

**Remark on Equalities between Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets**

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In [1, 2], the following equality is proved for two fixed Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets (IFSs, see [1])  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$((A \cap B) + (A \cup B)) @ ((A \cap B) \cdot (A \cup B)) = A @ B,$$

where operations “ $\cap$ ”, “ $\cup$ ”, “ $+$ ”, “ $\cdot$ ” and “ $@$ ” are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \{ \langle x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A \cup B &= \{ \langle x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A + B &= \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A \cdot B &= \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \}, \\ A @ B &= \{ \langle x, (\frac{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)}{2}, \frac{\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x)}{2}) \rangle | x \in E \}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we shall formulate and prove four other elementary, but interesting equalities.

**Theorem 1:** For every two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$(A \cap B) @ (A \cup B) = (A + B) @ (A \cdot B).$$

**Proof:** We shall use the fact that for every two real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  it follows

$$\max(a, b) + \min(a, b) = a + b.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &(A \cap B) @ (A \cup B) \\ &= (\{ \langle x, \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \} \\ &\quad @ \{ \langle x, \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ \langle x, \frac{\min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))}{2}, \\
&\quad \frac{\max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) + \min(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(x))}{2} \rangle | x \in E \} \\
&= \{ \langle x, \frac{\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x)}{2}, \frac{\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x)}{2} \rangle | x \in E \} \\
&= \{ \langle x, \frac{(\mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x)) + \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \\
&\quad \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) + (\nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x))}{2} \rangle | x \in E \} \\
&= \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) + \mu_B(x) - \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \} \\
&\quad \textcircled{\text{A}} \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \cdot \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) + \nu_B(x) - \nu_A(x) \cdot \nu_B(x) \rangle | x \in E \} \\
&= (A + B) \textcircled{\text{A}} (A \cdot B).
\end{aligned}$$

The proofs of the next assertions are analogous.

**Theorem 2:** For every two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$\neg(A \cap B) \rightarrow (A \cap B) = (A \rightarrow B) \cup (B \rightarrow A),$$

where operations " $\neg$ " and " $\rightarrow$ " are defined by

$$\neg A = \{ \langle x, \nu_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle | x \in E \},$$

$$A \rightarrow B = \{ \langle x, \max(\nu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \min(\mu_A(x), \nu_B(x)) \rangle | x \in E \}.$$

They are the standard intuitionistic fuzzy negation and implication that are extensions of Kleene-Dienes negation and implication (see [3]).

**Theorem 3:** For every three IFSs  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ :

$$(A \rightarrow B) \cup (B \rightarrow C) \cup (C \rightarrow A) = (A \rightarrow C) \cup (C \rightarrow B) \cup (B \rightarrow A),$$

$$(A \rightarrow B) \cap (B \rightarrow C) \cap (C \rightarrow A) = (A \rightarrow C) \cap (C \rightarrow B) \cap (B \rightarrow A).$$

At the moment an **open problem** is whether there are equalities similar to the last one, but for the other intuitionistic fuzzy implications.

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