

## ON FUZZY PRIME AND FUZZY SEMIPRIME IDEALS OF $\leq$ -HYPERGROUPOIDS

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**ABSTRACT.** We deal with an hypergroupoid endowed with a relation denoted by " $\leq$ ", we call it  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. We prove that a nonempty subset  $A$  of a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid  $H$  is a prime (resp. semiprime) ideal of  $H$  if and only if the characteristic function  $f_A$  is a fuzzy prime (resp. fuzzy semiprime) ideal of  $H$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A characterization of prime and semiprime ideals of groupoids in terms of fuzzy subsets has been considered in [1], and similar characterizations hold for ordered groupoids in general. Fuzzy sets in ordered groupoids have been first considered in [2]. In the present paper we examine the results in [1] in case of an hypergroupoid  $H$  endowed with a relation denoted by " $\leq$ " (not an ordered relation, as so no compatible with the multiplication of  $H$  in general). As a consequence, our results hold for ordered hypergroupoids as well.

An *hypergroupoid* is a nonempty set  $H$  with an hyperoperation

$$\circ : H \times H \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H) \mid (a, b) \rightarrow a \circ b$$

on  $H$  and an operation

$$* : \mathcal{P}^*(H) \times \mathcal{P}^*(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H) \mid (A, B) \rightarrow A * B$$

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on  $\mathcal{P}^*(H)$  (induced by the operation of  $H$ ) such that

$$A * B = \bigcup_{(a,b) \in A \times B} (a \circ b)$$

for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}^*(H)$  ( $\mathcal{P}^*(H)$  is the set of all nonempty subsets of  $H$ ). An hypergroupoid can be also denoted by  $(H, \circ)$  as the operation “ $*$ ” depends on “ $\circ$ ”. A nonempty subset  $A$  of an hypergroupoid  $H$  is called a *left* (resp. *right*) *ideal* of  $H$  if  $H * A \subseteq A$  (resp.  $A * H \subseteq A$ ). It is called an *ideal* of  $H$  if it is both a left and a right ideal of  $H$ . If  $H$  is an hypergroupoid then, for every  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $\{x\} * \{y\} = x \circ y$ . The following proposition, though clear, plays an essential role in the theory of hypergroupoids.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be an hypergroupoid,  $x \in H$  and  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}^*(H)$ . Then we have the following:*

- (1)  $x \in A * B \iff x \in a \circ b$  for some  $a \in A, b \in B$ .
- (2) If  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , then  $a \circ b \subseteq A * B$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be an hypergroupoid. If  $A$  is a left (resp. right) ideal of  $H$ , then for every  $h \in H$  and every  $a \in A$ , we have  $h \circ a \subseteq A$  (resp.  $a \circ h \subseteq A$ ). “Conversely”, if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $h \circ a \subseteq A$  (resp.  $a \circ h \subseteq A$ ) for every  $h \in H$  and every  $a \in A$ , then the set  $A$  is a left (resp. right) ideal of  $H$ .*

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 3.** By a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid we mean an hypergroupoid  $H$  endowed with a relation denoted by “ $\leq$ ”.

**Definition 4.** Let  $H$  be a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $H$  is called a *left* (resp. *right*) *ideal* of  $H$  if

- (1)  $H * A \subseteq A$  (resp.  $A * H \subseteq A$ ) and
- (2) if  $a \in A$  and  $H \ni b \leq a$ , then  $b \in A$ .

A subset of  $H$  which is both a left ideal and a right ideal of  $H$  is called an *ideal* of  $H$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $H$  is called a *subgroupoid* of  $H$  if  $A * A \subseteq A$ .

Clearly, every left ideal, right ideal or ideal of  $H$  is a subgroupoid of  $H$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $H$  be an hypergroupoid (or a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid). A nonempty subset  $I$  of  $H$  is called a *prime subset* of  $H$  if

- (1)  $a, b \in H$  such that  $a \circ b \subseteq I$  implies  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$  and
- (2) if  $a, b \in H$ , then  $a \circ b \subseteq I$  or  $(a \circ b) \cap I = \emptyset$ .

The following are equivalent:

(1)  $a, b \in H, a \circ b \subseteq I \implies a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

(2)  $\emptyset \neq A, B \subseteq H, A * B \subseteq I \implies A \subseteq I$  or  $B \subseteq I$ .

Indeed: (1)  $\implies$  (2). Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}^*(H)$ ,  $A * B \subseteq I$  and  $A \not\subseteq I$ . Let  $a \in A$  such that  $a \notin I$  and  $b \in B$ . We have  $a \circ b \subseteq A * B \subseteq I$ . Then, by (1),  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1). Let  $a, b \in H, a \circ b \subseteq I$ . Then  $\{a\} * \{b\} = a \circ b \subseteq I$ . By (2), we have  $\{a\} \subseteq I$  or  $\{b\} \subseteq I$ , so  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

By a prime ideal of  $H$  we clearly mean an ideal of  $H$  which is at the same time a prime subset of  $H$ .

Following Zadeh, any mapping  $f : H \rightarrow [0, 1]$  of a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid  $H$  into the closed interval  $[0, 1]$  of real numbers is called a *fuzzy subset* of  $H$  or a (*fuzzy set* in  $H$ ) and  $f_A$  (: the characteristic function of  $A$ ) is the mapping

$$f_A : H \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \mid x \rightarrow f_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 6.** Let  $H$  be a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is called a *fuzzy left ideal* of  $H$  if

(1)  $x \leq y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$  and

(2) if  $f(x \circ y) \geq f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in H$ .

With the property (2) we mean the following:

(2) if  $x, y \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ y$ , then  $f(u) \geq f(y)$ .

A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is called a *fuzzy right ideal* of  $H$  if

(1)  $x \leq y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$  and

(2) if  $f(x \circ y) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x, y \in H$ .

With the property (2) we mean the following:

(2) if  $x, y \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ y$ , then  $f(u) \geq f(x)$ .

A fuzzy subset of  $H$  is called a *fuzzy ideal* of  $H$  if it is both a fuzzy left ideal and a fuzzy right ideal of  $H$ . As one can easily see, a fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$  if and only if

$$f(x \circ y) \geq \max\{f(x), f(y)\} \text{ for all } x, y \in H$$

in the sense that

$$x, y \in H \text{ and } u \in x \circ y \text{ implies } f(u) \geq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}.$$

**Proposition 7.** Let  $H$  be a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. If  $A$  is a left (resp. right) ideal of  $H$ , then the characteristic function  $f_A$  is a fuzzy left (resp. fuzzy right) ideal of  $H$ . "Conversely", if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $f_A$  is a fuzzy left (resp. fuzzy right) ideal of  $H$ , then the set  $A$  is a left (resp. right) ideal of  $H$ .

**Proposition 8.** *Let  $H$  be an  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. If  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ , then  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ . “Conversely”, if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ , then the set  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ .*

**Definition 9.** Let  $H$  be an hypergroupoid (or a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid). A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is called *fuzzy prime subset* of  $H$  if

$$f(x \circ y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\} \text{ for all } x, y \in H$$

that is, if  $x, y \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ y$ , then  $f(u) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$ .

By a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$  we clearly mean a fuzzy ideal of  $H$  which is at the same time a fuzzy prime subset of  $H$ . So a fuzzy subset  $f$  of a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid  $H$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$  if and only if the following assertions are satisfied:

(1)  $x \leq y$  implies  $f(x) \geq f(y)$  and

(2)  $f(x \circ y) = \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$

that is, if  $x, y \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ y$ , then  $f(u) = \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$ .

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $H$  be a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. If  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $H$ , then  $f_A$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$ . “Conversely”, if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $f_A$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$ , then  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $H$ .*

**Proof.**  $\implies$ . Since  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ ,  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ . Let  $x, y \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ y$ . Then  $f_A(u) = \max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$ . Indeed: Let  $x \circ y \subseteq A$ . Since  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $H$ , we have  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ . Then  $f_A(x) = 1$  or  $f_A(y) = 1$ , and  $\max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\} = 1$ . Since  $u \in x \circ y \subseteq A$ , we have  $u \in A$ . Then  $f_A(u) = 1$ , so  $f_A(u) = \max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$ . Let  $x \circ y \not\subseteq A$ . Since  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $H$ , we have  $(x \circ y) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $u \in x \circ y$ , we have  $u \notin A$ , so  $f_A(u) = 0$ . Since  $x \circ y \not\subseteq A$  and  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ , we have  $x \notin A$  and  $y \notin A$  (since  $x \in A$  implies  $x \circ y \subseteq A * H \subseteq A$  and  $y \in A$  implies  $x \circ y \subseteq H * A \subseteq A$  which is impossible). Then we have  $f_A(x) = 0 = f_A(y)$ , and  $f_A(u) = \max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$ .

$\impliedby$ . Let  $f_A$  be a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$ . Since  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ ,  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ . Let  $x, y \in H$  such that  $x \circ y \subseteq A$ . Suppose  $x \notin A$  and  $y \notin A$ . Then  $f_A(x) = 0 = f_A(y)$ . Take an element  $u \in x \circ y$  ( $x \circ y \neq \emptyset$ ). Since  $u \in A$ , we have  $f_A(u) = 1$ , so  $f_A(u) \neq \max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$  which is impossible. Thus we have  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ . Let now  $x, y \in H$  such that  $x \circ y \not\subseteq A$ . Then  $(x \circ y) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Indeed: Let  $u \in (x \circ y) \cap A$ . Since  $u \in x \circ y$ , by hypothesis, we have  $f_A(u) = \max\{f_A(x), f_A(y)\}$ . Since  $u \in A$ , we have  $f_A(u) = 1$ . Then  $f_A(x) = 1$  or  $f_A(y) = 1$ , so  $x \in A$  or  $y \in A$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $x \circ y \subseteq A * H \subseteq A$  (since  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ ),

which is impossible. If  $y \in A$ , then  $x \circ y \subseteq H * A \subseteq A$  which again is impossible. Hence we have  $(x \circ y) \cap A = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Definition 11.** Let  $H$  be an hypergroupoid (or a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid). A nonempty subset  $I$  of  $H$  is called *semiprime subset* of  $H$  if

- (1) if  $a \in H$  such that  $a \circ a \subseteq I$ , then  $a \in I$  and
- (2) if  $a \in H$ , then  $a \circ a \subseteq I$  or  $(a \circ a) \cap I = \emptyset$ .

The following are equivalent:

- (1) if  $a \in H$  such that  $a \circ a \subseteq I$ , then  $a \in I$ .
- (2) if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $A * A \subseteq I$ , then  $A \subseteq I$ .

By a semiprime ideal of  $H$  we mean an ideal of  $H$  which is at the same time a semiprime subset of  $H$ .

**Definition 12.** Let  $H$  be an hypergroupoid (or a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid). A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is called *fuzzy semiprime subset* of  $H$  if

$$f(x) \geq f(x \circ x) \text{ for every } x \in H$$

that is, if  $x \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ x$ , then  $f(x) \geq f(u)$ .

**Remark 13.** If  $f$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$  and  $a \in H$ , then  $f(a \circ a) = \max\{f(a), f(a)\} = f(a)$ , so  $f(a) \geq f(a \circ a)$ , and  $f$  is fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ . If  $f$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ , then  $f(a \circ a) \geq \max\{f(a), f(a)\} = f(a)$  for every  $a \in H$ .

By a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$  we clearly mean a fuzzy ideal of  $H$  which is at the same time a fuzzy semiprime subset of  $H$ . So, a fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $H$  is a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$  if and only if the following assertions are satisfied:

- (1)  $x \leq y$  implies  $f(x) \geq f(y)$  and
- (2) if  $f(x \circ x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in H$

that is, if  $x \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ x$ , then  $f(u) = f(x)$ .

**Proposition 14.** Let  $H$  be a  $\leq$ -hypergroupoid. If  $A$  is a semiprime ideal of  $H$ , then  $f_A$  is a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ . "Conversely", if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $H$  such that  $f_A$  is a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ , then  $A$  is a semiprime ideal of  $H$ .

**Proof.**  $\implies$ . Let  $A$  be a semiprime ideal of  $H$ . Since  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ ,  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ . Let  $x \in H$  and  $u \in x \circ x$ . Then  $f_A(u) = f_A(x)$ . Indeed: Let  $x \circ x \not\subseteq A$ . Since  $A$  is a semiprime subset of  $H$ , we have  $(x \circ x) \cap A = \emptyset$ , so  $u \notin A$ , and  $f_A(u) = 0$ . On the other hand, since  $x \circ x \not\subseteq A$  and  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ , we have  $x \notin A$ , then  $f_A(x) = 0$ , so  $f_A(u) = f_A(x)$ . Let  $x \circ x \subseteq A$ . Then  $u \in A$ , so  $f_A(u) = 1$ . On the other hand, since  $A$  is a semiprime subset of  $H$  and  $x \circ x \subseteq A$ , we have  $x \in A$ ,

so  $f_A(x) = 1$ . Then  $f_A(u) = f_A(x)$ , and  $f_A$  is a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ .

$\Leftarrow$ . Let  $f_A$  be a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ . Since  $f_A$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H$ , the set  $A$  is an ideal of  $H$ . Let  $x \in H$  such that  $x \circ x \subseteq A$ . Then  $x \in A$ . Indeed: Let  $x \notin A$ . Then  $f_A(x) = 0$ . Take an element  $u \in x \circ x$  ( $x \circ x \neq \emptyset$ ). Since  $u \in A$ , we have  $f_A(u) = 1$ . Since  $f_A$  is a fuzzy semiprime ideal of  $H$ , we have  $f_A(u) = f_A(x)$  which is impossible. Thus we have  $x \in A$ . Let  $x \in H$  such that  $x \circ x \not\subseteq A$ . Then  $(x \circ x) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Indeed: Let  $u \in (x \circ x) \cap A$ . Since  $u \in x \circ x$ , by hypothesis, we have  $f_A(u) = f_A(x)$ . Since  $u \in A$ , we have  $f_A(u) = 1$ , then  $f_A(x) = 1$ , and  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \circ x \subseteq A * A \subseteq A$  (since  $A$  is a subgroupoid of  $H$ ), which is impossible. Thus we have  $(x \circ x) \cap A = \emptyset$ , and  $A$  is a semiprime ideal of  $H$ .  $\square$

**Remark 15.** Let  $H$  be an hypergroupoid,  $f$  a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$  and  $x, y, z \in H$ . Then we have the following:

- (1)  $f(x) = f(y), f(z) = f(t), u \in x \circ z, z \in y \circ t \implies f(u) = f(z)$ .
- (2)  $f(x) = f(y), f(z) = f(t), u \in z \circ x, z \in t \circ y \implies f(u) = f(z)$ .
- (3)  $f(x) \leq f(y), f(z) \leq f(t), u \in x \circ z, z \in y \circ t \implies f(u) \leq f(z)$ .
- (4)  $f(x) \leq f(y), f(z) \leq f(t), u \in z \circ x, z \in t \circ y \implies f(u) \leq f(z)$ .

In fact:

(1) Let  $f(x) = f(y), f(z) = f(t), u \in x \circ z, z \in y \circ t$ . Since  $f$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$ , we have  $f(u) = \max\{f(x), f(z)\}$ ,  $f(z) = \max\{f(y), f(t)\}$ , then  $f(u) = f(z)$ .

(4) Let  $f(x) \leq f(y), f(z) \leq f(t), u \in z \circ x, z \in t \circ y$ . Since  $f$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $H$ , we have  $f(u) = \max\{f(z), f(x)\}$ ,  $f(z) = \max\{f(t), f(y)\}$ , then  $f(u) \leq f(z)$ .

The proof of the rest is similar.  $\square$

The present paper is on fuzzy  $\leq$ -hypergroupoids (hypergroupoids). Interesting recent results on  $p$ -fuzzy hypergroups,  $p$ -fuzzy quasi-hypergroups and on  $p$ -fuzzy hypergraphs can be found in [3–5] of the References.

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