

**$T$ -FUZZY LEFT  $K$ -IDEALS OF SEMIRINGS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce the concept of  $T$ -fuzzy left  $K$ -ideals of semirings, and then some related results are obtained. Using a  $t$ -norm  $T$ , the direct product and  $T$ -product of  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals are discussed, and their properties are investigated.

**1.Introduction and preliminaries** A semiring  $S$  is an algebraic structure  $(S, +, \cdot)$  in which  $(S, +)$  is a commutative monoid and  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup such that  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$  and  $(a+b)c = ac+bc$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$ . Also  $x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$  for all  $0$  is the additive identity of  $S$ . A subset  $I$  of  $S$  is called a left(right) ideal of  $S$  if  $I$  is closed under addition and  $SI \subseteq I(IS \subseteq I)$ . A left(right)ideal of  $S$  is called a left(right)  $k$ -ideal of  $S$  if  $y, z \in I, x \in S, x + y = z$  implies  $x \in I$ . In 1965, L.A.Zadeh introduced the notion of a fuzzy subset  $A$  of a set  $X$  as a mapping from  $X$  into  $[0, 1]$ . Rosenfeld and Kuroki applied this concept in group theory and semigroup theory, respectively. A nonempty fuzzy subset  $A$  of a semiring  $S$  is called a fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $S$  if (i)  $A(x+y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and (ii)  $A(xy) \geq A(y)(A(xy) \geq A(x))$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . S.Ghosh([1]) introduced the concept of fuzzy  $k$ -ideals of semirings and obtain some results. In this paper, we introduce the concept of  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of semirings and then some related results are obtained Using a  $t$ -norm  $T$ , the direct product and  $T$ -product of  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of semirings are discussed, and their properties are investigated.

**2. $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals**

**Definition 2.1**([5]) By a  $t$ -norm  $T$ , we mean a function  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (I)  $T(x, 1) = x$
- (II)  $T(x, y) \leq T(x, z)$  if  $y \leq z$
- (III)  $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$
- (IV)  $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$

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

Note that every  $t$ -norm  $T$  has a useful property:  $T(\alpha, \beta) \leq \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of a semiring  $R$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$  if for any  $x, y, z \in R, x + y = z$  implies  $\mu(x) \geq T(\mu(y), \mu(z))$ .

$T$ -fuzzy right  $k$ -ideal of a semiring is defined similarly. For any subset  $A$  of a semiring  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_A$  will denote the characteristic function of  $A$ .

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**Theorem 2.3** Let  $R$  and  $I \subseteq S$ . Then  $I$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $\mathcal{X}_I$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $I$  be a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then it's easy to show that  $\mathcal{X}_I$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . In fact, let  $x, y, z \in R$  such that  $x + y = z$ . If  $y, z \in I$ , then  $x \in I$  as  $I$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $\mathcal{X}_I(x) = 1 = T(\mathcal{X}_I(y), \mathcal{X}_I(z))$ . Otherwise,  $T(\mathcal{X}_I(y), \mathcal{X}_I(z)) = 0 \leq \mathcal{X}_I(x)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{X}_I$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Conversely, if  $\mathcal{X}_I$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x \in S, y, z \in I$  such that  $x + y = z$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}_I(x) \geq T(\mathcal{X}_I(y), \mathcal{X}_I(z)) = 1$ . Thus  $\mathcal{X}_I(x) = 1$  and hence  $x \in I$ , as required.

Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a mapping of semirings. For a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ , the inverse image of  $\mu$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(\mu)$ , is defined by  $f^{-1}(\mu)(x) = \mu(f(x))$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a homomorphism of semirings. If  $\mu$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x, y, z \in R$  such that  $x + y = z$ . Then  $f(x) + f(y) = f(z)$ , and that  $f^{-1}(\mu)(x) = \mu(f(x)) \geq T(\mu(f(y)), \mu(f(z))) = T(\mu(f(y)), \mu(f(z))) = T(f^{-1}(\mu)(y), f^{-1}(\mu)(z))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.5** ([5]) For all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $T(T(\alpha, \beta), T(\gamma, \delta)) = T(T(\alpha, \gamma), T(\beta, \delta))$

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $T$  be a  $t$ -norm and let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  be the direct product of semirings  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . If  $\mu_1$  (resp.  $\mu_2$ ) is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R_1$  (resp.  $R_2$ ), then  $\mu = \mu_1 \times \mu_2$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$  defined by  $\mu(x) = \mu(x_1, x_2) = (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) = T(\mu_1(x_1), \mu_2(x_2))$  for all  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$  and  $z = (z_1, z_2)$  be such that  $x + y = z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) = T(\mu_1(x_1), \mu_2(x_2)) \\ &\geq T(T(\mu_1(y_1), \mu_1(z_1)), T(\mu_2(y_2), \mu_2(z_2))) \\ &= T(T(\mu_1(y_1), \mu_2(y_2)), T(\mu_1(z_1), \mu_2(z_2))) \\ &= T((\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(y_1, y_2), (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(z_1, z_2)) \\ &= T(\mu(y), \mu(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu = \mu_1 \times \mu_2$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

We will generalize the idea to the product of  $n$   $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals. We first need to generalize the domain of  $T$  to  $\prod_{i=1}^n [0, 1]$  as follows:

**Definition 2.7** ([5]) The function  $T_n : \prod_{i=1}^n [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined by

$$T_n(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) = T(\alpha_i, T_{n-1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n))$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $n \geq 2, T_2 = T$ , and  $T_1 = id$  (identity)

**Lemma 2.8** ([5]) For every  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in [0, 1]$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$T_n(T(\alpha_1, \beta_1), T(\alpha_2, \beta_2), \dots, T(\alpha_n, \beta_n)) = T(T_n(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n), T_n(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n))$$

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $\{R_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the finite collection of semirings and  $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$  the direct product semiring of  $\{R_i\}$ . Let  $\mu_i$  be a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $\mu = \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i$  defined by

$$\mu(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = T_n(\mu_1(x_1), \mu_2(x_2), \dots, \mu_n(x_n))$$

is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of the semiring  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  and  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$  be such that  $x + y = z$ . Then  $x_i = y_i + z_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \mu(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = T_n(\mu_1(x_1), \mu_2(x_2), \dots, \mu_n(x_n)) \\ &\geq T_n(T(\mu_1(y_1), \mu_1(z_1)), T(\mu_2(y_2), \mu_2(z_2)), \dots, T(\mu_n(y_n), \mu_n(z_n))) \\ &= T(T_n(\mu_1(y_1), \mu_2(y_2), \dots, \mu_n(y_n)), T_n(\mu_1(z_1), \mu_2(z_2), \dots, \mu_n(z_n))) \\ &= T(\mu(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), \mu(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)) \\ &= T(\mu(y), \mu(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Definition 2.10** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be fuzzy sets in  $R$ . then the product of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , written  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_T$ , is defined by  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_T(x) = T(\mu(x), \nu(x))$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of semiring  $R$ . If  $T^*$  is a  $t$ -norm which dominates  $T$ , that is,  $T^*(T(\alpha, \beta), T(\gamma, \delta)) \geq T(T^*(\alpha, \gamma), T^*(\beta, \delta))$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in [0, 1]$ , then  $T^*$ -product of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ ,  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x, y, z \in R$  be such that  $x + y = z$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}(x) &= T^*(\mu(x), \nu(x)) \\ &\geq T^*(T(\mu(y), \mu(z)), T(\nu(y), \nu(z))) \\ &\geq T(T^*(\mu(y), \nu(y)), T^*(\mu(y), \nu(z))) \\ &= T([\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}(y), [\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of semirings. Let  $T$  and  $T^*$  be  $t$ -norms such that  $T^*$  dominates  $T$ . If  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ , then the  $T^*$ -product of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ ,  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $S$ . Since every onto homomorphic inverse image of a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal, the inverse images  $f^{-1}(\mu)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\nu)$ , and  $f^{-1}([\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*})$  are  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of  $R$ . The next theorem provides that the relation between  $f^{-1}([\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*})$  and  $T^*$ -product  $[f^{-1}(\mu) \cdot f^{-1}(\nu)]_{T^*}$  of  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  and  $f^{-1}(\nu)$ .

**Theorem 2.12** Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of semirings. Let  $T^*$  be a  $t$ -norm such that  $T^*$  dominates  $T$ . Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideals of  $S$ . If  $[\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}$  is the  $T^*$ -product of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , and  $[f^{-1}(\mu) \cdot f^{-1}(\nu)]_{T^*}$  is the  $T^*$ -product of  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  and  $f^{-1}(\nu)$ , then

$$f^{-1}([\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}) = [f^{-1}(\mu) \cdot f^{-1}(\nu)]_{T^*}$$

*Proof* Let  $x \in R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}([\mu \cdot \nu]_{T^*}(f(x))) &= T^*(\mu(f(x)), \nu(f(x))) \\ &= T^*(f^{-1}(\mu)(x), f^{-1}(\nu)(x)) \\ &= [f^{-1}(\mu) \cdot f^{-1}(\nu)]_{T^*}(x) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.Chain conditions

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . For  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the set  $U(\mu; \alpha) = \{x \in X | \mu(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is called a level set of  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $\mu$  be a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $K$ -ideal of  $R$  and Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $T(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . Then the nonempty  $U(\mu; \alpha)$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x \in R, y, z \in U(\mu; \alpha)$  be such that  $x = y + z$ . Then  $\mu(y) \geq \alpha$  and  $\mu(z) \geq \alpha$ . Hence  $\mu(x) \geq T(\mu(y), \mu(z)) \geq T(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ , which implies that  $x \in U(\mu, \alpha)$ . Therefore  $U(\mu; \alpha)$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2** A semiring  $R$  is said to satisfy the  $K$ -ascending(*resp.*  $K$ -descending) chain condition (briefly,  $K-ACC$  (*resp.*  $K-DCC$ )) if for every ascending (*resp.* descending) sequence  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$  (*resp.*  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ ) of left  $K$ -ideals of  $R$ , there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $A_n = A_k$  for all  $n \geq k$ . If  $R$  satisfies the  $K-ACC$ , we say  $R$  is  $K$ -Noetherian semiring.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\{A_k|k \in N\}$  be a family of left  $k$ -ideals of a semiring  $R$  which is nested, i.e.,  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$ . Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $R$  defined by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{k+1} & \text{if } x \in A_k/A_{k+1}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . where  $A_0$  stands for  $R$ . Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , such that  $T(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . Then  $\mu$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof* Let  $x, y, z \in R$  be such that  $x + y = z$ . Suppose that  $y \in A_k/A_{k+1}$  and  $z \in A_r/A_{r+1}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots; r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $k \leq r$ . Then obviously  $z \in A_k$ . Since  $A_k$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ , it follows that  $x \in A_k$ , so that  $\mu(x) \geq \frac{k}{k+1} = T(\mu(y), \mu(z))$ . If  $y \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ , then  $x \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ . Hence  $\mu(x) = 1 = T(\mu(y), \mu(z))$ . If  $y \notin \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ , then there exists  $n \in N$ , such that  $y \in A_n/A_{n+1}$ . It follows that  $x \in A_n$ , so that  $\mu(x) \geq \frac{n}{n+1} = T(\mu(y), \mu(z))$ . Finally, assume that  $y \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$  and  $z \notin \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k$ . Then  $z \in A_n/A_{n+1}$  for some  $n \in N$ . Hence  $x \in A_n$ , and thus  $\mu(x) \geq \frac{n}{n+1} = T(\mu(y), \mu(z))$ . Therefore,  $\mu$  is a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $R$  be a semiring satisfying  $K - DCC$  and let  $\mu$  be a  $T$ -fuzzy left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $T(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . If a sequence of elements of  $Im\mu$  is strictly increasing, then  $\mu$  has finite number of values.

*Proof* Let  $\{t_k\}$  be a strictly increasing sequence of elements of  $Im\mu$ . The  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots \leq 1$ . Then  $U(\mu; t_r) = \{x \in R | \mu(x) \geq t_r\}$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$  for all  $r = 2, 3, \dots$  from Theorem 3.1. Let  $x \in U(\mu; t_r)$ . Then  $\mu(x) \geq t_r \geq t_{r-1}$ , and so  $x \in U(\mu; t_{r-1})$ . Hence  $U(\mu; t_r) \subseteq U(\mu; t_{r-1})$ . Since  $t_{r-1} \in Im\mu$ , there exists  $x_{r-1} \in X$  such that  $\mu_{r-1} = t_{r-1}$ . It follows that  $x_{r-1} \in U(\mu; t_{r-1})$ , but  $x_{r-1} \notin U(\mu; t_r)$ . Thus  $U(\mu; t_r) \subset U(\mu; t_{r-1})$ , and so we obtain a strictly descending sequence  $U(\mu; t_1) \supset U(\mu; t_2) \supset U(\mu; t_3) \supset \dots$  of left  $k$ -ideals of  $R$  which is not terminating. This contradicts the assumption that  $X$  satisfies the  $K - DCC$ . Consequently,  $\mu$  has finite number of values.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $R$  be a semiring and let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $(\alpha, \alpha) = \alpha$ . The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $R$  is a  $k$ -Noetherian semiring.
- (ii) The set of values of any left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$  is a well-ordered subset of  $[0, 1]$ .

*Proof* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) let  $\mu$  be a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Assume that the set of values of  $\mu$  is not a well-ordered subset of  $[0, 1]$ . Then there exists a strictly decreasing sequence  $\{t_k\}$  such that  $\mu(x_k) = t_k$ . It follows that  $U(\mu; t_1) \subset U(\mu; t_2) \subset \dots$  is a strictly ascending chain of left  $k$ -ideals of  $R$ , where  $U(\mu; t_r) = \{x \in R | \mu(x) \geq t_r\}$  for every  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $R$  is  $K$ -Noetherian.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that the condition (i) is satisfied and  $R$  is not  $K$ -Noetherian. Then there exists a strictly ascending chain.

$$(*) A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$$

of left  $k$ -ideals of  $R$ . Let  $A = \bigcup_{k \in N} A_k$ . Then  $A$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Define a fuzzy set in  $R$  by

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \\ \frac{1}{r} & \text{where } r = \min\{k \in N | x \in A_k\} \end{cases}$$

we claim that  $\nu$  is a left  $K$ -ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x, y, z \in R$  be such that  $x + y = z$ . If  $y \in A_k/A_{k-1}$  and  $z \in A_k/A_{k-1}$ , then  $x \in A_k$ . It follows that  $\nu(x) \geq \frac{1}{k} = T(\nu(y), \nu(z))$ . Suppose that  $y \in A_k$  and  $z \in A_k/A_r$  for all  $r < k$ . Since  $A_k$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ , it follows that  $x \in A_k$ . Hence  $\nu(x) \geq \frac{1}{k} \geq \frac{1}{k+1} \geq \nu(z)$ , and so  $\nu(x) \geq \min\{\nu(y), \nu(z)\} \geq T(\nu(y), \nu(z))$ . Similarly for the case  $y \in A_k/A_r$  and  $z \in A_k$ , we have  $\nu(x) \geq \min\{\nu(y), \nu(z)\} \geq T(\nu(y), \nu(z))$ . Thus  $\nu$  is a left  $k$ -ideal of  $R$ . Since the chain  $(*)$  is not terminating,  $\nu$  has a strictly descending

sequence of values. This contradicts the assumption that the value set of any left  $k$ -ideal is well-ordered. Therefore  $R$  is  $k$ -Noetherian. This completes the proof.

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