

## Intuitionistic Fuzzy Topological *BCC*-Algebras

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### Abstract

We further study some important properties of intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-algebras introduced by Dudek, Jun and Hong in 2000. A characterization theorem of the intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff spaces is given. Some properties of intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-ideals (*BCK*-ideals) of *BCC*-algebras (*BCK*-algebras) are also investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

Imai and Iséki [17] defined a kind of type (2,0) algebras called *BCK*-algebras which generalizes the notion of algebra of sets with set subtraction as its only fundamental non-nullary operation and on the other hand, such *BCK*-algebras also generalizes the notion of implication algebras (see Iséki and Tanaka [19]). It has been proved that the class of all *BCK*-algebras forms a quasivariety, however, Wroński [24] shown that the class of *BCK*-algebras does not always form a variety. In this connection, Komori [21]

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introduced the notion of BCC-algebras, and Dudek [9] redefined the BCC-algebras by using a dual form of the ordinary definition in the sense of Komori. Later on, Dudek and Zhang [13] introduced a new notion of ideals in BCC-algebras and described the connections between such ideals and congruences. The fuzzification of BCC-ideals in BCC-algebras was then considered by Dudek and Jun [11]. They shown that every fuzzy BCC-ideal of a BCC-algebra is a fuzzy BCK-ideal, and also pointed out that the converse is not true by giving a counter example. It was also proved by them that in a BCC-algebra, every fuzzy BCK-ideal is a fuzzy BCC-subalgebra and in a BCK-algebra, the notion of a fuzzy BCK-ideal and a fuzzy BCC-ideal coincide. Thus, the studying of BCK-ideals of a BCK-algebra is a special case of studying the BCC-ideals in a BCC-algebra.

After Zadeh [25], various notions of higher-order fuzzy sets have been proposed. Among them, the intuitionistic fuzzy sets introduced by Atanassov [5,6] have drawn the attention of many researchers in the last decades. This is mainly due to the fact that intuitionistic fuzzy sets are consistent with human behavior, by reflecting and modeling the hesitancy present in real-life situations. In fact, the fuzzy sets only describe the degree of membership of an element in a given set, while the intuitionistic fuzzy sets describe both the degree of membership and the degree of non-membership. As for fuzzy sets, the degree of membership is a real number between 0 and 1. This is also the case for the degree of non-membership, and furthermore the sum of these two degrees is not greater than 1. By using the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy set, Dudek, Jun and Hong [15] have recently introduced the fuzzy topological space endowed with a BCC-algebra and called it the intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-algebras. In this paper, we investigate some topological properties of such algebras such as the  $C_5$ -connectedness, connectedness, strongly connectedness and Hausdorff spaces. We also discuss the properties of the homomorphic images and inverse images of the intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-ideals (*BCK*-ideals) of *BCC*-algebras (*BCK*-algebras).

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we first review some definitions and properties which will be used in the sequel.

A nonempty set  $G$  with a constant  $0$  and a binary operation  $*$  is called a *BCC-algebra* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $((x * y) * (z * y)) * (x * z) = 0$ ,
- (b)  $x * x = 0$ ,
- (c)  $0 * x = 0$ ,
- (d)  $x * 0 = x$ ,
- (e)  $x * y = 0, y * x = 0$  implies that  $x = y$

for all  $x, y, z \in G$ . In a BCC-algebra, the following equality holds

$$(x * y) * x = 0.$$

Obviously, any BCK-algebra is a BCC-algebra but there exist BCC-algebras which are not necessarily BCK-algebras [10]. We note that a BCC-algebra is a BCK-algebra if and only if it satisfies the equality

$$(x * y) * z = (x * z) * y.$$

A nonempty subset  $S$  of a BCC-algebra  $G$  is called a *subalgebra* of  $G$  if it is closed under the BCC-operation. Such subalgebra contains the constant 0 and it is clearly a BCC-algebra, but some subalgebras may be also BCK-algebras. Moreover, there exist BCC-algebras in which all subalgebras are BCK-algebras [9]. A mapping  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  of BCC-algebras is called a *homomorphism* if  $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$  holds, for all  $x, y \in G_1$ .

For a nonempty given set  $G$ , let  $I$  be the closed unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Then, an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS) is an object of the form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in G \}$ , where the mappings  $\mu_A : G \rightarrow I$  and  $\lambda_A : G \rightarrow I$  denote the *degree of membership* (namely,  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the *degree of non-membership* (namely,  $\lambda_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in G$  to the object  $A$  respectively satisfying  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \lambda_A(x) \leq 1$ , for all  $x \in G$ . The complement of the IFSs  $A$  is  $\bar{A} = \{ \langle x, \lambda_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in G \}$ . Obviously, every fuzzy  $A$  on a nonempty  $G$  is an IFS of the form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in G \}$ .

For the sake of simplicity, we just write  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  instead of  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in G \}$ . The IFSs  $0_{\sim}$  and  $1_{\sim}$  in  $G$  are defined by  $0_{\sim} = \{ \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle : x \in G \}$  and  $1_{\sim} = \{ \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle : x \in G \}$ , respectively. If  $f$  is a mapping which maps a set  $G_1$  into another set  $G_2$ , then the following statements hold:

- (a) If  $B = \{ \langle y, \mu_B(y), \lambda_B(y) \rangle : y \in G_2 \}$  is an IFS in  $G_2$ , then the *preimage* of  $B$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is still an IFS in  $G_1$ . We now write

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{ \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B)(x), f^{-1}(\lambda_B)(x) \rangle : x \in G_1 \}.$$

- (b) If  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x) \rangle : x \in G_1 \}$  is an IFS in  $G_1$ , then the *image* of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A)$ , is also an IFS in  $G_2$  which is defined by

$$f(A) = \{ \langle y, f_{\sup}(\mu_A)(y), f_{\inf}(\lambda_A)(y) \rangle : y \in G_2 \},$$

where

$$f_{\sup}(\mu_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(x), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{\inf}(\lambda_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \lambda_A(x), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{for each } y \in G_2.$$

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $A, A_i (i \in I)$  be IFSs in  $G_1$  and  $B$  an IFS in  $G_2$ . If  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a function then the following properties hold for the function  $f$ :

- (a) If  $f$  is surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(B)) = B$ .
- (b)  $f^{-1}(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \cup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$ .
- (c)  $f^{-1}(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$ .
- (d)  $f^{-1}(0_{\sim}) = 0_{\sim}$ .
- (e)  $f(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$  if  $f$  is surjective.
- (f)  $f(0_{\sim}) = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [8] An *intuitionistic fuzzy topology* (in short, IFT) on a nonempty set  $G$  is a family  $\tau$  of IFSs in  $G$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim} \in \tau$ .
- (ii) If  $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$  then  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$ .
- (iii) If  $G_j \in \tau$  for all  $j \in J$ , then  $\cup_{i \in I} G_i \in \tau$ .

The pair  $(G, \tau)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy topological space* (briefly, IFTS) and any IFS in  $\tau$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy open sets* (briefly, IFOS) in  $G$ . The topology  $\tau$  on a IFTS is said to be an *indiscrete intuitionistic fuzzy topology* if its only elements are  $(0_{\sim})$  and  $(1_{\sim})$ . On the other hand, the IFT  $\tau$  on a space  $G$  is said to be a *discrete intuitionistic fuzzy topology* if the topology IFT  $\tau$  contains all intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of  $G$ .

If  $A$  is an IFS in an IFTS  $(G, \tau)$ , then the *induced intuitionistic fuzzy topology* (IFT) on  $A$  is the family of IFSs in  $A$  which are the intersection with  $A$  of IFOSs in  $G$ . The induced intuitionistic fuzzy topology is denoted by  $\tau_A$ , and the pair  $(A, \tau_A)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy subspace* of  $(G, \tau)$ . Let  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  and  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  be two IFTSs and  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  a function. Then  $f$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy continuous* function if and only if the preimage of each IFS in  $\tau_2$  is an IFS in  $\tau_1$ . Let  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  and  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  be two IFTSs and let  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  be a function. Then  $f$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy open* if and only if the image of each IFS in  $\tau_1$  is an IFS in  $\tau_2$ .

### 3. Intuitionistic Fuzzy Topological Subalgebras

**Definition 3.1.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  in  $G$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra* of  $G$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$(IFS1) \quad \mu_A(x * y) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\},$$

$$(IFS2) \lambda_A(x * y) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x), \lambda_A(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $G = \{0, a, b, c, d\}$  be a BCC-algebra with the following Cayley table:

*	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a	0	0
b	b	b	0	0	0
c	c	c	a	0	0
d	d	c	d	c	0

Let  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $G$  defined by  $\mu_A(d) = 0.06$ ,  $\mu_A(x) = 0.7$ ,  $\lambda_A(x) = 0.5$  and  $\lambda_A(x) = 0.06$  for all  $x \neq d$ . Then  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of  $G$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be the intuitionistic fuzzy topologies on BCC-algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. A function  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function* which maps  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  into  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  if  $f$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) For every  $A \in \tau_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(A) \in \tau_1$ ,
- (ii) For every intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebras  $A$  (of  $G_2$ ) in  $\tau_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra (of  $G_1$ ) in  $\tau_1$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** If  $\tau_1$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a BCC-algebra  $G_1$  and  $\tau_2$  is an indiscrete intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a BCC-algebras  $G_2$ , then every function  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function.

*Proof.* Since  $\tau_2$  is an indiscrete intuitionistic fuzzy topology,  $\tau_2 = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim\}$ . Let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be any mapping of BCC-algebras. Then, every member of  $\tau_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra of BCC-algebra  $Y$ . We now show that  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function, we only need to prove that for every  $A \in \tau_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(A) \in \tau_1$ . For this purpose, we let  $0_\sim \in \tau_2$ . Then for any  $x \in G_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(0_\sim)(x) &= 0_\sim(f(x)) \\ &= 0 \\ &= 0_\sim(x). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $(f^{-1}(0_\sim)) = 0_\sim \in \tau_1$ .

On the other hand, if  $1_\sim \in \tau_2$  and  $x \in G_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(1_\sim))(x) &= 1_\sim(f(x)) \\ &= 1 \\ &= 1_\sim(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(f^{-1}(1_{\sim})) = 1_{\sim} \in \tau_1$ . This shows that  $f$  is indeed an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function of  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ . ■

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be any two discrete intuitionistic fuzzy topologies defined on the  $BCC$ -algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. Then every homomorphism  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function.

*Proof.* Since  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are discrete IFTs on the  $BCC$ -algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively, we have  $f^{-1}(A) \in \tau_1$ , for every  $A \in \tau_2$ . We note here that  $f$  is not the usual inverse homomorphism from  $G_2$  to  $G_1$ .

Let  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra (of  $G_2$ ) in  $\tau_2$ . Then for  $x, y \in G_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(\mu_A))(x * y) &= \mu_A(f(x * y)) \\ &= \mu_A(f(x) * f(y)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_A(f(x)), \mu_A(f(y))\} \\ &= \min\{(f^{-1}(\mu_A))(x), (f^{-1}(\mu_A))(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(\lambda_A))(x * y) &= \lambda_A(f(x * y)) \\ &= \lambda_A(f(x) * f(y)) \\ &\leq \max\{\lambda_A(f(x)), \lambda_A(f(y))\} \\ &= \max\{(f^{-1}(\lambda_A))(x), (f^{-1}(\lambda_A))(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra (of  $G_1$ ) in  $\tau_1$  and consequently,  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function which maps  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  to  $(G_2, \tau_2)$ . ■

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  and  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  be IFTSs. A function  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy homomorphism* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $f$  is an injective and surjective function;
- $f$  is a fuzzy continuous function which maps  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ ;
- $f^{-1}$  is a fuzzy continuous function which maps  $G_2$  to  $G_1$ .

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $\tau$  be an IFT on  $BCC$ -algebra  $G$ . An IFTS  $(G, \tau)$  is an *intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space* if and only if for any distinct intuitionistic fuzzy points  $x_1, x_2 \in G$ , there exist IFOs  $F_1 = \langle \mu_{F_1}, \lambda_{F_1} \rangle$  and  $F_2 = \langle \mu_{F_2}, \lambda_{F_2} \rangle$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{F_1}(x_1) &= 1, & \lambda_{F_1}(x_1) &= 0 \\ \mu_{F_2}(x_2) &= 1, & \lambda_{F_2}(x_2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and  $F_1 \cap F_2 = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be IFTs on BCC-algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively and let  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy homeomorphism. Then  $G_1$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space if and only if  $G_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G_1$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space. Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be the intuitionistic fuzzy points in  $\tau_2$  with  $x \neq y$  ( $x, y \in G_1$ ). Then  $f^{-1}(x) \neq f^{-1}(y)$  because  $f$  is a injective function. For  $z \in G_1$ , we consider

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(x_1))(z) = x_1(f(z)) &= \begin{cases} t \in (0, 1], & \text{if } f(z)=x; \\ 0, & \text{if } f(z) \neq x, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} t \in (0, 1], & \text{if } z = f^{-1}(x); \\ 0, & \text{if } z \neq f^{-1}(x), \end{cases} \\ &= (f^{-1}(x))_1(z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

That is,  $(f^{-1}(x_1))(z) = (f^{-1}(x))_1(z)$ , for all  $z \in G_1$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(x_1) = (f^{-1}(x))_1$ . Similarly we can also prove that  $f^{-1}(x_2) = (f^{-1}(x))_2$ . Now, by the definition of an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space, there exist IFOs  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  of  $f^{-1}(x_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(x_2)$  respectively such that  $F_1 \cap F_2 = 0_{\sim}$ . Since  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous map from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$  and  $f^{-1}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous map from  $G_2$  to  $G_1$ , there exist IFOs  $f(F_1)$  and  $f(F_2)$  of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively such that  $f(F_1) \cap f(F_2) = f(F_1 \cap F_2) = f(0_{\sim}) = 0_{\sim}$ . This shows that  $G_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space.

Conversely, if  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space, then by using a similar argument as above and by the fact that both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are intuitionistic fuzzy continuous functions, we can easily prove that  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy Hausdorff space. The proof is hence completed. ■

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $\tau$  be an IFT on a BCC-algebra  $G$ . Then  $(G, \tau)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -disconnected* space if there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy open and closed set  $F$  such that  $F \neq 1_{\sim}$  and  $F \neq 0_{\sim}$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be the IFTSs on BCC-algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively and let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous surjective function. If  $(G_1, \tau_1)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected space then  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected space.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -disconnected. Then there exist an intuitionistic fuzzy open and a closed set  $F$  such that  $F \neq 1_{\sim}$  and  $F \neq 0_{\sim}$ . Since  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is both IFOs ( that is, intuitionistic fuzzy open set) and IFCs (that is, intuitionistic fuzzy closed set). In this case,  $f^{-1}(F) = 1_{\sim}$  or  $f^{-1}(F) = 0_{\sim}$ . Since  $F = f(f^{-1}(F)) = f(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$  and  $F = f(f^{-1}(F)) = f(0_{\sim}) = 0_{\sim}$ , we see that these results contradict to our assumption. Hence the space  $(G_2, \tau_2)$  must be intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected.

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $\tau$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a  $BCC$ -algebra  $G$ . An IFTS  $(G, \tau)$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy disconnected* space if there exist intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $A \neq 0_{\sim}$  and  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$  such that  $A \cup B = 1_{\sim}$  and  $A \cap B = 0_{\sim}$ . Naturally, we call the set  $(G, \tau)$  an *intuitionistic fuzzy connected* if  $(G, \tau)$  is not intuitionistic fuzzy disconnected.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be IFTs on  $BCC$ -algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively and let  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous and surjective function. If  $G_1$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy connected space, then so is  $G_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy disconnected, then there exists intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $C \neq 0_{\sim}, D \neq 0_{\sim}$  in  $G_2$  such that  $C \cup D = 1_{\sim}$  and  $C \cap D = 0_{\sim}$ . Since  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function,  $A = f^{-1}(C)$  and  $B = f^{-1}(D)$  are intuitionistic fuzzy open sets in  $G_1$ . Clearly,  $C \neq 0_{\sim}$  implies that  $A = f^{-1}(C) \neq 0_{\sim}$ , and  $D \neq 0_{\sim}$  implies that  $B = f^{-1}(D) \neq 0_{\sim}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, we have } C \cup D &= 1_{\sim} \\ \Rightarrow f^{-1}(C \cup D) &= f^{-1}(1_{\sim}) \\ \Rightarrow f^{-1}(C) \cup f^{-1}(D) &= 1_{\sim} \\ \Rightarrow A \cup B &= 1_{\sim}, \\ \\ \text{and } C \cap D &= 0_{\sim} \\ \Rightarrow f^{-1}(C \cap D) &= f^{-1}(0_{\sim}) \\ \Rightarrow f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D) &= 0_{\sim} \\ \Rightarrow A \cap B &= 0_{\sim}. \end{aligned}$$

This clearly contradicts our hypothesis. Hence  $G_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy connected space. ■

**Definition 3.13.** An IFTS  $(G, \tau)$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy strongly connected*, if there exists no nonzero intuitionistic fuzzy closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $G$  such that  $\mu_A + \mu_B \leq 1$  and  $\lambda_A + \lambda_B \geq 1$ .

The following fact follows immediately from our definition.

**Proposition 3.14.**  $G$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy strongly connected if and only if there exist no intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $G$  such that  $A \neq 1_{\sim} \neq B$  and  $\mu_A + \mu_B \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda_A + \lambda_B \leq 1$ .

We now formulate the following theorem

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be IFTs on  $BCC$ -algebras  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively and let  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous and surjective mapping. If  $G_1$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy strongly connected, then so is  $G_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G_2$  is not an intuitionistic fuzzy strongly connected. Then there exist intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $C$  and  $D$  in  $G_2$  with  $C \neq 0_{\sim} \neq D$  so that  $\mu_C + \mu_D \leq 1$  and  $\lambda_C + \lambda_D \geq 1$ . Since  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function,  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $f^{-1}(D)$  are intuitionistic fuzzy closed sets in  $G_1$ . Now, we can deduce the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{f^{-1}(C)} + \mu_{f^{-1}(D)} &= f^{-1}(\mu_C) + f^{-1}(\mu_D) \\ &= \mu_C \circ f + \mu_D \circ f \\ &\leq 1[\text{since } \mu_C + \mu_D \leq 1],\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{f^{-1}(C)} + \lambda_{f^{-1}(D)} &= f^{-1}(\lambda_C) + f^{-1}(\lambda_D) \\ &= \lambda_C \circ f + \lambda_D \circ f \\ &\geq 1[\text{since } \lambda_C + \lambda_D \geq 1],\end{aligned}$$

$f^{-1}(C) \neq 0_{\sim}$  and  $f^{-1}(D) \neq 0_{\sim}$ . This contradicts our hypothesis. Hence  $G_2$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy strongly connected space. ■

**Definition 3.16.** [16] Let  $\tau$  be an IFT on a BCC-algebra  $G$  and  $A$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-algebra with IIFT  $\tau_A$ . Then  $A$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-subalgebra* if the self mapping  $r_a : (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (A, \tau_A)$  defined by  $r_a(x) = x * a$  for all  $a \in G$ , is a relatively intuitionistic fuzzy continuous function.

Dudek and Jun gave the following interesting properties of the *intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-algebras* in [15].

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a homomorphism of BCC-algebras and let  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  be intuitionistic fuzzy topologies on  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively such that  $\tau = f^{-1}(\tau^*)$ . If  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-algebra in  $G_2$  then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-algebra in  $G_1$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an isomorphism of BCC-algebras. Let  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  be the respectively IFTs on the spaces  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  such that  $f(\tau) = \tau^*$ . If  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-algebra in  $G_1$ , then  $f(A)$  is also an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-algebra in  $G_2$ .

#### 4. Intuitionistic Fuzzy Topological BCC-ideals

**Definition 4.1.** An IFS  $A = \{ \langle \mu_A(x), \lambda_A(x) \rangle \}$  in a BCK-algebra  $G$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy BCK-ideal* of  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu_A(x) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x * y), \mu_A(y)\}$ ,

$$(iii) \lambda_A(x) \leq \max\{\lambda_A(x * y), \lambda_A(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Definition 4.2.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  in  $G$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-ideal* of  $G$  if it satisfies the following inequalities:

$$(IF1) \mu_A(0) \geq \mu_A(x) \text{ and } \lambda_A(0) \leq \lambda_A(x),$$

$$(IF2) \mu_A(x * z) \geq \min\{\mu_A((x * y) * z), \mu_A(y)\},$$

$$(IF3) \lambda_A(x * z) \leq \max\{\lambda_A((x * y) * z), \lambda_A(y)\}$$

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

Putting  $z = 0$  in (IF2-IF3). Then we can easily see that an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCC-ideal* is an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCK-ideal*. However, the converse does not hold, in general (see [11]).

**Example 4.3.** Let  $G := \{0, a, b, c, d, e\}$  be a *BCC-algebra* with the following Cayley table:

*	0	a	b	c	d	e
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	0	0	0	a
b	b	b	0	0	a	a
c	c	b	a	0	a	a
d	d	d	d	d	0	a
e	e	e	e	e	e	0

Let  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $G$  defined by  $\mu_A(e) = 0.03$ ,  $\mu_A(x) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_A(e) = 0.3$  and  $\lambda_A(x) = 0.05$  for all  $x \neq e$ . Then  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCC-ideal* of a *BCC-algebra*  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a *BCC-algebra*  $G_1$  into a *BCC-algebra*  $G_2$  and  $B$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCC-ideal* of  $G_2$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCC-ideal* of  $G_1$ .

*Proof.* It can be easily seen that  $\mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(0) \geq \mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(x)$  and  $\lambda_{f^{-1}(B)}(0) \leq \lambda_{f^{-1}(B)}(x)$ , for all  $x \in G_1$ .

For any  $x, y, z \in G$ , we can deduce the following

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(x * z) &= \mu_B(f(x * z)) \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_B(f((x * y) * z)), \mu_B(f(y))\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_B((f(x) * f(y)) * f(z)), \mu_B(f(y))\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_{f^{-1}(B)}((x * y) * z), \mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_{f^{-1}(B)}(x * z) &= \lambda_B(f(x * z)) \\
 &\leq \max\{\lambda_B(f((x * y) * z)), \lambda_B(f(y))\} \\
 &= \max\{\lambda_B((f(x) * f(y)) * f(z)), \lambda_B(f(y))\} \\
 &= \max\{\lambda_{f^{-1}(B)}((x * y) * z), \lambda_{f^{-1}(B)}(y)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-ideal of  $G_1$ . ■

Putting  $z = 0$  in the above proof, we can obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a BCC-algebra  $G_1$  into a BCC-algebra  $G_2$  and let  $B$  an intuitionistic fuzzy BCK-ideal of  $G_2$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy BCK-ideal of  $G_1$ .

Since an intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-ideal(BCK-ideal) is an intuitionistic fuzzy subalgebra (see [11]), as a consequence of the the above results and Theorem 3.17, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.6.** Let  $f : (G_1, \tau_1) \rightarrow (G_2, \tau_2)$  be a homomorphism of the BCC–algebras. Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be the intuitionistic fuzzy topologies on  $G_2$  and  $G_1$  respectively such that  $\tau_2 = f^{-1}(\tau_1)$ . If  $B$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-ideal (BCK-ideal) of  $G_2$  with membership function  $\mu_B$ , then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-ideal(BCK-ideal) of  $G_1$  with membership function  $\mu_{f^{-1}(B)}$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a BCC-algebra  $G_1$  into a BCC-algebra  $G_2$ . If  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-ideal of  $G_1$ . Then the homomorphic image  $f(A)$  of  $A$  is still an intuitionistic fuzzy BCC-ideal of  $G_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = \langle \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological BCC-ideal of  $G_1$ . Then, it is trivial that  $\mu_{f(A)}(0) \geq \mu_{f(A)}(x)$  and  $\lambda_{f(A)}(0) \leq \lambda_{f(A)}(x)$ , for all  $x \in G_2$ . Take  $x, y, z \in G_2$ , and let  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(x)$ ,  $y_0 \in f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $z_0 \in f^{-1}(z)$  such that  $\mu_A(x_0) = \sup_{t \in f^{-1}(x)} (t)$ ,  $\mu_A(y_0) = \sup_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} (t)$  and  $\mu_A(z_0) = \sup_{t \in f^{-1}(z)} (t)$ . Then, we can deduce the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{f(A)}(x * z) &= \sup_{t \in f^{-1}(x * z)} \mu_A(t) \\
 &\geq \mu_A(x_0 * z_0) \\
 &\geq \min\{\mu_A((x_0 * y_0) * z_0), \mu_A(y_0)\} \\
 &= \min\left\{ \sup_{t \in f^{-1}((x * y) * z)} \mu_A(t), \sup_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(t) \right\} \\
 &= \min\{\mu_{f(A)}((x * y) * z), \mu_{f(A)}(y)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{f(A)}(x * z) &= \inf_{t \in f^{-1}(x * z)} \lambda_A(t) \\
&\leq \lambda_A(x_0 * z_0) \\
&\leq \max\{\lambda_A((x_0 * y_0) * z_0), \lambda_A(y_0)\} \\
&= \max\left\{\inf_{t \in f^{-1}((x * y) * z)} \lambda_A(t), \inf_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} \lambda_A(t)\right\} \\
&= \max\{\lambda_{f(A)}((x * y) * z), \lambda_{f(A)}(y)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(A) = \langle f_{\text{sup}}(\mu_A), f_{\text{inf}}(\lambda_A) \rangle$  is indeed an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCC*-ideal of  $G_2$ . ■

Putting  $z = 0$  in the above proof, we obtain:

**Corollary 4.8.** Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a *BCC*-algebra  $G_1$  into a *BCC*-algebra  $G_2$ . If  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCK*-ideal of  $G_1$ , then the homomorphic image  $f(A)$  of  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy *BCK*-ideal of  $G_2$ .

Summing up Theorem 3.18, Theorem 4.7 and Corollary 4.8, we conclude the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an isomorphism of *BCC*-algebras. Let  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  be the respectively IFTs on the spaces  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  such that  $f(\tau) = \tau^*$ . If  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-ideal(*BCK*-ideal) in  $G_1$ , then  $f(A)$  is also an intuitionistic fuzzy topological *BCC*-ideal(*BCK*-ideal) in  $G_2$ .

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