



Interval-Valued Picture Fuzzy Ideals of Semigroups

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ABSTRACT

In this article, we define an interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup and an interval-valued picture fuzzy left ideal[right ideal, ideal, bi-ideal, interior ideal, quasi-ideal] of a semigroup, as well as investigate some properties of an interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup and various types of an interval-valued picture fuzzy ideal of a semigroup. Furthermore, we will study the relationship between each ideal of a semigroup and its interval-valued picture fuzzification.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

For the purpose of completeness, we start by reviewing a few basic concepts. Throughout this paper, let X be a nonempty set, A and B nonempty subsets of X and let S be a semigroup. For nonempty subsets T and Y of S we define a *multiplication* $TY = \{ty \mid t \in T, y \in Y\}$. Let T be a nonempty subset of S . We call T a *subsemigroup* of S if $T^2 \subseteq T$, it is a *left ideal* of S if $ST \subseteq T$, and it is a *right ideal* of S if $TS \subseteq T$. By an *ideal*, we mean that it is both a left ideal and a right ideal of S . Again, we say that T is a *bi-ideal* of S if $TST \subseteq T$ and

T must also be a subsemigroup of S . Additionally, if T is a subsemigroup of S and $STS \subseteq T$, then T is an *interior ideal* of S . In addition, we call T a *quasi-ideal* of S if $TS \cap ST \subseteq T$. If for each $s \in S$, there exists an element $t \in S$ such that $s = sts$, then S is said to be *regular*.

Theorem 1.1. [6] *For any right ideal R and left ideal L of S , we have $R \cap L = RL$ if and only if S is regular.*

Let α be a function from X to a close interval $[0, 1]$. Then we call α a *fuzzy sub-*

set of X . It was launched by Zadeh [18] in 1965.

A decade later, Zadeh [19] presented the basic idea of an interval-valued fuzzy subset. It is a more general version of fuzzy subsets. We now review some concepts of interval numbers.

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

$$CI[0, 1] = \{[x, y] \mid x \leq y \text{ and } x, y \in [0, 1]\}.$$

We denote $[0, 0]$ and $[1, 1]$ by $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$, respectively.

Let $[x_1, y_1]$ and $[x_2, y_2]$ be elements of $CI[0, 1]$.

1. The *refined minimum* of $[x_1, y_1]$ and $[x_2, y_2]$ is defined by

$$\text{rmin}\{[x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2]\} = [l_*, u_*],$$

where $l_* = \min\{x_1, x_2\}$ and $u_* = \min\{y_1, y_2\}$.

2. The *refined maximum* of $[x_1, y_1]$ and $[x_2, y_2]$, is defined by

$$\text{rmax}\{[x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2]\} = [l^*, u^*],$$

where $l^* = \max\{x_1, x_2\}$ and $u^* = \max\{y_1, y_2\}$.

3. $[x_1, y_1] \succeq [x_2, y_2]$ iff

$$x_1 \geq x_2 \text{ and } y_1 \geq y_2.$$

4. $[x_1, y_1] \preceq [x_2, y_2]$ iff

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \text{ and } y_1 \leq y_2.$$

5. $[x_1, y_1] = [x_2, y_2]$ iff

$$x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } y_1 = y_2.$$

6. $[x_1, y_1] \succ [x_2, y_2]$ iff

$$[x_1, y_1] \succeq [x_2, y_2] \text{ and } [x_1, y_1] \neq [x_2, y_2].$$

7. $[x_1, y_1] \prec [x_2, y_2]$ iff

$$[x_1, y_1] \preceq [x_2, y_2] \text{ and } [x_1, y_1] \neq [x_2, y_2].$$

Let $\{[x_i, y_i] \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ be the collection of close subintervals of $[0, 1]$. We define

$$\inf_{i \in \Lambda} [x_i, y_i] = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} x_i,$$

$$\sup_{i \in \Lambda} [x_i, y_i] = \sup_{i \in \Lambda} y_i,$$

$$\text{rinf}_{i \in \Lambda} [x_i, y_i] = [\inf_{i \in \Lambda} x_i, \inf_{i \in \Lambda} y_i]$$

$$\text{and } \text{rsup}_{i \in \Lambda} [x_i, y_i] = [\sup_{i \in \Lambda} x_i, \sup_{i \in \Lambda} y_i].$$

We call a function from X into $CI[0, 1]$ an *interval-valued fuzzy subset (IvFS)* of X .

Let $\bar{\alpha}$ and $\bar{\varrho}$ be IvFSs of X . We define

1. $\bar{\alpha} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$ iff $\bar{\alpha}(z) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(z)$ for all $z \in X$.
2. $\bar{\alpha} = \bar{\varrho}$ iff $\bar{\alpha} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\alpha}$.
3. $(\bar{\alpha} \cup \bar{\varrho})(z) = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\alpha}(z), \bar{\varrho}(z)\}$ for all $z \in X$.
4. $(\bar{\alpha} \cap \bar{\varrho})(z) = \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(z), \bar{\varrho}(z)\}$ for all $z \in X$.

Proposition 1.2. [9] Let $\bar{\sigma}$, $\bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\nu}$ be IvFSs of X .

- (1) $\bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\sigma} \cup \bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\sigma} \cup \bar{\varrho}$.
- (2) $\bar{\sigma} \cap \bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\sigma}$ and $\bar{\sigma} \cap \bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$.
- (3) If $\bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\nu}$, then $\bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\nu}$.
- (4) If $\bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$, then $\bar{\sigma} \cup \bar{\nu} \subseteq \bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu}$ and $\bar{\nu} \cap \bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\nu} \cap \bar{\varrho}$.
- (5) If $\bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\varrho}$, then $\bar{\sigma} \cap \bar{\nu} \subseteq \bar{\varrho} \cap \bar{\nu}$ and $\bar{\nu} \cap \bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\nu} \cap \bar{\varrho}$.

Define interval-valued fuzzy subsets $\bar{\kappa}_A$ and $\bar{\kappa}'_A$ of X by

$$\bar{\kappa}_A(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in A, \\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin A, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\bar{\kappa}'_A(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a \in A, \\ 1 & \text{if } a \notin A. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 1.3. [9] *The following properties are true.*

- (1) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $\bar{\kappa}_A \subseteq \bar{\kappa}_B$.
- (2) $\bar{\kappa}_{A \cup B} = \bar{\kappa}_A \cup \bar{\kappa}_B$.
- (3) $\bar{\kappa}_{A \cap B} = \bar{\kappa}_A \cap \bar{\kappa}_B$.

Proposition 1.4. *The following properties are true.*

- (1) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $\bar{\kappa}'_B \subseteq \bar{\kappa}'_A$.
- (2) $\bar{\kappa}'_{A \cup B} \subseteq \bar{\kappa}'_A \cup \bar{\kappa}'_B$.
- (3) $\bar{\kappa}'_A \cap \bar{\kappa}'_B \subseteq \bar{\kappa}'_{A \cap B}$.
- (4) $\bar{\kappa}'_A \cup \bar{\kappa}'_B = \bar{\kappa}'_{A \cap B}$.
- (5) $\bar{\kappa}'_A \cap \bar{\kappa}'_B = \bar{\kappa}'_{A \cup B}$.

Proof. The proofs of these five properties are straightforward. \square

Let $\bar{\alpha}$ and $\bar{\varrho}$ be two IvFSs of S . Define $\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\alpha} \bullet \bar{\varrho}$ of S by

$$(\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\varrho})(s) = \begin{cases} \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \min\{\bar{\alpha}(v), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} & \text{if } s \in S^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } s \notin S^2, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(\bar{\alpha} \bullet \bar{\varrho})(s) = \begin{cases} \text{rinf}_{s=vt} \max\{\bar{\alpha}(v), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} & \text{if } s \in S^2, \\ 1 & \text{if } s \notin S^2. \end{cases}$$

It is well-known that the operations \circ and \bullet are associative.

Proposition 1.5. *Let $\bar{\sigma}$, $\bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\nu}$ be IvFSs of S . Then*

- (1) *If $\bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\nu}$, then*

$$\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu} \text{ and } \bar{\varrho} \circ \bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\nu} \circ \bar{\sigma}.$$

- (2) *If $\bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\nu}$, then*

$$\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\varrho} \subseteq \bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\nu} \text{ and } \bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\sigma} \subseteq \bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\sigma}.$$

Proof. The proofs these two statements are straightforward. \square

Proposition 1.6. *Let $\bar{\sigma}$, $\bar{\varrho}$ and $\bar{\nu}$ be IvFSs of S . Thus the following properties list below are true.*

- (1) $\bar{\sigma} \circ (\bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu}) = (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varrho}) \cup (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu})$.
- (2) $\bar{\sigma} \circ (\bar{\varrho} \cap \bar{\nu}) = (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varrho}) \cap (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu})$.
- (3) $(\bar{\sigma} \cup \bar{\varrho}) \circ \bar{\nu} = (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu}) \cup (\bar{\varrho} \circ \bar{\nu})$.
- (4) $(\bar{\sigma} \cap \bar{\varrho}) \circ \bar{\nu} = (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu}) \cap (\bar{\varrho} \circ \bar{\nu})$.
- (5) $\bar{\sigma} \bullet (\bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu}) = (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\varrho}) \cup (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\nu})$.
- (6) $\bar{\sigma} \bullet (\bar{\varrho} \cap \bar{\nu}) = (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\varrho}) \cap (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\nu})$.
- (7) $(\bar{\sigma} \cup \bar{\varrho}) \bullet \bar{\nu} = (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\nu}) \cup (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\nu})$.
- (8) $(\bar{\sigma} \cap \bar{\varrho}) \bullet \bar{\nu} = (\bar{\sigma} \bullet \bar{\nu}) \cap (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\nu})$.

Proof. (1) Let $s \in S$.
Case 1: $s \notin S^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\sigma} \circ (\bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu}))(s) &= 0 \\ &= ((\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\varrho}) \cup (\bar{\sigma} \circ \bar{\nu}))(s). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $s \in S^2$. So

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\sigma} \circ (\bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu}))(s) &= \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \min\{\bar{\sigma}(v), (\bar{\varrho} \cup \bar{\nu})(t)\} \\ &= \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \min\{\bar{\sigma}(v), \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\nu}(t)\}\} \\ &= \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \text{rmax}\{\text{rmin}\{\bar{\sigma}(v), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}, \bar{\nu}(t)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{rmin}\{\overline{\sigma}(v), \overline{\nu}(t)\} \\
&= \text{rmax}\left\{\text{rsup}_{s=vt} \text{rmin}\{\overline{\sigma}(v), \overline{\varrho}(t)\}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \text{rmin}\{\overline{\sigma}(v), \overline{\nu}(t)\}\right\} \\
&= \text{rmax}\{(\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\varrho})(s), (\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\nu})(s)\} \\
&= ((\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\varrho}) \cup (\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\nu}))(s).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\overline{\sigma} \circ (\overline{\varrho} \cup \overline{\nu}) = (\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\varrho}) \cup (\overline{\sigma} \circ \overline{\nu})$.

The proofs of (2)–(8) are the same manner as those of (1). \square

Proposition 1.7. [9] *Let T and Y be nonempty subsets of S . Thus*

$$\overline{k}_T \circ \overline{k}_Y = \overline{k}_{TY}.$$

Proposition 1.8. *Let T and Y be nonempty subsets of S . Thus*

$$\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y = \overline{k}'_{TY}.$$

Proof. Let $s \in S$.

Case 1: $s \in TY$. Thus $s = ty$ for some $t \in T$ and $y \in Y$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y)(s) &= \text{rinf}_{s=ne} \text{rmax}\{\overline{k}'_T(n), \overline{k}'_Y(e)\} \\
&\leq \text{rmax}\{\overline{k}'_T(t), \overline{k}'_Y(y)\} \\
&= \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}\} = \mathbf{0}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $(\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y)(s) = \mathbf{0} = \overline{k}'_{TY}(s)$.

Case 2: $s \notin TY$.

If $s \in S^2$, then $s = ty$ for some $t, y \in S$ with $t \notin T$ or $y \notin Y$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y)(s) &= \text{rinf}_{s=ne} \text{rmax}\{\overline{k}'_T(n), \overline{k}'_Y(e)\} \\
&\leq \text{rmax}\{\overline{k}'_T(t), \overline{k}'_Y(y)\} \\
&= \mathbf{1} = \overline{k}'_{TY}(s).
\end{aligned}$$

If $s \notin S^2$, then

$$(\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y)(s) = \mathbf{1} = \overline{k}'_{TY}(s).$$

Therefore, $\overline{k}'_T \bullet \overline{k}'_Y = \overline{k}'_{TY}$. \square

In 1983, Atanassov [1] extended a fuzzy subset to an intuitionistic fuzzy set. For an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS), an element is expressed by a degree of membership and non-membership, where the summation of these two degrees of membership is always less than or equal to one. Later, Atanassov and Gargov [2, 3] proposed an interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy set (IvIFS) based on an IFS and an IvFS. Mathematicians studied a concept of an IvFS in various algebraic structures.

Many years later, in 2013, Cuong et al. [4,5] presented a picture fuzzy set (PFS), which are extensions of a fuzzy subset and an IFS.

A picture fuzzy set of X is defined as the set

$$\left\{ (p, \alpha(p), \varrho(p), \nu(p)) \mid p \in X \right\},$$

where α, ϱ, ν are fuzzy subsets of X , satisfying the following condition:

$$0 \leq \alpha(p) + \varrho(p) + \nu(p) \leq 1 \text{ for all } p \in X.$$

We refer to $\alpha(p)$, $\varrho(p)$, and $\nu(p)$ as the degree of positive membership, neutral membership, and negative membership of p , respectively. The degree of refusal membership of p in X is then defined as $1 - \alpha(p) - \varrho(p) - \nu(p)$.

In general, a situation in which human decisions necessitate a greater range of responses: yes, abstain, no, and refuse, a PFS can be applied. Additionally, a definition and properties of an interval-valued picture fuzzy set (IvPFS) was simultaneously created.

An abstention is a term in election procedure that refers to when a voter does not vote (on election day).

In 2015, Yang et al. [14] redefined picture fuzzy sets without mentioning the Cuong's defining of PFSs.

A picture fuzzy set (PFS) of X is described as the set

$$\{(p, \alpha(p), \varrho(p), \nu(p)) \mid p \in X\},$$

where α, ϱ, ν are fuzzy subsets of X , satisfying the following conditions:

$$0 \leq \alpha(p) + \nu(p) \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq \alpha(p) + \varrho(p) + \nu(p) \leq 2 \text{ for all } p \in X.$$

A PFS of X is briefly denoted by (α, ϱ, ν) .

An interval-valued picture fuzzy set (IvPFS) of X is defined by,

$$\{(p, \bar{\alpha}(p), \bar{\varrho}(p), \bar{\nu}(p)) \mid p \in X\},$$

where $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu}$ are IvFSs of X , satisfying the following conditions:

$$0 \leq \sup \bar{\alpha}(p) + \sup \bar{\nu}(p) \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq \sup \bar{\alpha}(p) + \sup \bar{\varrho}(p) + \sup \bar{\nu}(p) \leq 2$$

for all $p \in X$. The IvPFS of X is briefly denoted by $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$.

Let $\mathcal{K}_1 = (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 = (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ be two IvPFSs of X .

1. $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$ iff $\bar{\alpha}_1 \subseteq \bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2 \subseteq \bar{\varrho}_1$ and $\bar{\nu}_2 \subseteq \bar{\nu}_1$.
2. $\mathcal{K}_1 = \mathcal{K}_2$ iff $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_1$.
3. We define a union of \mathcal{K}_1 and \mathcal{K}_2 by $\mathcal{K}_1 \cup \mathcal{K}_2 = (\bar{\alpha}_1 \cup \bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_1 \cap \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_1 \cap \bar{\nu}_2)$.
4. We define an intersection of \mathcal{K}_1 and \mathcal{K}_2 by $\mathcal{K}_1 \cap \mathcal{K}_2 = (\bar{\alpha}_1 \cap \bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_1 \cup \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_1 \cup \bar{\nu}_2)$.

The next results are following from Proposition 1.2.

Proposition 1.9. Let $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2$, and \mathcal{K}_3 be IvPFSs of S . The following properties are valid.

- (1) $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_1 \cup \mathcal{K}_2$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_1 \cup \mathcal{K}_2$.
- (2) $\mathcal{K}_1 \cap \mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_1$ and $\mathcal{K}_1 \cap \mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$.
- (3) If $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3$, then $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3$.
- (4) If $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$, then $\mathcal{K}_1 \cup \mathcal{K}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2 \cup \mathcal{K}_3$ and $\mathcal{K}_3 \cup \mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3 \cup \mathcal{K}_2$.
- (5) If $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$, then $\mathcal{K}_1 \cap \mathcal{K}_3 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2 \cap \mathcal{K}_3$ and $\mathcal{K}_3 \cap \mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3 \cap \mathcal{K}_2$.

The characteristic interval-valued picture fuzzy set (CIvPFS) of A in X is defined by

$$\{(p, \bar{\kappa}_A(p), \bar{\kappa}'_A(p), \bar{\kappa}''_A(p)) \mid p \in X\}.$$

We denote the CIvPFS of A in X by $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A)$ and write \mathcal{S} instead of $(\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}''_S)$.

The next proposition is a direct consequence of Proposition 1.3 and Proposition 1.4.

Proposition 1.10. Let $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A)$ and $(\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B)$ be two CIvPFSs of subsets A and B of X , respectively. Then

- (1) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A) \subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B)$.
- (2) $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A) \cup (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B) = (\bar{\kappa}_{A \cup B}, \bar{\kappa}'_{A \cup B}, \bar{\kappa}''_{A \cup B})$.
- (3) $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B) = (\bar{\kappa}_{A \cap B}, \bar{\kappa}'_{A \cap B}, \bar{\kappa}''_{A \cap B})$.

The product of two IvPFSs $\mathcal{K}_1 = (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 = (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ of S , written $\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\odot}_p \mathcal{K}_2$, is defined by

$$(\bar{\alpha}_1 \bar{\odot} \bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_1 \bullet \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_1 \bullet \bar{\nu}_2).$$

Proposition 1.11. Let $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2$, and \mathcal{K}_3 be IvPFSs of S . If $\mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3$, then $\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\odot}_p \mathcal{K}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\odot}_p \mathcal{K}_3$ and $\mathcal{K}_2 \bar{\odot}_p \mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_3 \bar{\odot}_p \mathcal{K}_1$.

The next results follow directly from Proposition 1.6.

Proposition 1.12. *Let \mathcal{K}_1 , \mathcal{K}_2 and \mathcal{K}_3 be IvPFSs of S . The properties list below are true.*

$$(1) \mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{K}_2 \cap \mathcal{K}_3) = (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_2) \cap (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3).$$

$$(2) (\mathcal{K}_1 \cap \mathcal{K}_2) \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3 = (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3) \cap (\mathcal{K}_2 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3).$$

$$(3) \mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{K}_2 \cup \mathcal{K}_3) = (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_2) \cup (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3).$$

$$(4) (\mathcal{K}_1 \cup \mathcal{K}_2) \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3 = (\mathcal{K}_1 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3) \cup (\mathcal{K}_2 \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}_3).$$

Proposition 1.7 and Proposition 1.8 yield the following result.

Proposition 1.13. *Let $(\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T)$ and $(\bar{\kappa}_Y, \bar{\kappa}'_Y, \bar{\kappa}''_Y)$ be two CIvPFSs of nonempty subsets T and Y of S , respectively.*

$$(\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_Y, \bar{\kappa}'_Y, \bar{\kappa}''_Y) = (\bar{\kappa}_{TY}, \bar{\kappa}'_{TY}, \bar{\kappa}''_{TY}).$$

The idea of a fuzzy subset was applied to a group by Rosenfeld [13], to that rings by Liu [11], and to that semigroups by Kuroki [8, 9].

Let α be a fuzzy subset of S . Then we call α a *fuzzy subsemigroup* of S if it follows a condition

$$\alpha(tw) \geq \min\{\alpha(t), \alpha(w)\},$$

for all $t, w \in S$, it is a *fuzzy left ideal* of S if it satisfies the following condition

$$\alpha(tw) \geq \alpha(w),$$

for all $t, w \in S$, and it is a *fuzzy right ideal* of S if

$$\alpha(tw) \geq \alpha(t),$$

for all $t, w \in S$. If α is both a fuzzy left ideal and a fuzzy right ideal, then it is said to be a *fuzzy ideal* of S . Let α be a fuzzy subsemigroup of S . We call α a *fuzzy bi-ideal* of S if

$$\alpha(tws) \geq \min\{\alpha(t), \alpha(s)\},$$

for all $t, w, s \in S$, and α is called *interior ideal* of S if

$$\alpha(tws) \geq \alpha(w),$$

for all $t, w, s \in S$. A fuzzy subset α of S is a *fuzzy quasi-ideal* of S if

$$(\alpha \cap \kappa_S) \circ (\kappa_S \cap \alpha) \subseteq \alpha,$$

where κ_S is a characteristic function of S .

In 2003, Kuroki et. al. studied some properties of a fuzzy left ideal, a fuzzy right ideal, a fuzzy ideal, and a fuzzy bi-ideal of a semigroup. For the IvFS, Narayanan and Manikantan [12] gave the notions of an interval-valued fuzzy subsemigroup and various types of an interval-valued fuzzy ideal of a semigroup in 2006. Furthermore, an IFS and an IvIFS were studied of semigroups. Recently, Iampan et. al. [7, 10, 17] discussed PFSs and IvPFSs in UP-algebras. In addition, Yiarayong [15, 16] applied the concept of a PFS to a semigroup and studied a picture fuzzy subsemigroup, a picture fuzzy left ideal, a picture right ideal, a picture fuzzy ideal, and a picture fuzzy bi-ideal of a semigroup.

In this paper, we introduce an interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup and various types of interval-valued picture fuzzy ideal (left ideal, right ideal, ideal, bi-ideal, interior ideal, quasi-ideal) of a semigroup and study some properties of an interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup and each types of an interval-valued picture fuzzy ideal of a semigroup. Moreover, we will investigate the relationship between each ideal of semigroups and its interval-valued picture fuzzification.

2. Main Result

We begin this section by introducing an interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup and giving some properties of them.

Definition 2.1. An interval-valued picture fuzzy set $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S is called an *interval-valued picture fuzzy subsemigroup (IvPF-subsemigroup)* of S if it satisfies:

1. $\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}$,
2. $\bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}$,
3. $\bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}$,

for all $s, t \in S$.

Example 2.2. Consider the semigroup $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with a multiplication table:

\cdot	a	b	c	d
a	a	a	a	a
b	a	a	a	a
c	a	a	a	b
d	a	a	b	b

and define the IvPFs $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ of S by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) \\
 &= \left\{ (a, [0.8, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [0.7, 0.7], [0.0, 0.2], [0.1, 0.1]), \\
 &\quad (c, [0.5, 0.8], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.2]), \\
 &\quad \left. (d, [0.3, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]) \right\}, \\
 &(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2) \\
 &= \left\{ (a, [0.7, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [0.5, 0.5], [0.3, 0.3], [0.1, 0.2]), \\
 &\quad (c, [0.4, 0.5], [0.0, 0.3], [0.1, 0.2]), \\
 &\quad \left. (d, [0.1, 0.2], [0.0, 0.0], [0.2, 0.8]) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ are IvPF-subsemigroups of S .

Lemma 2.3. Let $\mathcal{T} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFs of S . Thus \mathcal{T} is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S if and only if

$$\mathcal{T} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}.$$

Proof. Firstly, we suppose that \mathcal{T} is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Let s be an element of S .

Case 1: $s \notin S^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(s) &= \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(v), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \\
 &\leq \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \bar{\alpha}(vt) \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $s \in S^2$. Since \mathcal{T} is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(s) &= \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(v), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \\
 &\leq \text{rsup}_{s=vt} \bar{\alpha}(vt) \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(s) &= \text{rinf}_{s=vt} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(v), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \\
 &\succeq \text{rinf}_{s=vt} \bar{\varrho}(vt) \\
 &= \bar{\varrho}(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get $(\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(s) \succeq \bar{\nu}(s)$.

Then we conclude that $\mathcal{T} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$.

Conversely, we first suppose that

$$\mathcal{T} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}.$$

Let $s, t \in S$. Thus

$$\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(st) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}$$

and

$$\bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq (\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(st) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}.$$

Similarly, we have $\bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}$.

Hence, we get \mathcal{T} is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . \square

Theorem 2.4. Let $\emptyset \neq T \subseteq S$. Thus T is a subsemigroup of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T)$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Proof. Let T be a subsemigroup of S . Thus $T^2 \subseteq T$. By Propositions 1.13 and 1.10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T) \circ_p (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{T^2}, \bar{\kappa}'_{T^2}, \bar{\kappa}''_{T^2}) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.3, we obtain that $(\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T)$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Conversely, assume that $(\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T)$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_{T^2}, \bar{\kappa}'_{T^2}, \bar{\kappa}''_{T^2}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T) \circ_p (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_T, \bar{\kappa}'_T, \bar{\kappa}''_T). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $T^2 \subseteq T$ by Proposition 1.10. Consequently, T is a subsemigroup of S . \square

Theorem 2.5. If \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 are IvPF-subsemigroups of S , then $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2$ is also an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Proof. Assume that \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 are two IvPF-subsemigroups of S . Then $\mathcal{T}_1 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ and $\mathcal{T}_2 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ by Lemma 2.3. By Proposition 1.12,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2) \circ_p (\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2) \\ &= (\mathcal{T}_1 \circ_p (\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2)) \cap (\mathcal{T}_2 \circ_p (\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2)) \\ &= ((\mathcal{T}_1 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_1) \cap (\mathcal{T}_1 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_2)) \\ &\quad \cap ((\mathcal{T}_2 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_1) \cap (\mathcal{T}_2 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_2)) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1 \cap (\mathcal{T}_1 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_2) \cap (\mathcal{T}_2 \circ_p \mathcal{T}_1) \cap \mathcal{T}_2 \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.3, we have $\mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{T}_2$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . \square

Example 2.6. Consider the semigroup $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ where $+$ is the usual addition. By Theorem 2.4, $(\bar{\kappa}_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{2\mathbb{N}})$ and $(\bar{\kappa}_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{3\mathbb{N}})$ are IvPF-subsemigroups of \mathbb{N} . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{2\mathbb{N}}) \cup (\bar{\kappa}_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{3\mathbb{N}}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $2\mathbb{N} \cup 3\mathbb{N}$ is not a subsemigroup of $(\mathbb{N}, +)$, it follows from Theorem 2.4 that

$$(\bar{\kappa}_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{2\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{2\mathbb{N}}) \cup (\bar{\kappa}_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}'_{3\mathbb{N}}, \bar{\kappa}''_{3\mathbb{N}})$$

is not an IvPF-subsemigroup of \mathbb{N} .

Example 2.6 shows that in general, the union of two IvPF-subsemigroups of S need not be an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Definition 2.7. Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of X and $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \\ &= \{x \in X \mid \bar{\alpha}(x) \succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(x) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(x) \preceq I_3\}. \end{aligned}$$

We call $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ an interval-valued picture $\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}$ -level set.

Theorem 2.8. Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Thus $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S .

Proof. Suppose that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S .

Let $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$ such that

$$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset.$$

Let $s, t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(s) &\succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(s) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(s) \preceq I_3, \\ \bar{\alpha}(t) &\succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(t) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(t) \preceq I_3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \succeq I_1,$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\varrho}(st) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \preceq I_2, \\ \bar{\nu}(st) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\} \preceq I_3.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $st \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S .

Conversely, we assume that for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S . Let $s, t \in S$. Given

$$\begin{aligned}I_1 &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}, \\ I_2 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}, \\ I_3 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. It is clear that, $s, t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. So, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S , by assumption. So $st \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\alpha}(st) &\succeq I_1 = \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}, \\ \bar{\varrho}(st) &\preceq I_2 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}, \\ \bar{\nu}(st) &\preceq I_3 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . \square

Next, we define an interval-valued picture fuzzy left ideal and an interval-valued picture fuzzy right ideal of a semigroup.

Definition 2.9. An interval-valued picture fuzzy set $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S is an *interval-valued picture fuzzy left [right] ideal* (IvPF-left[right] ideal) of S if it satisfies

1. $\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(t) \left[\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(s) \right]$,
2. $\bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(t) \left[\bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(s) \right]$,
3. $\bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \bar{\nu}(t) \left[\bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \bar{\nu}(s) \right]$,

for all $s, t \in S$ and if an IvPFS $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S is both an IvPF-left ideal and an IvPF-right ideal, then we call it an *interval-valued picture fuzzy ideal* (IvPF-ideal) of S .

Example 2.10. Let S be a semigroup in an Example 2.2. Define the IvPFSs $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ of S by

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) &= \left\{ (a, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\ &\quad (b, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ &\quad (c, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]), \\ &\quad \left. (d, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]) \right\}, \text{ and} \\ (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) &= \left\{ (a, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\ &\quad (b, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ &\quad (c, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ &\quad \left. (d, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]) \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ are IvPF-ideals of S because they are both IvPF-left ideals and IvPF-right ideals of S .

Lemma 2.11. Let \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{I} be IvPFSs of S . The following statements are true.

- (1) \mathcal{L} is an IvPF-left ideal of S if and only if

$$S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}.$$

- (2) \mathcal{R} is an IvPF-right ideal of S if and only if

$$\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p S \subseteq \mathcal{R}.$$

- (3) \mathcal{I} is an IvPF-ideal of S if and only if

$$S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \text{ and } \mathcal{I} \bar{\circ}_p S \subseteq \mathcal{I}.$$

Proof. (1) Assume that $\mathcal{L} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S . Let $l \in S$.

Case 1: $l \notin S^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(l) &= \mathbf{0}, (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(l) = \mathbf{1}, \text{ and} \\ (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(l) &= \mathbf{1}. \text{ So} \\ (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(l) &\preceq \bar{\alpha}(l), \bar{\varrho}(l) \preceq (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(l), \\ \text{and } \bar{\nu}(l) &\preceq (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(l).\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $l \in S^2$. Since \mathcal{L} is an IvPF-left ideal of S , we get

$$(\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(l) = \text{rsup}_{l=ab} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\kappa}_S(a), \bar{\alpha}(b)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\preceq \text{rsup}_{l=ab} \text{rmin}\{\mathbf{1}, \bar{\alpha}(ab)\} \\ &= \text{rsup} \bar{\alpha}(l) \\ &= \bar{\alpha}(l), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(l) &= \text{rinf}_{l=ab} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(a), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rinf}_{l=ab} \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\varrho}(ab)\} \\ &= \text{rinf} \bar{\varrho}(l) \\ &= \bar{\varrho}(l). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can get $(\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(l) \succeq \bar{\nu}(l)$.

Then we conclude that $\mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$.

To prove the converse, we suppose that $\mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$. Let $s, t \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(st) &\succeq (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(st) \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\kappa}_S(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\mathbf{1}, \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \\ &= \bar{\alpha}(t), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varrho}(st) &\preceq (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(st) \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \\ &= \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \\ &= \bar{\varrho}(t). \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way, we have $\bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \bar{\nu}(t)$.

Hence, \mathcal{L} is an IvPF-left ideal of S .

(2) This proof is similar to (1).

(3) This result is following from Statements (1) and (2). \square

Theorem 2.12. Let L, R and I be nonempty subsets of S . The following statements list below are valid.

- (1) L is a left ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L)$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S .

- (2) R is a right ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_R, \bar{\kappa}'_R, \bar{\kappa}_R)$ is an IvPF-right ideal of S .

- (3) I is an ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_I, \bar{\kappa}'_I, \bar{\kappa}_I)$ is an IvPF-ideal of S .

Proof. (1) Let L be a left ideal of S . Then $SL \subseteq L$. By Proposition 1.13 and 1.10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}_S) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{SL}, \bar{\kappa}'_{SL}, \bar{\kappa}_{SL}) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L) \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 2.11 that $(\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L)$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S .

On the other hand, suppose that $(\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L)$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_{SL}, \bar{\kappa}'_{SL}, \bar{\kappa}_{SL}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}_S) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}_L). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $SL \subseteq L$. So that L is a left ideal of S .

The proof of (2) is similar to (1), and (3) follows from (1) and (2). \square

Theorem 2.13. All of the following properties are valid.

- (1) If \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 are IvPF-left ideals of S , then $\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2$ is also an IvPF-left ideal of S .
- (2) If \mathcal{R}_1 and \mathcal{R}_2 are IvPF-right ideals of S , then $\mathcal{R}_1 \cap \mathcal{R}_2$ is also an IvPF-right ideal of S .
- (3) If \mathcal{I}_1 and \mathcal{I}_2 are IvPF-ideals of S , then $\mathcal{I}_1 \cap \mathcal{I}_2$ is also an IvPF-ideal of S .

Proof. To prove (1), let \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 be two IvPF-left ideals of S . Then by Lemma 2.11, $S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L}_1$ and $S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L}_2$. By Proposition 1.12,

$$S \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2) = (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L}_1) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L}_2) \\ \subseteq \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.11, we have that $\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S .

The proof of (2) is similar to the proof of (1) and the proof of (3) follows from (1) and (2). \square

Theorem 2.14. *Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Thus*

- (1) *$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a left ideal of S .*
- (2) *$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-right ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a right ideal of S .*
- (3) *$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is an ideal of S .*

Proof. (1) Assume that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S . Let $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$ such that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$. Let $s \in S$ and $t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then $\bar{\alpha}(t) \succeq I_1$, $\bar{\varrho}(t) \preceq I_2$, and $\bar{\nu}(t) \preceq I_3$. Thus

$$\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(t) \succeq I_1, \\ \bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(t) \preceq I_2, \\ \bar{\nu}(st) \preceq \bar{\nu}(t) \preceq I_3.$$

Hence, $st \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a left ideal of S .

On the other hand, we assume that for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a left ideal of S . Let $s, t \in S$ and let $I_1 = \bar{\alpha}(t)$, $I_2 = \bar{\varrho}(t)$, and $I_3 = \bar{\nu}(t)$. Then $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. It is easy to see that $t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. By assumption $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a left ideal of S . Then $st \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\bar{\alpha}(st) \succeq I_1 = \bar{\alpha}(t), \\ \bar{\varrho}(st) \preceq I_2 = \bar{\varrho}(t), \\ \bar{\nu}(st) \preceq I_3 = \bar{\nu}(t).$$

Hence, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S .

We can prove (2) similar to (1) and (3) follows from (1) and (2). \square

Next, an interval-valued picture fuzzy bi-ideal of a semigroup will be defined and its some properties will be studied.

Definition 2.15. An IvPF-subsemigroup $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S is called an *interval-valued picture fuzzy bi-ideal (IvPF-bi-ideal)* of S if it satisfies the following conditions given below:

1. $\bar{\alpha}(svt) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}$,
2. $\bar{\varrho}(svt) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}$,
3. $\bar{\nu}(svt) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}$,

for all $s, v, t \in S$.

Example 2.16. Define the IvPFS $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of the semigroup S in an Example 2.2 by

$$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu}) = \left\{ (a, [0.5, 0.6], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\ (b, [0.5, 0.6], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ (c, [0, 0], [0.9, 1], [0.9, 1]), \\ \left. (d, [0, 0], [0.7, 0.7], [0.7, 0.7]) \right\}.$$

Since $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ satisfies all conditions of an IvPF-bi-ideal of S , it follows that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .

Lemma 2.17. *Let $\mathcal{B} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Then \mathcal{B} is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S if and only if*

$$\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}.$$

Proof. Assume that $\mathcal{B} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . Let $b \in S$.

Case 1: $b \notin S^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(b) &= \mathbf{0}, (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(b) = \mathbf{1}, \\ \text{and } (\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(b) &= \mathbf{1}. \text{ So} \\ (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(b) &\preceq \bar{\alpha}(b), \bar{\varrho}(b) \preceq (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(b), \\ \text{and } \bar{\nu}(b) &\preceq (\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(b). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $b \in S^2$. If $b \in S^3$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(b) &= \text{rsup}_{b=skw} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\kappa}_S(k), \bar{\alpha}(w)\} \\ &\preceq \text{rsup}_{b=skw} \text{rmin}\{\mathbf{1}, \bar{\alpha}(skw)\} \\ &= \text{rsup} \bar{\alpha}(b) \\ &= \bar{\alpha}(b), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(b) &= \text{rinf}_{b=skw} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\kappa}'_S(k), \bar{\varrho}(w)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rinf}_{b=skw} \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\varrho}(skw)\} \\ &= \text{rinf} \bar{\varrho}(b) \\ &= \bar{\varrho}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get $(\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(b) \succeq \bar{\nu}(b)$.

If $b \notin S^3$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(b) &= \text{rsup}_{b=sk} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(k)\} \\ &= \text{rsup}_{b=sk} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \mathbf{0}\} \\ &= \mathbf{0} = \bar{\alpha}(b), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(b) &= \text{rinf}_{b=sk} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(k)\} \\ &= \text{rinf}_{b=sk} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \mathbf{1}\} \\ &= \mathbf{1} = \bar{\varrho}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get $(\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(b) = \bar{\nu}(b)$.

Then we conclude that $\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$.

For the converse, assume that

$\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. Let s, v, t be elements of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(svt) &\succeq (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(svt) \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\kappa}_S(v), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varrho}(svt) &\preceq (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(svt) \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\kappa}'_S(v), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \\ &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get

$$\bar{\nu}(svt) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}.$$

Hence, \mathcal{B} is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.18. *Let B be a nonempty subset of S . Thus B is a bi-ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B)$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Suppose that B is a bi-ideal of S . Then $BSB \subseteq A$. By Proposition 1.13 and 1.10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B) \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B) &= (\bar{\kappa}_{BS}, \bar{\kappa}'_{BS}, \bar{\kappa}_{BS}) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{BSB}, \bar{\kappa}'_{BSB}, \bar{\kappa}_{BSB}) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.17, we get $(\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}_B)$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .

On the other hand, assume that $(\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B)$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &(\bar{\kappa}_{BSB}, \bar{\kappa}'_{BSB}, \bar{\kappa}''_{BSB}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B) \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_B, \bar{\kappa}'_B, \bar{\kappa}''_B). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $BSB \subseteq B$. This implies that B is a bi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.19. *If \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_2 are IvPF-bi-ideals of S , then $\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2$ is also an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Let \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_2 be two IvPF-bi-ideal of S . By Proposition 1.12 and Lemma 2.17,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2) \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2) \\ &= ((\mathcal{B}_1 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (\mathcal{B}_2 \bar{\circ}_p S)) \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2) \\ &= ((\mathcal{B}_1 \bar{\circ}_p S) \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2)) \\ &\quad \cap ((\mathcal{B}_2 \bar{\circ}_p S) \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2)) \\ &= ((\mathcal{B}_1 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_1) \cap (\mathcal{B}_1 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_2)) \\ &\quad \cap ((\mathcal{B}_2 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_1) \cap (\mathcal{B}_2 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_2)) \\ &\subseteq (\mathcal{B}_1 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_1) \cap (\mathcal{B}_2 \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}_2) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S by Lemma 2.17. \square

Theorem 2.20. *Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Thus $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Firstly, suppose that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . Let $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$ such that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$. By Theorem 2.8, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S . Let $v \in S$ and $s, t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\bar{\alpha}(s) \succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(s) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(s) \preceq I_3,$$

$$\bar{\alpha}(t) \succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(t) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(t) \preceq I_3.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(svt) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\} \succeq I_1, \\ \bar{\varrho}(svt) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\} \preceq I_2, \\ \bar{\nu}(svt) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\} \preceq I_3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $svt \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a bi-ideal of S .

Next, we will prove the converse.

Suppose that for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a bi-ideal of S . $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S , by Theorem 2.8. Let $s, v, t \in S$ and let

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}, \\ I_2 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}, \\ I_3 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. It is evident that $s, t \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. By assumption $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a bi-ideal of S . Then $svt \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(svt) &\succeq I_1 = \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(s), \bar{\alpha}(t)\}, \\ \bar{\varrho}(svt) &\preceq I_2 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(s), \bar{\varrho}(t)\}, \\ \bar{\nu}(svt) &\preceq I_3 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(s), \bar{\nu}(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . \square

Next, we introduce an interval-valued picture fuzzy interior ideal of a semi-group and give some properties of it.

Definition 2.21. We call an IvPF-subsemigroup $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S an *interval-valued picture fuzzy interior ideal (IvPF-interior ideal)* of S if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. $\bar{\alpha}(svt) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(v)$,
2. $\bar{\varrho}(svt) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(v)$,

$$3. \bar{v}(svt) \preceq \bar{v}(v),$$

for all $s, v, t \in S$.

Example 2.22. From the semigroup S in an Example 2.2, define the IvPFS $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ of S by

$$(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v}) = \left\{ (a, [0.1, 0.1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\ (b, [0.1, 0.1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ (c, [0.1, 0.1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\ \left. (d, [0, 0], [0.9, 1], [0.9, 1]) \right\}.$$

We have that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S because $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ satisfies all conditions of IvPF-interior ideals of S .

Lemma 2.23. Let \mathcal{M} be an IvPFS of S . Thus \mathcal{M} is an IvPF-interior ideal of S if and only if

$$S \bar{o}_p \mathcal{M} \bar{o}_p S \subseteq \mathcal{M}.$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that for Lemma 2.17. \square

Theorem 2.24. Let M be a nonempty subset of S . Thus M is an interior ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_M, \bar{\kappa}'_M, \bar{\kappa}''_M)$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S .

Proof. The proof is the same fashion to that for Theorem 2.18. \square

Theorem 2.25. If \mathcal{M}_1 and \mathcal{M}_2 are IvPF-interior ideals of S , then $\mathcal{M}_1 \cap \mathcal{M}_2$ is also an IvPF-interior ideal of S .

Proof. This proof is the same fashion as the proof of Theorem 2.19. \square

Theorem 2.26. Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ be an IvPFS of S . Then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is an interior ideal of S .

Proof. We assume that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S . Let $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$ such that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$. By Theorem 2.8, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a subsemigroup of S . Let s, t be elements of S and v be an element of $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\bar{\alpha}(v) \succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(v) \preceq I_2, \bar{v}(v) \preceq I_3.$$

Thus

$$\bar{\alpha}(svt) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(v) \succeq I_1, \\ \bar{\varrho}(svt) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(v) \preceq I_2, \\ \bar{v}(svt) \preceq \bar{v}(v) \preceq I_3.$$

Hence, $svt \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is an interior ideal of S .

Conversely, suppose that for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} \neq \emptyset$, then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is an interior ideal of S . By Theorem 2.8, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . Let $s, v, t \in S$ and let

$$I_1 = \bar{\alpha}(v), I_2 = \bar{\varrho}(v), I_3 = \bar{v}(v).$$

Then $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. It is easy to see that $v \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. By assumption $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is an interior ideal of S . Then $svt \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\bar{\alpha}(svt) \succeq I_1 = \bar{\alpha}(v), \\ \bar{\varrho}(svt) \preceq I_2 = \bar{\varrho}(v), \\ \bar{v}(svt) \preceq I_3 = \bar{v}(v).$$

Hence, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S . \square

We define an interval-valued picture fuzzy quasi-ideal of a semigroup as follows

Definition 2.27. An IvPFS $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ of S is called an *interval-valued picture fuzzy quasi-ideal (IvPF-quasi-ideal)* of S if for each $q \in S$,

1. $\bar{\alpha}(q) \succeq \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \circ \bar{\alpha})(q)\} = \text{rmin}\{\mathbf{1}, \bar{\alpha}(b)\} = \bar{\alpha}(b),$
2. $\bar{\varrho}(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(q)\} = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\} = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \mathbf{0}\} = \bar{\varrho}(t),$
3. $\bar{\nu}(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(q)\} = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\} = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \mathbf{0}\} = \bar{\nu}(t),$

Example 2.28. Consider the semigroup S in an Example 2.2, define the IvPFSS $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ of S by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) &= \left\{ (a, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]), \\
 &\quad (c, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]), \\
 &\quad \left. (d, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]) \right\}, \\
 (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2) &= \left\{ (a, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\
 &\quad (c, [1, 1], [0, 0], [0, 0]), \\
 &\quad \left. (d, [0, 0], [1, 1], [1, 1]) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the conditions of IvPF-quasi-ideal of S , $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ are IvPF-quasi-ideals of S .

Proposition 2.29. Assume that for each $q \in S$, there exist $t, h, e, b \in S$ such that $q = th = eb$. Then an IvPFS $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ of S is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S if and only if

1. $\bar{\alpha}(q) \succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\},$
2. $\bar{\varrho}(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\},$
3. $\bar{\nu}(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \bar{\nu}(b)\},$

for all $q \in S$.

Proof. Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S and let $q \in S$. Thus $q = th = eb$ for some $t, h, e, b \in S$. So that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\kappa}_S)(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\kappa}_S(h)\} \\
 &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \mathbf{1}\} = \bar{\alpha}(t), \\
 (\bar{\kappa}_S \circ \bar{\alpha})(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\kappa}_S(e), \bar{\alpha}(b)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\} \\
 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \mathbf{0}\} = \bar{\varrho}(t), \\
 (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(e), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \\
 &= \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\varrho}(b)\} = \bar{\varrho}(b), \\
 (\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\} \\
 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \mathbf{0}\} = \bar{\nu}(t), \\
 (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(e), \bar{\nu}(b)\} \\
 &= \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\nu}(b)\} = \bar{\nu}(b).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\alpha}(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \circ \bar{\alpha})(q)\} \\
 &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\}, \\
 \bar{\varrho}(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(q)\} \\
 &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\}, \\
 \bar{\nu}(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(q)\} \\
 &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \bar{\nu}(b)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the converse, let $q \in S$. Then $q = th = eb$ for some $t, h, e, b \in S$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\alpha}(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\} \\
 &= \text{rmin}\left\{ \text{rsup}_{q=th} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\kappa}_S(h)\}, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{rsup}_{q=eb} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\kappa}_S(e), \bar{\alpha}(b)\} \right\} \\
 &= \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \circ \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \circ \bar{\alpha})(q)\},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\varrho}(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\}, \\
 &= \text{rmax}\left\{ \text{rinf}_{q=th} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\}, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{rinf}_{q=eb} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(e), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \right\} \\
 &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\varrho})(q)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\bar{\nu}(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{\nu})(q)\}.$$

Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Lemma 2.30. Let $Q = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Thus Q is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S if and only if

$$(Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \subseteq Q.$$

Proof. First, we recall

$$\begin{aligned} & (Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \\ &= ((\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha}), \\ & \quad (\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho}), \\ & \quad (\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we assume that Q is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . Let q be an element in S . Since $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S ,

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q)\} \\ &\leq \bar{\alpha}(q), \\ & ((\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q)\} \\ &\geq \bar{\varrho}(q), \\ & ((\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(q)\} \\ &\geq \bar{\nu}(q). \end{aligned}$$

Then we conclude that

$$(Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \subseteq Q.$$

To prove the converse, we assume that

$$(Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \subseteq Q.$$

Let q be an element of S . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(q) &\geq ((\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q)\}, \\ \bar{\varrho}(q) &\leq ((\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nu}(q) &\leq ((\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S) \cup (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu}))(q) \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(q)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Q is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.31. A nonempty subset Q is a quasi-ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q)$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S .

Proof. Suppose that Q is a quasi-ideal of S . Then $QS \cap SQ \subseteq Q$. By Propositions 1.13 and 1.10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}''_S)) \\ & \cap ((\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}''_S) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q)) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{QS}, \bar{\kappa}'_{QS}, \bar{\kappa}''_{QS}) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_{SQ}, \bar{\kappa}'_{SQ}, \bar{\kappa}''_{SQ}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{QS \cap SQ}, \bar{\kappa}'_{QS \cap SQ}, \bar{\kappa}''_{QS \cap SQ}) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q)$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S .

To prove the converse, assume that $(\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q)$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\bar{\kappa}_{QS \cap SQ}, \bar{\kappa}'_{QS \cap SQ}, \bar{\kappa}''_{QS \cap SQ}) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{QS}, \bar{\kappa}'_{QS}, \bar{\kappa}''_{QS}) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_{SQ}, \bar{\kappa}'_{SQ}, \bar{\kappa}''_{SQ}) \\ &= ((\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}''_S)) \\ & \cap ((\bar{\kappa}_S, \bar{\kappa}'_S, \bar{\kappa}''_S) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q)) \\ &\subseteq (\bar{\kappa}_Q, \bar{\kappa}'_Q, \bar{\kappa}''_Q). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $QS \cap SQ \subseteq Q$. Therefore, Q is a quasi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.32. If Q_1 and Q_2 are IvPF-quasi-ideals of S , then $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ is also an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S .

Proof. Let Q_1 and Q_2 be two IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . Then by Lemma 2.30 $(Q_1 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q_1) \subseteq Q_1$ and

$(Q_2 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q_2) \subseteq Q_2$. By Proposition 1.12,

$$\begin{aligned} & ((Q_1 \cap Q_2) \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p (Q_1 \cap Q_2)) \\ &= ((Q_1 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (Q_2 \bar{\circ}_p S)) \\ & \quad \cap ((S \bar{\circ}_p Q_1) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q_2)) \\ &= (Q_1 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q_1) \\ & \quad \cap (Q_2 \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q_2) \\ &\subseteq Q_1 \cap Q_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.33. Let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPFS of S . Thus $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S if and only if for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a quasi-ideal of S .

Proof. First of all, we suppose that $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . Let $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. Let $q \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} S \cap S(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then $q = th = eb$ for some $h, e \in S$ and $t, b \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(t) &\succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(t) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(t) \preceq I_3, \\ \bar{\alpha}(b) &\succeq I_1, \bar{\varrho}(b) \preceq I_2, \bar{\nu}(b) \preceq I_3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\kappa}_S(h)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \mathbf{1}\} = \bar{\alpha}(t), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\kappa}_S(e), \bar{\alpha}(b)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{\mathbf{1}, \bar{\alpha}(b)\} = \bar{\alpha}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(q) &\succeq \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\} \succeq I_1, \end{aligned}$$

also,

$$(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q) \preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\kappa}'_S(h)\}$$

$$= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \mathbf{0}\} = \bar{\varrho}(t),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\kappa}'_S(e), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \\ &= \text{rmax}\{\mathbf{0}, \bar{\varrho}(b)\} = \bar{\varrho}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varrho}(q) &\preceq \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q)\} \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \preceq I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get $\bar{\nu}(q) \preceq I_3$.

Hence, $q \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$.

Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a quasi-ideal of S .

Conversely, suppose that for each $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a quasi-ideal of S . Let $q \in S$

Case 1: $q \notin S^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(q) &\succeq \mathbf{0} = \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q)\}, \\ \bar{\varrho}(q) &\preceq \mathbf{1} = \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q)\}, \\ \bar{\nu}(q) &\preceq \mathbf{1} = \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\nu} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu})(q)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $q \in S^2$. Then $q = tb$ for some $t, b \in S$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\}, \\ I_2 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\}, \\ I_3 &= \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}(t), \bar{\nu}(b)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in CI[0, 1]$. By assumption, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a quasi-ideal of S . It is clear that $t, b \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$q = tb \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}} S \cap S(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}.$$

Since $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$ is a quasi-ideal of S , we obtain that $q \in (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})_{\{I_1, I_2, I_3\}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}(q) &\succeq I_1 = \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}(t), \bar{\alpha}(b)\} \\ &= \text{rmin}\{(\bar{\alpha} \bar{\circ} \bar{\kappa}_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}_S \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha})(q)\}, \\ \bar{\varrho}(q) &\preceq I_2 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}(t), \bar{\varrho}(b)\} \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{\varrho} \bar{\bullet} \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho})(q)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v}(q) &\preceq I_3 = \text{rmax}\{\bar{v}(t), \bar{v}(b)\} \\ &= \text{rmax}\{(\bar{v} \bullet \bar{\kappa}'_S)(q), (\bar{\kappa}'_S \bullet \bar{v})(q)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Finally, we investigate some relationships between each type of the interval-valued picture fuzzy ideal.

Theorem 2.34. *If \mathcal{R} is an IvPF-right ideal and \mathcal{L} is an IvPF-left ideal of S , then $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}$ is a IvPF-quasi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Let \mathcal{R} be an IvPF-right ideal of S , and \mathcal{L} be an IvPF-left ideal of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned}&((\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}) \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L})) \\ &= ((\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (\mathcal{L} \bar{\circ}_p S)) \\ &\quad \cap ((S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{R}) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L})) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{R} \cap (\mathcal{L} \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{R}) \cap \mathcal{L} \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}.\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}$ is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.35. *Let \mathcal{K} be an IvPFS and \mathcal{B} be an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . Then $\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}$ are both IvPF-bi-ideals of S .*

Proof. We see that

$$\begin{aligned}&(\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \\ &= \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&(\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p (S \bar{\circ}_p S) \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}.\end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathcal{K} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .

Likewise, we can observe that $\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{K}$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S \square

Theorem 2.36. *If Q is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S , then Q is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. Let Q be an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . Since

$$Q \bar{\circ}_p Q \subseteq S \bar{\circ}_p Q \text{ and } Q \bar{\circ}_p Q \subseteq Q \bar{\circ}_p S,$$

we have

$$Q \bar{\circ}_p Q \subseteq (Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \subseteq Q.$$

Therefore, Q is an IvPF-subsemigroup of S . Since

$$\begin{aligned}Q \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p Q &\subseteq Q \bar{\circ}_p S \text{ and} \\ Q \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p Q &\subseteq S \bar{\circ}_p Q,\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$Q \bar{\circ}_p S \bar{\circ}_p Q \subseteq (Q \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p Q) \subseteq Q.$$

Hence, Q is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . \square

Corollary 2.37. *If Q_1 or Q_2 is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S , then $Q_1 \bar{\circ}_p Q_2$ is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .*

Proof. The result is following Theorems 2.35 and 2.36. \square

Theorem 2.38. *Let S be a regular semi-group. Then $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-ideal of S if and only if $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ is an IvPF-interior ideal of S .*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{I} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{v})$ be an IvPF-ideal of S . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I} \bar{\circ}_p S &\subseteq \mathcal{I} \text{ and } S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{I}, \text{ so} \\ S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{I} \bar{\circ}_p S &\subseteq \mathcal{I}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, \mathcal{I} is an IvPF-interior ideal of S .

In another way, let $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPF-interior ideal of S . Let x and y be elements in S . Since S is regular, we have $a, b \in S$ where $x = xax$ and $y = yby$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\alpha}(xy) &= \bar{\alpha}(xy(by)) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(y), \\ \bar{\varrho}(xy) &= \bar{\varrho}(xy(by)) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(y), \\ \bar{\nu}(xy) &= \bar{\nu}(xy(by)) \preceq \bar{\nu}(y), \\ \bar{\alpha}(xy) &= \bar{\alpha}((xa)xy) \succeq \bar{\alpha}(x), \\ \bar{\varrho}(xy) &= \bar{\varrho}((xa)xy) \preceq \bar{\varrho}(x), \\ \bar{\nu}(xy) &= \bar{\nu}((xa)xy) \preceq \bar{\nu}(x).\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ is an IvPF-ideal of S . \square

Theorem 2.39. For any IvPF-right ideal \mathcal{R} and IvPF-left ideal \mathcal{L} of S , then

S is regular if and only if $\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}$.

Proof. Assume that S is regular. Let $\mathcal{R} = (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ be an IvPF-right ideal of S , and $\mathcal{L} = (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ be an IvPF-left ideal of S . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} &\subseteq \mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p S \subseteq \mathcal{R}, \\ \mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} &\subseteq S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}.$$

Let $x \in S$. Since S is regular, $x = xsx$ for some $s \in S$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{\alpha}_1 \bar{\circ} \bar{\alpha}_2)(x) &= \text{rsup}_{x=ab} \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}_1(a), \bar{\alpha}_2(b)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}_1(xs), \bar{\alpha}_2(x)\} \\ &\succeq \text{rmin}\{\bar{\alpha}_1(x), \bar{\alpha}_2(x)\}, \\ (\bar{\varrho}_1 \bar{\bullet} \bar{\varrho}_2)(x) &= \text{rinf}_{x=ab} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}_1(a), \bar{\varrho}_2(b)\} \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}_1(xs), \bar{\varrho}_2(x)\} \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\varrho}_1(x), \bar{\varrho}_2(x)\}, \\ (\bar{\nu}_1 \bar{\bullet} \bar{\nu}_2)(x) &= \text{rinf}_{x=ab} \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}_1(a), \bar{\nu}_2(b)\} \\ &\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}_1(xs), \bar{\nu}_2(x)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\preceq \text{rmax}\{\bar{\nu}_1(x), \bar{\nu}_2(x)\}.$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L}$.

Consequently, $\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}$.

To prove the converse, we assume that \mathcal{R} is an IvPF-right ideal and \mathcal{L} an IvPF-left ideal of S such that

$$\mathcal{R} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{L}.$$

Let R be a right ideal and L be a left ideal of S . Then $(\bar{\kappa}_R, \bar{\kappa}'_R, \bar{\kappa}''_R)$ is an IvPF-right ideal and $(\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}''_L)$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S . Since $RL \subseteq RS \subseteq R$ and $RL \subseteq SL \subseteq L$, we get $RL \subseteq R \cap L$. Let $x \in R \cap L$. By Proposition 1.13 and assumption,

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{\kappa}_{RL}, \bar{\kappa}'_{RL}, \bar{\kappa}''_{RL}) &= (\bar{\kappa}_R, \bar{\kappa}'_R, \bar{\kappa}''_R) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}''_L) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_R, \bar{\kappa}'_R, \bar{\kappa}''_R) \cap (\bar{\kappa}_L, \bar{\kappa}'_L, \bar{\kappa}''_L) \\ &= (\bar{\kappa}_{R \cap L}, \bar{\kappa}'_{R \cap L}, \bar{\kappa}''_{R \cap L}).\end{aligned}$$

So that $\bar{\kappa}_{RL}(x) = \bar{\kappa}_{R \cap L}(x) = \mathbf{1}$, and $\bar{\kappa}'_{RL}(x) = \bar{\kappa}'_{R \cap L}(x) = \mathbf{0}$. Then $x \in RL$. Therefore, $R \cap L \subseteq RL$. Accordingly, $R \cap L = RL$. Hence, S is regular. \square

Theorem 2.40. In a regular semigroup, an IvPF-bi-ideal and an IvPF-quasi-ideal coincide.

Proof. By Theorem 2.36, every IvPF-quasi-ideal of S is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S .

Let $\mathcal{B} = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\varrho}, \bar{\nu})$ be an IvPF-bi-ideal of a regular semigroup S . Then

$$(\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p S) \bar{\circ}_p S \subseteq \mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p S$$

and

$$S \bar{\circ}_p (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \subseteq S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}.$$

Thus $\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p S$ is an IvPF-right ideal of S and $S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}$ is an IvPF-left ideal of S . By Theorem 2.39,

$$(\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p S) \cap (S \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S}) \bar{\circ}_p (\mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B}) \\
 &\subseteq \mathcal{B} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{S} \bar{\circ}_p \mathcal{B} \\
 &\subseteq \mathcal{B}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, \mathcal{B} is an IvPF-quasi-ideal of S . \square

Example 2.41. Consider the semigroup $S = \{a, b, c\}$ with a multiplication table:

\cdot	a	b	c
a	a	a	a
b	a	b	b
c	a	b	c

and define the IvPFs $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ of S by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) \\
 &= \left\{ (a, [1.0, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [0.0, 0.0], [1.0, 1.0], [1.0, 1.0]), \\
 &\quad \left. (c, [0.0, 0.0], [1.0, 1.0], [1.0, 1.0]) \right\}, \\
 &(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2) \\
 &= \left\{ (a, [1.0, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]), \right. \\
 &\quad (b, [1.0, 1.0], [0.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0]), \\
 &\quad \left. (c, [0.0, 0.0], [1.0, 1.0], [1.0, 1.0]) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1)$ and $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ are IvPF-right ideal and IvPF-left ideal of S , respectively. Since S is a regular semigroup, we have $(\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) \bar{\circ}_p (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2) = (\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\varrho}_1, \bar{\nu}_1) \cap (\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ by Theorem 2.39.

Moreover, $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ is an IvPF-bi ideal of S . By Theorem 2.40, $(\bar{\alpha}_2, \bar{\varrho}_2, \bar{\nu}_2)$ is also an IvPF-quasi ideal of S .

3. Conclusion

An IvPF-subsemigroup, an IvPF-left ideal[right ideal, ideal, bi-ideal, interior ideal, quasi-ideal] of semigroups were defined. Some properties were investigated.

Let A be a nonempty subset of S . Then A is a subsemigroup (a left ideal, a right ideal, an ideal, a bi-ideal, an interior ideal, a quasi-ideal) of S if and only if $(\bar{\kappa}_A, \bar{\kappa}'_A, \bar{\kappa}''_A)$ is an IvPF-subsemigroup (an IvPF-left ideal[right ideal, ideal, bi-ideal, interior ideal, quasi-ideal]) of S . These are the relationships between each ideal of semigroups and its interval-valued picture fuzzification. Every IvPF-quasi-ideal of S is an IvPF-bi-ideal of S . An IvPF-ideal and an IvPF-interior ideal of a regular semigroup S are identical. Moreover, in a regular semigroup, an IvPF-bi-ideal of S and an IvPF-quasi-ideal are coincident.

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