

# The characterization of regular ordered semigroups by $(\in, \in \vee q)$ – fuzzy ideals

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## Abstract

In this paper, based on the inclusion and quasi-coincident relation of fuzzy sets, we introduce and investigate the concepts of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – *fuzzy quasi-ideals* and *interior ideals*. Also, the characterization of regular ordered semigroups in terms of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – *fuzzy left ideals (right ideals, bi-ideals, quasi-ideals, interior ideals)* is also studied.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh[1] in 1965. Since then, many papers on fuzzy sets appeared showing the importance of the concept and its applications to logic, set theory, groups theory, groupoids, real analysis, measure theory, topology, ect. Ordered semigroups have many applications in the theory of sequential machines, formal languages, computer arithmetics, and error-correcting codes. Based on the terminology given by Zadeh, fuzzy sets in ordered groupoids and semigroups have been first considered by Kehayopulu and Tsingsgelis [2-9]. Using the notion “belongingness( $\in$ )” and “quasi-coincidence ( $q$ )” of a fuzzy point with a fuzzy set introduced by Pu and Liu [10]. The detailed study with  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – fuzzy subgroup has been considered in Bhakat and Das[11]. In particular,  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – fuzzy subgroup is an important and useful generalization of Rosenfeld’s fuzzy subgroup. Jun and Khan [12-14] gave the concept of a generalized fuzzy bi-ideal in ordered semigroups and characterized regular ordered semigroups in terms of this notion. It is now natural to investigate similar type of generalizations of the existing fuzzy subsystems of other algebraic constructions of the existing fuzzy subsystems of other algebraic structures (see[15-18]).

As a further study, we will study the characterization of regular ordered semigroups. Based on the inclusion and quasi-coincident relation of fuzzy sets, this paper introduces the concepts of

$(\in, \in \vee q)$  – fuzzy quasi-ideals and interior ideals. We also give some characterizations of regular ordered semigroups in terms of  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – fuzzy left ideals (right ideals, bi-ideals, quasi-ideals interior ideals).

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we will recall some basic notions, results on ordered semigroups and fuzzy sets.

### 2.1 Ordered semigroup

An ordered semigroup is an algebraic system  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  consisting of a non-empty set  $S$  together with a binary operation “ $\cdot$ ” and a compatible ordering “ $\leq$ ” on  $S$  such that  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semigroup and  $x \leq y$  implies  $ax \leq ay$  and  $xa \leq ya$  for all  $x, y, a \in S$ . Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A subset  $A$  of  $S$  is called a *left* (resp. *right*) *ideal* of  $S$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $SA \subseteq A$  (resp.,  $AS \subseteq A$ );
- (2) if  $x \in A$  and  $y \in A, y \leq x$ , then  $y \in A$ . [4]

If  $A$  is both a left and a right ideal of  $S$ , then  $A$  is called an *ideal* of  $S$ .

Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A subset  $P$  of  $S$  is called a *bi-ideal* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $PP \subseteq P$ ;
- (2)  $PSP \subseteq P$ ;
- (3) if  $x \in P$  and  $S \ni y \leq x$ , then  $y \in P$ . [4]

Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A subset  $Q$  of  $S$  is called a *quasi-ideal* if it satisfies the following conditions

- (1)  $QS \cap SQ \subseteq Q$ ;
- (2) if  $x \in Q$  and  $S \ni y \leq x$ , then  $y \in Q$ . [2]

Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A subset  $B$  of  $S$  is called an *interior ideal* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $BB \subseteq B$ ;
- (2)  $SBS \subseteq B$ ;
- (3) if  $x \in B$  and  $S \ni y \leq x$ , then  $y \in B$ . [3]

### 2.2 Fuzzy sets

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $A$  a subset in  $X$ . The characteristic function of  $A$  is the function  $\chi_A$  of  $X$  into  $[0,1]$  defined by  $\chi_A(x) = 1$  if  $x \in A$  and  $\chi_A(x) = 0$  otherwise.

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a non-empty set  $X$  is defined as a mapping from  $X$  into  $[0,1]$ , where  $[0,1]$  is the usual interval of real numbers. The set of all fuzzy subsets of  $X$  is denoted by  $F(X)$ . For any  $A \subseteq X$  and  $r \in (0,1]$ , the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  defined by

$$\mu(y) = \begin{cases} r, & y = x \\ 0, & y \neq x \end{cases}$$

is said to be a fuzzy point with support  $x$  and value  $r$  and is denoted by  $x_r$ .

For a fuzzy point  $x_r$  and a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ , we say that:

- (1)  $x_r \in \mu$ , if  $\mu(x) \geq r$ .
- (2)  $x_r q \mu$ , if  $\mu(x) + r > 1$ .
- (3)  $x_r \in q\mu$ , if  $x_r \in \mu$  or  $x_r q \mu$ .

Let us now introduce a new ordered relation on  $F(X)$ , called inclusion and quasi-coincident relation and denoted as " $\subseteq \vee q$ ", as follows.

For any  $\mu, \nu \in F(X)$ , by  $\mu \subseteq \vee q \nu$  we mean that  $x_r \in \mu$  implies  $x_r \in \vee q \nu$  for all  $x \in S$  and  $r \in (0,1]$ .

In what follows, unless otherwise stated,  $\overline{\in \vee q}$  means  $\in \vee q$  does not hold  $\overline{\subseteq \vee q}$  implies  $\subseteq \vee q$  is not true.

**Lemma2.1 [19]** Let  $\mu, \nu \in F(X)$ . Then  $\mu \subseteq \vee q \nu$  if and only if  $\nu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}$  for all  $x \in S$ .

**Definition 2.1 [2]** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup and  $\mu, \nu \in F(S)$ . Define the product of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , denoted by  $\mu \circ \nu$ , as

$$(\mu \circ \nu)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \leq yz} \min\{\mu(y), \nu(z)\} & \text{if } x \leq yz \text{ for some } y, z \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in S$ .

**Lemma2.3. [19]** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup and  $A, B \subseteq S$  then

- (1)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\chi_A \subseteq \vee q \chi_B$ ;
- (2)  $\chi_A \cap \chi_B = \chi_{A \cap B}$ ;
- (3)  $\chi_A \circ \chi_B = \chi_{(AB)}$ .

**3  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  – fuzzy ideals of an ordered semigroup**

**Definition 3.1 [19]** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  –fuzzy left (resp., right) ideal of  $S$  if it satisfies:

- (F1a)  $\mu \circ \chi_S \subseteq \vee q \mu$  (resp.,  $\chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$ );
- (F2a) if  $y \leq x$  and  $x_t \in \mu \Rightarrow y_t \in \vee q \mu$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

A fuzzy subset in  $S$  is called an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  –fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if it is both an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  –fuzzy right ideal and an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  –fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ .

**Definition 3.2[19]** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$  –fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  if it satisfies conditions (F2a) and

- (F3a)  $\mu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$ ;
- (F4a)  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$ .

**Definition 3.3** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$  if it satisfies conditions (F2a) and

$$(F6a) \quad \mu \circ \chi_S \cap \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu.$$

**Definition 3.4** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  if it satisfies conditions (F2a) and

$$(F5a) \quad \chi_S \circ \mu \circ \chi_S \subseteq \vee q \mu.$$

**Lemma 3.1 [19]** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in an ordered semigroup  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy left (resp., right) ideal of  $S$  if and only if it satisfies the following condition:

$$(F1b) \quad (\forall x, y \in S) \quad (\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\} \text{ (resp. } \mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}));$$

$$(F2b) \quad (\forall x, y \in S) \quad (y \leq x \Rightarrow \mu(y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}).$$

**Lemma 3.2 [19]** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in an ordered semigroup  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  if and only if it satisfies (F2b) and

$$(F3b) \quad (\forall x, y \in S) (\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5\});$$

$$(F4b) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in S) (\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(z), 0.5\}).$$

**Lemma 3.3** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in an ordered semigroup  $S$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  if and only if it satisfies (F2b) and

$$(F5b) \quad (\forall x, y, z \in S) \quad (\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}).$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.2.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $S$  be an ordered semigroups and  $\mu \in F(S)$ . Then

(1)  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  if and only if non-empty subset  $\mu_r$  is a quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  for all  $r \in (0, 0.5]$ ;

(2)  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  if and only if non-empty subset  $\langle \mu \rangle_r$  is a quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  for all  $r \in (0.5, 1]$ ;

(3)  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  if and only if non-empty subset  $[\mu]_r$  is a quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals) of  $S$  for all  $r \in (0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** We only show (3). (1) and (2) can be similarly proved. Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  and assume that  $[\mu]_r \neq \emptyset$  for some  $r \in (0, 1]$ .

Let  $x, y, z \in [\mu]_r$ . Then  $x_r \in \vee q \mu$ ,  $y_r \in \vee q \mu$ , and  $z_r \in \vee q \mu$  that is,  $\mu(x) \geq r$  or  $\mu(x) + r > 1$ ,  $\mu(y) \geq r$  or  $\mu(y) + r > 1$  and  $\mu(z) \geq r$  or  $\mu(z) + r > 1$ .

Since  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , we have

$\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1**  $r \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then  $1 - r \geq 0.5 \geq r$ .

① If  $\mu(x) \geq r$  or  $\mu(y) \geq r$ , or  $\mu(z) \geq r$ , then

$$\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\} \geq r.$$

Hence  $(xyz)_r \in \mu$ .

② If  $\mu(x) + r > 1$ ,  $\mu(y) + r > 1$  and  $\mu(z) + r > 1$ , then

$$\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\} = 0.5 \geq r.$$

Hence  $(xyz)_r \in \mu$ .

**Case 2**  $r \in (0.5, 1]$ . Then  $r > 0.5 > 1 - r$ .

If  $\mu(x) + r > 1$ ,  $\mu(y) + r > 1$  and  $\mu(z) + r > 1$ , then

$$\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\} = 0.5 > 1 - r.$$

Hence  $(xyz)_r, q\mu$ .

If  $\mu(x) \geq r$  or  $\mu(y) \geq r$ , or  $\mu(z) \geq r$ , then

$$\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\} > 1 - r.$$

Hence  $(xyz)_r, q\mu$ .

Thus, in any case,  $(xyz)_r \in \vee q\mu$ , that is,  $xyz \in [\mu]_r$ . Therefore,  $[\mu]_r$  is a *interior ideal* of  $S$ .

Conversely, assume that the given conditions hold. Let  $x, z \in S$ . If there exist  $y \in S$  such that  $\mu(xyz) < r = \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}$ , then  $x_r \in \mu$  but  $(xyz)_r \notin \vee q\mu$ , that is,  $x, y, z \in [\mu]_r$  but  $(xyz) \notin [\mu]_r$ , a condition. Hence  $\mu(xyz) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in S$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. And  $A \subseteq S$ . Then  $A$  is *quasi-ideals (resp., interior ideals)* of  $S$  if and only if the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  in  $S$  such that  $\mu(x) \geq 0.5$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $\mu(x) = 0$  otherwise is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal (resp., interior ideal) of  $S$ .

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 3.1

**Lemma 3.4 [4,5]** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup and  $A \subseteq S$ . Then the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $A$  is a *left (resp. right) ideal* of  $S$  if and only if  $\chi_A$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal of  $S$ ;
- (2)  $A$  is a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if and only if  $\chi_A$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$ ;
- (3)  $A$  is a *quasi-ideal* of  $S$  if and only if  $\chi_A$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ ;
- (4)  $A$  is an *interior ideal* of  $S$  if and only if  $\chi_A$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

Proof It is straightforward.

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $(S, \cdot, \leq)$  be an ordered semigroup. Then

- (1) Every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left (right) ideal of  $S$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ ;

(2) Every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$ .

**Proof** The proof of (1) is straightforward. We show (2). Let  $\mu$  be any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ . To show that  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  it is sufficient to show  $\mu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$  and  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$ . In fact, since  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ , we have  $\mu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q(\chi_S \circ \mu)$ ,  $\mu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \chi_S$ ,  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \chi_S \circ \mu$  and  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \chi_S$ . Hence  $\mu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \chi_S \circ \mu \cap \mu \circ \chi_S \subseteq \vee q \mu$  and  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \chi_S \circ \mu \cap \mu \circ \chi_S \subseteq \vee q \mu$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.6** Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy subset in an ordered semigroup  $S$ . Then  $\chi_S \circ \mu$  (resp.,  $\mu \circ \chi_S$ ) is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal (resp., right ideal) of  $S$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy subset in an ordered semigroup  $S$  and  $x, y \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{(\chi_S \circ \mu)(y), 0.5\} &= \min\left\{\sup_{y \leq ab} \min\{\chi_S(a), \mu(b)\}, 0.5\right\} \leq \sup_{xy \leq xab} \{\mu(b)\} \\ &\leq \sup_{xy \leq cd} \{\mu(d)\} = (\chi_S \circ \mu)(xy) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $y \leq x$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{(\chi_S \circ \mu)(x), 0.5\} &= \min\left\{\sup_{x \leq ab} \min\{\chi_S(a), \mu(b)\}, 0.5\right\} \\ &\leq \sup_{x \leq ab} \{\mu(b)\} \leq \sup_{y \leq cd} \{\mu(d)\} = (\chi_S \circ \mu)(y). \end{aligned}$$

Summing up the above statements,  $\chi_S \circ \mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ .

Similarly, we may prove that  $\mu \circ \chi_S$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal of  $S$ .

#### 4 Regular ordered semigroup

In this section, we present the characterization of regular ordered semigroups in terms of  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideals (right ideals, bi-ideals, quasi-ideals interior ideals,). We start by formulating the following definition.



**Definition 4.1.** [20] An ordered semigroup  $S$  is said to be regular if for each  $a \in S$ , there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $a \leq axa$ . Equivalent definitions:

- (1)  $a \in (aSa], \forall a \in S$ ;
- (2)  $A \subseteq (ASA], \forall A \subseteq S$ .

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $S$  be an ordered semigroup. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) Every *bi-ideal* of  $S$  is a *left (right) ideal* of  $S$ ;
- (2) Every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *bi-ideal* of  $S$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *left (right) ideal* of  $S$ .

Proof. Assume that (1) holds. Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *bi-ideal* of  $S$  and  $x, y \in S$  be any elements of  $S$ . Since the set  $(xSx]$  is a *bi-ideal* of  $S$ , by the assumption, it is a *left ideal* of  $S$ . Thus it follows from the fact  $S$  is regular that  $xy \in S(ySy] = (S](ySy] \subseteq (ySy]$ . Since  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *bi-ideal* of  $S$ . Then  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(yxy), 0.5\} \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}$ . Therefore,  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *left ideal* of  $S$ . Similarly  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *right ideal* of  $S$ , Hence (2) holds.

Conversely, assume that (2) holds. Let  $B$  be a *bi-ideal* of  $S$ . Then by lemma 3.4, the characteristic function  $\chi_B$  of  $B$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *bi-ideal* of  $S$ . By the assumption,  $\chi_B$  of  $B$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy *left ideal* of  $S$  and hence  $B$  is a *left ideal* of  $S$  by Lemma 3.4. Hence (1) holds.

**Lemma 4.1.** [18] Let  $S$  an ordered semigroup. Then  $S$  is regular if and only if for every *right ideal*  $R$  and every *left ideal*  $L$  of  $S$ , we have  $(RL) = R \cap L$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $S$  an ordered semigroup, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $S$  is regular;

(2)  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu$  for any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal  $\mu$  and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;

(3)  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu$  for any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\mu$  and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;

(4)  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu$  for any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal  $\mu$  and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;

(5)  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu$  for any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal  $\mu$  and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;

(6)  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \vee q \mu \circ \nu$  for any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal  $\mu$  and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ .

Proof Assume that (1) holds. Let  $S$  be an regular ordered semigroup,  $\mu$  any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal and  $\nu$  any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ , respectively. Now let  $x$  be any element of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $x \leq xyx$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \circ \nu)(x) &= \sup_{x \leq ab} \min\{\mu(a), \nu(b)\} \geq \min\{\mu(xy), \nu(x)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}, \nu(x)\} = \min\{(\mu \cap \nu)(x), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu$ . Hence (2) holds. And (3) can be similiary proved.

On the other hand, it is clear that (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) by Lemma 3.5. Now assume that (6) holds. Let  $R$  and  $L$  be any right ideal and any left ideal of  $S$ , respectively. Then by Lemma 3.4, the characteristic functions  $\chi_R$  and  $\chi_L$  of  $R$  and  $L$  are an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy right ideal and an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ , respectively. Now, by the assumption and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\chi_{(RL]} = \chi_R \circ \chi_L \approx \chi_R \cap \chi_L = \chi_{R \cap L}.$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $(RL] = R \cap L$ . Therefore  $S$  is regular by Lemma 4.1.

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $S$  be an regular ordered semigroup and  $\mu$  a fuzzy subset in  $S$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof* If  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , it is clear that  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Now let  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  and  $x$  any element of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $x \leq xyx$ . Then we have

$$\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(xyxy), 0.5\} \geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}, 0.5\} = \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}$$

In a similar way, we have  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(y), 0.5\}$ . Therefore,  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $S$ .

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $S$  be an regular ordered semigroup and  $\mu$  a fuzzy subset in  $S$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  by Lemma 3.6,  $\chi_S \circ \mu$  (resp.,  $\mu \circ \chi_S$ ) is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -left ideal (resp., right ideal) of  $S$ . By Theorem 4.2, we have

$$\mu \circ \chi_S \cap \chi_S \circ \mu \approx (\mu \circ \chi_S) \circ (\chi_S \circ \mu) = \mu \circ (\chi_S \circ \chi_S) \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu.$$

Thus  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ .

Conversely, let  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$  by Lemma 3.5.

**Lemma 4.2[9]** Let  $S$  an ordered semigroup, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $S$  is regular;
- (2)  $B = (BSB)$  for every bi-ideal  $B$  of  $S$ ;
- (3)  $Q = (QSQ)$  for every quasi-ideal  $Q$  of  $S$ .

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $S$  an ordered semigroup, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $S$  is regular;
- (2)  $\mu \approx \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu$  for every  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\mu$  of  $S$ ;
- (3)  $\mu \approx \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu$  for every  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal  $\mu$  of  $S$ .

Proof (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that (1) holds. Let  $\mu$  be any  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal of  $S$ , and  $x$  any element of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $x \leq xyx$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu)(x) &= \sup_{x \leq ab} \min\{(\mu \circ \chi_S)(a), \mu(b)\} \\ &\geq \min\{(\mu \circ \chi_S)(xy), \mu(x)\} \\ &= \min\{\sup_{xy \leq cd} \min\{\mu(c), \mu(d)\}, \mu(x)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\mu(x), \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu$ . It follows from the fact  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal that  $\mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$  and so  $\mu \approx \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) This is straightforward by Lemma 3.5.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that (1) holds. Let  $Q$  be any quasi-ideal of  $S$ . Then by Lemma 3.4, the characteristic  $\chi_Q$  of  $Q$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ .

Now, by the assumption and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\chi_Q \approx \chi_Q \circ \chi_S \circ \chi_Q = \chi_{(QSQ)}.$$

Then it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $Q = (QSQ)$ . Therefore,  $\mu$  is regular by Lemma 4.2.

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $S$  an ordered semigroup, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $S$  is regular;
- (2)  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$  for every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\mu$  and every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;
- (3)  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$  for every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal  $\mu$  and every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;
- (4)  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$  for every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal  $\mu$  and every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ ;
- (5)  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$  for every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal  $\mu$  and every  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\nu$  of  $S$ .

Proof (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that (1) holds. Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy bi-ideal and any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , respectively. Then

$$\mu \circ \nu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu$$

and

$$\mu \circ \nu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \chi_S \circ \nu \circ \chi_S \subseteq \vee q \nu,$$

Hence  $\mu \circ \nu \circ \mu \subseteq \vee q \mu \cap \nu$ . Now let  $x$  be any element of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, there exists  $y \in S$  such that  $x \leq xyx$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \circ \nu \circ \mu)(x) &= \sup_{x \leq ab} \min\{(\mu \circ \nu)(a), \mu(b)\} \\ &\geq \min\{(\mu \circ \nu)(xy), \mu(x)\} \\ &= \min\{\sup_{xy \leq cd} \min\{\mu(c), \nu(d)\}, \mu(x)\} \\ &\geq \min\{\min\{\mu(x), 0.5\}, \nu(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \min\{(\mu \cap \nu)(x), 0.5\}.$$

This implies that  $\mu \cap \nu \subseteq \vee q \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$ . Therefore  $\mu \cap \nu \approx \mu \circ \nu \circ \mu$  and so (2) holds.

It is clear that (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Now, assume that (5) holds. Let  $\mu$  be any  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ . Then since  $\chi_S$  is an  $(\epsilon, \epsilon \vee q)$ -fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , we have  $\mu = \mu \cap \chi_S \approx \mu \circ \chi_S \circ \mu$ . Therefore,  $S$  is regular by Theorem 4.5.

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