



# Results on Intuitionistic Fuzzy k-ideals of Semiring

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the product of intuitionistic fuzzy k-ideals is introduced. Also some basic properties are derived. The relationship between intuitionistic fuzzy k-ideal  $A, B$  and  $A \times B$  are proposed. Some theorems related to the above concepts are stated and proved.

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## 1. Introduction

The theory of fuzzy sets was introduced by L.A. Zadeh [10] in 1965. Rosenfeld [8] used the idea of fuzzy set to introduce the notions of fuzzy subgroups. Nobuaki Kuroki [5–7] is the pioneer of fuzzy ideal theory of semigroups. The idea of fuzzy subsemigroup was also introduced by Kuroki [5, 7]. In [6], Kuroki characterized several classes of semigroups in terms of fuzzy left, fuzzy right and fuzzy bi-ideals. Henriksen introduced the concept of k-ideals with the property that if the semiring  $S$  is a ring then a complex in  $S$  is a k-ideal iff it is a ring ideal. In 1986 Atanassov [1] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets. In this paper, we prove that the Cartesian product of two intuitionistic fuzzy k-ideals of semi-ring  $S$  is also an intuitionistic fuzzy k-ideal. Conversely, we show that if  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left k-ideal of  $S \times S$ , then either  $A$  or  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left k-ideal of  $S$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** A mathematical system  $(S, *)$  is said to be a semi-group if  $\forall a, b, c \in S, (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A semi-group  $(S, *)$  is said to be commutative if for all  $a, b \in S, a * b = b * a$ :

**Definition 2.3.** A semi-ring  $S$  is a structure consisting of a non-empty set  $S$  together with two binary operations on  $S$  called addition and multiplication (denoted in the usual manner) such that

- together with addition is a semigroup,
- $S$  together with multiplication is a semigroup, and

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- $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A nonempty subset  $I$  of a semiring  $S$  is called an ideal if

1.  $a, b \in I$  implies  $a + b \in I$ ,
2.  $a \in I, s \in S$  implies  $s.a \in I$  and  $a.s \in I$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A left ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is called a left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  if  $y, z \in A$ ,  $x \in S$ , and  $x + y = z$  implies  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 2.6.** An intuitionistic fuzzy sets defined on a non-empty set  $X$  as objects 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 and the degree of non-membership of each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$  respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of a set  $X$ : Then the following expressions hold:

- (1).  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)$ ,
- (2).  $A = B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$
- (3).  $A^C = \{< x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) > / x \in X\}$ ,
- (4).  $A \cap B = \{< x, \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x)\} > / x \in X\}$ ,
- (5).  $A \cup B = \{< x, \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}, \min\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(x)\} > / x \in X\}$ :

**Definition 2.8.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu, \gamma)$  in a semiring  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  if it satisfies  $\mu(x + y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$

$$\gamma(x + y) \leq \max\{\gamma(x), \gamma(y)\} \quad \forall x, y \in S \text{ and } \mu(x + y) \geq \mu(y); \gamma(x + y) \leq \gamma(y), \forall x, y \in S.$$

**Definition 2.9.** If  $A = (\mu, \gamma)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in a set  $S$ , the strongest intuitionistic fuzzy relation on  $S$  that is an intuitionistic fuzzy relation on  $A$  is  $A_s = (\mu_{A_s}, \gamma_{A_s})$ , given by  $\mu_{A_s}(x, y) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  and  $\gamma_{A_s}(x, y) = \max\{\gamma(x), \gamma(y)\}$ ,  $\forall x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 2.10.** A non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $S$  if

- (1).  $\mu_A(xy) \geq \mu_A(y)$  (resp.  $\mu_A(xy) \geq \mu_A(x)$ ),  $\forall x, y \in S$ ,
- (2).  $\gamma_A(xy) \leq \gamma_A(y)$  (resp.  $\gamma_A(xy) \leq \gamma_A(x)$ ),  $\forall x, y \in S$

**Definition 2.11.** A non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy two-sided ideal or an intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if it is both an intuitionistic fuzzy left and an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of  $S$ .

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** For a given intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A$  in a semiring  $S$  with the zero element,  $A_s$  can be the strongest intuitionistic fuzzy relation on  $S$ . If  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ , then  $\mu_A(a) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_A(a) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  for all  $a \in S$ .

*Proof.* If  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ , then  $\mu_{A_s}(a, a) \leq \mu_{A_s}(0, 0); \gamma_{A_s}(a, a) \geq \gamma_{A_s}(0, 0)$  for all  $a \in S \Rightarrow \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(a)\} \leq \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_A(0)\}$  and  $\max\{\gamma_A(a), \gamma_A(a)\} \geq \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_A(0)\}$ , which implies that  $\mu(a) \leq \mu(0); \gamma(a) \geq \gamma(0)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of a semiring  $S$ . Then  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in S \times S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\
 &= \min\{\mu_A(x_1 + y_1), \mu_B(x_2 + y_2)\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(y_1)\}, \min\{\mu_B(x_2), \mu_B(y_2)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{\min\{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_B(x_2)\}, \min\{\mu_A(y_1), \mu_B(y_2)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1, x_2), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(y_1, y_2)\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\
 &= \max\{\gamma_A(x_1 + y_1), \gamma_B(x_2 + y_2)\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_A(y_1)\}, \max\{\gamma_B(x_2), \gamma_B(y_2)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_B(x_2)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(y_1), \gamma_B(y_2)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x_1, x_2), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(y_1, y_2)\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\
 &= \min\{\mu_A(x_1 y_1), \mu_B(x_2 y_2)\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\mu_A(y_1), \mu_B(y_2)\} \\
 &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(y_1, y_2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\
 &= \max\{\gamma_A(x_1 y_1), \gamma_B(x_2 y_2)\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\gamma_A(y_1), \gamma_B(y_2)\} \\
 &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(y_1, y_2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Hence  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of  $S \times S$ . Now let  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2), (x_1, x_2) \in S \times S$  be such that  $(x_1, x_2) + (a_1, a_2) = (b_1, b_2)$  i.e.,  $(x_1 + a_1, x_2 + a_2) = (b_1, b_2)$ . It follows that  $x_1 + a_1 = b_1$  and  $x_2 + a_2 = b_2$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1, x_2) &= \min\{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_B(x_2)\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu_A(a_1), \mu_A(b_1)\}, \min\{\mu_B(a_2), \mu_B(b_2)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{\min\{\mu_A(a_1), \mu_B(a_2)\}, \min\{\mu_A(b_1), \mu_B(b_2)\}\} \\
 &= \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(a_1, a_2), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(b_1, b_2)\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x_1, x_2) &= \max\{\gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_B(x_2)\} \\
 &\leq \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(a_1), \gamma_A(b_1)\}, \max\{\gamma_B(a_2), \gamma_B(b_2)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(a_1), \gamma_B(a_2)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(b_1), \gamma_B(b_2)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(a_1, a_2), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(b_1, b_2)\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Hence  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be two intuitionistic fuzzy sets in a semiring  $S$  with the zero element such that  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ . Then

- (1). Either  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  or  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_B(0)$  and  $\gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$  for all  $x \in S$ .
- (2). If  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0)$  and  $\gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$  for all  $x \in S$ , then either  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(0); \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$  or  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_B(0); \gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$ .
- (3). If  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_B(0); \gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$  for all  $x \in S$ , then either  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  or  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$ .
- (4). If  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  for any  $x \in S$ , then  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ .
- (5). If  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  for all  $x \in S$  and  $\mu_B(y) > \mu_B(0)$  and  $\gamma_B(y) \leq \gamma_B(0)$  for some  $y$  in  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof.*

- (1). Suppose that  $\mu_A(x) > \mu_A(0); \gamma_A(x) < \gamma_A(0)$  and  $\mu_B(x) > \mu_B(0); \gamma_B(x) < \gamma_B(0)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x, y) &> \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)\} = (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, 0) \\
 (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x, y) &< \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(y)\} = (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction. Hence we obtain (1).

- (2). Let us assume that there exist  $x, y \in S$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > \mu_B(0); \gamma_A(x) < \gamma_B(0)$  and  $\mu_B(y) > \mu_B(0); \gamma_B(y) < \gamma_B(0)$ . Then  $(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, 0) = \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(0)\} = \mu_B(0)$  and  $(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, 0) = \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(0)\} = \gamma_B(0)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x, y) &= \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)\} > \mu_B(0) = (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, 0), \\
 (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x, y) &= \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(y)\} < \gamma_B(0) = (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence (2) holds.

- (3). Similarly we can prove (3).

(4). If  $\mu_B(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_B(x) \geq \gamma_B(0)$  for any  $x \in S$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_B(x+y) &= \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(x+y)\} \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, x+y) \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((0, x) + (0, y)) \\
&\geq \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, x), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, y)\} \\
&= \min\{\min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(x)\}, \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(y)\}\} \\
&= \min\{\mu_B(x), \mu_B(y)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_B(x+y) &= \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(x+y)\} \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, x+y) \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((0, x) + (0, y)) \\
&\leq \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, x), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, y)\} \\
&= \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(x)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(y)\}\} \\
&= \max\{\gamma_B(x), \gamma_B(y)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_B(xy) &= \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(xy)\} \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, xy) \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((0, x)(0, y)) \\
&\geq (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, y) \\
&= \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(y)\} \\
&= \mu_B(y)
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_B(xy) &= \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(xy)\} \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, xy) \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((0, x)(0, y)) \\
&\leq (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, y) \\
&= \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(y)\} \\
&= \gamma_B(y)
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

for all  $x, y \in S$ . Hence  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ . Now let  $a, b, x \in S$  be such that  $x+a = b$ . Then  $(0, x) + (0, a) = (0, b)$  and so

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_B(x) &= \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(x)\} \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, x) \\
&\geq \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, a), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, b)\} \\
&= \min\{\min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(a)\}, \min\{\mu_A(0), \mu_B(b)\}\} \\
&= \min\{\mu_B(a), \mu_B(b)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_B(x) &= \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(x)\} \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, x) \\
&\leq \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, a), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, b)\} \\
&= \max\{\max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(a)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(0), \gamma_B(b)\}\} \\
&= \max\{\gamma_B(a), \gamma_B(b)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Hence  $\mu_B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left k-ideal of  $S$ .

- (5). Assume that  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0); \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_A(0)$  for all  $x \in S$  and  $\mu_B(y) > \mu_B(0); \gamma_B(y) < \gamma_B(0)$  for some  $y \in S$ . Then  $\mu_B(0) \geq \mu_B(x) > \mu_A(0); \gamma_B(0) \leq \gamma_B(x) < \gamma_A(0)$ . Since  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x); \mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(0, x) &= \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(0)\} = \mu_A(x) \\
(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(0, x) &= \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(0)\} = \gamma_A(x)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in S$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_A(x+y) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x+y, 0) \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((x, 0) + (y, 0)) \\
&\geq \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x, 0), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(y, 0)\} \\
&= \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_A(x+y) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x+y, 0) \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((x, 0) + (y, 0)) \\
&\leq \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x, 0), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(y, 0)\} \\
&= \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_A(xy) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(xy, 0) \\
&= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((x, 0)(y, 0)) \\
&\geq \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(y, 0)\} = \mu_B(y)
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_A(xy) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(xy, 0) \\
&= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)((x, 0)(y, 0)) \\
&\leq \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(y, 0)\} = \gamma_B(y)
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for all  $x, y \in S$ . Now let  $a, b, x \in S$  be such that  $x+a=b$  and so  $(x, 0)+(a, 0)=(b, 0)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_A(x) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x, 0) \\
&\geq \min\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(a, 0), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(b, 0)\} \\
&= \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_B(b)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_A(x) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x, 0) \\
&\leq \max\{(\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(a, 0), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(b, 0)\} \\
&= \max\{\gamma_A(a), \gamma_B(b)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Consequently,  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . Hence the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $A$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in a semiring  $S$  and let  $A_s$  be the strongest intuitionistic fuzzy relation on  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu, \gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . Let  $(x_1, x_2, (y_1, y_2)) \in S \times S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{A_s}((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) &= \mu_{A_s}(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &= \min\{\mu(x_1 + y_1), \mu(x_2 + y_2)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(y_1)\}, \min\{\mu(x_2), \mu(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\}, \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_{A_s}(x_1, x_2), \mu_{A_s}(y_1, y_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A_s}((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) &= \gamma_{A_s}(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &= \max\{\gamma(x_1 + y_1), \gamma(x_2 + y_2)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{\gamma(x_1), \gamma(y_1)\}, \max\{\gamma(x_2), \gamma(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\gamma(x_1), \gamma(x_2)\}, \max\{\gamma(y_1), \gamma(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{A_s}(x_1, x_2), \gamma_{A_s}(y_1, y_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{A_s}((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) &= \mu_{A_s}(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\ &= \min\{\mu(x_1 y_1), \mu(x_2 y_2)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\} \\ &= \mu_{A_s}(y_1, y_2) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A_s}((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) &= \gamma_{A_s}(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\ &= \max\{\gamma(x_1 y_1), \gamma(x_2 y_2)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\gamma(y_1), \gamma(y_2)\} \\ &= \gamma_{A_s}(y_1, y_2) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Let  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2), S \times S$  be such that  $(x_1, x_2) + (a_1, a_2) = (b_1, b_2)$ . Then  $(x_1 + a_1, x_2 + a_2) = (b_1, b_2)$ , it follows that  $x_1 + a_1 = b_1$  and  $x_2 + a_2 = b_2$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{A_s}(x_1, x_2) &= \min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu(a_1), \mu(b_1)\}, \min\{\mu(a_2), \mu(b_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\min\{\mu(a_1), \mu(a_2)\}, \min\{\mu(b_1), \mu(b_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_{A_s}(a_1, a_2), \mu_{A_s}(b_1, b_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{A_s}(x_1, x_2) &= \max\{\gamma(x_1), \gamma(x_2)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{\gamma(a_1), \gamma(b_1)\}, \max\{\gamma(a_2), \gamma(b_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\gamma(a_1), \gamma(a_2)\}, \max\{\gamma(b_1), \gamma(b_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\gamma_{A_s}(a_1, a_2), \gamma_{A_s}(b_1, b_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Hence  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\mu(x_1 + y_1), \mu(x_2 + y_2)\} &= \mu_{A_s}(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_{A_s}(x_1, x_2), \mu_{A_s}(y_1, y_2)\} \\ &= \min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\}, \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}\} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$\Rightarrow \mu(x_1 + y_1) \geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\}, \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}\}$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\gamma(x_1 + y_1), \gamma(x_2 + y_2)\} &= \gamma_{A_s}(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &\leq \max\{\gamma_{A_s}(x_1, x_2), \gamma_{A_s}(y_1, y_2)\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\gamma(x_1), \gamma(x_2)\}, \max\{\gamma(y_1), \gamma(y_2)\}\} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$\Rightarrow \gamma(x_1 + y_1) \leq \max\{\max\{\gamma(x_1), \gamma(x_2)\}, \max\{\gamma(y_1), \gamma(y_2)\}\}$ . In this inequality, we choose the values of  $x_1, x_2, y_1$  and  $y_2$  as follows:  $x_1 = x$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = y$  and  $y_2 = 0$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x + y) &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x), \mu(0)\}, \min\{\mu(y), \mu(0)\}\} = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \\ \gamma(x + y) &\leq \max\{\max\{\gamma(x), \gamma(0)\}, \max\{\gamma(y), \gamma(0)\}\} = \max\{\gamma(x), \gamma(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

by using Theorem 3.1. Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\mu(x_1 y_1), \mu(x_2 y_2)\} &= \mu_{A_s}(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\ &= \mu_{A_s}((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) \\ &\geq \mu_{A_s}(y_1, y_2) \\ &= \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\gamma(x_1 y_1), \gamma(x_2 y_2)\} &= \gamma_{A_s}(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) \\ &= \gamma_{A_s}((x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2)) \\ &\leq \gamma_{A_s}(y_1, y_2) \\ &= \max\{\gamma(y_1), \gamma(y_2)\} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

and so  $\mu(x_1 y_1) \geq \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}$ . Taking  $x_1 = x, y_1 = y$  and  $y_2 = 0$  and using Theorem 3.1, we get  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(y), \mu(0)\} = \mu(y)$ ;  $\gamma(xy) \leq \max\{\gamma(y), \gamma(0)\} = \gamma(y)$ . Hence  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ . Let  $a, b, x \in S$  be such that  $x + a = b$ . Then  $(x, 0) + (a, 0) = (b, 0)$ . Since  $A_s$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ , it follows from Theorem 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \min\{\mu(x), \mu(0)\} \\ &= \mu_{A_s}(x, 0) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_{A_s}(a, 0), \mu_{A_s}(b, 0)\} \\ &= \min\{\min\{\mu(a), \mu(0)\}, \min\{\mu(b), \mu(0)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma(x) &= \max\{\gamma(x), \gamma(0)\} \\
&= \gamma_{A_s}(x, 0) \\
&\leq \max\{\gamma_{A_s}(a, 0), \gamma_{A_s}(b, 0)\} \\
&= \max\{\max\{\gamma(a), \gamma(0)\}, \max\{\gamma(b), \gamma(0)\}\} \\
&= \max\{\gamma(a), \gamma(b)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Consequently,  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 4. Conclusion

A semi-group is an algebraic structure consisting of a non-empty set  $S$  together with an associative binary operation. The formal study of semi-groups began in the early 20th century. Semi-groups are important in many areas of mathematics, for example, coding and language theory, automata theory, combinatorics and mathematical analysis. Semi-ring plays an important role in studying matrices and determinants. In this paper, we proved that the Cartesian product of two intuitionistic fuzzy  $k$ -ideals of semi-ring  $S$  is also an intuitionistic fuzzy  $k$ -ideal. Conversely, if  $A \times B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ , then either  $A$  or  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . Also We proved that an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A$  in a semi-ring  $S$  is a fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  if and only if the strongest fuzzy relation  $A_s$  on  $S$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S \times S$ .

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