

# Fuzzy Symmetric Groups

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Abstract :

We study fuzzy symmetric subgroups and obtain some properties of fuzzy symmetric subgroups of symmetric groups.

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## 1. Introduction

Symmetric groups  $S_n$  are classical in some point of view ([3] is listed in References for symmetric groups  $S_n$ ) and infinite symmetric groups  $S(X)$  ([4], [5]) are interesting ( $X$  denote an infinite set). After Zadeh [8, Fuzzy sets], Rosenfeld [6] initiated fuzzy groups. There are some papers (for instance, [1], [2] and [7]) on fuzzy subgroups. We define a fuzzy symmetric subgroup of symmetric group  $S_n$  and study fuzzy symmetric subgroups of symmetric groups  $S_n$ .

## 2. Definitions

For the sake of convenience, we recall some definitions and elementary results.  $G$  denotes a group with  $e$  as the identity element.

**Definition 1.** (i)[8]. A fuzzy subset of a set  $A$  is a function  $f:A \rightarrow [0,1]$ .

(ii)[6]. Let  $G$  be a group. A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $G$  is said to be a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if for every  $x, y \in G$ , (1)  $\min\{f(x), f(y)\} \leq f(xy)$  and (2)  $f(x^{-1}) = f(x)$ .

**Theorem 1.** [6]. *If  $f$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , then  $f(x) \leq f(e)$  for every  $x \in G$ , where  $e$  denotes the identity of the group  $G$ .*

**Theorem 2.** [6]. *A fuzzy subset  $f$  of  $G$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $\min\{f(x), f(y)\} \leq f(xy^{-1})$ , for every  $x, y \in G$ .*

**Notation 1.** [2] Let  $G$  be a group. Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $G$ . We introduce a notation  $f_t: f_t = \{x \in G: f(x) \geq t\}$ , where  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.** [2]. *Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $G$ .  $f$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $f_t$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , for every  $t$  with  $0 \leq t \leq f(e)$ .*

**Definition 2.**  $S_n$  denotes the symmetric group on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .  $e$  denotes the identity of  $S_n$ .

(i) Let  $\pi \in S_n$ .  $C(\pi)$  denotes the set of all  $\lambda$  in  $S_n$  such that  $\lambda = x(\pi)x^{-1}$ ,  $x \in S_n$ .  $C(\pi)$  is called the conjugacy class of  $S_n$  containing  $\pi$ . (See [3, page 10] for the definition of a conjugacy class.)

(ii)  $F(G)$  denotes the set of all fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ .

(iii)  $|A|$  denotes the cardinality of a set  $A$ .

(iv) Let  $f \in F(S_n)$ . We define  $f(C(\pi)) = \{f(x): x \in C(\pi)\}$ .

(v)  $A = \{f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_k)\} = B$  means that  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ , for  $f(x) \in A$ ,  $f(y) \in B$  (Similarly, we define  $A < B$  to mean that  $f(x) < f(y)$ .)

(vi) Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ .  $f(C(\pi)) = t$  mean that  $f(x) = t$  for all  $x \in C(\pi)$ . This is the case, we say that  $f(C(\pi))$  is constant.

(vii) Let  $f \in F(G)$ .  $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(x): x \in G\}$  denotes the image set of  $f$ .

(viii) Let  $f, g \in F(S_n)$ . If  $|\text{Im}(f)| < |\text{Im}(g)|$ , then we write  $f < g$ . Following this rule, we define  $\max F(S_n)$ .

(ix) Let  $f \in \max F(S_n)$ . Then we say that  $f$  is a fuzzy symmetric subgroup (or group) of  $S_n$ .