

# A characterization Of L-fuzzy primary submodules\*

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**Abstract.** In this note the definition of primary submodule of a L-fuzzy module is given, and some results, specially a characterization of L-fuzzy primary submodule, are proved.

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## 1. Introduction.

In [4] and [7], the concept of fuzzy primary ideal and L-fuzzy primary ideal of a ring  $R$  are discussed, respectively. In this note the L-fuzzy (primary) submodule of a  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined and in this regard, the product of a L-fuzzy subset of  $R$  and a L-fuzzy subset of  $M$  is given. It is shown that [4, Definition 5.1] and [7, Definition 3.1] are special cases of L-fuzzy primary submodule definition given in this note.

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A necessary condition for being a L-fuzzy primary submodule of a L-fuzzy module is given and by an example it is shown that this is not sufficient. A characterization of L-fuzzy primary submodule of a module M is given.

## 2. Preliminaries

We fix  $L=(L, \leq, \vee, \wedge)$  as a completely distributive lattice with a least element 0 and greatest element 1. We write "sup" and "inf" for " $\vee$ " and " $\wedge$ ", respectively. If  $a, b \in L$  we write  $b \geq a$  iff  $a \leq b$ , and  $a > b$  iff  $a \geq b$  and  $a \neq b$ . For a nonempty set X, let  $F(X) = \{A \mid A \text{ is a L-fuzzy subset of } X\}$ . Then for  $A, B \in F(X)$ , we write  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A(x) \leq B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $A \supseteq B$  iff  $B \subseteq A$ , and  $A \subset B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ . By a L-fuzzy point  $x_r$  of X;  $x \in X$ ,  $r \in L$ , we mean  $x_r \in F(X)$  defined by  $x_r(y) = \begin{cases} r & \text{if } y=x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$  and we write  $x_r \in X$ . If  $x_r \in X$  and  $x_r \subseteq A \in F(X)$ , then we write  $x_r \in A$ . If  $A \subseteq X$ , by  $\chi_A \in F(X)$  we mean the characteristic function defined by

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

From now on R is a commutative ring with identity and M is a unitary R-module.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A \in F(R)$ , then A is called a L-fuzzy left (right) ideal of R iff for all  $x, y \in R$ ,

$$(i) \quad A(x-y) \geq \inf(A(x), A(y))$$

$$(ii) \quad A(xy) \geq A(y) \quad (A(xy) \geq A(x))$$

A is called a L-fuzzy ideal of R iff it is both L-fuzzy left and L-fuzzy right ideal of R.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mu \in F(M)$ , then  $\mu$  is called a L-fuzzy left R-module of M iff for all  $r \in R$ , and  $x, y \in M$ ,

$$(i) \quad \mu(x-y) \geq \inf(\mu(x), \mu(y))$$

$$(ii) \quad \mu(rx) \geq \mu(x)$$

$$(iii) \quad \mu(0) = 1$$

We let  $I(R)$  ( $I_l(R)$ ) and  $S(M)$  be the set of all L-fuzzy (left) ideals of R and the set of all L-fuzzy left R-module of M, respectively.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $M=R$ , then  $\mu \in S(M)$  iff  $\mu \in I_l(R)$  and  $\mu(0) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $I \in F(R)$  and  $B \in F(M)$ . Define the composition and product  $I \circ B, IB \in F(M)$ , respectively as follows: For all  $w \in M$ .

$$(i) \quad I \circ B(w) = \begin{cases} \sup \inf(I(r), B(x)) \\ w = rx ; \text{ for some } r \in R, x \in M \\ 0 & \text{if } w \neq rx ; \text{ for all } r \in R, x \in M. \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad IB(w) = \begin{cases} \sup \inf(I(r_1), \dots, I(r_m), B(x_1), \dots, B(x_m)) \\ w = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i x_i ; \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}, r_i \in R, x_i \in M \\ 0 & \text{if } w \neq \sum_{i=1}^m r_i x_i ; \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}, \\ & r_i \in R, x_i \in M. \end{cases}$$

For  $\mu \in F(M)$ , the level subset  $\mu_t$  of  $\mu$  is defined as  $\mu_t = \{x \in M \mid \mu(x) \geq t\}$ ;  $t \in L$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mu \in F(M)$  and  $\mu(0)=1$ . Then  $\mu \in S(M)$  iff for all  $t \in L$ ,  $\mu_t$  is a left  $R$ -module of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $P \in I(R)$  be nonconstant.  $P$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy prime ideal iff for any  $A, B \in I(R)$ ,

$$AB \subseteq P \text{ implies either } A \subseteq P \text{ or } B \subseteq P.$$

For  $P \in I(R)$  and  $\mu \in S(M)$  we let  $P_* = \{x \in R \mid P(x) = P(0)\}$  and  $\mu_* = \{x \in M \mid \mu(x) = 1\}$ .

**Definition 2.7** [7, Definition 3.1]. For a nonconstant  $Q \in I(R)$ , then  $Q$  is called a  $L$ -fuzzy primary ideal of  $R$  iff for any  $x_r, y_s \in R$ ;  $x_r y_s \in Q$  implies either  $x_r \in Q$  or  $y_s^n \in Q$ ; for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.8** [3, Proposition 3.5]. For  $A, B \in I(R)$ . Then define  $(A:B) \in I(R)$ , by

$$(A:B)(x) = \sup\{C(x) \mid C \in I(R), C \circ B \subseteq A\}.$$

**Definition 2.9.** [7, Definition 3.5]. Let  $I \in I(R)$ , define  $\text{Rad}(I) \in I(R)$  as follows:

$$\text{Rad}(I) = \begin{cases} \bigcap P & : \text{ if there exist some } L\text{-fuzzy prime} \\ P \supseteq I & \text{ ideal } P \supseteq I \\ \chi_R & \text{ otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

### 3. $L$ -fuzzy primary submodule

**Definition 3.1.** For  $\mu, \nu \in S(M)$ ,  $\nu$  is called a  $L$ -fuzzy submodule of  $\mu$  iff  $\nu \subset \mu$ . In particular if  $\mu = \chi_M$ , then we say  $\nu$  is a  $L$ -fuzzy submodule of  $M$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\nu$  be a  $L$ -fuzzy submodule of  $\mu$ .

Then  $\nu$  is called L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $\mu$  iff for any  $r_t \in R, x_s \in M$ ;

$r_t x_s \in \nu$  implies  $x_s \in \nu$  or  $r_t^n \mu \subseteq \nu$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Remark 3.3.** The following theorem shows that Definition 3.2 is a suitable one for L-fuzzy primary submodule.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $M=R$ , then  $\nu \in F(R)$  is a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $M$  iff  $\nu$  is a L-fuzzy primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Remark 3.5.** Theorem 3.4 and Definition 2.8 show that Definition 3.2 is a generalization of Definition 2.7 and [4, Definition 5.1].

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\nu$  be a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $\mu$ . If  $\nu_t \neq \mu_t$ ;  $t \in L$ , then  $\nu_t$  is a primary submodule of  $\mu_t$ .

**Remark 3.7.** The converse of Theorem 3.6 is not true as the following example shows.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $L=[0,1], M=R=\mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $\mu, \nu \in S(M)$  as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in 4\mathbb{Z} \\ 1/2 & \text{if } x \in 2\mathbb{Z} - 4\mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \nu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=0 \\ 1/2 & \text{if } x \in 4\mathbb{Z} - \{0\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By some manipulation we can see that for all  $t \in (0,1)$ ,  $\nu_t$  is a primary submodule of  $\mu_t$ . But  $\nu$  is not a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $\mu$ , because if  $m=5, n=4, t=1/3, s=2/3$ ; then  $m_t n_s \in \nu$ , but  $n_s \notin \nu$  and  $m_t^k \mu \subseteq \nu$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Corollary 3.9.** Let  $\nu$  be a L-fuzzy primary submodule

of  $\mu$ , and  $\nu_* \neq \mu_*$ . Then  $\nu_*$  is a primary submodule of  $\mu_*$ .

**Corollary 3.10.** Let  $\nu$  be a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $M$ . Then  $\nu_*$  is a primary submodule of  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** (a) Let  $N$  be a primary submodule of  $M$ , and  $\alpha$  a prime element of  $L$ . Then the L-fuzzy subset  $\nu \in F(M)$  defined by

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in N \\ \alpha & \text{if } x \notin N \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

is a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $M$ .

(b) Conversely any L-fuzzy primary submodule  $\nu$  of  $M$  can be obtained as in (1)

By some manipulation we can see that for all  $t \in (0,1]$ ,  $\nu_t$  is a primary submodule of  $\mu_t$ . But  $\nu$  is not a L-fuzzy primary submodule of  $\mu$ , because if  $m=5$ ,  $n=4$ ,  $t=1/3$ ,  $s=2/3$ ; then  $m \cdot n \in \nu$   $I^k \rho$   $\text{over } X \rho$   $|\text{Co}\mu \subseteq \nu$ ,  $C \in I(R)$ , then  $I = (\nu : \mu)$ .

**Remark 3.15.** Let  $M=R$  and  $\mu, \nu \in S(M)$ , so  $\mu, \nu \in I(R)$ . Then, by Theorem 3.14,  $(\nu : \mu)$  reduces to Definition 2.8. Hence Definition 2.8 is a special case of Definition 3.12.

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