

## ON ORDER PROPERTIES OF ORDER BOUNDED TRANSFORMATIONS

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**Introduction.** W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen in [7] and W. A. J. Luxemburg in [5] have studied the order properties of the order bounded linear functionals of a given Riesz space  $L$ . In this paper we consider the vector space  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  of the order bounded linear transformations from a given Riesz space  $L$  into a Dedekind complete Riesz space  $M$ .

We study the order structure of the Dedekind complete Riesz space  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . Integral and normal integral transformations are considered and the theorems of [5] and [7] about the different components of an order bounded linear transformation are generalized in this setting. Extensions of order bounded linear transformations are also considered and the theorems of [7] are also generalized.

**1. Preliminaries.** For notation and basic terminology concerning Riesz spaces we refer the reader to [8]. Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces. We shall denote by  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(L, M)$  the real linear space of all linear transformations from  $L$  into  $M$ , and by  $\mathcal{L}_b = \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  the real subspace of all order bounded linear transformations from  $L$  into  $M$ , i.e.,  $T$  is in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  if  $T(A)$  is an order bounded subset of  $M$ , whenever  $A$  is an order bounded subset of  $L$ . A linear transformation  $T$  in  $\mathcal{L}(L, M)$  is called positive, denoted by  $\theta \leq T$ , whenever  $\theta \leq u \in L$ , implies  $\theta \leq T(u) \in M$ . We write  $T_1 \leq T_2$ ,  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(L, M)$  to indicate that  $\theta \leq T_2 - T_1$ . The set of all positive linear transformations of  $\mathcal{L}(L, M)$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{L}^+ = \mathcal{L}^+(L, M)$ . It is easily seen that  $\mathcal{L}^+(L, M) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and that  $\mathcal{L}^+$  is a positive cone for  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ , and consequently for  $\mathcal{L}(L, M)$ . Therefore,  $(\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}^+)$  is a (partially) ordered vector space. In the particular case of  $M = \mathbf{R}$  we denote the linear space  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, \mathbf{R})$  by  $L^\sim$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, \mathbf{R}) = L^\sim$ , and we shall call  $L^\sim$  the order dual of  $L$ . We remark that in general  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M) \neq \mathcal{L}(L, M)$ . (See Example 1.5 below; see also [6, Example (iii), p. 440] for an example of a norm bounded linear transformation from  $l^2$  into  $l^2$  which is not order bounded.)

The following Lemma can be found in [13, p. 205].

**LEMMA 1.1.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Archimedean. Assume that*

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*T is an additive function from  $L^+$  into  $M^+$ . Then  $T$  is uniquely extendable to a positive linear transformation from  $L$  into  $M$ .*

Note that the extension is given by  $T(u) = T(u^+) - T(u^-)$  for all  $u$  in  $L$  and that Lemma 1.1 may be false if  $M$  is not Archimedean. Indeed, let  $f$  be an additive function from  $\mathbf{R}$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  which is not linear, i.e., not of the form  $f(x) = cx$ , and let  $L$  be the lexicographic plane (see [8, Example (ii), p. 49]). Consider the mapping  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow L^+$  by  $\varphi(x) = (x, f(x))$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}^+$ . Note that  $\varphi$  is additive and that if  $\varphi$  would be extendable to a linear mapping from  $\mathbf{R}$  into  $L$  then  $f$  would be linear.

We continue with a fundamental theorem.

**THEOREM 1.2** (L. V. Kantorovich [4], F. Riesz [12]). *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete. Then we have:*

(i) *The ordered space  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  (ordered by the cone  $\mathcal{L}^+(L, M)$ ) is a Dedekind complete Riesz space.*

(ii) *For every  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and for every  $u \in L^+$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} T^+(u) &= \sup \{T(v) : v \in L \text{ and } \theta \leq v \leq u\}, \\ T^-(u) &= \sup \{-T(v) : v \in L \text{ and } \theta \leq v \leq u\}, \\ |T|(u) &= \sup \{|T v| : v \in L \text{ and } |v| \leq u\}, \end{aligned}$$

where,  $T^+ = T \vee \theta$ ,  $T^- = (-T) \vee \theta$  and  $|T| = T \vee (-T)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .

(iii) *If  $\{T_\alpha\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  then  $T_\alpha \uparrow T$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  if, and only if,  $T_\alpha(u) \uparrow T(u)$  holds in  $M$  for all  $u$  in  $L^+$ .*

For a proof we refer the reader to [11, Proposition 2.3, p. 22,] and to [2].

*Remark.* Theorem 1.2 was proved by F. Riesz in a very special case (see [12]). The general Theorem 1.2 as it is stated here was established by L. V. Kantorovich (see [4]).

An illustration of the above theorem is given in the next example.

*Example 1.3.* Let  $L$  be the Riesz space of all continuous real valued, piecewise linear functions, defined on  $[0, 1]$ , with the pointwise ordering and let  $M = \mathbf{R}$ . Define  $\varphi : L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by the formula:

$$\varphi(u) = \int_0^1 u'(x) dx \quad \text{for all } u \in L.$$

It is easily seen that  $\varphi(u) = u(1) - u(0)$  for all  $u \in L$ . Moreover, using Theorem 1.2 (ii), we see that

$$\varphi^+(u) = u(1), \quad \varphi^-(u) = u(0), \quad \text{and} \quad |\varphi|(u) = u(1) + u(0)$$

for all  $u \in L^+$ .

The following result is a corollary of Theorem 1.2.

**COROLLARY 1.4.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be as in Theorem 1.2. Then we have:*

- (i)  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{(o)} T$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  implies  $T_\alpha(u) \xrightarrow{(o)} T(u)$  in  $M$  for all  $u \in L$ .
- (ii) If  $\{T_\alpha\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and  $|T_\alpha| \leq S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  for all  $\alpha$  and if  $T_\alpha(u) \xrightarrow{(o)} T(u)$  in  $M$  for all  $u \in L$ , then  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .

*Proof.* (i) This follows immediately from Theorem 1.2 (ii).

(ii) This follows from the elementary fact: If  $\{u_\alpha\}$  is a net of a Riesz space such that  $u_\alpha \leq v$  for all  $\alpha$  and  $u_\alpha \xrightarrow{(o)} u$ , then  $u \leq v$ .

The following example shows that the assumption  $|T_\alpha| \leq S$  for all  $\alpha$  in the previous result is essential.

*Example 1.5.* Let  $L$  be the Riesz space of all real sequences which are eventually constant, i.e.,  $u \in L$  if there exists a real constant  $u(\infty)$  such that  $u(k) = u(\infty)$  for all  $k \geq k_0$ , with the pointwise ordering. Note that the vectors  $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $e = (1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots)$  form a Hamel basis for  $L$ . Observe also that the element  $u = (u(1), \dots, u(n), u(\infty), u(\infty), \dots)$  of  $L$  can be written in the form  $u = (u(1) - u(\infty))e_1 + \dots + (u(n) - u(\infty))e_n + u(\infty) \cdot e$ , with respect to the above Hamel basis. Let  $\varphi$  be the linear functional on  $L$  taking on the values  $\varphi(e_n) = n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\varphi(e) = 0$  on the Hamel basis. It is easily seen that  $\varphi$  is not order bounded. Now let  $\varphi_n$  be the linear functional on  $L$  taking the values  $\varphi_n(e_k) = k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $\varphi_n(e_k) = 0$ ,  $k = n + 1, n + 2, \dots$ ,  $\varphi_n(e) = 0$  on the Hamel basis. It is not difficult to verify that  $\varphi_n$  is order bounded for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and that  $\varphi_n(u) = \varphi(u)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . This shows that

$$\varphi_n(u) \xrightarrow{(o)} \varphi(u)$$

in  $\mathbf{R}$  for all  $u \in L$ . But  $\varphi \notin L^*$ .

The next theorem generalizes the statement 1.5.8 of [3, p. 20]. The proof is similar and so we omit it.

**THEOREM 1.6.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . Then for every  $u \in L^+$  we have:*

$$\sup T([\theta, u]) + \inf T([\theta, u]) = T(u).$$

A mapping  $p$  from a Riesz space  $L$  into another Riesz space  $M$  is called sublinear if  $p(u + v) \leq p(u) + p(v)$  and  $p(\lambda u) = \lambda p(u)$  for all  $u, v$  of  $L$  and all  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

The next theorem is a generalization of the Hahn-Banach theorem. (See [11, Proposition 2.1, p. 78].)

**THEOREM 1.7 (Hahn-Banach).** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete and let  $p : L \rightarrow M$  be a sublinear mapping. Assume that  $T$  is a linear mapping defined on a linear subspace  $K$  of  $L$  with range in  $M$  such that  $T(u) \leq p(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $K$ . Then  $T$  can be extended to a linear mapping  $T_1$  of  $L$  into  $M$  such that  $T_1(u) \leq p(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $L$ .*

**2. The space  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .** In the next theorem we derive some formulas which are the “dual” formulas to those of Theorem 1.2 (ii).

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete. For every  $u \in L$  and for every  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  we have:*

- (i)  $T(u^+) = \sup \{S(u) : S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M); \theta \leq S \leq T\}$ ,
- (ii)  $T(u^-) = \sup \{-S(u) : S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M); \theta \leq S \leq T\}$ ,
- (iii)  $T(|u|) = \sup \{|S(u)| : S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M); |S| \leq T\}$ .

*Proof.* We prove the third formula first. Assume  $u$  in  $L$  and define the function  $T_u$  on  $L^+$  into  $M$  by the formula  $T_u(w) = \sup \{T(w \wedge n|u|) : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  for all  $w \in L^+$ . It follows easily that the function defined by  $p(w) = T_u(|w|)$  for all  $w$  in  $L$  is a sublinear mapping such that  $p(w) \leq T(|w|)$  for all  $w$  in  $L$ . Let, now  $K = \{\lambda u : \lambda \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and let  $S$  be the linear mapping from  $K$  into  $M$  defined by  $S(\lambda u) = \lambda p(u)$  for all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbf{R}$ . According to Theorem 1.7 there is an extension  $S_1$  of  $S$  to all of  $L$  such that  $S_1(g) \leq p(g)$  for all  $g$  in  $L$ . It follows easily from the last relation that  $S_1 \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and  $|S_1| \leq T$ . Hence  $T(|u|) \leq \sup \{|S(u)| : S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M); |S| \leq T\}$ . Since the other inequality it is obvious the proof is finished.

For the first formula we apply the same arguments using as sublinear mapping  $p_1(w) = \sup \{T(w^+ \wedge nu^+) : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  for all  $w \in L$ . The second formula follows from the first by noting that  $f^- = (-f)^+$ .

*Remarks.* (i) It can be seen easily from the above proof that the above suprema are actually maxima.

(ii) Theorem 2.1 is a generalization of a Theorem of Luxemburg and Zaanen (see [7, Note VI, Theorem 19.6, p. 662]).

We continue with a Theorem which is a kind of converse of Theorem 1.2 (i).

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $L^- \neq \{\theta\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}_b = \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  denote the real vector space of all order bounded linear mappings from  $L$  into  $M$ . Then we have:*

- (i) *If the ordered vector space  $(\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}^+)$  is a Dedekind complete Riesz space then  $M$  is Dedekind complete.*
- (ii) *If the ordered vector space  $(\mathcal{L}_b, \mathcal{L}^+)$  is a super Dedekind complete Riesz space then  $M$  is super Dedekind complete.*

*Proof.* (i) Assume  $\theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow \leq u_0$  in  $M$ . We have to show that  $u_\alpha \uparrow u$  in  $M$  for some  $u$  in  $M$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a non-zero positive linear functional of  $L$ , and let  $f_0 \in L^+$  be such that  $\varphi(f_0) = 1$ . For each  $\alpha$  we define a linear mapping  $T_\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  as follows:

$$T_\alpha(f) = \varphi(f)u_\alpha \quad \text{for all } f \text{ in } L.$$

It is easily seen that  $\theta \leq T_\alpha \uparrow \leq T$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ , where  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ ,  $T(f) = \varphi(f)u_0$  for all  $f$  in  $L$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  is a Dedekind complete Riesz

space  $\theta \leq T_\alpha \uparrow S \leq T$  for some  $S \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . In particular we have  $T_\alpha(f_0) = u_\alpha \uparrow \leq S(f_0)$ . We show next that  $S(f_0)$  is the least upper bound of the net  $\{u_\alpha\}$  in  $M$ . Suppose that  $u_\alpha \leq w$  for all  $\alpha$ . Then we have  $T_\alpha \leq T_w \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  for all  $\alpha$ , where  $T_w(f) = \varphi(f)w$  for all  $f$  in  $L$ . Hence  $S \leq T_w$  and so  $S(f_0) \leq T_w(f_0) = w$ . This shows that  $u_\alpha \uparrow S(f_0)$ , i.e.,  $M$  is Dedekind complete.

(ii) The proof of (ii) is similar.

The next example shows that Theorem 2.2 may be false if  $L^\sim = \{\theta\}$ .

*Example 2.3†.* Let  $L = L_p([0, 1])$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ , and let  $M = C_{[0,1]}$ . It is known that  $L^\sim = \{\theta\}$  (see [1] and [11, p. 86]). It is not difficult to verify that  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M) = \{\theta\}$ , which is a super Dedekind complete Riesz space. Note that  $M$  is not even  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete.

Given two Riesz spaces  $L$  and  $M$  with  $L^\sim \neq \{\theta\}$  and with  $M$  Dedekind complete we pick  $\theta < \varphi \in L^\sim$ ,  $\theta < f_0 \in L$ ,  $\varphi(f_0) = 1$  and we define the mapping  $T : M \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  by  $u \rightarrow T_u$ ,  $T_u(v) = \varphi(v)u$  for all  $v \in L$ . Some properties of this mapping  $T$  are included in the next theorem.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $L^\sim \neq \{\theta\}$  and with  $M$  Dedekind complete and let  $T : M \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  be defined as above. Then we have:*

- (i)  *$T$  is a one-to-one Riesz homomorphism from  $M$  into  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .*
- (ii)  *$T$  preserves arbitrary suprema and arbitrary infima, i.e.,  $T$  is a normal Riesz homomorphism.*

*Proof.* (i) It is obvious that  $T$  is a positive linear mapping from  $M$  into  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . To see that  $T$  is one-to-one let  $T_u = \theta$  for some  $u \in M$ . Then we have  $\varphi(v)u = \theta$  for all  $v \in L$  and so  $u = \varphi(f_0)u = \theta$ . To see that  $T$  is a Riesz homomorphism let  $u, w$  be in  $M$  such that  $u \wedge w = \theta$ . Then for every  $\theta \leq v \in L$  we have  $\theta \leq (T_u \wedge T_w)(v) \leq T_u(v) \wedge T_w(v) = \varphi(v)u \wedge w = \theta$ , i.e.,  $T_u \wedge T_w = \theta$  and this completes the proof.

(ii) Assume that  $u_\alpha \downarrow \theta$  in  $M$  and that  $T_{u_\alpha} \geq S \geq \theta$  for all  $\alpha$  and some  $S$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . Then we have  $\varphi(v) \cdot u_\alpha \geq S(v) \geq \theta$  for all  $v \in L^+$  and this implies  $S(v) = \theta$  for all  $v \in L^+$ , i.e.,  $S = \theta$ . Hence  $T_{u_\alpha} \downarrow \theta$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and this completes the proof of (ii).

Some more properties of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  are included in the next theorem.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *If  $L$  and  $M$  are two Riesz spaces with  $L^\sim \neq \{\theta\}$  and  $M$  Dedekind complete then the following hold:*

- (i) *If  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  has a strong unit then  $M$  also has a strong unit.*
- (ii) *If  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  is universally complete then  $M$  is also universally complete.*

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†This example was exhibited by Professor W. A. J. Luxemburg during a discussion in a seminar at the California Institute of Technology.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\theta < \varphi \in L^\sim$  be as above, and let  $\theta \leq T_0 \in \mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$  be a strong unit for  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ . Given  $u \in M$ , determine  $n \in N$  such that  $T_u \leq nT_0$ . Hence  $u \leq nT_0(f_0)$ . This shows that  $T_0(f_0)$  is a strong unit of  $M$ .

(ii) Let  $\{u_\alpha\}$  be a mutually disjoint system of  $M^+$ . Then  $\{T_{u_\alpha}\}$  is a mutually disjoint system of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta^+(L, M)$  (the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.4 (i)). Hence, since  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$  is a universally complete Riesz space  $S = \sup \{T_{u_\alpha}\}$  exists in  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ . It is easily seen now that  $S(f_0) = \sup \{u_\alpha\}$  in  $M$ . This shows that  $M$  is universally complete and the proof is finished.

**3. Extension of order bounded linear transformations.** Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete, and let  $A$  be an ideal of  $L$ . Assume that  $T$  is an order bounded linear transformation from  $A$  into  $M$ . The order bounded transformation  $S$  from  $L$  into  $M$  is called an extension of  $T$ , if  $S(u) = T(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $A$ , i.e.,  $S = T$  on  $A$ . In this case we shall call  $T$  an extendable transformation. It is easy to verify that if  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_\delta(A, M)$  and if  $T$  is extendable, then  $T$  has a positive extension on  $L$ . Indeed, let  $S$  be an extension of  $T$ . Then if  $u \in A^+$  we have

$$S^+(u) = \sup \{S(v) : v \in L; \theta \leq v \leq u\} = \sup \{T(v) : v \in A; \theta \leq v \leq u\} = T^+(u) = T(u),$$

i.e.,  $S^+$  is a positive extension of  $T$ .

More generally, if  $S$  is an extension of  $T$  then  $S^+$  is an extension of  $T^+$  and  $S^-$  is an extension of  $T^-$ . In other words,  $T$  is extendable if and only if  $T^+$  and  $T^-$  are both extendable.

It is not true that every operator of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(A, M)$  is extendable to  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ . As an example take  $L = L_p([0, 1])$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $M = \mathbf{R}$  and  $A$  the ideal of all bounded (a.e.) Lebesgue measurable functions on  $[0, 1]$ . The linear mapping  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by

$$\varphi(u) = \int_0^1 u(x)dx \quad \text{for all } u \in L$$

is a positive one, but  $\varphi$  cannot be extended to  $L$  as an order bounded linear mapping, since  $L^\sim = \{\theta\}$  (see [11, p. 86]).

More details about extensions are included in the next theorem.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete, and let  $A$  be an ideal of  $L$ . Then we have:*

(i) *The set of all extendable transformations of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(A, M)$  forms an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(A, M)$ , which we shall denote by  $\mathcal{L}_\delta^e(A, M)$ .*

(ii) *For every  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_\delta^e(A, M)$  there exists a smallest positive extension  $T_m$ , in the sense that for every positive extension  $S$  of  $T$  on  $L$  we have  $T_m \leq S$  in  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ . Moreover*

$$T_m(u) = \sup \{T(v) : v \in A; \theta \leq v \leq u\}$$

*for all  $u$  in  $L^+$ . In particular we have  $T_m(u) = \theta$  for all  $u \in A^c$ .*

*Proof.* (i) It is evident that  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathcal{L}_b(A, M)$ . Now let  $\theta \leq S \leq T$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(A, M)$  with  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $T$  is defined on all of  $L$ . Then we have  $S(u) \leq |S(u)| \leq S(|u|) \leq T(|u|)$  for all  $u$  in  $A$ , and that the function  $p: L \rightarrow M$ ,  $p(u) = T(|u|)$  is a sublinear mapping. It follows from Theorem 1.7 that  $S$  is extendable to all of  $L$  as a linear transformation  $S_1$  satisfying  $S_1(f) \leq T(|f|)$  for all  $f$  in  $L$ . It is easily seen that  $S_1 \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and so  $S \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ . The conclusion that  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}_b(A, M)$ , now follows from the earlier observation that  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  if and only if  $T^+$  and  $T^-$  are both in  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ , and so, in particular  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  implies  $|T| = T^+ + T^-$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ .

(ii) Since  $T$  is extendable, it is easy to see that  $\sup \{T(v) : v \in A; \theta \leq v \leq u\}$  exists in  $M$  for all  $u$  in  $L^+$ . So, let  $T_m(u) = \sup \{T(v) : v \in A; \theta \leq v \leq u\}$ ,  $u \in L^+$ . It is easily verified that  $T_m$  is an additive mapping from  $L^+$  into  $M^+$ . Consequently, by Lemma 1.1  $T_m$  is extendable uniquely to a positive linear transformation on  $L$ , which we shall denote also by  $T_m$ . Obviously  $T_m$  is a positive extension of  $T$ . Now let  $S$  be a positive extension of  $T$ ,  $u \in L^+$  and  $v \in A$  such that  $\theta \leq v \leq u$ . Then  $T(v) = S(v) \leq S(u)$  and so  $T_m(u) \leq S(u)$ , i.e.,  $T_m \leq S$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and this completes the proof.

Given two Riesz spaces  $L$  and  $M$  with  $M$  Dedekind complete the Riesz annihilator  $A^\circ$  of a subset  $A$  of  $L$  is defined by

$$A^\circ = \{T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M) : T = \theta \text{ on } A\}.$$

It is obvious that  $A^\circ$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . The inverse Riesz annihilator  ${}^\circ B$  of a subset  $B$  of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  is defined by

$${}^\circ B = \{u \in L : T(u) = \theta \text{ for all } T \in B\}.$$

Evidently  ${}^\circ B$  is a linear subspace of  $L$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Assume that  $L$  and  $M$  are two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete. Then we have:*

- (i) *If  $A$  is an ideal of  $L$ , then  $A^\circ$  is a band of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $B$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ , then  ${}^\circ B$  is an ideal of  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Part (i) is a straightforward application of Theorem 1.2 and part (ii) follows immediately from Theorem 2.1.

It is not difficult to see that the mapping  $T \rightarrow T_m$  from  $(\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M))^+$  into  $(\mathcal{L}_b(L, M))^+$  is an additive one. Indeed, given  $\theta \leq T, S \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  we obviously have  $(T + S)_m \leq T_m + S_m$ . On the other hand if  $U$  is a positive extension of  $T + S$  then  $U - T_m$  is a positive extension of  $S$  (note that  $\theta \leq T \leq S$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(A, M)$  implies according to Theorem 3.1 (ii)  $\theta \leq T_m \leq S_m$  in  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ ) and so  $U - T_m \geq S_m$ , i.e.,  $S_m + T_m \leq U$  for all positive extensions  $U$  of  $S + T$ . Hence  $S_m + T_m \leq (S + T)_m$  and this shows that  $(T + S)_m = T_m + S_m$ . According to Lemma 1.1 there exists a linear extension

of the above mapping from  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  into  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ , namely,  $T \rightarrow T_m = (T^+)_m - (T^-)_m$ . This mapping is one-to-one. Indeed, if  $T_m = (T^+)_m - (T^-)_m = \theta$  then  $(T^+)_m = (T^-)_m$  and hence  $T^- = T^+$  on  $A$  and this implies that  $T = T^+ - T^- = \theta$ . It is also true that  $T \rightarrow T_m$  is a Riesz homomorphism from  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  into  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . Indeed, if  $\theta \leq T, S \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ , then  $T_m \vee S_m$  is a positive extension of  $T \vee S$ , so  $(T \vee S)_m \leq T_m \vee S_m$ . On the other hand if  $U$  is a positive extension of  $T \vee S$  then  $U \geq T_m \vee S_m$ . This shows that  $(T \vee S)_m \geq T_m \vee S_m$ , so  $(T \vee S)_m = T_m \vee S_m$ . Now assume  $T, S \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ . Then we have  $\theta \leq T + S^- + T^-, S + S^- + T^- \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [(T + S^- + T^-) \vee (S + S^- + T^-)]_m &= (T + S^- + T^-)_m \vee (S + S^- + T^-)_m \\ &= [T_m + (S^- + T^-)_m] \vee [S_m + (S^- + T^-)_m]. \end{aligned}$$

So, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_m \vee S_m &= [T_m + (S^- + T^-)_m \vee [S_m + (S^- + T^-)_m] - (S^- + T^-)_m \\ &= [(T + S^- + T^-) \vee (S + S^- + T^-)]_m - (S^- + T^-)_m \\ &= (T \vee S)_m. \end{aligned}$$

Note also that  $(T_m)_m = T_m$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$ . From this observation and Theorem 3.2 it follows that the range of the mapping  $T \rightarrow T_m$  is the band  $(A^\circ)^d$ . Hence, we have proved the following theorem:

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete and let  $A$  be an ideal of  $L$ . Then we have:*

(i) *The mapping  $T \rightarrow T_m$  from  $\mathcal{L}_b^e(A, M)$  into  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  is a one-to-one Riesz homomorphism.*

(ii) *The range of the mapping  $T \rightarrow T_m$  is the band  $(A^\circ)^d$ .*

*Note.* The results of the section are generalizations of the corresponding results for  $\downarrow$  near functionals due to Luxemburg and Zaanen (see [7, Note IX]).

**4. Integral and normal integral transformations.** Let  $L$  be the Riesz space of all real valued, Lebesgue integrable functions defined on  $[0, 1]$  with ordering  $f \leq g$  whenever  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Consider the linear functionals

$$\varphi(u) = \int_0^1 u(x)dx, \quad u \in L,$$

i.e.,  $\varphi$  is the usual Lebesgue integral, and  $\psi(u) = u(0), u \in L$ . We can verify easily that  $u_n \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$ , implies  $\varphi(u_n) \downarrow 0$  and  $\psi(u_n) \downarrow 0$  in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Also  $u_\alpha \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$  implies  $\psi(u_\alpha) \downarrow 0$  in  $\mathbf{R}$ , but not necessarily  $\varphi(u_\alpha) \downarrow 0$  as the following example shows: Let  $u_\alpha = 1 - \chi_\alpha, \alpha \subseteq [0, 1]; \alpha$  finite. Then  $u_\alpha \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$ , but  $\varphi(u_\alpha) = 1$  for all  $\alpha$ .

In the next definition we characterize the above properties.



*Definition 4.1.* Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two given Riesz spaces. A transformation  $T$  of  $\mathcal{L}(L, M)$  is called an integral (respectively, a normal integral) if  $T(u_n) \xrightarrow{(o)} \theta$  in  $M$  (respectively  $T(u_\alpha) \xrightarrow{(o)} \theta$  in  $M$ ) whenever  $u_n \xrightarrow{(o)} \theta$  in  $L$  (respectively  $u_\alpha \xrightarrow{(o)} \theta$  in  $L$ ).

It is evident that a normal integral is an integral but the converse is not always true as the example preceding the definition shows.

The next theorem is due to T. Ogasawara [10]. A proof can be found in [13, Theorem VIII 3.3, p. 216].

**THEOREM 4.2.** Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete. Then we have:

- (i) The set of all normal integrals of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  forms a band of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .
- (ii) The set of all integrals of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  forms a band of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ .

Given  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  the ideal  $N_T = \{u \in L : |T|(|u|) = \theta\}$  is called the null ideal of  $T$  and the band  $C_T = N_T^d$  is called the carrier of  $T$ .

**THEOREM 4.3.** Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $L$   $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete and with  $M$  super Dedekind complete. Then we have:

- (i) For every  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ , the band  $C_T$  is a projection band, i.e.,  $\{N_T\} \oplus C_T = L$ . ( $\{N_T\}$  denotes the band generated by  $N_T$  in  $L$ .)
- (ii) If  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  is an integral then  $T$  is a normal integral if and only if  $N_T$  is a band of  $T$ .

*Proof.* Repeat the proof of Theorem 31.15 of [7, Note X, p. 494].

*Note:* For the necessity of Theorem 4.3 (ii) we do not have to assume that  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete.

The next example shows that the above statements may be false if  $L$  is Archimedean but not  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete.

*Example 4.4.* Let  $L = C(\mathbf{R}_\infty)$ , where  $\mathbf{R}_\infty$  is the one-point compactification of  $\mathbf{R}$  considered with the discrete topology (see [8, Example (v), p. 140]) and let  $M = \mathbf{R}$ . Consider the positive linear functional  $\theta \leq \varphi \in L^\sim$  defined by

$$\varphi(u) = u(\infty) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{u(n)}{2^n}, \quad u \in L.$$

Note that  $\varphi$  is an integral but not a normal integral. Also

$$N_\varphi = \{u \in L : u(n) = 0, \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

It is easily seen that  $N_\varphi$  is a band of  $L$  with the property  $N_\varphi \oplus C_\varphi \neq L$ .

More properties about integrals and normal integrals are included in the next theorems.

**THEOREM 4.5.** Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete, and let  $A$  be an ideal of  $L$ . Assume  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_b(A, M)$  is an integral (respectively

a normal integral) and assume further that  $T$  is an extendable transformation. Then the minimal extension  $T_m$  of  $T$ , determined by Theorem 3.1 (ii) is an integral (respectively, a normal integral).

*Proof.* Assume that  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $L$ , and assume  $v \in A$ ;  $\theta \leq v \leq u$ . Then  $\theta \leq v \wedge u_n \uparrow v$  in  $L$ , and since  $A$  is an ideal of  $L$  we have also that  $v \wedge u_n \uparrow u$  in  $A$ . Hence,  $T(v \wedge u_n) \uparrow T(v)$  in  $M$ . But  $T(v \wedge u_n) = T_m(v \wedge u_n) \leq T_m(u_n) \leq T_m(u)$  and this shows that  $T(v) \leq \sup \{T_m(u_n) : n = 1, 2, \dots\} \leq T_m(u)$ . It follows now from Theorem 3.1 (ii) that  $T_m(u_n) \uparrow T_m(u)$  and this shows that  $T_m$  is a normal integral of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ . The proof for the normal integral is similar.

**THEOREM 4.6.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  super Dedekind complete. If  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$  is a strictly positive transformation which is an integral then  $T$  is a normal integral.*

*Proof.* Repeat the proof of Theorem 31.11 (ii), [7, Note X, p. 493].

A Theorem of H. Nakano [9, Theorem 20.1, p. 74] states that if  $L$  is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete and if  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are two order bounded normal integrals then  $\varphi \perp \psi$  in  $L^\sim$  if and only if  $C_\varphi \perp C_\psi$ .

This result was generalized by Luxemburg and Zaanen for Archimedean Riesz spaces (see [7, Note IV, Theorem 31.2 (ii), p. 373]). The following example due to W. A. J. Luxemburg shows that this Theorem cannot be further generalized.

Consider  $L = M = L_1([0, 1])$ . So, both  $L$  and  $M$  are super Dedekind complete Riesz spaces. Let  $\theta \leq S, T : L \rightarrow M, Su = u,$

$$Tu = \left( \int_0^1 u(x)dx \right) \cdot e \quad \text{for all } u \in L \quad (e(x) = 1 \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1]).$$

Note that both  $S$  and  $T$  are normal integrals. Also  $N_T = N_S = \{\theta\}$ . So  $C_T = C_S = L$ . But  $S \perp T$  as it is easily seen from Theorem 1.2 (ii). (Note that  $(S \wedge T)(e) = \theta$  and this implies that  $T \wedge S = \theta$ , since  $S \wedge T$  is a normal integral according to Theorem 4.2.)

Given two Riesz spaces  $L$  and  $M$  with  $M$  Dedekind complete we denote by  $(\mathcal{L}_\delta)_n = (\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M))_n, (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_c = (\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M))_c$  the bands of the normal integrals and integrals, respectively of  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$ .

It follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M)$  is a Dedekind complete Riesz space that

$$\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M) = (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_n \oplus ((\mathcal{L}_\delta)_n)^a = (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_c \oplus ((\mathcal{L}_\delta)_c)^a.$$

We shall denote the bands  $((\mathcal{L}_\delta)_n)^a, ((\mathcal{L}_\delta)_c)^a$  by  $(\mathcal{L}_\delta)_{sn}, (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_s$ , respectively. The band  $(\mathcal{L}_\delta)_{sn} \cap (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_c$  is denoted by  $(\mathcal{L}_\delta)_{sn,c}$ . It is easily seen that

$$\mathcal{L}_\delta(L, M) = (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_n \oplus (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_{sn,c} \oplus (\mathcal{L}_\delta)_s.$$

Thus every  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  has a unique decomposition  $T = T_n + T_{sn,c} + T_s$  ( $T_c = T_n + T_{sn,c}$ ) where the elements on the right are in  $(\mathcal{L}_b)_n$ ,  $(\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn,c}$  and  $(\mathcal{L}_b)_s$ , respectively. It is easy to see [8, Theorem 4.4 (iii)] that

$$\begin{aligned} T^+ &= T_n^+ + T_{sn,c}^+ + T_s^+, & T^- &= T_n^- + T_{sn,c}^- + T_s^-, \\ |T| &= |T_n| + |T_{sn,c}| + |T_s| \end{aligned}$$

are the decompositions of  $T^+$ ,  $T^-$  and  $|T|$ , respectively. The operator  $T_n$  is called the normal component of  $T$ ,  $T_c = T_n + T_{sn,c}$  is the integral component of  $T$ ,  $T_s$  is the singular integral component of  $T$  and the operator  $T_{sn} = T_{sn,c} + T_s$  is called the singular normal integral component of  $T$  ( $T_{sn} \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn}$ ).

We shall investigate next some of the properties of the different components of  $T$ . We start with the following Lemma.

**LEMMA 4.7.** *Assume that  $L$  and  $M$  are two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete and that  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . We consider the following mappings from  $L^+$  into  $M^+$ :*

- (i)  $T_L(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_n) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \}$ ,
- (ii)  $\bar{T}_L(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_\alpha) \} : \theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow u \}$ ,
- (iii)  $\bar{T}(u) = \sup \{ \inf \{ T(u_\alpha) \} : u \geq u_\alpha \downarrow \theta \}$ ,

for every  $u \in L^+$ . Then,  $T_L$ ,  $\bar{T}_L$  and  $\bar{T}$  are additive on  $L^+$ .

*Proof.* The proof is a straightforward verification and so we omit it.

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be as in Lemma 4.7. Assume further that  ${}^\circ(M_n^\sim) = \{ u \in M : \varphi(u) = \theta \text{ for all } \varphi \in M_n \} = \{ \theta \}$ . Then for every  $\theta \leq T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$  and for every  $u \in L^+$  we have:*

- (i)  $T_c(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_n) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \}$ ,
- (ii)  $T_n(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_\alpha) \} : \theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow u \}$ ,
- (iii)  $T_{sn}(u) = \sup \{ \inf \{ T(u_\alpha) \} : u \geq u_\alpha \downarrow \theta \}$ .

*Proof.* According to Lemma 1.1  $T_L$ ,  $\bar{T}_L$  and  $\bar{T}$  are extendable to the whole  $L$ . Let  $u_n \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$ . Then  $T_L(u_n) \downarrow h \geq \theta$  in  $M$  for some  $h$  of  $M^+$ . We show next that  $h = \theta$ . To this end let  $\theta \leq \varphi \in M_n^\sim$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_0 T_L)(u) &= \varphi(T_L(u)) = \varphi(\inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_n) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \}) \\ &= \inf \{ \sup \{ \varphi(T(u_n)) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \} \\ &= (\varphi_0 T)_L(u), \quad \text{for all } u \in L^+. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varphi_0 T_L = (\varphi_0 T)_L$ . Now use Theorem 20.4 of [7, Note VI, p. 663] to get that  $(\varphi_0 T)_L = (\varphi_0 T)_c$ , i.e., that  $(\varphi_0 T)_L$  is an integral. Thus  $(\varphi_0 T_L)(u_n) \downarrow \theta$ . But we also have  $(\varphi_0 T_L)(u_n) = \varphi(T_L(u_n)) \downarrow \varphi(h)$ . Thus  $\varphi(h) = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in M_n^\sim$  and so  $h = \theta$  and hence  $T_L$  is an integral. Now, it follows from  $\theta \leq T_L \leq T$  that  $T_L = (T_L)_c \leq T_c$ . On the other hand we have  $T_c \leq T$  and so  $(T_c)_L \leq T_L$ . But from the definition of  $(T_c)_L$  it follows that  $(T_c)_L = T_L$ , thus  $T_c \leq T_L$ . Hence  $T_c = T_L$  and the proof of the first formula is finished. For the other two results use the same arguments in connect on with Luxemburg's Theorem 57.6, of [5, Note XV, p. 441].

*Example 4.9.* Let  $L_1$  be the Riesz space exhibited before the Definition 4.1 and let  $L_2 = C_{[0,1]}$ . Now let  $L = L_1 \times L_2$  and  $M = \mathbf{R}$ . Define  $\varphi \in L^*$  by

$$\varphi(f) = \int_0^1 u(x)dx + \int_0^1 v(x)dx \quad \text{for all } f = (u, v) \in L.$$

Now use the formulas of the previous theorem to get:

$$\varphi_c(f) = \int_0^1 u(x)dx, \quad \varphi_n(f) = 0, \quad \varphi_{sn,c}(f) = \varphi_c(f), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\varphi_s(f) = \int_0^1 v(x)dx, \quad \text{for all } f = (u, v) \in L.$$

**THEOREM 4.10.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be as in Lemma 4.7. Then we have:*

(i) *In the formula  $T_c(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_n) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \}$ , the greatest lower bound is attained if, and only if,  $N_{T_s}$  is super order dense in  $L$ .*

(ii) *In the formula  $T_n(u) = \inf \{ \sup \{ T(u_\alpha) \} : \theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow u \}$ , the greatest lower bound is attained if, and only if,  $N_{T_{sn}}$  is order dense in  $L$  ( $T_{sn} = T_{sn,c} + T_s$ ).*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\theta \leq u \in L$  and let  $T_c(u) = \sup \{ T(u_n) \}$  where  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$ . Note that  $T = T_c + T_s$ . It follows from this that  $T_s(u_n) = 0$  for all  $n$ , i.e., that  $\{u_n\} \subseteq N_{T_s}$ . This shows that  $N_{T_s}$  is super order dense in  $L$ . Now let  $N_{T_s}$  be super order dense in  $L$  and let  $\theta \leq u \in L$ . Pick a sequence  $\{u_n\} \subseteq N_{T_s}$  such that  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$ . But then  $T(u_n) = T_c(u_n) \uparrow T_c(u)$ , i.e., that  $T_c(u) = \min \{ \sup \{ T(u_n) \} : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u \}$ .

(ii) A similar argument proves (ii).

**THEOREM 4.11.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  Dedekind complete and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . Then the largest ideal on which  $T$  is an integral is  $N_{T_s}$  and the largest ideal on which  $T$  is normal is the ideal  $N_{T_{sn}} = N_{T_s} \cap N_{T_{sn,c}}$ .*

*Proof.* Note first that  $T$  restricted to  $N_{T_s}$  is an integral. Now assume that  $A$  is an ideal such that  $T$  is an integral when restricted to  $A$ . Then  $T_s$  restricted to  $A$  is also an integral. But  $T_s$  restricted to  $A$  has an extension to all of  $L$  (namely  $T_s$ ). Thus  $T_s$  has a minimal positive extension  $(T_s)_m$  which according to Theorem 4.5 is an integral. But  $\theta \leq (T_s)_m \leq T_s \in ((\mathcal{L}_b)_c)^d$ , so  $(T_s)_m \in ((\mathcal{L}_b)_c)^d$ . Hence  $(T_s)_m = 0$  and this implies  $A \subseteq N_{T_s}$ . A similar argument proves the second part.

**THEOREM 4.12.** *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be two Riesz spaces with  $M$  super Dedekind complete. Then we have:*

(i) *For every  $T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn,c}$  the null ideal  $N_T$  is quasi-order dense in  $L$ . In particular, if  $L$  is Archimedean,  $N_T$  is order dense in  $L$ .*

(ii) *The largest ideal on which an integral  $T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_c$  is normal is the  $\sigma$ -quasi order dense ideal  $N_{T_{sn,c}}$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\theta \leq T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn,c}$  and let  $N_{T^d} \neq \{\theta\}$ . Then  $T$  restricted to  $N_{T^d}$  is a strictly positive integral and hence it is normal on  $N_{T^d}$  by Theorem

4.6. Note that the restriction of  $T$  on  $N_{T^d}$  has a smallest positive extension  $T_m$ , which according to Theorem 4.5 is a normal integral of  $\mathcal{L}_b(L, M)$ . It follows from  $\theta \leq T_m \leq T$  on  $L$  that  $T_m \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn}$  and hence  $T_m = \theta$ . This implies that  $T = \theta$  on  $N_{T^d}$ , i.e.,  $N_{T^d} = \{\theta\}$ , a contradiction. Thus  $N_{T^d} = \{\theta\}$  and so  $N_{T^{dd}} = L$ .

(ii) If  $T_{sn,c} \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn,c} = (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn} \cap (\mathcal{L}_b)_c$ ,  $N_{T_{sn,c}}$  is a quasi order dense ideal in  $L$ , according to the previous statement and since  $T_{sn,c}$  is in  $(\mathcal{L}_b)_c$ , it is evident that  $N_{T_{sn,c}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal of  $L$ . Now let  $\theta \leq T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_c$  and let  $A$  be an ideal of  $L$  on which  $T$  is normal. Write  $T = T_n + T_{sn,c} + T_s$  and note that  $T_s = \theta$ . Thus  $T = T_n + T_{sn,c}$  and so  $T$  is normal restricted on  $N_{T_{sn,c}}$ . Note also that  $T_{sn,c} = T - T_n$  is normal if restricted to  $A$ . Theorem 4.5 shows that the minimal extension of  $T_{sn,c}$  (from  $A$  to  $L$ ) is also normal. Since  $\theta \leq (T_{sn,c})_m \leq T_{sn,c}$  we get that  $(T_{sn,c})_m \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn}$ , i.e.,  $(T_{sn,c})_m = \theta$ . So,  $T_{sn,c} = \theta$  on  $A$ , i.e.,  $A \subseteq N_{T_{sn,c}}$  and the proof is finished.

COROLLARY 4.13. *Let  $L$  and  $M$  be as in the previous theorem. Then we have:*

- (i) *For every  $T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_c$  we have  $N_T \oplus N_{T^d} \subseteq N_{T_{sn,c}}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $L$  is Archimedean, then  $T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_{sn,c}$  if, and only if,  $T \in (\mathcal{L}_b)_c$  and  $N_{T^d} = \{\theta\}$ .*

*Note.* The last three results are generalizations of the corresponding results for  $L^{\sim}$  due to W. A. J. Luxemburg (see [5, pp. 417–420]).

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