

## Doubt fuzzy ideals of BF-algebra

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**Abstract :** *The aim of this paper is to introduce the notion of Doubt fuzzy ideals of BF -algebra and to investigate some of their basic properties.*

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### I. Introduction

In 1966, Imai and Iseki[1] introduced two classes of abstract algebras viz. BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras. The class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras. J. Neggers and H. S. Kim [2] introduced the notion of B-algebra which is a generalisation of BCK-algebras. Walendziak [3] introduced the notion of BF-algebras, which is a generalization B-algebras andsubsequently fuzzy BF-subalgebra were introduced by Saeid and Rezvani [4, 5] in 2009. Y. B. Jun [6] introduced the notion of Doubt fuzzy ideals in BCK/BCI-algebras. R. Biswas [7] introduced the concept of anti fuzzy subgroup. Modifying their idea, in this paper we apply the idea of BF-algebras to introduce the notion of Doubt fuzzy ideal of BF-algebras and establish some of their basic properties.

### II. Preliminaries

In this section, we recallsome basic concepts which would beused in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1.** A BF-algebra is a non-empty set  $X$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation  $*$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $x * x = 0$
- (ii)  $x * 0 = x$
- (iii)  $0 * (x * y) = y * x$  for all  $x, y \in X$

For brevity we also call  $X$  a BF-algebra.A binary relation ' $\leq$ ' on  $X$  can be defined by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $R$  be the set of real numbers and  $X = (R, *, 0)$  be the algebra with the operation  $*$  defined by

$$x * y = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y = 0 \\ y & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then  $X$  is a BF-algebra.

**Definition 2.3.** A non-empty subset  $S$  of a BF-algebra  $X$  is called a subalgebra of  $X$  if  $x * y \in S$ , for all  $x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A nonempty subset  $I$  of a BF-algebra  $X$  is said to be an ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $0 \in I$
- (ii)  $x * y \in I$  and  $y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$

**Definition 2.5.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  is called a fuzzy subalgebra of a BF-algebra  $X$  if  $\mu(x * y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BF-algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions.

- (i)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$
- (ii)  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

Definition 2.7. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BF-algebra  $X$  is called a doubt fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$  if

$$\mu(x * y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \forall x, y \in X.$$

### III. Doubt fuzzy ideal

Definition 3.1. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of BF-algebra  $X$  is called a doubt fuzzy (DF) ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x)$
- (ii)  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

Example 3.2. Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  with the following Cayley table.

*	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	0	0
2	2	0	0

Then  $(X, *, 0)$  is a BF-algebra. Define a fuzzy set  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(0) = 0.1, \mu(1) = \mu(2) = 0.4$  then  $\mu$  is a doubt fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .

Example 3.3. In above algebra if we take  $\mu(0) = 0.2, \mu(1) = 0.3, \mu(2) = 0.6$  then  $\mu$  is a doubt fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .

Definition 3.4. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of a BF-algebra  $X$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then the sets

$$\mu_t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t\},$$

$$\mu^t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \leq t\}$$

could be empty sets. The set  $\mu_t = \emptyset$  (resp.  $\mu^t \neq \emptyset$ ) is called the  $t$  (resp.  $t$ -doubt) confidence set of  $\mu$ .

Theorem 3.5.  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of BF-algebra  $X$  iff  $\mu_t$  is empty or subalgebra of  $X$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Proof. Suppose  $\mu$  is fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$

$$\text{Therefore } \mu(x * y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \quad (1)$$

To prove  $\mu_t$  is a subalgebra of  $X$

$$\text{Let } x, y \in \mu_t \Rightarrow \mu(x), \mu(y) \geq t$$

$$\text{Now (1)} \Rightarrow \mu(x * y) \geq \min\{t, t\} = t$$

$$\Rightarrow x * y \in \mu_t$$

Conversely

Let  $\mu_t$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ .

To prove  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\mu(x) = t$  and  $\mu(y) = s$  where  $t \leq s$

Then  $x, y \in \mu_t$  and so  $(x * y) \in \mu_t$  [ $\mu_t$  is a subalgebra of  $X$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x * y) \geq t = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$$

Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .

Theorem 3.6.  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of BF-algebra  $X$  iff  $\mu_t$  is ideal of  $X$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Proof. Assume  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Here  $\mu_t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t\}$

Clearly  $0 \in \mu_t$  since  $\mu(0) \geq t$

$$\text{Let } x * y, y \in \mu_t. \mu(x * y) \geq t, \mu(y) \geq t$$

$$\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \geq \min\{t, t\}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mu_t$$

$$\text{Therefore } x * y, y \in \mu_t \Rightarrow x \in \mu_t$$

$\Rightarrow \mu_t$  is an ideal of BF-algebra  $X$ .

Conversely

Let  $\mu_t$  is an ideal, to prove  $\mu$  is fuzzy ideal. Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\mu(x * y) = t$  and  $\mu(y) = s$  where  $t \leq s$

Then  $x * y, y \in \mu_t$  and hence  $x \in \mu_t$  [since  $\mu_t$  is ideal]

which implies  $\mu(x) \geq t = \min\{t, s\} = \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$

Proposition 3.7. Let  $\mu$  be a Doubt fuzzy (DF) ideal of a BF-algebra  $X$ . Then the following hold.

- (a) If  $x \leq y$  then  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$ , i.e.  $\mu$  preserves order.
- (b) If  $\mu(x * y) = 0$  then  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$
- (c) If  $x * y \leq z$  then  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(y), \mu(z)\}$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$

Proof.

- (a) Let  $x \leq y$ , then  $x * y = 0$

Now,  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  [Since  $\mu$  is DF ideal ]  
 $= \max\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\} = \mu(y)$  [ since  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(y)$  for DF ideal ]  
 i.e.  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$  i.e.  $\mu$  preserves order.

- (b) If  $\mu(x * y) = 0$ , then we have

$\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  [ Since  $\mu$  is DF ideal ]  
 $= \max\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\} = \mu(y)$ , [Since  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(y)$  for DF ideal ]  
 i.e.  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$ .

- (c) Here,

$x * y \leq z$ , therefore  $(x * y) * z = 0$

Now  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  (2)

In particular,

$\mu(x * y) \leq \max\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(z)\}$   
 $= \max\{\mu(0), \mu(z)\} = \mu(z)$  [Since  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(z)$  for DF ideal ]

$\therefore \mu(x * y) \leq \mu(z)$

$\therefore \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \leq \max\{\mu(z), \mu(y)\}$  (3)

(2) and (3)  $\Rightarrow \mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(y), \mu(z)\}$ .

Theorem 3.8. If  $\mu$  is a Doubt fuzzy (DF) ideal of a BF-algebra  $X$ . Then the set  $X_\mu = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$  is an ideal of  $X$ .

Proof. Clearly,  $0 \in X_\mu$

Let  $x * y, y \in X_\mu$

$\Rightarrow \mu(x * y) = \mu(y) = \mu(0)$

$\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  [ Since  $\mu$  is DF ideal ]

$= \max\{\mu(0), \mu(0)\} = \mu(0)$

$\therefore \mu(x) \leq \mu(0)$  also  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x)$  [ Since  $\mu$  is DF ideal ]

$\therefore \mu(x) = \mu(0)$

$\therefore x \in X_\mu$   
 $\therefore x * y, y \in X_\mu \Rightarrow x \in X_\mu$   
 $\Rightarrow X_\mu$  is an ideal.

Theorem 3.9. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of BF-algebra  $X$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  iff its complement  $\mu^c$  is DF ideal of  $X$ .

Proof. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , To prove  $\mu^c$  is DF ideal. Let  $x, y \in X$ .

(i)  $\mu^c(0) = 1 - \mu(0) \leq 1 - \mu(x) = \mu^c(x)$   
 i.e.,  $\mu^c(0) \leq \mu^c(x)$  [since  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x) \forall x \in X$ ]

(ii)  $\mu^c(x) = 1 - \mu(x) \leq 1 - \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$   
 [since  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$ ]  
 $= 1 - \min\{1 - \mu^c(x * y), 1 - \mu^c(y)\}$   
 $= \max\{\mu^c(x * y), \mu^c(y)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mu^c$  is DF ideal.

Conversely,

Let  $\mu^c$  is DF ideal of  $X$ . To prove  $\mu$  is fuzzy ideal of  $X$

(i)  $\mu^c(0) \leq \mu^c(x)$

(ii)  $\mu^c(x) \leq \max\{\mu^c(x * y), \mu^c(y)\}$

Now (i)  $\Rightarrow 1 - \mu(0) \leq 1 - \mu(x)$

$\Rightarrow \mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow 1 - \mu(x) \leq \max\{1 - \mu(x * y), 1 - \mu(y)\}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - \mu(x) \leq 1 - \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

$\Rightarrow -\mu(x) \leq -\min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mu$  is fuzzy ideal.

Theorem 3.10. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a BF-algebra  $X$ . If  $\mu$  is a DF ideal of  $X$ , then the lower level cut  $\mu^t$  is an ideal of  $X$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $t > \mu(0)$ .

Proof.

Let  $\mu$  be a DF ideal of  $X$ . Therefore we have

(i)  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x)$

(ii)  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

To prove  $\mu^t$  is an ideal of  $X$ . We know that  $\mu^t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \leq t\}$

Let  $x, y \in \mu^t$

since  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x) \leq t \Rightarrow 0 \in \mu^t \forall t \in [0, 1]$

Again let  $x * y, y \in \mu^t$

$\therefore \mu(x * y) \leq t, \mu(y) \leq t$

Now,  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$

$\leq \max\{t, t\} = t$

hence,  $\mu(x) \leq t \Rightarrow x \in \mu^t$

$x * y, y \in \mu^t \Rightarrow x \in \mu^t$

$\therefore \mu^t$  is an ideal.

Theorem 3.11. Let  $\mu$  be a DF ideal of BF-algebra  $X$ . Then two lower level cuts  $\mu^{t_1}, \mu^{t_2}$  where  $(t_1 < t_2)$  of  $\mu$  are equal iff there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $t_1 < \mu(x) < t_2$ .

Proof. Recall that  $\mu^t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \leq t\}$

Let  $\mu^{t_1} = \mu^{t_2}$  where  $(t_1 < t_2)$  and there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $t_1 < \mu(x) < t_2$ .

then  $\mu^{t_1} \subset \mu^{t_2}$ , then  $x \in \mu^{t_2}$  but  $x \notin \mu^{t_1}$  which contradicts the fact that  $\mu^{t_1} = \mu^{t_2}$ . Hence there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $t_1 < \mu(x) < t_2$ .

Conversely, suppose that there is no  $x \in X$  such that  $t_1 < \mu(x) < t_2$ . Therefore  $\mu^{t_1} \subset \mu^{t_2}$  (since  $t_1 < t_2$ ). Again if  $x \in \mu^{t_2}$  then  $\mu(x) \leq t_2$  and by hypothesis we get  $\mu(x) \leq t_1 \Rightarrow \mu^{t_2} \subset \mu^{t_1}$ . Hence  $\mu^{t_1} = \mu^{t_2}$ .

Theorem 3.12. Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two DF ideal of BF-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$  is also a DF ideal of  $X$ .

Proof. Let  $x, y \in X$ . Now

$$(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(0) = \max\{\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)\} \leq \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)\} = (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x)$$

$$\therefore (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(0) \leq (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x) &= \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{\mu_1(x * y), \mu_1(y)\}, \max\{\mu_2(x * y), \mu_2(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\mu_1(x * y), \mu_2(x * y)\}, \max\{\mu_1(y), \mu_2(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x * y), (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$  is a DF ideal of  $X$ .

The above theorem can be generalised as

Theorem 3.13. Let  $\{\mu_i \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  be a family of DF ideal of BF-algebra  $X$ , then  $\cup_{i=1}^n \mu_i$  is also a DF ideal of  $X$ , where  $\cup \mu_i = \max\{\mu_i(x) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

### (iii) Product of DF ideals of BF-algebra

Definition 4.1. Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two DF ideals of a BF-algebra  $X$ . Then their cartesian product is defined by

$$(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x, y) = \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(y)\} \text{ where } (\mu_1 \times \mu_2): X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1] \forall x, y \in X.$$

Theorem 4.2 Let  $X$  be a BF-algebra, then the cartesian product  $X \times X = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in X\}$  is also a BF-algebra under the binary operation  $*$  defined in  $X \times X$  by  $(x, y) * (p, q) = (x * p, y * q)$  for all  $(x, y), (p, q) \in X \times X$ .

Proof. Clearly  $(0, 0) \in X \times X$

- (i)  $(x, y) * (x, y) = (x * x, y * y) = (0, 0)$
- (ii)  $(x, y) * (0, 0) = (x * 0, y * 0) = (x, y)$
- (iii)  $(0, 0) * \{(x, y) * (p, q)\} = (0, 0) * (x * p, y * q)$   
 $= \{0 * (x * p), 0 * (y * q)\}$   
 $= (p * x, q * y) = (p, q) * (x, y)$

Which shows that  $(X \times X, (0, 0), *)$  is a BF-algebra.

Theorem 4.3. Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two DF ideal of BF-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$  is also a DF ideal of  $X \times X$ .

Proof. For any  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we have } (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(0, 0) &= \max\{\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x, y)$$

$$\text{Therefore } (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(0, 0) \leq (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x, y) \tag{4}$$

Again let  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in X \times X$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1, x_2) &= \max\{\mu_1(x_1), \mu_2(x_2)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{\mu_1(x_1 * y_1), \mu_1(y_1)\}, \max\{\mu_2(x_2 * y_2), \mu_2(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\mu_1(x_1 * y_1), \mu_2(x_2 * y_2)\}, \max\{\mu_1(y_1), \mu_2(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \max\{(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(x_1 * y_1, x_2 * y_2), (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(y_1, y_2)\} \\ &= \max\{(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)((x_1, x_2) * (y_1, y_2)), (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)(y_1, y_2)\} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

(4) and (5) shows that  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$  is also a DF ideal of  $X \times X$ .

### (iv) Investigation of DF ideals under homomorphism

In this section homomorphism of BF-algebra is defined and some results are studied.

Definition 5.1. Let  $X$  and  $X'$  be two BF-algebras. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is said to be homomorphism if  $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Theorem 5.2 Let  $X$  and  $X'$  be two BF-algebras and  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be a homomorphism Then  $f(0) = 0'$

Proof. Let  $x \in X$  therefore  $f(x) \in X'$

$$\text{Now } f(0) = f(x * x) = f(x) * f(x) = 0 * 0 = 0'$$

Theorem 5.3. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be an epimorphism of BF-algebras if  $v$  be a DF ideal of  $X'$ , then the pre image of

$\nu$  under  $f$  is also a DF ideal of  $X$ .

Proof. Recall that  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is defined as  $f^{-1}(\nu)(x) = \nu(f(x))$ . Let  $\mu$  be the pre image of  $\nu$  under  $f$  then  $\nu(f(x)) = \mu(x) \forall x \in X$ . Since  $\nu$  is DF ideal therefore  $\nu(0') \leq \nu(f(x)) = \mu(x)$ . On the other hand  $\nu(0') = \nu(f(0)) = \mu(0)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \mu(0) \leq \mu(x) \forall x \in X$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= \nu(f(x)) \leq \max\{\nu(f(x) * y'), \nu(y')\} \text{ for any } y' \in X' \\ \text{Let } y \in X \text{ such that } f(y) &= y', \text{ then } \mu(x) \leq \max\{\nu(f(x) * y'), \nu(y')\} \\ &= \max\{\nu((f(x) * f(y))), \nu(f(y))\} \\ &= \max\{\nu(f(x * y)), \nu(f(y))\} \\ &= \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  which is true for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a Doubt fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  be an epimorphism where  $X$  and  $X'$  are two BF-algebras if  $\nu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X'$ , such that  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is DF ideal of  $X$ , then  $\nu$  is also a DF ideal of  $X'$ .

Proof. Let  $u, v \in X'$  therefore there exists  $x, y \in X$  such that  $f(x) = u, f(y) = v$   
 Let  $\mu$  be the pre image of  $\nu$  under  $f$ , then  $\nu(f(x)) = \mu(x)$  [since  $f^{-1}(\nu)(x) = \nu(f(x))$ ]  
 since  $\mu$  is DF ideal of  $X$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mu(0) &\leq \mu(x) \\ \Rightarrow \nu(f(0)) &\leq \nu(f(x)) \\ \Rightarrow \nu(0') &\leq \nu(u) \forall u \in X \end{aligned}$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &\leq \max\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \forall x, y \in X \\ \Rightarrow \nu(f(x)) &\leq \max\{\nu(f(x * y)), \nu(f(y))\} \\ \Rightarrow \nu(u) &\leq \max\{\nu(f(x) * f(y)), \nu(f(y))\} \\ &= \max\{\nu(u * v), \nu(v)\} \\ \nu(u) &\leq \max\{\nu(u * v), \nu(v)\} \text{ for all } u, v \in X' \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\nu$  is a DF ideal of  $X'$ .

### (v) Conclusion

In this paper we studied about ideals of BF-algebras in context of fuzzy set and we introduced Doubt fuzzy ideals of BF-algebras. We discussed some characterizations of BF-algebras in terms of Doubt fuzzy ideals. In future, the following studies may be carried out (1) Rough fuzzy ideals of BF-algebras (2)  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -Doubt fuzzy ideals of BF-algebras.

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