

FUZZIFICATIONS OF  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -IDEALS IN IS-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. The fuzzification of  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals in **IS**-algebras is considered. Relations between fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals and fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals are stated. Characterizations of fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals are given. Extension property for fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal is established.

## 1. Introduction

The notion of BCK-algebras was proposed by Y. Imai and K. Iséki in 1966. In the same year, K. Iséki [2] introduced the notion of a BCI-algebra which is a generalization of a BCK-algebra. In 1993, Y. B. Jun et al. [5] introduced a new class of algebras related to BCI-algebras and semigroups, called a BCI-semigroup/BCI-monoid/BCI-group. In 1998, for the convenience of study, Y. B. Jun et al. [8] renamed the BCI-semigroup (resp, BCI-monoid and BCI-group) as the **IS**-algebra (resp. **IM**-algebra and **IG**-algebra) and studied further properties of these algebras (see [7] and [8]). In [9], E. H. Roh et al. introduced the concept of a  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal in an **IS**-algebra, and gave necessary and sufficient conditions for an  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal to be a  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal, and also stated a characterization of **PS**-algebras by  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals. Y. B. Jun and E. H. Roh [6] considered the fuzzification of a  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal in an **IS**-algebra, and investigated some of their properties. E. H. Roh et al. [10] discussed the notion of  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals in **IS**-algebras. In this paper, we consider the fuzzification of  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals in **IS**-algebras. We give relations between fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals and fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals. We state characterizations of fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals. We finally establish the extension property for fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals.

## 2. Preliminaries

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

- $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ ,
- $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$ ,
- $x * x = 0$ ,
- $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . A BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfying  $0 \leq x$  for all  $x \in X$  is called a *BCK-algebra*. In any BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  one can define a partial order " $\leq$ " by putting  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

A BCI-algebra  $X$  has the following properties:

- (P1)  $x * 0 = x$ ,
- (P2)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$ ,

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$$(P3) \quad (x * z) * (y * z) \leq x * y$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . A nonempty subset  $I$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

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

**Definition 2.1.** (Jun et al. [8]) An **IS-algebra** is a non-empty set  $X$  with two binary operations “ $*$ ” and “ $\cdot$ ” and constant  $0$  satisfying the axioms

- $I(X) := (X, *, 0)$  is a BCI-algebra.
- $S(X) := (X, \cdot)$  is a semigroup.
- the operation “ $\cdot$ ” is distributive (on both sides) over the operation “ $*$ ”, that is,

$$x \cdot (y * z) = (x \cdot y) * (x \cdot z) \quad \text{and} \quad (x * y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) * (y \cdot z), \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following Cayley tables:

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

$\cdot$	$0$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$
$a$	$0$	$0$	$0$	$0$
$b$	$0$	$0$	$b$	$c$
$c$	$0$	$0$	$c$	$b$

Then  $X$  is an **IS-algebra** (see [8]).

**Definition 2.3.** [1, Definition 2.3] A nonempty subset  $A$  of an **IS-algebra**  $X$  is said to be *left* (resp. *right*) *stable* if  $x \cdot a \in A$  (resp.  $a \cdot x \in A$ ) whenever  $x \in S(X)$  and  $a \in A$ .

In what follows, the terminology “stable” means “left stable”, and let  $X$  denote an **IS-algebra** unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 2.4.** [8, Definition 3] A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called an  $\mathcal{I}$ -*ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $A$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y \in I(X)$ ,  $x * y \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply that  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [9, Definition 3.1] A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -*ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $A$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in I(X)$ ,  $(x * z) * (y * z) \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply that  $x \in A$ .

We place a bar over a symbol to denote a fuzzy set so  $\bar{\mu}$ ,  $\bar{A}$ ,  $\bar{X}$ ,  $\dots$  all represent fuzzy set in a set.

**Definition 2.6.** [3, Definition 4] A fuzzy set  $\bar{A}$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy ideal of a *BCI-algebra*  $X$ ,
- (ii)  $\bar{A}(xy) \geq \bar{A}(y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [6, Definition 3.2] A fuzzy set  $\bar{A}$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii)  $\bar{A}(x) \geq \min\{\bar{A}((x * z) * (y * z)), \bar{A}(y)\} \quad \forall x, y, z \in X$ .

Note that every fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal is a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal, but the converse is not true (see [6, Theorem 3.4 and Example 3.5]).

### 3. Fuzzy $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals

**Definition 3.1.** [10, Definition 3.1] A non-empty subset  $A$  of an **IS**-algebra  $X$  is called a  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $A$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in I(X)$ ,  $(x * z) * (0 * y) \in A$  and  $z \in A$  imply that  $y * x \in A$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A fuzzy set  $\bar{A}$  in  $X$  is called a *fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal* of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii)  $\bar{A}(y * x) \geq \min \left\{ \bar{A} \left( (x * z) * (0 * y) \right), \bar{A}(z) \right\} \quad \forall x, y, z \in I(X)$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following Cayley tables:

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

$\cdot$	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	b
c	0	a	b	c

Then  $X$  is an **IS**-algebra (see [8]). We can easily check that a fuzzy set  $\bar{A}$  in  $X$  given by  $\bar{A}(0) = \bar{A}(a) = 0.6$  and  $\bar{A}(b) = \bar{A}(c) = 0.2$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ , then  $\bar{A}(0 * x) \geq \bar{A}(x) \geq \bar{A}(0 * (0 * x))$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{A}$  is fuzzy stable, it follows that  $\bar{A}(0) = \bar{A}(0x) \geq \bar{A}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Taking  $z = y = 0$  in Definition 3.2(ii), we have

$$\bar{A}(0 * x) \geq \min \left\{ \bar{A} \left( (x * 0) * (0 * 0) \right), \bar{A}(0) \right\} = \bar{A}(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Now putting  $y = x$  and  $x = z = 0$  in Definition 3.2(ii), we have

$$\bar{A}(x) \geq \min \left\{ \bar{A} \left( (0 * 0) * (0 * x) \right), \bar{A}(0) \right\} = \bar{A}(0 * (0 * x))$$

for all  $x \in X$ . □

**Theorem 3.5.** *Every fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal is a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . Taking  $y = 0$  in Definition 3.2(ii) and using Proposition 3.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}(x) &\geq \bar{A}(0 * (0 * x)) \geq \bar{A}(0 * x) \\ &\geq \min \left\{ \bar{A} \left( (x * z) * (0 * 0) \right), \bar{A}(z) \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \bar{A}(x * z), \bar{A}(z) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$ . Hence  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 3.5 may not be true.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X$  be an **IS**-algebra in Example 3.3 and let  $\bar{B}$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $\bar{B}(0) = \bar{B}(b) = 0.8$  and  $\bar{B}(a) = \bar{B}(c) = 0.5$ . Then  $\bar{B}$  is a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ , but it is not a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  since

$$\bar{B}(a * b) = 0.5 < 0.8 = \min\left\{\bar{B}\left((b * b) * (0 * a)\right), \bar{B}(b)\right\}.$$

We provide conditions for a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal to be a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $\bar{A}(y * (x * z)) \geq \bar{A}((x * z) * (0 * y))$ ,  $\forall x, y, z \in I(X)$ ,
- (iii)  $\bar{A}(y * x) \geq \bar{A}(x * (0 * y))$ ,  $\forall x, y \in I(X)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . For every  $x, y, z \in I(X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}(y * (x * z)) &\geq \min\left\{\bar{A}\left(\left((x * z) * ((x * z) * (0 * y))\right) * (0 * y)\right), \bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{\bar{A}\left(\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right) * ((x * z) * (0 * y))\right), \bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{\bar{A}(0), \bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &= \bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) is by taking  $z = 0$  in (ii) and using (P1). Suppose that (iii) holds. Note that

$$(x * (0 * y)) * ((x * z) * (0 * y)) \leq x * (x * z) \leq z$$

for all  $x, y, z \in I(X)$ . Since  $\bar{A}$  is order reversing, it follows that

$$\bar{A}\left((x * (0 * y)) * ((x * z) * (0 * y))\right) \geq \bar{A}(z).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}(y * x) &\geq \bar{A}(x * (0 * y)) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bar{A}\left((x * (0 * y)) * ((x * z) * (0 * y))\right), \bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bar{A}\left((x * z) * (0 * y)\right), \bar{A}(z)\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

**Lemma 3.8.** [6, Theorem 3.9] *Let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies*

$$\bar{A}(x) \geq \bar{A}(0 * (0 * x)), \quad \forall x \in I(X).$$

Combining Proposition 3.4 and Lemma 3.8, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.9.** *Every fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal is a fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal.*

The converse of Theorem 3.9 is false, as is shown in the following example.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X$  be an **IS**-algebra in Example 2.2 and let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $\bar{A}(0) = \bar{A}(a) = 0.7$  and  $\bar{A}(b) = \bar{A}(c) = 0.5$ . Then  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $p\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ , but it is not a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  because

$$\bar{A}(b * c) = 0.5 < 0.7 = \min\left\{\bar{A}\left((c * a) * (0 * b)\right), \bar{A}(a)\right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.11.** *In an associative **IS**-algebra  $X$ , that is, the identity  $(x*y)*z = x*(y*z)$  holds in  $X$ , every fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (y * x) * (x * (0 * y)) &= (y * x) * ((x * 0) * y) = (y * x) * (x * y) \\ &= \left(y * (x * y)\right) * x = \left((y * x) * y\right) * x \\ &= \left((y * y) * x\right) * x = (0 * x) * x \\ &= 0 * (x * x) = 0 * 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}(y * x) &\geq \min\left\{\bar{A}\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right), \bar{A}\left(x * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{\bar{A}(0), \bar{A}\left(x * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ &= \bar{A}\left(x * (0 * y)\right). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Theorem 3.7 that  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

**Theorem 3.12.** (Extension property for fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideals) *Let  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  be fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  such that  $\bar{A}(0) = \bar{B}(0)$  and  $\bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B}$ , that is,  $\bar{A}(x) \leq \bar{B}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If  $\bar{A}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ , then so is  $\bar{B}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Using Theorem 3.7(ii) and (P2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}\left(y * (x * (x * (0 * y)))\right) &\geq \bar{A}\left(y * (x * (x * (0 * y)))\right) \\ &\geq \bar{A}\left((x * (x * (0 * y))) * (0 * y)\right) \\ &= \bar{A}\left((x * (0 * y)) * (x * (0 * y))\right) \\ &= \bar{A}(0) = \bar{B}(0). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

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

and so  $\bar{B}\left(\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right) * (y * (x * (x * (0 * y))))\right) \geq \bar{B}(0)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{B}\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right) \\ & \geq \min\left\{\bar{B}\left(\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right) * (y * (x * (x * (0 * y))))\right), \bar{B}\left(y * (x * (x * (0 * y)))\right)\right\} \\ & \geq \min\left\{\bar{B}\left(\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right) * (y * (x * (x * (0 * y))))\right), \bar{B}(0)\right\} \\ & = \bar{B}\left(\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right) * (y * (x * (x * (0 * y))))\right) \\ & \geq \bar{B}(0), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}(y * x) & \geq \min\left\{\bar{B}\left((y * x) * (x * (0 * y))\right), \bar{B}\left(x * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ & \geq \min\left\{\bar{B}(0), \bar{B}\left(x * (0 * y)\right)\right\} \\ & = \bar{B}\left(x * (0 * y)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 3.7, we know that  $\bar{B}$  is a fuzzy  $a\&\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . □

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