

## CLASSICAL ZARISKI TOPOLOGY ON PRIME SPECTRUM OF LATTICE MODULES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Let  $Spec^p(M)$  be the collection of all prime elements of  $M$ . In this article, we consider a topology on  $Spec^p(M)$ , called the classical Zariski topology and investigate the topological properties of  $Spec^p(M)$  and the algebraic properties of  $M$ . We investigate this topological space from the point of view of spectral spaces. By Hochster's characterization of a spectral space, we show that for each lattice module  $M$  with finite spectrum,  $Spec^p(M)$  is a spectral space. Also we introduce finer patch topology on  $Spec^p(M)$  and we show that  $Spec^p(M)$  with finer patch topology is a compact space and every irreducible closed subset of  $Spec^p(M)$  (with classical Zariski topology) has a generic point and  $Spec^p(M)$  is a spectral space, for a lattice module  $M$  which has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A lattice  $L$  is said to be *complete*, if for any subset  $S$  of  $L$ , we have  $\vee S, \wedge S \in L$ . A complete lattice  $L$  is said to be a *multiplicative lattice*, if there is defined a binary operation "  $\cdot$  " called multiplication on  $L$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ , for all  $a, b \in L$ ;
- (2)  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$ , for all  $a, b, c \in L$ ;
- (3)  $a \cdot (\vee_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}) = \vee_{\alpha} (a \cdot b_{\alpha})$ , for all  $a, b_{\alpha} \in L$ ;

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(4)  $a.1 = a$ , for all  $a \in L$ .

Henceforth,  $a.b$  will be simply denoted by  $ab$ .

For  $a, b \in L$ , we write  $(a : b) = \vee \{x \in L | bx \leq a\}$ . An element  $a$  in  $L$  is called compact if  $a \leq \vee_{\alpha \in I} b_\alpha$  ( $I$  is an indexed set) implies  $a \leq b_{\alpha_1} \vee b_{\alpha_2} \vee \cdots \vee b_{\alpha_n}$  for some subset  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $I$ . By a  $C$ -lattice, we mean a multiplicative lattice  $L$ , with least element  $0_L$  and greatest element  $1_L$  which is compact as well as multiplicative identity, that is generated under joins by a multiplicatively closed subset  $C$  of compact elements of  $L$ .

An element  $a \in L$  is said to be *proper*, if  $a < 1$ . A proper element  $p$  of a multiplicative lattice  $L$  is said to be *prime* if  $ab \leq p$  implies  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$  for  $a, b \in L$ . The collection of all prime elements of  $L$  is denoted by  $Spec(L)$ .

The Zariski topology on the set  $Spec(L)$  of all prime elements in multiplicative lattices is being studied in [20] by Thakare, Manjarekar and Maeda and in [21], by Thakare and Manjarekar as a generalization of the Zariski topology of a commutative ring with unity.

A proper element  $m$  of a multiplicative lattice  $L$  is said to be *maximal* if for every  $x \in L$  with  $m < x \leq 1_L$  implies  $x = 1_L$ .

A complete lattice  $M$  is said to be a *lattice module* over the multiplicative lattice  $L$ , or  $L$ -module, if there is a multiplication between elements of  $M$  and  $L$ , denoted by  $aN \in M$ , for  $a \in L$  and  $N \in M$ , which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $(ab)N = a(bN)$ ;
- (2)  $(\vee_\alpha a_\alpha)(\vee_\beta N_\beta) = (\vee_{\alpha\beta} a_\alpha N_\beta)$ ;
- (3)  $1_L N = N$ ;
- (4)  $0_L N = 0_M$ ; for all  $a, b, a_\alpha \in L$ , and for all  $N, N_\beta \in M$ .

Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . The greatest element of  $M$  will be denoted by  $1_M$  and the smallest element will be denoted by  $0_M$ . For  $N \in M, b \in L$ , denote  $(N : b) = \vee \{K \in M | bK \leq N\}$  and for  $A, B \in M, (A : B) = \vee \{x \in L | Bx \leq A\}$ . An element  $N \in M$  is said to be compact if  $N \leq \vee_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  ( $I$  is an indexed set) implies  $N \leq A_{\alpha_1} \vee A_{\alpha_2} \vee \cdots \vee A_{\alpha_n}$  for some subset  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of  $I$ .

An element  $N \in M$  is said to be *proper* if  $N < 1_M$ . A proper element  $N$  of a lattice module  $M$  is said to be *prime* if  $aX \leq N$  implies  $X \leq N$  or  $a1_M \leq N$ , i.e.,  $a \leq (N : 1_M)$  for every  $a \in L$  and  $X \in M$ . The prime spectrum of a lattice module  $M$  is the set of all prime elements of  $M$  and it is denoted by  $Spec^p(M)$ . In [6], Sachin Ballal and Vilas Kharat studied the Zariski topology over  $Spec^p(M)$  as a generalization of the results carried out in [[20], [21]]. Also in [11], Fethi Callialp

et. al. studied the Zariski topology on  $Spec^p(M)$  over multiplicative lattice  $L$ .

A non-zero element  $N \in M$  is said to be *second*, if for  $a \in L$ , either  $aN = N$  or  $aN = 0_M$ . The Zariski topology on the second spectrum of lattice modules is studied by Narayan Phadatare et. al. in [19]. An element  $N < 1_M$  of  $M$  is said to be *maximal* if  $N \leq B$  implies either  $N = B$  or  $B = 1_M, B \in M$ . A non-zero element  $K \neq 1_M$  of  $M$  is said to be *minimal* if  $0_M \leq N < K$  implies  $N = 0_M, N \in M$ . If  $1_M$  is compact, then  $M$  has a maximal element by [18] and every maximal element is a prime element by [2].

Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and  $Spec^p(M)$  be the prime spectrum of  $M$ . For any element  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $D(N) = \{P \in Spec^p(M) | N \leq P\}$ . Note that  $D(0_M) = Spec^p(M)$  and  $D(1_M)$  is an empty set. It is easy to see that for any family of elements  $K_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) of  $M$ ,  $\cap_{i \in I} D(K_i) = D(\vee_{i \in I} K_i)$  and  $D(N) \cup D(K) \subseteq D(N \wedge K)$ . Thus if  $\tau(M)$  denotes the collection of all subsets  $D(N)$  of  $Spec^p(M)$ , then  $\tau(M)$  contains the empty set and  $Spec^p(M)$  and  $\tau(M)$  is closed under arbitrary intersections. In general  $\tau(M)$  is not closed under finite unions. A lattice module  $M$  is called a top lattice module, if  $\tau(M)$  is closed under finite unions. In this case,  $\tau(M)$  is called the quasi Zariski topology [11].

M. Behboodi and M. R. Haddadi introduced and studied the classical Zariski topology on the set of all prime submodules of modules as a generalization of the Zariski topology of rings in [7] and [8]. H. Ansari-Toroghy et. al. studied various topological properties of set of all prime submodules of a module over a commutative ring in [3] and the second classical Zariski topology on the second spectrum of modules over a commutative ring is introduced and studied by H. Ansari-Toroghy et. al. in [4]. In this paper, we generalize the concepts of submodules studied in [7] and [8] to the lattice modules.

Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . For each element  $N$  of  $M$ , we define  $E(N) = Spec^p(M) - D(N)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(M) = \{E(N) | N \in M\}$ , then we define topology  $\psi(M)$  on  $Spec^p(M)$  by the subbasis  $\mathcal{E}(M)$  and call it the Classical Zariski topology of  $M$ . In fact  $\psi(M)$  to be the collection  $U$  of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{E}(M)$ (see [16]).

Further all these concepts and for more information on multiplicative lattices, lattice modules and topology, the reader may refer ([1],[2],[9],[14]).

## 2. CLASSICAL ZARISKI TOPOLOGY

Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . An element  $P$  of  $M$  is called maximal prime if  $P$  is a prime element of  $M$  and there is no prime element  $Q$  of  $M$  such that  $P \leq Q$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *For any elements  $N_1, N_2 \in M$ ,  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$  implies that  $N_1 = N_2$ .*
- (2) *Every proper element of  $M$  is a meet of prime elements.*

*Proof.* 1)  $\implies$  2) Suppose that  $N_1$  is a proper element of  $M$ . Then  $D(N_1) \neq \phi$ , because if  $D(N_1) = \phi = D(1_M)$  and therefore  $N_1 = 1_M$  by part (1), a contradiction. Now let  $N_2 = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_1)} P$ . Clearly, by definition  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$  and therefore by part (1),  $N_1 = N_2$ . Hence  $N_1 = N_2 = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_1)} P$  is a meet of prime elements.

2)  $\implies$  1) Assume that for  $N_1, N_2 \in M$ ,  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$ . By (2),  $N_1 = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_1)} P$  and  $N_2 = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_2)} P$ . Since  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$ ,  $N_1 = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_1)} P = \bigwedge_{P \in D(N_2)} P = N_2$ , as required.  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $x$  and  $y$  be points in  $X$ . We say that  $x$  and  $y$  can be separated if each lies in an open set which does not contain the other point.  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space if any two distinct points in  $X$  can be separated. A topological space  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if all points of  $X$  are closed in  $X$  (i.e. given any  $x$  in  $X$ , the singleton set  $\{x\}$  is a closed set). Also  $X$  is a Hausdorff space if any two distinct points of  $X$  can be separated by neighborhoods. This is why Hausdorff spaces are also called  $T_2$ -spaces or separated spaces.

For a lattice module  $M$ ,  $\dim^p(M)$  denote the supremum of the length of chains of prime elements of  $M$ . Note that, if  $\text{Spec}^p(M) = \phi$ , then  $\dim^p(M) = -1$ .

We obtain a characterization of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  to be  $T_1$ -space in the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if  $\dim^p(M) \leq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space. If  $\text{Spec}^p(M) = \phi$ , then  $\dim^p(M) = -1$ . If  $\text{Spec}^p(M) \neq \phi$ , then  $\{P\}$  is a closed set in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  for  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Now, assume that  $P \leq Q$ , for  $P, Q$  in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Since  $\{P\}$  is closed set,  $\{P\} = \bigcap_{k \in J} (\bigcup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl}))$ ,  $N_{kl} \in M$  and  $J$  is an index set,  $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, for each  $k \in J$ ,  $P \in \bigcup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})$  and hence there exists  $1 \leq s \leq n_k$  such that  $P \in D(N_{ks})$  and so  $N_{ks} \leq P$ . Now  $P \leq Q$  and  $N_{ks} \leq P$  implies that  $N_{ks} \leq Q$ , therefore  $Q \in D(N_{ks})$

for all  $k \in J$  and  $1 \leq s \leq n_k$ . It follows that,  $Q \in \cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})$  for each  $k \in J$ . Thus  $Q \in \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})) = \{P\}$ . This implies that every prime element of  $M$  is maximal. Consequently,  $\dim^p(M) \leq 0$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\dim^p(M) \leq 0$ . If  $\dim^p(M) = -1$ , then  $\text{Spec}^p(M) = \phi$ , i.e.  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a trivial space and hence it is  $T_1$ -space. If  $\dim^p(M) = 0$ , then  $\text{Spec}^p(M) \neq \phi$  and every prime element is maximal. Thus for each  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ , we have,  $D(P) = \{P\}$  and so  $\{P\}$  is a closed set in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Consequently,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ , then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *Every proper element of  $M$  is a meet of maximal elements and  $\dim^p(M) = 0$ .*
- (2)  *$\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space and  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$  implies that  $N_1 = N_2$  for any  $N_1, N_2 \in M$ .*

*Proof.* 1)  $\implies$  2) Since every proper element of  $M$  is a meet of maximal elements of  $M$  and every maximal element is prime, therefore by Proposition 2.1,  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$  implies that  $N_1 = N_2$  for any  $N_1, N_2 \in M$ . Also, since  $\dim^p(M) = 0$ , by Theorem 2.2,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

2)  $\implies$  1) Assume that  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space and  $D(N_1) = D(N_2)$  implies that  $N_1 = N_2$  for any  $N_1, N_2 \in M$ . Therefore every proper element is a meet of prime elements, by Proposition 2.1 and every prime element is maximal, because  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space. Hence every proper element is meet of maximal elements and  $\dim^p(M) = 0$ .  $\square$

The cofinite topology(or finite complement topology) is a topology which can be defined on every set  $X$ . It has precisely the empty set and all cofinite subsets of  $X$  as open sets. As a consequence, in the cofinite topology, the only closed subsets are finite sets or the whole of  $X$  [5].

Now, we have characterization of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  to be the cofinite topology.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is the cofinite topology.*
- (2)  *$\dim^p(M) \leq 0$  and for each element  $N$  of  $M$  either  $D(N) = \text{Spec}^p(M)$  or  $D(N)$  is finite.*

*Proof.* 1)  $\implies$  2) Suppose that  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is the cofinite topology. Since every cofinite topology satisfies the  $T_1$ -axiom, by Theorem 2.2, we have,  $\dim^p(M) \leq 0$ . Suppose that there exists an element  $N$  of  $M$  such that it is contained in infinite number of prime elements of  $M$ , i.e.,  $|D(N)| = \infty$  and  $D(N) \neq \text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Then  $E(N) =$

$Spec^p(M) - D(N)$  is an open set in  $Spec^p(M)$  with infinite complement, a contradiction.

2)  $\implies$  1) Suppose that  $dim^p(M) \leq 0$  and for each element  $N$  of  $M$  either  $D(N) = Spec^p(M)$  or  $D(N)$  is finite. Then the complement of every open set in  $Spec^p(M)$  is of the form  $\cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl}))$ , where  $N_{kl} \in M$ . This implies that every closed set in  $Spec^p(M)$  is either finite or  $Spec^p(M)$ . Consequently,  $Spec^p(M)$  is the cofinite topology.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  with  $|Spec^p(M)| \geq 2$ . If  $Spec^p(M)$  is a Hausdorff space, then  $dim^p(M) = 0$  and there exists elements  $N_1, N_2 \cdots N_k$  of  $M$  such that  $D(N_i) \neq Spec^p(M)$ , for all  $i$  and  $D(N_1) \cup D(N_2) \cup \cdots \cup D(N_k) = Spec^p(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Spec^p(M)$  is a Hausdorff space and  $|Spec^p(M)| \geq 2$ . Let  $P, Q \in Spec^p(M)$ , such that  $P \neq Q$ . Then there exist open sets  $\cup_{k \in J} (\cap_{l=1}^{n_k} E(N_{kl}))$ ,  $\cup_{p \in J'} (\cap_{q=1}^{n_p} E(N_{pq}))$ ,  $N_{kl}, N_{pq} \in M$ ,  $n_k, n_p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $J, J'$  are an index set such that  $P \in \cup_{k \in J} (\cap_{l=1}^{n_k} E(N_{kl}))$ , and  $Q \in \cup_{p \in J'} (\cap_{q=1}^{n_p} E(N_{pq}))$  and  $[\cup_{k \in J} (\cap_{l=1}^{n_k} E(N_{kl}))] \cap [\cup_{p \in J'} (\cap_{q=1}^{n_p} E(N_{pq}))] = \phi$ . Therefore there exists  $s \in J, t \in J'$  such that  $P \in \cap_{l=1}^{n_s} E(N_{sl})$ , and  $Q \in \cap_{q=1}^{n_t} E(N_{tq})$  and  $[\cap_{l=1}^{n_s} E(N_{sl})] \cap [\cap_{q=1}^{n_t} E(N_{tq})] = \phi$ . This implies that  $P \not\subseteq Q, Q \not\subseteq P$  and  $[\cup_{l=1}^{n_s} D(N_{sl})] \cup [\cup_{q=1}^{n_t} D(N_{tq})] = Spec^p(M)$ . Consequently,  $dim^p(M) = 0$  and  $Spec^p(M) = \cup_{i=1}^k D(N_i)$ .  $\square$

### 3. CLASSICAL ZARISKI TOPOLOGY AND SPECTRAL SPACES

Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and let  $Spec^p(M)$  be equipped with the classical Zariski topology. Let  $Y \subseteq Spec^p(M)$ , then  $Cl(Y)$  denotes the closure of  $Y$  in  $Spec^p(M)$  and meet of all elements of  $Y$  denoted by  $\Upsilon(Y)$ . Note that if  $Y = \phi$ , then  $\Upsilon(Y) = 1_M$ .

A topological space  $X$  is called irreducible if  $X \neq \phi$  and every finite intersection of non-empty open sets of  $X$  is non-empty. A non-empty subset  $Y$  of a topological space  $X$  is called an irreducible set if the subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  is irreducible, i.e., if  $Y \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2$ , then  $Y \subseteq Y_1$  or  $Y \subseteq Y_2$ , where  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are closed subsets of  $X$ .

Let  $Y$  be a closed subset of a topological space. An element  $y \in Y$  is called a generic point of  $Y$  if  $Y = Cl(\{y\})$ . Note that, a generic point of the irreducible closed subset  $Y$  of a topological space is unique if the topological space is  $T_0$ -space.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and let  $Y$  be a finite non-empty subset of  $Spec^p(M)$ . Then  $Cl(Y) = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y \subseteq Spec^p(M)$ . Clearly  $Y \subseteq \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ . Now, let  $B$  be any closed subset of  $Spec^p(M)$  such that  $Y \subseteq B$ . Thus  $B = \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl}))$ , for some  $N_{kl} \in M, k \in J, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $Q \in$

$\cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ . Then there exists  $P' \in Y$  such that  $Q \in D(P')$  and so  $P' \leq Q$ . Now,  $P' \in Y \subseteq B$ , therefore  $P' \in B$ . But  $B = \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl}))$ , therefore for each  $k \in J$ , there exist  $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_k\}$  such that  $P' \in D(N_{kl})$  and therefore  $N_{kl} \leq P' \leq Q$ . It follows that  $Q \in \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})) = B$ . Hence  $\cup_{P \in Y} D(P) \subseteq B$ . Thus  $\cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$  is the smallest closed set in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  containing  $Y$ . Consequently,  $Cl(Y) = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then*

- (1)  $Cl(\{P\}) = D(P)$ , for all  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ .
- (2)  $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$  if and only if  $P \leq Q$  if and only if  $D(Q) \subseteq D(P)$ , for  $Q \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ .
- (3) The set  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  if and only if  $P$  is a maximal prime element of  $M$ .

*Proof.* 1) By Lemma 3.1, for  $Y \subseteq \text{Spec}^p(M)$ ,  $Cl(Y) = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ . Let  $Y = \{P\}$ , then  $\cup_{P \in Y} D(P) = D(P)$ , hence  $Cl(\{P\}) = D(P)$ .

2) Suppose that  $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$ . Then by part (1),  $Q \in Cl(\{P\}) = D(P)$ , therefore  $P \leq Q$ . It implies that  $D(Q) \subseteq D(P)$ . Conversely, suppose that,  $D(Q) \subseteq D(P)$ . Since  $Q \in D(Q) \subseteq D(P)$ , we have  $P \leq Q$  and  $Q \in D(P) = Cl(\{P\})$  by part (1).

3) Suppose that  $P$  is a maximal prime element of  $M$ . Let  $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$ , then by part (1),  $Q \in Cl(\{P\}) = D(P)$ , implies  $P \leq Q$ . But  $P$  is maximal, therefore  $P = Q$  and hence  $Cl(\{P\}) = \{P\}$ . Consequently,  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  and  $P$  is not maximal, then there exists  $Q$  such that  $P \leq Q$ , which implies that  $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$  by part (2). Since  $\{P\}$  is closed,  $Q \in Cl(\{P\}) = \{P\}$ , hence  $P = Q$ . Consequently,  $P$  is a maximal prime element of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and  $Y$  be a finite non-empty closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ , then  $Y = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is a non-empty closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . It is clear that  $Y \subseteq \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ . By Corollary 3.2(1), for each  $P \in Y$ , we have  $D(P) = Cl(\{P\}) \subseteq Cl(Y)$  and  $Cl(Y) = Y$ . Therefore  $\cup_{P \in Y} D(P) \subseteq Y$ . Consequently,  $Y = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then for each  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ ,  $D(P)$  is irreducible.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $D(P) \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$ , where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are closed sets of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Since  $P \in D(P)$  and  $D(P) \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$ , therefore  $P \in X_1 \cup X_2$ , which implies that either  $P \in X_1$  or  $P \in X_2$ . Suppose that  $P \in X_1$ . Since  $X_1$  is closed in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ , we have  $X_1 = \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl}))$ , for

$N_{kl} \in M$  and  $k \in J, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $P \in \cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})$  for each  $k \in J$ . It follows that  $D(P) \subseteq \cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})$  for each  $k \in J$ . Hence  $D(P) \subseteq \cap_{k \in J} (\cup_{l=1}^{n_k} D(N_{kl})) = X_1$ . Consequently,  $D(P)$  is irreducible.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and  $Y \subseteq \text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Then*

- (1) *If  $Y$  is irreducible, then  $\Upsilon(Y)$  is a prime element.*
- (2) *If  $\Upsilon(Y)$  is a prime element and  $\Upsilon(Y) \in Cl(Y)$ , then  $Y$  is irreducible.*

*Proof.* 1) Suppose that  $Y$  is an irreducible subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Clearly,  $\Upsilon(Y) = \wedge_{P \in Y} P < 1_M$  and  $Y \subseteq D(\Upsilon(Y))$ . Let  $aX \leq \Upsilon(Y)$ , for  $a \in L, X \in M$ . Now for  $P \in Y \subseteq D(\Upsilon(Y))$ ,  $\Upsilon(Y) \leq P$  and  $aX \leq \Upsilon(Y) \leq P$ . Since  $P$  is prime,  $X \leq P$  or  $a1_M \leq P$ , which implies that  $P \in D(X)$  or  $P \in D(a1_M)$ . Hence  $Y \subseteq D(X) \cup D(a1_M)$ . Since  $Y$  is irreducible, either  $Y \subseteq D(X)$  or  $Y \subseteq D(a1_M)$ . If  $Y \subseteq D(X)$ , then  $X \leq P$ , for all  $P \in Y$ . Therefore  $X \leq \Upsilon(Y)$ . If  $Y \subseteq D(a1_M)$ , then  $a1_M \leq P$ , for all  $P \in Y$ . Therefore  $a1_M \leq \Upsilon(Y)$ . Consequently,  $\Upsilon(Y)$  is a prime element of  $M$ .

2) Suppose that  $\Upsilon(Y)$  is a prime element of  $M$  and  $\Upsilon(Y) \in Cl(Y)$ . Since  $\Upsilon(Y) \leq P$ , for each  $P \in Y$ , we have  $D(P) \subseteq D(\Upsilon(Y))$  for each  $P \in Y$ , by Corollary 3.2(2). Therefore  $\cup_{P \in Y} D(P) \subseteq D(\Upsilon(Y))$  and so by Lemma 3.1,  $Cl(Y) \subseteq D(\Upsilon(Y))$ . Since  $\Upsilon(Y)$  is a prime element of  $M$  and  $\Upsilon(Y) \in Cl(Y)$ , we have,  $D(\Upsilon(Y)) \subseteq Cl(Y)$ . Hence  $D(\Upsilon(Y)) = Cl(Y)$ . Now, let  $Y \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$ , where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are closed sets of  $\text{Spec}^p M$ . Then  $Cl(Y) \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$ . Since  $D(\Upsilon(Y)) = Cl(Y) \subseteq X_1 \cup X_2$  and  $D(\Upsilon(Y))$  is irreducible, by Lemma 3.4, we have either  $D(\Upsilon(Y)) \subseteq X_1$  or  $D(\Upsilon(Y)) \subseteq X_2$ . It follows that either  $Y \subseteq X_1$  or  $Y \subseteq X_2$ . Consequently,  $Y$  is irreducible.  $\square$

**Definition 3.6.** [15] Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and  $N$  be an element of  $M$ . Then the prime radical of  $N$  is defined to be the meet of all prime elements containing  $N$ , that is  $\sqrt[p]{N} = \wedge \{P \in \text{Spec}^p(M) | N \leq P\}$ .

Note that,  $\sqrt[p]{N} = 1_M$ , if there is no prime element containing  $N$ . If  $N = \sqrt[p]{N}$ , then  $N$  is called as prime radical element of  $M$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and  $N$  be an element of  $M$ . Then the subset  $D(N)$  of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is irreducible if and only if  $\sqrt[p]{N}$  is a prime element.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the subset  $D(N)$  of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is irreducible. Then by Theorem 3.5,  $\Upsilon(D(N))$  is a prime element. Now, we have  $\Upsilon(D(N)) = \wedge \{P \in D(N)\} = \wedge \{P \in \text{Spec}^p(M) | N \leq P\} = \sqrt[p]{N}$ . Hence  $\sqrt[p]{N}$  is a



prime element.

Conversely, suppose that  $\sqrt[p]{N}$  is a prime element. Clearly for each element  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $D(N) = D(\sqrt[p]{N})$ . Since  $\sqrt[p]{N}$  is a prime element,  $D(\sqrt[p]{N})$  is irreducible by Lemma 3.4. Hence  $D(N)$  is irreducible.  $\square$

The following Lemma shows that for any lattice module  $M$  over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ ,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is always a  $T_0$ -space and every finite irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  has a generic point.

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then*

- (1)  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is always a  $T_0$ -space.
- (2) Every  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a generic point of the irreducible closed subset  $D(P)$ .
- (3) Every finite irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  has a generic point.

*Proof.* 1) Let  $P, Q \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Then by Corollary 3.2(1),  $Cl(\{P\}) = D(P)$ ,  $Cl(\{Q\}) = D(Q)$  and therefore  $Cl(\{P\}) = Cl(\{Q\})$  if and only if  $D(P) = D(Q)$  if and only if  $P = Q$ , by Corollary 3.2(2). Now, by the fact that a topological space is a  $T_0$ -space if and only if the closures of distinct points are distinct, we conclude that,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_0$ -space. 2) By Corollary 3.2(1), it is clear that, for  $P \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ ,  $D(P) = Cl(\{P\})$ . Hence  $P$  is a generic point of the irreducible closed subset  $D(P)$ .

3) Let  $Y$  be an irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  and  $Y = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$ , where  $P_i \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $Y = Cl(Y) = D(P_1) \cup D(P_2) \cup \dots \cup D(P_k)$ . Since  $Y$  is irreducible,  $Y = D(P_i)$ , for some  $i(1 \leq i \leq k)$ . Now by (2),  $P_i$  is a generic point of  $D(P_i) = Y$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.9.** [13] A topological space  $X$  is a spectral space if  $X$  satisfy the following conditions(Hochster's characterization):

- (1)  $X$  is a  $T_0$ -space.
- (2)  $X$  is a quasi-compact.
- (3) The quasi-compact open subsets of  $X$  are closed under finite intersection and form an open basis.
- (4) Each irreducible closed subset of  $X$  has a generic point.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  with finite prime spectrum. Then  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a spectral space(with Classical Zariski topology).*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is finite. Then by Lemma 3.8,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_0$ -space and every irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  has a generic point. Also, since  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is finite, the quasi-compact open subsets of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  are closed under finite intersection and form an

open basis( This basis is  $\mathbb{B} = \{E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_k) \mid N_i \in M, 1 \leq i \leq k, \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ )[10]. Now by Definition 3.9, we conclude that  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a spectral space.  $\square$

#### 4. FINER PATCH TOPOLOGY AND SPECTRAL SPACES

Let  $X$  be a topological space. By the patch topology on  $X$ , we mean the topology which has as a sub-basis for its closed sets the closed sets and compact open sets of the original space. By a patch we mean a set closed in the patch topology(see [12],[17]).

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  and let  $U(M)$  be the family of all elements of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  of the form  $D(N) \cap E(K)$ , where  $N, K \in M$ . Clearly both  $\text{Spec}^p(M) = D(0_M) \cap E(1_M)$  and the empty set  $\phi = D(0_M) \cap E(0_M)$  are members of  $U(M)$ . Let  $T(M)$  to be the collection of all unions of finite intersections of elements of  $U(M)$ . Then  $T(M)$  is a topology on  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  and is called the finer patch topology. In fact  $U(M)$  is a sub-basis for the finer patch topology of  $M$ .

Note that, finer patch topology on  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is finer than classical Zariski topology on  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$ . Then  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with the finer patch topology is Hausdorff. Moreover,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with this topology is disconnected if and only if  $|\text{Spec}^p(M)| > 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P, Q \in \text{Spec}^p(M)$  and  $P \neq Q$ . Since  $P \neq Q$ , either  $P \not\leq Q$  or  $Q \not\leq P$ . By Definition 4.1,  $U_1 = E(1_M) \cap D(P)$  is a finer patch-neighborhood of  $P$  and  $U_2 = E(P) \cap D(Q)$  is a finer patch-neighborhood of  $Q$ . It is clear that  $E(P) \cap D(P) = \phi$  and hence  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \phi$ . Thus  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a Hausdorff space. Now, for each element  $N \in M$ ,  $E(N)$  and  $D(N)$  are open in finer patch topology, because  $D(N) = E(1_M) \cap D(N)$  and  $E(N) = E(1_M) \cap D(0_M)$ . Since  $E(N)$  and  $D(N)$  are complements of each other, these sets are closed. Therefore  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with finer patch topology is disconnected if and only if  $|\text{Spec}^p(M)| > 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Then  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with the finer patch topology is a compact space.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Let  $A$  be a family of finer patch-open sets which covers  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  and suppose that no finite subfamily of  $A$  covers  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Since  $D(\sqrt[p]{0_M}) = D(0_M) = \text{Spec}^p(M)$ , we may use the ascending chain condition on prime radical

elements to choose an element  $N$  maximal with respect to the property that no finite subfamily of  $A$  covers  $D(N)$  (we may assume  $N = \sqrt[p]{N}$  because  $D(N) = D(\sqrt[p]{N})$ ).

Suppose that  $N$  is not prime element of  $M$ . Then there exists  $X \in M$  and  $a \in L$ , such that  $aX \leq N$  and  $X \not\leq N$ ,  $a1_M \not\leq N$ . Thus  $N < N \vee X \leq \sqrt[p]{N \vee X}$  and  $N < N \vee a1_M \leq \sqrt[p]{N \vee a1_M}$ . Hence without loss of generality, there must be a finite subfamily  $A'$  of  $A$  that covers both  $D(N \vee X)$  and  $D(N \vee a1_M)$ . Let  $P \in D(N)$ , then  $N \leq P$  and so  $aX \leq N \leq P$ . Since  $P$  is prime,  $X \leq P$  or  $a1_M \leq P$  and hence  $N \vee X \leq P$  and  $N \vee a1_M \leq P$ . Thus either  $P \in D(N \vee X)$  or  $P \in D(N \vee a1_M)$ , therefore  $D(N) \subseteq D(N \vee a1_M) \cup D(N \vee X)$ . Thus  $D(N)$  is covered with the finite subfamily  $A'$ , which is contradiction. Hence  $N$  is prime element of  $M$ .

Now choose  $U \in A$  such that  $N \in U$ . Thus  $N$  must have a patch-neighborhood  $\cap_{i=1}^n [E(K_i) \cap D(N_i)]$ , for some  $K_i, N_i \in M, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\cap_{i=1}^n [E(K_i) \cap D(N_i)] \subseteq U$ . Suppose for each  $i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ ,  $P \in E(K_i \vee N) \cap D(N)$ . Then  $P \in E(K_i \vee N)$ ,  $P \in D(N)$  and so that  $K_i \vee N \not\leq P$  and  $N \leq P$ . Thus  $K_i \not\leq P$ , i.e.,  $P \in E(K_i)$ . On the other hand  $N \in D(N_i)$ , i.e.,  $N_i \leq N$ , therefore  $N_i \leq P$  and  $P \in D(N_i)$ . Consequently,  $N \in [E(K_i \vee N) \cap D(N)] \subseteq [E(K_i) \cap D(N_i)]$  and hence  $N \in \cap_{i=1}^n [E(K_i \vee N) \cap D(N)] \subseteq \cap_{i=1}^n [E(K_i) \cap D(N_i)] \subseteq U$ . Thus  $[\cap_{i=1}^n E(K_i \vee N)] \cap D(N)$ , where  $N < K_i \vee N$ , is a neighborhood of  $N$ , with  $[\cap_{i=1}^n E(K_i \vee N)] \cap D(N) \subseteq U$ .

Since for each  $i (1 \leq i \leq n)$ ,  $N < K_i \vee N$ ,  $D(K_i \vee N)$  is covered by some finite subfamily  $A'_i$  of  $A$ . But  $D(N) - [\cup_{i=1}^n D(K_i \vee N)] = D(N) - [\cap_{i=1}^n E(K_i \vee N)]^c = [\cap_{i=1}^n E(K_i \vee N)] \cap D(N) \subseteq U$  and so  $D(N)$  can be covered by  $A'_1 \cup A'_2 \cup \dots \cup A'_n \cup \{U\}$ , which is contradiction to our choice of  $N$ . Thus there must exist a finite subfamily of  $A$  which covers  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Therefore  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is compact in the finer patch topology of  $M$ .  $\square$

Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two topologies on  $X$  such that  $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ . If  $X$  is quasi-compact (i.e. any open cover of it has a finite subcover) in  $\tau_2$ , then  $X$  is also quasi-compact in  $\tau_1$  (see [16]).

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $N_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  of  $M$ ,  $E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \dots \cap E(N_n)$  is a quasi-compact subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with the classical Zariski topology. Consequently,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is quasi-compact and has a basis of quasi-compact open subsets.*

*Proof.* By Definition 4.1, we have, for each element  $N \in M$ ,  $D(N) = D(N) \cap E(1_M)$  as an open subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with finer patch topology and  $E(N)$  is complement of  $D(N)$ , therefore  $E(N)$ , for each  $N \in M$ , is a closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Thus for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $N_i \in M (1 \leq i \leq n)$ ,  $E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_n)$  is also a closed subset in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with finer patch topology. By Theorem 4.3,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a compact space with finer patch topology and since every closed subset of a compact space is compact,  $E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_n)$  is compact in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with finer patch topology and therefore, it is quasi-compact in  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with the classical Zariski topology.

Since  $\text{Spec}^p(M) = E(1_M)$  and  $\mathbb{B} = \{E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_n) | N_i \in M, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a basis for the classical Zariski topology of  $M$ ,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is quasi-compact and has a basis of quasi-compact open subsets.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Then every irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  (with the classical Zariski topology) has a generic point.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is an irreducible closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Note that  $D(N)$  and  $E(N)$  are both open and closed in finer patch topology. Hence for each  $P \in Y$ ,  $D(P)$  is an open subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ . Now, since  $Y$  is closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with classical Zariski topology, the complement of  $Y$  is open by this topology, hence complement of  $Y$  is open subset with finer patch topology and  $Y$  is closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with finer patch topology. By Theorem 4.3,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is compact and  $Y$  is a closed subset of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$ ,  $Y$  is also compact. We have, by Lemma 3.3,  $Y = \cup_{P \in Y} D(P)$ . Since  $Y$  is compact and each  $D(P)$  is finer patch-open, there exists a finite subset  $Y_1$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y = \cup_{P \in Y_1} D(P)$ . Since  $Y$  is irreducible,  $Y = D(P)$  for some  $P \in Y$ . Consequently,  $P$  is a generic point for  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Then quasi-compact open sets of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  (with classical Zariski topology) are closed under finite intersections.*

*Proof.* Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be two quasi-compact open sets of  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  and let  $U = U_1 \cap U_2$ . Each of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  is a finite union of members of  $\mathbb{B} = \{E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_n) | N_i \in M, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Hence  $U = \cup_{i=1}^m (\cap_{j=1}^{n_i} E(N_j))$ . Let  $\Pi$  be any open cover of  $U$ . Then  $\Pi$  also covers each  $\cap_{j=1}^{n_i} E(N_j)$  which is quasi-compact by Theorem 4.4. Hence each  $\cap_{j=1}^{n_i} E(N_j)$  has a finite subcover of  $\Pi$  and hence  $U$  has a finite subcover of  $\Pi$ . Thus  $U$  is quasi-compact, as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $M$  be a lattice module over a  $C$ -lattice  $L$  such that  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements. Then  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  (with the classical Zariski topology) is a spectral space.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.8,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a  $T_0$ -space. Since  $M$  has ascending chain condition on prime radical elements,  $\mathbb{B} = \{E(N_1) \cap E(N_2) \cap \cdots \cap E(N_n) \mid N_i \in M, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  with the property that each basis element, in particular  $E(1_M) = \text{Spec}^p(M)$  is quasi-compact by Theorem 4.4. By Corollary 4.6, the quasi-compact open sets are closed under finite intersections. And finally, by Lemma 4.5, each irreducible closed set has a generic point. Therefore, by Definition 3.9,  $\text{Spec}^p(M)$  is a spectral space.  $\square$

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