

## L-FUZZY 2-ABSORBING IDEALS IN AN ADL

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**ABSTRACT.** In this study, we present the concepts of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals and 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of an ADL. We define and analyse the concept of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals using the  $t$ -cut method. Furthermore, we demonstrate that both the image and the pre-image of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals remain  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals. The main focus of the study is to establish the correlation between the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal, the prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and the 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, and the 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals. In conclusion, we depict 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals in terms of the 2-absorbing ideal of an ADL and the 2-absorbing element in a frame.

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### 1. Introduction

In the field of fuzzy set theory, L.A. Zadeh [14] introduced the concept of fuzzy subsets, which are functions from a set  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$ . J.A. Goguen [1] expanded on this idea by using a complete lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  instead of the valuation set  $[0, 1]$  leading to the study of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy sets. This generalized approach attracted the interest of algebraists who explored fuzzy subalgebras in various algebraic structures. In 1982, W.J. Liu [3] conducted research on fuzzy subrings and fuzzy ideals in rings. Following this, several researchers, such as Malik and Mordeson [4, 5], Kukharjee and Sen [6], Lehmkke [2], Swamy and Raju [13], Swamy [10], Nimbhorker and Patil [8], Swamy, Raj and Natnael [11], delved into the study of fuzzy subrings, fuzzy ideals, fuzzy prime ideals in lattices and ADLs. These researchers contributed to the advancement of knowledge in these areas.

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The idea of an ADL was first conceptualized by Swamy and Rao [12]. More recently, Natnael [7] has expanded on this idea by introducing the notion of weakly 2-absorbing ideals of an ADL. In this research paper, we further explore this concept by presenting the idea of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal of an ADL which is the generalization of the notion of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals of an ADL introduced by Swamy, Raj and Natnael [9]. Our discussion revolves around the characterization of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal using the  $t$ -cut framework. Assuming  $R$  and  $G$  are ADLs, and a lattice homomorphism,  $h$ , exists from  $R$  to  $G$ . If we consider an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal  $\psi$  of  $G$ , it can be inferred that  $h^{-1}(\psi)$  will result in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ . Furthermore, if  $h$  is an isomorphism and  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ , then the result of  $h(\eta)$  will be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal of  $G$ . We also characterize all 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of an ADL  $R$  in terms of both the 2-absorbing ideal of an ADL and the 2-absorbing element in a frame  $\mathcal{L}$ . Mainly, we extensively delve into the relationship between the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal, prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and 2-absorbing  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal. We also demonstrate that the intersection of any two  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals results in an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal. However, the intersection of any two  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideals may not necessarily yield an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2-absorbing ideal. Similarly, the intersection of two prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals can produce a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, but the intersection of any two  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals may not result in a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal. We validate these claims by providing counter examples.

Throughout this paper,  $R$  stands for an ADL  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  with a maximal element and  $\mathcal{L}$  stands for a complete lattice  $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$  satisfying the infinite meet distributive law and this type of a lattice is called a frame. More over, in this paper we denote 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  by  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and basic results mostly taken from [12] and [9].

**Definition 2.1.** An algebra  $R = (R, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  is called an Almost Distributive Lattice(abbreviated as ADL) if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $p, q$  and  $r \in R$ .

- (1)  $0 \wedge p = 0$
- (2)  $p \vee 0 = p$
- (3)  $p \wedge (q \vee r) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- (4)  $p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
- (5)  $(p \vee q) \wedge r = (p \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge r)$
- (6)  $(p \vee q) \wedge q = q$

Any bounded below distributive lattice is an ADL.

**Example 2.2.** Any nonempty set  $Y$  can be made into an ADL by fixing an arbitrarily chosen element  $0$  in  $Y$  and fix an arbitrary element  $x_0 \in Y$ . For any  $x, y \in Y$ , define  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  on  $X$  by,

$$x \wedge y = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } x \neq x_0 \\ x_0 & \text{if } x = x_0 \end{cases} \text{ and } x \vee y = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \neq x_0 \\ y & \text{if } x = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $(Y, \wedge, \vee, x_0)$  is an ADL with  $x_0$  as its zero element. This ADL is called the **discrete ADL**.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $R = (R, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  be an ADL. For any  $a$  and  $b \in R$ , define  $a \leq b$  if  $a = a \wedge b$  ( $\Leftrightarrow a \vee b = b$ ). Then  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $R$  with respect to which  $0$  is the smallest element in  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *The following hold for any  $p, q$  and  $r$  in  $R$ .*

- (1)  $p \wedge 0 = 0$  and  $0 \vee p = p$
- (2)  $p \wedge p = p = p \vee p$
- (3)  $p \wedge q \leq q \leq q \vee p$
- (4)  $p \wedge q = p \Leftrightarrow p \vee q = q$
- (5)  $p \wedge q = q \Leftrightarrow p \vee q = p$
- (6)  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = p \wedge (q \wedge r)$  (i.e.,  $\wedge$  is associative)
- (7)  $p \vee (q \vee p) = p \vee q$
- (8)  $p \leq q \Rightarrow p \wedge q = p = q \wedge p$  ( $\Leftrightarrow p \vee q = q = q \vee p$ )
- (9)  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = (q \wedge p) \wedge r$
- (10)  $(p \vee q) \wedge r = (q \vee p) \wedge r$
- (11)  $p \wedge q = q \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p \vee q = q \vee p$
- (12)  $p \wedge q = \inf\{p, q\} \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q = q \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p \vee q = \sup\{p, q\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $R$  and  $G$  be ADLs. A mapping  $h : R \rightarrow G$  is called a homomorphism if the following are satisfied, for any  $p, q \in R$ .

- (1).  $h(p \wedge q) = h(p) \wedge h(q)$
- (2).  $h(p \vee q) = h(p) \vee h(q)$
- (3).  $h(0) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $R$  and  $G$  be ADLs and form the set  $R \times G$  by  $R \times G = \{(p, q) : p \in R \text{ and } q \in G\}$ . Define  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  in  $R \times G$  by,

$$(p, q) \wedge (u, r) = (p \wedge u, q \wedge r)$$

and  $(p, q) \vee (u, r) = (p \vee u, q \vee r)$ , for any  $(p, q), (u, r) \in R \times G$ . Then  
 $(R \times G, \wedge, \vee, 0)$

is an ADL under the pointwise operations and  $0 = (0, 0)$  is the zero element in  $R \times G$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $I$  be a non empty subset of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is called an ideal of  $R$  if  $a, b \in I$  implies  $a \vee b \in I$  and  $a \wedge p \in I$  for all  $p \in R$ .

As a consequence, for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $p \wedge a \in I$  for all  $a \in I$  and  $p \in R$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $R = (R, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  be an ADL. A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is said to be a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  if  $p \wedge q \wedge r \in P \Rightarrow p \wedge q \in P$  or  $q \wedge r \in P$  or  $p \wedge r \in P$ , for any  $p, q, r \in R$ .

**Definition 2.9.** An  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $\eta$  of  $X$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $L$ , where  $L$  is a complete lattice satisfying the infinite meet distributive law. If  $L$  is the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  of real numbers, then these are the usual fuzzy subsets of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.10.** An  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subset  $\eta$  of  $R$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , if  $\eta(0) = 1$  and  $\eta(p \vee q) = \eta(p) \wedge \eta(q)$ , for all  $p, q \in R$ .

**Definition 2.11.** A proper  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of  $R$  is called a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal if for any  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  of  $R$ ,  $\nu \wedge \mu \leq \eta$  implies either  $\nu \leq \eta$  or  $\mu \leq \eta$ .

**Definition 2.12.** A proper  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of  $R$  is called an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $R$  if for any  $p, q \in R$ ,  $\eta(p \wedge q) = \eta(p)$  or  $\eta(q)$ .

### 3. Fuzzy $2A$ -ideals

In this section, we introduce the notion of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals of an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) which fuzzified the concept of  $2A$ -ideals of an ADL. Recall that a proper ideal  $P$  of an ADL  $R$  is called a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  if whenever  $p, q, r \in R$  and  $p \wedge q \wedge r \in P$ , then either  $p \wedge q \in P$  or  $q \wedge r \in P$  or  $p \wedge r \in P$ . Now, we have the following.

**Definition 3.1.** A proper  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of an ADL  $R$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  if for all  $p, q$  and  $r \in R$ ,  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q)$  or  $\eta(p \wedge r)$  or  $\eta(q \wedge r)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $R = \{0, p, q, r\}$  and  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  be binary operations on  $R$  defined by:

$\vee$	0	p	q	r	$\wedge$	0	p	q	r
0	0	p	q	r	0	0	0	0	0
p	p	p	p	p	p	0	p	q	r
q	q	q	q	q	q	0	p	q	r
r	r	p	q	r	r	0	r	r	r

Then,  $(R, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is an ADL which is not a lattice ( $p \wedge q \neq q \wedge p$ ). Define an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subset  $\eta : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\eta(0) = 1, \eta(p) = 0, \eta(q) = 0$  and  $\eta(r) = 0.5$ . Then, Clearly  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Now,  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(q \wedge r)$  or  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge r)$  or  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q)$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .

Next, we characterize the notion of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal in terms of  $t$ -cut. Recall that for any  $t \in L$ , the set  $\eta_t = \{x \in R : t \leq \eta(x)\}$  is called the  $t$ -cut of  $\eta$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\eta_t$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ , for all  $t \in L$  if and only if  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\eta_t$  is a  $2A$ -ideal, for all  $t \in L$ . Let  $p, q, r \in R$  and put  $t = \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r)$ . Then  $p \wedge q \wedge r \in \eta_t$ . Assume  $t \not\leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ .

Then  $t \not\leq \eta(p \wedge q)$ ,  $t \not\leq \eta(p \wedge r)$  and  $t \not\leq \eta(q \wedge r)$ , implies that  $p \wedge q \notin \eta_t$ ,  $p \wedge r \notin \eta_t$  and  $q \wedge r \notin \eta_t$ . Which gives a contradiction, since  $\eta_t$  is a 2A-ideal. Thus  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = t \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Conversely suppose that  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Then for all  $p, q, r \in R$ ,  $t = \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \Rightarrow p \wedge q \wedge r \in \eta_t$   
 $\Rightarrow t \leq \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q)$   
 $\Rightarrow t \leq \eta(p \wedge q)$   
 $\Rightarrow p \wedge q \in \eta_t$ . Similarly,  $p \wedge r \in \eta_t$  or  $q \wedge r \in \eta_t$ . Thus  $\eta_t$  is a 2A-ideal of  $R$ , for all  $t \in L$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** *An ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is a 2A-ideal of  $R$  if and only if its characteristics map  $\chi_P$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ .*

Now, we characterize the concept of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of an ADL.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  iff  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ , for all  $p, q, r \in R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Let  $p, q, r \in R$ . Then  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ . Therefore,  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ . Conversely suppose  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ , for all  $p, q, r \in R$ . Since  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal,  $\eta(0) = 1$  and hence  $0 \in \eta_t$ . Thus  $\eta_t \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $t = \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r)$ . Then  $p \wedge q \wedge r \in \eta_t$ . Now,  $t \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ , which implies that  $t \leq \eta(p \wedge q)$  or  $t \leq \eta(p \wedge r)$  or  $t \leq \eta(q \wedge r)$  and hence  $p \wedge q \in \eta_t$  or  $p \wedge r \in \eta_t$  or  $q \wedge r \in \eta_t$ . Thus  $\eta_t$  is a 2A-ideal in  $R$ . By Theorem 3.3,  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  such that  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$ , for all  $p, q, r \in R$ . Define  $\langle \eta \rangle : R \rightarrow L$  by*

$$\langle \eta \rangle(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = 0 \\ \eta(p) & \text{if } p \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

*Then  $\langle \eta \rangle$  is the smallest  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  containing  $\eta$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p, q, r \in R$ .

Now,  $p \wedge q \wedge r = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $p \wedge q = 0$  or  $p \wedge r = 0$  or  $q \wedge r = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q \wedge r) = 1$  and  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q) = 1$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge r) = 1$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(q \wedge r) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q)$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge r)$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(q \wedge r)$ ,  
 $p \wedge q \wedge r \neq 0 \Rightarrow p \wedge q \neq 0, p \wedge r \neq 0$  and  $q \wedge r \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r)$  and  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q) = \eta(p \wedge q)$ ,  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge r)$   
and  $\langle \eta \rangle(q \wedge r) = \eta(q \wedge r) \Rightarrow \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge q)$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(p \wedge r)$  or  $\langle \eta \rangle(q \wedge r)$ . Thus  $\langle \eta \rangle$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\psi$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  containing  $\eta$ . That is,  $\eta(p) \leq \psi(p)$ , for all  $p \in R$ . If  $p = 0$ , then  $\eta(p) = \psi(p)$ . Assume  $p \neq 0$ . Then  $\langle \eta \rangle(p) = \eta(p) \leq \psi(p)$  and hence  $\langle \eta \rangle(p) \leq \psi(p)$ . So,  $\langle \eta \rangle \leq \psi$ . Therefore,  $\langle \eta \rangle$  is the smallest  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  containing  $\eta$ .  $\square$

We have shown that the  $t$ -cuts of any  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of an ADL  $R$  are 2A-ideals of  $R$ . In the following, We demonstrate below that the  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal is completely determined by these  $t$ -cuts.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $\{P_t\}_{t \in L}$  be a class of 2A-ideals of  $R$  such that  $\bigcap_{t \in M} P_t = P_{SupM}$ , for any  $M \subseteq L$ . Define  $\eta : R \rightarrow L$  by  $\eta(p) = Sup \{t \in L : p \in P_t\}$ . Then  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  such that  $P_t$  is equal to the  $t$ -cut of  $\eta$ , for each  $t \in L$ . Conversely, every  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  can be obtained as above.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{P_t\}_{t \in L}$  is a 2A-ideals of  $R$  such that  $\bigcap_{t \in M} P_t = P_{SupM}$ , for any  $M \subseteq L$ . Then for any  $p \in R$  and  $t \in L$ , we have  $p \in P_t \Rightarrow t \leq \eta(p) \Rightarrow p \in \eta_t$ . Thus  $P_s \subseteq \eta_s$ , for all  $s \in L$ . Also for any  $t, s \in L$  such that  $s \leq t$ .

$$s \leq t \Rightarrow t = t \vee s \Rightarrow P_t = P_{t \vee s} = P_t \cap P_s \Rightarrow P_t \subseteq P_s.$$

$$\text{Now, } p \in \eta_s \Rightarrow s \leq \eta(p) = \bigvee \{t \in L : p \in P_t\}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = s \wedge (\bigvee \{t \in L : p \in P_t\})$$

$$\Rightarrow s = \bigvee \{s \wedge t : p \in P_t\} \text{ (by the infinite meet distributivity in } \mathcal{L})$$

$$\Rightarrow P_s = P \bigvee_{p \in P_t} s \wedge t = \bigcap_{p \in P_t} P_{s \wedge t}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in \bigcap_{p \in P_t} P_{s \wedge t} = P_s \text{ (Since } s \wedge t \leq t \Rightarrow P_t \subseteq P_{s \wedge t})$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in P_s.$$

Therefore,  $\eta_s \subseteq P_s$ , for all  $s \in L$ . Therefore,  $\eta_s = P_s$ , for all  $s$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Since each  $P_s$  is a 2A-ideal of  $R$  and we have that  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Conversely suppose that  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Then each  $t$ -cut,  $\eta_t = \{p \in R \mid t \leq \eta(p)\}$  is a 2A-ideal of  $R$  and  $\bigcap_{t \in M} \eta_t = \eta \bigvee_{t \in M} t$  for any  $M \subseteq L$ .

Also, for any  $p \in R$ ,  $\eta(p) = \bigvee \{t \in L : p \in \eta_t\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subset  $\eta$  of  $R$ , define  $\bar{\eta}$  by  $\bar{\eta}(p) = Sup \{t \in L : p \in \langle \eta_t \rangle\}$ , for all  $p \in R$ . Then  $\bar{\eta}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  and  $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta \rangle$ .*

**Theorem 3.9.** *The set of all  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideals of  $R$  is a complete lattice in which the supremum and infimum of the family of  $\{\eta_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$  of  $R$  are given by  $\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} \eta_i = \langle \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} \eta_i \rangle$  and  $\bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} \eta_i = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} \eta_i$ .*

Next, we introduce  $t$ -level  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideals of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $P$  be a 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Then for any  $t \in L$ , the mapping  $t_P : R \rightarrow L$  defined by*

$$t_P(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in P \\ t & \text{if } x \notin P \end{cases}$$

*is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  and called the  $t$ -level  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$  corresponding to a 2A-ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .*

**Theorem 3.11.** *For a given  $t \in L$ , the mapping  $P \mapsto t_P$  is an isomorphism of the lattice of all 2A-ideals of  $R$  onto the lattice of all  $t$ -level  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideals of  $R$ .*

In the following, we facilitate the inter-relationship between  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals of ADL.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Every  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $R$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $R$  and  $p, q, r \in R$ . Then  
 $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(r)$  or  
 $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$  or  
 $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r)$  (since  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal)  
 which implies that  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)$  (since  $q \wedge r \leq r \Rightarrow \eta(r) \leq \eta(q \wedge r)$  and so on). Hence the result.  $\square$

The converse of the above result is not true; consider the following example.

**Example 3.13.** Let  $R = \{0, p, q, r, 1\}$  be the lattice represented by the Hasse diagram given below:

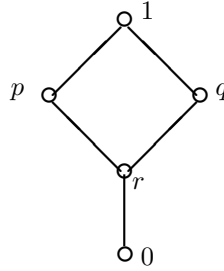


Figure 1: The complete lattice diagram.

Now define  $\eta : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\eta(0) = 1, \eta(r) = 2/3, \eta(q) = 1/3, \eta(p) = 0$  and  $\eta(1) = 0$ . For any  $a, b \in R$ , we have  $a \leq b$  imply that  $\eta(b) \leq \eta(a)$  and hence  $\eta$  is an antitone map. Clearly  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , since  $\eta(p \vee q) = \eta(1) = 0 = \eta(p) \wedge \eta(q)$ . Now,  $\eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(r) = \eta(p \wedge q)$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ , but  $\eta$  is not an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $R$ , since  $\eta(p \wedge q) = \eta(r) = 2/3 \neq \eta(p)$  and  $\eta(q)$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $\eta$  and  $\psi$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals of  $R$ . Then  $\eta \cap \psi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $\eta$  and  $\psi$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals of  $R$  and  $p, q, r \in R$ . Then  
 $(\eta \cap \psi)(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta(p \wedge q \wedge r) \wedge \psi(p \wedge q \wedge r)$   
 $\leq (\eta(p \wedge q) \vee \eta(p \wedge r) \vee \eta(q \wedge r)) \wedge (\psi(p \wedge q) \vee \psi(p \wedge r) \vee \psi(q \wedge r))$   
 $\leq (\eta(p) \vee \eta(q) \vee \eta(r)) \wedge (\psi(p) \vee \psi(q) \vee \psi(r))$  (by assumption)  
 $= (\eta(p) \wedge \psi(p)) \vee (\eta(p) \wedge \psi(q)) \vee (\eta(p) \wedge \psi(r)) \vee (\eta(q) \wedge \psi(p)) \vee (\eta(q) \wedge \psi(q)) \vee$   
 $(\eta(q) \wedge \psi(r)) \vee (\eta(r) \wedge \psi(p)) \vee (\eta(r) \wedge \psi(q)) \vee (\eta(r) \wedge \psi(r))$   
 $\leq (\eta \cap \psi)(p) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(p \wedge q) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(p \wedge r) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(q \wedge p) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(q) \vee (\eta \cap$   
 $\psi)(q \wedge r) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(r \wedge p) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(r \wedge q) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(r)$

$\leq (\eta \cap \psi)(p \wedge q) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(p \wedge r) \vee (\eta \cap \psi)(q \wedge r)$  (since  $\eta(q) \leq \eta(p \wedge q) = \eta(q \wedge p)$  and  $\psi(q) \leq \psi(p \wedge q) = \eta(q \wedge p)$ ). Therefore,  $\eta \cap \psi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

The intersection of any two  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals of an ADL  $R$  need not be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ ; consider the following example.

**Example 3.15.** Let  $R = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, 1\}$  be a lattice whose Hasse diagram is given below:

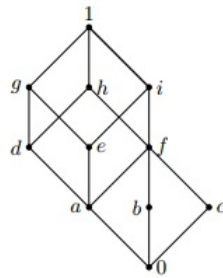


Figure 2: The Boolean lattice diagram.

Define  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subsets  $\eta : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\psi : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\eta(0) = 1, \eta(a) = 0.8, \eta(b) = 0.8, \eta(c) = 1, \eta(d) = 0.8$  and  $\eta(e) = \eta(f) = \eta(g) = \eta(h) = \eta(i) = \eta(1) = 0$ , and  $\psi(0) = 1, \psi(a) = 0.9, \psi(b) = 1, \psi(c) = 0.7, \psi(d) = 0, \psi(e) = 0.9$  and  $\psi(f) = \psi(g) = \psi(h) = \psi(i) = \psi(1) = 0$ . Clearly  $\eta$  and  $\psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals, but  $\eta \cap \psi$  is not an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal, since

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta \cap \psi)(0) &= \eta(0) \wedge \psi(0) = 1, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(a) &= \eta(a) \wedge \psi(a) = 0.8, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(b) &= \eta(b) \wedge \psi(b) = 0.8, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(c) &= \eta(c) \wedge \psi(c) = 0.7, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(d) &= \eta(d) \wedge \psi(d) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(e) &= \eta(e) \wedge \psi(e) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(f) &= \eta(f) \wedge \psi(f) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(g) &= \eta(g) \wedge \psi(g) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(h) &= \eta(h) \wedge \psi(h) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(i) &= \eta(i) \wedge \psi(i) = 0, \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(1) &= \eta(1) \wedge \psi(1) = 0 \text{ and hence} \\ (\eta \cap \psi)(g \wedge h \wedge i) &= (\eta \cap \psi)(a) = 0.8 \not\leq 0 = (\eta \cap \psi)(g \wedge h) = (\eta \cap \psi)(g \wedge i) = \\ &= (\eta \cap \psi)(h \wedge i). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.16.** Let  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subsets of  $R$  and  $G$  respectively. Then the product of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  is denoted by  $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$  and defined by  $(\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(a, b) = \eta_1(a) \wedge \eta_2(b)$ , for all  $(a, b) \in R \times G$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  and  $G$  respectively. Then  $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R \times G$ .



*Proof.* Suppose  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  and  $G$  respectively. Then  $(0, 0) \in R \times G$ ,  $(\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(0, 0) = \eta_1(0) \wedge \eta_2(0) = 1$ . Also, for all  $a, b \in r$  and  $c, d \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)((a, c) \vee (b, d)) &= (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(a \vee b, c \vee d) \\ &= \eta_1(a \vee b) \wedge \eta_2(c \vee d) \\ &= \eta_1(a) \wedge \eta_1(b) \wedge \eta_2(c) \wedge \eta_2(d) \\ &= \eta_1(a) \wedge \eta_2(c) \wedge \eta_1(b) \wedge \eta_2(d) \\ &= (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(a, c) \wedge (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(b, d). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R \times G$ . □

**Theorem 3.18.** *Let  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy prime ideals of  $R$  and  $G$  respectively. Then  $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R \times G$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $p, q, r \in R$  and  $a, b, c \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)((p, a) \wedge (q, b) \wedge (r, c)) &= (\eta_1 \times \eta_2)(p \wedge q \wedge r, a \wedge b \wedge c) \\ &= \eta_1(p \wedge q \wedge r) \wedge \eta_2(a \wedge b \wedge c) \\ &\leq \left[ \eta_1(p \wedge q) \vee \eta_1(r) \right] \wedge \left[ \eta_2(a \wedge b) \vee \eta_2(c) \right] \text{ or} \\ &\leq \left[ \eta_1(p \wedge r) \vee \eta_1(q) \right] \wedge \left[ \eta_2(a \wedge c) \vee \eta_2(b) \right] \text{ or} \\ &\leq \left[ \eta_1(q \wedge r) \vee \eta_1(p) \right] \wedge \left[ \eta_2(b \wedge c) \vee \eta_2(a) \right] \\ &\leq \left[ \eta_1(p \wedge q) \wedge \eta_2(a \wedge b) \right] \vee \left[ \eta_1(p \wedge r) \wedge \eta_2(a \wedge c) \right] \vee \left[ \eta_1(q \wedge r) \wedge \eta_2(b \wedge c) \right] \\ &= \left[ \eta_1 \times \eta_2(p \wedge q, a \wedge b) \right] \vee \left[ \eta_1 \times \eta_2(p \wedge r, a \wedge c) \right] \vee \left[ \eta_1 \times \eta_2(q \wedge r, b \wedge c) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result. □

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $R$  and  $G$  be ADLs, and  $h : R \rightarrow G$  be a lattice homomorphism. If  $\psi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $G$ , then  $h^{-1}(\psi)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . If  $h$  is an isomorphism and  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ , then  $h(\eta)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $h$  be a lattice homomorphism of ADLs  $R$  and  $G$  and let  $\psi$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $G$ . For any  $p, q, r \in R$ . Then  $h^{-1}(\psi)(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \psi(h(p \wedge q \wedge r)) = \psi(h(p) \wedge h(q) \wedge h(r))$   
 $\leq \psi(h(p) \wedge h(q) \vee \psi(h(p) \wedge h(r) \vee \psi(h(q) \wedge h(r))$   
 $= \psi(h(p \wedge q) \vee \psi(h(p \wedge r) \vee \psi(h(q \wedge r)))$ .

Therefore,  $h^{-1}(\psi)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Also, let  $h$  be an epimorphism and  $\eta$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $R$ . Consider,  $h(\eta)(p \wedge q) \vee h(\eta)(p \wedge r) \vee h(\eta)(q \wedge r) =$   
 $\left( \bigvee_{a \wedge b \in h^{-1}(p \wedge q)} \eta(a \wedge b) \right) \vee \left( \bigvee_{a \wedge c \in h^{-1}(p \wedge r)} \eta(a \wedge c) \right) \vee \left( \bigvee_{b \wedge c \in h^{-1}(q \wedge r)} \eta(b \wedge c) \right) \geq$   
 $\bigvee_{a \wedge b \wedge c \in h^{-1}(p \wedge q \wedge r)} \eta(a \wedge b \wedge c) = h(\eta)(p \wedge q \wedge r)$ . Thus,  $h(\eta)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy 2A-ideal of  $G$ . □

#### 4. $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals

In this section, we discuss the concept of  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of an ADL  $R$  which is weaker than that of a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  and we discuss the relationship between  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Definition 4.1.** A proper  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of  $R$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  if for all  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$  of  $R$ ,  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta \Rightarrow$  either  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ .

An element  $t$  in a frame  $\mathcal{L}$  is a 2-absorbing element in  $\mathcal{L}$  if there exists  $t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge t_3 \leq t$  implies either  $t_1 \wedge t_2 \leq t$  or  $t_1 \wedge t_3 \leq t$  or  $t_2 \wedge t_3 \leq t$ .

In the following, we characterize all  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  in terms of the  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  and the 2-absorbing element  $t$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Then  $t_P$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $t$  is a 2-absorbing element in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $t_P$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Let  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$  be ideals of  $R$  such that  $P_1 \cap P_2 \cap P_3 \subseteq P$ . Then  $t_{P_1} \wedge t_{P_2} \wedge t_{P_3} = t_{P_1 \cap P_2} \wedge t_{P_3} \leq t_P$  and hence  $t_{P_1 \cap P_2} \leq t_P$  or  $t_{P_3} \leq t_P$ . So that,  $P_1 \cap P_2 \subseteq P$  or  $P_3 \subseteq P$ . Similarly, either  $P_1 \cap P_3 \subseteq P$  or  $P_2 \cap P_3 \subseteq P$ . Thus,  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ . Also, for any  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in L$  such that  $t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge t_3 \leq t$ . Then  $(t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge t_3)_P \leq t_P$  imply that  $(t_1)_P \wedge (t_2)_P \wedge (t_3)_P \leq t_P$  and since  $t_P$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, either  $(t_1)_P \wedge (t_2)_P \leq t_P$  or  $(t_1)_P \wedge (t_3)_P \leq t_P$  or  $(t_2)_P \wedge (t_3)_P \leq t_P$  imply that  $(t_1 \wedge t_2)_P \leq t_P$  or  $(t_1 \wedge t_3)_P \leq t_P$  or  $(t_2 \wedge t_3)_P \leq t_P$  and hence  $t_1 \wedge t_2 \leq t$  or  $t_1 \wedge t_3 \leq t$  or  $t_2 \wedge t_3 \leq t$ . Therefore,  $t$  is a 2-absorbing element in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Conversely suppose that  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $t$  is a 2-absorbing element in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  such that  $\eta_1 \not\leq t_P, \eta_2 \not\leq t_P$  and  $\eta_3 \not\leq t_P$ . Now there exists  $p, q, r \in R$  such that  $\eta_1(p \wedge q) \not\leq t_P(p \wedge q), \eta_2(p \wedge r) \not\leq t_P(p \wedge r)$  and  $\eta_3(q \wedge r) \not\leq t_P(q \wedge r)$ . So that,  $t_P(p \wedge q) = t_P(p \wedge r) = t_P(q \wedge r) = t$  and hence  $p \wedge q, p \wedge r$  and  $q \wedge r \notin P$ . Since  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal,  $p \wedge q \wedge r \notin P$ . Also, since  $t$  is a 2-absorbing element in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\eta_1(p \wedge q) \not\leq t, \eta_2(p \wedge r) \not\leq t$  and  $\eta_3(q \wedge r) \not\leq t$ , we have  $\eta_1(p \wedge q) \wedge \eta_2(p \wedge r) \wedge \eta_3(q \wedge r) \not\leq t$ . Now  $(\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3)(p \wedge q \wedge r) = \eta_1(p \wedge q \wedge r) \wedge \eta_2(p \wedge q \wedge r) \wedge \eta_3(p \wedge q \wedge r) \geq \eta_1(p \wedge q) \wedge \eta_2(p \wedge r) \wedge \eta_3(q \wedge r)$  and hence  $(\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3)(p \wedge q \wedge r) \not\leq t = t_P(p \wedge q \wedge r)$ . So,  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \not\leq t_P$ . Therefore,  $t_P$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** An  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of  $R$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $\eta$  is two valued and there exists  $0 \in R$  such that  $\eta(0) = 1$  and  $\eta_1$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\eta$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal. Suppose that  $\eta$  assumes more than two values. Then there exists  $p, q, r \in R$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \in L - \{1\}$  such that  $\eta(p) = \alpha, \eta(q) = \beta$  and  $\eta(r) = \gamma$ . Now, define  $L$ -fuzzy subsets  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and

$\eta_3$  of  $R$  as follows:

$$\eta_1(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b \in \langle p \rangle \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta_2(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = 0 \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \eta_3(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = 0 \\ \beta & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, clearly  $\eta_1 = 0_{\langle p \rangle}$ ,  $\eta_2 = \alpha_{\{0\}}$ ,  $\eta_3 = \beta_{\{0\}}$  and hence, by 4.2,  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  are  $L$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$ . Also,  $(\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3)(b) \leq \eta(b)$ , for all  $b \in R$ ; for,  $b = 0 \Rightarrow (\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3)(b) = \eta_1(b) \wedge \eta_2(b) \wedge \eta_3(b) = 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 = 1 = \eta(0) = \eta(b)$   
 $0 \neq b \in \langle p \rangle \Rightarrow \eta_1(b) \wedge \eta_2(b) \wedge \eta_3(b) = 1 \wedge \alpha \wedge \beta = \alpha \wedge \beta = \eta(p) \wedge \eta(q) = \eta(p \vee q) \leq \eta(b)$   
 and  $b \notin \langle p \rangle \Rightarrow \eta_1(b) \wedge \eta_2(b) \wedge \eta_3(b) = 0 \wedge \alpha \wedge \beta = 0 \leq \eta(b)$ .

Therefore,  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ . By assumption, we have that  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ . But  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  (since  $\eta_1(p) \wedge \eta_2(p) = 1$ ,  $\eta(p) = \alpha$  and  $1 \not\leq \alpha$ , and  $\eta_1(q) \wedge \eta_3(q) = 1$ ,  $\eta(q) = \beta$  and  $1 \not\leq \beta$ ). Therefore,  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ , in particular,  $\eta_2(p) \wedge \eta_3(p) \leq \eta(p) = \alpha$  (or,  $\eta_2(q) \wedge \eta_3(p) \leq \eta(q) = \beta$ ). Since  $\eta(p) \neq \eta(0)$  (or,  $\eta(q) \neq \eta(0)$ ), it follows that  $p \neq 0$  (or,  $q \neq 0$ ) and hence  $\eta_2(p) \wedge \eta_3(p) = \alpha \wedge \beta$  (or,  $\eta_2(q) \wedge \eta_3(q) = \alpha \wedge \beta$ ). Since  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , then either  $\alpha \leq \beta$  or  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Thus  $\beta = \alpha \wedge \beta \leq \alpha$ . Therefore  $\alpha = \beta$ . Similarly, if we define an  $L$ -fuzzy subset  $\eta_3$  of  $R$  by

$$\eta_3(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = 0 \\ \gamma & \text{if } b \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

then it can be verified that  $\beta \leq \gamma$ . Thus, either  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\beta = \gamma$  and hence  $\eta(p) = \eta(q)$  or  $\eta(q) = \eta(r)$ . Which gives a contradiction to our assumption. Thus  $\eta$  is two valued. Consider the set  $P = \{r \in R : \eta(r) = 1\}$ . Then  $P$  is proper ideal of  $R$ , since  $\eta$  is proper. Let  $t$  be the other value of  $\eta$ . Then

$$\eta(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r \in P \\ t & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and hence  $\eta = t_P$ . By 4.2, we get that  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ . The converse is clear. □

Next, we discuss the relationship between  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal and  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Every  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\eta$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists a  $2A$ -ideal  $P$  of  $R$  and 2-absorbing element  $t$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\eta = t_P$ . Then  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ . □

The converse of the above theorem is not true; that is there are  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals of ADLs which are not  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals; even when ADL is a lattice. Consider the following.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $R = \{0, p, q, r\}$  be an ADL defined in 3.2 and  $L = \{0, s, 1\}$  with  $0 < s < 1$ . Let  $\eta$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  defined by  $\eta(0) = 1, \eta(p) = 0, \eta(q) = t$  and  $\eta(r) = s$ . Clearly,  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$  while  $\eta$  is not a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, since  $\eta$  is not two valued.

**Lemma 4.6.** *Let  $P$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If the characteristics map  $\chi_P$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , then  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

**Theorem 4.7.** *Every prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$  and the converse of this is not true.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\eta$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  such that  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ . Then, either  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_3 \leq \eta$ , or  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_2 \leq \eta$ , or  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_1 \leq \eta$ , since  $\eta$  is prime. Which implies that either  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$  or  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.8.** Let  $D = \{0, x, y\}$  be a discrete ADL with 0 as its zero element defined in 2.2 and  $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  be the lattice represented by the Hasse diagram given below:

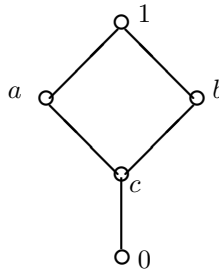


Figure 3: The complete lattice diagram.

Consider  $D \times L = \{(t, s) : t \in D \text{ and } s \in L\}$ . Then  $(D \times L, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is an ADL under the point-wise operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  on  $D \times L$  and  $0 = (0, 0)$ , the zero element in  $D \times L$ . Now define  $\eta : D \times L \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\eta(t, s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = 0 \text{ and } s = 0 \\ 0.5 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for all  $(t, s) \in D \times L$ . Clearly  $\eta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $D \times L$  (note that  $D \times L$  is not a lattice). Let  $P = (0, 0)$  and put  $\eta = 0.5_P$ . Thus  $\eta$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $D \times L$  but  $\phi$  is not a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal, since  $P$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $D \times L$  which is not prime ideal; for,  $(0, a) \wedge (x, b) = (0, 0)$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  be prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$ . Then  $\eta \cap \phi$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* For all  $r \in R$ ,  $(\eta \cap \phi)(r) = \eta(r) \wedge \phi(r)$ . Suppose  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  are prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$  such that  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta \cap \psi$ . Then  $\eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r) \wedge \psi(r) \Rightarrow \eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r)$  and  $\eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \psi(r) \Rightarrow \eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \leq \eta(r)$  or  $\eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r)$  or  $\eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r)$  and

$\eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \leq \psi(r)$  or  $\eta_3(r) \leq \psi(r)$  or  $\eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \psi(r)$ ,  
 (since  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  are prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals)  
 $\Rightarrow \eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \leq \eta(r)$  and  $\eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \leq \psi(r)$ , or  $\eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r)$  and  
 $\eta_3(r) \leq \psi(r)$ , or  $\eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r)$  and  $\eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \psi(r)$   
 $\Rightarrow \eta_1(r) \wedge \eta_2(r) \leq \eta(r) \wedge \psi(r)$ , or  $\eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r) \wedge \psi(r)$ , or  $\eta_2(r) \wedge \eta_3(r) \leq \eta(r) \wedge \psi(r)$ .  
 Which implies that,  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \leq \eta \cap \psi$  or  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta \cap \psi$  or  $\eta_2 \wedge \eta_3 \leq \eta \cap \psi$ . Therefore,  
 $\eta \cap \psi$  is a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.10.** Let  $R = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, 1\}$  be a lattice whose Hasse diagram is given below:

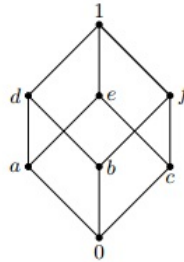


Figure 4: The Boolean lattice diagram.

Define  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy subsets  $\eta : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\psi : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\eta(0) = \eta(a) = 1, \eta(p) = 0$  if  $p \in A - \{0, a\}$  and  $\psi(0) = \psi(c) = 1, \psi(p) = 0$  if  $x \in A - \{0, c\}$ . From this we have that,  $\eta$  is two valued,  $\eta(0) = 1$  and  $\eta_1 = \{0, a\}$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ . Similarly,  $\psi$  is two valued,  $\psi(0) = 1$  and  $\psi_1 = \{0, c\}$  is a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ . By 4.3,  $\eta$  and  $\psi$  are  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideals of  $R$ . Let  $P = \{0, a\}$  and  $Q = \{0, c\}$ . Then  $P \cap Q = \{0\}$ . Thus,  $\eta_1 \cap \psi_1 = P \cap Q$  is not a  $2A$ -ideal of  $R$ , since  $d \wedge e \wedge f = 0 \in P \cap Q$  but  $d \wedge e = a \notin P \cap Q, d \wedge f = b \notin P \cap Q$  and  $e \wedge f = c \notin P \cap Q$ . Thus,  $\chi_{P \cap Q}$  is not a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . Therefore,  $\eta \cap \psi$  is not a  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .

### 5. Conclusion

This work introduces and derives several findings from the ideas of  $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy  $2A$ -ideal,  $2A$ - $\mathcal{L}$ -fuzzy ideal of an almost distributive lattice, and their direct product. Our next work will concentrate on the Stone space of fuzzy  $2A$ -ideals.

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