

# On Intuitionistic Fuzzy H-Ideals in BCK-Algebras

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideals in BCK-algebras and investigate some of its properties.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced initially by Zadeh [9] in 1965, several researchers explored on the generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [1], as a generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. In [5], Zhan and Tan introduced the fuzzy H-ideals in BCK-algebras. In this paper, we introduce the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideals in BCK-algebras and obtain some results. A BCK-algebra is a non-empty set  $X$  with a binary operation  $*$  and a constant  $0$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (1).  $(x * y) * (x * z) \leq (z * y)$ ,
- (2).  $x * (x * y) \leq y$ ,
- (3).  $x \leq x$ ,
- (4).  $x \leq y, y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$ ,
- (5).  $0 \leq x$ , where  $x \leq y$  is defined by  $x * y = 0$ .

**Definition 1.1** A subset  $I$  of a BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is called an ideal of  $X$ , if for any  $x, y \in X$

1.  $0 \in I$ ,
2.  $x * y$  and  $y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$ .

**Definition 1.2** An ideal  $I$  of a BCK-algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  is called closed if  $0 * x \in I$ , for all  $x \in I$ .

**Definition 1.3** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A$  in a non-empty set  $X$  is an object having the form  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x)) / x \in X\}$ , where the function  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\lambda_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denoted the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of non membership (namely  $\lambda_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$  respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \lambda_A(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.4** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  in  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (IF1)  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ ,
- (IF2)  $\mu_A(x) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y)\}$ ,
- (IF3)  $\lambda_A(x) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * y), \lambda_A(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.5** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  in  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$ , if it satisfies (IF2), (IF3) and the following:

- (IF4)  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.6** A non-empty subset  $I$  of BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an  $H$ -ideal of  $X$ , if

1.  $0 \in I$ ,
2.  $x * (y * z) \in I$  and  $y \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in I$ .

**Definition 1.7** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $H$ -ideal of  $X$ , if

1.  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$ ,
2.  $\mu(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu(x * (y * z)), \mu(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . The complement of  $\mu$  is denoted by  $\bar{\mu}$  and is defined as  $\bar{\mu}(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.9** Let  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then (i).  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$  and (ii).  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$ .

## 2 Intuitionistic Fuzzy H-ideals

**Definition 2.1** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  in a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of  $X$ , if

- (IFH 1)  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ ,
- (IFH 2)  $\mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\}$ ,
- (IFH 3)  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  in a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed H-ideal of  $X$ , if it satisfies (IFH 2), (IFH 3) and the following:

- (IFH 4)  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in a BCK-algebra  $X$ . The set  $U(\mu_A; s) = \{x \in X / \mu_A(x) \geq s\}$  is called upper  $s$ -level of  $\mu_A$  and the set  $L(\lambda_A; t) = \{x \in X / \lambda_A(x) \leq t\}$  is called lower  $t$ -level of  $\lambda_A$ .

**Lemma 2.4** If  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ , then we have the following  $x \leq a \Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq \mu_A(a)$  and  $\lambda_A(x) \leq \lambda_A(a)$ , for all  $x, a \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x, a \in X$  such that  $x \leq a \Rightarrow x * a = 0$ . Consider  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_A(x * 0) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (a * 0)), \mu_A(a)\} = \min\{\mu_A(x * a), \mu_A(a)\} = \mu_A(a)$  and  $\lambda_A(x) = \lambda_A(x * 0) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (a * 0)), \lambda_A(a)\} = \max\{\lambda_A(x * a), \lambda_A(a)\} = \lambda_A(a)$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then so is  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x) \Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(0) \geq 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(x) \Rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(0) \leq \bar{\mu}_A(x),$$

for any  $x \in X$ . Consider, for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x * z) &\geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(x * z) \geq \min\{1 - \bar{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(x * z) \leq 1 - \min\{1 - \bar{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\bar{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), \bar{\mu}_A(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$  is an IFH-ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then so is  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x) \Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(0) \leq 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(x) \Rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_A(0) \geq \bar{\lambda}_A(x),$$

for any  $x \in X$ . Consider, for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_A(x * z) &\leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(x * z) \leq \max\{1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(x * (y * z)), 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_A(x * z) \geq 1 - \max\{1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(x * (y * z)), 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(y)\} \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\bar{\lambda}_A(x * (y * z)), \bar{\lambda}_A(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$  is an IFH-ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.7**  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy  $H$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$  if and only if  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$  and  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $H$ -ideals of a BCK-algebra  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.8** If  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $H$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ , then so is  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$ .

**Proof.** For any  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x) \Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(0 * x) \geq 1 - \bar{\mu}_A(x) \Rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(0 * x) \leq \bar{\mu}_A(x).$$

Hence  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$  is closed  $H$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.9** If  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $H$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ , then so is  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$ .

**Proof.** For any  $x \in X$ , We have

$$\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x) \Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(0 * x) \leq 1 - \bar{\lambda}_A(x) \Rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_A(0 * x) \geq \bar{\lambda}_A(x).$$

Hence,  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $H$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.10**  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $H$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$  if and only if  $\neg A = (X, \mu_A, \bar{\mu}_A)$  and  $\diamond A = (X, \bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_A)$  are intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $H$ -ideals of BCK-algebra  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.11**  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy  $H$ -ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$  if and only if the non-empty upper  $s$ -level cut  $U(\mu_A; s)$  and the non-empty lower  $t$ -level cut  $L(\lambda_A; t)$  are  $H$ -ideals of  $X$ , for any  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  is an IFH-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ .

For any  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ , define the sets  $U(\mu_A; s) = \{x \in X / \mu_A(x) \geq s\}$  and  $L(\lambda_A; t) = \{x \in X / \lambda_A(x) \leq t\}$ . Since  $L(\lambda_A; t) \neq \phi$ , for  $x \in L(\lambda_A; t) \Rightarrow \lambda_A(x) \leq t \Rightarrow \lambda_A(0) \leq t \Rightarrow 0 \in L(\lambda_A; t)$ . Let  $x * (y * z) \in L(\lambda_A; t)$  and  $y \in L(\lambda_A; t)$  implies  $\lambda_A(x * (y * z)) \leq t$  and  $\lambda_A(y) \leq t$ . Since, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\} \leq \max\{t, t\} = t \Rightarrow \lambda_A(x * z) \leq t$ . Therefore  $x * z \in L(\lambda_A; t)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence  $L(\lambda_A; t)$  is an H-ideal of  $X$ . Similarly, we can prove  $U(\mu_A; s)$  is an H-ideal of  $X$ .

Conversly, suppose that  $U(\mu_A; s)$  and  $L(\lambda_A; t)$  are H-ideal of  $X$ , for any  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ . If possible, assume  $x_o, y_o \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(0) < \mu_A(x_o)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) > \lambda_A(y_o)$ . Put

$$s_o = \frac{1}{2}[\mu_A(0) + \mu_A(x_o)] \Rightarrow s_o < \mu_A(x_o), 0 \leq \mu_A(0) < s_o < 1 \Rightarrow x_o \in U(\mu_A; s_o).$$

Since  $U(\mu_A; s_o)$  is an H-ideal of  $X$ , we have  $0 \in U(\mu_A; s_o) \Rightarrow \mu_A(0) \geq s_o$ , which is contradiction. Therefore  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Similarly by taking  $t_o = \frac{1}{2}[\lambda_A(0) + \lambda_A(y_o)]$ , we can show  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(y)$ , for any  $y \in X$ . If possible assume  $x_o, y_o, z_o \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(x_o * z_o) < \min\{\mu_A(x_o * (y_o * z_o)), \mu_A(y_o)\}$ .

Put  $s_o = \frac{1}{2}[\mu_A(x_o * z_o) + \min\{\mu_A(x_o * (y_o * z_o)), \mu_A(y_o)\}]$   
 $\Rightarrow s_o > \mu_A(x_o * z_o)$  and  $s_o < \min\{\mu_A(x_o * (y_o * z_o)), \mu_A(y_o)\}$   
 $\Rightarrow s_o > \mu_A(x_o * z_o), s_o < \mu_A(x_o * (y_o * z_o))$  and  $s_o < \mu_A(y_o)$   
 $\Rightarrow x_o * z_o \notin U(\mu_A; s_o), x_o * (y_o * z_o) \in U(\mu_A; s_o)$  and  $y_o \in U(\mu_A; s_o)$ ,

which is contradiction to H-ideal  $U(\mu_A; s_o)$ .

Therefore  $\mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Similarly we can prove  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Hence  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.12**  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$  if and only if the non-empty upper  $s$ -level cut  $U(\mu_A; s)$  and the non-empty lower  $t$ -level cut  $L(\lambda_A; t)$  are closed H-ideal of  $X$ , for any  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed H-ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . We have  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for any  $x \in X$ .

For  $x \in U(\mu_A; s) \Rightarrow x \in X$  and  $\mu_A(x) \geq s \Rightarrow \mu_A(0 * x) \geq s \Rightarrow 0 * x \in U(\mu_A; s)$ . And  $x \in L(\lambda_A; t) \Rightarrow x \in X$  and  $\lambda_A(x) \leq t \Rightarrow \lambda_A(0 * x) \leq t \Rightarrow 0 * x \in L(\lambda_A; t)$ . Therefore  $U(\mu_A; s)$  and  $L(\lambda_A; t)$  are closed H-ideals of  $X$ .

Converse, it is enough to show that  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for any  $x \in X$ . If possible, assume  $x_o \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(0 * x_o) < \mu_A(x_o)$ .

Take  $s_o = \frac{1}{2}[\mu_A(0 * x_o) + \mu_A(x_o)] \Rightarrow \mu_A(0 * x_o) < s_o < \mu_A(x_o) \Rightarrow x_o \in U(\mu_A; s_o)$ , but  $0 * x_o \notin U(\mu_A; s_o)$ , which is contradiction to closed H-ideal.

Hence  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$ , for any  $x \in X$ . Similarly we can prove that  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for any  $x \in X$ .

**Corollary 2.13** *If  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed H-ideal of  $X$ , then the sets  $J = \{x \in X / \mu_A(x) = \mu_A(0)\}$  and  $K = \{x \in X / \lambda_A(x) = \lambda_A(0)\}$  are H-ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $0 \in X$ ,  $\mu_A(0) = \mu_A(0)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) = \lambda_A(0)$  implies  $0 \in J$  and  $0 \in K$ , So  $J \neq \Phi$  and  $K \neq \Phi$ . Let  $x * (y * z) \in J$  and  $y \in J \Rightarrow \mu_A(x * (y * z)) = \mu_A(0)$  and  $\mu_A(y) = \mu_A(0)$ . Since  $\mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\} = \mu_A(0) \Rightarrow \mu_A(x * z) \geq \mu_A(0)$ , but  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x * z)$ . It follows that  $x * z \in J$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence  $J$  is H-ideal of  $X$ . Similarly we can prove  $K$  is H-ideal of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.14** *Let  $f$  be a mapping on a set  $X$  and  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$  an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then the fuzzy sets  $u$  and  $v$  on  $f(X)$  defined by  $u(y) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(x)$  and  $v(y) = \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \lambda_A(x)$ , for all  $y \in f(X)$ , is called image of  $A$  under  $f$ . If  $u, v$  are fuzzy sets in  $f(X)$  then the fuzzy sets  $\mu_A = u \circ f$  and  $\lambda_A = v \circ f$  is called the pre-image of  $u$  and  $v$  under  $f$ .*

**Theorem 2.15** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be an onto homomorphism of BCK-algebras. If  $A' = (X', u, v)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of  $X'$ , then the pre-image of  $A'$  under  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$ , where  $\mu_A = u \circ f$  and  $\lambda_A = v \circ f$  is the pre-image of  $A' = (X', u, v)$  under  $f$ . Since  $A' = (X', u, v)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy H-ideal of  $X'$ , we have  $u(0') \geq u(f(x)) = \mu_A(x)$  and  $v(0') \leq v(f(x)) = \lambda_A(x)$ . On other hand  $u(0') = u(f(0)) = \mu_A(0)$  and  $v(0') = v(f(0)) = \lambda_A(0)$ . Therefore  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Now we show that

- (1).  $\mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\}$ ,
- (2).  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

We have

$\mu_A(x * z) = u(f(x * z)) = u(f(x) * f(z)) \geq \min\{u(f(x) * (y' * f(z))), u(y')\}$ , for  $y' \in X'$ . Since  $f$  is onto homomorphism, there is  $y \in X$  such that  $f(y) = y'$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x * z) &\geq \min\{u(f(x) * (y' * f(z))), u(y')\} \\ &= \min\{u(f(x) * (f(y) * f(z))), u(f(y))\} \\ &= \min\{u(f(x * (y * z))), u(f(y))\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Therefore, the result  $\mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * (y * z)), \mu_A(y)\}$ , is true for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , because  $y'$  is an arbitrary element of  $X'$  and  $f$  is onto mapping. Similarly, we can prove  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$ , for any  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence the pre-image  $A = (X, \mu_A, \lambda_A)$ , of  $A'$  is an intuitionistic H-ideal of  $X$ .

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