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# FUZZY DOT IDEAL OF BCK/BCI-ALGEBRAS

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#### **Abstract**

The concept of fuzzy dot subalgebra of BCK/BCI-algebras was introduced by Jun and Hong [5]. In this paper, we introduce the concept of fuzzy dot ideal, and study its some characterizations and properties. Also, we give a relation between a fuzzy dot ideal in theorems.

Keywords: BCK/BCI-algebras, fuzzy dot subalgebra, fuzzy dot ideal.

#### INTRODUCTION

The notion of *BCK*-algebra was introduced by Imai and Iseki in 1966 [2]. In the same year Iseki [3] introduced the notion of a *BCI*-algebra which is a generalization of a *BCK*-algebra. After the introduction of the concept of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [11], several researches worked on the generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. Jun and Hong [5] introduced a fuzzy dot subalgebra in *BCK/BCI*-algebras and investigated some properties. In this paper, we introduce the notion of fuzzy dot ideal and give some fundamental properties and characterizations of fuzzy dot ideal of *BCK/BCI*-algebra.

## **PRELIMINARIES**

In this section, some basic definitions and properties of BCK/BCI-algebras and fuzzy sets in BCK/BCI-algebras are given. By a BCI-algebra X, we mean an algebra (X, \*, 0) of type (2, 0) satisfying the following conditions:

$$BCI - 1 ((xy)(xz))(zy) = 0,$$

$$BCI - 2 (x(xy))y = 0,$$

$$BCI - 3 \quad xx = 0$$

$$BCI - 4 xy = 0 \text{ and } yx = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$$
,

where, xy = x \* y, and xy = 0 if and only if  $x \le y$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A BCI-algebra X satisfying  $0 \le x$ , for all  $x \in X$  is called a BCK-algebra. In a BCK/BCI-algebra X, the following properties hold for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

P-1 
$$x = 0 = x$$
.

P-2 
$$(xy)z = (xz)y$$
.

P-3 
$$x \le y$$
 implies that  $xz \le yz$  and  $zy \le zx$ .

P-4 
$$(xz)(yz) \le xy$$
 [5].

If X is a BCK-algebra, then the inequality  $xy \le x$  holds for all  $x, y \in X$ 

Next, we review some fuzzy concepts. A fuzzy set of X is a function  $\mu: X \to [0,1]$ . The set  $\mu_t = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) \ge t\}$ , where  $t \in [0,1]$  is called the level subset of  $\mu$ .

A nonempty subset I of a BCK/BCI-algebra X is called an *ideal* of X, if it satisfies:

(I-1)  $0 \in I$ 

(I-2)  $xy \in I$  and  $y \in I$  imply that  $x \in I$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

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A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra X is said to be a fuzzy ideal ([1],[4]) of X, if it satisfies: (FI-1)  $\mu(0) \ge \mu(x)$ ,

(FI-2)  $\mu(x) \ge \min \{ \mu(xy), \mu(y) \}$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

### **FUZZY DOT IDEAL**

**Definition 3.1.** ([5],[6]) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a *BCI*-algebra X. Then  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy dot subalgebra* (also called fuzzy H-algebra [6]) of X, if it satisfies:

$$\mu(xy) \ge \mu(x)\mu(y)$$
, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a *BCI*-algebra X. Then  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy dot ideal* of X, if it satisfies: (FD-1)  $\mu(0) \ge \mu(x)$ ,

(FD-2) 
$$\mu(x) \ge \mu(xy) \mu(y)$$
, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a *BCI*-algebra with \* defined by

*	0	а	b	С
0	0	a	b	С
а	а	0	С	b
b	b	С	0	а
С	С	b	а	0

**[Example 3.2].** Define the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X by  $\mu(0) = 0.8$ ,  $\mu(a) = \mu(b) = 0.25$  and  $\mu(c) = 0.1$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a *BCK*-algebra with \* defined by

*	0	а	b	С
0	0	0	0	0
а	а	0	0	а
b	b	а	0	b
С	С	С	С	0

[3; Example 3.2]. Define the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X by  $\mu(0) = 0.9$ ,  $\mu(a) = \mu(b) = 0.5$  and  $\mu(c) = 0.1$ . Routine calculations give that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X. Also a fuzzy subset V of X, defined by v(0) = v(a) = 0.5, v(b) = 0.4 and v(c) = 0.3, is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Remark 3.5.** Note that every fuzzy ideal of X is a fuzzy dot ideal of X, since

$$\mu(x) \ge \min \{\mu(xy), \mu(y)\} \ge \mu(xy)\mu(y)$$

but the converse is not true. In Example 3.4. we can see the fuzzy dot ideal V is not a fuzzy ideal of X, since

$$v(b) = 0.4 < \min\{v(ba), v(a)\}\$$
  
=  $\min\{v(a), v(a)\} = 0.5$ 

**Proposition 3.6.** Let D be a nonempty subset of a BCK/BCI-algebra X and  $\mu_D$  a fuzzy set in X defined by  $\mu_D(x) = s$  if  $x \in D$  and  $\mu_D(x) = t$  otherwise,  $s, t \in [0,1]$  with s > t. Then  $\mu_D$  is fuzzy dot ideal of X, if D is ideal of X.

**Proof.** Suppose that D is an ideal of X. Since  $0 \in D$ , we have  $\mu_D(0) = s \ge \mu_D(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $x,y \in X$ . If  $xy \in D$  and  $y \in D$ , then  $x \in D$ , so  $\mu_D(x) = s \ge \mu_D(xy) \mu_D(y) = s^2$ . If  $xy \notin D$  or  $y \notin D$ , then  $\mu_D(xy) \mu_D(y) = ts \le t \le \mu_D(x)$ . If  $xy \notin D$  and  $y \notin D$ , then  $\mu_D(xy) \mu_D(y) = t^2 \le t \le \mu_D(x)$ . Therefore  $\mu_D(xy) \mu_D(y) = t^2 \le t \le \mu_D(x)$ . Therefore  $\mu_D(xy) \mu_D(y) = t^2 \le t \le \mu_D(x)$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** Every fuzzy dot ideal  $\mu$  of a BCK/BCI-algebra X with  $\mu(0)=1$ , is order reserving.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x \leq y$ , then xy = 0, so

$$\mu(x) \ge \mu(xy)\mu(y) = \mu(0)\mu(y) = \mu(y)$$
.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dot ideal of a BCK/BCI-algebra X, and  $\mu(0)=1$ . Then for all  $x,y,z\in X$ , it satisfies the condition (1)  $\mu(xy)\geq \mu((xy)y)$ , if and only if it satisfies

(2) 
$$\mu((xz)(yz)) \ge \mu((xy)z)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dot ideal of X satisfying (1). Since  $((x(yz))z) = ((xz)(yz))z \le (xy)z$ , by Proposition 3.7. we have  $\mu((x(yz))z) \ge \mu((xy)z)$ . It follows from (1) that.

$$\mu((xz)(yz)) = \mu((x(yz))z)$$

$$\geq \mu(((x(yz))z)z)$$

$$\geq \mu((xy)z)$$

Thus  $\mu$  satisfies (2).

Conversely, replacing Z with y in (2), we obtain the condition (1). This completes the proof.

We denote  $x(xy) = x^2y$  and inductively  $x(...(xy)) = x^ny$ , if x accuses x -time.

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dot ideal of a BCK/BCI-algebra X, and  $\mu(0)=1$ . Then for all  $x,y\in X$  we have

$$(i) \mu(xy)^n \ge (\mu(x))^2$$
 , where  $n = 2k$  ,  $k \in \square$ .

(ii) 
$$\mu(xy)^n \ge \mu((xy)x)\mu(x)$$
, where  $n = 2k + 1$ ,  $k \in \square$ .

(iii) 
$$\mu(\mathbf{x}^n) \ge \mu(xy)\mu(y)$$
, where  $n = 2k + 1$ ,  $k \in \square$ .

**Proof**. Let  $x, y \in X$ , since

$$(xy)x = (xx)y = 0y$$

$$(xy)^{2}x = (xy)((xy)x) = (xy)(0y) \le x = 0$$

$$(xy)^{3}x = (xy)((xy)^{2}x) \le (xy)x = 0y$$

$$(xy)^{4}x = (xy)((xy)^{3}x) \le (xy)(0y) \le x = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\left(xy\right)^{2k}x \le x,\tag{1}$$

$$\left(xy\right)^{2k+1}x \le 0y \ . \tag{2}$$

(i) By (1) and Proposition 3.7. we have 
$$\mu((xy)^{2^k} x) \ge \mu(x), \text{ then}$$

$$\mu(xy)^{2^k} \ge \mu((xy)^{2^k} x) \mu(x)$$

$$\ge \mu(x) \mu(x)$$

$$= (\mu(x))^2$$

(ii) By (2) and Proposition 3.7. we have 
$$\mu\Big(\big(xy\big)^{2k+1}x\Big) \ge \mu\Big(0y\Big)$$
, then 
$$\mu\Big(\big(xy\big)^{2k+1}\Big) \ge \mu\Big(\big(xy\big)^{2k+1}x\Big)\mu\Big(x\Big)$$
$$\ge \mu\Big(0y\Big)\mu\Big(x\Big)$$
$$= \mu\Big(\big(xy\big)x\Big)\mu\Big(x\Big)$$

(iii ) Since 
$$x^{2k+1}(xy) \le y$$
, then by Proposition 3.7. we get  $\mu(x^{2k+1}(xy)) \ge \mu(y)$ , then 
$$\mu(x^n) \ge \mu(x^n(xy))\mu(xy)$$
 
$$\ge \mu(y)\mu(xy)$$
 
$$= \mu(xy)\mu(y)$$

**Theorem 3.10.** Let X be a BCK/BCI-algebra, and let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of X and  $\mu(0) = 1$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X if and only if it satisfies.

 $xy \le z$  implies  $\mu(x) \ge \mu(y)\mu(z)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X. Let  $xy \le z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . By Proposition 3.6.  $\mu(xy) \ge \mu(z)$ , so

$$\mu(x) \ge \mu(xy)\mu(y)$$
  
 
$$\ge \mu(z)\mu(y)$$

Conversely, since  $x(xy) \le y$ , then by hypothesis we get  $\mu(x) \ge \mu(xy) \mu(y)$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Theorem 3.11.** Any fuzzy dot ideal  $\mu$  of BCK-algebra X with  $\mu(0) = 1$  must be a fuzzy dot subalgebra of X.

**Proof.** Since  $xy \le x$ , then by Proposition 3.7.,  $\mu(x) \le \mu(xy)$ . Thus  $\mu(xy) \ge \mu(x) > \mu(x) = \mu(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\{\mu_i\}$ , where  $i \in I$  be a family of fuzzy dot ideals of a BCK/BCI-algebra X, then so is  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i$ .

**Proof.** For all  $x, y \in X$ , we get

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_{i}(0) = \min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(0)\}$$

$$\geq \min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(x)\}$$

$$= \bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_{i}(x)$$

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_{i}(x) = \min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(x)\} 
\geq \min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(xy)\mu_{i}(y)\} 
\geq \left(\min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(xy)\}\right) \left(\min_{i \in I} \{\mu_{i}(y)\}\right) 
= \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_{i}(xy)\right) \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_{i}(y)\right)$$

Hence  $\bigcap_{i\in I}\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X .

**Remark 3.13**. Note that a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a *BCK/BCI*-algebra X is a fuzzy ideal of X if and only if a nonempty level subset  $\mu_t$  is an ideal of X for every  $t \in [0,1]$ . But if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X, then  $\mu_t$  may not to be an ideal of X, as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.14.** Let  $X = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a *BCK*-algebra as defined in Example 3.4. Consider the same fuzzy dot ideal V of X which is defined by v(0) = v(a) = 0.5, v(b) = 0.4 and v(c) = 0.3. We can see that  $v_{0.5} = \{0, a\}$  and  $ba = a \in v_{0.5}$ , but  $b \notin v_{0.5}$ , then  $v_{0.5}$  is not an ideal of X.

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dot ideal of BCK/BCI-algebra X. Then  $X_{\mu} = \{x \in X \mid \mu(x) = 1\}$  is either empty or ideal of X.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X, clearly  $0 \in X_{\mu}$ , now let  $X_{\mu} \neq \phi$ , and xy,  $y \in X_{\mu}$ . Then  $\mu(xy) = 1 = \mu(y)$ , so  $\mu(x) \ge \mu(xy)\mu(y) = 1$  gives  $x \in X_{\mu}$ . Hence  $X_{\mu}$  is an ideal of X.

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $g: X \to X'$  be a homomorphism of BCK/BCI-algebras. If V is a fuzzy dot ideal of X', then the preimage  $g^{-1}(v)$  of V under g is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Proof.** For any  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$g^{-1}(v)(0) = v(g(0)) \ge v(g(x)) = g^{-1}(v)(x)$$

$$g^{-1}(v)(x) = v(g(x))$$

$$\ge v(g(x)(g(y)))v(g(y))$$

$$= v(g(xy))v(g(y))$$

$$= g^{-1}(v(xy))g^{-1}(v(y))$$

Hence  $g^{-1}(v)$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Theorem 3.17.** For any fuzzy subset  $\sigma$  of BCK/BCI-algebra X, assume that  $\mu_{\sigma}$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X \times X$  defined by  $\mu_{\sigma}(x,y) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$  for all  $x,y \in X$ . Then  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X if and only if  $\mu_{\sigma}$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X. For all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\mu_{\sigma}(0,0) = \sigma(0)\sigma(0) \ge \sigma(x)\sigma(x) = \mu_{\sigma}(x,x).$$

For any  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in X$  , we have

$$\mu_{\sigma}((x_{1},x_{2})(y_{1},y_{2}))\mu_{\sigma}(y_{1},y_{2})$$

$$=\mu_{\sigma}(x_{1}y_{1},x_{2}y_{2})\mu_{\sigma}(y_{1},y_{2})$$

$$=(\sigma(x_{1}y_{1})\sigma(x_{2}y_{2}))(\sigma(y_{1})\sigma(y_{2}))$$

$$=(\sigma(x_{1}y_{1})\sigma(y_{1}))(\sigma(x_{2}y_{2})\sigma(y_{2}))$$

$$\leq \sigma(x_{1})\sigma(x_{2})$$

$$=\mu_{\sigma}(x_{1},x_{2}),$$

And so  $\mu_{\sigma}$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X$  .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mu_{\sigma}$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X$  and let  $x,y \in X$  . Then

$$(\sigma(xy)\sigma(y))^{2} = (\sigma(xy)\sigma(y))(\sigma(xy)\sigma(y))$$

$$= (\sigma(xy)\sigma(xy))(\sigma(y)\sigma(y))$$

$$= \mu_{\sigma}(xy,xy)\mu_{\sigma}(y,y)$$

$$= (\mu_{\sigma}(x,x)\mu_{\sigma}(y,y))\mu_{\sigma}(y,y)$$

$$\leq \mu_{\sigma}(x,x)$$

$$= \sigma(x)\sigma(x) = (\sigma(x))^{2}$$

And so  $\sigma(x) \ge \sigma(xy)\sigma(y)$ , that is  $\sigma$  a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let X be a BCK/BCI-algebra, and let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of  $X \times X$  and  $\sigma$  be a fuzzy subset of X defined by  $\sigma(x) = \mu(x,0)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X$ , then  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X.

**Proof.** For all  $x \in X$  we have

$$\sigma(0) = \mu(0,0) \ge \mu(x,0) = \sigma(x)$$
. For all  $x, y \in X$ 

$$\sigma(xy)\sigma(y) = \mu(xy,0)\mu(y,0)$$

$$= \mu(xy,00)\mu(y,0)$$

$$= \mu((x,0)(y,0))\mu(y,0)$$

$$\leq \mu(x,0)$$

$$= \sigma(x)$$

Thus  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X .

**Theorem 3.19.** Let X, X' be BCK/BCI-algebras, and  $\mu$  a fuzzy set of  $X \times X'$  satisfying the inequalities  $\mu(x,0) \ge \mu(x,x')$  and  $\mu((x,0)(y,0)) \ge \mu((x,x')(y,y'))$  for all x,  $y \in X$  and  $x',y' \in X'$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a fuzzy subset of X defined as above. If  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of X, then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ .

**Proof.** For all  $(x,y) \in X \times X'$ , we have

$$\mu(0,0) = \sigma(0) \ge \sigma(x) = \mu(x,0) \ge \mu(x,y),$$

and for all  $(x, x'), (y, y') \in X \times X'$ 

$$\mu(x,x') = \sigma(x) \ge \sigma(xy)\sigma(y)$$

$$= \mu(xy,0)\mu(y,0)$$

$$= \mu(xy,00)\mu(y,0)$$

$$= \mu((x,0)(y,0))\mu(y,0)$$

$$\ge \mu((x,x')(y,y'))\mu(y,y')$$

Thus  $\mu$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ .

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $\mu$  and V be fuzzy dot ideals of a BCK/BCI-algebras X and X' respectively. Then the cross product  $\mu \times V$  of  $\mu$  and V defined by  $\mu \times v(x,y) = \mu(x)v(y)$ , for all  $(x,y) \in X \times X'$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ .

**Proof.** For all  $(x, y) \in X \times X'$  we have

$$\mu \times \nu(0,0) = \mu(0)\nu(0) \ge \mu(x)\nu(y) = \mu \times \nu(x,y)$$

Now, for any  $(x, x'), (y, y') \in X \times X'$ , we have

$$\mu \times \nu(x, x') = \mu(x)\nu(x')$$

$$\geq (\mu(xy)\mu(y))(\nu(x'y')\nu(y'))$$

$$= (\mu(xy)\nu(x'y'))(\mu(y)\nu(y'))$$

$$= (\mu \times \nu(xy, x'y'))(\mu \times \nu(y, y'))$$

$$= (\mu \times \nu(x, x')(y, y'))(\mu \times \nu(y, y'))$$

Thus  $\mu \times V$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ .

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $\mu$  and V be fuzzy dot ideals of BCK/BCI-algebras X and X' respectively. If the cross product  $\mu \times V$  is a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ , then  $\mu$  or V must be a fuzzy dot ideal.

**Proof.** Let  $\mu \times V$  be a fuzzy dot ideal of  $X \times X'$ . We claim that  $\mu$  or V satisfies (FD-1). Suppose  $\mu(0) < \mu(x_0)$  and  $\nu(0) < \nu(x_0')$ , for some  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_0' \in X'$ . Then

$$\mu \times \nu(0,0) = \mu(0)\nu(0) < \mu(x_0)\nu(x_0') = \mu \times \nu(x_0,x_0')$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore (FD-1) holds for one  $\mu$  or  $\nu$ . Suppose that (FD-2) is false. Then there are  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  and  $x_0', y_0' \in X'$  such that

$$\mu \times \nu(x_{0}, x_{0}') = \mu(x_{0})\nu(x_{0}')$$

$$< (\mu(x_{0}y_{0})\mu(y_{0}))(\nu(x_{0}'y_{0}')\nu(y_{0}'))$$

$$= (\mu(x_{0}y_{0})\nu(x_{0}'y_{0}'))(\mu(y_{0})\nu(y_{0}'))$$

$$= \mu \times \nu(x_{0}y_{0}, x_{0}'y_{0}')\mu \times \nu(y_{0}, y_{0}')$$

$$= \mu \times \nu((x_{0}, x_{0}')(y_{0}, y_{0}'))\mu \times \nu(y_{0}, y_{0}')$$

Which is impossible. Hence (FD-2) is also valid for one  $\,\mu$  or

 ${\mathcal V}$  . Consequently,  ${\mathcal \mu}$  or  ${\mathcal V}$  must be a fuzzy dot ideal.

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