

## ***d*-ideals and injective ideals in a distributive lattice**

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### **Abstract**

The concepts of *d*-ideals and injective ideals are introduced in a distributive lattice with respect to derivations. *d*-ideals are characterized in terms of principal ideals of a distributive lattice. Further, an equivalent condition is derived for a *d*-ideal to become an injective ideal. Also the Stone's theorem for ideals of a distributive lattice is extended to the case of injective ideals.

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### **1 Introduction**

For a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  where  $+$  and  $\cdot$  denote two binary operations, we recall the derivation of  $R$  as a mapping  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  satisfying the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x \cdot y) &= (x \cdot f(y)) + (f(x) \cdot y) \\f(x + y) &= f(x) + f(y)\end{aligned}$$

H.E. Bell, L.C. Kappe [3] and K. Kaya [5] have studied derivations in rings and prime rings after Posner [6] had given the definition of the derivation in ring theory. Szasz have introduced and developed the theory of derivations in lattice structure. In a series of papers [7] and [8] he established the main properties of derivations of lattices. L. Ferrari [4] extended these concepts to lattices and he embedded any lattice having some additional properties into the lattice of its derivations.

G. Birkhoff [2], George Grätzer, G. Szász and many authors have studied about various types of ideals and congruences all intimated to some extent the behavior of ideals in a distributive lattice.

The aim of this paper is to study the structure of certain classes of ideals in a distributive lattice with respect to a derivation. On this way, the notions of *d*-ideals and injective ideals are introduced and their preliminary properties are studied in a distributive lattice. These classes of ideals are then characterized in terms of principal ideals. A necessary and sufficient condition is established for a *d*-ideal to become an injective ideal. The concept of *d*-prime ideals is introduced and the relations between the class of all injective ideals and the class of all *d*-prime ideals are obtained. Finally, the famous and crucial result of M.H. Stone is extended to the case of injective ideals and *d*-prime ideals.

### **2 Preliminaries**

We give some elementary aspects and important results which are used in the sequel of this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [1] An algebra  $(L, \wedge, \vee)$  of type  $(2, 2)$  is called a distributive lattice if for all  $x, y, z \in L$ , it satisfies the following properties (1), (2), (3) and (4) along with (5) or (5')

- (1)  $x \wedge x = x, x \vee x = x$
- (2)  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x, x \vee y = y \vee x$
- (3)  $(x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z), (x \vee y) \vee z = x \vee (y \vee z)$
- (4)  $(x \wedge y) \vee x = x, (x \vee y) \wedge x = x$
- (5)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$
- (5')  $x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$

**Remark 2.2.** The least element of a distributive lattice is denoted by 0. Throughout this article  $L$  stands for a distributive lattice with 0, unless otherwise mentioned.

**Definition 2.3.** [1] Let  $(L, \wedge, \vee)$  be a lattice. A partial ordering relation  $\leq$  is defined on  $L$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x \wedge y = x$  and  $x \vee y = y$ . In this case, the pair  $(L, \leq)$  is called a Partially Ordered set or simply POset.

**Definition 2.4.** [2] A non-empty subset  $A$  of  $L$  is called an ideal(filter) of  $L$  if  $a \vee b \in A (a \wedge b \in A)$  and  $a \wedge x \in A (a \vee x \in A)$  whenever  $a, b \in A$  and  $x \in L$ .

**Remark 2.5.** The set  $\mathcal{I}(L)$  of all ideals of a distributive lattice  $L$  is a complete distributive lattice with least element  $\{0\}$  and the greatest element  $L$  under set inclusion in which, for any  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}(L)$ ,  $I \cap J$  is the infimum of  $I, J$  and the supremum is given by  $I \vee J = \{i \vee j \mid i \in I, j \in J\}$ . For any  $a \in L$ ,  $(a) = \{x \mid x \leq a\}$  is the principal ideal generated by  $a$ . The set  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  of all principal ideals of  $L$  is a sublattice of the distributive lattice  $\mathcal{I}(L)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [2] Let  $I$  be an ideal and  $F$  a filter of  $L$  such that  $I \cap F = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a prime ideal  $P$  such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap F = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [2] Let  $L$  be a lattice. The mapping  $f : L \longrightarrow L$  is called a homomorphism if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $x, y \in L$ :

- (1)  $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$
- (2)  $f(x \vee y) = f(x) \vee f(y)$

A homomorphism is called injective if it is one-one.

**Definition 2.8.** [9] A self-map  $d : L \longrightarrow L$  is called a derivation of  $L$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $d(x \wedge y) = (d(x) \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge d(y))$
- (2)  $d(x \vee y) = d(x) \vee d(y)$

**Remark 2.9.** In [4], Ferrari observed the condition (1) is redundant and is equivalent to

$$(1') \quad d(x \wedge y) = d(x) \wedge y = x \wedge d(y)$$

A function satisfying the above condition (1') is called a translation and these translations are extensively studied by Szasz in [7] and [8].

**Lemma 2.10.** [4] Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any  $x, y \in L$ , we have

- (1)  $d(0) = 0$
- (2)  $d(x) \leq x$
- (3)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow d(x) \leq d(y)$

### 3 Main Results

In this section, the concepts of  $d$ -ideals and injective ideals are introduced in a distributive lattice. Further,  $d$ -ideals are characterized in terms of principal ideals. An equivalent condition is obtained for a  $d$ -ideal to become an injective ideal.

**Definition 3.1.** A self-mapping  $d : L \longrightarrow L$  is called a derivation of  $L$  if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $d(x \wedge y) = d(x) \wedge y$
- (ii)  $d(x \vee y) = d(x) \vee d(y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$

The kernel of a derivation is defined as the set  $Ker d = \{x \in L \mid d(x) = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** For any derivation  $d$  of  $L$ ,  $Ker d$  is an ideal of  $L$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $0 \in Ker d$ . Let  $x, y \in Ker d$ . Then  $d(x \vee y) = d(x) \vee d(y) = 0$ . Hence  $x \vee y \in Ker d$ . Again, let  $x \in Ker d$  and  $r \in L$ . Then  $d(x \wedge r) = d(x) \wedge r = 0 \wedge r = 0$ . Hence  $x \wedge r \in Ker d$ . Thus  $Ker d$  is an ideal of  $L$ . ■

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $d$  be a derivation and  $I$  an ideal of  $L$ . Then we have

- (i)  $d(I)$  is an ideal of  $L$  such that  $d(I) \subseteq I$ .
- (ii)  $d^{-1}(I)$  is an ideal of  $L$  such that  $Ker d \subseteq d^{-1}(I)$ .

**Proof.** (i). Clearly  $0 = d(0) \in d(I)$ . Let  $a, b \in d(I)$ . Then  $a = d(x)$  and  $b = d(y)$  for some  $x, y \in I$ . Now  $a \vee b = d(x) \vee d(y) = d(x \vee y) \in d(I)$ . Again, let  $c \in d(I)$  and  $x \in L$ . Then  $c = d(z)$  for some  $z \in I$ . Now  $c \wedge x = d(z) \wedge x = d(z \wedge x) \in d(I)$ . Therefore  $d(I)$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Let  $x \in d(I)$ . Then  $x = d(y)$  for some  $y \in I$ . Since  $d(y) \leq y$ , we get  $d(y) = y \wedge d(y) \in I$ . Hence  $x \in I$ .

(ii). Since  $d(0) = 0 \in I$ , we get  $0 \in d^{-1}(I)$ . Let  $a, b \in d^{-1}(I)$ . Then we have  $d(a), d(b) \in I$ . Since  $I$  is an ideal, we can get  $d(a \vee b) = d(a) \vee d(b) \in I$ . Hence  $a \vee b \in d^{-1}(I)$ . Again, let  $x \in d^{-1}(I)$  and  $r \in L$ . Then we get  $d(x) \in I$ . Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $L$ , we get  $d(x \wedge r) = d(x) \wedge r \in I$ . Thus  $x \wedge r \in d^{-1}(I)$ . Therefore  $d^{-1}(I)$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Since  $0 \in I$ , we get  $Ker d = d^{-1}(\{0\}) \subseteq d^{-1}(I)$ . ■

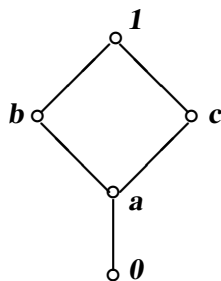
**Remark 3.4.** One can easily observe that the condition of onto which is necessary for getting the image of an ideal under a homomorphism of distributive lattices to become again an ideal is not required in

case of a derivation.

**Definition 3.5.** An ideal  $I$  of  $L$  is called a  $d$ -ideal if  $I = d(I)$ .

**Remark 3.6.** Since  $d(0) = 0$ , it can be easily observed that the zero ideal  $\{0\}$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $L$ . Furthermore, if  $d$  is onto, then  $d(L) = L$  and hence  $L$  is also a  $d$ -ideal. However, a proper  $d$ -ideal is given in the following example.

**Example 3.7.** Consider the distributive lattice  $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  whose Hasse diagram is given below.



Define a self map  $d : L \longrightarrow L$  such that  $d(0) = 0, d(a) = d(c) = a$  and  $d(b) = d(1) = b$ . Then clearly  $d$  is a derivation on  $L$ . Consider the ideal  $I = \{0, a, b\}$ . It can be verified that  $d(I) = I$ . Therefore,  $I$  is a  $d$ -ideal of  $L$ .

**Lemma 3.8.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$  and  $I, J$  two ideals of  $L$ . Then we have

- (a)  $I \subseteq J$  implies that  $d(I) \subseteq d(J)$ .
- (b)  $d(I \cap J) = d(I) \cap d(J)$ .
- (c)  $d(I \vee J) = d(I) \vee d(J)$ .

**Proof.** (a) Suppose that  $I \subseteq J$ . Let  $x \in d(I)$ . Then we get that  $x = d(y)$  for some  $y \in I \subseteq J$ . Hence we get  $x = d(y) \in d(J)$ . Therefore,  $d(I) \subseteq d(J)$ .

(b) Clearly  $d(I \cap J) \subseteq d(I) \cap d(J)$ . Conversely, let  $x \in d(I) \cap d(J)$ . Then  $x = d(a)$  for some  $a \in I$  and  $x = d(b)$  for some  $b \in J$ . Since  $b \in J$  and  $d(b) \leq b$ , we get that  $d(b) \in J$  and hence  $a \wedge d(b) \in I \cap J$ . Thus  $x = d(a) \wedge d(b) = d(a \wedge d(b)) \in d(I \cap J)$ . Therefore  $d(I) \cap d(J) \subseteq d(I \cap J)$ .

(c) Clearly  $d(I) \vee d(J) \subseteq d(I \vee J)$ . Conversely, let  $x \in d(I \vee J)$ . Then  $x = d(z)$  for some  $z \in I \vee J$ . Hence  $z = a \vee b$  for some  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$ . Thus  $x = d(z) = d(a \vee b) = d(a) \vee d(b) \in d(I) \vee d(J)$ . Therefore,  $d(I \vee J) \subseteq d(I) \vee d(J)$ . ■

For any derivation  $d$  of  $L$ , let us denote the class of all  $d$ -ideals of  $L$  by  $\mathcal{I}_d(L)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}_d(L)$  is a complete distributive lattice with respect to set inclusion. Moreover,  $\mathcal{I}_d(L)$  has greatest element if and only if the map  $d$  is onto.

**Proof.** Define an order  $\leq$  on  $\mathcal{I}_d(L)$  by  $I \leq J$  if and only if  $I \subseteq J$  for any two  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}_d(L)$ . Then clearly  $(\mathcal{I}_d(L), \leq)$  is a partially ordered set. Since  $\{0\}$  is a  $d$ -ideal, it can be easily obtained that

$(\mathcal{I}_d(L), \leq)$  is a complete lattice. Again by the above lemma, it yields that  $\langle \mathcal{I}_d(L), \cap, \vee \rangle$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{I}(L)$  of all ideals of  $L$ . Hence  $\langle \mathcal{I}_d(L), \cap, \vee, \{0\} \rangle$  is a complete distributive lattice. The remaining part is clear by the observation that  $d$  is onto if and only if  $d(L) = L$ . ■

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any ideal  $I$  of  $L$ , the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $I$  is a  $d$ -ideal.
- (2)  $I = \bigcup_{x \in I} (d(x))$ .
- (3) For any  $x \in I$ , there exists  $y \in I$  such that  $x = d(y)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Since  $d(x) \leq x$ , we have always  $\bigcup_{x \in I} (d(x)) \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in I} (x) = I$ . Conversely, let  $x \in I$ . Then there exists  $a \in I$  such that  $x = d(a)$ . Hence  $x \in (d(a)) \subseteq \bigcup_{t \in I} (d(t))$ . Thus we get  $I \subseteq \bigcup_{t \in I} (d(t))$ . Therefore  $I = \bigcup_{t \in I} (d(t))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Assume the condition (2). Let  $x \in I$ . Then  $x \in (d(a))$  for some  $a \in I$ . Hence  $x = d(a) \wedge x = d(a \wedge x)$ . Therefore  $x = d(a \wedge x)$  and  $a \wedge x \in I$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Assume the condition (3). We have always  $d(I) \subseteq I$ . Now let  $x \in I$ . Then there exists  $y \in I$  such that  $x = d(y) \in d(I)$ . Therefore  $I = d(I)$ . ■

**Definition 3.11.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $L$  is called an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  if for  $x, y \in L$ ,  $d(x) = d(y)$  and  $x \in I$  implies that  $y \in I$ .*

Evidently  $\text{Ker } d$  is an injective ideal of  $L$ . Though the zero ideal  $\{0\}$  is a  $d$ -ideal, there is no guarantee that it is an injective ideal. However, a set of equivalent conditions are established for  $\{0\}$  to become an injective ideal.

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (a)  $\{0\}$  is injective with respect to  $d$ .
- (b)  $\text{Ker } d = \{0\}$ .
- (c)  $d(x) = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$  for all  $x \in L$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): Assume that  $\{0\}$  is injective with respect to  $d$ . Let  $x \in \text{Ker } d$ . Then  $d(x) = 0 = d(0)$ . Since  $\{0\}$  is injective, we can get that  $x \in \{0\}$ . Therefore  $\text{Ker } d = \{0\}$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): The proof is trivial.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Assume the condition (c). Let  $d(x) = d(y)$  and  $x \in \{0\}$ . Hence  $d(y) = d(x) = d(0) = 0$ . Therefore condition (c) yields that  $y = 0 \in \{0\}$ . ■

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $d$  is injective.
- (2) Every ideal is injective with respect to  $d$ .

(3) Every prime ideal is injective with respect to  $d$ .

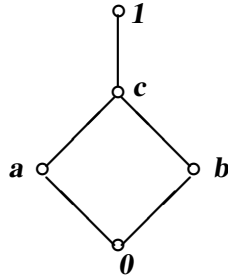
**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): It is clear by the definition of an injective ideal.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Assume that every prime ideal of  $L$  is an injective ideal. Let  $x, y \in L$  be such that  $d(x) = d(y)$ . Suppose that  $x \neq y$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $(x] \cap [y) = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a prime ideal  $P$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $y \notin P$ , which is a contradiction to  $P$  is an injective ideal. ■

The independency between the class of all  $d$ -ideals and that of injective ideals are demonstrated in the following examples.

**Example 3.14.** Consider the distributive lattice  $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  whose Hasse diagram is given below.



Define a self-map  $d : L \longrightarrow L$  as follows:

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } x = a, c, 1 \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then it can be easily verified that  $d$  is a derivation of  $L$ .  $I = \{0, b\}$  is an injective ideal of  $L$ . Now  $d(I) = \{0\}$  and hence  $I \neq d(I)$ . Therefore,  $I$  is an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  but not a  $d$ -ideal.

**Example 3.15.** Consider the distributive lattice  $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  given in example 2.7. Define a self map  $d : L \longrightarrow L$  as follows:

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ a & \text{if } x = a, c \\ b & \text{if } x = b, 1 \end{cases}$$

It can be easily verified that  $d$  is a derivation of  $L$ . Now consider the ideal  $I = \{0, a, b\}$ . Clearly  $d(I) = I$  and hence  $I$  is a  $d$ -ideal. But  $d(a) = d(c)$ ,  $a \in I$  and  $c \notin I$ . Therefore,  $I$  is a  $d$ -ideal but not injective with respect to  $d$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then a  $d$ -ideal  $I$  of  $L$  is injective with respect to  $d$  if and only if for any  $x \in L$ ,  $d(x) \in I$  implies  $x \in I$ .

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be a  $d$ -ideal of  $L$ . Assume that  $I$  is an injective ideal with respect to  $d$ . Let  $x \in L$ . Suppose  $d(x) \in I = d(I)$ . Then  $d(x) = d(a)$  for some  $a \in I$ . Since  $I$  is injective and  $a \in I$ , we get that  $x \in I$ . Conversely, let  $x, y \in L, d(x) = d(y)$  and  $x \in I$ . Since  $x \in I = d(I)$ , we get  $x = d(a)$  for some  $a \in I$ . Hence,  $d(y) = d(x) = d(d(a))$  and  $d(a) \leq a \in I$  which implies that  $y \in I$ . Therefore,  $I$  is an injective ideal of  $L$  with respect to  $d$ . ■

**Definition 3.17.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any ideal  $I$  of  $L$ , define an extension of  $I$  as  $I' = \{x \in L \mid d(x) \in (d(a)) \text{ for some } a \in I\}$ .

The following lemma is a routine verification.

**Lemma 3.18.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any two ideals  $I, J$  of  $L$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $I'$  is an ideal of  $L$ .
- (2)  $I \subseteq I'$ .
- (3)  $I \subseteq J$  implies  $I' \subseteq J'$ .
- (4)  $I' \cap J' = (I \cap J)'$ .

**Proposition 3.19.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any ideal  $I$  of  $L$ ,  $I'$  is the smallest injective ideal with respect to  $d$  such that  $I \subseteq I'$ .

**Proof.** By the above lemma,  $I'$  is an ideal containing  $I$ . We now show that  $I'$  is an injective ideal with respect to  $d$ . Let  $x, y \in L, d(x) = d(y)$  and  $x \in I'$ . Then  $d(y) = d(x) \in (d(a))$  for some  $a \in I$ . Thus  $y \in I'$ . Let  $J$  be an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  such that  $I \subseteq J$ . Let  $t \in I'$ . Then  $d(t) \in (d(a))$  for some  $a \in I \subseteq J$ . Hence,  $d(t) = d(a) \wedge d(t) = d(a \wedge d(t))$  and  $a \wedge d(t) \in J$ . Since  $J$  is injective with respect to  $d$ , we get that  $t \in J$ . Thus  $I' \subseteq J$  and hence  $I'$  is the smallest injective ideal with respect to  $d$  such that  $I \subseteq I'$ . ■

**Corollary 3.20.** If  $I$  is an injective ideal, then  $I = I'$ .

**Theorem 3.21.** The set  $\mathcal{I}^d(L)$  of all injective ideals of  $L$ , with respect to a given derivation of  $d$  of  $L$ , forms a distributive lattice on their own.

**Proof.** For  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^d(L)$ , define the operations  $\wedge$  and  $\sqcup$  such that  $I \wedge J = I \cap J$  and  $I \sqcup J = (I \vee J)'$ . Clearly  $(\mathcal{I}^d(L), \wedge, \sqcup)$  is a lattice. Now for any  $I, J, K \in \mathcal{I}^d(L)$  we have  $I \sqcup (J \cap K) = \{(I \vee (J \cap K))\}' = \{(I \vee J) \cap (I \vee K)\}' = (I \vee J)' \cap (I \vee K)' = (I \sqcup J) \cap (I \sqcup K)$ . Therefore,  $(\mathcal{I}^d(L), \wedge, \sqcup)$  is a distributive lattice. ■

**Definition 3.22.** Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of  $L$  is called a  $d$ -prime ideal if for any  $x, y \in L, x \wedge y \in \text{Ker } d$  implies either  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ .

By a maximal injective ideal, we mean an injective ideal which is maximal in the class of all proper injective ideals with respect to a given derivation. Then the following series of propositions establish

some useful relations between the class of all injective ideals with respect to a derivation  $d$  and the class of all  $d$ -prime ideals. For this, the following lemma is required.

**Lemma 3.23.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then for any injective ideal  $I$  of  $L$  with respect to  $d$ ,  $Ker d \subseteq I$ . In other words,  $Ker d$  is the smallest injective ideal of  $L$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  of  $L$ . Suppose  $x \in Ker d$ . Then  $d(x) = 0 = d(0)$ . Since  $I$  is injective with respect to  $d$  and  $0 \in I$ , it yields that  $x \in I$ . Since  $Ker d$  is also an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  of  $L$ , it is the smallest injective ideal in  $L$  with respect to the derivation  $d$ . ■

**Proposition 3.24.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then every maximal injective ideal with respect to the derivation  $d$  of  $L$  is a  $d$ -prime ideal.*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a maximal injective ideal of  $L$ . Choose  $x, y \in L$  such that  $x \notin M$  and  $y \notin M$ . Then  $M \subset M \vee (x) \subseteq \{M \vee (x)\}'$  and  $M \subset M \vee (y) \subseteq \{M \vee (y)\}'$ . Since  $M$  is maximal, we can get  $\{M \vee (x)\}' = L$  and  $\{M \vee (y)\}' = L$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \{M \vee (x \wedge y)\}' &= \{(M \vee (x)) \cap (M \vee (y))\}' \\ &= \{M \vee (x)\}' \cap \{M \vee (y)\}' \\ &= L \end{aligned}$$

If  $x \wedge y \in Ker d$ , then  $L = \{M \vee (x \wedge y)\}' \subseteq \{M \vee Ker d\}' = M' = M$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $M$  is proper. Hence  $M$  is a  $d$ -prime ideal. ■

**Proposition 3.25.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Then every  $d$ -prime ideal  $P$  is an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  if for each  $a \in P$  there exists  $b \notin P$  such that  $a \wedge b \in Ker d$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $P$  be a  $d$ -prime ideal which satisfies the given property. Let  $x, y \in L$  be such that  $d(x) = d(y)$ . Suppose  $x \in P$ . Then there exists  $x' \notin P$  such that  $x \wedge x' \in Ker d$ . Hence  $d(x) \wedge x' = d(x \wedge x') = 0$ , which yields that  $d(y \wedge x') = d(y) \wedge x' = 0$ . Therefore  $y \wedge x' \in Ker d$ . Since  $P$  is a  $d$ -prime ideal and  $x' \notin P$ , we get that  $y \in P$ . Hence,  $P$  is injective with respect to  $d$ . ■

We generalise the celebrated result of M.H. Stone [1936] which is meant for ideals, filters and prime ideals of a distributive lattice to the case of injective ideals, filters and  $d$ -prime ideals.

**Theorem 3.26.** *Let  $d$  be a derivation of  $L$ . Suppose  $I$  is an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  and  $F$  a filter of  $L$  such that  $I \cap F = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a  $d$ -prime ideal  $P$  such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap F = \emptyset$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be an injective ideal with respect to  $d$  and  $F$  a filter of  $L$  such that  $I \cap F = \emptyset$ . Consider  $\mathfrak{F} = \{J \in I^d(L) \mid I \subseteq J \text{ and } J \cap F = \emptyset\}$ . Clearly  $I \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Let  $\{J_\alpha\}$  be a chain of elements of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Then clearly  $\cup J_\alpha$  is an upper bound for  $\{J_\alpha\}$  in  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Hence by Zorn's lemma,  $\mathfrak{F}$  has a maximal element, say  $M$ . We now prove that  $M$  is  $d$ -prime. Let  $x, y \in L$  such that  $x \notin M$  and  $y \notin M$ . Then  $M \subset M \vee (x) \subseteq \{M \vee (x)\}'$  and  $M \subset M \vee (y) \subseteq \{M \vee (y)\}'$ . By the maximality of  $M$ , we get that



$\{M \vee (x)\}' \cap F \neq \emptyset$  and  $\{M \vee (y)\}' \cap F \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $a \in \{M \vee (x)\}' \cap F$  and  $b \in \{M \vee (y)\}' \cap F$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} a \wedge b &\in \{M \vee (x)\}' \cap \{M \vee (y)\}' \\ &= \{(M \vee (x)) \cap (M \vee (y))\}' \\ &= \{M \vee (x \wedge y)\}' \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $x \wedge y \in \text{Ker } d$ . Then it reflects that  $a \wedge b \in \{M \vee (x \wedge y)\}' = \{M \vee \text{Ker } d\}' = M' = M$  (Since  $M$  is injective). Thus,  $a \wedge b \in M \cap F$ , which is a contradiction to  $M \cap F = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $M$  is a  $d$ -prime ideal. ■

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