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# Multi fuzzy subrings and ideals

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ABSTRACT. In this paper the notions of multi fuzzy subring, multi fuzzy ideal were introduced and some elementary properties of the same were studied.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Zadeh generalized the notion of subset of a set to that of fuzzy subset of a set in his pioneering paper Zadeh [6] in the year 1965. According to Zadeh, a fuzzy subset of a set X is any function  $A: X \to [0, 1]$ , where [0, 1] is the closed interval 0, 1 of real numbers. For any element x in X, the degree of belonging of x to A is the number Ax in [0, 1]. If Ax = 1, then x belongs to A wholly and if Ax = 0 then x does not belong to A and if Ax is some number between 0 and 1 then x belongs to A to the degree of belonging Ax.

Recently, generalizing the notion of fuzzy subset of a set, the notion of multi fuzzy subset of a set is introduced by Sabu Sebastian and T. V. Ramakrishnan [1], according to which a multi fuzzy subset A of a set X is a family of fuzzy subsets  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ , where  $A_j : X \to L_j$  is an  $L_j$ -fuzzy subset of X for each  $j \in J$ .

If A is any multi fuzzy subset of a crisp set X, for any element x in X, the degree of belonging of x to A, Ax is the element  $(A_j x)_{j \in J}$  in  $\prod_{j \in J} L_j$ .

After introducing, multi fuzzy subsets of a crisp set, they have also introduced and studied some elementary properties of multi fuzzy subgroups in Sabu Sebastian and T. V. Ramakrishnan [2].

Now the aim of this paper is to introduce and study some elementary properties of multi fuzzy subrings, multi fuzzy (left, right) ideals.

Through out the paper X, Y, Z are crisp sets; I, J, K are index sets;  $(L_j)_{j \in J}$ and  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  are families of complete lattices and  $P^Q$  is the set of all functions from Q to P. The Cartesian products  $\prod_{j \in J} L_j$  and  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  are products of complete lattices and are themselves complete lattices with point wise ordering. The Cartesian products  $\prod_{j \in J} L_j^Y$  and  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i^X$  are also complete lattices.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** ([4]). Let ':  $M \to M$  and ':  $L \to L$  be order reversing involutions. A mapping  $h: M \to L$  is called an order homomorphism, if it satisfies the conditions  $h(0) = 0, h(\forall a_i) = \forall h(a_i)$  and  $h^{-1}(b') = (h^{-1}(b))'$ .

 $h^{-1}: L \to M$  is defined by  $\forall b \in L$ ,  $h^{-1}(b) = \vee \{a \in M : h(a) \leq b\}$ . Wang[7] proved the following properties of order homomorphism. For every  $a \in M$  and  $p \in L$ ;  $a \leq h^{-1}(h(a)), h(h^{-1}(p)) \leq p, h^{-1}(1_L) = 1_M, h^{-1}(0_L) = 0_M$  and  $a \leq h^{-1}(p)$  iff  $h(a) \leq p$  iff  $h^{-1}(p') \leq a'$ . Both h and  $h^{-1}$  are order preserving and arbitrary join preserving maps. Moreover  $h^{-1}(\wedge a_i) = \wedge h^{-1}(a_i)$ .

**Proposition 2.2** ([5]). Let  $f : L_1 \to L_2$  be a mapping. If f is injective, then  $f^{-1}(f(a)) = a, \forall a \in L_1$  and if f is surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(b)) = b, \forall b \in L_2$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([1]). Let  $A = (A_i)_{i \in I}$  and  $B = (B_i)_{i \in I}$  be a pair of multi fuzzy subsets of X with  $A_i, B_i : X \to L_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . Then

(a)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A_i x \leq B_i x$  for each  $i \in I$  and for each  $x \in X$ 

(b) A = B iff  $A_i x = B_i x$  for each  $i \in I$  and for each  $x \in X$ 

- (c)  $(A \cup B)(x) = (A_i x \vee B_i x)_{i \in I}$  for each  $x \in X$
- (d)  $(A \cap B)(x) = (A_i x \wedge B_i x)_{i \in I}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Proposition 2.4** ([2]). Let  $A, B, C \in \Pi M_i^X$  be any multi fuzzy sets in X then: (a)  $A \cup A = A$ ,  $A \cap A = A$ ;

- (b)  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ ,  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ ;
- (c)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A \cup B = B$  iff  $A \cap B = A$ .

**Proposition 2.5** ([3]). Let  $A \in \Pi M_i^X$  and for any  $\alpha \in \Pi M_i$ , the set  $A_\alpha = \{x \in X : A(x) \ge \alpha, \alpha \in \Pi M_i\}$  be the  $\alpha$ -level of A.  $A, B \in \Pi M_i^X$ , then for every  $\alpha, \beta \in \Pi M_i$ : (a)  $\alpha \le \beta$  implies  $A_\beta \subseteq A_\alpha$ 

- (b)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq B_{\alpha}$
- (c) A = B iff  $A_{\alpha} = B_{\alpha}$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([3]). Let  $f : X \to Y$  and  $h : \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  be functions. The multi-fuzzy extension of f and the inverse of the extension are  $f : \Pi M_i^X \to \Pi L_j^Y$  and  $f^{-1} : \Pi L_j^Y \to \Pi M_i^X$  defined by  $f(A)(y) = \bigvee_{y=f(x)} h(A(x)), A \in \Pi M_i^X, y \in Y$  and  $f^{-1}(B)(x) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))), B \in \Pi L_j^Y, x \in X$ 

where  $h^{-1}$  is the upper adjoint [7] of h. The function  $h : \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  is called the **Bridge function** of the multi-fuzzy extension of f.

**Theorem 2.7** ([3]). If an order homomorphism  $h : \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  is the bridge function for the multi-fuzzy extension of a crisp function  $f : X \to Y$ , then for any  $k \in K, A_k \in \Pi M_i^X, B_k \in \Pi L_j^Y$ :

(a)  $f(0_X) = 0_Y$  (b)  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$  implies  $f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$ 

(c)  $f(\cup A_k) = \cup f(A_k)$  (d)  $f(\cap A_k) \subseteq \cap f(A_k)$ 

(e)  $f(A_{\alpha}) \subseteq f(A)_{h(\alpha)}$  (f)  $f^{-1}(1_Y) = 1_X$  and  $f^{-1}(0_Y) = 0_X$ 

(g)  $B_1 \subseteq B_2$  implies  $f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$  (h)  $f^{-1}(\cup B_k) = \cup f^{-1}(B_k)$ 

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(i)  $f^{-1}(\cap B_k) = \cap f^{-1}(B_k)$  (j)  $(f^{-1}(B))' = f^{-1}(B')$ (k)  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$  (l)  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$ .

**Theorem 2.8** ([3]). (i) If  $f: X \to Y$  and  $h: \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  are injective (that is  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x, \forall x \in X \text{ and } h^{-1}(h(m)) = m \in \Pi M_i), \text{ then } f^{-1}(f(A)) = A, \text{ for}$ every  $A \in \Pi M_i^X$ . Moreover the multi-fuzzy extension  $f: \Pi M_i^X \to \Pi L_j^Y$  is injective.

(ii) If  $f: X \to Y$  and  $h: \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_i$  are surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(B)) = B$ , for every  $B \in \Pi L_i^Y$ .

#### 3. Multi fuzzy subrings

In this section first we introduce the notion of multi fuzzy sub ring then show that any intersection of multi fuzzy sub rings is a multi fuzzy sub ring, image and inverse image of a multi fuzzy sub ring is a multi fuzzy sub ring.

**Definition 3.1.** A multi fuzzy sub set A of a ring R is called a multi fuzzy sub ring of R iff

(1)  $A(x-y) \ge A(x) \land A(y)$ 

(2)  $A(xy) \ge A(x) \land A(y)$ .

**Examples:** (1) Let R be a ring and A be an L-fuzzy sub ring of R. Then by the definition of L-fuzzy sub ring, A satisfies  $A(x-y) \ge A(x) \land A(y)$  and  $A(xy) \ge$  $A(x) \wedge A(y)$ , for all x, y in R. Clearly, letting  $I = \{1\}$  and letting  $A = \{A_1\}, A$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R.

(2) Let R be a ring and  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be a pair of complete lattices. Let  $\alpha_1$  in  $L_1$ and  $\alpha_2$  in  $L_2$  be a pair of arbitrary but fixed elements. Let  $I = \{1, 2\}$  and let  $A_i$  be the constant map from R to  $L_i$  assuming the value  $\alpha_i$ , for i = 1, 2. Then one can easily see that  $A = \{A_1, A_2\}$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R.

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is a family of multi fuzzy sub rings of a ring R, then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R.

*Proof.* Let  $A = \cap A_i$  and let  $x, y \in R$ .

(a)  $A(x-y) = (\wedge A_i)(x-y) = \wedge_{i \in I} A_i(x-y) \ge \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i x \wedge A_i y) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i x) \wedge_{i \in I} A_i x$  $(\wedge_{i\in I}A_iy) = (\cap_{i\in I}A_i)(x) \wedge (\cap_{i\in I}A_i)(y) = Ax \wedge Ay.$ 

(b)  $A(xy) = (\wedge A_i)(xy) = \wedge_{i \in I} A_i(xy) \ge \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i x \wedge A_i y) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i) x \wedge (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i) y$  $= (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(x) \wedge (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(y) = Ax \wedge Ay.$ 

From (a) and (b) it follows that,  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R. 

Note: Union of two multi fuzzy sub rings need not be a multi fuzzy sub ring. **Example:** Since every crisp sub ring S can be regarded as a [0,1]-fuzzy sub ring via its characteristic map  $\chi_S$  and every [0, 1]-fuzzy sub ring  $\mu$  can be regarded as a multi fuzzy sub ring via the singleton family  $\{\mu\}$ , the sub rings 2Z, 3Z of the ring of integers Z can be regarded as a multi fuzz sub rings of Z. It is easy to see that their (multi fuzzy) union is not a (multi fuzzy) sub ring of Z.

**Remark:** When a multi fuzzy sub group of a group G is constant on a kernel of a group homomorphism  $f: G \to H$ , for all  $y \in H$  there exists  $u \in f^{-1}y$  such that  $Au = \lor Af^{-1}y$  whenever  $f^{-1}y \neq \phi$ . First observe that for all  $u, v \in f^{-1}y, uv^{-1} \in A$  ker(f) which contains the identity of G. So  $Auv^{-1} = Ae$ . Now  $Ae = \lor AG$  because for all  $g \in G$ ,  $Ae = Agg^{-1} \ge Ag \land Ag = Ag$ , implying the assertion.

So  $Au = Auv^{-1}v \ge Ae \land Av = Av$  and vice versa, implying Au = Av. Obviously,  $Au = \lor Af^{-1}y$  for any  $u \in f^{-1}y$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let R and S be a pair of rings, f be a ring homomorphism from R to S and a finite meet preserving order homomorphism  $h: \prod M_i \to \prod L_j$  be the bridge function for the multi fuzzy extension of f such that each  $L_j$  is complete infinite meet distributive lattice. Then if A is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R, then f(A) is a multi fuzzy sub ring of S.

*Proof.* Let  $c, d \in S$ . If either  $f^{-1}c$  or  $f^{-1}d$  is empty, then  $fAc \wedge fAd = 0$  and trivially we have  $f(A)(x-y) \geq f(A)x \wedge f(A)y$  and  $f(A)(xy) \geq f(A)x \wedge f(A)y$ . Assume that neither  $f^{-1}c$  nor  $f^{-1}d$  is empty. Then there exist  $u \in f^{-1}c$  and  $v \in f^{-1}d$  such that fu = c and fv = d.

Since each  $L_j$  is a complete infinite meet distributive lattice we shall get that  $\Pi_{j\in J}L_j$  is a complete infinite meet distributive lattice and hence for any  $\alpha \in \Pi_{j\in J}L_j$  and  $(\beta_k)_{k\in K} \subseteq \Pi_{j\in J}L_j$ , we have  $\alpha \wedge (\vee_{k\in K}\beta_k) = \vee_{k\in K}(\alpha \wedge \beta_k)$ .

(a) c - d = fu - fv = f(u - v) and  $u - v \in f^{-1}(c - d)$ .

Further,  $fA(c-d) = \lor hAf^{-1}(c-d) \ge hA(u-v) \ge h(Au \land Av) = hAu \land hAv$ for all  $u \in f^{-1}c$  and  $v \in f^{-1}d$ .

Therefore  $fA(c-d) \geq \bigvee_{v \in f^{-1}d}(hAu \wedge hAv) = hAu \wedge \bigvee_{v \in f^{-1}d}hAv = hAu \wedge \bigvee_{hAf^{-1}d} = hAu \wedge fAd$  for all  $u \in f^{-1}c$ , since  $\prod_{j \in J}L_j$  is complete infinite meet distributive lattice.

Again  $fA(c-d) \ge \bigvee_{u \in f^{-1}c} (hAu \wedge fAd) = (\bigvee_{u \in f^{-1}c} hAu) \wedge fAd = \lor hAf^{-1}c \wedge fAd$ =  $fAc \wedge fAd$ , again since  $\prod_{j \in J} L_j$  is a complete infinite meet distributive lattice. (b) c.d = fu.fv = f(u.v) and  $u.v \in f^{-1}(c.d)$ .

Further,  $fA(c.d) = \lor hAf^{-1}(c.d) \ge hA(uv) \ge h(Au \land Av) = hAu \land hAv$  for all  $u \in f^{-1}c$  and  $v \in f^{-1}d$ .

Therefore  $fA(cd) \ge \bigvee_{v \in f^{-1}d} (hAu \wedge hAv) = hAu \wedge \bigvee_{v \in f^{-1}d} hAv = hAu \wedge \lor hAf^{-1}d$ =  $hAu \wedge fAd$  for all  $u \in f^{-1}c$ , since  $\prod_{j \in J}L_j$  is complete infinite meet distributive lattice.

From (a) and (b) it follows that f(A) is a multi fuzzy sub ring of S.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let R and S be rings  $f : R \to S$  be a ring homomorphism from R to S and order homomorphism  $h : \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  be a the bridge function for the multi fuzzy extension of f. Then for any multi-fuzzy sub ring B of S,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a multi-fuzzy sub ring of R.

*Proof.* By the discussion after definition 1.1, we have  $h^{-1}$  is meet preserving. Let  $x, y \in R$ .

(a)  $f^{-1}(B)(x-y) = h^{-1}B(f(x-y)) = h^{-1}B(f(x) - f(y)) \ge h^{-1}(B(f(x)) \land B(f(y))) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))) \land h^{-1}(B(f(y))) = f^{-1}(B)(x) \land f^{-1}(B)(y).$ 

(b)  $f^{-1}(B)(xy) = h^{-1}B(f(xy)) = h^{-1}B(f(x)f(y)) \ge h^{-1}(B(f(x)) \land B(f(y))) = h^{-1}(B(f(x))) \land h^{-1}(B(f(y))) = f^{-1}(B)(x) \land f^{-1}(B)(y).$ 

From (a) and (b) it follows that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let f be an injective ring homomorphism from ring R to S, an injective meet preserving order homomorphism  $h: \Pi M_i \to L_j$  be the bridge function 388

for the multi fuzzy extension of f and  $\{A_{i/i \in I}\}$  be a family of multi fuzzy sub rings of R. Then the multi fuzzy set  $\cup A_i$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R iff  $\cup f(A_i)$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of S.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\cup A_i$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R. Theorem 2.7(c) and 3.3 together imply  $\cup f(A_i) = f(\cup A_i)$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of S. Conversely assume that  $\cup f(A_i)$  is a multi fuzzy sub ring of S.

Theorem 2.8 and 2.7(h) and 3.4 together imply

$$\cup A_i = \cup f^{-1}(f(A_i)) = f^{-1}(\cup f(A_i))$$

is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R.

# 4. Multi fuzzy ideals

In this section we introduce the notion of multi fuzzy (left,right) ideal of a ring R. Further we show that any intersection of multi fuzzy (left,right) ideals is a multi fuzzy (left,right) ideal, level set criteria for multi fuzzy sub rings, multi fuzzy sub ring and multi fuzzy (left,right) ideals and (inverse) image of a multi fuzzy (left,right) ideal is a multi fuzzy (left,right) ideal.

**Definition 4.1.** A multi fuzzy sub ring A of a ring R is called a multi fuzzy left ideal iff  $A(rx) \ge A(x) \ \forall r, x \in R$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A multi fuzzy sub ring A of a ring R is called a multi fuzzy right ideal iff  $A(xr) \ge A(x) \ \forall r, x \in R$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A multi fuzzy sub ring A of a ring R is called a multi fuzzy ideal iff  $A(rx) \wedge A(xr) \ge A(x) \ \forall r, x \in R$ .

**Examples:** (1) Let R be a ring and A be an L-fuzzy left ideal of R. Then by the definition of L-fuzzy (left,right) ideal, A satisfies  $A(x - y) \ge A(x) \land A(y)$  and  $A(xy) \ge A(y)$ , for all x, y in R. Clearly, letting  $I = \{1\}$  and letting  $A = \{A_1\}$ , A is a multi fuzzy left ideal of R.

(2) Let R be a ring and  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be a pair of complete lattices. Let  $\alpha_1$  in  $L_1$ and  $\alpha_2$  in  $L_2$  be a pair of arbitrary but fixed elements. Let  $I = \{1, 2\}$  and let  $A_i$  be the constant map from R to  $L_i$  assuming the value  $\alpha_i$ , for i = 1, 2. Then one can easily see that  $A = \{A_1, A_2\}$  is a multi fuzzy (left,right) ideal of R.

**Theorem 4.4.** If  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is a family of multi fuzzy left ideals of a ring R, then  $\cap A_i$  is a multi fuzzy left ideal of R.

*Proof.* Let  $A = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ . Since meet of any family of multi fuzzy sub rings is a multi fuzzy sub ring.

So, it is enough to show that  $A(rx) \ge A(x) \forall r, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , to show A is a multi fuzzy left ideal.

$$A(rx) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(rx) = \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i(rx)) \ge \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i(x)) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(x) = A(x). \quad \Box$$

**Theorem 4.5.** If  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is a family of multi fuzzy right ideals of a ring R, then  $\cap A_i$  is a multi fuzzy right ideal of R.

*Proof.* Let  $A = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ . Since meet of any family of multi fuzzy sub rings is a multi fuzzy sub ring.

so, it is enough to show that  $A(xr) \ge A(x) \forall r, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , to show A is a multi fuzzy right ideal.

 $A(xr) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(xr) = \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i(xr)) \ge \wedge_{i \in I} (A_i(x)) = (\wedge_{i \in I} A_i)(x) = A(x). \quad \Box$ 

**Theorem 4.6.** If  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is a family of multi fuzzy ideals of a ring R, then  $\cap A_i$  is a multi fuzzy ideal of R.

Proof. It follows from above two theorems.

Lemma 4.7. Let A be a multi fuzzy sub set of a ring R. Then

(1) A is a multi fuzzy sub ring R iff each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is a sub ring of R.

(2) A is a multi fuzzy left ideal R iff each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is a left ideal of R.

(3) A is a multi fuzzy right ideal R iff each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is a right ideal of R.

(4) A is a multi fuzzy ideal iff each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is a ideal of R.

*Proof.* (1)( $\Rightarrow$ ): Assume that A is a multi fuzzy sub ring of R. Let  $\alpha \in R$  be arbitrary but fixed.  $x, y \in A_{\alpha}$  implies  $\alpha \leq A(x), \alpha \leq A(y)$ . Then (a)  $\alpha \leq A(x) \wedge A(y) \leq A(x-y)$  implying  $x-y \in A_{\alpha}$ .

(b)  $\alpha \leq A(x) \wedge A(y) \leq A(xy)$  implying  $xy \in A_{\alpha}$ .

Therefore  $A_{\alpha}$  is a sub ring of R.

 $(\Leftarrow)$ : Assume that each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is a sub ring of R.

To show that A is multi fuzzy sub ring R, we need to show that (a)  $A(x-y) \ge Ax \land Ay$  and (b)  $A(xy) \ge Ax \land Ay$ .

(a) Let  $\alpha = Ax \wedge Ay$ . Then  $x, y \in A_{\alpha}$  because  $Ax, Ay \ge Ax \wedge Ay = \alpha$ .

Since  $A_{\alpha}$  is a non empty sub ring of R,  $x - y \in A_{\alpha}$  implies  $A(x - y) \ge \alpha = Ax \land Ay$ .

(b) Let  $\alpha = Ax \wedge Ay$ . Then  $x, y \in A_{\alpha}$  because  $Ax, Ay \ge Ax \wedge Ay = \alpha$ .

Since  $A_{\alpha}$  is a non empty sub ring of  $R, xy \in A_{\alpha}$  implies  $A(xy) \ge \alpha = Ax \land Ay$ . (2)( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose A is a multi fuzzy left ideal.

To show that  $A_{\alpha}$  is left ideal of R for each  $\alpha \in \prod_{j \in J} L_j$ , whenever  $A_{\alpha}$  is non empty.

 $x \in A_{\alpha}$  implies  $\alpha \leq A(x)$ . Since A is a multi fuzzy left ideal,  $A(rx) \geq A(x)$ . Therefore  $\alpha \leq A(x) \leq A(rx)$  that implies  $rx \in A_{\alpha}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Suppose each non empty level sub set  $A_{\alpha}$  of A is left ideal of R.

To show that A is a multi fuzzy left ideal of R, we need to show that  $A(rx) \ge Ax$  for all  $x, r \in R$ .

Let  $r, x \in R$  and  $\alpha = Ax$ . Then  $x \in A_{\alpha}$ . Since  $A_{\alpha}$  is a left ideal of  $R, rx \in A_{\alpha}$ . Therefore  $A(rx) \ge \alpha = Ax$ .

(3) Proof of this is similar to the one of (2) above.

(4) Proof of this follows by (2) and (3) above.

**Theorem 4.8.** Let R and S be rings  $f : R \to S$  be a ring homomorphism from R to S and order homomorphism  $h : \Pi M_i \to \Pi L_j$  be the bridge function for the multi fuzzy extension off f. Then the following are true for any multi fuzzy subset B of S:

(1) B is a multi fuzzy left ideal of S implies  $f^{-1}B$  is a multi fuzzy left ideal of R

(2) B is a multi fuzzy right ideal of S implies  $f^{-1}B$  is a multi fuzzy right ideal of R

(3) B is a multi fuzzy ideal of S implies  $f^{-1}B$  is a multi fuzzy ideal of R.

*Proof.* (1) In view of Theorem 2.4 above, it is enough to show that  $(f^{-1}B)(rx) \ge f^{-1}(Bx)$ .

But  $(f^{-1}B)rx = h^{-1}(B(f(rx))) = h^{-1}(B(frfx)) \ge h^{-1}(B(fx)) = (f^{-1}B)x$ .

(2) Proof of this is similar to the one of (1) above.

(3) Proof of this follows from (2) and (3).

**Theorem 4.9.** Let R, S be a pair of rings and let f be a ring homomorphism from R onto S. Let  $h: \prod_{i \in I} M_i \to \prod_{j \in J} L_j$  be a bridge function which is meet preserving order homomorphism for the multi fuzzy extensions of f such that each  $L_j$  is a complete infinite meet distributive lattice. Then

(a) If A is a multi fuzzy left ideal of R, then f(A) is a multi fuzzy left ideal of S (b) If A is a multi fuzzy right ideal of R, then f(A) is a multi fuzzy right ideal of S

(c) If A is a multi fuzzy ideal of R, then f(A) is a multi fuzzy ideal of S.

*Proof.* (a) In view of Theorem 2.3, it is enough to show that for all s, y in  $S, fA(sy) \ge fAy$ , which by definition of fA, amounts to showing  $\lor hAf^{-1}(sy) \ge \lor hAf^{-1}y$ .

If  $f^{-1}y$  is empty then the inequality is trivially true. Let  $x \in f^{-1}y$  be arbitrary but fixed. Then fx = y. Since f is on to then is an

 $r \in R$  such that fr = s. So sy = frfx = frx and  $rx \in f^{-1}sy$ . Consequently,  $(fA)(sy) = \lor hAf^{-1}(sy) \ge hArx \ge hAx$  for all  $x \in f^{-1}y$  and so

Consequently,  $(fA)(sy) = \forall hAf^{-1}(sy) \ge hArx \ge hAx$  for all  $x \in f^{-1}y$  and so  $(fA)(sy) \ge \forall hAf^{-1}y = (fA)(y).$ 

(b) Proof of this is similar to that of (a) above.

(c) Proof of this follows from (a) and (b) above.

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