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# **Cubic H-ideals in BCK-Algebras**

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**Abstract:** The notions of cubic H-ideals of BCK-algebras are introduced and several related properties are investigated.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINAREIS

The study of BCK–algebras was initiated by Iseki in 1966 as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculus, after, a large volume of literature has been produced on the theory of BCK-algebras. The concept of fuzzy sets were introduced by Zadeh in 1965, several researchers explored the generalization of the notion of fuzzy sets. The notion of interval-valued fuzzy sets were first introduced by Zadeh as an extension of fuzzy sets. Based on the interval valued fuzzy sets, Jun et al. [6] introduced the notion of cubic sets. Zhan and Tan [3] introduced the fuzzy H-ideals in BCK-algebras.

In this paper we introduce the concept of cubic H-ideals and investigate some of its properties.

A BCK-algebra is a non-empty set X with a binary operation \* and a constant 0 satisfying the following axioms:

- $(1).(x * y) * (x * z) \le (z * y)$
- $(2). x * (x * y) \le y,$
- (3).  $x \le x$ ,
- (4).  $x \le y$  and  $y \le x$  imply x = y,
- (5).0  $\leq x$  for all x in X.

A BCK-algebra can be partially ordered by  $x \le y \Leftrightarrow x * y = 0$  this ordering is called BCK-ordering. The following statements are true in a BCK-algebra:

(a) x \* 0 = x, (b) $(x * y) * z \le (x * z) * y$ , (c)  $x * y \le x$ 

 $(d)(x*y)*z \le (x*z)*(y*z), \quad (e) x \le y \Rightarrow x*z \le y*z \text{ and } z*y \le z*x.$ 

**Definition 1.1:**[7] A Subset I of a BCK-algebra (X, \*, 0) is called an ideal of X, for any  $x, y \in X$ . I<sub>1</sub>. 0  $\in I$ ,

I<sub>2</sub>. x \* y and  $y \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$ .

**Definition 1.2:**[7] An ideal I of a BCK-algebra (*X*, \*, 0) is called closed if

I<sub>3</sub>.  $0 * x \in I$ , for all  $x \in I$ .

**Definition 1.3:**[7] A non empty subset I of a BCK-algebra X is called a H-ideal of X, if it satisfies  $I_1$  and  $I_4$ .

 $x * (y * z) \in I \text{ and } y \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in I.$ 

Definition 1.4:[7] A fuzzy subset H in a BCK-algebra X is called fuzzy H-ideal of X, if

 $(FH-1). \ \mu(0) \ge \mu(x)$ 

 $(FH-2). \ \mu(x*z) \geq \min\{\mu(x*(y*z)), \mu(y)\} \ \forall x, y, z \in X.$ 

The fuzzy set  $\mu$  in X is called fuzzy sub algebra of X, if  $\mu(x * y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ , for  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.5:**[7] For fuzzy sets  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  of X and  $s, t \in [0,1]$ . The sets  $U(\mu; t) = \{x \in X : \mu(x) \ge t\}$  is called upper tlevel cut of  $\mu$  and  $L(\lambda; s) = \{x \in X : \lambda(x) \le s\}$  is called lower s-level cut of  $\lambda$ . Let X be the collection of objects denoted generally by x. Then the fuzzy set A in X is defined as  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in X\}$  where  $\mu_A(x)$  is called the membership value of x in A and  $0 \le \mu_A(x) \le 1$ .

Now we recall the concept of interval-valued fuzzy sets:

By the interval number D we mean an interval  $[a^-, a^+]$  where  $0 \le a^- \le a^+ \le 1$ . For interval numbers  $D_1 =$ 

 $[a_1^-, b_1^+], D_2 = [a_2^-, b_2^+].$  We define

- Min  $(D_1, D_2) = D_1 \cap D_2 = \min\{[a_1^-, b_1^+], [a_2^-, b_2^+]\}$ = $[\min\{a_1^-, a_2^-\}, \min\{b_1^+, b_2^+\}]$
- Max  $(D_1, D_2) = D_1 \cup D_2 = \max[[a_1^-, b_1^+], [a_2^-, b_2^+])$ = $[\max\{a_1^-, a_2^-\}, \max\{b_1^+, b_2^+\}]$

• 
$$D_1 + D_2 = [a_1^- + a_2^- - a_1^- \cdot a_2^-, b_1^+ + b_2^+ - b_1^+ \cdot b_2^+]$$

And put

- $D_1 \leq D_2 \Leftrightarrow a_1^- \leq a_2^- \text{ and } b_1^+ \leq b_2^+$
- $D_1 = D_2 \Leftrightarrow a_1^- = a_2^- and b_1^+ = b_2^+$
- $D_1 < D_2 \Leftrightarrow D_1 \le D_2 \text{ and } D_1 \neq D_2$
- $mD = m[a_1^-, b_1^+] = [ma_1^-, mb_1^+]$ , where  $0 \le m \le 1$ .

An interval valued fuzzy set A over X is an object having the form  $A = \{(x, \tilde{\mu}_A) : x \in X\}$  where  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x) : X \to D[0, 1]$  is the set of all sub-intervals of [0, 1]. The interval  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x)$  denotes the intervals of the degree of membership of element x to the set A where  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x) = [\mu_A^-(x), \mu_A^+(x)]$  for all  $x \in X$ . The determination of maximum and minimum between two real numbers is very simple but it is not simple for two intervals. Biswas [5] described a method to find max/sup and min/inf between two intervals or set of intervals.

**Definition 1.6:[5]** Consider two elements  $D_1, D_2 \in D[0,1]$ . If  $D_1 = [a_1^-, a_1^+]$  and  $D_2 = [a_2^-, a_2^+]$  then  $rmin(D_1, D_2) = [min(a_1^-, a_1^+), min(a_2^-, a_2^+)]$  which is denoted by  $D_1 \wedge^r D_2$ . Thus if  $D_i = [a_i^-, a_i^+] \in D[0,1]$  for i = 1,2,3 ... then we define  $r sup_i(D_i) = [sup_i(a_i^-), sup_i(a_i^+)]$  i.e.,  $\nabla_i^r D_i = [\nabla_i a_i^-, \nabla_i a_i^+]$ . Now we call  $D_1 \ge D_2$  iff  $a_1^- \ge a_2^-$  and  $a_1^+ \ge a_2^+$ . similarly, the relations  $D_1 \le D_2$  and  $D_1 = D_2$  are defined.

Based on (interval valued ) fuzzy sets, Jun et al.[9] introduced the notion of (internal, external) cubic sets and investigated several properties.

**Definition 1.7:[6]** Let X be a non-empty set. A cubic set A in X is a Structure  $A = \{(x, \tilde{\mu}_A(x), \lambda_A(x)); x \in X\}$  which is briefly denoted by  $A = (\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  where  $\tilde{\mu}_A = [\mu_A^-, \mu_A^+]$  is an interval valued fuzzy set in X and  $\lambda_A$  is fuzzy set in X.

#### 2. Cubic H-ideals of BCK-algebras

Let X denotes a BCK-algebra unless otherwise specified. Combined the definitions of fuzzy H-ideal over a crisp set and the idea of cubic set we define cubic fuzzy H-ideal. After that, we give some important consequences of this representation

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $A = (\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  be a cubic set in X, where X is a BCK-algebra, then the set A is cubic H-ideal of X if, (*CH-1*).  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) \le \lambda_A(x)$ 

(CH-2).  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x * z) \ge rmin\{\tilde{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), \tilde{\mu}_A(y)\}$ 

(CH-3).  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Example 2.2** Let  $X = \{0, x, y, z\}$  be a BCK-algebra with the following Cayley table

*	0	Х	У	Z
0	0	0	0	0
Х	Х	0	0	0
у	у	Х	0	0
Z	Z	у	X	0

We define a cubic set  $A = (X, \tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  by  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) = \tilde{\mu}_A(x) = [0.6, 0.7]$ ,

 $\tilde{\mu}_A(y) = \tilde{\mu}_A(z) = [0.2, 0.3], \ \lambda_A(0) = 0.1, \ \lambda_A(x) = 0.3, \ \lambda_A(y) = \lambda_A(z) = 0.4$ 

By routine calculations we know that  $A = (\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  is a cubic H-ideal of X.

**Definition 2.3:** A cubic set  $A = (X, \tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  in a BCK-algebra X is called a cubic closed H-ideal if it satisfies the following

(CCH-1). 
$$\tilde{\mu}_A(0 * x) \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(x)$$
 and  $\lambda_A(0 * x) \le \lambda_A(x)$ 

(CCH-2). 
$$\tilde{\mu}_A(x * z) \ge rmin\{\tilde{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), \tilde{\mu}_A(y)\}$$

(CCH-3).  $\lambda_A(x * z) \leq max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $A = (X, \tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  be a cubic H-ideal of X, if there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X such that

(i) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \tilde{\mu}_A(x_n) = [1,1]$$
 then  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) = [1,1]$  and  
(ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \lambda_A(x_n) = 0$  then  $\lambda_A(0) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(x_n)$  for every positive integer n. Consider  $[1,1] \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(0) \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} \tilde{\mu}_A(x_n) = [1,1]$ . Hence  $\tilde{\mu}_A(0) = [1,1]$ .

Since  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x_n)$  for every positive integer n, Now  $0 \leq \lambda_A(0) \leq 1$  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda_A(x_n) = 0$ . Hence  $\lambda_A(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** A cubic set  $A = (\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  in X is a cubic H-ideal of X if and only if  $\mu_A^-$ ,  $\mu_A^+$  and  $\lambda_A$  are fuzzy H-ideals of X.

Proof: Let  $\mu_A^-$ ,  $\mu_A^+$  and  $\lambda_A$  are fuzzy H-ideals of X and  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $\mu_A^-(0) \ge \mu_A^-(x), \mu_A^+(0) \ge \mu_A^+(x), \ \mu_A^-(x * z) \ge \min\{\mu_A^-(x * (y * z)), \mu_A^-(y)\}, \ \mu_A^+(x * z) \ge \min\{\mu_A^+(x * (y * z)), \mu_A^+(y)\} \text{ and } \lambda_A(x * z) \le \max\{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}.$ Now  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x * z) = [\mu_A^-(x * z), \mu_A^+(x * z)] \ge [\min\{\mu_A^-(x * (y * z)), \mu_A^-(y)\}, \min\{\mu_A^+(x * (y * z)), \mu_A^+(y)\}] = rmin\{[\mu_A^-(x * (y * z)), \mu_A^+(x * (y * z))], [\mu_A^-(y), \mu_A^+(y)]\} = rmin\{\tilde{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), \tilde{\mu}_A(y)\}.$ 

Therefore A is cubic H-ideal of X.

Conversely assume that A is a cubic H-ideal of X. For any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\mu_A^-(x*z), \mu_A^+(x*z)] &= \tilde{\mu}_A(x*z) \ge rmin\{\tilde{\mu}_A(x*(y*z)), \tilde{\mu}_A(y)\} \\ &= rmin\{[\mu_A^-(x*(y*z)), \mu_A^+(x*(y*z))], [\mu_A^-(y), \mu_A^+(y)]\} \\ &= [min\{\mu_A^-(x*(y*z)), \mu_A^-(y)\}, min\{\mu_A^+(x*(y*z)), \mu_A^+(y)\}] \end{aligned}$$

Thus

 $\mu_{A}^{-}(x * z) \ge \min\{\mu_{A}^{-}(x * (y * z)), \mu_{A}^{-}(y)\}, \mu_{A}^{+}(x * z) \ge \min\{\mu_{A}^{+}(x * (y * z)), \mu_{A}^{+}(y)\} \text{ and } \lambda_{A}(x * z) \le \max\{\lambda_{A}(x * (y * z)), \lambda_{A}(y)\}.$ 

Hence  $\mu_A^-$ ,  $\mu_A^+$  and  $\lambda_A$  are fuzzy H-ideals of X.

**Theorem2.6:** If A = (X,  $\tilde{\mu}_A$ ,  $\lambda_A$ ) is cubic H-ideal of a BCK algebra x, then we have the following:

 $x \le a \implies \tilde{\mu}_A(x) \ge \tilde{\mu}_A(a) \text{ and } \lambda_A(x) \le \lambda_A(a) \text{ for all } x, a \in X.$ 

**Proof :** Let  $x, a \in X$  such that  $x \le a \Longrightarrow x * a=0$ 

Consider 
$$\tilde{\mu}_{A}(x) = \tilde{\mu}_{A}(x * 0) \geq rmin \{ \tilde{\mu}_{A}(x * (a * 0)), \tilde{\mu}_{A}(a) \}$$
  

$$= rmin \{ \tilde{\mu}_{A}(x * a), \tilde{\mu}_{A}(a) \}$$

$$= rmin \{ \tilde{\mu}_{A}(0), \tilde{\mu}_{A}(a) \} = \tilde{\mu}_{A}(a)$$
and  $\lambda_{A}(x) = \lambda_{A}(x * 0) \leq max \{ \lambda_{A}(x * (a * 0)), \lambda_{A}(a) \}$ 

$$= max \{ \lambda_{A}(x * a), \lambda_{A}(a) \}$$

$$= max \{ \lambda_{A}(0), \lambda_{A}(a) \}$$

$$= \lambda_{A}(a).$$

Therefore  $\lambda_A(x) \leq \lambda_A(a)$ .

**Definition 2.7:** Let  $A = (\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  be a cubic set in X. For  $[s_1, s_2] \in D(0,1)$  and  $t \in [0,1]$ The set  $U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2]) = \{x \in X / \tilde{\mu}_A(x) \ge [s_1, s_2]\}$  is called upper  $[s_1, s_2]$  level of A and  $L(\lambda_A, t) = \{x \in X / \lambda_A(x) \le t\}$  is called lower t-level cut of A.

**Theorem 2.8:** If A =  $(\tilde{\mu}_A, \lambda_A)$  is a cubic H-ideal of X, then the upper [ $s_1, s_2$ ] level and lower t-level of A are H-ideals of X.

Proof: Let 
$$x \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A, [s_1, s_2])$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_A(x) \ge [s_1, s_2]$   
 $\Rightarrow [s_1, s_2] \le \tilde{\mu}_A(x) \le \tilde{\mu}_A(0)$   
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_A(0) \ge [s_1, s_2]$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2]), y \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2])$   
 $x * (y*z) \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2]), y \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2])$   
 $\tilde{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)) \ge [s_1, s_2] \text{ and } \tilde{\mu}_A(y) \ge [s_1, s_2]$   
Consider  $\tilde{\mu}_A(x * z) \ge rmin\{\tilde{\mu}_A(x * (y * z)), \tilde{\mu}_A(y)\}$   
 $\ge rmin\{[s_1, s_2], [s_1, s_2]\}$   
 $=\{\min[s_1, s_1], min[s_1, s_2]\}$   
 $=[s_1, s_2]$   
Therefore  $x * z \in U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2])$   
Hence  $U(\tilde{\mu}_A; [s_1, s_2])$  is an H-ideal of X  
For  $x \in L(\lambda_A; t) \Rightarrow \lambda_A(x) \le t$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in L(\lambda_A; t)$   
Let  $x * (y * z) \in L(\lambda_A; t)$  and  $y \in L(\lambda_A; t)$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_A(x * (y * z)) \le t$  and  $\lambda_A(y) \le t$   
Since for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  
 $\lambda_A(x * z) \le max \{\lambda_A(x * (y * z)), \lambda_A(y)\}$   
 $\le max \{t, t\} = t$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_A(x * z) \le t$ .  
Therefore  $x * z \in L(\lambda_A; t)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ 

Hence L ( $\lambda_A$ ; t) is an H-ideal of x.

### 3. Homomorphism of cubic H-ideal

Let F be a mapping from a set X into a set Y. Let  $B = (\tilde{\mu}_{B_{\lambda}} \lambda_{B})$  be cubic set in y. Then the inverse image of B is defined as  $f^{-1}(B) = \{ (x, (f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_{B_{\lambda}}), f^{-1}(\lambda_{B})) | x \in X \}$  with the membership function and non-membership function

respectively are given by  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(x) = \tilde{\mu}_B(f(x))$  and  $f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x) = \lambda_B(f(x))$ . It can be shown that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a cubic set.

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of BCK-algebras. If  $B = (\tilde{\mu}_{B_{,}} \lambda_{B})$  is a cubic H-ideal of Y, then the pre image  $f^{-1}(B) = \{(x, f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_{B}), f^{-1}(\lambda_{B})) \mid x \in X\}$  of B under f is a cubic H-ideal of X.

**Proof:** Let  $B = (\tilde{\mu}_{B_{j}}, \lambda_{B})$  is a cubic H-ideal of Y. Let  $x, y, z \in X \Longrightarrow f(x), f(y), f(z) \in Y$ .

Consider 
$$f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(0) = \tilde{\mu}_B(f(0)) \ge \tilde{\mu}_B(f(x)) = f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(x)$$
 and  
 $f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(0) = \lambda_B(f(0)) \le \lambda_B(f(x)) = f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x)$ 

Thus  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(x*z) = \tilde{\mu}_B(f(x*z)) \ge rmin\left\{\tilde{\mu}_B(f(x*(y*z))), \tilde{\mu}_B(f(y))\right\}$   $= rmin\left\{f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(x*(y*z)), f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_B)(y)\right\}$ And  $f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x*z) = \lambda_B(f(x*z)) \le max\left\{\lambda_B(f(x*(y*z))), \lambda_B(f(y))\right\}$  $= max\left\{f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x*(y*z)), f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(y)\right\}$ 

Therefore  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{B}) = \{ (x, f^{-1}(\tilde{\mu}_{B_i}), f^{-1}(\lambda_B)) / x \in X \}$  is a cubic H-ideal of Y.

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