

## Another Normalization of Fuzzy Ideals in Near-rings

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we give another normalization of fuzzy ideals in near-rings.

### 1. Introduction

W. Liu[17] has studied fuzzy ideals of a ring, and many researchers[5,12,13,22] are engaged in extending the concepts. The notion of fuzzy ideals and its properties were applied to various areas: semigroups [14,15,16,19,21], distributive lattices[2], artinian rings [18], BCK-algebras[20]. S. Abou-Zaid[1] studied fuzzy ideals in near-rings, and many followers[8,9,10, 11] discussed further properties of fuzzy ideals in near-rings. The concept of normalization of fuzzy ideals was applied to BCK-algebras[7], Gamma-rings[6], and near-rings[11]. In this paper we give another normalization of fuzzy ideals in near-rings and discuss some properties of fuzzy ideals.

A non-empty set  $R$  with two binary operations “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” is called a *near-ring*[3] if (1)  $(R, +)$  is a group, (2)  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup, (3)  $x \cdot (y+z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . We will use the word ‘near-ring’ to mean ‘left near-ring’. We denote  $xy$  instead of  $x \cdot y$ . Note that  $x0=0$  and  $x(-y)=-xy$  but in general  $0x \neq 0$  for some  $x \in R$ . An *ideal*  $I$  of a near-ring  $R$  is a subset of  $R$  such that (4)  $(I, +)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(R, +)$ , (5)  $RI \subseteq I$ , (6)  $(r+i)s - rs \in I$  for any  $i \in I$  and any  $r, s \in R$ . Note that  $I$  is a *left ideal* of  $R$  if  $I$  satisfies (4) and (5), and  $I$  is a *right ideal* of  $R$  if  $I$  satisfies (4) and (6).

### 2. Normalization of Fuzzy Ideals

Let  $R$  be a near-ring and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $R$ . We say  $\mu$  a *fuzzy subnear-ring* of  $R$  if (7)  $\mu(x-y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ , (8)  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ .  $\mu$  is called a *fuzzy ideal* of  $R$  if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$  and (9)  $\mu(x) = \mu(y+x-y)$ , (10)  $\mu(xy) \geq$

$\mu(y)$ , (11)  $\mu((x+i)y - xy) \geq \mu(i)$ , for any  $x, y, i \in R$ . Note that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (7), (9) and (10), and  $\mu$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (7), (8), (9) and (11) (see[1]).

We give an example of fuzzy ideals of near-rings which was discussed in[12].

**Example 2.1** ([12]) Let  $R := \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with two binary operations as follows:

+	a	b	c	d	·	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d	·	a	a	a	a
b	b	a	d	c	·	b	a	a	a
c	c	d	b	a	·	c	a	a	a
d	d	c	a	b	·	d	a	a	b

Then we can easily see that  $(R; +, \cdot)$  is a (left) near-ring. Define a fuzzy subset  $\mu: R \rightarrow [0,1]$  by  $\mu(c) = \mu(d) < \mu(b) < \mu(a)$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([12]) If a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  satisfies the property (7) then

- (i)  $\mu(0_R) \geq \mu(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu(-x) = \mu(x)$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

For a given fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ , we note that  $\mu(0)$  is the largest value of  $\mu$ . It is often convenient to have  $\mu(0) = 1$ . A fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal  $\mu$  of  $R$  is said to be *normal* if  $\mu(0) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$  and let  $\hat{\mu}$  be a fuzzy subset in  $R$  defined by

$$\hat{\mu}(x) := \frac{1}{\mu(0)} \mu(x)$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}$  is a normal fuzzy left (resp.

right) ideal of  $R$  containing  $\mu$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left ideal of  $R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} &= \min\left\{\frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(x), \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(y)\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)} \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\mu(0)} \mu(x-y) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(x-y), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}(xy) &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(xy) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(y) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}(x) &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(y+x-y) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(y+x-y), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ . Hence  $\hat{\mu}$  is a fuzzy left ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}(xy) &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(xy) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\mu(0)} \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \\ &= \min\{\hat{\mu}(x), \hat{\mu}(y)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu}((x+i)y-xy) &= \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu((x+i)y-xy) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(i) \\ &= \hat{\mu}(i) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, i \in R$ . Hence  $\hat{\mu}$  is a right ideal of  $R$ . Clearly  $\hat{\mu}(0)=1$  and  $\mu \subseteq \hat{\mu}$ . This completes the proof.

Noticing that  $\mu \subseteq \hat{\mu}$ , we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$  satisfying  $\hat{\mu}(x)=0$  for some  $x \in R$ , then  $\mu(x)=0$  also.

**Lemma 2.5** ([1]) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left (right resp.)

ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R_{\mu} := \{x \in R \mid \mu(x)=\mu(0)\}$  is a left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ .

Using the Lemma 2.5 we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be fuzzy left (right resp.) ideals of  $R$ . If  $\mu \subseteq \nu$  and  $\mu(0) \subseteq \nu(0)$ , then  $R_{\mu} \subseteq R_{\nu}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu \subseteq \nu$  and  $\mu(0)=\nu(0)$ . If  $x \in R_{\mu}$  then  $\nu(x) \geq \mu(x)=\mu(0)=\nu(0)$ . Noticing that  $\nu(x) \leq \nu(0)$  for all  $x \in R$ , we have  $\nu(x)=\nu(0)$ , that is,  $x \in R_{\nu}$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.7** If  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideals of  $R$  satisfying  $\mu \subseteq \nu$ , then  $R_{\mu} \subseteq R_{\nu}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are normal,  $\mu(0)=\nu(0)=1$ . It follows from Theorem 2.6 that  $R_{\mu} \subseteq R_{\nu}$ .

**Proposition 2.8** ([1]) Let  $\chi_I$  be a characteristic function of a non-empty subset  $I$  of  $R$ . Then  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal if and only if  $I$  is a left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.9** For any left (right resp.) ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , the characteristic function  $\chi_I$  of  $I$  is a normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$  and  $R_{\chi_I}=I$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 2.8 that  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ . Since  $I$  is a left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ ,  $0 \in I$  and hence  $\chi_I(0)=1$ , i.e.,  $\chi_I$  is a normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\chi_I} &= \{x \in R \mid \chi_I(x) = \chi_I(0)\} \\ &= \{x \in R \mid \chi_I(x) = 1\} \\ &= I, \end{aligned}$$

completing the proof.

**Theorem 2.10** A fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal  $\mu$  of  $R$  is normal if and only if  $\hat{\mu}=\mu$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu$  is a normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$  and let  $x \in R$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(x) = \mu(x)$ , and hence  $\hat{\mu}=\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.11** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ , then  $\hat{\hat{\mu}} = \hat{\mu}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in R$  we have  $\hat{\hat{\mu}}(x) = \frac{1}{\hat{\mu}(0)}\hat{\mu}(x) = \hat{\mu}(0)$ , since  $\hat{\mu}(0) = \frac{1}{\mu(0)}\mu(0) = 1$ , completing the proof.

Since  $\mu$  is normal,  $\hat{\mu}=\mu$ . By applying Theorem 2.11 we obtain:

**Corollary 2.12** If  $\mu$  is a normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ , then  $\hat{\mu}=\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.13** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ . If there exists a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal  $\nu$  of  $R$  satisfying  $\hat{\nu}\subseteq\mu$ , then  $\mu$  is normal.

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal  $\nu$  of  $R$  such that  $\hat{\nu}\subseteq\mu$ . Then  $1=\hat{\nu}(0)\leq\mu(0)$ , whence  $\mu(0)=1$ . The proof is complete.

By using Theorem 2.10, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.14** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ . If there exists a fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal  $\nu$  of  $R$  satisfying  $\hat{\nu}\subseteq\mu$ , then  $\hat{\mu}=\mu$ .

**Theorem 2.15** Let  $\mu$  be a non-constant normal fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal of  $R$ , which is maximal in the poset of normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideals under set inclusion. Then  $\mu$  takes only the values 0 and 1.

*Proof.* Note that  $\mu(0)=1$ . Let  $x\in R$  be such that  $\mu(x)\neq 1$ . It is enough to show that  $\mu(x)=0$ . Assume that there exists  $a\in R$  such that  $0<\mu(a)<1$ . Define a fuzzy subset  $\nu:R\rightarrow[0,1]$  by  $\nu(x):=\frac{1}{2}\{\mu(x)+\mu(a)\}$  for all  $x\in R$ . Then clearly  $\nu$  is well-defined. Assume that  $\mu$  is a normal fuzzy left ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x,y\in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(x-y) &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(x-y)+\mu(a)\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\{\min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \min\left\{\frac{1}{2}\{\mu(x)+\mu(a)\}, \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(y)+\mu(a)\}\right\} \\ &= \min\{\nu(x), \nu(y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(x) &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(x)+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(y+x-y)+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \nu(y+x-y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(xy) &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(xy)+\mu(a)\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(y)+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \nu(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\nu$  is a fuzzy left ideal of  $R$ . Suppose that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(xy) &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(xy)+\mu(a)\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\{\min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \min\left\{\frac{1}{2}\{\mu(x)+\mu(a)\}, \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(y)+\mu(a)\}\right\} \\ &= \min\{\nu(x), \nu(y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu((x+i)y-xy) &= \frac{1}{2}\{\mu((x+i)y-xy)+\mu(a)\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\{\mu(i)+\mu(a)\} \\ &= \nu(i) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x,y,i\in R$ . Hence  $\nu$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $R$ .

Since  $\hat{\nu}(0)=1$ ,  $\hat{\nu}$  is a normal fuzzy left (right resp.) ideal of  $R$ . Noticing that

$$\hat{\nu}(0) = 1 > \hat{\nu}(a) = \frac{2\mu(a)}{\mu(0)+\mu(a)} > \mu(a),$$

we know that  $\hat{\nu}$  is non-constant. It follows from  $\hat{\nu}(a) > \mu(a)$  that  $\mu$  is not maximal. This proves the theorem.

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