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## Abstract

Many papers about Fuzzy algebra have been published since A. Rosenfeld presented the concept of Fuzzy subrings in 1971. As further work in this respect, we study the direct sum of Fuzzy subrings in this paper, introduce the concept of projective Fuzzy sets and marginal Fuzzy sets of direct sum rings, and obtain a necessary and sufficient condition that a Fuzzy subring on the direct sum ring may be represented by the direct sum of Fuzzy subrings on each ring. Finally, a similar discussion of t-norm Fuzzy subrings is suggested.

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## — PRELIMINARIES

Let us recall some basic definitions and well known result.

Definition 1.1: Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subset of  $R$ .  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy subring of  $R$  if it satisfies following conditions:

- (1)  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ .
- (2)  $\mu(x+y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ .
- (3)  $\mu(x) = \mu(-x)$  for any  $x$  in  $R$ .

Corollary : If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R$ . Then

$$\mu(x) \leq \mu(0) \quad \text{for any } x \text{ in } R.$$

**THEOREM 1.1:** Suppose  $R$  is a ring, and  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subset of  $R$ . Then following conditions are equivalence,

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R$ .
- (2) for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ ,  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$   
 $\mu(x-y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$
- (3) for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ ,  
 $\min\{\mu(x \cdot y), \mu(x-y)\} \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$ .

**Definition 1.2:** Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of the ring  $R$ .  $\mu$  is called an fuzzy left (or right) ideal if for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ ,  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq \mu(y)$  (or  $\mu(x)$ ). If  $\mu$  is not only an fuzzy left ideal, but also an fuzzy right ideal, it is called an fuzzy bi-ideal. For the sake of simplicity  $\mu$  is called an fuzzy ideal.

**Notes:** The above definitions and results may be found in [2]

## II THE DIRECT SUM OF FUZZY SUBRINGS

For the sake of simplicity, the direct sums of only two rings are discussed in this paper, but we may completely analogize on the direct sums of any finite rings. Without specified statement in this section,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are always rings.

**Definition 2.1;** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets.  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the fuzzy sets of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Define a fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $X \times Y$  :  $\forall (x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,  $\mu(x, y) = \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(y)$ .  $\mu$  is called the direct product of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , denote  $\mu = \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2$ .

**Theorem 2.1:** Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are two rings,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. Then the direct sum  $\mu$  of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  is a fuzzy subring of the ring  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ ,  $\mu$  is called

direct sum fuzzy subring. denote  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$  for the sake of consistency.

Proof: For any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , take  $x = (x_1, x_2)$   $y = (y_1, y_2)$

Then  $\mu(x \cdot y) = \mu(x_1 \cdot y_1, x_2 \cdot y_2) = \mu_1(x_1 \cdot y_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2 \cdot y_2)$

$$\geq \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(y_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2) \wedge \mu_2(y_2)$$

$$= \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2) \wedge \mu_1(y_1) \wedge \mu_2(y_2)$$

$$= \mu(x_1, x_2) \wedge \mu(y_1, y_2) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$$

$$\mu(x - y) = \mu(x_1 - y_1, x_2 - y_2) = \mu_1(x_1 - y_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2 - y_2)$$

$$\geq \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(y_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2) \wedge \mu_2(y_2)$$

$$\mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$$

By Theorem 1.1, we see that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

Q.E.D.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy (or left, or right) ideals of the rings  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. Then  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$  is also a fuzzy (or left, or right) ideal of ring  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

Proof: By Theorem 2.1, we know that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ . If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy left ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. Then we only need to prove  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq \mu(y)$  holds for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

In fact, take  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2)$

$$\mu(x \cdot y) = \mu(x_1 \cdot y_1, x_2 \cdot y_2) = \mu_1(x_1 \cdot y_1) \wedge \mu_2(x_2 \cdot y_2)$$

$$\mu_1(y_1) \wedge \mu_2(y_2) = \mu(y)$$

Therefore  $\mu$  is an fuzzy left ideal of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

Similar, we can prove the situations of fuzzy right ideal and fuzzy ideal.

Q.E.D.

Conversely, reads will naturally ask: if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring or ideal of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , are there subrings or ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively, such that  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ ? In generally speaking, the answer is no (see following counterexample). If we want above statement holds, what conditions will be asked? Now let us study this problem.

Counterexample: Suppose that  $Z_3 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$  is the ring of residues module 3. Consider its fuzzy subset  $\mu$  :

$$\mu(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & (x,y) = (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \\ 0.8 & (x,y) \in \{(\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2})\} \\ 0.5 & \text{others} \end{cases}$$

It is easily to check that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $Z_3 \oplus Z_3$ , But it can not be represented the direct sum of two fuzzy subrings of  $Z_3$ .

Suppose  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subset of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , let  $\mu_1(x) = \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu(x,y)$   
 $\mu_2(y) = \bigvee_{x \in R_1} \mu(x,y)$  for any  $x$  in  $R_1$  and  $y$  in  $R_2$ . Then  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy subsets of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , and called projections of  $\mu$  on  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.

Moreover, for each  $x$  in  $R_1$  and  $y$  in  $R_2$ , take  $\mu_1(x) = \mu(x, \bar{0})$   
 $\mu_2(y) = \mu(\bar{0}, y)$ .  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are also fuzzy subset, as analogues of the marginal distribution in probability Theory,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are called marginal fuzzy subsets of  $\mu$ .

Lemma : Suppose  $X$  is a set,  $f$  is a function on  $X$ , and  $\alpha$  is a given real constant number. Then

$$\alpha \wedge \left( \bigvee_{x \in X} f(x) \right) = \bigvee_{x \in X} (\alpha \wedge f(x))$$

Proof : Since this lemma is the distributive law about Zadeh's

operator, the proof is omitted.

Theorem 2.3 : Suppose that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ . Then projective fuzzy sets  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively.

Proof : We only prove that  $\mu_1$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1$ , similar proof about  $\mu_2$  is omitted.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for any } x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ in } R_1, \mu_1(x_1 \cdot x_2) &= \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, y) \\ &\geq \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, y_1 \cdot y_2) = \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} \mu((x_1, y_1) \cdot (x_2, y_2)) \\ &\geq \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} [\mu(x_1, y_1) \wedge \mu(x_2, y_2)] \\ &= [\bigvee_{y_1 \in R_2} \mu(x_1, y_1)] \wedge [\bigvee_{y_2 \in R_2} \mu(x_2, y_2)] \quad (\text{By Lemma}) \\ &= \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \mu_1(x_1 \cdot x_2) \geq \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(x_2)$$

$$\text{Similarly, we can get } \mu_1(x_1 - x_2) \geq \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(x_2)$$

By Theorem 1.1, we see that  $\mu_1$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1$ . Q.E.D.

Theorem 2.4 : Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings,  $\mu$  is an fuzzy (or left, or right) ideal, then projective fuzzy sets  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy (or left, or right) ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.

Proof : By Theorem 2.3, we know that  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are fuzzy subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. If  $\mu$  is an fuzzy ideal of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , we only need to prove that : for any  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $R_i$ ,  $\mu_i(x_1 \cdot x_2) \geq \max \{ \mu_i(x_1), \mu_i(x_2) \}$   $i=1, 2$ .

In fact  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in R_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(x_1 \cdot x_2) &= \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, y) \geq \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, y_1 \cdot y_2) \\ &= \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} \mu((x_1, y_1) \cdot (x_2, y_2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \bigvee_{y_1, y_2 \in R_2} [\mu(x_1, y_1) \wedge \mu(x_2, y_2)] \\ &= [\bigvee_{y_1 \in R_2} \mu(x_1, y_1)] \wedge [\bigvee_{y_2 \in R_2} \mu(x_2, y_2)] = \mu_1(x_1) \wedge \mu_1(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu_1$  is an fuzzy ideal of  $R_1$ .

Similarly, other situations can be proved. Q.E.D.

Theorem 2.5 : If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring (or ideal) of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ . Then marginal fuzzy subsets  $\mu'_1$  and  $\mu'_2$  of  $\mu$  are fuzzy subrings (or ideals) of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.

Proof : Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , for any  $x_1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 \text{ in } R_1, \quad \mu'_1(x_1 \cdot x_2) &= \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, 0) = \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, 0 \cdot 0) \\ &\geq \mu(x_1, 0) \wedge \mu(x_2, 0) = \mu'_1(x_1) \wedge \mu'_1(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'_1(x_1 - x_2) &= \mu(x_1 - x_2, 0) = \mu(x_1 - x_2, 0 - 0) \\ &\geq \mu(x_1, 0) \wedge \mu(x_2, 0) = \mu'_1(x_1) \wedge \mu'_1(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

As we know,  $\mu'_1$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1$ .

We can prove  $\mu'_2$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_2$  in similar way.

If  $\mu$  is an fuzzy ideal of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , we only need to prove: for any  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $R_i$ ,  $\mu'_i(x_1 \cdot x_2) \geq \mu'_i(x_1) \vee \mu'_i(x_2)$   $i=1,2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In fact, } \mu'_1(x_1 \cdot x_2) &= \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, 0) = \mu(x_1 \cdot x_2, 0 \cdot 0) \\ &\geq \mu(x_1, 0) \vee \mu(x_2, 0) = \mu'_1(x_1) \vee \mu'_1(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu'_1$  is an fuzzy ideal of  $R_1$ .

Similarly, we may prove  $\mu'_2$  is an fuzzy ideal of  $R_2$ . Q.E.D.

Lemma : Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring (or ideal) of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ ,  $\mu'_1, \mu'_2$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are marginal fuzzy subrings and projective fuzzy subrings of  $\mu$ , respectively.

$$\text{Then } \mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2 \subseteq \mu \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$$

Proof : For any  $x$  in  $R_1$  and  $y$  in  $R_2$ ,

$$\mu'_1(x) = \mu(x, 0) \quad \mu'_2(y) = \mu(0, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \mu(x,y) &= \mu[(x,0)+(0,y)] \geq \mu(x,0) \wedge \mu(0,y) \\ &= \mu'_1(x) \wedge \mu'_2(y) = (\mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2)(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2 \subseteq \mu$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \mu_1(x) &= \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu(x,y) \geq \mu(x,y), \\ \mu_2(y) &= \bigvee_{x \in R_1} \mu(x,y) \geq \mu(x,y) \\ \mu(x,y) &\leq \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(y) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ ,

As we see that  $\mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2 \subseteq \mu \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ . Q.E.D.

**Theorem 2.6 :** Suppose  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring (or ideal), Then  $\mu$  may be represented the direct sum of two fuzzy subrings (or ideals) of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  if and only if  $\mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2 = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ , where  $\mu'_1, \mu'_2, \mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are defined as above.

**Proof :** By Lemma, we know that sufficient condition holds.

**Necessity :** Suppose  $\mu = \mu''_1 \oplus \mu''_2$ , where  $\mu''_1$  and  $\mu''_2$  are fuzzy subrings (Or ideals) of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Then

$$\mu''_i(x) \leq \mu''_i(0) \text{ for any } x \text{ in } R_i, \text{ hence } \bigvee_{x \in R_i} \mu''_i(x) = \mu''_i(0) \quad i=1,2.$$

$$\text{So } \mu'_1(x) = \mu(x,0) = (\mu''_1 \oplus \mu''_2)(x,0) = \mu''_1(x) \wedge \mu''_2(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mu''_1(x) \wedge \left[ \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu''_2(y) \right] = \bigvee_{y \in R_2} [\mu''_1(x) \wedge \mu''_2(y)] \\ &= \bigvee_{y \in R_2} \mu(x,y) = \mu_1(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu'_1(x) = \mu_1(x)$  for any  $x$  in  $R_1$ , i.e.  $\mu'_1 = \mu_1$

Similarly, we can obtain  $\mu'_2 = \mu_2$

$$\mu'_1 \oplus \mu'_2 = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \text{ holds.} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

### ≡ THE DIRECT SUM OF t-NORM FUZZY SUBRINGS

We have studied the structures of direct sum of fuzzy subrings about Zadeh's operator  $(\vee, \wedge)$  in section(=).

In this section we will discuss that structures about t-norm operators. Our notions and terminologies which we have not given can be found in [1] and [3]. All proofs are omitted, since the method of the proof is similar to that of those Theorems in last section.

**Definition 3.1 :** Suppose  $R$  is a ring,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subset of  $R$ . If  $\mu$  satisfies following conditions,  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy subring about t-norm  $T$ .

- (1)  $\mu(x \cdot y) \geq T(\mu(x), \mu(y))$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ ,
- (2)  $\mu(x+y) \geq T(\mu(x), \mu(y))$  for any  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R$ ,
- (3)  $\mu(-x) = \mu(x)$  for any  $x$  in  $R$ ,
- (4)  $\mu(0) = 1$   $0$  is the zero element in  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2 :** Suppose  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are a fuzzy subset of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Define a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$  by  $\mu(x, y) = T(\mu_1(x), \mu_2(y))$  for any  $(x, y)$  in  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .  $\mu$  is called the direct sum of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  about t-norm  $T$ , denote  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus_T \mu_2$ .

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be fuzzy subrings about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Then  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus_T \mu_2$  is a fuzzy subring of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$  about t-norm  $T$ , too.

**Theorem 3.2 :** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be fuzzy left (or right) ideals about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Then  $\mu = \mu_1 \oplus_T \mu_2$  is an fuzzy left (or right) ideal about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

**Lemma :** Suppose  $T$  is a continuously t-norm, for any subset  $X$  of  $I = [0, 1]$ , and any  $\alpha$  in  $I$ , then

$$\sup_{x \in X} T(\alpha, x) = T(\alpha, \sup_{x \in X} x)$$



Theorem 3.3 : Suppose  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ , and  $T$  is continuously t-norm. Then projective fuzzy sets  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  of  $\mu$  are fuzzy subrings about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.

Theorem 3.4 : If  $\mu$  is fuzzy subring about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ . And  $T$  is continuously t-norm,  $\mu_1'$  and  $\mu_2'$  are marginal fuzzy subsets of  $\mu$  on  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Then  $\mu_1'$  and  $\mu_2'$  are fuzzy subrings about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively.

Theorem 3.5 : Suppose  $T$  is a continuously t-norm, and for any  $\alpha$  in  $[0,1]$ ,  $T(\alpha, \alpha) \geq \alpha$ ,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subring about t-norm  $T$  of  $R_1 \oplus R_2$ . Then  $\mu$  may be represented by the direct sum about t-norm  $T$  of fuzzy subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  if and only if  $\mu_1' \oplus_T \mu_2' = \mu_1 \oplus_T \mu_2$ . Where  $\mu_1'$  and  $\mu_2'$  are marginal fuzzy subrings of  $\mu$ , and  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are projective fuzzy subrings.

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