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## Level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras are introduced and proved some results. Further, we discuss the relationships among (prime, weakly prime) hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp. hesitant fuzzy UP-filters, hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals and hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and some level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

**A**mong many algebraic structures, algebras of logic form important class of algebras. Examples of these are BCK-algebras [5], BCI-algebras [6], BCH-algebras [3], KU-algebras [13], SU-algebras [11] and others. They are strongly connected with logic. For example, BCI-algebras introduced by Iséki [6] in 1966 have connections with BCI-logic being the BCI-system in combinatory logic which has application in the language of functional programming. BCK and BCI-algebras are two classes of logical algebras. They were introduced by Imai and Iséki [5, 6] in 1966 and have been extensively investigated by many researchers. It is known that the class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras.

A fuzzy subset  $f$  of a set  $S$  is a function from  $S$  to a closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . The concept of a fuzzy subset of a set was first considered by Zadeh [17] in 1965. The fuzzy set theories developed by Zadeh and others have found many applications in the domain of mathematics and elsewhere.

In 2009 - 2010, Torra and Narukawa [15, 16] introduced the notion of hesitant fuzzy sets, that is a function from a reference set to a power set of the unit interval. The notion of hesitant fuzzy sets is the other generalization of the notion fuzzy sets.

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After the introduction of the notion of hesitant fuzzy sets by Torra and Narukawa [15, 16], several researches were conducted on the generalizations of the notion of hesitant fuzzy sets and application to many logical algebras such as: In 2012, Zhu, Xu and Xia [18] introduced the notion of dual hesitant fuzzy sets, which is a new extension of fuzzy sets. In 2014, Jun, Ahn and Muhiuddin [8] introduced the notions of hesitant fuzzy soft subalgebras and (closed) hesitant fuzzy soft ideals in BCK/BCI-algebras. Jun and Song [9] introduced the notions of (Boolean, prime, ultra, good) hesitant fuzzy filters and hesitant fuzzy MV-filters of MTL-algebras. In 2015, Jun and Song [10] introduced the notions of hesitant fuzzy prefilters (resp. filters) and positive implicative hesitant fuzzy prefilters (resp. filters) of EQ-algebras. In 2016, Jun and Ahn [7] introduced the notions of hesitant fuzzy subalgebras and hesitant fuzzy ideals of BCK/BCI-algebras.

Iampan [4] introduced a new algebraic structure, called a UP-algebra, and Mosri-jai, Kamti, Satirad and Iampan [12] introduced the notion of hesitant fuzzy sets on UP-algebras. The notions of hesitant fuzzy subalgebras, hesitant fuzzy filters and hesitant fuzzy ideals play an important role in studying the many logical algebras. In this paper, level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras are introduced and proved some results. Further, we discuss the relationships among (prime, weakly prime) hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp. hesitant fuzzy UP-filters, hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals and hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and some level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras.

Before we begin our study, we will introduce the definition of a UP-algebra.

**Definition 1.1** ([4]). An algebra  $A = (A; \cdot, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a UP-algebra, if it satisfies the following axioms: for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,

- (UP-1)  $(y \cdot z) \cdot ((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) = 0$ ,
- (UP-2)  $0 \cdot x = x$ ,
- (UP-3)  $x \cdot 0 = 0$ ,
- (UP-4)  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x = 0$  implies  $x = y$ .

From [4], we know that the notion of UP-algebras is a generalization of KU-algebras.

**Example 1.2** ([4]). Let  $X$  be a universal set. Define two binary operations  $\cdot$  and  $*$  on the power set of  $X$  by putting  $A \cdot B = B \cap A' = A' \cap B = B - A$  and  $A * B = B \cup A' = A' \cup B$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then  $(\mathcal{P}(X); \cdot, \emptyset)$  is a UP-algebra and we shall call it the power UP-algebra of type 1, and  $(\mathcal{P}(X); *, X)$  is a UP-algebra and we shall call it the power UP-algebra of type 2.

**Example 1.3** ([4]). Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra.

In what follows, let  $A$  and  $B$  denote UP-algebras unless otherwise specified. The following proposition is very important for the study of UP-algebras.

**Proposition 1.4** ([4]). *In a UP-algebra  $A$ , the following properties hold: for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,*

- (1)  $x \cdot x = 0$ ,
- (2)  $x \cdot y = 0$  and  $y \cdot z = 0$  imply  $x \cdot z = 0$ ,
- (3)  $x \cdot y = 0$  implies  $(z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot y) = 0$ ,
- (4)  $x \cdot y = 0$  implies  $(y \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot z) = 0$ ,
- (5)  $x \cdot (y \cdot x) = 0$ ,
- (6)  $(y \cdot x) \cdot x = 0$  if and only if  $x = y \cdot x$ ,
- (7)  $x \cdot (y \cdot y) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.5** ([4]). A subset  $S$  of  $A$  is called a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , if the constant 0 of  $A$  is in  $S$ , and  $(S; \cdot, 0)$  itself forms a UP-algebra.

**Definition 1.6** ([4]). A subset  $B$  of  $A$  is called a UP-ideal of  $A$  if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i) the constant 0 of  $A$  is in  $B$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in B$  and  $y \in B$  imply  $x \cdot z \in B$ .

**Definition 1.7** ([14]). A subset  $F$  of  $A$  is called a UP-filter of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i) the constant 0 of  $A$  is in  $F$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \cdot y \in F$  and  $x \in F$  imply  $y \in F$ .

**Definition 1.8** ([2]). A subset  $C$  of  $A$  is called a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i) the constant 0 of  $A$  is in  $C$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in C$  and  $y \in C$  imply  $x \in C$ .

From [2], we know that the notion of fuzzy UP-subalgebras is a generalization of fuzzy UP-filters, the notion of fuzzy UP-filters is a generalization of fuzzy UP-ideals, and the notion of fuzzy UP-ideals is a generalization of fuzzy strongly UP-ideals.

**Definition 1.9** ([14]). A nonempty subset  $B$  of  $A$  is called a prime subset of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following property: for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$x \cdot y \in B \text{ implies } x \in B \text{ or } y \in B.$$

**Definition 1.10** ([14]). A UP-subalgebra (resp. UP-filter, UP-ideal, strongly UP-ideal)  $B$  of  $A$  is called a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $B$  is a prime subset of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.11** ([2]). *Let  $S$  be a subset of  $A$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ ,
- (2)  $S = A$ ,
- (3)  $S$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.12** ([2]). A nonempty subset  $B$  of  $A$  is called a weakly prime subset of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following property: for any  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \neq y$ ,

$$x \cdot y \in B \text{ implies } x \in B \text{ or } y \in B.$$

**Definition 1.13** ([2]). A UP-subalgebra (resp. UP-filter, UP-ideal, strongly UP-ideal)  $B$  of  $A$  is called a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , if  $B$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.14** ([1, 15]). Let  $X$  be a reference set. A hesitant fuzzy set on  $X$  is defined in term of a function  $h$  that when applied to  $X$  return a subset of  $[0, 1]$ , that is,  $h: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ .

**Definition 1.15** ([12]). Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . The hesitant fuzzy set  $\bar{h}$  defined by  $\bar{h}(x) = [0, 1] - h(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$  is said to be the complement of  $h$  on  $A$ .

For all hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$ , we have  $h = \bar{\bar{h}}$ .

**Definition 1.16** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following property: for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y).$$

By Proposition 1.4 (1), we have  $h(0) = h(x \cdot x) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(x) = h(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 1.17** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , if it satisfies the following properties: for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

- (i)  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $h(y) \supseteq h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x)$ .

**Definition 1.18** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$  if it satisfies the following properties: for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,

- (i)  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $h(x \cdot z) \supseteq h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y)$ .

**Definition 1.19** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  if it satisfies the following properties: for any  $x, y, z \in A$ ,

- (i)  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $h(x) \supseteq h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y)$ .

From [12], we know that the notion of hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals of UP-algebras is the generalization of the notion of hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals, the notion of hesitant fuzzy UP-filters of UP-algebras is the generalization of the notion of hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals, and the notion of hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras of UP-algebras is the generalization of the notion of hesitant fuzzy UP-filters.

**Definition 1.20** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , if it satisfies the following property: for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y).$$

**Definition 1.21** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal)  $h$  of  $A$  is called a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal), if  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.22** ([12]). Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ ,
- (2)  $h$  is a constant hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ ,
- (3)  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

**Definition 1.23** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is called a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , if it satisfies the following property: for any  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \neq y$ ,

$$h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y).$$

**Definition 1.24** ([12]). A hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal)  $h$  of  $A$  is called a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal), if  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

From [12], we know that the notion of weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filters, weakly hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals) is a generalization of prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filters, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals), and the notions of weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals and prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals coincide.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we discuss the relationships among (prime, weakly prime) hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp. hesitant fuzzy UP-filters, hesitant fuzzy UP-ideals and hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and some level subsets of a hesitant fuzzy set on UP-algebras.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . For any  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , the sets

$$U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon\} \text{ and } U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \supset \varepsilon\}$$

are called an upper  $\varepsilon$ -level subset and an upper  $\varepsilon$ -strong level subset of  $h$ , respectively.

The sets

$$L(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon\} \text{ and } L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \subset \varepsilon\}$$

are called a lower  $\varepsilon$ -level subset and a lower  $\varepsilon$ -strong level subset of  $h$ , respectively.

The set

$$E(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) = \varepsilon\}$$

is called an equal  $\varepsilon$ -level subset of  $h$ . Then

$$U(h; \varepsilon) = U^+(h; \varepsilon) \cup E(h; \varepsilon) \text{ and } L(h; \varepsilon) = L^-(h; \varepsilon) \cup E(h; \varepsilon).$$

### 2.1. Upper $\varepsilon$ -Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.2.** *A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $x, y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , we have  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and thus  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x, y \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y)$ . Hence,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , we have  $h(0) \supseteq h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , we have  $h(y) \supseteq h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y \in A$ . Then  $h(x), h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $x \cdot y, x \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and then  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Thus  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x)$ . So,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $h(0) \supseteq h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $h(x \cdot z) \supseteq h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot z \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Then  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Thus  $h(0) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Thus  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ , so  $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ .

By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot z \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot z) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y)$ . Hence,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $h(0) \supseteq h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$  be such that  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $h(x) \supseteq h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . So,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . So  $0 \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $h(0) \supseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . So  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Thus  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon = h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y)$ . Hence,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

## 2.2. Prime and Weakly Prime Subsets and Upper $\varepsilon$ -Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *if  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  if  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $A - U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,*
- (2) *if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and  $A - U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  and assume that  $x \notin U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset$ . Since  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\varepsilon \subseteq h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Thus  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then we get  $x \cdot y \in A$ . Thus  $h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$ . So  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$  or  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ , i.e.,  $h(x \cdot y) = \varepsilon \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *A hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset*



$U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 1.22, 2.5 and 1.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  if  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $A - U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,
- (2) if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and  $A - U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \neq y$  be such that  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  and assume that  $x \notin U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset$ . Since  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\varepsilon \subseteq h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Thus  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \neq y$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in U(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  and then  $x \in U(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in U(h; \varepsilon)$ . Thus  $h(x) \supseteq \varepsilon$  or  $h(y) \supseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $h(x \cdot y) = \varepsilon \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Hence,  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $A - U(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,
- (2) if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 2.2 (resp. Theorem 2.3, Theorem 2.4, Theorem 2.5) and 2.8.  $\square$

### 2.3. Upper $\varepsilon$ -Strong Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,

(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.2.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $h(x \cdot y) \not\supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(x \cdot y) \subset h(x) \cap h(y)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x, y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon = h(x \cdot y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.11.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.1\}, h(1) = \{0.1\}, h(2) = \emptyset, \text{ and } h(3) = \{0.5\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ . Using this data, we can show that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Since  $h(3 \cdot 3) = h(0) = \{0.1\} \not\supseteq \{0.5\} = h(3) \cap h(3)$ , we have  $h$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.3.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $h(0) \not\supseteq h(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(0) \subset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supset h(0) = \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \supset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $h(y) \not\supseteq h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(y) \subset h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \supset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y, x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and thus  $y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon = h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(y) \supseteq h(x \cdot y) \cap h(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.13.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	0
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.3\}, h(1) = \{0.3\}, h(2) = \emptyset, \text{ and } h(3) = \{0.4\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ . Using this data, we can show that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Since  $h(0) = \{0.3\} \not\supseteq \{0.4\} = h(3)$  and  $h(3) = \{0.4\} \not\supseteq \{0.3\} = h(1) \cap h(0) = h(1) \cap h(1 \cdot 3)$ , we have  $h$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.4.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $h(0) \not\supseteq h(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(0) \subset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supset h(0) = \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \supset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y, z \in A$  such that  $h(x \cdot z) \not\supseteq h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(x \cdot z) \subset h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot z) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \supset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot z \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot z) \supset \varepsilon = h(x \cdot z)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(x \cdot z) \supseteq h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap h(y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.15.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.5\}, h(1) = \{0.6\}, \text{ and } h(2) = \{0.5\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = A$ . Using this data, we can show that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Since  $h(0) = \{0.5\} \not\supseteq \{0.6\} = h(1)$  and  $h(0 \cdot 1) = h(1) = \{0.6\} \not\supseteq \{0.5\} = h(0) \cap h(2) = h(0 \cdot (2 \cdot 1)) \cap h(2)$ , we have  $h$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.16.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.5.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $h(0) \not\supseteq h(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(0) \subset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \supset h(0) = \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \supset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(0) \supseteq h(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y, z \in A$  such that  $h(x) \not\supseteq h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(x) \subset h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \supset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon$ , so  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \supset \varepsilon = h(x)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(x) \supseteq h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap h(y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.17.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.6\}, h(1) = \{0.6\}, \text{ and } h(2) = \{0.5\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) = A$ . Using this data, we can show that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Since  $h(0) = \{0.6\} \not\supseteq \{0.5\} = h(2)$  and  $h(2) = \{0.5\} \not\supseteq \{0.6\} = h(0) \cap h(0) = h((2 \cdot 0) \cdot (2 \cdot 2)) \cap h(0)$ , we have  $h$  is not a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

#### 2.4. Prime and Weakly Prime Subsets and Upper $\varepsilon$ -Strong Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $A - U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is prime subset of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and  $A - U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \cdot y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Assume that  $x \notin U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset$ . Since  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\varepsilon \subset h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Thus  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $h(x \cdot y) \not\subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(x \cdot y) \supset h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \supset \varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y)$  or  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.19.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *if  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,*

(2) *if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 1.22, 2.16 and 1.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.20.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *if  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $A - U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,*

(2) *if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and  $A - U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \neq y$  and  $x \cdot y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Assume that  $x \notin U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset$ . Since  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\varepsilon \subset h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Thus  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $x \neq y$  and  $h(x \cdot y) \not\subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $h(x \cdot y) \supset h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in U^+(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \supset \varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y)$  or  $h(y) \supset \varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $x \neq y$ . Therefore,  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.21.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) if  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty and  $A - U^+(h; \varepsilon) = \{x \in A \mid h(x) \cap \varepsilon = \emptyset\}$ ,

(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $U^+(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $h$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 2.10 (resp. Theorem 2.12, Theorem 2.14, Theorem 2.16) and 2.20.  $\square$

## 2.5. Lower $\varepsilon$ -Level Subsets.

**Lemma 2.22.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold: for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

- (1)  $[0, 1] - (h(x) \cup h(y)) = ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y))$ ,
- (2)  $[0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y)) = ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y))$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] - (h(x) \cup h(y)) &= [0, 1] \cap (h(x) \cup h(y))' \\ &= ([0, 1] \cap [0, 1]) \cap ((h(x))' \cap (h(y))') \\ &= ([0, 1] \cap (h(x))') \cap ([0, 1] \cap (h(y))') \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y)) &= [0, 1] \cap (h(x) \cap h(y))' \\ &= [0, 1] \cap ((h(x))' \cup (h(y))') \\ &= ([0, 1] \cap (h(x))') \cup ([0, 1] \cap (h(y))') \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 2.23.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $x, y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \supseteq \bar{h}(x) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \supseteq ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cup h(y))$ . Thus  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq h(x) \cup h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then

$h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x, y \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x) \cup h(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(x \cdot y) &= [0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \\ &\supseteq [0, 1] - (h(x) \cup h(y)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) \\ &= \bar{h}(x) \cap \bar{h}(y).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.24.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $a \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(a) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(a)$ . Thus  $[0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(a)$ . So  $h(0) \subseteq h(a) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Hence,  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(y) \supseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot y) \cap \bar{h}(x)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(y) \supseteq ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot y)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(x)) = [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x))$ . Thus  $h(y) \subseteq h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ , so  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Thus  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ . Hence  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(x) = \bar{h}(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y, x \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . So  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(y) &= [0, 1] - h(y) \\ &\supseteq [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot y)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(x)) \\ &= \bar{h}(x \cdot y) \cap \bar{h}(x).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.25.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $b \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(b) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(b)$ . Thus  $[0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(b)$ . So  $h(0) \subseteq h(b) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Hence,  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ .



Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot z) \supseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot z) \supseteq ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot (y \cdot z))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y))$ . Thus  $h(x \cdot z) \subseteq h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . So  $x \cdot z \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ , so  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Thus  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ . Hence  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(x) = \bar{h}(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . So  $x \cdot z \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $h(x \cdot z) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}(x \cdot z) &= [0, 1] - h(x \cdot z) \\ &\supseteq [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot (y \cdot z))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) \\ &= \bar{h}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap \bar{h}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ . □

**Theorem 2.26.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $a \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(a) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(a)$ . Thus  $[0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(a)$ , so  $h(0) \subseteq h(a) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . So,  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$  be such that  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  and  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x) \supseteq \bar{h}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x) \supseteq ([0, 1] - h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y))$ . So  $h(x) \subseteq h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Hence  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Therefore,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

Conversely, assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon$ , so  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subseteq \varepsilon = h(x)$ . Hence  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - h(0) \supseteq [0, 1] - h(x) = \bar{h}(x)$ .

Next, let  $x, y, z \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . So  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Hence



$h(x) \subseteq \varepsilon = h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(x) &= [0, 1] - h(x) \\ &\supseteq [0, 1] - (h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) \\ &= \bar{h}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap \bar{h}(y).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

## 2.6. Prime and Weakly Prime Subsets and Lower $\varepsilon$ -Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.27.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  if  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,*
- (2) *if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  and assume that  $x \notin L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \not\subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \subseteq ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Thus  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ .

If  $h(x) \subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y) = h(x)$ . Thus  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ , a contradiction.

If  $h(x) \not\subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y) = h(y)$ . Thus  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ .

So,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x)$  or  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(y)$ . Hence  $h(x \cdot y) = \varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}(x \cdot y) &= [0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \\ &\subseteq [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) \\ &= \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.28.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 1.22, 2.26 and 1.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.29.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  if  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,*
- (2) *if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \neq y$  and  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Assume that  $x \notin L(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \not\subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \subseteq ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Thus  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ .

If  $h(x) \subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y) = h(x)$ . Thus  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ , a contradiction.

If  $h(x) \supseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y) = h(y)$ . Thus  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ .

So,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \neq y$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in L(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in L(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in L(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(x)$  or  $\varepsilon \supseteq h(y)$ . Hence  $h(x \cdot y) = \varepsilon \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}(x \cdot y) &= [0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \\ &\subseteq [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y)) \\ &= ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) \\ &= \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.30.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) *if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,*
- (2) *if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 2.23 (resp. Theorem 2.24, Theorem 2.25, 2.26) and 2.29.  $\square$

## 2.7. Lower $\varepsilon$ -Strong Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.31.** *Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) if  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,  
(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.23.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \not\supseteq \bar{h}(x) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subset \bar{h}(x) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \subset ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cup h(y))$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \supset h(x) \cup h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x, y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot y) \subset \varepsilon = h(x \cdot y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \supseteq \bar{h}(x) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.32.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.1\}, h(1) = \{0.2\}, h(2) = \emptyset, \text{ and } h(3) = \{0.1\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ . Using this data, we can show that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-subalgebra of  $A$ . By Definition 1.15, we have

$$\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\}, \bar{h}(1) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\}, \bar{h}(2) = [0, 1] \text{ and } \bar{h}(3) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\}.$$

Since  $\bar{h}(1 \cdot 1) = \bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\} \not\supseteq [0, 1] - \{0.2\} = h(1) \cap h(1)$ , we have  $\bar{h}$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.33.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,  
(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.24.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(0) \not\supseteq \bar{h}(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(0) \subset \bar{h}(x)$ . Then  $[0, 1] - h(0) \subset [0, 1] - h(x)$ . Thus  $h(0) \supset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(y) \not\subseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot y) \cap \bar{h}(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(y) \subset \bar{h}(x \cdot y) \cap \bar{h}(x)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(y) \subset ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot y)) \cap ([0, 1] - h(x)) = [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x))$ . Then  $h(y) \supset h(x \cdot y) \cup h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y, x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$  and thus  $y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon = h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(y) \supseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot y) \cap \bar{h}(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.34.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	0
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.1\}, h(1) = \{0.1\}, h(2) = \emptyset, \text{ and } h(3) = \{0.2\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \{0, 1, 3\}$ . Using this data, we can show that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-filter of  $A$ . By Definition 1.15, we have

$$\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\}, \bar{h}(1) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\}, \bar{h}(2) = [0, 1] \text{ and } \bar{h}(3) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\}.$$

Since  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\} \not\subseteq [0, 1] - \{0.2\} = \bar{h}(3)$  and  $\bar{h}(3) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\} \not\subseteq [0, 1] - \{0.1\} = \bar{h}(0)$ , we have  $\bar{h}$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-filter of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.35.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.25.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(0) \not\subseteq \bar{h}(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(0) \subset \bar{h}(x)$ . Then  $[0, 1] - h(0) \subset [0, 1] - h(x)$ . Thus  $h(0) \supset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $0 \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y, z \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(x \cdot z) \not\subseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot z) \subset \bar{h}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot z) \subset ([0, 1] - h(x \cdot (y \cdot z))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y))$ . Then  $h(x \cdot z) \supset h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cup h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x \cdot z) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \subset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $x \cdot z \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x \cdot z) \subset \varepsilon = h(x \cdot z)$ , a contradiction.

Hence,  $\bar{h}(x \cdot z) \supseteq \bar{h}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.36.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.1, 0.2\}, h(1) = \{0.3\}, \text{ and } h(2) = \{0.2\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = A$ . Using this data, we can show that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a UP-ideal of  $A$ . By Definition 1.15, we have

$$\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1, 0.2\}, \bar{h}(1) = [0, 1] - \{0.3\} \text{ and } \bar{h}(2) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\}.$$

Since  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1, 0.2\} \not\supseteq [0, 1] - \{0.3\} = \bar{h}(2)$  and  $\bar{h}(0 \cdot 1) = \bar{h}(1) = [0, 1] - \{0.3\} \not\supseteq [0, 1] - \{0.1, 0.2\} = h(0) \cap h(2) = \bar{h}(0 \cdot (2 \cdot 1)) \cap \bar{h}(2)$ , we have  $\bar{h}$  is not a hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.37.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is straightforward by Theorem 2.26.

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(0) \not\supseteq \bar{h}(x)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(0) \subset \bar{h}(x)$ . Then  $[0, 1] - h(0) \subset [0, 1] - h(x)$ . Thus  $h(0) \supset h(x)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(0) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon$ , so  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . Thus  $0 \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(0) \subset \varepsilon = h(0)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(0) \supseteq \bar{h}(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Assume that there exist  $x, y, z \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(x) \not\supseteq \bar{h}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(x) \subset \bar{h}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (1), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x) \subset ([0, 1] - h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x))) \cap ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y))$ . Then  $h(x) \supset h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cup h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \subset \varepsilon$  and  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$  and thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon = h(x)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(x) \supseteq \bar{h}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \cap \bar{h}(y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.38.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a set with a binary operation  $\cdot$  defined by the following Cayley table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	0	0	2
2	0	0	0

Then  $(A; \cdot, 0)$  is a UP-algebra. We define a hesitant fuzzy set  $h$  on  $A$  as follows:

$$h(0) = \{0.1\}, h(1) = \{0.1\}, \text{ and } h(2) = \{0.2\}.$$

Then  $\text{Im}(h)$  is not a chain. If  $\varepsilon = \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = \emptyset$ . If  $\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , then  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) = A$ . Using this data, we can show that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ . By Definition 1.15, we have

$$\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\}, \bar{h}(1) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\} \text{ and } \bar{h}(2) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\}.$$

Since  $\bar{h}(0) = [0, 1] - \{0.1\} \not\subseteq [0, 1] - \{0.2\} = \bar{h}(2)$  and  $\bar{h}(2) = [0, 1] - \{0.2\} \not\subseteq [0, 1] - \{0.1\} = \bar{h}(0)$ , we have  $\bar{h}$  is not a hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of  $A$ .

## 2.8. Prime and Weakly Prime Subsets and Lower $\varepsilon$ -Strong Level Subsets.

**Theorem 2.39.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,
- (2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \cdot y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  and assume that  $x \notin L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subseteq \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \not\subseteq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \subseteq ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Thus  $\varepsilon \supset h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ .

If  $h(x) \subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supset h(x) \cap h(y) = h(x)$ . Thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ , a contradiction.

If  $h(x) \supseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supset h(x) \cap h(y) = h(y)$ . Thus  $y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ .

So,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime subset of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \not\subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \supset \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \supset ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset h(x) \cap h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y)$  or  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.40.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

(1) if  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,

(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a prime UP-subalgebra (resp. prime UP-filter, prime UP-ideal, prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 1.22, 2.37 and 1.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.41.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

(1) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty,

(2) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ , then  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$  be such that  $L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x, y \in A$  be such that  $x \neq y$  and  $x \cdot y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  and assume that  $x \notin L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset \varepsilon$  and  $h(x) \not\subset \varepsilon$ . Since  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ , we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \subseteq ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Thus  $\varepsilon \supset h(x \cdot y) \supseteq h(x) \cap h(y)$ .

If  $h(x) \subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supset h(x) \cap h(y) = h(x)$ . Thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ , a contradiction.

If  $h(x) \not\subseteq h(y)$ , then  $\varepsilon \supset h(x) \cap h(y) = h(y)$ . Thus  $y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ .

So,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ .

(2) Assume that  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $x \neq y$  and  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \not\subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . Since  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain, we have  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \supset \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ . By Lemma 2.22 (2), we have  $[0, 1] - h(x \cdot y) \supset ([0, 1] - h(x)) \cup ([0, 1] - h(y)) = [0, 1] - (h(x) \cap h(y))$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset h(x) \cap h(y)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y) \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ . Then  $h(x \cdot y) \subset \varepsilon$ . Thus  $x \cdot y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . By assumption, we have  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime subset of  $A$  and thus  $x \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  or  $y \in L^-(h; \varepsilon)$ . So  $h(x) \subset \varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y)$  or  $h(y) \subset \varepsilon = h(x) \cap h(y)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{h}(x \cdot y) \subseteq \bar{h}(x) \cup \bar{h}(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.42.** Let  $h$  be a hesitant fuzzy set on  $A$ . Then the following statements hold:

(1) if  $\text{Im}(h)$  is a chain and  $\bar{h}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ ,  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$  if  $L^-(h; \varepsilon)$  is nonempty and  $E(h; \varepsilon)$  is empty,

(2) if  $\text{Im}(\mathbf{h})$  is a chain and for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ , a nonempty subset  $L^-(\mathbf{h}; \varepsilon)$  of  $A$  is a weakly prime UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime UP-filter, weakly prime UP-ideal, weakly prime strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ , then  $\bar{\mathbf{h}}$  is a weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp. weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-filter, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy UP-ideal, weakly prime hesitant fuzzy strongly UP-ideal) of  $A$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 2.31 (resp. Theorem 2.33, Theorem 2.35, Theorem 2.37) and 2.41.  $\square$

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