

## Anti fuzzy quasi-ideals of near-rings

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce the notion of anti fuzzy quasi-ideals of near-rings. We have discussed some of their theoretical properties in detail and obtained some characterizations.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Zadeh[10] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets in 1965. Rosenfeld[9] initiated the study of fuzzy subgroup and investigated some of its properties. In [1], Abou Zaid introduced the concept of fuzzy subnear-rings and ideals of near-rings. In 1990, Biwas[2] introduced the notion of anti fuzzy subgroups. Kim, Jun and Yon[5] have discussed the notion of anti fuzzy ideals of near-ring. Iwao Yakabe[4] initiated the idea of quasi-ideals in right near-rings. Kim and Jun[6] introduced the concept of anti fuzzy  $R$ -subgroups of near-rings. Narayanan[7] has studied the notion of fuzzy quasi-ideals in near-rings. Chinnadurai and Kadalarasi[3] has studied the concept of interval valued fuzzy quasi ideals of near-rings. In this paper, we introduce the notion of anti fuzzy quasi-ideals of a near-ring. We investigate some of their theoretical properties and provide examples. It is shown that every anti fuzzy ideal ( $R$ -subgroup) of a near-ring is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal, but the converse is not true in general.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $R$  will denote a left near-ring. In this section, we present some basic definitions and results used in this paper.

**Definition 2.1** ([8]). A near-ring is an algebraic system  $(R, +, \cdot)$  consisting of a non empty set  $R$  together with two binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  such that  $(R, +)$  is a group, not necessarily abelian and  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup in which the distributive law:  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  holds for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . We will use the word ‘near-ring’ to mean ‘left near-ring’. We denote  $xy$  instead of  $x \cdot y$ .

An ideal  $I$  of a near-ring  $R$  is a subset of  $R$  such that

- (i)  $(I, +)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(R, +)$ ,
- (ii)  $RI \subseteq I$ ,
- (iii)  $(x + a)y - xy \in I$ , for any  $a \in I$  and  $x, y \in R$ .

Note that  $I$  is a left ideal of  $R$ , if  $I$  satisfies (i) and (ii), and a right ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (i) and (iii).

**Definition 2.2** ([6]). A nonempty subset  $H$  of  $R$  is said to be a two sided  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$  if

- (i)  $(H, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$ ,
- (ii)  $RH \subset H$ ,
- (iii)  $HR \subset H$ .

If  $H$  satisfies (i) and (ii), it is called a left  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ . If  $H$  satisfies (i) and (iii), it is called a right  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([8]). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two non-empty subsets of  $R$ . We define  $AB = \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$

and

$$A * B = \{(a + c)b - ab \mid a, b \in A, c \in B\}.$$

A near-ring  $R$  is called zero-symmetric, if  $0x = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([8]). An additive subgroup  $Q$  of  $(R, +)$  is said to be a quasi-ideal of  $R$  if  $QR \cap RQ \cap Q * R \subseteq Q$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([6]). A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  is a function  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the set  $\mu_t = \{x \in R \mid \mu(x) \leq t\}$  is called a  $t$  lower  $t$ -level set of  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([8]). The characteristic function of  $R$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{R}$ , that is  $\mathbf{R}(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([8]). Let  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be any two fuzzy subsets of  $R$ . Then sum  $\mu + \lambda$ , product  $\mu \cdot \lambda$ , and product  $\mu * \lambda$  are fuzzy subsets of  $R$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu + \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup_{x=y+z} \min\{\mu(y), \lambda(z)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = y + z \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\
 (\mu \cdot \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup_{x=yz} \min\{\mu(y), \lambda(z)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = yz \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\
 (\mu * \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup_{x=(a+c)b-ab} \min\{\mu(c), \lambda(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = (a + c)b - ab \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([7]). A fuzzy subgroup  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ , if

$$(\mu \cdot \mathbf{R}) \cap (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mu) \cap (\mu * \mathbf{R}) \subseteq \mu.$$

**Definition 2.9** ([6]). A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an anti fuzzy left (resp. right)  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ , if

- (i)  $\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu(xy) \leq \mu(y)$  (resp.  $\mu(xy) \leq \mu(x)$ ) for all  $x, y \in R$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([5]). A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an anti fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal of  $R$ , if

- (i)  $\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu(y + x - y) \leq \mu(x)$ ,
- (iii)  $\mu(xy) \leq \mu(y)$  (resp.  $\mu((x + z)y - xy) \leq \mu(z)$ ) for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

### 3. ANTI FUZZY QUASI-IDEALS OF NEAR-RINGS

In this section, we introduce the notion of anti fuzzy quasi-ideals of near-rings and establish some of their properties and characterizations.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be any two fuzzy subsets of  $R$ . Then  $\mu \cup \lambda$ ,  $\mu \cap \lambda$ , anti sum  $\mu +_a \lambda$ , anti product  $\mu \cdot_a \lambda$ , and anti  $*$ <sub>a</sub> product  $\mu *_a \lambda$  are fuzzy subsets of  $R$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cup \lambda)(x) &= \max\{\mu(x), \lambda(x)\}, \\ (\mu \cap \lambda)(x) &= \min\{\mu(x), \lambda(x)\}, \\ (\mu +_a \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \inf_{x=y+z} \max\{\mu(y), \lambda(z)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = y + z \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ (\mu \cdot_a \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \inf_{x=yz} \max\{\mu(y), \lambda(z)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = yz \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ (\mu *_a \lambda)(x) &= \begin{cases} \inf_{x=(a+c)b-ab} \max\{\mu(c), \lambda(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ can be expressed as } x = (a + c)b - ab \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 3.2.** The anti-characteristic function of  $R$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{R}$ , that is,  $\mathcal{R}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an anti fuzzy subgroup of  $R$ , if

$$\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \text{ for all } x, y \in R.$$

**Definition 3.4.** An anti fuzzy subgroup  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ , if

$$(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu.$$

Note that if  $R$  is a zero-symmetric near-ring then  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \supseteq \mu$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** Every anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of a zero-symmetric near-ring  $R$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of a zero-symmetric near-ring  $R$ . Choose  $a, b, c, x, y, z \in R$  such that  $a = bc = (x + z)y - xy$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(bc) &= \mu(a) \leq \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(a), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(a), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(a)\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{a=bc} \max\{\mu(b), \mathcal{R}(c)\}, \inf_{a=bc} \max\{\mathcal{R}(b), \mu(c)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{a=(x+z)y-xy} \max\{\mu(z), \mathcal{R}(y)\}\} \\ &\leq \max\{\inf_{a=bc} \max\{\mu(b), \mathcal{R}(c)\}, \inf_{a=bc} \max\{\mathcal{R}(b), \mu(c)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{a=(0+b)c-0c} \max\{\mu(b), \mathcal{R}(c)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\mu(b), \mu(c), \mu(b)\} \\ &= \max\{\mu(b), \mu(c)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu(bc) \leq \max\{\mu(b), \mu(c)\}$ . Since  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of a zero-symmetric near-ring  $R$ , we have  $\mu(b - c) \leq \max\{\mu(b), \mu(c)\}$  for all  $b, c \in R$ . So  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6.** *Every anti fuzzy left ideal of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be anti fuzzy left ideal of  $R$ . For  $x' \in R$ , let  $a, b, x, y, z \in R$  such that  $x' = ab = (x + z)y - xy$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x') \\ &= \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x'), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x'), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x')\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{x'=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \inf_{x'=ab} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(b)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{x'=(x+z)y-xy} \max\{\mu(z), \mathcal{R}(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\inf\{\mu(a)\}, \inf\{\mu(b)\}, \inf\{\mu(z)\}\}, \\ &\quad [\text{Since } \mu \text{ is an anti fuzzy left ideal of } R, \mu(ab) \leq \mu(b).] \\ &\geq \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(ab), \mathcal{R}(z)\} \\ &= \max\{0, \mu(ab), 0\} = \mu(ab) = \mu(x'). \end{aligned}$$

If  $x'$  is not expressible as  $x' = ab = (x + z)y - xy$ , then

$$(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x') = 1 \geq \mu(x').$$

Thus  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ . So  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.7.** *Every anti fuzzy right ideal of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $R$ . For  $x' \in R$ , let  $x' = ab = (x+z)y - xy$ , where  $a, b, x, y, z \in R$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x') \\
 &= \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x'), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x'), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x')\} \\
 &= \max\{\inf_{x'=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \inf_{x'=ab} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(b)\}, \\
 &\quad \inf_{x'=(x+z)y-xy} \max\{\mu(z), \mathcal{R}(y)\}\} \\
 &= \max\{\inf \mu(a), \inf \mu(b), \inf \mu(z)\}, \\
 &\quad [\text{Since } \mu \text{ is an anti fuzzy right ideal of } R, \mu((x+z)y - xy) \leq \mu(z).] \\
 &\geq \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mathcal{R}(b), \mu((x+z)y - xy)\} \\
 &= \max\{0, 0, \mu((x+z)y - xy)\} \\
 &= \mu((x+z)y - xy) = \mu(x').
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $x'$  is not expressible as  $x' = ab = (x+z)y - xy$ , then

$$(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x') = 1 \geq \mu(x').$$

Thus  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ . So  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Every anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is straight forward from Lemmas 3.6 and 3.7.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9.** *Every anti fuzzy left  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy left  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ . Let  $a, b, c, x, y, z \in R$  such that  $x = ab = (y+c)z - yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x) \\
 &= \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\
 &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(b)\}, \\
 &\quad (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})((y+c)z - yz)\} \\
 &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \mu(a), \inf_{x=ab} \mu(b), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})((y+c)z - yz)\}, \\
 &\quad [\text{Since } \mu \text{ is an anti fuzzy left } R\text{-subgroup of } R, \mu(ab) \leq \mu(b).] \\
 &\geq \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(ab), \mathcal{R}((y+c)z - yz)\} \\
 &= \max\{0, \mu(ab), 0\} = \mu(ab) = \mu(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ . So  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10.** *Every anti fuzzy right  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy right  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ . Let  $a, b, c, x, y, z \in R$  such that  $x = ab = (y + c)z - yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x) \\ &= \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\ &= \max\left\{\inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(b)\}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})((y + c)z - yz)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\inf_{x=ab} \mu(a), \inf_{x=ab} \mu(b), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})((y + c)z - yz)\right\}, \\ &[\text{Since } \mu \text{ is an anti fuzzy right } R\text{-subgroup of } R, \mu(ab) \leq \mu(a).] \\ &\geq \max\{\mu(ab), \mathcal{R}(b), \mathcal{R}((y + c)z - yz)\} \\ &= \max\{\mu(ab), 0, 0\} = \mu(ab) = \mu(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ . So  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** Every anti fuzzy two-sided  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward from Lemma 3.9 and Lemma 3.10.  $\square$

The converses of Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 3.11 are not true in general as shown by the following example .

**Example 3.12.** Let  $R = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a set with two binary operations ‘+’ and ‘.’ defined as

+	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c
a	a	0	c	b
b	b	c	0	a
c	c	b	a	0

.	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	0	a
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	a	b	c
c	0	a	b	c

Let  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy set defined by  $\mu(0) = 0.2, \mu(a) = \mu(b) = 0.7$  and  $\mu(c) = 0.3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.2 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(0) &= 0.2 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.2 \\ (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 0.2 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(a) &= 0.3 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 1 \\ (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.3 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(b) &= 0.7 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.3 \\ (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(c) &= 0.3 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(c) &= 0.3 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(c) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . But  $\mu$  is not an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , since  $\mu(0c) = \mu(a) = 0.7 \not\leq 0.3 = \max\{\mu(0), \mu(c)\}$ . Also  $\mu$  is not an anti fuzzy  $R$ -subgroup of  $R$ , since  $\mu(0c) = \mu(a) = 0.7 \not\leq 0.3 = \mu(c)$  and  $\mu(0c) = \mu(a) = 0.7 \not\leq 0.2 = \mu(0)$ .

**Note 3.13.** The conditions  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c = \mu^c \cdot \mathbf{R}$ ;  $(\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mu^c$ ;  $(\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c = \mu^c *_a \mathbf{R}$  are true.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c(x) &= 1 - (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x) \\
 &= 1 - \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\} \\
 &= \sup_{x=ab} \min\{1 - \mu(a), 1 - \mathcal{R}(b)\} \\
 &= \sup_{x=ab} \min\{\mu^c(a), \mathbf{R}(b)\} \\
 &= (\mu^c \cdot \mathbf{R})(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $(\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mu^c$ ;  $(\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c = \mu^c * \mathbf{R}$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** *A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of  $R$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$  if and only if its complement  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu^c(x - y) &= 1 - \mu(x - y) \\
 &\geq 1 - \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \\
 &= \min\{1 - \mu(x), 1 - \mu(y)\} \\
 &= \min\{\mu^c(x), \mu^c(y)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &((\mu^c \cdot R) \cap (R \cdot \mu^c) \cap (\mu^c * R))(x) \\
 &= ((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c \cap (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c \cap (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c)(x) \\
 &= \min\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c(x)\} \\
 &= \min\{1 - (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), 1 - (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), 1 - (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\
 &= 1 - \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\
 &\leq 1 - \mu(x) \leq \mu^c(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c \cap (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c \cap (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c \subseteq \mu^c$ . So  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 - \mu(x - y) = \mu^c(x - y) &\geq \min\{\mu^c(x), \mu^c(y)\} \\
 &= 1 - \max\{1 - \mu^c(x), 1 - \mu^c(y)\} \\
 &= 1 - \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 &1 - \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\
 &= 1 - \max\{1 - (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c(x), 1 - (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c(x), 1 - (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c(x)\} \\
 &= \min\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})^c(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)^c(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})^c(x)\} \\
 &= \min\{(\mu^c \cdot R)(x), (R \cdot \mu^c)(x), (\mu^c * R)(x)\} \\
 &\leq \mu^c(x) \\
 &= 1 - \mu(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\max\{(\mu \cdot \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \geq \mu(x)$ .

Hence,  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ . □

**Theorem 3.15.** *A nonempty subset  $Q$  of  $R$  is a quasi-ideal of  $R$  if and only if the complement of the characteristic function  $f_Q$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $Q$  is a quasi-ideal of  $R$ . By Theorem 5.4.5[7],  $f_Q$  is a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . By Theorem 3.14  $f_Q^c$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $f_Q^c$  is a fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . Then, by Theorem 5.4.5 [7],  $Q$  is quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $R$ . Then  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$  if and only if the lower level subset  $L(\mu : t)$  is a quasi-ideal of  $R$ , for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . Let  $t \in (0, 1]$  and  $x, y \in L(\mu : t)$ . Then  $\mu(x) \leq t$  and  $\mu(y) \leq t$ . By hypothesis,  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ , and so  $\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \leq \max\{t, t\} = t$ , that is,  $x - y \in L(\mu : t)$ . Let  $x \in R$  and  $x \in (L(\mu : t) \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cap (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a L(\mu : t)) \cap (L(\mu : t) *_a \mathcal{R})$ . Then there exist  $a, b_1, c \in L(\mu : t)$  and  $a_1, b, y, z \in R$  such that  $x = ab = a_1b_1 = (y + c)z - yz$ , which implies that  $\mu(a) \leq t, \mu(b_1) \leq t$  and  $\mu(c) \leq t$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &\leq ((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x) \\ &= \max\{(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x), (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \inf_{x=a_1b_1} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a_1), \mu(b_1)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \max\{\mu(c), \mathcal{R}(z)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \mu(a), \inf_{x=a_1b_1} \mu(b_1), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \mu(c)\} \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $x \in L(\mu : t)$ . Thus  $(L(\mu : t) \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cap (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a L(\mu : t)) \cap (L(\mu : t) *_a \mathcal{R}) \subseteq L(\mu : t)$ . Thus  $L(\mu : t)$  is a quasi ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $L(\mu : t)$  is a quasi-ideal of  $R$ , for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Let  $x \in R$  and assume that  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x) < \mu(x)$ . Choose  $t \in (0, 1]$  such that  $((\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}))(x) < t < \mu(x)$ . Then,  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x) < t, (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x) < t$  and  $(\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x) < t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x) &= \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\} = \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a)\} < t \\ (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(x) &= \inf_{x=a_1b_1} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a_1), \mu(b_1)\} = \inf_{x=a_1b_1} \max\{\mu(b_1)\} < t \text{ and} \\ (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(x) &= \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \max\{\mu(c), \mathcal{R}(z)\} = \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \mu(c) < t. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a, b_1, c \in L(\mu : t)$ . So  $x = ab \in L(\mu : t) \cdot_a \mathcal{R}$ ,  $x = a_1b_1 \in \mathcal{R} \cdot_a L(\mu : t)$  and  $x = (y + c)z - yz \in L(\mu : t) *_a \mathcal{R}$ , since  $L(\mu : t)$  is a quasi-ideal of  $R$ . So  $x \in (L(\mu : t) \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cap (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a L(\mu : t)) \cap (L(\mu : t) *_a \mathcal{R})$ , which implies that  $x \in L(\mu : t)$  that is,  $\mu(x) \leq t$ , which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu) \cup (\mu *_a \mathcal{R}) \supseteq \mu$ .

Therefore  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be any two anti fuzzy quasi ideals of  $R$ . Then  $\mu \cup \lambda$  is also an anti fuzzy quasi ideal of  $R$ .*



*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are any two anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ . For  $x, y \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cup \lambda)(x - y) &= \max\{\mu(x - y), \lambda(x - y)\} \\ &\leq \max\{\max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \max\{\lambda(x), \lambda(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{\max\{\mu(x), \lambda(x)\}, \max\{\mu(y), \lambda(y)\}\} \\ &= \max\{(\mu \cup \lambda)(x), (\mu \cup \lambda)(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x \in R$  and select  $a, b, c, y, z \in R$  such that  $x = ab = (y + c)z - yz$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\max\{\inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \mathcal{R}(b)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mathcal{R}(a), \mu(b)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \max\{\mu(c), \mathcal{R}(z)\} \geq \mu(x).$$

Thus

$$(3.1) \quad \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \mu(a), \inf_{x=ab} \mu(b), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \mu(c)\} \geq \mu(x).$$

Similarly,

$$(3.2) \quad \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \lambda(a), \inf_{x=ab} \lambda(b), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \lambda(c)\} \geq \lambda(x).$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} &(((\mu \cup \lambda) \cdot_a \mathcal{R}) \cup (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a (\mu \cup \lambda)) \cup ((\mu \cup \lambda) *_a \mathcal{R}))(x) \\ &= \max\{((\mu \cup \lambda) \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(x), (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a (\mu \cup \lambda))(x), ((\mu \cup \lambda) *_a \mathcal{R})(x)\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} (\mu \cup \lambda)(a), \inf_{x=ab} (\mu \cup \lambda)(b), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} (\mu \cup \lambda)(c)\} \\ &= \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(a), \lambda(a)\}, \inf_{x=ab} \max\{\mu(b), \lambda(b)\}, \\ &\quad \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \max\{\mu(c), \lambda(c)\}\} \\ &\geq \max\{\max\{\inf_{x=ab} \mu(a), \inf_{x=ab} \mu(b), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \mu(c)\}, \\ &\quad \max\{\inf_{x=ab} \lambda(a), \inf_{x=ab} \lambda(b), \inf_{x=(y+c)z-yz} \lambda(c)\}\} \\ &\geq \max\{\mu(x), \lambda(x)\}, \text{ from (3.1) and (3.2)} \\ &= (\mu \cup \lambda)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu \cup \lambda$  is an anti fuzzy quasi-ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

Intersection of any two anti fuzzy quasi ideals of near-ring need not be an anti fuzzy quasi ideal as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.18.** consider Example 3.12. In this near-ring  $R$ , let  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy set defined by  $\mu(0) = 0.2, \mu(a) = \mu(c) = 0.6, \mu(b) = 0.4$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.2 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(0) &= 0.2 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.2 \\ (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 0.2 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(a) &= 0.6 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 1 \\ (\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.4 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(b) &= 0.4 & (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mu \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(c) = 0.4 \quad (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \mu)(c) = 0.6 \quad (\mu *_a \mathcal{R})(c) = 1.$$

Thus  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy quasi ideal of  $R$ . Similarly, let  $\lambda : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy set defined by  $\lambda(0) = 0.1, \lambda(a) = 0.5, \lambda(b) = \lambda(c) = 0.8$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.1 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \lambda)(0) &= 0.1 & (\lambda *_a \mathcal{R})(0) &= 0.1 \\ (\lambda \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 0.1 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \lambda)(a) &= 0.5 & (\lambda *_a \mathcal{R})(a) &= 1 \\ (\lambda \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.8 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \lambda)(b) &= 0.8 & (\lambda *_a \mathcal{R})(b) &= 0.8 \\ (\lambda \cdot_a \mathcal{R})(c) &= 0.8 & (\mathcal{R} \cdot_a \lambda)(c) &= 0.8 & (\lambda *_a \mathcal{R})(c) &= 0.8. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda$  is an anti fuzzy quasi ideal of  $R$ . But  $\mu \cap \lambda$  is not an anti fuzzy quasi ideal, since  $(\mu \cap \lambda)(a - b) = (\mu \cap \lambda)(c) = .6 \not\leq 0.5 = \max\{0.5, 0.4\} = \max\{(\mu \cap \lambda)(a), (\mu \cap \lambda)(b)\}$ .

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