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## On intuitionistic fuzzy implications

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**Abstract:** In this paper we conduct a systematic algebraic study on the set  $\mathbb{I}$  of all intuition-istic fuzzy implications. To this end, we propose a binary operation, denoted by \*,which makes a  $(\mathbb{I},*)$  a monoid.we determine the largest subgroup  $\mathfrak K$  of this monoid and using its representation define a group action of  $\mathfrak K$  that partitions  $\mathbb I$  into equivalence classes. Also we give novel way of generating newer fuzzy implications from given ones by a bijective transformations.

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#### 1 Introduction

Study in intuitionistic fuzzy subsets and application of intuitionistic fuzzy control have been developed quickly since the definition of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov in 1983. **IFSS** theory basically defies the claim that from the fact that an element x "belongs" to a given degree (say  $\mu$ ) to a fuzzy set A, naturally follows that x should "not belong" to A to the extent  $1-\mu$ , an assertion implicit in the concept of a fuzzy set. On the contrary, **IFSS** assign to each element of the universe both a degree of membership  $\mu$  and one of non-membership  $\nu$  such that  $\mu + \nu \leq 1$ , thus relaxing the enforced duality  $\nu = 1 - \mu$  from fuzzy set theory. Obviously, when  $\mu + \nu = 1$  for all elements of the universe, the traditional fuzzy set concept is recovered.

Technology of intuitionistic fuzzy control has been applied to many fields including medical field [7, 8, 9]. But the basic theory of intuitionistic fuzzy control is inferior to its application, especially the theory of intuitionistic fuzzy reasoning. Since Zadeh [10] introduced the compositional rule of inference (**CRI**), many researchers have take advantage of fuzzy implication operators

to represent the relation between two variables linked together by means of an if – then rule. In intuitionistic fuzzy reasoning theory, intuitionistic fuzzy implication operators play the same important role.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we propose a binary operation \* on the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy implication  $\mathbb{I}$  that makes  $(\mathbb{I},*)$  a monoid. This is the first work in which such a rich structure has been obtained on the entire set of intuitionistic fuzzy implications  $\mathbb{I}$  In Section 3 We characterize the largest such subgroup  $\mathcal{K}$  and, based on their representation, propose a group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ . Clearly, this group action partitions  $\mathbb{I}$  into equivalence classes. And in Section 4 we propose a new method for the construction of new intuitionistic fuzzy implications. Finally we draw conclusions and indicate future lines of research.

#### 2 Preliminaries

First we give the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set defined by Atanassov and we recall some elementary definitions that we use in the sequel. Assume that X is the universe.

**Definition 1** ([1, 2]). The intuitionistic fuzzy subsets (in shorts **IFSS**) defined on a non-empty set X as objects having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu(x), \nu(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$$

where the functions  $\mu: X \to [0,1]$  and  $\nu: X \to [0,1]$  denote the degree of membership and the degree of non-membership of each element  $x \in X$  to the set A respectively, and  $0 \le \mu(x) + \nu(x) \le 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $\langle \mu, \nu \rangle$  for the intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = \{\langle x, \mu(x), \nu(x) \rangle : x \in X\}.$ 

**Definition 2** ([2]). Let 
$$A = \langle \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle$$
 and  $B = \langle \mu_B, \nu_B \rangle$  IFSS of  $X$ . Then  $A \subset B$  iff  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B$  and  $\nu_A \geq \nu_B$   $A = B$  iff  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$  
$$A^c = \langle \nu_A, \mu_A \rangle$$
 
$$A \cap B = \langle \mu_A \wedge \mu_B, \nu_A \vee \nu_B \rangle$$
 
$$A \cup B = \langle \mu_A \vee \mu_B, \nu_A \wedge \nu_B \rangle$$
 
$$\Box A = \langle \mu_A, 1 - \mu_A \rangle, \, \Diamond A = \langle 1 - \nu_A, \nu_A \rangle$$

We recall from [5] that  $L^* = \{\tilde{x} = (x_1, x_2)/x_1 + x_2 \le 1\}$  is a complete lattice with the order defined by

$$\tilde{x} \geq \tilde{y}$$
 if and only if  $x_1 \geq y_1$  and  $x_2 \leq y_2$ 

Now we recall the definition of intuitionistic fuzzy implication operator given by Atanassov and Gargov [3].

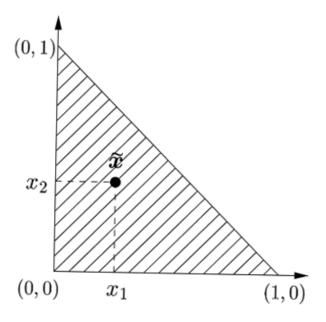


Figure 1: Graphical representation of the set  $L^*$ 

**Definition 3.** An intuitionistic fuzzy implication operator (IFIO) is any  $I: L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  mapping satisfying the border conditions:

$$I((0,1),(0,1)) = (1,0); I((0,1),(1,0)) = (1,0)$$
  
 $I((1,0),(1,0)) = (1,0); I((1,0),(0,1)) = (0,1)$   
and the two following conditions:

- 1) If  $\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{y}$ , then  $\forall \tilde{z} \in L^*I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}) \geq I(\tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$
- 2) If  $\tilde{y} \leq \tilde{z}$ , then  $\forall \tilde{x} \in L^*I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \leq I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z})$

**Definition 4** ([6]). *If* (X, \*) *is a mathematical system such that*  $\forall$   $a, b, c \in X$ , (a\*b)\*c = a\*(b\*c), then \* is called associative and (X, \*) is called a semigroup.

# 3 Monoid structure on the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy implications

Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy implications. In this section, we begin by proposing a binary operation \* on the set  $\mathbb{I}$  of all intuitionistic fuzzy implications and show that  $(\mathbb{I},*)$  forms a monoid and discuss the properties preserved under this operation.

**Definition 5.** For any two intuitionistic fuzzy implications I, J we define I \* J:  $L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  as  $(I * J)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})), \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .

The following result shows that I \* J is, indeed, an intuitionistic fuzzy implication.

**Theorem 1.** I \* J is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication, i.e.,  $I * J \in \mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$  be such that  $\tilde{x_1} \geq \tilde{x_2}$ . Then  $J(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y}) \leq J(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})$ .

Then 
$$(I * J)(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x_1}, J(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y})) \le I(\tilde{x_2}, J(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})) = (I * J)(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y}).$$

Then I \* J is decreasing for the first variable. Similarly one can show that I \* J is increasing in the second variable.

(ii) 
$$(I*J)(\tilde{0},\tilde{0}) = I(\tilde{0},J(\tilde{0},\tilde{0})) = I(\tilde{0},\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}, (I*J)(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}) = I(\tilde{1},J(\tilde{1},\tilde{1})) = I(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}, (I*J)(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}) = I(\tilde{1},J(\tilde{1},\tilde{0})) = I(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0}.$$

**Theorem 2.**  $(\mathbb{I}, *)$  forms a monoid, whose identity element is given by

$$I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \qquad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \tilde{y} & if \qquad \tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From the previous theorem \* is a binary closed operation on the set  $\mathbb{I}$ . For associativity of \*, let  $I, J, K \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (I*(J*K))(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) & = & I(\tilde{x},(J*K)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ & = & I(\tilde{x},(J(\tilde{x},K(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))) \\ & = & (I*J)(\tilde{x},K(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ & = & ((I*J)*K)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) \end{array}$$

Further,

$$(I * I_D)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x}, I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$$

$$= \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if & \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) & if & \tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0} \end{cases}$$

$$= I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

Similarly  $I_D * I = I$  then  $I_D$  becomes the identity element in  $\mathbb{I}$ .

**Remark 1.**  $(\mathbb{I}, *)$  is not a group. Indeed, take a

$$I_1(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{y} & if & \tilde{x} = \tilde{1} \\ \tilde{1} & otherwise \end{cases}$$

and we have  $I * I_1 = I_1$  for all  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Thus there does not exist any  $J \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $J * I_1 = I_D$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ ; then I is invertible w.r.t \* if and only if there exists a unique  $J \in \mathbb{I}$  such that for any  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$  with  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$ ,  $I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = \tilde{y} = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$ 

*Proof.* Let I be an invertible element w.r.t \*, i.e., there exists a unique  $J \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $I * J = I_D = J * I$ . In other words,

$$I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})), \, \tilde{x}, \, \tilde{y} \in L^*.$$

But for  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$  we have  $I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \tilde{y}$  thus for  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$ ,  $I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = \tilde{y} = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$ .

Conversely, assume that there exists a unique  $J \in \mathbb{I}$  such that for  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$   $I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$ .

Since  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $I * J, J * I \in \mathbb{I}$  we have  $I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = I_D(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$ . Then I is invertible w.r.t \*.

**Theorem 3** ([4]). A function  $\varphi: L^* \longrightarrow L^*$  is a continuous increasing bijection if, and only if, there exists a continuous increasing bijection  $\lambda: [0,1] \longrightarrow [0,1]$  such that  $\varphi(x) = (\lambda(x_1), 1 - \lambda(1-x_2))$ .

**Theorem 4.** The solutions of  $I(\tilde{x}, J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) = \tilde{y} = J(\tilde{x}, I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$  are of the forms  $I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \varphi(\tilde{y})$  and  $J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y})$  for some continuous increasing bijection  $\varphi$ 

Proof. Let I and  $J \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $I(\tilde{x},J(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) = \tilde{y} = J(\tilde{x},I(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))$  for all  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{y} \in L^*$ . Let  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$  be fixed arbitrary and define two functions  $\varphi_{\tilde{x_0}},\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}:L^* \longrightarrow L^*$  as  $\varphi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x_0},\tilde{y})$  and  $\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\tilde{y}) = J(\tilde{x_0},\tilde{y})$ . Clearly, both  $\varphi_{\tilde{x_0}},\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}$  are increasing function on  $L^*$ . Then  $I(\tilde{x_0},J(\tilde{x_0},\tilde{y})) = \varphi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\tilde{y})) = (\varphi_{\tilde{x_0}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_0}})(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{y}$  for all  $\tilde{y} \in L^*$ . Similarly,  $J(\tilde{x_0},I(\tilde{x_0},\tilde{y})) = \psi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\varphi_{\tilde{x_0}}(\tilde{y})) = (\psi_{\tilde{x_0}} \circ \varphi_{\tilde{x_0}})(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{y}$  for every  $\tilde{y} \in L^*$ . Thus  $\psi_{\tilde{x_0}} = \varphi_{\tilde{x_0}}^{-1}$  and  $\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}$  is a bijection. Hence  $\psi_{\tilde{x_0}}$  increasing bijection on  $L^*$  for every  $\tilde{x_0} \neq \tilde{0}$ .

Since  $\tilde{x_0}$  is chosen arbitrarily,  $\psi_{\tilde{x}} = \varphi_{\tilde{x}}^{-1}$  for all  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$  Thus for  $\tilde{x} \neq \tilde{0}$   $I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \psi_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{y})$  and  $J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \psi_{\tilde{x}}^{-1}(\tilde{y})$ .

Let  $\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{x_2}$  not null such that  $\tilde{x_1} \leq \tilde{x_2}$ . Then  $I(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y}) \leq I(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})$  implies that  $\psi_{\tilde{x_1}}(\tilde{y}) \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}(\tilde{y})$  and  $\psi_{\tilde{x_1}}^{-1}(\tilde{y}) \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1}(\tilde{y})$  for all  $\tilde{y} \in L^*$ . And we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} \psi_{\tilde{x_1}}^{-1} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} & \Longrightarrow & \psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_1}}^{-1} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \\ & \Longrightarrow & \operatorname{id} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \\ & \Longrightarrow & \operatorname{id} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_2}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \\ & \Longrightarrow & \operatorname{id} \leq \psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \leq \operatorname{id} \end{array}$$

Hence  $\psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \circ \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}^{-1} \equiv \operatorname{id}$  i.e  $\psi_{\tilde{x_1}}(\tilde{y}) = \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}(\tilde{y})$  for all  $\tilde{y} \in L^*$  Since  $\tilde{x_1}$  and  $\tilde{x_1}$  are arbitrarily chosen  $\psi_{\tilde{x_1}} \equiv \psi_{\tilde{x_2}}$ . Thus  $I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \psi(\tilde{y})$  and  $J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \psi^{-1}(\tilde{y})$  for some increasing bijection on  $L^*$ .  $\square$ 

Then from the obvious theorems we have the following result

**Theorem 5.**  $I \in \mathbb{I}$  is invertible w.r.t \* if and only if

$$I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where the function  $\varphi: L^* \longrightarrow L^*$  is an increasing bijection

Let K the largest subgroup of the monoid I

Now we propose yet another new generating method of intuitionistic fuzzy implications from intuitionistic fuzzy implications and show that this method imposes a semigroup structure on the set  $\mathbb{I}$ .

#### 4 Semigroup structure on $\mathbb{I}$

**Definition 6.** Let  $I, J \in I$ . Define  $I \rhd J : L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  as follows:  $(I \rhd J)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = I(J(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x}), J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})), \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .

**Theorem 6.** We have  $I \triangleright J$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication. i.e.,  $I \triangleright J \in \mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .

Let  $\tilde{x_1} \leq \tilde{x_2}$ . Then  $J(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y}) \geq J(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})$  and  $J(1, \tilde{x_1}) \leq J(1, \tilde{x_2})$ 

$$(I \rhd J)(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y}) = I(J(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x_1}), J(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y})) \ge I(J(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x_1}), J(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y}))$$
  
 
$$\ge I(J(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x_2}), J(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})) = (I \rhd J)(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y})$$

Thus  $\triangleright$  is decreasing in the first variable. Similarly, one can show that  $\triangleright$  is increasing in the second variable. Now we have

$$\begin{split} (I\rhd J)(\tilde{0},\tilde{0}) &= I(J(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}),J(\tilde{0},\tilde{0})) = I(\tilde{0},\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}.\\ (I\rhd J)(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}) &= I(J(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}),J(\tilde{1},\tilde{1})) = I(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}\\ (I\rhd J)(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}) &= I(J(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}),J(\tilde{1},\tilde{0})) = I(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0} \end{split}$$

Hence  $I \triangleright J$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication.

**Theorem 7.**  $(\mathbb{I}, \triangleright)$  *is a semigroup.* 

*Proof.* from the obvious theorem  $\triangleright$  is a binary operation on  $\mathbb{I}$ . Then it is enough to show that  $\triangleright$  is associative in  $\mathbf{I}$ . Let  $I, J, T \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .

We have

$$\begin{split} (I\rhd(J\rhd T))(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) &= I((J\rhd T)(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),(J\rhd T)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ &= I(J(T(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}),T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x})),J(T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))) \\ &= I(J(\tilde{1},T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x})),J(T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))) \\ and,((I\rhd J)\rhd T)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) &= (I\rhd J)(T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ &= I(J(\tilde{1},T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x})),J(T(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))). \end{split}$$

Then  $\triangleright$  is associative in  $\mathbb{I}$  and  $(\mathbb{I}, \triangleright)$  is a semigroup.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $I, J \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then  $I \triangleright J = I * J$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I, J \in \mathcal{K}$  i.e., for some  $\varphi, \psi \in \Theta$ ,

$$I(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 and 
$$J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \psi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{split} (I\rhd J)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) &=& I(J(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),J(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ &=& I(\psi(\tilde{x}),J(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if & \tilde{x}=\tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\psi(\tilde{y})) & otherwise \end{cases} \end{split}$$

and 
$$(I*J)(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})=I(\tilde{x},J(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))= \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x}=\tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\psi(\tilde{y})) & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 Hence  $I\rhd J=I*J$ 

**Theorem 9.** For all  $I \in \mathbb{I}T \in \mathcal{K}, T*(I \rhd T^{-1}) = (T*I) \rhd T^{-1}$ 

$$\textit{Proof.} \ \, \text{Let} \, I \in \mathbb{I} \, \text{and} \, T \in \mathcal{K} \, \text{we know that} \, T(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

for some  $\varphi \in \Theta$ . Also  $T^{-1}$  will be given by

$$T^{-1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

if  $\tilde{x}=\tilde{0}$ . Then  $(T*(I\rhd T^{-1}))(\tilde{0},\tilde{y})=\tilde{1}=((T*I)\rhd T^{-1})(\tilde{0},\tilde{y})$  if  $\tilde{x}\neq\tilde{0}$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{lcl} (T*(I\rhd T^{-1}))(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) & = & T(\tilde{x},(I\rhd T^{-1})(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ & = & T(\tilde{x},I(T^{-1}(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T^{-1}(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))) \\ & = & \varphi(I(\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{x}),\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y}))) \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{lcl} ((T\rhd I)*T^{-1})(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) & = & (T*I)(T^{-1}(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T^{-1}(\tilde{x},\tilde{y})) \\ & = & T(T^{-1}(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),I(T^{-1}(\tilde{1},\tilde{x}),T^{-1}(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}))) \\ & = & T(\varphi(\tilde{x}),I(\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{x}),\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y}))) \\ & = & \varphi(I(\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{x}),\varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y}))) \end{array}$$

Hence we have proved that  $(T*(I \rhd T^{-1}))(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = ((T*I) \rhd T^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$  for all  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .  $\square$ 

#### Group action of $\mathcal K$ on $\mathbb I$ 5

In this section we define the group action of K on I. for that we first show some result that we need in the sequel.

**Theorem 10.** The groups  $(\mathcal{K}, *)$ ,  $(\Theta, \circ)$  are isomorphic to each other

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Proof.} \ \ \text{Let} \ f : \Theta \longrightarrow \mathcal{K} \ \text{defined by} \ f(\varphi) &= I \ \text{where} \\ I(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) &= \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if & \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the map f is one and onto. Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \theta$  and  $f(\varphi_1) = I_1, f(\varphi_2) = I_2$ 

Where 
$$I_i(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi_i(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Now we have:

$$(f(\varphi_1) * f(\varphi_2))(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (I_1 * I_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

$$= I_1)(\tilde{x}, I_2(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$$

$$= \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & \text{if } \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi_1(\varphi_2(\tilde{y})) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= f(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

Thus f is an isomorphism.

**Definition 7.** Let (G, \*) be a group and H be a nonempty set. A function  $\bullet : G \times H \longrightarrow H$  is called a group action if, for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  and  $h \in H$ ,  $\bullet$  satisfies the following two conditions:

1) 
$$q_1 \bullet (q_2 \bullet h) = (q_1 * q_2) \bullet h$$

2)  $e \bullet h = h$  where e is the identity of G.

**Definition 8.** Let  $\bullet : \mathcal{K} \times I \longrightarrow I$  be a map defined by  $(T, I) \longrightarrow T \bullet I = T * I * T^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 2.** The function  $\bullet$  is a group action of K on  $\mathbb{I}$ 

*Proof.* Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ .

1)

$$T_{1} \bullet (T_{2} \bullet I) = T_{1} * (T_{2} \bullet I) * T_{1}^{-1}$$

$$= T_{1} * T_{2} * I * T_{2}^{-1} * T_{1}^{-1}$$

$$= (T_{1} * T_{2}) * I * (T_{1} * T_{2})^{-1}$$

$$= (T_{1} * T_{2}) \bullet I.$$

2) Similarly,  $I_D \bullet I = I_D * I * I_D^{-1} = I$ , since  $I_D$  is the identity of  $(\mathbb{I}, *)$ . Thus  $\bullet$  is a group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

**Definition 9.** Let  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$ . Define  $I \backsim J \Leftrightarrow J = T \bullet I$  for some  $T \in \mathcal{K}$ . In other words,  $I \backsim J \Leftrightarrow J = T * I * T^{-1}$  for some  $T \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Lemma 3.** The relation  $\backsim$  is an equivalence relation and it partitions the set  $\mathbb{L}$ .

*Proof.* We have for  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$ 

**1**  $I \sim I$  because  $I = I_D * I * I_D^{-1}$ 

**2** And we have  $I \backsim J \Rightarrow J = T * I * T^{-1}$  this implies that  $I = T^{-1} * I * T$  then we take  $H = T^{-1}$ . Hence  $J \backsim I$ .

**3** for the transitivity let  $I \backsim J$  and  $J \backsim K$  we can easily show that  $I \backsim K$ .

**Remark 2.** Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then the equivalence class containing I will be of the form  $[I] = \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J = T * I * T^{-1} \text{ for some } T \in \mathcal{K}\}.$ 

Since any  $T \in \mathcal{K}$  is of the form

$$T(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

for some  $\varphi \in \theta$ , we have that, if  $J \in [I]$ , then  $J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \varphi(I(\tilde{x}, \varphi^{-1}(\tilde{y})))$  for all  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$ .

Now we define a new group action of K on I.

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\sqcup : \mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{I} \longrightarrow \mathbb{I}$  be defined by  $T \sqcup I = T * I$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{K}, I \in \mathbb{I}$ . The function  $\sqcup$  is a left group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* i) Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then

$$T_1 \sqcup (T_2 \sqcup I) = T_1 * (T_2 \sqcup I)$$
  
=  $T_1 * (T_2 * I)$   
=  $(T_1 * T_2) * I$   
=  $(T_1 * T_2) \sqcup I$ 

ii) $I_D \sqcup I = I_D * I = I$  Thus  $\sqcup$  is a left group action of  $\mathcal K$  on  $\mathbb I$ 

### 6 Bijective transformations of intuitionistic fuzzy implications

**Definition 10.** Let  $I: L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  be a function and  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$ . We define the bijective transformation  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}: L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  of I as follows:

$$J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) = \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x}),\mu(\tilde{y})) \tag{1}$$

The following result shows that any bijective transformation of the form (1) can also generate intuitionistic fuzzy implications from intuitionistic fuzzy implications.

**Theorem 12.** Let  $I: L^{*2} \longrightarrow L^*$  be a function and  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$ . Let  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  be defined as in (1). Then the following statements are equivalent:

- i) I is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication
- ii)  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$  such that  $\tilde{x_1} \leq \tilde{x_2}$ . Then we have  $I(\tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y}) \leq I(\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{y})$  using the fact that  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$  we defined  $\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x_2}), \mu(\tilde{y})) \leq \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x_1}), \mu(\tilde{y}))$ . This implies that  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  is decreasing for the first variable.

Similarly for the second variable.

And we have 
$$J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{0},\tilde{1})=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{0}),\mu(\tilde{1}))=\varphi(I(\tilde{0},\tilde{1}))=\varphi(\tilde{1})=\tilde{1},$$
  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{1},\tilde{0})=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{1}),\mu(\tilde{0}))=\varphi(I(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}))=\varphi(\tilde{0})=\tilde{0},$   $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{1},\tilde{1})=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{1}),\mu(\tilde{1}))=\varphi(I(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}))=\varphi(\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}.$ 

Hence  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy implication.

Conversely, let  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  an intuitionistic fuzzy implication. Then for  $\tilde{x_1}, \tilde{x_2}, \tilde{y} \in L^*$  such that  $\tilde{x_1} \leq \tilde{x_2}$ .

We have  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{x_2},\tilde{y}) \leq J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{x_1},\tilde{y})$ 

$$\Longrightarrow \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x_2}), \mu(\tilde{y})) \le \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x_1}), \mu(\tilde{y})))$$
 for some  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$ 

 $\Longrightarrow I(\psi(\tilde{x}_2), \mu(\tilde{y}) \leq I(\psi(\tilde{x}_1), \mu(\tilde{y}))$  then I is a decreasing function for the first variable because  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$ . Similarly, I is increasing for the second variable.

Now we have  $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{0},\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{0}),\mu(\tilde{1}))$  this implies that  $\varphi(I(\tilde{0},\tilde{1}))=\tilde{1}$ . Hence  $I(\tilde{0},\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}$  because  $\varphi(\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}$   $\forall \varphi\in\theta$   $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{1},\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{1}),\mu(\tilde{1})) \text{ this implies that } \varphi(I(\tilde{1},\tilde{1}))=\tilde{1}. \text{ Hence } I(\tilde{1},\tilde{1})=\tilde{1}$   $J_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}(\tilde{1},\tilde{0})=\tilde{0}=\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{1}),\mu(\tilde{0})) \text{ this implies that } \varphi(I(\tilde{1},\tilde{0}))=\tilde{0}. \text{ Hence } I(\tilde{1},\tilde{0})=\tilde{0}.$ 

From the obvious Theorem, it follows that one can always obtain intuitionistic fuzzy implications from given an intuitionistic fuzzy implication using (1).

Now, given  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$  we define

$$I_{\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}}J \Longleftrightarrow J = I_{\varphi,\psi,\mu} \tag{2}$$

for some  $\varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta$ . It can be easily seen that  $\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}$  is an equivalence relation, if  $[I]_{\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}}$  denotes the equivalence class of fuzzy implications containing I w.r.t. (2), then

$$\begin{split} [I]_{\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}} &= & \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J_{\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}} I \} \\ &= & \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x},\tilde{y}) = \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x}),\mu(\tilde{y}))) for some \varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta \} \\ &= & \{\varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x}),\mu(\tilde{y}))) | \varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta \}. \end{split}$$

Now we propose two functions from  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{I} \longrightarrow \mathbb{I}$ . One of these turns out to be a group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ , while the other is an anti-group action.

**Definition 11.** Let  $\Diamond : \mathbb{I} \times \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \mathbb{I}$  be defined by  $I \Diamond T = I * T$ .

**Theorem 13.**  $\Diamond$  *is a right group action of*  $\mathcal{K}$  *on*  $\mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ .  $(I \lozenge T_1) \lozenge T_2 = (I * T_1) \lozenge T_2 = I * (T_1 * T_2) = I \lozenge (T_1 * T_2).$   $I \lozenge T_D = I * I_D = I$  for all  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Thus  $\lozenge$  is a right group action.

**Definition 12.** Define  $\sim_{\Diamond}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$  by  $I \sim_{\Diamond} J \iff J = I \lozenge T = I * T$  for some  $T \in \mathcal{K}$ .

It is easy to verify that  $\sim_{\Diamond}$  is an equivalence relation.

**Remark 3.** Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . If  $[I]_{\Diamond}$  denotes the equivalence class containing I, then

$$\begin{split} [I]_{\Diamond} &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J_{\sim_{\Diamond}} I \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J = I * T \text{ for some } T \in \mathcal{K} \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x}, T(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})) \text{ for some } T \in \mathcal{K} \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = I(\tilde{x}, \varphi(\tilde{y})) \text{ for some } \varphi \in \Theta \} \\ &= \{I(\tilde{x}, \varphi(\tilde{y})) \text{ for some } \varphi \in \Theta \}. \end{split}$$

**Definition 13.** (See [6]) Let (G, \*) be a group with identity e and S being a nonempty set. A map  $\circ: G \times S \longrightarrow S$  is called anti-group action if for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G, s \in S$  the map  $\circ$  satisfies the following:

(i) 
$$g_1 \circ (g_2 \circ s) = (g_2 \circ g_1) \circ s$$
.

(ii)  $e \circ s = s$ .

**Theorem 14.** Let  $\Box : \mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{I} \longrightarrow \mathbb{I}$  be defined by  $T \supset I = (I \rhd T) * T^{-1}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then  $\Box$  is an anti-group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

*Proof.* i) Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then

$$T_1 \sqsupset (T_2 \sqsupset I) = T_1(\sqsupset (I \rhd T_2) * T_2^{-1})$$
  
=  $((I \rhd T_2) * T_2^{-1} \rhd T_1) * T_1^{-1}$ 

Since  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then  $T_1, T_2$  are of the following form

$$T_i(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & if \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi_i(\tilde{y}) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

i=1,2 for some  $\varphi_i\in\theta$ , if  $\tilde{x}=\tilde{0}$ . Then

$$(T_{1} \supset (T_{2} \supset I))(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = = ((I \rhd T_{2}) * T_{2}^{-1} \rhd T_{1}) * T_{1}^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

$$= ((I \rhd T_{2}) * T_{2}^{-1} \rhd T_{1})(\tilde{x}, T_{1}^{-1}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$$

$$= ((I \rhd T_{2}) * T_{2}^{-1} \rhd T_{1})(\tilde{x}, \varphi_{1}^{-1}(\tilde{y})))$$

$$= ((I \rhd T_{2}) * T_{2}^{-1})(T_{1}(\tilde{1}, \tilde{y}), T_{1}(\tilde{x}, \varphi_{1}^{-1}(\tilde{y})))$$

$$= ((I \rhd T_{2}) * T_{2}^{-1})(\varphi_{1}(x), \tilde{y}))$$

$$= ((I \rhd T_{2})(\varphi_{1}(x), T_{2}^{-1}(\varphi_{1}(\tilde{x}), \tilde{y})))$$

$$= (I \rhd T_{2})(\varphi_{1}(\tilde{x}), \varphi_{2}^{-1}(\tilde{y}))$$

$$= I(T_{2}(\tilde{1}, \varphi_{1}(\tilde{x})), T_{2}(\varphi_{1}(\tilde{x}), \varphi_{2}^{-1}(\tilde{y})))$$

$$= I(\varphi_{2}(\varphi_{1}(\tilde{x})), \tilde{y}),$$

While

$$((T_{2} * T_{1}) \supset I)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (I \rhd (T_{2} * T_{1}) * (T_{2} * T_{1})^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

$$= (I \rhd (T_{2} * T_{1}) * (T_{1}^{-1} * T_{2}^{-1}))(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

$$= (I \rhd (T_{2} * T_{1}) * T_{1}^{-1})(\tilde{x}, \varphi_{2}^{-1}(\tilde{y}))$$

$$= (I \rhd (T_{2} * T_{1})(\tilde{x}, \varphi_{1}^{-1}(\varphi_{2}^{-1}(\tilde{y})))$$

$$= I((T_{2} * T_{1})(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x}), (T_{2} * T_{1})(\tilde{x}, \varphi_{1}^{-1}(\varphi_{2}^{-1}(\tilde{y}))))$$

$$= I(\varphi_{2}(\varphi_{1}(\tilde{x})), \tilde{y}).$$

Thus in all cases we have shown that  $T_1 \supset (T_2 \supset I) = (T_2 * T_1) \supset I$ , for all  $T_2, T_1 \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ .

ii) Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then  $I_D \supset I = (I \rhd I_D) * I_D^{-1} = I \rhd I_D = I$ , hence  $\supset$  is an anti-group action.  $\square$ 

**Definition 14.** Let  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then the relation defined as follows is an equivalence relation:  $I \sim_{\square} J$  if and only if  $J = T_1 \sqcup ((T_3 \sqsupset I) \lozenge T_2)$  for some  $T_1, T_2, T_3 \in \mathcal{K}$ .

In fact, by expanding the above J as follows

$$J = T_1 \sqcup ((T_3 \sqcup I) \lozenge T_2) = T_1 * ((T_3 \sqcup I) \lozenge T_2)$$
  
=  $T_1 * ((T_3 \sqcup I) * T_2) = T_1 * ((I \rhd T_3) * T_3^{-1} * T_2)$ 

Then  $I \sim_{\square} J$  if and only if  $J = T_1 * ((I \rhd T_3) * T_3^{-1} * T_2)$  for some  $T_1, T_2, T_3 \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Theorem 15.** The equivalence classes of fuzzy implications as given in (16) are exactly the equivalence classes obtained from the relation  $\sim_{\square}$ , i.e., for any  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ ,  $[I]_{\sim_{\square},\psi,\mu} = [I]_{\sim_{\square}}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then

$$\begin{split} [I]_{\sim_{\square}} &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J \sim_{\square} I \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J = T_1 * ((I \rhd T_3) * T_3^{-1} * T_2) \quad for \, some \, T_1, T_2, T_3 \in \mathcal{K} \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (T_1 * ((I \rhd T_3) * T_3^{-1} * T_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \quad for \, all \, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^* \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = T_1(\tilde{x}, ((I \rhd T_3) * T_3^{-1} * T_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \quad for \, all \, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^* \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = T_1(\tilde{x}, ((I \rhd T_3)(\tilde{x}, (T_3^{-1} * T_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})))) \quad for \, all \, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^* \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = T_1(\tilde{x}, I(T_3(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x}), T_3(\tilde{x}, (T_3^{-1} * T_2)(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})))) \quad for \, all \, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^* \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = T_1(\tilde{x}, I(T_3(\tilde{1}, \tilde{x}), T_2(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})))) \quad for \, all \, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in L^* \} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & \text{if} \quad \tilde{x} = \tilde{0} \\ \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x}), \mu(\tilde{y})) \quad otherwise \end{cases} \\ &= \{J \in \mathbb{I} | J(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \varphi(I(\psi(\tilde{x}), \mu(\tilde{y})) \quad for \, some \, \varphi, \psi, \mu \in \Theta \} \\ &= [I]_{\sim_{\varphi,\psi,\mu}} \end{split}$$

In other words, this result shows that any bijective transformation can be represented by a composition of group actions and an anti-group action of  $\mathcal{K}$  on  $\mathbb{I}$ .

#### 7 Conclusion

Our motivation for this study was to propose a binary operation \* on the set  $\mathbb{I}$  of all intuitionistic fuzzy implications that would give a rich enough algebraic structure to glean newer and better perspectives on intuitionistic fuzzy implications. The operation \* proposed in this work not only gave a novel way of generating newer intuitionistic fuzzy implications from given ones, but also, for the first time, imposed a monoid structure on  $\mathbb{I}$ . By defining a suitable group action on  $\mathbb{I}$  and the equivalence classes obtained therefrom. And we have shown that the bijective transformations given in (1) can be seen as a composition of group actions  $\lozenge$ ,  $\sqcup$  and  $\square$ .

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