

## FUZZY SEMI GROUPS

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### Abstract

The main aim of this article is to introduce the concept of a sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal, which is a generalization of a hesitant fuzzy ideal and an interval-valued fuzzy ideal, in a ternary semigroup. Some characterizations of a sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal are examined in terms of a fuzzy set, a hesitant fuzzy set, and an interval valued fuzzy set. Further, we discuss the relation between an ideal and a generalization of a characteristic hesitant fuzzy set and a characteristic interval-valued fuzzy set.

**Keywords:** Ternary semigroup, sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal, Hesitant fuzzy ideal, Interval-valued fuzzy ideal

### 1. Introduction

Ternary algebraic structures were introduced by Lehmer [1] in 1932, who examined exact ternary algebraic structures called triplexes, which turned out to be ternary groups. Ternary semigroups were first introduced by Stefan Banach, who showed that a ternary semigroup does not necessarily reduce to a semigroup. In 1965, Sioson [2] studied ideal theory in ternary semigroups. In addition, Iampan [3] studied the lateral ideal of a ternary semigroup in 2007. Ideal theory is an important concept for studying ternary semigroups and algebraic structures.

After the concept of a fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh [4], the ideal theory in a ternary semigroup was extended to fuzzy ideal theory, bipolar fuzzy ideal theory, interval-valued fuzzy ideal theory, and hesitant fuzzy ideal theory in a ternary semigroup. In 2012, Kar and Sarkar [5] introduced a fuzzy left (lateral, right) ideal and fuzzy ideal of a ternary semigroup and used a fuzzy set to characterize a regular (intra-regular) ternary semigroup. In 2015, Ansari and Masmali [6] studied the bipolar  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -fuzzy ideal of a ternary semigroup. In 2016, Jun et al. [7] introduced a hesitant fuzzy semigroup with a frontier and studied the hesitant union and

hesitant intersection of two hesitant fuzzy semigroups with a frontier. Muhiuddin [8] introduced a hesitant fuzzy G-filter for a residuated lattice and provided some conditions for a hesitant fuzzy filter to be a hesitant fuzzy G-filter. In 2018, Suebsung and Chinram [9] studied an interval-valued fuzzy ideal extension of a ternary semigroup. In 2019, Muhiuddin et al. [10] introduced an  $(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta})$ -fuzzy left (right, lateral) ideal in a ternary semigroup. In addition, in 2020, Talee et al. [11] introduced a hesitant fuzzy ideal and a hesitant fuzzy interior ideal in an ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup and characterized a simple ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup in terms of a hesitant fuzzy simple ordered  $\Gamma$ -semigroup.

The main aim of this article is to introduce the concept of a sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal of a ternary semigroup, which is a generalization of a hesitant fuzzy ideal and an interval-valued fuzzy ideal in a ternary semigroup. Some characterizations of an sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal are examined in terms of a fuzzy set, a hesitant fuzzy set, and an interval valued fuzzy set. Further, we discuss the relation between an ideal and a generalization of a characteristic hesitant

fuzzy set and a characteristic interval-valued fuzzy set.

## 2. Preliminaries

In the following sections, we introduce some definitions and results that are important for the present study.

By a ternary semigroup, we mean a set  $T \neq \emptyset$  with a ternary operation  $T \times T \times T \rightarrow T$ , written as  $(t_1, t_2, t_3) \mapsto t_1 t_2 t_3$  satisfying the identity (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5 \in T$ )  $((t_1 t_2 t_3) t_4 t_5 = t_1 (t_2 t_3 t_4) t_5 = t_1 t_2 (t_3 t_4 t_5))$ . Throughout this paper,  $T$  is represented as a ternary semigroup. Let  $X \neq \emptyset$ ,  $Y \neq \emptyset$ , and  $Z \neq \emptyset$  be subsets of  $T$ . We define the

### Definition 2.1 [5]

Let  $f$  be the FS in  $T$ . Then,  $f$  is said to be

- (1) a fuzzy left ideal (FLI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(f(t_3) \leq f(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ ,
- (2) a fuzzy lateral ideal (FLtI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(f(t_2) \leq f(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ ,
- (3) a fuzzy right ideal (FRI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(f(t_1) \leq f(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ , or
- (4) a fuzzy ideal (FI) of  $T$  while  $f$  is an FLI, an FLtI, and an FRI of  $T$ , that is, (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(\max\{f(t_1), f(t_2), f(t_3)\} \leq f(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ .

Let  $[0, 1]$  be the set of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ ; that is

$$[[0, 1]] = \{[t^-, t^+] \mid t^-, t^+ \in [0, 1] \text{ and } t^- \leq t^+\}.$$

Let  $t1^{\wedge} = [t-1, t+1], t2^{\wedge} = [t-2, t+2] \in [[0, 1]]$ . We define the operations  $\leq, =, <$ , and  $\text{rmax}$  as follows:

- (1)  $t1^{\wedge} \leq t2^{\wedge} \Leftrightarrow t-1 \leq t-2, t+1 \leq t+2$ ,
- (2)  $t1^{\wedge} = t2^{\wedge} \Leftrightarrow t-1 = t-2, t+1 = t+2$ ,
- (3)  $t1^{\wedge} < t2^{\wedge} \Leftrightarrow t1^{\wedge} \leq t2^{\wedge}, t1^{\wedge} \neq t2^{\wedge}$ ,
- (4)  $\text{rmax}\{t1^{\wedge}, t2^{\wedge}\} = [\max\{t-1, t-2\}, \max\{t+1, t+2\}]$ .

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be a set. A mapping  $\hat{v}: X \rightarrow [[0, 1]]$  is said to be an interval-valued fuzzy set (IvFS) [12] on  $X$ , where for any  $x \in X$ ,  $\hat{v}(x) = [v^-(x), v^+(x)]$ , anything  $v^-$  and  $v^+$  are FSs in  $X$  such that  $v^-(x) \leq v^+(x)$ .

For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the characteristic interval-valued fuzzy set  $CI_A$  of  $A$  on  $X$  is defined by

$$CI_A: X \rightarrow [[0, 1]], x \mapsto \{1^{\circ} \text{ if } x \in A, \text{ otherwise,}$$

where  $0^{\circ} = [0, 0]$  and  $1^{\circ} = [1, 1]$ .

### Definition 2.2 [9]

Let  $\hat{v}$  be an IvFS on  $T$ . Then,  $\hat{v}$  is said to be

- (1) an interval-valued fuzzy left ideal (IvFLI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(\hat{v}(t_3) \leq \hat{v}(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ ,
- (2) an interval-valued fuzzy lateral ideal (IvFLtI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(\hat{v}(t_2) \leq \hat{v}(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ ,
- (3) an interval-valued fuzzy right ideal (IvFRI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(\hat{v}(t_1) \leq \hat{v}(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ ,
- (4) an interval-valued fuzzy ideal (IvFI) of  $T$  while it is an IvFLI, an IvFLtI, and an IvFRI of  $T$ , that is, (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )  $(\text{rmax}\{\hat{v}(t_1), \hat{v}(t_2), \hat{v}(t_3)\} \leq \hat{v}(t_1 t_2 t_3))$ .

### Theorem 2.3 [9]

A subset  $A \neq \emptyset$  of  $T$  is an Id of  $T$  if and only if  $CI_A$  is an IvFI of  $T$ .

Torra and his colleague [13,14] defined a hesitant fuzzy set (HFS) on a set  $X \neq \emptyset$  in terms of a mapping  $h$  that, when applied to  $X$ , returns a subset of  $[0, 1]$ , that is,  $h: X \rightarrow \wp[0, 1]$ , where  $\wp[0, 1]$  denotes the set of all subsets of  $[0, 1]$ . Talee et al. [15] applied the concept of an HFS to a ternary semigroup and introduced the concepts of a hesitant fuzzy left (lateral, right) ideal and a hesitant fuzzy ideal of a ternary semigroup as follows:

subset  $XYZ$  of  $T$  as follows:  $XYZ = \{xyz \mid x \in X, y \in Y, z \in Z\}$ . A subset  $A \neq \emptyset$  of  $T$  is said to be a left (lateral, right) ideal (L(Lt, R)I) of  $T$  and  $TTA \subseteq A$  ( $TAT \subseteq A$ ,  $ATT \subseteq A$ ). If the subset is an LI, LtI, and RI of  $T$ , then it is said to be an ideal (Id) of  $T$ .

A fuzzy set (FS)  $f$  [4] in set  $X \neq \emptyset$  is a mapping from  $X$  to the unit segment of the real line  $[0, 1]$ . Kar and Sarkar [5] studied an FS in a ternary semigroup and introduced the concepts of a fuzzy left (lateral, right) ideal and a fuzzy ideal of ternary semigroups as follows:

**Definition 2.4 [15]**

Let  $h$  be an HFS on  $T$ . Then,  $h$  is said to be

- (1) a hesitant fuzzy left ideal (HFLI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )( $h(t_3) \subseteq h(t_1 t_2 t_3)$ ),
- (2) a hesitant fuzzy lateral ideal (HFLtI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )( $h(t_2) \subseteq h(t_1 t_2 t_3)$ ),
- (3) a hesitant fuzzy right ideal (HFRI) of  $T$  while (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )( $h(t_1) \subseteq h(t_1 t_2 t_3)$ ),
- (4) a hesitant fuzzy ideal (HFI) of  $T$  while it is a HFLI, a HFLtI, and a HFRI of  $T$ , that is, (for all  $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in T$ )( $h(t_1) \cup h(t_2) \cup h(t_3) \subseteq h(t_1 t_2 t_3)$ ).

For a subset  $A$  of a set  $X \neq \emptyset$ , define the characteristic hesitant fuzzy set (CHFS)  $CH_A$  of  $A$  on  $X$  as follows:

$$CH_A: X \rightarrow P[0, 1], x \mapsto \begin{cases} [0, 1] & \text{while } x \in A, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.5 [15]**

A subset  $A \neq \emptyset$  of  $T$  is an Id of  $T$  if and only if  $CH_A$  is an HFI of  $T$ .

It is well known that an HFS on  $T$  is a generalization of the concept of an IvFS on  $T$ . In general, we can see that the HFI of  $T$  is not an IvFI of  $T$ , and an IvFI of  $T$  is not an HFI of  $T$ , as shown in Example 2.6.

**Example 2.6**

Consider a ternary semigroup  $T = \{-i, 0, i\}$  under the usual multiplication over a complex number.

- (1) Define an HFS  $h$  on  $T$  by  $h(i) = h(-i) = \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5\}$  and  $h(0) = [0.1, 0.5]$ , and we have  $h$  as an HFI of  $T$  but not an IvFI of  $T$  because  $h$  is not an IvFS on  $T$ .
- (2) Define an IvFS  $\hat{v}$  on  $T$  by  $\hat{v}(-i) = \hat{v}(i) = [0, 0.5]$  and  $\hat{v}(0) = [0.5, 1]$ , and we have  $\hat{v}$  as an IvFI of  $T$  but not an HFI of  $T$  because  $\hat{v}(i) \cup \hat{v}(-i) \cup \hat{v}(0) = [0, 1] \not\subset [0.5, 1] = \hat{v}(0) = \hat{v}((i)(0)(-i))$ .
- (3) Define an IvFS  $g$  on  $T$  by  $g(i) = g(-i) = [0, 0.4]$  and  $g(0) = [0, 1]$ . Then,  $g$  is both an HFI and an IvFI of  $T$ .

**3. Main Results**

For  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ , define  $\text{SUP } \nabla$  by

$$\text{SUP } \nabla = \begin{cases} \sup \nabla & \text{while } \nabla \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For an HFS  $h$  on  $X$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ , we define  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  as

$$\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] = \{x \in X \mid \text{SUP } h(x) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla\}.$$

**Definition 3.1**

Given  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ , an HFS  $h$  on  $T$  is said to be a sup-hesitant fuzzy left (lateral, right) ideal of  $T$  related to  $\nabla$  ( $\nabla$ -sup-HFL(Lt, R)I of  $T$ ), whereas the set  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an L(Lt, R)I of  $T$ . If  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFL(Lt, R)I of  $T$  for all  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  when  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $h$  is said to be a sup-hesitant fuzzy left (lateral, right) ideal (sup-HFL(Lt, R)I) of  $T$ .

**Definition 3.2**

An HFS  $h$  on  $T$  is said to be a sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal of  $T$  related to  $\nabla$  ( $\nabla$ -sup-HFI of  $T$ ), whereas it is an  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI, a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLtI, and a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFRI of  $T$ . If  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFI of  $T$  for all  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  when  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $h$  is said to be a sup-hesitant fuzzy ideal (sup-HFI) of  $T$ .

**Lemma 3.3**

All IvFL(Lt, R)Is of  $T$  are a sup-HFL(Lt, R)I.

**Proof**

Suppose that  $\hat{v}$  is an IvFLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  such that  $\text{SUP } [\hat{v}; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in T$ , and let  $c \in \text{SUP } [\hat{v}; \nabla]$ . Then,  $\sup \hat{v}(c) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$ . Because  $\hat{v}$  is an IvFLI of  $T$ , we have  $\text{SUP } \nabla \leq \sup \hat{v}(c) = \hat{v}(c) \leq \hat{v}(abc) = \sup \hat{v}(abc)$ .

Thus,  $abc \in \text{SUP} [\hat{v}; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP} [\hat{v}; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ , which indicates that  $\hat{v}$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $\hat{v}$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

From Lemma 3.3, we obtain Theorem 3.4.

### Theorem 3.4

All IvFIs of  $T$  are a sup-HFI.

The converses of Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.4 are not true, as shown in Example 3.5.

### Example 3.5

Consider a ternary semigroup  $T = \{O, A, B, C, D, I\}$  under the usual matrix multiplication, where  $O=(0000)$ ,  $A=(1000)$ ,  $B=(0010)$ ,  $C=(0100)$ ,  $D=(0001)$ ,  $I=(1001)$ .

Define an IvFS  $\hat{v}$  on  $T$  by

$$\hat{v}(O)=[0,1], \hat{v}(A)=[0.4,1], \hat{v}(B)=[0.6,1], \hat{v}(C)=\hat{v}(D)=[0.5,1], \hat{v}(I)=0^*.$$

Thus,  $\hat{v}$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$  but not an IvFI of  $T$ . Moreover, we know that

- (1)  $\hat{v}$  is not an IvFLI of  $T$  because  $\hat{v}(OAB) = [0, 1] < [0.6, 1] = \hat{v}(B)$ .
- (2)  $\hat{v}$  is not an IvFLtI of  $T$  because  $\hat{v}(OAB) = [0, 1] < [0.4, 1] = \hat{v}(A)$ .
- (3)  $\hat{v}$  is not an IvFRI of  $T$  because  $\hat{v}(CBO) = [0, 1] < [0.5, 1] = \hat{v}(C)$ .

From Lemma 3.3, Theorem 3.4, and Example 3.5, we find that in an arbitrary ternary semigroup, a sup-HFL(Lt, R)I is a generalization of the concept of an IvFL(Lt, R)I, and a sup-HFI is a generalization of the concept of an IvFI.

### Lemma 3.6

All HFL(Lt, R)Is of  $T$  are a sup-HFL(Lt, R)I.

#### Proof

Suppose that  $h$  is an HFLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  such that  $\text{SUP} [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in T$  and  $c \in \text{SUP} [h; \nabla]$ . Then,  $\text{SUP} h(c) \geq \text{SUP} \nabla$ . Because  $h$  is an HFLI of  $T$ , we have  $h(c) \subseteq h(abc)$  and thus  $\text{SUP} h(c) \leq \text{SUP} h(abc)$ . Therefore,  $abc \in \text{SUP} [h; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP} [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ , which signifies that  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ . We thus conclude that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

From Lemma 3.6, we obtain Theorem 3.7.

### Theorem 3.7

All HFIs of  $T$  are a sup-HFI.

Example 3.8 shows that the converses of Lemmas 3.6 and Theorem 3.7 do not hold.

### Example 3.8

Consider a ternary semigroup  $T = \{O, I, X, Y, Z\}$  under the usual matrix multiplication, where  $O = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Define an HFS  $h$  on  $T$  as

$$h(O)=\{0,1\}, h(X)=[0,1], h(Y)=h(Z)=[0,1], h(I)=\emptyset.$$

Thus,  $h$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ , but not an HFI of  $T$ . Moreover, we know that

- (1)  $h$  is not an HFLI of  $T$  because  $h(X) = [0, 1] \supset \{0, 1\} = h(OYX)$ .
- (2)  $h$  is not an HFLtI of  $T$  because  $h(X) = [0, 1] \supset \{0, 1\} = h(OXI)$ .
- (3)  $h$  is not an HFRI of  $T$  because  $h(X) = [0, 1] \supset \{0, 1\} = h(XOZ)$ .

From Lemma 3.6, Theorem 3.7, and Example 3.8, we find that in an arbitrary ternary semigroup, a sup-HFL(Lt, R)I is a generalization of the concept of an HFL(Lt, R)I, and a sup-HFI is a generalization of the concept of an HFI.

Let  $h$  be an HFS on  $T$ , and define the FS  $F_h$  in  $T$  as

$$F_h: T \rightarrow [0,1], x \mapsto \text{SUP } h(x).$$

The following lemma characterizes the sup-types of HFSs on  $T$  by FS  $F_h$ .

**Lemma 3.9**

An HFS  $h$  on  $T$  is a sup-HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$  if and only if  $F_h$  is an FL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .

**Proof**

Suppose that  $h$  is an sup-HFLI of  $T$ . Let  $a, b, c \in T$ , and let  $\nabla = h(c)$ . Then,  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Thus,  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ , which indicates that  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ . Hence,  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  and thus  $Fh(abc) = \text{SUP } h(abc) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla = \text{SUP } h(c) = Fh(c)$ .

Therefore,  $F_h$  is an FLI of  $T$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $F_h$  is an FLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  such that  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in T$  and  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Then,

$$\text{SUP } h(abc) = Fh(abc) \geq Fh(c) = \text{SUP } h(c) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla,$$

and it is implied that  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ ; that is,  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

Therefore, we conclude that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

Let  $h$  be an HFS on  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ , and we define the HFS  $H(h; \nabla)$  on  $T$  as (for all  $x \in T$ )  $(H(h; \nabla)(x) = \{t \in \nabla \mid \text{SUP } h(x) \geq t\})$ .

We then denote  $H(h; \bigcup_{x \in T} h(x))$  by  $H_h$  and  $H(h; [0, 1])$  by  $I_h$ . Then,  $I_h$  is an IvFS on  $T$ .

**Remark 3.10**

If  $h$  is an HFS on  $T$ , then  $h(x) \subseteq H_h(x) \subseteq I_h(x)$  and  $\text{SUP } h(x) = \text{SUP } H_h(x) = \text{sup } I_h(x)$  for all  $x \in T$ .

Now, we study sup-types of HFSs on  $T$  using the HFS  $H(h; \nabla)$  and the IvFS  $I_h$ .

**Lemma 3.11**

An HFS  $h$  on  $T$  is a sup-HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$  if and only if  $H(h; \nabla)$  is a HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$  for all  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ .

**Proof**

Suppose that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ . Let  $a, b, c \in T$ . If  $H(h; \nabla)(c)$  is empty, then  $H(h; \nabla)(c) \subseteq H(h; \nabla)(abc)$ . In addition, let  $t \in H(h; \nabla)(c)$ . Then,  $t \in \nabla$ ,  $\text{SUP } h(c) \geq t$ , and  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; h(c)]$ . Because  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ , we have  $\text{SUP } [h; h(c)]$  as an LI of  $T$ . Hence,  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; h(c)]$ , which indicates that  $\text{SUP } h(abc) \geq \text{SUP } h(c) \geq t$ . Thus,  $t \in H(h; \nabla)(abc)$ . Therefore,  $H(h; \nabla)(c) \subseteq H(h; \nabla)(abc)$ . Consequently,  $H(h; \nabla)$  is an HFLI of  $T$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $H(h; \nabla)$  is an HFLI of  $T$  for all  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$ . Let  $a, b, c \in T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  exist such that  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Then,  $H(h; \nabla)(c) = \nabla$ , and by assumption, we have  $\nabla = H(h; \nabla)(c) \subseteq H(h; \nabla)(abc)$ . Thus,  $\text{SUP } h(abc) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$ , and it is implied that  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ ; that is,  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.12**

For an HFS  $h$  on  $T$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $h$  is a sup-HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .
- (2)  $H_h$  is an HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .
- (3)  $H_h$  is a sup-HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .
- (4)  $I_h$  is an IvFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .
- (5)  $I_h$  is a sup-HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .
- (6)  $I_h$  is an HFL( $Lt, R$ )I of  $T$ .

**Proof**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). These follow from Lemma 3.11.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). These follow from Lemma 3.6.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). This follows from Lemma 3.3.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $H_h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  such that  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in T$  and  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Based on Remark 3.10, we have  $\text{SUP}_{H_h}(c) = \text{SUP } h(c) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$  and thus  $c \in \text{SUP } [H_h; \nabla]$ . We assume that  $\text{SUP } [H_h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ , and then  $abc \in \text{SUP } [H_h; \nabla]$ . By Remark 3.10 again, we can see that  $\text{SUP } h(abc) = \text{SUP}_{H_h}(abc) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$ , which signifies that  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ ; that is,  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ . We therefore conclude that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Suppose that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$  and  $a, b, c \in T$ . Then,  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; h(c)]$ , and therefore by assumption we have  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; h(c)]$ . Thus,  $\text{SUP } h(c) \leq \text{SUP } h(abc)$ , and therefore  $I_h(c) = [0, \text{SUP } h(c)] \leq [0, \text{SUP } h(abc)] = I_h(abc)$ . Hence,  $I_h$  is an IvFLI of  $T$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $I_h$  be a sup-HFLI of  $T$  and  $\nabla \in \wp[0, 1]$  such that  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in T$  and  $c \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . By Remark 3.10, we have  $\text{sup } I_h(c) = \text{SUP } h(c) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$ , and thus  $c \in \text{SUP } [I_h; \nabla]$ . We assume that  $abc \in \text{SUP } [I_h; \nabla]$ . By Remark 3.10, we obtain  $\text{SUP } h(abc) = \text{sup } I_h(abc) \geq \text{SUP } \nabla$ , which indicates that  $abc \in \text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$ . Hence,  $\text{SUP } [h; \nabla]$  is an LI of  $T$ , which signifies that  $h$  is a  $\nabla$ -sup-HFLI of  $T$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $h$  is a sup-HFLI of  $T$ .

From Lemma 3.9 and Theorem 3.12, we obtain Theorem 3.13.

### Theorem 3.13

For an HFS  $h$  on  $T$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $h$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .
- (2) (for all  $a, b, c \in T$ )  $(\text{SUP } h(abc) \geq \max \{ \text{SUP } h(a), \text{SUP } h(b), \text{SUP } h(c) \})$ .
- (3)  $F_h$  is an FI of  $T$ .
- (4)  $H_h$  is an HFI of  $T$ .
- (5)  $H_h$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .
- (6)  $I_h$  is an IvFI of  $T$ .
- (7)  $I_h$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .
- (8)  $I_h$  is an HFI of  $T$ .

For a subset  $A$  of  $T$  and  $\nabla, \Omega \in \wp[0, 1]$  with  $\text{SUP } \nabla < \text{SUP } \Omega$ , we define a map  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  as follows:  
 $H(\nabla, \Omega)A: T \rightarrow P[0, 1], x \mapsto \{ \Omega \nabla \text{ while } x \in A, \text{ otherwise.} \}$

Then,  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  is an HFS on  $T$ , which is said to be a sup  $(\nabla, \Omega)$ -characteristic hesitant fuzzy set (sup  $(\nabla, \Omega)$ -CHFS) of  $A$  of  $T$ . In addition, sup  $(\nabla, \Omega)$ -CHFS with  $\nabla = \emptyset$  and  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  is the CHFS of  $A$ , that is,  $H(\emptyset, [0, 1])A = \text{CHA}$ . Moreover, sup  $(\nabla, \Omega)$ -CHFS with  $\nabla = 0^*$  and  $\Omega = 1^*$  is the CIvFS of  $A$ , that is,  $H(0^*, 1^*)A = \text{CIA}$ .

### Theorem 3.14

Let a subset  $A \neq \emptyset$  of  $T$  and  $\nabla, \Omega \in \wp[0, 1]$  exist such that  $\text{SUP } \nabla < \text{SUP } \Omega$ . Then,  $A$  is an Id of  $T$  if and only if  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .

### Proof

Suppose that there exist  $a, b, c \in T$  such that

$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(abc) < \max \{ \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(b), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(c) \}$ . Then,

$H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a) = \Omega, H(\nabla, \Omega)A(b) = \Omega, \text{ or } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(c) = \Omega$ , which signifies that  $a \in A, b \in A, \text{ or } c \in A$ .

Because  $A$  is an Id of  $T$ , we have  $abc \in A$  and  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A(abc) = \Omega$ . Thus,

$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(abc) = \max \{ \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(b), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(c) \}$

is a contradiction. Hence,

$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(abc) \geq \max \{ \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(b), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(c) \}$

for all  $a, b, c \in T$ , and by Theorem 3.13, we have  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  being a sup-HFI of  $T$ .

Conversely, let  $a \in A$  and  $x, y \in T$ . Then  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a) = \Omega$ . Because  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ , and by Theorem 3.13, we have

$$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(axy) \geq \max\{\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(x), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(y)\}, \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(xay) \geq \max\{\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(x), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(y)\},$$

and

$$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(xya) \geq \max\{\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(a), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(x), \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(y)\} = \text{SUP } \Omega.$$

Thus,

$$\text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(axy) = \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(xay) = \text{SUP } H(\nabla, \Omega)A(xya) = \text{SUP } \Omega,$$

which indicates that  $axy, xay, xya \in A$ . Hence,  $A$  is the Id of  $T$ .

From Theorems 2.3, 2.5, 3.4, 3.7, and 3.14, we obtain Theorem 3.15.

### Theorem 3.15

For a subset  $A \neq \emptyset$  of  $T$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $A$  is an Id of  $T$ .
- (2)  $CI_A$  is an IvFI of  $T$ .
- (3)  $CI_A$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .
- (4)  $CH_A$  is an HFI of  $T$ .
- (5)  $CH_A$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$ .
- (6)  $H(\nabla, \Omega)A$  is a sup-HFI of  $T$  for all  $\nabla, \Omega \in P[0, 1]$  with  $\text{SUP } \nabla < \text{SUP } \Omega$

### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced the concept of a sup-HFI in a ternary semigroup, which is a generalization of an HFI and an IvFI in a ternary semigroup, and examined some characterizations of a sup-HFI in terms of an FS, an HFS, and an IvFS. Further, we discussed the relation between an Id and the generalizations of CHFSs and CIvFSs. As important study results, we found that the following statements are all equivalent in a ternary semigroup  $T$ :  $A$  subset  $A$  is an Id,  $CI_A$  is an IvFI,  $CI_A$  is a sup-HFI,  $CH_A$  is an HFI, and  $CH_A$  is a sup-HFI.

In the future, we will study a sup-HFI in a  $\Gamma$  semigroup and examine some characterizations of a sup-HFI in terms of an FS, an HFS, and an IvFS.

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