

# The Base of Finite EI Algebra<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we give the definition of base of the EI algebra and EI independence and apply them to study the algebraic structures of the EI algebra. We also give some theorem to find the base for some EI algebra.

**Key words:** EI algebra; EI independent; Base of EI algebra

It is well known that fuzziness is one of the important characteristics of human cognizance and thinking. The theory of fuzzy sets and systems have been applied in many fields, especially in fuzzy information processing since it was proposed by professor L. A. Zadeh in [1] 1965. Many mathematicians, engineers and technicians have achieved many important results by using and applying fuzzy theory. Because some methods of determining membership functions lack of mathematical strictness and unification and different persons have different membership function for the same fuzzy concept, many powerful mathematical tools can not exert the effects they should produce in fuzzy information processing. In [2, 3, 4, 5], the author have studied the AFS (Axiomatic Fuzzy Sets) theory based on some new mathematical objects such as AFS algebra which is molecular lattices<sup>[11]</sup>, AFS structure which is a special system (system is one of main mathematical objects in combinatorics [7]) and cognitive fields. In this paper, by the definition of base of the EI algebra and EI independence, we study the algebraic structures of the EI algebra—one kind of AFS algebra.

In the following, we introduce the AFS algebra. Let  $M$  be a set.

$$M^* = \{ \sum_{i \in I} A_i \mid A_i \in 2^M, i \in I, I \text{ is any indexing set} \},$$

when  $I$  is finite set,  $\sum_{i \in I} A_i$  is also denoted as  $A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n$ .  $\sum_{i \in I} A_i$  is just sum in form, and these  $A_i$  in  $\sum_{i \in I} A_i$  can be in any order. For example,  $\sum_{i=1}^2 A_i = A_1 + A_2 = A_2 + A_1$ . In [2,4], the author has defined the equivalence relation  $R$  in  $M^*$  as following:  $\alpha = \sum_{i \in I} A_i, \beta = \sum_{j \in J} B_j \in M^*$ ,  $\alpha R \beta \Leftrightarrow \forall A \in \{A_i \mid i \in I\}, \exists B \in \{B_j \mid j \in J\}$  such that  $A \supseteq B$  and  $\forall B \in \{B_j \mid j \in J\}, \exists A \in \{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  such that  $B \supseteq A$ . Without confusion, we always denote  $M^*/R$  as  $EM$ . In the following,  $\alpha, \beta \in EM$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$  means that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are equivalent. Under the equivalence relation  $R$ , if  $A_u \supseteq A_v, u, v \in I$ , then

$$\sum_{i \in I} A_i = \sum_{i \in I, i \neq u} A_i \quad (1)$$

In [4], the author has proved that  $(EM, \wedge, \vee)$  is molecular lattices if the lattice operators  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  are defined as following:  $\sum_{i \in I} A_i, \sum_{j \in J} B_j \in EM$ ,

$$\sum_{i \in I} A_i \vee \sum_{j \in J} B_j = \sum_{k \in I \cup J} C_k, \quad \sum_{i \in I} A_i \wedge \sum_{j \in J} B_j = \sum_{i \in I, j \in J} A_i \cup B_j, \quad (2)$$

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where  $U = I \amalg J$  is the disjoint union of set  $I$  and  $J$ ,  $k \in U$ ,  $C_k = A_k$  when  $k \in I$ ;  $C_k = B_k$ , when  $k \in J$ .  $(EM, \wedge, \vee)$  is called the EI algebra over  $M$ . EI is a kind of AFS algebra.

**Definition 1** Let  $M$  be a set,  $EM$  be the EI algebra over  $M$ .  $S \subseteq EM$ ,  $(S, \wedge, \vee)$  is called a sub-algebra of  $(EM, \wedge, \vee)$  if for any  $\alpha, \beta \in S$ , (1)  $\alpha \vee \beta \in S$ , (2)  $\alpha \wedge \beta \in S$ .

**Proposition 1** Let  $M$  be a set,  $EM$  be the EI algebra over set  $M$ ,  $\Lambda \subseteq EM$ . If

$$(\Lambda)_{EI} = \{ \vee_{i \in I} (\wedge_{\gamma \in T_i} \gamma) \mid T_i \subseteq \Lambda, i \in I, I \text{ is any indexing set} \},$$

then  $(\Lambda)_{EI}$  is the sub-algebra of  $EM$ .  $(\Lambda)_{EI}$  is called sub-algebra of  $EM$  generated by  $\Lambda$ .

**Proof** Since  $\Lambda \subseteq EM$ , hence  $(\Lambda)_{EI} \subseteq EM$ . For any  $\alpha, \beta \in (\Lambda)_{EI}$ ,  $\alpha = \vee_{i \in I} (\wedge_{\gamma \in T_i} \gamma)$ ,

$$\beta = \vee_{j \in J} (\wedge_{\gamma \in H_j} \gamma), \text{ since } T_i \cup H_j \subseteq \Lambda, \text{ hence } \alpha \wedge \beta = \vee_{i \in I, j \in J} (\wedge_{\gamma \in T_i \cup H_j} \gamma) \in (\Lambda)_{EI}.$$

$$\alpha \vee \beta = (\vee_{i \in I} (\wedge_{\gamma \in T_i} \gamma)) \vee (\vee_{j \in J} (\wedge_{\gamma \in H_j} \gamma)) \in (\Lambda)_{EI}. \text{ Therefore } (\Lambda)_{EI} \text{ is the sub-algebra of } EM.$$

**Definition 2** Let  $M$  be a finite set,  $EM$  be the EI algebra of  $M$ ,  $D = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subseteq EM$ .  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are called EI independent if  $\forall \alpha_i \in D, \alpha_i \notin (D \setminus \{\alpha_i\})_{EI}$ , otherwise  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are called EI dependent.

**Definition 3** Let  $M$  be a finite set,  $S \subseteq EM$ ,  $S$  is a sub-algebra of  $EM$ ,  $\Lambda \subseteq S$ ,  $\Lambda = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ,  $\Lambda = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is called a base of EI finite Algebra of  $S$  if 1)  $(\Lambda)_{EI} = S$ , 2)  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are EI independent.

**Definition 4** Let  $M$  be a finite set.  $\alpha = \sum_{i \in I} A_i$ ,  $\alpha \in EM$ , and  $\alpha$  is called irreducible if for any  $k \in I$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I, i \neq k} A_i \neq \alpha$ . If  $\alpha = \sum_{i \in I} A_i$  is irreducible, we define

$$|\alpha| = \{A_i \mid i \in I\} \text{ and } \|\alpha\| = |I|$$

$\|\alpha\|$  is called the order of  $\alpha$ .

**Proposition 2** Let  $S$  be the sub-algebra of  $EM$ .  $\alpha \in S$ , if  $\alpha = A$  and  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $|A| = 0$  or  $|A| = 1$ , then  $\alpha$  is the element of any base of  $S$ .

**Proof** Since  $|A| = 0$  or  $|A| = 1$

Case 1)  $|A| = 0$ , i.e.  $A = \emptyset$

Case 2)  $|A| = 1$ , we can suppose  $A = \{n\}$

$\emptyset$  and  $\{n\}$  are all moleculars in  $EM$ . And molecular<sup>[11]</sup> must be base. So  $\emptyset$  and  $\{n\}$  must be the element of any base of  $S$ .

**Proposition 3** Let  $S$  be any sub-algebra of  $EM$ . If  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ , then  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  is a base of  $S$ .

**Proof** Since  $(\{\alpha_1\})_{EI} = \{\alpha_1\}$ , hence  $\alpha_2 \notin (\{\alpha_1\})_{EI}$ . Similarly  $\alpha_1 \notin (\{\alpha_2\})_{EI}$ . Therefore  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are EI independent. And  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\} = (\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\})_{EI}$ , so by the definition, we can see  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  is the

base of  $S$ .

**Example 1** Let  $\alpha_1=\{1\}$ ,  $\alpha_2=\{1\}\vee\{2\}$ .

Since  $\{1\}\vee\{1\}=\{1\}$ ,  $\{1\}\wedge\{1\}=\{1\}$ ,  $[\{1\}\vee\{2\}]\vee[\{1\}\vee\{2\}]=\{1\}\vee\{2\}$ ,

$[\{1\}\vee\{2\}]\wedge[\{1\}\vee\{2\}]=\{1\}\vee\{2\}$ , so  $\{\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}\}$  is sub-algebra, and its base is  $\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}$  and  $(\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\})_{EI}=\{\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}\}$ .

**Proposition 4** The base of the sub-algebra of  $EM$  isn't unique.

**Proof** By the following examples, we can prove this proposition.

**Example 2**  $S=\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{13}\}$ . Where  $\alpha_1=\{1\}$ ,  $\alpha_2=\{1\}\vee\{2\}$ ,  $\alpha_3=\{3\}\vee\{4\}$ ,  $\alpha_4=\{2\}\vee\{3\}\vee\{4\}$ ,  $\alpha_5=\{1\}\vee\{2\}\vee\{3\}\vee\{4\}$ ,  $\alpha_6=\{1\}\vee\{3\}\vee\{4\}$ ,  $\alpha_7=\{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}$ ,  $\alpha_8=\{1, 2\}\vee\{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}$ ,  $\alpha_9=\{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}\vee\{2, 3\}\vee\{2, 4\}$ ,  $\alpha_{10}=\{3\}\vee\{4\}\vee\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\alpha_{11}=\{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}\vee\{2\}$ ,  $\alpha_{12}=\{1\}\vee\{2, 3\}\vee\{2, 4\}$ ,  $\alpha_{13}=\{1, 2\}\vee\{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}\vee\{2, 3\}\vee\{2, 4\}$ .

We can verify that:

(1)  $S=(\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\}, \{2\}\vee\{3\}\vee\{4\})_{EI}$  and  $\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\}, \{2\}\vee\{3\}\vee\{4\}$  is a base of  $S$ .

(2)  $S=(\{1\}, \{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}\vee\{2\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\})_{EI}$  and  $\{1\}, \{1, 3\}\vee\{1, 4\}\vee\{2\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\}$  is also a base of the EI algebra of  $S$ . And the elements of bases in (1) and (2) are different.

**Proposition 5** The smallest bases are not unique.

**Proof** By the following examples, we can prove this proposition.

**Example 3** Let  $\alpha_1=\{\{1\}, \{1\}\vee\{2\}, \{2\}\vee\{3\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\}\}$

$$\alpha_2=\{\{1\}, \{1, 3\}\vee\{2\}, \{2, 4\}\vee\{3\}, \{3\}\vee\{4\}\}$$

since  $[\{1, 3\}\vee\{2\}]\vee[\{2, 4\}\vee\{3\}]=\{2\}\vee\{3\}$ ,  $\{1\}\vee[\{1, 3\}\vee\{2\}]=\{1\}\vee\{2\}$ , then  $(\alpha_1)_{EI}=(\alpha_2)_{EI}$

**Definition 5** Let  $\alpha=\sum_{i \in I} A_i \in EM$ , we make the definition as  $\bar{\alpha}=\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ .

**Proposition 6**  $S=\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , if  $\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}$  can generate  $S$ , then

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\}} \bar{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}} \bar{\alpha}$$

**Proof** Since  $\{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\} \subseteq S$ , hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\}} \bar{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}} \bar{\alpha}$

now suppose  $\exists \beta \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}} \bar{\alpha}$ , s.t.  $\beta \notin \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\}} \bar{\alpha}$ , then  $\beta$  can't be generated by

$\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}$ , since  $\{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\}$  is the base of  $S$ , so they can generate any

element of  $S$ . They are contradict. So  $\forall \beta \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}} \bar{\alpha}$ , it must have  $\beta \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_i}\}} \bar{\alpha}$ .

**Proposition 7** Let  $S=\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , let  $\alpha_i = \sum_{j \in I_i} A_{ij}$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , if  $\alpha_i$  can be generated by

$\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_l}$ , then  $\forall j \in I_j$ ,

$$A_{ij} = \bigcup_{k \in \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l\}} C_k$$

Where  $C_k = \phi$  or  $C_k = A_{kq}$ ,  $q \in I_k$ ,  $k = n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l$ .

**Proof** (i) if  $\alpha_i = \bigvee_{n_k \in T} \alpha_{n_k}$  ( $T = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l\}$ ), it is obvious.

(ii) if  $\alpha_i = \bigwedge_{n_k \in T} \alpha_{n_k}$  ( $T = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l\}$ ) =  $\sum_{j \in I_i} A_{ij}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= \left( \sum_{j_1 \in I_{n_1}} A_{n_1 j_1} \right) \wedge \left( \sum_{j_2 \in I_{n_2}} A_{n_2 j_2} \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left( \sum_{j_m \in I_{n_m}} A_{n_m j_m} \right), m \in \{1, 2, \dots, l\} \\ &= \sum_{j \in I_i} \sum_{j_1 \in I_{n_1}} \sum_{j_2 \in I_{n_2}} \dots \sum_{j_m \in I_{n_m}} A_{n_1 j_1} \cup A_{n_2 j_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{n_m j_m} = \sum_{k \in T} \bigcup C_k \end{aligned}$$

so we have  $A_{ij} = \bigcup_{k \in \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l\}} C_k$  ( $\forall j \in I_j$ ).

**Note 1** The proposition 7 can be used to judge EI independent. For example:

**Example 4** Let  $\alpha_1 = \{2, 4, 5\} \vee \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \{4\} \vee \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \{3, 4\} \vee \{1\}$ ,

$\alpha_4 = \{1, 4\} \vee \{2\} \vee \{3\}$ ,  $\alpha_5 = \{1, 4\} \vee \{1, 2\} \vee \{3, 4\}$ .

Knowing from Proposition 7

$$\alpha_3 \notin (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)_{EI}, \alpha_2 \notin (\alpha_1, \alpha_3)_{EI}, \alpha_1 \notin (\alpha_2, \alpha_3)_{EI}$$

so  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  is EI independent. For the same reason  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  is EI independent.

**Note 2** The converse proposition of Proposition 7 doesn't found. The converse proposition is :

for  $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , let  $\alpha_i = \sum_{j \in I_i} A_{ij}$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , if  $\forall j \in I_j$ ,

$$A_{ij} = \bigcup_{1 \leq k \leq n} C_k$$

then  $\alpha_i$  can be generated by  $\alpha_{n_1}, \alpha_{n_2}, \dots, \alpha_{n_l}$ .

**Example 5** Let  $\alpha_1 = \{1\} \vee \{2, 3\}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \{3, 4\} \vee \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 = \{1\} \vee \{2, 3\} \vee \{3, 4\}$ ,

$\alpha_4 = \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 = \{1, 3, 4\} \vee \{1, 2\} \vee \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\alpha_5 = \{1\}$ ,  $\alpha_6 = \{2, 3\} \vee \{3, 4\}$

$\alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5, \alpha_6$  can be generated by  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  using the method of proposition 7, but  $\alpha_3, \alpha_4$  can be generated by  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_5, \alpha_6$  can't be generated by  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ .

**Proposition 8**  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subseteq EM$ ,  $\alpha_i \subseteq M$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are EI independent if

$$\|\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n\| = \|\alpha_1\| + \|\alpha_2\| + \dots + \|\alpha_n\|, \text{ (i.e. } \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n \text{ is irreducible).}$$

**Proof** Since  $\|\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n\| = \|\alpha_1\| + \|\alpha_2\| + \dots + \|\alpha_n\|$ , though proposition 8 we can know that:  $\forall i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\alpha_i \notin (\{\alpha_j | \alpha_j \neq \alpha_i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\})_{EI}$ . So  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are EI independent

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