

## FUZZY RINGS IN THE SENSE OF SET-EMBEDDING

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to quote the method of the set-embedding expressing the fuzzy set, we open discussion into the fuzzy rings. And we prove some fundamental properties and theorems.

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## 1. Preliminaries

We first recall some basic concepts occurring in the papers [1, 2] for sake of completeness. In this paper  $X$  always <sup>denotes</sup> a nonempty (usual) set.  $P(X)$  will denote the power set of the set  $X$ . A fuzzy set in  $X$  is a map  $A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $F(X)$  denotes the family of all fuzzy sets in  $X$ .

1. Set-Embedding: Let  $H$  is a map of  $[0,1]$  into  $P(X)$ ,  $t \mapsto H(t)$ .  $H$  is

called a set-embedding of  $X$ , if

$$t_1 < t_2 \text{ implies } H(t_1) \supseteq H(t_2).$$

Now let  $\mathcal{U}(X)$  be the family of all set-embeddings of  $X$ . Let  $\cup, \cap, c$  be the operations in  $\mathcal{U}(X)$ , they are defined as follows:

$$H_1 \cup H_2: \quad (H_1 \cup H_2)(t) = H_1(t) \cup H_2(t)$$

$$H_1 \cap H_2: \quad (H_1 \cap H_2)(t) = H_1(t) \cap H_2(t)$$

$$H^c: \quad H^c(t) = (H(1-t))^c$$

$$\bigcup_{r \in I} H_r: \quad \left( \bigcup_{r \in I} H_r \right)(t) = \bigcup_{r \in I} H_r(t)$$

$$\bigcap_{r \in I} H_r: \quad \left( \bigcap_{r \in I} H_r \right)(t) = \bigcap_{r \in I} H_r(t)$$

2. Decomposition Theorem III. Let  $\underline{A} \in F(X)$ , and  $H: [0,1] \rightarrow P(X)$ ,  $t \mapsto H(t)$ , satisfies  $A_t \subseteq H(t) \subseteq A_t$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ , then

$$1) \quad \underline{A} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t) \text{ (that is, } \underline{A}(x) = \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} (t \wedge H(t)(x)), H(t)(x)$$

is a characteristic function  $\chi_{H(t)}(x)$  of  $H(t)$ ).

$$2) \quad t_1 < t_2 \text{ implies } H(t_1) \supseteq H(t_2) \text{ (that is, } H \in \mathcal{U}(X)).$$

$$3) \quad A_t = \bigcap_{\alpha < t} H(\alpha) \quad (t \in (0,1])$$

$$A_t = \bigcup_{\alpha > t} H(\alpha) \quad (t \in [0,1))$$

(The proof of the Decomposition Theorem cf [1].)

3. Extension Principle: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x \mapsto f(x)$ .

1) Extension Principle I:  $f$  can induce  $f: F(X) \rightarrow F(Y)$ ,

$$\underline{A} \mapsto f(\underline{A}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f(A_t) \in F(Y)$$

$$f^{-1} : F(Y) \rightarrow F(X), \underline{B} \mapsto f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f^{-1}(B_t) \in F(X).$$

(where  $f(A_t) = \{y \mid \exists x \in A_t, y = f(x)\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(B_t) = \{x \mid f(x) \in B_t\}$ )

$f(\underline{A})$  is called the image of  $\underline{A}$  and  $f^{-1}(\underline{B})$  is called the inverse image of  $\underline{B}$ .

2) Extension Principle I: Let  $\underline{A} \in F(X)$ ,  $f(\underline{A}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f(A_t)$ , and let  $\underline{B} \in F(Y)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f^{-1}(B_t)$ .

3) Extension Principle II: If  $\underline{A} \in F(X)$ ,  $A_t \subseteq H_A(t) \subseteq A_t$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ , then  $f(\underline{A}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f(H_A(t))$ .

If  $\underline{B} \in F(X)$ ,  $B_t \subseteq H_B(t) \subseteq B_t$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ , then

$$f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f^{-1}(H_B(t)).$$

4) The membership function of  $f(\underline{A})$  and  $f^{-1}(\underline{B})$  is  $f(\underline{A})(y) = \bigvee_{f(x)=y} \underline{A}(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(\underline{B})(x) = \underline{B}(f(x))$ , respectively.

## 2. Fuzzy Subrings and Fuzzy Ideals

Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.  $R(X)$  and  $I(X)$  will denote the set of all subrings of  $X$  and the set of all ideals of  $X$ , respectively. It is clear that  $I(X) \subseteq R(X) \subseteq P(X)$ . We will follow a convention that  $\emptyset \in I(X) \subseteq R(X)$ .

DEFINITION 1. Let  $H \in \mathcal{U}(X)$ .  $H$  is called a fuzzy subring of  $X$ , if  $H(t) \in R(X)$  and  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t) \in F(X)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ .

$\underline{R}(X)$  will denote the set of all fuzzy subrings of  $X$ .

Let  $M \in \mathcal{U}(X)$ .  $\underline{M}$  is called a fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , if

$$M(t) \in I(X) \text{ and } \underline{M} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t M(t) \in F(X), \quad t \in [0,1] . \quad \underline{I}(X)$$

denotes the set of all fuzzy ideals of  $X$ .

The fuzzy subrings and the fuzzy ideals of  $X$  can be defined by the subring-embeddings and ideal-embeddings, respectively.

**THEOREM 1** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring, and let  $\underline{H}, \underline{M} \in F(X)$ , then:

$$1) \quad \underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X) \text{ iff, for } t \in [0,1], H_t \in R(X).$$

$$2) \quad \underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X) \text{ iff, for } t \in [0,1], M_t \in I(X).$$

**Proof.** 1) Let  $\underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X)$ , then there exists a subring-embedding  $H = \{H(t) \mid t \in [0,1]\}$  such that  $H(t) \in R(X)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ , and  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t)$ . Therefore

$$H_t = \bigcap_{\alpha < t} H(\alpha) \in R(X), \quad t \in [0,1]$$

$$H_0 = X \in R(X).$$

Conversely, let  $\underline{H} \in F(X)$  satisfying  $H_t \in R(X)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ , then  $\{H_t \mid t \in [0,1]\}$  is a sub-ring-embedding. Therefore  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H_t \in \underline{R}(X)$ .

It can be seen in a similar way that 2) holds. //

**THEOREM 2** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring, and  $\underline{H}, \underline{M} \in F(X)$ , then:

$$1) \quad \underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X) \text{ iff, for any } x, y \in X,$$

$$i) \quad \underline{H}(x - y) \geq \underline{H}(x) \wedge \underline{H}(y);$$

$$ii) \quad \underline{H}(xy) \geq \underline{H}(x) \wedge \underline{H}(y).$$

2)  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$  iff, for any  $x, y \in X$ ,

i)  $\underline{M}(x - y) \geq \underline{M}(x) \wedge \underline{M}(y)$ ;

ii)  $\underline{M}(xy) \geq \underline{M}(x) \vee \underline{M}(y)$ .

Proof. 1). i) Let  $\underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X)$ , then  $H_t \in R(X)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ . Let us assume  $t = \underline{H}(x) \wedge \underline{H}(y)$ . Then it follows  $\underline{H}(x) \geq t$ ,  $\underline{H}(y) \geq t$ . So  $x \in H_t, y \in H_t$ . Thus  $x - y \in H_t$ . Therefore  $\underline{H}(x - y) \geq t = \underline{H}(x) \wedge \underline{H}(y)$ .

It can be seen in a similar way that ii) holds.

Conversely, let  $\underline{H} \in F(X)$  satisfying i) and ii). Let  $x, y \in H_t$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ . Then  $\underline{H}(x) \geq t$ ,  $\underline{H}(y) \geq t$ . So  $\underline{H}(x - y) \geq \underline{H}(x) \wedge \underline{H}(y) \geq t$  and  $\underline{H}(xy) \geq \underline{H}(x) \vee \underline{H}(y) \geq t$ . Thus  $x - y, xy \in H_t$ . Therefore  $H_t \in R(X)$ .

Thus  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H_t \in \underline{R}(X)$ .

It can be seen in a similar way that 2) holds.

DEFINITION 2 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring, and let  $a \in X$ . And let  $H = \{H(t) \mid t \in [0,1]\} \in \mathcal{U}(X)$  and  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t) \in F(X)$ . Then  $(a+H)(t)$  is a residue class of  $X$  ( $(a+H)(t) = \{a + x \mid x \in H(t)\}, t \in [0,1]$ ).

$a + \underline{H}$  is called a fuzzy residue class, if  $a + \underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t (a + H)(t)$ .

THEOREM 3 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $H \in \mathcal{U}(X)$  and  $\underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t) \in F(X)$  and  $a \in X$ . Then

$$a + \underline{H} = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t (a + H)(t) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t (a + H_t).$$

Proof. 
$$\begin{aligned} \left( \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t (a + H)(t) \right)(x) &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} (t \wedge (a + H)(t)(x)) \\ &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x \in (a + H)(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

There exists a  $y \in H(t)$  such that  $x = a + y$  since  $x \in (a + H)(t)$ .

So  $x - a = y \in H(t)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x \in (a + H)(t)\} &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x - a \in H(t)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} (t \wedge H(t)(x - a)) \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H(t) \right)(x - a) \\ &= \underline{H}(x - a); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t (a + H_t) \right)(x) &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} (t \wedge (a + H_t)(x)) \\ &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x \in a + H_t\}. \end{aligned}$$

There exists a  $y \in H_t$  such that  $x = a + y$  since  $x \in a + H_t$ .

So  $x - a = y \in H_t$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x \in a + H_t\} &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} \{t \mid x - a \in H_t\} \\ &= \bigvee_{t \in [0,1]} (t \wedge H_t(x - a)) \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t H_t \right)(x - a) \\ &= \underline{H}(x - a). \end{aligned} \quad //$$

**COROLLARY 1** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{H} \in F(X)$  and  $a \in X$ .

Then  $a + H$ 's membership function  $(a + \underline{H})(x) = \underline{H}(x - a)$ . //

**PROPOSITION 1** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$  and  $a, b \in$

$X$ . Then

$$a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M} \text{ iff } \underline{M}(b - a) = \underline{M}(0),$$

where 0 is the zero element of  $X$ .

Proof. Let us assume  $a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M}$ , for any  $x \in \underline{X}$ , we have

$$(a + \underline{M})(x) = (b + \underline{M})(x). \quad \underline{M}(x - a) = \underline{M}(x - b) \text{ by corollary 1.}$$

Let  $x = b$ , then  $\underline{M}(b - a) = \underline{M}(0)$ .

Conversely, let us assume  $\underline{M}(b - a) = \underline{M}(0)$ , for any  $x \in X$ , we

$$\begin{aligned} \text{have } \underline{M}(x - a) &= \underline{M}(x - b + b - a) \geq \underline{M}(x - b) \wedge \underline{M}(b - a) \\ &= \underline{M}(x - b) \wedge \underline{M}(0) \\ &= \underline{M}(x - b). \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen in a similar way that  $\underline{M}(x - b) \geq \underline{M}(x - a)$ . Thus  $\underline{M}(x - a) = \underline{M}(x - b)$ . Therefore  $a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M}$ . //

DEFINITION 3 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X)$ .

The set  $X_{\underline{H}} = \{x \mid x \in X, \underline{H}(x) = \underline{H}(0)\}$  is called a base set of  $\underline{H}$ .

PROPOSITION 2 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$  and  $X_{\underline{M}}$  is a base set of  $\underline{M}$ . Then  $a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M}$  iff, for  $a, b \in X$ ,

$$a + X_{\underline{M}} = b + X_{\underline{M}}.$$

Proof. It is clear that  $X_{\underline{M}} = \underline{M}^{-1}(\underline{M}(0))$ .  $X_{\underline{M}} \in \underline{I}(X)$  by Theorem 1, 2). Let us assume  $a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M}$ .  $\underline{M}(b - a) = \underline{M}(0)$  by Proposition 1. Thus  $a - b \in X_{\underline{M}}$ . Therefore  $a + X_{\underline{M}} = b + X_{\underline{M}}$ .

Conversely, let us assume  $a + X_{\underline{M}} = b + X_{\underline{M}}$ . Then  $b - a \in X_{\underline{M}}$ . So  $\underline{M}(b - a) = \underline{M}(0)$ . Therefore  $a + \underline{M} = b + \underline{M}$ . //

COROLLARY 2 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$ . Then  $X_{\underline{M}} \in \underline{I}(X)$  and  $X - X_{\underline{M}} = \{a + X_{\underline{M}} \mid a \in X\}$  forms a residue class ring. //

DEFINITION 4 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$  and  $X - \underline{M} = \{a + \underline{M} \mid a \in X\}$ . We define the addition and the product two operations in  $X - \underline{M}$ :

$$1) \quad (a + \underline{M}) + (b + \underline{M}) = (a + b) + \underline{M}.$$

$$2) \quad (a + \underline{M})(b + \underline{M}) = (ab) + \underline{M}.$$

The validity of two operations is immediate.

THEOREM 4 Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$ . Then

$$X - X_{\underline{M}} \cong X - \underline{M} \quad (\text{that is, } X - \underline{M} \text{ is also a ring}).$$

Proof. We construct a map  $f: X - X_{\underline{M}} \rightarrow X - \underline{M}$ , for any  $a \in X$ ,

$$f(a + X_{\underline{M}}) = a + \underline{M}.$$

$f$  is in-jjective by Proposition 2, and for  $a, b \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f((a + X_{\underline{M}}) + (b + X_{\underline{M}})) &= f((a + b) + X_{\underline{M}}) \\ &= (a + b) + \underline{M} \\ &= (a + \underline{M}) + (b + \underline{M}) \\ &= f(a + X_{\underline{M}}) + f(b + X_{\underline{M}}); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f((a + X_{\underline{M}})(b + X_{\underline{M}})) &= f(ab + X_{\underline{M}}) \\ &= ab + \underline{M} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a + \underline{M})(b + \underline{M}) \\
 &= f(a + \underline{X_M})f(b + \underline{X_M}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $X - \underline{X_M} = X - \underline{M}$ . //

**DEFINITION 5** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$ .

Then  $X - \underline{M}$  is called a residue class ring.

**PROPOSITION 3** Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. And let  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$ .

Then  $X \sim X - \underline{M}$ .

Proof. We construct a map  $T: X \rightarrow X - \underline{M}$ , for any  $a \in X$ ,

$$T(a) = a + \underline{M},$$

it is clear that  $T$  is surjective. And for  $a, b \in X$ ,

$$T(a + b) = (a + b) + \underline{M} = (a + \underline{M}) + (b + \underline{M}) = T(a) + T(b);$$

$$T(ab) = ab + \underline{M} = (a + \underline{M})(b + \underline{M}) = T(a)T(b).$$

Therefore  $X \sim X - \underline{M}$ . //

### 3. Homomorphisms of fuzzy ring

**DEFINITION 6** Let  $f$  be epimorphism of a ring  $(X, +, \cdot)$  into a ring  $(X', +, \cdot)$ . A fuzzy ideal  $\underline{M}$  of  $X$  is called a kernel of a fuzzy homomorphism of  $f$ , if  $\underline{X_M} = \text{Ker}f$ .

For example, let  $f$  be epimorphism of a ring  $(X, +, \cdot)$  into a ring  $(X', +, \cdot)$ . A fuzzy subset  $\underline{M}$  of  $X$  is defined as follows:

$$\underline{M}(x) = \begin{cases} t, & \text{if } x \in \text{Ker}f, \quad t \in [0,1] \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin \text{Ker}f. \end{cases}$$

$\underline{M}$  is a Kernel of a fuzzy *homomorphism* of  $f$  since the nonempty level subsets of  $\underline{M}$  have only two  $X$  and  $\text{Ker}f$ .  $X$  and  $\text{Ker}f$  are both ideals of  $X$  and  $X_{\underline{M}} = \text{Ker}f$ .

**THEOREM 5** Let  $f$  be epimorphism of a ring  $(X, +, \cdot)$  into a ring  $(X', +, \cdot)$ . And let  $\underline{M}$  be a Kernel of a fuzzy homomorphism of  $f$ , then

$$X - \underline{M} \cong X'.$$

*Proof.* We have  $X - X_{\underline{M}} = X - \underline{M}$  from Definition 6 and Theorem 4. Since  $X - X_{\underline{M}} = \underline{M} - \text{Ker}f \cong X'$ ,  $X - \underline{M} \cong X'$ . //

**THEOREM 6** Let  $f$  be epimorphism of a ring  $(X, +, \cdot)$  into a ring  $(X', +, \cdot)$ . Then

- 1)  $\underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X)$  implies  $f(\underline{H}) \in \underline{R}(X')$ .
- 2)  $\underline{M} \in \underline{I}(X)$  implies  $f(\underline{M}) \in \underline{I}(X')$ .
- 3)  $\underline{H}' \in \underline{R}(X')$  implies  $f^{-1}(\underline{H}') \in \underline{R}(X)$ .
- 4)  $\underline{M}' \in \underline{I}(X')$  implies  $f^{-1}(\underline{M}') \in \underline{I}(X)$ .

*Proof.* 1) Let  $\underline{H} \in \underline{R}(X)$ , then  $H_t \in R(X)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ . So  $f(H_t) \in R(X')$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$ . Therefore  $f(\underline{H}) = \bigcup_{t \in [0,1]} t f(H_t) \in \underline{R}(X')$ .

2) It can be seen in a similar way that  $M \in \underline{I}(X)$  implies  $f(M) \in \underline{I}(X')$ .

3) Let  $H_t' \in \underline{R}(X')$ , then  $H_t' \in R(X')$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . So  $f^{-1}(H_t') \in R(X)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(H_t') = \bigcup_{t \in [0, 1]} f^{-1}(H_t') \in \underline{R}(X)$ .

4) It can be seen in a similar way that  $M' \in \underline{I}(X')$  implies  $f^{-1}(M') \in \underline{I}(X)$ . 11

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