

**INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY ASSOCIATIVE  $\mathcal{I}$ -IDEALS OF  $IS$ -ALGEBRAS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of  $IS$ -algebras and investigate some related properties.

**1. Introduction and Preliminaries**

The notion of  $BCI$ -algebras was proposed by Iseki in 1966. For the general development of  $BCI$ -algebras, the ideal theory plays an important role. In 1993, Jun et al.[1] introduced a new class of algebras related to  $BCI$ -algebras and semigroups, called a  $BCI$ -semigroup, In 1998, for the convenience of study, Jun et al.[3] renamed the  $BCI$ -semigrup as  $IS$ -algebra and studied further properties of these algebras. In [6] Roh et al. introduced the concept of associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals and strong  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals in an  $IS$ -algebra. Jun et al. [8] established the fuzzification of  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals in  $IS$ -algebras and E.H.Roh [4] studied the properties of fuzzy associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of  $IS$ -algebras.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of  $IS$ -algebras and investigate some related properties.

By a  $BCI$ -algebra we mean an algebra  $(X; *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (I)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$
- (II)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$
- (III)  $x * x = 0$
- (IV)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0$  imply  $x = y$

A partial ordering on  $X$  can be defined by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = 0$ .

A nonempty subset  $I$  of a  $BCI$ -algebra  $X$  is called an ideal of  $X$  if

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

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  is a function  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , and the complement of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\bar{\mu}$ , is the fuzzy set in  $X$  given by  $\bar{\mu}(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . We shall write  $a \wedge b$  for  $\min\{a, b\}$  and  $a \vee b$  for  $\max\{a, b\}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are any real numbers.

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a  $BCI$ -algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if (i)  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$ , (ii)  $\mu(x) \geq \mu(x * y) \wedge \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

An intuitionistic fuzzy set (briefly,  $IFS$ )  $A$  in nonempty set  $X$  is an object having the form  $A = \{(x, \alpha_A(x), \beta_A(x)) \mid x \in X\}$ , where the function  $\alpha_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\beta_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership and the degree of nonmembership, respectively, and

$$0 \leq \alpha_A(x) + \beta_A(x) \leq 1, \quad \forall x \in X$$

An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \{(x, \alpha_A(x), \beta_A(x)) \mid x \in X\}$  in  $X$  can be identified to an ordered pair  $(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in  $I^X \times I^X$ . For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  for the  $IFSA = \{(x, \alpha_A(x), \beta_A(x)) \mid x \in X\}$ .

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An  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is a nonempty set  $X$  with two binary operations “ $*$ ” and “ $\cdot$ ” and constant  $0$  satisfying the axioms:

- (I)  $I(X) = (X; *, 0)$  is a  $BCI$ -algebra,
- (II)  $S(X) = (X, \cdot)$  is a semigroup,
- (III) The operation “ $\cdot$ ” is distribute over the operation “ $*$ ”, that is,  $x \cdot (y * z) = (x \cdot y) * (x \cdot z)$  and  $(x * y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) * (y \cdot z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A nonempty subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S(X) = (X, \cdot)$  is said to be stable if  $xa \in A$ , whenever  $x \in S(X)$  and  $a \in A$ .

A nonempty subset  $A$  of an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called an  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $A$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ ,
- (ii) for any  $x, y \in I(X)$ ,  $x * y \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply that  $x \in A$ .

Note that if  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of an  $IS$ -algebra, then  $0 \in A$ . Thus  $A$  is an ideal of  $I(X)$ .

A fuzzy set in a semigroup  $S(X) = (X, \cdot)$  is said to be fuzzy stable if  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$  if (i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ ; (ii)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of a  $BCI$ -algebra  $X$ .

Definition 1.1([6]) A nonempty subset  $A$  of an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called an associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal (briefly,  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal) of  $X$  if (i)  $A$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ ; (ii) for any  $x, y, z \in I(X)$ ,  $(x * y) * z \in A$  and  $y * z \in A$  imply that  $x \in A$ .

Definition 1.2([4]) A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal (briefly,  $FA\mathcal{I}$ -ideal) of  $X$  if (i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ ; (ii)  $\mu(x) \geq \mu((x * y) * z) \wedge \mu(y * z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

## 2. Intuitionistic fuzzy associative $\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of $IS$ -algebras

**Definition 2.1** An  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal (briefly,  $IFT$ -ideal) of  $X$  if

- (I)  $\alpha_A(x \cdot y) \geq \alpha_A(y)$ ,
  - (II)  $\beta_A(x \cdot y) \leq \beta_A(y)$ ,
  - (III)  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A(x * y) \wedge \alpha_A(y)$ ,
  - (IV)  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A(x * y) \vee \beta_A(y)$ .
- for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** An  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy associative  $\mathcal{I}$ -ideal (briefly,  $IFAT$ -ideal) of  $X$  if

- (I)  $\alpha_A(x \cdot y) \geq \alpha_A(y)$ ,
  - (II)  $\beta_A(x \cdot y) \leq \beta_A(y)$ ,
  - (III)  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x * y) * z) \wedge \alpha_A(y * z)$ ,
  - (IV)  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A(y * z)$ .
- for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Example 2.3** Consider an  $IS$ -algebra  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  with the following Cayley tables;

*	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	b	b
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	b	0	0
c	c	b	a	0

·	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	b
c	0	a	b	c

Define an  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in  $X$  as follows:

$\alpha_A(0) = \alpha_A(b) = 0.6$  and  $\alpha_A(a) = \alpha_A(c) = 0.2$ ;  $\beta_A(0) = \beta_A(b) = 0$  and  $\beta_A(a) = \beta_A(c) = 0.3$ . Then  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFT$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Example 2.4** Consider an  $IS$ -algebra  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  with Cayley tables as follows:

$*$	0	$a$	$b$	$c$
0	0	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a$	0	$c$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$c$	0	$a$
$c$	$c$	$b$	$a$	0

$\cdot$	0	$a$	$b$	$c$
0	0	0	0	0
$a$	0	$a$	$b$	$c$
$b$	0	$a$	$b$	$c$
$c$	0	0	0	0

Define an  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in  $X$  as follows:

$\alpha_A(0) = \alpha_A(a) = 1$  and  $\alpha_A(b) = \alpha_A(c) = t$ ;  $\beta_A(0) = \beta_A(a) = 0$  and  $\beta_A(b) = \beta_A(c) = s$ , where  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $t + s \leq 1$ . Then  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.5** Every  $IFAZ$ -ideal is an  $IFT$ -ideal.

**Proof** Let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFAZ$ -ideals of an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  and let  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x*y)*0) \wedge \alpha_A(y*0) = \alpha_A(x*y) \wedge \alpha_A(y)$  and  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x*y)*0) \vee \beta_A(y*0) = \beta_A(x*y) \vee \beta_A(y)$ . Hence  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFT$ -ideal of  $X$ .

The following example shows that the converse of proposition 2.5 may not be true.

**Example 2.6** Let  $X$  be an  $IS$ -algebra in Example 2.3 and let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  defined by  $\alpha_A(0) = \alpha_A(b) = 0.6$  and  $\alpha_A(a) = \alpha_A(c) = 0.2$ ;  $\beta_A(0) = \beta_A(b) = 0$  and  $\beta_A(a) = \beta_A(c) = 0$ . It's routine to check that  $IFSA$  is an  $IFT$ -ideal. But  $IFSA$  is not an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ , since  $\alpha_A(a) < \alpha_A((a*b)*c) \wedge \alpha_A(b*c)$ .

**Proposition 2.7** Let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFT$ -ideal of an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$ . If  $x \leq y$  in  $X$ , then  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A(y)$  and  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A(y)$ , that is,  $\alpha_A$  is order-reserving and  $\beta_A$  is order-preserving.

**Proof** Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then  $x*y = 0$  and so  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A(x*y) \wedge \alpha_A(y) = \alpha_A(0) \wedge \alpha_A(y) = \alpha_A(y)$  and  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A(x*y) \vee \beta_A(y) = \beta_A(0) \vee \beta_A(y) = \beta_A(y)$ .

**Proposition 2.8** Let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFT$ -ideal of an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$ . Then  $IFSA$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if it satisfies  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x*y)*y)$ ;  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x*y)*y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Proof** Let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ ,  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x*y)*y) \wedge \alpha_A(y*y) = \alpha_A((x*y)*y) \wedge \alpha_A(0) = \alpha_A((x*y)*y)$  and  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x*y)*y) \vee \beta_A(y*y) = \beta_A((x*y)*y) \vee \beta_A(0) = \beta_A((x*y)*y)$ .

Conversely, note that  $((x*z)*z)*(y*z) = ((x*z)*(y*z))*z \leq (x*y)*z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . It follows that  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x*z)*z) \geq \alpha_A((x*z)*z)*(y*z) \wedge \alpha_A(y*z) \geq \alpha_A((x*y)*z) \wedge \alpha_A(y*z)$  and  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x*z)*z) \leq \beta_A((x*z)*z)*(y*z) \vee \beta_A(y*z) \leq \beta_A((x*y)*z) \vee \beta_A(y*z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.9** An  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if the fuzzy sets  $\alpha_A$  and  $\overline{\beta_A}$  are  $FAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ .

**Proof** Let  $IFSA=(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ , clearly  $\alpha_A$  is an  $FAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ . For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we have  $\bar{\beta}_A(x \cdot y) = 1 - \beta_A(x \cdot y) \geq 1 - \beta_A(y) = \beta_A(y)$  and  $\bar{\beta}_A(x) = 1 - \beta_A((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A(y * z) = (1 - \beta_A((x * y) * z)) \wedge (1 - \beta_A(y * z)) = \bar{\beta}_A((x * y) * z) \wedge \bar{\beta}_A(y * z)$ . Hence  $\bar{\beta}_A(y)$  is an  $FAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\alpha_A$  and  $\bar{\beta}_A$  are  $FAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ . For any  $x, y, z \in X$ , we get (1)  $\bar{\beta}_A(x * y) \geq \bar{\beta}_A(y)$  and that  $\beta_A(x \cdot y) \leq \beta_A(y)$ ; (2)  $\bar{\beta}_A(x) \geq \bar{\beta}_A((x * y) * z) \wedge \bar{\beta}_A(y * z)$  and that  $1 - \beta_A(x) \geq (1 - \beta_A((x * y) * z)) \wedge (1 - \beta_A(y * z)) = 1 - \beta_A((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A(y * z)$ , that is,  $\beta_A(x) \leq \beta_A((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A(y * z)$ . Hence  $IFSA=(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.10** Let  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFS$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$ . Then  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\square A = (\alpha_A, \bar{\alpha}_A)$  and  $\diamond A = (\bar{\beta}_A, \beta_A)$  are  $IFAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ .

**Proof** If  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal, then  $\alpha_A = \bar{\alpha}_A$  and  $\beta_A$  are  $FAZ$ -ideals of  $X$  from Lemma 2.9, hence  $\square A = (\alpha_A, \bar{\alpha}_A)$  and  $\diamond A = (\bar{\beta}_A, \beta_A)$  are  $IFAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ . Conversely, if  $\square A = (\alpha_A, \bar{\alpha}_A)$  and  $\diamond A = (\bar{\beta}_A, \beta_A)$  are  $IFAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ , then  $\alpha_A$  and  $\bar{\beta}_A$  are  $FAZ$ -ideals of  $X$ , hence  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$ .

For any  $t \in [0, 1]$  and a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a nonempty set  $X$ , the set  $U(\mu; t) = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t\}$  is called an upper  $t$ -level cut of  $\mu$  and the set  $L(\mu; t) = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \leq t\}$  is called a lower  $t$ -level cut of  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $A = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFS$  in an  $IS$ -algebra  $X$ , then  $IFSA=(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAZ$ -ideal if and only if for all  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ , the nonempty sets  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  and  $L(\beta_A; s)$  are  $AZ$ -ideals of  $X$ .

**Proof** Let  $IFSA=(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFAZ$ -ideal of  $X$  and let  $x \in S(X)$  and  $y \in U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Then  $\alpha_A(y) \geq t$  and so  $\alpha_A(x \cdot y) \geq \alpha_A(y) \geq t$ , which implies that  $x \cdot y \in U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Hence  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ . Let  $x, y, z \in I(X)$  be such that  $(x * y) * z \in U(\alpha_A; t)$  and  $y * z \in U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Then  $\alpha_A((x * y) * z) \geq t$  and  $\alpha_A(y * z) \geq t$ . It follows that  $\alpha_A(x) \geq \alpha_A((x * y) * z) \wedge \alpha_A(y * z) \geq t$ , so that  $x \in U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Hence  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  is an  $AZ$ -ideal of  $X$ . Now let  $x \in S(X)$  and  $y \in L(\beta_A; s)$ . Then  $\beta_A(y) \leq s$  and so  $\beta_A(x \cdot y) \leq \beta_A(y) \leq s$ , which implies that  $x \cdot y \in L(\beta_A; s)$ . Hence  $L(\beta_A; s)$  is a stable subset of  $S(X)$ . Let  $x, y, z \in I(X)$  be such that  $(x * y) * z \in L(\beta_A; s)$  and  $y * z \in L(\beta_A; s)$ . Then  $\beta_A((x * y) * z) \leq s$  and  $\beta_A(y * z) \leq s$ , so that  $x \in L(\beta_A; s)$ . Hence  $L(\beta_A; s)$  is an  $AZ$ -ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that for each  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ , the nonempty sets  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  and  $L(\beta_A; s)$  are  $AZ$ -ideals of  $X$ . If there are  $x_0, y_0 \in S(X)$  such that  $\alpha_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) < \alpha_A(y_0)$ , then taking  $t_0 = (\alpha_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) + \alpha_A(y_0))/2$ , we have  $\alpha_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) < t_0 < \alpha_A(y_0)$ . It follows that  $y_0 \in U(\alpha_A; t_0)$  and  $x_0 \cdot y_0 \notin U(\alpha_A; t_0)$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\alpha_A$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ . If there are  $x_0, y_0 \in S(X)$  such that  $\beta_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) < \beta_A(y_0)$ , then taking  $s_0 = (\beta_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) + \beta_A(y_0))/2$ , we have  $\beta_A(x_0 \cdot y_0) > s_0 > \beta_A(y_0)$ , it follows that  $y_0 \in L(\beta_A; s_0)$  and  $x_0 \cdot y_0 \notin L(\beta_A; s_0)$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\beta_A$  is a fuzzy stable set in  $S(X)$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_A(x_0) < \alpha_A((x_0 * y_0) * z_0) \wedge \alpha_A(y_0 * z_0)$  for some  $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$ , putting  $t_0 = (\alpha_A(x_0) + \alpha_A((x_0 * y_0) * z_0) \wedge \alpha_A(y_0 * z_0))/2$ , then  $\alpha_A(x_0) < t_0 < \alpha_A((x_0 * y_0) * z_0) \wedge \alpha_A(y_0 * z_0)$ . Which shows that  $(x_0 * y_0) * z_0, y_0 * z_0 \in U(\alpha_A; t_0)$  and  $x_0 \notin U(\alpha_A; t_0)$ . This is impossible. Finally, assume that  $a, b, c \in X$  such that  $\beta_A(a) > \beta_A((a * b) * c) \vee \beta_A(b * c)$ . Taking  $s_0 = (\beta_A(a) + \beta_A((a * b) * c))/2$ , then  $\beta_A((a * b) * c) \vee \beta_A(b * c) < s_0 < \beta_A(a)$ . Therefore  $(a * b) * c$  and  $b * c \in L(\beta_A; s_0)$ , but  $a \notin L(\beta_A; s_0)$ , which is a contradiction, this completes the proof.

Let  $J$  be a nonempty subset of  $[0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 2.12** Let  $\{I_t \mid t \in J\}$  be a collection of  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of  $IS$ -algebra  $X$  such that

- (i)  $X = \bigcup_{t \in J} I_t$ ,
- (ii)  $s > t$  if and only if  $I_s \subset I_t$  for all  $s, t \in J$ . Then an  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in  $X$  defined by

$$\alpha_A(x) = \sup\{t \in J \mid x \in I_t\}, \beta_A(x) = \inf\{t \in J \mid x \in I_t\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof** According to Theorem 2.11, it is sufficient to show that  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  and  $L(\beta_A; s)$  are  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideals of  $X$  for every  $t \in [0, \alpha_A(0)]$  and  $s \in [\beta_A(0), 1]$ . In order to prove that  $U(\alpha_A; t)$  is an  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ , we divide the proof into the following two cases:

- (i)  $t = \sup\{q \in J \mid q < t\}$
- (ii)  $t \neq \sup\{q \in J \mid q < t\}$

For the case (i) imply that

$$x \in U(\alpha_A; t) \Leftrightarrow x \in I_q, q < t \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap_{q < t} I_q$$

and that  $U(\alpha_A; t) = \bigcap_{q < t} I_q$ , which is an  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . For the case (ii), we claim that  $U(\alpha_A; t) = \bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q$ . If  $x \in \bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q$ , then  $x \in I_q$  for some  $q \geq t$ . It follows that  $\alpha_A(x) \geq q \geq t$ , so that  $x \in U(\alpha_A; t)$ . This shows that  $\bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q \subseteq U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Now assume that  $x \notin \bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q$ . Then  $x \notin I_q$  for all  $q \geq t$ . Since  $t \neq \sup\{q \in J \mid q < t\}$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $(t - \varepsilon, t) \cap J = \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \notin I_q$  for all  $q > t - \varepsilon$ , which means that  $x \in I_q$ , then  $q \leq t - \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\alpha_A(x) \leq t - \varepsilon < t$ , and so  $x \notin U(\alpha_A; t)$ . Therefore  $U(\alpha_A; t) \subseteq \bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q$ , and thus  $U(\alpha_A; t) = \bigcup_{q \geq t} I_q$ , which is an  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . Next we prove that  $L(\beta_A; s)$  is  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . We consider the following two cases:

- (iii)  $s = \inf\{r \in J \mid s < r\}$
- (iv)  $s \neq \inf\{r \in J \mid s < r\}$

For the case (iii), we have

$$x \in L(\beta_A; s) \Leftrightarrow x \in I_r, \forall s < r \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap_{s < r} I_r$$

and hence  $L(\beta_A; s) = \bigcap_{s < r} I_r$  which is an  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . For the case (iv), there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $(s, s + \varepsilon) \cap J = \emptyset$ . We will show that  $L(\beta_A; s) = \bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r$ . If  $x \in \bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r$ , then  $x \in I_r$  for some  $r \leq s$ . It follows that  $\beta_A(x) \leq r \leq s$ , so that  $x \in L(\beta_A; s)$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r \subseteq L(\beta_A; s)$ . Now if  $x \notin \bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r$ , then  $x \notin I_r$  for all  $r \leq s$ , which implies that  $x \in I_r$  for all  $r < s + \varepsilon$ , that is, if  $x \in I_r$ , then  $r \geq s + \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\beta_A(x) \geq s + \varepsilon > s$ , that is,  $x \notin L(\beta_A; s)$ . Therefore  $L(\beta_A; s) \subseteq \bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r$  and consequently  $L(\beta_A; s) = \bigcup_{s \geq r} I_r$  which is an  $A\mathcal{I}$ -ideal of  $X$ . This completes the proof.

### 3. On homomorphism of $IS$ -algebras

**Definition 3.1** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of  $IS$ -algebras is called a homomorphism if

- (i)  $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in I(X)$
- (ii)  $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in S(X)$

For any  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  in  $Y$ . We define a new  $IFSA^f = (\alpha_A^f, \beta_A^f)$  in  $X$  by

$$\alpha_A^f(x) = \alpha_A(f(x)), \beta_A^f(x) = \beta_A(f(x)), \quad \forall x \in X$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a homomorphism of  $IS$ -algebras. If  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $Y$ , then  $IFSA^f = (\alpha_A^f, \beta_A^f)$  in  $X$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $X$ .

**Proof** Suppose  $IFSA=(\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $Y$ , then  $\alpha_A^f(x \cdot y) = \alpha_A(f(x \cdot y)) = \alpha_A(f(x) \cdot f(y)) \geq \alpha_A(f(y)) = \alpha_A^f(y)$  and  $\beta_A^f(x \cdot y) = \beta_A(f(x \cdot y)) = \beta_A(f(x) \cdot f(y)) \leq \beta_A(f(y)) = \beta_A^f(y)$ . Now let  $x, y, z \in X$ , then  $\alpha_A^f(x) = \alpha_A(f(x)) \geq \alpha_A((f(x) * f(y)) * f(z)) \wedge \alpha_A(f(y) * f(z)) = \alpha_A(f((x * y) * z)) \wedge \alpha_A(f(y * z)) = \alpha_A^f((x * y) * z) \wedge \alpha_A^f(y * z)$  and  $\beta_A^f(x) = \beta_A(f(x)) \leq \beta_A((f(x) * f(y)) * f(z)) \vee \beta_A(f(y) * f(z)) = \beta_A(f((x * y) * z)) \vee \beta_A(f(y * z)) = \beta_A^f((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A^f(y * z)$ . Hence  $IFSA^f = (\alpha_A^f, \beta_A^f)$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $X$ .

If we strengthen the condition of  $f$ , then we can construct the converse of Theorem 3.2 as follows:

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an epimorphism of  $IS$ -algebras and let  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  be an  $IFS$  in  $Y$ . If  $IFSA^f = (\alpha_A^f, \beta_A^f)$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $X$ , then  $IFSA = (\alpha_A, \beta_A)$  is an  $IFAI$ -ideal of  $Y$ .

**Proof** For any  $x, y \in Y$ , there exist  $a, b \in X$  such that  $f(a) = x$  and  $f(b) = y$ . Then  $\alpha_A(x \cdot y) = \alpha_A(f(a) \cdot f(b)) = \alpha_A(f(a \cdot b)) = \alpha_A^f(a \cdot b) \geq \alpha_A^f(b) = \alpha_A(f(b)) = \alpha_A(y)$ . Now let  $x, y, z \in Y$ , then  $f(a) = x, f(b) = y$  and  $f(c) = z$  for some  $a, b, c \in X$ . It follows that  $\alpha_A(x) = \alpha_A(f(a)) = \alpha_A^f(a) \geq \alpha_A^f((a * b) * c) \wedge \alpha_A^f(b * c) = \alpha_A(f((a * b) * c)) \wedge \alpha_A(f(b * c)) = \alpha_A((f(a) * f(b)) * f(c)) \wedge \alpha_A(f(b) * f(c)) = \alpha_A((x * y) * z) \wedge \alpha_A(y * z)$  and  $\beta_A(x) = \beta_A(f(a)) = \beta_A^f(a) \leq \beta_A^f((a * b) * c) \vee \beta_A^f(b * c) = \beta_A(f((a * b) * c)) \vee \beta_A(f(b * c)) = \beta_A((f(a) * f(b)) * f(c)) \vee \beta_A(f(b) * f(c)) = \beta_A((x * y) * z) \vee \beta_A(y * z)$ . This completes the proof.

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