

# Fuzzy Order-Homomorphism on Groups

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the concept of fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups is introduced and some of its properties are studied. We prove that a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups can be defined by an ordinary group homomorphism and a finitely meet-preserving order homomorphism. Using this result we obtain a point-wise characterization of fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups.

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## 1. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $L, L_1, L_2$  always denote the fuzzy lattices, i.e. completely distributive lattices with order-reversing involutions  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha'$ . 0 and 1 are their smallest element and greatest element respectively. A fuzzy lattice  $L$  is said to be regular[5] if the intersection of every pair of non-zero elements of  $L$  is not zero.  $L^X$  will denote the family of all  $L$ -fuzzy sets on  $X$ . For  $A \in L^X$ , the set  $\{x \in X \mid A(x) > 0\}$  is called the support of  $A$  and denoted by  $\text{supp } A$ , and the value  $\bigvee \{A(x) \mid x \in X\}$  is called the height of  $A$  and denoted by  $\text{hgt } A$ . When  $\text{supp } A$  is a singleton,  $A$  is called  $L$ -fuzzy point and denoted by  $x_\lambda$  where  $x = \text{supp } A$  and  $\lambda = \text{hgt } A$ .  $\check{X}(L)$  will denote the set of all  $L$ -fuzzy points on  $X$ . For simplicity, a  $L$ -fuzzy set on  $X$  which takes the constant value  $\lambda$  on  $X$  (or  $Y$ ) is still denoted by  $\lambda$ . We assume that for the empty family  $\emptyset$ ,  $\bigvee \emptyset = 0$  and  $\bigwedge \emptyset = 1$ .

Let  $X$  be a group. Using Zadeh's extension principle, we define the multiplicative operator of  $L$ -fuzzy sets on  $X$  as follows: for  $A, B \in L^X$ ,

$$(A \cdot B)(x) = \bigvee_{st = x} [A(s) \wedge B(t)].$$

In particular, for  $L$ -fuzzy points, if  $L$  is regular then

$$x_\lambda \cdot y_\mu = (x \cdot y)_{\lambda \wedge \mu}.$$

**Definition 1.1**[5]. A mapping  $f : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  is called an order-homomorphism, if the following conditions hold:

$$(H_1) \quad f(0) = 0;$$

$$(H_2) \quad f \text{ is union-preserving, i.e. } f(\bigvee a_t) = \bigvee f(a_t);$$

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $f^{-1}$  is complement-preserving, i.e. for each  $b \in L_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(b') = [f^{-1}(b)]'$ , where the mapping  $f^{-1} : L_2 \rightarrow L_1$  is defined as

$$f^{-1}(b) = \bigvee \{a \in L_1 : f(a) \leq b\}.$$

Obviously, if  $f : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  is an order-homomorphism, then  $f^{-1}(1) = 1$  and  $f^{-1}(0) = 0$  (See [2]).

**Lemma 1.1.** Suppose that  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is a mapping and there exist the mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that

$$F(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)} \in \tilde{Y}(L_2), \text{ for any } x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1).$$

(1) If  $F$  is union-preserving, then  $F$  is a bi-induced mapping<sup>[8]</sup> of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ , i.e.

$$F(A)(y) = \bigvee \{\varphi(A(x)) \mid f(x) = y\}, \text{ for any } A \in L_1^X \text{ and } y \in Y. \quad (1.1)$$

(2) If  $F$  is order-preserving, then

$$F^{-1}(B)(x) = \varphi^{-1}(B(f(x))) \text{ for any } B \in L_2^Y \text{ and } x \in X. \quad (1.2)$$

**Lemma 1.2.** Suppose that  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is a bi-induced mapping of the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  satisfying  $\varphi^{-1}(0) = 0$ . Then

$$F(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)} \in \tilde{X}(L_1).$$

## 2. Fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups and its structures

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two groups. A mapping  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is called a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups, if it is an order-homomorphism (i.e. fuzz function [4]) and satisfies

$$F(A \cdot B) = F(A) \cdot F(B), \text{ for all } A, B \in L^X. \quad (2.1)$$

**Remark 2.1.** Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a usual homomorphism of groups  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $L = [0, 1]$ , then the function of Zadeh's type  $F : L^X \rightarrow L^Y$  induced by  $f$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups.

In the following, we always assume that  $L_1$  is regular.  $X$  and  $Y$  are two groups,  $e$  denotes the unit element in groups

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  be a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. Then

(1)  $F$  takes fuzzy points on  $X$  to fuzzy points on  $Y$ , and

$$\text{supp } F(x_\lambda) = \text{supp } F(x_\mu), \text{ for any } \lambda, \mu \in L_1 - \{0\}.$$

(2)  $\text{supp } F(e_\lambda) = e$  and  $\text{hgt } F(e_\lambda) = \text{hgt } F(x_\lambda)$ , for any  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda \in L_1 - \{0\}$ ,

**Proof.** (1) See Lemma 2.2 in [5]. (2) It follows easily from Definition 2.1.

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups, then there exist an ordinary group homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that  $F$  is a bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ , and (1.2) holds.

**Proof.** Define the mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  as follows, respectively:

$$f(x) = \text{supp } F(x_1) \text{ and } \varphi(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \text{hgt } F(e_\lambda), & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$

From Proposition 2.1,  $\text{supp } F(x_\lambda) = \text{supp } F(x_1) = f(x)$  and  $\text{hgt } F(x_\lambda) = \text{hgt } F(e_\lambda) = \varphi(\lambda)$ , hence  $F(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$  for any  $x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1)$ . Thus by Lemma 1.1, we know that  $F$  is a bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ , and (1.2) holds. We easily prove that  $f$  is an ordinary group homomorphism and  $\varphi$  is a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism.

**Theorem 2.2.** suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an ordinary group homomorphism and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  is a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism. Then the bi-induced mapping  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  of  $f$  and  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups.

**proof.** Let  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  be the bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ . By (1.1) and the union-preserving property of  $\varphi$ , it is easy to show that  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F$  is union-preserving.

By Lemma 1.2, Lemma 1.1 and the complement-preserving property of  $\varphi^{-1}$ , it is easy to show that  $F^{-1}(B') = [F^{-1}(B)]'$ , for any  $B \in L_2^Y$ . Therefore  $F$  is an order-homomorphism.

Next, we prove (2.1). When  $y \notin f(X)$ ,  $[F(A \cdot B)](y) = 0 = [F(A) \cdot F(B)](y)$ ; When  $y \in f(X)$ , since  $\varphi$  is union-preserving and finitely meet-preserving, we have

$$F(A \cdot B)(y) = \bigvee_{f(x)=y} \varphi[(A \cdot B)(x)] = \bigvee_{f(x)=y} \bigvee_{u \cdot v=x} [\varphi(A(u)) \wedge \varphi(B(v))]. \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$[F(A) \cdot F(B)](y) = \bigvee_{s=t=y} [(\bigvee_{f(u)=s} \varphi(A(u))) \wedge (\bigvee_{f(v)=t} \varphi(B(v)))] \quad (2.3)$$

(2.1) follows easily From (2.2) and (2.3). This completes the proof.

From Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, we have the following result immediately.

**Theorem 2.3.** The mapping  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups if and only if there exist an ordinary group homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that  $F$  is a bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ .

### 3. Pointwise characterization of fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is called a L-fuzzy homomorphism on groups if the following condition holds:

$$\tilde{f}(x_\lambda \cdot y_\mu) = \tilde{f}(x_\lambda) \cdot \tilde{f}(y_\mu), \quad \text{for all } x_\lambda, y_\mu \in \tilde{X}(L_1).$$

In particular, when  $L_1 = L_2 = [0, 1]$ , the L-fuzzy homomorphism on groups is briefly called the fuzzy homomorphism on groups (See [2])

**Definition 3.2.** A mapping  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is called a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $\tilde{f}$  is a L-fuzzy homomorphism on groups;
- (2)  $\tilde{f}(e_{\vee \lambda_i}) = \bigvee \tilde{f}(e_{\lambda_i})$ ;
- (3)  $\text{hgt } \tilde{f}^{-1}(e_\lambda) = [\text{hgt } \tilde{f}^{-1}(e_\lambda)]'$ , for  $\lambda \in L_2 - \{0, 1\}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Suppose that  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. Then

- (1)  $\text{supp } \tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = \text{supp } \tilde{f}(x_\mu)$ , for any  $\lambda, \mu \in L_1 - \{0\}$ ;
- (2)  $\text{supp } \tilde{f}(e_\lambda) = e$  and  $\text{hgt } \tilde{f}(e_\lambda) = \text{hgt } \tilde{f}(x_\lambda)$ , for any  $x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1)$ .

The proof is similar to that of Proposition 2.1.

**Lemma 3.1.** Suppose that  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is a mapping which satisfies: there exist the mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying  $f^{-1}(e) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such

that  $\tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$ , for any  $x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1)$ . Then

$$\text{hgt } \tilde{f}^{-1}(e_\mu) = \varphi^{-1}(\mu), \text{ for any } \mu \in L_2 - \{0\}. \quad (3.1)$$

**Proof.** It follows from (1.1) and the fact  $\tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$ .

**Theorem 3.1**  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups if and only if there exist an ordinary group homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that

$$\tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}, \text{ for any } x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1). \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof.** Necessity. Define the mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  as follows, respectively:

$$f(x) = \text{supp } \tilde{f}(x_1), \text{ and } \varphi(\lambda) = \text{hgt } \tilde{f}(e_\lambda), \varphi(0) = 0.$$

From Proposition 3.1, it follows that  $\text{supp } \tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = \text{supp } \tilde{f}(x_1) = f(x)$ , and  $\text{hgt } \tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = \text{hgt } \tilde{f}(e_\lambda) = \varphi(\lambda)$ . Hence (3.2) holds. Thus by Definition 3.2 and Lemma 3.1 we easily verify that  $f$  is an ordinary group homomorphism and  $\varphi$  is a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism.

**Sufficiency.** By the assumption of theorem and Lemma 3.1, it is easy to verify that  $\tilde{f}$  satisfies (1)-(3) of Definition 3.2. Therefore,  $\tilde{f}$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups.

**Theorem 3.2** Suppose that  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. Then the restriction  $\tilde{f} = F|_{\tilde{X}(L_1)}$  of  $F$  on  $\tilde{X}(L_1)$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. Conversely, suppose that  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. Then there exists a unique fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  such that  $\tilde{f} = F|_{\tilde{X}(L_1)}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. By Theorem 2.1 we know that there exist an ordinary group homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that  $F$  is a bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ . From Lemma 1.2 it follows that  $F(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$ . Noting that  $\tilde{f} = F|_{\tilde{X}(L_1)}$ , and so  $\tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$ . Thus by Theorem 3.1 we know that  $\tilde{f} = F|_{\tilde{X}(L_1)}$  is a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups.

Conversely, let  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{X}(L_1) \rightarrow \tilde{Y}(L_2)$  be a pointwise fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. By Theorem 3.1 there exist an ordinary group homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a finitely meet-preserving order-homomorphism  $\varphi : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$  such that  $\tilde{f}(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$  for  $x_\lambda \in \tilde{X}(L_1)$ . Letting the mapping  $F : L_1^X \rightarrow L_2^Y$  be a bi-induced mapping of  $f$  and  $\varphi$ . From Theorem 2.3 we know that  $F$  is a fuzzy order-homomorphism on groups. By Lemma 1.2 we have  $F(x_\lambda) = [f(x)]_{\varphi(\lambda)}$ , and so  $\tilde{f} = F|_{\tilde{X}(L_1)}$ . The proof of uniqueness is straightforward.

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