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# A Note on bilinear maps on vector lattices

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**Abstract:** In this paper we introduce a new concept of a *d*-bimorphism on a vector lattice and prove that, for vector lattices *A* and *B*, the Arens triadjoint  $T^{***}: (A')'_n \times (A')'_n \to (B')'_n$  of a *d*-bimorphism  $T: A \times A \to B$  is a *d*-bimorphism. This generalizes the concept of *d*-algebra and some results on the order bidual of *d*-algebras.

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## **1** Introduction and preliminaries

The Arens multiplications introduced in [2] on the bidual of various lattice ordered (or Riesz) algebras have been well documented (see, e.g., [3]). The more general question about Arens triadjoints of bilinear maps on products of vector lattices has recently aroused considerable interest (see, e.g., [7]). In Theorem 2.1 in [7] several properties of the Arens triadjoint maps are collected. For example, the adjoint of a bilinear map of order bounded variation is of order bounded variation and the triadjoint of such a map is separately order continuous. In this direction, as the extensions of the notions of classes of *f*-algebras [4] (a lattice ordered algebra *A* with the property that  $a \wedge b = 0$  implies  $ac \wedge b = ca \wedge b = 0$  for all  $c \in A^+$ ) and almost *f*-algebras [5] (a lattice ordered algebra *A* for which  $a \wedge b = 0$  in *A* implies ab = 0), we studied the Arens triadjoints of some classes of bilinear maps on vector lattices (or Riesz spaces); mainly, bi-orthomorphisms and orthosymmetric bilinear maps (see [16]):

**Definition 1.** Let *A* and *B* be vector lattices. A bilinear map  $T : A \times A \rightarrow B$  is said to be

(1) *orthosymmetric* if  $x \land y = 0$  implies T(x, y) = 0 for all  $x, y \in A$  (first appeared in a paper by G. Buskes and A. van Rooij in [10] in 2000).

(2) *a bi-orthomorphism* if it is a separately order bounded bilinear map such that  $x \land y = 0$  in *A* implies  $T(z, x) \land y = 0$  for all  $z \in A^+$ , when A = B (first appears a paper by G. Buskes, R. Page Jr and R. Yilmaz in [11] in 2009).

The class of orthosymmetric bilinear maps was introduced in [10] by G. Buskes and A. van Rooij. Subsequent developments have been made as a result of contributions by the same authors [9], G. Buskes and A. G. Kusraev [8], and M. A. Toumi [14]. In [14] it is proved that if A, B are vector lattices,  $(A')'_n, (B')'_n$  are their respective order continuous biduals and  $T : A \times A \to B$  is a positive orthosymmetric bilinear map, then the triadjoint  $T^{***} : (A')'_n \times (A')'_n \to (B')'_n$  of T is a positive orthosymmetric bilinear map by the technique used in [3]. In [16] we extended this result to the whole  $A'' \times A''$ ; that is, if A and B are Archimedean vector lattices, A'' and B'' are the order biduals of A and B respectively, then  $T^{***} : A'' \times A'' \to B''$  is a positive orthosymmetric bilinear map whenever  $T : A \times A \to B$  is so. Moreover we obtained similar results for the class of the Arens triadjoint of bi-orthomorphisms when A = B. So, we proved that all the results on the order biduals of f-algebras and almost f-algebras in the paper [3] could be reformulated and obtained the following results:

**Theorem 1.**Let A and B Archimedean vector lattices. Then the following are satisfied.

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(i) The Arens triadjoint  $T^{***}: A'' \times A'' \to B''$  of a positive orthosymmetric bilinear map  $T: A \times A \to B$  is positive orthosymmetric.

(ii) The Arens triadjoint  $T^{***}: A'' \times A'' \to A''$  of a bi-orthomorphism  $T: A \times A \to A$  is a bi-orthomorphism.

R. Yilmaz and K. Rowlands in [15] in 2006 were the first to study bi-orthomorphisms what they called quasi-orthomorphisms. The notion of bi-orthomorphism, as given here, first appears in a paper by G. Buskes, R. Page Jr and R. Yilmaz in [11] in 2009, where it is proved that, under the certain conditions, the space of bi-orthomorphisms forms an f-algebra and we ask the question when exactly it is in general an f-algebra. Very recently K. Boulabiar and W. Brahmi in [6] have given a complete answer to this question, proving that the non-trivial space of bi-orthomorphisms is equipped with a structure of f-algebra.

In this paper, for the sake of completion of our paper [16], we introduce a new concept of a *d*-bimorphism and prove that if *A*,*B* are vector lattices and a bilinear map  $T : A \times A \to B$  is a *d*-bimorphism, then so is the bilinear map  $T^{***} : (A')'_n \times (A')'_n \to (B')'_n$ . This also extends the notion of a *d*-algebra [12] (a lattice ordered algebra *A* such that  $a \wedge b = 0$  in *A* implies  $ac \wedge bc = ca \wedge cb = 0$  for all  $c \in A^+$ ) and generalizes results on the continuous order bidual of *d*-algebras given in [3].

From here on, let *A*, *B*, and *C* be Archimedean vector lattices and A', B', C' be their respective duals. A bilinear map  $T : A \times B \to C$  can be extended in a natural way to the bilinear map  $T^{***} : A'' \times B'' \to C''$  constructed in the following stages:

$$\begin{array}{ll} T^*: C' \times A \to B', & T^*(f,x)(y) = f(T(x,y)) \\ T^{**}: B'' \times C' \to A', & T^{**}(G,f)(x) = G(T^*(f,x)) \\ T^{***}: A'' \times B'' \to C'', & T^{***}(F,G)(f) = F(T^{**}(G,f)) \end{array}$$

for all  $x \in A, y \in B, f \in C', F \in A'', G \in B''$  (so-called the *first Arens adjoint* of *T*). Another extension of a bilinear map  $T : A \times B \to C$  is the map  $^{***}T : A'' \times B'' \to C''$  constructed in the following stages:

$$\begin{split} ^{*}T:B\times C'\to A', & ^{*}T(y,f)(x)=f(T(x,y)) \\ ^{**}T:C'\times A''\to B', & ^{**}T(f,F)(y)=F(^{*}T(y,f)) \\ ^{***}T:A''\times B''\to C'', & ^{***}T(F,G)(f)=G(^{**}T(f,F)) \end{split}$$

for all  $x \in A, y \in B, f \in C', F \in A'', G \in B''$  (so-called the *second Arens adjoint* of *T*) [2].

In this work we shall concentrate on the first Arens adjoint; that is, we prove that the triadjoint  $T^{***}: (A')'_n \times (A')'_n \to (B')'_n$  is a *d*-bimorphism whenever  $T: A \times A \to B$  is so. Similar results hold for the second. For the elementary theory of vector lattices and terminology not explained here we refer to [1, 13, 17].

## 2 The Arens triadjoint of a *d*-bimorphism

In this section we define the notion of a *d*-bimorphism on a vector lattice and prove that the extension  $T^{***}$  of a *d*-bimorphism  $T: A \times A \to B$  is again a *d*-bimorphism. We first recall some relevant notions. The *canonical mapping*  $a \mapsto \hat{a}$  of a vector lattice A into its order bidual A'' is defined by  $\hat{a}(f) = f(a)$  for all  $f \in A'$ . For each  $a \in A$ ,  $\hat{a}$  defines an order continuous algebraic lattice homomorphism on A' and the canonical image  $\hat{A}$  of A is a subalgebra of  $(A')_c'$ . Moreover the band

$$I_{\widehat{A}} = \{F \in (A')_c' : |F| \le \widehat{x} \text{ for some } x \in A^+\}$$

generated by  $\widehat{A}$  is order dense in  $(A')_c'$ ; that is, for each  $F \in (A')_c'$ , there exists an upwards directed net  $\{G_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $I_{\widehat{A}}$  such that  $0 < G_{\lambda} \uparrow F$ .

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A bilinear operator  $T : A \times B \to C$  is said to be *order bounded* if for all  $(x, y) \in A^+ \times B^+$  we have

$$\{T(a,b): 0 \le a \le y, 0 \le b \le y\}$$

is order bounded. *T* is *positive* if for all  $x \in A^+$  and  $y \in B^+$  we have  $T(x,y) \in C^+$ . Clearly every positive bilinear map is order bounded. Moreover if *T* is positive, then so is  $T^*$ .

**Definition 2.** Let *A* and *B* be vector lattices. A bilinear map  $T : A \times A \rightarrow B$  is said to be a *d*-bimorphism if  $x \wedge y = 0$  in *A* implies  $T(z,x) \wedge T(z,y) = 0$  for all  $z \in A^+$ .

The following result is obvious from the definitions.

Theorem 2. Every bi-orthomorphism is boht orthosymmetric and a d-bimorphism.

We are in a position to prove the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.** Let A, B be vector lattices and  $T : A \times A \rightarrow B$  be a d-bimorphism. Then the bilinear map  $T^{***} : (A')'_n \times (A')'_n \rightarrow (B')'_n$  is a d-bimorphism.

*Proof.* Let *A*, *B* be vector lattices and  $T : A \times A \rightarrow B$  be a *d*-bimorphism. We have to show that  $T^{***}$  is a *d*-bimorphism. The proof of this is in two steps, as follows.

Step 1. We first show that if  $x \in A^+$  and  $0 \le F, G, H \in (A')'_n$  satisfy  $F, G, H \le \hat{x}$  and  $G \land H = 0$ , then

$$T^{***}(F,H) \wedge T^{***}(F,G) = 0,$$

which is the main step of the proof.

Let  $0 \le f \in B'$  and  $x \in A^+$ . Then  $0 \le T^*(f, x) \in A'$ , and so, by Corollary 1.2 of [3], there exist  $g, h \in A'$  with  $g \land h = 0$ , and G(g) = 0 = H(h) such that

$$T^*(f, x) = g + h.$$

By the Riesz-Kontorovič Theorem ([1, Theorem 1.13]),

$$\inf\{g(y) + h(z) : x = y + z, y, z \in A^+\} = (g \wedge h)(x) = 0,$$

which implies that, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $y, z \in A^+$  such that

$$x = y + z$$
,  $g(y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and  $h(z) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .

We now define the linear functionals  $G_1$  and  $H_1$  on A' by

$$G_1 = G \wedge (y - y \wedge z)$$
 and  $H_1 = H \wedge (z - y \wedge z)$ .

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Clearly,  $0 \leq G_1, H_1 \in (A')_c'$  and the following inequalities hold.

$$0 \le H - H_1 = (H - (z - y \land z))^+ \le (\widehat{x} - (\overline{z - y \land z}))^+$$
  
=  $(y + \widehat{z - (z - y \land z)})^+ = (\widehat{y + y \land z})^+ \le 2\widehat{y},$  (1)

and similarly

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$$0 \le G - G_1 \le 2\hat{z}.\tag{2}$$

Since  $T^{***}$  is a *d*-bimorphism (and so positive) and  $T^{***}(\widehat{a}, \widehat{b}) = \widehat{T(a, b)}$  for all  $a, b \in A$ , it follows that

$$0 \le T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge T^{***}(F,H_1)$$
  

$$\le T^{***}(\widehat{x}, \widehat{y-y} \wedge z) \wedge T^{***}(\widehat{x}, \widehat{z-y} \wedge z) = 0;$$
  
i.e.,  $T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge T^{***}(F,H_1) = 0.$  (3)

We next consider the elements

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$$0 \le T^{***}(F, G - G_1), T^{***}(F, H - H_1)$$

of  $(A')'_n$ . Then, by the positivity of  $T^{***}$  and (1),

$$T^{***}(F,H-H_1)(f) \leq T^{***}(\hat{x},H-H_1)(f) = \hat{x}(T^{**}(H-H_1,f))$$
  
=  $T^{**}(H-H_1,f)(x) = (H-H_1)(T^*(f,x))$   
=  $(H-H_1)(g+h) = (H-H_1)(g) + (H-H_1)(h)$   
 $\leq (H-H_1)(g) + (H)(h) \leq 2\hat{y}(g) + 0 = 2g(y).$  (4)

Similarly, by (2),

$$T^{***}(F, G - G_1)(f) \le 2h(z).$$
(5)

Hence, using the fact that  $(a+b) \land c \leq a \land c + b \land c$  in  $\ell$ -spaces and (3), we find

$$\begin{split} T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H) &= T^{***}(F,G-G_1+G_1) \wedge T^{***}(F,H-H_1+H_1) \\ &= (T^{***}(F,G-G_1)+T^{***}(F,G_1)) \wedge (T^{***}(F,H-H_1)+T^{***}(F,H_1)) \\ &\leq (T^{***}(F,G-G_1) \wedge (T^{***}(F,H-H_1)+T^{***}(F,H_1))) \\ &+ (T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge (T^{***}(F,H-H_1)+T^{***}(F,H_1))) \\ &\leq T^{***}(F,G-G_1) + (T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge (T^{***}(F,H-H_1)+T^{***}(F,H_1))) \\ &\leq T^{***}(F,G-G_1) + (T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge T^{***}(F,H-H_1)) + (T^{***}(F,G_1) \wedge T^{***}(F,H_1))) \\ &\leq T^{***}(F,G-G_1) + T^{***}(F,H-H_1)) + 0. \end{split}$$

Therefore, by (4) and (5),

$$\begin{split} 0 &\leq (T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f) \leq (T^{***}(F,G-G_1) + T^{***}(F,H-H_1))(f) \\ &\leq 2g(y) + 2h(z) \\ &< 2\frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{split}$$



Since this holds for an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$(T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f) = 0$$

for all  $0 \le f \in B'$ . It now follows that for all  $f \in B'$ 

$$\begin{split} (T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f) &= (T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f^+) - (T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f^-) \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0, \end{split}$$

and so  $T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H) = 0$ .

Step 2. So far, we have proved that the restriction map  $T^{***}|_{I_{\widehat{A}} \times I_{\widehat{A}}}$  is a *d*-bimorphism whenever  $T : A \times A \to B$  is so. We now extend the result to the whole  $(A')'_n \times (A')'_n$ . To do this, let  $0 \le F, G, H \in (A')'_n$  such that  $G \wedge H = 0$ . We have to show that  $(T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H))(f) = 0$  for all  $0 \le f \in B'$ .

Since the band  $I_{\hat{A}}$  is order dense in  $(A')'_n$ , there exist  $G_{\alpha}, H_{\beta} \in I_{\hat{A}}$  such that  $0 \leq G_{\alpha} \uparrow G$  and  $0 \leq H_{\beta} \uparrow H$  with  $0 \leq G_{\alpha} \leq \hat{x}_{\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq H_{\beta} \leq \hat{y}_{\beta}$  for some  $x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta} \in A^+$ . It follows from  $G \land H = 0$  that  $G_{\alpha} \land H_{\beta} = 0$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$ . Furthermore,  $0 \leq G_{\alpha}, H_{\beta} \leq \hat{x}_{\alpha} + y_{\beta}$ . Hence, by above, we see that

$$T^{***}(F,G_{\alpha}) \wedge T^{***}(F,H_{\beta}) = 0 \tag{6}$$

for all  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Now let  $0 \le f \in B'$ . Since  $0 \le G_{\alpha} \uparrow G$ , we have

 $0 \leq G_{\alpha}(T^{**}(f,x)) \uparrow G(T^{**}(f,x));$  i.e.,  $0 \leq T^{***}(G_{\alpha},f)(x) \uparrow T^{***}(G,f)(x),$ 

for all  $0 \le x \in A$ . Hence

 $0 \leq T^{**}(G_{\alpha}, f) \uparrow T^{**}(G, f),$ 

and so, by the order continuity of F,

$$0 \le F(T^{**}(G_{\alpha}, f)) \uparrow F(T^{**}(G, f));$$
  
i.e.,  $0 \le T^{***}(F, G_{\alpha})(f) \uparrow T^{***}(F, G)(f)$ 

for all  $0 \le f \in B'$ . Thus

$$0 \le T^{***}(F, G_{\alpha}) \uparrow T^{***}(F, G).$$
(7)

Similarly, it follows from  $0 \le H_{\beta} \uparrow H$  that

$$0 \le H_{\beta}(T^{**}(f,x)) \uparrow H(T^{**}(f,x));$$
  
i.e., 
$$0 \le T^{**}(H_{\beta},f)(x) \uparrow T^{**}(H,f)(x)$$

for all  $0 \le x \in A$ . This shows that

 $0 \le T^{**}(H_{\beta}, f) \uparrow T^{**}(H, f).$ 

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Hence, by the order continuity of F again,

$$0 \le F(T^{**}(H_{\beta}, f)) \uparrow F(T^{**}(H, f));$$
  
i.e.,  $0 \le T^{***}(F, H_{\beta})(f) \uparrow T^{***}(F, H)(f)$ 

for all  $0 \le f \in B'$ . Therefore

$$0 \le T^{***}(F, H_{\beta}) \uparrow T^{***}(F, H).$$
(8)

Now it follows from (7) and (8) that

$$0 \le T^{***}(F, G_{\alpha}) \wedge T^{***}(F, H_{\beta}) \uparrow T^{***}(F, G) \wedge T^{***}(F, H),$$

for all  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . This leads that, by (6),

$$T^{***}(F,G) \wedge T^{***}(F,H) = 0$$

as required.

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As every Arens multiplication on the bidual of lattice ordered algebras defines the Arens triadjoint map and every commutative d-algebra is an almost f-algebra, we immediately obtain the following corollary [3, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2].

Corollary 1. (i) *The order continuous bidual of a d-algebra is a Dedekind complete (and hence Archimedean) d-algebra.*(ii) *The order bidual of a commutative d-algebra is a Dedekind complete d-algebra.* 

Finally we point out that the triadjoints on the whole biduals is still an open problem. One has to obtain a way to handle the singular parts of biduals, as the cases of orthosymmetric bilinear maps and bi-orthomorphisms [16], in order to prove that the triadjoint  $T^{***}: A'' \times A'' \to B''$  of a *d*-bimorphism  $T: A \times A \to B$  is a *d*-bimorphism.

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