## Remark on equalities between intuitionistic fuzzy sets

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**Abstract**: Four equalities between intuitionistic fuzzy sets are given. An open problem is formulated. described.

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In [1, 2], the following equality is proved for two fixed Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets (IFSs, see [1]) A and B:

$$((A \cap B) + (A \cup B))@((A \cap B).(A \cup B)) = A@B,$$

where operations " $\cap$ ", " $\cup$ ", "+", "." and "@" are defined by

$$A \cap B = \{ \langle x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A \cup B = \{ \langle x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A + B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) . \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) . \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A.B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) . \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) . \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A@B = \{ \langle x, (\frac{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)}{2}, \frac{(\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x))}{2} \rangle | x \in E \}.$$

Here, we shall formulate and prove four other elementary, but interesting equalities. **Theorem 1**: For every two IFSs A and B:

$$(A \cap B)@(A \cup B)) = (A + B)@(A.B)$$

**Proof:** We shall use the fact that for every two real numbers a and b it follows

$$\max(a, b) + \min(a, b) = a + b.$$

Then

$$(A \cap B)@(A \cup B))$$

$$= (\{\langle x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x))\rangle | x \in E\}$$

$$@\{\langle x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x))\rangle | x \in E\})$$

$$= \{\langle x, \frac{\min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))}{2}, \frac{\max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) + \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x))}{2}\rangle | x \in E\})$$

$$= \{\langle x, \frac{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)}{2}, \frac{\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x)}{2} \rangle | x \in E \} \}$$

$$= \{\langle x, \frac{(\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)) + \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)}{2}, \frac{\nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) + (\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x))}{2} \rangle | x \in E \}$$

$$= \{\langle x, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}$$

$$@\{\langle x, \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}$$

$$= (A + B) @(A.B).$$

The proofs of the next assertions are analogous. **Theorem 2**: For every two IFSs A and B:

$$(A\cap B)\to (A\cup B)=(A\to B)\cup (B\to A),$$

where operation " $\rightarrow$ " is defined by

$$A \to B = \{ \langle x, max(\nu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), min(\mu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}.$$

It is the standard intuitionistic fuzzy implication that is an extension of Kleene-Dienes implication (see [3]).

**Theorem 3**: For every three IFSs A, B and C:

$$(A \to B) \cup (B \to C) \cup (C \to A) = (A \to C) \cup (C \to B) \cup (B \to A),$$
$$(A \to B) \cap (B \to C) \cap (C \to A) = (A \to C) \cap (C \to B) \cap (B \to A).$$

At the moment, it is an **open problem** whether there are equalities similar the last one, but for the rest intuitionistic fuzzy implications.

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