

Interval Valued Intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T})- Fuzzy Ideals of Ternary Semigroups

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Abstract

In this paper, the concept of interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy ternary subsemigroup (ideal) of a ternary semigroup with respect to interval t-norm \bar{T} and interval t-conorm \bar{S} is given and the characteristic properties are described. We characterized some other classes of ternary semigroups by the properties these interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy ternary subsemigroup (ideal) of a ternary semigroup. The homomorphic image and inverse image are also investigated.

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1. Introduction

In 1932, Lehmer introduced the concept of ternary semigroup [1]. The algebraic structures of ternary semigroups were also studied by some authors, for example, Sioson studied ideals in ternary semigroups [2]. Dixit and Dewan studied quasi-ideals and bi-ideals in ternary semigroups [3], Iampan studied minimal and maximal lateral ideals of ternary semigroups [4].

The concept of a fuzzy set was formulated by Zadeh in [5], since then, the theory of fuzzy sets developed by Zadeh and others has evoked tremendous interest among researchers working in different branches of mathematics. Fuzzy semigroups were introduced by Kuroki [6] as a generalization of classical semigroups. Many classes of semigroups were studied by Kuroki using fuzzy ideals in [7]. Mordeson et. al. [8] gave a systematic exposition of fuzzy semigroups, where one can find theoretical results on fuzzy semigroups and their use in fuzzy coding, fuzzy finite state machines and fuzzy languages. Kar and

Sarkar [9], introduced fuzzy ideals of ternary semigroups, also see [10–24].

After the introduction of the concept of fuzzy sets by Zadeh, there have been a number of generalizations of this fundamental concept. The notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets [25, 26] and interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets [27, 28] are among them. Kim and Jun [29] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of semigroups and in [30], Kim and Lee studied intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals of semigroups.

Kim et. al. [31] gave the concept of intuitionistic (T, S) normed fuzzy ideals of Γ -rings. Gujin and Xiapping [32], introduced the concept of interval-valued fuzzy subgroups induced by T-triangular norms. Akram and Dar in [33] introduced the idea of fuzzy left h-ideal in hemirings with respect to an s-norm. Zhan [34], studied the fuzzy left h-ideals in hemirings with t-norms. There are several authors who applied the theory of intuitionistic (S, T)-fuzzy sets to different algebraic structures for instance, Akram [35], Aygunoglu et al. [36], Davvaz et al.

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[37–39], Dudek et al. [40], Hedayati [41–43], Lee and Kim [44], Shum and Akram [45], and Zhan et al. [46, 47].

In this paper, we studied the idea of interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ideals in ternary semigroups and investigated some of related properties.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper G will denote a ternary semi-group.

DEFINITION 2.1: [1] A ternary semigroup is an algebraic structure (G, f) such that G is a non-empty set and $f: G^3 \rightarrow G$ is a ternary operation satisfying the following associative law:

$$f(f(a, b, c), d, e) = f(a, f(b, c, d), e) = f(a, b, f(c, d, e)).$$

For simplicity we write $f(a, b, c)$ as abc .

DEFINITION 2.2: [2] A non-empty subset A of a ternary semigroup G is said to be a ternary subsemigroup of G if $AAA = A^3 \subseteq A$ that is $abc \in A$ for all $a, b, c \in A$.

DEFINITION 2.3: [2] By a left (right, lateral) ideal of a ternary semigroup G we mean a non-empty subset A of G such that $GGA \subseteq A$ ($AGG \subseteq A$, $GAG \subseteq A$). By a two sided ideal, we mean a subset A of G which is both a left and a right ideal of G . If a non-empty subset of G is a left, right and lateral ideal of G , then it is called an ideal of G .

DEFINITION 2.4: [9] An element a of a ternary semigroup G is called regular if there exists an element $x \in G$ such that $axa = a$. A ternary semigroup G is called regular if every element of G is regular.

Throughout this paper, let I be a closed unit interval, i.e., $I = [0, 1]$. An interval number is $\bar{a} = [a^-, a^+]$, where $0 \leq a^- \leq a^+ \leq 1$. Let $[I]$ denote the set of all interval numbers, i.e., $[I] = \{\bar{a} = [a^-, a^+] : a^- \leq a^+\}$, where $a^-, a^+ \in I$ and the elements in $[I]$ are called the interval numbers on I .

We define the operation of the supremum, infimum and the orders with respect to the interval numbers on $[I]$ as follows:

Let $\bar{a}_j \in [I]$, where $\bar{a}_j = [a_j^-, a_j^+]$, $a_j^-, a_j^+ \in I$, for all $j \in J$, J be an index set. Define

$$\bigwedge_{j \in J} \bar{a}_j = \inf\{a_j^- : j \in J\}$$

$$\text{and } \bigvee_{j \in J} \bar{a}_j = \sup\{a_j^- : j \in J\},$$

$$\inf \bar{a}_j = [\bigwedge_{j \in J} a_j^-, \bigwedge_{j \in J} a_j^+], \sup \bar{a}_j = [\bigvee_{j \in J} a_j^-, \bigvee_{j \in J} a_j^+].$$

In particular, wherever $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in [I]$, $\bar{a} = [a^-, a^+]$, $b = [b^-, b^+]$, we define

- (1) $\bar{a} \leq \bar{b}$ iff $a^- \leq b^-, a^+ \leq b^+$;
- (2) $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$ iff $a^- = b^-, a^+ = b^+$;
- (3) $\bar{a} < \bar{b}$ iff $\bar{a} \leq \bar{b}$ and $\bar{a} \neq \bar{b}$.

From above, it is easy to infer that $\bar{a} < \bar{b}$ iff $a^- < b^-$ and $a^+ \leq b^+$ or $a^- \leq b^-$ and $a^+ < b^+$.

Obviously, $([I], \leq, \sup, \inf)$ constitutes a complete lattice with the least element $\bar{0} = [0, 0]$ and the greatest element $\bar{1} = [1, 1]$ (see [48]).

DEFINITION 2.5: [49] Let X be an ordinary set, then the mapping $\bar{A} : X \rightarrow [I]$ is called an interval-valued fuzzy set (for short, IVFS) on X .

Let $IF(X)$ denote the family of the interval-valued fuzzy sets on X . For each $\bar{A} \in IF(X)$, we have $\bar{A}(x) = [A^-(x), A^+(x)]$, where $A^-(x) \leq A^+(x)$, for all $x \in X$. Then the ordinary fuzzy set $A^- : X \rightarrow I$ and $A^+ : X \rightarrow I$ is called a lower fuzzy set and an upper fuzzy set of \bar{A} , respectively. In addition, we define $\phi(x) = [0, 0]$, $X(x) = [1, 1]$, for all $x \in X$. Obviously $\phi, X \in IF(X)$.

Let $\bar{A}, \bar{B} \in IF(X), x \in X$, we define

$$(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})(x) = \bar{A}(x) \vee \bar{B}(x)$$

$$\text{and } (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})(x) = \bar{A}(x) \wedge \bar{B}(x).$$

Let $[I] \times [I]$ denote set of all double interval numbers, i.e., $[I] \times [I] = \{(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = ([a^-, a^+], [b^-, b^+]) : a^- \leq a^+, b^- \leq b^+, a^+ + b^+ \leq 1\}$ where the elements in $[I] \times [I]$ are called the double interval numbers on $I \times I$. We define the operation of the supremum, infimum and the orders with respect to the double interval numbers on $[I] \times [I]$, as follows:

Let $(\bar{a}_i, \bar{b}_i) \in [I] \times [I]$ where $\bar{a}_i = [a_i^-, a_i^+]$, $\bar{b}_i = [b_i^-, b_i^+]$ with $a_i^+ + b_i^+ \leq 1$, for all $i \in J, J$ be an index set. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_{j \in J} (\bar{a}_j, \bar{b}_j) &= \left(\bigwedge_{j \in J} \bar{a}_j, \bigwedge_{j \in J} \bar{b}_j \right) \\ &= \left(\left[\bigwedge_{j \in J} a_j^-, \bigwedge_{j \in J} a_j^+ \right], \left[\bigwedge_{j \in J} b_j^-, \bigwedge_{j \in J} b_j^+ \right] \right), \\ \bigvee_{j \in J} (\bar{a}_j, \bar{b}_j) &= \left(\bigvee_{j \in J} \bar{a}_j, \bigvee_{j \in J} \bar{b}_j \right) \\ &= \left(\left[\bigvee_{j \in J} a_j^-, \bigvee_{j \in J} a_j^+ \right], \left[\bigvee_{j \in J} b_j^-, \bigvee_{j \in J} b_j^+ \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, $([I] \times [I], \leq, \sup, \inf)$ constitutes a complete lattice with the least element $\bar{0} = ([0, 0], [1, 1])$ and the greatest element $\bar{1} = ([1, 1], [0, 0])$.

DEFINITION 2.6: [28] Let X be an ordinary set, then the mapping $\tilde{A} : X \rightarrow [I] \times [I]$ defined by $\tilde{A}(x) = [\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(x)]$, where $M_A^+(x) + N_A^+(x) \leq 1$, for all $x \in X$ is called an interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy set (for short, IIF-set) on X .

Then the interval-valued fuzzy sets $\bar{M}_A : X \rightarrow [I]$, define by $\bar{M}_A(x) = [M_A^-(x), M_A^+(x)]$, where $M_A^-(x) \leq M_A^+(x)$ and $\bar{N}_A : X \rightarrow [I]$, defined by $\bar{N}_A(x) = [N_A^-(x), N_A^+(x)]$, where $N_A^-(x) \leq N_A^+(x)$, denote the degree of belongingness and the degree of nonbelongingness of each element $x \in X$ to the set \tilde{A} , respectively.

DEFINITION 2.7: [28] Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ and $\tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_B)$ be interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets in a set S . Then

- (1) $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$ if and only if $\bar{M}_A \leq \bar{M}_B$ and $\bar{N}_A \geq \bar{N}_B$.
- (2) $\tilde{A}^c = (\bar{N}_A, \bar{M}_A)$.
- (3) $\tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_A \wedge \bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_A \vee \bar{N}_B)$.
- (4) $\tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_A \vee \bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_A \wedge \bar{N}_B)$.
- (5) $\square \tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_A^*)$ where $\bar{M}_A^* = 1 - \bar{M}_A$.
- (6) $\diamond \tilde{A} = (\bar{N}_A^*, \bar{N}_A)$ where $\bar{N}_A^* = 1 - \bar{N}_A$.

Let $IIF(X)$ denote the family of all the interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets on X .

DEFINITION 2.8: [50] Let \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} be interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Then define

- (a) $\tilde{A} \subset \tilde{B}$ if and only if $\bar{M}_A \leq \bar{M}_B$ and $\bar{N}_A \geq \bar{N}_B$.
- (b) $\tilde{A} = \tilde{B}$ if and only if $\tilde{A} \subset \tilde{B}$ and $\tilde{B} \subset \tilde{A}$.
- (c) If $\{A_i : i \in J\}$ is a family of interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets, then

$$\bigcup_{i \in J} \tilde{A}_i(x) = \left(\bigcup_{i \in J} \bar{M}_{A_i}(x), \bigcap_{i \in J} \bar{N}_{A_i}(x) \right) = \left(\left[\bigvee_{i \in J} M_{A_i}^-(x), \bigvee_{i \in J} M_{A_i}^+(x) \right], \left[\bigwedge_{i \in J} N_{A_i}^-(x), \bigwedge_{i \in J} N_{A_i}^+(x) \right] \right)$$

and

$$\bigcap_{i \in J} \tilde{A}_i(x) = \left(\bigcap_{i \in J} \bar{M}_{A_i}(x), \bigcup_{i \in J} \bar{N}_{A_i}(x) \right) = \left(\left[\bigwedge_{i \in J} M_{A_i}^-(x), \bigwedge_{i \in J} M_{A_i}^+(x) \right], \left[\bigvee_{i \in J} N_{A_i}^-(x), \bigvee_{i \in J} N_{A_i}^+(x) \right] \right)$$

- (d) $\tilde{0} = ([0, 0], [1, 1])$ and $\tilde{1} = ([1, 1], [0, 0])$.

DEFINITION 2.9: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy set. For arbitrary $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2] \in [I]$ with $\lambda_2 + \theta_2 \leq 1$,

let the set $\tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])} = \{x \in X : \bar{M}_A(x) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2], \bar{N}_A(x) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2]\}$, then $\tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$ is called a $([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])$ -level set of \tilde{A} . Obviously, $\tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])} = \bar{M}_{A_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}} \cap \bar{N}_{A_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}}$, where $\bar{M}_{A_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}} = M_{A_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}}^- \cap M_{A_{[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]}}^+$ and $\bar{N}_{A_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}} = N_{A_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}}^- \cap N_{A_{[\theta_1, \theta_2]}}^+$.

DEFINITION 2.10: [36] A mapping $\bar{T} : [I] \times [I] \rightarrow [I]$ is called an interval t-norm defined on $[I] \times [I]$, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{1}) = \bar{a}, \forall \bar{a} \in [I]$,
- (2) $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \bar{T}(\bar{b}, \bar{a}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in [I]$,
- (3) $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{T}(\bar{b}, \bar{c})) = \bar{T}(\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), \bar{c}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in [I]$,
- (4) If $\bar{a} \leq \bar{c}, \bar{b} \leq \bar{d}$, then $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \leq \bar{T}(\bar{c}, \bar{d}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d} \in [I]$.

If $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{a}) = \bar{a}$ for all $\bar{a} \in [I]$, then \bar{T} is called an idempotent interval t-norm.

PROPOSITION 2.11: [36] Let \bar{T} be an interval t-norm. Then the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{0}) = \bar{0}, \forall \bar{a} \in [I]$.
- (ii) $\bar{T}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \leq \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}, \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in [I]$.

DEFINITION 2.12: [36] A mapping $\bar{S} : [I] \times [I] \rightarrow [I]$ is called an interval t-conorm defined on $[I] \times [I]$, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{0}) = \bar{a}, \forall \bar{a} \in [I]$,
- (2) $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \bar{S}(\bar{b}, \bar{a}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in [I]$,
- (3) $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{S}(\bar{b}, \bar{c})) = \bar{S}(\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), \bar{c}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in [I]$,
- (4) If $\bar{a} \leq \bar{c}, \bar{b} \leq \bar{d}$, then $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \leq \bar{S}(\bar{c}, \bar{d}), \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d} \in [I]$.

If $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{a}) = \bar{a}$ for all $\bar{a} \in [I]$, then \bar{S} is called an idempotent interval t-conorm.

PROPOSITION 2.13: [36] Let \bar{S} be an interval t-conorm. Then the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{1}) = \bar{1}, \forall \bar{a} \in [I]$.
- (ii) $\bar{S}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \geq \bar{a} \vee \bar{b}, \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in [I]$.

3. Interval Valued Intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -Fuzzy Ideals of Ternary Semigroups

In this section, we define interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideals of ternary semigroups and prove some basic properties of these ideals.

DEFINITION 3.1: Let G be a ternary semigroup. An IIF-subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ of G is called an interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G if

$$\bar{M}_A(xyz) \geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z))$$

and $\bar{N}_A(xyz) \leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z))$

for all $x, y, z \in G$.

DEFINITION 3.2: An IIF-subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ of G is called an interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G if $\bar{M}_A(xyz) \geq \bar{M}_A(z)$ ($\bar{M}_A(xyz) \geq \bar{M}_A(x)$, $\bar{M}_A(xyz) \geq \bar{M}_A(y)$) and $\bar{N}_A(xyz) \leq \bar{N}_A(z)$ ($\bar{N}_A(xyz) \leq \bar{N}_A(x)$, $\bar{N}_A(xyz) \leq \bar{N}_A(y)$) for all $x, y, z \in G$.

An IIF-subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ of G is called an interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ideal of G if it is an interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal, interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal and interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy lateral ideal of G .

EXAMPLE 3.3: Let $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ be a ternary semigroup with the following Cayley table

·	1	2	3	4
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	3	4
3	1	4	1	1
4	1	3	1	1

Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ be an interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy subset of G such that

$$\tilde{A} = \left(\left(\left(\frac{1}{[0.65, 0.7]}, \frac{2}{[0.5, 0.57]}, \frac{3}{[0.56, 0.59]}, \frac{4}{[0.56, 0.59]} \right), \left(\frac{1}{[0.2, 0.28]}, \frac{2}{[0.35, 0.4]}, \frac{3}{[0.35, 0.4]}, \frac{4}{[0.3, 0.36]} \right) \right)$$

Corresponding interval t-norm and interval s-norm are defined as

$$\bar{T}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = [\max\{x^- + y^- - 1, 0\}, \max\{x^+ + y^+ - 1, 0\}]$$

and $\bar{S}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = [\min\{x^- + y^-, 1\}, \min\{x^+ + y^+, 1\}]$

for all $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in [I]$. By routine calculations we can check that the IIF-subset \tilde{A} is an interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ideal of G .

DEFINITION 3.4: Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$, $\tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_B)$ and $\tilde{C} = (\bar{M}_C, \bar{N}_C)$ be three IIF-subsets of G . The product $\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{B} \circ \tilde{C} = (\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C}, \bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C})$ is defined by

$$\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(a), \bar{M}_B(b), \bar{M}_C(c)), \\ \text{if } \exists a, b, c \in G, \text{ such that } x = abc \\ [0, 0], \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(a), \bar{N}_B(b), \bar{N}_C(c)), \\ \text{if } \exists a, b, c \in G, \text{ such that } x = abc \\ [1, 1], \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We note that the ternary semigroup G can be considered as an IIF-subset of itself and we write $\tilde{G} = (\bar{M}_G, \bar{N}_G)$. And $\tilde{G} = (\bar{M}_G, \bar{N}_G)$ will be carried out in operations with an IIF-subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ such that \bar{M}_G and \bar{N}_G will be used in collaboration with \bar{M}_A and \bar{N}_A respectively.

We shall denote the set of all interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy subsets of G by $IIF(G, \bar{S}, \bar{T})$.

LEMMA 3.5: Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ and $\tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_B)$ be two interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroups of G . Then $(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B), \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B))$ is also an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

PROOF: Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ and $\tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_B)$ be two interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroups of G . Then for $x, y, z \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(xyz) &= \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(xyz), \bar{M}_B(xyz)) \\ &\geq \bar{T} \left(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{T}(\bar{M}_B(x), \bar{M}_B(y), \bar{M}_B(z)) \right) \\ &= \bar{T} \left(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_B(x)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_B(y)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(z), \bar{M}_B(z)) \right) \\ &= \bar{T} \left(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(x), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(y), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(z) \right). \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(xyz) &= \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(xyz), \bar{N}_B(xyz)) \\ &\leq \bar{S} \left(\bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{S}(\bar{N}_B(x), \bar{N}_B(y), \bar{N}_B(z)) \right) \\ &= \bar{S} \left(\bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_B(x)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_B(y)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(z), \bar{N}_B(z)) \right) \\ &= \bar{S} \left(\bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(x), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(y), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(z) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence this shows that $(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B), \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B))$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary sub-semi-group of G .

LEMMA 3.6: If $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ and $\tilde{B} = (\bar{M}_B, \bar{N}_B)$ are two interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideals of G . Then $(\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B), \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B))$ is also an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) of G .

LEMMA 3.7: If $\{\tilde{A}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a family of interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroups of G . Then,

- (1) $\bigcap_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G ,
- (2) $\bigcup_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G ,

where $\bigcap_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i = (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \bar{M}_{A_i}, \bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{N}_{A_i})$ and $\bigcup_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i = (\bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{M}_{A_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bar{N}_{A_i})$.

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

LEMMA 3.8: If $\{\tilde{A}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a family interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideals of G . Then,

- (1) $\bigcap_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G ,
- (2) $\bigcup_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G ,

where $\bigcap_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i = (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \bar{M}_{A_i}, \bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{N}_{A_i})$ and $\bigcup_{i \in I} \tilde{A}_i = (\bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{M}_{A_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bar{N}_{A_i})$.

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

THEOREM 3.9: The product of three interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideals of G is again an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G .

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

THEOREM 3.10: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal, \tilde{B} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy lateral ideal and \tilde{C} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of a ternary semigroup G . Then

$$\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C) \text{ and } \bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C).$$

PROOF: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal, \tilde{B} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy lateral ideal and \tilde{C} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of a ternary semigroup G . If x is not expressible as $x = abc$, then $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) = [0, 0] \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) = [1, 1] \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)(x)$.

If x is expressible as $x = abc$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) &= \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(a), \bar{M}_B(b), \bar{M}_C(c)) \\ &\leq \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(abc), \bar{M}_B(abc), \bar{M}_C(abc)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_B(x), \bar{M}_C(x)) \\ &= \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)(x). \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C}(x) &= \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(a), \bar{N}_B(b), \bar{N}_C(c)) \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(abc), \bar{N}_B(abc), \bar{N}_C(abc)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_B(x), \bar{N}_C(x)) \\ &= \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)$.

THEOREM 3.11: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal and \tilde{B} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of a ternary semigroup G . Then

$$\bar{M}_{A \circ G \circ B} \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B) \text{ and } \bar{N}_{A \circ G \circ B} \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B).$$

Where $\bar{M}_G(x) = [1, 1]$ and $\bar{N}_G(x) = [0, 0]$ for all x in G .

PROOF: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal and \tilde{B} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G . Let $a \in G$. If a is not expressible as $a = xyz$ for some $x, y, z \in G$, then

$$\bar{M}_{A \circ G \circ B}(a) = [1, 1] \geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(a).$$

and,

$$\bar{N}_{A \circ G \circ B}(a) = [0, 0] \leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(a).$$

If a is expressible as $a = xyz$ for some $x, y, z \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_{A \circ G \circ B}(a) &= \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_G(y), \bar{M}_B(z)) \\ &= \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), [1, 1], \bar{M}_B(z)) \\ &= \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_B(z)) \\ &\leq \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(xyz), \bar{M}_B(xyz)) \\ &= \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(a), \bar{M}_B(a)) \\ &= \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)(a). \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\bar{N}_{A \circ G \circ B}(a) = \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_G(y), \bar{N}_B(z))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), [0, 0], \bar{N}_B(z)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_B(z)) \\
 &\geq \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(xyz), \bar{N}_B(xyz)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(a), \bar{N}_B(a)) \\
 &= \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\bar{M}_{A \circ G \circ B} \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ G \circ B} \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B)$.

THEOREM 3.12: Let $\tilde{A} \in IIF(G, S, T)$. Then \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G if and only if

$$\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{A} \circ \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{A}.$$

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

THEOREM 3.13: Let $\tilde{A} \in IIF(G, S, T)$. Then \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G if and only if $\tilde{G} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{A}$ ($\tilde{A} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \tilde{G} \subseteq \tilde{A}$, $\tilde{G} \circ \tilde{A} \circ \tilde{G} \subseteq \tilde{A}$).

PROOF: Suppose \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G . To show that $\tilde{G} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{A}$. Let $x \in G$, such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{M}_{G \circ G \circ A}(x) &= \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_G(a), \bar{M}_G(b), \bar{M}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{T}([1, 1], [1, 1], \bar{M}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{M}_A(c) \leq \bigvee_{x=abc} \bar{M}_A(abc) \\
 &= \bar{M}_A(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{N}_{G \circ G \circ A}(x) &= \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_G(a), \bar{N}_G(b), \bar{N}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{S}([0, 0], [0, 0], \bar{N}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{N}_A(c) \geq \bigwedge_{x=abc} \bar{N}_A(abc) \\
 &= \bar{N}_A(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

If x is not expressible as $x = abc$ for all $a, b, c \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{M}_{G \circ G \circ A}(x) &= [0, 0] \leq \bar{M}_A(x) \\
 \text{and } \bar{N}_{G \circ G \circ A}(x) &= [1, 1] \geq \bar{N}_A(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\tilde{G} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{A}$.

Conversely, assume that $\tilde{G} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{A}$. Let $x, y, z \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{M}_A(xyz) &\geq \bar{M}_{G \circ G \circ A}(xyz) \\
 &= \bigvee_{xyz=abc} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_G(a), \bar{M}_G(b), \bar{M}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigvee_{xyz=abc} \bar{T}([1, 1], [1, 1], \bar{M}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigvee_{xyz=abc} \bar{M}_A(c) \geq \bar{M}_A(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{N}_A(xyz) &\geq \bar{N}_{G \circ G \circ A}(xyz) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{xyz=abc} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_G(a), \bar{N}_G(b), \bar{N}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{xyz=abc} \bar{S}([0, 0], [0, 0], \bar{N}_A(c)) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{xyz=abc} \bar{N}_A(c) \geq \bar{N}_A(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G . The other cases can be seen in a similar way.

THEOREM 3.14: Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ be an IIF-subset of G . Then \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup (resp. left ideal, right ideal, lateral ideal) of G if and only if $\tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$ is a ternary subsemigroup (resp. left ideal, right ideal, lateral ideal) of G , for all $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2] \in [I]$.

PROOF: Assume that every non-empty level subset of \tilde{A} is a ternary subsemigroup of G . Let $x, y, z \in G$ be such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) &> \bar{M}_A(xyz) \\
 \text{and } \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)) &< \bar{N}_A(xyz).
 \end{aligned}$$

Choose $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2] \in [I]$ such that

$$\bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2] > \bar{M}_A(xyz)$$

and

$$\bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2] < \bar{N}_A(xyz)$$

This implies that $x, y, z \in \tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$ but $xyz \notin \tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$. Which is a contradiction. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) &\leq \bar{M}_A(xyz) \\
 \text{and } \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)) &\geq \bar{N}_A(xyz).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

Conversely, assume that \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G . Let $x, y, z \in \tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$. Then $\bar{M}_A(x) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$, $\bar{M}_A(y) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$, $\bar{M}_A(z) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ and $\bar{N}_A(x) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2]$, $\bar{N}_A(y) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2]$, $\bar{N}_A(z) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2]$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(xyz) &\geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(xyz) &\leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)), \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(xyz) &\geq \bar{T}([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]) = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2] \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(xyz) &\leq \bar{S}([\theta_1, \theta_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2]) = [\theta_1, \theta_2]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\bar{M}_A(xyz) \geq [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ and $\bar{N}_A(xyz) \leq [\theta_1, \theta_2]$. Thus $xyz \in \tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$ and hence, $\tilde{A}_{([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])}$ is a ternary subsemigroup of G . The other cases can be seen in a similar way.

THEOREM 3.15: A non-empty subset B of a ternary semigroup G is a ternary subsemigroup of G if and only if the interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(x) &= \begin{cases} [a_1, a_2] & \text{if } x \in G - B \\ [a_3, a_4] & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases} \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(x) &= \begin{cases} [b_1, b_2] & \text{if } x \in G - B \\ [b_3, b_4] & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G , where $[0, 0] \leq [a_1, a_2] < [a_3, a_4]$ and $[0, 0] \leq [b_3, b_4] < [b_1, b_2]$.

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

THEOREM 3.16: A non-empty subset B of a ternary semigroup G is a left (right, lateral) ideal of G if and only if the interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy subset $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(x) &= \begin{cases} [a_1, a_2] & \text{if } x \in G - B \\ [a_3, a_4] & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases} \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(x) &= \begin{cases} [b_1, b_2] & \text{if } x \in G - B \\ [b_3, b_4] & \text{if } x \in B \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G , where $[0, 0] \leq [a_1, a_2] < [a_3, a_4]$ and $[0, 0] \leq [b_3, b_4] < [b_1, b_2]$.

PROOF: Let B be a left ideal of G . Now, let $x, y, z \in G$. Let $z \in B$. Then $xyz \in B$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(xyz) &= [a_3, a_4] = \bar{M}_A(z) \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(xyz) &= [b_3, b_4] = \bar{N}_A(z). \end{aligned}$$

If $z \notin B$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(z) &= [a_1, a_2] \leq \bar{M}_A(xyz) \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(z) &= [b_1, b_2] \geq \bar{N}_A(xyz). \end{aligned}$$

Hence \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G .

Conversely, assume that \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G . If $z \in B$ and $x, y \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A(xyz) &\geq \bar{M}_A(z) = [a_3, a_4] \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_A(xyz) &\leq \bar{N}_A(z) = [b_3, b_4]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\bar{M}_A(xyz) = [a_3, a_4]$ and $\bar{N}_A(xyz) = [b_3, b_4]$, that is $xyz \in B$. Hence B is a left ideal of G .

DEFINITION 3.17: Let G be a ternary semigroup and let $\phi \neq A \subseteq G$. Then interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy characteristic function $\tilde{\chi}_A = (\bar{M}_{\chi_A}, \bar{N}_{\chi_A})$ of A is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x) &= \begin{cases} [1, 1] & \text{if } x \in A \\ [0, 0] & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases} \\ \text{and } \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x) &= \begin{cases} [0, 0] & \text{if } x \in A \\ [1, 1] & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 3.18: Let A be a non-empty subset of a ternary semigroup G . Then A is a ternary subsemigroup of G if and only if $\tilde{\chi}_A$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

PROOF: Let A be a ternary subsemigroup of G . For any $x, y, z \in G$, we have the following cases:

Case (1): If $x, y, z \in A$, then $xyz \in A$. since A is a ternary subsemigroup of G . Then $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = [1, 1]$, $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x) = [1, 1]$, $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(y) = [1, 1]$ and $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(z) = [1, 1]$. Therefore

$$\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = \bar{T}(\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(z)).$$

and $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = [0, 0]$, $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x) = [0, 0]$, $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(y) = [0, 0]$ and $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(z) = [0, 0]$. Therefore

$$\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = \bar{S}(\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(z)).$$

Case (2): If $x \notin A$ or $y \notin A$ or $z \notin A$, then $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x) = [0, 0]$ or $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(y) = [0, 0]$ or $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(z) = [0, 0]$. So

$$\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \geq [0, 0] = \bar{T}(\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(z)).$$

and $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x) = [1, 1]$ or $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(y) = [1, 1]$ or $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(z) = [1, 1]$. So

$$\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \leq [1, 1] = \bar{S}(\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(z)).$$

Hence, $\tilde{\chi}_A$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

Conversely, suppose $\tilde{\chi}_A$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G and let $x, y, z \in A$. Then, we have

$$\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(z)) = [1, 1]$$

$$\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \geq [1, 1] \text{ but } \bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \leq [1, 1]$$

Thus $\bar{M}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = [1, 1]$.

and

$$\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(x), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(y), \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(z)) = [0, 0]$$

$$\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \leq [0, 0] \text{ but } \bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) \geq [0, 0]$$

Thus $\bar{N}_{\chi_A}(xyz) = [0, 0]$.

Hence $xyz \in A$. Therefore A is a ternary subsemigroup of G .

THEOREM 3.19: Let A be a non-empty subset of a ternary semigroup G . Then A is a left (right, lateral) ideal of G if and only if $\tilde{\chi}_A$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G .

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

DEFINITION 3.20: A mapping $\eta : [I] \rightarrow [I]$ is called a negation if it satisfies

- (1) $\eta([0, 0]) = [1, 1]$, $\eta([1, 1]) = [0, 0]$,
- (2) η is non-increasing,
- (3) $\eta(\eta(\bar{x})) = \bar{x}$.

REMARK 3.21: The interval t -norm and interval s -conorm are said to be dual with respect to the negation $\eta(\bar{x}) = [1, 1] - \bar{x}$, if

$$\bar{T}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{T}(\eta(\bar{x}), \eta(\bar{y})).$$

This holds with respect to η if and only if $\bar{S}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{S}(\eta(\bar{x}), \eta(\bar{y}))$.

THEOREM 3.22: Let $\tilde{A} \in IIF(G, S, T)$. If \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G , then

- (1) $\square \tilde{A}$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .
- (2) $\diamond \tilde{A}$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

PROOF: (1) It is sufficient to prove that for all $x, y, z \in G$, \bar{M}_A^* satisfies

$$\bar{M}_A^*(xyz) \leq \bar{S}(\bar{M}_A^*(x), \bar{M}_A^*(y), \bar{M}_A^*(z)).$$

Now let $x, y, z \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_A^*(xyz) &= [1, 1] - \bar{M}_A(xyz) \\ &\leq [1, 1] - \left\{ \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) \right\} \\ &= \eta \left\{ \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_A(y), \bar{M}_A(z)) \right\} \\ &= \bar{S}(\eta \bar{M}_A(x), \eta \bar{M}_A(y), \eta \bar{M}_A(z)) \\ &= \bar{S}([1, 1] - \bar{M}_A(x), [1, 1] - \bar{M}_A(y), [1, 1] - \bar{M}_A(z)) \\ &= \bar{S}(\bar{M}_A^*(x), \bar{M}_A^*(y), \bar{M}_A^*(z)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\bar{M}_A^*(xyz) \leq \bar{S}(\bar{M}_A^*(x), \bar{M}_A^*(y), \bar{M}_A^*(z))$.

(2) It is sufficient to prove that for all $x, y, z \in G$, \bar{N}_A^* satisfies

$$\bar{N}_A^*(xyz) \geq \bar{T}(\bar{N}_A^*(x), \bar{N}_A^*(y), \bar{N}_A^*(z)).$$

Now, let $x, y, z \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}_A^*(xyz) &= [1, 1] - \bar{N}_A(xyz) \\ &\geq [1, 1] - \left\{ \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)) \right\} \\ &= \eta \left\{ \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_A(y), \bar{N}_A(z)) \right\} \\ &= \bar{T}(\eta \bar{N}_A(x), \eta \bar{N}_A(y), \eta \bar{N}_A(z)) \\ &= \bar{T}([1, 1] - \bar{N}_A(x), [1, 1] - \bar{N}_A(y), [1, 1] - \bar{N}_A(z)) \\ &= \bar{T}(\bar{N}_A^*(x), \bar{N}_A^*(y), \bar{N}_A^*(z)). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\bar{N}_A^*(xyz) \geq \bar{T}(\bar{N}_A^*(x), \bar{N}_A^*(y), \bar{N}_A^*(z))$.

THEOREM 3.23: Let $\tilde{A} \in IIF(G, S, T)$. If \tilde{A} is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G , then

- (1) $\square \tilde{A}$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .
- (2) $\diamond \tilde{A}$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G .

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

THEOREM 3.24: Let $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{C} \in IIF(G, S, T)$. Let G is regular then $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} = \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} =$

$\bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)$ for every interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal \tilde{A} , every interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy lateral ideal \tilde{B} and every interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal \tilde{C} of G .

PROOF: Let \tilde{A} be an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy right ideal, \tilde{B} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy lateral ideal and \tilde{C} an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left ideal of G . Then $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} \leq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} \geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)$. Let $a \in S$. Then there exists $x \in S$ such that $a = axa = a(xax)a$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C}(a) &= \bigvee_{a=xyz} \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(x), \bar{M}_B(y), \bar{M}_C(z)) \\ &\geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(a), \bar{M}_B(xax), \bar{M}_C(a)) \\ &\geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A(a), \bar{M}_B(a), \bar{M}_C(a)) \\ &= \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)(a). \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C}(a) &= \bigwedge_{a=xyz} \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(x), \bar{N}_B(y), \bar{N}_C(z)) \\ &\leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(a), \bar{N}_B(xax), \bar{N}_C(a)) \\ &\leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A(a), \bar{N}_B(a), \bar{N}_C(a)) \\ &= \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)(a). \end{aligned}$$

So, we get $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} \geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} \leq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)$. Hence $\bar{M}_{A \circ B \circ C} = \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A, \bar{M}_B, \bar{M}_C)$ and $\bar{N}_{A \circ B \circ C} = \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A, \bar{N}_B, \bar{N}_C)$.

4. Homomorphic Images and Preimages

In this section, we discuss some properties of homomorphic image and preimage of interval valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideals of ternary semigroups.

DEFINITION 4.1: [50] Let X and Y be two given ordinary sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Let $\tilde{A} \in IIF(X)$ and $\tilde{B} \in IIF(Y)$. Then the image and preimage is defined by $f(\tilde{A})(y) = (f(\bar{M}_A)(y), f(\bar{N}_A)(y))$ and $f^{-1}(\tilde{B})(x) = \tilde{B}(f(x))$, where $\forall x, y \in Y$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{A})(y) &= \left[\bigvee_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} (\bar{M}_A)(x), \bigwedge_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} (\bar{N}_A)(x) \right] \\ &= \left[[f(\bar{M}_A^-)(y), f(\bar{M}_A^+)(y)], [f(\bar{N}_A^-)(y), f(\bar{N}_A^+)(y)] \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\tilde{B})(x) &= \left[[f^{-1}(\bar{M}_B^-)(x), f^{-1}(\bar{M}_B^+)(x)], [f^{-1}(\bar{N}_B^-)(x), f^{-1}(\bar{N}_B^+)(x)] \right] \\ &= \left[[\bar{M}_B^-(f(x)), \bar{M}_B^+(f(x))], [\bar{N}_B^-(f(x)), \bar{N}_B^+(f(x))] \right], \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 4.2: Let $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a homomorphism from a ternary semigroup G_1 to a ternary semigroup G_2 . If $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G_2 , then the preimage $f^{-1}(\tilde{A}) = (f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A), f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A))$ of \tilde{A} under f is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G_1 .

PROOF: Let $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup of G_2 and let $x, y, z \in G_1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A(xyz)) &= \bar{M}_A(f(xyz)) = \bar{M}_A(f(x)f(y)f(z)) \\ &\geq \bar{T}(\bar{M}_A f(x), \bar{M}_A f(y), \bar{M}_A f(z)) \\ &= \bar{T} \left(\begin{matrix} f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A(x)), \\ f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A(y)), f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A(z)) \end{matrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A(xyz)) &= \bar{N}_A(f(xyz)) = \bar{N}_A(f(x)f(y)f(z)) \\ &\geq \bar{S}(\bar{N}_A f(x), \bar{N}_A f(y), \bar{N}_A f(z)) \\ &= \bar{S} \left(\begin{matrix} f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A(x)), \\ f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A(y)), f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A(z)) \end{matrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $f^{-1}(\tilde{A}) = (f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A), f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A))$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy ternary subsemigroup G_1 .

THEOREM 4.3: Let $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a homomorphism from a ternary semigroup G_1 to a ternary semigroup G_2 . If $\tilde{A} = (\bar{M}_A, \bar{N}_A)$ is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G_2 , then the preimage $f^{-1}(\tilde{A}) = (f^{-1}(\bar{M}_A), f^{-1}(\bar{N}_A))$ of \tilde{A} under f is an interval-valued intuitionistic (\bar{S}, \bar{T}) -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal of G_1 .

PROOF: The proof is straightforward.

5. Conclusion

We introduced the notion of the interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy ternary semigroup with respect to interval t-norm \bar{T} and interval t-conorm \bar{S} and we studied several properties. In addition, we provided

relationship between interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy ternary semigroups and $([\lambda_1, \lambda_2], [\theta_1, \theta_2])$ -level subsets.

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