  $\pi \circ \hat{a}$  is the identity and hence  $\hat{a}$  is a global section.

Now we claim that X(a,b) is open in X. Let  $p \in X(a, b)$  that is,  $p \in X$ and  $\hat{a}(p) = \hat{b}(p)$  (=s say),  $s \in S$ . By the definition of sheaf there exists open sets G and U in S and X respectively such that  $s \in G$  and  $\pi|_G :$  $G \to U$  is a homeomorphism. Observe that  $\pi(s) = \pi(\hat{a}(p)) = p, p \in U$ . Now take

 $V = \hat{a}^{-1}(G) \cap \hat{b}^{-1}(G) \cap U$ . Since  $\hat{a}, \hat{b}$ , are continuous and U is open, it follows that V is open in X and  $p \in V$ . Now for any  $q \in V$ ,  $\hat{a}(q), \hat{b}(q) \in G$  and  $\pi(\hat{a}(q)) = \pi(\hat{b}(q))$ . From the fact that  $\pi|_G$  is one-one map, it follows that  $\hat{a}(q)) = \hat{b}(q)$ . Therefore  $q \in X(a, b)$  and hence X(a,b) is open. Conversely assume that X(a,b) is open in X. We now prove that  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a global sheaf. Let  $s \in S$ , then there exists  $p \in X$ ,  $a \in A$  such that  $s \in \eta_p(a)$ . Now since  $\eta_p(a) = \hat{a}(p), \ \hat{a}(p) \in \hat{a}(X)$  it follows that  $s \in \hat{a}(X)$ .

We now prove that  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)} : \hat{a}(X) \to X$  is a homeomorphism.

Suppose,  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_p(a)) = \pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_q(a))$ , by the definition of  $\pi$ , it follows that p = q. Thus  $\eta_p(a) = \eta_q(a)$  and hence  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}$  is one-one.

Given  $p \in X$ , observe that  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_p(a)) = p$  for  $a \in A, \eta_p(a) \in \hat{a}(X)$ . Therefore  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}$  is onto. Let U be open in X and  $s \in (\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)})^{-1}(U)$ . Then  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(s) \in U$ . Now since  $s \in S_p$  for some p, there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $s = \eta_p(a)$  and hence  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_p(a)) \in U$ . Since  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_p(a)) = p$ , it follows that  $p \in U$ , clearly  $\hat{a}(p) \in \hat{a}(U)$ . From the fact that  $\hat{a}$  is an open map, it is clear that  $\hat{a}(U)$  is open in S.

Let  $s' \in \hat{a}(U)$ , then  $s' = \hat{a}(q)(=\eta_q(a))$  for some  $q \in U$ . It can be observed that  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\eta_p(a)) \in U$  and hence  $s' = \eta_q(a) \in (\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)})^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $\hat{a}(U) \subseteq \pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(U)$  and hence  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}$  is continuous.

Let H be an open set in  $\hat{a}(X)$ . By subspace toplogy induced by S, there exists an open set G in S such that  $H = \hat{a}(X) \cap G$ . Let  $s \in H$ , then there exists  $q \in X$  such that  $s = \hat{a}(q)(=\eta_q(a)), s \in G$ . Since  $q \in \hat{a}^{-1}(G)$ , consider  $W = \hat{a}^{-1}(G) \cap X$ . Clearly  $q \in W$ , W is open in X. Now let  $p \in W$ , that is  $p \in \hat{a}^{-1}(G) \cap X$ , then  $\hat{a}(p) \in G$  and since  $\hat{a}(p) \in \hat{a}(X)$ , it follows that  $\hat{a}(p) \in \hat{a}(X) \cap G = H$ .  $p = \pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(\hat{a}(p)) \in \pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}(H)$ . Thus  $\pi|_{\hat{a}(X)}$  is an open map.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let R be an  $\Omega$ -ABR and X be the spectrum of R, that is, the topological space of all prime ideals of R together with the hull-kernel topology. Then, for any  $x, y \in R$ , the set  $(x, y) = \{P \in X | (x, y) \in \phi_P\}$  in an open set in X.

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*Proof.* Let  $P \in \langle x, y \rangle$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \phi_P$  that is ax= ay for some  $a \notin P$ , so that  $P \in X_a$ . Now for  $Q \in X_a, a \notin Q$  and ax = ay and hence  $Q \in (x, y)$ . Thus  $P \in X_a \subseteq \langle x, y \rangle$  and hence  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is an open set in X.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let X be the set of all prime ideals of an  $\Omega$ -ABR R. For  $P \in X$ , let  $S_P = R/\phi_P$ . Consider  $S = \bigcup_{P \in X}^+ S_P$  the disjoint union of  $S_P$  s. For  $x \in R$ , define  $\hat{x} : X \to S$  by  $\hat{x}(P) = \phi_P(x)$  and equip S with the largest topology with respect to which each  $\hat{x}$  is continuous. Define  $\pi : S \to X$  by  $\pi(s) = P$  for all  $s \in S_P$  then  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of  $\Omega$ -algebras.

Proof. By Theorem 3.6 and Lemma 3.7,  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of sets. Each stalk  $S_P = R/\phi_P$  is an  $\Omega$ -algebra. Therefore it is enough to show that  $\Omega$ -operations are continuous, that is, for each  $\sigma \in \Omega_n$  then the map

 $(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n) \mapsto \sigma(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n)$  of  $S^{(n)}$  into S is continuous. Where,

$$S^{(n)} = \{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in S^n | \pi(S_1) = \pi(S_2) = \dots = \pi(S_n)\}.$$

Let  $(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n) \in S^{(n)}$ . Then there exists  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in R$  such that

 $s_i = \phi_p(x_i) \ (1 \le i \le n)$  for some  $P \in X$ .

Let H be an open set in S and  $\sigma(\phi_p(x_1), \phi_p(x_2), ..., \phi_p(x_p)) \in H$ , which implies

 $\phi_p(\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)) \in H$ , so that  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)(P) \in H$ . Now,  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  being continuous there exist open set U in X cotaining P such that  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)(U) \subseteq H$ .

Consider  $W = (\hat{x}_1(U), \hat{x}_2(U), ..., \hat{x}_n(U)) \bigcap S^{(n)}$ . Then W is an open set containing  $(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n) \in S^{(n)}$ . Let  $t \in W$ , where,  $t = (\hat{x}_1(q), \hat{x}_2(q), ..., \hat{x}_n(q))$  for some  $q \in U$ . Then,

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma(\hat{x}_1(q), \hat{x}_2(q), \dots, \hat{x}_n(q))$$
$$= \sigma(\theta_q(x_1), \theta_q(x_2), \dots, \theta_q(x_n))$$
$$= \theta_q(\sigma(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$$
$$= \sigma(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)(q) \in H$$

Therefore  $\sigma(W) \subseteq H$  and hence  $\sigma$  is continuous and  $(S, \pi, X)$  is a sheaf of  $\Omega$ -algebras.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.9.** Let R be an  $\Omega$ -ABR and let  $x, y \in R$ . Then for  $P \in SpecR$ ,  $\hat{x}(P) = \hat{0}(P) \Leftrightarrow x \in P$ .

Proof. Observe that  $\hat{x}(P) = \hat{0}(P)$  implies  $\phi_p(x) = \phi_p(0)$  and as a consequence  $(x, 0) \in \phi_p$ . By the definition of  $\phi_P$  it follows that ax = 0 for some  $a \notin P$  and hence  $x \in P$  (since P is prime). Conversely, suppose  $x \in P$ . Choose  $y \notin P$ . Then  $y + xy \notin P$  (since, if  $y + xy \in P$ ,  $y = ((y + xy) + xy))y \in P$  a controduction). Thus  $P \in X_{y+xy}$ , and (y + xy)x = 0 = (y + xy)0. Thus  $\hat{x}(P) = \hat{0}(P)$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let R be an  $\Omega$ -ABR and let  $(S, \pi, X)$  be a sheaf of  $\Omega$ -algebras described in Theorem 3.8. Define  $S_P^o = S_P - \{\hat{0}(P)\}$  and  $S^o = \bigcup_{P \in X} S_P^0$  and  $\pi^o$  to be the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $S^o$ . Then  $(S^o, \pi^o, X)$  is a sheaf of  $\Omega$ -algebras.

Proof. Clearly  $S^o$  can be equipped with the subspace topology induced by that of the topology present on S. Now let  $s_1, s_2, ..., s_n \in S_p^o$  i.e  $S_i = \hat{x}_i(P)$  for some  $x_i \in R$   $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  and  $\hat{x}_i(P) \neq \hat{0}(P)$  for all i. Then by Lemma 3.9, if follows that  $x_i \notin P$  for  $1 \leq i \leq$ n. By Lemma 2.6,  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \notin P$  and again by Lemma 3.9,  $\sigma(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)(P) \neq \hat{0}(P)$ . Hence,  $\sigma(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n) \in S_p^o$ . Therefore  $S_p^o$ is a sub algebra of  $S_p$  and hence an  $\Omega$ -algebra. Let  $s \in S^o$  then there exists  $x \in R$  such that  $s = \hat{x}(P)(\neq \hat{o}(P))$  for some  $P \in X_x$ . Choose  $G = \hat{x}(X_x)$  and  $U = X_x$ . Clearly G is open in  $S^o$  and  $\pi^o/G : G \to U$ is a homeomorphism. Thus  $\pi^o$  is a local homeomorphism and hence  $(S^o, \pi^o, X)$  is a sheaf of  $\Omega$ -algebras.

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