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# FUZZY STRONG IDEALS OF *BH*-ALGEBRAS WITH DEGREES IN THE INTERVAL (0,1]

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ABSTRACT. In defining a fuzzy strong ideal in BH-algebras, several degrees are provided, and then related properties are investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iséki introduced two classes of abstract algebras: BCKalgebras and BCI-algebras ([3,4]). It is known that the class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras. BCK-algebras have some connections with other areas: D. Mundici [7] proved MV-algebras are categorically equivalent to bounded commutative algebra, and J. Meng [8] proved that implicative commutative semigroups are equivalent to a class of BCK-algebras. Y. B. Jun, E. H. Roh, and H. S. Kim [5] introduced the notion of a BH-algebra, which is a generalization of BCK/BCI-algebras. They defined the notions of ideal, maximal ideal and translation ideal and investigated some properties. E. H. Roh and S. Y. Kim [11] estimated the number of  $BH^*$ -subalgebras of order i in a transitive  $BH^*$ -algebras by using Hao's method. In [2], S. S. Ahn and J. H. Lee introduced the notion of strong ideals in BH-algebra and investigate some properties of it. They also defined the notion of a rough sets in BH-algebras. Using a strong ideal in BH-algebras, they obtained some relations between strong ideals and upper(lower) rough strong ideals in BH-algebras. S. S. Ahn and E. M. Kim [1,6] introduced the notion of (fuzzy) *n*-fold strong ideal in *BH*-algebra and investigated some related properties of it.

In this paper, we define the notions of an enlarged (strong) ideal of a BHalgebra X related to a non-empty subset I of X and a fuzzy (strong) ideal of X with some degree and investigate related properties of them.

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#### 2. Preliminaries

By a *BH*-algebra ([5]), we mean an algebra (X; \*, 0) of type (2,0) satisfying the following conditions:

- (I) x \* x = 0,
- (II) x \* 0 = x,
- (III) x \* y = 0 and y \* x = 0 imply x = y, for all  $x, y \in X$ .

For brevity, we also call X a BH-algebra. In X we can define a binary operation " $\leq$ " by  $x \leq y$  if and only if x \* y = 0. Then  $\leq$  is reflexive and antisymmetric. A non-empty subset S of a BH-algebra X is called a *subalgebra* of X if, for any  $x, y \in S$ ,  $x * y \in S$ , i.e., S is a closed under binary operation.

**Definition 2.1** ([5]). A non-empty subset A of a BH-algebra X is called an *ideal* of X if it satisfies:

(I1)  $0 \in A$ ,

(I2)  $x * y \in A$  and  $y \in A$  imply  $x \in A, \forall x, y \in X$ .

An ideal A of a BH-algebra X is said to be a translation ideal of X if it satisfies:

(I3)  $x * y \in I, y * x \in I$  imply  $(x * z) * (y * z), (z * x) * (z * y) \in I$  for any  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Obviously,  $\{0\}$  and X are translation ideals of X

**Definition 2.2** ([11]). A *BH*-algebra X is called a *BH*<sup>\*</sup>-algebra if it satisfies the identity (x \* y) \* x = 0 for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let X be a  $BH^*$ -algebra. Then the following identity holds:

 $0 * x = 0, \quad \forall x \in X.$ 

*Proof.* If follows from (II) that 0 \* x = (0 \* x) \* 0 = 0 for all  $x \in X$ . Hence 0 \* x = 0.

**Definition 2.4.** A *BH*-algebra (X; \*, 0) is said to be *transitive*([11]) if x \* y = 0 and y \* z = 0 imply x \* z = 0.

**Lemma 2.5.** An ideal of a BH-algebra X has the following property:

$$(\forall x \in X)(\forall y \in I)(x \le y \Rightarrow x \in I).$$

We now review some fuzzy logic concepts. A fuzzy set in a set X is a function  $\mu: X \to [0,1]$ . For a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in X and  $t \in [0,1]$ , define  $U(\mu;t)$  to be the set  $U(\mu;t) = \{x \in X | \mu(x) \ge t\}$ , which is called a *level subset* of  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([11]). A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a *BH*-algebra X is called a *fuzzy BH*-*ideal* (here call it a *fuzzy ideal*) of X if

(FI1) 
$$\mu(0) \ge \mu(x), \forall x \in X,$$

(FI2)  $\mu(x) \ge \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}, \forall x, y \in X.$ 

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a *BH*-algebra X is called a *fuzzy translation BH*-ideal of X if it satisfies (FI1), (FI2) and

 $(\text{FI3}) \ \min\{\mu((x*z)*(y*z)), \mu((z*x)*(z*y))\} \geq \min\{\mu(x*y), \mu(y*x)\}, \forall x, y, z \in X.$ 

## **3.** Fuzzy ideals in BH-algebras with degrees in (0, 1]

In what follows let  $\lambda$  and  $\kappa$  be members of (0, 1], and let n and k denote a natural number and a real number, respectively, such that k < n unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 3.1.** Let I be a non-empty subset of a BH-algebra X which is not necessary an ideal X. We say that a subset J of X is an *enlarged ideal of* X related to I if it satisfies:

- (1) I is a subset of J,
- (2)  $0 \in J$ ,
- (3)  $(\forall x \in X)(\forall y \in I)(x * y \in I \Rightarrow x \in J).$

Obviously, every ideal is an enlarged ideal of X related to itself. Note that there exists an enlarged ideal of X related to any non-empty subset I of a BH-algebra X.

**Example 3.2.** (1) Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BH*-algebra which is not a *BCK/BCI*-algebra X with the following table

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       2 \\       3     \end{array} $	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	3
3	3	3	1	0

Note that  $\{0,2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $1 * 2 = 0 \in \{0,2\}$  and  $1 \notin \{0,2\}$ . Then  $\{0,1,2\}$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $\{0,2\}$ . But  $\{0,1,2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $3 * 2 = 1 \in \{0,1,2\}$  and  $3 \notin \{0,1,2\}$ .

(2) Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BH*-algebra ([5]) which is not a *BCK/BCI*-algebra X with the following table

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	3	0	2
1	1	0	0	0
$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 1\\ 2\\ 3\end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       3 \\       0 \\       2 \\       3     \end{array} $	0	3
3	3	3	1	0

Note that  $\{0,2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $1 * 2 = 0 \in \{0,2\}$  and  $1 \notin \{0,2\}$ . Then  $\{0,1,2\}$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $\{0,2\}$ . But  $\{0,1,2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $3 * 2 = 1 \in \{0,1,2\}$  and  $3 \notin \{0,1,2\}$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a *BH*-algebra X is called a *fuzzy ideal* of X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  if it satisfies:

(1) 
$$(\forall x \in X)(\mu(0) \ge \lambda \mu(x)),$$

(2) 
$$(\forall x, y \in X)(\mu(x) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}).$$

Note that if  $\lambda \neq \kappa$ , then a fuzzy ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  may not a fuzzy ideal with degree  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ , and vice versa.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BH*-algebra ([5]) which is not a BCK/BCI-algebra X with the following table

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	0	0
1	1	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 2 \end{array}$	0	0
$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	2	2	0	3
3	3	3	3	0

Define a fuzzy subset of  $\nu$  of X by

$$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3\\ 0.6 & 0.5 & 0.9 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal of X with degree (0.6, 0.7) but it is not a fuzzy ideal of X with degree (0.7, 0.6) since  $\nu(0) = 0.6 \geq 0.63 = 0.7 \times \nu(2)$ .

**Example 3.5.** Consider a *BH*-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  as in Example 3.4. Define a fuzzy subset of  $\mu$  of X by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3\\ 0.7 & 0.6 & 0.8 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of X with degree (0.6, 0.5) but it is not a fuzzy ideal of X with degree (0.9, 0.5) since  $\mu(0) = 0.7 \geq 0.72 = 0.9 \times \mu(2)$ .

Obviously, every fuzzy ideal is a fuzzy ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , but the converse may not be true. In fact, the fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  with degree (0.6, 0.5) in Example 3.5 is not fuzzy ideal of X since  $\mu(0) = 0.7 \geq 0.8 = \mu(2)$ . Note that a fuzzy ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  is a fuzzy ideal if and only if  $(\lambda, \kappa) = (1, 1)$ . If  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$  and  $\kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2$ , then every fuzzy ideal with degree  $(\lambda_1, \kappa_1)$  is a fuzzy ideal with  $(\lambda_2, \kappa_2)$ , but the converse is not true as shown by Example 3.5.

**Proposition 3.6.** Every fuzzy ideal of a *BH*-algebra X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  satisfies the following assertions:

- (1)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(x \le y \Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge \lambda \kappa \mu(y)).$
- (2) if X is a  $BH^*$ -algebra X, then

$$\mu(x*y) \ge \lambda \kappa \mu(x), \ \forall x, y \in X.$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x \leq y$ . Then x \* y = 0. Hence

$$\mu(x) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \\ = \kappa \min\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\} \\ \ge \kappa \min\{\lambda \mu(y), \mu(y)\} \\ = \lambda \kappa \mu(y).$$

(2) By Definition 3.3(1), we have

$$\mu(x * y) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * x), \mu(x)\}$$
$$= \kappa \min\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\}$$
$$\ge \kappa \min\{\lambda\mu(x), \mu(x)\}$$
$$= \lambda \kappa \mu(x).$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of a *BH*-algebra with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ . If  $\lambda = \kappa$ , then the following assertions hold:

(1)  $(\forall x, y \in X)(x \le y \Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge \lambda^2 \mu(y)).$ (2) if X is a BH\*-algebra X, then

$$\mu(x*y) \ge \lambda^2 \mu(x), \ \forall x, y \in X.$$

Note that a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $BH\mbox{-algebra}\ X$  is a fuzzy ideal of X if and only if

$$(\forall t \in [0.1])(U(\mu; t) \in \mathcal{I}(X) \cup \{\emptyset\}),\$$

where  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  is the set of all ideals of X. But, we know that for a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a BH-algebra X there exist  $\lambda, \kappa \in (0, 1)$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  such that

(1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ ,

(2)  $U(\mu;t) \notin \mathcal{I}(X) \cup \{\emptyset\}.$ 

**Example 3.8.** Consider the fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of X with degree (0.6, 0.5) in Example 3.5. If  $t \in (0.6, 0.7]$ , then  $U(\mu; t) = \{0, 2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $1 * 2 = 0 \in \{0, 2\}$  but  $1 \notin \{0, 2\}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a *BH*-algebra *X*. For any  $t \in (0, 1]$  with  $t \leq \lambda$ , if  $U(\mu; t)$  is an enlarged ideal of *X* related to  $U(\mu; \frac{1}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ .

Proof. Assume that  $\mu(0) < t \leq \lambda \mu(x)$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $t \in (0, \lambda]$ . Then  $\mu(x) \geq \frac{t}{\lambda} \geq \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}}$ . Hence  $x \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ , i.e.,  $U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}}) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U(\mu;t)$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ ,  $0 \in U(\mu;t)$ , i.e.,  $\mu(0) \geq t$ . This is a contradiction, and thus  $\mu(0) \geq \lambda \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Now suppose that there exist  $a, b \in X$  such that  $\mu(a) < \kappa \min\{\mu(a * b), \mu(b)\}$ . If we take  $t := \kappa \min\{\mu(a * b), \mu(b)\}$ , then  $t \in (0, \kappa] \subseteq (0, \max\{\lambda, \kappa\}]$ ,  $a * b \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\kappa}) \subseteq U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda, \kappa\}})$  and  $b \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\kappa}) \subseteq U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda, \kappa\}})$ . It follows from Definition 3.1(3) that  $a \in U(\mu; t)$  so that  $\mu(a) \ge t$ , which is impossible. Therefore

$$\mu(x) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu(x*y), \mu(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ .

**Corollary 3.10.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a *BH*-algebra *X*. For any  $t \in [0, 1]$  with  $t \leq \frac{k}{n}$ , if  $U(\mu; t)$  is an enlarged ideal of *X* related to  $U(\mu; \frac{n}{k}t)$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of *X* with degree  $(\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k}{n})$ .

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**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $t \in [0,1]$  be such that  $U(\mu;t) \neq \emptyset$  is not necessary an ideal of a *BH*-algebra *X*. If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , then  $U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$  is an enlarged ideal of *X* related to  $U(\mu; t)$ .

Proof. Since  $t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\} \leq t$ , we get  $U(\mu;t) \subseteq U(\mu;t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\})$ . Since  $U(\mu;t) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $x \in U(\mu;t)$  and so  $\mu(x) \geq t$ , Using Definition 3.3(1), we have  $\mu(0) \geq \lambda \mu(x) \geq \lambda t \geq t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\}$ , which implies that  $0 \in U(\mu;t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\})$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  be such that  $x * y \in U(\mu;t)$  and  $y \in U(\mu;t)$ . Then  $\mu(x * y) \geq t$  and  $\mu(y) \geq t$ . It follows from Definition 3.3(2) that

$$\mu(x) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\} \ge \kappa t \ge t \min\{\lambda, \kappa\}$$

so that  $x \in U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$ . Therefore  $U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $U(\mu; t)$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of a BH-algebra X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ . If the inequality  $x * y \leq z$  holds in X, then

$$\mu(x) \ge \min\{\kappa\mu(y), \lambda\kappa^2\mu(z)\}$$

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

*Proof.* Assume that  $x * y \le z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then (x \* y) \* z = 0 and hence  $\mu(x * y) > \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(z)\}$ 

$$g' \geq \kappa \min\{\mu((x * g) * z), \mu(z)\} \\ = \kappa \min\{\mu(0), \mu(z)\} \\ \geq \kappa \min\{\lambda\mu(z), \mu(z)\} \\ = \kappa \lambda\mu(z).$$

It follows that

$$\mu(x) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu(x * y), \mu(y)\}$$
$$\ge \kappa \min\{\lambda \kappa \mu(z), \mu(y)\}$$
$$= \min\{\kappa \mu(y), \lambda \kappa^2 \mu(z)\}$$

 $\square$ 

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

**Corollary 3.13.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of a *BH*-algebra *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ . If  $\lambda = \kappa$  and the inequality  $x * y \leq z$  holds in *X*, then

 $\mu(x) \ge \min\{\kappa\mu(y), \kappa^3\mu(z)\}$ 

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

## 4. Fuzzy strong ideals in BH-algebras with degrees in (0,1]

**Definition 4.1.** Let I be a non-empty subset of a BH-algebra X which is not necessary a strong ideal X. We say that a subset J of X is an *enlarged strong ideal of X related to I* if it satisfies:

- (1) I is a subset of J,
- (2)  $0 \in J$ ,
- (3)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X)((x * y) * z \in I \text{ and } y \in I \Rightarrow x * z \in J).$

Obviously, every strong ideal is an enlarged ideal of X related to itself. Note that there exists an enlarged strong ideal of X related to any non-empty subset I of a BH-algebra X.

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be a *BH*-algebra ([2]) which is not a *BCK/BCI*-algebra X with the following table

*	$     \begin{array}{c}       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       2 \\       3 \\       4 \\       5     \end{array} $	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	5
1	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	2	2	0	0	0	1
3	3	2	1	0	1	1
4	4	4	4	4	0	1
5	5	5	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	0

Note that  $\{0,2\}$  is not a strong ideal of X since  $(3 * 2) * 4 = 0 \in \{0,2\}$  and  $3 * 4 = 1 \notin \{0,2\}$ . Then  $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$  is an enlarged strong ideal of X related to  $\{0,2\}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let I be a non-empty subset of a BH-algebra X. Every enlarged strong ideal of X related to I is an enlarged ideal of X related to I.

*Proof.* Let J be an enlarged strong ideal of X related to I. Putting z := 0 in Definition 4.1(3), we have

$$(\forall x, y \in X)((x * y) * 0 = x * y \in I \text{ and } y \in I \Rightarrow x * 0 = x \in J)$$

Hence J is an enlarged strong ideal of X related to I.

The converse of Theorem 4.3 is not true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BH*-algebra which is not a *BCK*/*BCI*-algebra with the following table:

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	3	0	2
1	1	0	0	0
$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       2 \\       3     \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	3
3	3	3	3	0

Note that  $\{0, 2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $1*2 = 0 \in \{0, 2\}$ , but  $1 \notin \{0, 2\}$ . Then  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $\{0, 2\}$ . But it is not an enlarged strong ideal of X since  $(2*2)*3 = 2 \in \{0, 2\}$  but  $2*3 = 3 \notin \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Definition 4.5.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a *BH*-algebra X is called a *fuzzy strong ideal* of X if (FI1) and

(FI4)  $\mu(x * z) \ge \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y)\}, \forall x, y \in X.$ 

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be a *BH*-algebra with the following table:

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       2 \\       3     \end{array} $	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	0
3	3	2	2	0

Note that  $\{0, 2\}$  is not an ideal of X since  $1 * 2 = 0 \in \{0, 2\}$ , but  $1 \notin \{0, 2\}$ . Then  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  is an enlarged ideal of X related to  $\{0, 2\}$ . But it is not an enlarged strong ideal of X since  $(3 * 2) * 0 = 2 \in \{0, 2\}$  but  $3 * 0 = 3 \notin \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Definition 4.7.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a *BH*-algebra X is called a *fuzzy strong ideal* of X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  if it satisfies:

- (1)  $(\forall x \in X)(\mu(0) \ge \lambda \mu(x)),$
- (2)  $(\forall x, y, z \in X)(\mu(x * z) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y)\}).$

Note that if  $\lambda \neq \kappa$ , then a fuzzy strong ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  may not a fuzzy strong ideal with degree  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ , and vice versa.

**Example 4.8.** Consider a *BH*-algebra  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  as in Example 4.2. Define a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X by

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0.7 & 0.9 & 0.8 & 0.6 & 0.5 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy strong ideal of X with degree (0.6, 0.5) but it is not a fuzzy strong ideal of X with degree (0.8, 0.5) since  $\nu(0) = 0.7 \geq 0.72 = 0.8 \times \mu(1)$ .

Obviously, every fuzzy strong ideal is a fuzzy strong ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , but the converse may not be true. In fact, the fuzzy strong ideal  $\mu$  with degree (0.6, 0.5) in Example 4.8 is not a fuzzy strong ideal of X since  $\mu(0) = 0.7 < \mu(1) = 0.9$ . Note that a fuzzy strong ideal with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$  is a fuzzy strong ideal if and only if  $(\lambda, \kappa) = (1, 1)$ . If  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$  and  $\kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2$ , then every fuzzy strong ideal with degree  $(\lambda_1, \kappa_1)$  is a fuzzy strong ideal with  $(\lambda_2, \kappa_2)$ , but the converse is not true as shown by Example 4.8.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a *BH*-algebra *X*. For any  $t \in (0, 1]$  with  $t \leq \lambda$ , if  $U(\mu; t)$  is an enlarged strong ideal of *X* related to  $U(\mu; \frac{1}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy strong ideal of *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ .

Proof. Assume that  $\mu(0) < t \leq \lambda \mu(x)$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $t \in (0, \lambda]$ . Then  $\mu(x) \geq \frac{t}{\lambda} \geq \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}}$ . Hence  $x \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ , i.e.,  $U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}}) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U(\mu; t)$  is an enlarged strong ideal of X related to  $U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ ,  $0 \in U(\mu; t)$ , i.e.,  $\mu(0) \geq t$ . This is a contradiction, and thus  $\mu(0) \geq \lambda \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Now suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in X$  such that  $\mu(a * c) < \kappa \min\{\mu((a * b) * c)), \mu(b)\}$ . If we take  $t := \kappa \min\{\mu((a * b) * c), \mu(b)\}$ , then  $t \in (0, \kappa] \subseteq (0, \max\{\lambda, \kappa\}], (a * b) * c \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\kappa}) \subseteq U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda, \kappa\}})$  and  $b \in U(\mu; \frac{t}{\kappa}) \subseteq U(\mu; \frac{t}{\kappa})$ 

 $U(\mu; \frac{t}{\max\{\lambda,\kappa\}})$ . It follows from Definition 4.1(3) that  $a * c \in U(\mu; t)$  so that  $\mu(a * c) \geq t$ , which is impossible. Therefore

$$\mu(x * z) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y)\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy strong ideal of X with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 4.10.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of a BH-algebra X. For any  $t \in [0, 1]$  with  $t \leq \frac{k}{n}$ , if  $U(\mu; t)$  is an enlarged strong ideal of X related to  $U(\mu; \frac{n}{k}t)$ , then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy strong ideal of X with degree  $(\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k}{n})$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $t \in [0,1]$  be such that  $U(\mu;t) \neq \emptyset$  is not necessary an ideal of a *BH*-algebra *X*. If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy strong ideal of *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ , then  $U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$  is an enlarged strong ideal of *X* related to  $U(\mu; t)$ .

Proof. Since  $t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\} \leq t$ , we get  $U(\mu;t) \subseteq U(\mu;t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\})$ . Since  $U(\mu;t) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $x \in U(\mu;t)$  and so  $\mu(x) \geq t$ , Using Definition 4.7(1), we have  $\mu(0) \geq \lambda \mu(x) \geq \lambda t \geq t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\}$ , which implies that  $0 \in U(\mu;t\min\{\lambda,\kappa\})$ . Let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $(x*y)*z \in U(\mu;t)$  and  $y \in U(\mu;t)$ . Then  $\mu((x*y)*z) \geq t$  and  $\mu(y) \geq t$ . It follows from Definition 4.7(2) that

$$\mu(x * z) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y)\} \ge \kappa t \ge t \min\{\lambda, \kappa\}$$

so that  $x * z \in U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$ . Therefore  $U(\mu; t\min\{\lambda, \kappa\})$  is an enlarged strong ideal of X related to  $U(\mu; t)$ .

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy strong ideal of a *BH*-algebra *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ . If the inequality  $x * y \leq z$  holds in *X*, then

$$\mu(x*z) \ge \kappa \lambda \mu(y), \ \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $x * y \leq z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then (x \* y) \* z = 0 and hence

$$\mu(x * z) \ge \kappa \min\{\mu((x * y) * z), \mu(y)\}$$
$$= \kappa \min\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\}$$
$$\ge \kappa \min\{\lambda \mu(y), \mu(y)\}$$
$$= \kappa \lambda \mu(y)$$

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

**Corollary 4.13.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy strong ideal of a *BH*-algebra *X* with degree  $(\lambda, \kappa)$ . If  $\lambda = \kappa$  and the inequality  $x * y \leq z$  holds in *X*, then

$$\mu(x*z) \ge \kappa^2 \mu(y), \ \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

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