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*An interesting class of ideals in subalgebras of  $C(X)$  containing  $C^*(X)$*

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**Abstract:** In the present paper we give a duality between a special type of ideals of subalgebras of  $C(X)$  containing  $C^*(X)$  and  $z$ -filters of  $\beta X$  by generalization of the notion  $z$ -ideal of  $C(X)$ . We also use it to establish some intersecting properties of prime ideals lying between  $C^*(X)$  and  $C(X)$ . For instance we may mention that such an ideal becomes prime if and only if it contains a prime ideal. Another interesting one is that for such an ideal the residue class ring is totally ordered if and only if it is prime.

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