

## The chain structure of fuzzy subgroups

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*Abstract:*The subgroup and normal subgroup of a fuzzy group are defined and their basic properties are studied.The structure of the normal series of a fuzzy group is also discussed.

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### 1.Introduction

The concept of fuzzy group was formulated by Rosenfeld in [5] and has been investigated by several researchers who not only defined new concepts but also extended many results of classical group theory to the fuzzy setting. In this paper we study the relations among the fuzzy groups by define the subgroup and normal subgroup of a fuzzy group.We also research the normal series and composition series of fuzzy groups and generalize some classical results to fuzzy group theory.The most important tool we use in this paper is the level subgroup of a fuzzy group.

### 2.Preliminaries

In this paper  $G$  will always denote a classical group.

*Definition 2.1* Let  $A$  be a fuzzy subset on  $G$ .If for any  $x,y \in G$ ,

$$1) A(xy) \geq \min\{A(x),A(y)\};$$

$$2) A(x^{-1}) \geq A(x);$$

we call  $A$  the fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

If  $A(xy) = A(yx)$ ,then  $A$  is called the fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proposition 2.2* A fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $G$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  iff for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,if  $A_\alpha$  is nonempty,then  $A_\alpha$  is a subgroup of  $G$  where  $A_\alpha$  is called the level subgroup of  $A$ .

*Definition 2.3* Let  $A,B$  be fuzzy subsets of nonempty set  $G$ , then the

product of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as  $AB(x) = \sup_{x=ab} \min\{A(a), B(b)\}, x \in G$ .

*Definition 2.4* Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set of  $G$ . If for any nonempty set  $T \subseteq G$ , there exists  $x_0 \in T, A(x_0) = \sup_{x \in T} A(x)$ , then we call  $A$  has the sup property.

*Proposition 2.5* Let  $A, B$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . If  $A, B$  have the sup property, then  $(AB)_\alpha = A_\alpha B_\alpha$  holds for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

### 3. The subgroup and normal subgroup of a group

Let  $A, B$  be fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ . In generally, if  $B(x) \leq A(x)$ , for any  $x \in G$ , we call  $B$  the subgroup of  $A$ . Although  $B$  is the subgroup of  $A$ , it always is not the substructure of  $A$  and it is possible that the structure of  $B$  is more complex than the structure of  $A$ . So we try to redefine the subgroup of a fuzzy group to avoid the above aspects.

*Definition 3.1* Let  $A, B$  be fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ . If for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $B_\alpha \subseteq A_\alpha$ , and if  $B_\alpha \neq B_\beta$ , then  $A_\alpha \neq A_\beta$ , for any  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , then we call  $B$  the subgroup of  $A$ . If there exists  $a$  (for any)  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  satisfying  $\{e\} \subset B_\alpha \subset A_\alpha$ , then we call  $B$  the non-trivial (real) subgroup of  $A$ .

*Proposition 3.2* If  $B$  is the subgroup of  $A$ , then:

- (1)  $B(x) \leq A(x)$ , for any  $x \in G$ ;
- (2) there is a one to one mapping from  $\text{Im}(B)$  onto a subset of  $\text{Im}(A)$ .

*Proposition 3.3* Let  $B$  be a subgroup of  $A$ . If  $A$  has the sup property, then  $B$  has it.

*Proposition 3.4* A classical group  $G$  has a fuzzy subgroup  $A$  which has non-trivial subgroup iff  $G$  is not a group with prime order. The proof is clear.

*Proposition 3.5* If  $B$  is a real subgroup of  $A$ , then there exists  $x_0 \neq e$ , and  $B(x_0) < A(x_0)$ .

*Definition 3.6* Let  $B$  be a subgroup of  $A$ , and for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1], B_\alpha \neq \phi$ ,  $B_\alpha$  is the normal subgroup of  $A_\alpha$ , then we call  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.7** If  $B$  is the subgroup of  $A$  and  $B$  is the fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proof** If  $B$  is the fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ , then for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $B_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B_\alpha$  is the normal subgroup of  $G$ , hence  $B_\alpha$  is the normal subgroup of  $A_\alpha$ , hence  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ .

It is obviously that as the same as in the classical group theory, if  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ ,  $A$  is the subgroup of  $A'$ , then  $B$  may not be the normal subgroup of  $A'$ .

**Proposition 3.8** Let  $B$  be the subgroup of  $A$ . Then  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$  iff for any  $x, y \in G, \alpha \in [0,1]$ , if  $A(x) \geq \alpha, B(y) \geq \alpha$ , then  $B(x^{-1}yx) \geq \alpha$ .

**Proof** If  $A(x) \geq \alpha, B(y) \geq \alpha$ , then  $x \in A_\alpha, y \in B_\alpha$ . Since  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ ,  $B_\alpha$  is the normal subgroup of  $A_\alpha$ , hence  $x^{-1}yx \in B_\alpha$ , that is to say  $B(x^{-1}yx) \geq \alpha$ .

If for any  $x, y \in G, \alpha \in [0,1], A(x) \geq \alpha, B(y) \geq \alpha$  follows  $B(x^{-1}yx) \geq \alpha$ , it is clear  $B_\alpha$  is the normal subgroup of  $A_\alpha$ , hence  $B$  is the normal subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.9** If  $B, C$  are normal subgroup of  $A$ ,  $A$  has the sup property, then both  $BC$  and  $B \cap C$  are normal subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proof** Since both  $B_\alpha, C_\alpha$  and  $B_\alpha \cap C_\alpha$  is the normal subgroups of  $A_\alpha$ , so the proof is clear.

#### 4. The chain structure of fuzzy subgroup

In this section we let  $A(e) = B(e)$  for any fuzzy subgroups  $A, B$  of  $G$ .

Let  $A$  be the fuzzy subgroup of  $G, E_A$  is the fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  so that  $E_A(e) = A(e)$  and  $E_A(x) = 0$  for any other  $x \in G$ . It is clear that  $E_A$  is the smallest subgroup of  $A$ .

**Definition 4.1** Let  $A = A^{(1)} \supseteq A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(n)} = E_A$  be a subgroup series of  $A$  and  $A^{(i)}$  is the normal subgroup of  $A^{(i-1)}$ , then we call it the fuzzy normal series of  $A$ .

**Definition 4.2** Let  $A$  has two fuzzy normal series as following:

$$A = A^{(1)} \supseteq A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(n+1)} = E_A, \quad (1)$$

$$A = H^{(1)} \supseteq H^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H^{(s+1)} = E_A, \quad (2)$$

If for any  $\alpha \in [0,1], A_\alpha = A_\alpha^{(1)} \supseteq A_\alpha^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_\alpha^{(n+1)} = \{e\}$  and  $A_\alpha = H_\alpha^{(1)} \supseteq H_\alpha^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H_\alpha^{(s+1)} = \{e\}$  are equivalent, then we call (1) and (2) are

equivalent. We say that one fuzzy normal series is a refinement of a second if its terms include all of the fuzzy groups that occur in the second series.

In the classical group theory, the equivalence of two normal series is expressed by the factor group. But in the fuzzy group theory we can not deal it with the fuzzy factor group since the fuzzy factor group has not been discussed so well to be a tool.

*Proposition 4.3* Two fuzzy normal series are equivalent iff for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , it is possible to set up a 1-1 correspondence between the factors of  $A_\alpha = A_\alpha^{(1)} \supseteq A_\alpha^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_\alpha^{(s+1)} = \{e\}$  and  $A_\alpha = H_\alpha^{(1)} \supseteq H_\alpha^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H_\alpha^{(t+1)} = \{e\}$  such that the paired factors are isomorphic.

*Proof* By the definition of the equivalence of two classical normal series the proof is clear.

*Proposition 4.4* If  $A$  has the sup property, then two fuzzy normal series of  $A$  have equivalent refinements

*Proof* Let  $A = A^{(1)} \supseteq A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(s+1)} = E_A$  and  $A = H^{(1)} \supseteq H^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H^{(t+1)} = E_A$  be two fuzzy normal series of  $A$ .

$$\text{Let } A^{(k)} = (A^{(i)} \cap H^{(k)}) A^{(i+1)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, t+1,$$

$$H^{(k)} = (A^{(i)} \cap H^{(k)}) H^{(k+1)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s+1.$$

Since  $A$  has the sup property, then

$$[(A^{(i)} \cap H^{(k)}) A^{(i+1)}]_\alpha = (A_\alpha^{(i)} \cap H_\alpha^{(k)}) A_\alpha^{(i+1)}$$

$$[(A^{(i)} \cap H^{(k)}) H^{(k+1)}]_\alpha = (A_\alpha^{(i)} \cap H_\alpha^{(k)}) H_\alpha^{(k+1)}.$$

We have

$$A = A^{(1)} \supseteq A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(1,t+1)}$$

$$= A^{(2)} \supseteq A^{(2,2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(2,t+1)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(s,t+1)} = E_A;$$

$$A = H^{(1)} \supseteq H^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H^{(1,s+1)}$$

$$= H^{(2)} \supseteq H^{(2,2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H^{(2,s+1)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H^{(t,s+1)} = E_A.$$

By the Schreier's refinement theorem in the classical group theory we know the above two fuzzy normal series are equivalent.

*Proposition 4.5* If  $A = A^{(1)} \supseteq A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq A^{(s+1)} = E_A$  is a fuzzy normal series of  $A$ ,  $H$  is a subgroup of  $A$ , then

$$H = H \cap A^{(1)} \supseteq H \cap A^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq H \cap A^{(s+1)} = E_H$$

is a fuzzy normal series of  $H$ .

The proof is clear.

*Definition 4.6* Let  $B$  be a subgroup of  $A$  and  $B \neq E_A, B \neq A$ . If there has not a non-trivial normal subgroup  $S$  of  $A$  satisfying  $B \subset S \subset A$ , then we call  $B$  the maximal normal subgroup of  $A$ .

*Proposition 4.7* B is a maximal normal subgroup of A iff for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $A_\alpha \neq \phi$ , if  $B_\alpha \neq A_\alpha$ , then  $A_\alpha / B_\alpha$  is simple.

*Proof Sufficiency* If B is a maximal normal subgroup of A, then we can not find a non-trivial normal subgroup S of A such that  $B \subset S \subset A$  holds. That is to say for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , there has not a normal subgroup H of  $A_\alpha$  such that  $B_\alpha \subset H \subset A_\alpha$  which implies  $B_\alpha = A_\alpha$  or  $B_\alpha$  is the maximal normal subgroup of  $A_\alpha$  which indicates  $A_\alpha / B_\alpha$  is simple.

Necessity is clear.

*Lemma 4.8* B is a real maximal normal subgroup of A iff for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $A_\alpha \neq \phi$ ,  $A_\alpha / B_\alpha$  is simple.

The proof is clear.

*Definition 4.9* Let  $A = A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots \supset A_{n+1} = E_A$  be a normal series of A satisfying  $A_{i+1}$  is the real maximal normal subgroup of  $A_i$ , then we call it a composition series for A.

*Proposition 4.10* Let A has the sup property, then any two composition series for a fuzzy group A are equivalent.

*Proof* By the definitions of the maximal normal subgroup and the composition series we know  $A = A^{(1)} \supset A^{(2)} \supset \dots \supset A^{(n+1)} = E_A$  is a composition series for A iff for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , if  $A_\alpha \neq \phi$ , then  $A_\alpha = A_\alpha^{(1)} \supset A_\alpha^{(2)} \supset \dots \supset A_\alpha^{(n+1)} = \{e\}$  is a composition series of  $A_\alpha$ .

Hence by the Jordan - Holder Theorem in the classical group theory we know for any  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ , if  $A_\alpha \neq \phi$ , then any two composition series of  $A_\alpha$  are equivalent. By the definition of the equivalence of fuzzy normal series we know any two composition series for A are equivalent.

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