

## ADJOINT TRIPLES FOR FUZZY INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we construct adjoint triples on lattices as non-commutative or non-associative algebraic structures. Moreover, we will construct adjoint triples on fuzzy sets which induce three types of fuzzy information systems which are the concept-forming operators, fuzzy relational erosions(dilations) and fuzzy relational property-oriented erosions(dilations). We give their examples.

### 1. Introduction

Complete residuated lattice, BL-algebra and quantale are important mathematical tools as algebraic structures for many valued logics [2,7-11,16-18]. However, these structures are very restrictive. As a weak condition with non-commutative or non-associative, Abdel-Hamid [1] introduced the notion of adjoint triples. Medina et al. [3-5] introduced the notion of algebraic structures [3-5], formal concept lattices [6,13,14], fuzzy relational mathematical morphology [12] and fuzzy logic programming [15] on an adjoint triple.

The main purpose of this paper is how to construct adjoint triples. In section 3, we construct adjoint triples with one of three operators as  $\odot$ ,  $\nearrow$  and  $\searrow$ . Moreover, we give their examples.

In section 4, let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$ ,  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Let  $X$  be a set of objects,  $Y$  be a set of attributes. We will construct three types of adjoint triples which induce three types of information systems from the following (1), (2) and (3).

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(1) We can construct the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $((L_3^Y)^X, \leq_3)$ . Form this result, for an information system  $(X, Y, \psi \in (L_3^Y)^X)$ , we can obtain the concept-forming operators (ref.[6,13,14])  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $G : L_2^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} F(f)(y) &= (f \nearrow \psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)), \\ G(g)(x) &= (g \searrow \psi)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

(2) We can construct the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $((L_2^Y)^X, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^Y, \leq_3)$ . Form this result, for an information system  $(X, Y, \phi \in (L_2^Y)^X)$ , we can obtain a fuzzy relational erosion and fuzzy relational dilation (ref.[6,13,14]) with respect to  $\phi$ ,  $\epsilon_\phi : L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  and  $\delta_\phi : L_1^X \rightarrow L_3^Y$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_\phi(h)(x) &= (\phi \searrow h)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)), \\ \delta_\phi(f)(y) &= (f \odot \phi)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Let  $X$  be a set of objects,  $Y$  be a set of attributes and the triple  $(X, Y, \theta \in (L_1^Y)^X)$  be an information system. From the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $((L_1^Y)^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^X, \leq_3)$  in above corollary, we construct a fuzzy relational property-oriented erosion and fuzzy relational property-oriented dilation (ref.[6,13,14]) with respect to  $\theta$ ,  $\epsilon_\theta : L_3^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $\delta_\theta : L_2^Y \rightarrow L_3^X$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_\theta(h)(y) &= (\theta \nearrow h)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \nearrow h(x)), \\ \delta_\theta(f)(x) &= (\theta \odot g)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\theta(x)(y) \odot g(y)). \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Preliminaries

DEFINITION 2.1. [3-5] Let  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  be complete lattices. We say that for the mappings  $\odot : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$ ,  $\searrow : L_2 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_1$  and  $\nearrow : L_1 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_2$ ,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is called an *adjoint triple* with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$x \leq_1 y \searrow z \text{ iff } x \odot y \leq_3 z \text{ iff } y \leq_2 x \nearrow z \text{ for } x \in L_1, y \in L_2, z \in L_3.$$

LEMMA 2.2. [3-5] Let  $L_i$  be lattices for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $(\odot, \searrow, \nearrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . For each  $x, x_1, x_2 \in L_1, y, y_1, y_2 \in L_2, z, z_1, z_2 \in L_3$ , we have the following properties.

- (1) If  $x_1 \leq_1 x_2$ , then  $x_1 \odot y \leq_3 x_2 \odot y$  and  $x_2 \nearrow z \leq_2 x_1 \nearrow z$ .
- (2) If  $y_1 \leq_2 y_2$ , then  $x \odot y_1 \leq_3 x \odot y_2$  and  $y_2 \searrow z \leq_1 y_1 \searrow z$ .

- (3) If  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ , then  $x \nearrow z_1 \leq_2 x \nearrow z_2$  and  $y \searrow z_1 \leq_1 y \searrow z_2$ .  
(4)  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow (x \odot y)$ ,  $x \leq_1 y \searrow (x \odot y)$ .  
(5)  $x \odot (x \nearrow z) \leq_3 z$ ,  $(y \searrow z) \odot y \leq_3 z$ .  
(6)  $y \leq_2 (y \searrow z) \nearrow z$ ,  $x \leq_1 (x \nearrow z) \searrow z$ .

### 3. Construction of adjoint triples

In this section, we construct an adjoint triple with one of three operators as  $\odot$ ,  $\nearrow$  and  $\searrow$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  be lattices and  $\odot : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  be a map. If  $x \odot (\bigvee_{j \in J} y_j) = \bigvee_{j \in J} (x \odot y_j)$  for each  $\{y_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, z \in L_3$ . then the following statements (1), (2) and (3) are equivalent.*

- (1) If  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ , then  $x \nearrow z_1 \leq_2 x \nearrow z_2$ . Moreover,  $x \odot (x \nearrow z) \leq_3 z$  and  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow (x \odot y)$ .  
(2)  $x \nearrow z = \bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ .  
(3)  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$  iff  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Put  $P(x, z) = \bigvee\{y \in L \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ . By (1), since  $x \odot (x \nearrow z) \leq_3 z$ ,  $P(x, z) \geq_2 x \nearrow z$ .

Suppose there exist  $x \in L_1, z \in L_3$  such that  $P(x, z) \not\leq_2 x \nearrow z$ . Then there exists  $y \in L_2$  such that  $y \not\leq_2 x \nearrow z$  and  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$ . By (1),

$$y \leq_2 x \nearrow (x \odot y) \leq_2 x \nearrow z.$$

It is a contradiction. Hence  $P(x, z) \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ . Thus,  $x \nearrow z = P(x, z) = \bigvee\{y \in L \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$ . Then  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ .

If  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ , then  $x \odot y \leq_3 x \odot (x \nearrow z) = x \odot \bigvee\{y_1 \in L_2 \mid x \odot y_1 \leq_3 z\} = \bigvee(x \odot y_1) \leq_3 z$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $x \odot y \leq_3 x \odot y$ ,  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow (x \odot y)$ . Since  $x \nearrow z \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ ,  $x \odot (x \nearrow z) \leq_3 z$ . If  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ ,  $x \odot (x \nearrow z_1) \leq_3 z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ . Hence  $x \nearrow z_1 \leq_2 x \nearrow z_2$ .

□

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  be lattices and  $\odot : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  be a map. If  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$  for each  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $y \in L_2, z \in L_3$ , then (1), (2) and (3) are equivalent.*

(1) If  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ , then  $y \searrow z_1 \leq_1 y \searrow z_2$ . Moreover, for all  $x, y \in L$ ,  $(y \searrow z) \odot y \leq_3 z$  and  $x \leq_1 y \searrow (x \odot y)$ .

(2)  $y \searrow z = \bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ .

(3)  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$  iff  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Put  $Q(y, z) = \bigvee \{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ . By (1), since  $(y \searrow z) \odot y \leq_3 z$ ,  $Q(y, z) \geq_1 y \searrow z$ .

Suppose there exist  $z \in L_3, y \in L_2$  such that  $Q(y, z) \not\leq_1 y \searrow z$ . Then there exists  $x \in L_1$  such that  $x \not\leq_1 y \searrow z$  and  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$ . By (1),

$$x \leq_1 y \searrow (x \odot y) \leq_1 y \searrow z.$$

It is a contradiction. Hence  $Q(y, z) \leq_1 y \searrow z$ . Thus,  $y \searrow z = Q(y, z) = \bigvee \{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$ . Then  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$ .

If  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$ , then  $x \odot y \leq_3 (y \searrow z) \odot y = \bigvee \{x_2 \in L_1 \mid x_2 \odot y \leq_3 z\} = \bigvee (x_2 \odot y) \leq_3 z$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $x \odot y \leq_3 x \odot y$ ,  $x \leq_1 y \searrow (x \odot y)$ . Since  $y \searrow z \leq_1 y \searrow z$ ,  $(y \searrow z) \odot y \leq_3 z$ . If  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ ,  $(y \searrow z_1) \odot y \leq_3 z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ . Hence  $y \searrow z_1 \leq_1 y \searrow z_2$ . □

From Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we can obtain the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 3.3.** Let  $(L_i, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp)$  be a bounded lattice for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\odot : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  be a map. Let  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$  for each  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\bigvee \{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $y \in L_2, z \in L_3$  and we define

$$y \searrow z = \bigvee \{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}.$$

Moreover, let  $x \odot (\bigvee_{j \in J} y_j) = \bigvee_{j \in J} (x \odot y_j)$  for each  $\{y_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\bigvee \{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, z \in L_3$  and we define  $\nearrow : L_1 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_2$  as

$$x \nearrow z = \bigvee \{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}.$$

Then  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ .

**EXAMPLE 3.4.** (1) Let  $(\{x_0, x_1, x_2\}, x_0 <_1 x_1 <_1 x_2)$ ,  $(\{y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3\}, y_0 <_2 y_1 <_2 y_2 <_2 y_3)$  and  $(\{z_0, z_1, z_2\}, z_0 <_3 z_1 <_3 z_2)$  be lattices. Define  $\odot_1, \odot_2 : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  as follows:

$\odot_1$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$
$x_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_2$

$\odot_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_2$

Then, for each  $k = 1, 2$ ,  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot_k y = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot_k y)$  for each  $y \in L_2$ ,  $I \subset \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $x \odot_k (\bigvee_{j \in J} y_j) = \bigvee_{j \in J} (x \odot_k y_j)$  for each  $x \in L_1$ ,  $J \subset \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

Since  $\bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot_1 y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $y \in L_2, z \in L_3$  and we define  $z \searrow_1 y = \bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot_1 y \leq_3 z\}$ . Moreover,  $\bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot_1 y \leq_3 z\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, z \in L_3$ , we can define  $x \nearrow z = \bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid x \odot y \leq_3 z\}$ . Then  $(\odot_1, \nearrow_1, \searrow_1)$  is an adjoint triple with

$\searrow_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$y_0$	$x_2$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_1$	$x_0$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_2$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_3$	$x_0$	$x_0$	$x_2$

$\nearrow_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_0$	$y_3$	$y_3$	$y_3$
$x_1$	$y_0$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_3$

Since  $\{x \in L_1 \mid x \odot_2 y_2 \leq_3 z_0\} = \emptyset$ , there does not exist  $y_2 \searrow_2 z_0$ . Moreover, there do neither exist  $y_3 \searrow_2 z_0$  nor  $y_3 \searrow_2 z_1$ .

$\searrow_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$y_0$	$x_1$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_1$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_2$	-	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_3$	-	-	$x_2$

$\nearrow_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_0$	$y_3$	$y_3$	$y_3$
$x_1$	$y_0$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_3$

Hence  $(\odot_2, \nearrow_2, \searrow_2)$  is not an adjoint triple.

(2) A complete lattice  $(L, \leq, \odot)$  is called a quantale [11] if it satisfies (CQ1)  $a \odot (b \odot c) = (a \odot b) \odot c$  for all  $a, b, c \in L$ ;

(CQ2)  $(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} a_i) \odot b = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (a_i \odot b)$  and  $a \odot (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} b_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (a \odot b_i)$  for all  $a, a_i, b, b_i \in L$ .

Define  $a \searrow b = \bigvee\{x \in L \mid x \odot a \leq b\}$  and  $a \nearrow b = \bigvee\{y \in L \mid a \odot y \leq b\}$ . Then  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_i = L, \leq_i = \leq)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

(3) Define  $\odot : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$x \odot y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 0.3, 0 \leq y \leq 0.4, \\ x \wedge y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} x_i) \odot y = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (x_i \odot y)$  and  $x \odot (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} y_i) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (x \odot y_i)$  for all  $x, x_i, y, y_i \in [0, 1]$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 0.2 \odot (\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0.4 + \frac{1}{n})) \neq \bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0.2 \odot (0.4 + \frac{1}{n})) = 0.2, \\ 0 &= (\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0.3 + \frac{1}{n})) \odot 0.1 \neq \bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} ((0.3 + \frac{1}{n}) \odot 0.1) = 0.1. \end{aligned}$$

We can obtain  $\searrow, \nearrow: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as  $x \nearrow y = \bigvee\{z \in [0, 1] \mid x \odot z \leq y\}$ ,  $x \searrow y = \bigvee\{z \in [0, 1] \mid z \odot x \leq y\}$ . Then  $(\odot, \searrow, \nearrow)$  is an adjoint triple with

$$x \nearrow y = \begin{cases} 0.4, & \text{if } x \leq 0.3, x > y \\ y, & \text{if } x > 0.3, x > y \\ 1, & \text{if } x \leq y, \end{cases}$$

$$x \searrow y = \begin{cases} 0.3 \vee y, & \text{if } x \leq 0.4, x > y \\ y, & \text{if } x > 0.4, x > y \\ 1, & \text{if } x \leq y. \end{cases}$$

**THEOREM 3.5.** Let  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  be lattices and  $\nearrow: L_1 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_2$  be a map.

(1) If  $x \nearrow (\bigwedge_{j \in J} z_j) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} (x \nearrow z_j)$  for each  $\{z_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, y \in L_2$  and define  $\odot: L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  as

$$x \odot y = \bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\},$$

then  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$  iff  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ .

(2) If  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \nearrow z = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \nearrow z)$  for each  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\}$  exists for each  $z \in L_3, y \in L_2$  and define  $\searrow: L_2 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_1$  as

$$y \searrow z = \bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\},$$

then  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$  iff  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$ .

*Proof.* (1) Define  $f_x: L_3 \rightarrow L_2$  as  $f_x(z) = x \nearrow z$ . Then  $f_x(\bigwedge_{j \in J} z_j) = x \nearrow (\bigwedge_{j \in J} z_j) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} (x \nearrow z_j) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} f_x(z_j)$ . There exists  $K_{f_x}: L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  such that

$$K_{f_x}(y) = \bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_1 y\}.$$

Define  $x \odot y = K_{f_x}(y)$ . Then if  $x \nearrow z \geq_1 y$ , then  $K_{f_x}(y) \leq_3 z$ .

If  $K_{f_x}(y) \leq_3 z$ , then  $x \nearrow z \geq_1 x \nearrow K_{f_x}(y) \geq_1 y$ . Hence  $K_{f_x}(y) = x \odot y \leq_3 z$  iff  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z = f_x(z)$ .

(2) Define  $f^z: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  as  $f^z(x) = x \nearrow z$ . Then  $f^z(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) = (\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \nearrow z = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \nearrow z) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} f^z(x_i)$ . There exists  $K_{f^z}: L_2 \rightarrow L_1$  such that

$$K_{f^z}(y) = \bigvee\{x \in L_1 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\}.$$

Define  $K_{f^z}(y) = y \searrow z$ .

If  $x \nearrow z \geq_2 y$ , then  $K_{f^z}(y) \geq_1 x$ .

If  $K_{f^z}(y) \geq_1 x$ , then  $K_{f^z}(y) \nearrow z = \bigwedge_{w \in \{x \in L_1 \mid x \nearrow z \geq_2 y\}} (w \nearrow z) \geq_2 y$ .

Hence  $x \leq_1 K_{f^z}(y) = y \searrow z$  iff  $y \leq_2 f^z(x) = x \nearrow z$ .

□

**COROLLARY 3.6.** Let  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  be lattices and  $\searrow: L_2 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_1$  be a map.

(1) If  $y \searrow (\bigwedge_{j \in J} z_j) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} (y \searrow z_j)$  for each  $\{z_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid y \searrow z \geq_1 x\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, y \in L_2$  and define  $\odot: L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  as

$$x \odot y = \bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid y \searrow z \geq_1 x\},$$

then  $x \odot y \leq_3 z$  iff  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$ .

(2) If  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} y_i) \searrow z = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y_i \searrow z)$  for each  $\{y_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid y \searrow z \geq_1 x\}$  exists for each  $z \in L_3, x \in L_1$  and define  $\nearrow: L_1 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_2$  as

$$x \nearrow z = \bigvee\{y \in L_2 \mid y \searrow z \geq_1 x\},$$

then  $y \leq_2 x \nearrow z$  iff  $x \leq_1 y \searrow z$ .

**EXAMPLE 3.7.** (1) Let  $(L_1, \leq_1) = (\{x_0, x_1, x_2\}, x_0 <_1 x_1 <_1 x_2)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2) = (\{y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3\}, y_0 <_2 y_1 <_2 y_2 <_2 y_3)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3) = (\{z_0, z_1, z_2\}, z_0 <_3 z_1 <_3 z_2)$  be lattices. Define  $\nearrow_1, \nearrow_2: L_1 \times L_3 \rightarrow L_2$  as follows:

$\nearrow_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_0$	$y_3$	$y_3$	$y_3$
$x_1$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_3$

$\nearrow_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_0$	$y_3$	$y_3$	$y_3$
$x_1$	$y_0$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$

Since  $x \nearrow_1 (\bigwedge_{j \in J} z_j) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} (x \nearrow_1 z_j)$  for each  $\{z_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid x \nearrow_1 z \geq_2 y\}$  exists for each  $x \in L_1, y \in L_2$ , we can obtain  $\odot_1: L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  as

$$x \odot_1 y = \bigwedge\{z \in L_3 \mid x \nearrow_1 z \geq_2 y\}.$$

Since  $\{z \in L_3 \mid x_2 \nearrow_2 z \geq_2 y_3\} = \emptyset$ ,  $x_2 \odot_2 y_3$  does not exist from the following table.

$\odot_1$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$
$x_1$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_2$

$\odot_2$	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$	$z_0$
$x_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$x_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	—

Since  $\nearrow_1$  and  $\nearrow_2$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3.5(2),  $\searrow_1$  and  $\searrow_2$  exist as follows.

$\searrow_1$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$y_0$	$x_2$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_1$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_2$	$x_1$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_3$	$x_0$	$x_0$	$x_2$

$\searrow_2$	$z_0$	$z_1$	$z_2$
$y_0$	$x_2$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_1$	$x_0$	$x_2$	$x_2$
$y_2$	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$
$y_3$	$x_0$	$x_0$	$x_1$

Hence  $(\odot_1, \nearrow_1, \searrow_1)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . But  $(\odot_2, \nearrow_2, \searrow_2)$  is not an adjoint triple.

#### 4. Adjoint triples for fuzzy information systems

In this section, we construct adjoint triples for fuzzy information systems.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Then the following properties hold.*

(1)  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$  for each  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $x \odot (\bigvee_{j \in J} y_j) = \bigvee_{j \in J} (x \odot y_j)$  for each  $\{y_j\}_{j \in J}$  where the arbitrary joins exist.

(2)  $x \nearrow (\bigwedge_{i \in I} z_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x \nearrow z_i)$  and  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \nearrow z = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_i \nearrow z)$  where the arbitrary join and meets exist.

(3)  $y \searrow (\bigwedge_{i \in I} z_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y \searrow z_i)$  and  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} y_i) \searrow z = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y_i \searrow z)$  where the arbitrary join and meets exist.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x_1 \leq_1 x_2$ . Then  $x_1 \leq_1 x_2 \leq_1 y_2 \searrow x_2 \odot y_2$ . Hence  $x_1 \odot y_2 \leq_3 x_2 \odot y_2$ . Thus,  $\bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y) \leq_3 (\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y$ .

Since  $x_i \leq_1 y \searrow \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$ ,  $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i \leq_1 y \searrow \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$ . Hence  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y \leq_3 \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y)$ . Thus  $\bigvee_{i \in I} (x_i \odot y) = (\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) \odot y$ .

(2) Let  $z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ . Since  $x \odot (x \nearrow z_1) \leq_3 z_1 \leq_3 z_2$ ,  $x \nearrow z_1 \leq_2 x \nearrow z_2$ . Hence  $x \nearrow (\bigwedge_i z_i) \leq_2 \bigwedge_i (x \nearrow z_i)$ .

Since  $x \odot \bigwedge_i (x \searrow z_i) \leq_3 \bigwedge_i (x \odot (x \searrow z_i)) \leq_3 \bigwedge_i z_i$ ,  $\bigwedge_i (x \searrow z_i) \leq_2 x \nearrow (\bigwedge_i z_i)$ . Hence  $\bigwedge_i (x \searrow z_i) = x \nearrow (\bigwedge_i z_i)$ .

Let  $x_1 \leq_1 x_2$ . Since  $x_1 \odot (x_2 \nearrow z) \leq_3 x_2 \odot (x_2 \nearrow z) \leq_3 z$ ,  $x_2 \nearrow z \leq_2 x_1 \nearrow z$ . Thus,  $(\bigvee_i x_i) \nearrow z \leq_2 \bigwedge_i (x_i \nearrow z)$ . Moreover,  $p \leq_2 x_i \nearrow z$  for all  $i \in I$ ,  $x_i \leq_1 p \searrow z$ . Then  $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i \leq_1 p \searrow z$ . Hence  $p \leq_2 \bigvee_{i \in I} x_i \nearrow z$ . So,  $(\bigvee_i x_i) \nearrow z = \bigwedge_i (x_i \nearrow z)$ .

(3) It is similarly proved as (2). □

THEOREM 4.2. *Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  and  $X, Y$  be sets. Define  $\odot : L_1^X \times$*



$L_2^Y \rightarrow (L_3^Y)^X$  as  $(f \odot g)(x)(y) = f(x) \odot g(y)$ . Then there exist  $\nearrow$ :  $L_1^X \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $\searrow$ :  $L_2^Y \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow \psi)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)), \\ (g \searrow \psi)(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $((L_3^Y)^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 g \searrow \psi \text{ iff } f \odot g \leq_3 \psi \text{ iff } g \leq_2 f \nearrow \psi.$$

*Proof.* Put  $\Pi_f(g)(x)(y) = f(x) \odot g(y)$  for a fixed  $f \in L_1^X$ . By Lemma 4.1 (1),  $\Pi_f(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} g_i) = f \odot (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} g_i) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (f \odot g_i) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \Pi_f(g_i)$ . Define  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f} : (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f}(\psi) = \bigvee \{g \in L_2^Y \mid \Pi_f(g)(x)(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)\}.$$

Since  $\Pi_f(g)(x)(y) = f(x) \odot g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ ,  $g(y) \leq_2 \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f}(\psi)(y) \leq_2 \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Pi_f(f \nearrow \psi)(x)(y) = f(x) \odot \bigwedge_{z \in X} (f(z) \nearrow \psi(z)(y)) \leq_3 f(x) \odot (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f}(\psi)(y) \geq_2 \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f}(\psi)(y) = (f \nearrow \psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_f(g)(x)(y) &= f(x) \odot g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y) \\ \text{iff } g(y) &\leq_2 \mathcal{H}_{\Pi_f}(\psi)(y) = (f \nearrow \psi)(y). \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\Pi^g(f) = f \odot g$  for a fixed  $g \in L_2^Y$ . By Lemma 4.1 (1),  $\Pi^g(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i) = (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i) \odot g = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (f_i \odot g) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \Pi^g(f_i)$ . Define  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g} : (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g}(\psi) = \bigvee \{f \in L_1^X \mid \Pi^g(f)(x)(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)\}.$$

Since  $\bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot g(y)) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ ,  $f(x) \leq_1 g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g}(\psi)(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y))$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Pi^g(\bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)))(x) = (\bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y))) \odot g(y) \leq_3 (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)) \odot g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g}(\psi)(x) \geq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g}(\psi)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y))$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^g(f)(x)(y) &= f(x) \odot g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y) \\ \text{iff } f(x) &\leq_1 \mathcal{H}_{\Pi^g}(\psi)(x) = (g \searrow \psi)(x). \end{aligned}$$

□

REMARK 4.3. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Let  $X$  be a set of objects,  $Y$  be a set of attributes and the triple  $(X, Y, \psi \in (L_3^Y)^X)$  be a fuzzy information system. From the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $((L_3^Y)^X, \leq_3)$  in above theorem, we construct the concept-forming operators (ref.[6,13,14])  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $G : L_2^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  are defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} F(f)(y) &= (f \nearrow \psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)), \\ G(g)(x) &= (g \searrow \psi)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 4.4. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\odot : L_1^X \times (L_2^Y)^X \rightarrow L_3^Y$  as  $(f \odot \phi)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y))$ . Then there exist  $\nearrow : L_1^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow (L_2^Y)^X$  and  $\searrow : (L_2^Y)^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= f(x) \nearrow h(y), \\ (\phi \searrow h)(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $((L_2^Y)^X, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^Y, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 \phi \searrow h \text{ iff } f \odot \phi \leq_3 h \text{ iff } \phi \leq_2 f \nearrow h.$$

*Proof.* Put  $\Delta_f(\phi) = f \odot \phi$  for a fixed  $f \in L_1^X$ . and  $\Delta^\phi(f) = f \odot \phi$ . By Lemma 4.1 (1),  $\Delta_f(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \phi_i) = f \odot (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \phi_i) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (f \odot \phi_i) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \Delta_f(\phi_i)$ . Define  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f} : L_3^Y \rightarrow (L_2^Y)^X$  as

$$\mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f}(h) = \bigvee \{ \phi \in (L_2^Y)^X \mid \Delta_f(\phi)(y) \leq_3 h(y) \}.$$

Since  $\Delta_f(\phi)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 h(y)$ ,  $\phi(x)(y) \leq_2 f(x) \nearrow h(y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f}(h)(x)(y) \leq_2 f(x) \nearrow h(y)$ .

For  $(f \nearrow h) \in (L_2^Y)^X$  such that  $(f \nearrow h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y)$ , since  $\Delta_f(f \nearrow h)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot (f(x) \nearrow h(y))) \leq_3 h(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f}(h)(x)(y) \geq_2 f(x) \nearrow h(y)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f}(h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y)$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_f(\phi)(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 h(y) \\ \text{iff } \phi(x)(y) &\leq_2 \mathcal{J}_{\Delta_f}(h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y). \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\Delta^\phi(f) = f \odot \phi$  a fixed  $\phi \in (L_2^Y)^X$ . By Lemma 4.1 (1),  $\Delta^\phi(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i) = (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i) \odot \phi = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (f_i \odot \phi) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \Delta^\phi(f_i)$ . Define  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi} : L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$\mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi}(h) = \bigvee \{ f \in L_1^X \mid \Delta^\phi(f)(y) \leq_3 h(y) \}.$$

Since  $\Delta^\phi(f)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 h(y)$ ,  $f(x) \leq_1 \phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi}(h)(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y))$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Delta^\phi(\bigwedge_{z \in Y} (\phi(-)(z) \searrow h(z)))(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (\bigwedge_{z \in Y} (\phi(x)(z) \searrow h(z)) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 \bigvee_{x \in X} ((\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 h(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi}(h)(x) \geq_1 \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi}(h)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y))$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^\phi(f)(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \leq_3 h(y) \\ \text{iff } f(x) &\leq_2 \mathcal{J}_{\Delta^\phi}(h)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)). \end{aligned}$$

□

REMARK 4.5. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Let  $X$  be a set of objects,  $Y$  be a set of attributes and the triple  $(X, Y, \phi \in (L_2^Y)^X)$  be a fuzzy information system. From the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $((L_2^Y)^X, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^Y, \leq_3)$  in above theorem, we construct a fuzzy relational erosion and fuzzy relational dilation (ref.[6,13,14]) with respect to  $\phi$ ,  $\epsilon_\phi : L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  and  $\delta_\phi : L_1^X \rightarrow L_3^Y$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_\phi(h)(x) &= (\phi \searrow h)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)), \\ \delta_\phi(f)(y) &= (f \odot \phi)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

From the above theorem, we similarly prove the following corollary.

COROLLARY 4.6. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\odot : (L_1^Y)^X \times L_2^Y \rightarrow L_3^X$  as  $(\theta \odot g)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\theta(x)(y) \odot g(y))$ . Then there exist  $\nearrow : (L_1^Y)^X \times L_3^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $\searrow : L_2^Y \times L_3^X \rightarrow (L_1^Y)^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \nearrow h(x)), \\ (g \searrow h)(x)(y) &= g(y) \searrow h(x). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $((L_1^Y)^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$\theta \leq_1 g \searrow h \text{ iff } \theta \odot g \leq_3 h \text{ iff } g \leq_2 \theta \nearrow h.$$

REMARK 4.7. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$ ,  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Let  $X$  be a set of objects,  $Y$  be a set of attributes and the triple  $(X, Y, \theta \in (L_1^Y)^X)$  be a fuzzy information system. From the adjoint triple  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  with respect to  $((L_1^Y)^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^X, \leq_3)$  in above corollary, we construct a fuzzy relational property-oriented erosion and fuzzy relational property-oriented dilation

(ref.[6,13,14]) with respect to  $\theta, \epsilon_\theta : L_3^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $\delta_\theta : L_2^Y \rightarrow L_3^X$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_\theta(h)(y) &= (\theta \nearrow h)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \nearrow h(x)), \\ \delta_\theta(f)(x) &= (\theta \circ g)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\theta(x)(y) \circ g(y)).\end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $(\circ, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  and  $X, Y$  be sets. Define  $\nearrow : L_1^X \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  as*

$$(f \nearrow \psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)).$$

Then there exist  $\searrow : L_2^Y \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  and  $\circ : L_1^X \times L_2^Y \rightarrow (L_3^Y)^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned}(g \searrow \psi)(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)), \\ (f \circ g)(x)(y) &= f(x) \circ g(y).\end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\circ, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $((L_3^Y)^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 g \searrow \psi \text{ iff } f \circ g \leq_3 \psi \text{ iff } g \leq_2 f \nearrow \psi.$$

*Proof.* Put  $\Theta^\psi(f)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$  for a fixed map  $\psi \in (L_3^Y)^X$ . By Lemma 4.1(2),  $\Theta^\psi(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} ((\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i(x)) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (f_i(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \Theta^\psi(f_i)(y)$ . Define  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi} : L_2^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$\mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi}(g) = \bigvee \{f \in L_1^X \mid \Theta^\psi(f)(y) \geq_2 g(y)\}.$$

Since  $\Theta^\psi(f)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) \geq_2 g(y)$ ,  $g(y) \leq_2 f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)$  implies  $f(x) \circ g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ . Thus  $f(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)) = (g \searrow \psi)(x)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi}(g)(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)) = (g \searrow \psi)(x)$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Theta^\psi(g \searrow \psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} (\bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(z)(y)) \nearrow \psi(z)(y)) \geq_2 \bigwedge_{z \in X} ((g(y) \searrow \psi(z)(y)) \nearrow \psi(z)(y)) \geq_2 g(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi}(g)(x) \geq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)) = (g \searrow \psi)(x)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi}(g)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)) = (g \searrow \psi)(x)$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned}(f \nearrow \psi)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) = \Theta^\psi(f)(y) \geq_2 g(y) \\ \text{iff } \mathcal{K}_{\Theta^\psi}(g)(x) &= (g \searrow \psi)(x) \geq f(x).\end{aligned}$$

Put  $\Theta_f(\psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y))$  for a fixed map  $f \in L_1^X$ . By Lemma 4.1 (2),  $\Theta_f(\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \psi_i) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \psi_i(x)(y)) =$

$\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi_i(x)(y)) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \Theta_f(\psi_i)$ . Define  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f} : L_2^Y \rightarrow (L_3^Y)^X$  as

$$\mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f}(g) = \bigvee \{ \psi \in (L_3^Y)^X \mid \Theta_f(\psi)(y) \geq_2 g(y) \}.$$

Since  $\Theta_f(\psi)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) \geq_2 g(y)$ ,  $g(y) \leq_2 f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)$  implies  $f(x) \odot g(y) \leq_3 \psi(x)(y)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f}(g)(x)(y) \geq_3 f(x) \odot g(y)$ .

On the other hand, since  $\Theta_f(f \odot g)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow (f(x) \odot g(y))) \geq_2 g(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f}(g)(x)(y) \geq_3 f(x) \odot g(y)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f}(g)(x)(y) = f(x) \odot g(y)$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow \psi)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(y)) = \Theta_f(\psi)(y) \geq_2 g(y) \\ \text{iff } \mathcal{K}_{\Theta_f}(g)(x)(y) &= f(x) \odot g(y) \geq_3 \psi(x)(y). \end{aligned}$$

□

**THEOREM 4.9.** Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\nearrow : L_1^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow (L_2^Y)^X$  as

$$(f \nearrow h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y).$$

Then there exist  $\searrow : (L_2^Y)^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  and  $\odot : L_1^X \times (L_2^Y)^X \rightarrow L_3^Y$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \searrow h)(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)), \\ (f \odot \phi)(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $((L_2^Y)^X, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^Y, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 \phi \searrow h \text{ iff } f \odot \phi \leq_3 h \text{ iff } \phi \leq_2 f \nearrow h.$$

*Proof.* Put  $\Phi^h(f)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y)$  for a fixed map  $h \in L_3^Y$ . By Lemma 4.1 (2),  $\Phi^h(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i)(x)(y) = (\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} f_i(x)) \nearrow h(y) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (f_i(x) \nearrow h(y)) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \Phi^h(f_i)(x)(y)$ . Define  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h} : (L_2^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h}(\phi) = \bigvee \{ f \in L_1^X \mid \Phi^h(f)(x)(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y) \}.$$

Since  $\Phi^h(f)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y)$ ,  $f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y) \leq_3 h(y)$ . Thus  $f(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) = (\phi \searrow h)(x)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h}(\phi)(x) \leq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) = (\phi \searrow h)(x)$ .

Since  $\Phi^h(\phi \searrow h)(x)(y) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) \nearrow h(y) \geq_2 (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) \nearrow h(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h}(\phi)(x) \geq_1 \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y))$ .

$h(y) = (\phi \searrow h)(x)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h}(\phi)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) = (\phi \searrow h)(x)$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= f(x) \nearrow h(y) = \Phi^h(f)(x)(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y) \\ \text{iff } \mathcal{P}_{\Phi^h}(\phi)(x) &= \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)) = (\phi \searrow h)(x) \geq_1 f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\Phi_f(h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y)$  for a fixed map  $f \in L_1^X$ . By Lemma 4.1 (2),  $\Phi_f(\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} h_i)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} h_i(y) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} (f(x) \nearrow h_i(y)) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \Phi_f(h_i)(x)(y)$ . Define  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f} : (L_2^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f}(\phi) = \bigwedge \{h \in L_3^Y \mid \Phi_f(h)(x)(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y)\}.$$

Since  $\Phi_f(h)(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow h(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y)$ ,  $f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y) \leq_2 h(y)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f}(\phi) \geq_3 \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y))$ .

Since  $\Phi_f(\bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(-)))(x)(y) = f(x) \nearrow \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \geq_2 f(x) \nearrow (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y)$ , we have  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f}(\phi)(y) \leq_3 \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f}(\phi)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y))$ . It follows

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= f(x) \nearrow h(y) = \Phi_f(h)(x)(y) \geq_2 \phi(x)(y) \\ \text{iff } \mathcal{P}_{\Phi_f}(\phi)(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)) = (f \odot \phi)(y) \leq_3 h(y). \end{aligned}$$

□

From the above theorems, we similarly prove the following corollaries.

**COROLLARY 4.10.** *Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$  and  $X, Y$  be sets. Define  $\searrow : L_2^Y \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_1^X$  as*

$$(g \searrow \psi)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(x)(y)).$$

Then there exist  $\nearrow : L_1^X \times (L_3^Y)^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  and  $\odot : L_1^X \times L_2^Y \rightarrow (L_3^Y)^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow \psi)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \searrow \psi(x)(y)). \\ (f \odot g)(x)(y) &= f(x) \odot g(y). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $((L_3^Y)^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 g \searrow \psi \text{ iff } f \odot g \leq_3 \psi \text{ iff } g \leq_2 f \nearrow \psi.$$

COROLLARY 4.11. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\searrow: (L_2^Y)^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow L_1^X$  as

$$(\phi \searrow h)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(x)(y) \searrow h(y)).$$

Then there exist  $\nearrow: L_1^X \times L_3^Y \rightarrow (L_2^Y)^X$  and  $\odot: L_1^X \times (L_2^Y)^X \rightarrow L_3^Y$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (f \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= f(x) \nearrow h(y), \\ (f \odot \phi)(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \phi(x)(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $((L_2^Y)^X, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^Y, \leq_3)$  such that

$$f \leq_1 \phi \searrow h \text{ iff } f \odot \phi \leq_3 h \text{ iff } \phi \leq_2 f \nearrow h.$$

COROLLARY 4.12. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\nearrow: (L_1^Y)^X \times L_3^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  as

$$(\theta \nearrow h)(x)(y) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \nearrow h(x)).$$

Then there exist  $\odot: (L_1^Y)^X \times L_2^Y \rightarrow L_3^X$  and  $\searrow: L_2^Y \times L_3^X \rightarrow (L_1^Y)^X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \odot g)(x) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \odot g(y)), \\ (g \searrow h)(x)(y) &= g(y) \searrow h(x). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $((L_1^Y)^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$\theta \leq_1 g \searrow h \text{ iff } \theta \odot g \leq_3 h \text{ iff } g \leq_2 \theta \nearrow h.$$

COROLLARY 4.13. Let  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  be an adjoint triple with respect to  $(L_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \leq_2)$ ,  $(L_3, \leq_3)$ . Define  $\searrow: L_2^Y \times L_3^X \rightarrow (L_1^Y)^X$  as

$$(g \searrow h)(x)(y) = g(y) \searrow h(x).$$

Then there exist  $\odot: (L_1^Y)^X \times L_2^Y \rightarrow L_3^X$  and  $\nearrow: (L_1^Y)^X \times L_3^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \odot g)(x) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \odot g(y)), \\ (\theta \nearrow h)(x)(y) &= \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(y) \nearrow h(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $((L_1^Y)^X, \leq_1)$ ,  $(L_2^Y, \leq_2)$  and  $(L_3^X, \leq_3)$  such that

$$\theta \leq_1 g \searrow h \text{ iff } \theta \odot g \leq_3 h \text{ iff } g \leq_2 \theta \nearrow h.$$

EXAMPLE 4.14. Let  $X = \{x, y\}$  be a set of cars and  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  be a set of attributes. Let  $(L_1 = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}, 0 <_1 \frac{1}{2} <_1 1)$ ,  $(L_2 = \{0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1\}, 0 <_2 \frac{1}{3} <_2 \frac{2}{3} <_2 1)$  and  $(L_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}, 0 <_3 1 <_3 2)$  be lattices. Define  $\odot : L_1 \times L_2 \rightarrow L_3$  as follows:

$\odot$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	1
0	0	0	1	2
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	2
1	0	1	2	2

We can define  $p \nearrow r = \bigvee \{q \in L_2 \mid p \odot q \leq_3 r\}$  and  $q \searrow r = \bigvee \{p \in L_1 \mid p \odot q \leq_3 r\}$  as follows

$\searrow$	0	1	2
0	1	1	1
$\frac{1}{3}$	0	1	1
$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
1	0	0	1

$\nearrow$	0	1	2
0	1	1	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	1
1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	1

Then  $(\odot, \nearrow, \searrow)$  is an adjoint triple.

(1) For  $f = (f(x), f(y)) = (1, \frac{1}{2}) \in L_1^X$ ,  $g = (g(a), g(b), g(c)) = (\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{2}{3}) \in L_2^Y$  and  $\psi(x) : Y \rightarrow L_3$  for  $x \in \{x, y\}$  with  $\psi(x)(a) = \psi(x, a)$  as

$$f \odot g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq_3 \psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 4.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (1, \frac{1}{2}) \leq_1 (g \searrow \psi)(-) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (g(y) \searrow \psi(-)(y)) = (1, 1), \\ g &= (\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{2}{3}) \leq_2 (f \nearrow \psi)(-) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \nearrow \psi(x)(-)) = (1, 0, \frac{2}{3}). \end{aligned}$$

(2) For  $f = (f(x), f(y)) = (1, \frac{1}{2}) \in L_1^X$ ,  $h = (h(a), h(b), h(c)) = (0, 2, 1) \in L_3^Y$  and  $\phi(x) : Y \rightarrow L_3$  for  $x \in \{x, y\}$  with  $\psi(x)(a) = \psi(x, a)$  as

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \leq_2 (f \searrow h) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 4.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (1, \frac{1}{2}) \leq_1 (\phi \searrow h)(-) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} (\phi(-)(y) \searrow h(y)) = (1, 1), \\ (f \odot \psi)(-) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} (f(x) \odot \psi(x)(-)) = (0, 2, 1) \leq_3 h = (0, 2, 1). \end{aligned}$$

(3) For  $g = (\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{2}{3}) \in L_2^Y$ ,  $h = (h(x), h(y)) = (1, 2) \in L_3^X$  and  $\phi(x) : Y \rightarrow L_3$  for  $x \in \{x, y\}$  with  $\theta(x)(a) = \theta(x, a)$  as

$$\Theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq_2 (g \nearrow h) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



From Corollary 4.4, we have

$$g = (\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{2}{3}) \leq_2 (\theta \nearrow h)(-) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (\theta(x)(-) \nearrow h(x)) = (1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}),$$

$$(\theta \odot g)(-) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} (\psi(-)(y) \odot g(y)) = (1, 2) \leq_1 h = (1, 2).$$

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