

PARTIALLY ADDITIVE STATES ON ORTHOMODULAR POSETS

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We fix a Boolean subalgebra  $B$  of an orthomodular poset  $P$  and study the mappings  $s : P \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which respect the ordering and the orthocomplementation in  $P$  and which are additive on  $B$ . We call such functions  $B$ -states on  $P$ . We first show that every  $P$  possesses “enough” two-valued  $B$ -states. This improves the main result in [13], where  $B$  is the centre of  $P$ . Moreover, it allows us to construct a closure-space representation of orthomodular lattices. We do this in the third section. This result may also be viewed as a generalization of [6]. Then we prove an extension theorem for  $B$ -states giving, as a by-product, a topological proof of a classical Boolean result.

**1. Basic definitions and preliminaries.**

1.1. DEFINITION. An *orthomodular poset* (abbr. an OMP) is a triple  $(P, \leq, ')$  such that

- (1)  $(P, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set with a least element 0 and a greatest element 1,
- (2) the operation  $' : P \rightarrow P$  is an *orthocomplementation*, i.e. for every  $a, b \in P$  we have  $a'' = a$  and  $b' \leq a'$  whenever  $a \leq b$ ,
- (3) the least upper bound exists for every pair of orthogonal elements in  $P$  ( $a, b \in P$  are *orthogonal*,  $a \perp b$ , if  $a \leq b'$ ),
- (4) the *orthomodular law* is valid in  $P$ :  $b = a \vee (b \wedge a')$  whenever  $a \leq b$  ( $a, b \in P$ ).

A typical example of an OMP is the lattice of all projections in a Hilbert space or, of course, a Boolean algebra. (We do not assume that  $P$  is a lattice. If it is, we call it an *orthomodular lattice*.)

Throughout the paper,  $P$  will be an arbitrary OMP and  $B$  an arbitrary Boolean subalgebra of  $P$ . (By a *Boolean subalgebra* of  $P$  we mean a subset of  $P$  which forms a Boolean algebra with respect to  $\leq$  and  $'$  inherited from  $P$ , see also [4], [7].) Let us state our basic definition.

1.2. DEFINITION. Let  $B$  be a Boolean subalgebra of  $P$ . A *partially additive state with respect to  $B$*  (abbr. a  $B$ -state) is a mapping  $s : P \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that

- (1) if  $a \leq b$  then  $s(a) \leq s(b)$  ( $a, b \in P$ ),
- (2)  $s(a') = 1 - s(a)$  ( $a \in P$ ),
- (3)  $s(a \vee b) = s(a) + s(b)$  provided  $a \perp b$  and  $a, b \in B$ .

Let us denote the set of all  $B$ -states on  $P$  by  $S_B(P)$ . Thus  $S_B(P) \subset [0, 1]^P$ . In what follows we will make use of the following observations: The set  $S_B(P)$  viewed as a subset of  $[0, 1]^P$  is a convex compact. Indeed, the convexity is obvious and the compactness is a standard consequence of the Tikhonov theorem ( $[0, 1]^P$  is considered with the pointwise topology). It should be noted that the “ordinary” state on  $P$  is exactly an element of the intersection  $\bigcap S_B(P)$ , where  $B$  runs over all Boolean subalgebras of  $P$ .

**2. Two-valued  $B$ -states.  $B$ -ideals.** Let us denote by  $S_B^2(P)$  the set of all two-valued  $B$ -states on  $P$ . We will show in this section that  $S_B^2(P)$  is rich enough to determine the ordering in  $P$ . This extends [13] which contains the same result in the much easier situation of  $B$  being the centre of  $P$ .

Let us first introduce an auxiliary notion.

2.1. DEFINITION. Let  $B$  be a Boolean subalgebra of  $P$ . A *partial ideal*  $I$  on  $P$  with respect to  $B$  (abbr. a  $B$ -ideal) is a nonempty subset of  $P$  such that

- (A) if  $a \in I$  and  $b \leq a$  then  $b \in I$  ( $a, b \in P$ ),
- (B)  $a \vee b \in I$  provided  $a, b \in I \cap B$ .

Further, we call a  $B$ -ideal  $I$  *proper* if

- (C1)  $a \in I$  implies  $a' \notin I$ .

Finally, we call a proper  $B$ -ideal  $I$  a  *$B$ -prime ideal* if

- (C2)  $a \in P \setminus I$  implies  $a' \in I$ .

In what follows we will sometime replace without noticing the condition (B) by the apparently weaker condition (B') equivalent to (B):

- (B')  $a \vee b \in I$  provided  $a, b \in I \cap B$  and  $a \perp b$ .

The link between two-valued  $B$ -states and  $B$ -ideals is presented in the following simple proposition.

2.2. PROPOSITION. *There is a one-to-one correspondence between two-valued  $B$ -states and  $B$ -prime ideals given by the mapping  $s \mapsto s^{-1}(0)$ .*

Proof. Obvious.

In the course of the following propositions we will show that any pair of noncomparable elements in  $P$  is separated by a  $B$ -prime ideal.

2.3. PROPOSITION. *Let  $\{I_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$  be a collection of  $B$ -ideals in  $P$ . Then the least  $B$ -ideal containing all  $I_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ) is  $J = \bigcup\{I_\alpha; \alpha \in A\} \cup \{a \in P; a \leq b_1 \vee \cdots \vee b_n, \text{ where } b_k \in I_{\alpha_k} \cap B \text{ for any } k \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$ .*

Proof. The proof requires only a verification of the properties from the definition of a  $B$ -ideal.

Let us agree to call the  $B$ -ideal  $J$  from Proposition 2.3 the  $B$ -ideal generated by  $\{I_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$ .

Prior to the next propositions, observe that the elements  $b_k$  ( $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ) in Proposition 2.3 can be chosen pairwise orthogonal.

2.4. PROPOSITION. *Let  $I \subset P$  be a proper  $B$ -ideal. Suppose that  $\{a, a'\} \cap I = \emptyset$  for an  $a \in P$ . Then the  $B$ -ideal generated by  $\{I, [0, a]\}$  is proper.*

Proof. Suppose that the  $B$ -ideal  $J$  generated by  $\{I, [0, a]\}$  is not proper and seek a contradiction. If  $J$  is not proper, then there is an  $e \in P$  such that  $\{e, e'\} \subset J$ . Observe that  $\{e, e'\} \not\subset I \cup [0, a]$ . Indeed, both  $e, e'$  cannot be in  $I$  and if  $e \in [0, a]$  then  $a' \leq e'$ ; hence  $e' \notin I$ .

According to Proposition 2.3 we may assume that  $e \leq b_1 \vee b_2$ ,  $b_1 \in I \cap B$ ,  $b_2 \in [0, a] \cap B$  and  $b_1 \perp b_2$ . We may also assume without any loss of generality that  $e = b_1 \vee b_2$ . Hence  $e' \in J \cap B$  and therefore there are  $b_3 \in I \cap B$ ,  $b_4 \in [0, a] \cap B$  such that  $b_3 \perp b_4$  and  $e' = b_3 \vee b_4$ . Then  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$  are pairwise orthogonal and, moreover,  $1 = e \vee e' = b_1 \vee b_2 \vee b_3 \vee b_4$ . Thus,  $a' \leq (b_2 \vee b_4)' = b_1 \vee b_3 \in I$ , a contradiction.

2.5. PROPOSITION. *Each proper  $B$ -ideal is contained in a  $B$ -prime ideal.*

Proof. By Zorn's lemma, each proper  $B$ -ideal is contained in a maximal proper  $B$ -ideal. By Proposition 2.4, each maximal proper  $B$ -ideal is a  $B$ -prime ideal.

2.6. PROPOSITION. *Suppose that  $a \not\leq b$  ( $a, b \in P$ ). Then there exists a  $B$ -prime ideal  $I$  such that  $a \notin I$  and  $b \in I$ .*

Proof. By Proposition 2.4, the  $B$ -ideal generated by  $\{[0, b], [0, a']\}$  is proper. The rest follows from Proposition 2.5.

2.7. THEOREM. *Let  $B$  be a Boolean subalgebra of  $P$ . Suppose that  $a \not\leq b$  ( $a, b \in P$ ). Then there exists a two-valued  $B$ -state  $s \in S_B^2(P)$  such that  $s(a) = 1$  and  $s(b) = 0$ .*

Proof. This follows immediately from Propositions 2.6 and 2.2.

In the next section we will need the following result.

2.8. THEOREM. Let  $B, B_1$  be Boolean subalgebras of  $P$ . Let  $s_1$  be a two-valued state on  $B_1$ . Then there exists a two-valued  $B$ -state  $s$  on  $P$  such that  $s|_{B_1} = s_1$ .

Proof. Put  $I_1 = s_1^{-1}(0)$ . Put further  $J = \{b \in P; \text{there exists } a \in I_1 \text{ with } b \leq a\}$ . Then  $J$  is a proper  $B$ -ideal and, according to Proposition 2.5,  $J$  is contained in a  $B$ -prime ideal  $I$ .  $I_1$  is a prime ideal on  $B_1$ , hence  $I \cap B = I_1$ . The rest follows from Proposition 2.2.

As the following example (due to Mirko Navara) shows, Theorem 2.7 cannot be improved in such a way that  $s \in S_{B_1}(P) \cap S_{B_2}(P)$  for given Boolean subalgebras  $B_1, B_2$  of  $P$ .

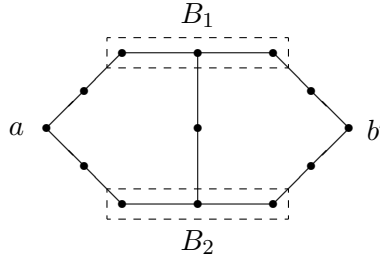


Fig. 1

2.9. EXAMPLE. Figure 1 shows the Greechie diagram (see [3]) of an orthomodular lattice  $P$ . The elements  $a, b' \in P$  are not orthogonal, hence  $a \not\perp b$ , but there is no  $s \in S_{B_1}(P) \cap S_{B_2}(P)$  such that  $s(a) = 1$  and  $s(b) = 0$ .

**3. A representation theorem for orthomodular lattices.** The main result in this section is a representation of  $P$  by means of clopen sets in a compact Hausdorff closure space (a generalized Stone representation). We will show as an improvement of [6] (where  $B$  is the centre of  $P$ ) that if  $P$  is a lattice and if we are given a Boolean subalgebra  $B$  in  $P$ , we can ensure that the restriction of the representation to  $B$  becomes the Stone representation.

First we reformulate results of the previous section in a way convenient for our representation theorem.

3.1. PROPOSITION. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all  $B$ -prime ideals in  $P$ . Let the mapping  $i : P \rightarrow \exp \mathcal{P}$  be defined by  $i(a) = \{I \in \mathcal{P}; a \notin I\}$ . Finally, write  $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \bigcap \{i(b); b \in P \text{ and } \mathcal{A} \subset i(b)\}$  for any  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{P}$ . Then

- 1)  $i(0) = \emptyset$ ,  $i(1) = \mathcal{P}$  and  $i : (P, \leq, ' ) \rightarrow (i(P), \subset, ' )$  is an isomorphism,
- 2) if  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha \in i(P)$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ) and  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha$  exists in  $(i(P), \subset, ' )$ , then  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha = \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha}$ ,
- 3) if  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in i(B)$  then  $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}$ .

**Proof.** The first property follows from the definition of  $i$  and from Theorem 2.7. As for the second property, we know that  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha \in i(P)$  contains all  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ) and therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha \subset \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha$ . Then the equality  $\overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha} = \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{A}_\alpha$  follows from the definition of the “bar” operation. Finally, suppose that  $I \in i(a \vee b)$ ,  $a, b \in B$ . Then  $a \vee b \notin I$  and therefore either  $a \notin I$  or  $b \notin I$ . Hence  $I \in i(a) \cup i(b)$ . Thus,  $i(a \vee b) = i(a) \cup i(b)$  and we have  $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ . Dually,  $\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{A}' \vee \mathcal{B}')' = (\mathcal{A}' \cup \mathcal{B}')' = \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}$ .

Prior to stating our main result in this section let us shortly review basic facts on closure spaces (see [2], [6]). By a *closure space* we mean a pair  $(X, \bar{\phantom{x}})$ , where  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $\bar{\phantom{x}} : \exp X \rightarrow \exp X$  is an operation which has the following four properties:

- (1)  $\overline{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ ,
- (2)  $A \subset \overline{A}$  for any  $A \subset X$ ,
- (3)  $A \subset B$  implies  $\overline{A} \subset \overline{B}$  ( $A, B \subset X$ ),
- (4)  $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}$  for any  $A \subset X$ .

A set  $A \subset X$  is called *closed* in  $(X, \bar{\phantom{x}})$  if  $\overline{A} = A$  and  $B \subset X$  is called *open* if  $X \setminus B$  is closed. A closure space  $(X, \bar{\phantom{x}})$  is called *Hausdorff* if any pair of points in  $X$  can be separated by disjoint open sets, and  $(X, \bar{\phantom{x}})$  is called *compact* if any open covering of  $X$  has a finite subcovering. It should be noted that the intersection of any collection of closed sets is again a closed set. However, the union of two closed sets need not be closed.

Let us agree to write  $CO(X)$  for the collection of all subsets of  $X$  which are simultaneously closed and open.

**3.2. THEOREM.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $i$  and  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  have the same meaning as in Proposition 3.1. Then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a compact Hausdorff closure space and  $i(P) \subset CO(\mathcal{P})$ . If  $P$  is a lattice, then  $i(P) = CO(\mathcal{P})$ .*

**Proof.** One verifies easily that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a closure space. Suppose that  $a \in P$ . Then  $i(a) = \overline{i(a)}$  and therefore  $i(a)$  is closed. Also,  $i(a) = i(a'') = i(a')'$  and therefore  $i(a)$  is open. Thus  $i(P) \subset CO(\mathcal{P})$ . This allows us to prove that  $(\mathcal{P}, \bar{\phantom{x}})$  is Hausdorff and compact. Indeed, if  $I_1, I_2 \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $I_1 \neq I_2$ , then there is an element  $a \in P$  such that  $a \in I_1 \setminus I_2$  ( $a' \in I_2 \setminus I_1$ ). We therefore have two disjoint open sets  $i(a), i(a')$  which separate  $I_1, I_2$ .

To show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is compact, consider an open covering  $\{\mathcal{A}_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$  of  $P$ . Since every closed set in  $\mathcal{P}$  is an intersection of elements of  $i(P)$ , every open set is a union of elements of  $i(P)$ . We therefore may (and will) suppose that  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha = i(a_\alpha)$  ( $a_\alpha \in P$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ ). Hence there is no  $B$ -prime ideal  $I$  such that  $I \supset \{a_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$ . This means that the  $B$ -ideal  $J$  generated by  $\{[0, a_\alpha]; \alpha \in A\}$  is not proper. It follows that for some  $d \in P$  we have one of the following possibilities (see Proposition 2.3): Either  $d \in [0, a_{\alpha_1}]$ ,  $d' \in [0, a_{\alpha_2}]$  ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in A$ ) or  $d \leq b_1 \vee \cdots \vee b_n$  for  $b_k \in B \cap [0, a_{\alpha_k}]$  ( $\alpha_k \in A$ ,

$k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ),  $d' \in J$ . In the former case  $a'_{\alpha_1} \leq d' \leq a_{\alpha_2}$  and therefore  $\mathcal{P} = i(a_{\alpha_1}) \cup i(a'_{\alpha_1}) \subset i(a_{\alpha_1}) \cup i(a_{\alpha_2})$ . In the latter case we may (and will) assume the equality instead of the inequality. thus, we have  $d \in B$ . Hence  $d' \in J \cap B$  and therefore we can write  $d' = \tilde{b}_1 \vee \dots \vee \tilde{b}_m$  ( $b_k \in [0, a_{\alpha_k}] \cap B$ ,  $\alpha_k \in A$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= i(d \vee d') = i(b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_n \vee \tilde{b}_1 \vee \dots \vee \tilde{b}_m) \\ &= i(b_1) \cup \dots \cup i(b_n) \cup i(\tilde{b}_1) \cup \dots \cup i(\tilde{b}_m) \\ &\subset i(a_{\alpha_1}) \cup \dots \cup i(a_{\alpha_m}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in both cases we have found a finite subcovering of  $\{\mathcal{A}_\alpha; \alpha \in A\}$ .

Suppose now that  $P$  is a lattice and  $\mathcal{A} \in CO(\mathcal{P})$ . According to the definition of the closure operation we may write  $\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} i(a_\alpha)$  for some  $a_\alpha \in P$ . Making use of the compactness of  $\mathcal{P}$  we have  $\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{k=1}^n i(a_{\alpha_k})$  ( $\alpha_k \in A$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ). Thus,  $\mathcal{A} = \bigvee_{k=1}^n i(a_{\alpha_k}) = i(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{\alpha_k}) \in i(P)$ .

Before we state our last result in this section, recall that a mapping  $f : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  between two orthomodular lattices is called *orthoisomorphism* if  $f$  is one-to-one and respects ordering and orthocomplementation.

**3.3. THEOREM.** *Let  $B$  be a Boolean subalgebra of an orthomodular lattice  $P$ . Then there exists a compact Hausdorff closure space  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $P$  is orthoisomorphic to  $CO(\mathcal{P})$ . Moreover, the orthoisomorphism  $f : P \rightarrow CO(\mathcal{P})$  can be taken such that  $f(B)$  is the Stone representation of  $B$ .*

**Proof.** This follows from Theorems 3.2 and 2.8.

**4. Extensions of  $B$ -states.** It is obvious that a trace of a  $B$ -state on  $B$  is a state. It is natural to ask whether any state on  $B$  is a trace of a  $B$ -state, i.e. whether the restriction  $r : S_B(P) \rightarrow S(B)$  is onto. In Theorem 2.8 we have showed that this is true for two-valued states. Here we generalize this result to arbitrary states on  $B$ .

**4.1. THEOREM.** *Let  $B, B_1$  be Boolean subalgebras of  $P$ . If  $s_1$  is a state on  $B_1$ , then there exists a  $B$ -state  $s$  on  $P$  such that  $s|_{B_1} = s_1$ .*

**Proof.** We use the compactness of  $S = S_B(P) \cap S_{B_1}(P)$ . In some places we partially utilize the technique of [11] and [10].

Let  $s_1$  be a state on  $B_1$  and let  $D = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$  be a partition of  $B_1$ . Thus,  $\bigvee_{k=1}^n d_k = 1$  and  $d_i \perp d_j$  for  $i \neq j$  ( $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ). Put  $F_D = \{s \in S; s|_D = s_1|_D\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the set of all partitions of  $B_1$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_D; D \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is a filter base consisting of nonempty closed sets in  $S$ . First, every set  $F_D$  is closed by the definition of the topology in  $S$  ("pointwise convergence"). Let now  $D_1, D_2$  be two partitions of  $B_1$ . Then  $F_{D_1} \cap F_{D_2} \supset F_{D_1 \wedge D_2}$ , where  $D_1 \wedge D_2 = \{d_1 \wedge d_2; d_1 \in D_1 \text{ and } d_2 \in D_2\}$  is

a partition of  $B_1$ . Finally, let  $D$  be a partition of  $B_1$ . For every  $d \in D \setminus \{0\}$  take a state  $s_d \in S_{B_1}^2(B_1)$  such that  $s_d(d) = 1$  (Theorem 2.7). According to Theorem 2.8, for every  $d \in D \setminus \{0\}$  there exists a  $B$ -state  $\tilde{s}_d \in S_B^2(P)$  such that  $\tilde{s}_d|_{B_1} = s_d$ . hence  $\tilde{s}_d \in S$  and  $s = \sum_{d \in D \setminus \{0\}} s_1(d)\tilde{s}_d \in F_D$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a centred system. Since  $S$  is compact, we have a  $B$ -state  $s$  such that  $s \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}$ . It follows immediately from the definition of  $\mathcal{F}$  that  $s$  extends  $s_1$ . The proof is complete.

It may be of independent interest to note the following corollary of the previous result which might be viewed as a topological proof of a classical Boolean result (see [5], [11], compare also [8]).

4.2. COROLLARY. *Let  $B_1$  be a Boolean subalgebra of a Boolean algebra  $B$ . Then every state on  $B_1$  extends over  $B$ .*

**5. Open questions.** Another concept of partial additivity of states (also stronger than in [13]) is studied in [12] and [1], where a theorem analogous to Theorem 2.7 is proved. The definition of the so-called *central state* (abbr. *c-state*) differs from the definition of  $B$ -state in the third condition:

$$(3^c) \quad s(a \vee b) = s(a) + s(b) \text{ provided } a \perp b \text{ and } a \in C(P), b \in P,$$

where  $C(P)$  is the centre of  $P$ .

It is an open problem whether results analogous to those in this paper are valid for  $B$ -states that are simultaneously  $c$ -states.

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