

# Ideals in a Boolean Algebra with Transfinite Chain Condition.

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Let  $L$  be a generalized  $\aleph$ -Boolean algebra, and  $\mathcal{Q}$  be an ordinal number. A subset  $S = (a_\alpha; \alpha < \mathcal{Q})$  of  $L$  is called an ascending or descending system according as  $a_\alpha < a_\beta$  or  $a_\alpha > a_\beta$  for all  $\alpha < \beta < \mathcal{Q}$ . If, for every ascending and descending system  $S$ , the power of  $S$  is  $< \aleph$ , then we say that  $L$  satisfies the  $\aleph$ -chain condition. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an  $\aleph$ -ideal in  $L$ , and  $L/\mathfrak{a}$  denote the set of all equivalence classes with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$ . When  $L/\mathfrak{a}$  satisfies the  $\aleph$ -chain condition, we say that  $L$  satisfies the  $\aleph$ -chain condition relative to  $\mathfrak{a}$ , and  $\mathfrak{a}$  is called a basic  $\aleph$ -ideal of the  $\aleph$ -chain condition. I shall prove that  $L$  satisfies the  $\aleph$ -chain condition relative to  $\mathfrak{a}$  if, and only if,  $L$  satisfies the following condition:

For every  $T \subset L$  such that (i)  $a \in T$  implies  $a \notin \mathfrak{a}$ , (ii)  $a, b \in T$ ,  $a \neq b$  implies  $a \wedge b \in \mathfrak{a}$ , the power of  $T$  is  $< \aleph$ .

I find also that class  $\mathfrak{P}_\aleph$  of all basic  $\aleph$ -ideals of the  $\aleph$ -chain condition in  $L$  is a generalized  $\aleph$ -Boolean algebra, and class  $\mathcal{Q}_\aleph^*$  of all dual  $\aleph$ -ideals in  $\mathfrak{P}_\aleph$  is a continuous Boolean algebra.

Next I apply this result to class  $\mathfrak{F}_{\aleph_1}$  of all measure functions defined in an  $\aleph_1$ -Boolean algebra  $L$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}_\phi$  be the class of all  $a$  such that  $\phi(a) = 0$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}_\phi$  is a basic  $\aleph_1$ -ideal of the  $\aleph_1$ -chain condition in  $L$ . I shall prove that class  $\mathcal{Q}_{\aleph_1}$  of all  $\mathfrak{a}_\phi (\phi \in \mathfrak{F}_{\aleph_1})$  is a dual  $\aleph_1$ -ideal in  $\mathfrak{P}_{\aleph_1}$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{Q}_{\aleph_1}$  is a generalized  $\aleph_1$ -Boolean algebra, and class  $\mathcal{P}_{\aleph_1}^*$  of all dual  $\aleph_1$ -ideals in  $\mathcal{Q}_{\aleph_1}$  is a continuous Boolean algebra. We shall write  $\psi < \phi$ , when  $\psi(a)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\phi(a)$ , that is,  $\psi(a) = 0$  for all  $a$  such that  $\phi(a) = 0$ . Then  $\psi < \phi$  when, and only when,  $\mathfrak{a}_\psi \supset \mathfrak{a}_\phi$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{F}_{\aleph_1}$  is dual-isomorphic to  $\mathcal{Q}_{\aleph_1}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}_{\aleph_1}$  is a generalized  $\aleph_1$ -Boolean algebra, and the class  $\mathcal{P}_{\aleph_1}$  of all  $\aleph_1$ -ideals in  $\mathfrak{F}_{\aleph_1}$  is a continuous Boolean algebra.

Lastly I shall investigate the application to the spectral theory of the complete complex Euclidean space  $\mathfrak{E}$ . If a family of projections  $E(a)$  is defined for all  $a$  in an  $\aleph_1$ -Boolean algebra  $L$ , such that

- (a)  $E(a)E(b) = 0$  when  $a \wedge b = 0$ ,
- (b)  $E(a) = E(a_1) + E(a_2) + \cdots + E(a_i) + \cdots$  when  $a = \sum_i \oplus a_i$ ,
- (c)  $E(1) = 1$ ;

then we say that  $E(a)$  is a resolution of identity in the generalized sense. Let  $\mathfrak{a}_f$  be the class of all  $a$  such that  $E(a)f = 0$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}_f$  is a basic  $\aleph_1$ -ideal