

# Fuzzy Filters of Hoops Based on Fuzzy Points

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we define the concepts of  $(\in, \in)$  and  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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,  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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)  $x \rightarrow x = 1$ .

(H2)  $x \odot (x \rightarrow y) = y \odot (y \rightarrow x)$ .

(H3)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \odot y) \rightarrow z$  (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  $x \rightarrow y = 1$ . 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:

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

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  $x \wedge y = x \odot (x \rightarrow y)$ .
- (ii)  $x \odot y \leq z$  if and only if  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$ .
- (iii)  $x \odot y \leq x, y$  and  $x^n \leq x$ , 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)  $(x \rightarrow y) \odot (y \rightarrow z) \leq (x \rightarrow z)$ .
- (viii)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x \odot z \leq y \odot z, z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$  and  $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$ .

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  $\alpha \in \{\in, q, \in \vee q, \in \wedge q\}$ . This means that,  $x_t \in \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t q \lambda$ ) if  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  (resp.  $\lambda(x) + t > 1$ ). Then,  $x_t$  is said to *belong to* (resp. *be quasi-coincident with*) a fuzzy set  $\lambda$ . Moreover,  $x_t \in \vee q \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t \in \wedge q \lambda$ ) means that  $x_t \in \lambda$  or  $x_t q \lambda$  (resp.  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $x_t q \lambda$ ).

From now on, we let  $H$  denote a hoop, unless otherwise specified.

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

In this section, we define  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -fuzzy filters of hoops for  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \vee q)\}$ , 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  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \vee q)\}$ . 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.

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

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

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

$\rightarrow$	0	a	b	1
0	1	1	1	1
a	a	1	1	1
b	0	a	1	1
1	0	a	b	1

$\odot$	0	a	b	1
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	0	a	a
b	0	a	b	b
1	0	a	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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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:

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

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\}). \quad (5)$$

**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,  $\lambda(1) \geq t = \lambda(x)$ . Therefore,  $\lambda(1) \geq \lambda(x)$ . Now, let  $x, y \in H$ . If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) = k$ , then  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ , we have  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lambda$ , so:

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{t, k\} = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\}$$

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

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\} \geq \min\{t, k\}$$

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

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

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(x \leq y \Rightarrow \lambda(x) \leq \lambda(y)). \quad (6)$$

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

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\} = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(1)\} = \lambda(x)$$

Hence,  $\lambda(y) \geq \lambda(x)$ .  $\square$

**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  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \rightarrow z)_k \in \lambda$ , then  $(x \rightarrow z)_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lambda$ ,
- (iii) if  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  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  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \rightarrow z)_k \in \lambda$ . Then,  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) \geq t$  and  $\lambda(y \rightarrow z) \geq k$ . By Proposition 1(vii),  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ . Then, by Proposition 2,

$$\lambda(x \rightarrow y) \leq \lambda((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z))$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{t, k\} &\leq \min\{\lambda(x \rightarrow y), \lambda(y \rightarrow z)\} \\ &\leq \min\{\lambda((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)), \lambda(y \rightarrow z)\} \\ &\leq \lambda(x \rightarrow z) \end{aligned}$$

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

(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  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \odot z)_k \in \lambda$ . Then,

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

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

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

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is enough to let  $z = 1$ .  $\square$

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

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

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  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \rightarrow x)_t \in \lambda$ , and also,  $(y \rightarrow z)_m \in \lambda$  and  $(z \rightarrow y)_m \in \lambda$ . By Proposition 1(vii),  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$ , and by Proposition 2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{t, m\} &\leq \min\{\lambda(x \rightarrow y), \lambda(y \rightarrow z)\} \\ &\leq \min\{\lambda(y \rightarrow z), \lambda((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z))\} \\ &\leq \lambda(x \rightarrow z) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{t, m\} &\leq \min\{\lambda(z \rightarrow y), \lambda(y \rightarrow x)\} \\ &\leq \min\{\lambda(y \rightarrow x), \lambda((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow x))\} \\ &\leq \lambda(z \rightarrow x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(z \rightarrow x)_{\min\{t, m\}} \in \lambda$ . 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  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$  and  $(y \rightarrow x)_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $y \odot z \leq y \odot z$ ,  $y \leq z \rightarrow (y \odot z)$ . By Proposition 1(viii),  $x \rightarrow y \leq x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow (y \odot z))$ , and so,  $x \rightarrow y \leq (x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ , by Proposition 2, we have:

$$t \leq \lambda(x \rightarrow y) \leq \lambda((x \odot z) \rightarrow (y \odot z))$$

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

$$t \leq \lambda(y \rightarrow x) \leq \lambda((y \odot z) \rightarrow (x \odot z))$$

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

$$t \leq \lambda(x \rightarrow y) \leq \lambda((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z))$$

and:

$$t \leq \lambda(y \rightarrow x) \leq \lambda((x \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z))$$

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

**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,  $(\frac{H}{\equiv_{\lambda}}, \otimes, \rightsquigarrow, [1]_{\lambda})$  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.  $\square$

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

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

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

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

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

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:

$$H_0 := \{x \in H \mid \lambda(x) \neq 0\} \quad (7)$$

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  $x, x \rightarrow y \in H_0$ . Then, there exist  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ , such that  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) \geq k$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \lambda$ . 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  $H$ .  $\square$

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

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda(1) = 0$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\lambda(1) > 0$ .  $\square$

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

**Proof.** Let  $t \in (0, 0.5]$  and  $\lambda : H \rightarrow [0, 1]$  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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $t = \lambda(1) \geq \lambda(x)$ , for any  $x \in H$ . Now, suppose that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \lambda$ . We consider

the following cases:

Case 1: If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) = t$ , then  $x, x \rightarrow y \in F$ . Since  $F$  is a filter of  $H$ , we have  $y \in F$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\} = t$ . Hence,  $y_t \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ .

Case 2: If  $\lambda(x) = t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) = 0$ , then it is clear that:

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\} = 0$$

Hence,  $y_0 \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ .

Case 3: If  $\lambda(x) = 0$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) = 0$ , then it is clear that:

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\} = 0$$

Hence,  $y_0 \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ .

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

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  $\in \vee q$ -set, respectively, as follows.

$$U(\lambda; t) := \{x \in H \mid \lambda(x) \geq t\}.$$

$$\lambda_q^t := \{x \in H \mid x_t q \lambda\}.$$

$$\lambda_{\in \vee q}^t := \{x \in H \mid x_t \in \vee q \lambda\}.$$

**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.

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

$$(\forall x, y \in H)(\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \geq \min\{\lambda(x \rightarrow y), \lambda(x)\}). \quad (9)$$

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

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

Hence,

$$\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y)\}$$

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

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

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

$$\max\{\lambda(y), 0.5\} \geq \min\{\lambda(x \rightarrow y), \lambda(x)\} \geq t$$

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

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

**Example 2.** On the set  $H = \{0, a, b, c, d, 1\}$ , we define two operations  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  as follows:

$\rightarrow$	0	a	b	c	d	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
a	c	1	b	c	b	1
b	d	a	1	b	a	1
c	a	a	1	1	a	1
d	b	1	1	b	1	1
1	0	a	b	c	d	1

$\odot$	0	a	b	c	d	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	d	0	d	a
b	0	d	c	c	0	b
c	0	0	c	c	0	c
d	0	d	0	0	0	d
1	0	a	b	c	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:

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

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

$$0.2 = \lambda(b) \not\geq \min\{\lambda(c), \lambda(c \rightarrow b)\} = \min\{\lambda(c), \lambda(1)\} = \min\{0.3, 0.5\} = 0.3$$

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

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

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

$$(\forall x \in H)(\lambda(x) < 0.5), \quad (10)$$

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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \lambda$ . From  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $H$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** If  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $\lambda(1) \geq 1 - t$ , and so,  $\lambda(1) + t > 1$ . Thus, in both cases,  $1 \in \lambda_q^t$ . Now, suppose that  $x, x \rightarrow y \in \lambda_q^t$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) + t > 1$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) + t > 1$ , and so,  $\lambda(x) > 1 - t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) > 1 - t$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ .  $\square$

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

$$(\forall x, y \in H) \left( \begin{array}{l} \lambda(1) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\} \\ \lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y), 0.5\} \end{array} \right). \quad (11)$$

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

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y), 0.5\} = \min\{t, k\}$$

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

$$\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y), 0.5\} = 0.5$$

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

**Theorem 11.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $H$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$  and  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ , for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \geq t$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $x, x \rightarrow y \in U(\lambda; t)$ , then  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) \geq t$ , and so,  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_t \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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,  $\lambda(x) \geq t$ , so  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$ . Since  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of  $H$ ,  $1 \in U(\lambda; t)$ , so  $\lambda(1) \geq t$ . Hence,  $1_t \in \lambda$ , and so,  $1_t \in \vee q \lambda$ . Now, let  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \lambda$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 0.5]$ . Then,  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  and  $\lambda(x \rightarrow y) \geq k$ , and so,  $x, x \rightarrow y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ . Since  $U(\lambda; t)$  is a filter of  $H$ ,  $y \in U(\lambda; \min\{t, k\})$ , and so,  $\lambda(y) \geq \min\{t, k\}$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \lambda$ . Therefore,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \vee q \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ , for any  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ .  $\square$

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

$$(\forall x, y \in H) \left( \begin{array}{l} \lambda(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y), 0.5\} \\ x \leq y \Rightarrow \lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\} \end{array} \right). \quad (12)$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $\lambda$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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,  $\lambda(x \odot y) \geq t = \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y)\}$ . If  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , it is clear that  $\lambda(x \odot y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y), 0.5\}$ . Now, suppose  $x \leq y$ . If  $\lambda(x) \geq t$  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,  $\lambda(y) \geq \lambda(x)$ , for  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ . If  $t \in (0.5, 1]$ , then  $\lambda(y) \geq \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\}$ .



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

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(y) &\geq \min\{\lambda(x \odot (x \rightarrow y)), 0.5\} \\ &\geq \min\{\min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y), 0.5\}, 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\lambda(x), \lambda(x \rightarrow y), 0.5\}\end{aligned}$$

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

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

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$  and  $x \in \lambda_{\in \vee q}^t$ , 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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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,  $1_t \in \vee q \lambda$ , and so,  $1 \in \lambda_{\in \vee q}^t$ . In a similar way, let  $x, x \rightarrow y \in \lambda_{\in \vee q}^t$ , for  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $x, x \rightarrow y \in U(\lambda; t)$  or  $x, x \rightarrow y \in \lambda_q^t$  or  $x \in U(\lambda; t)$  and  $x \rightarrow y \in \lambda_q^t$ . Therefore, we have the following cases:

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

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

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

Therefore,  $\lambda_{\in \vee q}^t$  is a filter of  $H$ .

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

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

- (i)  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ .
- (ii) If  $f$  is onto and  $\lambda$  satisfies the condition:

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

then  $f(\lambda)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $K$ , we have  $f(1)_t \in \vee q \mu$ . Thus,  $1_t \in \vee q f^{-1}(\mu)$ . Now, suppose  $x_t \in f^{-1}(\mu)$  and  $(x \rightarrow y)_k \in f^{-1}(\mu)$ , for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $f(x)_t \in \mu$  and  $f(x \rightarrow y)_k \in \mu$ . Since  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $K$ , we have  $f(y)_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \vee q \mu$ . Hence,  $y_{\min\{t, k\}} \in \vee q f^{-1}(\mu)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ .

(ii) Let  $a \in K$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $a_t \in f(\lambda)$ . Then,  $(f(\lambda))(a) \geq t$ . 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  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy filter of  $H$ , we have  $1_t \in \lambda$ . Now,  $1 \in f^{-1}(1)$ , so  $(f(\lambda))(1) \geq \lambda(1)$ , then  $(f(\lambda))(1) \geq t$  or  $(f(\lambda))(1) + t > 1$ . Thus,  $1_t \in \vee q f(\lambda)$ . In a similar way, let  $a, a \rightarrow b \in K$  and  $t, k \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $a_t \in f(\lambda)$  and  $(a \rightarrow b)_k \in f(\lambda)$ . Then,  $(f(\lambda))(a) \geq t$  and  $(f(\lambda))(a \rightarrow b) \geq k$ . By assumption, there exist  $x \in f^{-1}(a)$

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

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

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

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

- (i)  $\lambda = \mu \cup \nu$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Im}(\mu)$  and  $\text{Im}(\nu)$  have at least two elements.
- (iii)  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  do not have the same family of  $\in \vee q$ -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  $r \geq 2$ . Then, the chain of  $\in \vee q$ -level filters of  $\lambda$  is:

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

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

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

and:

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

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

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

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

$\square$

#### 4. Conclusions

Our aim was to define the concepts of  $(\in, \in)$ -fuzzy filters and  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -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  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \{(\in, \in), (\in, \in \vee q)\}$  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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