# INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY IDEALS IN INTRA-REGULAR RINGS

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to characterise intra-regular ring R by using the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy left(right,bi,quasi) ideals of R.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of fuzzy set was initiated by Zadeh[11] and so many researchers were conducted on the generalizations of the notion of fuzzy sets. The idea of *intuitionistic fuzzy set* was first published by Atanassov [2, 3] as a generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. In [5], Banerjee and Basnet applied the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets to the theory of rings, and introduced the notions of intuitionistic fuzzy subrings and intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of a ring. In [7], Hur et al. introduced the notions of intuitionistic fuzzy (completely) prime ideals and intuitionistic fuzzy weak completely prime ideals in a ring. Present aurhors[9] introduced the notions of intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal and quasi-ideal, and characterizations of regular rings are proved. In this paper we introduc the intrinsic product of intuitionistic fuzzy sets and intuitionistic fuzzy left(right, bi, quasi) ideals in a ring. Using such notions, we discuss characterizations of intra-regular ring.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let R be a ring. Let A and B be subsets of R. Then the multiplication of A and B is defined as follows:

$$AB = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} a_i b_i \mid a_i \in A, \, b_i \in B \right\}$$

An additive subgroup Q of a ring R is called a *quasi-ideal* of R if  $QR \cap RQ \subseteq Q$ , and an additive subgroup B of a ring R is called a *bi-ideal* of R if  $BB \subseteq B$  and  $BRB \subseteq B$ .

As an important generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets in M, Atanassov [2, 3] introduced the concept of an *intuitionistic fuzzy set* (IFS for short) defined on a non-empty set M as objects having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in M \},\$$

where the functions  $\mu_A : M \to [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_A : M \to [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of nonmembership (namely  $\gamma_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in M$ to A respectively, and  $0 \le \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \le 1$  for all  $x \in M$ .

Such defined objects are studied by many authors (see for example two journals: 1. *Fuzzy* Sets and Systems and 2. Notes on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets) and have many interesting applications not only in mathematics (see Chapter 5 in the book [4]).

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For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  for the IFS  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in M\}$ . Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be IFSs in a set M. We define

- $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in M) \ (\mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x), \ \gamma_A(x) \ge \gamma_B(x)).$
- $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
- $A \cap B = (\mu_A \wedge \mu_B, \gamma_A \vee \gamma_B).$
- $A \cup B = (\mu_A \vee \mu_B, \gamma_A \wedge \gamma_B).$
- $0_{\sim} = (0,1)$  and  $1_{\sim} = (1,0)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [5, 8] An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy* subring of R if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\mu_A(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}),$
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\mu_A(xy) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}),$
- (iii)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\gamma_A(x-y) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}),$
- (iv)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\gamma_A(xy) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}),$

**Definition 2.2.** [5, 8] An IFS set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy* left (resp. right) ideal of R if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\mu_A(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}),$
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\gamma_A(x-y) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}),$
- (iii)  $(\forall a, x \in R) \ (\mu_A(ax) \ge \mu_A(x)) \ (\text{resp. } \gamma_A(xa) \le \gamma_A(x)).$

If  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is both an intuitionistic fuzzy left and intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of a ring R, then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy ideal* of R.

**Definition 2.3.** [9] Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be IFSs in a ring R. The *intrinsic* product of  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  is defined to be the IFS  $A * B = (\mu_{A*B}, \gamma_{A*B})$  in R given by

$$\mu_{A*B}(x) := \bigvee_{\substack{x=\sum \\ \text{finite} \\ a_ib_i}} \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_A(a_1), \mu_A(a_2), \cdots, \mu_A(a_m), \\ \mu_B(b_1), \mu_B(b_2), \cdots, \mu_B(b_m) \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\gamma_{A*B}(x) := \bigwedge_{\substack{x=\sum \\ \text{finite} \\ \text{finite} \\ a_ib_i}} \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma_A(a_1), \gamma_A(a_2), \cdots, \gamma_A(a_m), \\ \gamma_B(b_1), \gamma_B(b_2), \cdots, \gamma_B(b_m) \end{array} \right\}$$

if we can express  $x = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \cdots + a_mb_m$  for some  $a_i, b_i \in R$  and for some positive integer m where each  $a_ib_i \neq 0$ . Otherwise, we define  $A * B = 0_{\sim}$ , i.e.,  $\mu_{A*B}(x) = 0$  and  $\gamma_{A*B}(x) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [9] An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy quasiideal* of R if

(i)  $(\forall x, y \in R)$   $(\mu_A(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}),$ (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in R)$   $(\gamma_A(x-y) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}),$ (iii)  $(A * 1_{\sim}) \cap (1_{\sim} * A) \subseteq A.$ 

**Definition 2.5.** [9] An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal* of R if

- (i)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\mu_A(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}),$
- (ii)  $(\forall x, y \in R) \ (\gamma_A(x-y) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}),$
- (iii)  $A * A \subseteq A$  and  $A * 1_{\sim} * A \subseteq A$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** [9] For an IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R, the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subring of R.
- (ii)  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subgroup of the additive group (R, +) and  $A * A \subseteq A$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** [9] An IFS  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in a ring R is an intuitionistic fuzzy left (resp. left) ideal of a ring R if and only if

- (i)  $\mu_A(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$  and  $\gamma_A(x-y) \le \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\},$
- (ii)  $1_{\sim} * A \subseteq A$  (resp.  $A * 1_{\sim} \subseteq A$ ).

**Lemma 2.8.** [9] Every intuitionistic fuzzy left (resp. right, two-sided) ideal of a ring R is an intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal of R.

**Lemma 2.9.** [9] Any intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal of a ring R is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of R.

For a subset X of a ring R, we denote  $\widetilde{X} = \{ \langle x, \mu_{\widetilde{X}}(x), \gamma_{\widetilde{X}}(x) \rangle \mid x \in R \}$  defined by

$$\mu_{\widetilde{X}}(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in X \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and 
$$\gamma_{\widetilde{X}}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in X \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in R$ . For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $\widetilde{X} = (\mu_{\widetilde{X}}, \gamma_{\widetilde{X}})$  for the  $\widetilde{X} = \{\langle x, \mu_{\widetilde{X}}(x), \gamma_{\widetilde{X}}(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}.$ 

**Lemma 2.10.** Let A and B be any subsets of a ring R. Then we have

(i)  $\widetilde{A} * \widetilde{B} = \widetilde{AB}$ . (ii)  $\widetilde{A} \cap \widetilde{B} = \widetilde{A \cap B}$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

**Lemma 2.11.** Let A be a nonempty subset of R, Then the following holds assertions.

- (i) A is a subring of a ring R if and only if  $\widetilde{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subring of R.
- (ii) A is a left(right) ideal of R if and only if A is an intuitionistic fuzzy left(right) ideal of R.
- (iii) A is a quasi ideal of R if and only if  $\widetilde{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy quasi ideal of R.

Proof. Straightforward.

### 3. INTRA-REGULAR RINGS

Recall that a ring R is said to be *intra-regular* if for each element a of R, there exists elements  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  of R such that  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a^2 y_i$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** A ring R is intra-regular if and only if  $A \cap B \subseteq B * A$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal A of R and every intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal B of R.

*Proof.* Assume that R is an intra-regular ring. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be IFSs in a ring R and let  $a \in R$ . Since R is a intra-regular ring, there exist elements  $x_i, y_i \in R$ 

such that  $x = \sum x_i a^2 y_i = \sum (x_i a)(ay_i)$ . Then we have

$$\mu_{(A*B)}(a) = \bigvee_{\substack{a = \sum \\ \text{finite} \\ p_i q_i}} \min\{\mu_A(p_1), \mu_A(p_2), \cdots, \mu_A(p_m), \mu_B(q_1), \mu_B(q_2), \cdots, \mu_B(q_m)\}$$

$$\geq \min\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mu_A(x_1a), \mu_A(x_2a), \cdots, \mu_A(x_ma), \\ \mu_B(ay_1), \mu_B(ay_2), \cdots, \mu_B(ay_m) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\geq \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_B(a)\}$$

$$= (\mu_A \land \mu_B)(a)$$

and

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{(A*B)}(a) &= \bigwedge_{\substack{a=\sum \\ \text{finite}} p_i q_i} \max\{\gamma_A(p_1), \gamma_A(p_2), \cdots, \gamma_A(p_m), \gamma_B(q_1), \gamma_B(q_2), \cdots, \gamma_B(q_m)\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \gamma_A(x_1a), \gamma_A(x_2a), \cdots, \gamma_A(x_ma), \\ \gamma_B(ay_1), \gamma_B(ay_2), \cdots, \gamma_B(ay_m) \end{array} \right\} \\ &\leq \max\{\gamma_A(a), \gamma_B(a)\} \\ &= (\gamma_A \lor \gamma_B)(a). \end{split}$$

Hence  $\mu_{A*B}(x) \geq (\mu_A \wedge \mu_B)(x)$  and  $\gamma_{A*B}(x) \leq (\gamma_A \vee \gamma_B)(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ . Therefore  $A \cap B \subseteq B * A$ . Suppose the necessary condition holds. Let a be any element of R. We consider the principal left ideal [a) and the principal right ideal (a]. By Lemma 2.11,  $[\widetilde{a}) = (\mu_{\widetilde{a}}, \gamma_{\widetilde{a}})$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal and  $(\widetilde{a}] = (\mu_{\widetilde{a}}, \gamma_{\widetilde{a}})$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal. Then we have

$$\mu_{\widetilde{(a][a)}}(a) = \mu_{\widetilde{(a]}*\widetilde{[a]}}(a) \ge (\mu_{\widetilde{(a]}} \land \mu_{\widetilde{[a]}})(a) = \min\{\mu_{\widetilde{(a]}}(a), \mu_{\widetilde{[a]}}(a)\} = \min\{1, 1\} = 1$$

and

$$\gamma_{\widetilde{(a][a)}}(a) = \gamma_{\widetilde{(a]}*\widetilde{[a)}}(a) \leq (\gamma_{\widetilde{(a]}} \vee \gamma_{\widetilde{[a]}})(a) = \max\{\gamma_{\widetilde{(a]}}(a), \gamma_{\widetilde{[a]}}(a)\} = \max\{0, 0\} = 0.$$

Using the above results, we have

$$a \in (a][a) = (na + Ra)(ma + aR) = (m + n)a + (na)(aR) + Ra(ma) + (Ra)(aR).$$

and so  $a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i a^2 y_i$  for some  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  of R. Therefore R is an intra-regular ring.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** [10] A ring R is regular and intra-regular if and only if every quasi-ideal of R is idempotent.

**Theorem 3.3.** For a ring R, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) R is a regular and intra-regular ring.
- (ii) A \* A = A for every intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal A of R.
- (iii) A \* A = A for every intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal A of R.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of R. Then  $A * A \subseteq A$ . To prove the opposite inclusion, let a be any element of R. Since R is a regular and intra-regular ring, there exists an element  $x, y_i$  and  $z_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that a = axa and  $a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i a^2 z_i$ . Then

$$a = axa = axaxa = ax(\sum y_i aaz_i)xa = \sum (axy_i a)(az_i xa).$$

Thus we have

$$\mu_{A*A}(a) = \bigvee_{\substack{a = \sum_{\text{finite}} p_i q_i}} \min\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_A(p_1), \mu_A(p_2), \cdots, \mu_A(p_m), \\ \mu_A(q_1), \mu_A(q_2), \cdots, \mu_A(q_m) \end{array} \right\} \\ \ge \min\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_A(axy_1a), \mu_A(axy_2a), \cdots, \mu_A(axy_ma), \\ \mu_A(az_1xa), \mu_A(az_2xa), \cdots, \mu_A(az_mxa) \end{array} \right\} \\ \ge \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(a)\} \\ = \mu_A(a) \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$\gamma_{A*A}(a) = \bigwedge_{\substack{a=\sum \\ \text{finite} \\ p_i q_i}} \max \begin{cases} \gamma_A(p_1), \gamma_A(p_2), \cdots, \gamma_A(p_m), \\ \gamma_A(q_1), \gamma_A(q_2), \cdots, \gamma_A(q_m) \end{cases} \\ \leq \max \begin{cases} \gamma_A(axy_1a), \gamma_A(axy_2a), \cdots, \gamma_A(axy_ma), \\ \gamma_A(az_1xa), \gamma_A(az_2xa), \cdots, \gamma_A(az_mxa) \end{cases} \\ \leq \max\{\gamma_A(a), \gamma_A(a)\} \\ = \gamma_A(a), \end{cases}$$

and so  $A \subseteq A * A$ . Therefore we obtain A \* A = A.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Since any intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal of R is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of R by Lemma 2.11, the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) is valid.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let Q be any quasi-ideal of R, and a any element of Q. By Lemma 2.11,  $\tilde{Q}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal of R. Then we have  $\mu_{\widetilde{Q}^2}(a) = \mu_{\widetilde{Q}*\widetilde{Q}}(a) = \mu_{\widetilde{Q}}(a) = 1$  and  $\gamma_{\widetilde{Q}^2}(a) = \gamma_{\widetilde{Q}*\widetilde{Q}}(a) = \gamma_{\widetilde{Q}}(a) = 0$  and so  $a \in Q^2$ , that is,  $Q \subseteq Q^2$ . Since the reverse inclusion always holds, we obtain  $Q^2 = Q$ . It follows from Lemma 3.2, R is a regular and intra-regular ring.

**Lemma 3.4.** [9] A ring R is regular if and only if  $A * B = A \cap B$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of R and every intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  of R.

**Theorem 3.5.** For a ring R, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) R is regular and intra-regular.
- (ii)  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals A and B of R.
- (iii)  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal A and every intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal B of R
- (iv)  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideals A and B of R.
- (v)  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy quasi-ideal A and intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal B of R.
- (vi)  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal A and intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal B of R.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Assume that R is a regular and intra-regular ring. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals of R, and a be any element of R. Since R is regular and intra-regular, there exists elements  $x_i$ ,  $y_i$  and  $z_i$  in R such that

 $a = \sum (ax_iy_ia)(az_ix_ia)$ . Then we have

$$\mu_{A*B}(a) = \bigvee_{\substack{a = \sum \\ \text{finite} \\ p_i q_i}} \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_A(p_1), \mu_A(p_2), \cdots, \mu_A(p_m), \\ \mu_B(q_1), \mu_B(q_2), \cdots, \mu_B(q_m) \end{array} \right\}$$
  

$$\geq \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_A(ax_1y_1a), \mu_A(ax_2y_2a), \cdots, \mu_A(ax_my_ma), \\ \mu_B(az_1x_1a), \mu_B(az_2x_2a), \cdots, \mu_B(az_mx_ma) \end{array} \right\}$$
  

$$\geq \min \{\mu_A(a), \mu_B(a)\}$$
  

$$= (\mu_A \land \mu_B)(a)$$

and

$$\gamma_{A*B}(a) = \bigwedge_{\substack{a=\sum \\ \text{finite} \\ p_i q_i}} \max \begin{cases} \gamma_A(p_1), \gamma_A(p_2), \cdots, \gamma_A(p_m), \\ \gamma_B(q_1), \gamma_B(q_2), \cdots, \gamma_B(q_m) \end{cases} \\ \leq \max \begin{cases} \gamma_A(ax_1y_1a), \gamma_A(ax_2y_2a), \cdots, \gamma_A(ax_my_ma), \\ \gamma_B(az_1x_1a), \gamma_B(az_2x_2a), \cdots, \gamma_B(az_mx_ma) \end{cases} \\ \leq \max \{\gamma_A(a), \gamma_B(a)\} \\ = (\gamma_A \lor \gamma_B)(a), \end{cases}$$

and hence  $A \cap B \subseteq A * B$ . Similarly  $A \cap B \subseteq B * A$ . Therefore  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A)$ 

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi). Straightforward.

 $(vi) \Rightarrow (i)$ . Let A and B be any intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal and any intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of R respectively. Then we have  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A) \subseteq B * A$ . It follows from Lemma 3.4 that R is an intra-regular ring. Similarly we can prove  $A \cap B \subseteq (A * B) \cap (B * A) \subseteq$ (A \* B). By Lemma 2.7 we see that  $A * B \subseteq A * 1_{\sim} \subseteq A$  and  $A * B \subseteq 1_{\sim} * B \subseteq B$  so that  $A * B \subset A \cap B$ . Hence  $A * B = A \cap B$  From Lemma 3.4 it follows that R is regular ring. Therefore R is regular and intra-regular

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