



# Article **Fuzzy Filters of Hoops Based on Fuzzy Points**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we define the concepts of  $(\in, \in)$  and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filters of hoops, discuss some properties, and find some equivalent definitions of them. We define a congruence relation on hoops by an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter and show that the quotient structure of this relation is a hoop.

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#### 1. Introduction

The hoop, which was introduced by Bosbach in [1,2], is naturally-ordered commutative residuated integral monoids. Several properties of hoops are displayed in [3–14]. The idea of the quasi-coincidence of a fuzzy point with a fuzzy set, which was introduced in [15], has played a very important role in generating fuzzy subalgebras of *BCK/BCI*-algebras, called ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )-fuzzy subalgebras of *BCK/BCI*-algebras, introduced by Jun [16]. Moreover, ( $\in$ ,  $\in \lor q$ )-fuzzy subalgebra is a useful generalization of a fuzzy subalgebra in *BCK/BCI*-algebras. Many researcher applied the fuzzy structures on logical algebras [17–22]. Now, in this paper, we want to introduce these notions and investigate the existing fuzzy subsystems on hoops. Borzooei and Aaly Kologani in [8] defined the concepts of filters, (positive) implicative and fantastic filters of the hoop, and discussed their properties. Then, they defined a congruence relation on the hoop by a filter and proved that the quotient structure of this relation is a hoop. Finally, they investigated under what conditions that quotient structure will be the Brouwerian semilattice, Heyting algebra, and the Wajsberg hoop.

The aim of the paper is to define the concepts of  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filters and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filters of hoops, discuss some properties and find equivalent definitions of them. By using an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of hoops, we define a congruence relation on hoops, and we show that the quotient structure of this relation forms a hoop.

#### 2. Preliminaries

By a *hoop*, we mean an algebraic structure  $(H, \odot, \rightarrow, 1)$  in which  $(H, \odot, 1)$  is a commutative, monoid and for any  $x, y, z \in H$ , the following assertions are valid.

(H1)  $x \to x = 1$ . (H2)  $x \odot (x \to y) = y \odot (y \to x)$ . (H3)  $x \to (y \to z) = (x \odot y) \to z$ (See [1,2]).

For any  $x, y \in H$ , we can define a relation  $\leq$  on hoop H by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x \to y = 1$ . It is easy to see that  $(H, \leq)$  is a poset. Therefore, in any hoop H, if for any  $x \in H$ , there exists an element  $0 \in H$  such that  $0 \leq x$ , then H is called a *bounded hoop*. Let  $x^0 = 1$ ,  $x^n = x^{n-1} \odot x$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If H is a bounded hoop, then we define a negation " ' " on *H* by  $x' = x \rightarrow 0$ , for all  $x \in H$ . By a *sub-hoop* of a hoop *H*, we mean a subset *S* of *H* that satisfies the condition:

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(x, y \in S \Rightarrow x \odot y \in S, x \to y \in S).$$
(1)

Note that every non-empty sub-hoop contains the element 1.

**Proposition 1.** [23] Let  $(H, \odot, \rightarrow, 1)$  be a hoop. Then, the following conditions hold, for all  $x, y, z \in H$ :

- (i)  $(H, \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice such that  $x \land y = x \odot (x \rightarrow y)$ .
- (*ii*)  $x \odot y \le z$  *if and only if*  $x \le y \to z$ .
- (*iii*)  $x \odot y \le x, y$  and  $x^n \le x$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- $(iv) x \leq y \rightarrow x.$
- (v)  $1 \rightarrow x = x$  and  $x \rightarrow 1 = 1$ .
- (vi)  $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$ .
- (vii)  $(x \to y) \odot (y \to z) \le (x \to z)$ .

(viii)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x \odot z \leq y \odot z$ ,  $z \to x \leq z \to y$  and  $y \to z \leq x \to z$ .

Let *F* be a non-empty subset of a hoop *H*. Then, *F* is called a *filter* of *H* if, for any  $x, y \in F$ ,  $x \odot y \in F$  and, for any  $y \in H$  and  $x \in F$ , if  $x \leq y$ , then  $y \in F$  (see [23]).

Let *X* be a nonempty set,  $x \in X$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . The *fuzzy point* with support *x* and value *t* is defined as:

$$\mu(y) := \begin{cases} t \in (0,1] & \text{if } y = x, \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x, \end{cases}$$

and is denoted by  $x_t$ .

For a fuzzy point  $x_t$  and a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a set X, Pu and Liu [15] defined the symbol  $x_t \alpha \lambda$ , where  $\alpha \in \{ \in, q, \in \lor q, \in \land q \}$ . This means that,  $x_t \in \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t q \lambda$ ) if  $\lambda(x) \ge t$  (resp.  $\lambda(x) + t > 1$ ). Then,  $x_t$  is said to *belong to* (resp. *be quasi-coincident with*) a fuzzy set  $\lambda$ . Moreover,  $x_t \in \lor q \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t \in \land q \lambda$ ) means that  $x_t \in \lambda$  or  $x_t q \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $x_t q \lambda$ ).

From now one, we let *H* denote a hoop, unless otherwise specified.

#### 3. $(\alpha, \beta)$ -Fuzzy Filters for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \lor q)\}$

In this section, we define  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy filters of hoops for  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \lor q)\}$ , and we investigate some of their properties. Furthermore, we define a congruence relation on hoops by these filters and prove that the corresponding quotients are a bounded hoop.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \lor q)\}$ . Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of H. Then,  $\lambda$  is called an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy filter of H if the following assertions are valid.

$$(\forall x \in H)(\forall t \in (0,1])(x_t \alpha \lambda \Rightarrow 1_t \beta \lambda),$$
(2)

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(\forall t, k \in (0, 1])(x_t \alpha \lambda, (x \to y)_k \alpha \lambda \Rightarrow y_{\min\{t, k\}} \beta \lambda).$$
(3)

**Example 1.** On the set  $H = \{0, a, b, 1\}$ , we define two operations  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  on H by:

$\rightarrow$	0	а	b	1	_	$\odot$	0	а	b	1
0	1	1	1	1	-	0 a b 1	0	0	0	0
а	а	1	1	1		а	0	0	а	а
	0					b	0	а	b	b
1	0	а	b	1		1	0	а	b	1

Then,  $(H, \odot, \rightarrow, 1)$  is a hoop. Define the fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H by  $\lambda(0) = \lambda(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.6$ , and  $\lambda(1) = 0.8$ . Then,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, and it is clear that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.

**Theorem 1.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H if and only if the following conditions hold:

$$(\forall x \in H)(\lambda(1) \ge \lambda(x)),$$
(4)

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}).$$
(5)

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H and  $x \in H$  such that  $\lambda(x) = t$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1,  $\lambda(1) \ge t = \lambda(x)$ . Therefore,  $\lambda(1) \ge \lambda(x)$ . Now, let  $x, y \in H$ . If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = k$ , then  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ , so:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{t, k\} = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}$$

Conversely, suppose  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0,1]$ . If  $x_t \in \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(x) \ge t$ . Since  $\lambda(1) \ge \lambda(x)$ , we have  $\lambda(1) \ge t$ , and so,  $1_t \in \lambda$ . Furthermore, if  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ , then by assumption,

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\} \ge \min\{t, k\}$$

Hence,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.** If  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of *H*, then the following statement holds.

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(x \le y \implies \lambda(x) \le \lambda(y)).$$
(6)

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in H$  such that  $x \leq y$ . Therefore, it is clear that  $x \to y = 1$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Theorem 1,  $\lambda(1) \geq \lambda(x)$  and  $\lambda(y) \geq \min{\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}}$ , for any  $x, y \in H$ . Then:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\} = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(1)\} = \lambda(x)$$

Hence,  $\lambda(y) \ge \lambda(x)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy sub-hoop of H such that, for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\lambda(x) \leq \lambda(1)$ . Then, for any  $x, y, z \in H$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (*i*)  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H,
- (*ii*) *if*  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to z)_k \in \lambda$ , then  $(x \to z)_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ ,
- (*iii*) *if*  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \odot z)_k \in \lambda$ , then  $(y \odot z)_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ .

**Proof.**  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H such that  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to z)_k \in \lambda$ . Then,  $\lambda(x \to y) \ge t$  and  $\lambda(y \to z) \ge k$ . By Proposition 1(vii),  $x \to y \le (y \to z) \to (x \to z)$ . Then, by Proposition 2,

$$\lambda(x \to y) \le \lambda((y \to z) \to (x \to z))$$

Since  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$ , we have  $((y \to z) \to (x \to z))_t \in \lambda$ . Thus, by (i),

$$\min\{t,k\} \leq \min\{\lambda(x \to y), \lambda(y \to z)\} \\ \leq \min\{\lambda((y \to z) \to (x \to z)), \lambda(y \to z)\} \\ \leq \lambda(x \to z)$$

Hence,  $(x \to z)_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ .

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  It is enough to let x = 1.

 $(i) \Rightarrow (iii)$  Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H such that  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \odot z)_k \in \lambda$ . Then,

by Proposition 1(vi),  $z \odot x \odot (x \to y) \le z \odot y$ . Thus,  $x \to y \le (z \odot x) \to (z \odot y)$ . By Proposition 2,  $\lambda(x \to y) \le \lambda((z \odot x) \to (z \odot y))$ , so:

$$\begin{split} \min\{t,k\} &\leq \min\{\lambda(x \to y), \lambda(z \odot x)\} \\ &\leq \min\{\lambda(z \odot x), \lambda((z \odot x) \to (z \odot y))\} \\ &\leq \lambda(z \odot y) \end{split}$$

Hence,  $(y \odot z)_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ . (*iii*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*i*) It is enough to let z = 1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $x, y \in H$ , and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Define:

 $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$  if and only if  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to x)_t \in \lambda$ 

*Then,*  $\equiv_{\lambda}$  *is a congruence relation on H.* 

**Proof.** It is clear that  $\equiv_{\lambda}$  is reflexive and symmetric. Now, we prove that  $\equiv_{\lambda}$  is transitive. For this, suppose  $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$  and  $y \equiv_{\lambda} z$ . Then, there exists  $t, m \in (0, 1]$  such that  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to x)_t \in \lambda$ , and also,  $(y \to z)_m \in \lambda$  and  $(z \to y)_m \in \lambda$ . By Proposition 1(vii),  $x \to y \leq (y \to z) \to (x \to z)$ , and by Proposition 2, we have:

$$\min\{t, m\} \leq \min\{\lambda(x \to y), \lambda(y \to z)\}$$
  
$$\leq \min\{\lambda(y \to z), \lambda((y \to z) \to (x \to z))\}$$
  
$$\leq \lambda(x \to z)$$

Hence,  $(x \to z)_{\min\{t,m\}} \in \lambda$ . In a similar way, we get that:

$$\min\{t, m\} \leq \min\{\lambda(z \to y), \lambda(y \to x)\} \\ \leq \min\{\lambda(y \to x), \lambda((y \to x) \to (z \to x))\} \\ \leq \lambda(z \to x)$$

Hence,  $(z \to x)_{\min\{t,m\}} \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $x \equiv_{\lambda} z$ . Suppose that  $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$ . We show that  $x \odot z \equiv_{\lambda} y \odot z$ , for any  $x, y, z \in H$ . Since  $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$ , for any  $t \in (0, 1]$ , we have  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to x)_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $y \odot z \leq y \odot z$ ,  $y \leq z \to (y \odot z)$ . By Proposition 1(viii),  $x \to y \leq x \to (z \to (y \odot z))$ , and so,  $x \to y \leq (x \odot z) \to (y \odot z)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Proposition 2, we have:

$$t \le \lambda(x \to y) \le \lambda((x \odot z) \to (y \odot z))$$

Hence,  $((x \odot z) \to (y \odot z))_t \in \lambda$ . In a similar way, since  $x \odot z \le x \odot z$ , we get  $x \le z \to (x \odot z)$ . By Proposition 1(viii),  $y \to x \le y \to (z \to (x \odot z))$ , and so,  $y \to x \le (y \odot z) \to (y \odot z)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Proposition 2, we have:

$$t \le \lambda(y \to x) \le \lambda((y \odot z) \to (x \odot z))$$

Hence,  $((y \odot z) \to (x \odot z))_t \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $x \odot z \equiv_{\lambda} y \odot z$ . Finally, suppose that  $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$ ; we show that  $x \to z \equiv_{\lambda} y \to z$ , for any  $x, y, z \in H$ . Since  $x \equiv_{\lambda} y$ , for any  $t \in (0, 1]$ , we have  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \to x)_t \in \lambda$ . By Proposition 1(vii) and Proposition 2,

$$t \le \lambda(x \to y) \le \lambda((y \to z) \to (x \to z))$$

and:

$$t \le \lambda(y \to x) \le \lambda((x \to z) \to (y \to z))$$

Hence,  $x \to z \equiv_{\lambda} y \to z$ . It is easy to see that  $z \to x \equiv_{\lambda} z \to y$ . Therefore,  $\equiv_{\lambda}$  is a congruence relation on *H*.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}} = \{[a]_{\lambda} \mid a \in H\}$ , and operations  $\otimes$  and  $\rightsquigarrow$  on  $\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}}$  are defined as follows:

$$[a]_{\lambda} \otimes [b]_{\lambda} = [a \odot b]_{\lambda} \text{ and } [a]_{\lambda} \rightsquigarrow [b]_{\lambda} = [a \rightarrow b]_{\lambda}$$

*Then*,  $\left(\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}}, \otimes, \rightsquigarrow, [1]_{\lambda}\right)$  *is a hoop.* 

**Proof.** We have  $[a]_{\lambda} = [b]_{\lambda}$  and  $[c]_{\lambda} = [d]_{\lambda}$  if and only if  $a \equiv_{\lambda} b$  and  $c \equiv_{\lambda} d$ . Since  $\equiv_{\lambda}$  is the congruence relation on *H*, then all above operations are well-defined. Thus, by routine calculation, we can see that  $\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}}$  is a hoop.  $\Box$ 

Now, we define a relation on  $\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}}$  by:

$$[a]_{\lambda} \leq [b]_{\lambda}$$
 if and only if  $(a \rightarrow b)_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $a, b \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ 

It is easy to see that  $\left(\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}},\leq\right)$  is a poset.

Note: According to the definition of the congruence relation, it is clear that:

$$[1]_{\lambda} = \{a \in H \mid (a \to 1)_t \in \lambda \text{ and } (1 \to a)_t \in \lambda\} = \{a \in H \mid a_t \in \lambda\}.$$

Therefore, as we define a relation on quotient,  $[a]_{\lambda} \leq [b]_{\lambda}$  if and only if  $(a \rightarrow b)_t \in \lambda$ , it is similar to writing  $[a]_{\lambda} \leq [b]_{\lambda}$  if and only if  $[a]_{\lambda} \rightarrow [b]_{\lambda} \in [1]_{\lambda}$ .

**Theorem 5.** If  $\lambda$  is a non-zero  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, then the set:

$$H_0 := \{ x \in H \mid \lambda(x) \neq 0 \}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

is a filter of H.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in H_0$ . Since  $\lambda(x) \neq 0$ , we conclude that there exists  $t \in (0,1]$  such that  $\lambda(x) \geq t$ . Moreover, from  $\lambda$  being an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1,  $x_t \in \lambda$ , then  $1_t \in \lambda$ . Hence,  $\lambda(1) \geq \lambda(x) = t \neq 0$ , and so,  $1 \in H_0$ . Now, suppose that  $x, x \to y \in H_0$ . Then, there exist  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ , such that  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) \geq k$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ . Thus, by Definition 1,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) \geq \min\{t,k\} \neq 0$ . Hence,  $y \in H_0$ . Therefore,  $H_0$  is a filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.** *If*  $\lambda$  *is a non-zero*  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ *-fuzzy filter of* H*, then*  $\lambda(1) > 0$ *.* 

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda(1) = 0$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Theorem 1, for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\lambda(x) \leq \lambda(1) = 0$ . Hence, for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\lambda(x) = 0$ , and so,  $\lambda$  is a zero  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\lambda(1) > 0$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.** For any filter *F* of *H* and  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ , there exists an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter  $\lambda$  of *H* such that its  $\in$ -level set is equal to *F*.

**Proof.** Let  $t \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $\lambda : H \to [0, 1]$  be defined by  $\lambda(x) = t$ , for any  $x \in F$ , and  $\lambda(x) = 0$ , otherwise. By this definition, it is clear that  $U(\lambda; t) = F$ . Therefore, it is enough to prove that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H. Let  $x \in H$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) = 0$  or  $\lambda(x) = t$ . Since F is a filter of H and  $1 \in F$ , we have  $t = \lambda(1) \ge \lambda(x)$ , for any  $x \in H$ . Now, suppose that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ . We consider

the following cases:

<u>Case 1</u>: If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = t$ , then  $x, x \to y \in F$ . Since *F* is a filter of *H*, we have  $y \in F$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) \ge \min{\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}} = t$ . Hence,  $y_t \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of *H*. <u>Case 2</u>: If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = 0$ , then it is clear that:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\} = 0$$

Hence,  $y_0 \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of *H*. Case 3: If  $\lambda(x) = 0$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = 0$ , then it is clear that:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\} = 0$$

Hence,  $y_0 \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H. Therefore, in all cases,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H and  $U(\lambda; t) = F$ .  $\Box$ 

For any fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in *H* and  $t \in (0, 1]$ , we define three sets that are called the  $\in$ -*level set*, *q*-set, and  $\in \lor q$ -set, respectively, as follows.

$$U(\lambda; t) := \{ x \in H \mid \lambda(x) \ge t \}.$$
  
$$\lambda_q^t := \{ x \in H \mid x_t q \lambda \}.$$
  
$$\lambda_{\in \lor q}^t := \{ x \in H \mid x_t \in \lor q \lambda \}.$$

**Theorem 7.** Given a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in *H*, the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) The nonempty  $\in$ -level set  $U(\lambda; t)$  of  $\lambda$  is a filter of H, for all  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ .
- (ii)  $\lambda$  satisfies the following assertions.

$$(\forall x \in H)(\lambda(x) \le \max\{\lambda(1), 0.5\}).$$
(8)

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\lambda(x \to y), \lambda(x)\}).$$
(9)

**Proof.** Let  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0.5, 1]$  such that  $\lambda(x) = t$ . Then,  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Since  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H,  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Thus,  $\lambda(1) \ge t$ . Moreover, since  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , we have  $\max\{\lambda(1), 0.5\} \ge \lambda(1) \ge t = \lambda(x)$ . Hence,  $\max\{\lambda(1), 0.5\} \ge \lambda(x)$ . Now, suppose  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0.5, 1]$  such that  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = k$ . Then,  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ . Since  $U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$  is a filter of H, we have  $y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ . Thus,  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{t, k\}$ . From  $t, k \in (0.5, 1]$ , we conclude that,

$$\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{t, k\} = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}$$

Hence,

$$\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y)\}$$

Conversely, let  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \ge t$ . Since  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , by assumption:

$$t \le \lambda(x) \le \max\{\lambda(1), 0.5\} = \lambda(1)$$

Thus,  $\lambda(1) \ge t$ , so  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Now, suppose that  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; t)$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \ge t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) \ge t$ . By assumption,

$$\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\lambda(x \to y), \lambda(x)\} \ge t$$

Since  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , we have  $\lambda(y) \ge t$ , so  $y \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Hence,  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H.  $\Box$ 

It is clear that every  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of *H* is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of *H*. However, the converse may not be true, in general.

<b>Example 2.</b> On the set $H =$	{0, <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> , <i>d</i> , 1	}, we define two operations $\odot$ and $ ightarrow$ as follows	ows:
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$\rightarrow$	0	а	b	С	d	1	_	$\odot$	0	а	b	С	d	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	-		0					
а	с	1	b	С	b	1		а	0	а	d	0	d	а
b	d	а	1	b	а	1		b	0	d	С	С	0	b
С	а	а	1	1	а	1		С	0	0	С	С	0	С
d									0					
1	0	а	b	С	d	1		1	0	а	b	С	d	1

By routine calculations, it is clear that  $(H, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  is a bounded hoop. Define a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H as follows:

$$\lambda: H \to [0,1], \ x \mapsto \begin{cases} 0.1 \text{ if } x = 0, \\ 0.1 \text{ if } x = a, \\ 0.2 \text{ if } x = b, \\ 0.3 \text{ if } x = c, \\ 0.1 \text{ if } x = d, \\ 0.5 \text{ if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of hoop H, but it is not an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H; because:

$$0.2 = \lambda(b) \geq \min\{\lambda(c), \lambda(c \to b)\} = \min\{\lambda(c), \lambda(1)\} = \min\{0.3, 0.5\} = 0.3$$

*However, it is not an*  $(\in, \in)$ *-fuzzy filter of H.* 

Now, we investigate under which conditions any  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter.

**Theorem 8.** *If an*  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ *-fuzzy filter*  $\lambda$  *of* H *satisfies the condition:* 

$$(\forall x \in H)(\lambda(x) < 0.5),\tag{10}$$

then  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H.

**Proof.** Let  $x_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0,0.5)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1,  $1_t \in \lambda$  or  $1_t q \lambda$ . If  $1_t \in \lambda$ , then the proof is clear. If  $1_t q \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(1) + t > 1$ . Since  $t \in (0,0.5)$ ,  $1 - t \in [0.5,1]$ , then  $\lambda(1) > t$ . Hence,  $1_t \in \lambda$ . Now, suppose that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ . From  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$  or  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} q \lambda$ . If  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ , then the proof is complete. However, if  $y_{\min\{t,k\}}q\lambda$ , then  $\lambda(y) + \min\{t,k\} > 1$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) > 1 - \min\{t,k\}$ . Since  $t \in (0,0.5)$ , we have  $1 - \min\{t,k\} \in [0.5,1]$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) > \min\{t,k\}$ . Then,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 9.** If  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, then the q-set  $\lambda_q^t$  is a filter of H, for all  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in \lambda_q^t$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) + t > 1$ , and so,  $\lambda(x) > 1 - t$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1, we have  $1_{1-t} \in \lambda$  or  $1_{1-t}q\lambda$ . If  $1_{1-t}q\lambda$ , then it is clear that  $\lambda(1) > t$ . Since  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , we have  $\lambda(1) + t > 2t > 1$ , and so,  $1 \in \lambda_q^t$ . If  $1_{1-t} \in \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(1) \ge 1 - t$ , and so,  $\lambda(1) + t > 1$ . Thus, in both cases,  $1 \in \lambda_q^t$ . Now, suppose that  $x, x \to y \in \lambda_q^t$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) + t > 1$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) + t > 1$ , and so,  $\lambda(x) > 1 - t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) > 1 - t$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, by Definition 1, we have  $y_{\min\{1-t,1-t\}} \in \lambda$  or  $y_{\min\{1-t,1-t\}}q\lambda$ . If  $y_{1-t} \in \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(y) > 1 - t$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) + t > 1$ . If  $y_{1-t}q\lambda$ , then  $\lambda(y) + 1 - t > 1$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) > t$ . Since  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , we have  $\lambda(y) + t > 2t > 1$ . Hence, in both cases,  $y \in \lambda_q^t$ . Therefore,  $\lambda_q^t$  is a filter of H, for any  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 10.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H if and only if the following assertion is valid.

$$(\forall x, y \in H) \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda(1) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}\\ \lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\} \end{array} \right).$$
(11)

**Proof.** Let  $x_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0,1]$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $1_t \in \lambda$  or  $1_tq\lambda$ . It means that  $\lambda(1) \ge t$  or  $\lambda(1) > 1 - t$ . Therefore,  $\lambda(1) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}$ . In a similar way, if  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ , since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, then we have  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$  or  $y_{\min\{t,k\}}q\lambda$ . This means that  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{t,k\}$  or  $\lambda(1) > \min\{1-t, 1-k\}$ . Therefore,  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\}$ . Conversely, let  $x_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $t \in (0, 1]$  and  $x \in H$ . Then, by assumption, we have  $\lambda(1) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}$ . If  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ , then  $\lambda(1) \ge \lambda(x) = t$ , and so,  $1_t \in \lambda$ . If  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , then  $\lambda(1) \ge 0.5$ , and so,  $\lambda(1) + t > t + 0.5 > 1$ ; thus,  $1_tq\lambda$ . Hence,  $1_t \in \lor q\lambda$ . Now, suppose that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ . Then, by assumption, we have  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\}$ . If  $t, k \in (0, 0.5]$ , then:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\} = \min\{t, k\}$$

Hence,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ . If  $t, k \in (0.5, 1]$ , then:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\} = 0.5$$

Therefore,  $\lambda(y) + \min\{t, k\} > \min\{t, k\} + 0.5 > 1$ . Thus,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}}q\lambda$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lor q\lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 11.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H if and only if the non-empty  $\in$ -level set  $U(\lambda; t)$  of  $\lambda$  is a filter of H, for all  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H and  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ , for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \ge t$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $1_t \in \lambda$  or  $1_t q \lambda$ . If  $1_t \in \lambda$ , then it is clear that  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ , and if  $1_t q \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(1) > 1 - t$ . Since  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ ,  $1 - t \in (0.5, 1]$ , so  $\lambda(1) > 1 - t > t$ . Thus,  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Now, suppose that  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; t)$ , then  $\lambda(x) \ge t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) \ge t$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $y_t \in \lambda$  or  $y_t q \lambda$ . If  $y_t \in \lambda$ , then it is clear that  $y \in U(\lambda; t)$ , and if  $y_t q \lambda$ , then  $\lambda(y) > 1 - t$ . Since  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ ,  $1 - t \in (0.5, 1]$ , so  $\lambda(y) > 1 - t > t$ . Thus,  $y \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Therefore,  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H, for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ .

Conversely, suppose  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H and  $x_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \ge t$ , so  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Since  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H,  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ , so  $\lambda(1) \ge t$ . Hence,  $1_t \in \lambda$ , and so,  $1_t \in \lor q\lambda$ . Now, let  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \ge t$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) \ge k$ , and so,  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ . Since  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of H,  $y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{t, k\}$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lor q\lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 12.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H if and only if the following assertion is valid.

$$(\forall x, y \in H) \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y), 0.5\} \\ x \le y \implies \lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\} \end{array} \right).$$
(12)

**Proof.** Assume that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H and  $x, y \in H$ . Then, by Theorem 11,  $U(\lambda;t)$  is a filter of H, for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . If  $x, y \in U(\lambda;t)$  and  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ , then  $x \odot y \in U(\lambda;t)$ . Thus,  $\lambda(x \odot y) \ge t = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y)\}$ . If  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , it is clear that  $\lambda(x \odot y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y), 0.5\}$ . Now, suppose  $x \le y$ . If  $\lambda(x) \ge t$  and  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ , then  $x \in U(\lambda;t)$ . Since  $U(\lambda;t)$  is a filter of  $H, y \in U(\lambda;t)$ . Thus,  $\lambda(y) \ge \lambda(x)$ , for  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . If  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , then  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}$ .

Conversely, let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set in H that satisfies the condition (12). Since  $x \le 1$  for all  $x \in H$ , we have  $\lambda(1) \ge \min{\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}}$  for all  $x \in H$ . Since  $x \odot (x \to y) \le y$  for all  $x, y \in H$ , we get:

$$\lambda(y) \ge \min\{\lambda(x \odot (x \to y)), 0.5\}$$
  
$$\ge \min\{\min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\}, 0.5\}$$
  
$$= \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \to y), 0.5\}$$

for all  $x, y \in H$ . It follows from Theorem 10 that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 13.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in H is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H if and only if  $\lambda_{\in\lor q}^t$  is a filter of H, for all  $t \in (0,1]$  (we call  $\lambda_{\in\lor q}^t$  an  $\in \lor q$ -level filter of  $\lambda$ ).

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H and  $x \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$  or  $x \in \lambda_q^t$ . This means that  $x_t \in \lambda$  or  $x_{1-t} \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have, if  $x_t \in \lambda$ , then  $1_t \in \lambda$  or  $1_t q \lambda$ . Furthermore, if  $x_{1-t} \in \lambda$ , then  $1_{1-t} \in \lambda$  or  $x_{1-t}q\lambda$ ; this means that  $x_t q \lambda$  or  $x_t \in \lambda$ . Hence, in both cases,  $1_t \in \lor q\lambda$ , and so,  $1 \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ . In a similar way, let  $x, x \to y \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ , for  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; t)$  or  $x, x \to y \in \lambda_q^t$  or  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$  and  $x \to y \in \lambda_q^t$ . Therefore, we have the following cases:

<u>Case 1:</u> if  $x, x \to y \in U(\lambda; t)$ , then  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $y_t \in \lambda$  or  $y_t q \lambda$ . Therefore,  $y \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ .

<u>Case 2</u>: if  $x, x \to y \in \lambda_q^t$ , then  $x_{1-t} \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_{1-t} \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $y_{1-t} \in \lambda$  or  $y_{1-t}q\lambda$ . It is equivalent to  $y_tq\lambda$  or  $y_t \in \lambda$ , respectively. Therefore,  $y \in \lambda_{e\lor q}^t$ .

<u>Case 3:</u> if  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$  and  $x \to y \in \lambda_q^t$ , then  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_{1-t} \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H,  $\lambda(y) \ge \min\{1-t, t\}$ , and so, it is equal to  $y_t \in \lambda$  or  $y_t q \lambda$ . Thus, in both cases,  $y \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ . Therefore,  $\lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$  is a filter of H.

Conversely, let  $x_t \in \lambda$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Since  $\lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$  is a filter of H,  $1 \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$ . Then,  $1_t \in \lor q\lambda$ . Now, suppose that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ . Then, it is clear that  $x, x \to y \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{\min\{t,k\}}$ . Since  $\lambda_{\in \lor q}^t$  is a filter of H,  $y \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{\min\{t,k\}}$ . Therefore,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$  or  $y_{\min\{t,k\}}q\lambda$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lor q\lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 14.** Let  $f : H \to K$  be a homomorphism of hoops. If  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filters of H and K, respectively, then:

(i)  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.

(ii) If f is onto and  $\lambda$  satisfies the condition:

$$(\forall T \subseteq H)(\exists x_0 \in T) \left(\lambda(x_0) = \sup_{x \in T} \lambda(x)\right),$$
 (13)

then  $f(\lambda)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of K.

**Proof.** (*i*) Let  $x_t \in f^{-1}(\mu)$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $t \in (0,1]$ . Then,  $f(x)_t \in \mu$ . Since  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $f(1)_t \in \lor q\mu$ . Thus,  $1_t \in \lor qf^{-1}(\mu)$ . Now, suppose  $x_t \in f^{-1}(\mu)$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in f^{-1}(\mu)$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $f(x)_t \in \mu$  and  $f(x \to y)_k \in \mu$ . Since  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $f(y)_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lor q\mu$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lor qf^{-1}(\mu)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H.

(*ii*) Let  $a \in K$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $a_t \in f(\lambda)$ . Then,  $(f(\lambda))(a) \ge t$ . By assumption, there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(a)$  such that  $\lambda(x) = \sup_{z \in f^{-1}(a)} \lambda(z)$ . Then,  $x_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $1_t \in \lambda$ . Now,  $1 \in f^{-1}(1)$ , so  $(f(\lambda))(1) \ge \lambda(1)$ , then  $(f(\lambda))(1) \ge t$  or  $(f(\lambda))(1) + t > 1$ . Thus,  $1_t \in \lor qf(\lambda)$ . In a similar way, let  $a, a \to b \in K$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $a_t \in f(\lambda)$  and  $(a \to b)_k \in f(\lambda)$ . Then,  $(f(\lambda))(a) \ge t$  and  $(f(\lambda))(a \to b) \ge k$ . By assumption, there exist  $x \in f^{-1}(a)$ 

and  $x \to y \in f^{-1}(a \to b)$  such that  $\lambda(x) = \sup_{z \in f^{-1}(a)} \lambda(z)$  and  $\lambda(x \to y) = \sup_{w \in f^{-1}(a \to b)} \lambda(w)$ . Then,  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \to y)_k \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H, we have  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lambda$ . Now,  $y \in f^{-1}(y)$ , so  $(f(\lambda))(y) \ge \lambda(y)$ , then  $(f(\lambda))(y) \ge \min\{t,k\}$  or  $(f(\lambda))(y) + \min\{t,k\} > 1$ . Thus,  $y_{\min\{t,k\}} \in \lor qf(\lambda)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 15.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filter of H such that:

$$|\{\lambda(x) \mid \lambda(x) < 0.5\}| \ge 2.$$

*Then, there exist two*  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ *-fuzzy filters \mu and \nu of H such that:* 

(i)  $\lambda = \mu \cup \nu$ .

(ii)  $Im(\mu)$  and  $Im(\nu)$  have at least two elements.

(iii)  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  do not have the same family of  $\in \lor$  *q*-level filters.

**Proof.** Let  $\{\lambda(x) \mid \lambda(x) < 0.5\} = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r\}$  where  $t_1 > t_2 > \dots > t_r$  and  $r \ge 2$ . Then, the chain of  $\in \lor q$ -level filters of  $\lambda$  is:

$$\lambda_{\in \lor q}^{0.5} \subseteq \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_1} \subseteq \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_2} \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_r} = H.$$

Define two fuzzy sets  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  in *H* by:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} t_1 \text{ if } x \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_1}, \\ t_n \text{ if } x \in \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_n} \setminus \lambda_{\in \lor q}^{t_{n-1}} \text{ for } n = 2, 3, \cdots, r, \end{cases}$$

and:

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda(x) \text{ if } x \in \lambda^{0.5}_{\in \vee q}, \\ k \text{ if } x \in \lambda^{t_2}_{\in \vee q} \setminus \lambda^{0.5}_{\in \vee q}, \\ t_n \text{ if } x \in \lambda^{t_n}_{\in \vee q} \setminus \lambda^{t_{n-1}}_{\in \vee q} \text{ for } n = 3, 4, \cdots, r, \end{cases}$$

respectively, where  $k \in (t_3, t_2)$ . Then,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filters of H, and  $\mu \subseteq \lambda$  and  $\nu \subseteq \lambda$ . The chains of  $\in \lor q$ -level filters of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are given by:

$$\mu_{\in \lor q}^{t_1} \subseteq \mu_{\in \lor q}^{t_2} \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mu_{\in \lor q}^{t_r} \text{ and } \nu_{\in \lor q}^{0.5} \subseteq \nu_{\in \lor q}^{t_2} \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \nu_{\in \lor q}^{t_r},$$

respectively. It is clear that  $\mu \cup \nu = \lambda$ . This completes the proof.

# □ 4. Conclusions

### Our aim was to define the concepts of $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filters and $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy filters of hoops, and we discussed some properties and found some equivalent definitions of them. Then, we defined a congruence relation on the hoop by an $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of the hoop and proved that the quotient structure of this relation is a hoop. For future works, we will introduce $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy (positive) implicative filters for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \lor q)\}$ of hoops, investigate some of their properties, and try to find some equivalent definitions of them. Furthermore, we study the relation between them. Moreover, we can investigate the corresponding quotients.

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