# A CHARACTERIZATION OF $lpha_1$ -FREE ABELIAN GROUPS AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE CHASE RADICAL

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#### ABSTRACT

A group A is an  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian group iff A is a subgroup of the Boolean power  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  for some complete Boolean algebra B. The Chase radical  $\nu A = \Sigma\{C \le A : \operatorname{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \& C \text{ is countable}\}$ . The torsion class  $\{A : \nu A = A\}$  is not closed under uncountable direct products.

An abelian group A is  $\aleph_1$ -free if any countable subgroup of A is free.  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian groups have been studied by several authors, because Pontrjagin's theorems [22, Section 38] say "A compact abelian group G is connected and locally connected iff the dual group of G is  $\aleph_1$ -free." In the present paper we give a characterization of  $\aleph_1$ -free groups which clarifies why  $\aleph_1$ -free groups are somewhat like torsionless groups, though they are not always torsionless. Using it we investigate the Chase radical. We use the Boolean valued models  $V^{(B)}$  from Set Theory [2, 17, 21] and hence we assume the knowledge about them and use the notion and notation in [8] in the context. However, we'll outline direct proofs especially in Remark 4 at the end of this paper. Therefore, the reader can avoid the proofs using Boolean valued models  $V^{(B)}$ . All groups in this paper are abelian groups and any undefined notion for groups is standard [15]. To state our main results, we define Boolean powers.

For a complete Boolean algebra (cBa) B and a group A, the Boolean power  $A^{(B)}$  is the group consisting of functions  $f: A \to B$  such that  $(f(x): x \in A)$  is a partition of 1 of B, i.e.  $f(x) \wedge f(y) = 0$  for distinct x, y and  $\bigvee_{x \in A} f(x) = 1$ . For  $f, g \in A^{(B)}$ , (f+g)(x) = b iff  $b = \bigvee_{x-u+v} f(u) \wedge f(v)$ . This kind of group has been studied in [1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18]. If A is countable, we need only countable

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completeness of B to define a Boolean power. In such a case, let  $\bar{B}$  be the canonical completion of B; then  $A^{(B)}$  is a subgroup of  $A^{(\bar{B})}$ . Well-known groups  $\mathbf{Z}^{\kappa}/\mathbf{Z}^{<\kappa}$  for cardinals  $\kappa$  of uncountable cofinality are isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}^{(P\kappa/P_{\kappa}\kappa)}$ , where

$$\mathbf{Z}^{<\kappa} = \{x \in \mathbf{Z}^{\kappa} : \{\alpha : x(\alpha) \neq 0\} \text{ is of cardinality less than } \kappa\}$$

and  $P\kappa$  is the power set of  $\kappa$  and

$$P_{\kappa}\kappa = \{x \in P\kappa : \text{ The cardinality of } x \text{ is less than } \kappa\}.$$

See [5, 10, 11, 24] for those groups.

In Theorem 1 the equivalence of (1) and (2) is due to Kueker [20, Corollary 3.6] and Ellentuck [13].

Theorem 1. The following propositions are equivalent for an abelian group A:

- (1) A is  $\aleph_1$ -free;
- (2) (Kueker-Ellentuck)  $A^{\vee}$  is free in  $V^{(B)}$  for some complete Boolean algebra (cBa) B;
  - (3)  $A^{\vee}$  is torsionless in  $V^{(B)}$  for some cBa B;
  - (4) A is a subgroup of the Boolean power  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  for some cBa B.

Let vA be the Chase radical, i.e.

$$vA = \bigcap \{ \operatorname{Ker}(h) : h \in \operatorname{Hom}(A, X) \text{ and } X \text{ is } \aleph_1\text{-free} \}.$$

THEOREM 2. The following propositions are equivalent for an abelian group A and an element a of A.

- (1) a belongs to vA;
- (2) For every cBa B and  $h \in \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Z}^{(B)}), h(a) = 0$ ;
- (3) For every cBa B,  $[\![ \forall h \in \text{Hom}(A^{\vee}, \mathbb{Z})(h(a^{\vee}) = 0) ]\!]^{(B)} = 1;$
- (4) a belongs to  $\Sigma\{C \leq A : \text{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \& C \text{ is countable}\}.$

COROLLARY 3. The following propositions are equivalent for an abelian group A:

- (1) vA = A;
- (2)  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, \mathbf{Z}^{(B)}) = 0$  for every cBa B;
- (3)  $\operatorname{Hom}(A^{\vee}, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$  in  $V^{(B)}$  for every cBa B;
- (4)  $A = \Sigma \{C \le A : \text{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \text{ and } C \text{ is countable} \}.$

COROLLARY 4. The Chase radical v satisfies the cardinal condition.

This answers a question in [14]. See [5, 14] for the definition of the cardinal condition and related notions. In [5, Theorem 5.1] it has been shown that the torsion class

$$\{A: vA = A\} = \{Q, \oplus, E\}\{H\},$$
 where  $H = \bigoplus [C: \operatorname{Hom}(C, \mathbf{Z}) = 0 \text{ and } C \text{ is countable}].$ 

Corollary 3 implies that  $\{A : \nu A = A\} = \{Q, \oplus \}\{H\}$  with the same H.

THEOREM 5. Let A be a countable group and  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ . Then, there exists a torsionfree group G of rank 1 such that  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, G) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}(G, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ .

COROLLARY 6. The torsion class  $\{A : vA = A\}$  is not closed under uncountable direct products.

This answers a question of [5, Section 5] affirmatively.

## 1. Proofs of Theorems 2 and 3 and related consequences

LEMMA 7 (Pontrjagin [15, Theorem 19.1]). For a torsionfree group A, A is  $\aleph_1$ -free iff any subgroup of A of finite rank is free. Consequently, a countable torsionfree group A is free, if any subgroup of A of finite rank is free.

LEMMA 8. Let A be a torsionfree group and X a subset of A. Then.  $A^{\vee}$  is torsionfree and the pure closure  $\langle X^{\vee} \rangle_*$  is equal to  $(\langle X \rangle_*)^{\vee}$  in  $V^{(B)}$  for a cBa B.

PROOF. We check the absoluteness of notions concerning Boolean valued models. A is torsionfree iff  $\forall a \in A \ \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (na = 0 implies n = 0 or a = 0). For an  $a \in A$ , a belongs to  $\langle X \rangle_*$  iff there exist  $n_0 \cdots n_k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a_1 \cdots a_k \in X$  such that  $n_0 \neq 0$  and  $n_0 a + n_1 a_1 + \cdots + n_k a_k = 0$ . Since the notion of finite subsets is absolute, the lemma holds.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2). Let B be a cBa for which A is countable in  $V^{(B)}$ . For example, let B be the Boolean algebra consisting of all regular open subsets of  $A^N$ , where A is discrete and  $A^N$  is endowed with the product topology [17, 21]. Then,  $A^{\vee}$  is  $\aleph_1$ -free and hence a free group of countable rank in  $V^{(B)}$  by Lemmas 7 and 8.

- $(2) \rightarrow (3)$ . Clear.
- (3)  $\rightarrow$  (4). If A is torsionless in  $V^{(C)}$  for a cBa C, taking a large enough I we get an  $i \in V^{(C)}$  such that

 $[i: A^{\vee} \to \mathbf{Z}^{I^{\vee}}]$  is an injective homomorphism  $]^{(C)} = 1$ .

Then, the mapping a to  $i(a^{\vee})$  is an injective homomorphism from A into  $(\mathbf{Z}^{I^{\vee}})^{\wedge}$ . Since  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}^{\vee}$  in  $V^{(C)}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}^{\wedge} \simeq \mathbf{Z}^{(C)}$  and hence  $(\mathbf{Z}^{I^{\vee}})^{\wedge} \simeq (\mathbf{Z}^{(C)})^{I}$ . Let B be the direct product  $C^{I}$  of copies of the Boolean algebra C. Then,  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)} \simeq (\mathbf{Z}^{(C)})^{I}$ . Hence, A is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$ .

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (1). It is enough to show that  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  is  $\aleph_1$ -free for any cBa B. Let  $f_1, \ldots, f_n$  be elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$ . There exists a partition  $(b_m : m \in N)$  of 1 of B such that  $b_m \wedge f_i(a) \neq 0$  iff  $b_m \leq f_i(a)$  for each  $m \in N$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let

$$S = \{ f \in \mathbb{Z}^{(B)} : b_m \land f(a) \neq 0 \text{ iff } b_m \leq f(a) \text{ for any } m \in \mathbb{N}, a \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

Then, S is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  or free group of finite rank and  $\langle f_1 \cdots f_n \rangle_*$  is a subgroup of S. Since  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  is  $\aleph_1$ -free [15, Theorem 19.2]  $\langle f_1 \cdots f_n \rangle_*$  is free and hence  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  is  $\aleph_1$ -free by Lemma 7.

For embedding an  $\aleph_1$ -free group A to  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$ , let C be  $\mathrm{RO}(A^N)$ , i.e. the cBa indicated in the proof of  $(1) \rightarrow (2)$ , then  $B(=C^N)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathrm{RO}(A^N)$ . Hence, one might think that B can be taken as not such a complicated one. However, since any cBa can be completely embedded into such a kind of cBa's [19], we cannot say that  $\mathrm{RO}(A^N)$  has a simple structure to embed A. If B is a cBa and completely distributive, then B is atomic [23, 25.2] and so  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$  is a direct product of  $\mathbf{Z}$ . Hence, if we can embed A into  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$  where B has high distributivity, then it means that A is near to be torsionless. More precisely, let  $\kappa$  be the cardinal of A and B a  $\kappa$ -representable Boolean algebra [23, Section 29]. If A is a subgroup of  $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$ , then A is torsionless.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.  $(1) \rightarrow (2)$ . Clear by the equivalence of (1) and (4) of Theorem 1.

- $(2) \rightarrow (3)$ . Suppose the negation of (3), then by the maximum principle [2] there exists an  $h \in (\text{Hom}(A^{\vee}, \mathbb{Z}))^{\wedge}$  such that  $[h(a^{\vee}) \neq 0]^{(B)} \neq 0$ . The mapping a to  $h(a^{\vee})$  is a homomorphism from A to  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  under the isomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}^{\wedge} \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  and  $h(a^{\vee}) \neq 0$ .
- (3)  $\rightarrow$  (4). Suppose the negation of (4), then there exists an  $a_0 \in A$  such that for any countable subgroup C of A containing  $a_0$ ,

$$a_0 \notin \bigcap \{ \operatorname{Ker}(h) : h \in \operatorname{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) \}$$

by the proof of Stein's lemma [15, Corollary 19.3]. Let P be the set

 $\{\sigma: \text{dom } \sigma \text{ is a countable subgroup of } A \& a_0 \in \text{dom } \sigma \& \sigma \in \text{Hom}(\text{dom } \sigma, Z) \& \sigma(a_0) \neq 0 \& \sigma \text{ can be extended to any countable subgroup which includes dom } \sigma \}.$ 

The partial ordering of P is defined by the extension as functions, i.e.  $\sigma \le \tau$  iff  $\sigma$  is an extension of  $\tau$ . Since the proof of the nonemptiness of P is similar to the following one, we omit it. Let

$$D_x = \{ \sigma \in P : x \in \text{dom } \sigma \}$$
 for each  $x \in A$ .

Now, we show that  $D_x$  is dense in P. Suppose the negation, then there exists a  $\tau \in P$  with the following: For any  $h \in \text{Hom}(\text{dom }\tau + \langle x \rangle, \mathbb{Z})$  which extends  $\tau$ , there exists a countable subgroup  $C_h$  such that h cannot be extended onto  $C_h$ . Since such h is determined by the value at x, there exists only countably many such h's. Hence, there exists a countable subgroup C such that any such h cannot be extended to C. However,  $\tau$  can be extended to C and the restriction of the extension to dom  $\tau + \langle x \rangle$  must be one of the above h, which is a contradiction. Now, let B be the cBa related to P, i.e. the Boolean algebra of all the regular open subsets of P where  $U_{\sigma} = \{\tau \in P : \tau \leq \sigma\}$  is a basic open set for each  $\sigma \in P$ . Then, for the generic filter G of  $P^{\vee}$ ,  $\bigcup G$  is a homomorphism from  $A^{\vee}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bigcup G(a^{\vee}) \neq 0$  in  $V^{(B)}$ .

$$(4)\rightarrow (1)$$
. Clear.

Since the direct proof of  $(2) \rightarrow (4)$  is not so complicated in comparison with that of  $(1) \rightarrow (4)$  of Theorem 1, we present it here. Suppose the negation of (4). We define a map  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$ , where P, B and  $U_{\sigma}$  are as in the proof of  $(3) \rightarrow (4)$ . For  $x \in A$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  let

$$\varphi(x)(n) = \bigvee \{ U_{\sigma} : \sigma \in P \& x \in \text{dom } \sigma \& \sigma(x) = n \}.$$

If  $\sigma(x) \neq \tau(x)$  holds for  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau \in P$ , then  $U_{\sigma} \wedge U_{\tau} = 0$ .  $\forall \{U_{\sigma} : \sigma \in D_x\} = 1$  for each  $x \in A$ , as shown in the proof. Therefore,  $(\varphi(x)(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z})$  is a partition of 1 for each  $x \in A$ .  $\varphi(a_0) \neq 0$  is clear. The following fact implies that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism:

$$\forall \rho \in U_{\sigma} \cap U_{\tau}(\sigma, \tau \in D_x \cap D_y \text{ imply } \rho(x+y) = \rho(x) + \rho(y)).$$

Now, Corollary 3 follows from Theorem 2. In [3] it was shown that  $\nu\nu = \nu$  holds and for a countable group C,  $\nu C = C$  iff  $\operatorname{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ . Hence, Corollary 4 follows from Theorem 2.

LEMMA 9. Let  $\kappa$  be an uncountable regular cardinal and G a group of cardinality less than  $\kappa$ . For a group A the following (1) and (2) are equivalent:

- (1)  $A = \Sigma \{X \le A : \text{Hom}(X, G) = 0 \text{ and the cardinality of } X \text{ is less than } \kappa \}$ ;
- (2) For any  $a \in A$  and nonzero  $g \in G$ , there exists a subgroup C of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  such that  $a \in C$  and for any  $h \in \text{Hom}(C, G)$ ,  $h(a) \neq g$ .

PROOF. The implication  $(1) \rightarrow (2)$  is clear. Let  $C_{ag}$  be a subgroup which satisfies the condition of (2) for each  $a \in A$  and nonzero  $g \in G$ . Let

$$C_a = \Sigma \{ C_{ag} : g \in G \& g \neq 0 \},$$

then the cardinality of  $C_a$  is less than  $\kappa$ . Define  $E_1 = \langle a \rangle$  and  $E_{n+1} = \Sigma \{C_x : x \in E_n\}$  and let  $C = \sum_{n \in N} E_n$ . Then,  $\operatorname{Hom}(C, G) = 0$  and the cardinality of C is less than  $\kappa$  and C contains a.

By Lemma 9 we can relax the condition of supercompactness to that of compactness in [4, Theorem 2.3]. This answers a question of [4] affirmatively. Next we generalize a part of Theorem 2 and Corollary 3.

THEOREM 10. Let G be a countable group,  $R_G^*A = \bigcap \{ \operatorname{Ker}(h) : h \in \operatorname{Hom}(A, G) \}$  and  $R_G^*A = \bigcap \{ \operatorname{Ker}(h) : h \in \operatorname{Hom}(A, G^{(B)}) \& B \text{ is a cBa} \}$ . Then,  $R_G^*A = \sum \{ R_G C : C \text{ is a countable subgroup of } A \}$ . Consequently,  $\operatorname{Hom}(A, G^{(B)}) = 0$  for every cBa B iff

$$A = \Sigma \{ C \leq A : C \text{ is countable & } Hom(C, G) = 0 \}.$$

PROOF. Let C be a countable group,  $h \in \text{Hom}(C, G^{(B)})$  for a cBa B and  $h(c) \neq 0$  for a  $c \in C$ . Since C is countable, by the so-called Rasiowa-Sikorski Lemma [2, p. 5; 21], there exists an ultrafilter F of B such that  $h(c)(g^*) \in F$  for some nonzero  $g^* \in G$  and for each  $x \in C$  there exists a unique  $g \in G$  so that  $h(x)(g) \in F$ . Define  $\varphi(x) = g$  by  $h(x)(g) \in F$ . Then,  $\varphi$  is a nonzero homomorphism from C to G, since F is a filter and  $h(c)(g) \in F$ . Hence,  $R_G C = R_G^* C$  and so

$$\Sigma \{R_GC : C \text{ is a countable subgroup of } A\} \subset R_G^*A$$
.

For the converse inclusion, the same proof of  $(2) \rightarrow (4)$  of Theorem 2 goes. For the second proposition, it is enough to observe that

$$A = \Sigma \{R_G C : C \text{ is a countable subgroup of } A\}$$

iff  $A = \Sigma \{C \le A : \text{Hom}(C, G) = 0 \& C \text{ is countable}\}\$  by Lemma 9.

# 2. Proofs of Theorem 5 and Corollary 6 and remarks

Any torsionfree group of rank 1 can be identified by its type t and isomorphic to a subgroup of the rational group Q [16, Section 85]. Let  $R_t$  be a torsionfree group of rank 1 with its type t.

PROOF OF THEOREM 5. Starting from the type  $t_0$  containing the characteristic (1, 1, 1, ...), we get a sequence of types  $\{t_\alpha: \alpha < \kappa\}$  with the following:  $\kappa$  is a regular and uncountable cardinal;  $0 < t_\beta < t_\alpha$  for  $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$ ;  $0 = \inf\{t_\alpha: \alpha < \kappa\}$ . This can be done, because the order structure between 0 and  $t_0$  is isomorphic to the quotient Boolean algebra of P(N) modulo finite subsets and so we cannot reach 0 by a countable sequence [17, p, 261]. Let

$$r_{\alpha}A = \bigcap \{ \text{Ker}(h) : h \in \text{Hom}(A, R_{t_{\alpha}}) \} \text{ for each } \alpha < \kappa.$$

Then,  $r_{\alpha}A \leq r_{\beta}A$  for  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Since A is countable, there exists a  $\gamma$  such that  $r_{\alpha}A = r_{\gamma}A$  for every  $\alpha \geq \gamma$ . Let  $C = A/r_{\gamma}A$ , then  $r_{\alpha}C = 0$  for every  $\alpha \geq \gamma$ , i.e. C is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(R_{t_{\alpha}})^{N}$ . Now, we shall show that C is free. Let F be a subgroup of C of finite rank. Since  $Hom(F, \mathbb{Q})$  is countable, the set of types  $\{t: R_{t} \text{ is a homomorphic image of } F\}$  is countable. Hence, there exists a  $\beta \geq \gamma$  such that h(F) = 0 or  $h(F) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$  for any  $h \in Hom(F, R_{t_{\beta}})$ . Since F is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(R_{t_{\beta}})^{N}$ , F is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^{N}$  and hence is free by [15, Theorem 19.2]. Therefore, C is free by Lemma 7. By the assumption,  $Hom(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$  and so C = 0. i.e.  $A = r_{\gamma}A$  and  $Hom(A, R_{t_{\gamma}}) = 0$ . The group  $R_{t_{\gamma}}$  is a desired one.

As remarked in [5, Section 5], the torsion class  $\{X : \nu X = X\}$  is closed under countable direct products. However, it is not closed under uncountable direct products as Corollary 6 shows and also conjectured in [5, p. 101].

PROOF OF COROLLARY 6. Let  $A = \prod_{\alpha < \kappa} R_{t_{\alpha}}$ , where  $R_{t_{\alpha}}$  ( $\alpha < \kappa$ ) are the ones defined in the proof of Theorem 5 and  $a^* \in A$  such that  $a^*(\alpha) \neq 0$  for any  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Clearly,  $\nu R_{t_{\alpha}} = R_{t_{\alpha}}$  for each  $\alpha < \kappa$ . If  $\operatorname{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$  for a countable subgroup of A, then C cannot contain  $a^*$  as shown in the proof of Theorem 5. Hence,  $a^*$  does not belong to  $\nu A$  by Theorem 2, i.e.  $\nu A \neq A$ .

REMARKS. (1) A group  $Z^{(B)}$  has a canonical maximal free pure subgroup  $\bar{Z}^{(B)}$  (=  $\{x: x(n) = 0 \text{ for all but finite } n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ). Since  $\bar{Z}^{(B)}$  is isomorphic to the group consisting of all integer valued continuous functions from the stone space of B, the rank of  $\bar{Z}^{(B)}$  is equal to the topological weight of the stone space of B [12, Corollary 2.5].

- (2) As in the remark following the proof of Theorem 1, any  $\aleph_1$ -free group can be embedded into a group  $\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}$  where  $B = \mathrm{RO}(I^N)$  for some I. Since such a B has a system  $\{b_{n0}, b_{n1} : n \in N\}$  such that  $b_{n0} \vee b_{n1} = 1$  and  $\bigwedge_{n \in N} b_{nf(n)} = 0$  for any  $f: N \to \{0, 1\}$ , B has no countably complete maximal filter. Hence,  $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^{(B)}, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$  by [8, Theorem 1].
- (3) The size of  $\kappa$  in the proof of Theorem 5 has been studied in set theory [17, 21] and in some models of set theory  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$  even though  $2^{\kappa_0}$  is a larger regular cardinal.
- (4) After the completion of this paper, the author has found other proofs of the implication  $(1) \rightarrow (4)$  of Theorem 1 and the equivalence of (1) and (4) of Theorem 2, using reduced products [4]. Here we outline them. Dugas [4] proved that a group A is  $\aleph_1$ -free iff A is isomorphic to a subgroup of a reduced product of the group Z by a countably complete filter. Since a reduced power of a countable group by a countably complete filter is isomorphic to a Boolean power by a countably complete Boolean algebra [11], we can show the implication  $(1) \rightarrow (4)$  of Theorem 1. For the equivalence of (1) and (4) of Theorem 2, what we need are a reduced product X of Z and a homomorphism  $h: A \to X$  for an  $a_0 \notin \Sigma \{C \le A : \text{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \& C \text{ is countable}\}$  $(=\Sigma \{R_{\mathbf{Z}}C: C \text{ is a countable subgroup of } A\})$  so that  $h(a_0) \neq 0$ . Let I be the set of all countable subsets of A. For each  $Y \in I$ , let  $h_Y : \langle Y \rangle \to \mathbb{Z}$  be a homomorphism so that  $h_Y(a_0) \neq 0$  if  $a_0 \in \langle Y \rangle$  and F the canonical countably complete filter of I generated by  $\{Y \in I : a \in Y\}$   $(a \in A)$ . Then, there exists canonical homomorphisms  $i: A \to \Pi_{Y \in I}(Y)/F$  and  $h^*: \Pi_{Y \in I}(Y)/F \to \Pi_{Y \in I} \mathbb{Z}/F$ , where the reduced product  $\Pi_{Y \in I}(Y)/F$  is the quotient group of  $\Pi_{Y \in I}(Y)$  by the subgroup  $\{f \in \Pi_{Y \in I}(Y) : \{Y : f(Y) = 0\} \in F\}$  and  $h^*$  is induced by  $(h_Y : Y \in I)$ . Then,  $h^* \cdot i$  and  $\Pi_{Y \in I} \mathbb{Z}/F$  are the desired h and X respectively. In addition we remark the following fact can be proved using reduced products [9].

For a radical R and a regular cardinal  $\kappa$ , let

 $R^{[\kappa]}A = \Sigma \{RC : C \text{ is a subgroup of } A \text{ of cardinality less than } \kappa \}$ 

[5]. Then,  $R^{[\kappa]}$  is also a radical, i.e.  $R^{[\kappa]}(A/R^{[\kappa]}A) = 0$  for every A.

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