

Classification of modules over laterally complete regular algebras

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{A} be a laterally complete commutative regular algebra and X be a laterally complete \mathcal{A} -module. In this paper we introduce a notion of passport $\Gamma(X)$ for X , which consist of uniquely defined partition of unity in the Boolean algebra of idempotents in \mathcal{A} and the set of pairwise different cardinal numbers. It is proved that \mathcal{A} -modules X and Y are isomorphic if and only if $\Gamma(X) = \Gamma(Y)$.

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1 Introduction

J. Kaplansky [4] introduced a class of AW^* -algebras to describe C^* -algebras, which is close to von Neumann algebras by their algebraic and order structure. The class of AW^* -algebras became a subject of many researches in the operator theory (see review in [1]). One of the important results in this direction is the realization of an arbitrary AW^* -algebra M of type I as a $*$ -algebra of all linear bounded operators, which act in a special Banach module over the center $Z(M)$ of the algebra M [5]. The Banach $Z(M)$ -valued norm in this module is generated by the scalar product with values in the commutative AW^* -algebra $Z(M)$. Later, these modules were called Kaplansky-Hilbert modules (KHM). Detailed exposition of many useful properties of KHM is given, for example, in ([9], 7.4). One of the important properties is a representation of an arbitrary Kaplansky-Hilbert module as a direct sum of homogeneous KHM ([6], [9], 7.4.7).

Development of the noncommutative integration theory stimulated an interest to the different classes of algebras of unbounded operators, in particular, to the $*$ -algebras $LS(M)$ of locally measurable operators, affiliated with von Neumann algebras or AW^* -algebras M . If M

is a von Neumann algebra, then the center $Z(LS(M))$ in the algebra $LS(M)$ identifies with the algebra $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ of all classes of equal almost everywhere measurable complex functions, defined on some measurable space (Ω, Σ, μ) with a complete locally finite measure μ ([11], 2.1, 2.2). If M is an AW^* -algebra, then $Z(LS(M))$ is an extended f -algebra $C_\infty(Q)$, where Q is the Stone compact corresponding to the Boolean algebra of central projectors in M [1]. The problem (like the one in the work of J. Kaplansky [5] for AW^* -algebras) on possibility of realization of $*$ -algebras $LS(M)$, in the case, when M has the type I , as $*$ -algebras of linear $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ -bounded (respectively, $C_\infty(Q)$ -bounded) operators, which act in corresponding KHM over the $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ or over the $C_\infty(Q)$ naturally arises. In order to solve this problem it is necessary to construct corresponding theory of KHM over the algebras $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ and $C_\infty(Q)$. In a particular case of KHM over the algebras $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ this problem is solved in [7], where the decomposition of KHM over $L^0(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ as a direct sum of homogeneous KHM is given. Similar decomposition as a direct sum of strictly γ -homogeneous modules is given in the paper [2] for arbitrary regular laterally complete modules over the algebra $C_\infty(Q)$ (the definitions see in the Section 3 below).

The algebra $C_\infty(Q)$ is an example of a commutative unital regular algebra over the field of real numbers. In this algebra the following property of lateral completeness holds: for any set $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$ of pairwise disjoint elements in $C_\infty(Q)$ there exists an element $a \in C_\infty(Q)$ such that $as(a_i) = a_i$ for all $i \in I$, where $s(a_i)$ is a support of the element a_i (the definitions see in the Section 2 below). This property of $C_\infty(Q)$ plays a crucial role in classification of regular laterally complete $C_\infty(Q)$ -modules [2]. Thereby, it is natural to consider the class of laterally complete commutative unital regular algebras \mathcal{A} over arbitrary fields and to obtain variants of structure theorems for modules over such algebras. Current work is devoted to solving this problem. For every faithful regular laterally complete \mathcal{A} -module X the concept of passport $\Gamma(X)$, which consist of the uniquely defined partition of unity in the Boolean algebra of idempotents in \mathcal{A} and the set of pairwise different cardinal numbers is constructed. It is proved, that the equality of passports $\Gamma(X)$ and $\Gamma(Y)$ is necessary and sufficient condition for isomorphism of \mathcal{A} -modules X and Y .

2 Laterally complete commutative regular algebras

Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative algebra over the field K with the unity $\mathbf{1}$ and $\nabla = \{e \in \mathcal{A} : e^2 = e\}$ be a set of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . For all $e, f \in \nabla$ we write $e \leq f$ if $ef = e$. It is well known (see, for example [10, Prop. 1.6]) that this binary relation is partial order in ∇ and ∇ is a Boolean

algebra with respect to this order. Moreover, we have the following equalities: $e \vee f = e + f - ef$, $e \wedge f = ef$, $Ce = \mathbf{1} - e$ with respect to the lattice operations and the complement Ce in ∇ .

The commutative unital algebra \mathcal{A} is called regular if the following equivalent conditions hold [12, §2, item 4]:

1. For any $a \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists $b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $a = a^2b$;
2. For any $a \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists $e \in \nabla$ such that $a\mathcal{A} = e\mathcal{A}$.

A regular algebra \mathcal{A} is a regular semigroup with respect to the multiplication operation [3, Ch. I, §1.9]. In this case all idempotents in \mathcal{A} commute pairwise. Therefore, \mathcal{A} is a commutative inverse semigroup, i.e. for any $a \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists a unique element $i(a) \in \mathcal{A}$, which is a unique solution of the system: $a^2x = a$, $ax^2 = x$ [3, Ch. I, §1.9]. The element $i(a)$ is called an inversion of the element a . Obviously, $ai(a) \in \nabla$ for any $a \in \mathcal{A}$. In this case the map $i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a bijection and an automorphism (by multiplication) in semigroup \mathcal{A} . Moreover, $i(i(a)) = a$ and $i(g) = g$ for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$, $g \in \nabla$.

Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative unital regular algebra and ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . Idempotent $s(a) \in \nabla$ is called the support of an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ if $s(a)a = a$ and $ga = a$, $g \in \nabla$ imply $s(a) \leq g$. It is clear that $s(a) = ai(a) = s(i(a))$. In particular, $s(e) = ei(e) = e$ for any $e \in \nabla$.

It is easy to show that supports of elements in a commutative regular unital algebra \mathcal{A} satisfy the following properties:

Proposition 2.1. *Let $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$, then*

- (i). $s(ab) = s(a)s(b)$, in particular, $ab = 0 \Leftrightarrow s(a)s(b) = 0$;
- (ii). *If $ab = 0$, then $i(a + b) = i(a) + i(b)$ and $s(a + b) = s(a) + s(b)$.*

Two elements a and b in a commutative unital regular algebra \mathcal{A} are called *disjoint elements*, if $ab = 0$, which is equivalent to the equality $s(a)s(b) = 0$ (see Proposition 2.1 (i)). If the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} is complete, $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $r(a) = \sup\{e \in \nabla : ae = 0\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} s(a)r(a) &= s(a) \wedge r(a) = s(a) \wedge (\sup\{e : ae = 0\}) = \\ &= \sup\{s(a) \wedge e : ae = 0\} = \sup\{s(a)e : ae = 0\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $s(a) \leq \mathbf{1} - r(a)$. If $q = (\mathbf{1} - r(a) - s(a))$, then $aq = as(a)q = 0$, thus $q \leq r(a)$. This yields that $q = 0$, i.e. $s(a) = \mathbf{1} - r(a)$. This implies the following

Proposition 2.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a commutative unital regular algebra and let ∇ be complete Boolean algebra of idempotents in \mathcal{A} . If $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a partition of unity in ∇ , $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ and $ae_i = be_i$ for all $i \in I$, then $a = b$.*

Proof. Since $(a - b)e_i = 0$ for any $i \in I$, then $\mathbf{1} = \sup_{i \in I} e_i \leq r(a - b)$, i.e. $r(a - b) = \mathbf{1}$. Hence, $s(a - b) = 0$, i.e. $a = b$. \square

Commutative unital regular algebra \mathcal{A} is called *laterally complete* (*l-complete*) if the Boolean algebra of its idempotents is complete and for any set $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$ of pairwise disjoint elements in \mathcal{A} there exists an element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $as(a_i) = a_i$ for all $i \in I$. The element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $as(a_i) = a_i, i \in I$, in general, is not uniquely determined. However, by Proposition 2.2, it follows that the element a is unique in the case, when $\sup_{i \in I} s(a_i) = \mathbf{1}$. In general case, due to the equality $as(a_i) = a_i = bs(a_i)$ for all $i \in I$ and $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$, it follows that $a \sup_{i \in I} s(a_i) = b \sup_{i \in I} s(a_i)$.

Let us give examples of *l-complete* and not *l-complete* commutative regular algebras. Let Δ be an arbitrary set and K^Δ be a Cartesian product of Δ copies of the field K , i.e. the set of all K -valued functions on Δ . The set K^Δ is a commutative unital regular algebra with respect to pointwise algebraic operations, moreover, the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents in K^Δ is an isomorphic atomic Boolean algebra of all subsets in Δ . In particular ∇ is complete Boolean algebra. If $\{a_j = (\alpha_q^{(j)})_{q \in \Delta}, j \in J\}$ is a family of pairwise disjoint elements in K^Δ , then setting $\Delta_j = \{q \in \Delta : \alpha_q^{(j)} \neq 0\}, j \in J$ and $a = (\alpha_q)_{q \in \Delta} \in K^\Delta$, where $\alpha_q = \alpha_q^{(j)}$ for any $q \in \Delta_j, j \in J$, and $\alpha_q = 0$ for $q \in \Delta \setminus \bigcup_{j \in J} \Delta_j$, we obtain that $as(a_j) = a_j$ for all $j \in J$. Hence, K^Δ is a *l-complete* algebra.

Now let \mathcal{A} be an arbitrary commutative unital regular algebra over the field K and ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . An element $a \in \mathcal{A}$ is called a *step element* in \mathcal{A} if it has the following form $a = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k e_k$, here $\lambda_k \in K, e_k \in \nabla, k = 1, \dots, n$. The set $K(\nabla)$ of all step elements is the smallest subalgebra in \mathcal{A} , which contains ∇ . Any nonzero element $a = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k e_k$ in $K(\nabla)$ can be represented as $a = \sum_{l=1}^m \alpha_l g_l$, here $g_l \in \nabla, g_l g_k = 0$ when $l \neq k, 0 \neq \alpha_k \in K, l, k = 1, \dots, m$. Setting $b = \sum_{l=1}^m \alpha_l^{-1} g_l \in K(\nabla)$, we obtain $a^2 b = a$. Hence, $K(\nabla)$ is a regular subalgebra in \mathcal{A} . Since $\nabla \subset K(\nabla)$, the Boolean algebra of idempotents in $K(\nabla)$ coincides with ∇ . Assume that $\text{card}(K) = \infty$ and $\text{card}(\nabla) = \infty$. We choose a countable set $K_0 = \{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ of pairwise different nonzero elements in K and a countable set $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ of nonzero pairwise disjoint elements in ∇ . Let us consider a set $\{\lambda_n e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ of pairwise disjoint elements in $K(\nabla)$. Assume that there exists $b = \sum_{l=1}^m \alpha_l g_l \in K(\nabla), 0 \neq \alpha_l \in K, g_l \in \nabla, g_l g_k = 0$ and $l \neq k, l, k = 1, \dots, m$, such that $b e_n = bs(\lambda_n e_n) = \lambda_n e_n$. In this case for any positive integer n there exists natural number $l(n)$, such that $\alpha_{l(n)} g_{l(n)} e_n = \lambda_n g_{l(n)} e_n \neq 0$, i.e. $\alpha_{l(n)} = \lambda_n$. This implies that the set $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is finite, which is not true. Hence, the commutative unital regular algebra $K(\nabla)$ is not *l-complete*.

Let ∇ be complete Boolean algebra and let $Q(\nabla)$ be a Stone compact corresponding to ∇ .

An algebra $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ of all continuous functions $a : Q(\nabla) \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$, taking the values $\pm\infty$ only on nowhere dense sets in $Q(\nabla)$ [9, 1.4.2], is an important example of a l -complete commutative regular algebra.

An element $e \in C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is an idempotent if and only if $e(t) = \chi_V(t)$, $t \in Q(\nabla)$, for some clopen set $V \subset Q(\nabla)$, where

$$\chi_V(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in V; \\ 0, & t \notin V, \end{cases}$$

i.e. $\chi_V(t)$ is a characteristic function of the set V . In particular, the Boolean algebra ∇ can be identified with the Boolean algebra of all idempotents in algebra $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$.

If $a \in C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$, then $G(a) = \{t \in Q(\nabla) : 0 < |a(t)| < +\infty\}$ is open set in the Stone compact set $Q(\nabla)$. Hence, the closure $V(a) = \overline{G(a)}$ in $Q(\nabla)$ of the set $G(a)$ is an clopen set, i.e. $\chi_{V(a)}$ is an idempotent in the algebra $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$. We consider a continuous function $b(t)$, given on the dense open set $G(a) \cup (Q(\nabla) \setminus V(a))$ and defines by the following equation

$$b(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a(t)}, & t \in G(a), \\ 0, & t \in Q(\nabla) \setminus V(a). \end{cases}$$

This function uniquely extends to a continuous function defined on $Q(\nabla)$ with values in $[-\infty, +\infty]$ [14, Ch.5, §2] (we also denote this extension by $b(t)$). Since $ab = \chi_{V(a)}$, then $a^2b = a$ and $s(a) = \chi_{V(a)}$. Hence, $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is a commutative unital regular algebra over the field of real numbers \mathbf{R} . In this case, the Boolean algebra of all idempotents in $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is complete.

It is known that (see, for example [9, 1.4.2]) $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is an extended complete vector lattice. In particular, for any set $\{a_j\}_{j \in J}$ of pairwise disjoint positive elements in $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ there exists the least upper bound $a = \sup_{j \in J} a_j$ and $as(a_j) = a_j$ for all $j \in J$. It follows that the commutative regular algebra $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is laterally complete.

In the case, when ∇ is a complete atomic Boolean algebra and Δ is the set of all atoms in ∇ , then $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ is isomorphic to the algebra \mathbf{R}^Δ .

The following examples of laterally complete commutative regular algebras are variants of algebras $C_\infty(Q(\nabla))$ for any topological fields, in particular, for the field \mathbf{Q}_p of p -adic numbers.

Let K be an arbitrary field and t be the Hausdorff topology on K . If operations $\alpha \rightarrow (-\alpha)$, $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha^{-1}$ and operations $(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \alpha + \beta$, $(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \alpha\beta$, $\alpha, \beta \in K$, are continuous with respect to this topology, we say that (K, t) is a *topological field* (see, for example, [13, Ch.20, §165]).

Let (K, t) be a topological field, (X, τ) be any topological space and $\nabla(X)$ be a Boolean algebra of all clopen subsets in (X, τ) . A map $\varphi : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (K, t)$ is called *almost continuous*

if there exists a dense open set U in (X, τ) such that the restriction $\varphi|_U : U \rightarrow (K, t)$ of the map φ on the subset U is continuous in U . The set of all almost continuous maps from (X, τ) to (K, t) we denote by $AC(X, K)$.

We define pointwise algebraic operations in $AC(X, K)$ by

$$(\varphi + \psi)(t) = \varphi(t) + \psi(t);$$

$$(\alpha\varphi)(t) = \alpha\varphi(t);$$

$$(\varphi \cdot \psi)(t) = \varphi(t)\psi(t)$$

for all $\varphi, \psi \in AC(X, K)$, $\alpha \in K$, $t \in X$.

Since an intersection of two dense open sets in (X, τ) is a dense open set in (X, τ) , then $\varphi + \psi$, $\varphi \cdot \psi \in AC(X, K)$ for any $\varphi, \psi \in AC(X, K)$. Obviously, $\alpha\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ for all $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$, $\alpha \in K$. It can be easily checked that $AC(X, K)$ is a commutative algebra over K with the unit element $\mathbf{1}(t) = 1_K$ for all $t \in X$, where 1_K is the unit element of K . In this case, the algebra $C(X, K)$ of all continuous maps from (X, τ) to (K, t) is a subalgebra in $AC(X, K)$.

In the algebra $AC(X, K)$ consider the following ideal

$$I_0(X, K) = \{\varphi \in AC(X, K) : \text{interior of preimage } \varphi^{-1}(0) \text{ is dense in } (X, \tau)\}.$$

By $C_\infty(X, K)$ denote the quotient algebra $AC(X, K)/I_0(X, K)$ and by

$$\pi : AC(X, K) \rightarrow AC(X, K)/I_0(X, K)$$

denote the corresponding canonical homomorphism.

Theorem 2.3. *The quotient algebra $C_\infty(X, K)$ is a commutative unital regular algebra over the field K . Moreover, if (X, τ) is a Stone compact set, then algebra $C_\infty(X, K)$ is laterally complete, and the Boolean algebra ∇ of all its idempotents is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra $\nabla(X)$.*

Proof. Since $AC(X, K)$ is a commutative unital algebra over K , then $C_\infty(X, K)$ is also a commutative unital algebra over K with unit element $\pi(\mathbf{1})$. Now we show that $C_\infty(X, K)$ is a regular algebra, i.e. for any $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ there exists $\psi \in AC(X, K)$, such that $\pi^2(\varphi)\pi(\psi) = \pi(\varphi)$.

We fix an element $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ and choose a dense open set $U \in \tau$, such that the restriction $\varphi|_U : U \rightarrow (K, t)$ is continuous. Since $K \setminus \{0\}$ is an open set in (K, t) , then the set

$V = U \cap \varphi^{-1}(K \setminus \{0\})$ is open in (X, τ) . Clearly, the set $W = X \setminus \overline{V}^\tau$ is also open in (X, τ) , in this case $V \cup W$ is a dense open set in (X, τ) .

We define a map $\psi : X \rightarrow K$, as follow: $\psi(x) = (\varphi(x))^{-1}$ if $x \in V$, and $\psi(x) = 0$ if $x \in X \setminus V$. It is clear that $\psi \in AC(X, K)$ and $\varphi^2\psi - \varphi \in I_0(X, K)$, i.e. $\pi^2(\varphi)\pi(\psi) = \pi(\varphi)$. Hence, the algebra $C_\infty(X, K)$ is regular.

For any clopen set $U \in \nabla(X)$ its characteristic function χ_U belongs to $AC(X, K)$, in this case, $\pi(\chi_U)^2 = \pi(\chi_U^2) = \pi(\chi_U)$, i.e. $\pi(\chi_U)$ is an idempotent in the algebra $C_\infty(X, K)$.

Assume that (X, τ) is a Stone compact and we show that for any idempotent $e \in C_\infty(X, K)$ there exists $U \in \nabla(X)$ such that $e = \pi(\chi_U)$.

If $e \in \nabla$, then $e = \pi(\varphi)$ for some $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ and

$$\pi(\varphi) = e^2 = \pi(\varphi^2),$$

i.e. $(\varphi^2 - \varphi) \in I_0(X, K)$. Hence, there exists a dense open set V in X such that $\varphi^2(t) - \varphi(t) = 0$ for all $t \in V$. Denote by U a dense open set in X such that the restriction $\varphi|_U : U \rightarrow K$ is continuous. Put $U_0 = \varphi^{-1}(\{0\}) \cap (U \cap V)$, $U_1 = \varphi^{-1}(\{1_K\}) \cap (U \cap V)$. Since $U_0 \cap U_1 = \emptyset$, $U_0 \cup U_1 = U \cap V \in \tau$ and the sets U_0, U_1 are closed in $U \cap V$ with respect to the topology induced from (X, τ) , it follows that $U_0, U_1 \in \tau$. Hence, the set $U_\varphi = \overline{U_1}$ belongs to the Boolean algebra $\nabla(X)$, besides, $U_\varphi \cap U_0 = \emptyset$.

Since $U_0 \cup U_1 = U \cap V$ is a dense open set in (X, τ) and $\varphi(t) = \chi_{U_\varphi}(t)$ for all $t \in U_0 \cup U_1$, it follows that $e = \pi(\varphi) = \pi(\chi_{U_\varphi})$. Thus, the mapping $\Phi : \nabla(X) \rightarrow \nabla$ defined by the equality $\Phi(U) = \pi(\chi_U)$, $U \in \nabla(X)$, is a surjection.

Moreover, for $U, V \in \nabla(X)$ the following equalities hold

$$\Phi(U \cap V) = \pi(\chi_{U \cap V}) = \pi(\chi_U \chi_V) = \pi(\chi_U)\pi(\chi_V) = \Phi(U)\Phi(V),$$

$$\Phi(X \setminus U) = \pi(\chi_{X \setminus U}) = \pi(\mathbf{1} - \chi_U) = \Phi(X) - \Phi(U).$$

Furthermore, the equality $\Phi(U) = \Phi(V)$ implies that the continuous mappings χ_U and χ_V coincide on a dense set in X . Therefore $\chi_U = \chi_V$, that is $U = V$.

Hence, Φ is an isomorphism from the Boolean algebra $\nabla(X)$ onto the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents from $C_\infty(X, K)$, in particular, ∇ is a complete Boolean algebra.

Finally, to prove l -completeness of the algebra $C_\infty(X, K)$ we show that for any family $\{\pi(\varphi_i) : \varphi \in AC(X, K)\}_{i \in I}$ of nonzero pairwise disjoint elements in $C_\infty(X, K)$ there exists $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ such that $\pi(\varphi)s(\pi(\varphi_i)) = \pi(\varphi_i)$ for all $i \in I$. For any $i \in I$ we choose a dense open set U_i such that the restriction $\varphi_i|_{U_i}$ is continuous and put $V_i = U_i \cap \varphi_i^{-1}(K \setminus \{0\})$, $i \in I$. It is not hard to prove that $s(\pi(\varphi_i)) = \Phi(\overline{V_i})$. In particular, $V_i \cap V_j = \emptyset$ when $i \neq j$,

$i, j \in I$. Define the mapping $\varphi : X \rightarrow K$, as follows $\varphi(t) = \varphi_i(t)$ if $t \in V_i$ and $\varphi(t) = 0$ if $t \in X \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} V_i\right)$. Clearly, $\varphi \in AC(X, K)$ and $\pi(\varphi)s(\pi(\varphi_i)) = \pi(\varphi\chi_{\overline{V_i}}) = \pi(\varphi_i\chi_{\overline{V_i}}) = \pi(\varphi_i)$ for all $i \in I$.

□

3 Laterally complete regular modules

Let \mathcal{A} be a laterally complete commutative regular algebra and let ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . Let X be a left \mathcal{A} -module with algebraic operations $x + y$ and ax , $x, y \in X$, $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Since the algebra \mathcal{A} is commutative, then a left \mathcal{A} -module X becomes a right \mathcal{A} -module, if we put $xa := ax$, $x \in X$, $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence, we can assume, that X is a bimodule over \mathcal{A} , where the following equality $ax = xa$ holds for any $x \in X$, $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Next, an \mathcal{A} -bimodule X we shall call an \mathcal{A} -module.

An \mathcal{A} -module X is called faithful, if for any nonzero $e \in \nabla$ there exists $x \in X$ such that $ex \neq 0$. Clearly, for a faithful \mathcal{A} -module X the set $X_e := eX$ is a faithful \mathcal{A}_e -module for any $0 \neq e \in \nabla$, where $\mathcal{A}_e := e\mathcal{A}$.

An \mathcal{A} -module X is said to be a regular module, if for any $x \in X$ the condition $ex = 0$ for all $e \in L \subset \nabla$ implies $(\sup L)x = 0$. In this case, for $x \in X$ the idempotent

$$s(x) = \mathbf{1} - \sup\{e \in \nabla : ex = 0\}$$

is called the support of an element x . In case, when $X = \mathcal{A}$, the notions of support of an element in an \mathcal{A} -module X and of support of an element in \mathcal{A} coincide. If X is a regular \mathcal{A} -module, then X_e is also a regular \mathcal{A}_e -module for any nonzero $e \in \nabla$.

We need the following properties of supports of elements in a regular \mathcal{A} -module X .

Proposition 3.1. *Let X be a regular \mathcal{A} -module, $x, y \in X$, $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Then*

- (i). $s(x)x = x$;
- (ii). if $e \in \nabla$ and $ex = x$, then $e \geq s(x)$;
- (iii). $s(ax) = s(a)s(x)$.

Proof. (i). If $r(x) = \sup\{e \in \nabla : ex = 0\}$, then $s(x) = \mathbf{1} - r(x)$ and $r(x)x = 0$. Hence, $x = (s(x) + r(x))x = s(x)x$.

(ii). As $ex = x$, then $(\mathbf{1} - e)x = 0$, and therefore $\mathbf{1} - e \leq r(x)$. Thus $e \geq \mathbf{1} - r(x) = s(x)$.

(iii). Since $(s(a)s(x)) \cdot (ax) = (s(a)a) \cdot (s(x)x) = ax$, then by (ii) we have $s(ax) \leq s(a)s(x)$.

If $g = s(a)s(x) - s(ax) \neq 0$, then $ga \neq 0$, $g \leq s(a)$ and $gs(ax) = 0$. Hence $gax = 0$ and

$0 = i(ga)(gax) = (i(g)i(a)ga)x = (gi(a)a)x = gs(a)x = gx \neq 0$. This contradiction implies $g = 0$, i.e. $s(ax) = s(a)s(x)$. \square

We say that a regular \mathcal{A} -module X is laterally complete (l -complete), if for any set $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset X$ and for any partition $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ of unity of the Boolean algebra ∇ there exists $x \in X$ such that $e_i x = e_i x_i$ for all $i \in I$. In this case, the element x is called mixing of the set $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ with respect to the partition of unity $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ and denote by $\underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i x_i)$. Mixing $\underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i x_i)$ is defined uniquely, whereas the equalities $e_i x = e_i x_i = e_i y$, $x, y \in X$, $i \in I$, implies $e_i(x - y) = 0$ for all $i \in I$, and, by regularity of the \mathcal{A} -module X , we obtain $x = y$.

Let $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset E \subset X$ and let $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a partition of unity in ∇ . The set of all mixings $\underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i x_i)$ is called a cyclic hull of the set E in X and denotes by $\text{mix}(E)$. Obviously, the inclusion $E \subset \text{mix}(E)$ is always true. If $E = \text{mix}(E)$, then E is called a cyclic set in X (compare with [8], 1.1.2).

Thus, a regular \mathcal{A} -module X is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module if and only if X is a cyclic set. In particular, in any l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X its submodule X_e is also a l -complete \mathcal{A}_e -module for any nonzero idempotent e in \mathcal{A} .

We need the following properties of cyclic hulls of sets.

Proposition 3.2. *Let X be a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and let E be a nonempty subset in X , $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Then*

(i). $\text{mix}(\text{mix}(E)) = \text{mix}(E)$;

(ii). $\text{mix}(aE) = a\text{mix}(E)$;

(iii). *If Y is an \mathcal{A} -submodule in X , then $\text{mix}(Y)$ is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -submodule in X ;*

(iv). *If U is an isomorphism from \mathcal{A} -module X onto \mathcal{A} -module Z , then Z is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and $\text{mix}(U(E)) = U(\text{mix}(E))$.*

Proof. (i). It is sufficient to show that $\text{mix}(\text{mix}(E)) \subset \text{mix}(E)$. If $x \in \text{mix}(\text{mix}(E))$, then $x = \underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i x_i)$, where $x_i \in \text{mix}(E)$, $i \in I$. Since $x_i \in \text{mix}(E)$, then $x_i = \underset{j \in J(i)}{\text{mix}}(e_j^{(i)} x_j^{(i)})$, where $x_j^{(i)} \in E$, $j \in J(i)$ and $\{e_j^{(i)}\}_{j \in J(i)}$ is a partition of unity in the Boolean algebra ∇ for all $i \in I$. Fix $i \in I$ and put $g_j^{(i)} := e_i e_j^{(i)}$. It is clear that $\{g_j^{(i)}\}_{j \in J(i)}$ is a partition of the idempotent e_i . Hence, $\{g_j^{(i)}\}_{j \in J(i), i \in I}$ is a partition of unity $\mathbf{1}$. Besides,

$$g_j^{(i)} x = g_j^{(i)} e_i x = g_j^{(i)} e_i x_i = e_i e_j^{(i)} x_i = e_i e_j^{(i)} x_j^{(i)} = g_j^{(i)} x_j^{(i)}.$$

This yields that $x = \underset{j \in J(i), i \in I}{\text{mix}}(g_j^{(i)} x_j^{(i)}) \in \text{mix}(E)$.

(ii). If $x \in \text{mix}(aE)$, then $x = \underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i a y_i)$, where $y_i \in E$, $i \in I$. Since X is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module, then there exists $y = \underset{i \in I}{\text{mix}}(e_i y_i) \in \text{mix}(E)$ and $e_i x = a e_i y_i = e_i (a y)$ for all $i \in I$.

Hence, $e_i(x - ay) = 0$, and regularity of the \mathcal{A} -module X implies the equality $x = ay$. Thus, $\text{mix}(aE) \subset a\text{mix}(E)$.

Conversely, if $x \in a\text{mix}(E)$, then $x = az$, where $z = \text{mix}_{i \in I}(e_i z_i)$, $z_i \in E, i \in I$. Since $az_i \in aE$ and $e_i x = e_i(az) = e_i a e_i z = e_i(a z_i)$ for all $i \in I$, we have that $x = \text{mix}_{i \in I}(e_i(a z_i)) \in \text{mix}(aE)$. Hence, $a\text{mix}(E) \subset \text{mix}(aE)$.

(iii). Let $x, y \in \text{mix}(Y)$, $x = \text{mix}_{i \in I}(e_i x_i)$, $y = \text{mix}_{j \in J}(g_j y_j)$, where $x_i, y_j \in Y, i \in I, j \in J$, $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}, \{g_j\}_{j \in J}$ are partitions of unity in ∇ . Clearly, that $p_{ij} = e_i g_j, i \in I, j \in J$, is also a partition of unity in ∇ and $p_{ij}(x + y) = p_{ij}(x_i + y_j)$, where $x_i + y_j \in Y$ for all $i \in I, j \in J$. This means that $(x + y) \in \text{mix}(Y)$.

Since $aY \subset Y$, then by (ii) we have that $ax \in a\text{mix}(Y) = \text{mix}(aY) \subset \text{mix}(Y)$. Hence, $\text{mix}(Y)$ is an \mathcal{A} -submodule in X , and by regularity of the \mathcal{A} -module X , it is a regular \mathcal{A} -module. The equality $\text{mix}(Y) = \text{mix}(\text{mix}Y)$ (see (i)) implies that $\text{mix}Y$ is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module.

(iv). If $U(x) = y \in Z, x \in X, \emptyset \neq L \subset \nabla$ and $ey = 0$ for all $e \in L$, then $U(ex) = eU(x) = ey = 0$. Since U is a bijection, then $ex = 0$ for any $e \in L$. By regularity of the \mathcal{A} -module X , we have that $(\sup L)x = 0$, and, therefore, $(\sup L)y = U((\sup L)x) = 0$. Hence, Z is a regular \mathcal{A} -module. In the same way we show that Z is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and the equality $\text{mix}(U(E)) = U(\text{mix}(E))$ holds.

□

Let ∇ be an arbitrary complete Boolean algebra. For any nonzero element $e \in \nabla$ we put $\nabla_e = \{q \in \nabla : q \leq e\}$. The set ∇_e is a Boolean algebra with the unity e with respect to partial order, induced from ∇ .

We say that a set B in ∇ is a minorant subset for nonempty set $E \subset \nabla$, if for any nonzero $e \in E$ there exists nonzero $q \in B$ such that $q \leq e$. We need the following property of complete Boolean algebras.

Theorem 3.3. ([9], 1.1.6) *If ∇ is a complete Boolean algebra, e is a nonzero element in ∇ and B is a minorant subset for ∇_e , then there exists a disjoint subset $L \subset B$ such that $\sup L = e$.*

We say that a Boolean algebra ∇ has a *countable type* or is σ -finite, if any nonfinite family of nonzero pairwise disjoint elements in ∇ is a countable set. A complete Boolean algebra ∇ is called *multi- σ -finite*, if for any nonzero element $g \in \nabla$ there exists $0 \neq e \in \nabla$ such that $e \leq g$ and the Boolean algebra ∇_e has a countable type. By theorem 3.3, a multi- σ -finite Boolean algebra ∇ always has a partition $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ of unity $\mathbf{1}$ such that the Boolean algebra ∇_{e_i} has a countable type for all $i \in I$.

By theorem 3.3 we set the following useful properties of l -complete \mathcal{A} -modules.

Proposition 3.4. *Let X be an arbitrary l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and ∇ be a complete Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . Then*

(i). *If X is a faithful \mathcal{A} -module, then there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $s(x) = \mathbf{1}$;*

(ii). *If Y is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -submodule in a regular \mathcal{A} -module X and for any nonzero $e \in \nabla$ there exists a nonzero $g_e \in \nabla$ such that $g_e \leq e$ and $g_e Y = g_e X$, then $Y = X$.*

Proof is in the same way as the proof of Proposition 2.4 in [2].

We need a representation of a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X as the Cartesian product of a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -modules family, where $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a partition of unity in the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . In the Cartesian product

$$\prod_{i \in I} e_i X = \{ \{y_i\}_{i \in I} : y_i \in e_i X \}$$

of \mathcal{A} -submodules $e_i X$ we consider coordinate-wise algebraic operations. It is clear that $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$ is a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module. We define a map $U : X \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} e_i X$ given by $U(x) = \{e_i x\}_{i \in I}$. Obviously, U is a homomorphism from X onto $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$. If $U(x) = U(y)$, then $e_i x = e_i y$ for all $i \in I$, and by regularity of the \mathcal{A} -module X , it follows that $x = y$.

If $z = \{x_i\}_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} e_i X$, where $x_i \in e_i X \subset X$, $i \in I$, then l -completeness of the \mathcal{A} -module X implies that there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $e_i x = e_i x_i = x_i$ for all $i \in I$. Hence, $U(x) = z$, i.e. U is a surjection.

Thus, the following proposition holds.

Proposition 3.5. *If X is a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module, $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a partition of unity of the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} , then $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$ is also a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and U is an isomorphism from X onto $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$.*

4 Homogenous \mathcal{A} -modules

Let \mathcal{A} be a laterally complete commutative regular algebra, let ∇ be a complete Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} , let X be a faithful \mathcal{A} -module. The following \mathcal{A} -submodule in X is called \mathcal{A} -linear hull of a nonempty subset $Y \subset X$

$$\text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A}) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i : a_i \in \mathcal{A}, y_i \in Y, i = 1, \dots, n, n \in \mathcal{N} \right\},$$

where \mathcal{N} is the set of all natural numbers. If X is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module, then by proposition 3.2 (iii), $\text{mix}(\text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A}))$ is also a l -complete \mathcal{A} -submodule in X .

A set $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ in an \mathcal{A} -module X is called \mathcal{A} -linearly independent, if for any $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$, $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n} \in \{x_i\}_{i \in I}$, $n \in \mathcal{N}$, the equality $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k x_{i_k} = 0$ implies equalities $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$.

Proposition 4.1. *If $Y = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ is a finite \mathcal{A} -linearly independent subset in a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X , then $\text{mix}(\text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})) = \text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})$.*

Proof. It is sufficient to show the following inclusion $\text{mix}(\text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})) \subset \text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})$. Let $x \in \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A}))$, $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a partition of unity in the Boolean algebra ∇ and let $\{y_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})$ be such that $e_i x = e_i y_i$ for all $i \in I$. Since $e_i x = e_i y_i \in \text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})$, then $e_i x = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j^{(i)} x_j$ for some $a_j^{(i)} \in \mathcal{A}$, $j = 1, \dots, k$. Hence, $e_i x = e_i(e_i x) = \sum_{j=1}^k e_i a_j^{(i)} x_j$. Since \mathcal{A} is a l -complete commutative regular algebra and $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a partition of unity in ∇ , then there exists a unique element $\beta_j \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $e_i \beta_j = e_i a_j^{(i)}$ for all $i \in I$, where $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. Thus, $e_i x = \sum_{j=1}^k e_i \beta_j x_j = e_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_j \right)$ for any $i \in I$, and this implies the equality $x = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_j \in \text{Lin}(Y, \mathcal{A})$. □

We say that an \mathcal{A} -linearly independent system $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ from a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X is \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis, if

$$\text{mix}(\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})) = X.$$

In the case when an \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis is a finite set, we say that it is an \mathcal{A} -basis in X .

Theorem 4.2. *If $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n, \{y_j\}_{j=1}^k$ are \mathcal{A} -bases in an \mathcal{A} -module X , then $n = k$.*

Proof. First we shall show the following \mathcal{A} -variant of one known fact from the linear algebra.

Lemma 4.3. *Let $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset X, \{y_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset X, \{e y_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \text{Lin}(\{e z_i\}_{i=1}^n, \mathcal{A}_e)$ for nonzero $e \in \nabla$. If the set $\{e y_1, \dots, e y_k\}$ is \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent, then $k \leq n$.*

Proof. We use the mathematical induction. Let us suppose that for $n = 1, k > 1$ the equalities $e y_1 = a_1 e z_1, \dots, e y_k = a_k e z_1$ hold, where $a_i \in \mathcal{A}_e$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Since $a_2 e y_1 + (-a_1) e y_2 = 0$, then $e a_1 = e a_2 = 0$, i.e. $e y_1 = e y_2 = 0$, this contradicts to \mathcal{A}_e -linear independence of the elements $e y_1$ and $e y_2$. Hence, $k = 1$.

Now assume that the lemma holds for $n = l - 1$. Let $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^l \subset X$ and the following equalities hold

$$e y_j = \sum_{i=1}^l a_{ji} e z_i, a_{ji} \in \mathcal{A}_e, \quad j = 1, \dots, k, i = 1, \dots, l. \quad (1)$$

Let $a_{j_0 l} e x_l \neq 0$ for some $j_0 \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. By reindexing $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^k$, we can assume that $a_{kl} e x_l \neq 0$, in particular $p = s(a_{kl} e) \neq 0$, wherein $p \leq e$. Since the set $\{e y_j\}_{j=1}^k$ is \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent, then the set $\{p y_j\}_{j=1}^k$ is \mathcal{A}_p -linearly independent, wherein, by (1), we have

$$p y_j = \sum_{i=1}^l a_{ji} p z_i, \quad j = 1, \dots, k. \quad (2)$$

Since \mathcal{A} is a regular algebra, then for the inversion $h = i(a_{kl}) \in \mathcal{A}$ the equality $h a_{kl} = s(a_{kl})$ holds. Therefore the following equality

$$p y_k = \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} a_{ki} p z_i + a_{kl} p z_l$$

implies

$$p z_l = h p y_k - \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} a_{ki} h p z_i. \quad (3)$$

Substitute $p z_l$ from (3) in the first $(k-1)$ equalities from (2) and collect similar terms, we obtain

$$p y_j - h a_{jl} p y_k = \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \beta_{ji} p z_i \in \text{Lin}(\{p z_i\}_{i=1}^{l-1}, \mathcal{A}_p)$$

for some $\beta_{ji} \in \mathcal{A}_p$, $i = 1, \dots, l-1$, $j = 1, \dots, k-1$.

Let us show that the elements $u_j = p y_j - h a_{jl} p y_k$, $j = 1, \dots, k-1$ are \mathcal{A}_p -linearly independent. Let

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j p y_j - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j h a_{jl} \right) p y_k = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j u_j = 0,$$

where $\gamma_j \in \mathcal{A}_p$, $j = 1, \dots, k-1$. Since $\{p y_j\}_{j=1}^k$ is \mathcal{A}_p -linearly independent, then $p \gamma_1 = p \gamma_2 = \dots = p \gamma_{k-1} = 0$, i.e. the set $\{u_j\}_{j=1}^{k-1}$ is \mathcal{A}_p -linearly independent in pX . By the assumption of the mathematical induction we have that $k-1 \leq l-1$, and thus $k \leq l$. The Lemma 4.3 is proved. \square

Return to the proof of Theorem 4.2. As $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is an \mathcal{A} -basis in X , then by Proposition 4.1 we obtain that $X = \text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n, \mathcal{A})$. On the other hand, $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset X$ and $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^k$ is an \mathcal{A} -linearly independent set. Therefore, by Lemma 4.3 it follows that $k \leq n$.

Similarly, we show that $n \leq k$, and thus $n = k$. \square

Next we need the following characterization of \mathcal{A} -Hamel bases.

Proposition 4.4. *For an \mathcal{A} -linearly independent set $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ in a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X the following conditions are equivalent:*

(i). $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis;

(ii). For any $x \in X$ and any nonzero idempotent $e \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $g \leq e$, such that $gx \in g\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). If $X = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A}))$, then for $x \in X$ there exists a partition $\{e_j\}_{j \in J}$ of unity, such that $e_j x \in e_j \text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})$. Since $\sup_{j \in J} e_j = \mathbf{1}$, then for $0 \neq e \in \nabla$ there exists an element $j_0 \in J$ such that $g = e_{j_0} e \neq 0$, wherein $gx \in g\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Fix $0 \neq x \in X$ and for any nonzero idempotent $e \in \nabla$ choose a nonzero idempotent $g(e, x) \leq e$ such that $g(e, x)x \in g(e, x)\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})$. By Theorem 3.3, there exists a set $\{q_j\}_{j \in J}$ of pairwise disjoint idempotents in \mathcal{A} such that $\sup_{j \in J} q_j = \mathbf{1}$ and $q_j x \in q_j \text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A})$ for all $j \in J$. This means that $x \in \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A}))$, which implies the equality $X = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{A}))$. □

Fix some cardinal number γ . A faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X is called γ -homogeneous, if there exists an \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ in X with $\text{card } I = \gamma$. We say that \mathcal{A} -module X homogeneous, if it is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module for some cardinal number γ .

If X is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module, then obviously, eX is also γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_e -module for any nonzero idempotent $e \in \mathcal{A}$. Besides, by Proposition 3.2 (iv) it follows that, if \mathcal{A} -module Y is isomorphic to a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module X , then Y is also a γ -homogeneous module.

By repeating the proof of Theorem 3.8 from [2], we establish the following proposition on isomorphisms of γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -modules.

Proposition 4.5. *If X and Y are γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -modules, then X and Y are isomorphic.*

Let us give examples of γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -modules for an arbitrary cardinal number γ and for any l -complete commutative regular untaly algebra \mathcal{A} . Consider an arbitrary set of indexes I with $\text{card } I = \gamma$. Since the algebra \mathcal{A} is l -complete, then the Cartesian product

$$Y = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A} = \{\hat{\alpha} = \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I} : \alpha_i \in \mathcal{A}, i \in I\}$$

is a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module with coordinate-wise algebraic operations.

For any $j \in I$ consider an element $\hat{g}_j = \{g_i^{(j)}\}_{i \in I}$ from Y , where $g_i^{(j)} = 0$, $i \neq j$ and $g_i^{(j)} = \mathbf{1}$, $i = j$. Clearly, that the set $\{\hat{g}_j\}_{j \in I}$ is \mathcal{A} -linearly independent, and, therefore, the \mathcal{A} -submodule $X = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(\{\hat{g}_j\}_{j \in I}, \mathcal{A}))$ in Y is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module.

If γ is a positive integer n , then for the faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module $Y = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^n$ and for $\hat{g}_j = \{g_i^{(j)}\}_{i=1}^n$, $j = 1, \dots, n$ we have that $\text{Lin}(\{\hat{g}_j\}_{j=1}^n, \mathcal{A}) = Y$, i.e. the set $\{\hat{g}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is an \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis in Y . Thus, Proposition 4.5 implies the following

Corollary 4.6. *For any positive integer n there exists a unique, up to isomorphism, n -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module, which is isomorphic to \mathcal{A}^n .*

Let X be a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module, which is γ -homogeneous and λ -homogeneous simultaneously. There is a natural question, whether in this case the equality $\gamma = \lambda$ holds. Similar question was studied in classification of Kaplansky-Hilbert modules (KHM) X over a commutative AW^* -algebra \mathcal{A} with the Boolean algebra of projections ∇ (see [6]). In the case, when ∇ is a multi- σ -finite Boolean algebra in [6] it is proved that for a KHM X the equality $\lambda = \gamma$ is always true. However, for an arbitrary complete Boolean algebra ∇ this equality cannot be established. Thereby, in ([9], 7.4.6) the notion of *strictly γ -homogeneous* KHM X is defined, and this gave an opportunity to classify KHM X over an arbitrary commutative AW^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . For the same reason, below we introduce the notion of strictly γ -homogeneous faithful l -complete modules over laterally complete algebras \mathcal{A} . With this notion we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for l -complete \mathcal{A} -modules to be isomorphic.

Let X be a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module, $0 \neq e \in \nabla$. By $\varkappa(e) = \varkappa_X(e)$ we denote the smallest cardinal number γ such that the \mathcal{A}_e -module X_e is γ -homogeneous. If the \mathcal{A} -module X is homogeneous, then the cardinal number $\varkappa(e)$ is defined for all nonzero $e \in \nabla$. Further, by ([9], 7.4.7), we assume that $\varkappa(0) = 0$.

We say that an \mathcal{A} -module X is *strictly γ -homogeneous* (compare with [9], 7.4.6), if X is γ -homogeneous and $\gamma = \varkappa(e)$ for all nonzero $e \in \nabla$. If an \mathcal{A} -module X is strictly γ -homogeneous for some cardinal number γ , then such \mathcal{A} -module X is called *strictly homogeneous*.

Clearly, any strictly γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module. By Lemma 4.3 it follows that every n -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module X is a strictly n -homogeneous module. By Proposition 3.2 (iv) every \mathcal{A} -module Y , which is isomorphic to a strictly γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module X , is also strictly γ -homogeneous.

The following theorem holds.

Theorem 4.7. *Let λ and γ be infinite cardinal numbers and let the Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents in a l -complete commutative regular algebra \mathcal{A} has countable type. If a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X is λ -homogeneous and γ -homogeneous simultaneously, then $\gamma = \lambda$.*

Proof of Theorem 4.7 is similar to that of Theorem 3.4 in [2].

Using Theorem 4.7 to the \mathcal{A}_e -module X_e , we have, that Theorem 4.7 holds in the case, when in the Boolean algebra ∇ of idempotents in \mathcal{A} there exists nonzero element e , which has a countable type. Thus, repeating the proof of Corollary 3.7 in [2], we obtain the following nec-

essary and sufficient conditions for coincidence of strictly γ -homogeneous and γ -homogeneous notions for \mathcal{A} -modules.

Proposition 4.8. *Let a Boolean algebra ∇ of all idempotents on a l -complete commutative regular algebra \mathcal{A} be multi- σ -finite. If γ is an infinite cardinal number and X is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module, then the module X is strictly γ -homogeneous.*

The following proposition enables to “glue” γ -homogeneous (strictly γ -homogeneous) \mathcal{A} -modules.

Proposition 4.9. *Let \mathcal{A} be a l -complete commutative regular algebra, let X be a l -complete \mathcal{A} -module and let $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a set of pairwise disjoint nonzero idempotents in \mathcal{A} and $e = \sup_{i \in I} e_i$. If X_{e_i} is a γ -homogeneous (respectively, strictly γ -homogeneous) \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i \in I$, then the \mathcal{A}_e -module X_e is also γ -homogeneous (respectively, strictly γ -homogeneous).*

Proof is similar to that of Proposition 3.10 in [2].

5 Classification of faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -modules

In this section it is proved that every faithful laterally complete \mathcal{A} -module is isomorphic to a Cartesian product of strictly homogeneous \mathcal{A} -modules. The important step in obtaining such an isomorphism is the following theorem.

Theorem 5.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a l -complete commutative regular algebra, let ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} and let X be a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module. Then there exists a nonzero idempotent $p \in \nabla$ such that X_p is a strictly homogeneous \mathcal{A}_p -module.*

Proof. Using Proposition 3.4 (i), we choose $x_0 \in X$ such that $s(x_0) = \mathbf{1}$. If $X = \text{Lin}(x_0, \mathcal{A})$, then X is a strictly 1-homogeneous module and Theorem 5.1 is proved.

Assume that $X \neq \text{mix}(\{x_0\})$. We consider in X the following nonempty family of subsets

$$\mathcal{E} = \{B \subset X : x_0 \in B, B \text{ — } \mathcal{A}\text{-linearly independent set}\}.$$

We introduce in \mathcal{E} a partial order by $B \leq C \Leftrightarrow B \subset C$. By Zorn’s lemma there exists maximal element D in \mathcal{E} . If D is an \mathcal{A} -Hamel basis in X , then X is $(\text{card } D)$ -homogeneous \mathcal{A} -module.

Assume that $X \neq \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$. If for any nonzero $e \in \nabla$ there exists $0 \neq q_e \in \nabla$ such that $q_e \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})) = q_e X$, then from Proposition 3.2 (iii) and Proposition 3.4 (ii)

it follows that $X = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$, which contradicts our assumption. Hence, there exists nonzero $e \in \nabla$ such that the following condition holds:

$$g \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})) \neq gX \text{ for all non zero } g \in \nabla_e. \quad (1)$$

Denote by \mathcal{L} a set of all nonzero $e \in \nabla$ with property (1). Put $e_0 = \sup \mathcal{L}$ and show that the equality $e_0 = \mathbf{1}$ fails.

Assume that $e_0 = \mathbf{1}$. In this case for every nonzero $q \in \nabla$ there exists $e \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $g = qe \neq 0$. Hence, $gX \neq g \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$ (see (1)), which implies

$$qX \neq q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})). \quad (2)$$

Show that for any nonzero $q \in \nabla$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $r \leq q$ such that for any $0 \neq g \in \nabla_r$ the following property holds:

$$\text{There exists } x_g \in gX \text{ such that } s(x_g) = g \text{ and } lx_g \notin \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}) \text{ for all } 0 \neq l \in \nabla_g. \quad (3)$$

If this is not true, then there exists a nonzero $q \in \nabla$ such that for every $0 \neq r \in \nabla_q$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $g_r \in \nabla_r$ without property (3), i.e. for any $x \in g_r X$ with $s(x) = g_r$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $e(x_g, r) \leq g_r \leq q$ such that

$$e(x_g, r)x \in e(x_g, r)\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}) \subset \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}).$$

Show that, in this case, $g_q X = g_q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$. Let x be a nonzero element in $g_q X$, in particular, $0 \neq s(x) \leq g_q$. For any nonzero idempotent $a \leq s(x)$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $e(ax, a) \leq a$ such that $e(ax, a)x \in \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$. By Theorem 3.3, there exists a partition $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ of support $s(x)$ such that $e_i x \in s(x)\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$ for all $i \in I$. This means that $x \in \text{mix}(s(x)\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})) = s(x)\text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$ (see Proposition 3.2 (ii)). Since $s(x) \leq g_q$, we have that $x \in g_q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$, which implies the inclusion $g_q X \subset g_q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$. On the other hand, by l -completeness of an \mathcal{A}_{g_q} -module $g_q X$ we have that

$$g_q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})) \subset g_q \text{mix}(X) = \text{mix}(g_q X) = g_q X.$$

Hence, $g_q X = g_q \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A}))$, which contradicts to (2).

Thus, for every nonzero $q \in \nabla$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $r \leq q$ such that for any $0 \neq g \in \nabla_r$ property (3) holds.

Again by Theorem 3.3, we choose a partition $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$ of the idempotent r and a set $\{x_{g_j}\}_{j \in J}$ in rX , such that $s(x_{g_j}) = g_j$ and $lx_{g_j} \notin \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$ for all $0 \neq l \in \nabla_{g_i}$.

Since rX is a l -complete \mathcal{A}_r -module, then there exists $x \in rX$ such that $g_j x = x_{g_j}$. In particular, $s(x) = r$, wherein $lx \notin \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$ for all $0 \neq l \in \nabla_r$.

Again by Theorem 3.3 we choose a partition $\{r_k\}_{k \in K}$ of the unity $\mathbf{1}$ in the Boolean algebra ∇ and a set $\{x_k\}_{k \in K}$ in X , such that $s(x_k) = r_k$ and $lx_k \notin \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$ for any $0 \neq l \in \nabla_{r_k}$. By l -completeness of the \mathcal{A} -module X there exists $\hat{x} \in X$ such that $r_k \hat{x} = x_k$ for all $k \in K$. In this case $s(\hat{x}) = \mathbf{1}$ and $l\hat{x} \notin \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$ for any $0 \neq l \in \nabla$.

Show that the set $D \cup \{\hat{x}\}$ is \mathcal{A} -linearly independent. Let $a_0 \hat{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$, where $a_0, a_i \in \mathcal{A}$, $x_i \in D$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. If $a_0 = 0$, then $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$ and by \mathcal{A} -linear independence of the set D it follows that $a_i = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. If $a_0 \neq 0$, then $s(a_0) \neq 0$ and for $i(a_0) = h \in \mathcal{A}$ we have that $ha_0 = s(a_0)$ and $s(a_0)\hat{x} = -\sum_{i=1}^n a_i h x_i \in \text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})$, which is not true. Hence, the set $D \cup \{\hat{x}\}$ is \mathcal{A} -linearly independent in X , which contradicts to maximality of the set D .

Thus the equality $e_0 = \mathbf{1}$ is impossible. This means that $e = \mathbf{1} - e_0 \neq 0$. By construction of the idempotent e_0 , every nonzero idempotent $r \leq e$ does not have property (1). Hence, for any $0 \neq r \in \nabla_e$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $p_r \leq r$ such that

$$p_r X = p_r \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(D, \mathcal{A})) = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(p_r D, \mathcal{A}_{p_r})) = p_r \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(eD, \mathcal{A}_e)).$$

From Propositions 3.2 (iii) and 3.4 (ii) it follows that

$$eX = \text{mix}(\text{Lin}(eD, \mathcal{A}_e)).$$

Since eD is an \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent subset in the \mathcal{A}_e -module eX , then eD is an \mathcal{A}_e -basis in eX , i.e. eX is a γ -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_e -module, where $\gamma = \text{card}(eD)$. In particular, a cardinal number $\varkappa(p)$ is defined for all nonzero $p \in \nabla_e$. Let γ_e be the smallest cardinal number in the set of cardinal numbers $\{\varkappa(p) : 0 \neq p \leq e\}$, i.e. $\gamma_e = \varkappa(p)$ for some nonzero $p \leq e$. By the choice of the idempotent p it follows that $\gamma_e = \varkappa(p) = \varkappa(q)$ for all $0 \neq q \in \nabla_p$. This means that the \mathcal{A}_p -module X_p is strictly homogeneous. □

Now everything is ready to obtain the isomorphism from the faithful laterally complete \mathcal{A} -module to the Cartesian product of strictly homogeneous \mathcal{A} -modules.

Theorem 5.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be a l -complete commutative regular algebra, let ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} and let X be a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module. Then there exist a uniquely defined set of pairwise disjoint nonzero idempotents $\{e_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \nabla$ and a set of pairwise different cardinal numbers $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that $\sup_{i \in I} e_i = \mathbf{1}$ and X_{e_i} is a strictly γ_i -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i \in I$. In this case, the \mathcal{A} -modules X and $\prod_{i \in I} X_{e_i}$ are isomorphic.*

Proof. By Theorem 5.1 for every nonzero idempotent $e \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists a nonzero idempotent $g \leq e$ such that X_g is a strictly homogeneous \mathcal{A}_g -module. By Theorem 3.3, choose a set of pairwise disjoint nonzero idempotents $\{q_j\}_{j \in J}$ such that $\sup_{j \in J} q_j = \mathbf{1}$ and $q_j X$ is a strictly λ_j -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{q_j} -module for all $j \in J$. We decompose the set of cardinal numbers $A = \{\lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ as a union of disjoint subsets A_i in such a way that every A_i consists of equal cardinal numbers from A . By γ_i denote an element in A_i . By Proposition 4.9, for $e_i = \sup\{q_j : \lambda_j \in A_i\}$ we have that the \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module X_{e_i} is strictly γ_i -homogeneous. Moreover, by Proposition 3.5, the \mathcal{A} -module X and $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$ are isomorphic.

Assume, that there exist other sets of pairwise disjoint nonzero idempotents $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$ and pairwise different cardinal numbers $\{\mu_j\}_{j \in J}$, such that $\sup_{j \in J} g_j = \mathbf{1}$ and X_{g_j} is a strictly μ_j -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{g_j} -module for all $j \in J$. For any fixed $j \in J$, by the equality $\sup_{i \in I} e_i = \mathbf{1}$, we have that $g_j = \sup_{i \in I} e_i g_j$. If there exist two different indexes $i_1, i_2 \in I$ such that $e_{i_1} g_j \neq 0$ and $e_{i_2} g_j \neq 0$, then

$$\mu_j = \varkappa(g_j) = \varkappa(e_{i_1} g_j) = \varkappa(e_{i_1}) = \gamma_{i_1} \neq \gamma_{i_2} = \varkappa(e_{i_2}) = \varkappa(e_{i_2} g_j) = \mu_j.$$

By this contradiction, it follows that $e_i g_j = 0$ for all $i \in I$ except one index, which we denote by $i(j)$. Since $e_{i(j)} g_j \neq 0$, we have that

$$\mu_j = \varkappa(g_j) = \varkappa(e_{i(j)} g_j) = \varkappa(e_{i(j)}) = \gamma_{i(j)}.$$

If $g_j \neq e_{i(j)}$, then by the equality $\sup_{j \in J} g_j = \mathbf{1}$, there exists index $j_1 \in J$, $j_1 \neq j$ such that $e_{i(j)} g_{j_1} \neq 0$. Hence,

$$\mu_j = \gamma_{i(j)} = \varkappa(e_{i(j)}) = \varkappa(e_{i(j)} g_{j_1}) = \varkappa(g_{j_1}) = \mu_{j_1},$$

which is not true. Thus, $g_j = e_{i(j)}$ and $\mu_j = \gamma_{i(j)}$.

For the same reason, for any $i \in I$ there exists the unique index $j(i)$ such that $e_i = g_{j(i)}$ and $\gamma_i = \mu_{j(i)}$.

□

The partition $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ of unity in a Boolean algebra of idempotents in \mathcal{A} and the set of cardinal numbers $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in I}$ in Theorem 5.2 are called a passport for a faithful laterally complete \mathcal{A} -module X and denoted by $\Gamma(X) = \{(e_i(X), \gamma_i(X))\}_{i \in I(X)}$.

Thus, a passport $\Gamma(X) = \{(e_i(X), \gamma_i(X))\}_{i \in I(X)}$ for a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X means that $X = \prod_{i \in I(X)} e_i(X) X$ (up to an isomorphism), where $e_i(X) X$ is a strictly $\gamma_i(X)$ -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i \in I(X)$, $e_i(X) \neq 0$, $e_i(X) e_j(X) = 0$, $\gamma_i(X) \neq \gamma_j(X)$, $i \neq j$, $i, j \in I(X)$, $\sup_{i \in I(X)} e_i(X) = \mathbf{1}$.

The following theorem gives a criterion for isomorphism between faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -modules, by using the notion of passport for these \mathcal{A} -modules.

Theorem 5.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a l -complete commutative regular algebra, X and Y be a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -modules. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $\Gamma(X) = \Gamma(Y)$;
- (ii) \mathcal{A} -modules X and Y are isomorphic.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $\{(e_i(X), \gamma_i(X))\}_{i \in I(X)} = \Gamma(X) = \Gamma(Y) = \{(e_i(Y), \gamma_i(Y))\}_{i \in I(Y)}$, i.e. $I(X) = I(Y) := I$, $e_i(X) = e_i(Y) := e_i$ and $\gamma_i(X) = \gamma_i(Y) := \gamma_i$ for all $i \in I$. By Theorem 5.2, there exists an isomorphism U from \mathcal{A} -module X onto \mathcal{A} -module $\prod_{i \in I} e_i X$ (respectively an isomorphism V from \mathcal{A} -module Y onto \mathcal{A} -module $\prod_{i \in I} e_i Y$), where $U(x) = \{e_i x\}_{i \in I}$ (respectively, $V(y) = \{e_i y\}_{i \in I}$) for every $x \in X$ (respectively, for every $y \in Y$).

Since $e_i X$ (respectively, $e_i Y$) is a strictly γ_i -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module, then by Proposition 4.5, for all $i \in I$ there exists an isomorphism U_i from the \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module $e_i X$ onto the \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module $e_i Y$. It is clear that a map $\Phi : X \rightarrow Y$, defined by the equality

$$\Phi(x) = V^{-1}(\{U_i(e_i x)\}_{i \in I}).$$

is an isomorphism from the \mathcal{A} -module X onto the \mathcal{A} -module Y .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let Ψ be an isomorphism from X onto Y and $\Gamma(X) = \{(e_i(X), \gamma_i(X))\}_{i \in I(X)}$ be a passport for a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X . By Proposition 3.2 (iv), the following $\mathcal{A}_{e_i(X)}$ -module

$$Y_i = \Psi(e_i(X)X) = e_i(X)\Psi(X) = e_i(X)Y$$

is strictly $\gamma_i(X)$ -homogeneous. This means that $\{(e_i(X), \gamma_i(X))\}_{i \in I}$ is a passport for the faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module Y , i.e. $\Gamma(X) = \Gamma(Y)$. □

Let \mathcal{A} be a l -complete commutative regular algebra, let ∇ be a Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} . A faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X is called finitely-dimensional, if there exist a finite partition $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^k$ of unity in the Boolean algebra ∇ ($e_i \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, k$) and a finite set $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^k$ of natural numbers ($n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$) such that X_{e_i} is an n_i -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i = 1, \dots, k$.

This means that any finitely-dimensional \mathcal{A} -module X has a passport of the following form

$$\Gamma(X) = \{(e_i(X), n_i(X))\}_{i=1}^k,$$

where

$$e_1(X) + \dots + e_k(X) = \mathbf{1}, n_1(X) < \dots < n_k(X) < \infty.$$

Theorem 5.4. *For a faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X the following conditions are equivalent:*

(i). X is a finitely-dimensional module;

(ii). X is a finitely-generated module, i.e. there exists a finite set $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$ of elements in X such that $X = \text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m, \mathcal{A})$;

(iii). There exists a positive integer m such that for any nonzero idempotent $e \in \mathcal{A}$ any \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent set in X_e consists of not more than m elements.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $\Gamma(X) = \{(e_i(X), n_i(X))\}_{i=1}^k$ be a passport for the \mathcal{A} -module X . For every $i = 1, \dots, k$ we choose the \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -basis $\{x_j^{(i)}\}_{j=1}^{n_i}$ in X_{e_i} . If $x \in X$, then $e_i x = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} a_j^{(i)} x_j^{(i)}$, where $a_j^{(i)} \in \mathcal{A}_{e_i}$. Hence,

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k e_i x = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} a_j^{(i)} g_j^{(i)} \in \text{Lin}(\{x_j^{(i)}\}_{j=1, n_i, i=1, k}, \mathcal{A}).$$

This means that \mathcal{A} -module X is finitely-generated.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). If $X = \text{Lin}(\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m, \mathcal{A})$, e is a nonzero idempotent in \mathcal{A} and $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^l$ is an \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent set in X_e , then by Lemma 4.3, it follows that $l \leq m$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). By Theorem 5.2, there exist a set of pairwise disjoint nonzero idempotents $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ and a set of pairwise different cardinal numbers $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that $\sup_{i \in I} e_i = \mathbf{1}$ and X_{e_i} is a strictly γ_i -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i \in I$. If $\gamma_i > m$, then in X_{e_i} there exists a finite set $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^l$, which consist of \mathcal{A}_e -linearly independent elements, and besides $l > m$, which contradicts to condition (iii). Hence, $\gamma_i \leq m$ for all $i \in I$. Since natural numbers $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in I}$ are pairwise different, then I is a finite set, i.e. $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in I} = \{n_i\}_{i=1}^k$, where $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$. Hence, the \mathcal{A} -module X is finitely-dimensional. □

The following description of finitely-dimensional \mathcal{A} -modules follows directly from Theorem 5.2 and Corollary 4.6.

Corollary 5.5. *If X is a finitely-dimensional \mathcal{A} -module, then there exist an uniquely defined finite partition $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^k$ of unity in the Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} and a finite set of positive integers $n_1 < \dots < n_k$ such that the \mathcal{A} -module X is isomorphic to the \mathcal{A} -module $\prod_{i=1}^k \mathcal{A}_{e_i}^{n_i}$ (here $e_i \neq 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$).*

A faithful l -complete \mathcal{A} -module X is called σ -finitely-dimensional, if there exist a countable partition $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of unity in the Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} ($e_i \neq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots$) and a countable set $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of positive integers ($n_1 < n_2 < \dots$) such that X_{e_i} is an n_i -homogeneous \mathcal{A}_{e_i} -module for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$

By Theorem 5.2 and Corollary 4.6 we obtain the following description of σ -finitely-dimensional \mathcal{A} -modules.

Corollary 5.6. *If X is a σ -finitely-dimensional \mathcal{A} -module, then there exist a uniquely defined countable partition $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of unity in the Boolean algebra of all idempotents in \mathcal{A} and a countable set of positive integers $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ such that the \mathcal{A} -module X is isomorphic to the \mathcal{A} -module $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_{e_i}^{n_i}$ (here $e_i \neq 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$).*

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