# Fuzzy regular congruence relations on hyper *BCK*-algebras

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#### Abstract

In this manuscript, by considering the notion of fuzzy regular congruence relation on a hyper BCK-algebra, we construct a quotient hyper BCK-algebra and then we state and prove some related theorems. Finally, we state and prove isomorphism theorems on that structure.

## 1. Introduction

The study of BCK-algebras was initiated by Y. Imai and K. Iséki [7] in 1966, as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculi. Since then a great deal of literature has been produced on the theory of BCK-algebras.

The hyperstructure theory (called also multialgebras) was introduced in 1934 by F. Marty [11] at the 8th congress of Scandinavian Mathematiciens. Around the 40's, several authors worked on hypergroups, especially in France and in the United States, but also in Italy, Russia and Japan. Hyperstructures have many applications to several sectors of both pure and applied sciences.

In [10] Y. B. Jun et al. applied the hyperstructures to BCK-algebras, and introduced the notion of a hyper BCK-algebra which is a generalization of BCK-algebra, and investigated some related properties. The notion of regular congruence relation on hyper BCK-algebras have been introduced by R. A. Borzooei et al [6]. In [1], [4] and [5], the authors studied the fuzzy set theory on hyper BCK-algebras and defined the notion of a fuzzy

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congruence relation on a hyper BCK-algebra. Now, in this paper, we follow the references and we obtain some results as mentioned in the abstract.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** By a hyper BCK-algebra we mean a non-empty set H endowed with a hyperoperation " $\circ$ " and a constant 0 satisfying the following axioms:

- (HK1)  $(x \circ z) \circ (y \circ z) \ll x \circ y$ ,
- (HK2)  $(x \circ y) \circ z = (x \circ z) \circ y$ ,
- (HK3)  $x \circ H \ll \{x\},\$
- (HK4)  $x \ll y$  and  $y \ll x$  imply x = y,

for all  $x, y, z \in H$ , where  $x \ll y$  is defined by  $0 \in x \circ y$  and for every  $A, B \subseteq H, A \ll B$  is defined by  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B$  such that  $a \ll b$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** [10] In any hyper BCK-algebra H for all  $x, y, z \in H$  the following hold:

(i)  $x \ll x$ , (ii)  $0 \circ x = \{0\}$ , (iii)  $x \circ y \ll x$ , (iv)  $x \circ 0 = \{x\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A non-empty subset I of hyper BCK-algebra H is said to be a (weak) hyper BCK-ideal if  $(x \circ y \subseteq I) \ x \circ y \ll I$  and  $y \in I$  imply  $x \in I$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(H_1, \circ_1)$  and  $(H_2, \circ_2)$  be two hyper *BCK*-algebras and  $f: H_1 \longrightarrow H_2$  be a function. Then, f is called

- a homomorphism, if  $f(x \circ_1 y) = f(x) \circ_2 f(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in H_1$ ,
- an isomorphism, if f is a one-to-one and onto homomorphism.

Note. From now on, in this paper, H denotes a hyper BCK-algebra.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\Theta$  be a binary relation on H and  $A, B \subseteq H$ . Then,

- (i)  $A\Theta B$  means that, there exist  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  such that  $a\Theta b$ ,
- (ii)  $A\overline{\Theta}B$  means that, for all  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  and for all  $b \in B$ there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $a\Theta b$ ,

- (iii)  $\Theta$  is called *left* (resp. *right*) compatible if  $x\Theta y$  implies that  $a \circ x\overline{\Theta}a \circ y$  $(x \circ a\overline{\Theta}y \circ a)$ , for all  $a, x, y \in H$ ,
- (iv)  $\Theta$  is called a *congruence* if it is left and right compatible,
- (v)  $\Theta$  is called *regular* if  $x \circ y\Theta\{0\}$  and  $y \circ x\Theta\{0\}$  imply  $x\Theta y$ , for all  $x, y \in H$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [6] Let  $\Theta$  be a regular congruence relation on H,  $I = [0]_{\Theta}$ and  $H/I = \{I_x : x \in H\}$ , where  $I_x = [x]_{\Theta}$ . Then H/I with hyperoperation " $\circ$ " and hyperorder " $\ll$ " which is defined as follows,

$$I_x \circ I_y = \{I_z : z \in x \circ y\} \quad , \quad I_x \ll I_y \longleftrightarrow I \in I_x \circ I_y$$

is a hyper BCK-algebra which is called "quotient hyper BCK-algebra".

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of H. Then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the level subset  $\mu_t$  of H is defined by  $\mu_t = \{x \in H : \mu(x) \ge t\}$ . Moreover,  $\mu$  satisfies the sup property (inf property), if for each non-empty subset T of X there exists  $x_0 \in T$  such that  $\mu(x_0) = \sup_{x \in T} \mu(x)$  ( $\mu(x_0) = \inf_{x \in T} \mu(x)$ ).

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $f : H_1 \longrightarrow H_2$  be a homomorphism of hyper *BCK*algebras and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $H_2$ . Then fuzzy subset  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  of  $H_1$  is defined by  $f^{-1}(\mu)(x) = \mu(f(x))$ , for all  $x \in H_1$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let H be a hyper BCK-algebra. A function  $\rho: H \times H \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a *fuzzy relation* on H. A fuzzy relation  $\rho$  on H is said to be a *fuzzy equivalence relation* if for all  $x, y \in H$ 

$$\begin{split} \rho(x,x) &= \sup_{\substack{(y,z) \in H^2}} \rho(y,z), \text{ (Fuzzy reflexive)} \\ \rho(y,x) &= \rho(x,y), \text{ (Fuzzy symmetric)} \\ \rho(x,y) &\geqslant \sup_{z \in H} \min(\rho(x,z),\rho(z,y)), \text{ (Fuzzy transitive)}. \end{split}$$

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy equivalence relation on H. Then  $\rho$  is said to be a

- fuzzy left compatible if for all  $u \in a \circ x$  there exists  $v \in a \circ y$  and for all  $v \in a \circ y$  there exists  $u \in a \circ x$  such that  $\rho(u, v) \ge \rho(x, y)$ , for all  $a, x, y \in H$ .
- fuzzy right compatible if for all  $z \in x \circ a$  there exists  $w \in y \circ a$  and for all  $w \in y \circ a$  there exists  $z \in x \circ a$  such that  $\rho(z, w) \ge \rho(x, y)$ , for all  $a, x, y \in H$ .

• fuzzy congruence relation if  $\rho$  is fuzzy left and fuzzy right compatible.

**Theorem 2.11.** [5] Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy relation on H. If  $\rho$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on H then for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $\rho_t = \{(x,y) \in H \times H : \rho(x,y) \ge t\} \neq \emptyset$ , is a congruence relation on H. Conversely, if  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property and for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$  is a congruence relation on H, then  $\rho$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on H.

**Notation:** By  $\mathcal{F}_R(H)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_E(H)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_C(H)$  we mean respectively, the set of all fuzzy relations, fuzzy equivalence relations and fuzzy congruence relations on H.

#### 3. Quotient structures

**Definition 3.1.**  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}_R(H)$  is called *fuzzy regular* if for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$\rho(x,y) \ge \min\left(\sup_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a,0), \sup_{b \in y \circ x} \rho(b,0)\right).$$

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}_R(H)$  is fuzzy regular, then each  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$  is a regular relation on H. Conversely, if  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property and each  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$  is a regular relation on H, then  $\rho$  is fuzzy regular on H.

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let for all  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\rho_s \neq \emptyset$  be a regular relation on H. We first show that  $\rho$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation. Let  $t = \sup_{(y,z) \in H^2} \rho(y,z)$ . Since,  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property, then  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$ . Now, since  $\rho_t$  is a reflexive relation, then  $(x, x) \in \rho_t$  and so  $\rho(x, x) \ge t$  for all  $x \in H$ . Hence,

$$\rho(x,x) \leqslant \sup_{(y,z)\in H^2} \rho(y,z) = t \leqslant \rho(x,x)$$

and so  $\rho(x,x) = \sup_{(y,z)\in H^2} \rho(y,z)$ . Thus,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy reflexive relation. Moreover, it is easy to check that  $\rho$  is a fuzzy symmetric and fuzzy transitive relation. Therefore,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation on H. Now, let

$$t = \min\left(\sup_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a, 0), \sup_{b \in y \circ x} \rho(b, 0)\right).$$

Since,  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property, then there exist  $a_0 \in x \circ y$  and  $b_0 \in y \circ x$ such that  $\rho(a_0, 0) = \sup_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a, 0) \ge t$  and  $\rho(b_0, 0) = \sup_{b \in y \circ x} \rho(b, 0) \ge t$  and so  $a_0\rho_t 0$  and  $b_0\rho_t 0$ . This implies that  $x \circ y\rho_t \{0\}$  and  $y \circ x\rho_t \{0\}$ . Since,  $\rho_t$  is a regular relation, then  $x\rho_t y$  and so

$$\rho(x,y) \ge t = \min\left(\sup_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a,0), \sup_{b \in y \circ x} \rho(b,0)\right).$$

Therefore,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy regular relation on H.

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy regular relation on H,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$ . We first show that  $\rho_t$  is an equivalence relation on H. Since,  $\rho_t$  is a non-empty subset of H, there exists  $y, z \in H$  such that  $(y, z) \in \rho_t$  and so  $\rho(y, z) \ge t$ . Since, for all  $x \in H$ ,  $\rho(x, x) = \sup_{(y,z) \in H^2} \rho(y, z) \ge t$ , then  $(x, x) \in \rho_t$  and so  $\rho_t$  is a reflexive relation. It is easy to check that  $\rho_t$  is a symmetric and transitive relation on H. Therefore,  $\rho_t$  is an equivalence relation on H. Now, let  $x \circ y\rho_t\{0\}$  and  $y \circ x\rho_t\{0\}$ , for  $x, y \in H$ . Then, there exist  $a \in x \circ y$  and  $b \in y \circ x$  such that  $a\rho_t 0$  and  $b\rho_t 0$ . Since,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy regular relation on H, then

$$\rho(x,y) \ge \min\left(\sup_{u \in x \circ y} \rho(u,0), \sup_{v \in y \circ x} \rho(v,0)\right) \ge \min(\rho(a,0), \rho(b,0)) \ge t$$

and so  $x\rho_t y$ . Hence,  $\rho_t$  is a regular relation on H.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}_R(H)$ . Then for all  $x \in H$ , the fuzzy subset  $\mu_x : H \longrightarrow [0,1]$  is defined as follows: for all  $y \in H$ ,

$$\mu_x(y) = \rho(y, x).$$

**Notation.** From now on, in this paper, for all  $y \in H$  we let

$$\mu(y) = \mu_0(y) (= \rho(y, 0)).$$

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}_E(H)$ . Then,

- (i) for all  $x, y \in H$ ,  $\mu_x = \mu_y$  if and only if  $\rho(x, y) = \sup_{(w,z) \in H^2} \rho(w, z)$ ,
- (ii) if  $t \in [0,1]$  and  $\rho_t \neq \emptyset$ , then  $[0]_{\rho_t} = \mu_t$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ , for  $x, y \in H$ . Since,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy reflexive relation, then

$$\rho(x,y) = \mu_y(x) = \mu_x(x) = \rho(x,x) = \sup_{(w,z) \in H^2} \rho(w,z).$$

Conversely, let  $\rho(x, y) = \sup_{(u,v) \in H^2} \rho(u, v)$ , for  $x, y \in H$  and  $w \in H$ . Since,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy symmetric and fuzzy transitive relation, then

$$\begin{split} \mu_x(w) &= \rho(w,x) = \rho(x,w) \geqslant \min(\rho(x,y),\rho(y,w)) \\ &= \min\left(\sup_{(u,v)\in H^2} \rho(u,v),\rho(y,w)\right) = \rho(y,w) = \rho(w,y) = \mu_y(w). \end{split}$$

Similarly, we can show that  $\mu_y(w) \ge \mu_x(w)$ . Hence, for all  $w \in H$ ,  $\mu_x(w) = \mu_y(w)$  and so  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ .

(*ii*) Let  $x \in [0]_{\rho_t}$ . Then,  $x\rho_t 0$  and so  $\mu(x) = \rho(x, 0) \ge t$ . Hence,  $x \in \mu_t$ . Conversely, if  $x \in \mu_t$  then  $\rho(x, 0) = \mu(x) \ge t$  and so  $x\rho_t 0$ . Hence,  $x \in [0]_{\rho_t}$ . Therefore,  $[0]_{\rho_t} = \mu_t$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H and

$$H/\mu = \{\mu_x : x \in H\}.$$

If a hyperoperation " $\circ$ " and a hyperorder " $\ll$ " on  $H/\mu$  are defined as follows:

$$\mu_x \circ \mu_y = \mu_{x \circ y} = \{\mu_z : z \in x \circ y\},$$
$$\mu_x \ll \mu_y \longleftrightarrow \quad \mu \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y,$$

then  $(H/\mu, \circ, \mu)$  is a hyper BCK-algebra.

*Proof.* First we show that a hyperoperation "o" is well-defined. Let  $\mu_x = \mu_{x'}$  and  $\mu_y = \mu_{y'}$ . Then, by Lemma 3.4(i),

$$\rho(x, x') = \sup_{(u, z) \in H^2} \rho(u, z) = \rho(y, y').$$

Let  $t = \sup_{(u,z)\in H^2} \rho(u,z)$ . Hence,  $x\rho_t x'$  and  $y\rho_t y'$ . Since, by Theorem 2.11,  $\rho_t$  is a congruence relation on H, then  $x \circ y\overline{\rho_t}x' \circ y$  and  $x' \circ y\overline{\rho_t}x' \circ y'$ and so  $x \circ y\overline{\rho_t}x' \circ y'$ . Now, let  $\mu_z \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y$ . Then, there exists  $z' \in x \circ y$  such that  $\mu_z = \mu_{z'}$ . Since,  $z' \in x \circ y$  and  $x \circ y\overline{\rho_t}x' \circ y'$ , there exists  $w \in x' \circ y'$ such that  $z'\rho_t w$  and so  $\rho(z', w) \ge t = \sup_{(u,z)\in H^2} \rho(u,z) \ge \rho(z',w)$ . Hence  $\rho(z',w) = t$ . Since  $\rho$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation, then for all  $u \in H$ ,

$$\mu_{z}(u) = \mu_{z'}(u) = \rho(u, z') = \rho(z', u) \ge \min(\rho(z', w), \rho(w, u))$$
  
= min(t, \rho(w, u)) = \rho(w, u) = \rho(u, w) = \mu\_w(u).

Conversely, for all  $u \in H$ ,

$$\mu_w(u) = \rho(u, w) = \rho(w, u) \ge \min(\rho(w, z'), \rho(z', u)) = \min(\rho(z', w), \rho(z', u))$$
  
= min(t, \rho(z', u)) = \rho(z', u) = \rho(u, z') = \mu\_{z'}(u) = \mu\_z(u).

Hence,  $\mu_z(u) = \mu_w(u)$ , for all  $u \in H$  and so  $\mu_z = \mu_w$ . Since,  $w \in x' \circ y'$ , then  $\mu_z = \mu_w \in \mu'_x \circ \mu'_y$  and so  $\mu_x \circ \mu_y \subseteq \mu'_x \circ \mu'_y$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\mu'_x \circ \mu'_y \subseteq \mu_x \circ \mu_y$ . Therefore,  $\mu_x \circ \mu_y = \mu_{x'} \circ \mu_{y'}$ .

Now we establish the axioms of a hyper BCK-algebra.

(HK1) Let  $\mu_v \in (\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ (\mu_y \circ \mu_z)$ . Then, there exist  $\mu_u \in \mu_x \circ \mu_z$ and  $\overline{\mu_w} \in \mu_y \circ \mu_z$  such that  $\mu_v \in \mu_u \circ \mu_w$  and so there exists  $a \in u \circ w$  such that  $\mu_v = \mu_a$ . Since,  $a \in u \circ w \subseteq (x \circ z) \circ (y \circ z) \ll x \circ y$ , then there exists  $b \in x \circ y$  such that  $a \ll b$  and so  $0 \in a \circ b$ . This implies that  $\mu \in \mu_{a \circ b} = \mu_a \circ \mu_b = \mu_v \circ \mu_b \subseteq ((\mu_u \circ \mu_w) \circ (\mu_x \circ \mu_y)) \subseteq ((\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ (\mu_y \circ \mu_z)) \circ (\mu_x \circ \mu_y)$ . Thus,  $(\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ (\mu_y \circ \mu_z) \ll \mu_x \circ \mu_y$ .

(HK2) Let  $\mu_u \in (\mu_x \circ \mu_y) \circ \mu_z$ . Then, there exists  $v \in (x \circ y) \circ z$  such that  $\mu_u = \mu_v$ . Since,  $v \in (x \circ y) \circ z = (x \circ z) \circ y$  then  $\mu_u = \mu_v \in (\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ \mu_y$ . This implies that  $(\mu_x \circ \mu_y) \circ \mu_z \subseteq (\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ \mu_y$ . Similarly, we can show that  $(\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ \mu_y \subseteq (\mu_x \circ \mu_y) \circ \mu_z$ . Thus,  $(\mu_x \circ \mu_y) \circ \mu_z = (\mu_x \circ \mu_z) \circ \mu_y$ .

(HK3) Let  $\mu_z \in \mu_x \circ H/\mu$ . Then, there exists  $\mu_y \in H/\mu$  such that  $\mu_z \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y$  and so there exists  $w \in x \circ y$  such that  $\mu_z = \mu_w$ . Since,  $x \circ y \ll x$  then  $w \ll x$  and so  $0 \in w \circ x$ . Thus,  $\mu \in \mu_{w \circ x} = \mu_w \circ \mu_x = \mu_z \circ \mu_x$ . This implies that  $\mu_z \ll \mu_x$  and so  $\mu_x \circ H/\mu \ll \mu_x$ .

(HK4) Let  $\mu_x \ll \mu_y$  and  $\mu_y \ll \mu_x$ . Then,  $\mu \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y$  and  $\mu \in \mu_y \circ \mu_x$ . Hence, there exist  $z \in x \circ y$  and  $w \in y \circ x$  such that  $\mu_z = \mu_0 = \mu_w$ and so by Lemma 3.4(i),  $\rho(z,0) = \sup_{(a,b)\in H^2} \rho(a,b) = \rho(w,0)$ . Let  $t = \sup_{(a,b)\in H^2} \rho(a,b)$ . Then,  $z\rho_t 0$  and  $w\rho_t 0$ . Since,  $z \in x \circ y$  and  $w \in y \circ x$ , then  $x \circ y\rho_t\{0\}$  and  $y \circ x\rho_t\{0\}$ . Since, by Theorem 3.2,  $\rho_t$  is a regular relation, hence  $x\rho_t y$  and so  $\rho(x,y) \ge t = \sup_{(a,b)\in H^2} \rho(a,b) \ge \rho(x,y)$ . Thus,  $\rho(x,y) = \sup_{(y,u)\in H^2} \rho(y,u)$  and so by Lemma 3.4(i),  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $\rho$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on H, then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy hyper BCK-ideal of H.

*Proof.* Let  $x \ll y$ , for  $x, y \in H$ . Then  $0 \in x \circ y$ . Since,  $x \in x \circ 0$  and  $\rho$  is fuzzy left compatible, then  $\mu(x) = \rho(x, 0) \ge \rho(y, 0) = \mu(y)$ . Now, let  $x, y \in H$  and  $a \in x \circ y$ . Since,  $x \in x \circ 0$ , then  $\rho(x, a) \ge \rho(y, 0)$  and since  $\rho$  is fuzzy transitive, then

$$\mu(x) = \rho(x,0) \ge \min(\rho(x,a), \rho(a,0)) \ge \min(\rho(y,0), \rho(a,0))$$

$$\geq \min\left(\inf_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a, 0), \rho(y, 0)\right) = \min\left(\inf_{a \in x \circ y} \mu(a), \mu(y)\right).$$

This implies that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy hyper *BCK*-ideal of *H*.

#### 4. Isomorphism theorems

**Theorem 4.1.** [6] Let  $f : H \longrightarrow H'$  be a homomorphism of hyper BCKalgebras. Then,

- (i) kerf is a hyper BCK-ideal of H,
- (ii) if  $\Theta$  is a regular congruence on H and ker f = I, then  $H/I \simeq f(H)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H and  $t = \sup_{(z,w)\in H^2} \rho(z,w)$ . Then there is a hyper BCK-ideal J of  $H/\mu$  such that

$$(H/\mu)/J \simeq H/\mu_t.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\rho$  is a fuzzy reflexive relation on H, then

$$\rho(0,0) = \sup_{(y,z)\in H^2} \rho(y,z) = t$$

and so  $(0,0) \in \rho_t$  and  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property. Hence, by Theorems 2.11 and 3.2,  $\rho_t$  is a regular congruence relation on H. By Lemma 3.4(*ii*),  $[0]_{\rho_t} = \mu_t$  and so by Theorem 2.6,  $H/\mu_t$  is a hyper *BCK*-algebra. Let  $I = \mu_t$ . Then, by Theorem 2.6,  $H/\mu_t = H/I = \{I_x : x \in H\}$ , where  $I_x = [x]_{\rho_t}$ . Now, let  $\psi : H/\mu \to H/I$  be defined by  $\psi(\mu_x) = I_x$ . Let  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ , for  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ . Then, by Lemma 3.4(*i*),  $\rho(x, y) = \sup_{(z,w)\in H^2} \rho(z, w) = t$ . Thus,  $x\rho_t y$  and so  $I_x = I_y$ ; i.e.  $\psi(\mu_x) = \psi(\mu_y)$ . This implies that  $\psi$  is well-defined. Moreover, for all  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ ,

$$\psi(\mu_x \circ \mu_y) = \psi(\mu_{x \circ y}) = \psi(\{\mu_z : z \in x \circ y\}) = \{\psi(\mu_z) : z \in x \circ y\}$$
  
=  $\{I_z : z \in x \circ y\} = I_x \circ I_y = \psi(\mu_x) \circ \psi(\mu_y)$ 

and so  $\psi$  is a homomorphism. Now, let

$$\mu_x \Theta \mu_y \iff x \rho_t y$$

for all  $x, y \in H$ . Since,  $\rho_t$  is a regular congruence relation on H, then  $\Theta$  is a regular congruence relation on  $H/\mu$ , too. Now, we show that  $ker\psi = [\mu]_{\Theta}$ .

$$\mu_x \in ker\psi \longleftrightarrow \psi(\mu_x) = I \longleftrightarrow I_x = I \longleftrightarrow x \in I = [0]_{\rho_t}$$
$$\longleftrightarrow x \rho_t 0 \longleftrightarrow \mu_x \Theta \mu \longleftrightarrow \mu_x \in [\mu]_{\Theta}.$$

It is clear that  $\psi$  is onto. Therefore, by Theorem 4.1(*ii*),  $(H/\mu)/ker\psi \simeq H/\mu_t$ . Now, let  $J = ker\psi$ . Then  $(H/\mu)/J \simeq H/\mu_t$  and by Theorem 4.1(*i*), J is a hyper *BCK*-ideal of  $H/\mu$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H and  $\mu^* = \{x \in H : \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$ . Then  $H/\mu \simeq H/\mu^*$ .

Proof. Let  $t = \mu(0)$ . Since,  $\rho$  is fuzzy reflexive, then  $t = \mu(0) = \rho(0,0) = \sup_{(y,z)\in H^2}\rho(y,z)$ . Now, we must show that  $\mu^* = [0]_{\rho_t}$ . Let  $x \in \mu^*$ . Then,  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$  and so  $\rho(x,0) = \rho(0,0) = t$ . Hence,  $x\rho_t 0$  and so  $x \in [0]_{\rho_t}$ . Hence,  $\mu^* \subseteq [0]_{\rho_t}$ . Moreover, if  $x \in [0]_{\rho_t}$ , then  $x\rho_t 0$ ; i.e,  $(x,0) \in \rho_t$  and so  $\rho(x,0) \ge t = \sup_{(y,z)\in H^2}\rho(y,z) \ge \rho(x,0)$ . Thus,  $\rho(x,0) = t = \rho(0,0)$  and so  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$ ; i.e,  $x \in \mu^*$ . Hence,  $[0]_{\rho_t} \subseteq \mu^*$ . Therefore,  $[0]_{\rho_t} = \mu^*$  and so by Theorem 2.6,  $H/\mu^*$  is well-defined.

Now, let  $\psi : H/\mu \longrightarrow H/\mu^*$  be defined by  $\psi(\mu_x) = I_x$ , for all  $x \in H$ , where  $I = \mu^*$ . By the proof of Theorem 4.2,  $\psi$  is an epimorphism. Now, we show that  $\psi$  is one-to-one. For this, let  $\mu_x \in ker\psi$ . Then,  $\psi(\mu_x) = I$ and so  $I_x = I$ . Hence,  $x \in I = \mu^*$  and so  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$ . Since,  $\rho$  is fuzzy reflexive, then  $\rho(x,0) = \rho(0,0) = \sup_{(y,z) \in H^2} \rho(y,z)$  and so by Lemma  $3.4(i), \mu_x = \mu_0 = \mu$ . Hence,  $ker\psi = \{\mu\} = 0_{H/\mu^*}$  and so  $H/\mu \simeq H/\mu^*$ .  $\Box$ 

#### **Theorem 4.4.** (First Isomorphism Theorem)

Let  $\rho$  be a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H and  $f: H \to H'$  be an epimorphism of hyper BCK-algebras such that  $\mu^* = \ker f$ . Then  $H/\mu \simeq H'$ .

Proof. Let  $\varphi: H/\mu \to H'$  be defined by  $\varphi(\mu_x) = f(x)$ , for all  $x \in H$ . First we show that  $\varphi$  is well-defined. For this, let  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ , for  $x, y \in H$ . Then by Lemma 3.4(i),  $\rho(x, y) = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w)$ . Let  $t = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w)$ . Hence,  $x\rho_t y$ . Since, by Theorem 2.11,  $\rho_t$  is a congruence relation on H, then  $x \circ y\overline{\rho_t}y \circ y$  and  $x \circ x\overline{\rho_t}y \circ x$ . Since,  $0 \in y \circ y$ , then there exists  $a \in x \circ y$  such that  $a\rho_t 0$  and so  $\rho(a, 0) \ge t = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w) \ge \rho(a, 0)$ . Hence,  $\rho(a, 0) = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w)$ . Since,  $\rho$  is fuzzy reflexive, then  $\mu(0) =$  $\rho(0, 0) = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w) = \rho(a, 0) = \mu(a)$  and so  $a \in \mu^* = \ker f$ . Hence,  $0' = f(a) \in f(x \circ y) = f(x) \circ f(y)$  and so  $f(x) \ll f(y)$ . Similarly, since  $0 \in x \circ x$ , then there exists  $b \in y \circ x$  such that  $b \in \ker f$ . Hence,  $0' = f(b) \in f(y \circ x) = f(y) \circ f(x)$  and so  $f(y) \ll f(x)$ . Thus, f(x) = f(y)and so  $\varphi$  is well-defined. Let  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ . Then,  $\varphi(\mu_x \circ \mu_y) = \varphi(\mu_{x\circ y}) =$  $f(x \circ y) = f(x) \circ f(y) = \varphi(\mu_x) \circ \varphi(\mu_y)$ , and so  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Now, let  $\mu_x \in \ker \varphi$ . Then  $f(x) = \varphi(\mu_x) = 0'$  and so  $x \in \ker f = \mu^*$ ; i.e.,  $\mu(x) = \mu(0)$ . Thus,  $\rho(x, 0) = \mu(x) = \mu(0) = \rho(0, 0) = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w)$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.4(i),  $\mu_x = \mu$  and so  $ker\varphi = \{\mu\}$ . Hence,  $\varphi$  is one to one. Since, f is onto, then  $\varphi$  is onto, too. Therefore,  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism and so  $H/\mu \simeq H'$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $f : H \to H'$  be an epimorphism of hyper BCK-algebras,  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  (resp.) be fuzzy regular congruence relations on H and H',  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  (resp.) be fuzzy subsets on H and H' such that  $\mu_y = f^{-1}(\mu'_{f(y)})$ , for all  $y \in H$ . Then  $H/\mu \simeq H'/\mu'$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi : H/\mu \to H'/\mu'$  be defined by  $\varphi(\mu_x) = \mu'_{f(x)}$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Now, let  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ , for  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$  and  $z' \in H'$ . Since, f is onto, then there exists  $z \in H$  such that f(z) = z'. Hence,

$$\mu'_{f(x)}(z') = \mu'_{f(x)}(f(z)) = f^{-1}(\mu'_{f(x)})(z) = \mu_x(z) = \mu_y(z)$$
$$= f^{-1}(\mu'_{f(y)})(z) = \mu'_{f(y)}(f(z)) = \mu'_{f(y)}(z').$$

Thus,  $\mu'_{f(x)} = \mu'_{f(y)}$  and so  $\varphi$  is well-defined. Now, let  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ . Then,

$$\varphi(\mu_x \circ \mu_y) = \varphi(\mu_{x \circ y}) = \mu'_{f(x \circ y)} = \mu'_{f(x) \circ f(y)} = \mu'_{f(x)} \circ \mu'_{f(y)} = \varphi(\mu_x) \circ \varphi(\mu_y),$$

and this implies that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Moreover, since f is onto then  $\varphi$  is onto, too. Now, let  $\varphi(\mu_x) = \varphi(\mu_y)$ , for  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ . Then  $\mu'_{f(x)} = \mu'_{f(y)}$  and so for all  $z \in H$ ,

$$\mu_x(z) = f^{-1}(\mu'_{f(x)})(z) = \mu'_{f(x)}(f(z)) = \mu'_{f(y)}(f(z)) = f^{-1}(\mu'_{f(y)})(z) = \mu_y(z).$$

This implies that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one. Therefore,  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism and so  $H/\mu \simeq H'/\mu'$ .

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  be two fuzzy regular congruence relations on H such that  $\mu_y(x) = \sigma(x, y), \ \mu(x) = \sigma(x, 0), \ for all <math>x, y \in H$  and  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property. Then  $\rho/\mu$  is a fuzzy regular congruence relation on  $H/\mu$ , where fuzzy relation  $\rho/\mu$  on  $H/\mu$  is defined by  $\rho/\mu(\mu_x, \mu_y) = \rho(x, y).$ 

*Proof.* Since,  $\sigma$  is a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H, then by Theorem 3.5,  $H/\mu$  is well-defined. Moreover, since  $\rho$  is a fuzzy regular congruence relation on H, then by some modifications we can show that  $\rho/\mu$  is a fuzzy congruence relation on H, too. Now, let

$$s = \min\left(\sup_{\mu_a \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y} \rho/\mu(\mu_a, \mu), \sup_{\mu_b \in \mu_y \circ \mu_x} \rho/\mu(\mu_b, \mu)\right).$$

Then,  $\sup_{\mu_a \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y} \rho/\mu(\mu_a, \mu) \ge s$  and  $\sup_{\mu_b \in \mu_y \circ \mu_x} \rho/\mu(\mu_b, \mu) \ge s$ . Since,  $\rho$  satisfies the sup property, then  $\rho/\mu$  so is. Thus, there exist  $a_0 \in x \circ y$  and  $b_0 \in y \circ x$  such that

$$\rho(a_0,0) = \rho/\mu(\mu_{a_0},\mu) = \sup_{\mu_a \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y} \rho/\mu(\mu_a,\mu) \ge s$$

 $\rho(b_0,0) = \rho/\mu(\mu_{b_0},\mu) = \sup_{\mu_b \in \mu_y \circ \mu_x} \rho/\mu(\mu_b,\mu)) \ge s.$ 

and

Since,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy regular relation on H, then

$$\rho/\mu(\mu_x,\mu_y) = \rho(x,y) \ge \min(\sup_{a \in x \circ y} \rho(a,0), \sup_{b \in y \circ x} \rho(b,0))$$

 $\geq \min(\rho(a_0,0),\rho(b_0,0)) \geq s = \min(\sup_{\mu_a \in \mu_x \circ \mu_y} \rho/\mu(\mu_a,\mu), \sup_{\mu_b \in \mu_y \circ \mu_x} \rho/\mu(\mu_b,\mu)).$ 

Hence,  $\rho/\mu$  is a fuzzy regular relation on  $H/\mu$  and so it is a fuzzy regular congruence relation on  $H/\mu$ .

Theorem 4.7. (Second Isomorphism Theorem)

Let  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  be two fuzzy regular congruence relations on H such that  $\sigma \subseteq \rho$ and there exists  $a \in H$  such that  $\sigma(a, a) = 1$ . Let fuzzy subsets  $\eta_y$  and  $\mu_y$ on H are defined by  $\eta_y(x) = \rho(x, y)$  and  $\mu_y(x) = \sigma(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in H$ . Then

$$(H/\mu)/(\eta/\mu) \simeq H/\eta,$$
  
where  $(\eta/\mu)(\mu_x) = \rho/\mu(\mu_x,\mu)$  and  $(\rho/\mu)(\mu_x,\mu_y) = \rho(x,y)$ 

*Proof.* Since, by Lemma 4.6,  $\rho/\mu$  is a fuzzy regular congruence relation on  $H/\mu$  and  $(\eta/\mu)(\mu_x) = (\rho/\mu)(\mu_x, \mu)$ , then  $(H/\mu)/(\eta/\mu)$  is a hyper *BCK*-algebra. Also, it is easy to see that

$$\sup_{(z,w)\in H^2} \rho(z,w) = \sup_{(\mu_z,\mu_w)\in (H/\mu)^2} \rho/\mu(\mu_z,\mu_w).$$

Now, let  $\psi: H/\mu \to H/\eta$  be defined by  $\psi(\mu_x) = \eta_x$ . We have to show that  $\psi$  is well-defined. Let  $\mu_x = \mu_y$ , for  $\mu_x, \mu_y \in H/\mu$ . Then, by Lemma 3.4(*i*),  $\sigma(x,y) = \sup_{(z,w)\in H^2} \sigma(z,w) = 1$ . Since,  $\sigma \subseteq \rho$ , then  $\rho(x,y) \ge \sigma(x,y) = 1$  and so  $\rho(x,y) = \sup_{(z,w)\in H^2} \rho(z,w)$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.4(*i*),  $\eta_x = \eta_y$ , which this shows that  $\psi$  is well-defined. It is easy to check that  $\psi$  is an epimorphism. Now,

$$ker\psi = \{\mu_x \in H/\mu : \eta_x = \psi(\mu_x) = \eta\}$$
  
=  $\{\mu_x \in H/\mu : \rho(x, 0) = \sup_{(z,w) \in H^2} \rho(z, w) = \rho(0, 0)\}$   
=  $\{\mu_x \in H/\mu : \rho/\mu(\mu_x, \mu) = \rho/\mu(\mu, \mu)\}$ 

$$= \{ \mu_x \in H/\mu : (\eta/\mu)(\mu_x) = (\eta/\mu)(\mu) \} = (\eta/\mu)^*.$$
  
So,  $(H/\mu)/(\eta/\mu) \simeq H/\eta.$ 

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