

On (the product of) normal F-subpolygroups

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Abstract

In this note by considering the notions of F-polygroups, the product of F-polygroups, F-subpolygroups and (weak) normal F-subpolygroups two questions are given. Then by an example it is shown that the answer of one of the questions (posed in the paper [12]) is in general negative. In other words, the product of two normal F-subpolygroups need not be normal.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Zadeh in 1965 [9] introduced the notion of fuzzy subsets of a nonempty set A as a function from A to $[0, 1]$. Rosenfeld in 1971 [8] defined fuzzy subgroups and obtained some basic results. A polygroup is a completely regular, reversible-in-itself multigroup in the sense of Drescher and Ore [5]. These systems occur naturally in the study of algebraic logic [2,3]. Ioulidis in 1981 [7] studied the concept of polygroup, which is a generalization of the concept of ordinary group. Zahedi, Bolurian, and Hasankhani in 1995 [10] introduced the concept of a fuzzy subpolygroup, which is a generalization of the concept of a fuzzy subgroup. Zahedi and Hasankhani [11] defined the notion of F-polygroup, which is a generalization of polygroups.

Definition 1.1. Let $A \neq \emptyset$ and “ o ” be a function from $A \times A$ to $P^*(A) = P(A) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$. Then “ o ” is called a hyperoperation on A .

Definition 1.2. If $X, Y \in P^*(A)$, then we define XoY as:

$$XoY = \bigcup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} xoy.$$

Notation. Let “ o ” be a hyperoperation on A and $a \in A, X \in P^*(A)$. Then by aoX and Xoa we mean $\{a\}oX$ and $Xo\{a\}$ respectively.

Definition 1.3 (see [2,3,6,7]). Let “ o ” be a hyperoperation on H . Then (H, o) is called a polygroup or quasi-canonical hypergroup iff

(i) $xo(yoz) = (xoy)oz \quad \forall x, y, z \in H,$

(ii) There exists an element $e \in H$ such that

$$xoe = eox = \{x\}, \quad \forall x \in H.$$

(e is called the identity element of H .),

(iii) for each $x \in H$, there exists a unique element $x' \in H$ such that

$$e \in xox' \cap x'ox.$$

(x' is called the inverse of x and is denoted by x^{-1} .),

(iv) $z \in xoy \Rightarrow x \in zoy^{-1} \Rightarrow y \in x^{-1}oz,$
 $\forall x, y, z \in H.$

Definition 1.4. [9]. Let X be a set. A fuzzy subset of X is a function $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$.

Remark 1.5. Throughout this note I is the unit interval $[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, and I^A is the set of all fuzzy subsets of A . If $\mu \in I^A$, then by $\text{supp}(\mu)$ we mean the set $\{x \in A : \mu(x) \neq 0\}$. Let $\mu, \eta \in I^A$. Then $\mu \leq \eta$ iff $\mu(x) \leq \eta(x)$, for all $x \in A$.

Definition 1.6. Let μ, η and $\mu_\alpha \in I^A$ where α is in the index set Λ . We define the fuzzy subsets $\mu \cap \eta, \mu \cup \eta, \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha$ and $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha$

as follows:

- (i) $(\mu \cap \eta)(x) = \min\{\mu(x), \eta(x)\}$,
- (ii) $(\mu \cup \eta)(x) = \max\{\mu(x), \eta(x)\}$,
- (iii) $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha)(x) = \inf_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha(x)$,
- (iv) $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha)(x) = \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mu_\alpha(x)$, for all $x \in A$.

Definition 1.7. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function and $\mu \in I^A, \eta \in I^B$. Then the functions $f(\mu)$ and $f^{-1}(\eta)$ which belong, respectively, to I^B and I^A are defined as follows:

$$(i) \quad f(\mu)(b) = \begin{cases} \sup_{a \in f^{-1}(b)} \mu(a) & \text{if } f^{-1}(b) \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all $b \in B$,

$$(ii) \quad f^{-1}(\eta)(a) = \eta(f(a)), \text{ for all } a \in A.$$

Definition 1.8. Let $a \in A, t \in I$. Then by a fuzzy point a_t of A we mean the fuzzy subset of A given below:

$$a_t(x) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } x = a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. F-polygroups

For any subset A of X , we let χ_A denotes the characteristic function of A .

Definition 2.1. Let $A \neq \emptyset$ and $I_*^A = I^A \setminus \{0\}$. Then

(i) by an F-hyperoperation "*" on A we mean a function from $A \times A$ to I_*^A , in other words for any $a, b \in A, a * b$ is a non-empty fuzzy subset of A .

(ii) if $\mu, \eta \in I_*^A$, then $\mu * \eta \in I_*^A$ is defined by

$$\mu * \eta = \bigcup_{x \in \text{supp}(\mu), y \in \text{supp}(\eta)} x * y.$$

Notation 2.2. Let $\mu \in I_*^A, B, C \in P^*(A)$ and $a \in A$. Then

(i) $a * \mu$ and $\mu * a$ denote $\chi_{\{a\}} * \mu$ and $\mu * \chi_{\{a\}}$ respectively,

(ii) $a * B, B * a, \mu * B, B * \mu$ and $B * C$ denote $\chi_{\{a\}} * \chi_B, \chi_B * \chi_{\{a\}}, \mu * \chi_B, \chi_B * \mu$ and $\chi_B * \chi_C$ respectively.

Definition 2.3. Let "*" be an F-hyperoperation on the non-empty set A . Then $(A, *)$ is called an F-polygroupoid.

Definition 2.4. Let $(H, *)$ be an F-polygroupoid. Then $(H, *)$ is called a semi-F-polygroup iff

$$x * (y * z) = (x * y) * z, \quad \forall x, y, z \in H.$$

Definition 2.5. Let \mathcal{F} be a non-empty set. Then $(\mathcal{F}, *)$ is called a non-reversible F-polygroup iff

- (i) $(\mathcal{F}, *)$ is a semi-F-polygroup,
- (ii) there exists an element $e_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$x \in \text{supp}(x * e_{\mathcal{F}} \cap e_{\mathcal{F}} * x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}$$

(In this case we say that $e_{\mathcal{F}}$ is an F-identity element of \mathcal{F} .),

(iii) for each $x \in \mathcal{F}$, there exists a unique element $x' \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$e_{\mathcal{F}} \in \text{supp}(x * x' \cap x' * x).$$

(x' is called the F-inverse of x and it is denoted by $x_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1}$.)

Definition 2.6. Let $(\mathcal{F}, *)$ be a non-reversible F-polygroup. Then $(\mathcal{F}, *)$ is an F-polygroup iff

$$\begin{aligned} z \in \text{supp}(x * y) &\Rightarrow x \in \text{supp}(z * y_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1}) \\ &\Rightarrow y \in \text{supp}(x_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1} * z); \\ &\forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned}$$

(This property is called the F-reversibility of \mathcal{F} with respect to "*".)

When there is no ambiguity, for simplicity of notation we use e and x^{-1} instead of $e_{\mathcal{F}}$ and $x_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1}$ respectively.

Example 2.7. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{a, b\}$. Then the following table denotes an F-polygroup structure on \mathcal{F} .

*	a	b
a	$\frac{a}{0.7}, \frac{b}{0}$	$\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{0.3}$
b	$\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{0.3}$	$\frac{a}{0.7}, \frac{b}{0}$

Example 2.8. Let α be an arbitrary element of $I \setminus \{0\}$ and G be a group such that $x^2 = e, \forall x \in G$. Then it is easily seen that the F-hyperoperation "*" which is defined as

$$(x * y)(z) = e_{\alpha}(xyz) \quad \forall x, y, z \in G$$

induces an F-polygroup structure on G , where e_{α} is a fuzzy point of G .

Throughout this note \mathcal{F} will denote an F-polygroup with F-hyperoperation "*" and e will denote the F-identity of \mathcal{F} .

Remark 2.9. Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in I_*^{\mathcal{F}}$. Then we have

(i) If $\mu_1(t) > 0$ ($\mu_2(t) > 0$), then

$$t * \mu_2 \leq \mu_1 * \mu_2 \quad (\mu_1 * t \leq \mu_1 * \mu_2).$$

In particular,

$$e * \mu_2 \leq (x * x^{-1}) * \mu_2, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

(ii) If $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$, then

$$\mu_1 * x \leq \mu_2 * x, \quad x * \mu_1 \leq x * \mu_2, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Lemma 2.10. Let $\mu \in I_*^{\mathcal{F}}, z \in \mathcal{F}$. Then

$$\text{supp}(\mu * z) = \bigcup_{t \in \text{supp}(\mu)} \text{supp}(t * z)$$

and

$$\text{supp}(z * \mu) = \bigcup_{t \in \text{supp}(\mu)} \text{supp}(z * t).$$

Theorem 2.11. (i) Let (A, o) be a polygroup. Then $(A, *)$ is an F-polygroup where

$$x * y = \chi_{xoy}, \quad \forall x, y \in A.$$

(* is called the F-hyperoperation induced by "o".)

(ii) Let $(A, *)$ be an F-polygroup and $\text{supp}(x * e) = \text{supp}(e * x) = \{x\} \forall x \in A$. Then (A, \odot) is a polygroup where

$$x \odot y = \text{supp}(x * y), \quad \forall x, y \in A.$$

(\odot is called the hyperoperation extracted from *.)

Definition 2.12. If

$$(\dot{x} * e)(x) = (e * x)(x) = 1, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F},$$

then we say e is of degree 1.

Corollary 2.13. Let (A, o) be a polygroup. Then the F-identity of F-polygroup $(A, *)$, which is defined in Theorem 2.11 is of degree 1.

Theorem 2.14. Let $(\mathcal{F}, *)$ be an F-polygroup. Then

(i) $e^{-1} = e$ and e is unique. Also $\text{supp}(e * e) = \{e\}$,

(ii) $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}$,

(iii) $\bigcup_{x \in \text{supp}(\mu_1)} x * \mu_2 = \mu_1 * \mu_2 =$

$$\bigcup_{y \in \text{supp}(\mu_2)} \mu_1 * y, \quad \forall \mu_1, \mu_2 \in I_*^{\mathcal{F}}$$

(iv) $(\mu_1 * \mu_2) * \mu_3 = \mu_1 * (\mu_2 * \mu_3),$
 $\forall \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in I_*^{\mathcal{F}}$

Definition 2.15. Let $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ be two F-polygroups and $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ be a function such that $f(e_1) = e_2$. Then

(i) f is called a homomorphism iff

$$f(x * y) \leq f(x) * f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{F}_1$$

(ii) f is called a strong homomorphism iff

$$f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{F}_1$$

3. The normal F-subpolygroups

Definition 3.1. Let $\emptyset \neq H \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Then H is called an F-subpolygroup iff

(i) if $x \in H$, then $x^{-1} \in H$

(ii) $\text{supp}(x * y) \subseteq H, \quad \forall x, y \in H$.

In this case we write: $H <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$.

Note that condition (ii) of above definition is equivalent to $x * y \leq \chi_H, \quad \forall x, y \in H$.

Example 3.2. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{e, a, b\}$. Then the following table shows an F-polygroup structure on \mathcal{F} .

*	e	a	b
e	$\frac{e}{1}, \frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{0}$	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}$	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}$
a	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}$	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}$	$\frac{e}{1}, \frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{1}$
b	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}$	$\frac{e}{1}, \frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{1}$	$\frac{e}{0}, \frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}$

Now let $H = \{a\}$. Then $(H, *')$ is an F-polygroup, where " $*'$ " is the restriction of " $*$ " to $H \times H$. However H is not an F-subpolygroup of \mathcal{F} , because $a^{-1} = b$ in \mathcal{F} and $b \notin H$.

Lemma 3.3. Let $\emptyset \neq H \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Then $H <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$ if and only if $\text{supp}(x * y^{-1}) \subseteq H, \quad \forall x, y \in H$.

Corollary 3.4. $\{e\} <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$.

Definition 3.5. Let $H <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$. Then

(i) H is said to be weak normal in \mathcal{F} ($H \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$) iff

$$x * H * x^{-1} \leq \chi_H, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (1)$$

(ii) H is said to be normal in \mathcal{F} ($H \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$) iff

$$x * H * x^{-1} = \chi_H, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Note that (1) is equivalent to:

$$\text{supp}(x * H * x^{-1}) \subseteq H, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

The following example shows a weak normal F-subpolygroup which is not normal.

Example 3.6. Consider the Example 2.7. Let $H = \mathcal{F}$. Then it is obvious that $H \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$. Since

$$(x * H * x^{-1})(a) \leq 0.7 < 1, \quad \forall x, a \in \mathcal{F}.$$

we conclude that $H \not\triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$.

Now we give an example of a normal F-subpolygroup.

Example 3.7. Consider a group G with order greater than 1 and $x^2 = e, \forall x \in G$. Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Define the hyperoperation "*" on G by

$$(x * y)(z) = \begin{cases} e_1(xyz) & \text{if } z = e \\ e_\alpha(xyz) & \text{if } z \neq e, \end{cases}$$

where e_1, e_α are fuzzy points of G . After some manipulation it can be seen that $(G, *)$ is an F-polygroup, $e_F = e$ and $x_F^{-1} = x, \forall x \in G$. Now let $H = \{e\}$. Then by Corollary 3.4 we have $H <_{F-P} G$. And it is not difficult to check that

$$x * H * x = \chi_H, \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Thus $H \triangleleft_{F-P} G$.

Note that in the above example the identity is not of degree 1, because if $x \neq e$, then $(x * e)(x) = \alpha \neq 1$.

Theorem 3.8. Let $e \in \mathcal{F}$ be of degree 1. Then

$$N \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F} \text{ iff } N \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}.$$

Lemma 3.9. Let $\mu \in I_*^{\mathcal{F}}$. Then

$$x * \mu * y = \bigcup_{t \in \text{supp}(\mu)} x * t * y, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Lemma 3.10. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $w, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{F}$. If $w \in \text{supp}(a_1 * \dots * a_n)$, then $w^{-1} \in \text{supp}(a_n^{-1} * \dots * a_1^{-1})$.

Theorem 3.11. Let $H, K <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$ and $H \odot K = \bigcup_{x \in H, y \in K} \text{supp}(x * y)$.

Then

- (i) $H \odot K <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$ if and only if $H \odot K = K \odot H$,
- (ii) if $K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$, then $H \odot K <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$,
- (iii) if $H, K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$, then $H \odot K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$.

Corollary 3.12. Let $e \in \mathcal{F}$ be of degree 1 and $H, K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}$. Then $H \odot K \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$.

Question 3.13. [12]. If $H, K \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$, is $H \odot K \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$?

Answer: the following example shows that the answer is not affirmative in general.

Example 3.14. Let $V = \{e, a, b, c\}$ be the Klein 4-group and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Define the F-hyperoperation "*" on V by

$$(x * y)(z) = \begin{cases} e_\alpha(xyz) & \text{if } z = c \\ e_1(xyz) & \text{if } z \neq c \end{cases}$$

where e_1 and e_α are fuzzy points of V . Now it is easy to check that

$$\text{supp}(x * y) = \{xy\}, \quad \forall x, y \in V. \quad (2)$$

Then by using (2) and some manipulations it can be seen that $(V, *)$ is an Abelian F-polygroup and also $e_V = e$ and $x_V^{-1} = x, \forall x \in V$. Now let $H = \{e, a\}$ and $K = \{e, b\}$. Then from (2) and some calculations we get that $H, K <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}$. Now we show that $H, K \triangleleft_{F-P} V$. Let $x \in V$ be arbitrary. Then we have:

$$\text{supp}(x * e * x) = \text{supp}(x * x) = \{e\},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp}(x * a * x) &= \text{supp}(x * x * a) \\ &= \text{supp}(e * a) \\ &= \{a\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\text{supp}(x * H * x) = \{e, a\}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} (x * H * x)(e) &= \max\{(x * e * x)(e), (x * a * x)(e)\} \\ &= \max\{(e * e)(e), (e * a)(e)\} \\ &= \max\{e_1(e), e_1(a)\} \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (x * H * x)(a) &= \max\{(x * e * x)(a), (x * a * x)(a)\} \\ &= \max\{(e * e)(a), (e * a)(a)\} \\ &= \max\{e_1(a), e_1(e)\} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x * H * x = \chi_H, \quad \forall x \in V,$$

which means that $H \triangleleft_{F-P} V$. Similarly $K \triangleleft_{F-P} V$. Now we show that $H \odot K \not\triangleleft_{F-P} V$. To do this first we prove that $H \odot K = V$ and then we show that $(x * V * x)(c) < \chi_V(c)$, for all $x \in V$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} H \odot K &= \text{supp}(e * e) \cup \text{supp}(e * b) \\ &\cup \text{supp}(a * e) \cup \text{supp}(a * b) \\ &= \{e\} \cup \{b\} \cup \{a\} \cup \{c\} \\ &= V, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(x * c * x)(c) = (e * c)(c) = \alpha < 1,$$

and

$$(x * t * x)(c) = (e * e)(c) = 0 < 1, \quad \forall t = e, a, b.$$

Hence $x * V * x < \chi_V$, for all $x \in V$. In other words $H \odot K \not\triangleleft_{F-P} V$.

Theorem 3.15. Let \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 be two F-polygroups and $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ be a strong homomorphism. Then $\text{Im}(f) <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_2$.

Definition 3.16. Let $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ be a strong homomorphism of F-polygroups. Then f is called a zero-invariant iff

$$(x * y)(z) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x * y)(f(z)) = 0, \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{F}_1.$$

Theorem 3.17. Let $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ be a homomorphism of F-polygroups. Then

(i) if $K <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_2 (K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_2)$, then $f^{-1}(K) <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_1, (f^{-1}(K) \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_1)$,

(ii) if f is strong (onto and zero-invariant) and $H <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_1 (H \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_1)$, then $f(H) <_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_2 (f(H) \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_2)$.

Corollary 3.18. Let $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ be a homomorphism of F-polygroups, where the identities of \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 are of degree 1. Then

(i) if $K \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_2$, then $f^{-1}(K) \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_1$,

(ii) if f is zero-invariant and onto and $H \triangleleft_{F-P}^w \mathcal{F}_1$, then $f(H) \triangleleft_{F-P} \mathcal{F}_2$.

Remark 3.19. Consider a group G with order greater than 1 and such that $x^2 = e, \forall x \in G$. Then as is shown in Examples 2.8 and 3.7, there are two F-polygroup structures on G as follow:

$$(i) (x * y)(z) = e_\alpha(xyz), \quad \forall x, y, z \in G,$$

$$(ii) (x *' y)(z) = \begin{cases} e_1(xyz) & \text{if } z = e \\ e_\alpha(xyz) & \text{if } z \neq e, \end{cases}$$

where α is a fixed element in $(0, 1)$, and e_α, e_1 are fuzzy points in G .

Now let $f : (G, *) \rightarrow (G, *')$ be the identity map. Then $f^{-1}(\{e\}) \not\triangleleft_{F-P} (G, *)$, while $\{e\} \triangleleft_{F-P} (G, *')$.

Question 3.20. Is the following statement true?

Let $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ be two arbitrary F-polygroups. If $f : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ is a zero-invariant and onto, then the homomorphic image of a normal F-subpolygroup is also normal F-subpolygroup.

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