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#### ABSTRACT

The subject of this thesis depends on the study of the concept of modern algebraic concepts, a concept of K-algebras where this concept was originated for the first time in 2005 by K. H. Dar and M. Akram [22] along with two other concepts: soft sets theory and fuzzy soft sets theory.

In chapter 1: The previous concepts of K-algebras, soft sets theory, fuzzy soft theory were introduced. Also, some of the properties, theories and results were reviewed in order to take advantage of them in the coming chapters of the thesis.

In chapter 2: Soft set theory was applied to K-algebras and some examples were introduced. The notion of abelian soft K-algebras was presented. Also the concept of soft intersection K-subalgebras was discussed and some of the properties of the above three concepts were invistigated. These concepts and results were submitted as an artical and was published successfuly [16].

In chapter 3: The concept of fuzzy soft K-subalgebras was introduced and some of their properties were investigated. Fuzzy soft images and fuzzy soft inverse images of fuzzy soft K-subalgebras were discussed. The notion of an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra which is a generalization of a fuzzy soft Ksubalgebra was defined. Also the notion of  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebras was presented and some of their properties were described. These concepts also were published as an artical in a scintific journal [8]. ABSTRACT(ARABIC)

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## PREFACE

A soft set theory as a new mathematical tool for dealing with uncertainties that is free from the difficulties that have troubled the usual theoretical approaches was proposed by Molodtsov in 1999 [40]. He pointed out several directions for the applications of soft sets. In 2002, Maji et al. [38] described the application of soft set theory to a decision making problem. He [37] also studied several operations on the theory of soft sets. Few years later, Chen et al. [20] presented a new definition of soft set parametrization reduction, and compared this definition to the related concept of attributes reduction in rough set theory. The works on the soft set theory are progressing rapidly. The algebraic structure of set theories dealing with uncertainties has been studied by some authors. The notion of a K-algebra  $(G, ., \odot, e)$  was introduced by Dar and Akram [22]. A K-algebra is an algebra built on a group (G, ., e) by adjoining an induced binary operation  $\odot$  on G which is attached to an abstract Kalgebra  $(G, ., \odot, e)$ . This system is, in general non-commutative and non-associative with a right identity e, if (G, .., e) is non-commutative. Dar and Akram further renamed a K-algebra on a group G as a K(G)-algebra [21] due to its structural basis G. The K(G)-algebra has been characterized by using its left and right mappings in [21]. Recently, Dar and Akram [23] have further proved that the class of K(G)-algebras is a generalized class of B-algebras [41] when (G, .., e)is a non-abelian group, and they also proved that the K(G)-algebra is a generalized class of the class of BCH/BCI/BCK-algebras [32] when (G, ., e) is an abelian group.

The most appropriate theory for dealing with vagueness is the theory of fuzzy sets developed by Zadeh [47]. Since then it has become a vigorous area of research in different domains such as en-

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gineering, medical science, social science, physics, statistics, graph theory, artificial intelligence, signal processing, multiagent systems, pattern recognition, robotics, computer networks, expert systems, decision making, automata theory. The authors applied fuzzy set theory to BCK-algebras, B-algebras, MTL-algebras, hemirings, implicative algebras, lattice implication algebras and incline algebras. In [4] Akram and Alshehri applied fuzzy set theory to K-algebras, they introduced notion of fuzzy K-ideals of K-algebras and investigated some of their properties. They characterized ascending and descending chains of K-ideals by the corresponding fuzzy K-ideals of K-algebras. They also constructed a quotient K-algebra via fuzzy K-ideal and presented the fuzzy isomorphism theorems.

In our study we investigate applications of soft set theory in Kalgebras, we introduce a soft K-algebras and establish some related properties. Also, we apply the notion of fuzzy soft sets to the theory of K-algebras by introducing the notion of fuzzy soft K-algebras and deriving their basic properties.

# Chapter 1

# **Fundamental Concepts**

## 1.1 On a K-algebra Built on a Group

This chapter is devoted to collect some basic notions and important terminology with a view to making our thesis assey contained as possible.

The notion of K-algebra was first introduced by Dar and Akram [22] in 2003 and published in 2005. A K-algebra is an algebra built on a group by adjoining an induced binary operation on group which is attached to an abstract K-algebra. This system is, in general non-commutative and non-associative with a right identity e, if group is non-commutative.

**Definition 1.1.1** [22] Let (G, ., e) be a group with the identity e such that  $x^2 \neq e$  for some  $x(\neq e) \in G$ . Then a K-algebra is a structure  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  on a group G in which induced binary operation  $\odot : G \times G \to G$  is defined by  $\odot(x, y) = x \odot y = xy^{-1}$  and satisfies the following axioms:

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{(K1)} \ (x \odot y) \odot (x \odot z) = (x \odot ((e \odot z) \odot (e \odot y))) \odot x, \\ \text{(K2)} \ x \odot (x \odot y) = (x \odot (e \odot y)) \odot x, \end{array}$ 

(K3)  $x \odot x = e$ , (K4)  $x \odot e = x$ , (K5)  $e \odot x = x^{-1}$ for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .

In what follows, we denote a K-algebra by K unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 1.1.2** [24] A *K*-algebra *K* is called abelian if and only if  $x \odot (e \odot y) = y \odot (e \odot x)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

If K is abelian, then the axioms (K1) and (K2) can be written as:  $(\overline{K1}) \ (x \odot y) \odot (x \odot z) = z \odot y$ .  $(\overline{K2}) \ x \odot (x \odot y) = y.$ 

**Example 1.1.3** [22] Let  $S_3 = \{e, a, b, x, y, z\}$  be the symmetric group where e = (1), a = (123), b = (132), x = (12), y = (13), z = (23), define the operation  $\odot$  by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	x	y	z	a	b
e	e	$\begin{array}{c} x \\ x \\ e \\ a \\ b \\ y \\ z \end{array}$	y	z	b	a
x	x	e	b	a	y	z
y	y	a	e	b	z	x
z	z	b	a	e	x	y
a	a	y	z	x	e	b
b	b	z	x	y	a	e

Then  $(S_3, ., \odot, e)$  is a *K*-algebra.

**Example 1.1.4** [7] Let  $S = V_2(R) = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the set of all 2-dimensional real vectors which forms an additive (+) abelian group. Define the operation  $\odot$  on S by  $x \odot y = x - y$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Then  $(S, +, \odot, e)$  is a K-algebra.

**Definition 1.1.5** [22] A nonempty subset *H* of a *K*-algebra  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  is called *K*-subalgebra if:

- (i)  $e \in H$ ,
- (ii)  $h_1 \odot h_2 \in H$  for all  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ .

Note that every subalgebra of K contains the identity e of the group (G, ., e).

**Definition 1.1.6** [3] The *K*-algebra called improper since the group *G* is elementary abelian 2-group, i.e.,  $x \odot y = x \cdot y^{-1} = x \cdot y$ , and called proper if *G* is not an elementary abelian 2-group.

**Example 1.1.7** [22] Consider the *K*-algebra *K* which is given in example 1.1.3. We can check that *K*-subalgebra  $H_1 = (A_3, .., \odot.e)$  is a proper subalgebra having the following table:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \hline \odot & e & a & b \\ \hline e & e & b & a \\ a & a & e & b \\ b & b & a & e \end{array}$$

Also  $H_2 = \{e, x\}$  is an improper K-subalgebra having the cayley's table:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \hline \odot & e & x \\ \hline e & e & x \\ \hline x & x & e \end{array}$$

In 2007, Dar and Akram [24] discussed some properties of Ksubalgebras and K-ideals of K-algebras [10]. Also, they introduced the notion of K-homomorphisms of K-algebras.

**Definition 1.1.8** [10] Let A be a nonempty subset of K, then A is called an ideal of K if it satisfies the following conditions: (i)  $e \in A$ , (ii)  $x \odot y \in A, y \odot (y \odot x) \in A \Longrightarrow x \in A$  for all  $x, y \in G$ 

**Definition 1.1.9** [3] A nonempty subset I of K is called a K-ideal of K if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $e \in I$ , (ii)  $x \odot (y \odot z) \in I$ ,  $y \odot (y \odot x) \in I \Longrightarrow x \odot z \in I$ 

for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .

**Proposition 1.1.10** [3] (1) Every K-ideal is an ideal.

(2) Any ideal of a K-algebra is a subalgebra of K.

**Example 1.1.11** [24] Consider the *K*-algebra  $(A_3, ., \odot, e)$  which is given in example 1.1.6., it easy to check that  $(A_3, ., \odot, e)$  is an ideal of *K*-algebra  $K = (S_3, ., \odot, e)$ .

**Proposition 1.1.12** [24] If  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are two K-subalgebras (ideals) of K then:

(a)  $I_1 \cap I_2$  is a K-subalgebra (ideal) of K.

(b)  $I_1 \odot I_2 = \{x_1 \odot x_2 \text{ where } x_1 \in I_1, x_2 \in I_2\}$  is a K-subalgebra (ideal) of K if and only if  $I_1 \odot I_2 = I_2 \odot I_1$  (either  $I_1$  or  $I_2$  is ideal).

**Definition 1.1.13** [24] Suppose  $K_1 = (G_1, ., \odot, e_1)$  and  $K_2 = (G_2, ., \odot, e_2)$ are two K-algebras. A mapping  $\varphi : K_1 \to K_2$  is called a K-homomorphism from  $K_1$  into  $K_2$  if  $\varphi(x \odot y) = \varphi(x) \odot \varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in K_1$ .

**Definition 1.1.14** [24] Let  $K_1 = (G_1, ., \odot, e_1)$  and  $K_2 = (G_2, ., \odot, e_2)$  be two K-algebras and  $\varphi$  be a K-homomorphism from  $K_1$  into  $K_2$ . The subset  $Ker\varphi = \{x \in K_1 : \varphi(x) = e_2\}$  of  $K_1$  is called the kernel of  $\varphi$ .

**Proposition 1.1.15** [24] Let  $K_1 = (G_1, ., \odot, e_1)$  and  $K_2 = (G_2, ., \odot, e_2)$  be two K-algebras and  $\varphi \in Hom(K_1, K_2)$ . Then, for  $x_1, y_1 \in K_1$  and  $\varphi(x_1), \varphi(y_1) \in K_2$ , we conclude that:

- (1)  $\varphi(e_1) = e_2$ .
- (2)  $\varphi(x_1) = \varphi(x_1^{-1}).$
- (3)  $\varphi(e_1 \odot x_1) = e_2 \odot \varphi(x_1).$
- (4)  $\varphi(x_1 \odot x_2) = e_2$ , if and only if  $\varphi(x_1) = \varphi(x_2)$ .
- (5) If  $H_1$  is a subalgebra of  $K_1$  then  $\varphi(H_1)$  is a subalgebra of  $K_2$ .
- (6) If  $H_1$  is an ideal of  $K_1$  then  $\varphi(H_1)$  is an ideal of  $K_2$ .

Next, we recall some properties of K-algebras

**Proposition 1.1.16** [25] In *K*-algebras K the following statements are equivalent:

(a) A *K*-algebra K is abelian, (b)  $x \odot (x \odot y) = y$ , (c)  $(x \odot y) \odot z = (x \odot z) \odot y$ , (d)  $(e \odot x) \odot (e \odot y) = e \odot (x \odot y)$ , (e)  $(x \odot y) \odot (x \odot z) = z \odot y$ for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .

**Proposition 1.1.17** [25] If the class of *K*-algebras *K* is an abelian. Then the following identities hold for all  $x, y, z \in G$ :

- (a)  $x \odot (e \odot y) = y \odot (e \odot x),$
- (b)  $(x \odot y) \odot z = (x \odot z) \odot y$ ,
- (c)  $(x \odot (x \odot y)) \odot y = e$ ,
- (d)  $e \odot (x \odot y) = (e \odot x) \odot (e \odot y) = y \odot x.$

**Proposition 1.1.18** [25] In an abelian K-algebra K the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a)  $x \odot (y \odot z)$ ,
- (b)  $(x \odot y) \odot (e \odot z)$ ,
- (c)  $z \odot (y \odot x)$

**Proposition 1.1.19** [25] Let K be a K-algebra on non-abelian group G. Then the following identities hold in K for all  $x, y, z \in G$ :

- (a)  $x \odot (y \odot z) = (x \odot (e \odot z)) \odot y$ ,
- (b)  $(x \odot y) \odot z = x \odot (z \odot (e \odot y)),$
- (c)  $e \odot (x \odot y) = y \odot x$ ,
- (d)  $e \odot (e \odot x) = x$ ,
- (e)  $x \odot (x \odot (e \odot x)) = e \odot x$ ,

(f)  $x \odot (z \odot (e \odot x)) = (e \odot x) \odot (z \odot x) = e \odot z$ , (g)  $(x \odot y) \odot (z \odot y) = x \odot z$ , (h)  $(x \odot y) \odot (e \odot y) = x$ , (i)  $x \odot y = e = y \odot x \Longrightarrow x = y$ .

### **1.2** Characterization of Fuzzy *K*-algebras

The notion of a fuzzy subset of a set was first introduced by Zadeh [47] in 1965 as a method of representing uncertainty. Since then, fuzzy set theory has been devloped in many directions by many scholars.

**Definition 1.2.1** [47] Let X be a nonempty set. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X is defined as a mapping from X into [0,1], where [0,1] is the usual interval of real numbers. We denote by F(X) the set of all fuzzy subsets of X.

**Definition 1.2.2** [47] Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are fuzzy subsets of a set X. We say that  $\mu$  is a subset of  $\nu$  denoted by  $\mu \subseteq \nu$  if  $\mu(x) \leq \nu(x), \forall x \in X$ . If  $\mu(x) = \nu(x), \forall x \in X$ , then  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are said to be equal and we write  $\mu = \nu$ .

**Definition 1.2.3** [47] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a set X and let  $t \in [0, 1]$ . The set  $\mu_t = \{x \in X : \mu(x) \ge t\}$  is called a level subset of  $\mu$ 

**Definition 1.2.4** [47] The complement of a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  is defined as  $(]\mu)(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.2.5** [47] The intersection of two fuzzy subsets  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  of a set X is defined as  $(\mu \cap \nu)(x) = \min\{\mu(x), \nu(x)\} = \mu(x) \land \nu(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.2.6** [47] The union of two fuzzy subsets  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  of a set X is defined as  $(\mu \cup \nu)(x) = \max\{\mu(x), \nu(x)\} = \mu(x) \lor \nu(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.2.7** More generally, the union and intersection of any family  $\{\mu_i : i \in \Omega\}$  of fuzzy subsets of a set X are defined by

$$(\cup_{i\in\Omega}\mu_i)(x) = \sup_{i\in\Omega}\mu_i(x), \forall x \in X.$$
$$(\cap_{i\in\Omega}\mu_i)(x) = \inf_{i\in\Omega}\mu_i(x), \forall x \in X.$$

**Definition 1.2.8** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be any two fuzzy subsets of X. Then the product  $\mu \circ \nu$  defined by

$$(\mu \circ \nu)(z) = \begin{cases} \forall_{z=x.y}(\mu(x) \land \nu(y)) & \text{if there exist } x, y \in X \text{ such that } z = x.y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.2.9** [42] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X of the form

$$\mu(y) = \begin{cases} t \in (0,1] & \text{if } y = x, \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$$

is said to be a fuzzy point with support x and value t and is denoted by  $x_t$ .

The fuzzy structures of K-algebras was introduced in [10]. Then, the notion of K-ideals of K-algebras was introduced in [4].

**Definition 1.2.10** [22] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K is called a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K if it satisfies:

(i) 
$$(\forall x \in G)(\mu(e) \ge \mu(x)),$$

(ii)  $(\forall x, y \in G)(\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}).$ 

**Definition 1.2.11** [10] A fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of K is a mapping  $\mu : G \to [0, 1]$  such that

(i) 
$$(\forall x \in G)(\mu(e) \ge \mu(x)),$$

(ii)  $(\forall x, y \in G)(\mu(x) \ge \min\{\mu(x \odot y), \mu(y \odot (y \odot x))\}).$ 

**Example 1.2.12** [5] Let  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  be a *K*-algebra on the cyclic group  $G = \{0, a, b, c, d, f\}$  where  $0 = e, a = a, b = a^2, c = a^3, d = a^4, f = a^5$  and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	0	a	b	c	d	f
0	0	f	d	c	b	a
a	a	0	f	d	c	b
b	b	a	0	f	d	c
c	c	b	a	$egin{array}{c} c \\ d \\ f \\ 0 \\ a \\ b \end{array}$	f	d
d	d	c	b	a	0	f
f	f	d	c	b	a	0

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in G defined by  $\mu(e) = t_1$  and  $\mu(x) = t_2$  for all  $x \neq 0$  in G, where  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  and  $t_1 > t_2$ . Then it is easy to check that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of K.

**Definition 1.2.13** [4] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K is called a fuzzy K-ideal of K if it satisfies:

(i) 
$$(\forall x \in G)(\mu(e) \ge \mu(x)),$$

(ii)  $(\forall x; y, z \in G)(\mu(x \odot z) \ge \min\{\mu(x \odot (y \odot z)), \mu(y \odot (y \odot x))\}).$ 

**Example 1.2.14** [4] Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  on the Dihedral group  $G = \{e, a, u, v, b, x, y, z\}$  where  $u = a^2, v = a^3, x = ab, y = a^2b, z = a^3b$ , and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	a	u	v	b	x	y	z
e	e	v	u	a	b	x	y	z
a	a	e	v	u	x	y	z	b
u	u	a	e	v	y	z	b	x
v	v	u	a	e	z	b	x	y
b	b	x	y	z	e	v	u	a
x	x	y	z	b	a	e	v	u
						a		
z	z	b	x	y	v	u	a	e

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K defined by  $\mu(e) = 0.8, \mu(t) = 0.06$  for all  $t \neq e$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-ideal of K.

**Proposition 1.2.15** [4] Every fuzzy K-ideal of K is a fuzzy ideal of K.

**Proposition 1.2.16** [10] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K. Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of K if and only if the set  $U(\mu; t) = \{x \in G : \mu(x) \ge t\}, t \in [0, 1]$ , is an ideal of K when it is nonempty.

**Proposition 1.2.17** [5] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of K and let  $x \in K$ . Then  $\mu(x) = t$  if and only if  $x \in U(\mu; t)$  and  $x \notin U(\mu; s)$  for all s > t.

For a fuzzy point  $x_t$  and a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a set X, Pu and Liu [42] gave meaning to the symbol  $x_t \alpha \mu$ , where  $\alpha \in \{ \in, q, \in \lor q, \in \land q \}$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is called belong to a fuzzy set  $\mu$ , written as  $x_t \in \mu$ , if  $\mu(x) \ge t$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is said to be quasicoincident with a fuzzy set  $\mu$ , written as  $x_t q \mu$ , if  $\mu(x) + t > 1$ . To say that  $x_t \in \lor q \mu$  (resp.  $x_t \in \land q \mu$ ) means that  $x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q \mu$  (resp.  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q \mu$ ).  $x_t \bar{\alpha} \mu$  means that  $x_t \alpha \mu$  does not hold, where  $\alpha \in \{ \in, q, \in \lor q, \in \land q \}$ .

**Definition 1.2.18** [9] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K is called an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ fuzzy K-subalgebra of K if it satisfies the following conditions: (1)  $x_s \in \mu \to e_s \in \lor q\mu$ , (2)  $x_s \in \mu, y_t \in \mu \to (x \odot y)_{\min\{s,t\}} \in \lor q\mu$ . for all  $x, y \in G, s, t \in (0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 1.2.19** [9] Let K be a K-algebra. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K if and only if the following assertion is valid.

$$x_t \in \mu, y_s \in \mu \rightarrow (x \odot y)_{\min\{s,t\}} \in \mu \text{ for all } x, y \in G, s, t \in (0,1]$$

## **1.3** Main Notions of Soft Set Theory

In 1999, Molodtsov [40] initiated soft set theory as a new approach for modelling uncertainties. A soft set can be determined by a setvalued mapping assigning to each parameter exactly one crisp subset of the universe. More specifically, we can define the notion of soft set in the following way.

**Definition 1.3.1** Let U be an initial universe and E be a set of parameters. Let P(U) denote the power set of U and let A be a nonempty subset of E. A pair  $F_A = (F, A)$  is called a soft set over U, where  $A \subseteq E$  and  $F : A \to P(U)$  is a set-valued mapping, called the approximate function of the soft set  $F_A$ . It is easy to represent a soft set  $F_A$  by a set of ordered pairs as follows:

$$F_A = (F, A) = \{(x, F(x)) : x \in A\}$$

**Example 1.3.2** [37] Suppose that U is the set of houses under consideration and E is the set of parameters. Each parameter is a word or a sentence.

 $E = \{\text{expensive, beautiful, wooden, cheap, in the green surround-ings, modern, in good repair, in bad repair}\}.$ 

In this case, to define a soft set means to point out expensive houses, beautiful houses, and so on. The soft set  $F_E$  describes the "attractiveness of the houses" which Mr. X (say) is going to buy.

We consider below the same example in more detail for our next discussion.

Suppose that there are six houses in the universe U given by

$$U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6\}$$
 and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ 

where

 $e_1$  stands for the parameter "expensive",

 $e_2$  stands for the parameter "beautiful",

 $e_3$  stands for the parameter "wooden",

 $e_4$  stands for the parameter "cheap",

 $e_5$  stands for the parameter "in the green surroundings". Suppose that

$$\begin{split} F(e_1) &= \{h_2, h_4\}, \\ F(e_2) &= \{h_1, \ h_3\}, \\ F(e_3) &= \{h_3, \ h_4, \ h_5\}, \\ F(e_4) &= \{h_1, h_3, h_5\}, \\ F(e_5) &= \{h_1\}. \end{split}$$

The soft set  $F_E$  is a parametrized family  $\{F(e_i), i = 1, 2, 3, ., 5\}$  of subsets of the set U and gives us a collection of approximate descriptions of an object. Consider the mapping F which is "houses (.)" where dot (.) is to be filled up by a parameter  $e \in E$ . Therefore,  $F(e_1)$  means "houses (expensive)" whose functional-value is the set  $\{h_2, h_4\}$ .

Thus, we can view the soft set  $F_E$  as a collection of approximations as below:

 $F_E = \{ \text{expensive houses} = \{h_2, h_4\}, \text{ beautiful houses} = \{h_1, h_3\}, \text{ wooden}$ houses =  $\{h_3, h_4, h_5\}, \text{ cheap houses} = \{h_1, h_3, h_5\}, \text{ in the green surround-ings} = \{h_1\}\}, \text{ where each approximation has two parts:}$ 

(i) a predicate p, and

(ii) an approximate value-set v (or simply to be called value-set v). For example, for the approximation "expensive houses =  $\{h_2, h_4\}$ ", we have the following:

(i) the predicate name is expensive houses; and

(ii) the approximate value set or value set is  $\{h_2, h_4\}$ .

U	Expensive	Beautiful	Wooden	Cheep	In the green surroundings
$h_1$	0	1	0	1	1
$h_2$	1	0	0	0	0
$h_3$	0	1	1	1	0
$h_4$	1	0	1	0	0
$h_5$	0	0	1	1	0
$h_6$	0	0	0	0	0

Thus, a soft set,  $F_E$  can be viewed as a collection of approximations below:

$$F_E = \{p_1 = v_1, p_2 = v_2, \dots, p_n = v_n\}$$

For the purpose of storing a soft set in a computer, we could represent a soft set in the form of above table, (corresponding to the soft set in the above example).

In 2003, Maji et al. [37] studied the theory of soft sets initiated by Molodtsov. The authors defined equality of two soft sets, subset, complement of a soft set, null soft set and absolute soft set with examples. Soft binary operations like AND, OR and also the operations of union, intersection were defined. DeMorgan's laws were verified in soft set theory.

**Definition 1.3.3** [37] A soft set  $F_A$  over U is said to be a null soft set denoted by  $\Phi$ , if  $\forall \varepsilon \in A, F(\varepsilon) = \emptyset$ .

**Example 1.3.4** [37] Suppose that U is the set of wooden houses under consideration and A is the set of parameters.

Let there be five houses in the universe U given by

 $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$  and  $A = \{\text{brick, muddy, steel, stone}\}.$ 

The soft set  $F_A$  describes the "construction of the houses". The soft sets  $F_A$  is defined as F (brick) means the brick built houses,

F (muddy) means the muddy houses,

F (steel) means the steel built houses,

F (stone) means the stone built houses.

The soft set  $F_A$  is the collection of approximations as below:

 $F_A = \{ \text{brick built houses} = \emptyset, \text{ muddy houses} = \emptyset, \text{ steel built houses} = \emptyset, \text{ stone built houses} = \emptyset \}$ 

Therefore,  $F_A$  is null soft set.

**Definition 1.3.5** [37] A soft set  $F_A$  over U is said to be an absolute soft set denoted by  $\tilde{A}$ , if  $\forall \varepsilon \in A, F(\varepsilon) = U$ .

**Example 1.3.6** [37] Suppose that U is the set of wooden houses under consideration and B is the set of parameters.

Let there be five houses in the universe U given by

 $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$  and  $B = \{\text{not brick, not muddy, not steel, not stone}\}.$ 

The soft set  $G_B$  describes the "construction of the houses". The soft sets  $G_B$  is defined as

G (not brick) means the houses not built by brick,

G (not muddy) means the not muddy houses,

G (not steel) means the houses not built by steel,

G (not stone) means the houses not built by stone.

The soft set  $G_B$  is the collection of approximations as below:

 $G_B = \{ \text{not brick built houses} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}, \text{ not muddy houses} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}, \text{ not steel built houses} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}, \text{ not stone built houses} = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\} \}$ 

Therefore,  $G_B$  is the absolute soft set.

**Definition 1.3.7** [37] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U.  $F_A$  is a said to be a soft subset of  $G_B$ , denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\subset} G_B$ , if: (i)  $A \subset B$ ,

(ii)  $\forall \varepsilon \in A, F(\varepsilon)$  and  $G(\varepsilon)$  are identical approximations.

**Definition 1.3.8** [37] Two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over a common universe U are said to be soft equal if  $F_A$  is a soft subset of  $G_B$  and  $G_B$  is a soft subset of  $F_A$ . We write  $F_A = G_B$ .

**Example 1.3.9** [37] Let  $A = \{e_1, e_3, e_5\} \subset E$ , and  $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_5\} \subset E$ . Clearly,  $A \subset B$ .

Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over the same universe  $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6\}$ such that

 $G(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\}, G(e_2) = \{h_1, h_3\}, G(e_3) = \{h_3, h_4, h_5\}, G(e_5) = \{h_1\} \text{ and } F(e_1) = \{h_2, h_4\}, F(e_3) = \{h_3, h_4, h_5\}, F(e_5) = \{h_1\}.$ 

Therefore,  $F_A \in G_B$ .

**Definition 1.3.10** [37] The complement of a soft set  $F_A$  is denoted by  $(F, A)^c$  and is defined by  $(F, A)^c = (F^c, \exists A) = F^c_{\exists A}$ , where  $F^c : \exists A \to P(U)$  is a mapping given by  $F^c(\alpha) = U - F(\exists \alpha), \forall \exists \alpha \in \exists A$ .

**Example 1.3.11** [37] Consider Example 1.3.2. Here  $F_E^c = \{\text{not expensive houses} = \{h_1, h_3, h_5, h_6\}, \text{ not beautiful houses} = \{h_2, h_4, h_5, h_6\}, \text{ not wooden houses} = \{h_1, h_2, h_6\}, \text{ not cheap houses} = \{h_2, h_4, h_6\}, \text{ not in the green surroundings houses} = \{h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6\}\}.$ 

**Definition 1.3.12** [37] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U, then " $F_A$  AND  $G_B$ " denoted by  $F_A \wedge G_B$  is defined by  $F_A \wedge G_B = H_{A \times B}$ , where  $H(x, y) = F(x) \cap G(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ .

**Example 1.3.13** [37] Consider the soft set  $F_A$  which describes the "cost of the houses" and the soft set  $G_B$  which describes the "attractiveness of the houses".

Suppose that  $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6, h_7, h_8, h_9, h_{10}\}$ ,  $A = \{\text{very costly, costly, cheap}\}$  and  $B = \{\text{beautiful, in the green surroundings, cheap}\}$ .

Let  $F(\text{very costly}) = \{h_2, h_4, h_7, h_8\},\$  $F(\text{costly}) = \{h_1, h_3, h_5\},\$ F (cheap) = { $h_6, h_9, h_{10}$ }, and  $G(\text{beautiful}) = \{h_2, h_3, h_7\},\$  $G(\text{in the green surroundings}) = \{h_5, h_6, h_8\},\$  $G(\text{cheap}) = \{h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}.$ Then  $F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B = H_{A \times B}$ , where  $H(\text{very costly, beautiful}) = \{h_2, h_7\},\$  $H(\text{very costly, in the green surroundings}) = \{h_8\},\$  $H(\text{very costly, cheap}) = \emptyset,$  $H(\text{costly, beautiful}) = \{h_3\},\$  $H(\text{costly, in the green surroundings}) = \{h_5\},\$  $H(\text{costly, cheap}) = \emptyset,$  $H(\text{cheap, beautiful}) = \emptyset,$  $H(\text{cheap, in the green surroundings}) = \{h_6\},\$  $H(\text{cheap. cheap}) = \{h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}.$ 

**Definition 1.3.14** [37] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U, then " $F_A$  OR  $G_B$ " denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\lor} G_B$  is defined by  $F_A \tilde{\lor} G_B = H_{A \times B}$ , where  $H(x, y) = F(x) \cup G(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ .

Example 1.3.15 [37] Consider the soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over a common universe U which is given in Example 1.3.13. We see that  $F_A \tilde{\lor} G_B = H_{A \times B}$ , where  $H(\text{very costly, beautiful}) = \{h_2, h_3, h_4, h_7, h_8\},$  $H(\text{ veIry costly, in the green surroundings}) = \{h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, h_6, h_7, h_8\},$  $H(\text{ very costly, cheap}) = \{h_2, h_4, h_6, h_7, h_8, h_9, h_{10}\},$  $H(\text{costly, beautiful}) = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_5, h_7\},$ 

 $H(\text{costly, in the green surroundings}) = \{h_1, h_3, h_5, h_6, h_8\},\$ 

 $\begin{aligned} H(\text{costly, cheap}) &= \{h_1, h_3, h_5, h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}, \\ H(\text{cheap, beautiful}) &= \{h_2, h_3, h_6, h_7, h_9, h_{10}\}, \\ H(\text{cheap, in the green surroundings}) &= \{h_5, h_6, h_8, h_9, h_{10}\}, \\ H(\text{cheap, cheap}) &= \{h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}. \end{aligned}$ 

**Definition 1.3.16** [37] The intersection of two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over a common universe U is the soft set  $H_C$ , where  $C = A \cap B$  and for all  $x \in C$ , H(x) = F(x) or G(x), (as both are same set). We write  $F_A \cap G_B = H_C$ .

**Example 1.3.17** [37] In example 1.3.13, intersection of two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is the soft set  $H_C$ , where  $C = \{\text{cheap}\}$  and  $H(\text{cheap}) = \{h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}.$ 

**Definition 1.3.18** [37] The union of two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over a common universe U is the soft set  $H_C$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $x \in C$ ,

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} F(x) & \text{if } x \in A - B, \\ G(x) & \text{if } x \in B - A, \\ F(x) \cup G(x) & \text{if } x \in A \cap B. \end{cases}$$

We write  $F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B = H_C$ .

**Example 1.3.19** [37] In example 1.3.13, union of two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is the soft set  $H_C$ , where  $C = \{\text{very costly, costly, cheap, beautiful, in the green surroundings} and <math>H$  (very costly) =  $\{h_2, h_4, h_7, h_8\}$ , H (costly) =  $\{h_1, h_3, h_5\}$ , H (cheap) =  $\{h_6, h_9, h_{10}\}$ , H (beautiful) =  $\{h_2, h_3, h_7\}$ , and H (in the green surroundings) =  $\{h_5, h_6, h_8\}$ .

**proposition 1.3.20** [37] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U. Then

(i) 
$$(F_A \tilde{\vee} G_B)^c = F^c_{\uparrow A} \tilde{\wedge} G^c_{\uparrow B}.$$
  
(ii)  $(F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)^c = F^c_{\uparrow A} \tilde{\vee} G^c_{\uparrow B}.$ 

**Proof.** (i) suppose that  $F_A \tilde{\vee} G_B = O_{A \times B}$ Therefore  $(F_A \tilde{\vee} G_B)^c = (O, A \times B)^c = O^c_{\uparrow (A \times B)}$ . Now,

$$F^{c}_{\uparrow A} \tilde{\wedge} G^{c}_{\uparrow B} = J_{\uparrow A \times \uparrow B} \quad \text{where } J(x, y) = F^{c}(x) \cap G^{c}(y)$$
$$= J_{\uparrow (A \times B)}$$

Now, take  $(]\alpha, ]\beta) \in ](A \times B)$ . Therefore,

$$O^{c}(\exists \alpha, \exists \beta) = U - O(\alpha, \beta)$$
  
=  $U - [F(\alpha) \cup G(\beta)]$   
=  $[U - F(\alpha)] \cap [U - G(\beta)]$   
=  $F^{c}(\exists \alpha) \cap G^{c}(\exists \beta)$   
=  $J(\exists \alpha, \exists \beta)$ 

Then,  $O^c$  and J are same. Hence  $(F_A \tilde{\lor} G_B)^c = (F, A)^c \tilde{\land} (G, B)^c$ . (ii) suppose that  $F_A \tilde{\land} G_B = H_{A \times B}$ Therefore  $(F_A \tilde{\land} G_B)^c = (H, A \times B)^c = H^c_{\uparrow (A \times B)}$ . Now,

$$F^{c}_{\uparrow A} \tilde{\vee} G^{c}_{\uparrow B} = K_{\uparrow A \times \uparrow B} \quad \text{where } K(x, y) = F^{c}(x) \cup G^{c}(y)$$
$$= K_{\uparrow (A \times B)}$$

Now, take  $( \rceil \alpha, \rceil \beta) \in \rceil (A \times B)$ . Therefore,

$$H^{c}(\exists \alpha, \exists \beta) = U - H(\alpha, \beta)$$
  
=  $U - [F(\alpha) \cap G(\beta)]$   
=  $[U - F(\alpha)] \cup [U - G(\beta)]$   
=  $F^{c}(\exists \alpha) \cup G^{c}(\exists \beta)$   
=  $K(\exists \alpha, \exists \beta)$ 

Then,  $H^c$  and K are same. Hence  $(F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)^c = (F, A)^c \tilde{\vee} (G, B)^c$ .

In 2009, M. I. Ali et al. [15] gave some new operations in soft set theory.

**Definition 1.3.21** [15] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U. The restricted intersection of  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is defined as the soft set  $H_C = F_A \cap G_B$ , where  $C = A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $H(x) = F(x) \cap G(x)$ for all  $x \in C$ .

**Definition 1.3.22** [15] The extended intersection of two soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_C = F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $x \in C$ 

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} F(x) & \text{if } x \in A - B \\ G(x) & \text{if } x \in B - A \\ F(x) \cap G(x) & \text{if } x \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.3.23** [15] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over a common universe U. The restricted union of  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is defined as the soft set  $H_C = F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B$ , where  $C = A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $H(x) = F(x) \cup G(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ .

F. Feng et al. [26] were first to introduc a generalization of union, AND, OR and intersection of two soft sets, they defined them of a nonempty family of soft sets. After three years, A. Sezgin et al. [45] introduced a generalization of the rest of the operations in soft sets theory.

**Definition 1.3.24** [26] The restricted intersection of a nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \tilde{\sqcap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i \neq \emptyset$  and  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ ,  $\Lambda(x) = \{i \in \Lambda : x \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Definition 1.3.25** [45] The extended intersection of a nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \tilde{\cap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ ,  $\Lambda(x) = \{i \in \Lambda : x \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Definition 1.3.26** [45] The restricted union of a nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \tilde{\cup}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i \neq \emptyset$  and  $H(x) = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ ,  $\Lambda(x) = \{i \in \Lambda : x \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Definition 1.3.27** [45] The  $\wedge$ - intersection of a nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \tilde{\wedge}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ ,  $\Lambda(x) = \{i \in \Lambda : x \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Definition 1.3.28** [45] The  $\lor$ - union of a nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \tilde{\lor}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ ,  $\{i \in \Lambda : x \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ .

**Definition 1.3.29** [45] The Cartesian product of the nonempty family of soft sets  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  over a common universe U is defined as the soft set  $H_B = \Pi_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$ , where  $B = \Pi_{i \in \Lambda}A_i$  and  $H(x) = \Pi_{i \in \Lambda}F_i(x)$ ,  $\Lambda(x) = \{i : i \in A_i\}$  for all  $x \in B$ . **Definition 1.3.30** [26] For a soft set  $F_A$ , the set  $Supp F_A = \{x \in A : F(x) \neq \emptyset\}$  is called the support of the soft set  $F_A$ , and the soft set  $F_A$  is called a non-null if  $Supp F_A \neq \emptyset$ .

### **1.4** Fuzzy Structures of Soft Set

In 2001, Maji et al. [36] expended the soft set theory to fuzzy soft set theory. They defined the notion of fuzzy soft set in the following way:

A pair (f, A) is called a fuzzy soft set over U, where f is a mapping given by  $f : A \to \tilde{P}(U)$ ,  $\tilde{P}(U) = I^U$ , where  $I^U$  denotes the collection of all fuzzy subset of U and I = [0, 1]. In general, for every  $\varepsilon \in A$ ,  $f(\varepsilon) = f_{\varepsilon}$ is a fuzzy set of U and it is called fuzzy value set of parameter x. The set of all fuzzy soft sets over U with parameters from E is called a fuzzy soft class, and it is denoted by FS(U, E).

**Definition 1.4.1** [36] A fuzzy soft set (f, A) over U is called a null fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $\Phi$ , if  $f(\varepsilon)$  is the null fuzzy set  $\bar{0}$  of U, where  $\bar{0}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in U$ . A fuzzy soft set (g, A) over U is called a whole fuzzy soft set, denoted by U, if  $g(\varepsilon)$  is the whole fuzzy set  $\bar{1}$  of U, where  $\bar{1}(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in U$ .

**Definition 1.4.2** [36] Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over U. We say that (f, A) is a fuzzy soft subset of (g, B) and write  $(f, A) \in (g, B)$  if

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$ ,
- (ii) For any  $\varepsilon \in A$ ,  $f(\varepsilon) \subseteq g(\varepsilon)$ .

(f, A) and (g, B) are said to be fuzzy soft equal and write (f, A) = (g, B) if  $(f, A) \in (g, B)$  and  $(g, B) \in (f, A)$ . **Definition 1.4.3** [36] If (f, A) and (g, B) are two fuzzy soft sets over the same universe U then "(f, A) AND (g, B)" is a fuzzy soft set denoted by  $(f, A) \land (g, B)$ , and is defined by  $(f, A) \land (g, B) = (h, A \times B)$ where,  $h(a, b) = f(a) \cap g(b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Here  $\cap$  is the operation of fuzzy intersection.

**Definition 1.4.4** [36] If (f, A) and (g, B) are two fuzzy soft sets over the same universe U then "(f, A) OR (g, B)" is a fuzzy soft set denoted by  $(f, A)\tilde{\lor}(g, B)$ , and is defined by  $(f, A)\tilde{\lor}(g, B) = (h, A \times B)$  where,  $h(a, b) = f(a) \cup g(b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Here  $\cup$  is the operation union of fuzzy set.

To solve decision making problems based on fuzzy soft sets, Feng et al. [27] introduced the following notion called t-level soft sets of fuzzy soft sets.

**Definition 1.4.5** Let (f, A) be a fuzzy soft set over U. For each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the set  $(f, A)^t = (f^t, A)$  is called a *t*-level soft set of (f, A), where  $f_{\varepsilon}^t = \{x \in U : f_{\varepsilon}(x) \ge t\}$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ . Clearly,  $(f, A)^t$  is a soft set over U.

**Definition 1.4.6** [18] Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over a common universe U with  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then their restricted intersection is a fuzzy soft set  $(h, A \cap B)$  denoted by  $(f, A) \cap (g, B) =$  $(h, A \cap B)$  where,  $h(\varepsilon) = f(\varepsilon) \cap g(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A \cap B$ .

**Definition 1.4.7** [18] Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over U. Then their extended intersection is a fuzzy soft set denoted by (h, C), where  $C = A \cup B$  and

$$h(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} f_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A - B \\ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in B - A \\ f_{\varepsilon} \cap g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . This is denoted by  $(h, C) = (f, A) \cap (g, B)$ .

**Definition 1.4.8** [18] Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over a common universe U with  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then their restricted union is denoted by  $(f, A) \sqcup (g, B)$  and is defined as  $(f, A) \sqcup (g, B) = (h, C)$  where  $C = A \cap B$  and for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ ,  $h(\varepsilon) = f(\varepsilon) \cup g(\varepsilon)$ .

**Definition 1.4.9** [18] Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over U. Then their extended union denoted by (h, C), where  $C = A \cup B$  and

$$h(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} f_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A - B \\ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in B - A \\ f_{\varepsilon} \cup g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . This is denoted by  $(h, C) = (f, A) \widetilde{\cup} (g, B)$ .

**Definition 1.4.10** The extended product of two fuzzy soft sets (f, A) and (g, B) over U is a fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $(f \circ g, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and

$$(f \circ g)(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} f_{\varepsilon} & \text{if} \quad \varepsilon \in A - B \\ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if} \quad \varepsilon \in B - A \\ f_{\varepsilon} \circ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if} \quad \varepsilon \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . This is denoted by  $(f \circ g, C) = (f, A) \tilde{\circ}(g, B)$ .

**Definition 1.4.11** If  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then the restricted product (h, C)of two fuzzy soft sets (f, A) and (g, B) over U is defined as the fuzzy soft set,  $(h, A \cap B)$  denoted by  $(f, A)o_R(g, B)$  where  $h(\varepsilon) = f(\varepsilon) \circ g(\varepsilon)$ , for all  $\varepsilon \in A \cap B$ . Here  $f(\varepsilon) \circ g(\varepsilon)$  is the product of two fuzzy subsets of U.

# Chapter 2

# Applications of soft sets in K-algebras

In 1999, Molodtsov introduced the concept of soft set theory as a general mathematical tool for dealing with uncertainty and vagueness. In this chapter, we apply the concept of soft sets to K-algebras and investigate some properties of Abelian soft K-algebras. We also introduce the concept of soft intersection K-subalgebras and investigate some of their properties.

### 2.1 Soft *K*-algebras

If K is a K-algebra and A a nonempty set, a set-valued function  $F: A \to P(K)$  can be defined by  $F(x) = \{y \in K : xRy\}, x \in A$ , where R is an arbitrary binary relation from A to K, that is, R is a subset of  $A \times K$  unless otherwise specified. The pair  $F_A = (F, A)$  is then a soft set over K.

**Definition 2.1.1** Let  $F_A$  be a non-null soft set over K. Then  $F_A$  is called a soft K-algebra over K if F(x) is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $x \in Supp F_A$ .

**Example 2.1.2** Consider the K-algebra  $K = (S_3, ., \odot, e)$  on the sym-

metric group  $S_3 = \{e, a, b, x, y, z\}$  where  $e = (1), a = (123), b = (132), x = (12), y = (13), z = (23), and <math>\odot$  is given in example 1.1.3.

Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K, where A = K and  $F : A \to P(K)$  is setvalued function defined by  $F(e) = \{e\}, F(a) = F(b) = \{e, a, b\}, F(x) = \{e, x\}, F(y) = \{e, y\}$ , and  $F(z) = \{e, z\}$ . Then, it is easy to check that F(e), F(a), F(b), F(x), F(y) and F(z) are K-subalgebras of K for all  $x \in Supp F_A$ . Therefore,  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Example 2.1.3** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  on the Dihedral group  $G = \{e, a, u, v, b, x, y, z\}$  where  $u = a^2, v = a^3, x = ab, y = a^2b, z = a^3b$ , and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	a	u	v	b	x	y	z
e	e	v	u	a	b	x	y	z
a	a	e	v	u	x	y	z	b
u	u	a	v e	v	y	z	b	x
v	v	u	a	e	z	b	x	y
b	b	x	y	z	e	v	u	a
x	x	y	z	b	a	e	v	u
y	y	z	b	x	u	a	e	v
z	z	b	a y z b x	y	v	u	a	e

Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K, where A = K and  $F : A \to P(K)$  is setvalued function defined by  $F(e) = \{e\}, F(a) = F(v) = \{e, a, u, v\}, F(u) = \{e, u\}, F(b) = \{e, b\}, F(x) = \{e, x\}, F(y) = \{e, y\}$  and  $F(z) = \{e, z\}$ . Then, it is easy to check that F(e), F(a), F(v), F(u), F(b), F(x), F(y) and F(z) are K-subalgebras of K. Therefore  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Lemma 2.1.4** Let  $F_A$  be a soft *K*-algebra over *K*, then (i) If  $x \in F(x) \Longrightarrow x^{-1} \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . (ii) If  $a \odot b \in F(x) \Longrightarrow b \odot a \in F(x)$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

**Proof.** (i) Since  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K, then F(x) is a K-subalgebra of K and  $e \in F(x)$ .

Let 
$$x \in F(x)$$
. Then  $e \odot x \in F(x) \Longrightarrow e.x^{-1} \in F(x) \Longrightarrow x^{-1} \in F(x) \quad \forall x \in A$ .

(ii) Since  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K, then F(x) is a K-subalgebra of K, let  $a \odot b \in F(x)$ .

Then 
$$(a \odot b)^{-1} \in F(x)$$
 by(i)  
 $\implies (a.b^{-1})^{-1} \in F(x)$   
 $\implies b.a^{-1} \in F(x)$   
 $\implies b \odot a \in F(x) \quad \forall a, b \in A$ 

**Proposition 2.1.5** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. Then the restricted intersection  $\tilde{\sqcap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K* if it is non-null.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.24, we can write  $\tilde{\sqcap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x \in B$ . Let  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$ , and so we have  $F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*, it follows that  $F_i(x)$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $i \in \Lambda$ , and its intersection is also a *K*- subalgebra of *K*, that is,  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Hence  $H_B = \widetilde{\sqcap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*.

**Proposition 2.1.6** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. Then the extended intersection  $\tilde{\cap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.25, we can write  $\tilde{\cap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x \in B$ .

Let  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Then  $\cap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$  and so we have  $F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft K-algebras

over K, it follows that  $F_i(x)$  is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $i \in \Lambda$ , and its intersection is also a K- subalgebra of K, that is,  $H(x) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$ is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Hence  $H_B = \widetilde{\bigcap}_{i \in \Lambda} (F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Proposition 2.1.7** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. If  $F_i(x_i) \subseteq F_j(x_j)$  or  $F_j(x_j) \subseteq F_i(x_i)$  for all  $i, j \in \Lambda$ ,  $x_i \in A_i$ , then the restricted union  $\tilde{\cup}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.26, we can write  $\tilde{\cup}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x \in B$ .

Let  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Since  $Supp H_B = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} Supp(F_i)_{A_i} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F_{i_0}(x) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $i_0 \in \Lambda$ . By assumption  $\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $x \in Supp H_B$ . Hence restricted union  $\widetilde{\bigcup}_{i \in \Lambda} (F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Proposition 2.1.8** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. Then the  $\wedge$ -intersection  $\tilde{\wedge}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*algebra over *K* if it is non-null.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.27, we can write  $\tilde{\wedge}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \cap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in B$ . Suppose that the soft set  $H_B$  is non-null. If  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp H_B$ ,  $H(x) = \cap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*, nonempty set  $F_i(x)$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . It follows that  $H(x) = \cap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp H_B$ . Hence  $\wedge$ -intersection  $\tilde{\wedge}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*algebra over *K*.

**Proposition 2.1.9** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft

*K*-algebras over *K*. If  $F_i(x_i) \subseteq F_j(x_j)$  or  $F_j(x_j) \subseteq F_i(x_i)$  for all  $i, j \in \Lambda$ ,  $x_i \in A_i$ , then the  $\vee$ - union  $\tilde{\vee}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*.

**Proof.** Assume that  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.28, we can write  $\tilde{\lor}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in B$ .

Let  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp \ H_B$ . Then  $H(x) = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$ , so we have  $F_{i_0}(x_{i_0}) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $i_0 \in \Lambda$ . By assumption  $\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp \ H_B$ . Hence  $\lor$ - union  $\tilde{\lor}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Proposition 2.1.10** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. Then the cartesian product  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over  $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda} K_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*. By Definition 1.3.29, we can write  $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i} = H_B$ , where  $B = \Pi_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and  $H(x) = \Pi_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in B$ . Suppose that the soft set  $H_B$  is non-null. If  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp H_B$ , then H(x) = $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \neq \emptyset$ , and so we have  $F_i(x_i) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} :$  $i \in \Lambda\}$  is a nonempty family of soft *K*-algebras over *K*, nonempty set  $F_i(x)$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . It follows that H(x) = $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x)$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \Lambda} \in Supp H_B$ . Hence the cartesian product  $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft *K*-algebra over  $\Pi_{i \in \Lambda} K_i$ .

**Definition 2.1.11** Let  $F_A$  be a soft K-algebra over K.

(i)  $F_A$  is called the trivial soft K-algebra over K if  $F(x) = \{e\}$  for all  $x \in A$ .

(ii)  $F_A$  is called the whole soft K-algebra over K if F(x) = K for all  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 2.1.12** Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K. The inverse of  $F_A$  is denoted by  $F_A^{-1}$  and is defined as follows  $F_A^{-1} = \{(F(a))^{-1} : a \in A\},\$
where  $(F(a))^{-1}$  is called the inverse of F(a) and is defined as  $(F(a))^{-1} = \{x^{-1} : x \in F(a)\}.$ 

**Definition 2.1.13** The restricted product  $H_C$  of two soft *K*-algebras  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over *K* is denoted by the soft set  $H_C = F_A \circ G_B$  where  $C = A \cap B$  and *H* is a set valued function from *C* to P(K) and is defined as H(c) = F(c)G(c) for all  $c \in C$ . The soft set  $H_C$  is called the restricted soft product of  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over *K*.

**Theorem 2.1.14** Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be any two soft sets over K. Then  $(F_A \circ G_B)^{-1} = G_B^{-1} \circ F_A^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the inverse of restricted soft product of  $F_A$ and  $G_B$  denoted by  $(F_A \circ G_B)^{-1} = H_C$  is defined as  $H(c) = (F(c)G(c))^{-1}$ for all  $c \in C$  and  $G_B^{-1} \circ F_A^{-1} = L_C$  and is defined as  $L(c) = (G(c))^{-1}(F(c))^{-1}$ for all  $c \in C$ . But then  $(F(c)G(c))^{-1} = (G(c))^{-1}(F(c))^{-1}$  for all  $c \in C$ . This implies that L(c) = H(c) for all  $c \in C$ . Thus  $(F_A \circ G_B)^{-1} = G_B^{-1} \circ F_A^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.15** If  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K, then  $F_A^{-1} = F_A$ .

The converse of above theorem is not true in general, and it can be seen in the following example.

**Example 2.1.16** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  on the klien four group  $G = \{e, a, b, c\}$  and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	a	b	c
e	e	$egin{array}{c} a \\ e \\ c \end{array}$	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	e	a
С	c	b	a	e

Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K, where A = K and  $F : A \to P(K)$  is setvalued function defined by  $F(e) = \{a, b, c\}, F(a) = \{b, c\}, F(b) = \{a, c\}$  and  $F(c) = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $(F(e))^{-1} = \{a, b, c\}, (F(a))^{-1} = \{b, c\}, (F(b))^{-1} = \{a, c\}$  and  $(F(c))^{-1} = \{a, b\}$ . Therefore we find that  $F(\alpha) = (F(\alpha))^{-1}$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Hence  $F_A^{-1} = F_A$ , but  $F_A$  is not soft K-algebra over K since each  $F(\alpha)$  is not a K-subalgebra of K.

**Definition 2.1.17** A soft *K*-algebra  $F_A$  over *K* is said to be abelian soft *K*-algebra over *K* if each  $F(\alpha)$  is an abelian *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $\alpha \in A$ .

**Example 2.1.18** Let  $F_A$  be a soft *K*-algebra over *K* which is given in Example 2.1.2 Then it is easy to verify that each F(x) is an abelian *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $x \in A$ . Hence  $F_A$  is an abelian soft *K*-algebra over *K*.

**Definition 2.1.19** Let  $F_A$  be a soft *K*-algebra over *K* and  $H_B$  be a soft *K*-subalgebra of  $F_A$ . Then we say that  $H_B$  is an abelian soft *K*-subalgebra of  $F_A$  if H(x) is an abelian *K*-subalgebra of F(x) for all  $x \in B$ .

**Example 2.1.20** Let  $F_A$  be a soft K-algebra over K which is given in Example 2.1.2, and let  $H_B$  be a soft set over K, where  $B = A_3$  and  $H: B \to P(K)$  the set-valued function defined by  $H(e) = \{e\}, H(a) =$  $\{e, a, b\}$  and  $H(b) = \{e, a, b\}$  are abelian K-subalgebras of F(e), F(a) and F(b), respectively. Hence  $H_B$  is an abelian soft K-subalgebra of  $F_A$ .

**Theorem 2.1.21** Let  $F_A$  be an abelian soft *K*-algebra over *K* and  $G_B$  be a soft *K*-algebra over *K*. Then their restricted intersection  $F_A \cap G_B$  is an abelian soft *K*-algebra over *K* for all  $c \in A \cap B$ .

**Proof.** By Definition 1.3.24, we can write  $F_A \cap G_B = H_C$ , where  $C = A \cap B$  and  $H(x) = F(x) \cap G(x)$ . Then H(x) is an abelian K-subalgebra of K for all  $x \in C$ . Hence  $H_C = F_A \cap G_B$  is an abelian soft K-algebra over  $K \blacksquare$ 

### 2.2 Homomorphism of Soft *K*-algebras

**Definition 2.2.1** Let  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  be two K-algebras and  $\varphi : K_1 \to K_2$  a mapping of K-algebras. If  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are soft sets over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ respectively, then  $\varphi(F_A)$  is a soft set over  $K_2$  where  $\varphi(F) : E \to P(K_2)$  is defined by  $\varphi(F)(x) = \varphi(F(x))$  for all  $x \in E$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(G_B)$  is a soft set over  $K_1$  where  $\varphi^{-1}(G) : E \to P(K_1)$  is defined by  $\varphi^{-1}(G)(y) = \varphi^{-1}(G(y))$  for all  $y \in E$ .

**Definition 2.2.2** Let  $F_A$  and  $H_B$  be two soft sets over *K*-algebras  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively, and let  $\varphi : K_1 \to K_2$  and  $\phi : A \to B$  be two functions. Then we say that  $(\varphi, \phi)$  is a soft homomorphism, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism from  $K_1$  onto  $K_2$ ,
- (ii)  $\phi$  is onto,

(iii)  $\varphi(F(x)) = H(\phi(x)).$ 

In this definition, if  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$  and  $\phi$  is a one-to-one mapping from A on to B, then we say that  $(\varphi, \phi)$  is a soft isomorphism and that  $F_A$  is soft isomorphic to  $H_B$ . Notation,  $F_A \simeq H_B$ 

**Example 2.2.3** Let  $G = \{e, a, b, c\}$  be a klein four group. Consider a *K*-algebra on *G* and  $\odot$  is given in example 2.1.16. Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over *K*, where A = K and  $F : A \to P(K)$  the set-valued function defined by  $F(x) = \{r \in K : xRr \iff x \odot r \in A_x\}$  where  $A_x = \{e, x, x^{-1}\}$ . Then  $F_A$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*. Let  $G_A$  be a soft set over *K*, where A = K and  $G : A \to P(K)$  the set-valued function defined by  $G(x) = \{r \in K : xRr \iff x^n = r, n \in N\}$ . Then  $G_A$  is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*. Let  $\varphi : K \to K$  be the mapping defined by  $\varphi(x) = x$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is a *K*-homomorphism. Consider the mapping  $\phi : A \to A$ given by  $\phi(x) = x^3$ . Then one can easily verify that  $\varphi(F(x)) = G(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ . Hence  $(\varphi, \phi)$  is a soft homomorphism from K to K.

**Example 2.2.4** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (A_3, ., \odot.e)$  with the following Cayley's table:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \odot & e & a & b \\ \hline e & e & b & a \\ a & a & e & b \\ b & b & a & e \end{array}$$

Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K, where A = K and  $F : A \to P(K)$  the set-valued function defined by  $F(x) = \{r \in K : xRr \iff x \odot r \in A_x\}$ where  $A_x = \{e, x, x^{-1}\}$ . Then  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over K. Let  $G_A$ be a soft set over K, where A = K and  $G : A \to P(K)$  the set-valued function defined by  $G(x) = \{r \in K : xRr \iff x^n = r, n \in N\}$ . Then  $G_A$ is a soft K-algebra over K. Let  $\varphi : K \to K$  be the mapping defined by  $\varphi(x) = x^4$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is a K-homomorphism. Consider the mapping  $\phi : A \to A$  given by  $\phi(x) = x$ . Then one can easily verify that  $\varphi(F(x)) = G(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ . Hence  $(\varphi, \phi)$  is a soft homomorphism from K to K.

**Proposition 2.2.5** Let  $\varphi : K_1 \to K_2$  be an onto homomorphism of Kalgebras and  $F_A$ ,  $G_B$  two soft K-algebras over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  respectively. (i) The soft function  $(\varphi, I_A)$  from  $F_A$  to  $H_A$  is a soft homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ , where  $I_A : A \to A$  is the identity mapping and the set-valued function  $H : A \to P(K_2)$  is defined by  $H(x) = \varphi(F(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ .

(ii) If  $\varphi : K_1 \to K_2$  is an isomorphism, then the soft function  $(\varphi^{-1}, I_B)$ from  $G_B$  to  $S_B$  is a soft homomorphism from  $K_2$  to  $K_1$ , where  $I_B : B \to B$  is the identity mapping and the set-valued function  $S : B \to P(K_1)$  is defined by  $S(x) = \varphi^{-1}(G(x))$  for all  $x \in B$ 

**Proof.** The proofs follow from the Definitions 2.2.2.  $\blacksquare$ 

**Proposition 2.2.6** Let  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  and  $K_3$  be K-algebras and  $F_A$ ,  $G_B$  and

 $H_C$  soft K-algebras over  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , and  $K_3$  respectively. Let the soft function  $(\varphi, \phi)$  from  $F_A$  to  $G_B$  be a soft homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ , and the soft function  $(\varphi', \phi')$  from  $G_B$  to  $H_C$  a soft homomorphism from  $K_2$  to  $K_3$ . Then the soft function  $(\varphi' \circ \varphi, \phi' \circ \phi)$  from  $F_A$  to  $H_C$  is a soft homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_3$ .

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Definitions 2.2.2 and properties of the homomorphism. ■

**Theorem 2.2.7** Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be K-algebras and  $F_A, G_B$  soft sets over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  respectively. If  $F_A$  is a soft K-algebra over  $K_1$  and  $F_A \simeq G_B$ , then  $G_B$  is a soft K-algebra over  $K_2$ .

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Definitions 2.2.2 and properties of the ismorphism. ■

**Definition 2.2.8** Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft K-algebras over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively. Then the Cartesian product of soft K-algebras  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is denoted by  $F_A \times G_B = (U, A \times B)$  and U is defined as

$$U(a,b) = F(a) \times G(b)$$
 for all  $(a,b) \in A \times B$ .

**Theorem 2.2.9** Let  $F_A$  and  $H_B$  be two soft K-algebras over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively. Then:

(1) the Cartesian product  $F_A \tilde{\times} H_B$  is a soft *K*-algebra over  $K_1 \times K_2$ , (2)  $F_A \tilde{\times} H_B$  is soft isomorphic to  $H_B \tilde{\times} F_A$ .

**Proof.** First part is straightforward. We will prove second part. Now we show that  $(\varphi, \phi) : F_A \tilde{\times} H_B \to H_B \tilde{\times} F_A$  is a soft isomorphism, that is,  $(\varphi, \phi) : (U, A \times B) \to (W, B \times A)$  is a soft isomorphism where W(b, a) is defined as  $W(b, a) = H(b) \times F(a)$ . We prove three conditions. (i) We show that  $\varphi : K_1 \times K_2 \to K_2 \times K_1$  is an isomorphism. Let  $\varphi$  be a function defined by  $\varphi(r, s) = (s, r)$ . Then obviously  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.

(ii) We now show that  $\phi : A \times B \to B \times A$  is a bijective mapping. The mapping  $\phi$  is defined by  $\phi(a, b) = (b, a)$  then obviously  $\phi$  is a bijective mapping.

(iii)

$$\varphi(U(a,b)) = \varphi(F(a) \times H(b))$$

$$= \varphi(\{(r,s) : r \in F(a), s \in H(b)\})$$

$$= \{(s,r) : s \in H(b), r \in F(a)\}$$

$$= H(b) \times F(a)$$

$$= W(b,a)$$

$$= W(\phi(a,b))$$

for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . This implies that  $(\varphi, \phi) : F_A \tilde{\times} H_B \to H_B \tilde{\times} F_A$  is a soft isomorphism. Hence,  $F_A \tilde{\times} H_B \simeq H_B \tilde{\times} F_A$ .

### 2.3 Soft Intersection K-subalgebras

**Definition 2.3.1** Let K = E be a K-algebra and let A be a subset of K. Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K. Then,  $F_A$  is called a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K if it satisfies the following condition:

$$F(x \odot y) \supseteq F(x) \cap F(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Example 2.3.2** Assume that  $K = \mathbb{Z}$  is the universal set. Let  $A = G = \{e, a, a^2\}$  be the cyclic group of order 3. Then  $(G, ., \odot, e)$  is a *K*-algebra *K*, and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	a	$a^2$
e	e	$a^2$	a
a	a	e	$a^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	a	e

Let  $F_A$  be a soft set over K and the set-valued function defined by  $F(e) = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $F(a) = F(a^2) = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ . It is easy to check that  $F_A$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

**Proposition 2.3.3** Let K be a K-algebra and let A and B be Ksubalgebras of K. If  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are soft intersection K-subalgebras
over K. Then  $F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K,
where  $F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B$  is defined by  $F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B(x, y) = F(x) \cap G(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A \times B$ . Then

$$(F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)((x_1, y_1) \odot (x_2, y_2)) = (F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)((x_1 \odot x_2, y_1 \odot y_2))$$
  
=  $F(x_1 \odot x_2) \cap G(y_1 \odot y_2)$   
 $\supseteq (F(x_1) \cap F(x_2)) \cap (G(y_1) \cap G(y_2))$   
=  $(F(x_1) \cap G(y_1)) \cap (F(x_2) \cap G(y_2))$   
=  $(F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)(x_1, y_1) \cap (F_A \tilde{\wedge} G_B)(x_2, y_2).$ 

Hence  $F_A \wedge G_B$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

**Theorem 2.3.4** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of soft intersection *K*-subalgebras over *K*. Then  $\tilde{\wedge}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft intersection *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Proposition 2.3.3.

**Proposition 2.3.5** Let K be a K-algebra and let A be a K-subalgebra of K. If  $F_A$  and  $G_A$  are soft intersection K-subalgebras over K. Then  $F_A \cap G_A$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K, where  $F_A \cap G_A$  is defined by  $F_A \cap G_A(x) = F(x) \cap G(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . **Proof.** Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then

$$(F_A \cap G_A)(x \odot y) = F(x \odot y) \cap G(x \odot y)$$
  

$$\supseteq (F(x) \cap F(y)) \cap (G(x) \cap G(y))$$
  

$$= (F(x) \cap G(x)) \cap (F(y) \cap G(y))$$
  

$$= (F_A \cap G_A)(x) \cap (F_A \cap G_A)(y).$$

Hence  $F_A \cap G_A$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebras over K.

**Theorem 2.3.6** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of soft intersection *K*-subalgebras over *K*. Then  $\tilde{\cap}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft intersection *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Proposition 2.3.5.  $\blacksquare$ 

**Proposition 2.3.7** Let K be a K-algebra and let A and B be Ksubalgebras of K. If  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are soft intersection K-subalgebras
over K. Then  $F_A \tilde{\times} G_B$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K,
where  $F_A \tilde{\times} G_B$  is defined by  $F_A \tilde{\times} G_B(x, y) = F(x) \times G(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in A \times B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A \times B$ . Then

$$(F_A \tilde{\times} G_B)((x_1, y_1) \odot (x_2, y_2)) = (F_A \tilde{\times} G_B)((x_1 \odot x_2, y_1 \odot y_2))$$
  
$$= F(x_1 \odot x_2) \times G(y_1 \odot y_2)$$
  
$$\supseteq (F(x_1) \cap F(x_2)) \times (G(y_1) \cap G(y_2))$$
  
$$= (F(x_1) \times G(y_1)) \cap (F(x_2) \times G(y_2))$$
  
$$= (F_A \tilde{\times} G_B)(x_1, y_1) \cap (F_A \tilde{\times} G_B)(x_2, y_2).$$

Hence  $F_A \times G_A$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebras over K.

**Theorem 2.3.8** Let  $\{(F_i)_{A_i} : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of soft intersection *K*-subalgebras over *K*. Then  $\tilde{\Pi}_{i \in \Lambda}(F_i)_{A_i}$  is a soft intersection *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Proposition 2.3.7.

**Definition 2.3.9** Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be soft K-algebras over K. Then  $F_A$  is a soft K-subalgebra of  $G_B$  if

- (i)  $A \subset B$  and
- (ii) F(x) is a K-subalgebra of G(x) for all  $x \in A$ . We write  $F_A \leq G_B$ .

**Proposition 2.3.10** Let K be a K-algebra and let A, B and C be K-subalgebras of K. If  $F_A$ ,  $G_B$  and  $F_C$  are soft intersection K-subalgebras over K,  $F_A \leq G_B$  and  $F_C \leq G_B$ , then  $F_A \cap F_C \leq G_B$  over K.

**Proof.** Since  $F_A \leq G_B$ , then by Definition 2.3.9,  $A \subset B$  and F(x) is a K-subalgebra of G(x) for all  $x \in A$ . Also, since  $F_C \leq G_B$ , then  $C \subset B$ and F(x) is a K-subalgebra of G(x) for all  $x \in C$ .By Definition 1.3.22, we can write  $F_A \cap F_C = F_{(A \cup B)}$  where

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} F(x) & \text{if } x \in A - C \subset B \\ F(x) & \text{if } x \in C - A \subset B \\ F(x) \cap F(x) = F(x) & \text{if } x \in A \cap C \subset B \end{cases}$$

Hence we can see that  $A \cup C \subset B$  and F(x) is a K-subalgebra of G(x)for all  $x \in A \cup B$ . Hence  $F_A \cap F_C \cong G_B$  over K.

**Definition 2.3.11** [19] Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two soft sets over the common universe U and let  $\varphi$  be a function from A to B. Then, soft image of  $F_A$  under  $\varphi$  denoted by  $\varphi(F_A)$  is a soft set over U defined by

$$\varphi(F)(y) = \begin{cases} \cup \{F(x) : x \in A \text{ and } \varphi(x) = y\} \text{ if } \varphi^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in B$ , and soft pre-image (or soft inverse image) of  $G_B$  under  $\varphi$ denoted by  $\varphi^{-1}(G_B)$  is a soft set over U defined by  $\varphi^{-1}(G)(x) = G(\varphi(x))$ for all  $x \in A$ .

**Theorem 2.3.12** Let K be a K-algebra and A, B are K-subalgebras of K. Let  $\varphi$  be a K-homomorphism from A to B. If  $G_B$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K. Then  $\varphi^{-1}(G_B)$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then

$$\varphi^{-1}(G)(x \odot y) = G(\varphi(x \odot y)) = G(\varphi(x) \odot \varphi(y))$$
$$\supseteq (G(\varphi(x)) \cap G(\varphi(y))$$
$$= \varphi^{-1}(G)(x) \cap \varphi^{-1}(G)(y).$$

Hence  $\varphi^{-1}(G_B)$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

**Theorem 2.3.13** Let K be a K-algebra and A, B are K-subalgebras of K and let  $\varphi$  be a K-ismorphism from A to B. If  $F_A$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K. Then  $\varphi(F_A)$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

**Proof.** Since  $\varphi$  is surjective, there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $a = \varphi(x)$ and  $b = \varphi(y)$  for all  $a, b \in B$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \varphi(F)(x \odot y) &= & \cup \{F(z) : z \in A, \varphi(z) = a \odot b\} \\ &= & \cup \{F(x \odot y) : x, y \in A, \varphi(x) = a, \varphi(y) = b\} \\ &\supseteq & \cup \{F(x) \cap F(y) : x, y \in A, \varphi(x) = a.\varphi(y) = b\} \\ &= & (\cup \{F(x) : x \in A, \varphi(x) = a\}) \cap (\cup \{F(y) : y \in A, \varphi(y) = b\}) \\ &= & \varphi(F)(x) \cap \varphi(F)(y). \end{split}$$

Hence  $\varphi(F_A)$  is a soft intersection K-subalgebra over K.

# Chapter 3

# **Fuzzy Soft K-algebras**

Fuzzy sets and soft sets are two different methods for representing uncertainty. In this chapter we apply these methods in combination to study uncertainty in *K*-algebras. We introduce the concept of fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras and investigate some of their properties. We discuss fuzzy soft images and fuzzy soft inverse images of fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras. We introduce the notion of an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras. We introduce the notion of a fuzzy soft *K*subalgebra. We also introduce  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras and describe some of their properties.

### 3.1 Fuzzy soft K-algebras

**Definition 3.1.1** Let (f, A) be a fuzzy soft set over K. Then (f, A) is said to be a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K if  $f(\varepsilon)$  is a fuzzy Ksubalgebra of K for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ , that is, a fuzzy soft set (f, A) over K is called a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of K if

$$f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y)\}$$
 for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Definition 3.1.2** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be fuzzy soft K-subalgebras

over K. Then (f, A) is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of (g, B) if

- (i)  $A \subset B$  and
- (ii)  $f(\varepsilon)$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of  $g(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ .

**Example 3.1.3** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, ., \odot, e)$  where  $G = \{e, a, a^2, a^3\}$  is the cyclic group of order 4 and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

Let  $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $f : A \to \tilde{P}(K)$  be a set-valued function defined by

$$f(e_1) = \{(e, 0.7), (a, 0.3), (a^2, 0.6), (a^3, 0.3)\}$$
$$f(e_2) = \{(e, 0.6), (a, 0.2), (a^2, 0.5), (a^3, 0.2)\}$$
$$f(e_3) = \{(e, 0.7), (a, 0.1), (a^2, 0.3), (a^3, 0.1)\}.$$

Let  $B = \{e_2, e_3\}$  and  $g: B \to \tilde{P}(K)$  be a set-valued function defined by

$$g(e_2) = \{(e, 0.5), (a, 0.2), (a^2, 0.4), (a^3, 0.2)\},\$$
$$g(e_3) = \{(e, 0.6), (a, 0.1), (a^2, 0.3), (a^3, 0.1)\}.$$

(1) (f, A) and (g, B) are fuzzy soft sets over K and by routine calculations, it is easy to check that  $f(\varepsilon)$  and  $g(\varepsilon)$  are fuzzy K-subalgebras for  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $\varepsilon \in B$ , respectively. Hence (f, A) and (g, B) are fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K.

(2) Clearly,  $B \subset A$  and  $g(\varepsilon)$  is fuzzy K-subalgebra of  $f(\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon \in B$ . Hence (g, B) is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of (f, A).

**Proposition 3.1.4** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K, then  $(f, A) \tilde{\cap} (g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K. **Proof.** Using definition 1.4.7, we can write  $(f, A) \tilde{\cap} (g, B) = (h, C)$ where  $C = A \cup B$  and

$$h(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} f_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A - B \\ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in B - A \\ f_{\varepsilon} \cap g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . Note that  $h : C \to \tilde{P}(K)$  is a mapping, and therefore (h, C) is a fuzzy soft set over K. Since (f, A) and (g, B) are fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K, it follows that  $h_{\varepsilon} = f_{\varepsilon}$  if  $\epsilon \in A - B$  or  $h_{\varepsilon} = g_{\varepsilon}$  if  $\epsilon \in B - A$  or  $h_{\varepsilon} = f_{\varepsilon} \cap g_{\varepsilon}$  if  $\epsilon \in A \cap B$  and in all cases  $h_{\varepsilon}$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . Hence  $(h, C) = (f, A) \tilde{\cap}(g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Proposition 3.1.5** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K, then  $(f, A) \land (g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Proof.** Using definition 1.4.3, we can write  $(f, A) \land (g, B) = (h, A \times B)$ where  $h(a, b) = f(a) \cap g(b)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Since f(a) and g(b) are fuzzy K-subalgebras of K, the intersection  $f(a) \cap g(b)$  is also a fuzzy K-subalgebras of K. Hence h(a, b) is a fuzzy K-subalgebras of K for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$  and therefore  $(h, A \times B) = (f, A) \land (g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Proposition 3.1.6** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $(f, A)\tilde{\cup}(g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Proof.** Using definition 1.4.9, we can write  $(f, A)\tilde{\cup}(g, B) = (h, C)$ where  $C = A \cup B$  and

$$h(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} f_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A - B \\ g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in B - A \\ f_{\varepsilon} \cup g_{\varepsilon} & \text{if } \varepsilon \in A \cap B \end{cases}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , either  $\varepsilon \in A - B$  or  $\varepsilon \in B - A$  for all  $\varepsilon \in C$ .

If  $\varepsilon \in A - B$  then  $h_{\varepsilon} = f_{\varepsilon}$  is a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K* since (f, A) is a fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*. If  $\varepsilon \in B - A$  then  $h_{\varepsilon} = g_{\varepsilon}$  is a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K* since (g, B) is a fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*. Hence  $(h, C) = (f, A)\tilde{\cup}(g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

**Proposition 3.1.7** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K. If  $f(x) \subseteq g(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ , then (f, A) is a fuzzy soft Ksubalgebra of (g, B).

**Proof.** The proof follow from the Definitions 3.1.2.

**Theorem 3.1.8** Let (f, A) be fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K* and let  $\{(h_i, B_i) | i \in I\}$  be a nonempty family of fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras of (f, A). Then

(a)  $\tilde{\cap}_{i \in I}(h_i, B_i)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of (f, A),

(b)  $\wedge_{i \in I}(h_i, B_i)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of (f, A),

(c) If  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i, j \in I$ , then  $\tilde{\cup}_{i \in I}(h_i, B_i)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra of (f, A).

**Proof.** The proofs follow from the Definitions 1.4.7, 1.4.3, 1.4.9 and Propositions 3.1.4, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6. ■

**Theorem 3.1.9** Let (f, A) be a fuzzy soft set over K. (f, A) is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra if and only if  $(f, A)^t$  is a soft K-algebra over K for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that (f, A) is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra. For each  $t \in [0, 1], \varepsilon \in A$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in f_{\varepsilon}^t$  then  $f_{\varepsilon}(x_1) \geq t$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(x_2) \geq t$ . From Definition 3.1.1, it follows that  $f_{\varepsilon}$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K. Thus  $f_{\varepsilon}(x_1 \odot x_2) \geq \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x_1), f_{\varepsilon}(x_2)\}, f_{\varepsilon}(x_1 \odot x_2) \geq t$ . This implies that  $x_1 \odot x_2 \in f_{\varepsilon}^t$ , i.e.,  $f_{\varepsilon}^t$  is a K-subalgebra of K. According to Definition 1.4.5,  $(f, A)^t$  is a soft K-algebra over K for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Conversely, assume that  $(f, A)^t$  is a soft K-algebra over K for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ . For

each  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in K$ , let  $t = \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x_1), f_{\varepsilon}(x_2)\}$ , then  $x_1, x_2 \in f_{\varepsilon}^t$ . Since  $f_{\varepsilon}^t$  is a K-subalgebra of K, then  $x_1 \odot x_2 \in f_{\varepsilon}^t$ . This means that  $f_{\varepsilon}(x_1 \odot x_2) \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x_1), f_{\varepsilon}(x_2)\}$ , i.e.,  $f_{\varepsilon}$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K. According to Definition 3.1.1, (f, A) is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Definition 3.1.10** [17] Let  $\phi : X \to Y$  and  $\psi : A \to B$  be two functions, A and B are parametric sets from X and Y, respectively. Then the pair  $(\phi, \psi)$  is called a fuzzy soft function from X to Y.

**Definition 3.1.11** Let (f, A) and (g, B) be two fuzzy soft sets over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , respectively and let  $(\phi, \psi)$  be a fuzzy soft function from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ .

(i) The image of (f, A) under the fuzzy soft function  $(\phi, \psi)$ , denoted by  $(\phi, \psi)(f, A)$ , is the fuzzy soft set on  $K_2$  defined by

 $(\phi, \psi)(f, A) = (\phi (f), \psi(A)),$  where for all  $k \in \psi(A), y \in K_2$ 

$$\phi(f)_k(y) = \begin{cases} \forall_{\phi(x)=y} \lor_{\psi(a)=k} f_a(x) & \text{if } x \in \psi^{-1}(y), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(ii) The preimage of (g, B) under the fuzzy soft function  $(\phi, \psi)$ , denoted by  $(\phi, \psi)^{-1}(g, B)$ , is the fuzzy soft set over  $K_1$  defined by  $(\phi, \psi)^{-1}(g, B) = (\phi^{-1}(g), \psi^{-1}(B))$  where  $\phi^{-1}(g)_a(x) = g_{\psi(a)}(\phi(x))$ , for all  $a \in \psi^{-1}(A)$ , for all  $x \in K_1$ .

**Definition 3.1.12** Let  $(\phi, \psi)$  be a fuzzy soft function from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ . If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$  then  $(\phi, \psi)$  is said to be fuzzy soft homomorphism, If  $\phi$  is an isomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$  and  $\psi$  is one-to-one mapping from A onto B then  $(\phi, \psi)$  is said to be fuzzy soft isomorphism.

**Theorem 3.1.13** Let (g, B) be a fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over  $K_2$ and let  $(\phi, \psi)$  be a fuzzy soft homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ . Then  $(\phi, \psi)^{-1}(g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over  $K_1$ . **Proof.** Let  $x_1, x_2 \in K_1$ , then

$$\phi^{-1}(g_{\varepsilon})(x_1 \odot x_2) = g_{\psi(\varepsilon)}(\phi(x_1 \odot x_2))$$
  
=  $g_{\psi(\varepsilon)}(\phi(x_1) \odot \phi(x_2))$   
$$\geq \min\{g_{\psi(\varepsilon)}(\phi(x_1), g_{\psi(\varepsilon)}\phi(x_2)\}$$
  
=  $\min\{\phi^{-1}(g_{\varepsilon})(x_1), \phi^{-1}(g_{\varepsilon})(x_2)\}$ 

Hence  $(\phi, \psi)^{-1}(g, B)$  is a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over  $K_1$ .

**Remark 3.1.14** Let (f, A) be a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over  $K_1$ and let  $(\phi, \psi)$  be a fuzzy soft homomorphism from  $K_1$  to  $K_2$ . Then  $(\phi, \psi)(f, A)$  may not be a fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over  $K_2$ .

### **3.2** $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft *K*-algebras

**Definition 3.2.1** Given a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K and  $A \subseteq [0,1]$ , we define two set-valued functions  $f: A \to P(K)$  and  $f_q: A \to P(K)$  by

$$f(t) = \{ x \in G | x_t \in \mu \}, \quad f_q(t) = \{ x \in G | x_t q \mu \}$$

for all  $t \in A$ , respectively. Then (f, A) and  $(f_q, A)$  are soft sets over K, which are called an  $\in$ -soft set and a q-soft set over K, respectively.

**Example 3.2.2** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$ , where  $G = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, a^4\}$  is the cyclic group of order 5 and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's table:

$\odot$	e	a	$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^4$
e	e	$a^4$	$a^3$	$a^2$	a
a	a	e	$a^4$	$a^3$	$a^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	a	e	$a^4$	$a^3$
$a^3$	$a^3$	$a^2$	a	e	$a^4$
$a^4$	$a^4$	$a^3$	$ \begin{array}{c} a^3\\ a^4\\ e\\ a\\ a^2 \end{array} $	a	e

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K defined by  $\mu(e) = 0.7, \mu(a) = 0.8, \mu(a^2) = 0.8$ 

and  $\mu(a^3) = \mu(a^4) = 0.4$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K. Take A = (0, 0.5] and let (f, A) be an  $\in$ -soft set over K. Then (1) f(t) = G if  $t \in (0, 0.4]$ , (2)  $f(t) = \{e, a, a^2\}$  if  $t \in (0.4, 0.6]$ which are K-subalgebras of K. Hence (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Definition 3.2.3** Let  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  be a fuzzy soft set over K. Then  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  is said to be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K if  $f_{\mu}(\varepsilon)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ .

**Lemma 3.2.4** [2] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in K is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K if and only if it satisfies:

(i)  $\mu(e) \ge \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\},\$ (ii)  $\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5\}\$ for all  $x, y \in G.$ 

**Example 3.2.5** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$ , where  $G = \{e, a, a^2, a^3\}$  is the cyclic group of order 4 and  $\odot$  is given by the Cayley's table in Example 3.1.3. Let  $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and  $f_{\mu} : A \to \tilde{P}(K)$  be a set-valued function defined by

$$f_{\mu}(e_{1}) = \{(e, f_{\mu}(e)), (a, f_{\mu}(a)), (a^{2}, f_{\mu}(a^{2})), (a^{3}, f_{\mu}(a^{3}))\},\$$

$$f_{\mu}(e_{1}) = \{(e, 0.7), (a, 0.4), (a^{2}, 0.6), (a^{3}, 0.4)\},\$$

$$f_{\mu}(e_{2}) = \{(e, f_{\mu}(e)), (a, f_{\mu}(a)), (a^{2}, f_{\mu}(a^{2})), (a^{3}, f_{\mu}(a^{3}))\},\$$

$$f_{\mu}(e_{2}) = \{(e, 0.8), (a, 0.5), (a^{2}, 0.7), (a^{3}, 0.5)\}.$$

Clearly,  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  is fuzzy soft set over K. Since  $f_{\mu}(e) \ge \min\{f_{\mu}(x), 0.5\}$ ,  $f_{\mu}(x \odot y) \ge \min\{f_{\mu}(x), f_{\mu}(y), 0.5\}$  hold for all  $x, y \in G$ ,  $f_{\mu}(\varepsilon)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ . Hence  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K. The proofs of the following propositions are similar to the proofs of the propositions 3.1.4, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6.

**Proposition 3.2.6** Let  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  and  $(g_{\mu}, B)$  be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebras over K, then  $(f_{\mu}, A) \cap (g_{\mu}, B)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

**Proposition 3.2.7** Let  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  and  $(g_{\mu}, B)$  be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras over *K*, then  $(f_{\mu}, A) \land (g_{\mu}, B)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

**Proposition 3.2.8** Let  $(f_{\mu}, A)$  and  $(g_{\mu}, B)$  be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy soft Ksubalgebras over K. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $(f_{\mu}, A)\tilde{\cup}(g_{\mu}, B)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ fuzzy soft K- subalgebra over K.

**Proposition 3.2.9** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K and let (f, A) be an  $\in$ -soft set over K with A = (0, 1]. Then (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K if and only if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K.

**Proof.** Assume that (f, A) is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*. If  $\mu$  is not a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K*, then there exist  $a, b \in G$  such that  $\mu(a \odot b) < \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}$ . Take  $t \in A$  such that  $\mu(a \odot b) < t \le \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}$ . Then  $a_t \in \mu$  and  $b_t \in \mu$  but  $(a \odot b)_{\min\{t,t\}} = (a \odot b)_t \notin \mu$ . Hence  $a, b \in f(t)$ , but  $a \odot b \notin f(t)$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K*. Let  $t \in A$  and  $x, y \in f(t)$ . Then  $x_t$  and  $y_t \in \mu$ . It follows from Proposition 1.2.19 that  $(x \odot y)_t = (x \odot y)_{\min\{t,t\}} \in \mu$  so that  $x \odot y \in f(t)$ .Likewise,  $e \in f(t)$ . Hence f(t) is a *K*-subalgebra of *K*, i.e., (f, A) is a soft *K*algebra over *K*.

**Proposition 3.2.10** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K and let  $(f_q, A)$  be an q-soft set over K with A = (0, 1]. Then  $(f_q, A)$  is a soft K-algebra over K if and only if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K **Proof.** Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K. Let  $t \in A$  and  $x, y \in f_q(t)$ . Then  $x_tq\mu$  and  $y_tq\mu$ , i.e.,  $\mu(x) + t > 1$  and  $\mu(y) + t > 1$ . It follows from Definition 1.2.10 that

$$\mu(x \odot y) + t \ge \min \left\{ \mu(x), \mu(y) \right\} + t = \min \left\{ \mu(x) + t, \mu(y) + t \right\} > 1$$

so that  $(x \odot y)_t q\mu$ , i.e.,  $x \odot y \in f_q(t)$ . Likewise,  $e \in f_q(t)$ . Hence  $f_q(t)$  is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $t \in A$ , and so  $(f_q, A)$  is a soft K-algebra over K. The proof of converse part is obvious.

**Proposition 3.2.11** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in K and let (f, A) be an  $\in$ -soft set over K with A = (0.5, 1]. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) (f, A) is a soft *K*-algebra over *K*, (ii)  $\max\{\mu(x \odot y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$ for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Proof.** Assume that (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K. Then f(t) is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $t \in A$ . If there exist  $a, b \in G$  such that

$$\max\{\mu(a \odot b), 0.5\} < t = \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\},\$$

then  $t \in A, a_t \in \mu$  and  $b_t \in \mu$  but  $(a \odot b)_t \in \mu$ . It follows that  $a, b \in f(t)$ and  $a \odot b \notin f(t)$ . This is a contradiction, and so

$$\max\{\mu(x \odot y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in G$ . Conversely, suppose that (ii) is valid. Let  $t \in A$  and  $x, y \in f(t)$ . Then  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $y_t \in \mu$ , or equivalently,  $\mu(x) \ge t$  and  $\mu(y) \ge t$ . Hence

$$\max\{\mu(x \odot y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge t > 0.5,$$

and thus  $\mu(x \odot y) \ge t$ , i.e.,  $(x \odot y)_t \in \mu$ . Therefore  $x \odot y \in f(t)$  which shows that (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Proposition 3.2.12** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in a *K*-algebra *K* and let (f, A) be an  $\in$ -soft set over *K* with A = (0, 0.5]. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i)  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K,

(ii) (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K.

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K*. Let  $t \in A$  and  $x, y \in f(t)$ . Then  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $y_t \in \mu$  or equivalently  $\mu(x) \ge t$  and  $\mu(y) \ge t$ . It follows from Lemma 3.2.4 that

$$\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{t, 0.5\} = t_2$$

so that  $(x \odot y)_t \in \mu$ , or equivalently  $x \odot y \in f(t)$ . Likewise,  $e \in f(t)$ . Hence (f, A) is a soft K-algebra over K. Conversely, suppose that (ii) is valid. If there exist  $a, b \in G$  such that

$$\mu(a \odot b) < \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b), 0.5\},\$$

then we take  $t \in (0,1)$  such that  $\mu(a \odot b) < t \le \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b), 0.5\}$ . Thus  $t \le 0.5, a_t \in \mu$  and  $b_t \in \mu$ , that is,  $a \in f(t)$  and  $b \in f(t)$ . Since f(t) is a *K*-subalgebra of *K*. it follows that  $a \odot b \in f(t)$  for all  $t \le 0.5$  so that  $(a \odot b)_t \in \mu$  or equivalently  $\mu(a \odot b) \ge t$  for all  $t \le 0.5$ , a contradiction. Hence

$$\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5\} \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Likewise,  $\mu(e) \ge \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}$  for all  $x \in G$ . It follows from Lemma 3.2.4 that  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy K-subalgebra of K.

**Proposition 3.2.13** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset in a *K*-algebra *K* and let  $(f_q, A)$  be a *q*-soft set over *K* with A = (0, 1]. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K,

(ii)  $(f_q(t) \neq \emptyset \rightarrow f_q(t))$  is a K-subalgebra of K for all  $t \in A$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K*. Let  $t \in A$  be such that  $f_q(t) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in f_q(t)$ . Then  $x_t q \mu$ ,  $y_t q \mu$  or equivalently,  $\mu(x) + t > 1, \mu(y) + t > 1$ . Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K*, then

$$\mu(e) \ge \mu(x) \Longrightarrow \mu(e) + t \ge \mu(x) + t > 1$$
$$\Longrightarrow \mu(e) + t > 1$$

i.e.,  $e \in f_q(t)$ . Also,

$$\mu(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \Longrightarrow \mu(x \odot y) \ge \mu(x) \text{ or } \mu(x \odot y) \ge \mu(y)$$
$$\Longrightarrow \mu(x \odot y) + t \ge \mu(x) + t > 1 \text{ or } \mu(x \odot y) + t \ge \mu(y) + t > 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \mu(x \odot y) + t > 1$$

Hence  $x \odot y \in f_q(t)$ . Thus  $f_q(t)$  is a K-subalgebra of K. Conversely, assume that (ii) is valid. Suppose there exist  $a, b \in G$  such that  $\mu(a \odot b) < \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\}$ . Then  $\mu(a \odot b) + s \leq 1 < \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\} + s$ for some  $s \in A$ . It follows that  $(a)_s q\mu$  and  $(b)_s q\mu$ , i.e.,  $a \in f_q(s)$  and  $b \in f_q(s)$ . Since  $f_q(s)$  is a K-subalgebra of K, we get  $a \odot b \in f_q(s)$ , and so  $(a \odot b)_s q\mu$  or equivalently  $\mu(a \odot b) + s > 1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\mu(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy K-subalgebra of K.  $\blacksquare$ 

### **3.3** $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebras

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $\alpha < \beta$ . For any  $Y \subseteq X$ , we define  $X_{\alpha Y}^{\beta}$ as the fuzzy subset of X by  $X_{\alpha Y}^{\beta}(x) \ge \beta$  for all  $x \in Y$  and  $X_{\alpha Y}^{\beta}(x) \le \alpha$ otherwise. Clearly,  $X_{\alpha Y}^{\beta}$  is the characteristic function of Y if  $\alpha = 0$ and  $\beta = 1$ . For a fuzzy point  $x_r$  and a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X, we say that

- $x_r \in_{\alpha} \mu$  if  $\mu(x) \ge r > \alpha$
- $x_r q_\beta \mu$  if  $\mu(x) + r > 2\beta$

#### • $x_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}\mu$ if $x_r \in_{\alpha} \mu$ or $x_r q_{\beta}\mu$

An ordering relation on F(x), denoted as "  $\subseteq q_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ ", is defined as follows. For any  $\mu, \nu \in F(x)$ , by  $\mu \subseteq \lor q_{(\alpha,\beta)}\nu$  we mean that  $x_r \in_{\alpha} \mu$ implies  $x_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}\nu$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $r \in (\alpha, 1]$ . Moreover,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ are said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -equal, denoted by  $\mu =_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nu$ , if  $\mu \subseteq \lor q_{(\alpha,\beta)}\nu$  and  $\nu \subseteq \lor q_{(\alpha,\beta)}\mu$ . In the sequel, unless otherwise stated,  $\bar{\alpha}$  means  $\alpha$  does not hold, where  $\alpha \in \{\in_{\alpha}, q_{\beta}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}\}$ .

We now introduce the generalized soft fuzzy K-subalgebras and describe some of their properties.

**Definition 3.3.1** A fuzzy subset  $f_{\varepsilon}$  in a *K*-algebra *K* is called an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ - fuzzy *K*-subalgebra of *K* if it satisfies the following conditions:

(1) 
$$x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon} \to (e)_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$$
 for all  $x \in G, \forall r \in (\alpha, 1],$   
(2)  $x_r, y_s \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon} \to (x \odot y)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$  for all  $x, y \in G, \forall r, s \in (\alpha, 1].$ 

**Definition 3.3.2** Let (f, A) be a fuzzy soft set over K. Then (f, A) is said to be an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K if  $f_{\varepsilon}$  is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ - fuzzy K-subalgebra of K for all  $\varepsilon \in A$ .

**Example 3.3.3** Consider the *K*-algebra  $K = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$ , where  $G = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, a^4\}$  is the cyclic group of order 5 and  $\odot$  is given by the Cayley's table of Example 3.2.2. Let A = (0.1, 0.4]. Define a fuzzy soft set (f, A) over K as follows.

$$f_{\varepsilon}(e) = 0.7, f_{\varepsilon}(a) = f_{\varepsilon}(a^2) = 0.8 \text{ and } f_{\varepsilon}(a^3) = f_{\varepsilon}(a^4) = 0.4$$

Then it is easy to verify that (f, A) is an  $(\in_{0.1}, \in_{0.1} \lor q_{0.4})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra.

**Lemma 3.3.4** Let (f, A) be an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*. Then

(i)  $x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$  and  $y_s \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$  imply  $(x \odot y)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}f_{\varepsilon}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

 $\varepsilon \in A \text{ and } r, s \in (\alpha, 1],$ 

(ii)  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$  for all  $x, y \in G$  and  $\varepsilon \in A$ .

**Remark 3.3.5** For any fuzzy soft set (f, A) over a *K*-algebra  $K, \varepsilon \in A$ and  $r \in (\alpha, 1]$ , denote  $(f_{\varepsilon})_r = \{x \in G : x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}\}, \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r = \{x \in G : x_r q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}\}$ and  $[f_{\varepsilon}]_r = \{x \in G : x_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}\}.$ 

**Theorem 3.3.6** Let K be a K-algebra and (f, A) a fuzzy soft set over K. Then

(i) (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K* if and only if nonempty subset  $(f_{\varepsilon})_r$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in (\alpha, \beta]$ .

(ii) If  $2\beta = 1 + \alpha$ , then (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K* if and only if nonempty subset  $\langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in (\beta, 1]$ .

(iii) (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K* if and only if nonempty subset  $[f_{\varepsilon}]_r$  is a *K*-subalgebra of *K* for all  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in (\alpha, \min\{2\beta - \alpha, 1\}].$ 

**Proof.** (i) Let (f, A) be an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K and assume that  $(f_{\varepsilon})_r \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in (\alpha, \beta]$ . Let  $x, y \in (f_{\varepsilon})_r$ . Then  $x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$  and  $y_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) \geq r > \alpha$  $\alpha$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) \geq r > \alpha$ . Since (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft Ksubalgebra over K, we have  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} \geq \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$  and so  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} \geq r > \alpha$ . Hence  $f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \geq r > \alpha$ , i.e.,  $x \odot y \in (f_{\varepsilon})_r$ . Therefore,  $(f_{\varepsilon})_r$  is a K-subalgebra of K. Conversely, assume that the given conditions hold. If there exist  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $x, y \in G$  such that  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} < r = \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$ . Then  $x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}, y_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$  but  $(x \odot y)_r \in \overline{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $x \in (f_{\varepsilon})_r$ ,  $y \in (f_{\varepsilon})_r$  but  $x \odot y \notin (f_{\varepsilon})_r$ , a contradiction. Therefore, (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K. (ii) Assume that  $2\beta = 1 + \alpha$ . Let (f, A) be an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K and assume that  $\langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in$   $(\beta, 1]$ . Let  $x, y \in \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r$ . Then  $x_r q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$  and  $y_r q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) + r > 2\beta$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) + r > 2\beta$ . Since (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K, we have  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$ . Thus by  $r > \beta$ ,

$$\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) + r, \alpha + r\} = \max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} + r$$
$$\geq \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\} + r$$
$$= \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x) + r, f_{\varepsilon}(y) + r, \beta + r\}$$
$$> 2\beta$$

From  $r \leq 1 = 2\beta - \alpha$ , that is,  $r + \alpha \leq 2\beta$ , we have  $f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) + r > 2\beta$  and so  $x \odot y \in \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r$ . Likewise,  $e \in \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r$  Therefore,  $\langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r$  is a K-subalgebra of K. Conversely, assume that the given conditions hold. If there exist  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $x, y \in G$  such that  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} < \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$ . Take  $r = 2\beta - \max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\}$ . Then  $r \in (\beta, 1], f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \leq 2\beta - r, f_{\varepsilon}(x)$  $> \max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} = 2\beta - r, f_{\varepsilon}(y) > \max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} = 2\beta - r, \text{ that is,}$  $x \in \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r, y \in \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r \text{ but } x \odot y \notin \langle f_{\varepsilon} \rangle_r, \text{ a contradiction. Therefore, } (f, A)$ is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K.

(iii) Let (f, A) be an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K and assume that  $[f_{\varepsilon}]_r \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $r \in (\alpha, \min\{2\beta - \alpha, 1\}]$ . Let  $x, y \in [f_{\varepsilon}]_r$ . Then  $x_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}f_{\varepsilon}$  and  $y_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta}f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) \ge r > \alpha$  or  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) > 2\beta - r \ge 2\beta - (2\beta - \alpha) = \alpha$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) \ge r > \alpha$  or

 $f_{\varepsilon}(y) > 2\beta - r \ge 2\beta - (2\beta - \alpha) = \alpha$ . Since (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft K-subalgebra over K, we have  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$ and so  $f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$  since  $\alpha < \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$  in any case.

We now consider the following cases.

Case 1:  $r \in (\alpha, \beta]$ . Then  $2\beta - r \ge \beta \ge r$ . If  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) \ge r$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) \ge r$  or  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) > 2\beta - r$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) > 2\beta - r$ , then  $f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\} \ge r$ . Hence  $(x \odot y)_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$ .

Case 2:  $r \in (\beta, \min\{2\beta - \alpha, 1\}]$ . Then  $r > \beta > 2\beta - r$ . If  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) \ge r$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) \ge r$  or  $f_{\varepsilon}(x) > 2\beta - r$  and  $f_{\varepsilon}(y) > 2\beta - r$ , then

 $f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y) \ge \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\} > 2\beta - r$ . Hence  $(x \odot y)_r q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$ . Thus, in any case,  $(x \odot y)_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $x \odot y \in [f_{\varepsilon}]_r$ . Therefore,  $[f_{\varepsilon}]_r$  is a *K*-subalgebra. Conversely, assume that the given conditions hold. If there exist  $\varepsilon \in A$  and  $x, y \in G$  such that  $\max\{f_{\varepsilon}(x \odot y), \alpha\} < r = \min\{f_{\varepsilon}(x), f_{\varepsilon}(y), \beta\}$ . Then  $x_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}, y_r \in_{\alpha} f_{\varepsilon}$  but  $(x \odot y)_r \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta} f_{\varepsilon}$ , that is,  $x \in [f_{\varepsilon}]_r, y \in [f_{\varepsilon}]_r$  but  $x \odot y \notin [f_{\varepsilon}]_r$ , a contradiction. Therefore, (f, A) is an  $(\in_{\alpha}, \in_{\alpha} \lor q_{\beta})$ -fuzzy soft *K*-subalgebra over *K*.

### 3.4 conclusions

Presently, science and technology is featured with complex processes and phenomena for which complete information is not always available. For such cases, mathematical models are developed to handle various types of systems containing elements of uncertainty. A large number of these models is based on an extension of the ordinary set theory, namely, fuzzy sets and soft sets. The fuzzy sets and soft sets are two different methods for representing uncertainty, we have applied these methods in combination to study uncertainty in Ksubalgebras in this thesise. A K-algebra is relatively a new branch of logical algebras and there are many unsolved problems in it. In our opinion the future study of K-algebras can be extended with the following: (i) Hyper K-algebras, (ii) Roughness in K-algebras, and (iii) Automorphic K-algebras.

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