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# On Some Ideals of Fuzzy Points Semigroups

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## Abstract

*Kim [Int. J. Math. & Math. Sc. **26:11** (2001), 707-712.] Considered the semigroup  $\underline{S}$  of the fuzzy points of a semigroup  $S$ . In this paper, we discuss the relation between some ideals  $A$  of  $S$  and the subset  $\underline{C}_A$  of  $\underline{S}$ .*

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## 1 Introduction

Zadeh [9] introduced the concept of a fuzzy set for the first time and this concept was applied by Rosenfeld [8] to define fuzzy subgroups and fuzzy ideals. Based on this crucial work, Kuroki [3, 4, 5, 6] defined a fuzzy semigroup and various kinds of fuzzy ideals in semigroups and characterized them. Authors in [1] investigated the existence of a fuzzy kernel and minimal fuzzy ideals in semigroups. They showed that a subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is minimal ideal if and only if the characteristic function of  $A$ ,  $C_A$ , is minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$ . In [2], Kim considered the semigroup  $\underline{S}$  of the fuzzy points of a semigroup  $S$ , and discussed the relation between the fuzzy interior ideals and the subsets of  $\underline{S}$ . In this paper, we discuss the relation between some ideals  $A$  of  $S$  and the subset  $\underline{C}_A$  of  $\underline{S}$ .

## 2 Basic Definitions and Results

Let  $S$  be a semigroup. A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $S$  is called a *left (resp., right) ideal* of  $S$  if  $SA \subseteq A$  (resp.,  $AS \subseteq A$ ), and a *two-sided ideal* (or simply *ideal*) of  $S$  if  $A$  is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $S$  is called an *interior ideal* of  $S$  if  $SAS \subseteq A$ . An ideal  $A$  of  $S$  is called *minimal* ideal of  $S$  if  $A$  does not properly contains any other ideal of  $S$ . If the intersection  $K$  of all the ideals of a semigroup  $S$  is nonempty then we shall call  $K$  *the kernel* of  $S$ . A subsemigroup  $A$  of  $S$  is called a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $ASA \subseteq A$  [7]. A function  $f$  from  $S$  to the closed interval  $[0, 1]$  is called a *fuzzy set* in  $S$ . The semigroup  $S$  itself is a fuzzy set in  $S$  such that  $S(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in S$ , denoted also by  $\underline{S}$ . Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two fuzzy sets in  $S$ . Then the inclusion relation  $A \subseteq B$  is defined  $A(x) \leq B(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ .  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$  are fuzzy sets in  $S$  defined by  $(A \cap B)(x) = \min \{A(x), B(x)\}$ ,  $(A \cup B)(x) = \max \{A(x), B(x)\}$ , for all  $x \in S$ . For any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $x \in S$ , a fuzzy set  $x_\alpha$  in  $S$  is called a *fuzzy point* in  $S$  if

$$x_\alpha(y) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } x = y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in S$ [9]. The fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  is said to be contained in a fuzzy set  $A$ , denoted by  $x_\alpha \in A$ , iff  $\alpha \leq A(x)$ . The characteristic mapping of a subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is

$$C_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in S$ .

**Lemma 2.1** (see [1, Lemma 3.]): *For any nonempty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a semigroup  $S$ , we have  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $C_A \subseteq C_B$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** (see [1, Lemma 4.]): *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ , then  $A$  is an ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $C_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $S$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  be the set of all fuzzy sets in a semigroup  $S$ . For each  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ , the product of  $A$  and  $B$  is a fuzzy set  $A \circ B$  defined as follows:

$$(A \circ B)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x=ab} A(a) \wedge B(b) & \text{if } ab = x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for each  $x \in S$ . If  $S$  is a semigroup, then  $\mathcal{F}(S)$  is a semigroup with the product " $\circ$ "[2]. Let  $\underline{S}$  be the set of all fuzzy points in a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $x_\alpha \circ y_\beta = (xy)_{\alpha\beta} \in \underline{S}$  for  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in \underline{S}$  [2]. For any  $A \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ ,  $\underline{A}$  denotes the set of all fuzzy points contained in  $A$ , that is,  $\underline{A} = \{x_\alpha \in \underline{S} : A(x) \geq \alpha\}$ . for any  $A, B \subseteq \underline{S}$ , we define the product of  $A$  and  $B$  as  $A \circ B = \{x_\alpha \circ y_\beta : x_\alpha \in A, y_\beta \in B\}$ .

**Lemma 2.3** (see [2, Lemma 3.2]): *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two fuzzy subsets of a semigroup  $S$ , then*

- 1)  $\underline{A \cup B} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ .
- 2)  $\underline{A \cap B} = \underline{A} \cap \underline{B}$ .
- 3)  $\underline{A \circ B} \subseteq \underline{A} \circ \underline{B}$ .

**Lemma 2.4:** *Let  $A$  be nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ , we have  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A}$  if and only if  $x \in A$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose that  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A}$  for any  $x \in S$ , then  $C_A(x) \geq \alpha$ . Hence  $C_A(x) = 1$  for any  $\alpha > 0$ , which implies that  $x \in A$ . Conversely, Let  $x \in A$ , then  $C_A(x) = 1 \geq \alpha$  for any  $\alpha > 0$ . This means that  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A}$ . ■

**Lemma 2.5:** *For any nonempty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a semigroup  $S$ , we have*

- 1)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$ .
- 2)  $\underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proof:** (1) Assume that  $A \subseteq B$ , and let  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A}$ . By lemma 2.4,  $x \in A \subseteq B$  and  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_B}$ , this implies that  $\underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$ . Let  $x \in A$ , then by lemma 2.4,  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A}$  for any  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_B}$  and hence  $x \in B$ . (2) Let  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$ , then lemma 2.5 implies that  $A \subseteq B$  and from lemma 2.1, we have  $\underline{C_A} \subseteq \underline{C_B}$ . This completes the proof. ■

### 3 Main Results

**Lemma 3.1:** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C_A}$  is an ideal of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** By lemma 2.2,  $A$  is an ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $C_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , and from lemma 3.1[2],  $C_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C_A}$  is an ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . ■

**Theorem 3.2:** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is a minimal ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C_A}$  is a minimal ideal of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** By theorem 7[1],  $A$  is a minimal ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $C_A$  is a fuzzy minimal ideal of  $S$ . We only need to prove that,  $C_A$  is a minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C_A}$  is a minimal ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Let  $C_A$  be a minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , then by lemma 3.1[2],  $\underline{C_A}$  is an ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Suppose that  $\underline{C_A}$  is not minimal, then there exists some ideals  $\underline{C_B}$  of  $\underline{S}$  such that  $\underline{C_B} \subseteq \underline{C_A}$ . Hence by lemma 2.5,

$C_B \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , where  $C_B$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $S$ . This is a contradiction to  $C_A$  is a minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$ . Thus  $\underline{C}_A$  is a minimal ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Conversely, assume that  $\underline{C}_A$  is a minimal ideal of  $\underline{S}$  and that  $C_A$  is not a minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$ . Then there exists a fuzzy ideal  $C_B$  of  $S$  such that  $\underline{C}_B \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ . Now, lemma 2.5 implies that  $\underline{C}_B \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , where  $\underline{C}_B$  is an ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . This contradicts that  $\underline{C}_A$  is a minimal ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

**Theorem 3.3:** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is the kernel of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C}_A$  is the kernel of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is the kernel of  $S$ , then  $A = \bigcap_i I_i$ , where  $I_i$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Let  $\underline{C}_B$  be an ideal of  $\underline{S}$ , then by lemma 3.1,  $B$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Now we need to show that,  $\underline{C}_A \subseteq \underline{C}_B$ . Let  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C}_A$ , by lemma 2.4,  $x \in A$  and also  $x \in B$  since  $A$  is the kernel of  $S$ . This implies that  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C}_B$  and hence,  $\underline{C}_A$  is the kernel of  $\underline{S}$ . Conversely, Let  $\underline{C}_A$  be the kernel of  $\underline{S}$ , then  $\underline{C}_A \subseteq \underline{C}_B$ , for every ideal  $\underline{C}_B$  of  $\underline{S}$ . Thus  $A \subseteq B$ , that is,  $A$  is the kernel of  $S$ . ■

The following lemma weakens the condition of theorem 3.3.

**Lemma 3.4:** *Let  $A$  be a minimal ideal of a semigroup  $S$ , then  $\underline{C}_A$  is the kernel of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $A$  be a minimal ideal of  $S$ , then  $C_A$  is a minimal fuzzy ideal of  $S$  [1, theorem 7]. Also theorem 8 in [1] implies that  $C_A$  is the fuzzy kernel of  $S$ . Now, let  $C_B$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , then we have  $C_A \subseteq C_B$ . By lemma 2.5,  $\underline{C}_A \subseteq \underline{C}_B$ , so  $\underline{C}_A$  is a minimal ideal contained in every ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Thus  $\underline{C}_A$  is the kernel of  $\underline{S}$ . ■

**Lemma 3.5:** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an interior ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C}_A$  is an interior ideal of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an interior ideal of  $S$ , and let  $y_\beta, z_\gamma \in \underline{S}$  and  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C}_A$ . Since  $x \in A$ , hence  $y_\beta \circ x_\alpha \circ z_\gamma = (yxz)_{\beta \wedge \alpha \wedge \gamma} \in \underline{C}_A$ . This implies that  $\underline{S} \circ \underline{C}_A \circ \underline{S} \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , thus  $\underline{C}_A$  is an interior ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\underline{C}_A$  is an interior ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Let  $y, z \in S$  and  $x \in A$ , then  $x_\alpha \in \underline{C}_A$ . Assume that,  $y_\alpha \circ x_\alpha \circ z_\alpha = (yxz)_\alpha \in \underline{S} \circ \underline{C}_A \circ \underline{S} \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , then  $yxz \in A$ . This implies that  $SAS \subseteq A$ , and hence  $A$  is an interior ideal of  $S$ . ■

**Lemma 3.6:** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\underline{C}_A$  is a bi-ideal of  $\underline{S}$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a bi-ideal of  $S$ , and let  $y_\beta, z_\gamma \in \underline{C}_A$  and  $x_\alpha \in \underline{S}$ . Since  $y, z \in A$  and  $yxz \in A$  then  $y_\beta \circ x_\alpha \circ z_\gamma = (yxz)_{\beta\wedge\alpha\wedge\gamma} \in \underline{C}_A$ . This implies that  $\underline{C}_A \circ \underline{S} \circ \underline{C}_A \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , thus  $\underline{C}_A$  is a bi-ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\underline{C}_A$  is a bi-ideal of  $\underline{S}$ . Let  $y, z \in A$  and  $x \in S$ , then by lemma 2.4,  $y_\alpha, z_\alpha \in \underline{C}_A$ . Assume that,  $y_\alpha \circ x_\alpha \circ z_\alpha = (yxz)_\alpha \in \underline{C}_A \circ \underline{S} \circ \underline{C}_A \subseteq \underline{C}_A$ , then  $yxz \in A$ . This implies that  $ASA \subseteq A$ , and hence  $A$  is a bi-ideal of  $S$ . ■

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