# The lattice structure of fuzzy K-algebra

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we study the lattice structure of fuzzy K-subalgebras with the technique of nested set and obtain that the lattice of all fuzzy K-subalgebras is modular.

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### 1. Preliminaries

We recall some definitions and results first. K always represents a communicative ring with unit element 1; A denotes a K-algebra; sub(A) denotes the set of all K-subalgebras of A; I(A) denotes the set of all algebra ideals of A.

**Proposition1.1** sub(A) forms a complete modular lattice with maximal and minimal elements A and  $\{0\}$ , respectively, and for any B,  $C \in sub(A)$ ,

$$B \lor C = B + C$$
,  $B \land C = B \cap C$ .

**Proposition1.2** I(A) is a complete sublattice of sub(A).

**Definition1.1** Let f be a mapping from X into Y, and let  $\mu \in F(X)(F(X))$  denotes the set of all fuzzy subset of X) and  $\eta \in F(Y)$ . Then fuzzy subsets  $f(\mu)$  and  $f^{-1}(\eta)$ , defined by

$$f(\mu)(y) = \sqrt{\mu(x)} | x \in f^{-1}(y)$$
  $\forall y \in Y$ 

and

$$f^{-1}(\eta)(x) = \eta(f(x)) \quad \forall x \in X,$$

are called the image of  $\mu$  and the pre-image of  $\eta$  under f, respectively.

**Definition1.2**[1] Let X be a set and P(X) denotes the power set of X. A map  $H:[0,1] \to P(X); \lambda \to H(\lambda)$ 

is called a nested set of X, if

$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \Rightarrow H(\lambda_1) \supseteq H(\lambda_2)$$
.

We denote the nested set by  $H: \{H(\lambda) | \lambda \in [0,1]\}.$ 

If H is a nested set of X, let

$$\mu = \bigcup_{\lambda \in [0,1]} \lambda H(\lambda) \text{ (i.e., } \mu(x) = \sqrt{\lambda | x \in H(\lambda) } \} \forall x \in X, \text{ stipulation } \sqrt{\varnothing} = 0),$$

then  $\mu \in F(X)$ , we call this  $\mu$  the fuzzy set determined by nested set H.

**Proposition1.3**[1] Let H be a nested set of X,  $\mu \in F(X)$ . Then  $\mu$  is determined by H if and only if  $\mu_{\lambda} \subseteq H(\lambda) \subseteq \mu_{\lambda}$ .

# 2. Important properties

**Definition 2.1** A fuzzy K-subalgebra (briefly, fuzzy subalgebra) of K-algebra A is a function  $\mu: A \to [0,1]$  such that following properties holds:

- (1)  $\mu(0) = 1$ ,
- $(2) \quad \mu(ax+by) \ge \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) ,$
- (3)  $\mu(xy) \ge \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$ .

Where  $a,b \in K$ ,  $x,y \in A$ .

We denote the set of all fuzzy subalgebra of A with the symbol Fsub(A). **Proposition2.1** Let  $\mu \in F(A)$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of A if and only if  $\mu_{\lambda}(\lambda \in [0,1])$  is a subalgebra of A.

**Proposition2.2** Let  $\mu \in F(A)$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of A if and only if  $\mu_{\lambda}(\lambda \in [0,1))$  is a subalgebra of A.

**Theorem2.3** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset determined by nested set H. If  $H(\lambda)$  are all subalgebra of A, for any  $\lambda \in [0,1]$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of A.

Proof. For any  $a,b \in K$ ,  $x,y \in A$ , let  $\mu(x) = s$ ,  $\mu(y) = t \ge s$ , then  $x \in \mu_{s-\varepsilon}$ ,  $y \in \mu_{t-\varepsilon} \subseteq \mu_{s-\varepsilon}$  ( $\forall \varepsilon \in (0,s)$ ), thus  $x,y \in \mu_{s-\varepsilon} \subseteq H(s-\varepsilon)$  (Proposition 1.3). From  $H(s-\varepsilon)$  is a subalgebra we know ax + by,  $xy \in H(s-\varepsilon)$ , but  $H(s-\varepsilon) \subseteq \mu_{s-\varepsilon}$  (Proposition 1.3), so ax + by,  $xy \in \mu_{s-\varepsilon}$ , by the arbitrary of  $\varepsilon$ , ax + by,  $xy \in \mu_s$ , that is  $\mu(ax + by) \ge s = \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$ ,  $\mu(xy) \ge s = \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$ , and then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of A.

Remark2.4 The inverse of Theorem2.3 is not right.

For example: Let Z be the integer ring. Obviously, Z is Z-algebra. Now let S be the even number ring and define the nested set H as follows:

$$H(\lambda) = \begin{cases} S & 0 \le \lambda < 0.5 \\ \{0, 2, 4\} & \lambda = 0.5 \\ \{0\} & \lambda > 0.5 \end{cases}.$$

It is easy to verify that H is a nested set of Z-algebra Z and the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  determined by H is

$$\mu(k) = \sqrt{\lambda | k \in H(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} 1 & k = 0 \\ 0.5 & k \in S \setminus \{0\} \\ 0 & k \notin S \end{cases}$$

Obviously,  $\mu \in Fsub(A)$ , but  $H(0.5) = \{0,2,4\} \notin sub(A)$ .

**Definition2.2** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subalgebra of A. If for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $\mu(xy) \ge \mu(x) \lor \mu(y)$ , then we call  $\mu$  a fuzzy algebra ideal of A.

We denote the set of all fuzzy algebra ideals with the symbol FI(A).

**Theorem2.5** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set determined by nested set. If  $H(\lambda)(\lambda \in [0,1])$  are all algebra ideals of A, then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy algebra ideal of A.

Proof. Similar to Theorem 2.3.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $\mu, \eta$  are two fuzzy set of A. We define the sum  $\mu + \eta$  of  $\mu$  and  $\eta$  as follows:

$$(\mu + \eta)(z) = \vee \{\mu(x) \wedge \eta(y) | x + y = z\}.$$

**Proposition2.6** Let  $\mu, \eta \in F(A)$  are two fuzzy set of A, then

(1) 
$$(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \supseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$$
, (2)  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} = \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$ .

Proof. (1) For any  $z \in \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$ , let  $z = x_0 + y_0, x_0 \in \mu_{\lambda}, y_0 \in \eta_{\lambda}$ , then  $(\mu + \eta)(z) = \sqrt{\{\mu(x) \land \eta(y) | x + y = z\}} \ge \mu(x_0) \land \eta(y_0) \ge \lambda$ , so  $z \in (\mu + \eta)_{\lambda}$ , and then  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \supseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$ .

(2) The proof of  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \supseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$  is similar to the proof of (1); Other hand, for any  $z \in (\mu + \eta)_{\lambda}$ ,  $(\mu + \eta)(z) = \bigvee \{\mu(x) \land \eta(y) | x + y = z\} > \lambda$ , there some  $x_0, y_0$ , such that  $z = x_0 + y_0$  and  $\mu(x_0) \land \eta(y_0) > \lambda$ , so  $x_0 \in \mu_{\lambda}$ ,  $y_0 \in \eta_{\lambda}$ , and  $z \in \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$ . Therefore (2) holds.

**Proposition2.7** Let  $\mu, \eta \in F(A)$  be two fuzzy sets determined by nested sets H, K, respectively. Then  $\mu + \eta$  are determined by the nested set  $H + K : \{H(\lambda) + K(\lambda) | \lambda \in [0,1]\}.$ 

Proof. By the hypothesis,  $\mu_{\lambda} \subseteq H(\lambda) \subseteq \mu_{\lambda}$ ,  $\eta_{\lambda} \subseteq K(\lambda) \subseteq \eta_{\lambda}$ , so we have  $\mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq H(\lambda) + K(\lambda) \subseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$ , and then  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \subseteq H(\lambda) + K(\lambda) \subseteq (\mu + \eta)_{\lambda}$  from Proposition 2.6, this means  $\mu + \eta$  is determined by the nested set  $H + K : \{H(\lambda) + K(\lambda) | \lambda \in [0,1]\}$ .

**Theorem2.8** Let  $\mu$  and  $\eta$  be two fuzzy subalgebras (ideals) of A, then  $\mu + \eta$  is a fuzzy subalgebra (ideal) of A.

Proof. We prove the Theorem to fuzzy subalgebra only. Because  $\mu$  and  $\eta$  are subalgebras of A, Proposition 2.6 two from have  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \subseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq (\mu + \eta)_{\lambda}$ , this means that  $\mu + \eta$  is determined by the nested set  $H: \{\mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda} | \lambda \in [0,1]\}$ . Since  $\mu$  and  $\eta$  are two fuzzy subalgebras, so all subalgebras, and and then  $H(\lambda) = \mu_1 + \eta_2$ a subalgebra (Proposition 1.1),  $\mu + \eta$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of A.

## 3. Lattice structure

**Theorem3.1** The set Fsub(A) forms a complete lattice under the inclusion relation  $\subseteq$  with the intersection as its inf. Its maximal and minimal elements are  $1_A$  and  $1_0$ , respectively.

Proof. For any  $\mu_i \in Fsub(A)$ ,  $i \in I$ , where I is any nonempty index set. Then for any  $k, l \in K$ ,  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$(\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(kx + ly) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\mu_i(kx + ly)) \ge \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\mu_i(x) \wedge \mu_i(y))$$

$$= (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i(x)) \wedge (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i(y)) = (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(x) \wedge (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(y)$$

$$(\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(xy) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\mu_i(xy)) \ge \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\mu_i(x) \wedge \mu_i(y)) = (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(x) \wedge (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i)(y).$$

Hence, we conclude that  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i \in Fsub(A)$ . Obviously,  $1_A \in Fsub(A)$ , thus we can assert that Fsub(A) forms a complete lattice under the order  $\subseteq$ . Other conclusion of this theorem is easy.

In the lattice Fsub(A),  $\vee, \wedge$  denote the sup, inf, respectively.

**Proposition3.2** FI(A) is the complete sublattice of Fsub(A).

Proof is easy and omitted.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem3.3** Let  $\mu, \eta \in Fsub(A)$ , then  $\mu \vee \eta = \mu + \eta$ .

Proof. By Theorem2.8,  $\mu + \eta \in Fsub(A)$ . Since  $\mu_{\lambda}, \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq \mu_{\mu} + \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq (\mu + \eta)_{\lambda}$ , and then  $\mu, \eta \subseteq \mu + \eta$ . If  $\xi \in Fsub(A)$  and  $\mu, \eta \subseteq \xi$ , then  $\mu_{\lambda}, \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq \xi_{\lambda}$ , and then  $\mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda} \subseteq \xi_{\lambda}$ , but  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \subseteq \mu_{\lambda} + \eta_{\lambda}$  (proposition2.6), thus  $(\mu + \eta)_{\lambda} \subseteq \xi_{\lambda}$ , so  $\mu + \eta \subseteq \xi$ , this means that  $\mu + \eta$  is a minimal fuzzy subalgebra of A which contains  $\mu$  and  $\eta$ , that is  $\mu \vee \eta = \mu + \eta$ .

**Remark3.4** The lattice Fsub(A) is not distributive.

Proof. Suppose, if possible, Fsub(A) is distributive. Let A be a ring, Z the ring of integers, then A is a Z-algebra. In this case, K=Z, Fsub(A) is the lattice of all fuzzy subrings and is distributive, of course, the lattice of all fuzzy ideals of a ring A is also distributivity. This contradicts the Theorem(The lattice of all fuzzy ideals of a ring is not distributivity)[5].

**Theorem3.5** The lattice Fsub(A) is modular.

Proof. For any  $\mu, \eta \in Fsub(A)$ , it's easy to verify that  $(\mu \wedge \eta)_{\lambda} = \mu_{\lambda} \wedge \eta_{\lambda}$ ,  $(\mu \wedge \eta)_{\lambda} = \mu_{\lambda} \wedge \eta_{\lambda}$ .

For any  $\mu, \eta, \gamma \in Fsub(A)$  and  $\eta \supseteq \mu$ , we will prove  $\mu \land (\eta \lor \gamma) = \eta \lor (\mu \land \gamma)$ . From Theorem 3.3 and Proposition2.6 we have  $\mu \land (\eta \lor \gamma) = \mu \land (\eta + \gamma)$  and  $(\mu \land (\eta + \gamma))_{\lambda} = \mu_{\lambda} \land (\eta + \gamma)_{\lambda} \subseteq \mu_{\lambda} \land (\eta_{\lambda} + \gamma_{\lambda}) \subseteq \mu_{\lambda} \land (\eta + \gamma)_{\lambda} = (\mu \land (\eta + \gamma))_{\lambda}$ ,  $(\eta + (\mu \land \gamma))_{\lambda} \subseteq \eta_{\lambda} + (\mu \land \gamma)_{\lambda} = \eta_{\lambda} + (\mu_{\lambda} \land \gamma_{\lambda}) \subseteq (\eta + (\mu \land \gamma))_{\lambda}$ . This shows that  $\mu \wedge (\eta + \gamma)$  and  $\eta + (\mu \wedge \gamma)$  are determined by the nested sets  $\mu_{\lambda} \wedge (\eta_{\lambda} + \gamma_{\lambda})$  and  $\eta_{\lambda} + (\mu_{\lambda} \wedge \gamma_{\lambda}))_{\lambda}$ , respectively. But  $\mu_{\lambda}, \eta_{\lambda}$  and  $\gamma_{\lambda}$  are all the crisp K-subalgebras of A and  $\mu_{\lambda} \supseteq \eta_{\lambda}$ , by Proposition1.1 we have  $\mu_{\lambda} \wedge (\eta_{\lambda} + \gamma_{\lambda}) = \eta_{\lambda} + (\mu_{\lambda} \wedge \gamma_{\lambda})$ , and then  $\mu \wedge (\eta \vee \gamma) = \eta \vee (\mu \wedge \gamma)$ .

Corollary3.6 The lattice FI(A) is modular.

**Proposition3.7** If  $B, C \in Fsub(A)$  and  $B \subset C$ . Let

 $Fsub_{mid}(B,C) = \{D | D \in Fsub(A) \text{ and } B \subseteq D \subseteq C\}.$ 

Then  $Fsub_{mid}(B,C)$  is the complete sublattice of Fsub(A) with maximal and minimal elements B and C, respectively. Of course,  $Fsub_{mid}(B,C)$  is modular.

Proof. Omitted.

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