

# THE LATTICE OF INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY CONGRUENCES

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**Abstract.** First, we prove that the set of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a semigroup satisfying the particular condition is a modular lattice [Theorem 2.9]. Secondly, we prove that the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a regular semigroup contained in  $(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$  forms a modular lattice [Proposition 3.5]. And also we show that the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating congruences on a regular semigroup forms a modular lattice [Theorem 3.6]. Moreover, we prove that the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a regular semigroup is a disjoint union of some modular sublattices of the lattice [Corollary 3.15]. Finally, we show that the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a group and the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy normal subgroups satisfying the particular condition are lattice isomorphic [Theorem 4.6].

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## 1. Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [33] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets as the generalization of ordinary subsets. After that time, several researchers [1,23,24-27,29,31] have applied the notion of fuzzy sets to congruence. In particular, Das[10] and Yijia[32] investigated the set of all fuzzy congruences in the view of lattice theory.

In 1986, Atanassov[2] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as the generalization of fuzzy sets. After that time, many researchers [3,5-8,11,12,14-16] applied the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets to relation, group theory and topology. Recently, Hur and his colleagues [17-21] studied intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relations and various intuitionistic fuzzy congruences.

In this paper, first, we prove that the set of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a semigroup satisfying the particular condition is a modular lattice [Theorem 2.9]. Secondly, we prove that the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a regular semigroup contained in  $(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$  forms a modular lattice [Proposition 3.5]. And also we show that the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating congruences on a regular semigroup forms a modular lattice [Theorem 3.6]. Moreover, we prove that the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a regular semigroup is a disjoint union of some modular sublattices of the lattice [Corollary 3.15]. Finally, we show that the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a group and the lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy normal subgroups satisfying the particular condition are lattice isomorphic [Theorem 4.6].

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we list some basic concepts and well-known results which are needed in the later sections.

For sets  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ ,  $f = (f_1, f_2) : X \rightarrow Y \times Z$  is called a *complex mapping* if  $f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_2 : X \rightarrow Z$  are mappings.

Throughout this paper, we will denote the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  as  $I$ . And for a lattice, refer to [4,22]. For any ordinary relation  $R$  on a set  $X$ , we will denote the characteristic function of  $R$  as  $\chi_R$ .

**Definition 2.1[2,7].** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A complex mapping  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A) : X \rightarrow I \times I$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy set (in short, IFS) in  $X$  if  $\mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$  for each  $x \in X$ , where the mapping  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow I$  and  $\nu_A : X \rightarrow I$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of nonmembership (namely  $\nu_A(x)$ ) of each  $x \in X$  to  $A$ , respectively. In particular,  $0_\sim$  and  $1_\sim$  denote the intuitionistic fuzzy empty set and the intuitionistic fuzzy whole set in  $X$  defined by  $0_\sim(x) = (0, 1)$  and  $1_\sim(x) = (1, 0)$  for each  $x \in X$ , respectively.

We will denote the set of all IFSs in  $X$  as  $\text{IFS}(X)$ .

**Definitions 2.2[2].** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be IFSs on  $X$ . Then

- (1)  $A \subset B$  iff  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B$  and  $\nu_A \geq \nu_B$ .
- (2)  $A = B$  iff  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ .
- (3)  $A^c = (\nu_A, \mu_A)$ .
- (4)  $A \cap B = (\mu_A \wedge \mu_B, \nu_A \vee \nu_B)$ .
- (5)  $A \cup B = (\mu_A \vee \mu_B, \nu_A \wedge \nu_B)$ .
- (6)  $[ ]A = (\mu_A, 1 - \mu_A)$ ,  $< > A = (1 - \nu_A, \nu_A)$ .

**Definition 2.3[7].** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in J}$  be an arbitrary family of IFSs in  $X$ , where  $A_i = (\mu_{A_i}, \nu_{A_i})$  for each  $i \in J$ . Then

- (1)  $\bigcap A_i = (\bigwedge \mu_{A_i}, \bigvee \nu_{A_i})$ .
- (2)  $\bigcup A_i = (\bigvee \mu_{A_i}, \bigwedge \nu_{A_i})$ .

**Definition 2.4[6].** Let  $X$  be a set. Then a complex mapping  $R = (\mu_R, \nu_R) : X \times X \rightarrow I \times I$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy relation (in short, IFR) on  $X$  if  $\mu_R(x, y) + \nu_R(x, y) \leq 1$  for each  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ , i.e.,  $R \in \text{IFS}(X \times X)$ .

We will denote the set of all IFRs on a set  $X$  as  $IFR(X)$ .

**Definition 2.5[6].** Let  $R \in IFR(X)$ . Then the inverse of  $R$ ,  $R^{-1}$  is defined by  $R^{-1}(x, y) = R(y, x)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6[6,11]** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R, Q \in IFR(X)$ . Then the composition of  $R$  and  $Q$ ,  $Q \circ R$ , is defined as follows : for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\mu_{Q \circ R}(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in X} [\mu_R(x, z) \wedge \mu_Q(z, y)]$$

and

$$\nu_{Q \circ R}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{z \in X} [\nu_R(x, z) \vee \nu_Q(z, y)].$$

**Definition 2.7[6].** An Intuitionistic fuzzy Relation  $R$  on a set  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relation (in short, *IFER*) on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions :

- (i) it is intuitionistic fuzzy reflexive, i.e.,  $R(x, y) = (1, 0)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .
- (ii) it is intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric, i.e.,  $R^{-1} = R$ .
- (iii) it is intuitionistic fuzzy transitive, i.e.,  $R \circ R \subset R$ .

We will denote the set of all IFERs on  $X$  as  $IFE(X)$ .

**Definition 2.8[18].** We define two IFRs on a set  $X$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $\nabla$  as follows, respectively : for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\Delta(x, y) = \begin{cases} (1, 0) & \text{if } x = y, \\ (0, 1) & \text{if } x \neq y, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\nabla(x, y) = (1, 0).$$

It is clear that  $\Delta, \nabla \in IFE(X)$ .

Let  $R$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relation on a set  $X$  and let  $a \in X$ . We define a complex mapping  $Ra : X \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for each

$x \in X$

$$Ra(x) = R(a, x).$$

Then clearly  $Ra \in \text{IFS}(X)$ . The intuitionistic fuzzy set  $Ra$  in  $X$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence class* of  $R$  containing  $a \in X$ . The set  $\{Ra : a \in X\}$  is called the *intuitionistic fuzzy quotient set* of  $R$  by  $X$  as denoted by  $X/R$ .

**Result 2.A**[18, Theorem 2.15]. *Let  $R$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relation on a set  $X$ . Then the followings hold :*

- (1)  $Ra = Rb$  if and only if  $R(a, b) = (1, 0)$  for any  $a, b \in X$ .
- (2)  $R(a, b) = (0, 1)$  if and only if  $Ra \cap Rb = 0_{\sim}$  for any  $a, b \in X$ .
- (3)  $\bigcup_{a \in X} Ra = 1_{\sim}$ .
- (4) There exists the surjection  $p : X \rightarrow X/R$  defined by  $p(x) = Rx$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.9**[18]. *Let  $X$  be a set, let  $R \in \text{IFR}(X)$  and let  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, 1) \times (0, 1]$  such that  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ . We define a complex mapping  $R_{(\lambda, \mu)} : X \times X \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for each  $y \in X$ ,*

$$R_{(\lambda, \mu)}(x, y) = \begin{cases} (1, 0) & \text{if } \mu_R(x, y) > \lambda \text{ and } \nu_R(x, y) < \mu, \\ (0, 1) & \text{if } \mu_R(x, y) \leq \lambda \text{ and } \nu_R(x, y) \geq \mu. \end{cases}$$

**Result 2.B**[18, Proposition 2.19]. *Let  $P, Q \in \text{IFR}(X)$ . Then*

- (1)  $P = Q$  if and only if  $P_{(\lambda, \mu)} = Q_{(\lambda, \mu)}$  for each  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, 1) \times (0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ .
- (2) For each  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, 1) \times (0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (P \cap Q)_{(\lambda, \mu)} &= P_{(\lambda, \mu)} \cap Q_{(\lambda, \mu)}, (P \cup Q)_{(\lambda, \mu)} = P_{(\lambda, \mu)} \cup Q_{(\lambda, \mu)}, \\ (P \circ Q)_{(\lambda, \mu)} &= P_{(\lambda, \mu)} \circ Q_{(\lambda, \mu)}, (P \vee Q)_{(\lambda, \mu)} = P_{(\lambda, \mu)} \vee Q_{(\lambda, \mu)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.10**[18]. *Let  $X$  be a set, let  $R \in \text{IFR}(X)$  and let  $\{R_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be the family of all the IFERs on  $X$  containing  $R$ . Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Gamma} R_{\alpha}$  is called the IFER generated by  $R$  and denoted by  $R^e$ .*

It is easily seen that  $R^e$  is the smallest intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relation containing  $R$ .

**Definition 2.11**[18]. *Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R \in IFR(X)$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy transitive closure of  $R$ , denoted by  $R^\infty$ , is defined as follows :*

$$R^\infty = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R^n, \quad \text{where } R^n = R \circ R \circ \cdots \circ R (n \text{ factors}).$$

**Result 2.C** [18, Proposition 3.7]. *Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R, Q \in IFE(X)$ . We define  $R \vee Q$  as follows:  $R \vee Q = (R \cup Q)^\infty$ , i.e.,  $R \vee Q = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (R \cup Q)^n$ . Then  $R \vee Q \in IFE(X)$ .*

**Result 2.D**[18, Proposition 3.8]. *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relations on a set  $X$ . If  $R \circ Q \in IFE(X)$ , then  $R \circ Q = R \vee Q$ , where  $R \vee Q$  denotes the least upper bound for  $\{P, Q\}$  with respect to the inclusion.*

**Result 2.E**[18, Proposition 3.9]. *Let  $X$  be a set. If  $R, Q \in IFE(X)$ , then  $R \vee Q = (R \circ Q)^\infty$ .*

**Result 2.F**[18, Corollary 3.9]. *Let  $X$  be a set. If  $R, Q \in IFE(X)$  such that  $R \circ Q = Q \circ R$ , then  $R \vee Q = R \circ Q$ .*

### 3. The lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a semigroup

**Definition 3.1**[19]. *An IFR  $R$  on a groupoid  $S$  is said to be:*

- (1) *intuitionistic fuzzy left compatible if  $\mu_R(x, y) \leq \mu_R(zx, zy)$  and  $\nu_R(x, y) \geq \nu_R(zx, zy)$ , for any  $x, y, z \in S$ .*
- (2) *intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible if  $\mu_R(x, y) \leq \mu_R(xz, yz)$  and  $\nu_R(x, y) \geq \nu_R(xz, yz)$ , for any  $x, y, z \in S$ .*
- (3) *intuitionistic fuzzy compatible if  $\mu_R(x, y) \wedge \mu_R(z, t) \leq \mu_R(xz, yt)$  and  $\nu_R(x, y) \vee \nu_R(z, t) \geq \nu_R(xz, yt)$ , for any  $x, y, z, t \in S$ .*

**Definition 3.2**[19]. *An IFER  $R$  on a groupoid  $S$  is called an:*

- (1) intuitionistic fuzzy left congruence (in short, *IFLC*) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy left compatible.
- (2) intuitionistic fuzzy right congruence (in short, *IFRC*) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible.
- (3) intuitionistic fuzzy congruence (in short, *IFC*) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy compatible.

We will denote the set of all IFCs [resp. IFLCs and IFRCs] on a groupoid  $S$  as  $IFC(S)$  [resp.  $IFLC(S)$  and  $IFRC(S)$ ]. Then it is clear that  $\Delta, \nabla \in IFC(S)$ .

**Result 3.A**[19, Lemma 2.14]. *Let  $R$  and  $Q$  be intuitionistic fuzzy compatible relations on a groupoid  $S$ . Then  $Q \circ R$  is also an intuitionistic fuzzy compatible relation on  $S$ .*

**Result 3.B**[19, Theorem 2.15]. *Let  $R$  and  $Q$  be intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a groupoid  $S$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1)  $Q \circ R \in IFC(S)$ .
- (2)  $Q \circ R \in IFE(S)$ .
- (3)  $Q \circ R$  is intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric.
- (4)  $Q \circ R = R \circ Q$ .

**Result 3.C**[19, Proposition 2.16]. *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $Q, R \in IFC(S)$ . If  $R \circ Q = Q \circ R$ , then  $R \circ Q \in IFC(S)$ .*

Let  $R$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on a semigroup  $S$  and let  $a \in S$ . The intuitionistic fuzzy set  $Ra$  in  $S$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy congruence class of  $R$  containing  $a \in S$*  and we will denote the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruence classes of  $R$  as  $S/R$ .

**Result 3.D**[21, Proposition 2.4]. *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and let  $R \in IFC(S)$ . If  $Ra$  is an idempotent element of  $S/R$ , then there exists an idempotent  $e \in S$  such that  $Re = Ra$ .*

For a semigroup  $S$ , it is clear that  $IFC(S)$  is a partially ordered set by the inclusion relation " $\subset$ ". Moreover, for any  $P, Q \in IFC(S)$ ,  $P \cap Q$  is

the greatest lower bound of  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(IFC(S), \subset)$  but  $P \cup Q \notin IFC(S)$  in general (See Example 2.11 in [18]).

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $P, Q \in IFC(S)$ . We define  $P \vee Q$  as follows:  $P \vee Q = \widehat{P \cup Q}$ , i.e.,  $P \vee Q = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (P \cup Q)^n$ . Then  $P \vee Q \in IFC(S)$ .*

**proof.** By Result 1.C, it is clear that  $P \vee Q \in IFE(S)$ . Let  $x, y, t \in S$ . Since  $P$  and  $Q$  are intuitionistic fuzzy left compatible,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{P \vee Q}(x, y) &= \bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [\mu_P(x, y) \vee \mu_Q(x, y)]^n \\ &\leq [\mu_P(tx, ty) \vee \mu_Q(tx, ty)]^n = \mu_{P \vee Q}(tx, ty) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{P \vee Q}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [\nu_P(x, y) \wedge \nu_Q(x, y)]^n \\ &\geq [\nu_P(tx, ty) \wedge \nu_Q(tx, ty)]^n = \nu_{P \vee Q}(tx, ty). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P \vee Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy left compatible. Similarly, it can be easily seen that  $P \vee Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible. Hence  $P \vee Q \in IFC(S)$ . ■

The following is the immediate result of Result 1.D.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on a semigroup  $S$ . If  $P \circ Q$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on  $S$ , then  $P \circ Q = P \vee Q$  where  $P \vee Q$  denotes the least upper bound for  $\{P, Q\}$  with respect to the inclusion.*

The following is the immediate result of Result 1.E and Result 2.A. Moreover, this gives another description for  $P \vee Q$  of two IFCs  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup. If  $P, Q \in IFC(S)$ , then  $P \vee Q = (P \circ Q)^\infty$ .*

The following is the immediate result of Result 2.F and Proposition 3.5.



**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup. If  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}(S)$  such that  $P \circ Q = Q \circ P$ , then  $P \vee Q = P \circ Q$ .*

For a semigroup  $S$ , we define two binary operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  on  $\text{IFC}(S)$  as follows : for any  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}(S)$ ,

$$P \vee Q = \widehat{P \cup Q} \quad \text{and} \quad P \wedge Q = P \cap Q.$$

Then we obtain the following result from Definition 2.8, Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then  $(\text{IFC}(S), \wedge, \vee)$  is a complete lattice with  $\Delta$  and  $\nabla$  as the least and greatest elements of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a group  $G$ . Then  $R \circ Q = Q \circ P$ . Hence, by Result 3.C and Corollary 3.5,  $P \circ Q = P \vee Q$ .*

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{P \circ Q}(x, y) &= \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_P(z, y)] \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in G} [(\mu_Q(y, y) \wedge \mu_Q(z^{-1}, z^{-1}) \wedge \mu_Q(x, z)) \\ &\quad \wedge (\mu_P(z, y) \wedge \mu_P(z^{-1}, z^{-1}) \wedge \mu_P(x, x))] \\ &\leq \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(yz^{-1}x, y) \wedge \mu_P(x, yz^{-1}x)] \\ &\leq \bigvee_{yz^{-1}x \in G} [\mu_P(x, yz^{-1}x) \wedge \mu_Q(yz^{-1}x, y)] \\ &= \mu_{Q \circ P}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{P \circ Q}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_P(z, y)] \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in G} [(\nu_Q(y, y) \vee \nu_Q(z^{-1}, z^{-1}) \vee \nu_Q(x, z)) \\ &\quad \vee (\nu_P(z, y) \vee \nu_P(z^{-1}, z^{-1}) \vee \nu_P(x, x))] \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_Q(yz^{-1}x, y) \vee \nu_P(x, yz^{-1}x)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \bigwedge_{yz^{-1}x \in G} [\nu_P(x, yz^{-1}x) \vee \nu_Q(yz^{-1}x, y)] \\
&= \nu_{Q \circ P}(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P \circ Q \subset Q \circ P$ . Similarly, we have  $Q \circ P \subset P \circ Q$ . Hence  $P \circ Q = Q \circ P$ .

■

**Definition 3.8**[4]. A lattice  $(L, \wedge, \vee)$  is said to be modular if for any  $x, y, z \in L$  with  $x \leq z$ ,

$$(x \vee y) \wedge z = x \vee (y \wedge z).$$

In any lattice  $L$ , it is well-known [4, Lemma I.5] that for any  $x, y, z \in L$ , if  $x \leq z$  [resp.  $x \geq z$ ], then  $x \vee (y \wedge z) \leq (x \vee y) \wedge z$  [resp.  $x \wedge (y \vee z) \geq (x \wedge y) \vee z$ ].

The inequality is called the *modular inequality*.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be any sublattice of  $(IFC(S), \wedge, \vee)$  such that  $P \circ Q = Q \circ R$  for any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is a modular lattice.

**Proof.** Let  $R, Q, P \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $R \subset P$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{(R \vee Q) \wedge P}(x, y) &= \mu_{(R \circ Q) \cap P}(x, y) && \text{(By Corollary 2.5)} \\
&= \left( \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, y)] \right) \wedge \mu_P(x, y) \\
&= \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, y) \wedge \mu_R(z, y) \wedge \mu_P(x, y)] \\
&\leq \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, y) \wedge \mu_P(z, y) \wedge \mu_P(x, y)] && \text{(Since } R \subset P) \\
&\leq \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, y) \wedge \mu_P(x, z)] && \text{(Since } P \in IFC(S)) \\
&= \mu_{R \circ (Q \cap P)}(x, y) \\
&= \mu_{R \vee (Q \wedge P)}(x, y) && \text{(By Corollary 2.3)}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\nu_{(R \vee Q) \wedge P}(x, y) &= \nu_{(R \circ Q) \cap P}(x, y) \\
&= \left( \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_R(z, y)] \right) \vee \nu_P(x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_R(z, y) \vee \nu_R(z, y) \vee \nu_P(x, y)] \\
 &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_R(z, y) \vee \nu_P(z, y) \vee \nu_P(x, y)] \\
 &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_R(z, y) \vee \nu_P(x, z)] \\
 &= \nu_{R \circ (Q \cap P)}(x, y) = \nu_{R \vee (Q \wedge P)}(x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(R \vee Q) \wedge P \subset R \vee (Q \wedge P)$ . It is clear that  $R \vee (Q \wedge P) \subset (R \vee Q) \wedge P$  from the modular inequality. So  $(R \vee Q) \wedge P = R \vee (Q \wedge P)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is modular. ■

The following is the immediate result of Proposition 3.7 and Theorem 3.9.

**Corollary 3.7** *If  $G$  is a group, then  $(IFC(G), \wedge, \vee)$  is a modular lattice.*

#### 4. The lattice of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on a regular semigroup.

For a semigroup  $S$ ,  $S^1$  denotes the monoid defined as follows :

$$S^1 = \begin{cases} S & \text{if } s \text{ has the ideuentity } 1, \\ S \cup \{1\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 4.1** [13]. *The equivalence relations  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  on a semigroup  $S$  are defined as follows, respectively :*

- (1)  $\mathcal{L} = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : S^1 a = S^1 b\}$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{R} = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : a S^1 = b S^1\}$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{L} \vee \mathcal{R}$ .

The  $\mathcal{L}$ –,  $\mathcal{R}$ –,  $\mathcal{H}$ – and  $\mathcal{D}$ – classes of  $S$  containg the element  $a$  will, as usual, be denoted by  $La, Ra, Ha$  and  $Da$ , respectively. The set of all  $\mathcal{L}$ – classes [resp.  $\mathcal{R}$ – classes] of  $S$  can be partially ordered as follows : for any  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$La \leq Lb \quad \text{if and only if} \quad S^1 a \subset S^1 b$$

and

$$Ra \leq Rb \quad \text{if and only if} \quad aS^1 \subset bS^1.$$

**Definition 4.2[20].** Let  $R$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy relation on a semigroup  $S$ . We define a complex mapping  $R^\circ = (\mu_{R^\circ}, \nu_{R^\circ}) : S \times S \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for any  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$R^\circ(x, y) = \left( \bigwedge_{s, t \in S^1} \mu_R(sxt, syt), \bigvee_{s, y \in S^1} \nu_R(sxt, syt) \right).$$

It is clear that  $R^\circ \in IFR(S)$ .

**Result 4.A[20, Proposition 3.3].** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $R, Q \in IFR(S)$ .

Then :

- (1)  $R^\circ \subset R$ .
- (2)  $(R^\circ)^{-1} = (R^{-1})^\circ$ .
- (3) If  $R \subset Q$ , then  $R^\circ \subset Q^\circ$ .
- (4)  $(R^\circ)^\circ = R^\circ$ .
- (5)  $(R \cap Q)^\circ = R^\circ \cap Q^\circ$ .
- (6)  $R = R^\circ$  if and only if  $R$  is intuitionistic fuzzy left and right compatible.

**Result 4.B[20, Theorem 3.4].** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $R \in IFE(S)$ . Then  $R^\circ$  is the largest intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on  $S$  contained in  $R$ .

**Result 4.C[20, Theorem 3.6].** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup. If  $P, Q \in \sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$ , then  $P \circ Q = Q \circ P$ , where  $\sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c}) = \{T \in IFC(S) : T \subset (\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})\}$ .

**Definition 4.3[20].** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and let  $R \in IFC(S)$ . Then  $R$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating congruence (in short, *IFISC*) if  $Re \neq Rf$  whenever  $e \neq f$ , i.e.,  $Re = Rf$  implies  $e = f$  for any  $e, f \in E_S$ .

We will denote the set of all IFISCs on  $S$  by  $IFISC(S)$ .

**Result 4.D[20, Theorem 4.7].** Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and let  $T \in IFC(S)$ . Then  $T \in IFISC(S)$  if and only if  $T \in \sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $R \in IFE(S)$  and let  $\sum(R) = \{T \in IFC(S) : T \subset R\}$ . Then  $\sum(R)$  is a sublattice of  $IFC(S)$  with the greatest

element  $R^\circ$  and the least element  $\Delta$ .

**proof.** It is clear that  $\Delta \in \text{IFC}(S)$  and  $\Delta \subset R$ . Thus  $\Delta \in \sum(R)$ . So  $\sum(R) \neq \phi$ . Let  $P, Q \in \sum(R)$ . Then, by Result 3.A(1) and Result 3.B,  $P \wedge Q \subset R$  and  $P \vee Q \subset R^\circ \subset R$ . Thus  $P \wedge Q, P \vee Q \in \sum(R)$ . Hence  $\sum(R)$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$  with the greatest element  $R^\circ$  and the least element  $\Delta$ . ■

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup. Then  $\sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$  is a modular sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$  with the greatest element  $(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})^\circ$  and the least element  $\Delta$ .*

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.4,  $\sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$  with the greatest element  $(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})^\circ$  and the least element  $\Delta$ . Hence, by Result 4.C and Theorem 3.9,  $\sum(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})$  is a modular sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ . ■

The following is the immediate result of Proposition 4.5 and Result 4.D.

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup. Then  $\text{IFISC}(S)$  is a modular sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$  with the greatest element  $(\chi_{\mathcal{H}}, \chi_{\mathcal{H}^c})^\circ$  and the least element  $\Delta$ .*

**Lemma 4.7.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}(S)$  such that  $Q \subset P$ . We define a complex mapping  $P/Q = (\mu_{P/Q}, \nu_{P/Q}) : S/Q \times S/Q \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for any  $x, y \in S$ ,*

$$P/Q(Qx, Qy) = (\mu_P(x, y), \nu_P(x, y)).$$

*Then  $P/Q$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on  $S/Q$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $P/Q \in \text{IFR}(S/Q)$  from the definition of  $P/Q$ . Let  $x \in S$ . Then  $P/Q(Qx, Qx) = (\mu_P(x, x), \nu_P(x, x)) = (1, 0)$ . Thus  $P/Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy reflexive. It is clear that  $P/Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric from the definition of  $P/Q$ . Now let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\mu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qy) = \mu_P(x, y) \geq \mu_{P \circ P}(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_P(x, z) \wedge \mu_P(z, y)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qz) \wedge \mu_{P/Q}(Qz, Qy)] \\
&= \mu_{P/Q \circ P/Q}(Qx, Qy)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\nu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qy) &= \nu_P(x, y) \leq \nu_{P \circ P}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_P(x, z) \vee \nu_P(z, y)] \\
&= \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qz) \vee \nu_{P/Q}(Qz, Qy)] \\
&= \nu_{P/Q \circ P/Q}(Qx, Qy).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P/Q \circ P/Q \subset P/Q$ , i.e.,  $P/Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy transitive. So  $P/Q \in \text{IFE}(S/Q)$ .

Let  $x, y, z, t \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{P/Q}(Qx * Qz, Qy * Qt) &= \mu_{P/Q}(Qxz, Qyt) = \mu_P(xz, yt) \\
&\geq \mu_P(x, y) \wedge \mu_P(z, t) \\
&= \mu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qy) \wedge \mu_{P/Q}(Qz, Qt)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\nu_{P/Q}(Qx * Qz, Qy * Qt) &= \nu_{P/Q}(Qxz, Qyt) = \nu_P(xz, yt) \\
&\leq \nu_P(x, y) \vee \nu_P(z, t) \\
&= \nu_{P/Q}(Qx, Qy) \vee \nu_{P/Q}(Qz, Qt).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $P/Q$  is intuitionistic fuzzy compatible. Hence  $P/Q \in \text{IFC}(S/Q)$ . ■

**Lemma 4.8.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup, let  $T \in \text{IFC}(S)$  and let  $\text{IFC}_T(S) = \{P \in \text{IFC}(S) : T \subset P\}$ . Then there exists an order preserving bijection  $\Phi : \text{IFC}_T(S) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(S/T)$ .*

**Proof.** We define a mapping  $\Phi : \text{IFC}_T(S) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(S/T)$  as follows : for each  $P \in \text{IFC}_T(S)$ ,

$$\Phi(P) = P/T.$$

Then, by Lemma 4.7,  $\Phi$  is well-defined. Let  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}_T(S)$  such that  $P \subset Q$  and let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{\Phi(P)}(Tx, Ty) &= \mu_{P/T}(Tx, Ty) = \mu_P(x, y) \\
&\leq \mu_Q(x, y) = \mu_{Q/T}(Tx, Ty) = \mu_{\Phi(Q)}(Tx, Ty)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{\Phi(P)}(Tx, Ty) &= \nu_{P/T}(Tx, Ty) = \nu_P(x, y) \\ &\geq \nu_Q(x, y) = \nu_{Q/T}(Tx, Ty) = \nu_{\Phi(Q)}(Tx, Ty).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Phi(P) \subset \Phi(Q)$ . So  $\Phi$  is an order preserving mapping. It is clear that  $\Phi$  is surjective. For any  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}_T(S)$ , suppose  $\Phi(P) = \Phi(Q)$  and let  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $P/T(Tx, Ty) = Q/T(Tx, Ty)$ . Thus  $P(x, y) = Q(x, y)$ . So  $\Phi$  is injective. Hence  $\Phi$  is an order preserving bijection. ■

The following result is straight forward to verify.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $T \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . If  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}_T(S)$ , then  $(P \wedge Q)/T = P/T \wedge Q/T$  and  $(P \vee Q)/T = P/T \vee Q/T$ . Hence  $\text{IFC}_T(S)$  and  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$  are lattice isomorphic.*

**Lemma 4.10.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{IFC}(S)$  such that  $T = \bigcap \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}/T = \{P/T : P \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is a sublattice [resp. a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences] of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a sublattice [resp. a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences] of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}/T$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ . Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}/T$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ ,  $P/T \wedge Q/T, P/T \vee Q/T \in \mathcal{C}/T$ . Since  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}_T(S)$ , by Theorem 4.9,  $P/T \wedge Q/T = (P \wedge Q)/T$  and  $P/T \vee Q/T = (P \vee Q)/T$ . Let  $\Phi : \text{IFC}_T(S) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(S/T)$  be the order preserving bijection defined in Lemma 4.8. Then  $\Phi|_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/T$  is an order preserving bijection. Thus  $P \wedge Q, P \vee Q \in \mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{C}/T$  is a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ . Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{C}$  and let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}(P \circ Q)(x, y) &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_Q(x, z) \wedge \mu_P(z, y)], \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_Q(x, z) \vee \nu_P(z, y)] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_{Q/T}(Tx, Tz) \wedge \mu_{P/T}(Tz, Ty)], \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_{Q/T}(Tx, Tz) \vee \nu_{P/T}(Tz, Ty)] \right) \\ &= (P/T \circ Q/T)(Tx, Ty) = (Q/T \circ P/T)(Tx, Ty) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_{P/T}(Tx, Tz) \wedge \mu_{Q/T}(Tz, Ty)], \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_{P/T}(Tx, Tz) \vee \nu_{Q/T}(Tz, Ty)] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_P(x, z) \wedge \mu_Q(z, y)], \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_P(x, z) \vee \nu_Q(z, y)] \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$= (Q \circ P)(x, y).$$

Thus  $P \circ Q = Q \circ P$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}$  is a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ . ■

**Remark 4.11.** *From Lemma 4.9 it is immediate that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a sublattice [resp. a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences] of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ , then  $\mathcal{C}/T$  is a sublattice [resp. a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences] of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ .*

The following is the immediate result.

**Proposition 4.12.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\text{IFCo}(S) = \{R \in \text{IFC}(S) : R(x, y) \in \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\} \text{ for any } x, y \in S\}$ . Then  $\text{IFCo}(S)$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*

The following is the immediate result of Proposition 4.12 and Result 2.B.

**Proposition 4.13.** *Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then  $R \in \text{IFC}(S)$  if and only if  $R_{(\lambda, \mu)} \in \text{IFCo}(S)$  for each  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ .*

**Lemma 4.14.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and let  $Ro = \{(P, Q) \in \text{IFCo}(S) \times \text{IFCo}(S) : P(e, f) = Q(e, f) \text{ for any } e, f \in E_S\}$ . Then*

- (1)  *$Ro$  is an equivalence relation on  $\text{IFCo}(S)$ .*
- (2) *Each  $Ro$ -class is a sublattice of  $\text{IFCo}(S)$  of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences.*

**Proof.** The proof of (1) is clear.

(2) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an  $Ro$ -class, let  $T = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{A}} P$ , let  $Q \in \mathcal{A}$  and let  $e, f \in E_S$ . Then  $Q(e, f) = P(e, f)$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $T(e, f) = (\bigwedge_{P \in \mathcal{A}} \mu_P(e, f), \bigvee_{P \in \mathcal{A}} \nu_P(e, f)) = P(e, f)$ . Thus  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ . So  $\mathcal{A}$  has the least element  $T$ .

Suppose there exist idempotents  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in  $S/T$  such that  $\mu_{Q/T}(f_1, f_2) > 0$  and  $\nu_{Q/T}(f_1, f_2) < 1$ . By Result 3.D, there exist idempotents  $e_1, e_2$  in  $S$  such that  $f_1 = Te_1$  and  $f_2 = Te_2$ . Then

$$\mu_Q(e_1, e_2) = \mu_{Q/T}(Te_1, Te_2) = \mu_{Q/T}(f_1, f_2) > 0$$



and

$$\nu_Q(e_1, e_2) = \nu_{Q/T}(Te_1, Te_2) = \nu_{Q/T}(f_1, f_2) < 1.$$

Since  $Q(e_1, e_2) = T(e_1, e_2)$ ,  $\mu_T(e_1, e_2) > 0$  and  $\nu_T(e_1, e_2) < 1$ . Since  $T \in \text{IFCo}(S)$ ,  $T(e_1, e_2) = (1, 0)$ . By Result 2.A(1),  $f_1 = Te_1 = Te_2 = f_2$ . So  $Q/T$  is intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating.

Now, for each  $P \in \text{IFCo}(S/T)$ , we define a complex mapping  $P' = (\mu_{P'}, \nu_{P'}) : S \times S \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for any  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$P'(x, y) = P(Tx, Ty).$$

Then clearly  $P' \in \text{IFCo}(S)$  and  $T \subset P'$ . Suppose  $P$  is intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating and  $\mu_{P'}(e, f) > 0, \nu_{P'}(e, f) < 1$  for any  $e, f \in E_S$ . Then  $\mu_P(Te, Tf) = \mu_{P'}(e, f) > 0$  and  $\nu_P(Te, Tf) < 1$ . Since  $P$  is intuitionistic fuzzy idempotent separating,  $Te = Tf$ . Thus  $T(e, f) = (1, 0)$ . Since  $T \subset P'$ ,  $1 = \mu_T(e, f) \leq \mu_{P'}(e, f)$  and  $0 = \nu_T(e, f) \geq \nu_{P'}(e, f)$ . Thus  $T(e, f) = P'(e, f)$  for any  $e, f \in E_S$ . So  $P' \in \mathcal{A}$  and thus  $P'/T = P$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}/T = \{Q/T : Q \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is just the subset of  $\text{IFCo}(S/T)$  of idempotent separating intuitionistic fuzzy congruences, i.e.,  $\mathcal{A}/T = \text{IFCo}(S/T) \cap \text{IFISC}(S/T)$ . By Proposition 4.12 and Theorem 4.6,  $\mathcal{A}/T$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$ . Furthermore, by Result 4.C and Result 4.D,  $\mathcal{A}/T$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S/T)$  of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences. By Lemma 4.10,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a sublattice of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences. But  $\mathcal{A} \subset \text{IFCo}(S)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFCo}(S)$  of commuting intuitionistic fuzzy congruences. This complete the proof. ■

**Theorem 4.15.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup and let  $R = \{(P, Q) \in \text{IFC}(S) \times \text{IFC}(S) : P(e, f) = Q(e, f) \text{ for any } e, f \in E_S\}$ . Then*

- (1)  *$R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*
- (2) *Each  $R$ - class is a modular sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of (1) is clear.

(2) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an  $R$ - class, let  $T = \bigcap \mathcal{A}$ , and let  $P \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $e, f \in E_S$ . Then clearly  $P(e, f) = Q(e, f)$  for each  $Q \in \mathcal{A}$ . Thus  $P(e, f) = T(e, f)$ . So  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  and thus  $T$  is the least element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{A}$  and let  $e, f \in E_S$ . Then clearly  $(P \cap Q)(e, f) = T(e, f)$ , i.e.,  $P \cap Q = T$ . Since  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $P \cap Q \in \mathcal{A}$  for any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{A}$ . Now let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $e, f \in E_S$  and let  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ . Then  $T(e, f) = P(e, f) = Q(e, f)$ . Thus, by Result 2.B(1),

$T_{(\lambda,\mu)}(e, f) = P_{(\lambda,\mu)}(e, f) = Q_{(\lambda,\mu)}(e, f)$ . So there exists an  $R$ -class  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $T_{(\lambda,\mu)}, P_{(\lambda,\mu)}, Q_{(\lambda,\mu)} \in \mathcal{A}$ . By Result 2.B(2) and Lemma 4.14,  $(P \vee Q)_{(\lambda,\mu)} = P_{(\lambda,\mu)} \vee Q_{(\lambda,\mu)} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $(P \vee Q)_{(\lambda,\mu)}(e, f) = (P_{(\lambda,\mu)} \vee Q_{(\lambda,\mu)})(e, f) = T_{(\lambda,\mu)}(e, f)$ . Thus  $(P \vee Q)(e, f) = T(e, f)$ . So  $P \vee Q \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is a sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ . Also, by Result 2.B(2) and Lemma 4.14,  $(P \circ Q)_{(\lambda,\mu)} = P_{(\lambda,\mu)} \circ Q_{(\lambda,\mu)} = Q_{(\lambda,\mu)} \circ P_{(\lambda,\mu)} = (Q \circ P)_{(\lambda,\mu)}$ . Then  $P \circ Q = Q \circ P$ . Hence, by Result 2.B(1) and Theorem 3.9,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a modular sublattice of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ . ■

**Corollary 4.15.** *Let  $S$  be a regular semigroup. Then*

- (1)  *$\text{IFC}(S)$  is a disjoint union of some modular sublattices of  $\text{IFC}(S)$ .*
- (2) *If  $S$  is a group, then  $\text{IFC}(S)$  is a modular lattice.*

**Proof.** (1) It is clear from Theorem 4.15.

(2) Suppose  $S$  is a group. Then  $E_S = \{e\}$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $S$ . Let  $P, Q \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . Then  $P(e, e) = Q(e, e) = (1, 0)$ . Thus  $R = \text{IFC}(S) \times \text{IFC}(S)$  and each  $R$ -class is  $\text{IFC}(S)$ . Hence, by Theorem 4.15,  $\text{IFC}(S)$  is a modular lattice. ■

## 5. Relationship between intuitionistic fuzzy normal subgroups and intuitionistic fuzzy congruences

**Definition 5.1**[14]. *Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a groupoid and let  $A, B \in \text{IFS}(X)$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy product of  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \circ B$  is defined as follows : for any  $x \in X$*

$$(A \circ B)(x) = \begin{cases} (\bigvee_{yz=x} [\mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_B(z)], \bigwedge_{yz=x} [\nu_A(y) \vee \nu_B(z)]), \\ (0, 1) \end{cases} \quad \text{if } x \text{ is not expressible as } x = yz.$$

**Definition 5.2**[14]. *Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a groupoid and let  $A \in \text{IFS}(X)$ . Then  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy subgroupoid (in short, IFGP) of  $X$  if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$\mu_A(xy) \geq \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_A(xy) \leq \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y).$$

We will denote the set of all IFGPs of a groupoid  $X$  as  $\text{IFGP}(X)$ . Then it is

clear that  $0_\sim$  and  $1_\sim \in \text{IFGP}(X)$ .

**Definition 5.3**[15]. *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A \in \text{IFGP}(G)$ . Then  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy subgroup (in short, IFG) of  $G$  if  $A(x^{-1}) \geq A(x)$ , i.e.,  $\mu_A(x^{-1}) \geq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x^{-1}) \leq \nu_A(x)$ , for each  $x \in G$ .*

We will denote the set of all IFGs of  $G$  as  $\text{IFG}(G)$ .

**Result 5.A**[15, Proposition 3.4]. *Let  $A$  be an IFG of a group  $G$ . Then  $A \circ A = A$ .*

**Result 5.B**[15, Proposition 3.5]. *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two IFGs of a group  $G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1)  $A \circ B \in \text{IFG}(G)$ .
- (2)  $A \circ B = B \circ A$ .

**Definition 5.4**[15]. *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A \in \text{IFG}(G)$ . Then  $A$  is said to be normal if  $A(xy) = A(yx)$  for any  $x, y \in G$ .*

We will denote the family of all intuitionistic fuzzy normal subgroups of a group  $G$  as  $\text{IFNG}(G)$ . In particular, we will denote the set  $\{N \in \text{IFNG}(G) : N(e) = (1, 0)\}$  as  $\text{IFN}(G)$ .

**Result 5.C**[15, Proposition 4.4]. *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A, B \in \text{IFNG}(G)$ . Then  $A \circ B \in \text{IFNG}(G)$ .*

**Result 5.D**[19, Proposition 3.18]. *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $R \in \text{IFC}(G)$ . We define the complex mapping  $A_R = (\mu_{A_R}, \nu_{A_R}) : G \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for each  $a \in G$ ,*

$$A_R(a) = R(a, e) = Re(a).$$

*Then  $A_R \in \text{IFN}(G)$ .*

**Definition 5.5**[16]. *Let  $G$  be a group, let  $A \in \text{IFG}(G)$  and let  $x \in G$ . We define two complex mappings*

$$Ax = (\mu_{Ax}, \nu_{Ax}) : G \rightarrow I \times I$$

and

$$xA = (\mu_{xA}, \nu_{xA}) : G \rightarrow I \times I$$

as follows, respectively : for each  $g \in G$ ,

$$Ax(g) = A(gx^{-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad xA(g) = A(x^{-1}g).$$

Then  $Ax$  [resp.  $xA$ ] is called the intuitionistic fuzzy right [resp. left] coset of  $G$  determined by  $x$  and  $A$ .

It is clear that if  $A \in \text{IFNG}(G)$ , then the intuitionistic fuzzy left coset and the intuitionistic fuzzy right coset of  $A$  on  $G$  coincide and in this case, we call *intuitionistic fuzzy coset* instead of intuitionistic fuzzy left coset or intuitionistic fuzzy right coset.

We denote as  $C(G)$  the set of all congruences on a group  $G$ . As  $C(G)$  a complete description of the congruences on a group in terms of its normal subgroups can be seen in many books, for example, in A. Rosenfeld [30] and J.M. Howie [13]. There can read as follows : There exists a lattice isomorphism of  $N(G)$  onto  $C(G)$ . In this section, we shall obtain the similar result using intuitionistic fuzzy sets, where  $N(G)$  denotes the set of all normal subgroups of  $G$ .

**Lemma 5.6.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A \in \text{IFN}(G)$ . We define the complex mapping  $R_A = (\mu_{R_A}, \nu_{R_A}) : G \times G \rightarrow I \times I$  as follows : for each  $(a, b) \in G \times G$ ,*

$$R_A(a, b) = A(ab^{-1}).$$

*Then  $R_A \in \text{IFC}(G)$ .*

**Proof.** From the definition of  $R_A$ , it is clear that  $R_A \in \text{IFR}(G)$ . Moreover,  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy reflexive and intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric. Let  $a, b \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_A \circ R_A}(a, b) &= \bigvee_{t \in G} [\mu_{R_A}(a, t) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(t, b)] \\ &= \bigvee_{t \in G} [\mu_A(at^{-1}) \wedge \mu_A(tb^{-1})] \\ &\leq \bigvee_{t \in G} \mu_A((at^{-1})(tb^{-1})) \quad (\text{Since } A \in \text{IFG}(G)) \\ &= \mu_A(ab^{-1}) = \mu_{R_A}(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{R_A \circ R_A}(a, b) &= \bigwedge_{t \in G} [\nu_{R_A}(a, t) \vee \nu_{R_A}(t, b)] = \bigwedge_{t \in G} [\nu_A(at^{-1}) \vee \nu_A(tb^{-1})] \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{t \in G} \nu_A((at^{-1})(tb^{-1})) = \nu_A(ab^{-1}) = \nu_{R_A}(a, b).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R_A \circ R_A \subset R_A$ . So  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy transitive. Hence  $R_A \in \text{IFE}(G)$ .

We can easily see that  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy compatible. Therefore  $R_A \in \text{IFC}(G)$ . ■

**Proposition 5.7.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A, B \in \text{IFG}(G)$ . Then*

$$R_B \circ R_A = R_{A \circ B}$$

**Proof.** Let  $(a, b) \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}(R_B \circ R_A)(a, b) &= (\mu_{R_B \circ R_A}(a, b), \nu_{R_B \circ R_A}(a, b)) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_{R_A}(a, z) \wedge \mu_{R_B}(z, b)], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_{R_A}(a, z) \vee \nu_{R_B}(z, b)] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_A(az^{-1}) \wedge \mu_B(zb^{-1})], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_A(az^{-1}) \vee \nu_B(zb^{-1})] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{az^{-1}=x, zb^{-1}=y} [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y)], \bigwedge_{az^{-1}=x, zb^{-1}=y} [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y)] \right) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{ab^{-1}=xy} [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y)], \bigwedge_{ab^{-1}=xy} [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y)] \right) \\ &= (\mu_{A \circ B}(ab^{-1}), \nu_{A \circ B}(ab^{-1})) \\ &= (\mu_{R_{A \circ B}}(a, b), \nu_{R_{A \circ B}}(a, b)) = R_{A \circ B}(a, b).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $R_B \circ R_A = R_{A \circ B}$ . ■

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $G$  be a group. Then  $(\text{IFC}(G), \circ)$  is a semilattice (i.e., a commutative idempotent semigroup).*

**Proof.** Let  $H, K \in \text{IFC}(G)$  and let  $(a, b) \in G \times G$ . Then

$$(K \circ H)(a, b) = (\mu_{K \circ H}(a, b), \nu_{K \circ H}(a, b))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_H(a, z) \wedge \mu_K(z, b)], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_H(a, z) \vee \nu_K(z, b)] \right) \\
&= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_H(az^{-1}, e) \wedge \mu_K(e, z^{-1}b)], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_H(az^{-1}, e) \vee \nu_K(e, z^{-1}b)] \right) \\
&\quad (\text{By Lemma 3.1}) \\
&= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_K(e, z^{-1}b) \wedge \mu_H(az^{-1}, e)], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_K(e, z^{-1}b) \vee \nu_H(az^{-1}, e)] \right) \\
&= \left( \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_K(a, az^{-1}b) \wedge \mu_H(az^{-1}b, b)], \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_K(a, az^{-1}b) \vee \nu_H(az^{-1}b, b)] \right) \\
&\quad (\text{By Lemma 3.1}) \\
&= \left( \bigvee_{t \in G} [\mu_K(a, t) \wedge \mu_H(t, b)], \bigwedge_{t \in G} [\nu_K(a, t) \vee \nu_H(t, b)] \right) \quad (t = az^{-1}b) \\
&= (\mu_{H \circ K}(a, b), \nu_{H \circ K}(a, b)) = (H \circ K)(a, b).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $K \circ H = H \circ K$ . So, by Result 3.B,  $H \circ K \in \text{IFC}(G)$ . On the other had, we can easily see that  $R \circ R = R$  for each  $R \in \text{IFC}(G)$ . Hence  $(\text{IFC}(G), \circ)$  is a semilattice. ■

The following result follows from Results 5.A, 5.B and 5.C.

**Proposition 5.9.** *Let  $G$  be a group. Then  $(\text{IFN}(G), \circ)$  is a semilattice.*

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $G$  be a group. Then there exists a bijection  $\alpha : \text{IFC}(G) \rightarrow \text{IFN}(G)$  such that  $\alpha(R \circ S) = \alpha(R) \circ \alpha(S)$  and  $\alpha(R \wedge S) = \alpha(R) \cap \alpha(S)$  for any  $R, S \in \text{IFC}(G)$ . Hence  $\alpha : (\text{IFC}(G), \wedge, \circ) \rightarrow (\text{IFN}(G), \cap, \circ)$  is a lattice isomorphism.*

**Proof.** We define two mappings  $\alpha : \text{IFC}(G) \rightarrow \text{IFN}(G)$  and  $\beta : \text{IFN}(G) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(G)$  respectively, as follows :

$$\alpha(R) = Re \quad \text{for each } R \in \text{IFC}(G)$$

and

$$\beta(N)(a, b) = N(ab^{-1}) \quad \text{for each } N \in \text{IFN}(G) \text{ and any } a, b \in G.$$

By Result 5.D and Lemma 5.6,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are well-defined.

We show that  $\alpha \circ \beta = id_{\text{IFN}(G)}$  and  $\beta \circ \alpha = id_{\text{IFC}(G)}$ . Let  $R \in \text{IFC}(G)$  and let  $a, b \in G$ . Then

$$[(\beta \circ \alpha)(R)](a, b) = [\beta(\alpha(R))](a, b) = \beta(Re)(a, b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= R_e(ab^{-1}) = R(e, ab^{-1}) \\
 &= R(b, a) \quad (\text{Since } R \text{ is intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible}) \\
 &= R(a, b). \quad (\text{Since } R \text{ is intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric})
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\beta \circ \alpha)(R) = R$ . So  $\beta \circ \alpha = id_{IFC(G)}$ . Now let  $N \in IFN(G)$  and let  $a \in G$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(\alpha \circ \beta)(N)](a) &= [\alpha(\beta(N))](a) = (\beta(N))_e(a) = \beta(N)(e, a) \\
 &= N(ea^{-1}) = N(a^{-1}) = N(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\alpha \circ \beta)(N) = N$ . So  $\alpha \circ \beta = id_{IFN(G)}$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is bijective.

Now, we show that  $\alpha(R \circ S) = \alpha(R) \circ \alpha(S)$  and  $\alpha(R \wedge S) = \alpha(R) \cap \alpha(S)$  for any  $R, S \in IFC(G)$ . Let  $R, S \in IFC(G)$  and let  $a \in G$ . Then

$$[\alpha(R \circ S)](a) = (R \circ S)_e(a) = (R \circ S)(e, a).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{R \circ S}(e, a) &= \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_S(e, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, a)] = \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_S(e, z) \wedge \mu_R(e, az^{-1})] \\
 &\quad (\text{Since } R \text{ is intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible}) \\
 &= \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_{Se}(z) \wedge \mu_{Re}(az^{-1})] = \bigvee_{z \in G} [\mu_{Re}(az^{-1}) \wedge \mu_{Se}(z)] \\
 &= \bigvee_{a=bz} [\mu_{Re}(b) \wedge \mu_{Se}(z)] = \mu_{Re \circ Se}(a) = \mu_{\alpha(R) \circ \alpha(S)}(a)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_{R \circ S}(e, a) &= \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_S(e, z) \vee \nu_R(z, a)] = \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_S(e, z) \vee \nu_R(e, az^{-1})] \\
 &= \bigwedge_{z \in G} [\nu_R(e, az^{-1}) \vee \nu_S(e, z)] = \bigwedge_{a=bz} [\nu_{Re}(b) \vee \nu_{Se}(z)] \\
 &= \nu_{Re \circ Se}(a) = \nu_{\alpha(R) \circ \alpha(S)}(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\alpha(R \circ S) = \alpha(R) \circ \alpha(S)$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{\alpha(R \wedge S)}(a) &= \mu_{(R \wedge S)_e}(a) = \mu_{R \wedge S}(e, a) = \mu_R(e, a) \wedge \mu_S(e, a) \\
 &= \mu_{Re}(a) \wedge \mu_{Se}(a) = \mu_{Re \wedge Se}(a) = \mu_{\alpha(R) \cap \alpha(S)}(a)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_{\alpha(R \wedge S)}(a) &= \nu_{(R \wedge S)_e}(a) = \nu_{R \wedge S}(e, a) = \nu_R(e, a) \vee \nu_S(e, a) \\
 &= \nu_{Re}(a) \vee \nu_{Se}(a) = \nu_{Re \vee Se}(a) = \nu_{\alpha(R) \cap \alpha(S)}(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\alpha(R \wedge S) = \alpha(R) \cap \alpha(S)$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is a lattice isomorphism. This completes the proof. ■

The following is the immediate result of Corollary 3.9 and Theorem 5.10.

**Corollary 5.10.** *(IFN(G),  $\cap, \circ$ ) is a modular lattice.*

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