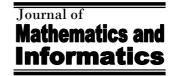
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# **Fuzzy Congruences on MS-algebras**

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the fuzzy congruence relation of MS-algebra L and the fuzzy congruence relation generated by a given fuzzy relation on L. We also investigate some properties of the fuzzy congruence relation generated by a given fuzzy relation on L.

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#### **1.Introduction**

In the papers (in particular [7,5,8,1]) have investigated the properties of fuzzy equivalence (congruence) relations of algebras. In particular Yuan and Wangming [9] investigated the relationship between fuzzy ideals and fuzzy congruences on a distributive lattice *L*. In this paper, we discuss the fuzzy congruence relations in MS-algebras and we study the properties a fuzzy congruence relation generated by  $\mu \times \mu$  on *L*.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and basic results on MS-algebras.

**Definition 2.1.** [3] An MS-algebra is an algebra  $(L, \lor, \land, \circ, 0, 1)$  of type (2,2,1,0,0), such that  $(L, \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice and  $a \to a^\circ$  is a unary operation satisfies:  $a \le a^{\circ\circ}, (a \land b)^\circ = a^\circ \lor b^\circ$  and  $1^\circ = 0$ .

Lemma 2.2. [3] For any two elements *a*, *b* of an MS-algebra *L*, we have the following:

1.  $0^{\circ} = 1$ , 2.  $a \le b \Rightarrow b^{\circ} \le a^{\circ}$ , 3.  $a^{\circ\circ\circ} = a^{\circ}$ , 4.  $(a \lor b)^{\circ} = a^{\circ} \land b^{\circ}$ , 5.  $(a \lor b)^{\circ\circ} = a^{\circ\circ} \lor b^{\circ\circ}$ , 6.  $(a \land b)^{\circ\circ} = a^{\circ\circ} \land b^{\circ\circ}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [4] Let L be a lattice and let  $H \subseteq L \times L$ . We denote by  $\Theta(H)$  the smallest congruence relation such that  $a \equiv b$  for all  $(a, b) \in H$ , and call it the congruence relation generated by *H*. If  $H = I \times I$ , where *I* is an ideal, we write  $\Theta[I]$  for all  $\Theta(H)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [2] An equivalence relation  $\theta$  is a congruence relation in MS-algebra *L*, if it is a lattice congruence and  $(a, b) \in \theta$  implies  $(a^\circ, b^\circ) \in \theta$  for all  $a, b \in L$ .

If we delete the operation  $\circ$ , we shall speak the lattice congruence. To distinguish these two types, we shall use the subscript 'lat' to denote lattice congruence. Let *I* be an ideal of the MS-algebra *L*. Define  $I_{\circ}^{\geq} = \{x \in L: i^{\circ} \leq x, \text{ for some } i \in I\}$ .  $I_{\circ\circ} = \{x \in L: x \leq i^{\circ\circ}, \text{ for some } i \in I\}$ . Then  $I_{\circ}^{\geq}$  is filter of *L* and  $I_{\circ\circ}$  is a ideal of *L*.

**Theorem 2.5.** [3] Let *I* be an ideal of the MS-algebra *L*. Then  $\Theta[I] = \Theta_{lat}[I_{\circ}^{\geq}] \vee \Theta_{lat}[I_{\circ\circ}]$ . We recall that for any nonempty set *L*, the characteristic function of *L* defined as

$$\chi_L(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & if x \in L, \\ 0 & if x \notin L. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of *L*. For any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , we shall denote the level subset  $\mu^{-1}([\alpha, 1])$  by simply  $\mu_{\alpha}$ , i.e.  $\mu_{\alpha} = \{x \in L : \alpha \leq \mu(x)\}$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [8] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of *L*. Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of *L* if and only if any one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1.  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(x \lor y) = \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ , 2.  $\mu(0) = 1$  and  $\mu(x \lor y) \ge \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$  and  $\mu(x \land y) \ge \mu(x) \lor \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ .

A fuzzy relations on a set *X* are maps  $\theta: X \times X \to [0,1]$ . For any  $x, y \in X$  and fuzzy relations  $(\theta \cap \phi)(x, y) = \min\{\theta(x, y), \phi(x, y)\},$ 

 $(\theta \cup \phi)(x, y) = max\{\theta(x, y), \phi(x, y)\}, \theta \subseteq \phi \text{ means } \theta(x, y) \le \phi(x, y).$ 

**Definition 2.7.** [5] Suppose that  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  are two fuzzy relations on a set *X*. Then  $(\theta \circ \phi)(x, y) = \sup_{z \in X} ((\theta(x, z) \land (\phi)(z, y)).$ 

**Definition 2.8.** [5] A fuzzy relation  $\phi$  on *X* is said two be a fuzzy equivalence relation on *X* if

1.  $\phi(x, x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$  (reflexive),

2.  $\phi(x, y) = \phi(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in L$  (symmetric),

3.  $\phi(x, z) \ge \phi(x, y) \land \phi(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$  (transitive).

Throughout the next sections, L stands for MS-algebra.

### 3. Fuzzy congruences on ms-algebras

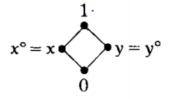
In this section, we give various characterization for fuzzy congruences on MS-algebra L.

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy equivalence relation $\phi$  on an MS-algebra *L* is called fuzzy congruence relation on *L* if the following are satisfied:

1.  $\phi(x \land z, y \land w) \land \phi(x \lor z, y \lor w) \ge \phi(x, y) \land \phi(z, w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ ,

2.  $\phi(x^\circ, y^\circ) \ge \phi(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ .

**Example 3.2.** Consider the MS-algebra *L* described as in following figure



#### Figure 1:

Define a fuzzy relation  $\phi$  on *L* as follows:  $\phi(0,0) = \phi(1,1) = \phi(x,x) = \phi(y,y) = 1$ ,  $\phi(x,y) = \phi(y,x) = \phi(0,y) = \phi(y,0) = \phi(x,0) = \phi(0,x) = 0.6$ . Then it can be easily verify that  $\phi$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on *L*.

**Theorem 3.3.** A fuzzy equivalence relation $\phi$  is fuzzy congruence on*L* if and only if  $\phi(x, y) \le \phi(x \land z, y \land z) \land \phi(x \lor z, y \lor z) \land \phi(x^{\circ}, y^{\circ})$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

**Proof:** The forward proof is straightforward.Conversely, suppose that  $\phi$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation on *L* that satisfies  $\phi(x, y) \leq \phi(x \land z, y \land z) \land \phi(x \lor z, y \lor z) \land \phi(x^{\circ}, y^{\circ})$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . This implies  $\phi(x, y) \leq \phi(x \land z, y \land z)$ ,  $\phi(x, y) \leq \phi(x \lor z, y \lor z)$  and  $\phi(x, y) \leq \phi(x^{\circ}, y^{\circ})$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

 $\phi(x, y) \land \phi(z, w) \le \phi(x \land z, y \land z) \land \phi(y \land z, y \land w) \le \phi(x \land z, y \land w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ . Similarly  $\phi(x, y) \land \phi(z, w) \le \phi(x \lor z, y \lor w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in L$ . Thus  $\phi$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on *L*.

**Theorem 3.4.** A relation  $\phi$  on *L* is a fuzzy congruence on *L* if and only if every level subset  $\phi_{\alpha}$  of  $\phi$  at  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  is congruence relation on *L*.

**Theorem 3.5.** A congruence relation  $\phi$  is a congruence relation on *L* if and only if its characteristic function  $\chi_{\phi}$  is a fuzzy congruence on *L*.

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $\{\phi_i : i \in \Delta\}$  is a family of fuzzy congruence of *L*, then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i$  is a fuzzy congruence on *L*.

We denoted that the set of all fuzzy congruences of *L* by  $\mathcal{FC}(L)$  and the set of all congruences of *L* by  $\mathcal{C}(L)$ .  $\omega = \{(x, y) \in L \times L : x = y\}$  is the smallest and  $\iota = L \times L$  is the largest element of  $\mathcal{C}(L)$ .

 $\chi_{\omega}(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \text{if } (x,y) \in \omega \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{pmatrix}$ 

for all  $x, y \in L$  is the smallest and  $\chi_{\iota}(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in L$  is the largest elements of  $\mathcal{FC}(L)$ .

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $\phi$  and  $\varphi$  be any two fuzzy congruence relation of *L*. Then define  $\phi \lor \varphi = \cap \{ \theta \in \mathcal{FC}(L) : \phi \subseteq \theta \text{ and } \varphi \subseteq \theta \}$ , *i.e*  $\phi \lor \varphi$  is the fuzzy congruence generated by  $\phi \cup \varphi$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** ( $\mathcal{FC}(L)$ ,  $\subseteq$ ) is complete lattice.

**Proof:** We note that both fuzzy congruences relations  $\chi_{\omega}$  and  $\chi_i$  are the least and the greatest elements of  $\mathcal{FC}(L)$ , respectively. Clearly  $(\mathcal{FC}(L), \subseteq)$  is poset and  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i$  is lower bound of any family  $\{\phi_i : i \in \Delta\}$  of fuzzy congruences of *L*. Let  $\Theta$  be any a lower bound of  $\{\phi_i : i \in \Delta\}$ . Then  $\Theta \subseteq \phi_i$  for all  $i \in \Delta$  and so  $\Theta \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i$ . This implies  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i$  is a greatest lower bound of  $\{\phi_i : i \in \Delta\}$ . Hence  $(\mathcal{FC}(L), \subseteq)$  is a complete lattice.

**Proof:** Let  $\kappa = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Theta_n$ . We prove that  $\kappa$  is the smallest fuzzy congruence relation in MS-algebra *L* containing  $\phi$  and  $\phi$ . It can be easily verify that  $\phi \subseteq \Theta_1 \subseteq \Theta_2 \subseteq$ , ... and  $\phi \subseteq \Theta_1 \subseteq \Theta_2 \subseteq$ , ... and so  $\Theta_n \subseteq \phi \lor \phi$ . Now we see that  $\kappa$  is a fuzzy congruence in MS-algebra *L*.

1. 
$$1 = \phi(x, x) \le \Theta_1(x, x) \le \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Theta_n = \kappa(x, x)$$
. Hence  $\kappa(x, x) = 1$ .

3.  $\kappa(x, y) \wedge \kappa(y, z) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x, y) \wedge \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(y, z) = \sup_n \Theta_n(x, y) \wedge$ 

 $\sup_n \Theta_n(y,z) \le \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x,z)$ . Since  $\Theta_n(x,y) \land \Theta_m(y,z) \le \Theta_{n+m}(x,z)$  for any real number *n* and *m*.

4. 
$$\kappa(x, y) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x, y)$$
  

$$= \sup_{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n}} (\phi(x, z_1) \land \phi(z_1, z_2) \land \phi(z_2, z_3) \land \dots \land \phi(z_{2n}, y))$$

$$\leq \sup_{z_1 \land c, z_2 \land c, \dots, z_{2n} \land c} (\phi(x \land c, z_1 \land c) \land \phi(z_1 \land c, z_2 \land c) \land \phi(z_2 \land c, z_3 \land c) \dots \land \phi(z_{2n} \land c, y \land c))$$

$$= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x \land c, y \land c) = \kappa(x \land c, y \land c)$$
Similarly  $\kappa(x, y) \le \kappa(x \lor c, y \lor c)$   
5.  $\kappa(x, y) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x, y)$   

$$= \sup_{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n}} (\phi(x, z_1) \land \phi(z_1, z_2) \land \phi(z_2, z_3) \land \dots \land \Theta(z_{2n}, y))$$

$$\leq \sup_{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n}} (\phi(x^\circ, z_1^\circ) \land \phi(z_1^\circ, z_2^\circ) \land \phi(z_2^\circ, z_3^\circ) \dots \land \Theta(z_{2n}^\circ, y^\circ))$$

$$= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x^\circ, y^\circ) = \kappa(x^\circ, y^\circ)$$
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This implies  $\kappa$  is fuzzy congruence of an MS-algebra *L*.

Finally let  $\tau$  be any fuzzy congruence relation such that  $\phi \subseteq \tau$  and  $\varphi \subseteq \tau$ . We prove that  $\kappa \subseteq \tau$ .

$$\kappa(x, y) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Theta_n(x, y)$$

$$= \sup_{\substack{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n} \\ z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n}}} (\phi(x, z_1) \land \phi(z_1, z_2) \land \phi(z_2, z_3) \dots \land \Theta(z_{2n}, y))$$

$$\leq \sup_{\substack{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n} \\ z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2n}}} (\tau(x, z_1) \land \tau(z_1, z_2) \land \dots \land \tau(z_{2n}, y))$$

$$= \tau_n(x, y)$$

Thus  $\kappa$  is the smallest fuzzy congruence such that  $\phi \subseteq \tau$  and  $\varphi \subseteq \tau$ . Hence  $\phi \lor \varphi = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Theta_n$ .

**Definition 3.10.** Let *L* be an MS-algebra. The smallest fuzzy congruence generated by the fuzzy relation  $\phi$  on *L* is defined by  $\overline{\Theta}(\phi) = \cap \{\vartheta \in FC(L): \phi \subseteq \vartheta\}$ . If  $\phi = \mu \times \mu$  is the product of fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  by itself, where  $(\mu \times \mu)(x, y) = \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$  for all $(x, y) \in L \times L$ . We write  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu]$  instead of  $\overline{\Theta}(\phi)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $\phi$  is a fuzzy relation of *L*. Then  $\overline{\Theta}(\phi)(x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\}$  for any  $(x, y) \in L \times L$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\}$  for any  $(x, y) \in L \times L$  and  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ . We see that  $\varphi = \overline{\Theta}(\phi)$ . First we prove that  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy congruence of *L*.

1.  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, x) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} = 1$ .

2.  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} = \sup\{\alpha: (y, x) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} = \varphi(y, x)$ 

3.  $\varphi(x, y) \land \varphi(y, z) = \sup\{\alpha : (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} \land \sup\{\lambda : (y, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\lambda})\} = \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda : (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha}), (y, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\lambda})\} \le \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda : (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda}), (y, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda})\} \le \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda : (x, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda})\} = \varphi(x, z).$ 

4.  $\varphi(x, y) \land \varphi(w, z) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} \land \sup\{\lambda: (w, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\lambda})\} = \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha}), (w, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\lambda})\} \le \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda}), (w, z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda})\} \le \sup\{\alpha \land \lambda: (x \land w, y \land z) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha \land \lambda})\} = \varphi(x \land w, y \land z).$ 

Similarly  $\varphi(x, y) \land \varphi(y, z) \le \varphi(x \lor w, y \lor z).$ 

5.  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} \le \sup\{\alpha: (x^{\circ}, y^{\circ}) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} = \varphi(x^{\circ}, y^{\circ})$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy congruence of MS-algebra *L*. Next, we prove that  $\phi \subseteq \varphi$ .

Now  $\phi(x, y) = \{\alpha : (x, y) \in \phi_{\alpha}\} \le \{\alpha : (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} = \varphi(x, y)$ . Hence  $\phi \subseteq \varphi$ .

Finally, let  $\tau$  be any fuzzy congruence of an MS-algebra *L* such that  $\phi \subseteq \tau$ . We see that  $\phi \subseteq \tau$ .

If  $\phi \subseteq \tau$ , then  $\phi_{\alpha} \subseteq \tau_{\alpha}$  and so  $\Theta(\phi_{\alpha}) \subseteq \Theta(\tau_{\alpha}) = \tau_{\alpha}$ . Now  $\varphi(x, y) = \{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta(\phi_{\alpha})\} \le \{\alpha: (x, y) \in \tau_{\alpha}\} = \tau(x, y)$ . Thus  $\varphi = \overline{\Theta}(\phi)$ .

### 4. Fuzzy ideals and congruences of MS-algebras

In this section, we study the relation of fuzzy ideals and fuzzy congruences of MS-algebras.

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of an MS-algebra *L*. Define  $\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(x) = \sup\{\mu(i): i^{\circ} \leq x, i \in L\}$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $\mu_{\circ\circ}(x) = \sup\{\mu(i): x \leq i^{\circ\circ}\}$ . Easily verify that  $\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}$  is a fuzzy filter of *L* and  $\mu_{\circ\circ}$  is a fuzzy ideal of *L*.

The following is due to Yuan Bo and Wu Wangming [9].

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of a distributive lattice *L*. A fuzzy relation  $\Theta_{lat}[\mu]$  on *L* defined by setting  $\Theta_{lat}[\mu](x, y) = \{\mu(i): x \lor i = y \lor i, i \in L\}$  for all  $x, y \in L$  is called the fuzzy relation induced by  $\mu$ .

It can be easily verify that it is the smallest lattice fuzzy congruence containing the product fuzzy ideals  $\mu \times \mu$  of  $L \times L$ . Using this definition the smallest lattice fuzzy congruence contains  $\mu_{\circ\circ} \times \mu_{\circ\circ}$  defined as  $\Theta[\mu_{\circ\circ}]$  on L by setting  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](x, y) = {\mu_{\circ\circ}(i): x \lor i = y \lor i, i \in L}$  for all  $x, y \in L$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy filter of a distributive lattice *L*. Let us define fuzzy relation  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu]$  on *L* by,  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu](x, y) = \{\mu(i): x \land i = y \land i, i \in L\}$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . Then  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu]$  is the smallest fuzzy congruence on *L* containing the product of fuzzy filter  $\mu \times \mu$  of  $L \times L$ .

By Lemma 4.2, let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of an MS-algebra *L*. The smallest fuzzy relation containing the product of fuzzy filter  $\mu_{\circ}^{\geq} \times \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}$  is  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](x, y) = \{\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(i) : x \land i = y \land i, i \in L\}$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . Then  $\Theta_{\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}}$  is the smallest lattice fuzzy congruence containing the product of fuzzy filter  $\mu_{\circ}^{\geq} \times \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of an MS-algebra *L*. Then the following conditions are hold.

1.  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](x, y) \leq \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](x^{\circ}, y^{\circ})$  for all  $x, y \in L$ 

2.  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](x,y) \le \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\ge}](x^{\circ},y^{\circ})$  for all  $x, y \in L$ 

**Proof:** (1)  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](x, y) = \sup\{(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq})(i): x \land i = y \land i, i, j \in L\} = \sup\{(\mu)(j), j^{\circ} \leq i: x \land i = y \land i, i \in L\} \leq \sup\{(\mu)(j), i^{\circ} \leq j^{\circ\circ}: x^{\circ} \lor i^{\circ} = y^{\circ} \lor i^{\circ}, i, j \in L\} = \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](x^{\circ}, y^{\circ}).$  Similarly (2) holds.

**Theorem 4.4.** For every fuzzy ideal $\mu$  of an MS-algebra *L*. Then  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu] = \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}] \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\varphi = \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}] \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}]$ . We prove that  $\varphi$  is the smallest fuzzy congruence containing  $\mu \times \mu$ . Easily verify that  $\mu \times \mu \subseteq \varphi$ . Now we prove that  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy congruence of *L*. Since  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}]$  and  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}]$  are lattice fuzzy congruences,  $\varphi$  is a lattice fuzzy congruence of *L*.

By Theorem 3.9 and Lemma 4.3,

$$\begin{split} \varphi(x,y) &= \sup_{z_1,z_2,\dots,z_{2n}} (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](x,z_1) \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](z_1,z_2) \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](z_2,z_3) \wedge \\ \dots \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](z_{2n},y)) &\leq \sup_{z_1^{\circ},z_2^{\circ},\dots,z_{2n}^{\circ}} (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](x^{\circ},z_1^{\circ}) \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](z_1^{\circ},z_2^{\circ}) \wedge \\ \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](z_2^{\circ},z_3^{\circ}) \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}](z_3^{\circ},z_4^{\circ}) \wedge \dots \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}](z_{2n}^{\circ},y^{\circ})) = \varphi(x^{\circ},y^{\circ}). \\ \text{Thus } \varphi \text{ is fuzzy congruence of MS-algebra } L. \text{ Finally, we see that } \varphi \text{ is the } \end{split}$$

Thus  $\varphi$  is fuzzy congruence of MS-algebra *L*. Finally, we see that  $\varphi$  is the smallest fuzzy congruence containing  $\mu \times \mu$ . Since  $\varphi$  a fuzzy congruence containing  $\mu \times \mu$ ,  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu] \subseteq \varphi$ .

By Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 3.12,  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\infty}](x, y) = \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta_{lat}[(\mu_{\infty})_{\alpha}]\} \le \sup\{\alpha: (x, y) \in \Theta_{lat}[\mu_{\alpha}] = \overline{\Theta}[\mu](x, y).$ 

Similarly  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}] \subseteq \overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ . Thus  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}] \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu_{\circ\circ}] \subseteq \overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ . Hence  $\varphi \subseteq \overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ . Therefore  $\varphi = \overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ .

The following Theorem is other useful description of  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** For every fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of an MS-algebra L,  $\overline{\Theta}[\mu](x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j): (x \lor i) \land j = (y \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\}$  for any  $x, y \in L$ . **Proof:** Put  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j): (x \lor i) \land j = (y \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\}$  for any

**Proof:** Put  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{oo}(t) \land \mu_{o}(t): (x \lor t) \land j = (y \lor t) \land j, t, j \in L\}$  for any  $x, y \in L$ . We show that  $\varphi$  is fuzzy congruence of lattice L. For any  $x, y, z, i, j, a, b, c, d \in L$ 

1.  $\varphi(x, x) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (x \lor i) \land j = (x \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\} \ge \mu_{\circ\circ}(0) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(1) = 1$ . Since in particular  $(x \lor 0) \land 1 = (x \lor 0) \land 1$ . Hence  $\varphi(x, x) = 1$  for any  $x \in L$ .

2.  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (x \lor i) \land j = (y \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\} = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (y \lor i) \land j = (x \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\} = \varphi(y, x)$ 3. If  $(x \lor a) \land b = (y \lor a) \land b, (y \lor c) \land d = (z \lor c) \land d$ , then  $((x \lor (a \lor c)) \land (b \land d) = \{(x \lor a) \lor c) \land b\} \land d) = (\{(x \lor a) \land b\} \lor \{c \land a\} \land b\} \land d)$ 

 $(\{x \lor (a \lor c)\} \land (b \land a) = \{(x \lor a) \lor c\} \land (b \land a) = (\{(x \lor a) \land b\} \lor \{c \land b\}) \land d = (\{(y \lor a) \land b\} \lor \{c \land b\}) \land d = (\{y \lor (a \lor c)\} \land (b \land d) = (\{(y \lor c) \land d\} \lor \{a \land d\}) \land b = (\{(z \lor c) \land d\} \lor \{a \land d\}) \land b = (\{z \lor (a \lor c)\} \land (b \land d) = \{(z \lor c) \land d\} \lor \{a \land d\}) \land d = (z \lor (a \lor c)) \land (b \land d).$ 

 $\begin{aligned} \varphi(x,y) \wedge \varphi(y,z) &= \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b) \colon (x \vee a) \wedge b = (y \vee a) \wedge b, \quad a,b \in L\} \wedge \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(d) \colon (y \vee c) \wedge d = (z \vee c) \wedge d, \quad c,d \in L\} &= \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a) \wedge \mu_{\circ\circ}(c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(d) \colon (x \vee a) \wedge b = (y \vee a) \wedge b, (y \vee c) \wedge d = (z \vee c) \wedge da, b, c, d \in L\} \leq \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a \vee c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b \wedge d) \colon (x \vee (a \vee c)) \wedge (b \wedge d) = ((y \vee (a \vee c)) \wedge (b \wedge d), a, b, c, d \in L\} = \varphi(x, z). \end{aligned}$ 

Hence  $\varphi(x, y) \land \varphi(y, z) \le \varphi(x, z)$ .

4. If  $(x \lor a) \land b = (y \lor a) \land b$ ,  $(z \lor c) \land d = (w \lor c) \land d$ , then after routine work we have got,  $((x \land z) \lor (a \lor c)) \land (b \land d) = ((y \land w) \lor (a \lor c)) \land (b \land d)$ .

 $\begin{aligned} \varphi(x,y) \wedge \varphi(z,w) &= \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b) : (x \vee a) \wedge b = (y \vee a) \wedge b, \ a, b \in L\} \wedge \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(d) : (z \vee c) \wedge d = (w \vee c) \wedge d, \ c, d \in L\} &= \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a) \wedge \mu_{\circ\circ}(c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(d) : (x \vee a) \wedge b = (y \vee a) \wedge b, (z \vee c) \wedge d = (w \vee c) \wedge da, b, c, d \in L\} \leq \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(a \vee c) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(b \wedge d) : ((x \wedge z) \vee (a \vee c)) \wedge (b \wedge d) = ((y \wedge w) \vee (a \vee c)) \wedge (b \wedge d), \ a, b, c, d \in L\} &= \varphi(x \wedge z, y \wedge w). \text{ Hence } \varphi(x, y) \wedge \varphi(z, w) = \varphi(x \wedge z, y \wedge w). \end{aligned}$ 

Similarly  $\varphi(x, y) \land \varphi(z, w) = \varphi(x \lor z, y \lor w)$ . This implies  $\varphi$  is a lattice fuzzy congruence of *L*.

5. Now for every fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of an MS-algebra L,  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j): (x \lor i) \land j = (y \lor i) \land j, \quad i, j \in L\} \le \sup\{\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j): x \land j = x \land (x \lor i) \land j = x \land (y \lor i) \land j, \quad i, j \in L\} = \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq})(x, x \land (y \lor i)).$ 

6. Again,  $\varphi(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (x \lor i) \land j = (y \lor i) \land j, i, j \in L\} \le \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) : (x \land (y \lor i)) \lor i = (x \lor i) \land ((y \lor i) \lor i) = (x \land y) \lor i, i, j \in L\} = \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ})(x \land (y \lor i), x \land y).$ 

From (5) and (6)  $\varphi(x, y) \leq \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq})(x, x \wedge (y \vee i)) \wedge \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ})(x \wedge (y \vee i), x \wedge y)) \leq (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x, x \wedge y).$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Similarly} \quad \varphi(x,y) \leq (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x \wedge y,y). \quad \text{Again} \quad \varphi(x,y) \leq \\ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x,x \wedge y) \wedge (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x \wedge y,y) \leq \\ \sup_{x \wedge y} \{ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x,x \wedge y) \wedge (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x \wedge y,y) \} \leq \\ ((\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ})) \circ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x,y) \leq \\ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x,y) = \overline{\Theta}[\mu](x,y). \\ \text{Conversely,} \qquad \overline{\Theta}(\mu)(x,y) = (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}) \vee \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}))(x,y) = ((\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}) \circ \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(x,y) = ((\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}) \circ \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ$ 

 $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}) \circ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}) \circ \ldots \circ \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ})(x,y) = \sup_{z_1,z_2,z_3,\ldots,z_{2n}} \{ (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ})(x,z_1) \land \overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ}^{\geq})(z_1,z_2) \land (\overline{\Theta}_{lat}(\mu_{\circ\circ}))(z_2,z_3) \land \ldots \} = \{ \mu_{\circ\circ}(i_1) \land \mu_{\circ\circ}(i_2) \land \ldots \mu_{\circ\circ}(i_n) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j_1) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j_2) \land \ldots \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j_n): x \lor i_1 = z_1 \lor i_1, z_1 \land j_1 = z_2 \land j_1, z_2 \lor i_2 = z_3 \lor i_2, z_3 \land \ldots \}$ 

 $\begin{aligned} j_2 &= z_4 \wedge j_2, \dots, \text{ for each } k, i_k, j_k \in L \} \leq \{\mu_{\circ\circ}(\forall i_k) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(\land j_k) : (x \vee \forall i_k) \wedge \land j_k) = (y \vee \forall i_k) \wedge \land j_k \in L \} = \varphi(x, y). \\ \text{Because for each } i_k, j_k \in L, \text{ we have } \forall i_k, \land j_k \in L. \\ & (x \vee \forall i_n) \wedge \land j_n = (z_1 \vee \forall i_n) \wedge \land j_n \\ &= (z_1 \wedge \land j_n) \vee (\forall i_n \wedge \land j_n) \\ &= (z_2 \wedge \land j_n) \vee (\forall i_n \wedge \land j_n) \\ &= (z_2 \vee \forall i_n) \wedge \land j_n \\ &= \dots \\ &= (y \vee \forall i_n) \wedge \land j_n \\ \text{Hence } \overline{\Theta}(\mu)(x, y) = \varphi(x, y). \text{ Therefore } \overline{\Theta}(\mu)(x, y) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (x \vee i) \wedge j = (y \vee i) \wedge j, i, j \in L \} \text{ for any } x, y \in L. \end{aligned}$ 

**Definition 4.6.** A kernel fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of an MS-algebra *L* is a fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of *L* for which there exists a fuzzy congruence  $\phi$  of *L* such that  $\mu = ker\phi$  *i.e.*  $\mu$  is the kernel fuzzy ideal of  $\phi$ , where  $ker\phi(x) = \phi(x, 0)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

**Definition 4.7.** A cokernel fuzzy filter  $\delta$  of an MS-algebra *L* is a fuzzy filter  $\delta$  of *L* for which there exists a fuzzy congruence  $\varphi$  of *L* such that  $\delta = coker\varphi$  *i.e.*  $\delta$  is the cokernel fuzzy filter of  $\varphi$ , where  $coker\varphi(x) = \varphi(x, 1)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** Let  $\mu$  be a kernel fuzzy ideal of an MS-algebra *L*. Then  $\mu = ker\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu]$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** A fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of an MS-algebraL is a kernel fuzzy ideal if and only if

1.  $\mu_{\circ\circ} = \mu$  (i.e  $\mu(i^{\circ\circ}) \ge \mu(i)$ ), for all  $i \in L$ ,

2.  $\mu(x \wedge j) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) \leq \mu(x)$  for all  $x, j \in L$ .

**Proof:** If  $\mu$  is a kernel a fuzzy ideal of fuzzy congruence  $\psi$  on *L*, then for  $\forall x \in L$ ,  $\mu(x) = \psi(x, 0) \le \psi(x^{\circ\circ}, 0) = \mu(x^{\circ\circ}).^*$ 

Now  $\mu_{\circ\circ}(x) = \sup\{\mu(i): i \le x^{\circ\circ}\} \le \mu(x^{\circ\circ}) \le \mu(x)$ . (Since  $\mu$  is an ideal and and by (\*)). Clearly  $\mu \subseteq \mu_{\circ\circ}$ . This implies  $\mu = \mu_{\circ\circ}$ .

For any  $x, j \in L$ ,  $\mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) = \sup\{\mu(i): i^{\circ} \leq j\} = \sup\{\psi(i, 0): i^{\circ} \leq j\} \leq \psi(i^{\circ}, 1) = \psi(i^{\circ}, 1) \leq \psi(j, 1) \leq \psi(j \wedge x, x).$ 

Now  $\mu(x \wedge j) \wedge \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) \leq \psi(j \wedge x, x) \wedge \psi(x \wedge j, 0) \leq \psi(x, 0) = \mu(x)$ . Conversely, suppose that (1) and (2) hold. By Theorem 4.5 for any  $x \in L$ ,

> $\overline{\Theta}[\mu](x,0) = \sup\{\mu_{\circ\circ}(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) : (x \lor i) \land j = i \land j, i, j \in L\}$ =  $\sup\{\mu(i) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) \otimes x \lor i) \land j = i \land j, i, j \in L\} (by (1) \mu_{\circ\circ} = \mu)$  $\leq \mu((x \lor i) \land j) \land \mu_{\circ}^{\geq}(j) for (x \lor i) \land j = i \land j, i, j \in L$  $\leq \mu(x \lor i) by(2)$  $\leq \mu(x)$

This implies  $ker\overline{\Theta}[\mu] \subseteq \mu$ . By Lemma 4.8,  $\mu = ker\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu]$  and  $\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu] \subseteq \overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ , then  $\mu = ker\overline{\Theta}_{lat}[\mu] \subseteq ker\overline{\Theta}[\mu]$ . Hence  $ker\overline{\Theta}[\mu] = \mu$ . Thus  $\mu$  is kernel fuzzy ideal of L.

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