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# Atanassov's Intuitionistic Fuzzy Generalized Bi-ideals of r-Semigroups

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Abstract. In this paper we introduce the concept of Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideals of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in order to extend the concept of Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Here we characterize regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in terms of Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideals.

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# **1. Introduction**

Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy sets[1,2] are intuitively straightforward extension of Zadeh's[12] fuzzy sets; while a fuzzy set gives the degree of membership of an element in a given set, an Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy set gives both a degree of membership and a degree of non-membership. Kuroki[3, 4, 5, 6] is the pioneer of fuzzy ideal theory of semigroups. The idea of fuzzy subsemigroup was also introduced by Kuroki[3, 4]. In [4], Kuroki characterized several classes of semigroups in terms of fuzzy left, fuzzy right and fuzzy bi-ideals. The notion of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup was introduced by Sen and Saha[10] as a generalization of semigroups and ternary semigroups. S.K. Majumder and M. Mandal[7] studied fuzzy generalized bi-ideals in  $\Gamma$ -semigroups. We have initiated the study of  $\Gamma$ -semigroups in terms of Atanassov's intuitionistic fuzzy subsets[8, 9]. The purpose of this paper is as mentioned in the abstract.

# 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let X be a nonempty set. A mapping  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A) : X \to I \times I$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy set in X if  $\mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \le 1$  for each  $x \in X$ , where the mappings  $\mu_A : X \to I$  and  $\nu_A : X \to I$  denote respectively the degree of membership and the degree of non-membership of each  $x \in X$  to A, I is the unit interval [0,1].

In this paper we shall use the symbol  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  for the intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$  of X.

**Definition 2.2.** [10] Let  $S = \{x, y, z, ...\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, ...\}$  be two non-empty sets. Then *S* is called a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup if there exists a mapping  $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$  (images to be denoted by  $a\alpha b$ ) satisfying (1)  $x\gamma \in S \quad \forall x, y \in S, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , (2)  $(x\beta y)\gamma = x\beta(y\gamma z), \forall x, y, z \in S, \forall \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [8] A non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy subsemigroup  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is called an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S if it satisfies:

(1) 
$$\mu_A(x\alpha y\beta z) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(z)\} \forall x, y, z \in S \text{ and } \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma,$$
  
(2)  $\nu_A(x\alpha y\beta z) \le \max\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(z)\} \forall x, y, z \in S \text{ and } \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$ 

For further preliminaries we refer the readers to [8, 11].

# 3. Intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal

**Definition 3.1.** [7] Let S be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. A non-empty subset I of S is called a generalized bi-ideal of S if  $I\Gamma S\Gamma I \subseteq I$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S* is called an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S* if it satisfies:

(1) 
$$\mu_A(x \alpha y \beta z) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(z)\} \forall x, y, z \in S, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma,$$
  
(2)  $\nu_A(x \alpha y \beta z) \le \max\{\nu_A(x), \nu_A(z)\} \forall x, y, z \in S, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma.$ 

**Remark 1.** It is clear that every intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S. But in general the converse does not hold which will be clear from the following example. For a restricted converse we refer to Proposition 3.1.

**Example 1.** Let  $S = \{x, y, z, r\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\gamma\}$ , where  $\gamma$  is defined on S with the following cayley table:

γ	Х	У	Z	r
Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
У	х	х	Х	х
Z	х	х	У	х
r	Х	х	У	У

Then S is a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. We define an intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of S as  $\mu_A(x) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_A(y) = 0$ ,  $\mu_A(z) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_A(r) = 0$ . and  $\nu_A(x) = 0.4$ ,  $\nu_A(y) = 1$ ,

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 $v_A(z) = 0.7$ ,  $v_A(r) = 1$ . Then  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S but  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is not an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S.

**Definition 3.3. [8]** For any  $t \in [0,1]$  and a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of S, the set  $U(\mu;t) = \{x \in S : \mu(x) \ge t\} (\text{resp.}L(\mu;t) = \{x \in S : \mu(x) \le t\})$ 

is called an upper (resp. lower) *t*-level cut of  $\mu$ .

We omit the proofs of the following theorems because it is a matter of routine verification.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S*. Then the upper and lower level cuts  $U(\mu_A; t)$  and  $L(\mu_A; t)$  are generalized bi-ideals of *S*, for every  $t \in Im(\mu_A) \cap Im(\nu_A)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subset of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S such that the sets  $U(\mu_A;t)$  and  $L(\nu_A;t)$  are generalized bi-ideals of S whenever  $t \in [0,1]$  and the sets are nonempty. Then the intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S.

**Theorem 3.3.** If a non-empty subset I of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is a generalized bi-ideal of S then  $(\chi_I, \chi_I^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S, where  $\chi_I$  is the characteristic function of I.

**Definition 3.4.**[10] A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S* is called regular if for each element  $x \in S$ , there exist  $y \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $x = x \alpha y \beta x$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let S be a regular  $\Gamma$  -semigroup. Then every intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S is intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S.

Proof. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*. Let  $a, b \in S$ . Since *S* is regular, there exist  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $b = b \alpha x \beta b$ . Then for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,

 $\mu_A(a\gamma b) \ge \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(b)\}$  and  $\nu_A(a\gamma b) \le \max\{\nu_A(a), \nu_A(b)\}.$ 

Hence  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subsemigroup of S and consequently  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S.

**Remark 2.** In view of above proposition and Remark 1 we can say that in a regular  $\Gamma$ -semigroup the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal and intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal coincide.

**Definition 3.5.** Let *S* be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be two intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S*. Then the product  $A \circ B = (\mu_{A \circ B}, \nu_{A \circ B})$  of *A* and *B* is defined as

$$(\mu_{A \circ B})(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x=u\gamma v} [\min\{\mu_A(u), \mu_B(v)\} : u, v \in S; \gamma \in \Gamma] \\ 0, \text{if for any } u, v \in S \text{ and for any } \gamma \in \Gamma, x \neq u\gamma v \\ \inf_{x=u\gamma v} [\max\{\nu_A(u), \nu_B(v)\} : u, v \in S; \gamma \in \Gamma] \\ 1, \text{if for any } u, v \in S \text{ and for any } \gamma \in \Gamma, x \neq u\gamma v . \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let *S* be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be a non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy subset of *S*. Then  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S* if and only if  $A \circ S \circ A \subseteq A$ , where  $S = (\chi_S, \chi_S^c)$  and  $\chi_S$  is the characteristic function of *S*.

**Proof:** Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*. Then for all  $x, y, p, q \in S$  and for all  $\beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ ,

 $\mu_A(p\beta q\gamma y) \ge \min\{\mu_A(p), \mu_A(y)\} \text{ and } \nu_A(p\beta q\gamma y) \le \max\{\nu_A(p), \nu_A(y)\}.$ Hence for  $a \in S$  if there exist  $x, y \in S, \gamma \in \Gamma$  with  $a = x\gamma y$  and  $x = p\beta q$  for some  $p, q \in S$  and for some  $\beta \in \Gamma$ , then  $(\mu_A \circ \chi_S \circ \mu_A)(a) \le \mu_A(a)$  (by Lemma 1[7]) and

$$(\nu_{A} \circ \chi_{S}^{c} \circ \nu_{A})(a) = \inf_{a=xyy} [\max\{(\nu_{A} \circ \chi_{S}^{c})(x), \nu_{A}(y)\}]$$

$$= \inf_{a=xyy} [\max\{\inf_{x=p\beta q} \{\max\{\nu_{A}(p), \chi_{S}^{c}(q)\}, \nu_{A}(y)\}]$$

$$= \inf_{a=xyy} [\max\{\max_{x=p\beta q} \{\max\{\nu_{A}(p), 0\}\}, \nu_{A}(y)\}]$$

$$= \inf_{a=xyy} [\max\{\nu_{A}(p), \nu_{A}(y)\}]$$

$$\geq \nu_{A}(p\beta q \gamma y) = \nu_{A}(x\gamma y) = \nu_{A}(a).$$

If for  $a \in S$  no such  $x, y, p, q \in S$  and  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$  exist then  $(\mu_A \circ \chi_S \circ \mu_A)(a) = 0 \le \mu_A(a)$  and  $(\nu_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ \nu_A)(a) = 1 \ge \nu_A(a)$ . Hence  $A \circ S \circ A \subseteq A$ . Conversely, let  $A \circ S \circ A \subseteq A$ . Then  $\mu_A \circ \chi_S \circ \mu_A \subseteq \mu_A$  and  $\nu_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ \nu_A \supseteq \nu_A$ . Hence for  $x, y, z \in S$ , and  $\beta, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , we deduce by repeated use of Definition 3.5  $\mu_A(x\beta y \chi) \ge \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(z)\}$  (by Lemma 1[7]) and

$$V_A(x\beta y \gamma z) \le (V_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ V_A)(x\beta y \gamma z) \le [\max\{(V_A \circ \chi_S^c)(x\beta y), V_A(z)\}]$$

$$\leq \max[\max\{\nu_{A}(x),0\},\nu_{A}(z)] = \max\{\nu_{A}(x),\nu_{A}(z)\}.$$

Hence  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*.

In view of the above lemma we obtain the following theorem by routine verification.

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**Theorem 3.4.** The product of any two intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup S is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of S.

**Theorem 3.5.** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S* is regular if and only if for every intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S*,  $A \circ S \circ A = A$  where  $S = (\chi_S, \chi_S^c)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose *S* is regular. Then for an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S* and  $a \in S$ , there exist  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = a \alpha x \beta a$ . Hence  $\mu_A \circ \chi_S \circ \mu_A = \mu_A$ . (by Theorem 3[7])

Again 
$$(v_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ v_A)(a) \le \max\{(v_A \circ \chi_S^c)(a\alpha x), v_A(a)\}(cf. Definition 3.5)$$
  
 $\le \max[\max\{v_A(a), \chi_S^c(x)\}, v_A(a)]$   
 $= \max\{v_A(a), \chi_S^c(x), v_A(a)\}$   
 $= \max\{v_A(a), 0, v_A(a)\} = v_A(a).$ 

So  $V_A \supseteq V_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ V_A$ . By Lemma 3.1  $V_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ V_A \supseteq V_A$ . Consequently,  $V_A \circ \chi_S^c \circ V_A = V_A$ . Hence  $A \circ S \circ A = A$ .

Conversely suppose the given condition holds. Let *R* be a generalized bi-ideal of *S*. Then by Theorem 3.3,  $(\chi_R, \chi_R^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*. Hence by given condition  $\chi_R \circ \chi_S \circ \chi_R = \chi_R$  and  $\chi_R^c \circ \chi_S^c \circ \chi_R^c = \chi_R^c$ . Let  $a \in R$ . Then  $\chi_R(a) = 1$ . and  $\chi_R^c(a) = 0$ . Hence  $\sup_{a=b_{\mathcal{K}}} [\min_{b=p\delta_q} \chi_R(p), \chi_R(c)] = 1$ . (By Theorem 3[7])

Also

$$(\chi_R^c \circ \chi_S^c \circ \chi_R^c)(a) = 0$$
  
i.e., 
$$\inf_{a=b_{\mathcal{K}}} [\max\{(\chi_R^c \circ \chi_S^c)(b), \chi_R^c(c)\}] = 0$$
  
i.e., 
$$\inf_{a=b_{\mathcal{K}}} [\max\{\inf_{b=p\delta_q} \max\{\chi_R^c(p), \chi_S^c(q)\}, \chi_R^c(c)\}] = 0$$
  
i.e., 
$$\inf_{a=b_{\mathcal{K}}} [\max\{\inf_{b=p\delta_q} \max\{\chi_R^c(p), \chi_R^c(c)\}] = 0$$
  
i.e., 
$$\inf_{a=b_{\mathcal{K}}} [\max\{\inf_{b=p\delta_q} \chi_R^c(p), \chi_R^c(c)\}] = 0.$$

Thus we get  $p, c \in S$  such that  $a = b\gamma c$  and  $b = p\delta q$  with  $\chi_R(p) = \chi_R(c) = 1$  and  $\chi_R^c(p) = \chi_R^c(c) = 0$  whence  $p, c \in R$ . So  $a = b\gamma c = p\delta q\gamma c \in R\Gamma S\Gamma R$ . Consequently,  $R \subseteq R\Gamma S\Gamma R$ . Since R is a generalized bi-ideal of S so  $R\Gamma S\Gamma R \subseteq R$ . Hence  $R = R\Gamma S\Gamma R$  and so S is regular.

Using Lemma 3.1, Theorem 3.16[8] and Theorem 3.5 we can have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.6.** A  $\Gamma$ -semigroup *S* is regular if and only if for each intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S* and each intuitionistic fuzzy ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  of *S*,  $A \cap B = A \circ B \circ A$ .

To conclude the paper we obtain the following result that characterizes regular  $\Gamma$  -semigroups in terms of intutionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideals.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let S be a  $\Gamma$ -semigroup. then the following are equivalent:

(1) S is regular,

(2)  $A \cap B \subseteq A \circ B$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S* and for each intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  of *S*,

(3)  $A \cap B \subseteq A \circ B$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S* and for each intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  of *S*,

(4)  $C \cap A \cap B \subseteq C \circ A \circ B$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$ of *S*, for each intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  of *S*, and for each intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal  $C = (\mu_C, \nu_C)$  of *S*,

(5)  $C \cap A \cap B \subseteq C \circ A \circ B$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  of *S*, for each intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  of *S*, and for each intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal  $C = (\mu_C, \nu_C)$  of *S*.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let *S* be regular,  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of *S* and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of *S*. Let  $a \in S$ . Then there exist  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = a \alpha x \beta a = a \alpha x \beta a \alpha x \beta a$ . Then  $\mu_A \circ \mu_B \supseteq \mu_A \cap \mu_B$  (cf. Theorem 6[7]). Again since A is a intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal and B is a intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal,

 $(\nu_A \circ \nu_B)(a) = \inf_{a=yaz} [\max\{\nu_A(y), \nu_B(z)\}]$ 

 $\leq \max\{v_A(a \alpha x \beta a), v_B(x \beta a)\}(as a = a \alpha x \beta a \alpha x \beta a)$ 

 $\leq \max\{\nu_A(a), \nu_B(a)\} = (\nu_A \cup \nu_B)(a).$ 

So  $V_A \circ V_B \subseteq V_A \cup V_B$ . Hence  $A \cap B \subseteq A \circ B$ .

Similarly we can prove that (1) implies (3).

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Let (2) hold. Let A be an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal and B be an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of S. Then since every intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of S is intuitionistic fuzzy quasi ideal of S and every intuitionistic fuzzy quasi ideal of S is intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S, so A is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S. Hence by (2),  $A \cap B \subseteq A \circ B$ . Also  $A \circ B \subseteq A \cap B$  always holds. Hence  $A \circ B = A \cap B$  and consequently, by Theorem 3.20 [8], S is regular.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Suppose (3) holds. Let T be a generalized bi-ideal of S, L be a left ideal of S and  $a \in T \cap L$ . Then  $a \in T$  and  $a \in L$ . Since T is a generalized bi-ideal

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of *S*, so by Theorem 3.3,  $(\chi_T, \chi_T^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*. By Corollary 3.13 [8],  $(\chi_L, \chi_L^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of *S*. Hence by (3),  $\chi_T \cap \chi_L \subseteq \chi_T \circ \chi_L$  and  $\chi_T^c \cup \chi_L^c \supseteq \chi_T^c \circ \chi_L^c$ . Then  $(\chi_T \circ \chi_L)(a) \ge (\chi_T \cap \chi_L)(a) = \min\{\chi_T(a), \chi_L(a)\} = 1.$ and  $(\chi_T^c \circ \chi_L^c)(a) \le (\chi_T^c \cup \chi_L^c)(a) = \max\{\chi_T^c(a), \chi_L^c(a)\} = 0.$ 

Hence  $\chi_{T \circ L}(a) = 1$  and  $\chi_{T \circ L}^{c}(a) = 0$ .

Hence in view of Definition 3.5, there exist  $b, c \in S$  and  $\delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = b\delta c$  and  $\chi_T(b) = \chi_L(c) = 1$  and  $\chi_T^c(b) = \chi_L^c(c) = 0$ , whence,  $b \in T$  and  $c \in L$ . Hence  $a = b\delta c \in T\Gamma L$ . Thus  $T \cap L \subseteq T\Gamma L$ . Hence by Theorem 5[7]. S is regular.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let *S* be regular. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy biideal,  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal and  $C = (\mu_C, \nu_C)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of *S* respectively. Let  $a \in S$ . Then there exist  $x \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = a\alpha x \beta a = a\alpha x \beta a \alpha x \beta a$ . Then  $\mu_C \cap \mu_A \cap \mu_B \subseteq \mu_C \circ \mu_A \circ \mu_B$  (*cf.* Theorem 6[7]). Again

 $(\nu_{C} \circ \nu_{A} \circ \nu_{B})(a) \leq \max\{\nu_{C}(a\alpha x), (\nu_{A} \circ \nu_{B})(a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a)\}$  $\leq \max\{\nu_{C}(a), (\nu_{A} \circ \nu_{B})(a\alpha x\beta a\alpha x\beta a)\}$ 

(since *C* is an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of *S*)  $\leq \max[\nu_{C}(a), \max\{\nu_{A}(a\alpha x\beta a), \nu_{B}(x\beta a)\}]$   $\leq \max[\nu_{C}(a), \max\{\nu_{A}(a), \nu_{B}(a)\}]$ 

(since A is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S and B is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal)  $\leq \max\{v_C(a), v_A(a), v_B(a)\} = (v_C \cup v_A \cup v_B)(a).$ 

Hence  $V_C \cup V_A \cup V_B \supseteq V_C \circ V_A \circ V_B$ . Hence  $C \cap A \cap B \subseteq C \circ A \circ B$ .

Similarly we can prove that (1) implies (5).

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Let (4) hold. Let  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  and  $C = (\mu_C, \nu_C)$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal and intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of S. Since  $S = (\chi_S, \chi_S^c)$  itself is an intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideal of S, by (4), we have  $C \cap B = C \cap S \cap B \subseteq C \circ S \circ B \subseteq C \circ B$ . Also  $C \circ B \subseteq C \cap B$ . Therefore  $C \circ B = C \cap S$ . Hence by Theorem 3.20 [8], S is regular.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Suppose (5) holds. Let *T* be a generalized bi-ideal of *S*, *L* be a left ideal of *S*, *R* be a right ideal of *S* and  $a \in R \cap T \cap L$ . Then  $a \in R$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $a \in L$ . Since *T* is a generalized bi-ideal of *S*, so by Theorem 3.3,  $(\chi_T, \chi_T^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy generalized bi-ideal of *S*, by Theorem 3.13 [8],  $(\chi_L, \chi_L^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of *S* and  $(\chi_R, \chi_R^c)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of *S*.

S. Hence by(5),  $\chi_R \cap \chi_A \cap \chi_L \subseteq \chi_R \circ \chi_A \circ \chi_L$  and  $\chi_R^c \cup \chi_A^c \cup \chi_L^c \supseteq \chi_R^c \circ \chi_A^c \circ \chi_L^c$ Then  $(\chi_R \circ \chi_T \circ \chi_L)(a) \ge (\chi_R \cap \chi_T \cap \chi_L)(a) = \min\{\chi_R(a), \chi_T(a), \chi_L(a)\} = 1.$ and  $(\chi_R^c \circ \chi_T^c \circ \chi_L^c)(a) \le (\chi_R^c \cup \chi_T^c \cup \chi_L^c)(a) = \max\{\chi_R^c(a), \chi_T^c(a), \chi_L^c(a)\} = 0.$ Hence  $\chi_{(R \circ T) \circ L}(a) = 1$  and  $\chi_{(R \circ T) \circ L}^c(a) = 0.$ 

Hence in view of Definition 3.5, there exist  $b, c \in S$  and  $\delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = b\,\delta c$  and  $(\chi_R \circ \chi_T)(b) = \chi_L(c) = 1$  and  $(\chi_R^c \circ \chi_T^c)(b) = \chi_L^c(c) = 0$ . Hence by applying similar argument as above we see that there exist  $d, e \in S$  and  $\theta \in \Gamma$  such that  $b = d\theta e$  and  $\chi_R(d) = \chi_T(e) = 1$  and  $\chi_R^c(d) = \chi_T^c(e) = 0$ . Thus  $c \in L$ ,  $d \in R$  and  $e \in T$ , with  $a = b\,\delta c = d\theta e\,\delta c \in R\Gamma T\Gamma L$ . Hence  $R \cap T \cap L \subseteq R\Gamma T\Gamma L$ . Consequently, by Theorem 5 [7], S is regular.

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