

ON GENERALIZED f -DERIVATIONS OF LATTICE IMPLICATION ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the notion of generalized f -derivation of lattice implication algebra and investigate some related properties. Also, we prove that if D is a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L , then $D(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.

1. Introduction

The concept of lattice implication algebra was proposed by Y. Xu [11], in order to establish an alternative logic knowledge representation. Also, in [12], Y. Xu and K. Y. Qin discussed the properties lattice H implication algebras, and gave some equivalent conditions about lattice H implication algebras. Y. Xu and K. Y. Qin [13] introduced the notion of filters in a lattice implication, and investigated their properties. The present author [5, 14] introduced the notion of derivation and f -derivation in lattice implications algebras and obtained some related results. In this paper, we introduce the notion of generalized f -derivation of lattice implication algebra and investigate some related properties. Also, we prove that if D is a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L , then $D(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.

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2. Preliminaries

DEFINITION 2.1. A *lattice implicational algebra* is an algebra $(L; \wedge, \vee, \iota, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0)$, where $(L; \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$ is a bounded lattice, “ ι ” is an order-reversing involution and “ \rightarrow ” is a binary operation, satisfying the following axioms, for all $x, y, z \in L$,

- (L1) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$,
- (L2) $x \rightarrow x = 1$,
- (L3) $x \rightarrow y = y' \rightarrow x'$,
- (L4) $x \rightarrow y = y \rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y$,
- (L5) $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x$,
- (L6) $(x \vee y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \wedge (y \rightarrow z)$,
- (L7) $(x \wedge y) \rightarrow z = (x \rightarrow z) \vee (y \rightarrow z)$.

If L satisfies conditions (L1) – (L5), we say that L is a *quasi lattice implicational algebra*. A lattice implication algebra L is called a *lattice H implication algebra* if it satisfies $x \vee y \vee ((x \wedge y) \rightarrow z) = 1$ for all $x, y, z \in L$.

In the sequel the binary operation “ \rightarrow ” will be denoted by juxtaposition. We can define a partial ordering “ \leq ” on a lattice implicational algebra L by $x \leq y$ if and only if $x \rightarrow y = 1$ for all $x, y \in L$.

PROPOSITION 2.2. In a lattice implicational algebra L , the following hold, for all $x, y, z \in L$, (see [11])

- (u1) $0 \rightarrow x = 1, 1 \rightarrow x = x$ and $x \rightarrow 1 = 1$,
- (u2) $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$,
- (u3) $x \leq y$ implies $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$ and $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$,
- (u4) $x' = x \rightarrow 0$.
- (u5) $x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$,
- (u6) $((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y')' = x \wedge y = ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x')$,
- (u7) $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$.

DEFINITION 2.3. In a lattice H implication algebra L , the following hold, for all $x, y, z \in L$,

- (u8) $x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = x \rightarrow y$,
- (u9) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ (see [11]).

DEFINITION 2.4. A subset F of a lattice implication algebra L is called a *filter* of L if it satisfies,

- (F1) $1 \in F$,
- (F2) $x \in F$ and $x \rightarrow y \in F$ imply $y \in F$, for all $x, y \in L$ (see [11]).

DEFINITION 2.5. Let L_1 and L_2 be lattice implication algebras.

- (1) A mapping $f : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ is an *implication homomorphism* if $f(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ for all $x, y \in L_1$.
- (2) A mapping $f : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ is an *lattice implication homomorphism* if $f(x \vee y) = f(x) \vee f(y)$, $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$, $f(x') = f(x)'$ for all $x, y \in L_1$ (see [11]).

DEFINITION 2.6. Let L be a lattice implication algebra and let $f : L \rightarrow L$ be an implication homomorphism on L . A mapping $d : L \rightarrow L$ is called an *f -derivation* of L if there exists an implication homomorphism f such that

$$d(x \rightarrow y) = (f(x) \rightarrow d(y)) \vee (d(x) \rightarrow f(y))$$

for all $x, y \in L$ (see [11]).

PROPOSITION 2.7. Let d be a f -derivation on L . Then the following conditions hold.

- (1) $d(1) = 1$.
- (2) $d(x) = d(x) \vee f(x)$ for every $x \in L$.
- (3) $f(x) \leq d(x)$ for every $x \in L$.
- (4) $f(x) \vee f(y) \leq d(x) \vee d(y)$ for every $x, y \in L$.
- (5) $d(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow d(y)$ for every $x, y \in L$.

3. Generalized f -derivations of lattice implication algebras

In what follows, let L denote a lattice implication algebra and let f be an implication homomorphism on L unless otherwise specified.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let L be a lattice implication algebra and let $f : L \rightarrow L$ be an implication homomorphism on L . A map $D : L \times L \rightarrow L$ is called a *generalized f -derivation* of L if there exists an f -derivation $d : L \rightarrow L$ satisfying the the following condition

$$D(x \rightarrow y) = (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \vee (d(x) \rightarrow f(y))$$

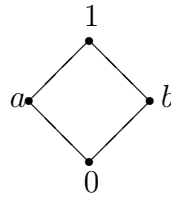
for all $x, y \in L$.

Let L be a lattice implication algebra and let f be an implication homomorphism on L . If $D = d$, then D is an f -derivation on L .

EXAMPLE 3.2. Let $X = \{x, y\}$. Then

$$L = \mathcal{P}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, X\}.$$

Let $0 = \emptyset, a = \{x\}, b = \{y\}, 1 = X$. Then $L = \{0, a, b, 1\}$ is a bounded lattice with above Hasse diagram.



We can make an implication \rightarrow on L such as

$$a \rightarrow b = \{x\}^C \cup \{y\} = \{y\} \cup \{y\} = \{y\} = b.$$

Hence we have the operation table of the implication :

x	x'	\rightarrow	0	a	b	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	1
a	b	a	b	1	b	1
b	a	b	a	a	1	1
1	0	1	0	a	b	1

If we define a map $f : L \rightarrow L$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, a \\ 1 & \text{if } x = b, 1 \end{cases}$$

then this map f is an implication homomorphism. Define a map $d : L \rightarrow L$ and $D : L \rightarrow L$ by

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } x = 0, a \\ 1 & \text{if } x = b, 1 \end{cases} \quad D(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, a \\ 1 & \text{if } x = b, 1 \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to check that d is an f -derivation on L and D is a generalized f -derivation associated with d .

EXAMPLE 3.3. In Example 3.2, if we define a map $f : L \rightarrow L$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, b \\ 1 & \text{if } x = a, 1 \end{cases}$$

then this map f is an implication homomorphism on L . Define a map $d : L \rightarrow L$ and $D : L \rightarrow L$ by

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = a, 1 \\ a & \text{if } x = 0, b \end{cases} \quad D(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1, a \\ a & \text{if } x = b \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to check that d is an f -derivation on L and D is a generalized f -derivation associated with d .

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then the following conditions hold.*

- (1) $D(1) = 1$.
- (2) $D(x) = D(x) \vee f(x)$ for every $x \in L$.
- (3) $f(x) \leq D(x)$ for every $x \in L$.
- (4) $f(x) \rightarrow y \leq D(x) \rightarrow y$ for every $x, y \in L$.

Proof. (1) Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(1) &= D(1 \rightarrow 1) = (f(1) \rightarrow D(1)) \vee (d(1) \rightarrow f(1)) \\ &= (1 \rightarrow D(1)) \vee (1 \rightarrow 1) = D(1) \rightarrow 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(2) For every $x \in L$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) &= D(1 \rightarrow x) = (f(1) \rightarrow D(x)) \vee (d(1) \rightarrow f(x)) \\ &= (1 \rightarrow D(x)) \vee (1 \rightarrow f(x)) = D(x) \vee f(x). \end{aligned}$$

(3) For all $x \in L$, by part (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \rightarrow D(x) &= f(x) \rightarrow (D(x) \vee f(x)) = f(x) \rightarrow (D(x) \rightarrow f(x)) \rightarrow f(x) \\ &= (D(x) \rightarrow f(x)) \rightarrow (f(x) \rightarrow f(x)) = (D(x) \rightarrow f(x)) \rightarrow 1 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

This implies $D(x) \leq f(x)$ for every $x \in L$.

(4) For every $x, y \in L$, we have $D(x) \leq f(x)$ for every $x \in L$ by part (3). Hence we get $f(x) \rightarrow y \leq D(x) \rightarrow y$ for every $x, y \in L$ by (u3). □

PROPOSITION 3.5. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d and $f(D(x)) = D(x)$ for every $x \in L$. Then $D(D(x) \rightarrow x) = 1$ for every $x \in L$.*

Proof. Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D(D(x) \rightarrow x) &= (f(D(x)) \rightarrow D(x)) \vee (d(D(x)) \rightarrow f(x)) \\ &= (D(x) \rightarrow D(x)) \vee (d(D(x)) \rightarrow f(x)) = 1 \vee (d(D(x)) \rightarrow f(x)) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

PROPOSITION 3.6. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d on L . Then the following conditions hold:*

- (1) $D(x) \rightarrow D(y) \leq D(x \rightarrow y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.
- (2) $D(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.
- (3) $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq D(x \rightarrow y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof. (1) For all $x, y \in L$, we have $f(x) \rightarrow D(y) \leq (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \vee (d(x) \rightarrow f(y)) = D(x \rightarrow y)$ from (u7). Now from $f(x) \leq D(x)$, we get $D(x) \rightarrow D(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ by using (u3). Hence $D(x) \rightarrow D(y) \leq D(x \rightarrow y)$.

(2) For any $x, y \in L$, from $f(x) \leq D(x)$ and $f(y) \leq D(y)$, we get $D(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ and $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ by using (u3). Hence we obtain $D(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.

(3) From Definition 3.1 and (u7), for all $x, y \in L$, we have $f(x) \rightarrow D(y) \leq (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \vee (d(x) \rightarrow f(y)) = D(x \rightarrow y)$ for all $x, y \in L$. Since $f(y) \leq D(y)$, we get $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$, which implies $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq D(x \rightarrow y)$.

□

THEOREM 3.7. *Let d be an f -derivation on L . If D is a generalized f -derivation associated with d on L , we get $D(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.*

Proof. Suppose that D is a generalized f -derivation associated with a derivation d on L . Then for any $x, y \in L$, we have $d(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ since $f(x) \leq d(x)$ and $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ since $f(y) \leq D(y)$. Hence we have $d(x) \rightarrow f(y) \leq f(x) \rightarrow D(y)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} D(x \rightarrow y) &= (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \vee (d(x) \rightarrow f(y)) \\ &= ((f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \rightarrow (d(x) \rightarrow f(y))) \rightarrow (d(x) \rightarrow f(y)) \\ &= ((d(x) \rightarrow f(y)) \rightarrow (f(x) \rightarrow D(y))) \rightarrow (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow (f(x) \rightarrow D(y)) = f(x) \rightarrow D(y) \end{aligned}$$

from (L5) and (u3). This completes the proof. □

THEOREM 3.8. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . If it satisfies $D(x \rightarrow y) = D(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ for every $x, y \in L$, we have $D(x) = f(x)$.*

Proof. Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . If it satisfies $D(x \rightarrow y) = D(x) \rightarrow f(y)$ for all $x, y \in L$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) &= D(1 \rightarrow x) = D(1) \rightarrow f(x) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow f(x) = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

THEOREM 3.9. *Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d on L and let D be lattice implication homomorphism on L . Then we have $D(x \vee y) = D(f(x)) \vee D(f(y))$ for every $x, y \in L$.*

Proof. For every $x, y \in L$, we obtain, by (L7)

$$\begin{aligned} D(x \vee y) &= D(x'' \vee y'') = D((x' \wedge y') \rightarrow 0) \\ &= f(x' \wedge y') \rightarrow D(0) = (f'(x) \rightarrow D(0)) \vee (f'(y) \rightarrow D(0)) \\ &= D(f'(x) \rightarrow 0) \vee D(f'(y) \rightarrow 0) = D(f(x)) \vee D(f(y)). \end{aligned}$$

□

THEOREM 3.10. *Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d on L . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) D is an isotone generalized f -derivation associate with d .
- (2) $D(x) \vee D(y) \leq D(x \vee y)$ for all $x, y \in L$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose that D is an isotone generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L . We know that $x \leq x \vee y$ and $y \leq x \vee y$ for all $x, y \in L$. Since D is isotone, $D(x) \leq D(x \vee y)$ and $D(y) \leq D(x \vee y)$. Hence we obtain $D(x) \vee D(y) \leq D(x \vee y)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Suppose that $D(x) \vee D(y) \leq D(x \vee y)$ and $x \leq y$. Then we have $D(x) \leq D(x) \vee D(y) \leq D(x \vee y) = D(y)$.

□

DEFINITION 3.11. Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d .

- (1) D is called a *monomorphic generalized f -derivation* associate with d if D is one-to-one.
- (2) D is called an *epic generalized generalized f -derivation* associate with d if D is onto.

THEOREM 3.12. *Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d on L and let D be idempotent, that is, $D^2 = D$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) $D(x) = x$ for all $x \in L$.
- (2) D is a *monomorphic generalized f -derivation* associate with an f -derivation d of L .
- (3) D is an *epic generalized f -derivation* associate with an f -derivation d of L .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) is clear.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let D be a monomorphic generalized f -derivation associate with d and $x \in L$. By hypothesis, we have $D(D(x)) = D(x)$ for every $x \in L$. Since D is monomorphic, we get $D(x) = x$ for all $x \in L$.

(1) \Rightarrow (3) is trivial.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let D be an epic generalized f -derivation associate with d and $x \in L$. Then there exists $y \in L$ such that $D(y) = x$. Hence we have $D(x) = D(D(y)) = D^2(y) = D(y) = x$.

□

Let d be an f -derivation of L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Define a set $Fix_D(L)$ by

$$Fix_D(L) := \{x \in L \mid D(x) = f(x)\}$$

for all $x \in L$. Clearly, $1 \in Fix_D(L)$.

PROPOSITION 3.13. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then the following properties hold.*

- (1) If $x \in L$ and $y \in Fix_D(L)$, we have $x \rightarrow y \in Fix_D(L)$.
- (2) If $x \in L$ and $y \in Fix_D(L)$, we have $x \vee y \in Fix_D(L)$.

Proof. (1) Let $x \in L$ and $y \in Fix_D(L)$. Then we have $D(y) = f(y)$. Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} D(x \rightarrow y) &= f(x) \rightarrow D(y) = f(x) \rightarrow f(y) \\ &= f(x \rightarrow y) \end{aligned}$$

from Theorem 3.7. This completes the proof.

(2) Let $x, y \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} D(x \vee y) &= D((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) = f(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow D(y) \\ &= f(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow f(y) = f((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \\ &= f(x \vee y) \end{aligned}$$

from Theorem 3.7. This completes the proof. □

PROPOSITION 3.14. *Let d be an f -derivation of L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . If $x \leq y$ and $x \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$, we have $y \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$.*

Proof. Let $x \leq y$ and $x \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$. Then we have $x \rightarrow y = 1$, and so $f(x) \rightarrow f(y) = f(x \rightarrow y) = f(1) = 1$. This means $f(x) \leq f(y)$. By hypothesis, $D(x) = f(x)$ for every $x \in L$. Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} D(y) &= D((1 \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) = D((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \\ &= D((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = f(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow D(x) \\ &= f(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow f(x) = (f(y) \rightarrow f(x)) \rightarrow f(x) \\ &= (f(x) \rightarrow f(y)) \rightarrow f(y) = f(x) \vee f(y) = f(y), \end{aligned}$$

from Theorem 3.7. Hence $y \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$. □

DEFINITION 3.15. Let L be a lattice implication algebra. A non-empty set F of L is called a *normal filter* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $1 \in F$.
- (2) $x \in L$ and $y \in F$ imply $x \rightarrow y \in F$.

EXAMPLE 3.16. In Example 3.3, let $F = \{1, a\}$. Then F is a normal filter of a lattice implication algebra L .

PROPOSITION 3.17. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then $\text{Fix}_D(L)$ is a normal filter of L .*

Proof. Clearly, $1 \in \text{Fix}_D(L)$. By Proposition 3.13 (1), we know that $x \in L$ and $y \in F$ imply $x \rightarrow y \in F$. This completes the proof. □

Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d of L . Define a set $KerD$ by

$$KerD = \{x \in L \mid D(x) = 1\}.$$

PROPOSITION 3.18. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . Then*

- (1) *If $y \in KerD$, then we have $x \vee y \in KerD$ for all $x \in L$.*
- (2) *If $x \leq y$ and $x \in KerD$, then $y \in KerD$.*
- (3) *If $y \in KerD$, we have $x \rightarrow y \in KerD$ for all $x \in L$.*

Proof. (1) Let D be a generalized f -derivation on L and $y \in KerD$. Then we get $D(y) = 1$, and so

$$D(x \vee y) = D((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) = f(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow D(y) = f(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow 1 = 1$$

from Theorem 3.7. Hence we have $x \vee y \in KerD$.

(2) Let $x \leq y$ and $x \in KerD$. Then we get $x \rightarrow y = 1$ and $D(x) = 1$, and so

$$\begin{aligned} D(y) &= D(1 \rightarrow y) = D((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \\ &= D((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = f(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow D(x) \\ &= f(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

from Theorem 3.7. Hence we have $y \in KerD$.

(3) Let $y \in KerD$. Then $D(y) = 1$. Thus we have

$$D(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightarrow D(y) = f(x) \rightarrow 1 = 1$$

from Theorem 3.7. Hence we get $x \rightarrow y \in KerD$. □

THEOREM 3.19. *Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with a derivation d . Then $KerD$ is a normal filter of L .*

Proof. Clearly, $1 \in KerD$. Let $x \in L$ and $y \in KerD$. Then we have $d(y) = 1$, and so

$$\begin{aligned} D(x \rightarrow y) &= f(x) \rightarrow D(y) \\ &= f(x) \rightarrow 1 = 1, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $x \rightarrow y \in KerD$ from Theorem 3.7. Hence $KerD$ is a normal filter of L . □

DEFINITION 3.20. Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d . A normal filter F of L is called a D -normal filter if $D(F) = F$.

Since $D(1) = 1$, it can be easily observed that the normal filter $\{1\}$ is a D -normal filter of L . If L is onto, then $D(L) = L$, which implies L is an D -normal filter of L .

EXAMPLE 3.21. In Example 3.3, let $F = \{1, a, b\}$. Then F is a normal filter of D . It can be verified that $D(F) = F$. Therefore, F is an D -normal filter of L .

LEMMA 3.22. Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with d and let I, J be any two D -normal filters of L . Then we have $I \subseteq J$ implies $D(I) \subseteq D(J)$.

Proof. Let $I \subseteq J$ and $x \in D(I)$. Then we have $x = D(y)$ for some $y \in I \subseteq J$. Hence we get $x = D(y) \in D(J)$. Therefore, $D(I) \subseteq D(J)$. □

PROPOSITION 3.23. Let d be an f -derivation on L and let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L . Then an intersection of any two D -normal filters is also an D -normal filter of L .

Proof. Let $x \in D(I \cap J)$. Then $x = D(a)$ for some $a \in I$ and $a \in J$. Hence $x = D(a) \in D(I) = I$ and $x = D(a) \in D(J) = J$, which implies $x \in I \cap J$. Now let $x \in I \cap J$. Then $x \in I = D(I)$ and $x \in J = D(J)$. Hence we have $x \in D(I) \cap D(J)$. Hence $I \cap J$ is a D -normal filter of L . □

DEFINITION 3.24. Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with a f -derivation d of L . A normal filter F of L is called an *injective normal filter* with respect to D if for $x, y \in L$, $D(x) = D(y)$ and $x \in F$ implies $y \in F$.

Evidently, $Ker D$ is an injective normal filter of L . Though the normal filter $\{1\}$ is a D -normal filter, there is no guarantee that it is injective normal filter.

THEOREM 3.25. Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) $\{1\}$ is injective with respect to D .
- (2) $\text{Ker}D = \{1\}$.
- (3) $D(x) = 1$ implies that $x = 1$ for all $x \in L$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that $\{1\}$ is injective with respect to D . Let $x \in \text{Ker}D$. Then $D(x) = D(1)$. Since $\{1\}$ is injective, we can get $x \in \{1\}$. Therefore, $\text{Ker}D = \{1\}$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). The proof is trivial.

(3) \Rightarrow (1). Let $D(x) = D(y)$ and $x \in \{1\}$. Hence $D(y) = D(x) = D(1) = 1$, which implies $y = 1 \in \{1\}$. □

THEOREM 3.26. *Let D be a generalized f -derivation associated with an f -derivation d of L and let D be idempotent. Then an D -normal filter F of L is injective with respect to D if and only if for any $x \in L$, $D(x) \in F$ implies $x \in F$.*

Proof. Let F be a D -normal filter of L and let F be injective with respect to D . Suppose that $D(x) \in F = D(F)$ and $x \in L$. Then $D(x) = D(a)$ for some $a \in F$. Since F is injective and $a \in F$, we get that $x \in F$. Conversely, let $x, y \in L$, $D(x) = D(y)$ and $x \in F$. Since $x \in D(F)$, we get $x = D(a)$ for some $a \in F$. Hence $D(y) = D(x) = D(D(a)) = D(a) \in D(F)$, which implies that $y \in F$. Therefore, F is an injective normal filter of L with respect to D . □

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