

## $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -Interval-Valued Fuzzy Prime Ideals of BCK-Algebras

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ABSTRACT. The notion of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals in commutative BCK-algebras is introduced. Some characterization theorems in  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals in commutative BCK-algebras are derived. Also we study relation between  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal and  $(\in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy level prime ideals. Characterization of interval-valued fuzzy set to be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals are provided.

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## 1 Introduction

Zadeh [28] defined a fuzzy set as a generalisation of the characteristic function of a subset. A fuzzy set can be defined mathematically by assigning to each possible individual in the universe of discourse, a value representing its grade of membership in the set. The membership grades are very often represented by real numbers in the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . The nearer the value of an element to unity, the higher the grade of its membership. Rosenfeld ([27]) was the first who consider the case of a groupoid in terms of fuzzy sets. Since then these ideas have been applied to other algebraic structures such as group, semigroup, ring, vector spaces etc. Imai and Iseki ([14]) introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCK-algebras and BCI-algebras. It is known that the class of BCK-algebra is a proper sub class of the class of BCI-algebras. Iseki ([16]) introduced the concept of prime ideal in commutative BCK-algebras. In ([4]) Ahsan, Deeba and Thaheem have studied the theory of ideals, in particular, prime ideals of a commutative BCK-algebras. In ([18, 19]) Jun and Xin have studied fuzzy prime ideals and invertible fuzzy

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ideals in BCK-algebras. Abdullah ([3]) introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of commutative BCK-algebras. The concept of fuzzy point introduced by Ming and Ming in [25] and also they introduced the idea of relation "belongs to" and "quasi coincident with" between fuzzy point and a fuzzy set. Bhakat and Das ([7, 8]) used the relation of "belongs to" and "quasi-coincident with" between fuzzy point and fuzzy set to introduced the concept of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy subgroup,  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy subring and  $(\in \vee q)$ -level subset. Basnet and Singh ([10]) introduced  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideals of BG-algebra in 2011. Dhanani and Pawar ([12]) introduced the concept of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideals (prime) of lattice.

As a generalization of fuzzy set interval-valued fuzzy set were proposed by Zadeh ([29]) as a natural extension of fuzzy sets. Interval-valued fuzzy subsets have many applications in several areas. Biswas ([9]) defined interval valued fuzzy subgroups i.e., interval valued fuzzy subgroups of Rosenfelds nature, and investigated some elementary properties. The concept of interval-valued fuzzy sets have been studied in various algebraic structures, see ([13, 21, 17, 22]). Lee et al [21] introduced interval-valued  $(\in, \in \vee q_k)$ -fuzzy ideals of rings and Ma et al. [22] studied interval valued fuzzy  $(p-, q-, a-)$ ideals of BCI-algebras and  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy  $(p-, q-, a-)$ ideals of BCI-algebras with some related properties. Dutta et al. [13] investigated interval-valued fuzzy prime and semiprime ideals of a hyper semiring. In this paper, we introduced the notion of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals of commutative BCK-algebras and got some interesting result.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** [18, 19] An algebra  $(X, *, 0)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a BCK-algebra if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (i)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = 0$
- (ii)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = 0$
- (iii)  $x * x = 0$
- (iv)  $0 * x = 0$
- (v)  $x * y = 0$  and  $y * x = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$

We can define a partial ordering " $\leq$ " on  $X$  by  $x \leq y$  iff  $x * y = 0$

A BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be commutative if it satisfies the identity  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x$  where  $x \wedge y = y * (y * x) \forall x, y \in X$ . In a commutative BCK-algebra, it is known that  $x \wedge y$  is the greatest lower bound of  $x$  and  $y$ .

In a BCK-algebra  $X$ , the following hold:

- (i)  $x * 0 = x$
- (ii)  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y$
- (iii)  $x * y \leq x$
- (iv)  $(x * y) * z \leq (x * z) * (y * z)$
- (v)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x * z \leq y * z$  and  $z * y \leq z * x$ .

A nonempty subset  $I$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an ideal of  $X$  if  $(I_1) 0 \in I$   $(I_2) x * y \in I$  and  $y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in BCK-algebra  $X$  is called a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies  $(FI_1) \mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$   $(FI_2) \mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

An ideal  $I$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be prime if  $x \wedge y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ . A non constant fuzzy ideal

$\mu$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be fuzzy prime ([19]) if  $\mu(x \wedge y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $x \wedge y \leq x, y$  and  $\mu$  is order reversing, it follows that  $\mu(x) \leq \mu(x * y)$  and  $\mu(y) \leq \mu(x * y)$  therefore a non constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is fuzzy prime iff  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  or equivalently  $\mu(x \wedge y) = \mu(x)$  or  $\mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([7]) A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of the form

$$\mu(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } y = x, \quad t \in (0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

is called a fuzzy point with support  $x$  and value  $t$  and it is denoted by  $x_t$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point then ([7])

- (i) If  $\mu(x) \geq t$  then we say  $x_t$  belongs to  $\mu$  and write  $x_t \in \mu$
- (ii) If  $\mu(x) + t > 1$  then we say  $x_t$  quasi coincident with  $\mu$  and write  $x_t q \mu$
- (iii) If  $x_t \in \vee q \mu \Leftrightarrow x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q \mu$
- (iv) If  $x_t \in \wedge q \mu \Leftrightarrow x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q \mu$

The symbol  $x_t \bar{\alpha} \mu$  means  $x_t \alpha \mu$  does not hold and  $\bar{\in} \wedge \bar{q}$  means  $\bar{\in} \vee \bar{q}$

For a fuzzy point  $x_t$ . and a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in set  $X$ , Pu and Liu ([25]) gave meaning to the symbol  $x_t \alpha \mu$  where  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([20]) A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , Where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if

- (i)  $x_t \alpha \mu \Rightarrow 0_t \beta \mu$
- (ii)  $(x * y)_t, y_s \alpha \mu \Rightarrow x_{m(t,s)} \beta \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.4** Consider BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with the following cayley table.

*	0	x	y	z	w
0	0	0	0	0	0
x	x	0	x	0	x
y	y	y	0	y	0
z	z	x	z	0	z
w	w	w	y	w	0

Define a map  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(0) = 0.7, \mu(x) = \mu(z) = 0.3, \mu(y) = \mu(w) = 0.2$ , then  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5** An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if  $(x \wedge y)_t \alpha \mu \Rightarrow x_t \beta \mu$  or  $y_t \beta \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.6** An  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$  if  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \mu \Rightarrow x_t \in \vee q \mu$  or  $y_t \in \vee q \mu$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

The notion of interval-valued fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh([29]). To consider the notion of interval-valued fuzzy sets, we need the following notations. By an interval number  $\hat{a}$ , we mean an interval  $[\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$ , where  $0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq 1$ . Let  $D[0, 1]$  denote the set of all such interval numbers of  $[0, 1]$ .

Define on  $D[0, 1]$  the relations  $\preceq, =, <$  by

1.  $\hat{a}_1 \preceq \hat{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow \underline{a}_1 \leq \underline{a}_2$  and  $\bar{a}_1 \leq \bar{a}_2$
2.  $\hat{a}_1 = \hat{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow \underline{a}_1 = \underline{a}_2$  and  $\bar{a}_1 = \bar{a}_2$
3.  $\hat{a}_1 < \hat{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow \underline{a}_1 < \underline{a}_2$  and  $\bar{a}_1 < \bar{a}_2$
4.  $\hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow [\underline{a}_1 + \underline{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2]$
5.  $\hat{a}_1 \cdot \hat{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow [\min(\underline{a}_1 \underline{a}_2, \underline{a}_1 \bar{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 \underline{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2), \max(\underline{a}_1 \underline{a}_2, \underline{a}_1 \bar{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 \underline{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2)] = [\underline{a}_1 \underline{a}_2, \bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2]$
6.  $k\hat{a} = [k\underline{a}, k\bar{a}]$  where  $0 \leq k \leq 1$

Now consider two intervals  $\hat{a}_1 = [\underline{a}_1, \bar{a}_1], \hat{a}_2 = [\underline{a}_2, \bar{a}_2] \in D[0, 1]$  then we define refine minimum  $rmin(\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2) = [\min(\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2), \min(\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2)]$  and refine maximum as  $rmax(\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2) = [\max(\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2), \max(\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2)]$  generally if  $\hat{a}_i = [\underline{a}_i, \bar{a}_i], \hat{b}_i = [\underline{b}_i, \bar{b}_i] \in D[0, 1]$  for  $i=1,2,3,\dots$  then we define  $rmax(\hat{a}_i, \hat{b}_i) = [\max(\underline{a}_i, \underline{b}_i), \max(\bar{a}_i, \bar{b}_i)]$  and  $rmin(\hat{a}_i, \hat{b}_i) = [\min(\underline{a}_i, \underline{b}_i), \min(\bar{a}_i, \bar{b}_i)]$  and  $rinfi(\hat{a}_i) = [\wedge_i \underline{a}_i, \wedge_i \bar{a}_i]$  and  $rsup_i(\hat{a}_i) = [\vee_i \underline{a}_i, \vee_i \bar{a}_i]$   
 $(D[0, 1], \preceq)$  is a complete lattice with  $\wedge = rmin, \vee = rmax, \hat{0} = [0, 0]$  and  $\hat{1} = [1, 1]$  being the least and the greatest element respectively.

**Definition 2.7** An interval-valued fuzzy set defined on a non empty set  $X$  as an objects having the form  $\hat{\mu} = \{x, [\underline{\mu}(x), \bar{\mu}(x)]\}, \forall x \in X$  where  $\underline{\mu}$  and  $\bar{\mu}$  are two fuzzy sets in  $X$  such that  $\underline{\mu}(x) \leq \bar{\mu}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $\hat{\mu}(x) = [\underline{\mu}(x), \bar{\mu}(x)], \forall x \in X$ , Then  $\hat{\mu}(x) \in D[0, 1], \forall x \in X$

If  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\nu}$  be two interval-valued fuzzy sets in  $X$ , then we define

- $\hat{\mu} \subseteq \hat{\nu} \Leftrightarrow$  for all  $x \in X, \underline{\mu}(x) \leq \underline{\nu}(x)$  and  $\bar{\mu}(x) \leq \bar{\nu}(x)$ .
- $\hat{\mu} = \hat{\nu} \Leftrightarrow$  for all  $x \in X, \underline{\mu}(x) = \underline{\nu}(x)$  and  $\bar{\mu}(x) = \bar{\nu}(x)$ .
- $(\hat{\mu} \cup \hat{\nu})(x) = \hat{\mu}(x) \vee \hat{\nu}(x) = rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\nu}(x)\} = [\max\{\underline{\mu}(x), \underline{\nu}(x)\}, \max\{\bar{\mu}(x), \bar{\nu}(x)\}]$ .
- $(\hat{\mu} \cap \hat{\nu})(x) = \hat{\mu}(x) \wedge \hat{\nu}(x) = rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\nu}(x)\} = [\min\{\underline{\mu}(x), \underline{\nu}(x)\}, \min\{\bar{\mu}(x), \bar{\nu}(x)\}]$ .
- $(\hat{\mu} \hat{\times} \hat{\nu})(x, y) = \hat{\mu}(x) \wedge \hat{\nu}(y) = [\min\{\underline{\mu}(x), \underline{\nu}(y)\}, \min\{\bar{\mu}(x), \bar{\nu}(y)\}]$ .
- $\hat{\mu}^c(x) = [1 - \bar{\mu}(x), 1 - \underline{\mu}(x)]$ .

**Definition 2.8** Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an interval-valued fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then, for every  $[0, 0] < \hat{t} \preceq [1, 1]$ , the crisp set  $\hat{\mu}_t = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}\}$  is called the level subset of  $\hat{\mu}$ .

**Definition 2.9** ([22]) An interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  in BCK-algebra  $X$  is called an interval-valued fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if it satisfies

- (i)  $\hat{\mu}(0) \succeq \hat{\mu}(x)$
- (ii)  $\hat{\mu}(x) \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x * y), \hat{\mu}(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.10** A non constant interval-valued fuzzy ideal  $\hat{\mu}$  of a commutative BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be an interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \preceq rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.11** Ma et al [22] extended the notion of belongingness and quasi-coincidence of a fuzzy point with a fuzzy set and defined the notions of belongingness and quasi-coincidence of an interval-valued fuzzy point with an interval-valued fuzzy set. For any interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu} = \{x, [\underline{\mu}(x), \overline{\mu}(x)]\}$  and  $\hat{t} = [\underline{t}, \overline{t}]$ , we define  $\hat{\mu} + \hat{t} = [\underline{\mu}(x) + \underline{t}, \overline{\mu}(x) + \overline{t}]$  for all  $x \in X$ . In particular if  $\underline{\mu}(x) + \underline{t} \geq 1$ , we write as  $\hat{\mu} + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1] = \hat{1}$

Let  $x \in X$  and  $\hat{t} \in D[0, 1]$ , an interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $X$  of the form

$$\hat{\mu}(y) = \begin{cases} \hat{t} \neq [0, 0], & \text{if } y = x, \quad \hat{t} \in D(0, 1) \\ \hat{0} = [0, 0], & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

is said to be an interval-valued fuzzy point with support  $x$  and interval-valued value  $\hat{t}$  and is denoted by  $x_{\hat{t}}$ .

**Definition 2.12** [22] Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an interval-valued fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $x_{\hat{t}}$  be an interval-valued fuzzy point then

- (i) If  $\hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  then we say  $x_{\hat{t}}$  belongs to  $\hat{\mu}$  and write  $x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$
- (ii) If  $\hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1]$  then we say  $x_{\hat{t}}$  quasi coincident with  $\hat{\mu}$  and write  $x_{\hat{t}}q\hat{\mu}$
- (iii) If  $x_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q\hat{\mu} \Leftrightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $x_{\hat{t}}q\hat{\mu}$
- (iv) If  $x_{\hat{t}} \in \wedge q\hat{\mu} \Leftrightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  and  $x_{\hat{t}}q\hat{\mu}$

The symbol  $x_{\hat{t}}\bar{\alpha}\hat{\mu}$  means  $x_{\hat{t}}\alpha\hat{\mu}$  does not hold and  $\bar{\in} \wedge q$  means  $\bar{\in} \vee q$

For an interval-valued fuzzy point  $x_{\hat{t}}$  and an interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  in set  $X$ , Pu and Liu gave meaning to the symbol  $x_{\hat{t}}\alpha\hat{\mu}$  where  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$ .

**Definition 2.13** A interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -interval-valued fuzzy ideal of  $X$ ,

Where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if

- (i)  $x_{\hat{t}}\alpha\hat{\mu} \Rightarrow 0_{\hat{t}}\beta\hat{\mu}$
- (ii)  $(x * y)_{\hat{t}}\beta\hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_{r_{\min(\hat{t}, \hat{s})}}\beta\hat{\mu}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t}, \hat{s} \preceq [1, 1]$ .

**Example 2.14** Consider BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with the following cayley table.

*	0	x	y	z	w
0	0	0	0	0	0
x	x	0	x	0	x
y	y	y	0	y	0
z	z	x	z	0	z
w	w	w	y	w	0

Define an interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu} : X \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  by  $\hat{\mu}(0) = [0.6, 0.70]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(x) = \hat{\mu}(z) = [0.3, 0.4]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(y) = \hat{\mu}(w) = [0.1, 0.2]$  then  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy ideal  $X$ .

### 3 $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -Interval-valued Fuzzy prime ideals of BCK-algebras

In what follows, let  $X$  denote a commutative BCK-algebra unless otherwise stated.

**Definition 3.1** An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -interval-value fuzzy ideal  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $X$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , Where  $\alpha \neq \in \wedge q$  if  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\alpha}} \hat{\mu}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t}, \hat{s} \preceq [1, 1]$ .

**Definition 3.2** An  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy ideal  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $X$  is said to be  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$  if  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t}, \hat{s} \preceq [1, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.3** An interval-valued fuzzy subset  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $X$  is an interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal if and only if  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal.

Let  $\mu$  be an interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal

Therefore  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \preceq rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\}$

Let  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

Therefore  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal.

Conversely, Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal.

Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) = \hat{t}$  where  $\hat{t} \in D[0, 1]$

then  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t} \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq \hat{t} = \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)$

Therefore  $\hat{\mu}$  is an interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal.

**Theorem 3.4**  $\hat{\mu}$  is  $(q, q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal if and only if  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal.

Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be a  $(q, q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy ideal of a BCK-algebra  $X$ .

Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) + \hat{\delta} \succ \hat{t}$  Since  $\hat{\delta}$  is arbitrary small interval belongs to  $D[0, 1]$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) + \hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1}$

$\Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_{\hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} q \hat{\mu}$

Since  $\hat{\mu}$  is a  $(q, q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal  $X$ .

Therefore we have  $x_{\hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} q \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} q \hat{\mu}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{\delta} - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{\delta} \succ \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{\delta} \succ \hat{t}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$  Since  $\hat{\delta}$  is arbitrary

$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$

therefore  $(x \wedge y)_t \in \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_t \in \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_t \in \hat{\mu}$

Hence  $\hat{\mu}$  is  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of X.

Conversely,

Assume  $\hat{\mu}$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of X.

Let  $(x \wedge y)_t q \hat{\mu}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) + \hat{t} \succ \hat{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t} \text{ where } \delta \succ \hat{0} \text{ is arbitrary}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_{\delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} \in \hat{\mu}$$

Since  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal X.

Therefore we have  $x_{\delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1}} \in \hat{\mu}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \delta - \hat{t} + \hat{1} \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succ \hat{1} - \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succ \hat{1} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{t} \succ \hat{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_t q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_t q \hat{\mu}$$

therefore  $(x \wedge y)_t q \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_t q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_t q \hat{\mu}$

Hence  $\hat{\mu}$  is a  $(q, q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of X.

**Remark 3.5** The notion of interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal,  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal and  $(q, q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal are equivalent.

**Theorem 3.6** An interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  of a BCK-algebra X is a  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of X iff

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

First let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of X. To prove

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad (3.1)$$

Assume that(3.1) is not valid, then there exists some  $x, y \in X$  such that

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$$

choose an interval  $\hat{t} \in [[0, 0], [0.5, 0.5]]$  such that

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \prec \hat{t} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad (3.2)$$

then  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succ \hat{t} \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)_t \in \hat{\mu}$

and also  $\hat{\mu}(x) \prec \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \prec \hat{t}$  i.e.,  $x_t \notin \hat{\mu}, y_t \notin \hat{\mu}$

also  $\hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \prec 2\hat{t} \prec 2[0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1] = \hat{1}$  i.e.,  $x_t \in \overline{\vee q} \hat{\mu}, y_t \in \overline{\vee q} \hat{\mu}$  which is a contradiction, since  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal

Hence we must have

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$$

**Conversely,** Suppose

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad (3.3)$$

Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  where  $\hat{t} \in D(0, 1]$

i.e.,  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$  Now (3.3)  $\Rightarrow rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{t}, [0.5, 0.5]\}$  Now we have

Case I:  $\hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$

then  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq \hat{t} \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$

Case II:  $\hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5]$  then  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq [0.5, 0.5] \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succeq [0.5, 0.5] + \hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1]$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5] + \hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1]$

$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  combining case I and case II  $x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$

Hence  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$

that is  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Remark 3.7** Every interval-value fuzzy prime ideal is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal.

**Remark 3.8** Converse of above is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9** Consider BCK-algebra  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  with the following cayley tables.

Table.1: Illustration of converse of Remark 3.7

*	0	x	y	z	$\wedge$	0	x	y	z
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
x	x	0	0	x	x	0	x	x	0
y	y	x	0	y	y	0	x	y	0
z	z	z	z	0	z	0	0	0	z

Define an interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu} : X \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  by  $\hat{\mu}(0) = [0.65, 0.70]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(x) = [0.5, 0.6]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(y) = [0.62, 0.75]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(z) = [0.53, 0.58]$  then  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal  $X$  by Theorem 3.6, but not an interval-value fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  because  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge z) = \hat{\mu}(0) = [0.65, 0.70] \succ rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(z)\} = rmax\{[0.5, 0.6], [0.53, 0.58]\} = [0.53, 0.6]$ .

**Theorem 3.10** If a fuzzy subset  $\hat{\mu}$  of a BCK-algebra  $X$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x) \prec [0.5, 0.5] \forall x, y \in X$ , then  $\hat{\mu}$  is also an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x) \succ [0.5, 0.5] \forall x \in X$ . Let  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$  therefore  $\hat{t} \preceq \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \prec [0.5, 0.5]$  and also  $\hat{\mu}(x) \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(y) \prec [0.5, 0.5]$  therefore  $\hat{t} \prec [0.5, 0.5]$  and also  $\hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \prec [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{t} \prec [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1] \Rightarrow x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  and  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$ . Since  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal, so we must have  $x_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  or  $y_{\hat{\mu}} \in \hat{\mu}$  i.e.  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -interval-value fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.11** An interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}$  in  $X$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  if and only if the set  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}\}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  for all  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}} \neq \phi$



Assume that  $\hat{\mu}$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $x \wedge y \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$ . therefore  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$ . It follows that  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{t}, [0.5, 0.5]\} = \hat{t}$  therefore  $\hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$  that is  $x \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$ , or  $y \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  therefore  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely

Suppose that  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and let  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$  is not valid, then there exists some  $a, b \in X$  such that  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), [0.5, 0.5]\}$  hence we can take  $[0, 0] \succ \hat{t} \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$  such that

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec \hat{t} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad (3.4)$$

(3.4)  $\Rightarrow a \wedge b \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$ . Since  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  is an ideal of  $X$ , it follows that  $a \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  or  $b \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$ , so that  $\hat{\mu}(a) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(b) \succeq \hat{t}$  which contradicts (3.4), therefore we must have  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$  consequently  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $A$  be a non empty subset of a BCK- algebra  $X$ . Consider the interval-valued fuzzy set  $\hat{\mu}_A$  in  $X$  defined by

$$\hat{\mu}_A(x) = \begin{cases} \hat{1} & \text{if } x \in A \\ \hat{0} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  iff  $\hat{\mu}_A$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $X$ , then  $(\hat{\mu}_A)_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}_A(x) \succ \hat{t}\} = A$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  which is a prime ideal. Hence by above theorem  $\hat{\mu}_A$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\hat{\mu}_A$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $x \wedge y \in A$ , then  $\hat{\mu}_A(x \wedge y) = \hat{1}$ . Now  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}_A(x), \hat{\mu}_A(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}_A(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} = rmin\{[1, 1], [0.5, 0.5]\} = [0.5, 0.5] \Rightarrow rmax\{\hat{\mu}_A(x), \hat{\mu}_A(y)\} \succeq [0.5, 0.5] \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_A(x) \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$  or  $\hat{\mu}_A(y) \succeq [0.5, 0.5] \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_A(x) = [1, 1] = \hat{1}$  or  $\hat{\mu}_A(y) = [1, 1] = \hat{1} \Rightarrow x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ . Therefore  $x \wedge y \in A \Rightarrow x \in A$  or  $y \in A$

Hence  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.13** Let  $A$  be a prime ideal of  $X$ , then for every  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  there exists an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $X$ , such that  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}} = A$ .

Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an interval-valued fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by

$$\hat{\mu}(x) = \begin{cases} \hat{1} & \text{if } x \in A \\ \hat{s} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  where  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{s} \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$

$(\hat{\mu})_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t} \succ \hat{s}\} = A$ . Hence  $(\hat{\mu})_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal. Now if  $\hat{\mu}$  is not an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Then there exists some  $a, b \in X$  such that  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), [0.5, 0.5]\}$  choose  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  such that

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec \hat{t} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad (3.5)$$

therefore  $\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b) \succeq \hat{t}$  for all  $a, b \in X \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in (\hat{\mu})_{\hat{t}} = A$ , a prime ideal therefore  $a \in A$  or  $b \in A \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(a) = [1, 1] = \hat{1}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(b) = [1, 1] = \hat{1}$  which contradicts(3.5). Hence  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.14** Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an interval-valued fuzzy set in BCK-algebra  $X$  and  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$ , let

$$\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}\} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t}\}$$

$$\prec \hat{\mu} \succ_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | x_{\hat{t}} q \hat{\mu}\} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succ 1\}$$

$$[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} = \{x \in X | x_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu}\} = \{x \in X | \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succ 1\}$$

Here  $\hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$  is called  $\hat{t}$  level set of  $\hat{\mu}$ ,  $\prec \hat{\mu} \succ_{\hat{t}}$  is called  $q$  level set of  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  is called  $(\in \vee q)$  level set of  $\hat{\mu}$

$$\text{Clearly } [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} = \prec \hat{\mu} \succ_{\hat{t}} \cup \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}}$$

**Theorem 3.15** Let  $\hat{\mu}$  be a fuzzy set in BCK-algebra  $X$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$  iff  $[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$  for all  $[0, 0] \prec \hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$ . We call  $[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  as  $(\in \vee q)$ -level prime ideal of  $\hat{\mu}$ .

Assume that  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , to prove  $[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . Let  $x \wedge y \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  for  $\hat{t} \in D(0, 1]$  then  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu}$  then  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succeq \hat{t}$  or  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1]$  since  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . Therefore  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$ . Now we have the following cases:

Case I:  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succ \hat{t}$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{t}, [0.5, 0.5]\}$$

Subcase I:  $\hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5]$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq [0.5, 0.5] \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succeq [0.5, 0.5]$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1] \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5] + [0.5, 0.5] = [1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_{\hat{t}} q \hat{\mu}$$

Subcase II:  $\hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$$

Hence  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu}$

i.e  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} \Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} \text{ or } y_{\hat{t}} \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$

Case II:  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1]$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{[1, 1] - \hat{t}, [0.5, 0.5]\}$$

Subcase I:  $\hat{t} \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq [0.5, 0.5] \succeq \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succeq \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_{\hat{t}} \in \hat{\mu}$$

Subcase II:  $\hat{t} \succ [0.5, 0.5]$

$$rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq [1, 1] - \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) \succeq [1, 1] - \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) \succeq [1, 1] - \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(x) + \hat{t} \succeq [1, 1] \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(y) + \hat{t} \succeq [1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_i q \hat{\mu}$$

Hence  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in \vee q \hat{\mu} \Rightarrow x_i \in \vee q \hat{\mu} \text{ or } y_i \in \vee q \hat{\mu}$

i.e  $(x \wedge y)_{\hat{t}} \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} \Rightarrow x_i \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} \text{ or } y_i \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$

Conversely, let  $\hat{\mu}$  be an interval-value fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $\hat{t} \in D(0, 1]$  such that  $[\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  is a prime ideal of  $X$ . To prove  $\hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . If  $\hat{\mu}$  is not an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ , then there exists some  $a, b \in X$  such that  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), [0.5, 0.5]\}$  holds. Choose  $\hat{t}$  such that  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(a), \hat{\mu}(b)\} \prec \hat{t} \prec rmin\{\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b), 0.5\}$  then  $\hat{\mu}(a \wedge b) \succ \hat{t} \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in \hat{\mu}_{\hat{t}} \subset [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$  which is a prime ideal  $\Rightarrow a \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}} \text{ or } b \in [\hat{\mu}]_{\hat{t}}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}(a) \succeq \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(a) + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1] \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(b) \succeq \hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{\mu}(b) + \hat{t} \succ [1, 1]$  which contradicts hence we must have  $rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}$ .

**Theorem 3.16** Let  $\hat{\lambda}$  and  $\hat{\mu}$  be two  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ , then  $\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

Here  $\hat{\lambda}$  and  $\hat{\mu}$  both are  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ . Therefore  $\forall x, y \in X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} &\succeq rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}, \\ rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x), \hat{\lambda}(y)\} &\succeq rmin\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

To prove  $\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ . It is enough to show that

$$rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} \succeq rmin\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \quad \forall x, y \in X. \quad (3.7)$$

Now  $rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\}$

$$= rmax\{rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x), \mu(x)\}, rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(y), \hat{\mu}(y)\}\}$$

$$= rmax\{rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x), \hat{\lambda}(y)\}, rmax\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\}\}$$

$$\succeq rmax\{rmin\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}, rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}\} \text{ by (3.6)}$$

$$\Rightarrow rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} \succeq rmax\{rmin\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}, rmin\{\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\}\} \quad (3.8)$$

Now we have the following cases:

Case I:  $\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y) \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \Rightarrow rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} &\succeq rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)\} \\ &\succeq (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y) \\ &= rmin\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \end{aligned}$$

Case II:  $\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y) \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succ [0.5, 0.5]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \Rightarrow rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} &\succeq rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} = [0.5, 0.5] \\ &= rmin\{rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)\}, [0.5, 0.5]\} \\ &= rmin\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \end{aligned}$$

Case III:  $\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y) \succ [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \preceq [0.5, 0.5]$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \Rightarrow rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} &\succeq rmax\{[0.5, 0.5], \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)\} = [0.5, 0.5] \\ &= rmin\{rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)\}, [0.5, 0.5]\} \\ &= rmin\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \end{aligned}$$

Case IV:  $\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y) \succ [0.5, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x \wedge y) \succ [0.5, 0.5]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \Rightarrow rmax\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x), (\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(y)\} &\succeq rmax\{[0.5, 0.5], [0.5, 0.5]\} = [0.5, 0.5] \\ &= rmin\{rmax\{\hat{\lambda}(x \wedge y), \hat{\mu}(x \wedge y)\}, [0.5, 0.5]\} \\ &= rmin\{(\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu})(x \wedge y), [0.5, 0.5]\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence from above (3.7) holds  $\forall x, y \in X$ .

Hence  $\hat{\lambda} \hat{\cup} \hat{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.17** Let  $\{\hat{\mu}_i : i \in \wedge\}$  be a family of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals of  $X$ , then  $\hat{\mu} = \hat{\cup}\{\hat{\mu}_i : i \in \wedge\}$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideal of  $X$ .

## 4 Conclusions

In this paper, we have studied  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals of commutative  $BCK$ -algebras and investigated several properties. In my opinion, these definitions and results can be extended to other algebraic systems also. In the notions of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy prime ideals,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals and  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -interval-valued fuzzy prime ideals, where  $\alpha, \beta \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$ , we can define twelve different types of ideals by three choices of  $\alpha$  and four choices of  $\beta$ . We can apply  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy prime ideals in the field of fuzzy medical diagnosis, artificial intelligence, information science, agriculture etc.

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