



# Spherical fuzzy $K$ -algebras

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“This paper is dedicated to Professor Young Bae Jun on the occasion of his 70th birthday.”

## Abstract

In this research article, new fuzzy  $K$ -algebras, namely, spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras and  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras are constructed. Certain properties of these spherical fuzzy  $K$ - structures are investigated. The behavior of spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras under homomorphism is characterized. The spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebra with thresholds is also delineated.

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## 1 Introduction

The notion of a  $K$ -algebra  $(G, \cdot, \odot, e)$  was first introduced by Dar and Akram in [12, 11, 14, 13]. A  $K$ -algebra is an algebra built on a group  $(G, \cdot, e)$  by adjoining an induced binary operation  $\odot$  on  $G$  which is attached to an abstract  $K$ -algebra  $(G, \cdot, \odot, e)$ . This system is, in general, non-commutative and non-associative adjoint with a right identity  $e$ , if  $(G, \cdot, e)$  is non-commutative. For a given group  $G$ , the  $K$ -algebra is proper if  $G$  is not an elementary Abelian 2-group. Thus, whether a  $K$ -algebra is Abelian or non-Abelian purely depends on the base group  $G$ . We call a  $K$ -algebra on a group  $G$  as a  $K(G)$ -algebra due to its structural basis  $G$ . Akram and Kim [6] proved that the  $K$ -algebra on an Abelian group is equivalent to the  $p$ -semisimple  $BCI$ -algebra [16]. Recently, Naghibi et al. [23] have introduced generalized  $K$ -algebra (briefly,  $gK$ -algebra). They also have defined  $gK$ -subalgebras, (prime)  $gK$ -ideals and quotient  $gK$ -algebras. Algebraic structures play an emphatic role in Mathematics and the range of its applications are

broad and multidisciplinary. Thus, algebraic structures provide a sufficient motivation to the researchers to review various concepts and stems out from the realm of abstract algebra in a broader framework of fuzzy setting. In 1965, Zadeh [27] proposed fuzzy sets for handling vague or hazy information. Subsequently, intuitionistic fuzzy sets [8], picture fuzzy sets [10], Pythagorean fuzzy sets [25] and spherical fuzzy sets [15] were extended to overcome some drawbacks of fuzzy sets. Akram et al. [3] first introduced fuzzy structures on  $K$ -algebras and investigated some of their properties. We then developed different fuzzy  $K$ -algebras [1, 2, 4, 5, 7] with other researchers worldwide by applying generalizations of Zadeh's fuzzy set theory. Further, Jun and Cho [18] and Jun and Park [19] investigated certain properties on fuzzy  $K$ -algebras. As a continuation study of  $K$ -algebras, we develop the concept of spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebras, and present some of their properties. Moreover, we study the behavior of spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebras under homomorphism. Finally, we discuss  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras.

For other terminologies and results that are not mentioned in this article, the readers are referred to [9, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26].

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we review a class of  $K$ -algebras and spherical fuzzy sets.

**Definition 2.1.** [12] *Let  $(G, \cdot, e)$  be a group such that each non-identity element is not of order 2. Let a binary operation  $\odot$  be introduced on the group  $G$  and defined by  $\odot(x, y) = x \odot y = xy^{-1}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . If  $e$  is the identity of the group  $G$ , then:*

- (1)  $e$  takes the shape of right  $\odot$ -identity and not that of left  $\odot$ -identity.
- (2) Each non-identity element ( $x \neq e$ ) is  $\odot$ -involutionary because  $x \odot x = xx^{-1} = e$ .
- (3)  $G$  is  $\odot$ -nonassociative because  
 $(x \odot y) \odot z = x \odot (z \odot y^{-1}) \neq x \odot (y \odot z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .
- (4)  $G$  is  $\odot$ -noncommutative since  $x \odot y \neq y \odot x$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .
- (5) If  $G$  is an elementary Abelian 2-group, then  $x \odot y = x \cdot y$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [12] *Let  $(G, \cdot, e)$  be a group in which each non-identity element is not of order 2. Then a  $K$ -algebra is a structure  $\mathcal{K} = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$  on a group  $G$  in which induced binary operation  $\odot : G \times G \rightarrow G$  is defined by  $\odot(x, y) = x \odot y = x \cdot y^{-1}$  and satisfies the following axioms:*

- (K1)  $(x \odot y) \odot (x \odot z) = (x \odot ((e \odot z) \odot (e \odot y))) \odot x$ ,
- (K2)  $x \odot (x \odot y) = (x \odot (e \odot y)) \odot x$ ,
- (K3)  $(x \odot x) = e$ ,
- (K4)  $(x \odot e) = x$ ,
- (K5)  $(e \odot x) = x^{-1}$

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

**Proposition 2.3.** [12] *Let  $G$  be an Abelian group which is not an elementary Abelian 2-group. Then a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $G$  is represented by the following identities:*

$$(\overline{K1}) \quad (x \odot y) \odot (x \odot z) = z \odot y,$$

$$(\overline{K2}) \quad x \odot (x \odot y) = y,$$

$$(K3) \quad x \odot x = e,$$

$$(K4) \quad x \odot e = x,$$

$$(K5) \quad e \odot x = x^{-1}$$

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

We give here some examples of  $K$ -algebras.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subset M_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A = [a_{ij}] : \det(A) \neq 0\}$  be the multiplicative group of all  $n \times n$  real non-singular matrices. Define the operation  $\odot$  on  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  by  $A \odot B = AB^{-1}$  for all  $A, B \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $(G, \cdot, \odot, e)$  is a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $G = V_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the set of all 2-dimensional real vectors which forms an additive (+) Abelian group. Define the operation  $\odot$  on  $V_2(\mathbb{R})$  by  $x \odot y = x - y$  for all  $x, y \in V_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $(G, +, \odot, e)$  is a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Example 2.6.**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \odot, 0)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \odot, 0)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \odot, 0)$  form  $K$ -algebras by defining the operation  $\odot$  by  $x \odot y = x - y$  for all  $x, y$ .

**Remark 2.7.** We remark here some facts about  $K$ -algebras:

- (1) Let  $G = \{e, a, b, c\}$  be a Klein four group. Consider a  $K$ -algebra on  $G$  with the following Cayley Table:

$\odot$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$c$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$e$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$b$	$a$	$e$

This is an improper  $K$ -algebra on Klein four group since it is an elementary Abelian 2-group, i.e.,  $x \odot y = x.y^{-1} = x.y$ .

- (2) Each non-identity element of a  $K$ -algebra is of order 2, i.e.,  $x \odot x = e$ .
- (3) A  $K$ -algebra is proper if  $G$  is not an elementary Abelian 2-group.
- (4) A  $K$ -algebra is Abelian or non-Abelian if the underline group  $G$  is Abelian or non-Abelian.

**Definition 2.8.** [13] A mapping  $\phi$  from a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}_1$  into  $\mathcal{K}_2$  is called a  $K$ -homomorphism if for every  $x_1, y_1 \in \mathcal{K}_1$ ,  $\phi(x_1 \odot y_1) = \phi(x_1) \odot \phi(y_1)$ , where  $\phi(x_1), \phi(y_1) \in \mathcal{K}_2$ .

Murali [22] proposed a definition of a fuzzy point belonging to a fuzzy subset under a natural equivalence on a fuzzy set. The idea of quasi-coincidence of a fuzzy point with a fuzzy set [24] played a vital role to produce different types of fuzzy algebraic structures.

**Definition 2.9.** [22] A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a set  $G$  of the form

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

is said to be a fuzzy point with support  $x$  and value  $t$  and is denoted by  $x_t$ . For a fuzzy point  $x_t$  and a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a set  $G$ , Pu and Liu [24] gave meaning to the symbol  $x_t \alpha \mu$ , where  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$ . We say that a fuzzy point  $x_t \in \mu$  (resp.  $x_t q \mu$ ) means that  $\mu(x) \geq t$  (resp.  $\mu(x) + t > 1$ ), and in this case,  $x_t$  is said to belong to (resp. be quasi-coincident with) a fuzzy set  $\mu$ . Further,  $x_t \in \vee q \mu$  means that  $x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q \mu$ ,  $x_t \in \wedge q \mu$  means that  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q \mu$ ,  $x_t \bar{\alpha} \mu$  means that  $x_t \alpha \mu$  does not hold.

In 2019, Gündođdu and Kahraman [15] presented the idea of spherical fuzzy sets.

**Definition 2.10.** [15] Let  $G$  be a universe of discourse. An object of the form

$$S = \{(x, \mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S) \mid x \in G\},$$

is called the spherical fuzzy set over the domain  $G$ . The positive membership  $\mu_S$ , neutral membership  $\nu_S$  and the negative membership  $\lambda_S$  lie inside the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  and the condition  $\mu_S^2(x) + \nu_S^2(x) + \lambda_S^2(x) \leq 1$  holds  $\forall x \in G$ . The  $\chi_S(x) = \sqrt{1 - \mu_S^2(x) - \nu_S^2(x) - \lambda_S^2(x)}$  denotes the degree of refusal.

The spherical fuzzy sets are more flexible than the existing models [8, 10, 25, 27] and has the ability to manage ambiguous data using three independent real-valued functions  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  and  $\lambda$ , with relatively relaxed condition. The graphical representation of spherical fuzzy sets is shown in Figure 1.

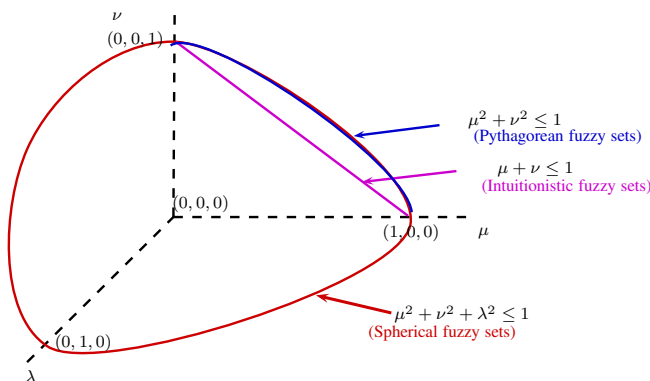


Figure 1: Graphical representation of spherical fuzzy sets

### 3 New fuzzy $K$ -algebras

**Definition 3.1.** A spherical fuzzy set  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  in a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $\mu_S(e) \geq \mu_S(x)$ ,

- (b)  $\nu_S(e) \geq \nu_S(x)$ ,
- (c)  $\lambda_S(e) \leq \lambda_S(x)$ ,
- (d)  $\mu_S(x \odot t) \geq \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\}$ ,
- (e)  $\nu_S(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\nu_S(x), \nu_S(y)\}$ ,
- (f)  $\lambda_S(x \odot y) \leq \max\{\lambda_S(x), \lambda_S(y)\}$

for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Example 3.2.** Consider a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K} = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$  on dihedral group  $G = \{e, a, b, c, x, y, u, v\}$ , where  $c = ab, x = a^2, y = a^3, u = a^2b, v = a^3b$  and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's Table.

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

We define a spherical fuzzy set  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  in  $K$ -algebra as follows:

$$\mu_S(e) = 0.7, \nu_S(e) = 0.4, \lambda_S(e) = 0.1,$$

$$\mu_S(x) = 0.5, \nu_S(x) = 0.1, \lambda_S(x) = 0.3 \text{ for all } x \neq e \in G.$$

By direct calculations, it is easy to verify that  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** If  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then

1.  $(\forall x, y \in G), (\mu_S(x \odot y) = \mu_S(y) \Rightarrow \mu_S(x) = \mu_S(e)).$   
 $(\forall x, y \in G)(\mu_S(x) = \mu_S(e) \Rightarrow \mu_S(x \odot y) \geq \mu_S(y)).$
2.  $(\forall x, y \in G), (\nu_S(x \odot y) = \nu_S(y) \Rightarrow \nu_S(x) = \nu_S(e)).$   
 $(\forall x, y \in G)(\nu_S(x) = \nu_S(e) \Rightarrow \nu_S(x \odot y) \geq \nu_S(y)).$
3.  $(\forall x, y \in G), (\lambda_S(x \odot y) = \lambda_S(y) \Rightarrow \lambda_S(x) = \lambda_S(e)).$   
 $(\forall x, y \in G)(\lambda_S(x) = \lambda_S(e) \Rightarrow \lambda_S(x \odot y) \leq \lambda_S(y)).$

*Proof.* 1. Assume that  $\mu_S(x \odot y) = \mu_S(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ . Taking  $y = e$  and using (K4) of Definition 2.2, we have  $\mu_S(x) = \mu_S(x \odot e) = \mu_S(e)$ . Let for  $x, y \in G$  be such that  $\mu_S(x) = \mu_S(e)$ .

$$\text{Then } \mu_S(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\} = \min\{\mu_S(e), \mu_S(y)\} = \mu_S(y).$$

2. Again, assume that  $\nu_S(x \odot y) = \nu_S(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ . Taking  $y = e$  and by (K4) of Definition 2.2, we have  $\nu_S(x) = \nu_S(x \odot e) = \nu_S(e)$ . Also let  $x, y \in G$  be such that  $\nu_S(x) = \nu_S(e)$ .

$$\text{Then } \nu_S(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\nu_S(x), \nu_S(y)\} = \min\{\nu_S(e), \nu_S(y)\} = \nu_S(y).$$

3. Consider that  $\lambda_S(x \odot y) = \lambda_S(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in G$ . Taking  $y = e$  and again by (K4) of Definition 2.2, we have  $\lambda_S(x) = \lambda_S(x \odot e) = \lambda_S(e)$ . Let  $x, y \in G$  be such that  $\lambda_S(x) = \lambda_S(e)$ . Then  $\lambda_S(x \odot y) \leq \max\{\lambda_S(x), \lambda_S(y)\} = \max\{\lambda_S(e), \lambda_S(y)\} = \lambda_S(y)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy set in a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  with  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \leq 1$ . Then level subset of  $S$  is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} &= \{x \in G \mid \mu_S(x) \geq \alpha, \nu_S(x) \geq \beta, \lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma\} \\ &= \{x \in G \mid \mu_S(x) \geq \alpha\} \cap \{x \in G \mid \nu_S(x) \geq \beta\} \cap \{x \in G \mid \lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma\} \\ &= \cup(\mu_S, \alpha) \cap \cup'(\nu_S, \beta) \cap L(\lambda_S, \gamma), \end{aligned}$$

is called  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level subset of spherical fuzzy set  $S$ .

The set of all  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S)$  is known as an *image* of  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$ . The set  $S_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = \{x \in G \mid \mu_S(x) > \alpha, \nu_S(x) > \beta, \lambda_S(x) < \gamma\}$  is known as *strong*  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -level subset of  $S$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** If  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then the level subsets  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha) = \{x \in G \mid \mu_S(x) \geq \alpha\}$ ,  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta) = \{x \in G \mid \nu_S(x) \geq \beta\}$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma) = \{x \in G \mid \lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma\}$  are  $k$ -subalgebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ , for every  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S) \subseteq [0, 1]$ , where  $\text{Im}(\mu_S)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\nu_S)$  and  $\text{Im}(\lambda_S)$  are sets of values of  $\mu_S$ ,  $\nu_S$  and  $\lambda_S$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Assume that  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S)$  be such that  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta) \neq \emptyset$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma) \neq \emptyset$ . Now to prove that  $\cup, \cup'$  and  $L$  are level  $K$ -subalgebras. Let for  $x, y \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ ,  $\mu_S(x) \geq \alpha$  and  $\mu_S(y) \geq \alpha$ . It follows from Definition 3.1 that  $\mu_S(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\} \geq \alpha$ . It implies that  $x \odot y \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ . Hence  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$  is a level  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Similar result can be proved for  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta)$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy  $k$ -subalgebra and  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S)$  with  $\alpha_j^2 + \beta_j^2 + \gamma_j^2 \leq 1$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . If  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)$ , then  $S_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} = S_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)}$ .

*Proof.* If  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)$ , then clearly  $S_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} = S_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)}$ . Assume that  $S_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} = S_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)}$ . Since  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S)$ , there exists  $x \in G$  such that  $\mu_S(x) = \alpha_1, \nu_S(x) = \beta_1$  and  $\lambda_S(x) = \gamma_1$ . It follows that  $x \in S_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} = S_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)}$  so that  $\alpha_1 = \mu_S(x) \geq \alpha_2, \beta_1 = \nu_S(x) \geq \beta_2$  and  $\gamma_1 = \lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma_2$ . Also,  $(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in \text{Im}(\mu_S) \times \text{Im}(\nu_S) \times \text{Im}(\lambda_S)$ , there exists  $y \in G$  such that  $\mu_S(y) = \alpha_2, \nu_S(y) = \beta_2$  and  $\lambda_S(y) = \gamma_2$ . It follows that  $y \in S_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} = S_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)}$  so that  $\alpha_2 = \mu_S(y) \geq \alpha_1, \beta_2 = \nu_S(y) \geq \beta_1$  and  $\gamma_2 = \lambda_S(y) \leq \gamma_1$ . Hence  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a  $K$ -algebra. Given a chain of  $K$ -subalgebras:  $S_0 \subset S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \dots \subset S_n = G$ . Then there exists a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra whose level  $K$ -subalgebras are exactly the  $K$ -subalgebras in this chain.

*Proof.* Let  $\{\alpha_k \mid k = 0, 1, \dots, n\}, \{\beta_k \mid k = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$  be finite decreasing sequences and  $\{\gamma_k \mid k = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$  be finite increasing sequence in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha_i^2 + \beta_i^2 + \gamma_i^2 \leq 1$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy set in  $\mathcal{K}$  defined by  $\mu_S(S_0) = \alpha_0, \nu_S(S_0) = \beta_0, \lambda_S(S_0) = \gamma_0$ ,

$\mu_S(S_k \setminus S_{k-1}) = \alpha_k, \nu_S(S_k \setminus S_{k-1}) = \beta_k$  and  $\lambda_S(S_k \setminus S_{k-1}) = \gamma_k$ , for  $0 < k \leq n$ . We claim that  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $x, y \in G$ . If  $x, y \in S_k \setminus S_{k-1}$ , then it implies that  $\mu_S(x) = \alpha_k = \mu_S(y), \nu_S(x) = \beta_k = \nu_S(y)$  and  $\lambda_S(x) = \gamma_k = \lambda_S(y)$ . Since each  $S_k$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra, it follows that  $x \odot y \in S_k$  so that either  $x \odot y \in S_k \setminus S_{k-1}$  or  $x \odot y \in S_{k-1}$ . In any case, we conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_S(x \odot y) &\geq \alpha_k = \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\}, \\ \nu_S(x \odot y) &\geq \beta_k = \min\{\nu_S(x), \nu_S(y)\}, \\ \lambda_S(x \odot y) &\leq \gamma_k = \max\{\lambda_S(x), \lambda_S(y)\}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $i > j$ , if  $x \in S_i \setminus S_{i-1}$  and  $y \in S_j \setminus S_{j-1}$ , then  $\mu_S(x) = \alpha_i, \mu_S(y) = \alpha_j, \nu_S(x) = \beta_i, \nu_S(y) = \beta_j$  and  $\lambda_S(x) = \gamma_i, \lambda_S(y) = \gamma_j$  and  $x \odot y \in S_i$  because  $S_i$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra and  $S_j \subset S_i$ . It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_S(x \odot y) &\geq \alpha_i = \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\}, \\ \nu_S(x \odot y) &\geq \beta_i = \min\{\nu_S(x), \nu_S(y)\}, \\ \lambda_S(x \odot y) &\leq \gamma_i = \max\{\lambda_S(x), \lambda_S(y)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  and all its non-empty level subsets are level  $K$ -subalgebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Since  $Im(\mu_S) = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}, Im(\nu_S) = \{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}, Im(\lambda_S) = \{\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$ . Therefore, the level  $K$ -subalgebras of  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  are given by the chain of  $K$ -subalgebras:

$$\begin{aligned}\cup(\mu_S, \alpha_0) &\subset \cup(\mu_S, \alpha_1) \subset \dots \subset \cup(\mu_S, \alpha_n) = G, \\ \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_0) &\subset \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_1) \subset \dots \subset \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_n) = G, \\ L(\lambda_S, \gamma_0) &\subset L(\lambda_S, \gamma_1) \subset \dots \subset L(\lambda_S, \gamma_n) = G,\end{aligned}$$

respectively. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}\cup(\mu_S, \alpha_0) &= \{x \in G \mid \mu_S(x) \geq \alpha_0\} = S_0, \\ \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_0) &= \{x \in G \mid \nu_S(x) \geq \beta_0\} = S_0, \\ L(\lambda_S, \gamma_0) &= \{x \in G \mid \lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma_0\} = S_0.\end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha_k) = S_k, \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_k) = S_k$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma_k) = S_k$ , for  $0 < k \leq n$ . Clearly,  $S_k \subseteq \cup(\mu_S, \alpha_k), S_k \subseteq \cup'(\nu_S, \beta_k)$  and  $S_k \subseteq L(\lambda_S, \gamma_k)$ . If  $x \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha_k)$ , then  $\mu_S(x) \geq \alpha_k$  and so  $x \notin S_i$ , for  $i > k$ . Hence  $\mu_S(x) \in \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  which implies that  $x \in S_i$ , for some  $i \leq k$  since  $S_i \subseteq S_k$ . It follows that  $x \in S_k$ .

Consequently,  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha_k) = S_k$  for some  $0 < k \leq n$ . Similar case can be proved for  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta_k) = S_k$ . Now if  $y \in L(\lambda_S, \gamma_k)$ , then  $\lambda_S(x) \leq \gamma_k$  and so  $y \notin S_i$ , for some  $j \leq k$ . Thus,  $\lambda_S(x) \in \{\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k\}$  which implies that  $x \in S_j$ , for some  $j \leq k$ . Since  $S_j \subseteq S_k$ . It follows that  $y \in S_k$ . Consequently,  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma_k) = S_k$ , for some  $0 < k \leq n$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{K}_1 = (G_1, \cdot, \odot, e_1)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_2 = (G_2, \cdot, \odot, e_2)$  be two  $K$ -algebras and let  $\phi$  be a mapping from  $\mathcal{K}_1$  into  $\mathcal{K}_2$ . If  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B, \lambda_B)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ , then the preimage of  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B, \lambda_B)$  under  $\phi$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$  defined by  $\phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(x) = \mu_B(\phi(x)), \phi^{-1}(\nu_B)(x) = \nu_B(\phi(x))$  and  $\phi^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x) = \lambda_B(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in G_1$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  be an epimorphism of  $K$ -algebras. If  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B, \lambda_B)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(B)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(e) \geq \phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(x)$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(\nu_B)(e) \geq \phi^{-1}(\nu_B)(x)$  and  $\phi^{-1}(\lambda_B)(e) \leq \phi^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x)$  for all  $x \in G_1$ . Let  $x, y \in G_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(x \odot y) &= \mu_B(\phi(x \odot y)) = \mu_B(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_B(\phi(x)), \mu_B(\phi(y))\} = \min\{\phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(x), \phi^{-1}(\mu_B)(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

In similar way, we can verify other conditions of Definition 3.1. Thus, we conclude that  $\phi^{-1}(B)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  be an epimorphism of  $K$ -algebras. If  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B, \lambda_B)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$  and  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is the preimage of  $B$  under  $\phi$ . Then  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\mu_S(e) \geq \mu_S(x)$ ,  $\nu_S(e) \geq \nu_S(x)$  and  $\lambda_S(e) \leq \lambda_S(x)$ , for all  $x \in G_1$ . Now for any  $x, y \in G_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_S(x \odot y) &= \mu_B(\phi(x \odot y)) = \mu_B(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_B(\phi(x)), \mu_B(\phi(y))\} = \min\{\mu_S(x), \mu_S(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

In similar way, we can easily verify other conditions of Definition 3.1. Hence  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.11.** *Let a mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  from  $\mathcal{K}_1$  into  $\mathcal{K}_2$  of  $K$ -algebras and let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy set of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ . The map  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is called the preimage of  $S$  under  $\phi$ , if  $\mu_S^\phi(x) = \mu_S(\phi(x))$ ,  $\nu_S^\phi(x) = \nu_S(\phi(x))$  and  $\lambda_S^\phi(x) = \lambda_S(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in G_1$ .*

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  be an epimorphism of  $K$ -algebras. If  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ , then  $S^\phi = (\mu_S^\phi, \nu_S^\phi, \lambda_S^\phi)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $x \in G_1$ , we have

$$\mu_S^\phi(e_1) = \mu_S(\phi(e_1)) = \mu_S(e_2) \geq \mu_S(\phi(x)) = \mu_S^\phi(x).$$

For any  $x, y \in G_1$ , since  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_S^\phi(x \odot y) &= \mu_S(\phi(x \odot y)) = \mu_S(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_S(\phi(x)), \mu_S(\phi(y))\} = \min\{\mu_S^\phi(x), \mu_S^\phi(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the similar arguments, other conditions of Definition 3.1 can be verified. Hence  $S^\phi = (\mu_S^\phi, \nu_S^\phi, \lambda_S^\phi)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.13.** *Let  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  be an epimorphism of  $K$ -algebras. If  $S^\phi = (\mu_S^\phi, \nu_S^\phi, \lambda_S^\phi)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ , then  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$ .*

*Proof.* Using the similar arguments as used in Proposition 3.12, all conditions of Definition 3.1 can easily be verified. Hence we omit the proof.  $\square$

From Proposition 3.12 and Proposition 3.13, we conclude the following result.



**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $\phi : \mathcal{K}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2$  be an epimorphism of  $K$ -algebras. Then  $S^\phi = (\mu_S^\phi, \nu_S^\phi, \lambda_S^\phi)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_1$  if and only if  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}_2$ .

**Definition 3.15.** A spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  of a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  is called characteristic if  $\mu_S(\phi(x)) = \mu_S(x)$ ,  $\nu_S(\phi(x)) = \nu_S(x)$  and  $\lambda_S(\phi(x)) = \lambda_S(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  and  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{K})$ .

**Definition 3.16.** A  $K$ -subalgebra  $S$  of a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  is said to be fully invariant if  $\phi(S) \subseteq S$ , for all  $\phi \in \text{End}(\mathcal{K})$ , where  $\text{End}(\mathcal{K})$  is the set of all endomorphisms of a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$ . A spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  of a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  is called fully invariant if  $\mu_S(\phi(x)) \leq \mu_S(x)$ ,  $\nu_S(\phi(x)) \leq \nu_S(x)$  and  $\lambda_S(\phi(x)) \leq \lambda_S(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  and  $\phi \in \text{End}(\mathcal{K})$ .

**Definition 3.17.** Let  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  and  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$  be spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  is said to be the same type of  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$  if there exists  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{K})$  such that  $S_1 = S_2 \circ \phi$ , i.e.,  $\mu_{S_1}(x) = \mu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$ ,  $\nu_{S_1}(x) = \nu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$  and  $\lambda_{S_1}(x) = \lambda_{S_2}(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  and  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$  be spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra having the same type of  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$  if and only if  $S_1$  is isomorphic to  $S_2$ .

*Proof.* The sufficient condition holds trivially, so we only need to prove the necessary condition. Let  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  be a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra having same type of  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$ . Then there exists  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{K})$  such that  $\mu_{S_1}(x) = \mu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$ ,  $\nu_{S_1}(x) = \nu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$  and  $\lambda_{S_1}(x) = \lambda_{S_2}(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Let  $f : S_1(\mathcal{K}) \rightarrow S_2(\mathcal{K})$  be a mapping defined by  $f(S_1(x)) = S_2(\phi(x))$  for all  $x \in G$ , that is,  $f(\mu_{S_1}(x)) = \mu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$ ,  $f(\nu_{S_1}(x)) = \nu_{S_2}(\phi(x))$  and  $f(\lambda_{S_1}(x)) = \lambda_{S_2}(\phi(x))$ , for all  $x \in G$ .

Clearly,  $f$  is surjective.  $f$  is injective because if  $f(\mu_{S_1}(x)) = f(\mu_{S_1}(y))$  for all  $x, y \in G$ , then  $\mu_{S_2}(\phi(x)) = \mu_{S_2}(\phi(y))$  and hence  $\mu_{S_1}(x) = \mu_{S_1}(y)$ . Similarly, we can prove  $\nu_{S_1}(x) = \nu_{S_1}(y)$ ,  $\lambda_{S_1}(x) = \lambda_{S_1}(y)$ .

From Definition 2.8, it follows that  $f$  is a homomorphism as for  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu_{S_1}(x \odot y)) &= \mu_{S_2}(\phi(x \odot y)) = \mu_{S_2}(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)), \\ f(\nu_{S_1}(x \odot y)) &= \nu_{S_2}(\phi(x \odot y)) = \nu_{S_2}(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)), \\ f(\lambda_{S_1}(x \odot y)) &= \lambda_{S_2}(\phi(x \odot y)) = \lambda_{S_2}(\phi(x) \odot \phi(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $S_1 = (\mu_{S_1}, \nu_{S_1}, \lambda_{S_1})$  is isomorphic to  $S_2 = (\mu_{S_2}, \nu_{S_2}, \lambda_{S_2})$ .  $\square$

We now develop  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras.

**Definition 3.19.** A spherical fuzzy set  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  in a set  $G$  is called an  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if it satisfies the following condition:

$$u_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} \tilde{a}S, v_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \tilde{a}S \Rightarrow (u \odot v)_{(\min(\alpha_1, \alpha_2), \min(\beta_1, \beta_2), \max(\gamma_1, \gamma_2))} \tilde{b}S$$

for all  $u, v \in G$ ,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

Different spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebras can be built by denoting  $\tilde{a}$  and  $\tilde{b}$  by any one of  $\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q$  unless otherwise specified.

**Remark 3.20.** Every  $(\in, \in)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra is, in fact, a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra.

**Proposition 3.21.** *Every  $(\in, \in)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $u, v \in G$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (0, 1], \beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1], \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, 1)$  be such that  $u_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} \in S, v_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \in S$ . Then  $u_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} \in S, v_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \in S \Rightarrow (u \odot v)_{(\min(\alpha_1, \alpha_2), \min(\beta_1, \beta_2), \max(\gamma_1, \gamma_2))} \in \vee q S$ . Hence  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.22.** *Every  $(\in \vee q, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

*Proof.* By similar arguments as used in Proposition 3.21, it can be proved easily.  $\square$

**Definition 3.23.** *Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a spherical fuzzy set in  $G$ . The set  $\underline{S} = \{u \in G \mid \mu_S(u) \neq 0, \nu_S(u) \neq 0, \lambda_S(u) \neq 0\}$  is called the support of  $S$ .*

**Lemma 3.24.** *If  $S$  is a non-zero  $(\in, \in)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  be a non-zero  $(\in, \in)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $u, v \in \underline{S}$ . Then  $\mu_S(u) \neq 0$  and  $\mu_S(v) \neq 0, \nu_S(u) \neq 0$  and  $\nu_S(v) \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_S(u) \neq 0, \lambda_S(v) \neq 0$ . If  $\mu_S(u \odot v) = 0, \nu_S(u \odot v) = 0$  and  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) = 0$ . Since  $u_{\mu_S} \in S, v_{\nu_S} \in S, u_{\nu_S} \in S$  and  $v_{\mu_S} \in S, u_{\lambda_S} \in S$  and  $v_{\lambda_S} \in S$  but

$$(u \odot v)_{(\min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v)), \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v)), \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v)))} \notin S.$$

Since  $\mu_S(u \odot v) = 0, \nu_S(u \odot v) = 0$  and  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mu_S(u \odot v) \neq 0, \nu_S(u \odot v) \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) \neq 0$  which shows that  $(u \odot v) \in \underline{S}$ , consequently  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $S$ .  $\square$

The proofs of the following results are straightforward, hence we omit.

- (a) If  $S$  is a non-zero  $(\in, q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- (b) If  $S$  is a non-zero  $(q, \in)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- (c) If  $S$  is a non-zero  $(q, q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- (d) If  $S$  is a non-zero  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\underline{S}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition 3.25.** *A spherical fuzzy set  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  in a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K}$  is called an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (a)  $e_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \in S \Rightarrow (u)_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \in \vee q S$ ,
- (b)  $u_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)} \in S, v_{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)} \in S \Rightarrow (u \odot v)_{(\min(\alpha_1, \alpha_2), \min(\beta_1, \beta_2), \max(\gamma_1, \gamma_2))} \in \vee q S$

for all  $u, v \in G, \alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (0, 1], \beta, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1], \gamma, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, 1)$ .

**Example 3.26.** Consider a  $K$ -algebra  $\mathcal{K} = (G, \cdot, \odot, e)$ , where  $G = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5, x^6\}$  is the cyclic group of order 7 and  $\odot$  is given by the following Cayley's Table.

$\odot$	$e$	$x$	$x^2$	$x^3$	$x^4$	$x^5$	$x^6$
$e$	$e$	$x^6$	$x^5$	$x^4$	$x^3$	$x^2$	$x$
$x$	$x$	$e$	$x^6$	$x^5$	$x^4$	$x^3$	$x^2$
$x^2$	$x^2$	$x$	$e$	$x^6$	$x^5$	$x^4$	$x^3$
$x^3$	$x^3$	$x^2$	$x$	$e$	$x^6$	$x^5$	$x^4$
$x^4$	$x^4$	$x^3$	$x^2$	$x$	$e$	$x^6$	$x^5$
$x^5$	$x^5$	$x^4$	$x^3$	$x^2$	$x$	$e$	$x^6$
$x^6$	$x^6$	$x^5$	$x^4$	$x^3$	$x^2$	$x$	$e$

We define a spherical fuzzy set  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  as follows:

$$\mu_S(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } u = e, \\ 0.7 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \nu_S(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } u = e, \\ 0.6 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \lambda_S(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } u = e, \\ 0.5 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Taking  $\alpha = 0.4, \alpha_1 = 0.5, \alpha_2 = 0.3, \beta = 0.5, \beta_1 = 0.6, \beta_2 = 0.3, \gamma = 0.6, \gamma_1 = 0.6, \gamma_2 = 0.5$ , where  $\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (0, 1], \beta, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1], \gamma, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

By direct calculations, it is easy to see that  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

We formulate the following results without their proofs.

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $S$  be a spherical fuzzy set in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if

- (i)  $\mu_S(u) \geq \min(\mu_S(e), 0.5)$ ,
- (ii)  $\nu_S(u) \geq \min(\nu_S(e), 0.5)$ ,
- (iii)  $\lambda_S(u) \leq \max(\lambda_S(e), 0.5)$ ,
- (iv)  $\mu_S(u \odot v) \geq \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v), 0.5)$ ,
- (v)  $\nu_S(u \odot v) \geq \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v), 0.5)$ ,
- (vi)  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) \leq \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v), 0.5)$

for all  $u, v \in G$ .

**Theorem 3.28.** Let  $S$  be a spherical fuzzy set in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if each non-empty  $S_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . For  $\alpha, \beta \in (0.5, 1], \gamma \in [0.5, 1)$ .

**Theorem 3.29.** Let  $S$  be a spherical fuzzy set in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if

- (a)  $\max(\mu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \geq \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v))$ ,  
 $\max(\nu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \geq \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v))$ ,  
 $\min(\lambda_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \leq \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v))$ ,
- (b)  $\max(\mu_S(e), 0.5) \geq \mu_S(u)$ ,  
 $\max(\nu_S(e), 0.5) \geq \nu_S(u)$ ,  
 $\min(\lambda_S(e), 0.5) \leq \lambda_S(u)$ , for all  $u, v \in G$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  and let  $\max(\mu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) < \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v)) = \alpha$ ,  $\max(\nu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) < \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v)) = \beta$ ,  $\min(\lambda_S(u \odot v), 0.5) > \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v)) = \gamma$ . Then for  $\alpha, \beta \in (0.5, 1]$  and  $\gamma \in [0.5, 1)$  and  $u, v \in S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$ ,  $\mu_S(u \odot v) < \alpha$ ,  $\nu_S(u \odot v) < \beta$ ,  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) > \gamma$ . Since  $u, v \in S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$  and  $S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , so  $u, v \in S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$  or  $\mu_S(u \odot v) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\nu_S(u \odot v) \geq \beta$ ,  $\lambda_S(u \odot v) \leq \gamma$ , which is a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose that conditions (a) and (b) holds. Assume that  $\alpha, \beta \in (0.5, 1]$ ,  $\gamma \in [0.5, 1)$ , for  $u, v \in S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$ . Then we have

$$0.5 < \alpha \leq \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v)) \leq \max(\mu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \Rightarrow \mu_S(u \odot v) \geq \alpha,$$

$$0.5 < \beta \leq \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v)) \leq \max(\nu_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \Rightarrow \nu_S(u \odot v) \geq \beta,$$

$$0.5 > \gamma \geq \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v)) \geq \min(\lambda_S(u \odot v), 0.5) \Rightarrow \lambda_S(u \odot v) \leq \gamma,$$

$$0.5 < \alpha \leq \mu_S(u) \leq \max(\mu_S(e), 0.5) \Rightarrow \mu_S(u) \geq \alpha,$$

$$0.5 < \beta \leq \nu_S(u) \leq \max(\nu_S(e), 0.5) \Rightarrow \nu_S(u) \geq \beta,$$

$$0.5 > \gamma \geq \lambda_S(u) \geq \min(\lambda_S(e), 0.5) \Rightarrow \lambda_S(u) \leq \gamma \text{ for some } u, v \in G \text{ } u \odot v \in S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}. \text{ Thus } S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \text{ is a } K\text{-subalgebra of } \mathcal{K}. \quad \square$$

**Definition 3.30.** Let  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \in [0, 1]$  and  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2$ . Suppose  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then  $S$  is called a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  if

$$\begin{aligned} \max(\mu_S(u \odot v), \epsilon_1) &\geq \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v), \epsilon_2), \\ \max(\nu_S(u \odot v), \epsilon_1) &\geq \min(\nu_S(u), \nu_S(v), \epsilon_2), \\ \min(\lambda_S(u \odot v), \epsilon_1) &\leq \max(\lambda_S(u), \lambda_S(v), \epsilon_2) \text{ for all } u, v \in G. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.31.** Using Example 3.26, it is easy to see that  $S = (\mu_S, \nu_S, \lambda_S)$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1 = 0.3, \epsilon_2 = 0.52)$  and for  $(\epsilon_1 = 0.55, \epsilon_2 = 0.64)$ .

**Remark 3.32.** Let for  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \in [0, 1]$  and  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2$  unless otherwise specified.

(i) When  $\epsilon_1 = 0$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 1$  in spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ ,  $S$  is an ordinary spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra.

(2) When  $\epsilon_1 = 0$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.5$  in spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ ,  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra.

**Theorem 3.33.** A spherical fuzzy set  $S$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  if and only if  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ ,  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta)$ ,  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma) (\neq \phi)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra with thresholds  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ . First, we prove that  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ , let  $u, v \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ . Then  $\mu_S(u) \geq \alpha$  and  $\mu_S(v) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]$ . Since  $S$  is a spherical fuzzy  $K$ -subalgebra. It follows that

$$\max(\mu_S(u \odot v), \epsilon_1) \geq \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v), \epsilon_2) = \alpha,$$

so that  $u \odot v \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ . So,  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Similarly, we can proof for  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta)$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma)$ . Thus,  $S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Conversely, consider that a spherical fuzzy set  $S$  be such that  $S_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \neq \phi$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{K}$  for  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \in [0, 1]$  and  $(\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2)$ . Suppose that  $\max(\mu_S(u \odot v), \epsilon_1) < \min(\mu_S(u), \mu_S(v), \epsilon_2) = \alpha$ , then  $\mu_S(u \odot v) < \alpha$ ,  $u \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ ,  $v \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]$ . Since  $u, v \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$  and  $\cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$  is a  $K$ -subalgebra,  $u \odot v \in \cup(\mu_S, \alpha)$ , i.e.,  $\mu_S(u \odot v) \geq \alpha$ , a contradiction. Similar results can be obtained for  $\cup'(\nu_S, \beta)$  and  $L(\lambda_S, \gamma)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 4 Conclusion

The classical approach to formulate a mathematical model of a problem is based on the assumption of precise data. On the contrary, real-life data is not always crisp, and all descriptions can not always be expressed or measured precisely. A fuzzy set theory is a useful mathematical tool for handling real-life imprecise data. Since Zadeh has proposed the fuzzy set theory, it has aroused a lot of attention. The spherical fuzzy set is one of the most important extensions of a fuzzy set. We have applied the concept of spherical fuzzy sets to  $K$ -algebras and have constructed new spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras. The study of  $K$ -algebras can be extended to: (i) Spherical fuzzy soft  $K$ -algebras, (ii)  $T$ -spherical fuzzy  $K$ -algebras, (iii)  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -spherical fuzzy soft  $K$ -algebras, (iv) Type 2 fuzzy  $K$ -algebras, and (v) Rough  $K$ -algebras.

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