

# Bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal in semigroups

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## Abstract

In this paper, we define bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal in semigroups. We study the basic properties of bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal in semigroups.

## 1 Introduction

Fuzzy sets, introduced by Zadeh in 1965 [8], are a kind of useful mathematical structure to represent a collection of objects whose boundary is vague. In 1994, Zhang [9] extended the concept of a fuzzy set to a bipolar fuzzy set whose membership degree range is  $[-1, 0] \cup [0, 1]$ . In a bipolar fuzzy set, the membership degree 0 of an element means that the element is irrelevant to the corresponding property and the membership degree  $[0, 1]$  of an element

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indicates that the element somehow satisfies that property. These ideas are still central concepts in ring theory and the notion of a one-sided ideal of any algebraic structure is a generalization of the notion of an ideal. In 1980, Grosek and Satko [1] studied the almost ideal theory in semigroups. In 1981, Bogdanvic [2] defined almost bi-ideals in semigroups and studied their properties in semigroups. Later, Chinram [7] defined types of almost ideals in semigroups such as almost quasi-ideal, almost  $i$ -ideal,  $(m, n)$ -almost ideal. In 2018, Krishna and Rao [5] defined the bi-interior ideal in semigroups.

In this paper, we define the bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal and bipolar fuzzy almost quasi-ideal in semigroups and investigate their basic properties.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give some concepts and results which will be helpful in this paper. A *subsemigroup* of a semigroup  $E$  is a non-empty set  $K$  of  $E$  such that  $KK \subseteq K$ . A *left (right) ideal* of a semigroup  $E$  is a non-empty set  $K$  of  $E$  such that  $EK \subseteq K$  ( $KE \subseteq K$ ). By an *ideal* of a semigroup  $E$ , we mean a non-empty set of  $E$  which is both a left and a right ideal of  $E$ . A subsemigroup  $K$  of a semigroup  $E$  is called a *bi-ideal* of  $S$  if  $KEK \subseteq K$ . An *almost ideal*  $K$  of a semigroup  $E$  if  $tK \cap K \neq \emptyset$  and  $Kp \cap K \neq \emptyset$  for all  $t, p \in E$ . An *almost bi-ideal*  $K$  of a semigroup  $E$  if  $KrK \cap K \neq \emptyset$  for all  $r \in E$  [2].

For any  $h_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{F}$ , define

$$\bigvee_{i \in \mathcal{F}} h_i := \sup_{i \in \mathcal{F}} \{h_i\} \quad \text{and} \quad \bigwedge_{i \in \mathcal{F}} h_i := \inf_{i \in \mathcal{F}} \{h_i\}.$$

For any  $h, r \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$h \vee r = \max\{h, r\} \quad \text{and} \quad h \wedge r = \min\{h, r\}.$$

A **fuzzy subset** of a non-empty set  $E$  is a function  $\vartheta : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

For any fuzzy sets  $\vartheta$  and  $\xi$  of a non-empty set  $E$ , we give the following definitions and notations:

- (1) for all  $h \in E$ ,  $\vartheta \geq \xi \Leftrightarrow \vartheta(h) \geq \xi(h)$ ,
- (2)  $\vartheta = \xi \Leftrightarrow \vartheta \geq \xi$  and  $\xi \geq \vartheta$ ,
- (3)  $(\vartheta \wedge \xi)(h) = \min\{\vartheta(h), \xi(h)\} = \vartheta(h) \wedge \xi(h)$  and  $(\vartheta \vee \xi)(h) = \max\{\vartheta(h), \xi(h)\} = \vartheta(h) \vee \xi(h)$  for all  $h \in E$ ,

(4)  $\vartheta \subseteq \xi$  if  $\vartheta(h) \leq \xi(h)$ ,

(5) for all  $h \in E$   $(\vartheta \cup \xi)(h) = \max\{\vartheta(h), \xi(h)\}$  and  $(\vartheta \cap \xi)(h) = \min\{\vartheta(h), \xi(h)\}$ ,

(6) the *support* of  $\vartheta$  is  $\text{supp}(\vartheta) = \{h \in E \mid \vartheta(h) \neq 0\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [6] A **bipolar fuzzy set** (BF set)  $\vartheta$  on a non-empty set  $E$  is an object having the form

$$\vartheta := \{(h, \vartheta^p(h), \vartheta^n(h)) \mid h \in E\},$$

where  $\vartheta^p : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\vartheta^n : E \rightarrow [-1, 0]$ .

**Remark 2.2.** For simplicity, we use the symbol  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  for the BF set  $\vartheta = \{(h, \vartheta^p(h), \vartheta^n(h)) \mid h \in E\}$ .

The following is an example of a BF set:

**Example 2.3.** Let  $E = \{41, 42, 43, \dots\}$ . Define  $\vartheta^p : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as

$$\vartheta^p(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } h \text{ is odd number} \\ 1 & \text{if } h \text{ is even number} \end{cases}$$

and  $\vartheta^n : S \rightarrow [-1, 0]$  as

$$\vartheta^n(u) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } h \text{ is odd number} \\ 0 & \text{if } h \text{ is even number.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  is a BF set.

For  $h \in E$ , define  $F_h = \{(h_1, h_2) \in E \times E \mid h = h_1 h_2\}$ .

Define products  $\vartheta^p \circ \xi^p$  and  $\vartheta^n \circ \xi^n$  as follows:

For  $h \in E$

$$(\vartheta^p \circ \xi^p)(h) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{(h_1, h_2) \in F_h} \{\vartheta^p(h_1) \wedge \xi^p(h_2)\} & \text{if } h = h_1 h_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$(\vartheta^n \circ \xi^n)(h) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_{(h_1, h_2) \in F_h} \{\vartheta^n(h_1) \vee \xi^n(h_2)\} & \text{if } h = h_1 h_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.4.** [6] Let  $K$  be a non-empty set of a semigroup  $E$ . A **positive characteristic function** and a **negative characteristic function** are defined by

$$\lambda_K^p : E \rightarrow [0, 1], h \mapsto \lambda_K^p(h) := \begin{cases} 1 & h \in K, \\ 0 & h \notin K, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda_K^n : E \rightarrow [-1, 0], h \mapsto \lambda_K^n(h) := \begin{cases} -1 & h \in K, \\ 0 & h \notin K. \end{cases}$$

respectively.

**Remark 2.5.** For simplicity, we use the symbol  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  for the BF set  $\lambda_K := \{(h, \lambda_K^p(h), \lambda_K^n(h)) \mid h \in K\}$ .

For  $h \in E$  and  $(t, s) \in [0, 1] \times [-1, 0]$ , a BF point  $h_{(t,s)} = (E; x_t^p, x_s^n)$  of a set  $E$  is a bipolar set of  $E$  defined by

$$x_t^p(h) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } h = x \\ 0 & \text{if } h \neq x \end{cases}$$

and

$$x_s^n(h) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } h = x \\ 0 & \text{if } h \neq x. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.6.** [4] A BF set  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  on a semigroup  $E$  is called a **BF subsemigroup** on  $E$  if it satisfies the following conditions:  $\vartheta^p(hr) \geq \vartheta^p(h) \wedge \vartheta^p(r)$  and  $\vartheta^n(hr) \leq \vartheta^n(h) \vee \vartheta^n(r)$  for all  $h, r \in E$ .

The following is an example of a BF subsemigroup:

**Example 2.7.** Let  $E$  be a semigroup defined by the following table:

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$a$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$e$
$d$	$a$	$a$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$e$	$a$	$a$	$c$	$c$	$e$

Define a BF set  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  on  $E$  as follows:

$S$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$
$\vartheta^p$	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3
$\vartheta^n$	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3

Then  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  is a BF subsemigroup.

**Definition 2.8.** [4] A BF set  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta_p, \vartheta_n)$  on a semigroup  $E$  is called a **BF left (right) ideal** on  $E$  if it satisfies the following conditions:  $\vartheta^p(hr) \geq \vartheta^p(r)$  ( $\vartheta^p(hr) \geq \vartheta^p(h)$ ) and  $\vartheta^n(hr) \leq \vartheta^n(r)$  ( $\vartheta^n(hr) \leq \vartheta^n(h)$ ) for all  $h, r \in E$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [4] A BF subsemigroup  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  on a semigroup  $E$  is called a **BF bi-ideal** on  $E$  if  $\vartheta^p(hre) \geq \vartheta^p(h) \wedge \vartheta^p(e)$  and  $\vartheta^n(hre) \leq \vartheta^n(h) \vee \vartheta^n(e)$  for all  $h, r, e \in E$ .

Clearly every BF ideal of a semigroup  $E$  is a BF bi-ideal of  $E$ .

### 3 Bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal

In this section, we define the bipolar fuzzy almost bi-ideal in semigroups and we investigate some of their properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A BF set  $\vartheta = (E; \vartheta^p, \vartheta^n)$  on a semigroup  $E$  is called a *BF almost bi-ideal* of  $E$  if  $(\vartheta^p \circ x_t^p \circ \vartheta^p) \wedge \vartheta^p \neq \emptyset$  and  $(\vartheta^n \circ x_s^n \circ \vartheta^n) \vee \vartheta^n \neq \emptyset$ , for any BF point  $x_t^p, x_s^n \in E$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $\vartheta$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of a semigroup  $E$  and  $\xi$  is a BF subset of  $E$  such that  $\vartheta \subseteq \xi$ , then  $\xi$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\vartheta$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of a semigroup  $E$  and  $\xi$  is a BF subset of  $E$  such that  $\vartheta \subseteq \xi$ . Then, for any BF points  $x_t^p, x_s^n \in E$ , we have  $(\vartheta^p \circ x_t^p \circ \vartheta^p) \wedge \vartheta^p \neq \emptyset$  and  $(\vartheta^n \circ x_s^n \circ \vartheta^n) \vee \vartheta^n \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $(\vartheta^p \circ x_t^p \circ \vartheta^p) \wedge \vartheta^p \subseteq (\xi^p \circ x_t^p \circ \xi^p) \wedge \xi^p \neq \emptyset$  and  $(\vartheta^n \circ x_s^n \circ \vartheta^n) \vee \vartheta^n \subseteq (\xi^n \circ x_s^n \circ \xi^n) \vee \xi^n \neq \emptyset$ .

Hence  $(\xi^p \circ x_t^p \circ \xi^p) \wedge \xi^p \neq \emptyset$  and  $(\xi^n \circ x_s^n \circ \xi^n) \vee \xi^n \neq \emptyset$ .

Therefore,  $\xi$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\vartheta$  and  $\xi$  be BF almost bi-ideals of a semigroup  $E$ . Then  $\vartheta \vee \xi$  is also a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\vartheta \subseteq \vartheta \vee \xi$ ,  $\vartheta \vee \xi$  is also a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$  by Theorem 3.2. □

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $E$ . Then  $K$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$  if and only if  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K$  is an almost bi-ideal of a semigroup  $E$ . The  $KrK \wedge K \neq \emptyset$  for all  $r \in E$ ; that is, there exists  $c \in KrK$  with  $c \in K$ .

Let  $x \in E$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$ , and  $s \in [-1, 0)$ . Then  $(\lambda_K^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_K^p) = 1$ ,  $\lambda_K^p(c) = 1$  and  $(\lambda_K^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_K^n) = -1$ ,  $\lambda_K^n(c) = -1$ . Thus  $(\lambda_K^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_K^p) \wedge \lambda_K^p \neq 0$ ,  $(\lambda_K^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_K^n) \vee \lambda_K^n \neq 0$ . Hence  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$  and let  $x \in E$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$ , and  $s \in [-1, 0)$ . Then  $(\lambda_K^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_K^p) \wedge \lambda_K^p \neq 0$  and  $(\lambda_K^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_K^n) \vee \lambda_K^n \neq 0$ . Thus there exists  $c \in E$  such that

$$[(\lambda_K^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_K^p) \wedge \lambda_K^p](c) = 1 \text{ and } [(\lambda_K^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_K^n) \vee \lambda_K^n](c) = -1.$$

Hence  $c \in xKy \wedge K$ . So  $xKy \wedge K \neq \emptyset$ . We conclude that  $K$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\vartheta$  be a fuzzy subset of a semigroup  $E$ . Then  $\vartheta$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$  if and only if  $\text{supp}(\vartheta)$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\vartheta$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of a semigroup  $E$  and let  $u \in E$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$ , and  $s \in [-1, 0)$ . Then  $(\vartheta^p \circ x_t^p \circ \vartheta^p) \neq 0$ ,  $[(\vartheta^n \circ x_s^n \circ \vartheta^n) \wedge \vartheta^n](u) \neq 0$ . Thus there exists  $z_1, z_2 \in E$  such that  $u = z_1uz_2$ ,  $\vartheta^p(u) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^p(z_1) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^p(z_2) \neq 0$  and  $\vartheta^n(u) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^n(z_1) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^n(z_2) \neq 0$ . So  $u, z_1, z_2 \in \text{supp}(\vartheta)$ . This implies that  $(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p) \wedge \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \neq 0$  and  $(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n) \vee \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \neq 0$ . Hence  $\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $\text{supp}(\vartheta)$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\text{supp}(\vartheta)$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . Then for any BF points  $x_t^p, x_s^n \in E$ , we have  $(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p) \wedge \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \neq 0$  and

$$(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n) \vee \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \neq 0. \text{ Thus there exists } c \in E \text{ such that}$$

$$[(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p) \wedge \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p](c) \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$[(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n) \vee \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n](c) \neq 0. \text{ Hence } (\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p \circ x_t^p \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p)(c) = 0,$$

$\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^p(c) \neq 0$  and  $(\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n \circ x_s^n \circ \lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n)(c) = 0$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{supp}(\vartheta)}^n(c) \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $b \in E$  such that  $c = xby$  such that  $\vartheta^p(c) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^p(b) \neq 0$  and  $\vartheta^n(c) \neq 0$ ,  $\vartheta^n(b) \neq 0$ . So  $(\vartheta^p \circ x_t^p \circ \vartheta^p) \wedge \vartheta^p \neq 0$  and  $(\vartheta^n \circ x_s^n \circ \vartheta^n) \vee \vartheta^n \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $\vartheta$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .  $\square$

Next, we investigate minimal BF almost bi-ideals in semigroups and study relationships between minimal almost bi-ideals and minimal BF almost bi-ideals of semigroups.

**Definition 3.6.** An almost bi-ideal  $K$  of a semigroup  $E$  is called *minimal* if for any almost bi-ideal  $M$  of  $E$  with  $M \subseteq K$ ,  $M = K$ .

**Definition 3.7.** A BF almost bi-ideal  $\vartheta$  of a semigroup  $E$  is called *minimal* if for any BF almost bi-ideal  $\xi$  of  $E$  with  $\xi \subseteq \vartheta$ ,  $\text{sup}(\xi) = \text{sup}(\vartheta)$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $E$ . Then  $K$  is a minimal almost bi-ideal of  $E$  if and only if  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  is a minimal BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $K$  is a minimal almost bi-ideal of a semigroup  $E$ .

By Theorem 3.4,  $\lambda_K = (E; \lambda_K^p, \lambda_K^n)$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ .

Let  $\xi$  be a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$  such that  $\xi \subseteq \lambda_K$ . Then

$\text{sup}(\xi) \subseteq \text{sup}(\lambda_K) = K$ . By Theorem 3.5,  $\text{sup}(\xi)$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . Since  $K$  is minimal we have  $\text{sup}(\xi) = K = \text{sup}(\lambda_K)$ .

Therefore,  $\lambda_K$  is minimal.

Conversely, suppose that  $\lambda_K$  is a minimal BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $K$  is an almost bi-ideal of  $E$ . Let  $M$  be an almost bi-ideal of  $E$  such that  $M \subseteq K$ . Then  $\lambda_M$  is a BF almost bi-ideal of  $E$  such that  $\lambda_M \subseteq \lambda_K$ . Hence  $M = \text{sup}(\lambda_M) = \text{sup}(\lambda_K) = K$ . Therefore,  $K$  is minimal.  $\square$

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