

## ***L*-FUZZY IDEAL DEGREES IN EFFECT ALGEBRAS**

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In this paper, considering  $L$  being a completely distributive lattice, we first introduce the concept of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees in an effect algebra  $E$ , in symbol  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}$ . Further, we characterize  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees by cut sets. Then it is shown that an  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  in  $E$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal if and only if  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top$ , which can be seen as a generalization of fuzzy ideals. Later, we discuss the relations between  $L$ -fuzzy ideals and cut sets ( $L_\beta$ -nested sets and  $L_\alpha$ -nested sets). Finally, we obtain that the  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degree is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity. The morphism between two effect algebras is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity-preserving mapping.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1994, Foulis and Bennett [5] introduced effect algebras to model unsharp quantum logics. We know that the ideals of effect algebras (pseudo-effect algebras) have attracted a lot of attention [13, 39, 42]. Since Zadeh introduced the concept of fuzzy sets, many branches of mathematics were discussed in fuzzy cases [17, 23, 34, 35]. In particular, Liu and Wang [11] proposed the concept of fuzzy ideals for effect algebras in the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Later, Liu [10] introduced and investigated fuzzy ideals and fuzzy filters in pseudo-effect algebras. In order to better study fuzzy sets, cut sets were introduced, which can be seen as a bridge between fuzzy sets and classic sets. The reader is referred to [9, 37] for more information of cut sets.

Many branches of mathematics have the concept of convexities [31], such as vector spaces, metric spaces, lattices, graphs, matroids and so on. At present, for the convex theory, the research has formed a system, as follows: Rosa [24] first proposed the concept of fuzzy convexities, which are called  $L$ -convex structures nowadays [2, 22, 25, 30, 36, 40, 45]. Afterwards, Shi and Xiu [28] gave a new approach to fuzzification of convexity and proposed the concept of  $M$ -fuzzifying convex structures [19, 20, 33]. Later, Shi and Xiu [29] further introduced the definition of  $(L, M)$ -fuzzy convex structures, which provided a more general framework of fuzzy convex structures [21, 43, 44].

Groups, rings and fields are important parts of algebra. Williams, Latha and Chandrasekeran discussed the fuzzification of bi- $\Gamma$ -ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups and studied some properties [38]. Öztürk, Jun and Yazarli introduced a kind of fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ring and discussed

some properties [18]. Malik and Mordeson [14] introduced the concepts of the fuzzy weak direct sum and the fuzzy complete direct sum of fuzzy subrings of commutative rings. Later, Mehmood, Shi and Hayat [16] introduced a new approach to the fuzzification of rings. Further, Mehmood and Shi [15] discussed the *M*-hazy vector spaces over *M*-hazy field. Recently, Shi and Xin [27] gave the concept of *L*-fuzzy subgroup degrees and *L*-fuzzy normal subgroup degrees, which generalized the notion of degrees to which a fuzzy subset is a fuzzy subgroup to *L*-fuzzy setting. Later, Li and Shi [9], Wen et al. [37] characterized *L*-fuzzy convex structures by *L*-convex fuzzy sublattice degrees and *L*-convex degrees on vector spaces, respectively. The *L*-fuzzy convexity is also called the (*L*, *L*)-fuzzy convex structure.

In this paper, considering *L* being a completely distributive lattice, we first introduce the definition of *L*-fuzzy ideal degrees and will characterize (*L*, *L*)-fuzzy convexities by *L*-fuzzy ideal degrees on an effect algebra. If the *L*-fuzzy ideal degree of an *L*-fuzzy subset equals to the maximum element in a lattice, then the *L*-fuzzy subset is an *L*-fuzzy ideal, which can be seen as a generalization of the fuzzy ideal on effect algebras. We further characterize *L*-fuzzy ideal degrees by four types of cut sets. We also discuss the relations between *L*-fuzzy ideals and their cut sets (*L*<sub>β</sub>-nested sets and *L*<sub>α</sub>-nested sets). Finally, we obtain that the *L*-fuzzy ideal degree is an (*L*, *L*)-fuzzy convex structure. The morphism between two effect algebras is an (*L*, *L*)-fuzzy convexity-preserving mapping.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### 2.1. Effect algebras

**Definition 2.1.** (Foulis and Bennett [5]) An effect algebra is a partial algebra  $(E, +, 0, 1)$ , where 0, 1 are two different constants and + is a partial binary operation satisfying the following:

- (E1) If  $x + y$  is defined, then  $y + x$  is also defined, and  $x + y = y + x$ ;
- (E2)  $x + y$  and  $(x + y) + z$  are defined if and only if  $y + z$  and  $x + (y + z)$  are defined, and  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ ;
- (E3) For any  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique  $y \in E$  such that  $x + y$  is defined and  $x + y = 1$ ;
- (E4) If  $x + 1$  is defined, then  $x = 0$ .

We often denote the effect algebra  $(E, +, 0, 1)$  briefly by *E*. For any  $x \in E$ , we denote the unique  $y$  in condition (E3) by  $x'$ . The operation + of an effect algebra  $(E, +, 0, 1)$  can induce a partial order  $\leq$  as follows:  $x \leq y$  if and only if there exists  $z \in E$  such that  $x + z$  is defined and  $x + z = y$ . If  $x + y$  is defined, then it is denoted by  $x \perp y$ .

In order to better understand effect algebras, we give the following examples, which are the most important effect algebras.

**Example 2.2.** (1) Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complete Hilbert space and  $B(\mathcal{H})$  the set of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $E(\mathcal{H}) = \{ A \mid A \in B(\mathcal{H}), 0 \leq A \leq I \}$ . For  $A, B \in E(\mathcal{H})$ , if we define

$$A \perp B \iff A + B \leq I,$$

then  $(E(\mathcal{H}), +, 0, I)$  is an effect algebra.

- (2) Let  $E = [0, 1]$ . For any  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \perp y$  if and only if  $x + y \leq 1$ , then  $(E, +, 0, 1)$  is an effect algebra.

**Definition 2.3.** (Dvurečenskij and Pulmannová [3]) Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two effect algebras. A mapping  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is called a morphism provided that

- (M1)  $f(1_E) = 1_F$ ;
- (M2) If  $x, y \in E$  and  $x \perp y$ , then  $f(x) \perp f(y)$  and  $f(x) + f(y) = f(x + y)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** (Dvurečenskij and Pulmannová [3]) Let  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be a morphism between two effect algebras. Then

- (1)  $f$  is order-preserving, i. e.,  $x \leq y$  implies  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in E$ ;
- (2)  $f(x') = f(x)'$  for all  $x \in E$ .

**Definition 2.5.** (Dvurečenskij and Pulmannová [3]) Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two effect algebras. A morphism  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is called a monomorphism provided that  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  implies  $x \leq y$  for all  $x, y \in E$ .

**Definition 2.6.** (Dvurečenskij and Pulmannová [3]) Let  $E$  be an effect algebra. A nonempty subset  $I$  of  $E$  is said to be an ideal provided that

- (I1) If  $x \in I$  and  $y \in E$  with  $y \leq x$ , then  $y \in I$ ;
- (I2) If  $x, y \in I$  and  $x \perp y$ , then  $x + y \in I$ .

### 2.2. Cut sets and $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexities

A partially ordered set  $(L, \leq)$  [1] is said to be a lattice if any two elements  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $L$  have a smallest upper bound, denoted by  $\lambda \vee \mu$ , as well as a greatest lower bound, denoted by  $\lambda \wedge \mu$ . Let  $(L, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $\Lambda \subseteq L$  be a nonempty subset. If for any  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$ , there always exists  $\theta \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq \theta$  and  $\mu \leq \theta$ , then  $\Lambda$  is called upward directed.

Let  $L$  be a lattice. If for any  $B \subseteq L$ ,  $\bigvee B$  and  $\bigwedge B$  exist, then  $L$  is called a complete lattice. An element  $\lambda$  in a complete lattice  $L$  is said to be a prime element if  $\mu \wedge \theta \leq \lambda$  implies  $\mu \leq \lambda$  or  $\theta \leq \lambda$ . An element  $\lambda$  is said to be co-prime if  $\lambda \leq \mu \vee \theta$  implies  $\lambda \leq \mu$  or  $\lambda \leq \theta$  [6]. Every complete lattice is always a bounded lattice such that the unit is the top element and the zero is the bottom element. The set of non-unit prime elements in  $L$  is denoted by  $P(L)$ . The set of non-zero co-prime elements in  $L$  is denoted by  $J(L)$ .

The binary relation  $\prec$  in a complete lattice  $L$  is defined as follows: for  $\lambda, \mu \in L$ ,  $\lambda \prec \mu$  if and only if for any subset  $A \subseteq L$ , such that  $\mu \leq \bigvee A$  implies  $\lambda \leq \theta$  for some  $\theta \in A$  [4]. The set  $\{ \lambda \mid \lambda \prec \mu \}$  is said to be the greatest minimal family of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\beta(\mu)$  [32]. Moreover, for any  $\mu \in L$ , we define  $\alpha(\mu) = \{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \prec^{op} \mu \}$ . A complete lattice  $L$  is a completely distributive lattice if and only if  $\mu = \bigvee \beta(\mu) = \bigwedge \alpha(\mu)$  for all  $\mu \in L$  [32]. In a completely distributive lattice  $L$ ,  $\alpha$  is an  $\wedge$ - $\cup$  mapping and  $\beta$  is a union-preserving

mapping. There also exists an implication operator  $\rightarrow: L \times L \rightarrow L$  as the right adjoint for the meet operator  $\wedge$ , which is defined by

$$\lambda \rightarrow \mu = \bigvee \left\{ \theta \in L \mid \lambda \wedge \theta \leq \mu \right\},$$

for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L$ .

In this paper, if not otherwise specified, we always assume that  $L$  is a completely distributive lattice, the smallest element and the largest element in  $L$  are denoted by  $\perp$  and  $\top$ , respectively.

**Lemma 2.7.** (Höhle and Šostak [8]) Let  $L$  be a completely distributive lattice and the operation  $\rightarrow$  be the implication operator corresponding to  $\wedge$ . For any  $\lambda, \mu, \theta \in L$  and  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq L$ , then the following statements hold:

- (1)  $\top \rightarrow \lambda = \lambda$ ;
- (2)  $\lambda \leq \theta \rightarrow \mu \iff \lambda \wedge \theta \leq \mu$ ;
- (3)  $\lambda \rightarrow \mu = \top \iff \lambda \leq \mu$ ;
- (4)  $\lambda \rightarrow \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} \lambda_i \right) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_i)$ , hence  $\lambda \rightarrow \mu \leq \lambda \rightarrow \theta$  whenever  $\mu \leq \theta$ ;
- (5)  $\left( \bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i \right) \rightarrow \mu = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (\lambda_i \rightarrow \mu)$ , hence  $\lambda \rightarrow \mu \leq \theta \rightarrow \mu$  whenever  $\theta \leq \lambda$ ;
- (6)  $(\lambda \rightarrow \mu) \wedge (\mu \rightarrow \theta) \leq \lambda \rightarrow \theta$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** (Li and Shi [9], Wen et al. [37]) Let  $L$  be a completely distributive lattice and  $\lambda, \mu \in L$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ;
- (2) for any  $\delta \in J(L)$ ,  $\delta \leq \lambda$  implies  $\delta \leq \mu$ ;
- (3) for any  $\delta \in P(L)$ ,  $\lambda \not\leq \delta$  implies  $\mu \not\leq \delta$ ;
- (4) for any  $\delta \in \beta(\top)$ ,  $\delta \in \beta(\lambda)$  implies  $\delta \in \beta(\mu)$ ;
- (5) for any  $\delta \in \alpha(\perp)$ ,  $\delta \notin \alpha(\lambda)$  implies  $\delta \notin \alpha(\mu)$ .

In what follows, we will recall some famous examples of t-norms on interval  $[0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.9.** (1) The minimum t-norm  $x * y = x \wedge y$ . The corresponding implication is defined by

$$x \rightarrow y = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq y; \\ y, & x > y. \end{cases}$$

(2) The product t-norm  $x * y = x \cdot y$ . The corresponding implication is defined by

$$x \rightarrow y = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq y; \\ y/x, & x > y. \end{cases}$$

- (3) The Łukasiewicz t-norm  $x * y = \max\{x + y - 1, 0\}$ . The corresponding implication is defined by  $x \rightarrow y = \min\{1, 1 - x + y\}$ .

An  $L$ -fuzzy subset [7] of a set  $X$  is a mapping from  $X$  to  $L$ , and the family of all  $L$ -fuzzy subsets on  $X$  will be denoted by  $L^X$ , called the  $L$ -power set of  $X$ .  $\top_X$  and  $\perp_X$  denote the largest element and the smallest element in  $L^X$ , respectively.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping between two nonempty sets. Define  $f_L^\rightarrow : L^X \rightarrow L^Y$  and  $f_L^\leftarrow : L^Y \rightarrow L^X$  by

$$f_L^\rightarrow(A)(y) = \bigvee_{f(x)=y} A(x) \quad \text{and} \quad f_L^\leftarrow(B)(x) = B(f(x)),$$

for all  $A \in L^X, B \in L^Y, x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then the  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $f_L^\rightarrow(A)$  is called the image of  $A$  under  $f$ , and  $f_L^\leftarrow(B)$  the preimage of  $B$ .

If  $L$  is a completely distributive lattice, then we can define

$$A_{[\lambda]} = \{x \in X \mid A(x) \geq \lambda\}, \quad A^{(\lambda)} = \{x \in X \mid A(x) \not\leq \lambda\},$$

$$A_{(\lambda)} = \{x \in X \mid \lambda \in \beta(A(x))\}, \quad A^{[\lambda]} = \{x \in X \mid \lambda \notin \alpha(A(x))\},$$

for all  $A \in L^X$  and  $\lambda \in L$ .

In [29], Shi and Xiu introduced the notion of  $(L, M)$ -fuzzy convexities. When  $L = M$ , we called it  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convex structure. In what follows, we will recall it.

**Definition 2.10.** A mapping  $\mathfrak{C} : L^X \rightarrow L$  is said to be an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convex structure on  $X$  if it satisfies the following three conditions:

(C1)  $\mathfrak{C}(\top_X) = \mathfrak{C}(\perp_X) = \top$ ;

(C2) If  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq L^X$ , then  $\mathfrak{C}(\bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{C}(A_i)$ ;

(C3) If  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq L^X$  is nonempty and upward directed, then  $\mathfrak{C}(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{C}(A_i)$ .

If  $\mathfrak{C}$  is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convex structure on  $X$ , then  $(X, \mathfrak{C})$  is said to be an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity space. Every  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convex structure on  $X$  is also called an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{C}_x)$  and  $(Y, \mathfrak{C}_y)$  be two  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity spaces. Then a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- (1) an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity-preserving mapping if  $\mathfrak{C}_x(f_L^\leftarrow(B)) \geq \mathfrak{C}_y(B)$  for all  $B \in L^Y$ ;
- (2) an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convex-to-convex mapping if  $\mathfrak{C}_y(f_L^\rightarrow(A)) \geq \mathfrak{C}_x(A)$  for all  $A \in L^X$ .

### 3. $L$ -FUZZY IDEAL DEGREES

In this section, we will introduce the concept of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees and investigate it by cut sets, further discuss some properties of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees from the perspective of convexity. If not otherwise specified,  $E$  denotes an effect algebra and  $L$  is a completely distributive lattice with  $\rightarrow$  (implication operator) corresponding to  $\wedge$  (lattice infimum).

### 3.1. *L*-fuzzy ideal degrees

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an *L*-fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then the *L*-fuzzy ideal degree  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$  of  $A$  is defined by

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \left( A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \right) \wedge \left( A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w) \right).$$

It is obvious that the  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}$  is a mapping from  $L^E$  to  $L$ . In [11], authors proposed the concept of *L*-fuzzy ideals with  $L = [0, 1]$ , which are said to be fuzzy ideals.

A mapping  $A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a fuzzy ideal of an effect algebra  $E$  provided that

(III1)  $A(y) \leq A(x)$  if  $x \leq y$ ;

(III2)  $A(x) \wedge A(y) \leq A(x + y)$  if  $x \perp y$ ,

for all  $x, y \in E$ .

In what follows, we will generalize the concept of fuzzy ideals from  $[0,1]$  to a lattice.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$  an *L*-fuzzy ideal degree of an *L*-fuzzy subset  $A$  in  $E$ . If  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top$ , then the  $A$  is called an *L*-fuzzy ideal.

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$  an *L*-fuzzy ideal degree of an *L*-fuzzy subset  $A$  in  $E$ . If  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top$ , then

$$(A(y) \rightarrow A(x)) \wedge (A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w)) = \top,$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . It follows that

$$A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w),$$

for  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . Hence, we could obtain that *L*-fuzzy ideals can be seen as generalizations of fuzzy ideals from  $[0,1]$  to a lattice  $L$ .

In the sequel, we will give some examples of *L*-fuzzy ideal degrees.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $E = \{0, x, x', 1\}$  with  $0 \leq x \leq x' \leq 1$ ,  $x + x' = 1$  be an effect algebra.

(1) Let  $A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be an *L*-fuzzy subset with a minimum t-norm in  $L = [0, 1]$ .

If  $A$  is a constant value mapping on  $E$ , then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top.$$

In this case, for any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , the *L*-fuzzy subset  $A$  satisfies

$$A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Hence, the *L*-fuzzy subset  $A$  is an *L*-fuzzy ideal.

(2) Let  $A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset with a minimum t-norm in  $L = [0, 1]$ .

$$A = \frac{0.1}{0} + \frac{0.3}{x} + \frac{0.7}{x'} + \frac{1}{1}.$$

We obtain  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = 0.1$  and  $A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$  if  $z \perp w$ . Since  $x \leq x'$ , but we have

$$A(x') = 0.7 \not\leq 0.3 = A(x).$$

Hence, the  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  is not an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal.

(3) Let  $A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset with a minimum t-norm in  $L = [0, 1]$ .

$$A = \frac{1}{0} + \frac{0.7}{x} + \frac{0.3}{x'} + \frac{0.1}{1}.$$

We obtain  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = 0.1$  with  $A(y) \leq A(z)$  if  $z \leq y$ . Since  $x + x' = 1$ , but we have

$$A(x) \wedge A(x') = 0.7 \wedge 0.3 \not\leq 0.1 = A(1).$$

Hence, the  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  is not an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal.

(4) Let  $A : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset with a minimum t-norm in  $L = [0, 1]$ .

$$A = \frac{0}{0} + \frac{0.7}{x} + \frac{1}{x'} + \frac{0.3}{1}.$$

We obtain  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \perp$ . In this case, we have  $0 \leq x$  and  $x + x' = 1$ . But

$$A(x) = 0.7 \not\leq 0 = A(0) \text{ and } A(x) \wedge A(x') = 0.7 \wedge 1 \not\leq 0.3 = A(1).$$

Hence, the  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  is not an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ .

(1) If  $A(x) = \top$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top$ ;

(2) If  $A(x) = \perp$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \top$ .

*Proof.* It is easy and omitted. □

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . For any  $\lambda \in L$ ,  $\lambda \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$  if and only if for any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , then

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

*Proof.* Necessity: Take any  $\lambda \in L$ . If  $\lambda \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$ , then

$$\lambda \leq \bigwedge_{\substack{x, y, z, w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \left( A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \right) \wedge \left( A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w) \right).$$

Hence, it follows that

$$\lambda \leq (A(y) \rightarrow A(x)) \wedge (A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w)),$$

which means

$$\lambda \leq A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \leq A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ .

Sufficiency: Take any  $\lambda \in L$ . For any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , by the assumption, we have

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Then it follows that

$$\lambda \leq A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \leq A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w),$$

which means

$$\lambda \leq (A(y) \rightarrow A(x)) \wedge (A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w)),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . That is to say, we obtain

$$\lambda \leq \bigwedge_{\substack{x, y, z, w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} (A(y) \rightarrow A(x)) \wedge (A(z) \wedge A(w) \rightarrow A(z + w)),$$

as desired. □

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Take any  $t \in L$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} t \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &\iff t \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } t \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x, y, z, w \in E \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{with } x \leq y \text{ and } z \perp w \text{ (by Lemma 3.6)} \\ &\implies t \leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \forall x \leq y, z \perp w \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, assume that

$$t \leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \forall x \leq y, z \perp w \right\}.$$



For any  $\alpha \prec t$ , it follows from the definition of binary relation  $\prec$  that  $\alpha \leq \lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in L$  satisfying

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w),$$

for all  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . Then we know

$$\alpha \leq \lambda \leq A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \text{ and } \alpha \leq \lambda \leq (A(z) \wedge A(w)) \rightarrow A(z + w),$$

for all  $\alpha \in L$  with  $\alpha \prec t$ . By  $t = \bigvee \{ \alpha \in L \mid \alpha \prec t \}$ , we know

$$t \leq A(y) \rightarrow A(x) \text{ and } t \leq (A(z) \wedge A(w)) \rightarrow A(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . That is to say,

$$t \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } t \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.6 that  $t \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A)$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\},$$

as desired. □

In the following, cut sets of  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  may be empty. If cut sets of  $A$  are empty, then we still consider the empty set as a special ideal of  $E$ , when we discuss that cut sets of  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  are ideals. That is to say, the empty set is a special ideal of  $E$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \leq \lambda, A_{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $A_{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$  for  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . Take any  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \leq y$ . Let  $\theta = \lambda \wedge A(y)$ . Then we have  $\theta \leq \lambda$  and  $\theta \leq A(y)$ , which imply  $y \in A_{[\theta]}$ . By the assumption, we know that  $A_{[\theta]}$  is an ideal of  $E$ . Then it shows that

$$x \in A_{[\theta]},$$

which means  $\theta \leq A(x)$ . It follows that

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x).$$

Similarly, for any  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ , we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Hence, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\geq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \leq \lambda, A_{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$  and  $\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$  and  $x \leq y$ . For any  $\mu \leq \lambda$ , we need to prove  $A_{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$ .

(I1) If  $y \in A_{[\mu]}$  with  $x \leq y$ , then  $\mu \leq A(y)$ . It implies that

$$\mu \leq \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x).$$

Then it follows that  $x \in A_{[\mu]}$ .

(I2) If  $z, w \in A_{[\mu]}$  and  $z \perp w$ , then

$$\mu \leq \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Hence, it follows that

$$z + w \in A_{[\mu]}.$$

That is to say,  $A_{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$ . Then it implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \leq \lambda, A_{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \mu \notin \alpha(\lambda), A^{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$  and  $\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . For  $\mu \notin \alpha(\lambda)$ , we need to prove that  $A^{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$ .

(I1) If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \in A^{[\mu]}$ , then  $\mu \notin \alpha(A(y))$ . It follows from

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$$

that

$$\alpha(A(x)) \subseteq \alpha(\lambda \wedge A(y)) = \alpha(\lambda) \cup \alpha(A(y)),$$

which means  $\mu \notin \alpha(A(x))$ . Hence, we obtain  $x \in A^{[\mu]}$ .

(I2) If  $z, w \in A^{[\mu]}$  and  $z \perp w$ , then

$$\mu \notin \alpha(A(z)) \cup \alpha(A(w)) \cup \alpha(\lambda) = \alpha(\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w)).$$

It follows from

$$\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$$

that

$$\alpha(A(z + w)) \subseteq \alpha(\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w)).$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\mu \notin \alpha(A(z + w)).$$

Then it follows that  $z + w \in A^{[\mu]}$ , which means

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y \leq A(x)), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \mu \notin \alpha(\lambda), A^{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that  $A^{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$  for  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\mu \notin \alpha(\lambda)$ . In the sequel, for any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , we need to prove

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Suppose that  $\mu \notin \alpha(\lambda \wedge A(y))$ . It follows from

$$\alpha(\lambda \wedge A(y)) = \alpha(\lambda) \cup \alpha(A(y))$$

that

$$\mu \notin \alpha(\lambda) \text{ and } \mu \notin \alpha(A(y)).$$

It implies that  $y \in A^{[\mu]}$ . By the assumption, we know that  $A^{[\mu]}$  is an ideal of  $E$ , which means  $x \in A^{[\mu]}$ . Then it follows that

$$\mu \notin \alpha(A(x)).$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x).$$

Similarly, for any  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ , we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Then it shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\geq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \mu \notin \alpha(\lambda), A^{[\mu]} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  be an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in P(L), \lambda \not\leq \mu, A^{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$  and  $\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . If  $\mu \in P(L)$  and  $\lambda \not\leq \mu$ , then we need to prove that  $A^{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$ .

Assume that  $y \in A^{(\mu)}$ . If  $x \notin A^{(\mu)}$ , then  $A(x) \leq \mu$ . It follows from

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$$

that

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq \mu.$$

By  $\mu \in P(L)$  and  $y \in A^{(\mu)}$ , i. e.,  $A(y) \not\leq \mu$ , we have  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . This is a contradiction. Hence, it follows that

$$x \in A^{(\mu)}.$$

Similarly, for any  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ , we obtain

$$z, w \in A^{(\mu)} \text{ implies } z + w \in A^{(\mu)}.$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in P(L), \lambda \not\leq \mu, A^{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that  $A^{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$  for  $\lambda \in L$  and  $\mu \in P(L)$  with  $\lambda \not\leq \mu$ . In what follows, for any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , we need to prove

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

For any  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \leq y$ , let  $\mu \in P(L)$  and  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \not\leq \mu$ . Then we have

$$\lambda \not\leq \mu \text{ and } A(y) \not\leq \mu.$$

It follows that  $y \in A^{(\mu)}$ . By the assumption, we know  $A^{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$ , then  $x \in A^{(\mu)}$ . Further, it implies that

$$A(x) \not\leq \mu.$$

Hence, we have

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x).$$

Similarly, for any  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ , we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\geq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in P(L), \lambda \not\leq \mu, A^{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . If  $\beta(\lambda \wedge \mu) = \beta(\lambda) \cap \beta(\mu)$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L$ , then

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) = \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in \beta(\lambda), A_{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\lambda \in L$  such that  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$  and  $\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w)$  for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ . For any  $\mu \in \beta(\lambda)$ , we need to prove that  $A_{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$ .

(I1) If  $y \in A_{(\mu)}$  and  $x \leq y$ , then

$$\mu \in \beta(A(y)) \cap \beta(\lambda) = \beta(A(y) \wedge \lambda) \subseteq \beta(A(x)).$$

It follows that  $x \in A_{(\mu)}$ .

(I2) If  $z, w \in A_{(\mu)}$  and  $z \perp w$ , then

$$\mu \in \beta(A(z)) \cap \beta(A(w)) \cap \beta(\lambda) = \beta(A(z) \wedge A(w) \wedge \lambda) \subseteq \beta(A(z + w)).$$

Hence, we obtain

$$z + w \in A_{(\mu)}.$$

Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\leq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in \beta(\lambda), A_{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that  $A_{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$  for  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\mu \in \beta(\lambda)$ . For any  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ , we need to prove

$$\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

(i) Assume that  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \leq y$ . Let  $\mu \in \beta(\lambda \wedge A(y))$ . Then it follows from

$$\beta(\lambda \wedge A(y)) = \beta(A(y)) \cap \beta(\lambda)$$

that

$$\mu \in \beta(\lambda) \text{ and } \mu \in \beta(A(y)).$$

It implies  $y \in A_{(\mu)}$ . By the assumption, we know that  $A_{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$ . Then it shows  $x \in A_{(\mu)}$ . Hence, we have

$$\mu \in \beta(A(x)).$$

It follows that  $\lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x)$ .

(ii) Assume that  $z, w \in E$  and  $z \perp w$ . Let  $\mu \in \beta(\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w))$ . It follows from

$$\beta(\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w)) = \beta(\lambda) \cap \beta(A(z)) \cap \beta(A(w))$$

that

$$\mu \in \beta(\lambda), \mu \in \beta(A(z)) \text{ and } \mu \in \beta(A(w)).$$

It implies that

$$z, w \in A_{(\mu)}.$$

By the assumption, we know that  $A_{(\mu)}$  is an ideal of  $E$  and  $z \perp w$ . Then it shows that

$$z + w \in A_{(\mu)},$$

which means  $\mu \in \beta(A(z + w))$ . It follows that

$$\lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w).$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A) &= \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \lambda \wedge A(y) \leq A(x), \lambda \wedge A(z) \wedge A(w) \leq A(z + w), \text{ for any } x \leq y, z \perp w \right\} \\ &\geq \bigvee \left\{ \lambda \in L \mid \forall \mu \in \beta(\lambda), A_{(\mu)} \text{ is an ideal of } E \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

Zhang [41] discussed the relations between fuzzy ideals and fuzzy filters in dual effect algebras. Liu [10], Liu and Wang [11] studied the connections between a fuzzy filter  $\mathcal{F}$  and its cut sets  $\mathcal{F}_{[\lambda]}$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  in effect algebras and pseudo-effect algebras, respectively. In the sequel, on one hand, we investigate  $L$ -fuzzy ideals by cut sets  $A_{[\lambda]}$  for all  $\lambda \in L$ , which generalizes the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  to a lattice  $L$ . On the other hand, we characterize  $L$ -fuzzy ideals by another three kinds of cut sets. In particular, we think that the empty set is a special ideal of an effect algebra  $E$ . By [9, 37], we obtain the following corollaries immediately.

**Corollary 3.12.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal of  $E$ ;
- (2) for every  $\lambda \in L$ ,  $A_{[\lambda]}$  is an ideal;
- (3) for every  $\lambda \in J(L)$ ,  $A_{[\lambda]}$  is an ideal;
- (4) for every  $\lambda \in L$ ,  $A^{[\lambda]}$  is an ideal;
- (5) for every  $\lambda \in P(L)$ ,  $A^{[\lambda]}$  is an ideal;
- (6) for every  $\lambda \in P(L)$ ,  $A^{(\lambda)}$  is an ideal.

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $A$  an  $L$ -fuzzy subset in  $E$ . Then the following statements are equivalent when  $\beta(\lambda \wedge \mu) = \beta(\lambda) \cap \beta(\mu)$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in L$ .

- (1)  $A$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal of  $E$ ;
- (2) for every  $\lambda \in J(L)$ ,  $A_{(\lambda)}$  is an ideal;
- (3) for every  $\lambda \in L$ ,  $A_{(\lambda)}$  is an ideal.

In what follows, we will characterize  $L$ -fuzzy ideals by  $L_\beta$ -nested sets and  $L_\alpha$ -nested sets. We also can refer to [12, 26] for more information on nested sets. By [26], we can immediately obtain the following Theorems 3.14 and 3.15.

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $\{A(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in L\}$  be an  $L_\beta$ -nest of ideals of  $E$ . Then there exists an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal  $A$  such that

- (1)  $A_{(\lambda)} \subseteq A(\lambda) \subseteq A_{[\lambda]}$  for all  $\lambda \in L$ ;
- (2)  $A_{(\lambda)} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \beta(\nu)} A(\nu)$  for all  $\lambda \in L$ ;
- (3)  $A_{[\nu]} = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \beta(\nu)} A(\lambda)$  for all  $\nu \in L$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $\{A(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in L\}$  be an  $L_\alpha$ -nest of ideals of  $E$ . Then there exists an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal  $A$  such that

- (1)  $A^{(\lambda)} \subseteq A(\lambda) \subseteq A^{[\lambda]}$  for all  $\lambda \in L$ ;
- (2)  $A^{(\lambda)} = \bigcup_{\nu \in \alpha(\lambda)} A(\nu)$  for all  $\lambda \in P(L)$ ;
- (3)  $A^{[\lambda]} = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \alpha(\nu)} A(\nu)$  for all  $\lambda \in P(L)$ .

### 3.2. $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexities are induced by $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees

In this subsection, we will characterize convex properties of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees. By morphisms between effect algebras, we obtain one kind of mappings between convexity spaces. Firstly, we will investigate the structural properties of convexity spaces by  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees.

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $E$  be an effect algebra and  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}$  an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degree. Then  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}$  is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity on  $E$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.5, we only need to prove (C2) and (C3).

(C2) Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of  $L$ -fuzzy subsets in  $E$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_{ei} \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i \right) &= \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i(y) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i(x) \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i(z) \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i(w) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i \in I} A_i(z+w) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \bigwedge_{i \in I} \left( \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(y) \rightarrow A_i(x) \right) \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in I} \left( \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(z) \wedge \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(w) \rightarrow A_i(z+w) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \bigwedge_{j \in I} \left( \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(y) \rightarrow A_i(x) \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(z) \wedge \bigwedge_{j \in I} A_j(w) \rightarrow A_i(z+w) \right) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{\substack{i \in I \\ x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} \left( A_i(y) \rightarrow A_i(x) \right) \wedge \left( A_i(z) \wedge A_i(w) \rightarrow A_i(z+w) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A_i). \end{aligned}$$

**(C3)** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an upward directed family of *L*-fuzzy subsets in *E*. Then we need to prove

$$\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A_i).$$

Take any  $\lambda \in L$  with  $\lambda \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A_i)$ . Then it follows that  $\lambda \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A_i)$  for all  $i \in I$ . By Lemma 3.6, we know

$$\lambda \wedge A_i(y) \leq A_i(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge A_i(z) \wedge A_i(w) \leq A_i(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y, z \perp w$  and  $i \in I$ . In what follows, we need to prove

$$\lambda \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(y)) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(x) \text{ and } \lambda \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z)) \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(w)) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z + w),$$

for all  $x, y, z, w \in E$  with  $x \leq y$  and  $z \perp w$ .

For any  $\eta \prec \lambda \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z)) \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(w))$ , there exist  $i \in I$  and  $j \in I$  such that

$$\eta \leq A_i(z), \eta \leq A_j(w) \text{ and } \eta \leq \lambda.$$

Since  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is upward directed, there exists  $k \in I$  such that  $A_i \leq A_k$  and  $A_j \leq A_k$ . Then it follows that

$$A_i(z) \leq A_k(z) \text{ and } A_j(w) \leq A_k(w),$$

which means that

$$\eta \leq \lambda \wedge A_k(z) \wedge A_k(w) \leq A_k(z + w) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z + w),$$

for all  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z)) \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(w)) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(z + w),$$

for all  $z, w \in E$  with  $z \perp w$ . Similarly, we obtain

$$\lambda \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(y)) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i(x),$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \leq y$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.6 that

$$\lambda \leq \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i),$$

which implies  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(A_i)$ . Hence, we obtain that  $\mathfrak{D}_{ei}$  is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity, as desired. □



**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two effect algebras and  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be an effect algebra morphism. Then  $f : (E, \mathfrak{D}_{ei}) \rightarrow (F, \mathfrak{D}_{fi})$  is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity-preserving mapping.

*Proof.* Take any  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  in  $F$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{D}_{ei}(f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} (f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)(y) \rightarrow f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)(x)) \wedge (f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)(z) \wedge f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)(w) \rightarrow f_L^{\leftarrow}(A)(z+w)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\substack{x,y,z,w \in E \\ z \perp w, x \leq y}} (A(f(y)) \rightarrow A(f(x))) \wedge (A(f(z)) \wedge A(f(w)) \rightarrow A(f(z)+f(w))) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{\substack{x_1,y_1,z_1,w_1 \in F \\ z_1 \perp w_1, x_1 \leq y_1}} (A(y_1) \rightarrow A(x_1)) \wedge (A(z_1) \wedge A(w_1) \rightarrow A(z_1+w_1)) \\ &= \mathfrak{D}_{fi}(A). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain that  $f$  is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity-preserving mapping, as desired.  $\square$

In the sequel, we will discuss the relations between  $L$ -fuzzy ideals and their inverse images by  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two effect algebras and  $f : E \rightarrow F$  a monomorphism. If  $B$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal of  $F$ , then  $f_L^{\leftarrow}(B)$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy ideal of  $E$ .

*Proof.* It can be obtained from Theorem 3.17.  $\square$

**Remark 3.19.** In this paper, we first introduce the concept of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees and further investigate it. In order to highlight the idea of fuzzy mathematics, we discuss  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees, which emphasize the ideal of many-valued logics. The concept can reveal essential characterizations of different mathematical structures. There are some papers for different mathematical structures on degrees of mathematical structures, such as [9, 27, 37, 44] and (Y.-Y. Dong, F.-G. Shi,  $L$ -fuzzy Sub-Effect Algebras).

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, considering  $L$  being a completely distributive lattice, we first introduce the concept of  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees. Then, we characterize  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees by four types of cut sets. By  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degrees, we could give the concept of  $L$ -fuzzy ideals, which can be seen as generalizations of fuzzy ideals. We also discuss the relations between  $L$ -fuzzy ideals and cut sets ( $L_\beta$ -nested sets and  $L_\alpha$ -nested sets). Finally, we obtain that the  $L$ -fuzzy ideal degree is an  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity. These morphisms between effect algebras are  $(L, L)$ -fuzzy convexity-preserving mappings.

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