

## TRANSLATIONS OF FUZZY IDEALS IN BCK/BCI-ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

Based on fuzzy set theory, extensions, translations and multiplications of ideals in BCK/BCI-algebras are discussed. Relations among fuzzy translations, fuzzy extensions and fuzzy multiplications of fuzzy ideals are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

The study of BCK-algebras was initiated by K. Iséki in 1966 as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculus. For the general development of BCK/BCI-algebras, the ideal theory and its fuzzification play an important role. Jun (together with Kim, Meng, Song and Xin) studied fuzzy aspects of several notions in BCK/BCI-algebras (see [2, 3, 4, 7]).

Lee *et al.* [5] discussed fuzzy translations, (normalized, maximal) fuzzy extensions and fuzzy multiplications of fuzzy subalgebras in BCK/BCI-algebras. They investigated relations among fuzzy translations, (normalized, maximal) fuzzy extensions and fuzzy multiplications.

In this paper, we discuss fuzzy translations, fuzzy extensions and fuzzy multiplications of fuzzy ideals in BCK/BCI-algebras. We investigate relations among fuzzy translations, fuzzy extensions and fuzzy multiplications of fuzzy ideals in in BCK/BCI-algebras.

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## 2. Preliminaries

A BCK-algebra is an important class of logical algebras introduced by K. Iséki, and has been extensively investigated by several researchers.

An algebra  $(X; *, \theta)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a *BCI-algebra* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (I)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = \theta)$ ,
- (II)  $(\forall x, y \in X) ((x * (x * y)) * y = \theta)$ ,
- (III)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * x = \theta)$ ,
- (IV)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y = \theta, y * x = \theta \Rightarrow x = y)$ .

If a BCI-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following identity:

- (V)  $(\forall x \in X) (\theta * x = \theta)$ ,

then  $X$  is called a *BCK-algebra*. Any BCK-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following axioms:

- (a1)  $(\forall x \in X) (x * \theta = x)$ ,
- (a2)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (x * y = \theta \Rightarrow (x * z) * (y * z) = \theta, (z * y) * (z * x) = \theta)$ ,
- (a3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) ((x * y) * z = (x * z) * y)$ ,
- (a4)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X) (((x * z) * (y * z)) * (x * y) = \theta)$ .

A subset  $S$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a *subalgebra* of  $X$  if  $x * y \in S$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

A subset  $A$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called an *ideal* of  $X$ , denoted by  $A \triangleleft X$ , if it satisfies:

- (b1)  $\theta \in A$ ,
- (b2)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (x * y \in A, y \in A \Rightarrow x \in A)$ .

We refer the reader to the books [1] and [6] for further information regarding BCK/BCI-algebras.

A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a *fuzzy subalgebra* of  $X$  if it satisfies:

$$(\forall x, y \in X) (\mu(x * y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}).$$

A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra  $X$  is called a *fuzzy ideal* of  $X$ , denoted by  $\mu \triangleleft_f X$ , if it satisfies:

- (b3)  $(\forall x \in X) (\mu(\theta) \geq \mu(x))$ ,
- (b4)  $(\forall x, y \in X) (\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\})$ .

## 3. Fuzzy translations and fuzzy multiplications of fuzzy ideals

In what follows let  $X = (X, *, \theta)$  denote a BCK/BCI-algebra, and for any fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ , we let

$$\top := 1 - \sup\{\mu(x) \mid x \in X\}$$

unless otherwise specified.

**3.1. Definition.** [5] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  and let  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . A mapping  $\mu_\alpha^T : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation* of  $\mu$  if it satisfies:

$$(\forall x \in X) (\mu_\alpha^T(x) = \mu(x) + \alpha).$$

**3.2. Theorem.** *If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu \triangleleft_f X$  and let  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . Then

$$\mu_\alpha^T(\theta) = \mu(\theta) + \alpha \geq \mu(x) + \alpha = \mu_\alpha^T(x)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\alpha^T(x) &= \mu(x) + \alpha \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} + \alpha \\ &= \min\{\mu(x * y) + \alpha, \mu(y) + \alpha\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(x * y), \mu_\alpha^T(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $\mu_\alpha^T \triangleleft_f X$ .  $\square$

**3.3. Theorem.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  such that the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for some  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for some  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then

$$\mu(\theta) + \alpha = \mu_\alpha^T(\theta) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x) = \mu(x) + \alpha,$$

and so  $\mu(\theta) \geq \mu(x)$ . Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) + \alpha &= \mu_\alpha^T(x) \geq \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(x * y), \mu_\alpha^T(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x * y) + \alpha, \mu(y) + \alpha\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} + \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**3.4. Theorem.** *Let  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$  and let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . If  $X$  is a BCK-algebra, then the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $x * y \leq x$  for any  $x, y \in X$  and any fuzzy ideal is order reversing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\alpha^T(x * y) &= \mu(x * y) + \alpha \geq \mu(x) + \alpha \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} + \alpha \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} + \alpha \\ &= \min\{\mu(x) + \alpha, \mu(y) + \alpha\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(x), \mu_\alpha^T(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of  $X$ .  $\square$

The following example shows that if  $X$  is a BCI-algebra, then Theorem 3.4 is not true.

**3.5. Example.** Consider the direct product  $X := Y \times \mathbb{Z}$  where  $(Y, *, 0)$  is a BCI-algebra and  $(\mathbb{Z}, -, 0)$  is the adjoint BCI-algebra of the additive group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$  of integers. Let  $A = Y \times \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of nonnegative integers.

Define a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  as follows:

$$\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.7 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0.2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  and  $\top = 0.3$ . For  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\alpha^T((0, 0) * (0, 1)) &= \mu_\alpha^T((0, -1)) = \mu((0, -1)) + \alpha = 0.2 + \alpha \\ &< 0.7 + \alpha = \min\{\mu((0, 0)), \mu((0, 1))\} + \alpha \\ &= \min\{\mu((0, 0)) + \alpha, \mu((0, 1)) + \alpha\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_\alpha^T((0, 0)), \mu_\alpha^T((0, 1))\} \end{aligned}$$

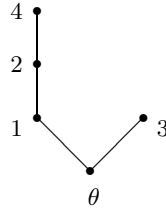
**3.6. Definition.** [5] Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . If  $\mu_1(x) \leq \mu_2(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , then we say that  $\mu_2$  is a *fuzzy extension* of  $\mu_1$ .

**3.7. Definition.** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\mu_2$  is called a *fuzzy ideal extension* of  $\mu_1$  if the following assertions are valid:

- (b5)  $\mu_2$  is a fuzzy extension of  $\mu_1$ .
- (b6)  $\mu_1 \triangleleft_f X \Rightarrow \mu_2 \triangleleft_f X$ .

**3.8. Example.** Consider a set  $X = \{\theta, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . The Hasse diagram (Figure 1)

**Figure 1. Hasse diagram**



makes  $X$  into a BCK-algebra, where the BCK-operation  $*$  on  $X$  is given as follows:

$$x * y := \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ x & \text{if } y = \theta, y < x \text{ or } x \text{ and } y \text{ are incomparable} \end{cases}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $\mu_1$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0.7 & 0.5 & 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is routine to check that  $\mu_1$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Let  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  given by

$$\mu_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0.75 & 0.53 & 0.47 & 0.61 & 0.38 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $\mu_2(x) \geq \mu_1(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , that is,  $\mu_2$  is a fuzzy extension of  $\mu_1$ , and  $\mu_2$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Hence  $\mu_2$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu_1$ .

For a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  with  $t \geq \alpha$ , let

$$U_\alpha(\mu; t) := \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \geq t - \alpha\}.$$

It is clear that if  $\mu \triangleleft_f X$ , then  $U_\alpha(\mu; t) \triangleleft X$  for all  $t \in \text{Im}(\mu)$  with  $t \geq \alpha$ . But, if we do not give a condition that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  then  $U_\alpha(\mu; t)$  may not be an ideal of  $X$ , as seen in the following example.

**3.9. Example.** Consider the BCK-algebra  $X$  which is given in Example 3.8. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\mu(1) = 0.5 < 0.7 = \min\{\mu(1 * 2), \mu(2)\}$ , we know that  $\mu$  is not a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Also,  $U_{0.1}(\mu; 0.63) = \{0, 2\}$  is not an ideal of  $X$  since  $1 * 2 = \theta \in \{0, 2\}$ , but  $1 \notin \{0, 2\}$ .

**3.10. Theorem.** For  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ , let  $\mu_\alpha^T$  be the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation of  $\mu$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\mu_\alpha^T \triangleleft_f X$ .
- (2)  $(\forall t \in \text{Im}(\mu)) (t > \alpha \Rightarrow U_\alpha(\mu; t) \triangleleft X)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu_\alpha^T \triangleleft_f X$  and let  $t \in \text{Im}(\mu)$  be such that  $t > \alpha$ . Since  $\mu_\alpha^T(\theta) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\mu(\theta) + \alpha = \mu_\alpha^T(\theta) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x) = \mu(x) + \alpha \geq t$$

for  $x \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$ . Hence  $\theta \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$  and  $y \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$ . Then  $\mu(x * y) \geq t - \alpha$  and  $\mu(y) \geq t - \alpha$ , i.e.,  $\mu_\alpha^T(x * y) = \mu(x * y) + \alpha \geq t$  and  $\mu_\alpha^T(y) = \mu(y) + \alpha \geq t$ . Since  $\mu_\alpha^T \triangleleft_f X$ , it follows that

$$\mu(x) + \alpha = \mu_\alpha^T(x) \geq \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(x * y), \mu_\alpha^T(y)\} \geq t,$$

that is,  $\mu(x) \geq t - \alpha$  so that  $x \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$ . Therefore  $U_\alpha(\mu; t) \triangleleft X$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $U_\alpha(\mu; t) \triangleleft X$  for every  $t \in \text{Im}(\mu)$  with  $t > \alpha$ . If there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $\mu_\alpha^T(\theta) < \beta \leq \mu_\alpha^T(a)$ , then  $\mu(a) \geq \beta - \alpha$  but  $\mu(\theta) < \beta - \alpha$ . This shows that  $a \in U_\alpha(\mu; t)$  and  $\theta \notin U_\alpha(\mu; t)$ . This is a contradiction, and so  $\mu_\alpha^T(\theta) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Now assume that there exist  $a, b \in X$  such that  $\mu_\alpha^T(a) < \gamma \leq \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(a * b), \mu_\alpha^T(b)\}$ . Then  $\mu(a * b) \geq \gamma - \alpha$  and  $\mu(b) \geq \gamma - \alpha$ , but  $\mu(a) < \gamma - \alpha$ . Hence  $a * b \in U_\alpha(\mu; \gamma)$  and  $b \in U_\alpha(\mu; \gamma)$ , but  $a \notin U_\alpha(\mu; \gamma)$ . This is impossible, and therefore

$$\mu_\alpha^T(x) \geq \min\{\mu_\alpha^T(x * y), \mu_\alpha^T(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Consequently,  $\mu_\alpha^T \triangleleft_f X$ . □

In Theorem 3.10(2), if  $t \leq \alpha$ , then  $U_\alpha(\mu; t) = X$ .

**3.11. Theorem.** *Let  $\mu \triangleleft_f X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, \top]$ . If  $\alpha \geq \beta$ , then the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of the fuzzy  $\beta$ -translation  $\mu_\beta^T$  of  $\mu$ .*

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

For every fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $X$  and  $\beta \in [0, \top]$ , the fuzzy  $\beta$ -translation  $\mu_\beta^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . If  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu_\beta^T$ , then there exists  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$  such that  $\alpha \geq \beta$  and  $\nu(x) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we have the following theorem.

**3.12. Theorem.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  and  $\beta \in [0, \top]$ . For every fuzzy ideal extension  $\nu$  of the fuzzy  $\beta$ -translation  $\mu_\beta^T$  of  $\mu$ , there exists  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$  such that  $\alpha \geq \beta$  and  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$ .* □

The following example illustrates Theorem 3.12.

**3.13. Example.** Consider a BCI-algebra  $X = \{\theta, 1, 2, a, b\}$  where the  $*$ -multiplication is defined by Table 1.

**Table 1.**  $*$ -multiplication table for  $X$

| $*$      | $\theta$ | 1        | 2        | $a$      | $b$      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $b$      | $a$      |
| 1        | 1        | $\theta$ | 1        | $b$      | $a$      |
| 2        | 2        | 2        | $\theta$ | $b$      | $a$      |
| $a$      | $a$      | $a$      | $a$      | $\theta$ | $b$      |
| $b$      | $b$      | $b$      | $b$      | $a$      | $\theta$ |

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.7 & 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.3 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , and  $\top = 0.3$ . If we take  $\beta = 0.15$ , then the fuzzy  $\beta$ -translation  $\mu_\beta^T$  of  $\mu$  is as follows:

$$\mu_\beta^T = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.85 & 0.55 & 0.65 & 0.45 & 0.45 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\nu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.88 & 0.57 & 0.69 & 0.47 & 0.47 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of the fuzzy  $\beta$ -translation  $\mu_\beta^T$  of  $\mu$ . But  $\nu$  is not a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation of  $\mu$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . If we take  $\alpha = 0.17$ , then  $\alpha = 0.17 > 0.15 = \beta$  and the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is given as follows:

$$\mu_\alpha^T = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.87 & 0.57 & 0.67 & 0.37 & 0.37 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $\nu(x) \geq \mu_\alpha^T(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , and hence  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$ .

By means of the definition of fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation, we know that  $\mu_\alpha^T(x) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we have the following theorem.

**3.14. Theorem.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  and  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ . Then the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu$ .  $\square$*

A fuzzy ideal extension of a fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  may not be represented as a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation of  $\mu$ , that is, the converse of Theorem 3.14 is not true in general as shown by the following example.

**3.15. Example.** (1) In Example 3.8,  $\mu_2$  cannot be represented as a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation of  $\mu_1$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ .

(2) Consider a BCI-algebra  $X = \{\theta, 1, a, b, c\}$  where the  $*$ -multiplication is defined by Table 2.

**Table 2.**  $*$ -multiplication table for  $X$

| $*$      | $\theta$ | 1        | $a$      | $b$      | $c$      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $a$      | $b$      | $c$      |
| 1        | 1        | $\theta$ | $a$      | $b$      | $c$      |
| $a$      | $a$      | $a$      | $\theta$ | $c$      | $b$      |
| $b$      | $b$      | $b$      | $c$      | $\theta$ | $a$      |
| $c$      | $c$      | $c$      | $b$      | $a$      | $\theta$ |

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & a & b & c \\ 0.9 & 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Let  $\nu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  given by

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & a & b & c \\ 0.94 & 0.66 & 0.38 & 0.38 & 0.57 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu$ . But it is not the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, \top]$ .

Clearly, the intersection of fuzzy ideal extensions of a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu$ . But the union of fuzzy ideal extensions of a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  is not a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu$  as seen in the following example.

**3.16. Example.** Consider a BCI-algebra  $X = \{\theta, a, b, c\}$  with Cayley table (Table 3).

**Table 3. Cayley table**

| *        | $\theta$ | $a$      | $b$      | $c$      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $a$      | $b$      | $c$      |
| $a$      | $a$      | $\theta$ | $c$      | $b$      |
| $b$      | $b$      | $c$      | $\theta$ | $a$      |
| $c$      | $c$      | $b$      | $a$      | $\theta$ |

Let  $\mu, \nu$  and  $\delta$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c \\ 0.7 & 0.3 & 0.5 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c \\ 0.8 & 0.6 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\delta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c \\ 0.9 & 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. Then  $\nu$  and  $\delta$  are fuzzy ideal extensions of  $\mu$ . Obviously, the union  $\nu \cup \delta$  is a fuzzy extension of  $\mu$ , but it is not a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu$  since

$$(\nu \cup \delta)(c) = 0.5 \not\geq 0.6 = \min\{(\nu \cup \delta)(c * b), (\nu \cup \delta)(b)\}.$$

**3.17. Definition.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  and  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ . A *fuzzy  $\gamma$ -multiplication* of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\mu_\gamma^m$ , is defined to be a mapping

$$\mu_\gamma^m : X \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \mu(x) \cdot \gamma.$$

For any fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ , a fuzzy 0-multiplication  $\mu_0^m$  of  $\mu$  is clearly a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .

**3.18. Theorem.** *If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then the fuzzy  $\gamma$ -multiplication of  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for all  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

**3.19. Theorem.** *For any fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .
- (2)  $(\forall \gamma \in (0, 1])$   $(\mu_\gamma^m$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X)$ .

*Proof.* Necessity follows from Theorem 3.18. Let  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $\mu_\gamma^m$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\mu(\theta) \cdot \gamma = \mu_\gamma^m(\theta) \geq \mu_\gamma^m(x) = \mu(x) \cdot \gamma$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) \cdot \gamma &= \mu_\gamma^m(x) \geq \min\{\mu_\gamma^m(x * y), \mu_\gamma^m(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x * y) \cdot \gamma, \mu(y) \cdot \gamma\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \cdot \gamma \end{aligned}$$





Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c & d \\ 0.7 & 0.4 & 0.2 & 0.5 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . If we take  $\gamma = 0.2$ , then the 0.2-multiplication  $\mu_{0.2}^m$  of  $\mu$  is given by

$$\mu_{0.2}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c & d \\ 0.14 & 0.08 & 0.04 & 0.10 & 0.02 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Clearly,  $\mu_{0.2}^m$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Also, for any  $\alpha \in [0, 0.3]$ , the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is given as follows:

$$\mu_\alpha^T = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & a & b & c & d \\ 0.7 + \alpha & 0.4 + \alpha & 0.2 + \alpha & 0.5 + \alpha & 0.1 + \alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy extension of  $\mu_{0.2}^m$  and  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is always a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 0.3]$ . Therefore  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu_{0.2}^m$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 0.3]$ .

**3.23. Example.** Consider a BCI-algebra  $X = \{\theta, 1, 2, a, b\}$ , where the  $*$ -multiplication is defined by Table 5.

**Table 5.  $*$ -multiplication table for  $X$**

| $*$      | $\theta$ | 1        | 2        | $a$      | $b$      |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $\theta$ | $a$      | $a$      |
| 1        | 1        | $\theta$ | 1        | $b$      | $a$      |
| 2        | 2        | 2        | $\theta$ | $a$      | $a$      |
| $a$      | $a$      | $a$      | $a$      | $\theta$ | $\theta$ |
| $b$      | $b$      | $a$      | $b$      | 1        | $\theta$ |

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.6 & 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.3 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . If we take  $\gamma = 0.1$ , then the 0.1-multiplication  $\mu_{0.1}^m$  of  $\mu$  is given by

$$\mu_{0.1}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.06 & 0.01 & 0.05 & 0.03 & 0.01 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Clearly,  $\mu_{0.1}^m$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Also, for any  $\alpha \in [0, 0.4]$ , the fuzzy  $\alpha$ -translation  $\mu_\alpha^T$  of  $\mu$  is given as follows:

$$\mu_\alpha^T = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 1 & 2 & a & b \\ 0.6 + \alpha & 0.1 + \alpha & 0.5 + \alpha & 0.3 + \alpha & 0.1 + \alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy extension of  $\mu_{0.1}^m$  and  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is always a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 0.4]$ . Therefore  $\mu_\alpha^T$  is a fuzzy ideal extension of  $\mu_{0.1}^m$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 0.4]$ .

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