

# Atanassov's Intuitionistic Anti Fuzzy Interior Ideals of Semigroups

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**Abstract** In this paper the concepts of intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal in semigroups is introduced and some important characterizations have been obtained.

## 1 Introduction

After the introduction of the classical notion of fuzzy sets by Zadeh[9] in 1965, many scientists used fuzzy sets in different fields of science. The use of fuzzy sets in algebraic structures was done by Rosenfeld[8] in 1971. He defined fuzzy subgroups and discussed their important properties. The idea of fuzzy ideals, fuzzy bi-ideals in semigroup was given by Kuroki[6]. With the passage of time researchers introduced many extensions of fuzzy sets, for example, intuitionistic fuzzy sets, interval-valued fuzzy sets, vague sets, bipolar fuzzy sets etc. In 1986, K. T. Atanassov[1] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, which is the generalization of fuzzy sets. Fuzzy set gives the degree of membership of an element in a given set, but intuitionistic fuzzy set gives both degree of membership and degree of non-membership. The degree of membership and the degree of non-membership are the real numbers between 0 and 1, having sum not greater than 1. For more details on intuitionistic fuzzy sets, we refer [1, 2].

In [5] K. H. Kim and Y. B. Jun introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of semigroups. In [4] K. H. Kim and J. G. Lee gave the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals of semigroups. In [3] Y. B. Jun introduced intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals of ordered semigroups and studied natural equivalence relation on the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy bi-ideals of an ordered semigroup. In [7], T. Nagaiah, S.K. Majumder, P. N. Swamy and T. Srinivas introduced the concept of intuitionistic anti fuzzy bi-ideals in semigroups. In this paper the concept of intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideals in a semigroup has been introduced. Here a regular semigroup has been characterized in terms of intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Now recall the following from[1, 5].

- By a subsemigroup of  $S$  we mean a non-empty subset  $A$  of  $S$  such that  $A^2 \subseteq A$ .
- A subsemigroup  $A$  of  $S$  is called an interior ideal of  $S$  if  $SAS \subseteq A$ .
- A non-empty subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a left(right) ideal of  $S$  if  $SA \subseteq A$ (resp.  $AS \subseteq A$ ).
- A non-empty subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a two sided ideal(ideal) of  $S$  if it is both a left ideal and a right ideal of  $S$ .
- Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A fuzzy set of  $X$  is a function  $\Psi : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and the complement of  $\Psi$ , denoted by  $\bar{\Psi}$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  given by  $\bar{\Psi}(x) = 1 - \Psi(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- An intuitionistic fuzzy set (briefly, IFS)  $A$  in a non-empty set  $X$  is an object having the form

$$A = \{(x, \Psi_A(x), \Omega_A(x)) : x \in X\},$$

where the functions  $\Psi_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\Omega_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership and

the degree of non-membership, respectively and

$$0 \leq \Psi_A(x) + \Omega_A(x) \leq 1$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

• An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A = \{(x, \Psi_A(x), \Omega_A(x)) : x \in X\}$  in  $X$  can be identified as an order pair  $(\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  in  $I^X XI^X$ . For the sake of simplicity, we use the symbol  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  for IFS  $A = \{(x, \Psi_A(x), \Omega_A(x)) : x \in X\}$ .

• Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and let  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  and  $B = (\Psi_B, \Omega_B)$  be any two IFSs in  $X$ . Then the following operations and relations are valid [1].

- (1)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $\Psi_A \leq \Psi_B$  and  $\Omega_A \geq \Omega_B$
- (2)  $A = B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$
- (3)  $\bar{A} = (\bar{\Psi}_A, \bar{\Omega}_A) = (\Omega_A, \Psi_A)$
- (4)  $A \cap B = (\Psi_A \wedge \Psi_B, \Omega_A \vee \Omega_B)$
- (5)  $A \cup B = (\Psi_A \vee \Psi_B, \Omega_A \wedge \Omega_B)$
- (6)  $\square A = (\Psi_A, 1 - \Psi_A)$ ,  $\diamond A = (1 - \Omega_A, \Omega_A)$ .

• An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$  if

- (1)  $\Psi_A(xy) \geq \min\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \forall x, y \in S$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \forall x, y \in S$ .

• An intuitionistic fuzzy subsemigroup  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  if  $\Psi_A(xay) \geq \Psi_A(a)$  and  $\Omega_A(xay) \leq \Omega_A(a)$  for all  $x, a, y \in S$ .

• An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  if  $\Psi_A(xy) \geq \Psi_A(y)$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) \leq \Omega_A(y)$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

• An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of  $S$  if  $\Psi_A(xy) \geq \Psi_A(x)$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) \leq \Omega_A(x)$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

• An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy two-sided ideal or an intuitionistic fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if it is both an intuitionistic fuzzy left and an intuitionistic fuzzy right ideal of  $S$ .

### 3 Intuitionistic Anti Fuzzy Interior Ideal

In this section we introduce the concepts of intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup and investigate some of its important properties.

**Definition 3.1.** An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$  if

- (1)  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \forall x, y \in S$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \forall x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 3.2.** An intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  if

- (1)  $\Psi_A(xay) \leq \Psi_A(a) \forall x, y, a \in S$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega_A(xay) \geq \Omega_A(a) \forall x, y, a \in S$ .

**Definition 3.3.** An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  if

- (1)  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \Psi_A(y) \forall x, y \in S$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \Omega_A(y) \forall x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 3.4.** An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy right ideal of  $S$  if

- (1)  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \Psi_A(x) \forall x, y \in S$ ,
- (2)  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \Omega_A(x) \forall x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 3.5.** An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy two-sided ideal or an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$  if it is both an intuitionistic anti fuzzy left and an intuitionistic anti fuzzy right ideal of  $S$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$  be a semigroup with the following cayley table.

.	a	b	c
a	b	c	a
b	c	b	a
c	a	b	c

Let us define an IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  in  $S$  by  $\Psi_A(a) = 0.4, \Psi_A(b) = \Psi_A(c) = 0.3$  and  $\Omega_A(a) = 0.5, \Omega_A(b) = \Omega_A(c) = 0.7$ .

The routine calculation shows that  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  which is not an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$  since  $\Psi_A(bc) \not\leq \Psi_A(b)$ .

## 4 Main Results

**Lemma 4.1.** *If an IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , then so is  $\square A := (\Psi_A, \overline{\Psi}_A)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose an IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Then by definition it is clear that  $\Psi_A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\overline{\Psi}_A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

For any  $x, y \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Psi}_A(xy) &= 1 - \Psi_A(xy) \\ &\geq 1 - \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{1 - \Psi_A(x), 1 - \Psi_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\overline{\Psi}_A(x), \overline{\Psi}_A(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\overline{\Psi}_A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Again for any  $x, y, a \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Psi}_A(xay) &= 1 - \Psi_A(xay) \\ &\geq 1 - \Psi_A(a) \\ &= \overline{\Psi}_A(a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\square A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Similarly we can prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$  then so is  $\diamond A = (\overline{\Omega}_A, \Omega_A)$ .*

Combining Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.**  *$A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$  if and only if  $\square A$  and  $\diamond A$  are intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideals of  $S$ .*

**Theorem 4.4.** *An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $\overline{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . To show that  $\overline{A} = (\overline{\Psi}_A, \overline{\Omega}_A) = (\Omega_A, \Psi_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy interior ideal. For any  $x, y \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Psi}_A(xy) &= 1 - \Psi_A(xy) \\ &\geq 1 - \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{1 - \Psi_A(x), 1 - \Psi_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\overline{\Psi}_A(x), \overline{\Psi}_A(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\Omega}_A(xy) &= 1 - \Omega_A(xy) \\ &\leq 1 - \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \\ &= \max\{1 - \Omega_A(x), 1 - \Omega_A(y)\} \\ &= \max\{\overline{\Omega}_A(x), \overline{\Omega}_A(y)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\overline{A} = (\overline{\Psi}_A, \overline{\Omega}_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . Let  $x, y, a \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\Psi}_A(xay) &= 1 - \Psi_A(xay) \\ &\geq 1 - \Psi_A(a) \\ &= \overline{\Psi}_A(a)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\Omega}_A(xay) &= 1 - \Omega_A(xay) \\ &\leq 1 - \Omega_A(a) \\ &= \overline{\Omega}_A(a).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\overline{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

Conversely suppose that  $\overline{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . To show that  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_A(xy) &= 1 - \overline{\Psi}_A(xy) \\ &\leq 1 - \min\{\overline{\Psi}_A(x), \overline{\Psi}_A(y)\} \\ &= \max\{1 - \overline{\Psi}_A(x), 1 - \overline{\Psi}_A(y)\} \\ &= \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_A(xy) &= 1 - \overline{\Omega}_A(xy) \\ &\geq 1 - \max\{\overline{\Omega}_A(x), \overline{\Omega}_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{1 - \overline{\Omega}_A(x), 1 - \overline{\Omega}_A(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . Let  $x, y, a \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_A(xay) &= 1 - \overline{\Psi}_A(xay) \\ &\leq 1 - \overline{\Psi}_A(a) \\ &= \Psi_A(a)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_A(xay) &= 1 - \overline{\Omega}_A(xay) \\ &\geq 1 - \overline{\Omega}_A(a) \\ &= \Omega_A(a).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *If an IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  in  $S$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$ , then so is  $\square A := (\Psi_A, \overline{\Psi}_A)$  where  $\overline{\Psi}_A = 1 - \Psi_A$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  then  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$  and  $\Psi_A(xay) \leq \Psi_A(a) \forall x, y, a \in S$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\Psi}_A(xy) &= 1 - \Psi_A(xy) \\
&\geq 1 - \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \\
&= \min\{1 - \Psi_A(x), 1 - \Psi_A(y)\} \\
&= \min\{\bar{\Psi}_A(x), \bar{\Psi}_A(y)\}
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\bar{\Psi}_A(xay) = 1 - \Psi_A(xay) \geq 1 - \Psi_A(a) = \bar{\Psi}_A(a)$ .

Hence  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** An IFS  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  in  $S$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$  if and only if the fuzzy sets  $\Psi_A$  and  $\bar{\Omega}_A$  are anti fuzzy interior ideals of  $S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\Psi_A$  is an anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Let  $x, y, a \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\Omega}_A(xy) &= 1 - \Omega_A(xy) \\
&\leq 1 - \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \\
&= \max\{1 - \Omega_A(x), 1 - \Omega_A(y)\} \\
&= \max\{\bar{\Omega}_A(x), \bar{\Omega}_A(y)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

also  $\bar{\Omega}_A(xay) = 1 - \Omega_A(xay) \leq 1 - \Omega_A(a) = \bar{\Omega}_A(a)$ .

Hence  $\bar{\Omega}_A$  is an anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\Psi_A$  and  $\bar{\Omega}_A$  are anti fuzzy interior ideals of  $S$ . Let  $x, y, a \in S$ . Then we have to show that  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Since  $\Psi_A$  is an anti fuzzy interior ideal then  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$  and  $\Psi_A(xay) \leq \Psi_A(a)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
1 - \Omega_A(xy) &= \bar{\Omega}_A(xy) \\
&\leq \max\{\bar{\Omega}_A(x), \bar{\Omega}_A(y)\} \\
&= \max\{1 - \Omega_A(x), 1 - \Omega_A(y)\} \\
&= 1 - \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \\
\Rightarrow 1 - \Omega_A(xy) &\leq 1 - \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} \\
\Rightarrow \Omega_A(xy) &\geq \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\}
\end{aligned}$$

Also  $1 - \Omega_A(xay) = \bar{\Omega}_A(xay) \leq \bar{\Omega}_A(a) = 1 - \Omega_A(a)$ . This implies  $\Omega_A(xay) \geq \Omega_A(a)$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a collection of intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideals of a semigroup  $S$  then their union  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = (\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i})$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , where

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}(x) = \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\} \text{ and } \bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}(x) = \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\}.$$

*Proof.* As  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = (\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}, \bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i})$ , where  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}(x) = \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\}$  and  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}(x) = \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\}$ . For  $x, y \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i})(xy) &= \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(xy) : i \in I, xy \in S\} \\
&\leq \sup\{\max\{\Psi_{A_i}(x), \Psi_{A_i}(y)\} : i \in I, x, y \in S\} \\
&\leq \max\{\sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\}, \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(y) : i \in I, y \in S\}\} \\
&= \max\{\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}(x), \bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}(y)\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}\right)(xy) &= \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(xy) : i \in I, xy \in S\} \\
 &\geq \inf\{\min\{\Omega_{A_i}(x), \Omega_{A_i}(y)\} : i \in I, x, y \in S\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(x) : i \in I, x \in S\}, \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(y) : i \in I, y \in S\}\} \\
 &= \min\left\{\bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}(x), \bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}(y)\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . Also for any  $x, y, a \in S$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}\right)(xay) &= \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(xay) : i \in I, xay \in S\} \\
 &\leq \sup\{\Psi_{A_i}(a) : i \in I, a \in S\} \\
 &= \bigvee_{i \in I} \Psi_{A_i}(a)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}\right)(xay) &= \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(xay) : i \in I, xay \in S\} \\
 &\geq \inf\{\Omega_{A_i}(a) : i \in I, a \in S\} \\
 &= \bigwedge_{i \in I} \Omega_{A_i}(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Similarly we can prove the other cases also. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 4.8.** For any  $t \in [0, 1]$  and a fuzzy subset  $\Psi$  of a semigroup  $S$ , the set  $U(\Psi; t) = \{x \in S : \Psi(x) \geq t\}$  (resp.  $L(\Psi; t) = \{x \in S : \Psi(x) \leq t\}$ ) is called an upper (resp. lower)  $t$ -level cut of  $\Psi$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** If  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$ , then the upper and lower level cuts  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  and  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  are interior ideals of  $S$ , for every  $t \in \text{Im}(\Psi_A) \cap \text{Im}(\Omega_A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t \in \text{Im}(\Psi_A) \cap \text{Im}(\Omega_A)$ . Let  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Then  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . Let  $x, y \in L(\Psi_A; t)$ . Then  $\Psi_A(x) \leq t$  and  $\Psi_A(y) \leq t$  whence  $\max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} \leq t$ . Now  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$ . Hence  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq t$ , i.e.,  $xy \in L(\Psi_A; t)$ . Consequently,  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Now let  $x, z \in S$  and  $y \in L(\Psi_A; t)$ . Then  $\Psi_A(y) \leq t$ . Now, since  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , hence  $\Psi_A(xyz) \leq \Psi_A(y) \leq t$ . Consequently,  $xyz \in L(\Psi_A; t)$ . Hence  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  is an interior ideal of  $S$ . Similarly we can prove other case also.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** If  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subset of a semigroup  $S$  such that the non-empty sets  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  and  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  are interior ideals of  $S$ , for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof.* For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , let us assume that the non-empty sets  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  and  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  are interior ideals of  $S$ . Now, we shall show that  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  satisfies the conditions of Definition 3.1 and

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $x, y \in S$ . Let  $t_0 = \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$  and  $t_1 = \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\}$ . Then  $x, y \in L(\Psi_A; t_0)$  and  $x, y \in U(\Omega_A; t_1)$ . So  $xy \in L(\Psi_A; t_0)$  and  $xy \in U(\Omega_A; t_1)$  which implies that  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq t_0 = \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq t_1 = \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\}$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Again let  $x, a, y \in S$ . Let  $t_2 = \Psi_A(a)$  and  $t_3 = \Omega_A(a)$ . Then  $a \in L(\Psi_A; t_2)$  and  $a \in U(\Omega_A; t_3)$ . So  $xay \in L(\Psi_A; t_2)$  and  $xay \in U(\Omega_A; t_3)$  which implies that  $\Psi_A(xay) \leq t_2 = \Psi_A(a)$  and  $\Omega_A(xay) \geq t_3 = \Omega_A(a)$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $I$  be a non-empty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . If two fuzzy subsets  $\Psi$  and  $\Omega$  are defined on  $S$  by

$$\Psi(x) := \begin{cases} \alpha_0 & \text{if } x \in I \\ \alpha_1 & \text{if } x \in S - I \end{cases}$$

and

$$\Omega(x) := \begin{cases} \beta_0 & \text{if } x \in I \\ \beta_1 & \text{if } x \in S - I \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha_0 < \alpha_1, 0 \leq \beta_1 < \beta_0$  and  $\alpha_i + \beta_i \leq 1$  for  $i = 0, 1$ . Then  $A = (\Psi, \Omega)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$  and  $U(\Omega; \alpha_0) = I = L(\Psi; \beta_0)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I$  be an interior ideal of  $S$ . Then  $I$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then following four cases may arise:

(1) : If  $x \in I$  and  $y \in I$ , (2) : If  $x \notin I$  and  $y \in I$ , (3) : If  $x \in I$  and  $y \notin I$ , (4) : If  $x \notin I$  and  $y \notin I$ .

In Case 4,  $\Psi(x) = \Psi(y) = \alpha_1$  and  $\Omega(x) = \Omega(y) = \beta_1$ . Then  $\max\{\Psi(x), \Psi(y)\} = \alpha_1$  and  $\min\{\Omega(x), \Omega(y)\} = \beta_1$ . Now  $\Psi(xy) = \alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  or  $\Omega(xy) = \beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  according as  $xy \in I$  or  $xy \notin I$ . Again  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1$  and  $\beta_1 < \beta_0$ . Hence we see that  $\Psi(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi(x), \Psi(y)\}$  and  $\Omega(xy) \geq \min\{\Omega(x), \Omega(y)\}$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi, \Omega)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . For other cases, by using a similar argument we can deduce that  $A = (\Psi, \Omega)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Now, let  $x, y, z \in S$ . Then following two cases may arise:

(1) : If  $y \in I$ , (2) : If  $y \notin I$ .

In Case 2,  $\Psi(y) = \alpha_1$  and  $\Omega(y) = \beta_1$ . Now  $\Psi(xyz) = \alpha_0$  or  $\alpha_1$  and  $\Omega(xyz) = \beta_0$  or  $\beta_1$  according as  $xyz \in I$  or  $xyz \notin I$ . Again  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1$  and  $\beta_1 < \beta_0$ . Hence we see that  $\Psi(xyz) \leq \Psi(y)$  and  $\Omega(xyz) \geq \Omega(y)$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi, \Omega)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . For other case, by using a similar argument we can deduce that  $A = (\Psi, \Omega)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .

In order to prove the converse, we first observe that by definition of  $\Psi$  and  $\Omega$ ,  $U(\Omega; \alpha_0) = I = L(\Psi; \beta_0)$ . Then the proof follows from Theorem 4.10.  $\square$

**Definition 4.12.** A mapping  $\Phi$  from a semigroup  $S$  to another semigroup  $T$  is called a homomorphism if  $\Phi(xy) = \Phi(x)\Phi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $f : S \rightarrow T$  be an homomorphism of semigroups and  $B = (\Psi_B, \Omega_B)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $T$ . Then the pre-image  $f^{-1}(B)$  of  $B$  under  $f$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , where  $f^{-1}(B)(x) := (f^{-1}(\Psi_B)(x), f^{-1}(\Omega_B)(x)) = (\Psi_B(f(x)), \Omega_B(f(x)))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B = (\Psi_B, \Omega_B)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $T$  and let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

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

and

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

Hence  $f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(\Psi_B), f^{-1}(\Omega_B))$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .  
 Now for any  $a, x, y \in S$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1}(\Psi_B(xay)) &= \Psi_B(f(xay)) \\
 &= \Psi_B(f(x)f(a)f(y)) \\
 &\leq \Psi_B(f(a)) \\
 &= f^{-1}(\Psi_B(a))
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1}(\Omega_B(xay)) &= \Omega_B(f(xay)) \\
 &= \Omega_B(f(x)f(a)f(y)) \\
 &\geq \Omega_B(f(a)) \\
 &= f^{-1}(\Omega_B(a)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(\Psi_B), f^{-1}(\Omega_B))$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . □

**Proposition 4.14.** *Let  $\theta$  be an endomorphism and  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A[\theta]$  is also an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ , where  $A[\theta](x) := (\Psi_A[\theta](x), \Omega_A[\theta](x)) = (\Psi_A(\theta(x)), \Omega_A(\theta(x))) \forall x \in S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi_A[\theta](xy) &= \Psi_A(\theta(xy)) = \Psi_A(\theta(x)\theta(y)) \\
 &\leq \max\{\Psi_A(\theta(x)), \Psi_A(\theta(y))\} \\
 &= \max\{\Psi_A[\theta](x), \Psi_A[\theta](y)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_A[\theta](xy) &= \Omega_A(\theta(xy)) = \Omega_A(\theta(x)\theta(y)) \\
 &\geq \min\{\Omega_A(\theta(x)), \Omega_A(\theta(y))\} \\
 &= \min\{\Omega_A[\theta](x), \Omega_A[\theta](y)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A[\theta]$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ . Similarly we can prove other cases also. This completes the proof. □

**Proposition 4.15.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$  and  $x, y \in S$ .

Then  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \Psi_A(x)$  and  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \Psi_A(y)$ , which implies that  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \min\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\}$ .

Again  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \Omega_A(x)$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \Omega_A(y)$ , which implies  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \max\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\}$ .

Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Now, let  $x, a, y \in S$ . Then  $\Psi_A(xay) = \Psi_A(x(ay)) \leq \Psi_A(ay) \leq \Psi_A(a)$  and  $\Omega_A(xay) = \Omega_A(x(ay)) \geq \Omega_A(ay) \geq \Omega_A(a)$ .

Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . □

**Definition 4.16.** A semigroup  $S$  is said to be regular if for each element  $a$  of  $S$ , there exists an element  $x \in S$  such that  $a = axa$ .

**Proposition 4.17.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ . Then  $A$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$ .*



*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in S$ . Since  $S$  is regular, for any  $x \in S$  there exist  $a \in S$  such that  $x = xax$ . Then  $\Psi_A(xy) = \Psi_A(xaxy) \leq \Psi_A(x)$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) = \Omega_A(xaxy) \geq \Omega_A(x)$ . So  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy right ideal of  $S$ .

Similarly, we can prove that  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.18.** From the above two propositions it is clear that in regular semigroups the concept of intuitionistic anti fuzzy ideals and intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideals coincide.

**Definition 4.19.** An interior ideal  $M$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a characteristic interior ideal of  $S$  if  $f(M) = M$  for all  $f \in \text{Aut}(S)$ .

**Definition 4.20.** An intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called an intuitionistic anti fuzzy characteristic interior ideal of  $S$  if  $\Psi_A(f(x)) = \Psi_A(x)$  and  $\Omega_A(f(x)) = \Omega_A(x) \forall x \in S$  and  $f \in \text{Aut}(S)$ .

**Theorem 4.21.** If  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy characteristic interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$  then the lower and upper level cuts  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  and  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  are characteristic interior ideals of  $S$  for every  $t \in \text{Im}(\Psi_A) \cap \text{Im}(\Omega_A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t \in \text{Im}(\Psi_A) \cap \text{Im}(\Omega_A)$ . Let  $f \in \text{Aut}(S)$  and  $x \in U(\Omega_A; t)$ . Then  $\Omega_A(x) \geq t$  and so  $\Omega_A(f(x)) \geq t$ . Hence  $f(x) \in U(\Omega_A; t)$ . This implies that  $f(U(\Omega_A; t)) \subset U(\Omega_A; t)$ . Again, let  $x \in U(\Omega_A; t)$  and  $y \in S$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . Then,  $\Omega_A(y) = \Omega_A(f(y)) = \Omega_A(x) \geq t$ , so  $y \in U(\Omega_A; t)$ . Consequently,  $f(y) \in f(U(\Omega_A; t))$ , whence  $x \in f(U(\Omega_A; t))$ . Hence  $U(\Omega_A; t) \subset f(U(\Omega_A; t))$ . So we have  $U(\Omega_A; t) = f(U(\Omega_A; t))$ . Hence  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  is a characteristic interior ideal of  $S$ . By using similar argument we can show that  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  is a characteristic interior ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.22.** If  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy subset of a semigroup  $S$  such that the non-empty sets  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  and  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  are characteristic interior ideals of  $S$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy characteristic interior ideal of  $S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U(\Omega_A; t)$  and  $L(\Psi_A; t)$  are characteristic interior ideals of  $S$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $f \in \text{Aut}(S)$ ,  $x \in S$  and  $\Omega_A(x) = t_0$  and  $\Psi_A(x) = t_1$ . Then  $x \in U(\Omega_A; t_0)$  and  $x \in L(\Psi_A; t_1)$ . Since, by hypothesis,  $U(\Omega_A; t_0) = f(U(\Omega_A; t_0))$  and  $L(\Psi_A; t_1) = f(L(\Psi_A; t_1))$ , so we see that  $f(x) \in U(\Omega_A; t_0)$  and  $f(x) \in L(\Psi_A; t_1)$ . Hence  $\Omega_A(f(x)) \geq t_0$  and  $\Psi_A(f(x)) \leq t_1$ . Let  $t_2 = \Omega_A(f(x))$  and  $t_3 = \Psi_A(f(x))$ . Then  $t_2 \geq t_0$  and  $t_3 \leq t_1$  and  $f(x) \in U(\Omega_A; t_2) = f(U(\Omega_A; t_2))$ ,  $f(x) \in L(\Psi_A; t_3) = f(L(\Psi_A; t_3))$ . Since  $f$  is one-one, we have  $x \in U(\Omega_A; t_2)$  and  $x \in L(\Psi_A; t_3)$ . This implies that  $\Omega_A(x) \geq t_2$  and  $\Psi_A(x) \leq t_3$ . Hence  $t_0 \geq t_2$  and  $t_1 \leq t_3$ . Thus we obtain  $\Omega_A(f(x)) = \Omega_A(x)$  and  $\Psi_A(f(x)) = \Psi_A(x)$ . Hence  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy characteristic interior ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.23.** Let  $\alpha \geq 0$  be a real number and  $A = (\Psi_A, \Omega_A)$  be an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of a semigroup  $S$ . Then so is  $A^\alpha = (\Psi_A^\alpha, \Omega_A^\alpha)$ , where  $\Psi_A^\alpha(x) = (\Psi_A(x))^\alpha$  and  $\Omega_A^\alpha(x) = (\Omega_A(x))^\alpha$  for all  $x \in S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in S$ . Without any loss of generality, suppose  $\Psi_A(x) \geq \Psi_A(y)$  and  $\Omega_A(x) \leq \Omega_A(y)$ . Then  $\Psi_A^\alpha(x) \geq \Psi_A^\alpha(y)$  and  $\Omega_A^\alpha(x) \leq \Omega_A^\alpha(y)$ . Now  $\Psi_A(xy) \leq \max\{\Psi_A(x), \Psi_A(y)\} = \Psi_A(x)$  and  $\Omega_A(xy) \geq \min\{\Omega_A(x), \Omega_A(y)\} = \Omega_A(x)$ . Then

$$\Psi_A^\alpha(xy) = (\Psi_A(xy))^\alpha \leq (\Psi_A(x))^\alpha = \Psi_A^\alpha(x) = \max\{\Psi_A^\alpha(x), \Psi_A^\alpha(y)\}$$

and

$$\Omega_A^\alpha(xy) = (\Omega_A(xy))^\alpha \geq (\Omega_A(x))^\alpha = \Omega_A^\alpha(x) = \min\{\Omega_A^\alpha(x), \Omega_A^\alpha(y)\}.$$

Consequently,  $A^\alpha = (\Psi_A^\alpha, \Omega_A^\alpha)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy subsemigroup of  $S$ .

Again let  $x, a, y \in S$ . Then

$$\Psi_A(xy) \leq \Psi_A(a) \text{ and } \Omega_A(xy) \geq \Omega_A(a).$$

Now

$$\Psi_A^\alpha(xy) = (\Psi_A(xy))^\alpha \leq (\Psi_A(a))^\alpha = \Psi_A^\alpha(a)$$

and

$$\Omega_A^\alpha(xay) = (\Omega_A(xay))^\alpha \geq (\Omega_A(a))^\alpha = \Omega_A^\alpha(a).$$

Hence  $A^\alpha = (\Psi_A^\alpha, \Omega_A^\alpha)$  is an intuitionistic anti fuzzy interior ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

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