

# INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY REES CONGRUENCES ON A SEMIGROUP

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### Abstract

We introduce two concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence on a semigroup and intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup. As an important result, we prove that for a intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup  $S$ , the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of  $S$  and the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on  $S$  are lattice isomorphic. Moreover, we show that a homomorphic image of an intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup is an intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup.

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### 0. Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [28] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets as the generalization of ordinary subsets. After that time, several researchers [22,24-27] have applied the notion of fuzzy sets to congruence theory. In particular, Xie [27] introduced the concept of fuzzy Rees congruences on a semigroup and studied some of its properties.

In 1986, Abanassov[1] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as the generalization of fuzzy sets. Since then, many researchers [2,4-9,11-17] applied the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets to relation, algebra, topology and topological group. In particular, Hur and his colleagues [18-21] investigated intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relations and various intuitionistic fuzzy congruences.

In this paper, we introduce two concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence on a semigroup and intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup. As an important result, we prove that for a intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup  $S$ , the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy ideals of  $S$  and the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on  $S$  are lattice isomorphic. Moreover, we show that a homomorphic image of an intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup is an intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup.

### 1. Preliminaries

In this section, we list some basic concepts one result 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 general background of lattice theory, we refer to [3].

**Definition 1.1**[1,6]. 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 1.2**[6]. 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 1.3**[6]. 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

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- (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 1.4[5].** 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  $\text{IFR}(X)$ .

**Definition 1.5[8]** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R, Q \in \text{IFR}(X)$ . 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 1.6.** An Intuitionistic fuzzy Relation  $R$  on a set  $X$  is called an *intutionsitic fuzzy equivalence relation* (in short, *IFER*) on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions :

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

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

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 1.A[19, 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 1.7[19].** 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  $\Delta, \nabla \in \text{IFE}(X)$ .

Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $A$  be a nonempty set. Then,  $A$  is called an *ideal* of  $S$  if  $AS, SA \subset A$  (See [10]).

**Definition 1.8[11].** Let  $A \in \text{IFS}(S)$ . Then  $A$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy ideal* (in short, *IFI*) of  $S$  if for any  $x, y \in S$ ,

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

We will denote the set of all IFI<sub>s</sub> of  $S$  as  $\text{IFI}(S)$ . Then, it is clear that  $(\text{IFI}(S), \cap, \cup)$  is a distributive lattice having the greatest element  $1_S$  and the least element  $0_{\sim}$  or  $0_S$ , where  $1_S = 1_{\sim}$  and we use  $0_{\sim}$  if  $S$  has no zero element and  $0_S$  if  $S$  a zero element  $0$ . In fact,  $0_S(x) = (0, 1)$  for each  $0 \neq x \in S$ . It is well-known (Proposition 2.6 in [12]) that if  $S$  has a zero element  $0$ , then for each  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$  and each  $x \in S$ ,  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_A(0)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_A(0)$ . In this paper, we define  $A(0) = (1, 0)$  for each  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ .

## 2. Intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruences

**Definition 2.1[19].** 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 2.2[19].** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $R \in \text{IFR}(X)$ . Then the *intutionsitic fuzzy transitive closure* of  $R$ , denoted by  $R^\infty$ , is defined as follows :

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

**Definition 2.3[20].** 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 2.4[20].** 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  $\Delta, \nabla \in IFC(S)$ .

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 2.A[20, Theorem 2.22].** Let  $R$  be on intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on a semigroup  $S$ . We define the binary operation  $*$  on  $S/R$  as follows : for any  $a, b \in S$ ,

$$Ra * Rb = Rab.$$

Then  $(S/R, *)$  is a semigroup.

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 [19]).

**Result 2.B[21, Lemma 2.3].** 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  $P \vee Q \in IFC(S)$ .

**Result 2.C[21, Proposition 2.5].** Let  $S$  be a semigroup. If  $P, Q \in IFC(S)$ , then  $P \vee Q = (P \circ Q)^\infty$ .

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

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

**Result 2.D[21, Theorem 2.6].** Let  $S$  be a semigroup. Then  $(IFC(S), \wedge, \vee)$  is a complete lattice with  $\Delta$  and  $\nabla$  as the least and greatest elements of  $IFC(S)$ .

Let  $A$  be an IFI of a semigroup  $S$ . Let us define a complex mapping  $R_A = (\mu_{R_A}, \nu_{R_A}) : S \times S \rightarrow I$  as follows: for ant  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$\mu_{R_A}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y), & \text{if } x \neq y; \\ 1, & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\nu_{R_A}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y), & \text{if } x \neq y; \\ 0, & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$$

Then clearly  $R_A = (\mu_{R_A}, \nu_{R_A})$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy relation on  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $A$  be an IFI of a semigroup  $S$ . Then  $R_A$  is an IFC on  $S$ . In this case,  $R_A$  is called the *intuitionistic fuzzy congruence iduced by  $A$  on  $S$* .

**Proof.** By the definition of  $R_A$ , it is clear that  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy reflexive and intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\mu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) = \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_{R_A}(x, z) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(z, y)]$$

and

$$\nu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) = \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_{R_A}(x, z) \vee \nu_{R_A}(z, y)].$$

Case(i): Suppose  $x = y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, x) &= \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_{R_A}(x, z) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(z, x)] \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in S} \mu_{R_A}(x, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(Since } R_A \text{ is intuitionistic fuzzysymmetric)} \\ & \geq \mu_{R_A}(x, x) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, x) &= \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_{R_A}(x, z) \vee \nu_{R_A}(z, x)] \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in S} \nu_{R_A}(x, z) \\ &\leq \nu_{R_A}(x, x) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R_A \circ R_A(x, x) = (1, 0) = R_A(x, x)$ .

Case(ii) : Suppose  $x \neq y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) &= \bigvee_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\mu_{R_A}(x, z) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(z, y)] \\ &\quad \vee [\mu_{R_A}(x, x) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(x, y)] \vee [\mu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{R_A}(y, y)] \\ &= \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \vee \bigvee_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(z) \wedge \mu_A(z) \wedge \mu_A(y)] \\ &\leq \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \vee \bigvee_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y)] \\ &= \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \vee \mu_{R_A}(x, y) = \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\nu_{R_A}(x, z) \vee \nu_{R_A}(z, y)] \\
 & \quad \wedge [\nu_{R_A}(x, x) \vee \nu_{R_A}(x, y)] \wedge [\nu_{R_A}(x, y) \vee \nu_{R_A}(y, y)] \\
 &= \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \bigwedge_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\nu_{R_A}(x, z) \vee \nu_{R_A}(y, z)] \\
 &= \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \bigwedge_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(z) \vee \nu_A(y) \vee \nu_A(z)] \\
 &\geq \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \bigwedge_{z \in S - \{x, y\}} [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y)] \\
 &= \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \nu_{R_A}(x, y) = \nu_{R_A}(x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) \leq \mu_{R_A}(x, y)$  and  $\nu_{R_A \circ R_A}(x, y) \geq \nu_{R_A}(x, y)$ . In either case,  $R_A \circ R_A \subset R_A$ . So  $R_A \in \text{IFE}(S)$ .

Now let  $x, y, t \in S$ .

Case (i) : Suppose  $tx = ty$ . Then  $\mu_{R_A}(tx, ty) = 1 \geq \mu_{R_A}(x, y)$

and

$$\nu_{R_A}(tx, ty) = 0 \leq \nu_{R_A}(x, y).$$

Case (ii) : Suppose  $tx \neq ty$ . Then  $x \neq y$ . Since  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ ,

$$\mu_{R_A}(tx, ty) = \mu_A(tx) \wedge \mu_A(ty) \geq \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y)$$

and

$$\nu_{R_A}(tx, ty) = \nu_A(tx) \vee \nu_A(ty) \leq \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y).$$

So  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy left compatible. In the same way, we can see that  $R_A$  is intuitionistic fuzzy right compatible. Hence  $R_A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup and let  $0_{\sim} \neq A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . Then  $R_A$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence* (in short, IFRC) on  $S$ .

Let  $A$  be an IFI of a semigroup  $S$  and let

$$\overline{\text{supp}}A = \{x \in S : A(x) = (1, 0)\}.$$

Then it is clear that  $\overline{\text{supp}}A$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $A$  be an IFI of a semigroup  $S$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all ideal of  $S$  containing  $\overline{\text{supp}}A$  and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of all ideals of the quotient semigroup  $(S/R_A, *)$ . We define the mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  as follows : for each  $J \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$f(J) = JR_A,$$

where  $JR_A = \{bR_A : b \in J\}$ . Then  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijection.

**Proof.** Let  $J \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $K \in S/R_A$  and let  $H \in JR_A$ . Then there exist  $a \in S$  and  $b \in J$  such that  $K = aR_A$  and  $H = bR_A$ . Thus  $K * H = aR_A * bR_A = abR_A$  and  $H * K = bR_A * aR_A = baR_A$ . Since  $J$  is an ideal of  $S$ ,

$ab \in J$  and  $ba \in J$ . So  $K * H \in JR_A$  and  $H * K \in JR_A$ . Hence  $JR_A \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Suppose  $J_1 \neq J_2$  for any  $J_1, J_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then there exists an  $a \in S$  such that  $a \in J_1 \setminus J_2$  or  $a \in J_2 \setminus J_1$ .

Case (i) : Suppose  $a \in J_1 \setminus J_2$ . Assume that  $f(J_1) = f(J_2)$ , i.e,  $J_1R_A = J_2R_A$ . Then there exists a  $b \in J_2$  such that  $aR_A = bR_A$ . Thus, by Result 1.A,  $R_A(a, b) = (1, 0)$ . Since  $a \notin J_2$ ,  $a \neq b$ . Then  $\mu_{aR_A}(b) = \mu_{R_A}(a, b) = \mu_A(a) \wedge \mu_A(b) = 1$  and  $\nu_{aR_A}(b) = \nu_{R_A}(a, b) = \nu_A(a) \vee \nu_A(b) = 0$ . Thus  $\mu_A(a) = \mu_A(b) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(a) = \nu_A(b) = 0$ , i.e,  $A(a) = A(b) = (1, 0)$ . So  $a \in \overline{\text{supp}}A \subset J_2$  and thus  $a \in J_2$ . This contradicts the fact that  $a \notin J_2$ . Hence  $f(J_1) \neq f(J_2)$ .

Case (ii) : Suppose  $a \in J_2 \setminus J_1$ . By the similar arguments of Case (i), we also have  $f(J_1) \neq f(J_2)$ . Therefore  $f$  is injective.

Now let  $X \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a  $K \subset S$  such that  $X = KR_A$ . Let  $K_1 = \{x \in S : xR_A \in KR_A\}$  and let  $z \in SK_1$ . Then there exists  $y \in S$  and  $x \in K_1$  such that  $z = yx$ . Since  $x \in K_1, xR_A \in KR_A$ . Since  $KR_A$  is an ideal of  $S \setminus R_A, zR_A = yxR_A = yR_A * xR_A \in KR_A$ . Thus  $z \in K_1$ . So  $SK_1 \subset K_1$ . By the similar arguments, we have  $K_1S \subset K_1$ . Hence  $K_1$  is an ideal of  $S$ .

Let  $a \in \overline{\text{supp}}A$  and let  $x \in K_1$ .

Case(i) : Suppose  $a = ax$ . Since  $K_1$  is an ideal of  $S, a \in K_1$ .

Case(ii) : Suppose  $a \neq ax$ . Let  $z \in S$ .

(1) If  $z \neq a$  and  $z \neq ax$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{aR_A}(z) &= \mu_{R_A}(a, z) = \mu_A(a) \wedge \mu_A(z) \\
 &= \mu_A(ax) \wedge \mu_A(z) \quad (\text{Since } A(a) = (1, 0)) \\
 &= \mu_{(ax)R_A}(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_{aR_A}(z) &= \nu_{R_A}(a, z) = \nu_A(a) \vee \nu_A(z) \\
 &= \nu_A(ax) \vee \nu_A(z) = \nu_{(ax)R_A}(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $z = a$ , then

$$\mu_{aR_A}(z) = \mu_{R_A}(a, z) = 1 = \mu_A(ax) \wedge \mu_A(z) = \mu_{(ax)R_A}(z)$$

and

$$\nu_{aR_A}(z) = \nu_{R_A}(a, z) = 0 = \nu_A(ax) \vee \nu_A(z) = \nu_{(ax)R_A}(z).$$

(3) If  $z = ax$ , then, by the similar arguments of (2), we have

$$\mu_{aR_A}(z) = \mu_{(ax)R_A}(z) \text{ and } \nu_{aR_A}(z) = \nu_{(ax)R_A}(z).$$

In all,  $aR_A = (ax)R_A \subset KR_A$ . By the definition of  $K_1, a \in K_1$ . Thus  $K_1 \in \mathcal{A}$ . It is clear that  $K_1R_A = KR_A = X$ . So  $f$  is surjective.

We can easily check that  $f$  is an inclusion preserving. This completes the proof. ■

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $S$  be a semigroup with 0. We define the mapping  $g : \text{IFI}(S) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(S)$  by  $g(A) = R_A$

for each  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . Then  $g$  is an order-preserving injection.

**Proof.** Suppose  $A \neq B$  for any  $A, B \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . Then there exists an  $x \in S$  such that  $A(x) \neq B(x)$ . Clearly  $x \neq 0$   $A(0) = B(0) = (1, 0)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{R_A}(x, 0) &= \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(0) = \mu_A(x), \\ \nu_{R_A}(x, 0) &= \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(0) = \nu_A(x)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{R_B}(x, 0) &= \mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_B(0) = \mu_B(x), \\ \nu_{R_B}(x, 0) &= \nu_B(x) \vee \nu_B(0) = \nu_B(x).\end{aligned}$$

So  $R_A \neq R_B$  and thus  $g$  is injective. It is easily seen that  $g$  is an order-preserving. This completes the proof. ■

### 3. Intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroups

**Definition 3.1.** A semigroup  $S$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy Rees congruence semigroup* (in short, *IFRC-semigroup*) if every IFC on  $S$  is an IFRC.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $S$  be an IFRC-semigroup. Then

(1)  $S$  has a zero element 0.

(2) If  $R$  is an IFC on  $S$ , then  $R_A = R$ , where  $A(x) = R(x, 0)$  for each  $x \in S$ .

**Proof.** (1) Clearly,  $\Delta_S \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . Since  $S$  is an IFRC-semigroup,  $\Delta_S$  is an IFRC on  $S$ . Then there exists an  $0_{\sim} \neq A \in \text{IFI}(S)$  such that  $\Delta_S = R_A$ . Since  $A \neq 0_{\sim}$ , there exists an  $x \in S$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > 0$  and  $\nu_A(x) < 1$ . Let  $y \in S$  such that  $y \neq x$ . Then

$$\mu_{\Delta_S}(y, x) = \mu_{R_A}(y, x) = \mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_A(x) = 0$$

and

$$\nu_{\Delta_S}(y, x) = \nu_{R_A}(y, x) = \nu_A(y) \vee \nu_A(x) = 1.$$

Since  $\mu_A(x) > 0$  and  $\nu_A(x) < 1$ ,  $\mu_A(y) = 0$  and  $\nu_A(y) = 1$ . Thus  $A(y) = (0, 1)$  for each  $y \in S$  with  $y \neq x$ . Since  $A$  is an IFI of  $S$ ,  $\mu_A(zx) \geq \mu_A(x)$ ,  $\nu_A(zx) \leq \nu_A(x)$  and  $\mu_A(xz) \geq \mu_A(x)$ ,  $\nu_A(xz) \leq \nu_A(x)$  for each  $z \in S$ . Thus  $zx = xz = x$ . Hence  $x$  is a zero element of  $S$ .

(2) Suppose  $R$  be an IFC on  $S$ . Since  $S$  is an IFRC-semigroup, there exists an  $0_{\sim} \neq A \in \text{IFI}(S)$  such that  $R = R_A$ . By (1),  $S$  has a zero element, say 0. We define a complex mapping  $B : S \rightarrow I \times I$  by  $B(x) = R(x, 0)$  for each  $x \in S$ . Then clearly  $B \in \text{IFS}(S)$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_B(yx) &= \mu_R(yx, 0) \geq \mu_R(x, 0) = \mu_B(x), \\ \nu_B(yx) &= \nu_R(yx, 0) \leq \nu_R(x, 0) = \nu_B(x), \\ \mu_B(yx) &= \mu_R(yx, 0) \geq \mu_R(x, 0) = \mu_B(y), \\ \nu_B(yx) &= \nu_R(yx, 0) \leq \nu_R(x, 0) = \nu_B(y)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$B(0) = R(0, 0) = (1, 0).$$

So  $B \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . Now let  $y \in S$  with  $y \neq x$ . Then

$$\mu_B(y) = \mu_R(y, 0) = \mu_{R_A}(y, 0) = \mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_A(0) = \mu_A(y)$$

and

$$\nu_B(y) = \nu_R(y, 0) = \nu_{R_A}(y, 0) = \nu_A(y) \vee \nu_A(0) = \nu_A(y).$$

Hence  $B = A$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $S$  be an IFRC-semigroup. Then  $\text{IFI}(S)$  and  $\text{IFC}(S)$  are isomorphic.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.2(1),  $S$  has a zero element 0. Then, by Proposition 2.8, that exists an order-preserving injection  $g : \text{IFI}(S) \rightarrow \text{IFC}(S)$  defined by  $g(A) = R_A$  for each  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ . Moreover, by Proposition 3.2(2),  $g$  is surjective. Thus  $g$  is an order-preserving bijection.

Let  $A, B \in \text{IFI}(S)$  and let  $x, y \in S$  with  $x \neq y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{g(A \cap B)}(x, y) &= \mu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, y) = \mu_{A \cap B}(x) \wedge \mu_{A \cap B}(y) \\ &= [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x)] \wedge [\mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_B(y)] \\ &= [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(x)] \wedge [\mu_B(y) \wedge \mu_B(y)] \\ &= \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{R_B}(x, y) = \mu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{g(A \cap B)}(x, y) &= \nu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, y) = \nu_{A \cap B}(x) \vee \nu_{A \cap B}(y) \\ &= [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(x)] \vee [\nu_A(y) \vee \nu_B(y)] \\ &= [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(x)] \vee [\nu_B(y) \vee \nu_B(y)] \\ &= \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \vee \nu_{R_B}(x, y) = \nu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $\mu_{g(A \cap B)}(x, x) = \mu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, x) = 1 = \mu_{R_A \cap R_B}(x, x)$  and  $\nu_{g(A \cap B)}(x, x) = \nu_{R_{A \cap B}}(x, x) = 0 = \nu_{R_A \cap R_B}(x, x)$ . So  $g(A \cap B) = g(A) \cap g(B)$ .

Clearly,  $A \subset A \vee B$  and  $B \subset A \vee B$ . Since  $g$  is an order-preserving,  $g(A) \subset g(A \vee B)$  and  $g(B) \subset g(A \vee B)$ , i.e.,  $R_A \subset R_{A \vee B}$  and  $R_B \subset R_{A \vee B}$ . So  $R_A \vee R_B \subset R_{A \vee B}$ . Let  $x, y \in S$  with  $x \neq y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{R_{A \vee B}}(x, y) &= \mu_{A \vee B}(x) \wedge \mu_{A \vee B}(y) \\ &= [\mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x)] \wedge [\mu_A(y) \vee \mu_B(y)] \\ &= [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y)] \vee [\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y)] \\ &\quad \vee [\mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_B(x)] \vee [\mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_B(y)]\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{R_{A \vee B}}(x, y) &= \nu_{A \vee B}(x) \vee \nu_{A \vee B}(y) \\ &= [\nu_A(x) \wedge \nu_B(x)] \vee [\nu_A(y) \wedge \nu_B(y)] \\ &= [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y)] \wedge [\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y)] \\ &\quad \wedge [\nu_A(y) \vee \nu_B(x)] \wedge [\nu_B(x) \vee \nu_B(y)].\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) &= \mu_{R_A}(x, y) \leq \mu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \\ &\leq \mu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) = \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \quad (\text{By Result 2.C}) \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y) &= \nu_{R_A}(x, y) \geq \nu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \\ &\geq \nu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) \\ &= \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y). \end{aligned} \quad (1)'$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) &= \mu_{R_B}(x, y) \leq \mu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \\ &\leq \mu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) \\ &= \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(By Result 2.C)} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_B(x) \vee \nu_B(y) &= \nu_{R_B}(x, y) \geq \nu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \\ &\geq \nu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) \\ &= \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y). \end{aligned} \quad (2)'$$

On the other hand,

$$\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) \leq \mu_A(xy) \wedge \mu_B(xy) \wedge \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) \quad (3)$$

and

$$\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y) \geq \nu_A(xy) \vee \nu_B(xy) \vee \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y). \quad (3)'$$

Also,

$$\mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) \leq \mu_A(xy) \wedge \mu_B(xy) \wedge \mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) \quad (4)$$

and

$$\nu_B(x) \vee \nu_A(y) \geq \nu_A(xy) \vee \nu_B(xy) \vee \nu_B(x) \vee \nu_A(y). \quad (4)'$$

In (3) and (3)',

Case (i) : Suppose  $xy = x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) &\leq \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) \\ &\leq \mu_B(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) \\ &\leq \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(By (2))}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y) &\geq \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(x) \vee \nu_B(y) \\ &\geq \nu_B(x) \vee \nu_B(y) \\ &\geq \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y). \end{aligned} \quad \text{(By (2)')} \quad (2)'$$

Case (ii) : Suppose  $xy = y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) &\leq \mu_A(y) \wedge \mu_B \wedge \mu_B(x) \\ &\leq \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) \\ &\leq \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(By (1))}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y) &\geq \nu_A(y) \vee \nu_B \vee \nu_B(x) \\ &\geq \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y) \\ &\geq \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y). \end{aligned} \quad \text{(By (1)')} \quad (1)'$$

Case (iii) : Suppose  $xy \neq x$  and  $xy \neq y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) &\leq \mu_{R_A}(x, xy) \wedge \mu_{R_B}(xy, y) \\ &\leq \mu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \leq \mu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) \\ &= \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y) &\geq \nu_{R_A}(x, xy) \vee \nu_{R_B}(xy, y) \\ &\geq \nu_{R_A \circ R_B}(x, y) \\ &\geq \nu_{(R_A \circ R_B)^\infty}(x, y) = \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By the similar arguments, from (4) and (4)', we obtain  $\mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(y) \leq \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(y) \geq \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y)$ .

In all,  $\mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \leq \mu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y)$  and  $\nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y) \geq \nu_{R_A \vee R_B}(x, y)$ . So, by (\*) and (\*\*),  $R_{A \vee B} \subset R_A \vee R_B$ . Hence  $R_{A \vee B} = R_A \vee R_B$ , i.e.,  $g(A \vee B) = g(A) \vee g(B)$ . Therefore  $g$  is lattice-order preserving, i.e.,  $g$  is a lattice isomorphism. This completes the proof. ■

Since  $\text{IFI}(S)$  is a distributive lattice, by Theorem 3.3, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $S$  be an IFRC-semigroup. Then  $\text{IFC}(S)$  is a distributive lattice.

**Definition 3.5[6].** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  be an IFS in  $X$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be an IFS in  $Y$ . Then

(1) the *preimage* of  $B$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is the IFS in  $X$  defined by:

$$f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(\mu_B), f^{-1}(\nu_B)),$$

where  $f^{-1}(\mu_B) = \mu_B \circ f$ .

(2) the *image* of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A)$ , is the IFS in  $Y$  defined by:

$$f(A) = (f(\mu_A), f(\nu_A)),$$

where for each  $y \in Y$

$$\mu_{f(A)}(y) = f(\mu_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(x), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ 0, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

and

$$\nu_{f(A)}(y) = f(\nu_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset; \\ 1, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.6[11].** Let  $A$  be an IFS in a set  $X$ . Then  $A$  is said to *have the sup property* if for each subset  $T$  of  $X$ , there exists a  $t_0 \in T$  such that  $\mu_A(t_0) = \bigvee_{t \in T} \mu_A(t)$  and  $\nu_A(t_0) = \bigwedge_{t \in T} \nu_A(t)$ .

**Result 3.A[11, Proposition 4.4].** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  be a groupoid homomorphism and let  $A \in \text{IFS}(G)$  have sup property. If  $A \in \text{IFI}(G)$ , then  $f(A) \in \text{IFI}(G')$ .

By using the process of the proof of Proposition 2.19 in [17], we can easily show that the following result holds without the condition having the sup property.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $f : S \rightarrow S'$  be a semigroup homomorphism and let  $A \in \text{IFS}(S)$ . If  $A \in \text{IFI}(S)$ , then  $f(A) \in \text{IFI}(S')$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** The homomorphic image of an IFRC-semigroup is an IFRC-semigroup.

**Proof.** Let  $f : S \rightarrow T$  be a semigroup epimorphism and let  $S$  be an IFRC-semigroup. Let  $H \in \text{IFC}(T)$ . Define a complex mapping  $R = (\mu_R, \nu_R) : S \times S \rightarrow I \times I$  by  $R(x, y) = H(f(x), f(y))$  for any  $x, y \in S$ . Then clearly  $R \in \text{IFR}(S)$ . Since  $H \in \text{IFR}(T)$ ,  $\mu_R(x, y) + \nu_R(x, y) = \mu_H(f(x), f(y)) + \nu_H(f(x), f(y)) \leq 1$ . Thus  $R \in \text{IFR}(S)$ . Moreover,  $R$  is intuitionistic fuzzy reflexive and intuitionistic fuzzy symmetric from the definition of  $R$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R \circ R}(x, y) &= \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_R(x, z) \wedge \mu_R(z, y)] \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_H(f(x), f(z)) \wedge \mu_H(f(z), f(y))] \\ &\leq \bigvee_{z \in S} [\mu_H(f(x), z) \wedge \mu_H(z, f(y))] \\ &= \mu_{H \circ H}(f(x), f(y)) \leq \mu_H(f(x), f(y)) \\ &= \mu_R(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{R \circ R}(x, y) &= \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_R(x, z) \vee \nu_R(z, y)] \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_H(f(x), f(z)) \vee \nu_H(f(z), f(y))] \\ &\geq \bigwedge_{z \in S} [\nu_H(f(x), z) \vee \nu_H(z, f(y))] \\ &= \nu_{H \circ H}(f(x), f(y)) \geq \nu_H(f(x), f(y)) \\ &= \nu_R(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R$  is intuitionistic fuzzy transitive. So  $R \in \text{IFE}(S)$ .

Let  $x, y, a, b \in S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_R(xa, yb) &= \mu_H(f(xa), f(yb)) \\ &= \mu_H(f(x)f(a), f(y)f(b)) \\ &\geq \mu_H(f(x), f(y)) \wedge \mu_H(f(a), f(b)) \\ &= \mu_R(x, y) \wedge \mu_R(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_R(xa, yb) &= \nu_H(f(xa), f(yb)) \\ &= \nu_H(f(x)f(a), f(y)f(b)) \\ &\leq \nu_H(f(x), f(y)) \vee \nu_H(f(a), f(b)) \\ &= \nu_R(x, y) \vee \nu_R(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R$  is intuitionistic fuzzy compatible. So  $R \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . Since  $S$  is an IFRC-semigroup, there exists an  $0_{\sim} \neq A \in \text{IFI}(S)$  such that  $R = R_A$ . By Lemma 3.7,  $f(A) \in \text{IFI}(T)$ .

We will show that  $H = H_{f(A)}$ . Let  $x, y \in T$ . Then

Case (i) : Suppose  $x = y$ . Then, clearly  $H_{f(A)}(x, y) = (1, 0) = H(x, y)$ . Case (ii) : Suppose  $x \neq y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exist  $a, b \in S$  such that  $x = f(a)$  and  $y = f(b)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_H(x, y) &= \mu_H(f(a), f(b)) = \mu_R(a, b) = \mu_{R_A}(a, b) \\ &= \mu_A(a) \wedge \mu_A(b) \\ &\leq \left( \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x)} \mu_A(z) \right) \wedge \left( \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(z) \right) \\ &= f(\mu_A)(x) \wedge f(\mu_A)(y) = \mu_{f(A)}(x) \wedge \mu_{f(A)}(y) \\ &= \mu_{H_{f(A)}}(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_H(x, y) &= \nu_H(f(a), f(b)) = \nu_R(a, b) = \nu_{R_A}(a, b) \\ &= \nu_A(a) \vee \nu_A(b) \\ &\geq \left( \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x)} \nu_A(z) \right) \vee \left( \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_A(z) \right) \\ &= f(\nu_A)(x) \vee f(\nu_A)(y) = \nu_{f(A)}(x) \vee \nu_{f(A)}(y) \\ &= \nu_{H_{f(A)}}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $H \subset H_{f(A)}$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{H_{f(A)}}(x, y) &= \mu_{f(A)}(x) \wedge \mu_{f(A)}(y) \\ &= f(\mu_A)(x) \wedge f(\mu_A)(y) \\ &= \left( \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x)} \mu_A(z) \right) \wedge \left( \bigvee_{w \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_A(w) \right) \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} [\mu_A(z) \wedge \mu_A(w)] \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_{R_A}(z, w) \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_R(z, w) \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu_H(f(z), f(w)) \\ &\leq \mu_H(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{H_{f(A)}}(x, y) &= \nu_{f(A)}(x) \vee \nu_{f(A)}(y) \\ &= f(\nu_A)(x) \vee f(\nu_A)(y) \\ &= \left( \bigwedge_{z \in f^{-1}(x)} \nu_A(z) \right) \vee \left( \bigwedge_{w \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_A(w) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} [\nu_A(z) \vee \nu_A(w)] \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_{R_A}(z, w) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_R(z, w) \\ &= \bigwedge_{z \in f^{-1}(x), w \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu_H(f(z), f(w)) \\ &\geq \nu_H(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $H_{f(A)} \subset H$ . Hence  $H = H_{f(A)}$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Definition 3.9.** A semigroup  $S$  is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy congruences free* if  $S$  has no intuitionistic fuzzy congruences other than  $\nabla_S$  and  $\Delta_S$ .

**Definition 3.10.** A semigroup  $S$  is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy 0-simple* if  $S^2 \neq \{0\}$ , and  $0_S$  and  $1_S$  are the only intuitionistic fuzzy ideals.

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $S$  be an IFRC-semigroup and  $S^2 \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy congruences free if and only if  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy 0-simple.

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) : Suppose  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy congruences free. Let  $A(\neq 0_{\sim})$  be any IFI of  $S$ . Then  $R_A \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . Thus, by Definition 3.9,  $R_A = \nabla_S$  or  $R_A = \Delta_S$ .

Case(i) : Suppose  $R_A = \nabla_S$ . Let  $0 \neq x \in S$ . Then

$$\mu_{R_A}(0, x) = \mu_{\nabla_S}(0, x) = 1 = \mu_A(0) \wedge \mu_A(x) = \mu_A(x)$$

and

$$\nu_{R_A}(0, x) = \nu_{\nabla_S}(0, x) = 0 = \nu_A(0) \vee \nu_A(x) = \nu_A(x).$$

So,  $A = 1_S$ .

Case(ii) : Suppose  $R_A = \Delta_S$ . Let  $0 \neq x \in S$ . Then

$$\mu_{R_A}(0, x) = \mu_A(x) = \mu_{\Delta_S}(0, x) = 0$$

and

$$\nu_{R_A}(0, x) = \nu_A(x) = \nu_{\Delta_S}(0, x) = 1.$$

So,  $A = 0_S$ . Hence, in all,  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy 0-simple.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) : Suppose  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy 0-simple and let  $R \in \text{IFC}(S)$ . Then, by Theorem 3.3, there exists an  $0_{\sim} \neq A \in \text{IFI}(S)$  such that  $R = R_A$ . Since  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy 0-simple, either  $A = 0_S$  or  $A = 1_S$ .

Case(i) : Suppose  $A = 1_S$ . Let  $x \neq y \in S$ . Then

$$\mu_R(x, y) = \mu_{R_A}(x, y) = \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_A(y) = 1$$

and

$$\nu_R(x, y) = \nu_{R_A}(x, y) = \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_A(y) = 0.$$

So,  $R = \nabla_S$ .

Case(ii) : Suppose  $A = 0_S$ . By a routine verification, we have  $R = \Delta_S$ . Hence, in all,  $S$  is intuitionistic fuzzy congruences free. This completes the proof. ■

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