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# **Generalized Intuitionistic Fuzzy BE-Algebras**

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we introduce the notion of  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebrasas a generalization of an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebrasin BE-algebras. Characterizations  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebrasare established. Finally, we show that the Cartesian product of  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras.

*Keywords:* BE-algebra, fuzzy point,  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra

## **1. Introduction**

The theory of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadehin 1965 [16]. The generalization of the crisp set to fuzzy sets relied on spreading positive information that point {1} into the interval [0,1]. Since then the notion of fuzzy sets is actively applied to many branches in Mathematics and it is known that several generalization of a fuzzy set were extensively investigated by many researchers and properties have been considered systematically. Fuzzy sets and its extensions have provided successful results dealing with uncertainty in different in many real word problems.

The fuzzification of algebraic structures was initiated by Rosenfeld's [14] and he introduced the notion of fuzzy subgroups. The idea of "intuitionistic fuzzy set" was first introduced by Atanassov [2,3], as a generalization of the notion of fuzzy set. These kind of fuzzy sets have gained a wide recognition as a useful tool in the modeling of some uncertain phenomena. Bhakat and Das gave the concepts of  $(\alpha,\beta)$ -fuzzy subgroup [4,5,6] by using the "belong to" relation ( $\in$ ) and "quasi-coincident" relation (q) between a fuzzy point  $x_{\lambda}$  and a fuzzy set  $\mu$ . Then they introduced a new type of fuzzy subgroup, that is, the ( $\in, \in \lor q$ )-fuzzy subgroups and ( $\in, \in \lor q$ )-fuzzy subgroups and obtained some fundamental results pertaining to these notions. J. Zhan and et al. introduced the notion of ( $\in, \in \lor q$ )-fuzzy *p*-ideals, ( $\in, \in \lor q$ )-fuzzy *q*-ideals and ( $\in, \in \lor q$ )-fuzzy *a*-ideals in BCI-algebras and investigate some of their properties [17]. Jun et al. introduced the notion of ( $\in, \in \lor q_k$ )-fuzzy subgroups. June tal. introduced the notion of ( $\in, \in \lor q_k$ )-fuzzy subgroups. Then any authors have studied about it for other algebraic structures.

BE-algebras have been defined in [8] as ageneralization of BCK-algebras.Ahn et al. [1] fuzzified the concept of BE-algebras and investigated some of their Properties.Song et

al. was defined the notion of fuzzy ideals in BE-algebras and investigated related properties [15]. Rezaei et al. investigated the relationship between Hilbert algebras and BE-algebras. In fact we showed that a commutative implicative BE-algebra is equivalent to the commutative self distributive BE-algebra and prove that Hilbert algebras and commutative self distributive BE-algebras are equivalent [11]. Rezaei and BorumandSaeid [12] introduced the notions of g-generalized fuzzy filters(ideals) in BE-algebras. Recently, we introduced the notion of hesitant fuzzy (implicative) filters and got some results on BE-algebras and show that every hesitant fuzzy implicative filter is a hesitant fuzzy filter but not the converse [13].

The aim of this paper is to introduce the notion of  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras, which is an extended notion of an $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras in BE-algebras. Then we prove some theorems and review some basic properties on this algebra by using our definitions. The Cartesian product of  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebrashas been discussed.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we review the basic definitions and some elementary aspects that are necessary for this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [8] By a BE-algebra we shall mean an algebra (X;\*,1) of type (2,0) satisfying the following axioms:

(BE1)x \* x = 1,(BE2)x \* 1 = 1,(BE3)1 \* x = x,(BE4)x \* (y \* z) = y \* (x \* z), forall  $x, y, z \in X$ .The binary relation "≤" on X is defined by  $x \le y$  if and only if x \* y = 1, for all

$$x, y \in X$$
.

**Definition 2.2.** [8] A BE-algebra X is said to be self distributive if

x \* (y \* z) = (x \* y) \* (x \* z), for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in X is a function  $\mu: X \to [0,1]$  and the complement of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\overline{\mu}$  is the fuzzy set in X given by  $\overline{\mu}(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  the set

 $U(\mu, \alpha) = \{x \in X : \mu(x) \ge \alpha\} \text{ (resp. } L(\mu, \alpha) = \{x \in X : \mu(x) \le \alpha\}\text{)}$  is called an upper (resp. lower) level set of  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [10] Fuzzy set  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy subalgebra of X if  $\mu(x * y) \ge \min(\mu(x), \mu(y))$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Note that if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subalgebra of X then  $\mu(1) \ge \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a set X of the form

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

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

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function and  $\delta$  be a fuzzy set of Y. Then the fuzzy set  $f^{-1}(\delta)$  of X is defined by:

$$f^{-1}(\delta)(x) = \delta(f(x))$$
, for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of X. Then the fuzzy set  $f(\mu)(x)$  of Y is defined by:

$$f(\mu)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi \end{cases}$$

An intuitionistic fuzzy set (briefly, IFS) A in a nonempty set X is an object having the form  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) : x \in X\}$  where the function  $\mu_A : X \to [0,1]$  and  $\gamma_A : X \to [0,1]$  denoted the degree of membership and the degree of non membership, respectively, where  $0 \le \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \le 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .

An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x)) : x \in X\}$  in X can be identified with an ordered pair  $(\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  in  $I^X \times I^X$ .

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$ . We define 0(x) = 0 and 1(x) = 1, for all  $x \in X$ .

Pu and Liu [9] introduced the symbol  $x_t \alpha \mu$ , where  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \lor q, \in \land q\}$ . We say that  $x_t$  is said to belong to (resp. be quasi-coincident with) a fuzzy set  $\mu$ . To say that  $(x_t \in \lor q \text{ (resp. } x_t \in \land q))$ , we mean  $x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q \mu$  (resp.  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q \mu$ ). By the symbol  $x_t q_k \mu$  we mean  $\mu_A(x) + t + k > 1$ . where  $k \in (0,1)$ . and  $(x_t \in \lor q_k \text{ (resp.} x_t \in \land q_k))$ , we mean  $x_t \in \mu$  or  $x_t q_k \mu$  (resp.  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $x_t q_k \mu$ ). The symbol  $x_t \overline{\alpha \mu}$  means that  $x_t \alpha \mu$  does not hold for  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \lor q_k \in \lor q_k\}$ .

**3.** On  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras of BE-algebras

From now on, X is a BE-algebra unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 3.1.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of the form  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } y = x \\ (0,1) & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$ 

is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy point with support x and value  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and is denoted by  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  A fuzzy point  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is said to intuitionistic belongs to (resp. intuitionistic quaicoincident) with intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  written  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  (resp.  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}qA$ ) if  $\mu_A(x) \ge \alpha$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \le \beta$  (resp.  $\mu_A(x) + \alpha > 1$  and  $\gamma_A(x) + \beta < 1$ ). By the symbol  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}q_kA$  we mean  $\mu_A(x) + \alpha + k > 1$  and  $\gamma_A(x) + \beta + k < 1$  where  $k \in (0,1)$ .

We used the symbol  $x_t \in \mu_A$  implies  $\mu_A(x) \ge t$  and  $\frac{t}{x} \in \gamma_A$  implies  $\gamma_A(x) \le t$ , in the whole paper. To say that  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in \lor qA$  (resp.  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in \land qA$ ), we mean  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  or  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}qA$  (resp.  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  and  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}qA$ ).

By the symbol  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in \lor q_k A$  (resp.  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in \land q_k A$ ) we mean

 $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A \text{ or } x_{(\alpha,\beta)}q_kA \text{ (resp. } x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A \text{ and } x_{(\alpha,\beta)}q_kA \text{ ) where } k \in (0,1).$ 

**Definition 3.2.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X is said to be  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X if

$$x_{(t_1,t_2)} \in A, \ y_{(t_3,t_4)} \in A \text{ imply}(x * y)_{(t_1 \land t_2, t_3 \lor t_4)} \in \lor q_k A,$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, k \in (0,1)$ . Or equivalently we have

An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X is said to be  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X if

- $x_{(t_1)} \in \mu_A, \ y_{(t_2)} \in \mu_A \Longrightarrow (x * y)_{t_1 \land t_2} \in \lor q_k \mu_A, \ \forall x, y \in X, t_1, t_2, k \in (0,1],$
- $\frac{t_3}{x} [\in] \gamma_A, \frac{t_4}{y} [\in] \gamma_A \Rightarrow \frac{t_3 \lor t_4}{x * y} [\in] \land [q_k] \gamma_A, \forall x, y \in X, t_3, t_4, k \in [0,1).$

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{1, a, b, c\}$  be a set with the following table:

| * | 1 | а | b |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | а | b |
| a | 1 | 1 | а |
| b | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Then (X;\*,1) is a BE-algebra. Define the intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X as:

| Х             | 1   | a   | b   |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| $\mu_A(x)$    | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| $\gamma_A(x)$ | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

and

| $t_1$ | 0.3 |
|-------|-----|
| $t_2$ | 0.2 |
| $t_3$ | 0.4 |
| $t_4$ | 0.5 |
| k     | 0.1 |
|       |     |

Then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

**Theorem 3.4.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X is said to be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X if and only if

$$\mu_A(x * y) \ge \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}, \text{ and } \gamma_A(x * y) \le \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X. By contrary assume that there exist some  $t \in (0,1]$  and  $r \in [0,1)$  such that

$$\mu_A(x * y) < t < \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}$$

and

$$\gamma_A(x * y) > r > \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}.$$

This implies  $\mu_A(x) \ge t$ ,  $\mu_A(y) \ge t$ ,  $\mu_A(x * y) < t$ . Then we have

$$\mu_A(x * y) + t + k < \frac{1-\kappa}{2} + \frac{1-\kappa}{2} + k = 1.$$

Hence  $(x * y)_t \in \sqrt{q_k} A$ . Which is a contraction. Therefore

$$\mu_{A}(x * y) \ge \min \left\{ \mu_{A}(x), \mu_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\}.$$

Also, we have  $\gamma_A(x) \le r$ ,  $\gamma_A(y) \le r$ ,  $\gamma_A(x * y) > r$ . Then we have  $\gamma_A(x * y) + r + k > \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + k = 1.$ 

Hence  $\frac{r}{x^* y} \in \left[ A \right] \land \left[ q_k \right] A$ . Which is a contraction. Therefore

$$\gamma_A(x * y) \le \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}.$$

Conversely, assume that

$$\mu_{A}(x^{*}y) \geq \min\left\{ \mu_{A}(x), \mu_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\}, \text{ and } \gamma_{A}(x^{*}y) \leq \max\left\{ \gamma_{A}(x), \gamma_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\}.$$
Let  $(x)_{t_{1}} \in \mu_{A}$  and  $(y)_{t_{2}} \in \mu_{A}$  for all  $x, y \in X, t_{1}, t_{2}, k \in (0,1]$  and  $\frac{t_{3}}{x} \in \gamma_{A}, \frac{t_{4}}{y} \in \gamma_{A}$  for all  $x, y \in X, t_{3}, t_{4}, k \in [0,1).$ 
This implies that  $\mu_{A}(x) \geq t_{1}, \mu_{A}(y) \geq t_{2}$  and  $\gamma_{A}(x) \leq t_{3}, \gamma_{A}(y) \leq t_{4}.$ 
Consider  $\mu_{A}(x^{*}y) \geq \min\left\{ \mu_{A}(x), \mu_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \geq \left\{ t_{1}, t_{2}, \frac{1-k}{2} \right\}.$  If  $t_{1} \wedge t_{2} > \frac{1-k}{2}$ , then  $\mu_{A}(x^{*}y) \geq \frac{1-k}{2}$  and so  $\mu_{A}(x^{*}y) + (t_{1} \wedge t_{2}) + k > \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + k = 1.$  Which implies that  $(x^{*}y)_{t_{1}\wedge t_{2}} q_{k}\mu_{A}.$  Also,  $\gamma_{A}(x^{*}y) \leq \frac{1-k}{2}$  and so  $\gamma_{A}(x^{*}y) + (t_{1} \vee t_{2}) + k < \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + k = 1.$  Which implies that  $t_{1} \vee t_{2} < \frac{1-k}{2}, \text{ then } \gamma_{A}(x^{*}y) \leq \frac{1-k}{2}$  and so  $\gamma_{A}(x^{*}y) + (t_{1} \vee t_{2}) + k < \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + \frac{1-k}{2} + k = 1.$ 

fuzzy subalgebra of X.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $A = (\mu_{A_i}\gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.Then $\mu_A(1) \ge min\left\{\mu_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}$  and  $\gamma_A(1) \le max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ . If  $\mu_A(1) < \frac{1-k}{2}$ , and  $\gamma_A(1) > \frac{1-k}{2}$ , then  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X. **Proof:** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ , and  $\mu(1) < \frac{1-k}{2}$ . Then by Corollary 3.5, we have

$$\begin{split} \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} &\leq \mu_A(1) < \frac{1-k}{2} \text{ and so } \mu_A(x) \leq \frac{1-k}{2}, \text{ for all } x \in X. \text{ Thus } \\ \mu_A(x*y) \geq \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} &= \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}. \end{split}$$
Also, by a similar way we have

 $\gamma_A(x * y) \le \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = \max\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y)\}.$ Therefore  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $A_i = (\mu_{A_i}, \gamma_{A_i})$  for all  $i \in I$ , is a family of  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X, where  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = (\lor \mu_i, \land \gamma_i)$ .

**Proof:** For all  $i \in I$  and  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $\forall \mu_i(x * y) \ge \forall \left( \min\left(\mu_i(x), \mu_i(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right) \right) = \min\left(\forall \mu_i(x), \forall \mu_i(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right)$ and

and

$$\wedge \gamma_i(x * y) \le \wedge \left( max\left(\gamma_i(x), \gamma_i(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right) \right) = max\left(\wedge \gamma_i(x), \wedge \gamma_i(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right)$$

Hence by Theorem 3.4, we have  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = (\forall \mu_i, \land \gamma_i)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let A be a subalgebra of X and  $k \in (0,1)$ . Then  $\overline{I} = (X_A, \overline{X}_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

Proof: Let  $k \in (0,1]$ . If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $x * y \in A$  and  $\mathcal{X}_A(x) = 1$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(x) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{X}_A(y) = 1$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(y) = 0$  Hence  $\mathcal{X}_A(x * y) = 1 \ge \min\left\{\mathcal{X}_A(x), \mathcal{X}_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = \frac{1-k}{2}$ . Also,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(x * y) = 1 - \mathcal{X}_A(x * y) = 0 \le \max\left\{\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(x), \overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = \frac{1-k}{2}$ . If  $x \in A$  and  $y \notin A$ , (or,  $x \notin A$  and  $y \in A$ ), then  $\mathcal{X}_A(x) = 1$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(x) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{X}_A(y) = 0$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(y) = 1$  or  $(\mathcal{X}_A(x) = 0, \overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(x) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{X}_A(y) = 1$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{X}}_A(y) = 0$ .

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{X}_{A}(x * y) \geq \min\left\{\mathcal{X}_{A}(x), \mathcal{X}_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = 0\\ &\text{and}\\ &\overline{\mathcal{X}}_{A}(x * y) \leq \max\left\{\overline{\mathcal{X}}_{A}(x), \overline{\mathcal{X}}_{A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of *X*. Define the intuitionistic level set as

$$A_{(\alpha,\beta)} = \left\{ x \in X : \mu_A(x) \ge \alpha, \gamma_A(x) \le \beta, \text{ where }, \alpha \in (0, \frac{1-k}{2}], \beta \in [\frac{1-k}{2}, 1) \right\}.$$

**Example 3.10.** From Example 3.3, we have  $A_{(0.3,0.5)} = \{1, a, b\}$  and  $A_{(0.4,0.5)} = \{1, b\}$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X is said to be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X if and only if  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \neq \emptyset$  is a subalgebra of X.

**Proof:** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X and  $x, y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Then  $\mu_A(x) \ge \alpha$ ,  $\mu_A(y) \ge \alpha$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \le \beta$ ,  $\gamma_A(y) \le \beta$ . Since  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X, we have

$$\mu_A(x * y) \ge \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \ge \min\left\{\alpha, \alpha, \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \ge \min\left\{\alpha, \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = \alpha$$

and

$$\gamma_A(x * y) \le \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \le \max\left\{\beta, \beta, \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \le \max\left\{\beta, \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} = \beta.$$

Hence  $x * y \in A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . Therefore  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is a subalgebra of X.

Conversely, assume that  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \neq \emptyset$  is a subalgebra of X. By contrary assume that there exist some  $x, y \in X$  such that

$$\mu_A(x * y) < \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \text{ and } \gamma_A(x * y) > \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}.$$

Choose  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1-k}{2}], \beta \in [\frac{1-k}{2}, 1)$  such that

$$\mu_A(x^* y) < \alpha < \min\left\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \text{ and } \gamma_A(x^* y) > \beta > \max\left\{\gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(y), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}.$$

Hence  $x * y \notin A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , which is a contradiction to the hypothesis. Therefore  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

**Definition 3.12.** Let X be a BE-algebra and  $A \subseteq X$ . An  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$  -intuitionistic characteristic function  $\mathcal{X}_A = \{(x, \mu_{\mathcal{X}_A}, \gamma_{\mathcal{X}_A}): x \in X\}$  where  $\mu_{\mathcal{X}_A}$  and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{X}_A}$  are fuzzy sets respectively, defined as:

$$\mu_{\chi_A}: X \to [0,1], x \to \mu_{\chi_A}(x) \coloneqq \begin{cases} \frac{1-k}{2} & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

and

$$\gamma_{\chi_A} : X \to [0,1], x \to \gamma_{\chi_A}(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ \frac{1-k}{2} & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.13.** Let X be a BE-algebra and  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X$ . Ais a subalgebra of X if and only if the characteristic intuitionistic set  $\mathcal{X}_A = \{(x, \mu_{\mathcal{X}_A}, \gamma_{\mathcal{X}_A}) : x \in X\}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X.

Proof: Let 
$$k \in (0,1)$$
. If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $x * y \in A$  and  $\mu_{X_A}(x) = \frac{1-k}{2}$ ,  $\gamma_{X_A}(x) = 1$  and  $\mu_{X_A}(y) = \frac{1-k}{2}$ ,  $\gamma_{X_A}(y) = 1$  Hence  
 $\mu_{X_A}(x * y) = \frac{1-k}{2} \ge \min \left\{ \mu_{X_A}(x), \mu_{X_A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} = \frac{1-k}{2}$ .  
Also,  
 $\gamma_{X_A}(x * y) = 1 \le \max \left\{ \gamma_{X_A}(x), \gamma_{X_A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} = 1$ .  
If  $x \in A$  and  $y \notin A$ , (or,  $x \notin A$  and  $y \in A$ ), then  $\mu_{X_A}(x) = \frac{1-k}{2}$ ,  $\mu_{X_A}(y) = 0$  and  $\gamma_{X_A}(x) = 1$ ,  $\gamma_{X_A}(y) = \frac{1-k}{2}$  or  $(-\mu_{X_A}(y)) = \frac{1-k}{2}$ ,  $\mu_{X_A}(x) = 0$  and  $\gamma_{X_A}(y) = 1$ ,  
 $\gamma_{X_A}(x * y) \ge \min \left\{ \mu_{X_A}(x), \mu_{X_A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} = 0$ .  
and  
 $\gamma_{X_A}(x * y) \ge \min \left\{ \mu_{X_A}(x), \mu_{X_A}(y), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of BE-algebras and  $B = (\partial_B, \partial_B)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of *Y*, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ . Then

 $f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(\delta_B), f^{-1}(\vartheta_B))$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X. **Proof:** Let  $B = (\delta_B, \vartheta_B)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of Y, for some  $k \in (0, 1)$  and  $x, y \in X$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\delta_B)(x*y) &= \delta_B(f(x*y)) = \delta_B(f(x)*f(y)) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\delta_B(f(x)), \delta_B(f(y)), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{f^{-1}(\delta_B(x)), f^{-1}(\delta_B(y)), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{split} f^{-1}(\vartheta_B)(x*y) &= \vartheta_B \big( f(x*y) \big) = \vartheta_B \big( f(x)*f(y) \big) \\ &\leq \max \Big\{ \vartheta_B \big( f(x) \big), \vartheta_B \big( f(y) \big), \frac{1-k}{2} \Big\} \\ &= \max \Big\{ f^{-1} \big( \vartheta_B(x) \big), f^{-1} \big( \vartheta_B(y) \big), \frac{1-k}{2} \Big\}. \end{split}$$

**Definition 3.15.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function. An  $(\in, \in vq_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  of X is said to be f-invariant, if f(x) = f(y) implies that  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_A(y)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) = \gamma_A(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a homomorphism and  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of X. If A if f-invariant, then  $f(A) = (f(\mu_A), f(\gamma_A))$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of Y, where,

$$f(\mu_{A})(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_{A}(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi \end{cases}$$

and

$$f(\gamma_A)(x) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \gamma_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ . If  $f^{-1}(y_1) = \emptyset$  or  $f^{-1}(y_2) = \emptyset$ , then the proof is obvious. Otherwise, let  $f^{-1}(y_1) \neq \emptyset$  or  $f^{-1}(y_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{split} f(\mu_A)(y_1 * y_2) &= \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y_2 * y_2)} \mu_A(x) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2) * f(x_2))} \mu_A(x) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2 * x_2))} \mu_A(x) \\ &= \mu_A(x_1 * x_2) \geq \min \left\{ \mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(x_2), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2))} \mu_A(x), \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2))} \mu_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y_2)} \mu_A(x), \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y_2)} \mu_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ f(\mu_A)(y_1), f(\mu_A)(y_2), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} f(\gamma_A)(y_1 * y_2) &= \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y_1 * y_2)} \gamma_A(x) = \inf_{x \in f^{-1}\left(f(x_1) * f(x_2)\right)} \gamma_A(x) = \inf_{x \in f^{-1}\left(f(x_1 * x_2)\right)} \gamma_A(x) \\ &= \gamma_A(x_1 * x_2) \leq \max\left\{\gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_A(x_2), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\inf_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2))} \gamma_A(x), \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(f(x_2))} \gamma_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y_2)} \gamma_A(x), \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y_2)} \gamma_A(x), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{f(\gamma_A)(y_1), f(\gamma_A)(y_2), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\}. \end{split}$$

Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be  $(\in, \in \vee q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras in X, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ . The Cartesian product of A and B is defined by  $A \times B = (\mu_A \times \mu_B, \gamma_A \times \gamma_B)$ , where

$$(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x, y) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)) \text{ and } (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x, y) = \min(\gamma_A(x), \gamma_B(y))$$

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras in X, for some  $k \in (0,1)$ . Then  $A \times B = (\mu_A \times \mu_B, \gamma_A \times \gamma_B)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras in  $X \times X$ . **Proof:** For any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_A \times \mu_B)((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) &= (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1 * x_2, y_1 * y_2) \\ &= \min(\mu_A(x_1 * x_2), \mu_B(y_1 * y_2)) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\min\{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(x_2), \frac{1-k}{2}\}, \min\{\mu_B(y_1), \mu_B(y_2), \frac{1-k}{2}\}\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{\min\{\mu_A(x_1), \mu_B(y_1)\}, \min\{\mu_A(x_2), \mu_B(y_2)\}, \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \\ &= \min\left\{(\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_1, y_1), (\mu_A \times \mu_B)(x_2, y_2), \frac{1-k}{2}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B) \Big( (x_1, y_1) * (x_2, y_2) \Big) &= (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B) (x_1 * x_2, y_1 * y_2) \\ &= \min(\gamma_A(x_1 * x_2), \gamma_B(y_1 * y_2)) \\ &\leq \min\left\{ \max\left\{ \gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_A(x_2), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\}, \max\left\{ \gamma_B(y_1), \gamma_B(y_2), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \right\} \\ &= \min\left\{ \max\{\gamma_A(x_1), \gamma_B(y_1)\}, \max\{\gamma_A(x_2), \gamma_B(y_2)\}, \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \\ &= \min\left\{ (\gamma \times \gamma_B)(x_1, y_1), (\gamma_A \times \gamma_B)(x_2, y_2), \frac{1-k}{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.18.** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  be  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras in X, for some  $k \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $(A \times B)_{(\alpha,\beta)} = A_{(\alpha,\beta)} \times B_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ , where  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1-k}{2}]$  and  $\beta \in [\frac{1-k}{2}, 1]$ .

8. Conclusion

In this paper, we extended  $(\in, \in vq)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras to  $(\in, \in vq_k)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras for purpose of an extension of fuzzy sets in BE-algebras. Since filter theory is a very interesting and important area of research in the theory of algebraic structures in mathematics we wish these concepts can be further generalized to  $(\in, \in vq)$ -intuitionistic fuzzy filters (ideals) and congruence relations related to this structures. Also, in the future work we will introduce the notion of an interval-valued  $(\in, \in vq_k)$ -fuzzy BE-algebra and investigated relation between  $(\in, \in \lor q_k)$ -fuzzy point. These concepts can further be generalized and we hope its have been some applications in the real world.

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