# INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY CONGRUENCES ON PRODUCT LATTICES 

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Abstract: In this work, the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on lattice $X$ was introduced and was defined direct product between them. Also some characterizations of them were established. Finally, isomorphism between factor lattices of similarity classes was investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

Zadeh [36] introduced the concepts of a fuzzy set. Intuitionistic fuzzy set (in short IFS) introduced by Atanassov [1]. Intuitionistic fuzzy sets have been found to be very useful in diversely applied areas of science and technology. A lattice is an abstract structure studied in the mathematical subdisciplines of order theory and abstract algebra. It consists of a partially ordered set in which every two elements have a unique supremum (also called a least upper bound or join) and a unique infimum (also called a greatest lower bound or meet). An example is given by the natural numbers, partially ordered by divisibility, for which the unique supremum is the least common multiple and the unique infimum is the greatest common divisor. In the history of fuzzy mathematics, fuzzy relations were early considered to be useful in various applications, and have therefore been extensively investigated. For
a contemporary general approach to fuzzy relations one should look in Belohlavek's book [2], and also to other general publications e.g., the books by Klir and Yuan [8] and Turunen [34]. Relational equations and applications are presented by Di Nola, Sessa, Pedrycz and Sanchezin [5], and some new approaches to fuzzy relations are given by Ignjatovic, Ciric and Bogdanovicin [7, 3]. Das [4] and Yijia [35] have introduced the concept of fuzzy congruences in the background of semigroups. The author investigated some properties of fuzzy algebraic structures [10-33]. In this paper, the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy equivalence relation and intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on lattices are introduced and discussed. Let $X$ and $Y$ be lattices such that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F S(Y \times Y)$. We define intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on lattice $X$ as $\operatorname{IFC}(X \times X)$ and investigate some properties of them. We introduce direct product of $A$ and $B$ and we prove that if $A \in I F C(X \times X)$ and $B \in I F C(Y \times Y)$, then $A \times B \in I F C(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$ and under some conditions, we show the converse of about assertion. Finally, we prove isomorphism $\frac{X \times X}{A} \times \frac{Y \times Y}{B} \cong \frac{X \times Y \times X \times Y}{A \times B}$ as factor lattices of similarity classes.

## 2. Preliminaries

This section emphasizes on basic definitions, results and properties of lattices, fuzzy sets and intuitionistic fuzzy sets, which serve as a prerequisite for the research work done in the paper. For details we refer to $[1,6,9]$.
Definition 2.1. Let $P$ be a nonempty set. A partial order $P$ is a binary relation $\leq$ on $P$ such that, for all $x, y, z \in P$, the following conditions are hold:
(1) $x \leq x$ (reflexivity);
(2) $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ imply $x=y$ (antisymmetry);
(3) $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$ imply $x=z$ (transivity).
$A$ set $P$ equipped with an order relation $\leq i s$ said to be an ordered set (or partially ordered set or poset).

Definition 2.2. A partially ordered set in which every pair of elements has a join (or least upper bound) and a meet (or greatest lower bound) is called a lattice.
Definition 2.3. Let $L$ and $K$ be lattices. Then $\operatorname{map} \varphi: L \rightarrow K$ is an isomorphism if $\varphi$ is one-to-one, onto and if $\varphi(a \wedge b)=\varphi(a) \wedge \varphi(b)$ and $\varphi(a \vee b)=\varphi(a) \vee \varphi(b)$ for all $a, b \in L$.

Definition 2.4. Let $L$ and $K$ be lattices. Define
$\wedge: L \times K \rightarrow L \times K$ by $\left(l_{1}, k_{1}\right) \wedge\left(l_{2}, k_{2}\right)=\left(l_{1} \wedge l_{2}, k_{1} \wedge k_{2}\right)$ and $\vee: L \times K \rightarrow L \times K$ by $\left(l_{1}, k_{1}\right) \vee\left(l_{2}, k_{2}\right)=\left(l_{1} \vee l_{2}, k_{1} \vee k_{2}\right)$ for all $l_{1}, l_{2} \in L$ and $k_{1}, k_{2} \in K$. Then $L \times K$ will be a lattice called the direct product of $L$ and $K$.

Definition 2.5. Let $X$ be an arbitrary set. A fuzzy set of $X$, we mean a function from $X$ into $[0,1]$. A fuzzy binary relation on $X$ is a fuzzy set defined on $X \times X$.

Definition 2.6. For sets $X, Y$ and $Z, f=\left(f_{1}, f_{2}\right): X \rightarrow Y \times Z$ is called a complex mapping if $f_{1}: X \rightarrow Y$ and $f_{2}: X \rightarrow Z$ are mappings.
Definition 2.7. Let $X$ be a nonempty set. A complex mapping $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ : $X \rightarrow[0,1] \times[0,1]$ is called an intuitionistic fuzzy set (in short, IFS) in $X$ if $\mu_{A}+\nu_{A} \leq 1$ where the mappings $\mu_{A}: X \rightarrow[0,1]$ and $\nu_{A}: X \rightarrow[0,1]$ denote the degree of membership (namely $\mu_{A}(x)$ ) and the degree of non-membership (namely $\left.\nu_{A}(x)\right)$ for each $x \in X$ to $A$, respectively. In particular $\emptyset_{X}$ and $U_{X}$ denote the intuitionistic fuzzy empty set and intuitionistic fuzzy whole set in $X$ defined by $\emptyset_{X}(x)=(0,1) \sim 0$ and $U_{X}(x)=(1,0) \sim 1$, respectively. We will denote the set of all IFSs in $X$ as $I F S(X)$.
Definition 2.8. Let $X$ be a nonempty set and let $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right)$ be IFSs in X. Then
(1) Inclusion: $A \subseteq B$ iff $\mu_{A} \leq \mu_{B}$ and $\nu_{A} \geq \nu_{B}$.
(2) Equality: $A=B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

## 3. Intuitionistic Fuzzy Congruences on Product Lattices

Definition 3.1. Let $X$ be a non empty set and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in \operatorname{IFS}(X \times X)$. We say that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is an equivalence relation on $X \times X$ if the following conditions hold:
(1) $A(x, x)=(1,0)$,
(2) $A(x, y)=A(y, x)$,
(3) $A(x, z) \supseteq\left(\sup _{y \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{A}(y, z)\right\}, \inf _{y \in X}\left\{\nu(x, y)_{A} \vee \nu_{A}(y, z)\right\}\right)$,
for all $x, y, z \in X$.
Remark 3.2. Note that in Definition 3.1 we get the follwing statements for all $x, y, z \in X$.
(1)
$A(x, x)=(1,0) \Longleftrightarrow A(x, x)=\left(\mu_{A}(x, x), \nu_{A}(x, x)\right)=(1,0) \Longleftrightarrow \mu_{A}(x, x)=1, \nu_{A}(x, x)=0$.
(2)

$$
\begin{gathered}
A(x, y)=A(y, x) \Longleftrightarrow A(x, y)=\left(\mu_{A}(x, y), \nu_{A}(x, y)\right)=A(y, x)=\left(\mu_{A}(y, x), \nu_{A}(y, x)\right) \\
\Longleftrightarrow \mu_{A}(x, y)=\mu_{A}(y, x) \quad \text { and } \quad \nu_{A}(x, y)=\nu_{A}(y, x)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
A(x, z) \supseteq\left(\sup _{y \in X}\{\mu(x, y) \wedge \mu(y, z)\}, \inf _{y \in X}\{\mu(x, y) \vee \mu(y, z)\}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\left.\Longleftrightarrow A(x, z)=\left(\mu_{A}(x, z), \nu_{A}(x, z)\right) \supseteq \sup _{y \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{A}(y, z)\right\}, \inf _{y \in X}\left\{\nu(x, y)_{A} \vee \nu_{A}(y, z)\right\}\right)
$$

$\Longleftrightarrow\left(\mu_{A}(x, z) \geq \sup _{y \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}(x, y) \wedge \mu_{A}(y, z)\right\} \quad\right.$ and $\quad \nu_{A}(x, z) \leq \inf _{y \in X}\left\{\nu_{A}(x, y) \vee \nu_{A}(y, z)\right\}$.
Definition 3.3. Let $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$. The similarity class for each $x \in X$ is the intuitionistic fuzzy set $A_{x}: X \rightarrow[0,1] \times[0,1]$ such that $A_{x}(y)=A(x, y)$ for all $y \in X$.
Lemma 3.4. Let $X$ be a non empty set and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$. Then $A_{x}=A_{y}$ if and only if $A(x, y)=(1,0)$ for all $x, y \in X$.
Proof. Let $x, y \in X$. If $A_{x}=A_{y}$, then $A_{x}(y)=A_{y}(y)=A(y, y)=(1,0)$ and then $A(x, y)=(1,0)$.
Conversely, if $A(x, y)=(1,0)$, then $A_{x}(y)=(1,0)=A_{y}(y)$ and so $A_{x}=A_{y}$.
Definition 3.5. Let $X$ be a lattice and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$. Then $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is join compatible if

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right) \\
\supseteq\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is meet compatible if

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right) \\
\supseteq\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

for all $x_{1}, x_{2}, y_{1}, y_{2}$ in $X$. If $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is both join compatible and meet compatible, then $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is an intuitionistic fuzzy congruence on $X \times X$.
Denote by $\operatorname{IFC}(X \times X)$, the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy congruences on lattice $X$.

Example 3.6. Let $X$ be a non empty lattice and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$. Define

$$
\mu_{A}(x, y)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } x=y \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
\nu_{A}(x, y)= \begin{cases}0 & \text { if } x=y \\ 1 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Then $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F C(X \times X)$.
Lemma 3.7. Let $X$ be a lattice and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$. Then
(1) $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is join compatible if and only if $A\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \supseteq A\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$,
(2) $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is meet compatible if and only if $A\left(x_{1} \wedge t, y_{1} \wedge t\right) \supseteq A\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$,
for all $x_{1}, y_{1}, t$ in $X$.
Proof. Let $x_{1}, x_{2}, y_{1}, y_{2}, t$ in $X$.
(1) If $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is join compatible, then

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)\right) \\
\supseteq\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}(t, t), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}(t, t)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

which means that

$$
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}(t, t)=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge 1=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)
$$

and then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}(t, t)=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee 0=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)
$$

thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now from (a) and (b) we will have that

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)\right) \\
\supseteq\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right)=A\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

Conversely, let $A\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \subseteq A\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)$ and $A\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \subseteq A\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)$. Then $\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \leq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)$ and $\mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \leq \mu_{A}\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)$. Now

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)=\mu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
\geq \sup _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee(t, t)\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left((t, t) \vee\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right\} \\
=\sup _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee(t, t)\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee(t, t)\right)\right\} \\
=\sup _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)\right\} \\
\geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and then

$$
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right) \geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)
$$

Also as $A\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \subseteq A\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)$ and $A\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \subseteq A\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)$ so $\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \geq$ $\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right)$ and $\nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \geq \nu_{A}\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)$. Thus

$$
\begin{gathered}
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)=\nu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
\leq \inf _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee(t, t)\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left((t, t) \vee\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right\} \\
=\inf _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee(t, t)\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee(t, t)\right)\right\} \\
=\inf _{(t, t) \in X \times X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t, y_{1} \vee t\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2} \vee t, y_{2} \vee t\right)\right\} \\
\leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right) \leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore (a) and (b) give us that

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right) \\
\supseteq\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

which means that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is join compatible.
(2) The proof is similar as (1).

Definition 3.8. Let $X$ and $Y$ be lattices such that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F S(Y \times Y)$. Define $A \times B \in I F S(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$ as

$$
A \times B=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \times\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right)=\left(\mu_{A} \times \mu_{B}, \nu_{A} \times \nu_{B}\right)=\left(\mu_{A \times B}, \nu_{A \times B}\right)
$$

such that

$$
\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)
$$

and

$$
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)
$$

for all $x_{1}, x_{2}$ in $X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2}$ in $Y$.
Thus

$$
(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)
$$

for all $x_{1}, x_{2}$ in $X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2}$ in $Y$.

Preposition 3.9. Let $X$ and $Y$ be lattices and $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F C(X \times X)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in \operatorname{IFC}(Y \times Y)$. Then $A \times B \in \operatorname{IFC}(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$.
Proof. (1) Let $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
(A \times B)((x, y),(x, y))=\left(\mu_{A \times B}((x, y),(x, y)), \nu_{A \times B}((x, y),(x, y))\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A}(x, x) \wedge \mu_{B}(y, y), \nu_{A}(x, x) \vee \nu_{B}(y, y)\right)=(1 \wedge 1,0 \vee 0)=(1,0) .
\end{gathered}
$$

(2) Let $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
\quad(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right), \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{1}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right), \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right) \\
\quad=(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

(3) Let $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{3}\right) \\
& \geq \sup _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\} \wedge \sup _{y_{2} \in Y}\left\{\mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
& =\sup _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
& =\sup _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
& =\sup _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{gathered}
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{3}\right) \\
\leq \inf _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\} \vee \inf _{y_{2} \in Y}\left\{\nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
=\inf _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
=\inf _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right\} \\
=\inf _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)\right\} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{gathered}
(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right) \supseteq\left(\sup _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)\right\}\right. \\
\left., \inf _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in X \times Y}\left\{\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)\right)\right\}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Therefore from (1)-(3) we get that $A \times B$ is an equivalence relation on $X \times Y \times X \times Y$. Now we show that $A \times B$ is join and meet compatible. Let $\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right) \in X \times Y$ then

$$
\begin{gathered}
\quad \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1} \vee t_{1}, y_{1} \vee t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee t_{1}, y_{2} \vee t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t_{1}, y_{1} \vee t_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(x_{2} \vee t_{1}, y_{2} \vee t_{2}\right) \\
\geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \geq \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{gathered}
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1} \vee t_{1}, y_{1} \vee t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee t_{1}, y_{2} \vee t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \vee t_{1}, y_{1} \vee t_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(x_{2} \vee t_{1}, y_{2} \vee t_{2}\right) \\
\leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \leq \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now from (a) and (b) we get that

$$
(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \vee\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \supseteq(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
$$

and so by Lemma 3.7 (part(1)) we obtain that $A \times B$ is join compatible. Also

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \\
= & \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge t_{1}, y_{1} \wedge t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge t_{1}, y_{2} \wedge t_{2}\right)\right) \\
= & \mu_{A}\left(x_{1} \wedge t_{1}, y_{1} \wedge t_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(x_{2} \wedge t_{1}, y_{2} \wedge t_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\geq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \geq \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{gathered}
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge t_{1}, y_{1} \wedge t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge t_{1}, y_{2} \wedge t_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1} \wedge t_{1}, y_{1} \wedge t_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(x_{2} \wedge t_{1}, y_{2} \wedge t_{2}\right) \\
\leq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \leq \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus from (a) and (b) we can say

$$
(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)\right) \supseteq(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
$$

and as Lemma $3.7(\operatorname{part}(2))$ so $A \times B$ is meet compatible.
Therefore $A \times B \in I F C(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$.
Example 3.10. Let $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in \operatorname{IFS}(X \times X)$ such that

$$
\mu_{A}(x, y)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } x=y \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
\nu_{A}(x, y)= \begin{cases}0 & \text { if } x=y \\ 1 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Define $A \times A=\left(\mu_{A \times A}, \nu_{A \times A}\right) \in I F S(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$ as:

$$
\mu_{A \times A}\left((x, y),(z, t)=\mu_{A}(x, z) \wedge \mu_{A}(y, t)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if }(x, y)=(z, t) \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}\right.
$$

and

$$
\nu_{A \times A}\left((x, y),(z, t)=\nu_{A}(x, z) \vee \nu_{A}(y, t)= \begin{cases}0 & \text { if }(x, y)=(z, t) \\ 1 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}\right.
$$

for all $x, y, z, t \in X$.
Then $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F C(X \times X)$ and $A \times A=\left(\mu_{A \times A}, \nu_{A \times A}\right) \in I F C(X \times Y \times$
$X \times Y)$.
Proposition 3.11. Let $C=\left(\mu_{C}, \nu_{C}\right) \in \operatorname{IFC}(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$. Then for all $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$ we have the following statements.
(1) $C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$.
(2) $C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$.

Proof. Let $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) \leq C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

(Lemma $3.7 \operatorname{part}(1))$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\rho\left(\left(x_{1} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right) \\
& \leq C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)(\text { Lemma 3.7 part }(2)) \\
& =C\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Similarly we can prove that $C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) \geq C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$ and thus $C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$.
(2) The proof is similar as (1).

Not that we can prove the converse of Proposition 3.9 such that if $C=\left(\mu_{C}, \nu_{C}\right) \in$ $F C T(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$, then $C=A \times B$ where $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F C(X \times X)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F C(Y \times Y)$.
Proposition 3.12. Let $C=\left(\mu_{C}, \nu_{C}\right) \in I F C(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$. Define $A=$ $\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F S(Y \times Y)$ by:

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)\right) \\
=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\begin{gathered}
B\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

for all $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$. Then $C=A \times B$.
Proof. Using Proposition 3.11 we obtain that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right)$ are well defined. Firstly, we must prove that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$ and $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F S(Y \times Y)$ be an equivalence
relation on $Y \times Y$.
(1) Let $x_{1} \in X$ and $y_{1} \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, x_{1}\right)\right)=((1,0) \sim 1,(0,1) \sim 0)=(1,0)\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

(2) Let $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$. Then

$$
A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)\right)=A\left(x_{2}, x_{1}\right)
$$

(3) Let $x_{1}, x_{3} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{3} \in Y$. Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)\right) \\
=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

As

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
\geq \sup _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in(X \times Y)}\left\{\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right\} \\
\geq \sup _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right\}=\sup _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right) \geq \sup _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\} \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{gathered}
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
\leq \inf _{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in(X \times Y)}\left\{\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right\} \\
\leq \inf _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)\right\}=\inf _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

and thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right) \leq \inf _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\} \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)\right) \supseteq \\
\left(\sup _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\}, \inf _{x_{2} \in X}\left\{\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{A}\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right\}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

which means that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in I F S(X \times X)$ be an equivalence relation on $X \times X$.
Now

$$
\begin{aligned}
A\left(x_{1} \vee x_{3}, x_{2} \vee x_{3}\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1} \vee x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right) & =C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
\geq C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right) & =A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{gathered}
A\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{3}, x_{2} \wedge x_{3}\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right)\right) \\
\geq C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1}\right)\right)=A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

mean that $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right) \in \operatorname{IFC}(X \times X)$.
In a similar way it can be proved that $B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right) \in I F C(Y \times Y)$.
Next we must show that $C=A \times B$ as

$$
\begin{gathered}
C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \\
\left.\left.=\left(\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right), \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)\right) \\
=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

for all $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \in Y$. Firstly, we must prove that

$$
\left.\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)
$$

As
$\left.\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \leq \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)$
(Lemma 3.7(1))

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{2} \wedge y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right) \\
=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \leq \mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also
$\left.\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \leq \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)$
(Lemma 3.7(1))

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2} \wedge y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right. \\
=\mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \leq \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now from (a) and (b) we get that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \\
&\left.\leq \mu_{A}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \\
&\left.\leq x_{2}\right)\left.\wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \leq \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{c}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \\
& \quad=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{3}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right) \wedge \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \quad$ (Proposition 3.11)
$\left.\leq \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)$
(Definition 3.5)
$=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2} \vee y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$.
Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \leq \mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \tag{d}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then by $(c)$ and $(d)$ we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \tag{e}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now we prove that

$$
\left.\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)
$$

Then
$\left.\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \geq \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)$
(Lemma 3.7(1))
$=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{2} \wedge y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right)$

$$
=\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \geq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) . \tag{f}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \geq \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)
$$

(Lemma 3.7(1))

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2} \wedge x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2} \wedge y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right. \\
=\nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \geq \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) . \tag{g}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now from (f) and (g) we get that

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left.\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \\
\left.\geq \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

and then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \geq \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) . \tag{h}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \\
& =\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{3}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{3}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{3}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right)\right) \vee \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) \quad$ (Proposition 3.11)
$\left.\geq \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2}\right) \vee\left(x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)$
$=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2} \vee y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2} \vee x_{1} \wedge x_{2}, y_{1} \wedge y_{2} \vee y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)$.
Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) \geq \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right) . \tag{i}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then by $(c)$ and (d) we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right) . \tag{j}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore (e) and (j) give us that

$$
C\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=\left(\mu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right), \nu_{C}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)
$$

$\left.\left.\left.\left.=\left(\mu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right), \nu_{A \times B}\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)\right)=(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)\right)\right)$ which yields $C=A \times B$.

Remark 3.13. In the Propositions 3.9 and 3.12 it is also proved that if $C \in$ $\operatorname{IFC}(X \times Y \times X \times Y)$, then we can define $A \in \operatorname{IFC}(X \times X)$ and $B \in \operatorname{IFC}(Y \times$ $Y)$ such that $C=A \times B$ where $A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=C\left(\left(x_{1}, y\right),\left(x_{2}, y\right)\right)$ and $B\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)=$ $C\left(\left(x, y_{1}\right),\left(x, y_{2}\right)\right)$ for all $x, x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y, y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$.
Definition 3.14. If $A \in \operatorname{IFC}(X \times X)$, then $A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right)$ is an equivalence relation on $X \times X$ and so it determines similarity classes. Let $\frac{X \times X}{A}$ denote the set of all similarity classes of $X \times X$ determined by $A$. Suppose $\frac{X \times X}{A}=\left\{A_{x} \mid x \in X\right\}$ where $A_{x}: X \rightarrow[0,1]$ such that $A_{x}(y)=\mu(x, y)$ for all $y \in X$. Define two binary operations $\amalg$ and $\Pi$ on $\frac{X \times X}{A}$ by $A_{x} \amalg A_{y}=A_{x \vee y}$ and $A_{x} \prod A_{y}=A_{x \wedge y}$ for all $x, y \in X$. Then $\frac{X \times X}{A}$ together with the binary operations $\amalg$ and $\Pi$ is a lattice, which is called the factor lattice of $X \times X$ corresponding to $A$.
Proposition 3.15. Let $X, Y, A=\left(\mu_{A}, \nu_{A}\right), B=\left(\mu_{B}, \nu_{B}\right)$ and $A \times B$ be as in Proposition 3.9. Then the factor lattice $\frac{X \times Y \times X \times Y}{A \times B}$ corresponding to $A \times B$ is isomorphic to the product of the corresponding factor lattices $\frac{X \times X}{A}$ and $\frac{Y \times Y}{B}$. Proof. Let $\frac{X \times X}{A}=\left\{A_{x} \mid x \in X\right\}$ and $\frac{Y \times Y}{B}=\left\{B_{y} \mid y \in Y\right\}$ such that

$$
\frac{X \times Y \times X \times Y}{A \times B}=\left\{(A \times B)_{(x, y)} \mid(x, y) \in X \times Y\right\} .
$$

Define the map

$$
\varphi: \frac{X \times X}{A} \times \frac{Y \times Y}{B} \rightarrow \frac{X \times Y \times X \times Y}{A \times B}
$$

as

$$
\varphi\left(A_{x}, B_{y}\right)=(A \times B)_{(x, y)} .
$$

Let $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $y_{1}, y_{2} \in Y$. Firstly, we show that $\varphi$ is well defined. If $\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right)=\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)$, then $A_{x_{1}}=A_{x_{2}}$ and $B_{y_{1}}=B_{y_{2}}$ so $A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=(1,0)$ and $B\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)=(1,0)$ which mean that $(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=(1,0)$ and then $(A \times B)_{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)}\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=(1,0)$ and Lemma 3.4 give us that $(A \times B)_{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)}=$ $(A \times B)_{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)}$ and thus $\varphi$ is well defined.
Secondly, we prove that $\varphi$ is one to one. Let

$$
(A \times B)_{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)}=(A \times B)_{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)}
$$

then

$$
(A \times B)\left(\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)\right)=(1,0)
$$

which means that

$$
\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=(1,0)
$$

and so

$$
\left.\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \wedge \mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)=1 \quad \text { and } \quad \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \vee \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=0
$$

and then

$$
\left.\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=1=\mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right) \quad \text { and } \quad \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=0=\nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)
$$

Now we will have that
$A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right), \nu_{A}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)\right)=1$ and $B\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)=\left(\mu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right), \nu_{B}\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)\right)=0$.
By Lemma 3.4 we get $A_{x_{1}}=A_{x_{2}}$ and $B_{y_{1}}=B_{y_{2}}$ and then $\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right)=\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)$ which yields $\varphi$ is one to one.
Thirdly, It is clearly that $\varphi$ is onto.
Finally, we prove that $\varphi$ is a lattice homomorphism. Let

$$
\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right),\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right) \in \frac{X \times X}{A} \times \frac{Y \times Y}{B}
$$

and $\coprod\left(\prod\right)$ be the join(meet) in factor lattice. Then

$$
\varphi\left(\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right) \coprod\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(A_{x_{1}} \coprod A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{1}} \coprod B_{y_{2}}\right)=\varphi\left(A_{x_{1} \vee x_{2}}, B_{y_{1} \vee y_{2}}\right)
$$

(Definition 3.14)

$$
\begin{aligned}
=(A \times B)_{\left(x_{1} \vee x_{2}, y_{1} \vee y_{2}\right)}= & (A \times B)_{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \vee\left(x_{2} \vee y_{2}\right)}=(A \times B)_{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)} \coprod(A \times B)_{\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)} \\
= & \varphi\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right) \coprod \varphi\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Similarly

$$
\varphi\left(\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right) \prod\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(A_{x_{1}}, B_{y_{1}}\right) \prod \varphi\left(A_{x_{2}}, B_{y_{2}}\right)
$$

Therefore $\varphi$ is a lattice homomorphism and proof is complete.

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