

## Complex fuzzy $H_v$ -subgroups of an $H_v$ -group

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### Abstract

The concept of complex fuzzy sets is a generalization of ordinary fuzzy sets. In this paper, we introduce the concept of complex fuzzy subhypergroups ( $H_v$ -subgroups) as well as the concept of complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroups ( $H_v$ -subgroups). We investigate their properties and their relations with the traditional fuzzy (anti-fuzzy) subhypergroups ( $H_v$ -subgroups), and we prove some results in this respect.

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## 1 Introduction

Algebraic hyperstructures represent a natural generalization of classical algebraic structures and they were introduced by Marty [5] in 1934 at the eighth Congress of Scandinavian Mathematicians. In classical algebraic structures, the composition of two elements is an element whereas in algebraic hyperstructures, the composition of two elements is a set. Since then, many different hyperstructures (hyperring, hyperalgebra, hyperrepresentation, ...) were widely studied from the theoretical point of view and for their applications to many subjects of pure and applied mathematics: geometry, topology, cryptography and code theory, graphs and hypergraphs, probability theory, binary relations, theory of fuzzy and rough sets, automata theory, economy, etc. (see [1]). The  $H_v$ -structures are generalized algebraic hyperstructures where in the axioms of the classical hyperstructures the equality is replaced by the non-empty intersection. They were introduced by Vougiouklis [11], also see [9, 10].

On the other hand, the fuzzy mathematics forms a branch of mathematics related to fuzzy set theory and fuzzy logic. It was introduced in 1965 after the publication of Zadeh (see [12]) as an extension of the classical notion of set, when he proposed the idea of a multi-valued logic, which extends the traditional concept of a bivalent logic, which becomes a particular case of the new theory. The fuzzy set theory is based on the principle called by Zadeh "the principle of incompatibility", that is "the closer a phenomenon is studied, the more indistinct its definition becomes". Fuzzy sets are sets whose elements have degrees of membership. In classical set theory, the membership of elements in a set is assessed in binary terms according to a bivalent condition that an element either belongs or does not belong to the set. By contrast, fuzzy set theory permits the gradual assessment of the membership of elements in a set; this is described with the aid of a membership function valued in the real unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Fuzzy sets generalize classical sets, since the indicator functions of classical sets are special cases of the membership functions of fuzzy sets, if the latter only take values 0 or 1. Rosenfield [8] applied this concept to the theory of groups and introduced the concept of a fuzzy subgroup of a group. Since then, a host of mathematicians are engaged in fuzzifying various notions and results of abstract algebra. In [2], Davvaz introduced the concept of fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroups) of a hypergroup ( $H_v$ -group). A short review of the theory of fuzzy algebraic hyperstructures appears in [4].

As an extension of fuzzy sets, Raymot et al. [7, 6] introduced the concept of complex fuzzy sets in which the codomain of membership function is the unit disc of the complex plane. They introduced different fuzzy complex

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The remainder part of our paper is constructed as follows: after an Introduction, in Section 2 we present some definitions and results about hyperstructures and traditional fuzzy subhyperstructures. In Section 3, we define complex fuzzy  $H_v$ -subgroups as well as complex anti-fuzzy  $H_v$ -subgroups, investigate their properties and present different examples on them.

## 2 Hyperstructures and traditional fuzzy subhyperstructures

In this section, we present some definitions and theorems related to hyperstructures and fuzzy subhyperstructures that are used throughout the paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $H$  be a non-empty set. Then, a mapping  $\circ : H \times H \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$  is called a binary hyperoperation on  $H$ , where  $\mathcal{P}^*(H)$  is the family of all non-empty subsets of  $H$ . The couple  $(H, \circ)$  is called a hypergroupoid.

In the above definition, if  $A$  and  $B$  are two non-empty subsets of  $H$  and  $x \in H$ , then we define:

$$A \circ B = \bigcup_{\substack{a \in A \\ b \in B}} a \circ b, \quad x \circ A = \{x\} \circ A \text{ and } A \circ x = A \circ \{x\}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** [3] A hypergroupoid  $(H, \circ)$  is called a:

- semihypergroup if for every  $x, y, z \in H$ , we have  $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$ ;
- quasihypergroup if for every  $x \in H$ ,  $x \circ H = H = H \circ x$  (This condition is called the reproduction axiom);
- hypergroup if it is a semihypergroup and a quasihypergroup;
- $H_v$ -group if it is a quasihypergroup and for every  $x, y, z \in H$ , we have  $x \circ (y \circ z) \cap (x \circ y) \circ z \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [3] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $K \subseteq H$ . Then  $(K, \circ)$  is a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $(H, \circ)$  if for all  $a \in K$ , we have that  $a \circ K = K \circ a = K$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [12] A fuzzy set, defined on a universe of discourse  $U$  is characterized by a membership function  $\mu_A(x)$  that assigns any element a grade of membership in  $A$ . The fuzzy set may be represented by the set of ordered pairs  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in U\}$ , where  $\mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [4] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $A$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if the following conditions hold:

1.  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \leq \inf\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$ ;
2. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\} \leq \mu_A(y)$ ;
3. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $z \in H$  such that  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\} \leq \mu_A(z)$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** [2] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then

$$\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2), \dots, \mu(x_n)\} \leq \inf\{\mu(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots) \circ x_n) \dots\}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [4] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x)$ . Then  $A$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if the following conditions hold:

1.  $\sup\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$ ;
2. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\}$ ;
3. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $z \in H$  such that  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\mu_A(z) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\}$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** [4] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $\mu$  be an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then, for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$ ,

$$\max\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2), \dots, \mu(x_n)\} \geq \sup\{\mu(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots) \circ x_n) \dots\}.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** [4] Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if its complement  $\mu^c$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Here,  $\mu^c(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in H$ .

### 3 Complex fuzzy subhyperstructures

In this section, we use the concept of complex fuzzy subsets to define complex fuzzy (anti-fuzzy) subhypergroups. And we investigate their properties.

#### 3.1 Complex fuzzy $H_v$ -subgroups

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in U\}$  be a fuzzy set. Then the set  $A_\pi = \{(x, 2\pi\mu_A(x)) : x \in U\}$  is said to be a  $\pi$ -fuzzy set.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group). A  $\pi$ -fuzzy set  $A_\pi$  is a  $\pi$ -fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $A$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. □

**Definition 3.3.** A complex fuzzy set, defined on a universe of discourse  $U$  is characterized by a membership function  $\mu_A(x)$  that assigns any element, a complex-valued grade of membership in  $A$ . The complex fuzzy set may be represented by the set of ordered pairs  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in U\}$ , where  $\mu_A(x) = r(x)e^{iw(x)}$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $r(x) \in [0, 1]$  and  $w(x) \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

**Remark 3.4.** By setting  $w(x) = 0$  in the above definition, we return to the traditional fuzzy set.

**Definition 3.5.** [6] Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in U\}$  and  $B = \{(x, \mu_B(x)) : x \in U\}$  be two complex fuzzy sets of the same universe  $U$  with the membership functions  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{i\omega_A(x)}$  and  $\mu_B(x) = r_B(x)e^{i\omega_B(x)}$ , respectively. Then

- $\mu_{A \cap B}(x) = r_{A \cap B}(x)e^{i\omega_{A \cap B}(x)} = \min\{r_A(x), r_B(x)\}e^{i \min\{\omega_A(x), \omega_B(x)\}}$ ;
- $\mu_{A \cup B}(x) = r_{A \cup B}(x)e^{i\omega_{A \cup B}(x)} = \max\{r_A(x), r_B(x)\}e^{i \max\{\omega_A(x), \omega_B(x)\}}$ ;
- $\mu_{A^c}(x) = (1 - r_A(x))e^{i(2\pi - \omega_A(x))}$ , where  $A^c$  denotes the complement of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  and  $B = \{(x, \mu_B(x)) : x \in H\}$  be complex fuzzy subsets of a non-void set  $H$  with membership functions  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{i\omega_A(x)}$  and  $\mu_B(x) = r_B(x)e^{i\omega_B(x)}$  respectively. Then

1. A complex fuzzy subset  $A$  is said to be homogeneous if for all  $x, y \in H$ , we have

$$r_A(x) \leq r_A(y) \text{ if and only if } \omega_A(x) \leq \omega_A(y).$$

2. A complex fuzzy subset  $A$  is said to be homogeneous with  $B$  if for all  $x, y \in H$ , we have

$$r_A(x) \leq r_B(y) \text{ if and only if } \omega_A(x) \leq \omega_B(y).$$

**Notation 3.7.** Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  and  $B = \{(x, \mu_B(x)) : x \in H\}$  be complex fuzzy subsets of a non-void set  $H$  with membership functions  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{i\omega_A(x)}$  and  $\mu_B(x) = r_B(x)e^{i\omega_B(x)}$  respectively. By  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$ , we mean that  $r_A(x) \leq r_B(x)$  and  $\omega_A(x) \leq \omega_B(x)$ .

Throughout this paper, all complex fuzzy sets are considered homogeneous.

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{i\omega_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if the following conditions hold:

1.  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \leq \inf\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$ ;
2. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\} \leq \mu_A(y)$ ;
3. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $z \in H$  such that  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\} \leq \mu_A(z)$ .

**Example 3.9.** Let  $H = \{a, b\}$  and define the hypergroup  $(H, \circ)$  by the following table:

$\circ$	$a$	$b$
$a$	$a$	$H$
$b$	$H$	$b$

We define a complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as follows:  $\mu(a) = 0.5e^{i0}$  and  $\mu(b) = 1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ . Then  $\mu$  is homogeneous complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $r_A$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A$  is a  $\pi$ -fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . We need to prove that the conditions of Definition 2.5 are satisfied for  $r_A$  and  $w_A$ . For all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \leq \inf\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\}$ . The latter and Notation 3.7 imply that  $\inf\{r_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \geq \min\{r_A(x), r_A(y)\}$  and  $\inf\{w_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \geq \min\{w_A(x), w_A(y)\}$ . Let  $a, x \in H$ . Then there exist  $y, z \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$ ,  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} \leq \mu_A(y)$ ,  $\min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} \leq \mu_A(z)$ . Notation 3.7 implies that the conditions 2 and 3 of Definition 2.5 are satisfied for both  $r_A$  and  $w_A$ .

Suppose that  $r_A$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A$  is a  $\pi$ -fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . We need to prove that the conditions of Definition 3.8 are satisfied. For all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $\inf\{r_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \geq \min\{r_A(x), r_A(y)\}$  and  $\inf\{w_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \geq \min\{w_A(x), w_A(y)\}$ . The latter and Notation 3.7 imply that  $\min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \leq \inf\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\}$ . Let  $a, x \in H$ . Then there exist  $y, z \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$ ,  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\min\{r_A(a), r_A(x)\} \leq r_A(y)$ ,  $\min\{r_A(a), r_A(x)\} \leq r_A(z)$ ,  $\min\{w_A(a), w_A(x)\} \leq w_A(y)$ ,  $\min\{w_A(a), w_A(x)\} \leq w_A(z)$ . Notation 3.7 implies that the conditions 2 and 3 of Definition 3.8 are satisfied for  $\mu_A$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.11.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $\mu$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then, for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$ ,*

$$\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2), \dots, \mu(x_n)\} \leq \inf\{\mu(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots \circ x_n) \dots)\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$  and  $\mu(x) = r(x)e^{iw(x)}$ . To prove the lemma, it suffices to show that

$$\min\{r(x_1), r(x_2), \dots, r(x_n)\} \leq \inf\{r(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots \circ x_n) \dots)\}$$

and

$$\min\{w(x_1), w(x_2), \dots, w(x_n)\} \leq \inf\{w(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots \circ x_n) \dots)\}.$$

Since  $\mu$  is homogeneous, it suffices to show that

$$\min\{r(x_1), r(x_2), \dots, r(x_n)\} \leq \inf\{r(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots \circ x_n) \dots)\}.$$

Theorem 3.10 asserts that  $r$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Lemma 2.6 completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.12.** *Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of a non-void set  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define the level subset,  $\mu_t$ , of  $H$  by  $\mu_t = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) \geq t\}$ , where  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ .*

**Remark 3.13.** *Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of a non-void set  $H$ . Then the following are true:*

1. If  $t_1 \leq t_2$  then  $\mu_{t_2} \subseteq \mu_{t_1}$ .
2.  $\mu_{0e^{0i}} = H$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if for all  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$  is a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $x, y \in \mu_t \neq \emptyset$ . Then for all  $a \in x \circ y$ , we have that  $\mu_A(a) \geq \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\} \geq t$ . Thus  $a \in x \circ y \subseteq \mu_t$ . Hence, for every  $a \in \mu_t$ , we have  $a \circ \mu_t \subseteq \mu_t$ . Now let  $x \in \mu_t$  then by condition 2 of Definition 3.8, there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $t = \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} \leq \mu_A(y)$ . The latter implies that  $y \in \mu_t$ . We can use condition 3 of Definition 3.8 to get that  $\mu_t \circ a \subseteq \mu_t$ .

For the converse, assume that for all  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$  is subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Let  $t_0 = s_0e^{i\theta_0} = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$ . Then  $s_0 = \min\{r_A(x), r_A(y)\}$  and  $\theta_0 = \min\{w_A(x), w_A(y)\}$ . Since  $x, y \in \mu_{t_0}$  and  $\mu_{t_0}$  is a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ , it follows that  $x \circ y \subseteq \mu_{t_0}$ . Therefore, for every  $a \in x \circ y$  we have that  $\mu_A(a) \geq t_0 = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$  and thus, condition 1 of Definition 3.8 is verified. We prove now condition 2 and condition 3 is done in a similar manner. For every  $a, x \in H$ , set  $t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} = \min\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\}$ , then  $x, a \in \mu_{t_1}$ . Having  $\mu_{t_1}$  a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  implies that  $a \circ \mu_{t_1} = \mu_{t_1}$ . The latter implies that there exists  $y \in \mu_{t_1}$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$ . Therefore,  $\mu_A(y) \geq t_1 = \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.15.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . If  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$ , then  $\mu_{t_1} = \mu_{t_2}$  if and only if there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$  such that  $\mu_{t_1} = \mu_{t_2}$ . Suppose that there exists  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ . Then  $x \in \mu_{t_1} = \mu_{t_2}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(x) \geq t_2$ . Since  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$ , it follows by Remark 3.13 that  $\mu_{t_2} \subseteq \mu_{t_1}$ . To show that  $\mu_{t_1} \subseteq \mu_{t_2}$ , we let  $x \in \mu_{t_1}$ . Then  $\mu_A(x) \geq t_1$ . Since there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ , it follows that  $\mu_A(x) \geq t_2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.16.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . If the range of  $\mu_A$  is the finite set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$  then the set  $\{\mu_{t_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  contains all the level subhypergroups (or  $H_v$ -subgroups) of  $H$ . Moreover, if  $t_1 \geq t_2 \geq \dots \geq t_n$  then all the level subhypergroups (or  $H_v$ -subgroups) of  $H$  form the chain:  $\mu_{t_1} \subseteq \mu_{t_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mu_{t_n}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu_s \neq \emptyset$  be a level subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  such that  $\mu_s \neq \mu_{t_i}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $t_k$  be closest complex number to  $s$ . We have two cases for  $s$ :  $s < t_k$  and  $s > t_k$ . We consider only the first case, the second is done in a similar manner. Since the range of  $\mu_A$  is the finite set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ , it follows that there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $s \leq \mu_A(x) < t_k$ . Using Corollary 3.15, we get contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.17.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be the biset hypergroup, i.e.,  $x \circ y = \{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$  and let  $\mu$  be any homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ . Then, by Theorem 3.14, it suffices to show that  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$  is a subhypergroup of  $H$ . We have that  $\mu_t \subseteq a \circ \mu_t$  as for all  $x \in \mu_t$ ,  $x \in a \circ x = \{a, x\}$ . Moreover, It is clear that  $a \circ \mu_t = \mu_t \circ a = \{x \circ a : x \in \mu_t\} = \{x, a\} \subseteq \mu_t$  for all  $a \in \mu_t$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.18.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be the total hypergroup, i.e.,  $x \circ y = H$  for all  $x, y \in H$  and let  $\mu$  be any homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$  if and only if  $\mu$  is a constant complex function.

*Proof.* If  $\mu$  is a constant complex function then it is clear that  $\mu$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ . Let  $\mu$  be a complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$  and suppose for contradiction that  $\mu$  is not a constant complex function. Then we can find  $x, y \in H$ ,  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  such that  $\mu(x) < \mu(y) = t$ . It is clear that  $x$  is not an element in  $\mu_t \ni y$ . Since  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$  is a subhypergroup of  $H$ , it follows that  $H = y \circ y \subseteq \mu_t$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.19.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if for every  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $\mu_t \circ \mu_t \subseteq \mu_t$ ;
2.  $a \circ (H - \mu_t) - (H - \mu_t) \subseteq a \circ \mu_t$ , for all  $a \in \mu_t$ ;
3.  $(H - \mu_t) \circ a - (H - \mu_t) \subseteq \mu_t \circ a$ , for all  $a \in \mu_t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then, by Theorem 3.14,  $\mu_t$  is a subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ , i.e.,  $a \circ \mu_t = \mu_t$  for all  $a \in \mu_t$ . Thus, we get that  $\mu_t \circ \mu_t \subseteq \mu_t$ . We need to show that  $a \circ (H - \mu_t) - (H - \mu_t) \subseteq a \circ \mu_t$ . Let  $z \in a \circ (H - \mu_t) - (H - \mu_t)$ . Then  $z$  is not an element in  $(H - \mu_t)$ . This implies that  $z \in \mu_t = a \circ \mu_t$ . Condition 3 can be proved in a similar manner. For the converse, suppose that the conditions 1 and 2 hold. Then, by Theorem 3.14, it suffices to show that  $\mu_t$  is a subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ , i.e.,  $a \circ \mu_t = \mu_t \circ a = \mu_t$  for all  $a \in \mu_t$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in \mu_t$  such that  $x$  is not an element in  $a \circ \mu_t$ . The reproduction axiom of  $(H, \circ)$  asserts that there exists  $b \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ b$ . We consider the following two cases for  $b$ :

- Case  $b \in \mu_t$ . We get that  $x \in a \circ b \subseteq a \circ \mu_t$  which is a contradiction.
- Case  $b$  is not an element in  $\mu_t$ . We get that  $b \in H - \mu_t$ . And having  $x \in a \circ b$  implies that  $x \in a \circ (H - \mu_t)$ . Since  $x \in \mu_t$ , it follows that  $x$  is not in  $H - \mu_t$ . Thus,  $x \in a \circ (H - \mu_t) - (H - \mu_t) \subseteq a \circ \mu_t$  which is a contradiction.

We can prove that  $\mu_t \circ a = \mu_t$ , by applying condition 3, in a similar manner.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.20.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group). Then every subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  is a level  $H_v$ -subgroup of a fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . For a fixed complex number  $t_0 = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in ]0, 1], \theta \in ]0, 2\pi]$ , the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  is defined as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} t_0, & \text{if } x \in M; \\ 0e^{i\theta}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have  $M = \mu_{t_0}$  and  $\mu_t = \begin{cases} H, & \text{if } t = 0; \\ M, & \text{if } 0 < t \leq t_0; \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  is either the empty set or a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

Then, by Theorem 3.14, we get that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . □

**Proposition 3.21.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define  $\bar{\mu}$  as follows:*

$$\bar{\mu} = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) = 1e^{2\pi i}\}.$$

*Then  $\bar{\mu}$  is empty or subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \bar{\mu} \neq \emptyset$ . We show that  $a \circ \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu} \circ a$  for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}$ . Let  $x \in \bar{\mu}$  and  $z \in a \circ x$ . Having  $\mu_A(z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} = 1e^{2\pi i}$  implies that  $\mu_A(z) = 1e^{2\pi i}$  and thus  $z \in a \circ x \subseteq \bar{\mu}$ . For all  $a, x \in \bar{\mu}$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \geq \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} = 1e^{2\pi i}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(y) = 1e^{2\pi i}$  and thus  $y \in \bar{\mu}$ . □

**Proposition 3.22.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define the support,  $supp(\mu)$ , of  $\mu$  by  $supp(\mu) = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) > 0e^{0i}\}$ . Then  $supp(\mu)$  is empty or subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in supp(\mu) \neq \emptyset$ . We want to show that  $a \circ supp(\mu) = supp(\mu) = supp(\mu) \circ a$  for all  $a \in supp(\mu)$ . Let  $x \in supp(\mu)$  and  $z \in a \circ x$ . Having  $\mu_A(z) \geq \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} > 0e^{0i}$  implies that  $\mu_A(z) > 0e^{0i}$  and thus  $z \in a \circ x \subseteq supp(\mu)$ . For all  $a, x \in supp(\mu)$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \geq \min\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} > 0e^{0i}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(y) > 0e^{0i}$  and thus  $y \in supp(\mu)$ . □

**Definition 3.23.** *Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}) : x \in H\}$  be a homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of a non-void set  $H$ . We define the complement of the complex fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $H$  as follows:*

$$A^c = \{(x, \mu_{A^c}(x) = (1 - r_A)(x)e^{i(2\pi - w_A(x))}) : x \in H\}.$$

Next, we present some examples where  $\mu$  and  $\mu^c$  are complex fuzzy subhypergroups (which in general is not always valid).

**Example 3.24.** *We consider  $(H, \circ)$  defined in Example 3.9 with the complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(a) = 0.5e^{i0}$  and  $\mu(b) = 1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ . We get  $\mu(a) = 0.5e^{i2\pi}$  and  $\mu(b) = 0e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$ . Then  $\mu$  and  $\mu^c$  are homogeneous complex fuzzy subhypergroups of  $H$ .*

**Example 3.25.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be any hypergroup ( $H_v$ -group) with the complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(x) = re^{i\theta}$  where  $r \in [0, 1], \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  are fixed real numbers. Then  $\mu$  and  $\mu^c$  are homogeneous complex fuzzy subhypergroups of  $H$ .*

**Remark 3.26.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A^c$  is not necessarily a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

We illustrate Remark 3.26 by the following example.

**Example 3.27.** *Let  $H = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and define the  $H_v$ -group  $(H, +)$  by the following table:*

+	0	1	2
0	0	{1, 2}	2
1	{1, 2}	2	0
2	2	0	1

And define a complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(0) = 0.2e^{i\pi}$  and  $\mu(1) = \mu(2) = 0.1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ . Having

$$\mu_t = \begin{cases} H, & \text{if } t \leq 0.1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}; \\ \{0\}, & \text{if } 0.1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} < t \leq 0.2e^{i\pi}; \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

either an empty set or a subhypergroup of  $H$  implies that  $\mu$  is homogeneous complex fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

Since  $0.8e^{i\pi} = \mu^c(0) = \mu^c(1+2) < \min\{\mu^c(1), \mu^c(2)\} = 0.9e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$ , it follows that  $\mu^c$  is not a complex fuzzy  $H_v$ -subgroup of  $H$ .

### 3.2 Complex anti-fuzzy $H_v$ -subgroups

**Definition 3.28.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if the following conditions hold:

1.  $\sup\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$ ,
2. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\}$ ,
3. For all  $x, a \in H$ , there exists  $z \in H$  such that  $x \in z \circ a$  and  $\mu_A(z) \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(a)\}$ .

Next, we present some examples on complex anti-fuzzy  $H_v$ -subgroups.

**Example 3.29.** We consider  $(H, \circ)$  defined in Example 3.9 with the complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(a) = 0.5e^{i0}$  and  $\mu(b) = 1e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ . We get  $\mu(a) = 0.5e^{i2\pi}$  and  $\mu(b) = 0e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$ . Then  $\mu$  is a homogeneous complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

**Example 3.30.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be any hypergroup ( $H_v$ -group) with the complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(x) = re^{i\theta}$  where  $r \in [0, 1], \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  are fixed real numbers. Then  $\mu$  is a homogeneous complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

**Proposition 3.31.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group). A  $\pi$ -fuzzy set  $A_\pi$  is a  $\pi$ -anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $A$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. □

**Theorem 3.32.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $r_A$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A$  is a  $\pi$ -anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . We need to prove that the conditions of Definition 2.7 are satisfied for  $r_A$  and  $w_A$ . For all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $\sup\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$ . The latter and Notation 3.7 imply that  $\sup\{r_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{r_A(x), r_A(y)\}$  and  $\sup\{w_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{w_A(x), w_A(y)\}$ . Let  $a, x \in H$ . Then there exist  $y, z \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y, x \in z \circ a$  and  $\max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} \geq \mu_A(y), \max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} \geq \mu_A(z)$ . Notation 3.7 implies that the conditions 2 and 3 of Definition 2.7 are satisfied for both  $r_A$  and  $w_A$ . Suppose that  $r_A$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A$  is a  $\pi$ -anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . We need to prove that the conditions of Definition 3.28 are satisfied. For all  $x, y \in H$ , we have  $\sup\{r_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{r_A(x), r_A(y)\}$  and  $\sup\{w_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{w_A(x), w_A(y)\}$ . The latter and Notation 3.7 imply that  $\sup\{\mu_A(z) : z \in x \circ y\} \leq \max\{\mu_A(x), \mu_A(y)\}$ . Let  $a, x \in H$ . Then there exist  $y, z \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y, x \in z \circ a$  and  $\max\{r_A(a), r_A(x)\} \geq r_A(y), \max\{r_A(a), r_A(x)\} \geq r_A(z), \max\{w_A(a), w_A(x)\} \geq w_A(y), \max\{w_A(a), w_A(x)\} \geq w_A(z)$ . Notation 3.7 implies that the conditions 2 and 3 of Definition 3.28 are satisfied for  $\mu_A$ . □

**Lemma 3.33.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $\mu$  be a (homogeneous) complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then

$$\max\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2), \dots, \mu(x_n)\} \geq \sup\{\mu(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots \circ x_n) \dots)\}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in H$  and  $\mu(x) = r(x)e^{iw(x)}$ . To prove the lemma, it suffices to show that

$$\max\{r(x_1), r(x_2), \dots, r(x_n)\} \geq \sup\{r(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots) \circ x_n) \dots\}$$

and

$$\max\{w(x_1), w(x_2), \dots, w(x_n)\} \geq \sup\{w(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots) \circ x_n) \dots\}.$$

Since  $\mu$  is homogeneous, it suffices to show that

$$\max\{r(x_1), r(x_2), \dots, r(x_n)\} \geq \sup\{r(a) : a \in x_1 \circ (x_2 \circ (\dots, x_n) \dots)\}.$$

Theorem 3.32 asserts that  $r$  is an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Lemma 2.8 completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.34.** Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subsets of a non-void set  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define the lower subset,  $\mu_t$ , of  $H$  by  $\bar{\mu}_t = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) \leq t\}$ , where  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

**Remark 3.35.** Let  $A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in H\}$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subsets of a non-void set  $H$ . Then the following are true:

1. If  $t_1 \leq t_2$  then  $\bar{\mu}_{t_1} \subseteq \bar{\mu}_{t_2}$ .
2.  $\bar{\mu}_{1e^{2\pi i}} = H$ .

**Theorem 3.36.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if for all  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $\bar{\mu}_t \neq \emptyset$  is a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.14.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.37.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . If  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$ , then  $\bar{\mu}_{t_1} = \bar{\mu}_{t_2}$  if and only if there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$  such that  $\bar{\mu}_{t_1} = \bar{\mu}_{t_2}$ . Suppose that there exists  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ . Then  $x \in \mu_{t_1} = \mu_{t_2}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(x) \leq t_1$ .

Since  $0e^{0i} \leq t_1 = s_1e^{i\theta_1} < t_2 = s_2e^{i\theta_2} \leq 1e^{2\pi i}$ , it follows by Remark 3.35 that  $\bar{\mu}_{t_1} \subseteq \bar{\mu}_{t_2}$ . To show that  $\bar{\mu}_{t_2} \subseteq \bar{\mu}_{t_1}$ , we let  $x \in \bar{\mu}_{t_2}$ . Then  $\mu_A(x) \leq t_2$ . Since there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $t_1 \leq \mu_A(x) < t_2$ , it follows that  $\mu_A(x) \leq t_1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.38.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . If the range of  $\mu_A$  is the finite set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$  then the set  $\{\bar{\mu}_{t_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  contains all the lower level subhypergroups (or  $H_v$ -subgroups) of  $H$ . Moreover, if  $t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_n$  then all the lower level subhypergroups (or  $H_v$ -subgroups) of  $H$  form the chain:  $\bar{\mu}_{t_1} \subseteq \bar{\mu}_{t_2} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \bar{\mu}_{t_n}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{\mu}_s \neq \emptyset$  be a lower level subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  such that  $\bar{\mu}_s \neq \bar{\mu}_{t_i}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $t_k$  be closest complex number to  $s$ . We have two cases for  $s$ :  $s < t_k$  and  $s > t_k$ . We consider only the first case, the second is done in a similar manner. Since the range of  $\mu_A$  is the finite set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ , it follows that there is no  $x \in H$  such that  $s < \mu_A(x) < t_k$ . Using Corollary 3.37, we get contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.39.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be the biset hypergroup, i.e.,  $x \circ y = \{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$  and let  $\mu$  be any homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Proposition 3.17.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.40.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be the total hypergroup, i.e.,  $x \circ y = H$  for all  $x, y \in H$  and let  $\mu$  be any homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $\mu$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$  if and only if  $\mu$  is a constant complex function.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Proposition 3.18.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.41.** Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then  $A$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if for every  $t = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , the following conditions are satisfied:



1.  $\bar{\mu}_t \circ \bar{\mu}_t \subseteq \bar{\mu}_t$ ;
2.  $a \circ (H - \bar{\mu}_t) - (H - \bar{\mu}_t) \subseteq a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$ , for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}_t$ ;
3.  $(H - \bar{\mu}_t) \circ a - (H - \bar{\mu}_t) \subseteq \bar{\mu}_t \circ a$ , for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}_t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Then, by Theorem 3.36,  $\bar{\mu}_t$  is a subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ , i.e.,  $a \circ \bar{\mu}_t = \bar{\mu}_t$  for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}_t$ . Thus, we get that  $\bar{\mu}_t \circ \bar{\mu}_t \subseteq \bar{\mu}_t$ . we need to show that  $a \circ (H - \bar{\mu}_t) - (H - \bar{\mu}_t) \subseteq a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$ . Let  $z \in a \circ (H - \bar{\mu}_t) - (H - \bar{\mu}_t)$ . Then  $z$  is not an element in  $(H - \bar{\mu}_t)$ . This implies that  $z \in \bar{\mu}_t = a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$ . Condition 3 can be proved in a similar manner.

For the converse, suppose that the conditions 1 and 2 hold. Then, by Theorem 3.36, it suffices to show that  $\bar{\mu}_t$  is a subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ , i.e.,  $a \circ \bar{\mu}_t = \bar{\mu}_t \circ a = \bar{\mu}_t$  for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}_t$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in \bar{\mu}_t$  such that  $x$  is not an element in  $a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$ . The reproduction axiom of  $(H, \circ)$  asserts that there exists  $b \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ b$ . We consider the following two cases for  $b$ :

- Case  $b \in \bar{\mu}_t$ . We get that  $x \in a \circ b \subseteq a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$  which is a contradiction.
- Case  $b$  is not an element in  $\bar{\mu}_t$ . We get that  $b \in H - \bar{\mu}_t$ . And having  $x \in a \circ b$  implies that  $x \in a \circ (H - \bar{\mu}_t)$ . Since  $x \in \bar{\mu}_t$ , it follows that  $x$  is not in  $H - \bar{\mu}_t$ . Thus,  $x \in a \circ (H - \bar{\mu}_t) - (H - \bar{\mu}_t) \subseteq a \circ \bar{\mu}_t$  which is a contradiction.

We can prove that  $\bar{\mu}_t \circ a = \bar{\mu}_t$ , by applying condition 3, in a similar manner. □

**Proposition 3.42.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group). Then every subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  is a lower level  $H_v$ -subgroup of an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . For a fixed complex number  $t_0 = se^{i\theta}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1[, \theta \in [0, 2\pi[$ , the fuzzy subset  $\mu$  is defined as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} t_0, & \text{if } x \in M; \\ 1e^{2\pi i}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have  $M = \bar{\mu}_{t_0}$  and  $\bar{\mu}_t = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & \text{if } t < t_0; \\ M, & \text{if } t_0 \leq t < 1e^{2\pi i}; \\ H, & \text{if } t = 1e^{2\pi i}. \end{cases}$  is either the empty set a subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .

$H$ . Then, by Theorem 3.36, we get that  $\mu$  is a anti-fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . □

**Proposition 3.43.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define  $\bar{\mu}$  by  $\bar{\mu} = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) = 0e^{0i}\}$ . Then  $\bar{\mu}$  is empty or subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \bar{\mu} \neq \emptyset$ . We show that  $a \circ \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu} \circ a$  for all  $a \in \bar{\mu}$ . Let  $x \in \bar{\mu}$  and  $z \in a \circ x$ . Having  $\mu_A(z) \leq \max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} = 0e^{0i}$  implies that  $\mu_A(z) = 0e^{0i}$  and thus  $z \in a \circ x \subseteq \bar{\mu}$ . For all  $a, x \in \bar{\mu}$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} = 0e^{0i}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(y) = 0e^{0i}$  and thus  $y \in \bar{\mu}$ . □

**Proposition 3.44.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Define the set  $\overline{supp}$  as follows:*

$$\overline{supp} = \{x \in H : \mu_A(x) < 1e^{2\pi i}\}.$$

*Then  $supp(\mu)$  is empty or subhypergroup ( $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \overline{supp} \neq \emptyset$ . We want to show that  $a \circ \overline{supp} = \overline{supp} = \overline{supp} \circ a$  for all  $a \in \overline{supp}$ . Let  $x \in \overline{supp}$  and  $z \in a \circ x$ . Having  $\mu_A(z) \leq \max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} > 0e^{0i}$  implies that  $\mu_A(z) < 1e^{2\pi i}$  and thus  $z \in a \circ x \subseteq \overline{supp}$ . For all  $a, x \in \overline{supp}$ , there exists  $y \in H$  such that  $x \in a \circ y$  and  $\mu_A(y) \leq \max\{\mu_A(a), \mu_A(x)\} < 1e^{2\pi i}$ . The latter implies that  $\mu_A(y) < 1e^{2\pi i}$  and thus  $y \in \overline{supp}$ . □

**Theorem 3.45.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $A^c$  is a complex anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* The statement  $A$  is a complex fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  is equivalent, by Theorem 3.10, to having  $r_A$  a fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A$  a  $\pi$ -fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . The latter is equivalent, by Theorem 2.9, to having  $r_A^c$  an anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  and  $w_A^c$  a  $\pi$ -anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ . Theorem 3.32 completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.46.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be a hypergroup (or  $H_v$ -group) and  $A$  be a (homogeneous) complex fuzzy subset of  $H$  with membership function  $\mu_A(x) = r_A(x)e^{iw_A(x)}$ . Then  $A$  is a complex fuzzy and anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $A^c$  is a complex fuzzy and anti-fuzzy subhypergroup (or  $H_v$ -subgroup) of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* The proof results from Theorem 3.46.  $\square$

**Example 3.47.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be the biset hypergroup, i.e.,  $x \circ y = \{x, y\}$  for all  $x, y \in H$  and let  $\mu$  be any homogeneous complex fuzzy subset of  $H$ . Then, by Propositions 3.17 and 3.39,  $\mu$  and  $\mu^c$  are complex fuzzy and anti-fuzzy subhypergroup of  $H$ .*

**Example 3.48.** *Let  $(H, \circ)$  be any hypergroup ( $H_v$ -group) with the complex fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $H$  as:  $\mu(x) = re^{i\theta}$  where  $r \in [0, 1], \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  are fixed real numbers. Then  $\mu$  and  $\mu^c$  are both: homogeneous complex fuzzy and anti-fuzzy subhypergroups of  $H$ .*

## 4 Conclusions

This paper contributed to the study of fuzzy subhyperstructures by introducing the concepts of complex fuzzy (anti-fuzzy) subhyperstructures and investigating their properties.

For future work, we may define the generalized complex fuzzy subhyperstructures and investigate their properties.

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