

# Intuitionistic $(T, S)$ -Normed Fuzzy Closed Ideals of BCH-Algebra

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## Abstract

We consider the generalization of the notion of fuzzy subalgebras and closed ideal in BCH-algebras. In this paper, using  $t$ -norm  $T$  and  $s$ -norm  $S$ , we introduce the notion of intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra and intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal in BCH-algebras, and some related properties are investigated.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1966, Y. Imai and K. Iséki ([10]) and K. Iséki ([11]) introduced two classes of abstract algebras: *BCK*-algebras and *BCI*-algebras. It is known that the class of *BCK*-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of *BCI*-algebras. In 1983, Q. P. Hu and X. Li ([8, 9]) introduced a wide class of abstract algebras: *BCH*-algebras. They have shown that the class of *BCI*-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of *BCH*-algebras. They have studied some properties of these algebras. Certain other properties have been studied by B. Ahmad ([2]), M. A. Chaudhry ([5]), W. A. Dudek and J. Thomys([7]). After the introduction of the concept of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [18], several researches were conducted on the generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. The idea of “intuitionistic fuzzy set” was first published by Atanassov [3, 4], as a generalization of the notion of fuzzy set. In this paper, using  $t$ -norm  $T$  and  $s$ -norm  $S$ , we introduce the notion of intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra and intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal in BCH-algebras, and some related properties are investigated.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section we include some elementary aspects that are necessary for this paper.

By a *BCH-algebra* we mean an algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (H1)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (H2)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$ ,
- (H3)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$ , for every  $x, y, z \in X$ .

In a BCH-algebra  $X$ , the following statements hold:

- (P1)  $x * 0 = x$ .
- (P2)  $x * 0 = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ .
- (P3)  $x * (x * y) = (0 * x) * (0 * y)$ .

A non-empty subset  $A$  of a BCH-algebra  $X$  is called a *subalgebra* of  $X$  if  $x * y \in A$  whenever  $x, y \in A$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of a BCH-algebra  $X$  is called a *closed ideal* of  $X$  if

- (i)  $0 * x \in A$  for all  $x \in A$ ,
- (ii)  $x * y \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply that  $x \in A$ .

In what follows, let  $X$  denote a BCH-algebra unless otherwise specified. A *fuzzy set* in  $X$  is a function  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy subalgebra* of  $X$  if

$$\mu(x * y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \forall x, y \in X,$$

and the complement of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\bar{\mu}$ , is the fuzzy set in  $X$  given by  $\bar{\mu}(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of BCH-algebras is called a *homomorphism* if  $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [1] By a *t-norm*  $T$ , we mean a function  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (T1)  $T(x, 1) = x$ ,
- (T2)  $T(x, y) \leq T(x, z)$  if  $y \leq z$ ,
- (T3)  $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$ ,
- (T4)  $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$ ,

for all  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Every t-norm  $T$  has a useful property:*

$$T(\alpha, \beta) \leq \min(\alpha, \beta)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [17] By a *s-norm*  $S$ , we mean a function  $S : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (S1)  $S(x, 0) = x$ ,
- (S2)  $S(x, y) \leq S(x, z)$  if  $y \leq z$ ,
- (S3)  $S(x, y) = S(y, x)$ ,
- (S4)  $S(x, S(y, z)) = S(S(x, y), z)$ ,

for all  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Every s-norm  $S$  has a useful property:*

$$\max(\alpha, \beta) \leq S(\alpha, \beta)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ .

For a *t-norm* (or *s-norm*)  $P$  on  $[0, 1]$ , denote by  $\Delta_P$  the set of element  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that  $P(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ , i.e.,  $\Delta_P := \{\alpha \in [0, 1] \mid P(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $P$  be a *t-norm* (or *s-norm*). A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $X$  is said to satisfy *idempotent property with respect to  $P$*  if  $\text{Im}(\mu) \subseteq \Delta_P$ .

Let  $X$  denote a BCH-algebra. An *intuitionistic fuzzy set* (IFS for short)  $A$  is an object having the form

$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) : x \in X\}$$

where the functions  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of nonmembership (namely  $\gamma_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$ , respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  for the IFS  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) : x \in X\}$ .

### 3 Intuitionistic $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideals

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $T$  be a *t-norm* and  $S$  be a *s-norm* on  $[0, 1]$ . An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in  $X$  is called an *intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra* of BCH-algebra  $X$  if

- (F1)  $\mu_A(x * y) \geq T(\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y))$ ,
- (F2)  $\gamma_A(x * y) \leq S(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y))$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$  be a BCH-algebra with the following Cayley table:

$*$	0	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
0	0	0	0	0	$d$
$a$	$a$	0	0	$a$	$d$
$b$	$b$	$b$	0	0	$d$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	0	$d$
$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	$d$	0

Let  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\alpha + \beta - 1, 0)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $S : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$S(\alpha, \beta) = \min(\alpha + \beta, 1)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $T$  is a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  is a  $s$ -norm. Define an intuitionistic fuzzy set IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  by  $\mu_A(0) = \mu_A(d) = 0.9, \mu_A(a) = \mu_A(b) = \mu_A(c) = 0.09$  and  $\gamma_A(a) = \gamma_A(b) = \gamma_A(c) = 0.9, \gamma_A(0) = \gamma_A(d) = 0.09$ . Then IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $\{A_i\}$  is a family of intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ , where  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = (\bigvee_{i \in I} \mu_i, \bigwedge_{i \in I} \gamma_i)$ .*

Let  $\chi_A$  denote the characteristic function of a non-empty subset  $A$  of an BCH-algebra  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $A$  is a subalgebra of an BCH-algebra  $X$ , then the IFS  $\bar{I} = (\chi_A, \bar{\chi}_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $x * y \in A$  since  $A$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ . Hence

$$\chi_A(x * y) = 1 \geq T(\chi_A(x), \chi_A(y)).$$

Also, we have

$$0 = 1 - \chi_A(x * y) = \bar{\chi}_A(x * y) \leq S(\bar{\chi}_A(x), \bar{\chi}_A(y)).$$

If  $x \in A$  and  $y \notin A$ , (or,  $x \notin A$  and  $y \in A$ ), then  $\chi_A(x) = 1$ , or  $\chi_A(y) = 0$ . Thus we have

$$\chi_A(x * y) \geq T(\chi_A(x), \chi_A(y)) = T(1, 0) = T(0, 1) = 0.$$

Next we have

$$S(\bar{\chi}_A(x), \bar{\chi}_A(y)) = S(1 - \chi_A(x), 1 - \chi_A(y)) = S(0, 1) = 1 \geq \bar{\chi}_A(x * y)$$

. This proves the theorem. □

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a BCH-algebra  $X$ . If  $\bar{A} = (\chi_A, \bar{\chi}_A)$  satisfies (F1) or (F2), then  $A$  is a subalgebra of a BCH-algebra  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\bar{A} = (\chi_A, \bar{\chi}_A)$  satisfy (F1). Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then it follows from (F1) that

$$\chi_A(x * y) \geq T(\chi_A(x), \chi_A(y)) = T(1, 1) = 1$$

so that  $\chi_A(x * y) = 1$ , i.e.,  $x * y \in A$ . Hence  $A$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ . Now suppose that  $\bar{A} = (\chi_A, \bar{\chi}_A)$  satisfy (F2). Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then from (F2), we have

$$\bar{\chi}_A(x * y) \leq S(\bar{\chi}_A(x), \bar{\chi}_A(y)) \leq S(1 - \chi_A(x), 1 - \chi_A(y)) = S(0, 0) = 0,$$

and thus  $\bar{\chi}_A(x * y) = 1 - \chi_A(x * y) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\chi_A(x * y) = 1$ . This proves the theorem. □

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  be a  $s$ -norm on  $[0, 1]$ . An intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is called an *intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra* of  $X$  if  $\mu_A$  and  $\gamma_A$  satisfy the idempotent property with respect to  $T$  and  $S$ , respectively.

**Example 3.7.** In Example 3.2, let  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\alpha + \beta - 1, 0)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  and  $S : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$S(\alpha, \beta) = \min(\alpha + \beta, 1)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ . Define an intuitionistic fuzzy set IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  by  $\mu_A(0) = \mu_A(d) = 1, \mu_A(a) = \mu_A(b) = \mu_A(c) = 0$  and  $\gamma_A(a) = \gamma_A(b) = \gamma_A(c) = 1, \gamma_A(0) = \gamma_A(d) = 0$ . Then IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  be a  $s$ -norm on  $[0, 1]$ . If IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of BCH-algebra  $X$ , then  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(0 * x) \leq \gamma_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(0 * x) &\geq T((\mu_A(0), \mu_A(x))) \\ &\geq T(\mu_A(x * x), \mu_A(x)) \quad \text{[by (H1)]} \\ &= T(T(\mu_A(x), \mu_A(x)), \mu_A(x)) \quad \text{[by (T2) and (T3)]} \\ &= \mu_A(x) \quad \text{[Since } \mu_A \text{ satisfies the idempotent property ]}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_A(0 * x) &\leq S((\gamma_A(0), \gamma_A(x))) \\ &\leq S(\gamma_A(x * x), \gamma_A(x)) \quad [\text{by (H1)}] \\ &= S(S(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(x)), \gamma_A(x)) \quad [\text{by (S2)and (S3)}] \\ &= \gamma_A(x) \quad [\text{Since } \gamma_A \text{ satisfies the idempotent property }], \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  be a  $s$ -norm on  $[0, 1]$ . An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in  $X$  is called an *intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal* of BCH-algebra  $X$  if

- (F3)  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(0 * x) \leq \gamma_A(x)$ ,
- (F4)  $\mu_A(x) \geq T(\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y))$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \leq S(\gamma_A(x * y), \gamma_A(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  be a  $s$ -norm on  $[0, 1]$ . An intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is called an *intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal* of  $X$  if  $\mu_A$  and  $\gamma_A$  satisfy the idempotent property with respect to  $T$  and  $S$ , respectively.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a BCH-algebra with the following Cayley table:

$*$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$0$	$0$	$c$	$0$	$c$
$a$	$a$	$0$	$c$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$0$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$0$	$c$	$0$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  by

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0.8 & \text{if } x \in \{0, c\}, \\ 0.3 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_A(x) := \begin{cases} 0.3 & \text{if } x \in \{0, c\} \\ 0.8 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

let  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$T(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\alpha + \beta - 1, 0)$$

and and  $S : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a function defined by

$$S(\alpha, \beta) = \min(\alpha + \beta, 1)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$  which is not idempotent.

**Example 3.11.** In Example 3.10, define an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  by

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{0, c\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_A(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \{0, c\} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** *Every intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra satisfying (F4) is an intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal.*

*Proof.* Using Proposition 3.8, it is straightforward. □

**Proposition 3.13.** *If IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic idempotent  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of BCH-algebra  $X$ , then  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \leq \gamma_A(0)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Using (F3), (F4), (T2) and (S2), we have

$$\mu_A(0) \geq T(\mu_A(0 * x), \mu_A(x)) \geq T(\mu_A(x), \mu_A(x)) = \mu_A(x)$$

and

$$\gamma_A(0) \leq S(\gamma_A(0 * x), \gamma_A(x)) \leq S(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) = \gamma_A(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , completing the proof. □

**Theorem 3.14.** *Every intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra.*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x * y) &\geq T(\mu_A(x * y) * x), \mu_A(x) && \text{[by (F4)]} \\ &\geq T(\mu_A(x * x) * y), \mu_A(x) && \text{[by (H3)]} \\ &= T(\mu_A(0 * y), \mu_A(x)) && \text{[by (H1)]} \\ &\geq T(\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)), && \text{[by (F3), (T2) and (T3)]} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_A(x * y) &\leq S(\gamma_A(x * y) * x), \gamma_A(x) && \text{[by (F4)]} \\ &\leq S(\gamma_A(x * x) * y), \gamma_A(x) && \text{[by (H3)]} \\ &= S(\gamma_A(0 * y), \gamma_A(x)) && \text{[by (H1)]} \\ &\leq S(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)), && \text{[by (F3), (S2) and (S3)]} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$  □

The converse of Theorem 3.14 may not be true. For example, the intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra in Example 3.2 is not a intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal since

$$\mu_A(a) = 0.09 < 0.9 = T(\mu_A(a * d), \mu_A(d)).$$

We give a condition for an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra to be an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ . If  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  satisfies the idempotent property and inequalities  $\mu_A(x * y) \leq \mu_A(y * x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x * y) \geq \gamma_A(y * x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$  which satisfies the inequalities

$$\mu_A(x * y) \leq \mu_A(y * x) \text{ and } \gamma_A(x * y) \geq \gamma_A(y * x)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . It follows from Proposition 3.8 that  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(0 * x) \leq \gamma_A(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x) &= \mu_A(x * 0) \geq \mu_A(0 * x) = \mu_A((y * y) * x) \\ &= \mu_A((y * x) * y) \geq T(\mu_A(y * x), \mu_A(y)) \geq T(\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y)), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_A(x) &= \gamma_A(x * 0) \leq \gamma_A(0 * x) = \gamma_A((y * y) * x) \\ &= \gamma_A((y * x) * y) \leq S(\gamma_A(y * x), \gamma_A(y)) \leq S(\gamma_A(x * y), \gamma_A(y)), \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$   $\square$

Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an IFS in  $X$  and let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then the sets

$$U(\mu_A; \alpha) := \{x \in X : \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha\}$$

and

$$L(\gamma_A; \alpha) := \{x \in X : \gamma_A(x) \leq \alpha\}$$

are called a  $\mu$ -level  $\alpha$ -cut and a  $\gamma$ -level  $\alpha$ -cut of  $A$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $S$  be a  $s$ -norm let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an IFS in  $X$  such that the non-empty sets  $U(\mu_A; \alpha)$  and  $L(\gamma_A; \alpha)$  are closed ideals of  $X$ . Then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic  $(T, S)$ -normed fuzzy closed ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that

$$\mu_A(x_0) < T(\mu_A(x_0 * y_0), \mu_A(y_0)).$$

Taking  $\alpha_0 := \frac{1}{2}(\mu_A(x_0) + T(\mu_A(x_0 * y_0), \mu_A(y_0)))$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \min(\mu_A(x_0 * y_0), \mu_A(y_0)) &\geq T(\mu_A(x_0 * y_0), \mu_A(y_0)) \\ &\geq \alpha_0 > \mu_A(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $x_0 * y_0, y_0 \in U(\mu_A; \alpha_0)$  and  $x_0 \notin U(\mu_A; \alpha_0)$ . This is a contradiction and hence  $\mu_A$  satisfies the inequality  $\mu_A(x) \geq T(\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Similarly, suppose that there exists  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that

$$\gamma_A(x_0) > S(\gamma_A(x_0 * y_0), \gamma_A(y_0)).$$

Taking  $\beta_0 := \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_A(x_0) + S(\gamma_A(x_0 * y_0), \gamma_A(y_0)))$ , then

$$\max(\gamma_A(x_0 * y_0), \gamma_A(y_0)) \leq S(\gamma_A(x_0 * y_0), \gamma_A(y_0)) \leq \beta_0 < \gamma_A(x_0).$$

It follows that  $x_0 * y_0, y_0 \in L(\gamma_A; \beta_0)$  and  $x_0 \notin L(\gamma_A; \beta_0)$ . This is a contradiction and hence  $\gamma_A$  satisfies the inequality  $\gamma_A(x) \leq S(\gamma_A(x * y), \gamma_A(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Now assume that there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(0 * x_0) < \mu_A(x_0)$ . Taking

$$\alpha_0 := \frac{1}{2}(\mu_A(0 * x_0) + \mu_A(x_0))$$

then  $\mu_A(0 * x_0) \leq \alpha_0$  and  $\mu_A(x_0) \geq \alpha_0$ . It follows that  $x_0 \in U(\mu_A; \alpha_0)$  but  $0 * x_0 \notin U(\mu_A; \alpha_0)$ . This is a contraction. Hence  $\mu_A(0 * x) \geq \mu_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Similarly, we get  $\gamma_A(0 * x) \leq \gamma_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

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