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1. Introduction.

The aim of this note is to improve some results due to Alfsen ([1] p.453). We shall assume that the reader is familiar with this paper, in particular with the definition on pp.442-453. We shall improve Alfsen's form of the Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem as follows. Alfsen represents valuations of  $L$  by elements in a space  $\mathcal{L}, (S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  and each element  $x$  of  $L$  is represented by elements  $H_x$  and  $K_x$  of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  in such a way that

$$(1) \quad \int_{H_x} f_v dm \leq v(x) \leq \int_{K_x} f_v dm$$

Moreover, he proves that this result is optimal in the sense that it can not subsist for any larger  $H_x$  or any smaller  $K_x$ .

We shall represent each element  $x$  in  $L$  by an element  $h_x$  in  $\mathcal{L}, (S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  which yields an exact Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym-Theorem with an equation of the form

$$(2) \quad v(x) = \int h_x f_v dm.$$

## 2. Definitions.

Let  $L$  be a fixed modular lattice with a least element  $\phi$  and a greatest element  $e$ . Consider the set  $V$  of valuations on  $L$  which satisfy  $v(\phi) = 0$ . Let  $L'$  be the set of projectivity-invariant additive interval-functions on  $L$ . The formula  $\mu(x, y) = v(y) - v(x)$  (as well as the formula  $\mu(\phi, x) = v(x)$ ) establishes a 1-1-correspondence between the sets  $V$  and  $L'$ . We shall in this paper mainly deal with interval functions. Given an interval function  $\mu \in L'$ , we shall also use  $\mu$  to denote the corresponding valuation in  $V$ ; i.e.  $\mu(x)$  is an abbreviation for  $\mu(\phi, x)$ . Then the equation  $\mu(x, y) = \mu(y) - \mu(x)$  is also valid.

Let  $L^*$  denote the greatest directed vector-subspace of  $L'$ . By using a Riemann-Darboux integration process we may define the lattice operation within  $L^*$  by  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ . In this way,  $L^*$  becomes a complete vector lattice. (See 1 p.447). Since  $L$  has both a least element and a greatest element,  $L^*$  consists of those  $\mu \in L'$  which are of bounded variations. Let  $\mu \in L^*$  and let  $\mu \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$  be the closed ideal generated by  $\mu$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$  is an  $(L-)$ space with respect to the norm

$$N(\nu) = |\nu|(\phi, e) = (\nu \vee 0)(\phi, e) - (\nu \wedge 0)(\phi, e)$$

and  $\mu$  is a weak order unit for  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$ .

Let  $B(\mu)$  be the greatest subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$  for which is a strong unit i.e.

$$B(\mu) = \{ \nu \mid (\exists n) (-n\mu \leq \nu \leq n\mu) \}$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  be the Kakutani-representation of the (L-)space  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$ , defined on p.445 and p.452 in [1].<sup>1)</sup> Let each  $\nu \in \mathcal{L}(\mu)$  be represented by  $f_\nu \in \mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$ . Then the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  of  $\mathcal{L}(\mu)$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  has the property that  $f_\mu(z) = 1$  for every  $z \in S$ . Let  $f \equiv g$ , mean that  $m(\{s \mid s \in S \text{ \& } f(s) \neq g(s)\}) = 0$ , (i.e.  $f = g$  almost everywhere). Then the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  satisfies the condition

$$f_{\nu+\tau} \equiv f_\nu + f_\tau$$

If  $\nu \in B(\mu)$  then  $f_\nu \in \mathcal{L}_\infty(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  and we may choose the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  such that

$$(3) \quad f_{\nu+\tau} = f_\nu + f_\tau$$

for every  $\nu, \tau \in B(\mu)$ . This follows from the fact that there exists a mapping  $\rho$  of  $\mathcal{L}_\infty(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  into  $\mathcal{L}_\infty(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$ , satisfying the following conditions. (See [2] and references mentioned therein.)

I  $\quad \rho(f) \equiv f$

II  $\quad f \equiv g \implies \rho(f) = \rho(g)$

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<sup>1)</sup> See note on page 18.

$$\text{III} \quad \rho(1) = 1$$

$$\text{IV} \quad f \geq 0 \implies \rho(f) \geq 0$$

$$\text{V} \quad \rho(af+bg) = a\rho(f)+b\rho(g)$$

$$\text{VI} \quad \rho(fg) = \rho(f)\rho(g).$$

The equation (3) is satisfied if we choose the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  such that  $f_\nu = \rho(f_\nu)$ .

Let  $\phi$  be the mapping of  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  onto  $\mathcal{A}(\mu)$  satisfying the following two conditions.

$$1. \quad \phi(f_\nu) = \nu$$

$$2. \quad \phi(f) = \phi(g) \iff f \equiv g.$$

For some  $f, g \in \mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  we have that  $fg \in \mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  (where  $(fg)(z) = f(z)g(z)$ , for all  $z \in S$ ).

Hence we may define the product  $\nu\tau$  for some  $\nu, \tau \in \mathcal{A}(\mu)$  as follows

$$\nu\tau = \begin{cases} \phi(f_\nu f_\tau) & \text{if } f_\nu f_\tau \in \mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m) \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } f_\nu f_\tau \notin \mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m). \end{cases}$$

Let  $\nu \in \mathcal{A}(\mu)$ . Then the product  $\mu\nu$  is always defined and  $\mu\nu = \nu$ , since  $f_\mu(z) = 1$  for every  $z \in S$ . Moreover, if

$\tau \in \mathcal{B}(\mu)$  then the product  $\tau\nu$  is defined for all  $\nu \in \mathcal{A}(\mu)$ .

We shall write  $\nu^2$  for  $\nu\nu$ . Let  $\sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  be defined as follows.

$$\sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)} = \{v | v \in \mathcal{A}(\mu) \text{ and } v^2 \text{ is defined}\}.$$

It is easy to verify that if  $v, \tau \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  and if  $t$  is a real number, then  $|v|, -v + \tau, v\tau, v\sqrt{\tau}, \sqrt{v}\tau \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  and  $v\tau \in \mathcal{A}(\mu)$ . Moreover, if  $v \leq \tau_1 \leq \tau$  and if  $v, \tau \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ , then  $\tau_1 \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ . Moreover,  $B(\mu) \subseteq \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ . Hence  $\sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  is a vector lattice and  $\sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  becomes a Hilbert space if we define scalar product  $v \circ \tau$  as follows

$$v \circ \tau = (v\tau)(\phi, e).$$

$$\text{The } L_2\text{-norm of } v \text{ is then } \sqrt{v \circ v} = \sqrt{v^2(\phi, e)}.$$

### 3. The Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym Theorem.

Let  $w$  be a mapping of  $\sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)} \times L$  into the real numbers as follows.

$$(4) \quad w(v, x) = (\mu - v)^2(\phi, x) + v^2(x, e).$$

We shall say that  $\tau \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$  is the representative of  $x \in L$  if the following two conditions are satisfied for every  $v \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ .

$$(5) \quad w(v, x) \geq w(\tau, x)$$

$$(6) \quad w(v, x) = w(\tau, x) \implies v = \tau.$$

Given  $x \in L$  we shall denote the representative of  $x$  by  $\tau_x$ , if there exists any.  $\tau_x$  is undefined if there exists no representative of  $x$ . We shall first prove that  $\tau_x$  exists for every  $x \in L$ , and that  $0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$ . (Lemma 4 and Lemma 7.) Then the following theorem is easily obtained.

Theorem 1. Let  $L$  be a modular lattice with a least element  $\phi$  and a greatest element  $e$ , and let  $\mu$  be a fixed positive element of  $L^*$ . Then to each  $x \in L$  there corresponds a unique  $\tau_x \in L^*$ , such that the following conditions are satisfied for every  $\nu \in L^*$ .

$$(7) \quad 0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$$

$$(8) \quad \nu \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)} \implies w(\nu, x) \geq w(\tau_x, x)$$

$$(9) \quad (\nu \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)} \text{ \& } w(\nu, x) = w(\tau_x, x)) \implies \nu = \tau_x$$

$$(10) \quad \nu(x) = (\tau_x \nu)(e).$$

Assuming theorem 1 we may define a representative  $h_x$  of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  as follows. Let  $\tau = \tau_x$  represent  $x$  in  $\sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$ , then  $h_x = f_\tau$  is the representative of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$ . Then we obtain the following theorem from Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. Let  $L$  be a modular lattice with least element  $\phi$  and greatest element  $e$ , and let  $\mu$  be a fixed positive element of  $L^*$ . If  $\nu \in L^*$  and  $\nu$  are absolutely continuous with

respect to  $\mu$ , then for every  $x \in L$

$$(11) \quad \nu(x) = \int h_x f_\nu d\mu.$$

It is convenient to prove some Lemmas in order to prove Theorem 1, and we also need some new definitions. Let

$$l(x) = \inf_{\nu \in A} (w(\nu, x)), \quad \text{where } A = \sqrt{\mathcal{M}(\mu)}.$$

Lemma 1. Let  $\nu, \nu_1 \in \sqrt{\mathcal{M}(\mu)}$ ,  $\nu \neq 0$  and let  $x \in L$ . Then there exists  $\nu_0 \in \sqrt{\mathcal{M}(\mu)}$  and a real number  $t_0$  such that the following four conditions are satisfied for every real number  $t$ .

$$(12) \quad \nu_0 = \nu_1 + t_0 \nu$$

$$(13) \quad w(\nu_1 + t\nu, x) \geq w(\nu_0, x)$$

$$(14) \quad \nu(\phi, x) = (\nu \nu_0)(\phi, e)$$

$$(15) \quad w(\nu_0 + t\nu, x) = t^2 \nu^2(\phi, e) + w(\nu_0, x)$$

Proof. Let  $t$  be a real number. Since

$$w(\nu_1 + t\nu, x) = (\mu - \nu_1 - t\nu)^2(\phi, x) + (\nu_1 + t\nu)^2(x, e)$$

we easily obtain

$$w(\nu_1 + t\nu, x) = t^2 \nu^2(\phi, e) + 2t((\nu \nu_1)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x)) + w(\nu_1, x).$$



Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt}w(\nu_1+t\nu, x) = 2(t\nu^2(\phi, e) + (\nu\nu_1)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x))$$

and

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}w(\nu_1+t\nu, x) = 2\nu^2(\phi, e) > 0$$

since  $\nu \neq 0$ .

Hence there exists a real number  $t_0$  such that  $t_0\nu^2(\phi, e) + (\nu\nu_1)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x) = 0$ . By choosing  $\nu_0 = \nu_1 + t_0\nu$  we have that (12) and (13) in Lemma 1 are satisfied.

If we replace  $\nu_1$  by  $\nu_0$  we obtain

$$(16) \quad w(\nu_0+t\nu, x) = t^2\nu^2(\phi, e) + 2t((\nu\nu_0)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x)) + w(\nu_0, x)$$

But

$$w(\nu_0+t\nu, x) = w(\nu_1 + (t_0+t_1)\nu, x) \geq w(\nu_0, x)$$

which is not possible for every  $t$  unless

$$(17) \quad (\nu\nu_0)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x) = 0$$

This proves (14) in Lemma 1. Finally we obtain (15) by equation (16) and (17). This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

Lemma 2. Let  $\nu \in \sqrt{\mu}$ , and let  $x \leq y$ , when  $x, y \in L$ .

$$(18) \quad |\nu|(x, y) \leq \sqrt{\mu(x, y) \cdot \nu^2(x, y)}.$$

Proof. Since  $|\nu|^2 = \nu^2$ , it is sufficient to prove that

$$(19) \quad |\nu(x, y)| \leq \sqrt{\mu(x, y) \cdot \nu^2(x, y)}$$

Since  $x \leq y$ , we have  $\mu(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $\nu^2(x, y) \geq 0$ .  
Hence (19) is equivalent to

$$(20) \quad \mu(x, y) \nu^2(x, y) - (\nu(x, y))^2 \geq 0$$

Let  $t$  be a real number. Then

$$(21) \quad (\nu + t\mu)^2(x, y) = \nu^2(x, y) + 2t\nu(x, y)\mu(x, y) + t^2\mu^2(x, y),$$

since  $\mu\nu = \nu$  and  $\mu\mu = \mu$ .

Moreover,

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nu + t\mu)(x, y)^2 &= (\nu(x, y) + t\mu(x, y))^2 \\ &= \nu(x, y)^2 + 2t\nu(x, y)\mu(x, y) + t^2(\mu(x, y))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(23) \quad \mu(x, y) v^2(x, y) - (v(x, y))^2 =$$

$$\mu(x, y) (v + t\mu)^2(x, y) - (v + t\mu(x, y))^2 \geq 0,$$

Since  $\mu(x, y) (v + t\mu)^2(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $(v + t\mu)(x, y) = 0$  for some value of  $t$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

Lemma 3. Let  $\epsilon$  be a real number  $\geq 0$ . Suppose  $w(v_1, x) - l(x) \leq \epsilon$  and  $w(v_2, x) - l(x) \leq \epsilon$ . Then  $(v_2 - v_1)^2(\phi, \epsilon) \leq 4\epsilon$ , and  $|v_2 - v_1|(\phi, \epsilon) \leq 2\sqrt{\mu(\phi, \epsilon)} \epsilon$ .

(Recall  $l(x) = \inf(w(v, x))$ .)

Proof. Let  $v = v_2 - v_1$ , and choose  $v_0$  and  $t_0$  such that Lemma 1 is satisfied. Then we have the following equations

$$(24) \quad 0 \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) \leq w(v_1, x) - l(x) \leq \epsilon$$

$$(25) \quad 0 \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) \leq w(v_2, x) - l(x) \leq \epsilon$$

by (13) since  $v_2 = v_1 + v$ .

Moreover,  $v_1 = v_0 + (-t_0)v$  and  $v_2 = v_0 + (1-t_0)v$ .

Hence

$$(26) \quad 0 \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) + t_0^2 v^2(\phi, \epsilon) \leq \epsilon$$

$$(27) \quad 0 \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) \leq w(v_0, x) - l(x) + (1-t_0)^2 v^2(\phi, \epsilon) \leq \epsilon,$$

by (24), (25) and (15).

Hence

$$0 \leq t_0^2 v^2(\phi, e) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq (1-t_0)^2 v^2(\phi, e) \leq \epsilon.$$

Since either  $t_0^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$  or  $(1-t_0)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$ , we have that  $(v_2 - v_1)^2(\phi, e) = v^2(\phi, e) \leq 4\epsilon$ .

Hence  $|v_2 - v_1|(\phi, e) \leq 2\sqrt{\mu(\phi, e) \cdot \epsilon}$  by lemma 2. This completes the proof of Lemma 3.

Lemma 4. Let  $x \in L$ . Then  $\tau_x$  is defined, i.e. there exists a  $\tau \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$  such that (5) and (6) are satisfied for every  $v \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in L$ . Choose an infinite sequence  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$  such that  $\lim_n w(v_n, x) = 1(x)$ .

Then there exists a  $\tau \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$  such that  $\lim_n v_n = \tau$ , and  $\lim_n v_n^2 = \tau^2$  by Lemma 3. Then  $w(\tau, x) = 1(x)$ . Hence the inequality (5) is satisfied for every  $v \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$ . Suppose now that  $w(v, x) = w(\tau, x) = 1(x)$ , then  $(\tau - v)^2(\phi, e) = 0$  by Lemma 3. Hence  $\tau = v$ . This shows that condition (6) is satisfied. This completes the proof of Lemma 4.

Lemma 5. Let  $v \in \sqrt{\mu(\mu)}$  and let  $x \in L$ . Then

$$(28) \quad v(\phi, x) = (v\tau_x)(\phi, e)$$

Proof. Let  $\tau_x = v_1$  in Lemma 1. Then  $v_0 = v_1$  and  $t_0 = 0$ . Hence we obtain (28) by applying equation (14).

Lemma 6. Let  $x \leq y$ , then  $\tau_x \leq \tau_y$ .

Proof. Let  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  be the Jordan decomposition of  $\tau_y - \tau_x$ , i.e.

$$\tau_y - \tau_x = \nu_1 - \nu_2, \quad \nu_1 \geq 0, \quad \nu_2 \geq 0, \quad \nu_1 \wedge \nu_2 = 0.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \nu_2(x, y) &= \nu_2(\phi, y) - \nu_2(\phi, x) = (\tau_y \nu_2)(\phi, e) - (\tau_x \nu_2)(\phi, e) \\ &= ((\tau_y - \tau_x) \nu_2)(\phi, e) = ((\nu_1 - \nu_2) \nu_2)(\phi, e) = -\nu_2^2(\phi, e) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\nu_1 \nu_2 = 0$ .

Hence  $\nu_2^2(\phi, e) = 0$  i.e.  $\nu_2 = 0$  and  $\tau_y - \tau_x = \nu_1 \geq 0$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 6.

Lemma 7.  $\tau_\phi = 0, \tau_e = \mu$  and  $0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$  for every  $x \in L$ .

Proof.  $(\mu - 0)^2(\phi, \phi) + 0^2(\phi, e) = 0$ .

Hence  $\tau_\phi = 0$ . In the same way

$$(\mu - \mu)^2(\phi, e) + \mu^2(e, e) = 0.$$

Hence  $\tau_e = \mu$ . Since  $\phi \leq x \leq e$ , we have that  $\tau_\phi \leq \tau_x \leq \tau_e$  by Lemma 6. This completes the proof of Lemma 7.

We shall now complete the proof of Theorem 1. Theorem 1

follows from Lemma 4 and Lemma 7 except for equation 4; i.e. it remains to prove

$$\nu(\phi, x) = (\nu \tau_x)(\phi, e)$$

in the case in which  $\nu \in \mathcal{A}(\nu)$ , but  $\nu \notin \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ .

Assume first that  $\nu \geq 0$ . Then  $\nu \tau_x$  is defined since  $0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$ , and

$$\nu \in \mathcal{A}(\mu) \iff \nu = \sup_n (\nu \wedge n\mu)$$

(see [1] p.448). Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive number. Then

$$(29) \quad 0 \leq (\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu))(\phi, e) \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$(30) \quad 0 \leq (\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu))(\phi, x) \leq \varepsilon$$

for some  $n$ . But  $0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$  and  $(\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu)) \geq 0$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq (\tau_x(\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu)))(\phi, e) &\leq (\mu(\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu)))(\phi, e) \\ &\leq (\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu))(\phi, e) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

But  $(\nu \wedge n\mu) \in \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\mu)}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq (\tau_x(\nu - (\nu \wedge n\mu)))(\phi, e) &= (\tau_x \nu)(\phi, e) - (\tau_x(\nu \wedge n\mu))(\phi, e) \\ &= (\tau_x \nu)(\phi, e) - (\nu \wedge n\mu)(\phi, x) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (30) we have

$$0 \leq (\tau_x)(\phi, e) - \nu(\phi, x) \leq \varepsilon$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Theorem 3. The mapping  $x \rightarrow \widehat{\tau}_x$  of  $L$  into  $L^*$  satisfies the following equation.

$$(31) \quad \tau_x + \tau_y = \tau_{(x \wedge y)} + \tau_{(x \vee y)}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\tau_x - \tau_{x \wedge y})(\phi, e) &= (\nu\tau_x)(\phi, e) - \nu\tau_{x \wedge y}(\phi, e) \\ &= \nu(\phi, x) - \nu(\phi, x \wedge y) = \nu(x \wedge y, x) = \nu(y, x \vee y) \\ &= (\nu\tau_{x \vee y} - \nu\tau_y)(\phi, e) = (\nu(\tau_{x \vee y} - \tau_y))(\phi, e). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\nu(\tau_x - \tau_{x \wedge y} - \tau_{x \vee y} + \tau_y)(\phi, e) = 0$$

By setting  $\nu = \tau_x + \tau_y - \tau_{x \wedge y} - \tau_{x \vee y}$  we obtain

$$(\tau_x + \tau_y - \tau_{x \wedge y} - \tau_{x \vee y})^2(\phi, e) = 0$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. The mapping  $x \rightarrow h_x$  of  $L$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  satisfies the following equation.

$$(32) \quad h_x + h_y = h_{x \wedge y} + h_{x \vee y}$$

Proof. Since  $0 \leq \tau_x \leq \mu$  and  $0 \leq \tau_y \leq \mu$  we have that  $\tau_x, \tau_y, \tau_{x \wedge y}, \tau_{x \vee y} \in B(\mu)$ . Hence Theorem 4 follows from Theorem 3 and from the fact that the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  is defined in such a way that

$$\nu, \tau \in B(\mu) \implies f_{\nu + \tau} = f_\nu + f_\tau.$$

Theorem 5. Let  $L$  be a modular lattice with least element  $\phi$  and greatest element  $e$ . Then there exist a space  $(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  and two mappings  $x \rightarrow h_x$  and  $\nu \rightarrow f_\nu$  such that the following conditions are satisfied.

I  $x \rightarrow h_x$  is a mapping of  $L$  into  $\mathcal{L}_\infty(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$

II  $f$  is a 1-1 mapping of  $L^*$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$ .

III  $h_\phi = 0, h_e = 1, 0 \leq h_x \leq 1$  for all  $x \in L$ .

IV  $\nu(x) = \int h_x f_\nu dm$  for every  $x \in L$  and  $\nu \in L^*$

V  $h_x + h_y = h_{x \wedge y} + h_{x \vee y}$ .

VI  $L^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  by the mapping  $\nu \rightarrow \overline{f_\nu}$ .<sup>1)</sup>

We shall sketch a proof. By using Zorn's Lemma it is easy to prove that there exists a subset  $K$  of  $L^*$  satisfying the following three conditions.

1) see note on page 18.



1.  $\mu \in K \Rightarrow \mu > 0$
2.  $(\mu_1 \in K \ \& \ \mu_2 \in K \ \& \ \mu_1 \neq \mu_2) \Rightarrow \mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 = 0$
3.  $(\nu \in L^* \ \& \ \nu > 0) \Rightarrow$  there exists a  $\mu \in K$  such that  $\mu \wedge \nu \neq 0$ .

Let

$$K = \{\mu_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I\}$$

in such a way that  $\mu_\alpha \neq \mu_\beta$  if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in I$ . Let  $\nu \in L^*$ . Then there exist mappings  $\nu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\nu_\alpha \in \mathcal{M}(\mu_\alpha)$  and  $(\nu - \nu_\alpha) \wedge \mu_\alpha = 0$ . Moreover,  $\nu_\alpha = 0$  except for a countable subset  $I_\nu$  of  $I$ . It is easy to prove that

$$(33) \quad \nu = \sum_{\alpha \in I} \nu_\alpha.$$

Let the space  $(S_\alpha, \mathcal{F}_\alpha, m_\alpha)$  be the Kakutani-representation of  $\mathcal{M}(\mu_\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in I$ . Let  $S_\alpha \cap S_\beta = \emptyset$  if  $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in I$ . Let

$$S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} S_\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{X \mid X \subseteq S \ \& \ (\forall \alpha) (X \cap S_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha)\}$$

$$m(X) = \sum_{\alpha \in I} m_\alpha(X \cap S_\alpha).$$

Moreover, for every  $\nu \in L^*$  and  $\alpha \in I$ , there corresponds a representative  $f_{\nu, \alpha}$  in

Note that our notation is somewhat different from that used by Alfsen<sup>He</sup>, who identifies functions which are equal almost everywhere in the space  $L_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$ , and we do not. We shall use the notation  $L_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  to denote the quotient space obtained from  $L_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  by identifying functions which are equal almost everywhere.

Strictly speaking, we should have used  $L_1(S, \mathcal{F}, m)$  to denote the Kakutani-representation.

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