

# Fuzzy Anti-Covered Left Ideals in Semigroups <sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce the concept of fuzzy anti-covered left ideal of semigroups, some properties of fuzzy anti-covered left ideals of semigroups are proved. Furthermore, we introduce the notion of completely fuzzy left ideal and prove that if  $S$  is a regular semigroup, then every completely fuzzy left ideal of a semigroup  $S$  is constant.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $S$  always presents a semigroup.

The ideals in semigroup have been introduced universally, since Zadeh introduced the notion of fuzzy set[1], many people have investigated fuzzy ideals in ring, semiring and semigroup, etc. In [4,5] Fabrici introduced covered left ideal, which means a left ideal  $L$  of  $S$  satisfying  $L \subseteq S(S - L)$ , and covered ideal, which is a two-sided ideal  $L$  of  $S$  satisfying  $L \subseteq S(S - L)S$  respectively, and obtained some properties in terms of maximal ideals and bases of  $S$ . In [3], Xie investigated ordered semigroups containing no maximal ideals, also introduced covered ideals in ordered semigroups.

In this note, we define a new type of left ideal from the converse inclusion relation, introduce a fuzzy anti-covered left ideal and obtain some properties of fuzzy anti-covered left ideals from the view of fuzzy theory, we also study completely fuzzy left

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ideal.

Let  $L$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ ,  $L$  of  $S$  is called a *left ideal* if  $SL \subseteq L$ . A proper left ideal  $L$  of  $S$  is called a *covered left ideal* (briefly *CL-ideal*) of  $S$  if  $L \subseteq S(S - L)$ [5].

For the necessary definitions, the reader is referred to [2].

## 2. Properties of fuzzy *ACL*-ideal

**Definition 2.1** A nonempty subset  $L$  of  $S$  is called a *anti-covered left ideal* (briefly *ACL-ideal*) of  $S$  if  $S(S - L) \subseteq L$ .  $L$  is called a *anti-covered right ideal* (briefly *ACR-ideal*) of  $S$  if  $(S - L)S \subseteq L$ .

Both anti-covered left and anti-covered right ideal will be called a *completely anti-covered ideal* (briefly *CAC-ideal*) of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.2** A subset  $L$  of  $S$  is called a *AC interior ideal* of  $S$  if  $S(S - L)S \subseteq L$ .  $L$  is called a *AC-biideal* if  $(S - A)S(S - A) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.3** A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  is called a *fuzzy ACL-ideal* if  $S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ , where  $S(x) \equiv 1$  for any  $x$  in  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $S$ . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a fuzzy *ACL-ideal* of  $S$ .
- (2)  $(\forall x, y \in S) f(xy) \geq 1 - f(y)$ .
- (3)  $(\forall x \in S^2) f(x) \geq 1 - \bigwedge_{x=yz} f(z)$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). If  $f$  is a fuzzy *ACL-ideal*, then  $S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ . Thus  $f(xy) \geq S \circ (1 - f)(xy) \geq 1 - f(y)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose that  $(\forall x, y \in S) f(xy) \geq 1 - f(y)$ . Then for any  $x = yz \in S^2$ ,  $f(x) = f(yz) \geq 1 - f(z)$ . Since  $y, z$  are arbitrary, we have  $f(x) \geq \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\} = 1 - \bigwedge_{x=yz} f(z)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $(\forall x \in S^2) f(x) \geq 1 - \bigwedge_{x=yz} f(z)$ . Then for any  $x$  in  $S$ , if  $x \neq yz$  for some  $y, z$  in  $S$ , we have  $S \circ (1 - f)(x) = 0 \leq f(x)$ . If  $x = yz \in S^2$  for some  $y, z$  in  $S$ , then

$$S \circ (1 - f)(x) = \bigvee_{x=yz} \{S(y) \wedge (1 - f)(z)\} = \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\} = 1 - \bigwedge_{x=yz} f(z) \leq f(x),$$

that is  $S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ . Thus  $f$  is a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.5** A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  is called a *fuzzy AC-interior ideal* if  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S \subseteq f$ . A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  is called a *fuzzy AC biideal* if  $(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ .

**Theorem 2.6** A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  is a fuzzy *AC-interior ideal* if and only if  $f(xyz) \geq 1 - f(y)$  for any  $x, y, z$  in  $S$ .

**Proof** If  $f$  is a fuzzy *AC interior ideal*, then  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S \subseteq f$ . Thus

$$f(xyz) \geq S \circ (1 - f) \circ S(xyz) \geq 1 - f(y).$$

Conversely, suppose that  $f(xyz) \geq 1 - f(y)$  for any  $x, y, z$  in  $S$ . Then for any  $x$  in  $S$ , if  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S(x) = 0$ , it is obvious that  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S \subseteq f$ . If  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} S \circ (1 - f) \circ S(x) &= S \circ (1 - f) \circ S(x) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{S \circ (1 - f)(y)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} \{S(u) \wedge (1 - f)(v)\} \} \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} \{1 - f(v)\} \} \\ &\leq \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} f(uvz) \} \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{f(yz)\} \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $S \circ (1 - f) \circ S \subseteq f$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7** A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  is a fuzzy *AC biideal* if and only if  $f(xyz) \geq \min\{1 - f(x), 1 - f(z)\}$ , for any  $x, y, z$  in  $S$ .

**Proof** If  $f$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -biideal, then  $(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ . Thus  $f(xyz) \geq (1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f)(xyz) \geq \min\{1 - f(x), 1 - f(z)\}$  for any  $x, y, z$  in  $S$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f(xyz) \geq \min\{1 - f(x), 1 - f(z)\}$  for any  $x, y, z$  in  $S$ . Then for any  $x$  in  $S$ , if  $(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f)(x) = 0$ , it is clear that  $(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ . Otherwise,

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f)(x) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{(1 - f) \circ S(y) \wedge (1 - f)(z)\} \\
&= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} \{(1 - f)(u) \wedge S(v)\} \wedge (1 - f)(z) \} \\
&= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} \{1 - f(u)\} \wedge \{1 - f(z)\} \} \\
&= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} \{(1 - f(u)) \wedge (1 - f(z))\} \} \\
&\leq \bigvee_{x=yz} \{ \bigvee_{y=uv} f(uvz) \} \\
&= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{f(yz)\} \\
&= f(x).
\end{aligned}$$

That is  $(1 - f) \circ S \circ (1 - f) \subseteq f$ . □

**Theorem 2.8**  $L$  is a  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $f_L$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ .

**Proof** Let  $L$  be a  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ . Then  $S(S - L) \subseteq L$ . For any  $x, y$  in  $S$  if  $y \in L$ , then  $1 - f_L(y) = 1 - 1 = 0 \leq f_L(xy)$ . If  $y \in S - L$ , then  $xy \in S(S - L) \subseteq L$ ,  $f_L(xy) = 1 \geq 1 - f_L(y) = 1$ . It follows that  $f_L(xy) \geq 1 - f_L(y)$ .

Conversely, if  $f_L$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ , then  $f_L(xy) \geq 1 - f_L(y)$ . For  $\forall x \in S, y \in S - A$ ,  $f_L(xy) \geq 1 - f_L(y) = 1 - 0 = 1$ , and so  $f_A(xy) = 1$ , it follows that  $xy \in A$ , that is to say  $S(S - A) \subseteq A$ . □

In generally,  $f$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ , then  $f_t$  need not to be  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ , we illustrate it by following example.

**Example 2.9** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the multiplication table:

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

Define fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  as follows,  $f(a) = 2/3, f(b) = 1/2, f(c) = 3/5, f(d) = 1/3$ . It is easy to verify that  $f$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal. But  $A = f_{3/5} = \{a, c\}$  is not an  $ACL$ -ideal. In fact,  $S(S - A) = S\{b, d\} = \{a, b, c\} \not\subseteq A$ .

If we let  $t \leq 1/2$ , we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.10** *Let  $f$  be a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$  and  $t \in [0, 1/2]$ , then every proper subset of  $S$   $f_t (\neq \emptyset)$  is a  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ .*

**Proof** If  $f$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal of  $S$ , then  $f(xy) \geq 1 - f(y)$  for any  $x, y$  in  $S$ . We need to show that  $S(S - f_t) \subseteq f_t$  for  $t \leq 1/2$ . For  $\forall x \in S, y \in S - f_t$ , we have  $f(y) < t$ , then  $f(xy) \geq 1 - f(y) > 1 - t \geq t$  by  $t \leq 1/2$ , and so  $xy \in f_t$ . Thus  $S(S - f_t) \subseteq f_t$ .  $\square$

The converse of Theorem 2.10 is not true in general.

**Example 2.11** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the multiplication table:

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

Define a fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $S$  as follows:

$$f(a) = 1/2, f(b) = 2/3, f(c) = 1/4, f(d) = 3/5.$$

For all  $t \in [0, 1/2]$ ,  $f_t = f_{1/2}$  or  $f_t = f_{1/4} = S$ , it is easy to verify that  $A = f_{1/2} = \{a, b, c\}$  is a  $ACL$ -ideal. Since  $S(S - A) = Sd = \{a, b\} \subseteq A$ . But  $f$  is not a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal. In fact,  $f(ac) = f(a) = 1/2 < 3/4 = 1 - f(c)$ .

**Theorem 2.12** *Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be two fuzzy subsets of  $S$  and  $f_1 \subseteq f_2$ . If  $f_1$  is a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal, then  $f_2$  is also a fuzzy  $ACL$ -ideal.*

**Proof**  $f_1$  is a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal and  $f_1 \subseteq f_2$  implies that  $S \circ (1 - f_2) \subseteq S \circ (1 - f_1) \subseteq f_1 \subseteq f_2$ , and so  $f_2$  is also a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13** *If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are two fuzzy *ACL*- ideals of  $S$ , then  $f_1 \cup f_2$  is a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal.*

**Proof** Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be two fuzzy *ACL*-ideals of  $S$ . Then  $S \circ (1 - f_1) \subseteq f_1, S \circ (1 - f_2) \subseteq f_2$ . Thus  $S \circ (1 - f_1 \cup f_2) \subseteq S \circ (1 - f_1) \subseteq f_1 \subseteq f_1 \cup f_2$ .  $\square$

If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are two fuzzy *ACL*- ideals of  $S$ ,  $f_1 \cap f_2$  is not a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal of  $S$  in general. We have a following example:

**Example 2.14** Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the multiplication table:

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

Define fuzzy subsets  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  as follows,  $f_1(a) = 4/5, f_1(b) = 3/4, f_1(c) = 2/3, f_1(d) = 1/3, f_2(a) = 7/8, f_2(b) = 6/7, f_2(c) = 5/6, f_2(d) = 1/4$ .

It is easy to verify that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are both fuzzy *ACL*-ideals of  $S$ . But  $f_1 \cap f_2$  is not. In fact:  $(f_1 \cap f_2)(a) = 4/5, (f_1 \cap f_2)(b) = 3/4, (f_1 \cap f_2)(c) = 2/3, (f_1 \cap f_2)(d) = 1/4, (f_1 \cap f_2)(cd) = (f_1 \cap f_2)(c) = 2/3 < 3/4 = 1 - ((f_1 \cap f_2)(d))$ .

Both fuzzy left and fuzzy *ACL*-ideal  $f$  of  $S$  is called a *completely left ideal* of  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.15** Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $S$ . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ .
- (2)  $(\forall x, y \in S) f(xy) \geq \max\{f(y), 1 - f(y)\}$ .
- (3)  $(\forall x \in S^2) f(x) \geq \max\{\bigvee_{x=yz} f(z), \bigvee_{x=yz} (1 - f(z))\}$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $f$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  implies that  $f(xy) \geq f(y)$  and  $f(xy) \geq 1 - f(y)$ , we have  $f(xy) \geq \max\{f(y), 1 - f(y)\}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $f(xy) \geq \max\{f(y), 1 - f(y)\}$  for any  $x, y$  in  $S$ . Then for any  $x$  in  $S^2$ , there exists  $y, z$  in  $S$  such that  $x = yz, f(x) = f(yz) \geq f(z), f(x) = f(yz) \geq 1 - f(z)$ . Thus  $f(x) \geq \bigvee_{x=yz} f(z), f(x) \geq \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\}$ , and so  $f(x) \geq \max\{\bigvee_{x=yz} f(z), \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\}\}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $f(x) \geq \max\{\bigvee_{x=yz} f(z), \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\}\}$  for any  $x$  in  $S^2$ . Then if  $x \notin S^2$ , it is clear that  $0 = S \circ f(x) \leq f(x)$ ,  $0 = S \circ (1 - f)(x) \leq f(x)$ . If  $x \in S^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S \circ f(x) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{S(y) \wedge f(z)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{f(z)\} \leq f(x), \\ S \circ (1 - f)(x) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{S(y) \wedge \{1 - f(z)\}\} \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} \{1 - f(z)\} \leq f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we conclude that  $f$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal.  $\square$

From the above (3), we can see that if  $f$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal, then  $f(x) \geq 1/2$  for any  $x \in S^2$ .

**Theorem 2.16**  *$L$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $f_L$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal.*

**Proof** Let  $L$  be *ACL*-ideal. Then  $f_L$  is left ideal. By theorem 2.8,  $f_L$  is also a fuzzy *ACL*-ideal, and so  $f_L$  is a completely fuzzy left ideal.

Conversely, it is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.17** Let  $f$  be a completely fuzzy left ideal of  $S$ . Then for the proper subset of  $S$   $f_t (\neq \emptyset)$  is a completely left ideal for any  $t \in [0, 1/2]$ .

**Definition 2.18** [2]  $S$  is a *fuzzy left duo* (*fuzzy right duo*) if its every fuzzy left ideal (fuzzy right ideal) is also fuzzy right ideal (fuzzy left ideal).  $S$  is called *fuzzy duo* if it is fuzzy left duo and fuzzy right duo.

**Definition 1.19**  $S$  is a *fuzzy AC-left duo* (*fuzzy AC-right duo*) if its every fuzzy *ACL*-ideal (fuzzy *ACR*-ideal) is also fuzzy *ACR*-ideal (fuzzy *ACL*-ideal).  $S$  is called *fuzzy AC-duo* if it is fuzzy *AC*-left duo and fuzzy *AC*-right duo.  $S$  is completely fuzzy duo if it is completely fuzzy left duo and completely fuzzy right duo.

From this point of view, we have

**Theorem 2.20** *If  $S$  is commutative, then  $S$  is completely fuzzy duo.*

**Theorem 2.21** *If  $S$  is regular, then every completely fuzzy left ideal  $f$  of  $S$  is constant.*

**Proof** If  $S$  is regular, then  $(\forall x \in S)(\exists a \in S) x = xax \in S^2$ . For a completely fuzzy left ideal  $f$ ,  $f(x) \geq 1/2$ . In the other hand,  $f(x) = f(xax) \geq 1 - f(x)$ , then  $f(x) \leq 1/2$ , and so we conclude  $f(x) = 1/2$  for any  $x$  in  $S$ .  $\square$

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