

CHARACTERIZATION OF FUZZY EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS AND OF FUZZY CONGRUENCE RELATIONS ON ALGEBRAS

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Introduction

In paper [4], Yeh and Bang developed an algebra of fuzzy relations, the range of a membership function being $[0, 1]$. They gave a characterization of the fuzzy similarity relation.

This paper considers fuzzy relations on set A as fuzzy sets on $A \times A$, characterized by a membership function $m: A \times A \rightarrow B$, where B is a complete Boolean algebra.

Section II gives a characterization theorem of fuzzy equivalence relations, together with some notions and properties of these relations.

In section III fuzzy homomorphism between two algebras is defined and a characterization theorem of the fuzzy congruence relation is proved.

I. Preliminaries

1. A FUZZY BINARY RELATION \mathbf{R} from a set X to a set Y is a fuzzy, set on $X \times Y$, with a membership function $m_{\mathbf{R}}$, defined by

$$m_{\mathbf{R}}: X \times Y \rightarrow B,$$

where B represents a complete Boolean algebra $\langle B, \wedge, \vee, ', 0, 1 \rangle$. If $X=Y$, then \mathbf{R} is a fuzzy (binary) relation on X .

2. If \mathbf{R} is a fuzzy relation from X to Y , then a FUZZY INVERSE of \mathbf{R} , denoted by \mathbf{R}^{-1} , is a fuzzy relation from Y to X characterized by

$$m_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}}(y, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y), \quad x \in X, \quad y \in Y.$$

3. If \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{S} are two fuzzy relations from X to Y and from Y to Z respectively, then $\mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{S}$ denotes a COMPOSITION of \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{S} . This is a fuzzy relation from X to Z , such that

$$m_{\mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{S}}(x, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigvee_{y \in Y} (m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \wedge m_{\mathbf{S}}(y, z)) \quad x \in X, \quad z \in Z.$$

4. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy relation on X .

a) \mathbf{R} is REFLEXIVE iff

for all x $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, x) = 1$;

b) \mathbf{R} is SYMMETRIC iff

for all $x, y \in X$ $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) = m_{\mathbf{R}}(y, x)$;

c) \mathbf{R} is TRANSITIVE iff

for all $x, y \in X$ $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \geq \bigvee_{z \in X} (m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, z) \wedge m_{\mathbf{R}}(z, y))$

(which is equivalent to $\mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{R} \subseteq \mathbf{R}$).

A reflexive, symmetric and transitive fuzzy relation on a set X is a FUZZY EQUIVALENCE RELATION on X .

5. Let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ be an algebra, B a complete Boolean algebra (as in 1.), and \mathbf{K} a fuzzy equivalence relation on A . \mathbf{K} is called a FUZZY CONGRUENCE RELATION on \mathcal{A} , iff it satisfies a substitution property:

(SP) If f denotes an n -ary operation on A and if

$$m_{\mathbf{K}}(a_1, b_1) = p_1, \dots, m_{\mathbf{K}}(a_n, b_n) = p_n, a_i, b_i \in A, p_i \in B$$

$1 \leq i \leq n$, then

$$m_{\mathbf{K}}(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(b_1, \dots, b_n)) \in \left[\bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i \right]^* ; \text{ (defined in [3]).}$$

II. Fuzzy equivalence relations

DEFINITION 1. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy relation from set A to set A_1 .

a) For a given $a \in A$, $\mathbf{R}(a)$ is a fuzzy set on A , defined by

$$m_{\mathbf{R}(a)}(x) = m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, x), \quad x \in A_1;$$

b) $L_{\mathbf{R}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \mathbf{R}(a); a \in A \}$;

c) For a given $a \in A$

$$L_{\mathbf{R}(a)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ m_{\mathbf{R}(a)}(x); x \in A_1 \}.$$

* $([p])$ is a principal filter generated by $p \in B$

LEMMA 1. Let F be a filter in B and \mathbf{R} a fuzzy relation on set A . \mathbf{R}_F denotes a binary relation on A , defined by

$$(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}_F \text{ iff } m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \in F, \quad (x, y \in A).$$

- a) If \mathbf{R} is a fuzzy equivalence relation, then \mathbf{R}_F is an equivalence relation;
- b) The mapping $h: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_F$ ($\mathbf{R} \in \mathcal{R}_B(A)$) is a homomorphism from $\mathcal{R}_B(A)$ into $\mathcal{R}(A)^*$.

Proof: a) \mathbf{R}_F is an equivalence relation:

For all $a \in A$, $(a, a) \in \mathbf{R}_F$, since $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, a) = 1$ (reflexivity);

Since for all $a, b \in A$ $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) = m_{\mathbf{R}}(b, a)$, symmetry follows immediately;

\mathbf{R} is the transitive fuzzy relation and $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \geq m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, x) \wedge m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, b)$, and since F is a filter, from $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, x) \in F$ and $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, b) \in F$, it follows that $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \in F$. By the definition of \mathbf{R}_F , then, it is a transitive relation.

b) If for $\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{R}_B(A)$, $\mathbf{R} \leq \mathbf{S}$, then for all $x, y \in A$ $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \leq m_{\mathbf{S}}(x, y)$, and since F is a filter, from $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \in F$, it follows that $m_{\mathbf{S}}(x, y) \in F$. Hence $\mathbf{R}_F \leq \mathbf{S}_F$.

Thus h is homomorphism, which was to be proved.

LEMMA 2. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy equivalence relation on A , and F any filter in B .

If $\mathbf{R}(a)_F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{b; m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \in F\}$ („block“), and $A\mathbf{R}_F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\mathbf{R}(a)_F; a \in A\}$, then $A\mathbf{R}_F$ is a partition of A .

Proof: Each element of A is in some block, since for all $a \in A$ $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, a) = 1$.

If $\mathbf{R}(a)_F$ and $\mathbf{R}(b)_F$ are any two blocks in $A\mathbf{R}_F$, then they are either equal or their intersection is empty. Indeed, if $x \in \mathbf{R}(a)_F \cap \mathbf{R}(b)_F$, then $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, x) \in F$ and $m_{\mathbf{R}}(b, x) \in F$. Now, if $y \in \mathbf{R}(a)_F$, then $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, y) \in F$, and since \mathbf{R} is symmetric and transitive, $m_{\mathbf{R}}(x, y) \in F$. Hence $m_{\mathbf{R}}(b, y) \in F$, and finally $y \in \mathbf{R}(b)_F$.

DEFINITION 2. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy equivalence relation on a set A . If $P(A)$ denotes the power set of A , then $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$ is its subset defined by

$$P_{\mathbf{R}}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{p \in B} A\mathbf{R}_{\{p\}}.$$

DEFINITION 3. A FUZZY FUNCTION from a set A to a set A_1 is a fuzzy relation \mathbf{f} from A to A_1 such that

- i) for each $a \in A$, there is exactly one $X \in A_1$, such that $m_{\mathbf{f}}(a, X) = 1$;
- ii) Each $p \in B$, $p \neq 0$, appears once at most $\frac{1}{p}$ as a value $m_{\mathbf{f}(a)}(X)$, $X \in A_1$ (see Definition 1.).

We shall now define an important fuzzy relation from A to $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$.

* $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{R}_B(A)$ are complete lattices of all equivalence relations and all fuzzy equivalence relations on A respectively. (see [3]).

DEFINITION 4. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy equivalence relation on A . We define a fuzzy relation \mathbf{h} from A to $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$ in the following way: For $a \in A$ and $X \in P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$

$$m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \bigvee (m_i; \mathbf{R}(a)_{[m_i]} = X), & \text{iff } a \in X \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

LEMMA 3. A fuzzy relation \mathbf{h} , defined by (1) is a fuzzy function.

Proof. For $a \in A$, let $X = \mathbf{R}(a)_{[1]}$ (such X exist, according to Lemma 2). Hence $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = 1$. Now, if for some $Y \in P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$, $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, Y) = 1$ too, then by the definition of \mathbf{h} ($\bigvee m_i; \mathbf{R}(a)_{[m_i]} = Y$) = 1. Hence for each m_i if $y \in \mathbf{R}(a)_{[m_i]}$, $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, y) \geq m_i$. But since $\bigvee m_i = 1$, it follows that $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, y) = 1$ and $y \in \mathbf{R}(a)_{[1]}$. It is known that for $G \leq F$, $\mathbf{R}(a)_F \leq \mathbf{R}(a)_G$ (see [2]), and thus $Y = \mathbf{R}(a)_{[1]}$. That proves i) of Definition 3.

To prove ii), take

$$m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, Y) = p \in B.$$

If $b \in X$, then $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \geq p$ and $b \in Y$ (and contrary). Hence it follows that $X = Y$.

\mathbf{h} also has the following properties:

LEMMA 4. iii) For all $X \in P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$, $L_{\mathbf{h}^{-1}(X)}$ contains at most one element $p \neq 0$;

iv) If for some X $p, q \in L_{\mathbf{h}(a)}$, then $p \wedge q \in L_{\mathbf{h}(a)}$;

v) If for some X $p \in L_{\mathbf{h}(a)}$, $p \in L_{\mathbf{h}(b)}$ and for $q \leq p$ $q \in L_{\mathbf{h}(a)}$, then $q \in L_{\mathbf{h}(b)}$.

Proof.

iii) If $X = \mathbf{R}(a)_{[p]} = \mathbf{R}(b)_{[q]}$, then $b \in \mathbf{R}(a)_{[p]}$ and $X = \mathbf{R}(b)_{[p]}$. Hence, $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, X)$.

iv) If $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = p$ and $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, Y) = q$, then $X = \mathbf{R}(a)_{[p]}$ and $Y = \mathbf{R}(a)_{[q]}$. Then

$$X \cup Y = \{x; m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, X) \geq p \text{ or } m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, X) \geq q\} = (\text{transitivity})$$

$$\{x; m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, X) \geq p \wedge q\}, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$X \cup Y \subseteq \mathbf{R}(a)_{[p \wedge q]}.$$

v) This is a simple consequence of the fact that $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \geq p$ implies — for $p \geq q$ — $b \in \mathbf{R}(a)_{[q]}$.

DEFINITION 5. A fuzzy function \mathbf{h} from A to A_1 is termed canonical iff it satisfies iii), iv) and v) of Lemma 4 (where $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$ is treated as an arbitrary set A_1).

The main result of this section is the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. A fuzzy relation \mathbf{R} on a set A is a fuzzy equivalence relation on A , iff there is another set A_1 and a canonical fuzzy function \mathbf{h} from A to A_1 , such that

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}.$$

Proof. Let \mathbf{R} be a fuzzy equivalence relation on A . The set A_1 will be $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$. Finally, let \mathbf{h} be the fuzzy canonical function from A to $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$. Now, if

$m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) = m$ and $Z = R(a)_{[m]}$, then

$b \in R(a)_{[m]}$ and $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, Z) \wedge m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, Z) \geq m$. Hence,

$\bigvee_Z (m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, Z) \wedge m_{\mathbf{h}^{-1}}(Z, b)) = m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a, b) \in [m]$, and thus

$\mathbf{R} \leq \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.

If $m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a, b) = m > 0$, then

$\bigvee_X (m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) \wedge m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, X)) = m$, and since $m > 0$, there is a collection of elements $X_i \in P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$, $i \in I$, such that $a, b \in X_i$ for all i . This means that $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X_i) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, X_i)$ and $\bigvee_i m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X_i) = m$. Hence by the definition of \mathbf{h} $m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b) \in [m]$

i. e. $\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1} \leq \mathbf{R}$.

Thus, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.

Suppose now that there is another set A_1 , and a fuzzy canonical function \mathbf{h} from A to A_1 , such that a fuzzy relation \mathbf{R} on A is equal to $\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.

\mathbf{R} is reflexive:

$$m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, a) = m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a, a) = \bigvee_{X \in A_1} (m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) \wedge m_{\mathbf{h}^{-1}}(X, a)) = \bigvee_{X \in A_1} m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = 1.$$

by the property i), Definition 3.

\mathbf{R} is symmetric:

$\mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}$, by the definition of \mathbf{R} .

\mathbf{R} is transitive:

If $a, b, c \in A$, then by ii), Definition 3,

$m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, c) = (\bigvee q; m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(c, X) = q)$ and

$m_{\mathbf{R}}(b, c) = (\bigvee r; m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, Y) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(c, Y) = r), X, Y \in A_1$.

Hence, for each c

$m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, c) \wedge m_{\mathbf{R}}(c, b) = (\bigvee q \wedge \bigvee r; m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, X) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(c, X) = q$ and

$$m_{\mathbf{h}}(c, Y) = m_{\mathbf{h}}(b, Y) = r).$$

But the elements of the form $q \wedge r$ always belong to both $L_{\mathbf{h}(a)}$ and $L_{\mathbf{h}(b)}$ (iv) and v) Lemma 4), which implies the transitivity of \mathbf{R} , i. e.

$$m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, c) \wedge m_{\mathbf{R}}(c, b) \leq m_{\mathbf{R}}(a, b), \text{ for all } c.$$

III. Fuzzy homomorphism and congruence relations

Let \mathbf{K} be a fuzzy congruence relation on an algebra $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ (5., Preliminaries).

We define a new algebra $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathcal{A}) = \langle P_{\mathbf{K}}(A), \mathcal{O} \rangle$ where, for a given n -ary operation denoted by f ,

$$f(K(a_1)_{[p_1]}, \dots, K(a_n)_{[p_n]}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K(a)_{\left\{ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i \right\}}$$

$$a = f(a_1, \dots, a_n), \quad a_1, \dots, a_n, a \in A, p_1, \dots, p_n \in B.$$

The operations are well defined; the result does not depend on elements a_i . Indeed, if

$$b_1 \in K(a_1)_{[p_1]}, \dots, b_n \in K(a_n)_{[p_n]}, \text{ then}$$

$$m_{\mathbf{K}}(a_i, b_i) = m_i \in [p_i], \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Now, if $f(b_1, \dots, b_n) = b$, then by the substitution property

$$m_{\mathbf{K}}(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(b_1, \dots, b_n)) \geq \bigwedge_{i=1}^n m_i, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$m_{\mathbf{K}}(a, b) \in \left[\bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i \right], \text{ and hence } b \in K(a)_{\left\{ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i \right\}}$$

DEFINITION 6. Let $\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle A_1, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ and $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle A_2, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ be two algebras of the same similarity class. A FUZZY HOMOMORPHISM from \mathcal{A}_1 to \mathcal{A}_2 is a fuzzy relation h from A_1 to A_2 satisfying:

a) h is a fuzzy function:

b) If for $a_i \in A_1$, $b_i \in A_2$, $m_i \in B$, $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$m_h(a_i, b_i) = m_i, \text{ then}$$

$$m_h(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(b_1, \dots, b_n)) \in \left[\bigwedge_{i=1}^n m_i \right], \quad (f \in \mathcal{O}).$$

A fuzzy homomorphism which is a canonical function (Definition 5), will be called a fuzzy canonical homomorphism.

LEMMA 5. For a given fuzzy congruence relation \mathbf{K} on an algebra $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ let h be a fuzzy relation from A to $P_{\mathbf{R}}(A)$, given by (1), Definition 4. h is a fuzzy canonical homomorphism from \mathcal{A} onto $P_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathcal{A})$.

Proof. According to Lemmas 3. and 4., h is a fuzzy cononical function, and we have to prove that it satisfies the substitution property, (b), Definition 6).

If $m_h(a_i, K_i) = m_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, then by the definition of h $X_i = K(a_i)_{[m_i]}$. Hence, by the definition of the operations in $P_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathcal{A})$

$$\begin{aligned} m_h(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(K(a_1)_{[m_1]}, \dots, K(a_n)_{[m_n]})) &= \\ = m_h(a, K(a)_{\left\{ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n m_i \right\}}) &\geq \bigwedge_{i=1}^n m_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since each $X \in P_{\mathbf{K}}(A)$ is of the form $K(a)_{[p]}$ (for some $a \in A$ and $p \in B$, clearly $m_{\mathbf{h}}(a, X) = (\bigvee_i p_i; K(a)_{[p_i]} = X)$, which proves that \mathbf{h} is „onto”.

The following theorem states the main result.

THEOREM 2. *A fuzzy relation \mathbf{K} on algebra $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, O \rangle$ is a fuzzy congruence relation on \mathcal{A} , iff there is another algebra \mathcal{A}_1 and a fuzzy canonical homomorphism \mathbf{h} from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{A}_1 , such that $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{A}_1 be the algebra $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{K}}(\mathcal{A})$. Then the first part of the proof is already given by Theorem 1, and Lemma 5. Now, all we have to prove is that if $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$, where \mathbf{h} is the above-mentioned homomorphism, then a fuzzy equivalence relation $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$ satisfies the substitution property.

Let $m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a_i, b_i) = m_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_{i=1}^n m_i &= \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a_i, b_i)) = \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (\bigvee_{j_i} (m_{\mathbf{h}}(a_i, X_{j_i}) \vee m_{\mathbf{h}}(b_i, X_{j_i}))) &\leq (\text{since } \mathbf{h} \text{ is a homomorphism}) \\ \bigvee_{X_j} (m_{\mathbf{h}}(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(X_{j_1}, \dots, X_{j_n})) \wedge \\ m_{\mathbf{h}}(f(b_1, \dots, b_n), f(X_{j_1}, \dots, X_{j_n}))) &= \\ m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(a, b), \text{ i.e.} \\ m_{\mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}}(f(a_1, \dots, a_n), f(b_1, \dots, b_n)) &\geq \bigwedge m_i. \end{aligned}$$

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KARAKTERIZACIJA RASPLINUTIH RELACIJA EKVIVALENCIJE I RASPLINUTIH KONGRUENCIJA NA ALGEBRAMA

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REZIME

U radu se posmatraju rasplinite (fuzzy) relacije iz skupa \mathcal{A} u skup \mathcal{A}_1 , kao raspliniti skupovi na $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}_1$, sa vrednostima iz kompletne Bulove algebre B .

U delu I definisana je rasplinuta funkcija i dokazan je stav:

TEOREMA 1: Rasplinuta relacija \mathbf{R} na skupu \mathcal{A} je rasplinuta relacija ekvivalencije na \mathcal{A} , ako i samo ako postoji drugi skup \mathcal{A}_1 i rasplinuta kanonska funkcija \mathbf{h} sa \mathcal{A} na \mathcal{A}_1 , takva da je $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.

(U [4] je odgovarajući stav dokazan za rasplinite relacije sa vrednostima iz intervala $[0, 1]$).

U delu II definisan je raspliniti homomorfizam i za rasplinite kongruencije na datoj algebri (uvedene u radu [3]), dokazan stav:

TEOREMA 2: Rasplinuta relacija \mathbf{K} na algebri $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{O} \rangle$ je rasplinuta relacija kongruencije na \mathcal{A} , ako i samo ako postoji druga algebra \mathcal{A}_1 i raspliniti kanonski homomorfizam \mathbf{h} iz \mathcal{A} na \mathcal{A}_1 , takav da je $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{h}^{-1}$.