

# LUKASIEWICZ FINITELY LOCAL ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper finitely local  $L$ -algebras are introduced as a generalization of quasi-local  $L$ -algebras. The class of finitely local algebras includes the semilocal  $L$ -algebras. Some properties are studied and characterizations are given

**1 Introduction** A  $L$ -algebra is said to be local if it has a unique maximal ideal [5]. Local  $L$ -algebras are also characterized as the  $L$ -algebra where for each element  $x$  exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $nx = 1$  or  $nx' = 1$  [1].

A generalization of these algebras are semilocal  $L$ -algebras which are defined and studied in [4]. They are characterized as the  $L$ -algebra with finitely many maximal ideals. Another generalization, that arises from the second characterization of the local  $L$ -algebras, are the quasi-local  $L$ -algebras in which for each element  $x$  exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $nx$  or  $nx'$  is a boolean element [7].

These two generalizations, semilocal and quasi-local, are independent, i.e. there are semilocal algebras that are not quasi-local and vice versa.

In this paper we define a new class of  $L$ -algebras, called finitely local, containing both quasi-local and semilocal  $L$ -algebras.

**2 Preliminaries** Following [9] we recall that a  $L$ -algebra  $\langle A, +, ' ; 0, 1 \rangle$  (Łukasiewicz-algebra or MV-algebra [1], [2], [4]) is a system such that,  $\forall x, y \in A$ ,

- 1)  $\langle A, +, 0 \rangle$  is an Abelian monoid
- 2)  $x + 1 = 1$
- 3)  $(x')' = x$
- 4)  $0' = 1$
- 5)  $x + x' = 1$
- 6)  $(x' + y)' + y = (x + y')' + x$ .

Setting as well

- i)  $x \cdot y = (x' + y)'$
- ii)  $x \vee y = (x' + y)' + y$
- iii)  $x \wedge y = (x' \vee y')'$
- iv)  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x' + y = 1$ .

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The structure  $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \leq; 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice.

A  $L$ -algebra  $A$  is said to be a  $L$ -chain if the  $\leq$  order is linear. Every  $L$ -algebra is a subdirect product of  $L$ -chains [2].

Given a  $L$ -algebra  $A$ , let  $B_A$  denote the set of its boolean (idempotent) elements, i.e. the set of all  $x \in A$  with  $2x = x$ . The set  $B_A$  is a Boolean subalgebra of  $A$  [2] and,  $\forall x, y \in B_A$ ,  $x + y = x \vee y$  and  $x \cdot y = x \wedge y$ .

A non-empty subset  $I \subseteq A$  is an ideal if it is closed under  $+$  and if  $x \in I$ ,  $y \in A$  with  $y \leq x$  imply  $y \in I$ .

For  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \leq b$ , let  $A_{a,b} = \{x \in A : a \leq x \leq b\}$ .

The system  $\langle A_{a,b}, \oplus, \bar{\cdot}; a, b \rangle$  is a  $L$ -algebra with respect to the following operations:

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= a + [(x' + a)(y' + a)]'(b' + a)' \\ x\bar{\cdot} &= a + (b' + x)' \end{aligned}$$

Every  $L$ -algebra is isomorphic to  $A_{0,b'} \times A_{0,b}$ , where  $b \in B_A$  with  $b \neq 0, 1$ .

Recall that an element  $a \in A$  has finite order  $n$  if  $n$  is the least positive integer such that  $na = 1$  and we write  $\text{ord}(a) = n$ . If no such  $n$  exists, we say that  $a$  has infinite order.

An element  $a \in A$  is said to be quasi-archimedean if  $na \in B_A$  for some integer  $n > 0$ . If no such  $n$  exists the element  $a$  is said to be non-archimedean.

A  $L$ -algebra  $A$  is said to be

- local if, for each  $x \in A$ ,  $\text{ord}x$  or  $\text{ord}x'$  is finite, i.e. if and only if  $A$  has a unique maximal ideal;
- quasi-local if, for each  $a \in A$ ,  $a$  or  $a'$  is quasi-archimedean;
- semilocal if it has only finitely many maximal ideals (we refer the reader to [5], [7] and [4]).

### 3 Finitely local $L$ -algebras

**Definition 1** A  $L$ -algebra  $A$  is called  $n$ -local,  $n \geq 2$ , if the following properties hold:

- 1) For each non-archimedean  $x \in A$  there exist  $b \in B_A$ ,  $b \neq 0$ , and a positive integer  $m$  such that  $mx \wedge b$  is non-archimedean and  $mx' \wedge b$  is boolean;
- 2) For any  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in B_A$ , for which  $b_i \wedge b_j = 0 \ \forall i \neq j$ , there exists  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , such that  $x < b_k$  is not true for every non-archimedean element  $x \in A$ .

$A$  is called 1-local if it is a local  $L$ -algebra.

Hence, we say that  $A$  is a finitely local  $L$ -algebra if it is  $n$ -local for some  $n \geq 1$ .

We remark that if  $A$  is  $n$ -local, then it is  $m$ -local for any  $m \geq n$ .

Throughout this paper,  $\text{Rad}(A)$  denotes the radical of  $A$ , that is, the intersection of all maximal ideals of  $A$  and  $\pi$  denotes the canonical homomorphism of  $A$  on  $\frac{A}{\text{Rad}(A)}$ .

**Lemma 1** Let  $A$  be a  $L$ -algebra. Then  $B_A$  is isomorphic to  $B_{\frac{A}{\text{Rad}(A)}}$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to check that if  $[b]$  is a boolean element of  $\frac{A}{\text{Rad}(A)}$ , then there exists a unique  $y \in B_A$  such that  $\pi(y) = [b]$ .

Let  $x$  be an element of  $A$  such that  $\pi(x) = [b]$  and put  $y = (2(2x)')'$ . Thus

$$(1) \quad \pi(y) = \pi((2(2x)')') = (2(2\pi(x))')' = \pi(x) = [b].$$

Now we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((2y)' + y)' &= ((2(2(2x)')')' + (2(2x)')')' = ((2(2x)' + 2(2x)')' + 2(2x)')' = \\
 &= (((3(2x)')' + 2x)' + (3(2x)')' + (2x)')' = \\
 (2) \quad &= (((3(2x)')' + 2x)' + ((2(2x)')' + 2x)' + 2x)'.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(3) \quad \pi(3(2x)')' + 2x = \pi(x) \text{ and } \pi((2(2x)')' + 2x) = \pi(x)$$

yield

$$(4) \quad ((3(2x)')' + 2x)' + x)' \in \text{Rad}(A) \text{ and } (((2(2x)')' + 2x)' + x)' \in \text{Rad}(A);$$

we obtain  $((2y)' + y)' = 0$  i.e.  $2y = y$ .

The uniqueness of  $y$  follows from the fact that the  $\text{Rad}(A)$  contains only one boolean element, that is 0.  $\square$

**Proposition 2** *A is a semilocal L-algebra if and only if A is direct product of finitely many local L-algebras.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be direct product of finitely many local  $L$ -algebras. Then, by Theorem 2.6 in [4],  $A$  is semilocal.

Conversely, suppose that  $A$  is a semilocal  $L$ -algebra. Thus the  $L$ -algebra  $\frac{A}{\text{Rad}(A)}$  is a direct product of finitely many simple  $L$ -chains (see [4]).

Let  $[b_1], [b_2], \dots, [b_n]$  be the atoms of  $\frac{A}{\text{Rad}(A)}$ . By Lemma 7, we can suppose that  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are atoms of  $B_A$ . Then  $A$  is isomorphic to the direct product  $A_{0,b_1} \times A_{0,b_2} \times \dots \times A_{0,b_n}$ , where each  $A_{0,b_i} \simeq \frac{A}{\langle b_i \rangle}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , is semilocal. Since  $B_{A_{0,b_i}} = \{0, b_i\}$ , the  $L$ -algebras  $A_{0,b_i}$  are local.  $\square$

**Proposition 3** *Let A be a semilocal L-algebra. Then A is a finitely local L-algebra.*

*Proof.* Take  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in B_A$  as in Proposition 1. Let  $x$  be a non-archimedean element of  $A$  and let  $B_x = \{b_i : x \wedge b_i \text{ is non-archimedean}\}$ .

We remark that  $B_x$  is not empty: otherwise, by Proposition 7 ii) in [7], the element  $\bigvee(x \wedge b_i) = x$  would be quasi-archimedean.

Thus, put  $b = \bigvee\{b_i : b_i \in B_x\}$ , the element  $x \wedge b$  is non-archimedean. But, since for each  $b_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $x \wedge b_i$  or  $x' \wedge b_i$  is quasi-archimedean, the element  $x' \wedge b$  is quasi-archimedean. Hence we conclude that  $A$  is a  $m$ -local  $L$ -algebra with  $m \leq n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4** *A is a quasi-local L-algebra if and only if it is a 2-local L-algebra.*

*Proof.* If  $A$  is a quasi-local  $L$ -algebra, then the claim follows from Proposition 8 in [7]. Suppose that  $A$  is a 2-local  $L$ -algebra. Let  $x$  be a non-archimedean element of  $A$ . By hypothesis, there exist  $b \in B_A$ ,  $b \neq 0$ , and a positive integer  $m$  such that  $mx \wedge b$  is non-archimedean and  $mx' \wedge b$  is boolean.

Since, by (2) of Definition 1,  $mx \wedge b$  non-archimedean gives  $mx' \wedge b'$  quasi-archimedean, then the element  $mx' = (mx' \wedge b) \vee (mx' \wedge b')$  is quasi-archimedean.  $\square$

Let  $I_A = \{x \in A : x \wedge z \text{ is quasi-archimedean}, \forall z \in A\}$ .

We show that

**Proposition 5**  *$I_A$  is an ideal of A.*

*Proof.* Take  $x \in I_A$  and  $y \in A$  with  $y \leq x$ . Since  $y \wedge z = (x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z)$  is quasi-archimedean, the element  $y$  lies in  $I_A$ .

Let  $x, y \in I_A$ , then we can find an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $nx, ny \in B_A$ . Since  $x \wedge z$  and  $y \wedge z$  are quasi-archimedean, from  $n((x + y) \wedge z) = (nx + ny) \wedge nz = (nx \vee ny) \wedge nz = (nx \wedge nz) \vee (ny \wedge nz) = n((x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z))$  follows that the element  $(x + y) \wedge z$  is also quasi-archimedean. Hence  $x + y \in I_A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6** *Let  $A$  be a  $n$ -local  $L$ -algebra which is not  $(n - 1)$ -local. Then there exist  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1} \in B_A$ , with  $b_i \wedge b_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ , with the following properties*

- 1)  $(\bigvee b_i)' \in I_A$
- 2) *For each  $x$  non-archimedean, there is  $0 < j < n$  such that  $x \wedge b_j$  is non-archimedean.*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is not  $(n - 1)$ -local, there exist  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1} \in B_A$ ,  $b_i \wedge b_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ , such that for each  $b_i$  there is a non-archimedean element  $x \in A$  with  $x < b_i$ . Since  $A$  is  $n$ -local, for each non-archimedean element  $x \in A$ ,  $x \not\leq (\bigvee b_i)'$ . Then  $(\bigvee b_i)' \in I_A$ . This implies that the element  $(x \wedge (\bigvee b_i))'$  is quasi-archimedean, for each  $x$  non-archimedean. Then, since  $x = x \wedge (b_1 \vee b_2 \vee \dots \vee b_{n-1} \vee (\bigvee b_i)') = (x \wedge b_1) \vee \dots \vee (x \wedge b_{n-1}) \vee (x \wedge (\bigvee b_i))'$ , at least one element  $x \wedge b_j$  must be non-archimedean.  $\square$

**Theorem 7**  *$A$  is a finitely local  $L$ -algebra if and only if  $\frac{A}{I_A}$  is a semilocal  $L$ -algebra.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\bar{A} = \frac{A}{I_A}$  is semilocal. First we show that if  $[x] \in B_{\bar{A}}$ , then there exists  $b \in B_A$  such that  $[x] = [b]$ . From  $[x] = 2[x]$  we have  $z = ((2x)' + x)' \in I_A$ . Let  $n$  be the positive integer such that  $nz \in B_A$ . Then  $x + nz = x + (n + 1)z = 2x + nz = 2x + 2nz = 2(x + nz)$ , that is  $x + nz \in B_A$  and  $[x + nz] = [x]$ .

Now let  $x$  be a non-archimedean element of  $A$ .

We remark that  $[x]$  is also non-archimedean: otherwise would exist a non-archimedean  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B_A$  such that  $[a] = [b]$ . This implies that there is a boolean  $c \in I_A$  such that  $a + c = a \vee c = b$  which gives  $(c' \wedge (a \vee c)) \vee (a \wedge c) = a$ . Hence  $a \wedge c$  would be non-archimedean which is a contradiction being  $c \in I_A$ .

Since  $\frac{A}{I_A}$  is semilocal, we can take the atoms  $[b_1], [b_2], \dots, [b_n]$  of  $B_{\bar{A}}$  (see proposition 1).

Then, from  $[x] = ([b_1] \wedge [x]) \vee ([b_2] \wedge [x]) \vee \dots \vee ([b_n] \wedge [x])$ , follows that there is at least a  $[b_i] \wedge [x]$  which is non-archimedean. Hence  $b_i \wedge x$  is non-archimedean.

On the other hand, since  $\bar{A}_{0, b_i}$  is local, we have  $[b_i] \wedge [x'] = [b_i]$  which implies  $b_i \wedge x'$  quasi-archimedean. Now it is easy to conclude that  $A$  is  $n + 1$ -local.

Conversely, suppose  $A$  finitely local. Let  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1} \in B_A$  as in the above proposition. Let  $J_i$  be the ideal generated by

$$H_i = \{b \in B_A : b \wedge (x \wedge b_i) \text{ quasi-archimedean } \forall x\} \cup \{x \wedge b_i \text{ non-archimedean}\}.$$

We show that  $J_i$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$  containing  $I_A$ . Let  $\bar{J}$  be an ideal of  $A$  with  $J_i \subset \bar{J}$ . Take  $a \in \bar{J} - J_i$ . This element  $a$  is quasi-archimedean: otherwise, by proposition 5, we would have  $a < b_j$ , for  $j \neq i$ , which implies  $a \in J_i$ , since  $b_j \in H_i$ . Then there exists  $n$  such that  $na = \bar{b} \in B_A$ . Since  $\bar{b} \notin H_i$ , there is an element  $z$  of  $A$  such that  $\bar{z} = \bar{b} \wedge z \wedge b_i$  is non-archimedean. If  $\bar{b}' \wedge x \wedge b_i$  is quasi-archimedean for each  $x$ , then  $\bar{b}' \in H_i$  which gives  $1 \in \bar{J}$ , that is  $\bar{J} = A$ . Conversely, if there is  $y \in A$  with  $\bar{b}' \wedge y \wedge b_i = \bar{y}$  non-archimedean, then  $\bar{b}' \wedge b_i > \bar{y}$ ,  $\bar{b} \wedge b_i > \bar{z}$  and  $(\bar{b}' \wedge b_i) \wedge (\bar{b} \wedge b_i) = 0$ . Since  $A$  is  $n$ -local, we obtain a contradiction.

Now we take a maximal ideal  $J$  of  $A$  different from  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_{n-1}$  and show that  $I_A \not\subseteq J$ .

If, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $b_i \in J$ , then  $(\bigvee b_i)' \notin J$  which implies  $I_A \not\subseteq J$ .

Hence we can suppose that there exists  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$  such that  $b_k \notin J$ . Since  $H_k \not\subseteq J$ , we distinguish two cases:

- 1) There is  $b \in B_A$  such that  $b \wedge (x \wedge b_k)$  is quasi-archimedean, for each  $x \in A$ , and  $b \notin J$ ;
- 2) There is  $x \wedge b_k$  non-archimedean such that  $x \wedge b_k \notin J$ .

In the first case, being  $J$  a prime ideal of  $A$ , the element  $b \wedge b_k$  lies in  $I_A$  but not in  $J$ .

In the second case, by Theorem 4.7 in [2], there is a positive integer  $n$  such that  $n(x \wedge b_k)' \in J$ .

Since  $(x \wedge b_k)' = x' \vee b_k' = (x' \wedge b_k) \vee b_k'$ , the element  $(x \wedge b_k)'$  is quasi-archimedean.

Thus, for some integer  $m$ ,  $b = m(x \wedge b_k)' \in J \cap B_A$  that is  $b' \notin J$ . We remark that  $b + b_k = m(x \wedge b_k)' + b_k = mx' \vee b_k' + b_k = 1$  that is  $b' \leq b_k$ . Thus we have  $b_k \wedge x = [(b \wedge b_k) \vee b'] \wedge x = [(b \wedge b_k) \wedge x] \vee (b' \wedge x)$ . Since  $b' \wedge x$  is quasi-archimedean, the above relation gives  $(b \wedge b_k) \wedge x$  non-archimedean. It follows that, for each  $y \in A$ , the element  $b' \wedge y$  is quasi-archimedean, hence  $b' \in I_A$  and  $b' \notin J$ .

We can conclude that  $\frac{A}{I_A}$  has  $n$  maximal ideals that is, by [4], it is semilocal.  $\square$

**Corollary 8** *A L-algebra A is quasi-local if and only if  $\frac{A}{I_A}$  is a local L-algebra.*

**Theorem 9** *A L-algebra A is finitely local if and only if it is isomorphic to a direct product of finitely many quasi local L-algebras.*

*Proof.* We remark that if  $b \in B_A$ , then  $I_{A_{0,b}} = \{x \wedge b : x \in I_A\}$ . Hence the claim follows by the propositions 1 and 6 and the corollary 1.  $\square$

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