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# Homomorphism theorems in the new view of fuzzy rings

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give an example of fuzzy binary operation, fuzzy group, a new fuzzy binary operation on a nonempty set, and a new fuzzy ring. Also, we give homomorphism theorems between two fuzzy rings and some related properties are investigated.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1965, L. A. Zadeh [7] introduced the notion of a fuzzy subset of a set as a method for representing uncertainty. Then, in 1971, A. Rosenfeld [5] used the notion of a fuzzy subset of a set to introduce the notion of a fuzzy subgroup of a group. Rosenfeld's paper inspired the development of fuzzy abstract algebra. After these studies, many mathematicians studied these subject. For more details, see [2].

In 2004, X. Yuan and E. S. Lee [6] presented a new kind of fuzzy group based on fuzzy binary operation. Recently, H. Aktaş and N. Çağman [1] considered, by the use of X. Yuan and E. S. Lee's definition of fuzzy group based on fuzzy binary operations, a new type of fuzzy ring. Also, in 2010, M. A. Öztürk, Y. B. Jun and H. Yazarlı [3] introduced a new kind of fuzzy gamma ring and discussed related results (see [4]).

In this paper, an example of a new kind of fuzzy group [6] and a new kind of fuzzy ring [1] is presented. Moreover, homomorphism theorems between two fuzzy rings are proved.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we summarize the preliminary definitions that will be required in this paper.

**Definition 2.1** ([6]). Let G be a nonempty set and R be a fuzzy subset of  $G \times G \times G$ . R is called a fuzzy binary operation on G if

(i) For all  $a, b \in G$ , there exists  $c \in G$  such that  $R(a, b, c) > \theta$ ;

(ii) For all  $a, b, c_1, c_2 \in G$ ,  $R(a, b, c_1) > \theta$  and  $R(a, b, c_2) > \theta$  imply  $c_1 = c_2$ , where  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  is fixed real number.

Let R be a fuzzy binary operation on G. Then we have a mapping  $R: F(G) \times F(G) \to F(G)$  defined by R(A, B) where

$$F(G) = \{A \mid A : G \to [0,1] \text{ is a mapping} \}$$

and

(2.1) 
$$R(A,B)(c) = \bigvee_{a,b\in G} (A(a) \land B(b) \land R(a,b,c))$$

for all  $c \in G$ .

Let  $A = \{a\}, B = \{b\}$  and let R(A, B) be denoted as  $a \circ b$ . Then (2.2)  $(a \circ b)(c) = R(a, b, c)$ 

for all  $c \in G$ . Also,

(2.3) 
$$((a \circ b) \circ c)(z) = \bigvee_{d \in G} (R(a, b, d) \wedge R(d, c, z))$$

and

(2.4) 
$$(a \circ (b \circ c))(z) = \bigvee_{d \in G} \left( R\left(b, c, d\right) \land R\left(a, d, z\right) \right)$$

for all  $z \in G$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([6]). Let G be a nonempty set and R be a fuzzy binary operation on G. Then (G, R) is called a fuzzy group if the following conditions are true:

 $(G_1)$  For all  $a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in G$ ,  $((a \circ b) \circ c)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $(a \circ (b \circ c))(z_2) > \theta$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ ;

 $(G_2)$  There exists  $e_{\circ} \in G$  such that  $(e_{\circ} \circ a)(a) > \theta$  and  $(a \circ e_{\circ})(a) > \theta$  for all  $a \in G$  ( $e_{\circ}$  is called the identity element of G);

(G<sub>3</sub>) There exists  $b \in G$  such that  $(a \circ b)(e_{\circ}) > \theta$  and  $(b \circ a)(e_{\circ}) > \theta$  for all  $a \in G$  (b is called the inverse of a and denoted as  $a^{-1}$ ).

**Remark 2.3** ([6]). Let (G, R) be a fuzzy group. Then

 $R(a,b,c) > \theta \Rightarrow R(c,b^{-1},a) > \theta$  and  $R(a^{-1},c,b) > \theta$ .

Let H be a nonempty set and R a fuzzy binary operation on H. Then R is a fuzzy subset of  $H \times H \times H$ . Let S be a fuzzy binary operation on H. In this case, we may regard S as the mapping

$$S: F(H) \times F(H) \to F(H), \ (A,B) \mapsto S(A,B)$$
  
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where

and

$$F(H) = \{A \mid A : H \to [0,1] \text{ is a mapping} \}$$

(2.5) 
$$S(A,B)(c) = \bigvee_{a,b\in H} (A(a) \wedge B(b) \wedge S(a,b,c))$$

for all  $c \in H$ .

Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Let R(A, B) and S(A, B) be denoted as  $a \circ b$  and  $a \ast b$ , respectively. We will use the following notation to simplify the calculations:

$$(2.6) \qquad (a \circ b) (c) = R (a, b, c)$$

and

(2.7) 
$$(a * b) (c) = S (a, b, c)$$

for all  $c \in H$ . Also,

(2.8) 
$$((a \circ b) \circ c)(z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (R(a, b, d) \wedge R(d, c, z)),$$

(2.9) 
$$(a \circ (b \circ c))(z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (R(b, c, d) \wedge R(a, d, z)),$$

(2.10) 
$$((a * b) * c) (z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (S (a, b, d) \land S (d, c, z)),$$

(2.11) 
$$(a * (b * c))(z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (S(b, c, d) \land S(a, d, z)),$$

(2.12) 
$$(a * (b \circ c))(z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (R(b, c, d) \wedge S(a, d, z)),$$

(2.13) 
$$((a * b) \circ (a * c))(z) = \bigvee_{d,e \in H} (S(a,b,d) \wedge S(a,c,e) \wedge R(d,e,z)),$$

(2.14) 
$$((a \circ b) * c) (z) = \bigvee_{d \in H} (R (a, b, d) \land S (d, c, z)),$$

(2.15) 
$$((a * c) \circ (b * c))(z) = \bigvee_{d,e \in H} (S(a,c,d) \land S(b,c,e) \land R(d,e,z))$$

for all  $z \in H$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([1]). Let H be a nonempty set, R and S fuzzy binary operations on H, all with the same value of  $\theta$ . Then (H, R, S) is called a fuzzy ring if the following conditions hold:

 $(H_1)$  (H, R) is an abelian fuzzy group;

 $(H_2)$  For all  $a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in H$ ,  $((a * b) * c) (z_1) > \theta$  and  $(a * (b * c)) (z_2) > \theta$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ ;

 $(H_3)$  For all  $a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in H$ ,

- (i)  $(a * (b \circ c))(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * b) \circ (a * c))(z_2) > \theta$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ ,
- (ii)  $((a \circ b) * c)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * c) \circ (b * c))(z_2) > \theta$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ .

The identity element of the fuzzy group (H, R) is called the zero element of (H, R, S) and denoted by  $e_{\circ}$ . Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring and H' be a nonempty subset of H. Let  $R_{H'}(a, b, c) = R(a, b, c)$  and  $S_{H'}(a, b, c) = S(a, b, c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in H'$ . In this case, we have

$$(a \circ b)(c) = R_{H'}(a, b, c) = R(a, b, c)$$

and

$$(a * b) (c) = S_{H'} (a, b, c) = S (a, b, c)$$

for all  $a, b, c \in H'$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([1]). Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring and H' be a nonempty subset of H for which

(i)  $(a \circ b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in H'$  and  $(a * b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in H'$  for all  $a, b \in H'$  and  $c \in H$ ;

(ii) (H', R, S) is a fuzzy ring.

Then (H', R, S) is called a fuzzy subring of (H, R, S).

**Proposition 2.6** ([1]). Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring and H' be a nonempty subset of H. Then (H', R, S) is a fuzzy subring of H if and only if

(i)  $(a \circ b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in H'$  and  $(a * b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in H'$  for all  $a, b \in H'$  and  $c \in H$ ;

(ii)  $a^{-1} \in H'$  for all  $a \in H'$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([1]). Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring. A nonempty subset I of H is called a left (right) fuzzy ideal of H if

(i)  $(a \circ b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in I$  for all  $a, b \in I$  and  $c \in H$ ;

(ii)  $a^{-1} \in I$  for all  $a \in I$ ;

(iii)  $(h * a)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in I$   $((a * h)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in I$ ) for all  $a \in I, h \in H$ and  $c \in H$ .

Also, a nonempty subset I of a fuzzy ring (H, R, S) is called a fuzzy ideal of H if I is both a left and a right fuzzy ideal of H.

**Remark 2.8** ([1]). From the definition of a fuzzy left (right) ideal of (H, R, S), I is a fuzzy subring of (H, R, S).

**Proposition 2.9** ([1]). Let  $I_i$   $(i \in \Lambda)$  be a fuzzy ideal of fuzzy ring (H, R, S), where  $\Lambda$  is an index set. Then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} I_i$  is a fuzzy ideal of H.

Let I be a fuzzy ideal of fuzzy ring (H, R, S) and  $\Delta = \{a \circ I \mid a \in H\}$ . Define a relation over  $\Delta$  by

$$a_1 \circ I \sim a_2 \circ I \Leftrightarrow \exists u \in I \text{ such that } R(a_1^{-1}, a_2, u) > \theta.$$

The fuzzy relation " ~ " on the set  $\Delta$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation by [6, Theorem 4.1]. Let  $[a \circ I] = \{a' \circ I \mid a' \circ I \sim a \circ I\}$ ,  $\overline{a} = \{a' \mid a' \in H \text{ and } a' \circ I \sim a \circ I\}$  and  $H/I = \{[a \circ I] \mid a \in H\}$ . Also, (I, R) is a fuzzy subgroup of (H, R) and since (H, R) is abelian, (I, R) is a normal fuzzy group of (H, R) by [6, Theorem 3.1]. Hence, H/I

denotes the set of all coset  $[a \circ I]$  such that  $(a \circ I)(u) = \bigvee R(a, x, u)$  for all  $a \in H$ ,

 $(H/I, \overline{R})$  is a commutative fuzzy group by [6, Theorem 4.2], where (2.16)

$$([a \circ I] \oplus [b \circ I]) (c \circ I) = \overline{R} ([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I]) = \bigvee_{(a', b', c') \in \overline{a} \times \overline{b} \times \overline{c}} R(a', b', c')$$

**Theorem 2.10** ([1]). Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring and I be a fuzzy ideal of H. Then the fuzzy quotient group  $(H/I, \overline{R})$  is a fuzzy ring with

$$([a \circ I] \otimes [b \circ I]) ([c \circ I]) = \overline{S} ([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I])$$
$$= \bigvee_{(a',b',c')\in\overline{a}\times\overline{b}\times\overline{c}} S(a',b',c') .$$

**Definition 2.11** ([1]). If (H, R, S) is a fuzzy ring and I is a fuzzy ideal of H, then the fuzzy ring  $(H/I, \overline{R}, \overline{S})$  is called the fuzzy quotient ring of H by I.

**Definition 2.12** ([1]). Let  $(H_1, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(H_2, R_2, S_2)$  be two fuzzy rings and  $\varphi$ be a function from  $H_1$  into  $H_2$ . Then  $\varphi$  is called a fuzzy homomorphism of  $H_1$  into  $H_2$  if

- (i)  $R_1(a, b, c) > \theta$  implies  $R_2(\varphi(a), \varphi(b), \varphi(c)) > \theta$  for all  $a, b, c \in H_1$ ;
- (ii)  $S_1(a, b, c) > \theta$  implies  $S_2(\varphi(a), \varphi(b), \varphi(c)) > \theta$  for all  $a, b, c \in H_1$ .

**Definition 2.13** ([1]). A homomorphism  $\varphi$  of a fuzzy ring  $H_1$  into a fuzzy ring  $H_2$ is called

- (i) a monomorphism if  $\varphi$  is one to one;
- (ii) an epimorphism if  $\varphi$  is onto;
- (iii) an isomorphism if  $\varphi$  is both one to one and onto.

If  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $H_1$  onto  $H_2$ , then two fuzzy rings  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are called isomorphic and we denote this by  $H_1 \cong H_2$ .

**Theorem 2.14** ([1]). Let  $(H_1, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(H_2, R_2, S_2)$  be two fuzzy rings and let  $\varphi$  be a fuzzy homomorphism of  $H_1$  into  $H_2$ . Then

(i)  $\varphi(e_{\circ}) = e'_{\circ}$ , where  $e'_{\circ}$  is the zero of  $H_2$ . (ii)  $\varphi(a^{-1}) = (\varphi(a))^{-1}$  for all  $a \in H_1$ .

**Theorem 2.15** ([1]). Let  $(H_1, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(H_2, R_2, S_2)$  be two fuzzy rings and let  $\varphi$  be a fuzzy homomorphism of  $H_1$  into  $H_2$ . Then

(i)  $Ker\varphi = \{a \in H_1 \mid \varphi(a) = e'_{\circ}\}$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ .

(ii) Im  $\varphi = \{\varphi(a) \mid a \in H_1\}$  is a fuzzy subring of  $H_2$ .

**Theorem 2.16** ([1]). Let  $\varphi : (H_1, R_1, S_1) \to (H_2, R_2, S_2)$  be a fuzzy epimorphism. Then  $H_1/N \cong H_2$ , where  $N = Ker\varphi$ .

### 3. An example of a new view of fuzzy rings

In [6], Yuan and Lee introduced concept of fuzzy binary operation and fuzzy group. In [1], Aktaş and Çağman introduced a new fuzzy binary operation on Hand a new fuzzy ring. In this section, we give an example of fuzzy binary operation, fuzzy group, a new fuzzy binary operation on H and a new fuzzy ring.

Example 3.1. Let

 $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \bar{0} & \bar{0} & \bar{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{1} & \bar{0} & \bar{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{1} & \bar{1} & \bar{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{0} & \bar{1} & \bar{0} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset (\mathbb{Z}_2)_{1 \times 3}$ 

be a nonempty set. We will use the following notation to simplify the calculations:

$$a = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \bar{0} & \bar{0} \end{array} \right], b = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \bar{1} & \bar{0} \end{array} \right], c = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \bar{1} & \bar{1} & \bar{0} \end{array} \right], d = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \bar{0} & \bar{1} & \bar{0} \end{array} \right].$$

Let us define R and S fuzzy binary operations on H, all with the same value of  $\theta = 0.7$ , as follows:

$R\left(a,a,a\right) = 0.9$	$R\left(b,a,a\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(c,a,a\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(d,a,a\right) = 0.4$	
$R\left(a,a,b\right) = 0.3$	$R\left(b,a,b\right) = 0.9$	$R\left(c,a,b\right) = 0.3$	$R\left(d,a,b\right) = 0.1$	
$R\left(a,a,c\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(b,a,c\right) = 0.4$	$R\left(c,a,c\right) = 0.9$	$R\left(d,a,c\right) = 0.2$	
$R\left(a, a, d\right) = 0.0$	$R\left(b,a,d\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(c,a,d\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(d,a,d\right) = 0.8$	
$R\left(a,b,a\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(b,b,a\right) = 0.8$	$R\left(c,b,a\right) = 0.4$	$R\left(d,b,a\right) = 0.1$	
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$R\left(a,b,c\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(b, b, c\right) = 0.1$	$R\left(c,b,c\right) = 0.9$	R(d, b, c) = 0.3	
$R\left(a, b, d\right) = 0.2$	$R\left(b, b, d\right) = 0.3$	$R\left(c,b,d\right) = 0.4$	R(d, b, d) = 0.9	
$R\left(a,c,a\right) = 0.1$	$R\left(b,c,a\right) = 0.4$	$R\left(c,c,a\right) = 0.8$	R(d, c, a) = 0.2	
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- (G<sub>2</sub>) There exists  $e_{\circ} \in H$  such that  $(e_{\circ} \circ a)(a) > 0.7$  and  $(a \circ e_{\circ})(a) > 0.7$  for all  $a \in H$  ( $e_{\circ}$  is called an identity element of H);
- (G<sub>3</sub>) There exists  $b \in H$  such that  $(a \circ b) (e_{\circ}) > 0.7$  and  $(b \circ a) (e_{\circ}) > 0.7$  for all  $a \in H$  (b is called an inverse element of a and denoted as  $a^{-1}$ ).

Furthermore,

S(a, a, a) = 0.8	S(b, a, a) = 0.9	S(c, a, a) = 0.9	S(d, a, a) = 0.8
$S(a, \alpha, b) = 0.1$	S(b, a, b) = 0.3	S(c, a, b) = 0.2	S(d, a, b) = 0.1
$S(a, \alpha, c) = 0.3$	S(b, a, c) = 0.1	S(c, a, c) = 0.4	S(d, a, c) = 0.3
$S(a, \alpha, d) = 0.5$	S(b, a, d) = 0.2	S(c, a, d) = 0.3	S(d, a, d) = 0.2
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S(a, b, b) = 0.2	S(b,b,b) = 0.4	S(c,b,b) = 0.3	S(d, b, b) = 0.2
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S(a,c,b) = 0.1	S(b,c,b) = 0.5	S(c,c,b) = 0.1	S(d,c,b) = 0.3
S(a,c,c) = 0.2	S(b,c,c) = 0.1	S(c,c,c) = 0.2	S(d,c,c) = 0.5
S(a,c,d) = 0.4	S(b, c, d) = 0.2	S(c,c,d) = 0.3	S(d, c, d) = 0.2
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 $(H_3)$  For all  $a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in H$ ,

(i)  $(a * (b \circ c))(z_1) > 0.7$  and  $((a * b) \circ (a * c))(z_2) > 0.7$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ ,

(ii)  $((a \circ b) * c)(z_1) > 0.7$  and  $((a * c) \circ (b * c))(z_2) > 0.7$  imply  $z_1 = z_2$ .

4. Homomorphism theorems

**Theorem 4.1.**  $(H_1, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(H_2, R_2, S_2)$  be fuzzy rings and let  $\varphi$  be a fuzzy homomorphism of  $H_1$  into  $H_2$ . Then

(i) If J is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(J)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$  containing Ker $\varphi$ .

(ii) If I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$  containing  $Ker\varphi$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I)) = I$ .

(iii) If  $\varphi$  is surjective and I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ , then  $\varphi(I)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ .

(iv)  $\varphi$  induces a one-one inclusion preserving correspondence between the fuzzy ideals of  $H_1$  containing  $Ker\varphi$ , and the fuzzy ideals of  $H_2$  in such a way that if I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$  containing  $Ker\varphi$ , then  $\varphi(I)$  is the corresponding fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$  and if J is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(J)$  is the corresponding fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let J be a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ . Since  $\varphi(e_\circ) = e'_\circ \in J$ ,  $e_\circ \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$  and so  $\varphi^{-1}(J) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$  and  $h \in H_1$  such that  $R_1(x_1, x_2, h) > \theta$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we have  $R_2(\varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_2), \varphi(h)) > \theta$ . Therefore, from the hypothesis,  $\varphi(h) \in J$  and so  $h \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ .

Let  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ . Then  $\varphi(x) \in J$  and so  $(\varphi(x))^{-1} \in J$  from the hypothesis. In that case, since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we get  $\varphi(x^{-1}) \in J$ . Thus  $x^{-1} \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ .

On the other hand, let  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$  and  $h, h' \in H_1$  such that  $S_1(x, h', h) > \theta$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we obtain  $S_2(\varphi(x), \varphi(h'), \varphi(h)) > \theta$ . From the hypothesis and  $\varphi(x) \in J$ ,  $\varphi(h) \in J$  and so  $h \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ . Similarly, if  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$  and  $S_1(h', x, h) > \theta$  for all  $h, h' \in H_1$ , then  $h \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(J)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ . Moreover, let  $x \in Ker\varphi$ . Since J is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2, \varphi(x) = e'_0 \in J$  and so  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ . Hence  $Ker\varphi \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(J)$ .

(ii) Since  $\varphi(x) \in \varphi(I)$  for all  $x \in I$ , we have  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I))$ . Thus  $I \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I))$ . Let  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I))$ . Therefore  $\varphi(x) \in \varphi(I)$  and so there exists  $a \in I$  such that  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(a)$ . Since  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(a)$ , we get  $R_2(\varphi(a), (\varphi(x))^{-1}, e'_0) > \theta$ . Since  $H_1$  is a fuzzy ring and  $a, x \in H_1$ , there exists  $c \in H_1$  such that  $R_1(a, x^{-1}, c) > \theta$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we obtain

 $R_{2}\left(\varphi\left(a\right),\varphi\left(x^{-1}\right),\varphi\left(c\right)\right)=R_{2}(\varphi\left(a\right),\left(\varphi\left(x\right)\right)^{-1},\varphi\left(c\right))>\theta.$ 

Hence  $\varphi(c) = e'_{\circ}$ , that is,  $c \in Ker\varphi$ . Since  $Ker\varphi \subseteq I$ , we have  $c \in I$ . Since I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$  and  $R_1(a, x^{-1}, c) > \theta$ , we get  $x \in I$ . Hence  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I)) \subseteq I$ .

(iii) Let  $\varphi$  is surjective and I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ . Since  $e_{\circ} \in I$  and  $\varphi(e_{\circ}) = e'_{\circ}$ ,  $e'_{\circ} \in \varphi(I)$  and so  $\varphi(I) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y_1, y_2 \in \varphi(I)$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  such that  $y_1 = \varphi(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = \varphi(x_2)$ . Since I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ , there exists  $x \in I$  such that  $R_1(x_1, x_2, x) > \theta$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we obtain  $R_2(\varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_2), \varphi(x)) > \theta$  and  $\varphi(x) \in \varphi(I)$ .

Let  $y \in \varphi(I)$ . Thus there exists  $x \in I$  such that  $y = \varphi(x)$ . Since I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ ,  $x^{-1} \in I$  and so  $R_1(x, x^{-1}, e_\circ) > \theta$ . In that case, since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we have

$$R_{2}\left(\varphi\left(x\right),\varphi\left(x^{-1}\right),\varphi\left(e_{\circ}\right)\right) = R_{2}\left(\varphi\left(x\right),\varphi\left(x^{-1}\right),e_{\circ}'\right) > \theta$$

from Theorem 2.14. Then  $y^{-1} = \varphi(x^{-1}) \in \varphi(I)$ .

Let  $y \in \varphi(I)$  and  $h, h' \in H_2$  such that  $S_2(h', y, h) > \theta$ . Since  $y \in \varphi(I)$  and  $\varphi$  is surjective, there exist  $x \in I$  and  $k' \in H_1$  such that  $y = \varphi(x)$  and  $h' = \varphi(k')$ . Since I is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_1$ , there exists  $k \in I$  such that  $S_1(k', x, k) > \theta$ . Thus  $\varphi(k) \in \varphi(I)$ . Also, since  $\varphi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, we get  $S_2(\varphi(k'), \varphi(x), \varphi(k)) > \theta$ . Then  $h = \varphi(k) \in \varphi(I)$  since  $S_2$  is a fuzzy binary operation on  $H_2$ . Hence  $\varphi(I)$  is a left fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ . Similarly, it can be shown that  $\varphi(I)$  is a right fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ . Therefore  $\varphi(I)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $H_2$ .

(iv) Let  $N_1$  be the set of all fuzzy ideals of  $H_1$  containing  $Ker\varphi$  and  $N_2$  be the set of all fuzzy ideals of  $H_2$ . Let  $\psi$  be a mapping of  $N_1$  into  $N_2$  defined by  $\psi(I) = \varphi(I)$  for all  $I \in N_1$ . Since  $\varphi$  is well-defined,  $\psi$  is well-defined. Let  $\psi(I_1) = \psi(I_2)$  for  $I_1, I_2 \in N_1$ . Now,  $\varphi(I_1) = \varphi(I_2)$  for  $I_1, I_2 \in N_1$ . Since  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I_1)) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I_2))$ , we obtain  $I_1 = I_2$  from (ii). Therefore  $\psi$  is one-one. Let  $J \in N_2$ . Then  $\varphi^{-1}(J) \in N_1$  from (i). Let  $y \in \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(J))$ . Thus there exists  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$  such that  $y = \varphi(x)$ . Since  $y = \varphi(x)$ , that is,  $\varphi(x) \in J$ , we have  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(J)) \subseteq J$ . On the other hand, let  $x \in J$ . Since  $x \in J \subseteq H_2 = \varphi(H_1)$ , there exists  $a \in H_1$  such that  $\varphi(a) = x$ . Therefore  $\varphi(a) \in J$  and so  $a \in \varphi^{-1}(J)$ . Hence  $x = \varphi(a) \in \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(J))$  and so  $J \subseteq \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(J))$ . Thus  $\psi(\varphi^{-1}(J)) = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(J)) = J$ . Hence  $\psi$  is surjective.

Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of  $H_1$  such that  $I_1 \subset I_2$ . Then  $\varphi(I_1) \subseteq \varphi(I_2)$ , that is,  $\psi(I_1) \subseteq \psi(I_2)$ . If  $\psi(I_1) = \psi(I_2)$ , then  $I_1 = I_2$  since the mapping  $\psi: N_1 \to N_2$  is one-one. This is a contradiction. Hence  $\psi(I_1) \neq \psi(I_2)$ . Therefore  $\psi(I_1) \subset \psi(I_2)$ .

Conversely, let  $\psi(I_1) \subset \psi(I_2)$ , that is,  $\varphi(I_1) \subset \varphi(I_2)$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I_1)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(I_2))$ . From (ii),  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . Since  $\varphi(I_1) \subset \varphi(I_2)$ , we get  $I_1 \neq I_2$ . Hence  $I_1 \subset I_2$ .

Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of H. Then

$$I_1 \circ I_2 := \{ c \in H \mid (a_1 \circ a_2) (c) > \theta, \, \forall a_1 \in I_1 \text{ and } \forall a_2 \in I_2 \}.$$

**Lemma 4.2.** Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of H. Then  $I_1 \circ I_2$  is a fuzzy ideal of H.

*Proof.* Since  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are fuzzy ideals of H,  $e_{\circ} \in I_1$  and  $e_{\circ} \in I_2$ . Since  $(e_{\circ} \circ e_{\circ})(e_{\circ}) > \theta$ ,  $e_{\circ} \in I_1 \circ I_2$  and so  $I_1 \circ I_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

(i) For all  $c_1, c_2 \in I_1 \circ I_2$  and  $c \in H$ ,  $(c_1 \circ c_2)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$ :

Let  $c_1, c_2 \in I_1 \circ I_2$ . Then there exist  $a_1, b_1 \in I_1$  and  $a_2, b_2 \in I_2$  such that  $(a_1 \circ a_2)(c_1) > \theta$  and  $(b_1 \circ b_2)(c_2) > \theta$ . Hence  $R(a_1, a_2, c_1) > \theta$  and  $R(b_1, b_2, c_2) > \theta$ .

Since  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are fuzzy ideals of H, there exist  $d_1 \in I_1$  and  $d_2 \in I_2$  such that  $R(a_1, b_1, d_1) > \theta$  and  $R(a_2, b_2, d_2) > \theta$ . Let  $t \in H$  such that  $R(d_1, d_2, t) > \theta$ . Since  $d_1 \in I_1$  and  $d_2 \in I_2$ ,  $t \in I_1 \circ I_2$ .

Since  $R(a_1, b_1, d_1) > \theta$ , we obtain  $R(d_1, b_1^{-1}, a_1) > \theta$  from Remark 2.3. Let  $t_1, t_2 \in H$  such that  $R(a_2, d_1, t_1) > \theta$  and  $R(t_1, b_1^{-1}, t_2) > \theta$ . Then we have

$$(a_2 \circ (d_1 \circ b_1^{-1}))(c_1) \ge R(d_1, b_1^{-1}, a_1) \land R(a_1, a_2, c_1) > \theta$$

since (H, R) is an abelian fuzzy group, and

$$\left( (a_2 \circ d_1) \circ b_1^{-1} \right) (t_2) \ge R (a_2, d_1, t_1) \land R \left( t_1, b_1^{-1}, t_2 \right) > \theta.$$

Thus  $c_1 = t_2$  and so  $R(c_1, b_1, t_1) > \theta$ .

Let  $c_3 \in H$  such that  $R(t_1, b_2, c_3) > \theta$ . Then we get

$$(c_1 \circ (b_1 \circ b_2))(c) \ge R(b_1, b_2, c_2) \land R(c_1, c_2, c) > \theta$$

and

$$((c_1 \circ b_1) \circ b_2)(c_3) \ge R(c_1, b_1, t_1) \land R(t_1, b_2, c_3) > \theta.$$

Therefore  $c = c_3$  and so  $R(t_1, b_2, c) > \theta$ . Also, since

$$(b_2 \circ (a_2 \circ d_1))(c) \ge R(a_2, d_1, t_1) \land R(t_1, b_2, c) > \theta$$

and

$$((b_2 \circ a_2) \circ d_1)(t) \ge R(a_2, b_2, d_2) \land R(d_1, d_2, t) > \theta,$$

c = t. Hence  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$ .

(ii) For all  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$ ,  $c^{-1} \in I_1 \circ I_2$ :

Since  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$ , there exist  $a_1 \in I_1$  and  $a_2 \in I_2$  such that  $R(a_1, a_2, c) > \theta$ . Since  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are fuzzy ideals of H, we obtain  $a_1^{-1} \in I_1$  and  $a_2^{-1} \in I_2$ . Since  $R(a_1^{-1}, a_2^{-1}, c^{-1}) > \theta$ , we have  $c^{-1} \in I_1 \circ I_2$ .

(iii) For all  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$  and  $h \in H$ ,  $(c * h)(k) > \theta$   $(k \in H)$  implies  $k \in I_1 \circ I_2$ :

Since  $c \in I_1 \circ I_2$ , there exist  $a_1 \in I_1$  and  $a_2 \in I_2$  such that  $R(a_1, a_2, c) > \theta$ . Since  $I_1$ and  $I_2$  are fuzzy ideals of H, there exist  $k_1 \in I_1$  and  $k_2 \in I_2$  such that  $S(a_1, h, k_1) > \theta$ and  $S(a_2, h, k_2) > \theta$  for all  $h \in H$ . Let  $t \in H$  such that  $R(k_1, k_2, t) > \theta$ . Since  $k_1 \in I_1$  and  $k_2 \in I_2$ , we get  $t \in I_1 \circ I_2$ . Then

$$((a_1 \circ a_2) * h)(k) \ge R(a_1, a_2, c) \land S(c, h, k) > \theta$$

and

$$((a_1 * h) \circ (a_2 * h))(t) > S(a_1, h, k_1) \wedge S(a_2, h, k_2)$$
  
  $\wedge R(k_1, k_2, t) > \theta.$ 

Thus t = k and so  $k \in I_1 \circ I_2$ . Therefore  $I_1 \circ I_2$  is a right fuzzy ideal of H. Similarly, it can be shown that  $I_1 \circ I_2$  is a left fuzzy ideal of H. Hence  $I_1 \circ I_2$  is a fuzzy ideal of H.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 4.3.** Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of H. Then

$$I_1 \circ I_2 = \{ c \in H \mid (a_1 \circ a_2) (c) > \theta, \, \forall a_1 \in I_1 \text{ and } \forall a_2 \in I_2 \}$$

is called a fuzzy addition of two fuzzy ideals of H.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring and I be a fuzzy ideal of H. Then the mapping  $\Pi : H \to H/I$  by  $\Pi(a) = [a \circ I]$  for all  $a \in H$  is a fuzzy homomorphism, called the fuzzy canonical homomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c \in H$  such that  $R(a, b, c) > \theta$ . Therefore

$$\begin{split} \overline{R} \left( \Pi \left( a \right), \Pi \left( b \right), \Pi \left( c \right) \right) &= \overline{R} \left( \left[ a \circ I \right], \left[ b \circ I \right], \left[ c \circ I \right] \right) \\ &= \left( \left[ a \circ I \right] \oplus \left[ b \circ I \right] \right) \left( c \circ I \right) \\ &= \bigvee_{\left( a', b', c' \right) \in \overline{a} \times \overline{b} \times \overline{c}} R \left( a', b', c' \right) \\ &\geq R \left( a, b, c \right) > \theta \end{split}$$

by 2.16.

Let  $a, b, c \in H$  such that  $S(a, b, c) > \theta$ . Then

$$\overline{S} (\Pi (a), \Pi (b), \Pi (c)) = \overline{S} ([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I])$$
$$= ([a \circ I] \otimes [b \circ I]) (c \circ I)$$
$$= \bigvee_{(a',b',c')\in \overline{a}\times \overline{b}\times \overline{c}} S (a',b',c')$$
$$\ge S (a,b,c) > \theta$$

from Theorem 2.10. Thus  $\Pi$  is a fuzzy homomorphism from Definition 2.12.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of H. Then  $(I_1 \circ I_2)/I_2 \cong I_1/(I_1 \cap I_2)$ .

*Proof.* For all  $a \in I_2$ ,  $R(e_\circ, a, a) > \theta$ . Thus  $I_2 \subseteq I_1 \circ I_2$  since  $e_\circ \in I_1$ . Therefore  $I_2$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $I_1 \circ I_2$ .

Let  $\varphi: I_1 \to (I_1 \circ I_2) / I_2, \varphi(a) = [a \circ I_2]$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is surjective.

(1) Let a = b for  $a, b \in I_1$ . Since  $R(a, b^{-1}, e_\circ) > \theta$  and  $e_\circ \in I_2$ , we obtain  $a \circ I_2 \sim b \circ I_2$  and so  $[a \circ I_2] = [b \circ I_2]$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is well-defined.

(2) Let  $a, b, c \in I_1$  such that  $R(a, b, c) > \theta$ . Then we have

$$\begin{split} \overline{R}\left(\left[a\circ I_{2}\right],\left[b\circ I_{2}\right],\left[c\circ I_{2}\right]\right) &= \bigvee_{\substack{\left(a',b',c'\right)\in\overline{a}\times\overline{b}\times\overline{c}\\ \geq R\left(a,b,c\right) > \theta. \end{split}} R\left(a',b',c'\right) \end{split}$$

Thus  $\overline{R}(\varphi(a),\varphi(b),\varphi(c)) > \theta$ .

(3) Let  $a, b, c \in I_1$  such that  $S(a, b, c) > \theta$ . Then we get

$$\overline{S}\left(\left[a\circ I_{2}\right],\left[b\circ I_{2}\right],\left[c\circ I_{2}\right]\right) = \bigvee_{\substack{\left(a',b',c'\right)\in\overline{a}\times\overline{b}\times\overline{c}\\\geq S\left(a,b,c\right)>\theta.}} S\left(a',b',c'\right)$$

Thus  $\overline{S}(\varphi(a),\varphi(b),\varphi(c)) > \theta$ .

(4)

$$Ker\varphi = \{a \in I_1 \mid \varphi(a) = [e_{\circ} \circ I_2]\} \\ = \{a \in I_1 \mid [a \circ I_2] = [e_{\circ} \circ I_2]\} \\ = \{a \in I_1 \mid a \circ I_2 \sim e_{\circ} \circ I_2\} \\ = \{a \in I_1 \mid R(a^{-1}, e_{\circ}, h) > \theta, \text{ for some } h \in I_2\} \\ = \{a \in I_1 \mid a \in I_2\} \\ = I_1 \cap I_2.$$

Therefore we obtain  $(I_1 \circ I_2)/I_2 \cong I_1/(I_1 \cap I_2)$  from Theorem 2.16.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let (H, R, S) be a fuzzy ring,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be fuzzy ideals of H such that  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . Then  $(H/I_1) / (I_2/I_1) \cong H/I_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi: H/I_1 \to H/I_2, \varphi([a \circ I_1]) = [a \circ I_2]$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is surjective.

(1) Let  $[a \circ I_1] = [b \circ I_1]$  for  $a, b \in H$ . There exists  $h \in I_1$  such that  $R(a^{-1}, b, h) > \theta$  since  $a \circ I_1 \sim b \circ I_1$ . Since  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ ,  $h \in I_2$ . Hence  $a \circ I_2 \sim b \circ I_2$  and so  $[a \circ I_2] = [b \circ I_2]$ .

(2) Let  $\overline{R}([a \circ I_1], [b \circ I_1], [c \circ I_1]) > \theta$ . We have that there exist  $a_1 \in \overline{a}, b_1 \in \overline{b}, c_1 \in \overline{c}$  such that  $R(a_1, b_1, c_1) > \theta$ . Therefore  $a_1 \circ I_1 \sim a \circ I_1, b_1 \circ I_1 \sim b \circ I_1$  and  $c_1 \circ I_1 \sim c \circ I_1$ , and so there exist  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in I_1$  such that  $R(a_1, h_1, a) > \theta$ ,  $R(b_1, h_2, b) > \theta$  and  $R(c_1, h_3, c) > \theta$ . Also,  $h_1, h_2, h_3 \in I_2$  since  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ .

Let  $u \in H$  such that  $R(a, b, u) > \theta$ . Similar to the proof of [6, Theorem 4.2], we get  $h \in I_2$  such that  $R(c_1, h, u) > \theta$ . Then  $c \circ I_2 \sim u \circ I_2$  and consequently,  $\overline{R}([a \circ I_2], [b \circ I_2], [u \circ I_2]) = \overline{R}([a \circ I_2], [b \circ I_2], [c \circ I_2]) > \theta$ .

(3) Let  $\overline{S}([a \circ I_1], [b \circ I_1], [c \circ I_1]) > \theta$ . Similar to the proof of (2), we obtain  $\overline{S}([a \circ I_2], [b \circ I_2], [c \circ I_2]) > \theta$ .

(4)

$$Ker\varphi = \{ [a \circ I_1] \in H/I_1 \mid \varphi ([a \circ I_1]) = [e_{\circ} \circ I_2] \}$$
  
=  $\{ [a \circ I_1] \in H/I_1 \mid [a \circ I_2] = [e_{\circ} \circ I_2] \}$   
=  $\{ [a \circ I_1] \in H/I_1 \mid a \circ I_2 \sim e_{\circ} \circ I_2 \}$   
=  $\{ [a \circ I_1] \in H/I_1 \mid R (a^{-1}, e_{\circ}, h) > \theta, \text{ for some } h \in I_2 \}$   
=  $\{ [a \circ I_1] \in H/I_1 \mid a \in I_2 \}$   
=  $I_2/I_1.$ 

Thus we have  $(H/I_1)/(I_2/I_1) \cong H/I_2$  from Theorem 2.16.

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