

# Ideal Topology on Effect Algebras

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The ideals of effect algebras induce a topology on effect algebras. The operations  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  of effect algebras are continuous with respect to this topology.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Foulis and Bennet in 1994 introduced the following algebraic system  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  to model unsharp quantum logics, and  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is said to be an *effect algebra* (Foulis and Bennet, 1994):

Let  $E$  be a set with two special elements  $0, 1$ ;  $\perp$  be a subset of  $E \times E$ ; if  $(a, b) \in \perp$ , denote  $a \perp b$ , and let  $\oplus : \perp \rightarrow E$  be a binary operation; and let the following axioms hold:

- (E1) *Commutative Law.* If  $a, b \in E$  and  $a \perp b$ , then  $b \perp a$  and  $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$ .
- (E2) *Associative Law.* If  $a, b, c \in E$ ,  $a \perp b$ , and  $(a \oplus b) \perp c$ , then  $b \perp c$ ,  $a \perp (b \oplus c)$ , and  $(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$ .
- (E3) *Orthocomplementation Law.* For each  $a \in E$  there exists a unique  $b \in E$ , such that  $a \perp b$  and  $a \oplus b = 1$ .
- (E4) *Zero-Unit Law.* If  $a \in E$  and  $1 \perp a$ , then  $a = 0$ .

Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. If  $a, b \in E$  and  $a \perp b$ , we say that  $a$  and  $b$  be *orthogonal*. If  $a \oplus b = 1$ , we say that  $b$  is the *orthocomplement* of  $a$ , and we write  $b = a'$ . Clearly  $1' = 0$ ,  $(a')' = a$ ,  $a \perp 0$ , and  $a \oplus 0 = a$  for all  $a \in E$ .

We say that  $a \leq b$  if there exists  $c \in E$ , such that  $a \perp c$  and  $a \oplus c = b$ . We may prove that  $\leq$  is a partial ordering on  $E$  and satisfies  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ ,  $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow b' \leq a'$ , and  $a \leq b' \Leftrightarrow a \perp b$  for  $a, b \in E$ . If the partial order  $\leq$  of an effect algebra

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$(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  defined as above is a lattice, then the effect algebra  $(L, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is said to be a *lattice effect algebra*.

If  $a \leq b$  and  $e \in E$ , such that  $a \perp e$ ,  $a \oplus e = b$ , we denote  $e$  as  $b \ominus a$  and  $\ominus$  is called the *difference operation*. Furthermore, it is easy to prove that if  $a \leq b \leq c$ , then the difference operation  $\ominus$  satisfies the following properties (Foulis and Bennet, 1994):

- (D1)  $b \ominus a \leq b$ .
- (D2)  $b \ominus (b \ominus a) = a$ .
- (D3)  $(c \ominus b) \leq (c \ominus a)$ .
- (D4)  $(c \ominus a) \ominus (c \ominus b) = b \ominus a$ .

The properties D1–D4 are very important, in fact, Kopka and Chovanec in 1994 introduced the following quantum logic structure (Kopka and Chovanec, 1994):

A *difference poset* is a partially ordered set  $(D, \leq, 0, 1)$  with a maximum element 1 and a minimum element 0, and with a partially defined binary operation  $\ominus$ , such that  $b \ominus a$  is defined iff  $a \leq b$ , and the operation  $\ominus$  satisfies properties (D1)–(D4).

Thus, each effect algebra can induce a difference poset. Foulis and Bennet pointed out that the converse is also true (Foulis and Bennet, 1994). Thus, the effect algebras and the difference posets are the same thing.

Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. A nonempty subset  $I$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is said to be an *ideal* of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  if the following conditions are satisfied (Ma, Wu, and Lu):

- (I1) If  $x \in I$ ,  $y \in E$ ,  $y \leq x$  imply  $y \in I$ .
- (I2) If  $x \ominus y \in I$ ,  $y \in I$  imply  $x \in I$ .

If an ideal  $I$  of effect algebra  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is also a total order set, then the ideal is said to be a *total order ideal* of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ .

## 2. A TOPOLOGY OF EFFECT ALGEBRAS INDUCED BY THE IDEALS

As we knew, study of topology of effect algebras is a very important and interesting topics, see, for example, Riečanová (2000, 2002, 2004) and Qu *et al.* (2004). In 1985, Alo and Deeba showed that a base of a uniformity can be generated by the ideals of BCK-algebras (Alo and Deeba, 1985). In 1991, Qun Zhang proved the analogous result holds for BCI-algebras, and there is a lot of families of ideals, each of which determines uniformities, and so a topology of BCI-algebras (Zhang, 1991).

In this paper, we show that all the total order ideals of effect algebras can also induce a topology on effect algebras.

Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. For each ideal  $I$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ , denote  $U_I = \{(x, y) : (x, y) \in E \times E \text{ and } x \oplus y \in I \text{ or } y \oplus x \in I\}$ .

If  $U, V \subseteq E \times E$ , define  $U \circ V = \{(x, z) : \text{there exists } y \in X \text{ such that } (x, y) \in U \text{ and } (y, z) \in V\}$ ;  $U^{-1} = \{(y, x) : (x, y) \in U\}$ .

For each  $y \in X$ , denote  $U(y) = \{x : (y, x) \in U\}$ , and denote  $\Delta = \{(x, x) | x \in X\}$ .

*Remark 2.1.* Our definition of  $U_I$  is very different from the definition of Alo and Deeba (1985) and Zhang (1991).

A *uniformity* on effect algebra  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is a nonempty family  $K$  of subsets of  $E \times E$  such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (U1)  $\Delta \subseteq U$  for each  $U \in K$ .
- (U2) If  $U \in K$ , then  $U^{-1} \in K$ .
- (U3) If  $U \in K$ , then there exists a  $V \in K$ , such that  $V \circ V \subseteq U$ .
- (U4) If  $U, V \in K$ , then  $U \cap V \in K$ .
- (U5) If  $U \in K$  and  $U \subseteq V \subseteq X \times X$ , then  $V \in K$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $I$  and  $J$  be ideals of effect algebra  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ . Then*

- (1)  $\Delta = U_0$ , where  $\{0\}$  means the zero ideal  $\{0\}$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ .
- (2)  $I \subseteq J$  implies  $U_I \subseteq U_J$ .
- (3)  $U_I = U_I^{-1}$ .
- (4)  $U_I \cap U_J = U_{I \cap J}$ .
- (5)  $U_I \cup U_J \subseteq U_I \circ U_J$ .
- (6) If  $I$  is a total order ideal, then  $U_I \circ U_I = U_I$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $(x, y) \in \Delta \Leftrightarrow x \oplus y = 0$  or  $y \oplus x = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in U_0$ . (2) and (3) follow from the definition immediately. (4)  $(x, y) \in U_I \cap U_J \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in U_I$  and  $(x, y) \in U_J \Leftrightarrow x \oplus y \in I$  or  $y \oplus x \in I$  and  $x \oplus y \in J$  or  $y \oplus x \in J$ .

Thus, there are four possible cases:

- (i)  $x \oplus y \in I, x \oplus y \in J$ . In this case, we get  $x \oplus y \in I \cap J$ .
- (ii)  $x \oplus y \in I, y \oplus x \in J$ . Thus, we have  $y \leq x$  and  $x \leq y$  and so  $x \oplus y = y \oplus x = 0 \in I \cap J$ .
- (iii)  $y \oplus x \in I, x \oplus y \in J$ . As (ii), we have  $x = y$  and so  $x \oplus y = y \oplus x = 0 \in I \cap J$ .
- (iv)  $y \oplus x \in I, y \oplus x \in J$ . In this case, we get  $y \oplus x \in I \cap J$ .

It follows from (i) to (iv) that  $(x, y) \in U_{I \cap J}$ .

(5) If  $(x, y) \in U_I$ , then  $(x, y) \in U_I \circ U_J$ , since  $(y, y) \in \Delta \subseteq U_J$ .

Similarly, if  $(x, y) \in U_J$ , then  $(x, y) \in U_I \circ U_J$ , too.

(6)  $U_I = U_I \cup U_I \subseteq U_I \circ U_I$  from (5).

If  $(x, z) \in U_I \circ U_I$ , then there is  $y \in X$  such that

$(x, y) \in U_I, (y, z) \in U_I$ . So  $x \ominus y \in I$  or  $y \ominus x \in I$  and  $y \ominus z \in I$  or  $z \ominus y \in I$ .

Thus, there are four possible cases:

- (i)  $x \ominus y \in I, y \ominus z \in I$ . In this case, we have  $(x \ominus z) \ominus (x \ominus y) = (y \ominus z)$ , it follows from the definition of ideal that  $x \ominus z \in I$ .
- (ii)  $y \ominus x \in I, y \ominus z \in I$ . It follows from  $I$  is a total order ideal that  $y \ominus z \leq y \ominus x$  or  $y \ominus x \leq y \ominus z$ . If  $y \ominus z \leq y \ominus x$ , then  $(y \ominus x) \ominus (y \ominus z) = (z \ominus x)$ , we get  $(z \ominus x) \leq (y \ominus x)$ , so  $(z \ominus x) \in I$ . If  $y \ominus x \leq y \ominus z$ , then  $(y \ominus z) \ominus (y \ominus x) = (x \ominus z), (x \ominus z) \in I$ .
- (iii)  $y \ominus x \in I, z \ominus y \in I$ . In this case, we have  $(z \ominus x) \ominus (y \ominus x) = (z \ominus y)$ , it follows from the definition of ideal that  $(z \ominus x) \in I$ .
- (iv)  $x \ominus y \in I, z \ominus y \in I$ . As (iii), we get  $(x \ominus y) \ominus (z \ominus y) = (x \ominus z)$  or  $(z \ominus y) \ominus (x \ominus y) = z \ominus x$ , so  $x \ominus z \in I$  or  $z \ominus x \in I$ .

Thus, we have proved that  $(x, z) \in U_I$ , hence  $U_I \circ U_I = U_I$ . This theorem is proved.

From Theorem 2.1, we can give out the first main result immediately.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the family of all the total order ideals of effect algebra  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  and  $K_0 = \{U_I : I \in \mathcal{I}\}$ . Then*

$$K = \{V \subseteq E \times E : \exists U_I \in K_0, U_I \subseteq V\}.$$

*is a uniformity of the effect algebra  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ , and  $T = \{U_I[x] : I \in \mathcal{I}, x \in E\}$  is a base for the topology  $\tau$  on  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  which is induced by the uniformity  $K$ .*

### 3. OPERATION CONTINUITY OF EFFECT ALGEBRAS WITH RESPECT TO TOPOLOGY $\tau$

Riecanova (2000) studied the continuity of  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  with respect to the order topology when the effect algebras  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  are lattice effect algebras. Recently, Qu *et al.* (2004) studied the continuity of  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  with respect to the interval topology when the effect algebras  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  are also lattice effect algebras.

Now, we study the continuity of  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  with respect to the topology  $\tau$ ; our second main result is as follows:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. If the net  $\{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is  $\tau$  convergent to a point  $a$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ , and  $a_\alpha \leq b'$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $a \leq b'$ , then  $\{a_\alpha \oplus b\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is  $\tau$  convergent to  $a \oplus b$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $I$  be a total order ideal of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ . Since the net  $\{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is  $\tau$  convergent to  $a$ , so there exists a  $\alpha_0$  such that for each  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0, a_\alpha \ominus a \in I$  or  $a \ominus a_\alpha \in I$ .

$a_\alpha \in I$ . Note that  $a_\alpha \leq b'$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $a \leq b'$ , so we have  $a_\alpha \oplus b \ominus (a \oplus b) = a_\alpha \ominus a \in I$  or  $a \oplus b \ominus (a_\alpha \oplus b) = a \ominus a_\alpha \in I$ . This showed that  $\{a_\alpha \oplus b\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is  $\tau$  convergent to  $a \oplus b$ .  $\square$

Similarly, we may prove the following two theorems:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. If the net  $\{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is  $\tau$  convergent to a point  $a$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ , and  $a_\alpha \leq b$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $a \leq b$ , then  $\{b \ominus a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is  $\tau$  convergent to  $b \ominus a$ .*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an effect algebra. If the net  $\{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$  is  $\tau$  convergent to a point  $a$  of  $(E, \perp, \oplus, 0, 1)$ , and  $b \leq a_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $b \leq a$ , then  $\{a_\alpha \ominus b\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is  $\tau$  convergent to  $a \ominus b$ .*

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