

## Interval Valued Q-fuzzy Quasi-ideals in a Semigroups

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**Abstract.** We initiate the study of interval-valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideal of a semigroup. In Section 2, we list some basic definitions in the later sections. In Section 3, we investigate interval-valued Q-fuzzy subsemigroups and in Section 4, we define interval valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideals and establish some of their basic properties.

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### 1. Introduction

The theory of fuzzy sets proposed by Zadeh [13] in 1965 has achieved a great success in various fields. Since then, Ahsan and Latif [1] investigated fuzzy quasi-ideals in a semigroup. With the research of fuzzy sets, in 1965, Zadeh [14] introduced the notion of interval-valued fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets. After then, Biswas [3] applied it to group theory. Rosenfeld [9] defined fuzzy subgroup and gave some of its properties. Rosenfeld's definition of fuzzy group is a turning point for pure Mathematicians. Since then, the study of fuzzy algebraic structures have been carried out in many directions such as semi-group, groups, rings, near-rings, modules, vector spaces, topology and so on.

Recently, Kang and Hur [4] studied interval-valued fuzzy subgroups and investigated some of its properties. Narayanan and Manikandan [8] studied Interval-valued fuzzy ideals generated by an interval-valued fuzzy subset in semi-groups and investigated some of its properties.

Thillaigovindan and Chinnadurai [11] studied on interval-valued fuzzy quasi-ideals of semi-groups and investigated some of its properties. Solairaju and Nagarajan [10] defined a new structure and constructions of Q-fuzzy group. Kim et al. [5] studied interval-valued fuzzy Quasi-ideals in a semigroups and investigated some of its properties. Murugadas et al. [7] studied interval-valued Q-fuzzy ideals generated by an interval-valued Q-fuzzy subset in ordered semi-groups and investigated some of its properties. Venkatesan and Sriram [12] studied multiplicative operations of IFMs of two operators namely  $X_1$  and  $X_2$

and investigated its algebraic properties.

In this paper, we initiate the study of interval-valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideal of a semigroup. In Section 2, we list some basic definitions in the later sections. In Section 3, we investigate interval-valued Q-fuzzy subsemigroups and in Section 4, we define interval-valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideals and establish some of their basic properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we give to some basic definitions of interval-valued fuzzy set that are necessary for this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A, B \in D(I)^X$  and let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \subset D(I)^X$ . Then

- i)  $A \subset B$  iff  $A^L \leq B^L$  and  $A^U \leq B^U$ .
- ii)  $A = B$  iff  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ .
- iii)  $A^L = [1 - A^U, 1 - A^L]$ .
- iv)  $A \cup B = [A^L \vee B^L, A^U \vee B^U]$ .
- v)  $A \cap B = [A^L \wedge B^L, A^U \wedge B^U]$ .
- vi)  $\cup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha = [\vee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha^L, \vee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha^U]$ .
- vii)  $\cap_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha = [\wedge_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha^L, \wedge_{\alpha \in \Gamma} A_\alpha^U]$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $S$  be semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ . Then  $A$  is called an:

- i) Interval-valued Q-fuzzy semigroup of  $S$  if  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q)$  and  $A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(y, q)$  for any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$ .
- ii) Interval-valued Q-fuzzy left ideal of  $S$  if  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(y, q)$  and  $A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(y, q)$  for any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$ .
- iii) Interval-valued Q-fuzzy right ideal of  $S$  if  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q)$  and  $A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(x, q)$  for any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$ .
- iv) Interval-valued Q-fuzzy (two sided) ideal of  $S$  if it is both an *IVLI* and *IVRI* of  $S$ .

We will denote the set of all *IVSGs* of  $S$  as  $IVSG(S)$ .

It is clear that  $A \in IVI(S)$  if and only if  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q)$  and  $A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(y, q)$  for any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$  and if  $A \in IVLI(S)$ , then  $A \in IVSG(S)$ .

## 3. Interval-valued Q-fuzzy subsemigroups

In this section, we investigate interval-valued Q-fuzzy subsemigroups and its some algebraic properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $A = X \times Q \rightarrow D(I)$  is called an interval-valued Q-fuzzy set in  $X$ , denoted by  $A = A^L \rightarrow A^U$  if  $A^L, A^U \in I^X$  such that  $A^L \leq A^U$ , i.e.,  $A^L(x) \leq A^U(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  where  $A^L(x, q)$  [respectively  $A^U(x, q)$ ] is called the lower [respectively upper] end point of  $x$  to  $A$ . For any  $[a, b] \in D(I)$ , the interval-valued fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  defined by  $A(x) = [A^L(x, q), A^U(x, q)] = [a, b]$  for each  $x \in X$  and  $q \in Q$  is denoted by  $[\widetilde{a}, \widetilde{b}]$  and if  $a = b$ , then the IVS  $[\widetilde{a}, \widetilde{b}]$  is denoted by simply  $\widetilde{a}$ . In particular,  $\tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}$  denote the interval-valued Q-fuzzy empty set and the interval-valued Q-fuzzy whole set in  $X$ , respectively. We will denote the set of all IVSs in  $X$  as  $D(I)^X$ . It is clear that set  $A = [A^L, A^U] \in D(I)^X$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

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**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a groupoid and let  $A, B \in D(I)^X$ . Then the interval-valued Q-fuzzy product of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $(A \circ B)$ , is an IVS in  $X$  defined as follows :  
For each  $x \in X, q \in Q$

$$(A \circ B)(x, q) = \begin{cases} [a, b], & \text{if } yz = x, q \in Q, \\ [0, 0], & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $a = \bigvee_{yz=x} (A^L(y, q) \wedge B^L(z, q))$ ,  $b = \bigvee_{yz=x} (A^U(y, q) \wedge B^U(z, q))$ .

It is clear that for any  $A, B, C \in D(I)^X$ , if  $B \subset C$ , then  $(A \circ B) \subset (A \circ C)$  and  $(B \circ A) \subset (C \circ A)$ .

**Result 3.3.** Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a groupoid.

i) If “ $\cdot$ ” is associative, then so is “ $\circ$ ” in  $D(I)^S$ .

ii) If “ $\cdot$ ” has an identity  $e \in S$ , then  $e_1 \in IVF_P(X)$  is an identity of  $\circ$  in  $D(I)^S$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $S$  be a groupoid, let  $Q$  be a non empty set and let  $A, B, C \in D(I)^S$ .  
Then

i)  $A \circ (B \cup C) = (A \circ B) \cup (A \circ C)$ ,  $(B \cup C) \circ A = (B \circ A) \cup (C \circ A)$ .

ii)  $A \circ (B \cap C) \subset (A \circ B) \cap (A \circ C)$ ,  $(B \cap C) \circ A \subset (B \circ A) \cap (C \circ A)$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $x \in S, q \in Q$  Suppose  $x$  is not expressible as  $x = yz$ .

Then clearly  $(A \circ (B \cup C))(x, q) = \tilde{0} = ((A \circ B) \cup (A \circ C))(x, q)$ .

Suppose  $x$  is expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ (B \cup C))(x, q) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge (B \cup C)^L(z, q)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge B^L(z, q)) \vee (A^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge B^L(z, q)) \vee \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= (A \circ B)^L(x, q) \vee (A \circ C)^L(x, q) \\ &= ((A \circ B) \cup (A \circ C))^L(x, q) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $A \circ (B \cup C) = (A \circ B) \cup (A \circ C)$ . By the similar arguments, we have  $(B \cup C) \circ A = (B \circ A) \cup (C \circ A)$ .

ii) Let  $x \in S, q \in Q$ . Suppose  $x$  is not expressible as  $x = yz$ .

Then clearly  $(A \circ (B \cap C))(x, q) = \tilde{0} = ((A \circ B) \cap (A \circ C))(x, q)$ .

Suppose  $x$  is expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ (B \cap C))(x, q) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge (B \cap C)^L(z, q)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge B^L(z, q)) \wedge (A^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge B^L(z, q)) \wedge \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= (A \circ B)^L(x, q) \wedge (A \circ C)^L(x, q) \end{aligned}$$

$$= ((A \circ B) \cap (A \circ C))^L(x, q).$$

Similarly, we have that  $(A \circ (B \cap C))^U(x, q) \leq ((A \circ B) \cap (A \circ C))^U(x, q)$ .

Thus  $A \circ (B \cap C) \subset (A \circ B) \cap (A \circ C)$ .

By the similar arguments, we have  $(B \cap C) \circ A \subset (B \circ A) \cap (C \circ A)$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ . Then  $A \in IVSG(S)$  if and only if  $(A \circ A) \subset A$ .

**Result 3.6.** Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a semigroup  $S$ .

i)  $A$  is a subsemigroup of  $S$  if and only if  $[\chi_A, \chi_A] \in IVSG(S)$ .

ii)  $A \in LI(S)$  if and only if  $[\chi_A, \chi_A] \in IVLI(S)$ .

**Result 3.7.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ . Then  $A \in IVLI(S)$  if and only if  $(\tilde{1} \circ A) \subset A$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $A, B, C \in D(I)^S$ ,  $q \in Q$ . If  $A \subset B$ , then  $(A \circ C) \subset (B \circ C)$  and  $(C \circ A) \subset (C \circ B)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in S$ ,  $q \in Q$ . Suppose  $(x, q)$  is not expressible as  $(x, q) = (yz, q)$ . Then clearly  $(A \circ C)(x, q) = \tilde{0} = (B \circ C)(x, q)$ . Suppose  $x$  is not expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ C)^L(x, q) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (B^L(y, q) \wedge C^L(z, q)) \\ &= (B \circ C)^L(x, q). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have that  $(A \circ C)^U(x, q) \leq (B \circ C)^U(x, q)$ .

Hence  $(A \circ C) \subset (B \circ C)$ . By the similar arguments, we have  $(C \circ A) \subset (C \circ B)$ .

#### 4. Interval valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideals

A nonempty subset  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a quasi-ideal of  $S$  if  $AS \cap SA \subset A$ . We will denote the set of all quasi-ideals of  $S$  as  $QI(S)$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ . Then  $A$  is called an interval-valued fuzzy quasi-ideal (in short,  $IVQI$ ) of  $S$  if  $(\tilde{1} \circ A) \cap (A \circ \tilde{1}) \subset A$ .

We will denote the set of all  $IVQI$ s of  $S$  as  $IVQI(S)$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $S = \{a, b, c\}$  be any semigroup with the following multiplication table:

We define a mapping  $A : S \rightarrow D(I)$  as follows:

$$A(a) = [0.1, 0.8], A(b) = [0.1, 0.8], A(c) = [0.3, 0.6].$$

Then we can see that  $A \in IVQI(S)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $A \in QI(S)$  if and

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only if  $[\chi_A, \chi_A] \in IVQI(S)$ .

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

**Proof:** Suppose  $A \in QI(S)$  and let  $x \in S$ . Suppose  $x \in A, q \in Q$ . Then clearly

$$\chi_A(x, q) = 1 \geq \left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right)^L(x, q).$$

Thus  $(\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \subset [\chi_A, \chi_A]$ . Suppose  $x \notin A$ . Then either  $x$  is expressible as  $x = yz$  or not.

Case (i): Suppose  $x$  is not expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then

$$\left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right)(x, q) = \tilde{1} = [\chi_A, \chi_A](x, q).$$

Case (ii): Suppose  $x$  is expressible as  $x = yz$ .

Since  $x \notin A$ , either  $y \in A$  or  $z \notin A$ . If  $y \in A$  and  $z \notin A$ , then there cannot be another expression of the form  $x = ab$ , where  $a \notin A$  and  $b \in A$  (Assume that there exist  $a \notin A$  and  $b \in A$  such that  $x = ab$ . Then  $x \in SA \cap AS \subset A$ . Thus  $x \in A$ .

This contradicts the fact that  $x \notin A$ ). Thus either  $(\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A])(x, q) = \tilde{0}$  or  $([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1})(x, q) = \tilde{0}$ . So  $\left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right)(x) = \tilde{0}$ .

Then  $\left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right) \subset [\chi_A, \chi_A]$ . Hence, in all,  $[\chi_A, \chi_A] \in IVQI(S)$ .

Conversely, suppose the necessary condition holds.

Let  $x \in SA \cap AS$ . Then  $x \in SA$  and  $x \in AS$ . Thus there exist  $a, a' \in A$  and  $s, s' \in S$  such that  $x = sa$  and  $x = a's'$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right)^L(x, q) \\ &= \left( \tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A] \right)^L(x, q) \wedge \left( [\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1} \right)^L(x, q) \\ &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (\tilde{1}^L(y, q) \wedge \chi_A(z, q)) \wedge \bigvee_{x=yz} (\chi_A^L(y, q) \wedge \chi_S^L(z, q)) \\ &\geq (\chi_S(s) \wedge \chi_A(a)) \wedge (\chi_A(a') \wedge \tilde{1}^L(s')) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have that  $\left( (\tilde{1} \circ [\chi_A, \chi_A]) \cap ([\chi_A, \chi_A] \circ \tilde{1}) \right)^U(x) \geq 1$ . Then, by the hypothesis,  $\chi_A(x) \geq 1$ . Thus  $x \in A$ . So  $SA \cap AS \subset A$ . Hence  $A \in QI(S)$ .

**Definition 4.4.** A nonempty fuzzy set  $A$  of a semigroup  $S$  is called a Q-fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$  if  $(\chi_S \circ A) \wedge (A \circ \chi_S) \leq A$ , where  $\chi_S$  is the whole fuzzy set defined by  $\chi_S(x, q) = 1$  for each  $x \in S, q \in Q$ .

**Remark 4.5.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup.

i) If  $A$  is a Q-fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $S$ , then  $[A, A] \in IVQI(S)$ .

ii) If  $A \in IVQI(S)$ , then  $AL$  and  $AU$  are Q-fuzzy quasi-ideals of  $S$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then  $IVQI(S) \subset IVSG(S)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \in IVQI(S)$ . Since  $A \subset \tilde{1}$ , by Proposition 3.8,  $A \circ A \subset \tilde{1} \circ A$  and  $A \circ A \subset A \circ \tilde{1}$ . Then  $A \circ A \subset [\tilde{1} \circ A] \cap [A \circ \tilde{1}]$ . Since  $A \in IVQI(S)$ ,  $(\tilde{1} \circ A) \cap (A \circ \tilde{1}) \subset A$ . Thus  $A \circ A \subset A$ .

Hence, by Proposition 3.5,  $A \in IVSG(S)$ .

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ ,  $q \in Q$ .

Then  $A$  is called an interval-valued Q-fuzzy bi-ideal (in short,  $IVBI$ ) of  $S$  if it satisfies the following conditions: for any  $x, y, z \in S$ ,  $q \in Q$ .

i)  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q)$  and  $A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(y, q)$ .

ii)  $A^L(xyz, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(z, q)$  and  $A^U(xyz, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(z, q)$ .

We will denote the set of all  $IVBIs$  of  $S$  as  $IVBI(S)$ .

**Result 4.7.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a semigroup. Then  $A \in BI(S)$  if and only if  $[\chi_A, \chi_A] \in IVBI(S)$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $\tilde{0} \neq A \in D(I)^S$ ,  $q \in Q$ .

Then  $A \in IVBI(S)$  if and only if  $A \circ A \subset A$  and  $A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A \subset A$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $A \in IVBI(S)$ . From Proposition 3.5,  $A \circ A \subset A$ . Let  $x \in S$ ,  $q \in Q$

Suppose  $x$  is not expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then clearly  $(A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A)(x, q) = \tilde{0}$ .

Thus  $A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A \subset A$ .

Suppose  $x$  is expressible as  $x = yz$ . Then  $(A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A)(x, q) \neq \tilde{0}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A)^L(x, q) &= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge (\tilde{1} \circ A)^L(z, q)) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$= \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^U(y, q) \wedge (\tilde{1} \circ A)^U(z, q)) > 0$$

So  $(\tilde{1} \circ A)^L(z, q) > 0$  and  $(\tilde{1} \circ A)^U(z, q) > 0$ . Then there exist  $u, v \in S$  with  $z = uv$  such that

$$(\tilde{1} \circ A)^L(z, q) = \bigvee_{z=uv} (\tilde{1}^L(u, q) \wedge A^L(v, q)) = \bigvee_{z=uv} A^L(v, q)$$

and

$$= \bigvee_{z=uv} (\tilde{1}^U(u, q) \wedge A^U(v, q)) = \bigvee_{z=uv} A^U(v, q)$$

Since  $A \in IVBI(S)$ ,  $A^L(x, q) = A^L(yuv, q) \geq A^L(y, q) \wedge A^L(v, q)$  and

$A^U(x, q) = A^U(yuv, q) \geq A^U(y, q) \wedge A^U(v, q)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^L(x, q) &\geq \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^L(y, q) \wedge (\bigvee_{z=uv} A^L(v, q))) = (A \circ \tilde{1} \circ A)^L(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

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$$\geq \bigvee_{x=yz} (A^U(y, q) \wedge (\bigvee_{z=uv} A^U(q, q))) = (A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A)^U(x)$$

Hence, in all,  $A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A \subset A$ .

Conversely, suppose the necessary condition holds.

Since  $A \circ A \subset A$ , it is clear that the following hold:

$$A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q) \text{ and } A^U(xy, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(y, q).$$

For any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$ . Let  $x, y, z \in S$  and let  $u = xyz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^L(xyz, q) &= A^L(p) \\ &\geq (A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A)^L(u) \\ &= \bigvee_{u=st} (A^L(s, q) \wedge (\tilde{I} \circ A)^L(t, q)) \\ &\geq A^L(x, q) \wedge (\tilde{I} \circ A)^L(yz, q) \\ &= A^L(x, q) \wedge \bigvee_{yz=ab} (\tilde{I}^L(a, q) \wedge A^L(b, q)) \\ &\geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q) \wedge A^L(z, q) \\ &= A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(z, q). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have that  $A^U(xyz, q) \geq A^U(x, q) \wedge A^U(z, q)$ .

Hence,  $A \in IVBI(S)$ .

**Proposition 4.9.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then  $IVQI(S) \subset IVBI(S), q \in Q$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \in IVQI(S)$ . Then, by Proposition 4.6,  $A \in IVSG(S)$ .

Thus  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q)$  and  $A^L(xy, q) \geq A^L(x, q) \wedge A^L(y, q)$  for any  $x, y \in S, q \in Q$ .

So, by Proposition 3.5,  $A \circ A \subset A$ . It is clear that  $A \circ \tilde{I} \subset \tilde{I}$  and  $\tilde{I} \circ A \subset \tilde{I}$ .

Then, by Proposition 3.8,  $A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A \subset \tilde{I} \circ A$  and  $A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A \subset A \circ \tilde{I}$ .

Thus  $A \circ \tilde{I} \circ A \subset [\tilde{I} \circ A] \cap [A \circ \tilde{I}] \subset A$ .

Hence, by Theorem 4.8,  $A \in IVBI(S)$ .

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we initiate the study of interval-valued fuzzy quasi-ideal of a semigroup and investigate interval-valued Q-fuzzy subsemigroups and define interval-valued Q-fuzzy quasi-ideals and establish some of their basic properties.

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