

# A Study on $(\alpha, \beta)$ -Level Subsets of Bipolar Valued $Q$ -Fuzzy Subgroup

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study on  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subsets of Bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup and prove some results on these.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1965, Zadeh [7] introduced the notion of a fuzzy subsets of a set, fuzzy sets are a kind of useful Mathematical structure to represent a collection of objects whose boundary is vague. Since then it has become a vigorous area of research in different domains, there have been a number of generalizations of this fundamental concept such as Intuitionistic fuzzy sets, interval-valued fuzzy sets, vague sets, soft sets, etc. [2]. Lee [3] introduced the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets. Bipolar-valued fuzzy sets are an extension of fuzzy sets whose membership degree range is enlarged from the interval  $[0,1]$  to  $[-1,1]$ .

In a bipolar-valued fuzzy sets, the membership degree 0 means that elements are irrelevant to the corresponding property, the membership degree  $(0,1]$  indicates that elements somewhat satisfy the property and the membership degree  $[-1,0)$  indicates that elements somewhat satisfy the implicit counter property. Bipolar-valued fuzzy sets and intuitionistic fuzzy sets look similar each other. However, they are different each other [3,4].

We introduce the concept of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subsets of Bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1** [7]: Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $X$  is a function  $A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.2** [1]: Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group  $A$  fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $A(x, y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $A(x^{-1}) \geq A(x)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.3** [3]: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two bipolar valued fuzzy subsets of a set  $X$ . We define the following relations and operations:

- (i)  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A^+(x) \leq B^+(x)$  and  $A^-(x) \geq B^-(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .
- (ii)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A^+(x) = B^+(x)$  and  $A^-(x) = B^-(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iii)  $A \cap B = \{(x, \min(A^+(x), B^+(x), \max(A^-(x), B^-(x)))) / x \in X\}$
- (iv)  $A \cup B = \{(x, \max(A^+(x), B^+(x), \min(A^-(x), B^-(x)))) / x \in X\}$

**Definition 2.4** [6]: A bipolar – valued  $Q$ -fuzzy set (BVQFS)  $A$  in  $X$  is defined as an object of the form  $A = \{(x, q), A^+(x, q), A^-(x, q) / x \in X \text{ and } q \text{ in } Q\}$  where

$A^+: X \times Q \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $A^-: X \times Q \rightarrow [-1,0]$ . The positive membership degree  $A^+(x, q)$  denote the satisfaction degree of an element  $(x, q)$  to the property corresponding to a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy set

$A$  and the negative membership degree  $A^-(x, q)$  denotes the satisfaction on degree of an element  $(x, q)$  to some implicit counter-property corresponding to a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy set  $A$ .

If  $A^+(x, q) \neq 0$  and  $A^-(x, q) = 0$ , it is the situation that  $(x, q)$  is regarded as having only positive satisfaction for  $A$  and if  $A^+(x, q) = 0$  and  $A^-(x, q) \neq 0$ , it is the situation that  $(x, q)$  does not satisfy the property of  $A$ , but somewhat satisfies the counter property of  $A$ .

It is possible for an element  $(x, q)$  to be such that  $A^+(x, q) \neq 0$  and  $A^-(x, q) \neq 0$  when the membership function of the property overlaps that of its counter property over some portion of  $X$ .

**Example**  $A = \{((a, q), 0.7, -0.4), ((b, q), 0.6, -0.7), ((c, q), 0.5, -0.8)\}$  is a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , where  $Q = \{q\}$ .

**Definition 2.5** [6]: Let  $G$  be a group and  $Q$  be a non-empty. A bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  (BVQFSG) if the following conditions are satisfied;

- (i)  $A^+(xy, q) \geq \min\{A^+(x, q), A^+(y, q)\}$
- (ii)  $A^+(x^{-1}, q) \geq A^+(x, q)$
- (iii)  $A^-(xy, q) \leq \max\{A^-(x, q), A^-(y, q)\}$
- (iv)  $A^-(x^{-1}, q) \leq A^-(x, q)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Example 2.6** [6]: Let  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  be a group with respect to the ordinary multiplication and  $Q = \{q\}$ . Then  $A = \{((1, q), 0.5, -0.6), ((-1, q), 0.4, -0.5), ((i, q), 0.2, -0.4), ((-i, q), 0.2, -0.4)\}$  is a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.7** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group. A bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup (BVQFNBSG) of  $G$  if  $A^+(xy, q) = A^+(yx, q)$  and  $A^-(xy, q) = A^-(yx, q)$ . For all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition 2.8** Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be any two groups. Then the function  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is said to be an anti-homomorphism if  $f(xy) = f(y)f(x)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.9** Let  $X$  and  $X'$  be any two sets. Let  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  be any function and let  $A$  be a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset in  $X, V$  be a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset in  $f(x) = X'$ , defined by  $V^+(y, q) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} A^+(x, q)$  and  $V^-(y, q) = \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} A^-(x, q)$ , for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $y$  in  $X'$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .  $A$  is called a preimage of  $V$  under  $f$  and is denoted by  $f^{-1}(V)$ .

**Definition 2.10** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $X$ . Then a bipolar-valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset  $A^0 = (A^{0+}, A^{0-})$  of  $X$ , is defined as  $A^{0+}(x, q) = A^+(x, q) / A^+(e, q)$  and  $A^{0-}(x, q) = A^-(x, q) / A^-(e, q)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**( $\alpha, \beta$ )-Level subsets of Bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup**

**Definition 3.1** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$ . For  $\alpha$  in  $[0,1]$  and  $\beta$  in  $[-1,0]$ , the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subset of  $A$  is the set  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} = \{x \in G; A^+(x, q) \geq \alpha \text{ and } A^-(x, q) \leq \beta\}$ .

**Example 3.2** Consider the group  $G = \{0,1,2,3,4\}$  and  $Q = \{q\}$ . Let

$$A = \{((0, q), 0.5, -0.1), ((1, q), 0.4, -0.3), ((2, q), 0.6, -0.05), ((3, q), 0.45, -0.2), ((4, q), 0.2, -0.5)\}$$

be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$  and  $\alpha = 0.4, \beta = -0.1$ . Then  $(0.4, -0.1)$ -level subset of  $A$  is  $A_{(0.4,-0.1)} = \{0,1,3\}$ .

**Definition 3.3** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$ . For  $\alpha$  in  $[0,1]$ , the  $A^+$ -level of  $\alpha$ -cut of  $A$  is the set  $P(A^+, \alpha) = \{x \in G; A^+(x, q) \geq \alpha\}$

**Example 3.4** Consider the group  $G = \{0,1,2,3,4\}$  and  $Q = \{q\}$ . Let

$$A = \{((0, q), 0.7, -0.1), ((1, q), 0.4, -0.3), ((2, q), 0.6, -0.5), ((3, q), 0.45, -0.2), ((4, q), 0.3, -0.5)\}$$

be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$  and  $\alpha = 0.4$ . Then  $A^+$ -level 0.4-cut of  $A$  is  $P(A^+, 0.4) = \{0,1,2,3\}$

**Definition 3.5** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$ . For  $\beta$  in  $[-1,0]$ . The  $A^-$ -level  $\beta$ -cut of  $A$  is the set  $N(A^-, \beta) = \{x \in G, A^-(x, q) \leq \beta\}$ .

**Example 3.6** Consider the group  $G = \{0,1,2,3,4\}$  and  $Q = \{q\}$ .

$$A = \{((0, q), 0.5, -0.1), ((1, q), 0.3, -0.3), ((2, q), 0.6, -0.05), ((3, q), 0.4, -0.2), ((4, q), 0.9, -0.5)\}$$

be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$  and  $\beta = -0.1$ . Then  $A^-$ -level  $-0.1$ -cut of  $A$  is  $q(A^-, 0.1) = \{0,1,3,4\}$ .

**Definition 3.7** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$  and  $\alpha$  in

$[0,1 - \sup\{A^+(x, q)\}]$ ,  $\beta$  in  $[0, -1 - \inf\{A^-(x, q)\}]$ , then  $T = (T^+, T^-) = T^A_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is called a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy translation of  $A$  if

$$T^+(x, q) = T^+_{\alpha} A(x, q) = A^+(x, q) + \alpha, T^-(x, q) = T^-_{\beta} A(x, q) = A^-(x, q) + \beta$$

for all  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Theorem 3.8** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then for  $\alpha$  in  $[0,1]$  and  $\beta$  in  $[-1,0]$  such that  $\alpha \leq A^+(e, q)$ .  $A(\alpha, \beta)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** For all  $x, y$  in  $A(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ , we have  $A^+(x, q) \leq \alpha$  and  $A^-(x, q) \leq \beta$  and  $A^+(y, q) \geq \alpha$  and  $A^-(y, q) \leq \beta$ . Now,  
 $A^+(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \min\{A^+(x, q), A^+(y, q)\} \geq \min\{\alpha, \alpha\} = \alpha \Rightarrow A^+(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \alpha$

And  $A^-(xy^{-1}, q) \leq \max\{A^-(x, q), A^-(y, q)\} \leq \max\{\beta, \beta\} = \beta \Rightarrow A^-(xy^{-1}, q) \leq \beta$ .

$\therefore xy^{-1}$  in  $A(\alpha, \beta)$ . Hence  $A(\alpha, \beta)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.9** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $\alpha_i$  in  $[0,1]$ ,  $\beta_j$  in  $[-1,0]$ ,  $\alpha_i \leq A^+(e, q)$ ,  $\beta_j \geq A^-(e, q)$  where  $i, j \in I$ . The intersection of a collection of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$  is also a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.10** The homomorphic image of a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G'$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V = f(A)$ . Hence  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  is a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $(G', \cdot)$  be any two groups. The homomorphic image of a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  is a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G'$ . Clearly,  $V = (V^+, V^-)$  is a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G'$ .

Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Then  $f(x)$  in  $G'$ .

Let  $A(\alpha, \beta)$  be a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ . That is  $A^+(x, q) \geq \alpha$  and  $A^-(x, q) \leq \beta$ ,  $A^+(y, q) \geq \alpha$  and  $A^-(y, q) \leq \beta$ ;  $A^+(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \alpha$ ,  $A^-(xy^{-1}, q) \leq \beta$ .

We have to prove that  $f(A(\alpha, \beta))$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $V$ . Now,  $V^+(f(x), q) \geq$

$A^+(x, q) \geq \alpha$ , which implies that,

$V^+(f(x), q) \geq \alpha$  and  $V^+(f(y), q) \geq A^+(y, q) \geq \alpha \Rightarrow V^+(f(y), q) \geq \alpha$ .

Then  $V^+(f(x)f(y)^{-1}, q) \geq V^+(f(xy^{-1}), q) \geq A^+(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \alpha$ .

Which implies that,  $V^+(f(x)f(y)^{-1}, q) \geq \alpha$  and  $V^-(f(x), q) \leq A^-(x, q) \leq \beta$ . Which implies that

$V^-(f(x), q) \leq \beta$  and  $V^-(f(y), q) \leq A^-(y, q) \leq \beta$ .

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Then  $V^-(f(x), f(y))^{-1}, q) = V^-(f(xy^{-1}), q) \leq A^-(xy^{-1}, q) \leq \beta$

$\therefore V^-(f(x), f(y))^{-1}, q) \leq \beta$ . Hence  $f(A(\alpha, \beta))$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of a bipolar valued  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G'$ .

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ - fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  if any two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups of  $A$  belongs to  $G$ , then their intersection is also  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  in  $[0,1]$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  in  $[-1,0]$ ,  $\alpha_1 \leq A^+(e, q), \alpha_2 \leq A^+(e, q), \beta_1 \geq A^-(e, q), \beta_2 \geq A^-(e, q)$ .

**Case (i):** If  $\alpha_1 < A^+(x, q) < \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ . Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \cap A(\alpha_2, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ , but  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (ii):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ . Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \cap A(\alpha_2, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ , but  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (iii):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$ . Therefore  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_1) \cap A(\alpha_1, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$ , but  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (iv):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$ . Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_2) \cap A(\alpha_2, \beta_1) = A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$ , but  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (v):** If  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha_1, \beta_2)} = A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ .

In all the cases, intersection of any two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ - level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $A = (A^+, A^-)$  be a bipolar valued  $Q$ - fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  if any two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups of  $A$  belongs to  $G$ , then their union is also  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  in  $[0,1]$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  in  $[-1,0]$ ,  $\alpha_1 \leq A^+(e, q), \alpha_2 \leq A^+(e, q), \beta_1 \geq A^-(e, q), \beta_2 \geq A^-(e, q)$ .

**Case (i):** If  $\alpha_1 < A^+(x, q) < \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ .

Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \cup A(\alpha_2, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ , but  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (ii):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ .

Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \cup A(\alpha_2, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ , but  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (iii):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$ .

Therefore  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_1) \cup A(\alpha_1, \beta_2) = A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$ , but  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_2)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (iv):** If  $\alpha_1 > A^+(x, q) > \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 > A^-(x, q) > \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha, \beta)} \subseteq A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$ .

Therefore  $A(\alpha_1, \beta_2) \cup A(\alpha_2, \beta_1) = A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$ , but  $A(\alpha_2, \beta_1)$  is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

**Case (v):** If  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ , then  $A_{(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} = A(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ .

In all the cases, union of any two  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroups is a  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

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