

# $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -Intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of BCK–algebras

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduced the concept of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzification of prime ideals in commutative BCK-algebras. We state and proved some theorems in  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals in commutative BCK-algebras. Characterization of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal and conditions for  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal to be an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal are provided. Relation between  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal and  $(\in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy level prime ideal were discussed.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was first initiated by Zadeh [20] in 1965. Since then these ideas have been applied to other algebraic structures such as group, semigroup, ring, vector spaces, etc. Imai and Iseki [10] introduced BCK-algebras as a generalization of notion of the concept of set theoretic difference and propositional calculus and in the same year Iseki [11] introduced the notion of BCI-algebra.

It is known that the class of BCK-algebra is a proper sub class of the class of BCI-algebras. Iseki [12] introduced the concept of prime ideal in commutative BCK-algebras. In [2], Ahsan et al. studied the theory of ideals in particular, prime ideals of a commutative BCK-algebras. Completely fuzzy prime ideals of distributed lattices was studied by Attallah [4] and Koguep et al. [13] discussed fuzzy ideals in hyperlattices. The concept of prime fuzzy ideal was first introduced by Swamy and Raju [16]. In [17, 18], Jun and Xin have studied fuzzy prime ideals and invertible fuzzy ideals in BCK-algebras. Abdullah [1] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of commutative BCK-algebras. The concept of fuzzy point introduced by Ming and Ming in [14] and also they introduced the idea of relation “belongs to” and “quasi coincident with” between fuzzy point and fuzzy set. Murali [15] proposed a definition of a fuzzy point belonging to fuzzy subset under natural equivalence on fuzzy subset. Bhakat and Das [8, 9] used the relation of “belongs to” and “quasi-coincident” between fuzzy point and fuzzy set to introduced the concept of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy subgroup,  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy subring and  $(\in \vee q)$ -level subset. Basnet and Singh [5] introduced  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideals of BG-algebra in 2011 and some properties of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideals of d-algebra was discussed by Barbhuiya and Choudhury [6]. In [7], Barbhuiya introduced  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of BCK/BCI-algebras. It is now natural to investigate similar type of generalisation of the existing fuzzy subsystem with other algebraic structure. In this paper, we introduced the notion of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of commutative BCK-algebras and got some interesting results.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [1, 17, 18] An algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a BCK-algebra if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (i)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $x * x = 0$ ;
- (iv)  $0 * x = 0$ ;
- (v)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

We can define a partial ordering “ $\leq$ ” on  $X$  by  $x \leq y$  iff  $x * y = 0$

**Definition 2.2.** [1, 17, 18] A BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be commutative if it satisfies the identity  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x$  where  $x \wedge y = y * (y * x) \forall x, y \in X$ . In a commutative BCK-algebra, it is known that  $x \wedge y$  is the greatest lower bound of  $x$  and  $y$ .

In a BCK-algebra  $X$ , the following hold:

- (i)  $x * 0 = x$ ;
- (ii)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$ ;
- (iii)  $x * y \leq x$ ;
- (iv)  $(x * y) * z \leq (x * z) * (y * z)$ ;
- (v)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x * z \leq y * z$  and  $z * y \leq z * x$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [19] A nonempty subset  $I$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an ideal of  $X$  if

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

**Definition 2.4.** [19] A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in BCK-algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (i)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [1] An ideal  $I$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be prime if  $x \wedge y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [18] A non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be fuzzy prime if  $\mu(x \wedge y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $x \wedge y \leq x, y$  and  $\mu$  is order reversing, it follows that  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(x \wedge y)$  and  $\mu(y) \leq \mu(x \wedge y)$ . Therefore, a non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is fuzzy prime iff  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  or equivalently  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(x)$  or  $\mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [3] An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $A$  in a non-empty set  $X$  is an object of the form  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$  where  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\nu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with the condition  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in X$ . The numbers  $\mu_A(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x)$  denote respectively the degree of membership and the degree of non membership of the element  $x$  in the set  $A$ . For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  for the intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [3, 7] If  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$  and  $B = \{\langle x, \mu_B(x), \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$  be any two IFS of a set  $X$  then:  $A \subseteq B$  iff for all  $x \in X, \mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$ ;  $A = B$  iff for all  $x \in X, \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) = \nu_B(x)$ ;  $A \cap B = \{\langle x, (\mu_A \cap \mu_B)(x), (\nu_A \cup \nu_B)(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$ , where  $(\mu_A \cap \mu_B)(x) = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  and  $(\nu_A \cup \nu_B)(x) = \max\{\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)\}$ ;  $A \cup B = \{\langle x, (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x) \rangle | x \in X\}$ , where  $(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x) = \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  and  $(\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x) = \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)\}$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [7] An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$
- (ii)  $\nu_A(0) \leq \nu_A(x)$
- (iii)  $\mu_A(x) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y)\}$
- (iv)  $\nu_A(x) \leq \max\{\nu_A(x * y), \nu_A(y)\} \quad \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [1] An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) \geq \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \quad \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [8] A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of the form

$$\mu(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } y = x, \quad t \in (0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

is called a fuzzy point with support  $x$  and value  $t$  and it is denoted by  $x_t$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [8] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point then

- (i) If  $\mu(x) \geq t$  then we say  $x_t$  belongs to  $\mu$  and write  $x_t \in \mu$ .
- (ii) If  $\mu(x) + t > 1$  then we say  $x_t$  quasi coincidence with  $\mu$  and write  $x_t q \mu$ .
- (iii) If  $x_t \in \vee q \mu \Leftrightarrow x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q \mu$ .
- (iv) If  $x_t \in \wedge q \mu \Leftrightarrow x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q \mu$ .

The symbol  $x_t \bar{\alpha} \mu$  means  $x_t \alpha \mu$  does not hold and  $\overline{\in \wedge q}$  means  $\bar{\in} \vee \bar{q}$ .

For a fuzzy point  $x_t$  and a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in set  $X$ , Pu and Liu [14] gave meaning to the symbol  $x_t \alpha \mu$  where  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$

**Definition 2.13.** [19] A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$  and  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if

- (i)  $x_t \alpha \mu \Rightarrow 0_t \beta \mu$ ;
- (ii)  $(x * y)_t, y_s \alpha \mu \Rightarrow x_{m(t,s)} \beta \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.14.** Consider BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with the following Cayley table.

*	0	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$
0	0	0	0	0	0
$x$	$x$	0	$x$	0	$x$
$y$	$y$	$y$	0	$y$	0
$z$	$z$	$x$	$z$	0	$z$
$w$	$w$	$w$	$y$	$w$	0

Define a map  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(0) = 0.7, \mu(x) = \mu(z) = 0.3, \mu(y) = \mu(w) = 0.2$ , then  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $X$ .

**Definition 2.15.** [7] A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is said to belong to (respectively, be quasi coincident with) an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  written as  $x_t \in A$  (respectively,  $x_t q A$ ) if  $\mu_A(x) \geq t$  (respectively,  $\mu_A(x) + t > 1$  and  $\nu_A(x) < t$  (respectively,  $\nu_A(x) + t \leq 1$ ). If  $x_t \in A$  or  $x_t q A$ , then we write  $x_t \in \vee q A$ .

*Note:*  $x_t \in A \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A$  and  $x_t \bar{\in} \nu_A$  and  $x_t q A \Rightarrow x_t q \mu_A$  and  $x_t \bar{q} \nu_A$ .

**Definition 2.16.** [7] An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , Where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if

- (i)  $x_t \alpha \mu_A \Rightarrow 0_t \beta \mu_A$ ;
- (ii)  $x_t \bar{\alpha} \nu_A \Rightarrow 0_t \bar{\beta} \nu_A$ ;
- (iii)  $(x * y)_t, y_s \alpha \mu_A \Rightarrow x_{m(t,s)} \beta \mu_A$  where  $m(t, s) = \min(t, s)$  and  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ ;
- (iv)  $(x * y)_t, y_s \bar{\alpha} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_{M(t,s)} \bar{\beta} \nu_A$  where  $M(t, s) = \max(t, s)$  and  $t, s \in (0, 1]$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.17.** An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , Where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if  $(x \wedge y)_t \alpha \mu \Rightarrow x_t \beta \mu$  or  $y_t \beta \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.18.** An  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu \Rightarrow x_t \in \vee q \mu$  or  $y_t \in \vee q \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

### 3 $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -Intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of BCK-algebra

Now onwards, let  $X$  denote a commutative BCK-algebra, unless otherwise stated.

**Definition 3.1.** An  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \vee q\mu_A$  or  $y_t \in \vee q\mu_A$ ;
- (ii)  $(x \wedge y)_s \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_s \bar{\in} \vee q\nu_A$  or  $y_s \bar{\in} \vee q\nu_A$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** An intuitionistic fuzzy ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal if and only if  $A$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal.

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mu_A(x \wedge y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \text{ and } \nu_A(x \wedge y) \geq \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\}. \text{ Let} \\
 & (x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t \\
 & \Rightarrow \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t \\
 & \Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t \\
 & \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad (x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu \text{ or } y_t \in \mu. \tag{3.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, let

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow \nu_A(x \wedge y) < t \\
 & \Rightarrow \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \nu_A(x \wedge y) < t \\
 & \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) < t \text{ or } \nu_A(y) < t \\
 & \Rightarrow x_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad (x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_t \bar{\in} \nu \text{ or } y_t \bar{\in} \nu. \tag{3.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from equations (3.1) and (3.2),  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) = t$  where  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \\
 & \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A \\
 & \Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq t = \mu_A(x \wedge y) \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) = s$  where  $s \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nu_A(x \wedge y) \leq s \\
 & \Rightarrow \nu_A(x \wedge y) < s + \delta \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_{s+\delta} \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ where } \delta \text{ is arbitrary small} \\
 & \Rightarrow x_{s+\delta} \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_{s+\delta} \bar{\in} \nu_A \\
 & \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) < s + \delta \text{ or } \nu_A(y) < s + \delta \\
 & \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) \leq s \text{ or } \nu_A(y) \leq s \text{ [Since } \delta \text{ is arbitrary]} \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq s = \nu_A(x \wedge y) \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from equations (3.3) and (3.4)  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is a  $(q, q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal if and only if  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be a  $(q, q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & (x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) + \delta > t \text{ [where } \delta \text{ is arbitrary small]} \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) + \delta - t + 1 > 1 \\ \Rightarrow & (x \wedge y)_{\delta-t+1} q \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be a  $(q, q)$ - intuitionistic fuzzy ideal. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{\delta-t+1} q \mu_A \text{ or } y_{\delta-t+1} q \mu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) + \delta - t + 1 > 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + \delta - t + 1 > 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) + \delta \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + \delta \geq t \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t \text{ [Since } \delta \text{ is arbitrary ]} \\ \Rightarrow & x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $(x \wedge y)_s \bar{\in} \nu_A$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) < s \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) \leq s - \delta \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) + \delta - s + 1 \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow & (x \wedge y)_{1+\delta-s} \bar{q} \nu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be a  $(q, q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideal. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{1+\delta-s} \bar{q} \nu_A \text{ or } y_{1+\delta-s} \bar{q} \nu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) + \delta - s + 1 \leq 1 \text{ or } \nu_A(y) + \delta - s + 1 \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) \leq s - \delta \text{ or } \nu_A(y) \leq s - \delta \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) < s \text{ or } \nu_A(y) < s \text{ [Since } \delta \text{ is arbitrary]} \\ \Rightarrow & x_s \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_s \bar{\in} \nu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(x \wedge y)_s \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_s \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_s \bar{\in} \nu_A \quad (3.6)$$

Therefore, from equations (3.5) and (3.6)  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} & (x \wedge y)_t q \mu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) + t > 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) > 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq \delta - t + 1 > 1 - t \text{ [where } \delta > 0 \text{ is arbitrary]} \\ \Rightarrow & (x \wedge y)_{\delta-t+1} \in \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{\delta-t+1} \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_{\delta-t+1} \in \mu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) \geq \delta - t + 1 > 1 - t \text{ or } \mu(y) \geq \delta - t + 1 > 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) > 1 - t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) > 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \mu_A(x) + t > 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + t > 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x_t q \mu_A \text{ or } y_t q \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(x \wedge y)_t \bar{q} \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t q \mu_A \text{ or } y_t q \mu_A \quad (3.7)$$

Let  $(x \wedge y)_t \bar{q} \nu_A$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) + t \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) \leq 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x \wedge y) < \delta - t + 1 < 1 - t \text{ [where } \delta > 0 \text{ is arbitrary]} \\ \Rightarrow & (x \wedge y)_{1+\delta-t} \bar{\in} \nu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{1+\delta-t} \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_{1+\delta-t} \bar{\in} \nu_A \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) < 1 + \delta - t < 1 - t \text{ or } \nu(y) < 1 + \delta - t + 1 < 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) \leq 1 - t \text{ or } \nu_A(y) \leq 1 - t \\ \Rightarrow & \nu_A(x) + t \leq 1 \text{ or } \nu_A(y) + t \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x_t \bar{q} \nu_A \text{ or } y_t \bar{q} \nu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(x \wedge y)_t \bar{q} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_t \bar{q} \nu_A \text{ or } y_t \bar{q} \nu_A \quad (3.8)$$

Therefore, from equations (3.7) and (3.8)  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is a  $(q, q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** The notion of intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal,  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal and  $(q, q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals are equivalent.

**Theorem 3.5.** An  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  iff

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad (3.9)$$

$$\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad (3.10)$$

*Proof.* First let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . To prove conditions (3.9) and (3.10), assume that (3.9) is not valid, then there exists some  $x, y \in X$  such that

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} < \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\},$$

choose a real number  $t$  such that

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} < t < \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \quad (3.11)$$

then  $t \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) > t \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A$ , and also  $\mu_A(x) < t$  or  $\mu_A(y) < t$ , i.e.,  $x_t \bar{\in} \mu_A, y_t \bar{\in} \mu_A$ .

Also,  $\mu_A(x) + t < 2t < 2 \times 0.5 = 1$  and  $\mu_A(y) + t < 2t < 2 \times 0.5 = 1$  i.e.,  $x_t \bar{q} \mu_A, y_t \bar{q} \mu_A$ . Hence,  $x_t \in \overline{\vee q} \mu_A, y_t \in \overline{\vee q} \mu_A$  which is a contradict that  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal. Hence, we must have (3.9).

Assume that (3.10) is not valid, then there exists some  $x, y \in X$  such that

$$\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} > \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$$

choose a real number  $t$  such that

$$\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} > t > \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}. \quad (3.12)$$

Then,  $t \in (0.5, 1]$  and  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) < t \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A$ , and also  $\nu_A(x) > t$  or  $\nu_A(y) > t$  i.e.,  $x_t \in \nu_A, y_t \in \nu_A$ .

Also,  $\nu_A(x) + t > 2t > 2 \times 0.5 = 1$  and  $\nu_A(y) + t > 2t > 2 \times 0.5 = 1$  i.e.,  $x_t q \nu_A, y_t q \nu_A$ . Hence,  $x_t \in \vee q \nu_A, y_t \in \vee q \nu_A$  which is a contradict that  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal. Hence, we must have (3.10).

Conversely, suppose that conditions (3.9) and (3.10) hold. Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A$  where  $t \in (0, 1]$ , i.e.,  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t$ . Now (3.9)  $\Rightarrow \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{t, 0.5\}$ . Now we have

Case I: Let  $t \leq 0.5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq t &\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t \\ \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Case II: Let  $t > 0.5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq 0.5 &\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq 0.5 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq 0.5 \\ \Rightarrow \mu_A(x) + t \geq 0.5 + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + t \geq 0.5 + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_t q \mu_A \text{ or } y_t q \mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Combining Case I and Case II, we get  $x_t \in \vee q \mu_A$  or  $y_t \in \vee q \mu_A$ . Hence,  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \vee q \mu_A$  or  $y_t \in \vee q \mu_A$ . Again let  $(x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A$  where  $t \in (0, 1]$ , i.e.,  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) \leq t$ . Now (3.10)  $\Rightarrow \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{t, 0.5\}$ . Now we have the following cases:

Case I: Let  $t > 0.5$ , then  $\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} < t \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) < t$  or  $\nu_A(y) < t$

$$\Rightarrow x_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \text{ or } y_t \bar{\in} \nu_A.$$

Case II: Let  $t \leq 0.5$ , then  $\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq 0.5 \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) \leq 0.5$  or  $\nu_A(y) \leq 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \nu_A(x) + t \leq 0.5 + t \leq 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \text{ or } \nu_A(y) + t \leq 0.5 + t \leq 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow x_t \bar{q} \nu_A \text{ or } y_t \bar{q} \nu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Combining Case I and Case II, we get  $x_t \in \overline{\vee q} \nu_A$  or  $y_t \in \overline{\vee q} \nu_A$ .

Hence,  $(x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \overline{\vee q} \nu_A$  or  $y_t \in \overline{\vee q} \nu_A$ .

Hence,  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.6.** Every intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal.

**Remark 3.7.** Converse of above is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.8.** Consider the BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with the following Cayley tables.



Table 1: Illustration of converse of Remark 3.6

*	0	$x$	$y$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
$x$	$x$	0	0	$x$
$y$	$y$	$x$	0	$y$
$z$	$z$	$z$	$z$	0

$\wedge$	0	$x$	$y$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
$x$	0	$x$	$x$	0
$y$	0	$x$	$y$	0
$z$	0	0	0	$z$

The intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  in  $X$  defined by  $\mu_A(0) = 0.6, \mu_A(x) = 0.5, \mu_A(y) = 0.7, \mu_A(z) = 0.56$  and  $\nu_A(0) = 0.3, \nu_A(x) = 0.35, \nu_A(y) = 0.4, \nu_A(z) = 0.5$  then  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal  $X$  by Theorem 3.5, but not an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  because  $\mu_A(x \wedge z) = \mu_A(0) = 0.6 > \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(z)\} = \max\{0.5, 0.56\} = 0.56$  and  $\nu_A(x \wedge z) = \nu_A(0) = 0.3 < \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(z)\} = \min\{0.35, 0.5\} = 0.35$

**Theorem 3.9.** *If an intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  and  $\mu_A(x) < 0.5, \nu_A(x) > 0.5 \forall x, y \in X$  then  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is also an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  and  $\mu_A(x) < 0.5, \nu_A(x) > 0.5 \forall x, y \in X$ . Let  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow \mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t$  Therefore,  $t \leq \mu_A(x \wedge y) < 0.5$  and also  $\mu_A(x) < 0.5, \mu_A(y) < 0.5$  and  $t < 0.5$  Therefore,  $\mu_A(x) + t < 0.5 + 0.5 = 1$  and  $\mu_A(y) + t < 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \Rightarrow x_t \bar{q} \mu_A$  and  $y_t \bar{q} \mu_A$ .

Again let  $(x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow \nu_A(x \wedge y) \leq t$ , Therefore,  $t \geq \nu_A(x \wedge y) > 0.5$  and also  $\nu_A(x) > 0.5, \nu_A(y) > 0.5$  and  $t > 0.5$ ; Therefore,  $\nu_A(x) + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1$  and  $\nu_A(y) + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \Rightarrow x_t q \nu_A$  and  $y_t q \nu_A$ . Hence, from above  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \bar{q} \mu_A$  and  $y_t \bar{q} \mu_A, (x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_t q \nu_A$  and  $y_t q \nu_A$ .

Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal, so we must have  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A$  and  $y_t \in \mu_A, (x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} \nu_A \Rightarrow x_t \bar{\in} \nu_A$  and  $y_t \bar{\in} \nu_A$ , i.e.,  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of BCK-algebra  $X$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if and only if the set  $(\mu_A)_t = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t, t \in (0, 0.5)\}$  and  $(\nu_A)_s = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) < s, s \in (0.5, 1]\}$  are prime ideals of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $t \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $x \wedge y \in (\mu_A)_t$ , Therefore,  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t$ . It follows that

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \geq \min\{t, 0.5\} = t,$$

Therefore,  $\mu_A(x) \geq t$  or  $\mu(y) \geq t$ , that is  $x \in (\mu_A)_t$ , or  $y \in (\mu_A)_t$  Therefore,  $(\mu_A)_t$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $s \in (0.5, 1]$  and  $x \wedge y \bar{\in} (\nu_A)_s$ . Therefore,  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) < s$ . It follows that

$$\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu(x \wedge y), 0.5\} < \max\{s, 0.5\} = s,$$

Therefore,  $\nu_A(x) < s$  or  $\nu_A(y) < s$ , that is  $x \bar{\in} (\nu_A)_s$ , or  $y \bar{\in} (\nu_A)_s$  Therefore,  $(\nu_A)_s$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set and the sets  $(\mu_A)_t = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t, t \in (0, 0.5)\}$  and  $(\nu_A)_s = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) < s, s \in (0.5, 1]\}$  are prime ideals of  $X$ . To prove  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Suppose  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is not an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , then there exists some  $a, b \in X$  such that at least one of conditions  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  and  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  hold.

Suppose  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds. Then choose  $t$  such that

$$\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < t < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\} \quad (3.13)$$

Inequation (3.13) implies  $t < \mu_A(a \wedge b)$  i.e.  $a \wedge b \in (\mu_A)_t$ . Since  $(\mu_A)_t$  is an ideal, it follows that  $a \in (\mu_A)_t$  or  $b \in (\mu_A)_t$  i.e.,  $\mu_A(a) > t$  or  $\mu_A(b) > t$ , which contradicts (3.13). Therefore, we must have  $\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ .

Again, if  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds, then choose  $s$  such that

$$\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > s > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\} \quad (3.14)$$

Inequation (3.14) implies  $s > \mu_A(a \wedge b)$  i.e.,  $a \wedge b \in (\nu_A)_s$ . Since  $(\nu_A)_s$  is an ideal, it follows that  $a \in (\nu_A)_s$  or  $b \in (\nu_A)_s$  i.e.  $\nu_A(a) < s$  or  $\nu_A(b) < s$  which contradicts (3.14). Therefore, we must have  $\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge b), 0.5\}$ .

Consequently  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a BCK-algebra  $X$ . Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  in  $X$  defined by*

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \nu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*Then  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  iff  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a prime ideal of  $X$ , then  $(\mu_A)_t = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t\} \forall t \in (0, 0.5] = A$ , and  $(\nu_A)_s = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) \leq s\} \forall s \in (0.5, 1] = A$ , which is a prime ideal. Hence, by Theorem (3.10)  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Let  $x \wedge y \in A$ , then  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) = 1$ .

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\} = \min\{1, 0.5\} = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq 0.5 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) = 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ or } y \in A.$$

Again, if  $x \wedge y \in A$ , then  $\nu_A(x \wedge y) = 0$

$$\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\} = \max\{0, 0.5\} = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu_A(x) \leq 0.5 \text{ or } \nu_A(y) \leq 0.5$$

$\Rightarrow \nu_A(x) = 0$  or  $\nu_A(y) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ .

Therefore,  $x \wedge y \in A \Rightarrow x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ . Hence,  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $A$  be a prime ideal of  $X$ , then there exists an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of  $X$ , such that  $(\mu_A)_t = (\nu_A)_s = S$  for every  $t \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $s \in (0.5, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ p & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \nu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ q & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $p < t \in (0, 0.5]$ , and  $q > s \in (0.5, 1]$ ,  $(\mu_A)_t = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t > p\} = A$  and  $(\nu_A)_s = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) < s < q\} = A$ . Hence,  $(\mu_A)_t = (\nu_A)_s = S$  is a prime ideal. Now if  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is not an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Then there exists some  $a, b \in X$  such that at least one of  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  and  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  hold.

Suppose that  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds, then choose  $t \in (0, 0.5)$  such that

$$\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < t < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}. \quad (3.15)$$

Therefore,  $\mu_A(a \wedge b) \geq t$  for all  $a, b \in X \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in (\mu_A)_t = A$ , is a prime ideal.

Therefore,  $a \in A$  or  $b \in A \Rightarrow \mu_A(a) = 1$  or  $\mu_A(b) = 1$ , which contradicts (3.15). Hence, we must have  $\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ .

Again, if  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds, then choose  $s \in (0.5, 1]$  such that

$$\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > s > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}. \quad (3.16)$$

Therefore,  $\nu_A(a \wedge b) \leq s$  for all  $a, b \in X \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in (\nu_A)_s = A$ , is a prime ideal. Therefore,  $a \in A$  or  $b \in A \Rightarrow \nu_A(a) = 0$  or  $\nu_A(b) = 0$  which contradicts (3.16) Hence, we must have  $\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ . Hence,  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in BCK-algebra  $X$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ , let

$$(\mu_A)_t = \{x \in X | x_t \in \mu_A\} = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t\},$$

$$\langle \mu_A \rangle_t = \{x \in X | x_t q \mu_A\} = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) + t > 1\},$$

$$[\mu_A]_t = \{x \in X | x_t \in \vee q \mu_A\} = \{x \in X | \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(x) + t > 1\}.$$

Here  $(\mu_A)_t$  is called  $t$ -level set of  $\mu_A$ ,  $\langle \mu_A \rangle_t$  is called  $q$ -level set of  $\mu_A$  and  $[\mu_A]_t$  is called  $(\in \vee q)$ -level set of  $\mu_A$ . Clearly,

$$[\mu_A]_t = \langle \mu_A \rangle_t \cup (\mu_A)_t$$

$$(\nu_A)_t = \{x \in X | x_t \bar{\in} \nu_A\} = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) < t\}$$

$$\langle \nu_A \rangle_t = \{x \in X | x_t \bar{q} \nu_A\} = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) + t \leq 1\}$$

$$[\nu_A]_t = \{x \in X | x_t \bar{\in} \nabla q \nu_A\} = \{x \in X | \nu_A(x) < t \text{ or } \nu_A(x) + t \leq 1\}.$$

Here  $(\nu_A)_t$  is called  $t$ -level set of  $\nu_A$ ,  $\langle \nu_A \rangle_t$  is called  $q$ -level set of  $\nu_A$  and  $[\nu_A]_t$  is called  $(\in \nabla q)$ -level set of  $\nu_A$ . Clearly,  $[\nu_A]_t = \langle \nu_A \rangle_t \cup (\nu_A)_t$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be a intuitionistic fuzzy set in BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \nabla q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  iff  $[\mu_A]_t$  and  $[\nu_A]_t$  are prime ideals of  $X$  for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ . We call  $[\mu_A]_t$  and  $[\nu_A]_t$  as  $(\in \nabla q)$ -level prime ideals of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \nabla q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . To prove  $[\mu_A]_t$  and  $[\nu_A]_t$  are prime ideals of  $X$ . Let  $x \wedge y \in [\mu_A]_t$  for  $t \in (0, 1]$  then  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \nabla q \mu_A$  then  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \geq t$  or  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) + t > 1$ . (Since  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \nabla q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal.) Therefore,  $\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ . Now we have the following cases:

Case I:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) > t$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{t, 0.5\}$$

Subcase I:  $t > 0.5$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq 0.5 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + t > 0.5 + 0.5 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t q \mu_A \text{ or } y_t q \mu_A$$

Subcase II:  $t \leq 0.5$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq t$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A$$

Hence,  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \nabla q \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \nabla q \mu_A$  or  $y_t \in \nabla q \mu_A$ .

i.e.,  $(x \wedge y)_t \in [\mu_A]_t \Rightarrow x_t \in [\mu_A]_t$  or  $y_t \in [\mu_A]_t$

Case II:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) + t > 1$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{1 - t, 0.5\}$$

Subcase I:  $t \leq 0.5$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq 0.5 \geq t$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t \in \mu_A \text{ or } y_t \in \mu_A$$

Subcase II:  $t > 0.5$

$$\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq 1 - t$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) \geq 1 - t \text{ or } \mu_A(y) \geq 1 - t$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x) + t \geq 1 \text{ or } \mu_A(y) + t \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t q \mu_A \text{ or } y_t q \mu_A.$$

Hence,  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \nabla q \mu_A \Rightarrow x_t \in \nabla q \mu_A$  or  $y_t \in \nabla q \mu_A$ , i.e.,  $(x \wedge y)_t \in [\mu_A]_t \Rightarrow x_t \in [\mu_A]_t$  or  $y_t \in [\mu_A]_t$ .

Similarly, we can prove  $(x \wedge y)_t \bar{\in} [\nu_A]_t \Rightarrow x_t \bar{\in} [\nu_A]_t$  or  $y_t \bar{\in} [\nu_A]_t$ , i.e.,  $[\mu_A]_t, [\nu_A]_t$  both are prime ideals of  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$  such that  $[\mu_A]_t$  and  $[\nu_A]_t$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . To prove  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . If  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is not an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , then there exist some  $a, b \in X$  such that at least one of  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  and  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  hold. Suppose  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds. Choose  $t$  such that

$$\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < t < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\} \quad (3.17)$$

$\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\} < t < \min\{\mu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  then  $\mu_A(a \wedge b) > t \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in (\mu_A)_t \subseteq [\mu_A]_t$  which is a prime ideal  $\Rightarrow a \in [\mu_A]_t$  or  $b \in [\mu_A]_t \Rightarrow \mu_A(a) \geq t$  or  $\mu_A(a) + t > 1$  or  $\mu_A(b) \geq t$  or  $\mu_A(b) + t > 1$ , which contradicts (3.17). Hence, we must have  $\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ , Again, if  $\min\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\} > \max\{\nu_A(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  holds. Proceeding as above again we get a contradiction. Hence, we must have  $\min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} \leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}$ .

Therefore,  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be two  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ . Then  $A \cup B$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Here  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  both are  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ . Therefore,  $\forall x, y \in X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} &\geq \min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \\ \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(y)\} &\leq \max\{\nu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \\ \max\{\mu_B(x), \mu_B(y)\} &\geq \min\{\mu_B(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \\ \min\{\nu_B(x), \nu_B(y)\} &\leq \max\{\nu_B(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

We have  $(A \cup B)(x) = \{(x, (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x)) | x \in X\}$ , where  $(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x) = \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}$  and  $(\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x) = \min\{\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)\}$ .

To prove  $A \cup B$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . It is enough to show that  $\forall x, y \in X$ .

$$\max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} \geq \min\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \quad (3.19)$$

$$\min\{(\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x), (\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(y)\} \leq \max\{(\nu_A \cap \nu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \quad (3.20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Now } \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)\}, \max\{\mu_A(y), \mu_B(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}, \max\{\mu_B(x), \mu_B(y)\}\} \\ &\geq \max\{\min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \min\{\mu_B(x \wedge y), 0.5\}\} \text{ by (3.18)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} \geq \max\{\min\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\}, \min\{\mu_B(x \wedge y), 0.5\}\} \quad (3.21)$$

Now we have the following cases:

Case I:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \leq 0.5$  and  $\mu_B(x \wedge y) \leq 0.5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.21) \Rightarrow \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} &\geq \max\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), \mu_B(x \wedge y)\} \\ &\geq (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y) \\ &= \min\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

Case II:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) \leq 0.5$  and  $\mu_B(x \wedge y) > 0.5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.21) \Rightarrow \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} &\geq \max\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), 0.5\} = 0.5 \\ &= \min\{\max\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), \mu_B(x \wedge y)\}, 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

Case III:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) > 0.5$  and  $\mu_B(x \wedge y) \leq 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.21) \Rightarrow \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} &\geq \max\{0.5, \mu_B(x \wedge y)\} = 0.5 \\ &= \min\{\max\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), \mu_B(x \wedge y)\}, 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

Case IV:  $\mu_A(x \wedge y) > 0.5$  and  $\mu_B(x \wedge y) > 0.5$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.21) \Rightarrow \max\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x), (\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(y)\} &\geq \max\{0.5, 0.5\} = 0.5 \\ &= \min\{\max\{\mu_A(x \wedge y), \mu_B(x \wedge y)\}, 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{(\mu_A \cup \mu_B)(x \wedge y), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from above, (3.19) holds  $\forall x, y \in X$ .

Similarly, we can show (3.20) holds  $\forall x, y \in X$ . Hence,  $(A \cup B)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $\{A_i = (\mu_{A_i}, \nu_{A_i}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a family of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ , then  $\mu = \cup\{A_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , where  $\cup A_i(x) = \{\langle x, \min(\mu_{A_i}(x) : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \max(\mu_{A_i}(x) : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ .

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