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ABSTRACT

In this research, we apply the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy set to UPalgebras. We introduce the notions of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of UP-algebras and prove its generalizations. We provide a condition for a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter to be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal. Further, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and its level cuts.

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CHAPTER 1 Introduction

Among many algebraic structures, algebras of logic form important class of algebras. Examples of these are BCK-algebras [4], BCI-algebras [5], BCHalgebras [2], KU-algebras [13], SU-algebras [9], UP-algebras [3] and others. They are strongly connected with logic. For example, BCI-algebras introduced by Iséki [5] in 1966 have connections with BCI-logic being the BCI-system in combinatory logic which has application in the language of functional programming. BCK and BCI-algebras are two classes of logical algebras. They were introduced by Imai and Iséki [4, 5] in 1966 and have been extensively investigated by many researchers. It is known that the class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras.

The notion of fuzzy subsets of a set was first considered by Zadeh [19] in 1965. The fuzzy set theories developed by Zadeh and others have found many applications in the domain of mathematics and elsewhere. There are several kinds of fuzzy set extensions in the fuzzy set theory, for example, intuitionistic fuzzy sets, interval-valued fuzzy sets, vague sets, bipolar-valued fuzzy sets etc. The notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets was first introduced by Lee [11] in 2000, is an extension of fuzzy sets whose membership degree range is enlarged from the interval [0, 1] to [-1, 0].

After the introduction of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets by Lee [11], several researches were conducted on the generalizations of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets and application to many logical algebras such as: In 2008, Jun and Song [8] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy subalgebras and bipolar fuzzy closed ideals in BCH-algebras. In 2009, Jun and Park [7] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy regularities, bipolar fuzzy regular subalgebras, bipolar fuzzy filters, and bipolar fuzzy closed quasi filters in BCH-algebras. In 2011, Lee and Jun [10] introduced the notion of bipolar fuzzy a-ideals of BCI-algebras. In 2012, Jun et al. [6] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy filters in CI-algebras. In 2014, Muhiuddin

[12] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy KU-subalgebras and bipolar fuzzy KUideals in KU-algebras. In 2015, Senapati [17] introduced the notion of bipolar fuzzy BG-subalgebras in BG-algebras. In 2016, Sabarinathan et al. [15] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy ideals of BF-algebras. Sabarinathan et al. [14] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy α -ideals of BF-algebras. In 2017, Sabarinathan et al. [16] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy *H*-ideals of BF-algebras.

In this paper, we apply the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy set to UPalgebras. We introduce the notions of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of UP-algebras and prove its generalizations. We provide a condition for a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter to be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal. Further, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and its level cuts.

CHAPTER 2 Basic Results on UP-Algebras

2.1 Basic Results on UP-Algebras

An algebra $A = (A, \cdot, 0)$ of type (2, 0) is called a *UP-algebra* [3] where A is a nonempty set, \cdot is a binary operation on A, and 0 is a fixed element of A (i.e., a nullary operation) if it satisfies the following axioms: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

(UP-1) $(y \cdot z) \cdot ((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) = 0$,

(UP-2) $0 \cdot x = x$,

(UP-3) $x \cdot 0 = 0$, and

(UP-4) $x \cdot y = 0$ and $y \cdot x = 0$ imply x = y.

From [3], we know that the notion of UP-algebras is a generalization of KU-algebras.

Example 2.1.1. [3] Let X be a universal set. Define two binary operations \cdot and * on the power set of X by putting $A \cdot B = B \cap A'$ and $A * B = B \cup A'$ for all $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$. Then $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cdot, \emptyset)$ and $(\mathcal{P}(X), *, X)$ are UP-algebras and we shall call it the *power UP-algebra of type 1* and the *power UP-algebra of type 2*, respectively.

In what follows, let A be a UP-algebra unless otherwise specified. The following proposition is very important for the study of UP-algebras.

Proposition 2.1.2. [3] In a UP-algebra A, the following properties hold: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

(1) x ⋅ x = 0,
(2) x ⋅ y = 0 and y ⋅ z = 0 imply x ⋅ z = 0,
(3) x ⋅ y = 0 implies (z ⋅ x) ⋅ (z ⋅ y) = 0,

- (4) $x \cdot y = 0$ implies $(y \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot z) = 0$,
- $(5) \ x \cdot (y \cdot x) = 0,$
- (6) $(y \cdot x) \cdot x = 0$ if and only if $x = y \cdot x$, and
- (7) $x \cdot (y \cdot y) = 0.$

Definition 2.1.3. [3] A subset S of A is called a UP-subalgebra of A if the constant 0 of A is in S, and $(S, \cdot, 0)$ itself forms a UP-algebra.

Iampan [3] proved the useful criteria that a nonempty subset S of a UPalgebra $A = (A, \cdot, 0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if and only if S is closed under the \cdot multiplication on A.

Definition 2.1.4. [18] A subset F of A is called a *UP-filter* of A if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the constant 0 of A is in F, and
- (2) for any $x, y \in A, x \cdot y \in F$ and $x \in F$ imply $y \in F$.

Definition 2.1.5. [3] A subset B of A is called a *UP-ideal* of A if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the constant 0 of A is in B, and
- (2) for any $x, y, z \in A, x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in B$ and $y \in B$ imply $x \cdot z \in B$.

Definition 2.1.6. [1] A subset C of A is called a *strongly UP-ideal* of A if it satisfies the following properties:

(1) the constant 0 of A is in C, and

(2) for any $x, y, z \in A, (z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in C$ and $y \in C$ imply $x \in C$.

Theorem 2.1.7. [3] Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of UP-subalgebras (resp., UP-ideals) of A. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-ideal) of A. **Theorem 2.1.8.** Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of UP-filters of A. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-filter of A.

Proof. Since B_i is a UP-filter of A, we have $0 \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ and $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Then $x \cdot y \in B_i$ and $x \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Since B_i is a UP-filter of A, we have $y \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Hence, $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-filter of A.

Theorem 2.1.9. Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of strongly UP-ideals of A. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Since B_i is a strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $0 \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ and $y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Then $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in B_i$ and $y \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Since B_i is a strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $x \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Hence, $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Guntasow et al. [1] proved the generalization that the notion of UPsubalgebras is a generalization of UP-filters, the notion of UP-filters is a generalization of UP-ideals, and the notion of UP-ideals is a generalization of strongly UP-ideals. Moreover, they also proved that a UP-algebra A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself.

CHAPTER 3 Main Results

3.1 Bipolar Fuzzy Sets

Let X be the universe of discourse. A bipolar-valued fuzzy set [10] φ in X is an object having the form

$$\varphi = \{ (x, \varphi^-(x), \varphi^+(x)) \mid x \in X \}$$

where $\varphi^- : X \to [-1,0]$ and $\varphi^+ : X \to [0,1]$ are mappings. For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol $\varphi = (X; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ for the bipolar-valued fuzzy set $\varphi = \{(x, \varphi^-(x), \varphi^+(x)) \mid x \in X\}$, and use the notion of bipolar fuzzy sets instead of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets.

Next, we introduce the notion of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of a UP-algebra A and provide the necessary examples.

Definition 3.1.1. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy* UP-subalgebra of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$, and
- (2) $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}.$

Remark 3.1.2. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, then

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x)$$
 and $\varphi^{+}(0) \geq \varphi^{+}(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

Indeed, for all $x \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) = \varphi^{-}(x \cdot x) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(x)\} = \varphi^{-}(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^+(0) = \varphi^+(x \cdot x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(x)\} = \varphi^+(x).$$

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	0	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1
φ^+	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Definition 3.1.4. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy* UP-filter of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x),$
- (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$
- (3) $\varphi^{-}(y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}, \text{ and }$
- (4) $\varphi^+(y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\}.$

Example 3.1.5. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6
φ^+	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.2

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A.

Definition 3.1.6. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy* UP-ideal of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x),$
- (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$
- (3) $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}, \text{ and }$
- (4) $\varphi^+(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$

Example 3.1.7. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	0	0	2	3	4
2	0	0	0	3	4
3	0	0	0	0	4
4	0	0	0	1	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	1	0	1	2	3	4
φ	,-	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
φ	,+	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Definition 3.1.8. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy* strongly UP-ideal of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x),$
- (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$
- (3) $\varphi^{-}(x) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}, \text{ and }$
- (4) $\varphi^+(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$

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Example 3.1.9. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	2
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
φ^+	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Theorem 3.1.10. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is constant if and only if it is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Assume that $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a constant bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then there exist $l \in [-1, 0]$ and $k \in [0, 1]$ such that

 $\varphi^{-}(x) = l$ for all $x \in A$ and $\varphi^{+}(x) = k$ for all $x \in A$.

Thus $\varphi^-(0) = l \le l = \varphi^-(x)$ and $\varphi^+(0) = k \ge k = \varphi^+(x)$ for all $x \in A$. For all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^-(x) = l \le l = \max\{l, l\} = \max\{\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y)\}$$

and

$$\varphi^+(x) = k \ge k = \min\{k, k\} = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$$

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Conversely, assume that $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UPideal of A. Then for all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x) \text{ and } \varphi^{+}(0) \geq \varphi^{+}(x),$$

and

$$\varphi^{-}(x) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \text{ and}$$
$$\varphi^{+}(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}.$$

For all $x \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(x) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}((x \cdot 0) \cdot (x \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \\
\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0 \cdot 0), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \quad ((UP-3), \text{ Proposition 2.1.2 (1)}) \\
\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \quad ((UP-2)) \\
= \varphi^{-}(0).$$

and

$$\begin{split} \varphi^{+}(x) &\geq \min\{\varphi^{+}((x \cdot 0) \cdot (x \cdot x)), \varphi^{+}(0)\} \\ &= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0 \cdot 0), \varphi^{+}(0)\} \qquad ((\text{UP-3}), \text{ Proposition 2.1.2 (1)}) \\ &= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\} \qquad ((\text{UP-2})) \\ &= \varphi^{+}(0). \end{split}$$

Hence, $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0)$ for all $x \in A$. Therefore, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a constant bipolar fuzzy set in A.

Theorem 3.1.11. Every bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal.

Proof. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. By Theorem 3.1.10, there exists $(l, k) \in [-1, 0] \times [0, 1]$ such that

$$\varphi^{-}(x) = l$$
 and $\varphi^{+}(x) = k$ for all $x \in A$.

For all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) = l \le l = \varphi^{-}(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) = l \le l = \max\{l, l\} = \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\},\$$

and

$$\varphi^+(0) = k \ge k = \varphi^+(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^+(x\cdot z) = k \ge k = \min\{k, k\} = \min\{\varphi^+(x\cdot (y\cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$$

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Example 3.1.12. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	0	0	2	3	4
2	0	0	0	3	4
3	0	1	1	0	4
4	0	1	2	3	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3	4
φ^-	-0.9	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7
φ^+	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.5

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(3) = -0.2 > -0.7 = \max\{\varphi^{-}((3 \cdot 4) \cdot (3 \cdot 3)), \varphi^{-}(4)\}$$

and

$$\varphi^+(3) = 0.1 < 0.5 = \min\{\varphi^+((3 \cdot 4) \cdot (3 \cdot 3)), \varphi^+(4)\}.$$

Theorem 3.1.13. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter.

Proof. Let φ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Then for all $x, y \in A, \varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0 \cdot y) \qquad ((UP-2))$$
$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0 \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{-}(x)\}$$
$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}, \qquad ((UP-2))$$

and $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0 \cdot y) \qquad ((\text{UP-2}))$$
$$\geq \min\{\varphi^{+}(0 \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{+}(x)\}$$
$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{+}(x)\}. \qquad ((\text{UP-2}))$$

Hence, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A.

Example 3.1.14. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(2\cdot 3) = \varphi^{-}(3) = -0.1 > -0.3 = \max\{\varphi^{-}(2\cdot (1\cdot 3)), \varphi^{-}(1)\}$$

and

$$\varphi^+(2\cdot 3) = \varphi^+(3) = 0.2 < 0.5 = \min\{\varphi^+(2\cdot (1\cdot 3)), \varphi^+(1)\}.$$

Theorem 3.1.15. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra.

Proof. Let φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Then for all $x, y \in A, \varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(y \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

= $\max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$ (Proposition 2.1.2 (5))
 $\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\},$

and $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(y \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

= min{ $\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(y)$ } (Proposition 2.1.2 (5))
 $\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x), \varphi^{+}(y)\}.$

Hence, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Example 3.1.16. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	1	3
2	0	0	0	3
3	0	0	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^+	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1
φ^-	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(2) = -0.3 > -0.5 = \max\{\varphi^{-}(1 \cdot 2), \varphi^{-}(1)\}$$

and

$$\varphi^+(2) = 0.2 < 0.4 = \min\{\varphi^+(1 \cdot 2), \varphi^+(1)\}.$$

3.2 Level Cuts of a Bipolar Fuzzy Set

In this section, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and its level cuts.

Definition 3.2.1. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. For $(t^-, t^+) \in [-1, 0] \times [0, 1]$, the sets

$$N_L(\varphi; t^-) = \{ x \in A \mid \varphi^-(x) \le t^- \}$$

and

$$P_U(\varphi; t^+) = \{ x \in A \mid \varphi^+(x) \ge t^+ \}$$

are called the *negative lower* t^- -*cut* and the *positive upper* t^+ -*cut* of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$, respectively. The set

$$C(\varphi; (t^-, t^+)) = N_L(\varphi; t^-) \cap P_U(\varphi; t^+)$$

is called the (t^-, t^+) -cut of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$. For any $k \in [0, 1]$, we denote the set

$$C(\varphi;k) = C(\varphi;(-k,k)) = N_L(\varphi;-k) \cap P_U(\varphi;k)$$

is called the *k*-cut of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$.

Theorem 3.2.2. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

(1) for all $t^- \in [-1, 0]$, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty, and

(2) for all
$$t^+ \in [0, 1]$$
, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $x, y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, we have $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y)\} \leq t^-$. Thus $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. Next, let $t^+ \in [0,1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $x, y \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, we have $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \geq \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\} \geq t^+$. Thus $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0, 1]$, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0, 1]$, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$, that is, $x, y \in$ $N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. So $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Next, let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq$ t^+ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $x, y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. So $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \geq t^+ =$ $\min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Therefore, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Corollary 3.2.3. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.1.7 and 3.2.2.

Theorem 3.2.4. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

- (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
- (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ and $x \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq t^$ and $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(y) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar

fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\} \ge t^+.$$

So $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A.

Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0,1], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0, 1], P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x) \leq t^{-}$, that is, $x \in N_{L}(\varphi; t^{-}) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_{L}(\varphi; t^{-})$ is a UP-filter of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot y), \varphi^-(x) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot y), \varphi^-(x)\}$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq t^{-}$ and $\varphi^{-}(x) \leq t^{-}$, that is, $x \cdot y, x \in N_{L}(\varphi; t^{-}) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$, Hence, $\varphi^{-}(y) \leq t^{-} = \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(x \cdot y)\}$. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^{+}(x) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \ne \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \ge t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \cdot y, x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(x \cdot y)\}$. Therefore, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of А.

Corollary 3.2.5. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-filter of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.1.8 and 3.2.4. \Box

Theorem 3.2.6. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

(1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ and $y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $x \cdot z \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\} \ge t^+.$$

So $x \cdot z \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0,1]$, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \in N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $x \cdot z \in N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $x \cdot z \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(x \cdot z) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \in [0,1]$. Choose $t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \geq t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y) \in [0,1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$,

that is, $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UPideal of A. So $x \cdot z \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x \cdot z) \ge t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Therefore, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. \Box

Corollary 3.2.7. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.1.7 and 3.2.6. \Box

Give an example of conflict that the converse of Corollary 3.2.5, , and 3.2.7 is not true.

Example 3.2.8. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	2
2	0	1	0	2
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A		0	1	2	3
φ	_	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6
φ	+	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3

Then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-filter, UP-ideal) of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty. Indeed,

- (1) $C(\varphi; k) = A$ if $k \in [0, 0.3]$,
- (2) $C(\varphi; k) = \{0\}$ if $k \in (0.3, 0.6]$, and
- (3) $C(\varphi; k) = \emptyset$ if $k \in (0.6, 1]$.

But φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(1\cdot 3) = -0.3 > -0.6 = \max\{-0.6, -0.6\} = \max\{\varphi^{-}(1), \varphi^{-}(3)\}$$

By Theorem 3.1.15 and Theorem 3.1.13, we have φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter and a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Theorem 3.2.9. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

- (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
- (2) for all $t^+ \in [0, 1]$, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ and $y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(x) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\} \ge t^+.$$

So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0, 1]$, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0, 1]$, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UPideal of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \geq t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+((x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1], \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Then $\varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Then $\varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \in \varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Therefore, φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Corollary 3.2.10. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.1.9, 3.2.9, and 3.1.10, and A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself.

Theorem 3.2.11. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A satisfies the following assertion:

$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = y \cdot (x \cdot z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in A.$$
(3.1)

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Proof. For all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \le \varphi^{-}(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(y \cdot (x \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

= $\max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\},$ ((4.2))

and

$$\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(y \cdot (x \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$
$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}.$$
((4.2))

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Definition 3.2.12. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. We define a subset $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ of A by

$$\varphi^{-1}(0,0) = \{x \in A \mid \varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0) \text{ and } \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0)\}.$$

Theorem 3.2.13. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x \cdot y)$$
$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$
$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$
$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(x \cdot y)$$
$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$
$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$
$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $x \cdot y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A.

Theorem 3.2.14. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-filter of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ and $x \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(y)$$
$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}$$
$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$
$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(y)$$

$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{+}(x)\}$$

$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-filter of A.

Theorem 3.2.15. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ and $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x \cdot z)$$

$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(x \cdot z)$$

$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot z) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $x \cdot z \in \varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Give an example of conflict that the converse of Theorem 3.2.13, 3.2.14, and 3.2.15 is not true.

Example 3.2.16. From Example 3.2.8, we have $\varphi^{-1}(0,0) = \{0\}$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-filter, UP-ideal) of A but φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal, bipolar fuzzy UP-filter) of A.

Theorem 3.2.17. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 3.1.10, and A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself.

CHAPTER 4 Conclusions

From the study, we get the main results as the following:

- 1. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is constant if and only if it is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.
- 2. Every bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal.
- 3. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter.
- 4. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra.
- 5. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.
- 6. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.
- 7. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1, 0]$, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.
- 8. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-filter of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

- 9. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1, 0]$, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0, 1]$, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty.
- 10. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.
- 11. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0]$, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.
- 12. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.
- 13. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A satisfies the following assertion:

$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = y \cdot (x \cdot z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in A.$$

$$(4.2)$$

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

- 14. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A.
- 15. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$ is a UP-filter of A.

- 16. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$ is a UP-ideal of A.
- 17. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

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APPENDIX

Writing for Publication: Bipolar Fuzzy UP-Algebras^{*}

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Abstract

In this paper, we apply the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy set to UP-algebras. We introduce the notions of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of UP-algebras and prove its generalizations. We provide a condition for a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter to be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal. Further, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-fi

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1 Introduction

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Among many algebraic structures, algebras of logic form important class of algebras. Examples of these are BCK-algebras [4], BCI-algebras [5], BCH-algebras [2], KU-algebras [13], SU-algebras [9], UP-algebras [3] and others. They are strongly connected with logic. For example, BCI-algebras introduced by Iséki [5] in 1966 have connections with BCI-logic being the BCI-system in combinatory logic which has application in the language of functional programming. BCK and BCI-algebras are two classes of logical algebras. They were in-

troduced by Imai and Iséki [4, 5] in 1966 and have been extensively investigated by many researchers. It is known that the class of BCK-algebras is a proper subclass of the class of BCI-algebras.

The notion of fuzzy subsets of a set was first considered by Zadeh [19] in 1965. The fuzzy set theories developed by Zadeh and others have found many applications in the domain of ³⁰ mathematics and elsewhere. There are several kinds of fuzzy set extensions in the fuzzy set

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theory, for example, intuitionistic fuzzy sets, interval-valued fuzzy sets, vague sets, bipolarvalued fuzzy sets etc. The notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets was first introduced by Lee [11] in 2000, is an extension of fuzzy sets whose membership degree range is enlarged from the interval [0, 1] to [-1, 0].

- After the introduction of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets by Lee [11], several researches were conducted on the generalizations of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets and application to many logical algebras such as: In 2008, Jun and Song [8] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy subalgebras and bipolar fuzzy closed ideals in BCH-algebras. In 2009, Jun and Park [7] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy regularities, bipolar fuzzy
- ⁴⁰ regular subalgebras, bipolar fuzzy filters, and bipolar fuzzy closed quasi filters in BCHalgebras. In 2011, Lee and Jun [10] introduced the notion of bipolar fuzzy a-ideals of BCI-algebras. In 2012, Jun et al. [6] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy CI-subalgebras, bipolar fuzzy ideals and (closed) bipolar fuzzy filters in CI-algebras. In 2014, Muhiuddin [12] introduced the notions of bipolar fuzzy KU-subalgebras and bipolar fuzzy KU-ideals in
- ⁴⁵ KU-algebras. In 2015, Senapati [17] introduced the notion of bipolar fuzzy BG-subalgebras in BG-algebras. In 2016, Sabarinathan et al. [15] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy ideals of BF-algebras. Sabarinathan et al. [14] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy α -ideals of BF-algebras. In 2017, Sabarinathan et al. [16] introduced the notion of bipolar valued fuzzy *H*-ideals of BF-algebras.
- In this paper, we apply the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy set to UP-algebras. We introduce the notions of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of UP-algebras and prove its generalizations. We provide a condition for a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter to be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal. Further, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals) of UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals. Further, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals) and its level cuts.

2 Basic Results on UP-Algebras

An algebra $A = (A, \cdot, 0)$ of type (2, 0) is called a *UP-algebra* [3] where A is a nonempty set, \cdot is a binary operation on A, and 0 is a fixed element of A (i.e., a nullary operation) if it satisfies the following axioms: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

- 60 (UP-1) $(y \cdot z) \cdot ((x \cdot y) \cdot (x \cdot z)) = 0$,
 - **(UP-2)** $0 \cdot x = x$,
 - **(UP-3)** $x \cdot 0 = 0$, and

(UP-4) $x \cdot y = 0$ and $y \cdot x = 0$ imply x = y.

From [3], we know that the notion of UP-algebras is a generalization of KU-algebras.

Example 2.1. [3] Let X be a universal set. Define two binary operations \cdot and * on the power set of X by putting $A \cdot B = B \cap A'$ and $A * B = B \cup A'$ for all $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$. Then $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cdot, \emptyset)$ and $(\mathcal{P}(X), *, X)$ are UP-algebras and we shall call it the *power UP-algebra of type 1* and the *power UP-algebra of type 2*, respectively.

In what follows, let A be a UP-algebra unless otherwise specified. The following proposition is very important for the study of UP-algebras.

Proposition 2.2. [3] In a UP-algebra A, the following properties hold: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

(1) $x \cdot x = 0$,

(2) $x \cdot y = 0$ and $y \cdot z = 0$ imply $x \cdot z = 0$,

(3)
$$x \cdot y = 0$$
 implies $(z \cdot x) \cdot (z \cdot y) = 0$,

75 (4)
$$x \cdot y = 0$$
 implies $(y \cdot z) \cdot (x \cdot z) = 0$,

- $(5) \ x \cdot (y \cdot x) = 0,$
- (6) $(y \cdot x) \cdot x = 0$ if and only if $x = y \cdot x$, and
- (7) $x \cdot (y \cdot y) = 0.$

Definition 2.3. [3] A subset S of A is called a UP-subalgebra of A if the constant 0 of A is in S, and $(S, \cdot, 0)$ itself forms a UP-algebra.

Iampan [3] proved the useful criteria that a nonempty subset S of a UP-algebra $A = (A, \cdot, 0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if and only if S is closed under the \cdot multiplication on A.

Definition 2.4. [18] A subset F of A is called a UP-filter of A if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the constant 0 of A is in F, and
 - (2) for any $x, y \in A, x \cdot y \in F$ and $x \in F$ imply $y \in F$.

Definition 2.5. [3] A subset B of A is called a *UP-ideal* of A if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the constant 0 of A is in B, and
- 90 (2) for any $x, y, z \in A, x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in B$ and $y \in B$ imply $x \cdot z \in B$.

Definition 2.6. [1] A subset C of A is called a *strongly UP-ideal* of A if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1) the constant 0 of A is in C, and
- (2) for any $x, y, z \in A, (z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in C$ and $y \in C$ imply $x \in C$.
- **Theorem 2.7.** [3] Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of UP-subalgebras (resp., UP-ideals) of A. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-ideal) of A.

Theorem 2.8. Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of UP-filters of A. Then $\cap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-filter of A.

Proof. Since B_i is a UP-filter of A, we have $0 \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ and $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Then $x \cdot y \in B_i$ and $x \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Since B_i is a UP-filter of A, we have $y \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Hence, $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a UP-filter of A.

Theorem 2.9. Let $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a nonempty family of strongly UP-ideals of A. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Since B_i is a strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $0 \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ and $y \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Then $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in B_i$ and $y \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Since B_i is a strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $x \in B_i$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$. Hence, $\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Guntasow et al. [1] proved the generalization that the notion of UP-subalgebras is a ¹¹⁰ generalization of UP-filters, the notion of UP-filters is a generalization of UP-ideals, and the notion of UP-ideals is a generalization of strongly UP-ideals. Moreover, they also proved that a UP-algebra A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself.

3 Bipolar Fuzzy Sets

Let X be the universe of discourse. A *bipolar-valued fuzzy set* [11] φ in X is an object having the form

$$\varphi = \{ (x, \varphi^-(x), \varphi^+(x)) \mid x \in X \}$$

where $\varphi^- : X \to [-1,0]$ and $\varphi^+ : X \to [0,1]$ are mappings. For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol $\varphi = (X; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ for the bipolar-valued fuzzy set $\varphi = \{(x, \varphi^-(x), \varphi^+(x)) \mid x \in X\}$, and use the notion of bipolar fuzzy sets instead of the notion of bipolar-valued fuzzy sets.

Next, we introduce the notion of bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) of a UP-algebra A and provide the necessary examples.

Definition 3.1. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy UP*subalgebra of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\}, \text{ and }$
- (2) $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}.$

Remark 3.2. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, then

 $\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x)$ and $\varphi^{+}(0) \geq \varphi^{+}(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

Indeed, for all $x \in A$,

$$\varphi^-(0) = \varphi^-(x \cdot x) \le \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(x)\} = \varphi^-(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^+(0) = \varphi^+(x \cdot x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(x)\} = \varphi^+(x)$$

Example 3.3. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

·	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	0	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

¹³⁰ Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Definition 3.4. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy UP-filter* of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y \in A$,

- (1) $\varphi^-(0) \le \varphi^-(x),$
- (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$

135 (3) $\varphi^{-}(y) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}, \text{ and }$

(4) $\varphi^+(y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\}.$

Example 3.5. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	3
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	2	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6
φ^+	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.2

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A.

Definition 3.6. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal* of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y, z \in A$,

140 (1)
$$\varphi^{-}(0) \le \varphi^{-}(x),$$

- (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$
- (3) $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}, \text{ and }$
- (4) $\varphi^+(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$

Example 3.7. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with the following Cayley table:

·	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	0	0	2	3	4
2	0	0	0	3	4
3	0	0	0	0	4
4	0	0	0	1	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3	4
φ^-	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
φ^+	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

- ¹⁴⁵ **Definition 3.8.** A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is called a *bipolar fuzzy strongly* UP-ideal of A if it satisfies the following properties: for any $x, y, z \in A$,
 - (1) $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(x),$
 - (2) $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x),$
 - (3) $\varphi^{-}(x) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}, \text{ and }$

150 (4)
$$\varphi^+(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$$

Example 3.9. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	2
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
φ^+	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Theorem 3.10. A bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A is constant if and only if it is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Assume that $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a constant bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then there exist $l \in [-1, 0]$ and $k \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\varphi^{-}(x) = l$$
 for all $x \in A$ and $\varphi^{+}(x) = k$ for all $x \in A$.

Thus $\varphi^-(0) = l \le l = \varphi^-(x)$ and $\varphi^+(0) = k \ge k = \varphi^+(x)$ for all $x \in A$. For all $x, y, z \in A$, $\varphi^-(x) = l \le l = \max\{l, l\} = \max\{\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y)\}$

and

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$$\varphi^+(x) = k \ge k = \min\{k, k\} = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$$

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Conversely, assume that $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. Then for all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x) \text{ and } \varphi^{+}(0) \geq \varphi^{+}(x),$$

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 $\varphi^{-}(x) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \text{ and } \varphi^{+}(x) \geq \min\{\varphi^{+}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}.$ For all $x \in A$,

$$\begin{split} \varphi^{-}(x) &\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}((x \cdot 0) \cdot (x \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0 \cdot 0), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \quad ((\text{UP-3}), \text{ Proposition 2.2 (1)}) \\ &\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\} \quad ((\text{UP-2})) \\ &= \varphi^{-}(0). \end{split}$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}((x \cdot 0) \cdot (x \cdot x)), \varphi^{+}(0)\}
= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0 \cdot 0), \varphi^{+}(0)\} ((UP-3), \text{ Proposition 2.2 (1)})
= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\} ((UP-2))
= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

Hence, $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0)$ for all $x \in A$. Therefore, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ is a constant bipolar fuzzy set in A.

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Proof. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. By Theorem 3.10, there exists $(l, k) \in [-1, 0] \times [0, 1]$ such that

$$\varphi^{-}(x) = l$$
 and $\varphi^{+}(x) = k$ for all $x \in A$.

For all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^-(0) = l \le l = \varphi^-(x)$$

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$$\varphi^-(x\cdot z) = l \le l = \max\{l, l\} = \max\{\varphi^-(x\cdot (y\cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\},$$

and

$$\varphi^+(0) = k \ge k = \varphi^+(x)$$

and

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$$\varphi^+(x \cdot z) = k \ge k = \min\{k, k\} = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}.$$

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Example 3.12. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with the following Cayley table:

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3	4
φ^-	-0.9	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7
φ^+	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.5

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. Indeed,

 $\varphi^-(3) = -0.2 > -0.7 = \max\{\varphi^-((3 \cdot 4) \cdot (3 \cdot 3)), \varphi^-(4)\}$

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$$\varphi^+(3) = 0.1 < 0.5 = \min\{\varphi^+((3 \cdot 4) \cdot (3 \cdot 3)), \varphi^+(4)\}$$

Theorem 3.13. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter.

Proof. Let φ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Then for all $x, y \in A, \varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0 \cdot y) \tag{(UP-2)}$$

$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(0 \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{-}(x)\} \\ = \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}, \qquad ((\text{UP-2}))$$

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and $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0 \cdot y)$$

$$\geq \min\{\varphi^{+}(0 \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{+}(x)\}$$
((UP-2))

$$= \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\}.$$
 ((UP-2))

Hence, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A.

Example 3.14. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

·	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	2
2	0	1	0	3
3	0	0	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
φ^+	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal ¹⁹⁰ of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^-(2\cdot 3) = \varphi^-(3) = -0.1 > -0.3 = \max\{\varphi^-(2\cdot (1\cdot 3)), \varphi^-(1)\}$$

and

$$\varphi^+(2\cdot 3) = \varphi^+(3) = 0.2 < 0.5 = \min\{\varphi^+(2\cdot (1\cdot 3)), \varphi^+(1)\}$$

Theorem 3.15. Every bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra.

Proof. Let φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Then for all $x, y \in A, \varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(y \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

= $\max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$ (Proposition 2.2 (5))
 $\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\},$

and $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$ and

$$\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(y \cdot (x \cdot y)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

= min{ $\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(y)$ } (Proposition 2.2 (5))
 $\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x), \varphi^{+}(y)\}.$

¹⁹⁵ Hence, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Example 3.16. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	1	3
2	0	0	0	3
3	0	0	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^+	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1
φ^{-}	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A but it is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(2) = -0.3 > -0.5 = \max\{\varphi^{-}(1 \cdot 2), \varphi^{-}(1)\}$$

and

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$$\varphi^+(2) = 0.2 < 0.4 = \min\{\varphi^+(1 \cdot 2), \varphi^+(1)\}.$$

Level Cuts of a Bipolar Fuzzy Set 4

In this section, we discuss the relation between bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebras (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-filters, bipolar fuzzy UP-ideals and bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideals) and its level cuts.

Definition 4.1. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+})$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. For $(t^{-}, t^{+}) \in [-1, 0] \times$ [0,1], the sets

$$N_L(\varphi; t^-) = \{ x \in A \mid \varphi^-(x) \le t^- \}$$

and

$$P_U(\varphi; t^+) = \{ x \in A \mid \varphi^+(x) \ge t^+ \}$$

are called the negative lower t⁻-cut and the positive upper t⁺-cut of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^{-}, \varphi^{+}),$ respectively. The set

$$C(\varphi;(t^-,t^+)) = N_L(\varphi;t^-) \cap P_U(\varphi;t^+)$$

is called the (t^-, t^+) -cut of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$. For any $k \in [0, 1]$, we denote the set

$$C(\varphi;k) = C(\varphi;(-k,k)) = N_L(\varphi;-k) \cap P_U(\varphi;k)$$

is called the *k*-cut of $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$. 205

> **Theorem 4.2.** Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

- (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0]$, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
- (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.
- *Proof.* Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that 210 $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $x, y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, we have $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \leq t^{-}$. Thus $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. Next, let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $x, y \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, we have $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\} \ge t^+$. Thus 215
- $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0, 1], N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0,1], P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y)\}$.

have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. So $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Next, let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $x, y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A. So $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \geq t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Therefore, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A.

Corollary 4.3. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A, then for all $k \in [0, 1], C(\varphi; k)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A while $C(\varphi; k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.7 and 4.2.

- Theorem 4.4. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0]$, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ and $x \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(y) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(y) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\} \ge t^+.$$

So $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A.

- ²³⁵ Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0,1], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0,1], P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \in N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \neq (x \cdot y), \varphi^-(x) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot y), \varphi^-(x)\}$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot y) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \cdot y, x \in Q_{240}$.
- $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$, Hence, $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x), \varphi^-(x \cdot y)\}$. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \in [0,1]$. Choose $t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \geq t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next,
- let $x, y \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot y), \varphi^+(x)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot y) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$, that is, $x \cdot y, x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \ne \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-filter of A. So $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x), \varphi^+(x \cdot y)\}$. Therefore, φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A.

Corollary 4.5. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A, then for all $k \in [0,1], C(\varphi;k)$ is a UP-filter of A while $C(\varphi;k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.8 and 4.4.

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Theorem 4.6. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:

- (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0]$, $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
- (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Let $t^- \in [-1,0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ and $y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $x \cdot z \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\} \ge t^+.$$

So $x \cdot z \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0,1], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0,1], P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \in N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1,0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in N_L(\varphi;t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $x \cdot z \in N_L(\varphi;t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(x \cdot z) \leq t^- = \max\{\varphi^-(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \in [0,1]$. Choose $t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi;t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \geq t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y) \in [0,1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \geq t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \geq t^+$, that is, $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in P_U(\varphi;t^+) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a UP-ideal of A. So

 $x \cdot (y \cdot z), y \in V(\varphi, v) \neq 0.$ By assumption, we have $V(\varphi, v)$ is a of radia of M is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

Corollary 4.7. If $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A, then for all $k \in [0,1], C(\varphi;k)$ is a UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi;k)$ is nonempty.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 2.7 and 4.6.

Give an example of conflict that the converse of Corollary 4.5, , and 4.7 is not true.

Example 4.8. Consider a UP-algebra $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with the following Cayley table:

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0	0	2	2
2	0	1	0	2
3	0	1	0	0

Define a bipolar fuzzy set $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ in A as follows:

A	0	1	2	3
φ^-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6
φ^+	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3

Then for all $k \in [0,1], C(\varphi;k)$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-filter, UP-ideal) of A while $C(\varphi;k)$ is nonempty. Indeed,

- (1) $C(\varphi; k) = A$ if $k \in [0, 0.3]$,
- (2) $C(\varphi; k) = \{0\}$ if $k \in (0.3, 0.6]$, and

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(3) $C(\varphi; k) = \emptyset$ if $k \in (0.6, 1]$.

But φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Indeed,

$$\varphi^{-}(1\cdot 3) = -0.3 > -0.6 = \max\{-0.6, -0.6\} = \max\{\varphi^{-}(1), \varphi^{-}(3)\}.$$

By Theorem 3.15 and Theorem 3.13, we have φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter and a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

- Theorem 4.9. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if the following statements are valid:
 - (1) for all $t^- \in [-1,0], N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi;t^-)$ is nonempty, and
 - (2) for all $t^+ \in [0,1]$, $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi;t^+)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Assume that φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A. Let $t^- \in [-1, 0]$ be such that $N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^-(0) \leq \varphi^-(a) \leq t^-$. Thus $0 \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ and $y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^{-}(x) \le \max\{\varphi^{-}((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^{-}(y)\} \le t^{-}.$$

So $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. Let $t^+ \in [0, 1]$ be such that $P_U(\varphi; t^+) \neq \emptyset$ and let $a \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have $\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(a) \ge t^+$. Thus $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x) \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ and $y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$. Since φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A, we have

$$\varphi^+(x) \ge \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\} \ge t^+.$$

²⁹⁰ So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. Conversely, assume that for all $t^- \in [0, 1], N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is nonempty and for all $t^+ \in [0, 1], P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A if $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is nonempty. Let $x \in A$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Then $\varphi^-(x) \leq t^-$, that is, $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly ²⁹⁵ UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, $\varphi^-(0) \leq t^- = \varphi^-(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y) \in [-1, 0]$. Choose $t^- = \max\{\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^-(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^-((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \leq t^-$ and $\varphi^-(y) \leq t^-$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in N_L(\varphi; t^-) \neq \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $N_L(\varphi; t^-)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in N_L(\varphi; t^-)$. Hence, ³⁰⁰ $\varphi^+(x)$. Then $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+$, that is, $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \ne \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $0 \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(0) \ge t^+ = \varphi^+(x)$. Next, let $x, y, z \in A$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y) \in [0, 1]$. Choose $t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Then $\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)) \ge t^+$ and $\varphi^+(y) \ge t^+$, that is, $(z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x), y \in P_U(\varphi; t^+) \ne \emptyset$. By assumption, we have $P_U(\varphi; t^+)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A. So $x \in P_U(\varphi; t^+)$. Hence, $\varphi^+(x) \ge t^+ = \min\{\varphi^+((z \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot x)), \varphi^+(y)\}$. Therefore, φ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A.

Corollary 4.10. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if for all $k \in [0,1], C(\varphi;k)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A while $C(\varphi;k)$ is nonempty.

³¹⁰ *Proof.* It is straightforward by Theorem 2.9, 4.9, and 3.10, and A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself. \Box

Theorem 4.11. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A satisfies the following assertion:

$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = y \cdot (x \cdot z) \text{ for all } x, y, z \in A.$$

$$(4.1)$$

Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

315 Proof. For all $x, y, z \in A$,

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \le \varphi^{-}(x)$$

and

$$\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) \leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(y \cdot (x \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

= max{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)}, ((4.1))

and

and

$$\varphi^+(0) \ge \varphi^+(x)$$

$$\varphi^{+}(x \cdot z) \ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(y \cdot (x \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

= min{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}. ((4.1))

Hence, $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A.

³²⁰ **Definition 4.12.** Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. We define a subset $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ of A by

$$\varphi^{-1}(0,0) = \{x \in A \mid \varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0) \text{ and } \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0)\}.$$

Theorem 4.13. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0, 0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x \cdot y)$$
$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$
$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$
$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

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and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(x \cdot y)$$

$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $x \cdot y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-subalgebra of A.

Theorem 4.14. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-filter of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-filter of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y \in A$ be such that $x \cdot y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ and $x \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(y)$$

$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{-}(x)\}$$

$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(y)$$

$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot y), \varphi^{+}(x)\}$$

$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-filter of A.

Theorem 4.15. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal of A. Then $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Proof. Clearly, $0 \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Let $x, y, z \in A$ be such that $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ and $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Then $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) = \varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)) = \varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{-}(y) = \varphi^{-}(0)$, and $\varphi^{+}(y) = \varphi^{+}(0)$. Thus

$$\varphi^{-}(0) \leq \varphi^{-}(x \cdot z)$$

$$\leq \max\{\varphi^{-}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{-}(y)\}$$

$$= \max\{\varphi^{-}(0), \varphi^{-}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{-}(0)$$

and

$$\varphi^{+}(0) \ge \varphi^{+}(x \cdot z)$$

$$\ge \min\{\varphi^{+}(x \cdot (y \cdot z)), \varphi^{+}(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{\varphi^{+}(0), \varphi^{+}(0)\}$$

$$= \varphi^{+}(0).$$

So $\varphi^{-}(x \cdot z) = \varphi^{-}(0)$ and $\varphi^{+}(x \cdot z) = \varphi^{+}(0)$, that is, $x \cdot z \in \varphi^{-1}(0,0)$. Therefore, $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a UP-ideal of A.

Give an example of conflict that the converse of Theorem 4.13, 4.14, and 4.15 is not true.

Example 4.16. From Example 4.8, we have $\varphi^{-1}(0,0) = \{0\}$ is a UP-subalgebra (resp., UP-filter, UP-ideal) of A but φ is not a bipolar fuzzy UP-subalgebra (resp., bipolar fuzzy UP-ideal, bipolar fuzzy UP-filter) of A.

Theorem 4.17. Let $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ be a bipolar fuzzy set in A. Then $\varphi = (A; \varphi^-, \varphi^+)$ is a bipolar fuzzy strongly UP-ideal of A if and only if $\varphi^{-1}(0,0)$ is a strongly UP-ideal of A.

Proof. It is straightforward by Theorem 3.10, and A is the only one strongly UP-ideal of itself. $\hfill \Box$

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