

# L-Multialgebras and P-fuzzy Congruences

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## **Abstract**

The purpose of this note is the study of  $L$ -multialgebras and fuzzy congruences of multialgebras. In this regards first the notion of a  $L$ -multialgebras are introduced and studied and then the notion of a  $P$ -fuzzy relations on multialgebra are given and is applied to introduce the notion of  $P$ -fuzzy congruence of multialgebras. Finally, the lattices of  $P$ -fuzzy (resp. strong) congruences of multialgebras is constructed and and it is shown that is complete.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of a hypergroup was introduced by F. Marty [22]. Since then many researchers studied in this field and developed; for example [10, 11, 27]. Several aspects of homomorphisms, subalgebras and subdirect decompositions of relational systems of multialgebras ( hyperalgebra) developed in [23], [24] by Picket and in [16] by Hansoul. In [26] D. Schweigert studied the congruence of multialgebras. Ameri and Zahedi introduced the notion of hyperalgebraic systems [1].

As it is well known Zadeh in 1965 [28] introduced the notion of a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a nonempty set  $X$  as a function from  $X$  to unite real interval  $I = [0, 1]$ . J.E. Goguen in [15] replace  $I$  by a complete lattice  $L$  in the definition of fuzzy sets and introduced the notion of  $L$ -fuzzy sets.

Rosenfeld defined the concept of a fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  [21]. and since then many researchers have worked in this area. Zahedi and others introduced and studied the fuzzy hyperalge-

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braic structures ( for example [2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 25]). The purpose of this note is the study of  $L$ -multialgebras and fuzzy congruences of multialgebras. We introduce the notion of  $L$ -multialgebras, as a generalization of multialgebras and fuzzy algebraic systems investigate the basic properties of  $L$ -multialgebras. Then we introduce notion of  $P$ -relation and apply it to introducing the notions of  $P$ -fuzzy congruence of multialgebras. Then we give the basic results of these notions. In particular, we show that the set of all  $P$ -fuzzy congruences on a given multialgebra via natural order, forms a complete lattice.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section we gather all definitions and simple properties we require of hyperstructures and fuzzy subsets and set the notions. In the sequel  $H$  is a fixed nonvoid set,  $P^*(H)$  is the family of all nonvoid subsets of  $H$ , and for a positive integer  $n$  we denote for  $H^n$  the set of  $n$ -tuples over  $H$  (for more see [1]).

For a positive integer  $n$  a  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  on  $H$  is a function  $\beta : H^n \rightarrow P^*(H)$ . We say that  $n$  the *arity* of  $\beta$ . A subset  $S$  of  $H$  is *closed* under the  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  if  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in S^n$

implies that  $\beta(x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq S$ . A nullary hyperoperation on  $H$  is just an element of  $P^*(H)$ ; i.e. a nonvoid subset of  $H$ .

An  $n$ -ary relation on  $H$  is a subset of  $H^n$ . We also say that the arity of  $\rho$  is  $n$ . Orders and equivalence relations on  $H$  are the best examples of binary (i.e. 2-ary) relations on  $H$ . Henceforth sometimes we use hyperoperation instead of the  $n$ -ary hyperoperation. A hyperalgebraic system  $\langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I), (\alpha_j | j \in J) \rangle$  is the set  $H$  with together a collection  $(\beta_i, | i \in I)$  of hyperoperations on  $H$  and a collections  $(\alpha_j | j \in J)$  of relations on  $H$ .  $\langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  is called a hyperoperational system or a multialgebra. Notice the set  $\langle H, (\alpha_j | j \in J) \rangle$  is called a relational system.

A subset  $S$  of a multialgebra  $H = \langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  is a submultialgebra of  $H$  if for all  $i \in I$ , each hyperoperation  $\beta_i$  is closed on  $S$ , that is  $\beta_i(a_1, \dots, a_n) \subseteq S$ , whenever  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in S^n$ . The type of  $H$  is the map from  $I$  into the set  $N$  of nonnegative integers assigning to each  $i \in I$  the arity of  $\beta_i$ .

Let  $\rho$  be an  $h$ -ary relation on  $H$ . Extended  $\rho$  to  $P^*(H)$  in two ways. Let  $A_1, \dots, A_h \in P^*(H)$  be arbitrary. Then

1) Set  $(A_1, \dots, A_h) \in \bar{\rho}$  if  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_h \subseteq \rho$ ; i.e. if  $(a_1, \dots, a_h) \in \rho$  whenever  $a_i \in A_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, h$ .

2) For  $h > 1$  set  $(A_1 \times, \dots, \times A_h) \in \bar{\rho}$  if for every  $1 \leq j \leq h$  and all

$a_i \in A_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, h, i \neq j$  we have  $(a_1, \dots, a_h) \in \rho$  for some  $a_j \in A$ . For  $h = 1$  (if  $\rho \subseteq H$ ) set  $\bar{\rho} = \overline{\bar{\rho}} (= P^*(\rho))$ .

For example, let  $h = 2$ , let  $\rho$  be an equivalence relation on  $H$  and let  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq H$ . Then  $(A_1, A_2) \subseteq \bar{\rho}$  if and only if  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq B$  for a block (also called equivalence class) of  $\rho$ , while  $(A_1, A_2) \in \bar{\rho}$  if the set  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  meet exactly the same blocks of  $\rho$ ; in other words, if both sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  have the same hull in  $\rho$ .

An  $h$ -ary relation  $\rho$  on  $H$  is *strongly compatible* with an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  on  $H$  if either (i)  $n > 0$  and for every  $h \times n$  matrix  $M = [m_{ij}]$  over  $H$  whose column vectors are all in  $\rho$ , the values of  $\beta$  on the rows of  $M$  form an  $h$ -tuple in  $\rho$ ; explicitly if  $(m_{1j}, \dots, m_{hj}) \in \rho$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , implies

$$(\beta(m_{11}, \dots, m_{1n}), \dots, \beta(m_{h1}, \dots, m_{hn})) \in \bar{\rho} \quad (1)$$

or

(ii)  $n = 0$  and  $(\beta, \dots, \beta) \in \bar{\rho}$  (where  $\beta \in P^*(H)$  is the value of  $\beta$ ). Strong compatibility was introduced in [10]. If we replace  $\bar{\rho}$  by  $\bar{\rho}$  we obtain the notion of compatibility ([22] for equivalence relation and independently [1] for  $h = 1, 2$ ).

A binary relation  $\rho$  on a set  $M$  is called *compatible* (resp. *strong compatible*) with an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  if  $x_1 \rho y_1, \dots, x_n \rho y_n$  im-

plies that

$$\beta(x_1, \dots, x_n) \bar{\rho} \beta(y_1, \dots, y_n),$$

$$(\beta(x_1, \dots, x_n) \bar{\rho_S} \beta(y_1, \dots, y_n))$$

where for nonempty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ ,

$$A \bar{\rho} B \iff (\forall a \in A \exists b \in B : a \rho b \text{ and } \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A : b \rho a),$$

and

$$A \bar{\rho_S} B \iff \forall a \in A, \forall b \in B \ a \rho b.$$

Let  $\langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  be a multialgebra. A binary relation  $\rho$  on  $M$  is called (resp. strong) *congruence* if  $\rho$  is an equivalence relation and (resp. strongly) compatible with every  $\beta_i, i \in I$ .

For  $n > 0$  we extend an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  on  $H$  to  $P^*(H)$  by setting for all  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in P^*(H)$

$$\beta(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \bigcup \{ \beta(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i (i = 1, \dots, n) \}.$$

Whenever possible we write  $a$  instead of the the singleton  $\{a\}$ ; e.g. for a binary hyperoperation  $\circ$  and  $a, b, c \in H$  we write  $a \circ (b \circ c)$  for  $\{a\} \circ (\{b\} \circ \{c\}) = \bigcup \{ a \circ u \mid u \in b \circ c \}$ .

An equivalence relation on  $A$  compatible (strongly compatible) with a multialgebra  $H$  on  $A$  is *congruence* (strong congruence) of

$H$ . Denote by  $Con(H)(Cons(H))$  the set of all congruences (strong congruences ) of  $H$ .

Let  $H = \langle A, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  be a multialgebra and let  $\theta \in Con(H)$ . Let  $A' \{B_j | j \in J\}$  be the set of blocks of  $\theta$ . For every  $i \in I$  define  $\beta'_i$  on  $A'$  as follows:

Let  $j_1, \dots, j_{M_i} \in J$  be arbitrary and let  $a_l \in B_{j_l}$  for  $l = 1, \dots, M_i$ .

Let

$$\beta'_i(B_{j_1}, \dots, B_{j_{M_i}}) = \{B_j | j \in J, B_j \text{ meets } \beta_i(a_1, \dots, a_{M_i})\} \quad (2)$$

Since  $\theta \in Con(H)$ , it can be verified that  $\beta'_i$  is well defined  $M_i$ -ary hyperoperation on  $A'$ . Call  $H/\theta = \langle A', \{\beta'_i | i \in I\} \rangle$  a factor multialgebra of  $H$ . If, moreover,  $\theta \in Cons(H)$ , then every  $\beta'_i$  is singleton valued, i.e. an operation on  $A'$ , and  $H/\theta$  is an algebra. For semihypergroups this fact are in [10] ( see also [12], [19] and [20]), the general case is in [1].

We view binary relation on  $A$  as subsets of  $A^2$  and so for a multialgebra  $H$  on  $A$  the sets  $Con(H)$  and  $Cons(H)$  are naturally ordered by set inclusion. First we characterize the poset  $(Con(H), \subseteq)$ . Recall that for a binary relations  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  on  $A$  the relation product ( also called *de Morgan product*) is

$$\rho \circ \sigma = \{(x, y) \in A^2 | (x, u) \in \rho, (u, y) \in \sigma \text{ for some } u \in A\}.$$

It is well known and easy to show that the relation product is associative with the unital element  $\omega = \{(a, a) | a \in A\}$ .

A *hypergroupoid* is a multialgebra of type (2), that is a set  $H$  together with a (binary) hyperoperation  $\circ$ . A hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$ , which is associative, that is  $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$  for all  $x, y, z \in H$  is called a *semihypergroup*. A *hypergroup* is a semihypergroup such that for all  $x \in H$  we have  $x \circ H = H = H \circ x$  (called the *reproduction axiom*).

Let  $H$  be a hypergroup. A nonempty subset  $K$  of  $H$  is a *subhypergroup* of  $H$  if  $a \circ K = K = K \circ a$  for all  $a \in K$ .

An element  $e$  in a hypergroup  $H = (H, \circ)$  is called an *identity* of  $H$  if for all  $x \in H$

$$x \in (e \circ x) \cap (x \circ e).$$

A *polygroup* is a semihypergroup  $H = (H, \circ)$  with  $e \in H$  such that for all  $x, y \in H$

$$(i) e \circ x = x = x \circ e;$$

(ii) there exists a unique element,  $x^{-1} \in H$  such that

$$e \in (x \circ x^{-1}) \cap (x^{-1} \circ x), x \in \bigcap_{z \in x \circ y} (z \circ y^{-1}), y \in \bigcap_{z \in x \circ y} (x^{-1} \circ z).$$

In fact a polygroup is a multialgebra of type (2, 1, 0).

Let  $H = (H, \circ)$  be a polygroup. A subhypergroup  $K = (K, \circ)$  of

$H$  is a

(i) *subpolygroup of  $H$ , in symbols  $K \leq_P H$ , if  $e \in K = K^{-1}$*

(ii) *normal subpolygroup of  $H$ , in symbol  $KH$ , if for all  $x \in H$  we get  $x \circ K = K \circ x$ .*

Denote by  $L$  a complete distributive lattice. The meet, join, and partial ordering of  $L$  will be written as  $\wedge, \vee, \leq$ , respectively. By an  $L$ -subset of  $X$ , we mean a function  $\mu$  from  $X$  to  $L$ . The set of all  $L$ -subsets of  $X$  is called  $L$ -power subsets of  $X$  and is denoted by  $L^X$ . In particular, when  $L$  is  $I = [0, 1]$ , the  $L$ -subsets of  $X$  are called the *fuzzy subset* and the set  $I^X$  is referred as the fuzzy power set of  $X$ .

Let  $\mu \in L^X$ . Then the set  $\{\mu(x) | x \in X\}$  is called the *image* of  $\mu$  and is denoted by  $\mu(X)$  or  $Im(\mu)$ . The set  $\{x \in X | \mu(x) > 0\}$  is called the *support* of  $\mu$  and is denoted by  $\mu^*$  or  $supp(\mu)$ .

Let  $\{\mu_i | i \in I\}$  be a family of  $L$ -subsets of  $X$ , where  $I$  is a nonempty index set, then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \mu_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i$  are given by

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} \mu_i\right)(x) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \mu_i(x),$$

$$\left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i\right)(x) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \mu_i(x).$$

Let  $\mu \in L^X$ . For  $a \in L$ , define  $\mu_a$  as follows:

$$\mu^a = \{x \in X | \mu(x) \geq a\}.$$

$\mu^a$  is called the  $a$ -level subset of  $\mu$ .

It is easy to verify that for any  $\mu, \nu \in L^X$ ,

$$(1) \mu \subseteq \nu, a \in L \implies \mu^a \subseteq \nu^a,$$

$$(2) a \leq b, a, b \in L \implies \mu^b \subseteq \mu^a$$

$$(3) \mu = \nu \iff \mu^a = \nu^a \quad \forall a \in L.$$

**Definition 2.16.** By an  $L_n$ -relation of  $X$ , we mean a function  $\mu$  from  $X^n$  to  $L$ .

If  $n = 2$  we say **L-relation** instead  $L_2$ -relation.

An **L-relation**  $R$  of  $X$  is said to be an **L-similarity relation** if

(i) is reflexive, that is

$$R(x, x) = 1, \quad \forall x \in X;$$

(ii) is symmetric, that is

$$R(x, y) = R(y, x), \quad \forall x, y \in X;$$

(iii) is transitive, that is

$$R(x, y) \geq \bigvee_{z \in X} R(x, z) \wedge R(z, y).$$

### 3 L-Multialgebras

In the sequel  $H$  denotes the multialgebra  $H = \langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $H = \langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  be a multialgebra.

We say that  $\mu \in L^H$  is an *L-submultialgebra* of  $H$ , in symbol

$\mu <_{LHA} H$ , iff

(i) for every  $i \in I$  such that arity  $n_i$  of  $\beta_i$  is positive, for all  $a_1, \dots, a_{n_i} \in H$  and all  $z \in \beta_i(a_1, \dots, a_{n_i})$

$$\mu(z) \geq \mu(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \mu(a_{n_i}) \quad (4)$$

in other words, every values of  $\mu$  on the set  $\beta_i(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is at least the least of  $\mu(a_1), \dots, \mu(a_n)$  and

(ii) for any nullary hyperoperation  $\beta$  and every  $z \in \beta$

$$\mu(c) \geq \mu(x) \quad \forall x \in H.$$

Denote by  $LHA(H)$ , the set of all *L-submultialgebras* of  $H$ .

**Examples 3.2.** (1) Let  $H = (H, \circ)$  be a hypergroupoid. Then

$\mu \in L^H$  is a fuzzy subhypergroupoid of  $H$  if for all  $x, y \in H$

$$\mu(z) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) \quad (5)$$

(2) Let  $H = (H, \circ, e)$  be a hypergroupoid with an identity element  $e$  (considered as a nullary hyperoperation). Then  $\mu <_{FHA} H$  if and only if  $\mu$  satisfies in (3) and  $\mu(e)$  is the greatest element of the range of  $\mu$ . In this case we say that  $\mu$  is an  $L$ -subhypergroupoid of  $H$ .

(3) Let  $H = (H, \circ, ^{-1}, e)$  be a polygroup (considered as a multi-algebra of type  $(2, 1, 0)$ ). Then  $\mu <_{FHA} H$  if and only  $\mu$  satisfies (3) and  $\mu(e)$  is the greatest element of the range of  $\mu$  and  $\mu(x^{-1}) = \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in H$ . Indeed from (2) we get  $\mu(x^{-1}) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in H$ . From the unity of  $x^{-1}$  we get  $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$  and so  $\mu(x) = \mu((x^{-1})^{-1}) \geq \mu(x^{-1})$  proving the equality. Then  $\mu$  is an  $L$ -subpolygroup if  $\forall x, y \in H$  the following conditions are satisfies:

$$(i) \mu(z) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y), \forall z \in x \circ y;$$

$$(ii) \mu(x^{-1}) \geq \mu(x).$$

**Theorem 3.3** ( First Representation Theorem. Let  $\mu \in FS(H)$ . If all nonempty t-level subset  $\mu^t$  is a submultialgebra of  $H$ , then  $\mu$  is an  $L$ -submultialgebra of  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.4** ( Second Representation Theorem). Let  $\mu$  be a  $L$ -submultialgebra of  $H$ . Then every nonempty t-level subset  $\mu^t$  is a submultialgebra of  $H$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\beta$  be an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation ( $n \geq 1$ ) and  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mu^t_n$ . Then for any  $z \in \beta(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

$$\mu(z) \geq \mu(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \mu(a_n) \geq t,$$

that is  $z \in \mu^t$ , which means that  $\mu^t$  is closed under  $\beta$ . For any nullary hyperoperation  $\beta$  and  $z \in \beta$ , by (ii) of Definition 3.1  $\mu(z) \geq \mu(x)$ . Thus  $\mu^t$  is closed under nullary hyperoperation, too. This complete the proof.

## 4 $P$ -fuzzy Congruences

Let  $\mu \in FS(A)$ . Recall that the set

$$\mu^p = \{x \in A | \mu(x) \geq p\}$$

is the  $p$ -level subset or  $p$ -cut of  $\mu$  for every  $p \in L$ .

The following, property known, proposition links  $P$ -fuzzy subset and this level sets.

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $A$  be a nonvoid set and let and  $P = (P, \leq)$  be a nonempty ordered set. A family  $M = \{M^p | p \in P\}$  of subsets

of  $A$  is the family of all level subsets of  $P$ -fuzzy subset  $\mu$  on  $A$  if and only if

(i)  $M$  covers  $A$ ,

(ii) for every  $a \in A$  the set  $M_a = \{p \in P | a \in M^p\}$ .

has a greatest element (i.e. there exists  $g \in M_a$  such that  $g \geq p, \forall p \in M_a$ ).

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $h \in N_+$  and let  $P = (P, \leq)$  proving  $x \in \mu^p$  be a nonvoid ordered set. A  $P$ -fuzzy set on  $H^h$  is an  $h$ -ary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $A$ .

For a subset  $Q$  of  $P$  set  $P = (P, \leq)$  be nonvoid order, let

$$Q^\downarrow = \{p \in P | p \leq q \quad \forall q \in Q\},$$

$$Q^\uparrow = \{p \in P | p \geq q \quad \forall q \in Q\}.$$

The set of the form  $Q^\downarrow$  and  $Q^\uparrow$  are the *Galois-closed sets* on the left and right in Galois connection induced by  $\leq$  on  $P$ . We write  $Q^{\downarrow\uparrow}$  for  $(Q^\downarrow)^\uparrow$ . The set  $\{(Q^\downarrow)^\uparrow | Q \subseteq P\}$ , ordered by  $\subseteq$ , is the Mac Neil completion of  $(P, \leq)$ . If  $(P, \leq)$  is  $\wedge$ -semilattice then for every finite nonvoid subset  $Q = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  of  $P$  we have  $Q^{\downarrow\uparrow} = \{g_1 \wedge \dots \wedge g_n\}^\uparrow$ .

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $h \in N_+$  and  $\mu$  be an  $h$ -ary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $H$ . For an  $h$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  on  $A$  is strongly compatible

with  $\mu$  if for every  $h \times n$  matrix on  $A$  with rows  $r_1, \dots, r_h$  and columns  $c_1, \dots, c_n$

$$\mu(\beta(r_1) \times \dots \times \beta(r_n)) \subseteq \{\mu(c_1), \dots, \mu(c_n)\}^{\downarrow\uparrow} \quad (6)$$

where by  $\mu(\beta(r_1) \times \dots \times \beta(r_n))$  we mean  $\bigwedge_{u_i \in \beta(r_i)} \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mu(u_i)$

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $P = (P, \leq)$  be a nontrivial ordered set, let  $h \in N_+$  and let  $\mu$  be an  $h$ -ary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $A$ . For  $n \in N_+$  are  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $\beta$  on  $H$  is compatible with  $\mu$  if for every  $h \times n$  matrix with rows  $r_1, \dots, r_h$  and columns  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq h$ , for every  $1 \leq j \leq h, j \neq i$ , for all  $u_j \in \beta(r_j)$  there exists  $u_i \in \beta(r_i)$  such that

$$\mu(u_1, \dots, u_h) \in \{\mu(c_1), \dots, \mu(c_n)\}^{\downarrow\uparrow} \quad (7)$$

A nullary hyperoperation on  $H$  is compatible with  $\mu$  if it is strongly compatible with  $\mu$ .

A multialgebra  $\langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  is compatible with  $\mu$  if each  $\beta_i$  is compatible with  $\mu$ .

**Remark 4.5.** If  $P = (L, \vee, \wedge)$  is a complete lattice. Then the condition (7) is expressible in lattice terms:

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^h \bigwedge_{j=1, j \neq i}^h \bigwedge_{u_j \in \beta(r_j)} \bigvee_{u_i \in \beta(r_i)} \mu(u_1, \dots, u_h) \geq \bigwedge_{k=1}^h \mu(c_k) \quad (8)$$

In particular, if  $P = ([0, 1], \leq)$  (the unit interval of real numbers with the natural order) then the  $P$ -fuzzy sets are the standard fuzzy sets and (8) becomes

$$\min_{i=1, \dots, h} \min_{j=1, \dots, h, j \neq i} \inf_{u_j \in \beta(r_j)} \sup_{u_i \in \beta(r_i)} \mu(u_1, \dots, u_h) \geq \min_{k=1, \dots, h} \mu(c_k).$$

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $P = (P, \leq)$  be a nontrivial order, let  $H = \langle H, (\beta_i, | i \in I) \rangle$  be a multialgebra and let  $\mu$  be an  $h$ -ary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is compatible (resp. strongly compatible) with  $H$  if and only if for every  $l \in L$  the multialgebra  $H$  is compatible (strongly compatible) with the level relation  $\mu^l$ .

**Definition 4.7.** Denote by  $F_{hPA}$ , the set of  $h$ -ary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $A$ . The set  $F_{hPH}$  is naturally ordered pointwise as a set of maps from  $H^h$  into the ordered set  $P$ : For  $\mu, \nu \in F$  set  $\mu \preceq \nu$  if and only if  $\mu(a) \leq \nu(a)$  for all  $a \in H^h$ .

The following proposition expresses  $\preceq$  in terms of the level relations.

**Proposition 4.8.** Let  $P = (P, \leq)$  be an ordered set and  $\mu, \nu \in F_{hPH}$ . Thus  $\mu \preceq \nu$  if and only if  $\mu^p \subseteq \nu^p$  for all  $p \in P$ .

The following definition extends equivalence relations to  $P$ -fuzzy relations.

**Definition 4.9.** Let  $P = (P, \leq)$  be an ordered set with the greatest

element 1. A binary  $P$ -fuzzy relation  $\theta$  on  $H$  is a *similarity* if for all  $x, y, z \in H$ .

$$\theta(x, x) = 1, \theta(y, x) = \theta(x, y), \quad (9)$$

$$\theta(x, z) \in \{\theta(x, y), \theta(y, z)\}^{\downarrow\uparrow}. \quad (10)$$

**Lemma 4.10.** Let  $\theta$  be a binary  $P$ -fuzzy relation on  $H$  such that  $\theta(a, a) = 1$  for all  $a \in H$ . Then  $\theta$  is a similarity relation if and only if all  $\theta^p$  are equivalence relations.

**Definition 4.11.** Let  $H$  be a multialgebra and  $P$  an ordered set with a greatest element 1. A similarity  $\theta$  on  $H$  is a  $P$ -fuzzy congruence (strong  $P$ -fuzzy congruence) with  $\theta$ . We denote by  $Con_P H$  ( $Cons_P H$ ) the set of  $P$ -fuzzy congruences (strong  $P$ -fuzzy congruences) of  $H$ . Further we denote by  $\varepsilon$  the constant map (from  $A^2$  into  $P$ ) with value 1. If, moreover,  $H$  has a least element 0. We denote by  $\eta$  the map from  $A^2$  into  $P$  defined by setting  $\eta(a, a') = 1$  if  $a = a'$  and  $\eta(a, a') = 0$  if  $a \neq a'$ .

**Lemma 4.12.** Let  $P$  have a least element 0 and greatest element 1. Then  $\varepsilon$  is the least element and  $\eta$  the greatest element of  $(Con_P H, \preceq)$  for every multialgebra  $H$  on  $A$ .

**Proposition 4.13.** If  $H$  is a multialgebra on  $A$  and  $P$  an ordered set with a least element 0 and greatest element 1. Then  $(Con_P H, \preceq)$  is

a complete lattice with the least element  $\eta$  and greatest element  $\varepsilon$ .

**Proof.** If  $P, Q \in \text{Con}_P H$ , then  $P \cap Q \in \text{Con}_P H$  and it is the greatest lower bound, while unique smallest  $P$ -fuzzy congruence containing  $P \cup Q$ , in fact it is the intersection of the family of all  $P$ -fuzzy congruence on  $H$  containing  $P \cup Q$  is their least upper bound. It is easy to replacing the set  $\{P, Q\}$  by an arbitrary family of  $P$ -fuzzy congruence, and so the lattice  $(\text{Con}_P H, \subseteq, \cap, \cup)$  is a complete lattice. **Acknowledgment**

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