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On Fuzzy Cosets of Gamma Nearrings

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Abstract

In this paper, we consider fuzzy notion of a Γ -near ring, introduce the notion of a fuzzy coset and obtained some related important fundamental isomorphism theorems.

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Introduction

A non-empty set N with two binary operations + and \cdot is called a *nearring* if it satisfies the following axioms.

(i) (N, +) is a group (not necessarily Abelian);

(ii) (N, \cdot) is a semi-group;

(iii) (a+b)c = ac + bc for all $a, b, c \in N$.

Precisely speaking, it is a right near ring. Moreover, a near ring N is said to be a *zero-symmetric* nearring if n0 = 0 for all $n \in N$, where 0 is the additive identity in N. The concept of Γ -nearring, a generalization of both the concepts nearring and Γ -ring was introduced by Satyanarayana [10]. Later, several authors such as Satyanarayana [11, 12], Booth [1-3] and Booth and Groenewald [4] studied the ideal theory of Γ -nearrings.

Let (M, +) be a group (not necessarily Abelian) and Γ a non-empty set. Then M is said to be a Γ -nearring if there exists a mapping $M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$ (the image of (a, α , b) is denoted by $a\alpha b$), satisfying the following conditions:

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(i) $(a+b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c;$

(ii) $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha(b\beta c)$ for all $a, b, c \in M$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Moreover, M is said to be *zero-symmetric* if $a\alpha 0 = 0$ for all $a \in M$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$, where 0 is the additive identity in M. A normal subgroup (I, +) of (M, +) is called

(i) a *left ideal*, if $a\alpha(b + i) - a\alpha b \in I$ for all $a, b \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma, i \in I$;

- (ii) a *right ideal*, if $i\alpha a \in I$ for all $a \in M$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$, $i \in I$;
- (iii) an *ideal*, if it is both a left and a right ideal.

It is clear that if M is a Γ -nearring, then the elements of Γ act as binary operations on M such that the system $(M, +, \gamma)$ is a nearring for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. The relations between the concepts Γ -nearring and nearring were studied in Section 1 of Satyanarayana [12]. Throughout this paper, M stands for a zero-symmetric Γ -nearring. The ideal generated by an element $a \in M$ is denoted by $\langle a \rangle$. For other definitions and preliminary results on Γ -nearrings we refer to [7, 11, 12].

The concept of fuzzy subset was introduced by Zadeh [14]. A fuzzy set in a set A is a function μ : A \rightarrow [0, 1]. For any t \in [0, 1], the set μ_t defined by $\mu_t = \{x \in A | \mu(x) \ge t\}$ is called as a *level subset* of μ . For any two fuzzy sets μ , σ in A, we write $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ if

 $\mu(x) \leq \sigma(x)$ for all $x \in A$. (In this case, we also say that μ is a subset of σ). Let X and Y be two non empty sets, f: X \rightarrow Y, μ and σ be fuzzy subsets of X and Y respectively. Then $f(\mu)$, the *image* of μ under f is a fuzzy subset of Y defined by

$$(f(\mu))(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{f(x)=y} \mu(x) \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi. \end{cases}$$

 $f^{-1}(\sigma)$, the preimage of σ under f is a fuzzy subset of X defined by $(f^{-1}(\sigma))(x) = \sigma(f(x))$ for all $x \in X$.

Jun, Sapanci and Ozturk [7] introduced the concept "fuzzy ideal" in Γ -nearrings and studied some fundamental properties. It is clear that a fuzzy set μ in a Γ -nearring M is a mapping f: $M \to [0, 1]$.

A fuzzy set μ in a Γ -nearring M is called a *fuzzy left (resp., right) ideal* of (or in) M if (i) μ is a fuzzy normal subgroup with respect to addition (that is, $\mu(x - y) \ge \min \{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$, and $\mu(y + x - y) \ge \mu(x)$);

(ii) $\mu(x\alpha(y+z)-x\alpha y) \ge \mu(z)$ (resp., $\mu(x\alpha y) \ge \mu(x)$) for all x, y, $z \in M$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$.

If μ is both left and right ideal, then μ is said to be a *fuzzy ideal* in M.

It is easy to verify that if μ is a fuzzy ideal of M, then the following three conditions hold: (i) $\mu(0) \ge \mu(x)$ (in other words, $\mu(0) = \max \{\mu(x) \mid x \in M\}$);

(ii) $\mu(x + y) = \mu(y + x)$; and

(iii) $\mu(x-y) = \mu(0)$ implies $\mu(x) = \mu(y)$, for all $x, y \in M$.

Jun, Sapanci and Ozturk [7] proved that for a fuzzy set μ in M, μ is a fuzzy left (resp., right) ideal of M if and only if each level subset μ_t , $t \in im (\mu)$, of μ is a left (resp. right) ideal of M.

A fuzzy (left, right) ideal μ of M with $\mu(0) = 1$ is called a *normal* (left, right) ideal of M. Jun, Kim and Ozturk [5] introduced the fuzzy maximal ideals and some related properties were studied. A fuzzy ideal μ of M is said to be a *fuzzy maximal* ideal if it satisfies the two conditions: (i) μ is non-constant; and (ii) μ^* is a maximal element among all the normal fuzzy ideals of M where $\mu * (x) = \mu(x) + 1 - \mu(0)$, for all $x \in M$.

For other preliminary definitions and results related to fuzzyness, see [7].

This paper is divided into three sections. In Section 1, we prove a result on fuzzy ideals.

In Section 2, we introduce the concept fuzzy coset in Γ -nearrings and prove that the set of all fuzzy cosets forms a Γ -nearring (theorem 2.4). In the last section, that is, in Section 3, we prove the following important fundamental results related to isomorphism theorems on Γ -nearrings;

(i). M/μ is isomorphic to the quotient Γ -nearring M/M_{μ} , where M/μ is the Γ -nearring of all the cosets of M with respect to the fuzzy ideal μ , and

$$M_{\mu} = \{ x \in M/\mu(x) = \mu(0) \}.$$

(ii) There exists an order preserving bijection between the set P of all fuzzy ideals σ of M such that $\sigma \supseteq \mu$ and $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$ and the set Q of all fuzzy ideals θ of M/ μ such that $\theta \supseteq \theta_{\mu}$, where θ_{μ} is a fuzzy ideal of M/ μ defined by $\theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \mu(\mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}$.

(iii) Let h: $M \to M^1$ be a Γ -nearring epimorphism and let σ be a fuzzy ideal of M^1 and $\mu = h^{-1}(\sigma)$. Then the map ψ : $M/\mu \to M^1/\sigma$ defined by $\psi(x+\mu) = h(x) + \sigma$ is a Γ -near ring isomorphism.

As a consequence of (iii), we obtain the following result: If μ and σ are two fuzzy ideals of M such that $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ and $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$, then $M/\sigma \cong (M/\mu)/(\sigma/\mu)$.

1. Fuzzy ideals

Theorem 1.1 If μ is a fuzzy ideal of M, and $a \in M$ then $\mu(x) \ge \mu(a)$ for all $x \in \langle a \rangle$.

Proof. By straightforward verification, we conclude that for $a \in M, \langle a \rangle = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$, where $A_{k+1} = A_k^* \cup A_k^+ \cup A_k^0 \cup A_k^{++}, A_0 = \{a\}$ and $A_k^* = \{n+x-n \ / \ n \in N, \ x \in A_k\};$ $A_k^+ = \{n_1\alpha(n_2+a)-n_1\alpha n_2 \ / \ n_1, \ n_2 \in M, \ a \in A_{k,\alpha} \in M\};$ $A_k^0 = \{x - y \ / \ x, \ y \in A_k\};$ $A_k^{++} = \{x\alpha m \ / \ x \in A_k, \ \alpha \in \Gamma \text{ and } m \in M\}.$

We prove that $\mu(\mathbf{u}) \geq \mu(\mathbf{a})$ for all $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{A}_m$ for $\mathbf{m} \geq 1$. For this, we use induction on m. It is obvious if $\mathbf{m} = 0$. Suppose the induction hypothesis for k. That is., $\mu(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mu(\mathbf{a})$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{A}_k$. Now let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{A}_k^* \cup \mathbf{A}_k^+ \cup \mathbf{A}_k^0 \cup \mathbf{A}_k^{++}$. Suppose $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{A}_k^*$. Then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{n}$ for some $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{A}_k$. Now $\mu(\mathbf{v}) = \mu(\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{n}) \geq \mu(\mathbf{x})$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of N) $\geq \mu(\mathbf{a})$ (by induction hypothesis). Let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{A}_k^0$. Then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$ for some $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbf{A}_k$. Now $\mu(\mathbf{v}) =$ $\mu(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \geq \min(\mu(\mathbf{x}_1), \mu(\mathbf{x}_2)) \geq \mu(\mathbf{a})$, by induction hypothesis.

Suppose that $v \in A_k^+$. Then $v = n_1 \alpha (n_2 + x) - n_1 \alpha n_2$ for some $n_1, n_2 \in M, x \in A_k$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Now $\mu(v) = \mu(n_1 \alpha (n_2 + x) - n_1 \alpha n_2) \ge \mu(x)$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M) $\ge \mu(a)$ (by induction hypothesis on k).

Suppose $v \in A_k^{++}$. Then $v = x\alpha m$ for some $x \in A_k$, $\alpha \in \Gamma$ and $m \in M$. Now $\mu(v) = \mu(x\alpha m) \ge \mu(x)$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M) $\ge \mu(a)$ (by induction hypothesis on k).

Thus in all cases we proved that $\mu(\mathbf{v}) \ge \mu(\mathbf{a})$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{A}_{k+1}$. Hence by the principle of mathematical induction, we conclude that $\mu(\mathbf{v}) \ge \mu(\mathbf{a})$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{A}_m$ and for all positive integers m. Hence $\mu(\mathbf{x}) \ge \mu(\mathbf{a})$ for all $x \in \langle a \rangle$.

Corollary 1.2 If I is an ideal of N with $I = \langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$, then $\mu(a) = \mu(b)$.

Proof. Since $a \in \langle b \rangle$ and $b \in \langle a \rangle$, we have $\mu(a) \ge \mu(b)$ and $\mu(b) \ge \mu(a)$, so $\mu(a) = \mu(b)$.

2. Fuzzy Cosets

Definition 2.1 Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M and $m \in M$. Then the fuzzy subset $m+\mu$ defined by $(m+\mu)(m^1) = \mu(m^1-m)$ for all $m^1 \in M$ is called a fuzzy coset of the fuzzy ideal μ .

Lemma 2.2 Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M. Then for $x, y, z \in M$ we have the following:

(i) x+μ = y+μ if and only if μ(x-y) = μ(0);
(ii) If x + μ = y + μ, then μ(x) = μ(y);
(iii) μ(x+y) = μ(y+x);
(iv) M_μ = {x ∈ M / μ(x) = μ(0)} is an ideal of M;
(v) Every fuzzy coset of a fuzzy ideal μ of M is constant on M_μ;

(vi) If $z \in M_{\mu}$, then $(x+\mu)(z) = \mu(x)$.

Proof. (i), (ii), (iii) have straightforward verifications.

(iv) Proved in Jun, Sapanci and Ozturk [7].

(v) Let $y, z \in M_{\mu}$. We show that $(x+\mu)(y) = (x+\mu)(z)$. Since $y, z \in M_{\mu}$, we have that $\mu(y) = \mu(0)$ and $\mu(z) = \mu(0)$. Since M_{μ} is an ideal, we have that $y-z \in M_{\mu}$. So $\mu(y-z) = \mu(0)$. Now $(x+\mu)(y) = \mu(y-x)$ (by the definition of fuzzy coset)

 $= \mu(-(x-y))$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M)

 $= \mu(y-x) = \mu(-z+y-x+z)$ (since μ is a fuzzy normal subgroup)

 $\geq \min \{\mu(-z+y), \mu(x-z)\}$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M)

= min{ $\mu(y-z), \mu(x-z)$ } = min { $\mu(0), \mu(x-z)$ } (since $\mu(y-z) = \mu(0)$)

= $\mu(x-z)$ (since μ (0) $\geq \mu$ (x-z))

 $= (x+\mu)(z)$ (by definition of fuzzy coset).

Therefore $(x+\mu)(y) \ge (x+\mu)(z)$.

Similarly by interchanging y and z in above part, we can show that $(x+\mu)(z) \ge (x+\mu)(y)$. Hence $(x+\mu)(y) = (x+\mu)(z)$ for all y, $z \in M_{\mu}$.

(vi) Let $z \in M_{\mu}$. Then $\mu(z) = \mu(0)$. Since $z, 0 \in M_{\mu}$, we have $(x+\mu)(z) = (x+\mu)(0)$ (by (v)) $\Rightarrow \mu(z-x) = \mu(0-x) = \mu(-x) = \mu(x)$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M). Therefore $\mu(z-x) = \mu(x)$. Hence $(x+\mu)(z) = \mu(x)$.

Notation 2.3 We write $M/\mu = \{m + \mu\} \ m \in M\}$, the set of all fuzzy cosets of μ .

Theorem 2.4 Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M. Then the set M/μ of all fuzzy cosets of μ is a Γ -nearring with respect to the operations defined by

 $(x+\mu)+(y+\mu) = (x+y)+\mu$; and $(x+\mu)\alpha(y+\mu) = x\alpha y+\mu$ for all $x, y \in M$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. **Proof.** First we verify that "+" is well defined. Suppose $x+\mu = u+\mu$, $y+\mu = v+\mu$. Then by Lemma 2.2 (i), $\mu(x-u) = \mu(y-v) = \mu(0)$. Now $\mu\{(x+y)-(u+v)\} = \mu\{(x+y-v-u)\} = \mu\{(x+y-v)-u\} = \mu\{-u+(x+y-v)\} = \mu\{(-u+x)+(y-v)\} \ge \min \{\mu(-u+x), \mu(y-v)\}$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M) = min $\{\mu(x-u), \mu(y-v)\} = \mu(0)$. Also it is clear that $\mu(0) \ge \mu\{(x+y)-(u+v)\}$. Therefore $\mu\{(x+y)-(u+v)\} = \mu(0)$. Hence by Lemma 2.2 (i), $(x+y)+\mu = (u+v)+\mu$. This shows that "+" is well defined.

Next we verify that "·" is well defined. Now $\mu(x\alpha y-u\alpha v) = \mu(u\alpha v-x\alpha y) = \mu(u\alpha v-x\alpha v+x\alpha v-x\alpha y) = \mu((u-x)\alpha v+x\alpha(y+(-y+v))-x\alpha y) \ge \min \{\mu(u-x), \mu(-y+v)\}$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M) = min $\{\mu(0), \mu(0)\} = \mu(0) \ge \mu(x\alpha y-u\alpha v)$. This shows that $\mu(x\alpha y-u\alpha v) = \mu(0)$. By Lemma 2.2 (i), $x\alpha y+\mu = u\alpha v+\mu$.

Now we verify that $M/\mu = \{x+\mu / x \in M\}$ is a Γ -nearring with respect to the above operations defined. A direct verification shows that $(M/\mu, +)$ is a group.

Let x, y, z \in M and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$. Now $((x+\mu)+(y+\mu))\alpha(z+\mu)$

- $=((\mathbf{x}{+}\mathbf{y}){+}\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{z}{+}\mu)$
- $= ((x+y)\alpha z) + \mu$ (by definition of multiplication)
- $= ((x\alpha z) + (y\alpha z)) + \mu$ (by right distributive law in M)
- $= ((\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{z}) + \mu) + ((\mathbf{y}\alpha\mathbf{z}) + \mu)$
- $= (\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{z}+\mu) + (\mathbf{y}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{z}+\mu).$

Also $((x+\mu)\alpha(y+\mu))\beta(z+\mu) = ((x\alpha y)+\mu)\beta(z+\mu)$ (by definition of addition) = $(x\alpha y)\beta(z+\mu) = x\alpha(y\beta z)+\mu = (x+\mu)\alpha(y\beta z+\mu) = (x+\mu)\alpha((y+\mu)\beta(z+\mu)).$ Hence M/μ is a Γ -nearring.

Notation 2.5 Let M be a fuzzy ideal. We define $\theta_{\mu} \colon M/\mu \to [0, 1]$ by $\theta_{\mu}(x + \mu) = \mu(x)$ for all $x \in M$.

Lemma 2.6 If μ is a fuzzy ideal, then θ_{μ} is a fuzzy ideal of M/μ .

Proof. Given that $\theta_{\mu}(x+\mu) = \mu(x)$. Suppose $x+\mu = y+\mu$. Then $\mu(x-y) = \mu(0)$. This implies $\mu(x) = \mu(y)$. That is, $\theta_{\mu}(x+\mu) = \theta_{\mu}(y+\mu)$. Therefore θ_{μ} is well defined.

We verify that θ_{μ} is a fuzzy ideal of M/ μ .

(i)
$$\theta_{\mu}((\mathbf{x}+\mu)+(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}+\mu) = \mu(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y})$$
 (by definition of θ_{μ})
 $\geq \min \{\mu(\mathbf{x}), \mu(\mathbf{y})\}$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M)
 $= \min\{\theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu), \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{y}+\mu)\}$.
Therefore $\theta_{\mu}((\mathbf{x}+\mu)+(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) \geq \min \{\theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu), \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{y}+\mu)\}$.
(ii) $\theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(-\mathbf{x})$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of M) $= \theta_{\mu}(-\mathbf{x}+\mu)$, by definition
of θ_{μ} .
(iii) $\theta_{\mu}((\mathbf{y}+\mu)+(\mathbf{x}+\mu)-(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) = \theta_{\mu}((\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})+\mu) = \mu(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu)$
(iv) $\theta_{\mu}((\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}+\mu) = \mu(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}) \geq \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu)$, by definition of
 θ_{μ} .
(v) $\theta_{\mu}\{(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha((\mathbf{y}+\mu)+(\mathbf{z}+\mu))-(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mu)\} = \theta_{\mu}\{(\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})-(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y})+\mu)\}$
 $= \mu\{\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})-(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y})\} \geq \mu(\mathbf{z}) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{z}+\mu)$.
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Some Isomorphism Theorems 3.

Theorem 3.1 (Jun, Sapanci and Ozturk [7]): If μ is a fuzzy (left, right) ideal of M then the set $M_{\mu} = \{x \in M / \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$ is a fuzzy (left, right) ideal of M.

Definition 3.2 Let M and N be Γ -nearrings. A map θ : $M \to N$ is called a Γ -nearring homomorphism if $\theta(x + y) = \theta(x) + \theta(y)$ and $\theta(x\alpha y) = \theta(x)\alpha\theta(y)$ for all $x, y \in M$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Moreover if θ is one-one (onto, bijection, respectively) then θ is called as monomorphism (epimorphism, isomorphism, respectively).

Now we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.3 If μ is a fuzzy ideal of M then the map $\theta: M \to M/\mu$, defined by $\theta(x) =$ $x+\mu, x \in M$, is a Γ -near-ring epimorphism with kernel M_{μ} where

 $M_{\mu} = \{x \in M/\mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$. Moreover M/M_{μ} is isomorphic to M/μ (under the mapping $x+M_{\mu} \rightarrow x+\mu$).

Proof. $\theta(x+y) = \theta(x) + \theta(y)$ is clear.

Now $\theta(x\alpha y) = (x\alpha y) + \mu$ (by definition of θ) = $(x+\mu)\alpha(y+\mu)$

 $= \theta(\mathbf{x})\alpha\theta(\mathbf{y})$. Therefore θ is a homomorphism.

Now $\mathbf{x} \in \text{kernel } \theta \Leftrightarrow \theta(\mathbf{x}) = 0 = 0 + \mu \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} + \mu = 0 + \mu \Leftrightarrow \mu(\mathbf{x} - 0) = \mu(0)$, (by Lemma 2.2(i)) $\Leftrightarrow \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(0) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} \in M_{\mu}$. \Box

Notation 3.4 Let μ and σ be two fuzzy ideals of M such that $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ and $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$. Then we define a fuzzy set $\theta_{\sigma} \colon M/\mu \to [0, 1]$ by $\theta_{\sigma}(x+\mu) = \sigma(x)$ for all $x+\mu \in M/\mu$.

Lemma 3.5 θ_{σ} is a fuzzy ideal of M/μ such that $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta_{\sigma}$ where θ_{σ} and θ_{μ} are given by the above notation. Also $\theta_{\mu}(0) = \theta_{\sigma}(0)$.

Proof. A direct verification shows that θ_{σ} is well-defined and is a fuzzy normal subgroup of M/ μ . Now we verify that θ_{σ} is a fuzzy ideal of M/ μ .

$$\begin{split} \theta_{\sigma} & ((\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) = \theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}+\mu) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}) \text{ (by definition of } \theta_{\sigma}) \geq \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}+\mu).\\ \theta_{\sigma} & \{(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha((\mathbf{y}+\mu)+(\mathbf{x}+\mu))-(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\}\\ & = \theta_{\sigma}\{(\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})+\mu)-(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}+\mu)\}\\ & = \theta_{\sigma}\{(\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})+\mu)-(\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}+\mu)\}\\ & = \theta_{\sigma}\{(\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})-\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y})+\mu\}\\ & = \sigma(\mathbf{x}\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{z})-\mathbf{x}\alpha\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{(by definition of } \theta_{\sigma})\\ & \geq \sigma & (\mathbf{z}) \qquad (\text{since } \sigma \text{ is a fuzzy ideal of } \mathbf{M})\\ & = \theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{z}+\mu) \text{ (by definition of } \theta_{\sigma}). \end{split}$$

Also $\theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \geq \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu).$ Hence $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta_{\sigma}.$

Notation 3.6 (i) The fuzzy ideal θ_{σ} of M/μ is denoted by σ/μ . Note that $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ with $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$.

(ii) Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M and θ a fuzzy ideal of M/μ such that $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta$ and $\theta_{\mu}(0) = \theta(0)$. Then we define $\sigma_{\theta} \colon M \to [0, 1]$ by $\sigma_{\theta}(x) = \theta(x+\mu)$ for all $x \in M$.

Lemma 3.7 σ_{θ} (defined above in notation 3.6), is a fuzzy ideal of M such that $\mu \subseteq \sigma_{\theta}$ and $\mu(0) = \sigma_{\theta}(0)$.

Proof. It is easy to verify that σ_{θ} is a fuzzy normal subgroup of M. Now

 $\sigma_{\theta} (\mathbf{x} \alpha \mathbf{y}) = \theta(\mathbf{x} \alpha \mathbf{y} + \mu) = \theta((\mathbf{x} + \mu)\alpha(\mathbf{y} + \mu)) \ge \theta(\mathbf{x} + \mu) \text{ (since } \theta \text{ is a fuzzy right ideal of } \mathbf{M}/\mu)$

 $= \sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ (by definition of σ_{θ}).

Therefore σ_{θ} is a fuzzy right ideal of M.

Also $\sigma_{\theta} \{ x\alpha(y+z) - x\alpha y \} = \theta \{ (x\alpha(y+z) - x\alpha y) + \mu \}$

 $= \theta\{(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha((\mathbf{y}+\mu)+(\mathbf{z}+\mu))-(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha(\mathbf{y}+\mu)\}$

 $\geq \theta \ (z+\mu)$ (since θ is a fuzzy left ideal of M/μ)

 $= \sigma_{\theta}(z)$ (by definition of σ_{θ}).

Therefore σ_{θ} is a fuzzy left ideal of M.

This shows that σ_{θ} is a fuzzy ideal of M.

Now we have $\sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \theta(\mathbf{x}+\mu) \ge \theta_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}+\mu)$ (since $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta$) = $\mu(\mathbf{x})$ and so $\mu \subseteq \sigma_{\theta}$. Also $\sigma_{\theta}(0) = \theta(0+\mu) = \theta(0) = \theta_{\mu}(0) = \theta_{\mu}(0+\mu) = \mu(0)$.

Notation 3.8 Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M. We write $P = \{\sigma/\sigma \text{ is a fuzzy ideal of } M, \mu \subseteq \sigma, \sigma(0) = \mu(0)\}$ and $Q = \{\theta / \theta \text{ is a fuzzy ideal of } M/\mu, \theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta \text{ and } \theta(0) = \theta_{\mu}(0)\}.$

Theorem 3.9 Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of M. There exists an order preserving bijective mapping between the sets P and Q.

Proof. Define $\eta: P \to Q$ by $\eta(\sigma) = \theta_{\sigma}$. By the lemma 3.5, $\eta(\sigma) = \theta_{\sigma}$ is a fuzzy ideal of M/μ such that $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta_{\sigma}$ and $\theta_{\mu}(0) = \theta_{\sigma}(0)$. By the definition of θ_{σ} , the mapping η is well defined. Suppose $\eta(\sigma) = \eta(\beta) \Rightarrow \theta_{\sigma} = \theta_{\beta}$.

Now $\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \theta_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \beta(\mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}$. We have proved that $\eta(\sigma) = \eta(\beta) \Rightarrow \sigma = \beta$. Therefore η is one-one.

Let $\theta \in Q$. Consider σ_{θ} : $M \to [0, 1]$ defined in notation 3.6 (ii). By Lemma 3.7, $\sigma_{\theta} \in P$. Now we have to show that $\eta(\sigma_{\theta}) = \theta$.

 $(\eta(\sigma_{\theta}))$ $(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \sigma_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ (by definition of η and the definition of θ_{σ} in notation 3.4) = $\theta(\mathbf{x}+\mu)$ (by the definition of σ_{θ} in notation 3.6 (ii)).

This is true for all $x+\mu \in M/\mu$. Hence $\eta(\sigma_{\theta}) = \theta$ and so η is onto.

Thus $\eta: \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{Q}$ is a bijection.

Let $\sigma, \beta \in P$ such that $\sigma \subseteq \beta$. Now $(\eta(\sigma))(x+\mu) = \theta_{\sigma}(x+\mu)$ (by the definition of η) $\sigma(x) \leq \beta(x)$ (since $\sigma \subseteq \beta$) = $\theta_{\beta}(x+\mu) = (\eta(\beta))(x+\mu)$.

Since this is true for all $x+\mu \in M/\mu$, we have that $\eta(\sigma) \subseteq \eta(\beta)$.

Thus $\eta: \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{Q}$ is an order preserving bijection.

Theorem 3.10 (Jun, Sapanci and Ozturk [7]) $A \Gamma$ -nearing homomorphic pre-image of a fuzzy (left, right) ideal is a fuzzy (left, right) ideal.

Theorem 3.11 Let $h: M \to M^1$ be an epimorphism, σ is a fuzzy ideal of M^1 and $\mu = h^{-1}(\sigma)$. Then the map $\psi: M/\mu \to M^1/\sigma$ defined by $\psi(x+\mu) = h(x) + \sigma$ is a Γ -near-ring isomorphism.

Proof. First we show that the mapping ψ is well defined.

Let $z^1 \in M^1$. Since h is an epimorphism, $h(z) = z^1$ for some $z \in M$. Now $x + \mu = y + \mu \Rightarrow (x + \mu)(z) = (y + \mu)(z) \Rightarrow \mu(x - z) = \mu(y - z) \Rightarrow (h^{-1}(\sigma))(x - z) = (h^{-1}(\sigma))(y - z) \Rightarrow \sigma (h(x - z)) = \sigma(h(y - z)) \Rightarrow \sigma(h(x) - z^1)) = \sigma(h(y) - z^1))$ $\Rightarrow (h(x) + \sigma)(z^1) = (h(y) + \sigma)(z^1)$ This is true for all $z^1 \in M^1$. Hence $h(x) + \sigma = h(y) + \sigma$.

Now we proved that $x+\mu = y+\mu \Rightarrow \psi(x+\mu) = \psi(y+\mu)$. Thus ψ is well defined.

It is easy to verify that $\psi((\mathbf{x}+\mu)+(\mathbf{y}+\mu)) = \psi(\mathbf{x}+\mu) + \psi(\mathbf{y}+\mu)$.

Now $\psi((x+\mu)\alpha(y+\mu)) = \psi(x\alpha y+\mu) = h(x\alpha y)+\sigma$, by definition of ψ . Since h is a homomorphism, we have $h(x\alpha y)+\sigma = (h(x)\alpha h(y))+\sigma = (h(x)+\sigma)\alpha(h(y)+\sigma)$

= $\psi(\mathbf{x}+\mu)\alpha\psi(\mathbf{y}+\mu)$, by definition of ψ . Therefore ψ is a homomorphism.

Now we verify that ψ is one-one. Suppose $h(x)+\sigma = h(y)+\sigma$. Then $\sigma[h(x)-h(y)] = \sigma[h(0)]$, by definition. Since h is a homomorphism, $\sigma[h(x-y)] = \sigma(h(0))$. This implies $(h^{-1}(\sigma))(x-y) = (h^{-1}(\sigma))(0)$, which implies $\mu(x-y) = \mu(0)$. By Lemma 2.2 (i), $x+\mu = y+\mu$. This shows that ψ is one-one. Let $y \in M^1/\mu$. Then $y = h(x)+\sigma$ for some $x \in M$. Now $\psi(x + \mu) = h(x) + \sigma = y$. Therefore ψ is onto. Hence ψ is an isomorphism. \Box

As a consequence of Theorem 3.11, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.12 Let μ and σ be two fuzzy ideals of M such that $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ and $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$. Then $M/\sigma \cong (M/\mu)/(\sigma/\mu)$.

Proof. Define ψ : $M \to M/\mu$ by $\psi(x) = x + \mu$ for all $x \in M$.

By theorem 3.3, ψ is Γ -nearring epimorphism. From the notation 3.4 and 3.6 we have $\theta_{\sigma} = \sigma/\mu$ and by Lemma 3.5, σ/μ is a fuzzy ideal of M/μ such that $\theta_{\mu} \subseteq \theta_{\sigma} = \sigma/\mu$ and $\theta_{\mu}(0) = \theta_{\sigma}(0)$. Now $\psi^{-1}(\sigma/\mu)$ is a fuzzy set in M and for any $x \in M$ we have

 $(\psi^{-1}(\sigma/\mu))(\mathbf{x}) = \psi^{-1}(\theta_{\sigma})(\mathbf{x}) = \theta_{\sigma}(\psi(\mathbf{x})) = \theta_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}+\mu) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}).$ Therefore $\psi^{-1}(\sigma/\mu) = \sigma$ is a fuzzy ideal of M. Define $\psi^* \colon \mathbf{M}/\sigma \to (\mathbf{M}/\mu)/(\sigma/\mu)$ by $\psi^*(\mathbf{x}+\sigma) = \psi(\mathbf{x}) + (\sigma/\mu).$ By theorem 3.11, ψ^* is a Γ - nearring isomorphism. This completes the proof. \Box

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