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**DISTRIBUTIVITY OF FUZZY  $\ell$ -IDEALS**

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**ABSTRACT**

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This paper pursues an investigation on fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals equipped with lattice ordered groups. We introduced the concept of distributivity in fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of lattice ordered group. Also we obtain a characterization theorem for distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals and some related results are derived.

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**1. Introduction**

The concept of a fuzzy set was first introduced by Zadeh[17] and this concept was adapted by Goguen [5 ] to study fuzzy relations. Rosenfeld applied it to group theory and developed the theory of fuzzy groups. Since then researchers in various discipline of Mathematics have been trying to extend their ideas to the broader frame work of the fuzzy setting and the concepts of fuzzy lattice, fuzzy ideal, fuzzy prime ideals in lattice were introduced by many authors. U.M.Swamy and Viswananda Raju [16] developed the theory of fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals and gave some interesting results. The partially ordered algebraic systems play an important role in algebra. Some

important concepts in partially ordered systems are lattice ordered groups and lattice ordered rings. R.Natarajan and J.Vimala [11] introduced the concept of ideals and distributive  $\ell$ -ideals in commutative lattice ordered groups. These concepts play a major role in many branches of Algebra. This provides a sufficient motivation to researchers to review various concepts and results of partially ordered algebraic systems with the frame work of fuzzy setting. G.S.V.SathyaSaiBaba[15] studied fuzzy lattice ordered groups as a mapping from lattice ordered group into a complete lattice. He introduced L-fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of fuzzy  $\ell$ -group and

developed the theory of fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals by proving the existence of one to one correspondence between the Lattice of all L-fuzzy  $\ell$  - ideals & the lattice of all L-fuzzy congruence of an l-group G. (Lattice Isomorphism). In this paper we introduce the concept of distributive fuzzy  $\ell$  –ideals and proved that,

(i) Intersection of two distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals is also distributive.

(ii) Suppose  $\mu$  is the fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of a lattice ordered group G, then the following conditions are equivalent:

- Fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal  $\mu$  is distributive.
- The mapping  $\varphi: \mu_t \rightarrow [\mu_t)$  is an onto homomorphism where  $\mu_t$  is a level  $\ell$ -ideal of  $\mu$ .
- The binary relation  $\theta_\mu$  on  $\mu_t$  is a congruence relation.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** A non-empty set G is called a lattice ordered group ( $\ell$  - group )iff

- (i)  $(G,+)$  is a group
- (ii)  $(G,\leq)$  is a lattice
- (iii)  $x \leq y$  implies  $a+x+b \leq a+y+b$  for all  $a,b,x,y \in G$ .

**Definition 2.2** A non-empty set G is called a commutative lattice ordered group ( $\ell$  - group) iff

- (i)  $(G,+)$  is a group
- (ii)  $(G,\vee,\wedge)$  is a lattice.
- (iii)  $a+(x \vee y) = (a+x) \vee (a+y)$  and  $a+(x \wedge y) = (a+x) \wedge (a+y)$  for all  $a,b,x,y \in G$ .

**Result 2.3** The above two definitions of  $\ell$  - group are equivalent.

**Definition 2.4** Let G be a  $\ell$  - group. A non-empty subset I of G is called an  $\ell$  -ideal of G if

- (i) I is a subgroup of G.
- (ii) I is a sub lattice of G.
- (iii)  $0 < x < a$  and  $a \in I \Rightarrow x \in I$

**Definition 2.5** A fuzzy set is a pair  $(X,\mu)$ , where X is any non empty set and  $\mu: X \rightarrow [0,1]$ .

**Definition 2.6** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set on a non empty set X and  $t \in [0,1]$ . Then the set  $\mu_t = \{x \in X / \mu(x) \geq t\}$  is called the level set of  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.7** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set on a non empty set X. Then the set  $\{x \in X / \mu(x) > 0\}$  is called the support of  $\mu$  and it is denoted by  $\text{Supp}(\mu)$ .

## 3 Fuzzy $\ell$ -ideals in $\ell$ -Group

**Definition 3.1** Let G be a commutative  $\ell$  -group. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of G is said to be fuzzy  $\ell$  -ideal of G if

- (i)  $\mu(x-y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$
- (ii)  $\mu(x \vee y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$
- (iii)  $\mu(x \wedge y) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y)$
- (iv)  $0 < x < a \Rightarrow \mu(x) \geq \mu(a)$  for all  $x,y,a,b \in G$ .

**Definition 3.2** The union of two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  of a commutative  $\ell$ -group G denoted by  $(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)$  is a fuzzy subset of G defined by  $(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x) = \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)\}$  for all  $x \in G$ .

The intersection of two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  of a commutative  $\ell$ -group G denoted by  $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)$  is a fuzzy subset of G defined by

$$(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(x) = \min\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)\} \text{ for all } x \in G.$$

**Definition 3.3** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be any two fuzzy  $\ell$  -ideals of a commutative  $\ell$ -group G. Then  $\mu_1$  is said

to be contained in  $\mu_2$  denoted by  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$  if  $\mu_1(x) \leq \mu_2(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . If  $\mu_1(x) = \mu_2(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  then  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are said to be equal and we can write  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ .

**Proposition 3.4** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$ . If  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$  then  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2 = \mu_2$  and  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 = \mu_1$ .

**Proposition 3.5** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of an commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$ . Then  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2 \supseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$ .

**Proposition 3.6** Intersection of any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of an commutative  $\ell$ -group is a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal.

**Definition 3.7** If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  the join of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  defined by

$$(\mu_1 \vee \mu_2)(x) = \sup_{x=y \vee z} \{\min\{\mu_1(y), \mu_2(z)\}\}, \text{ where } x, y, z \in G.$$

The meet of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  defined by

$$(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2)(x) = \sup_{x=y \wedge z} \{\min\{\mu_1(y), \mu_2(z)\}\}, \text{ where } x, y, z \in G.$$

**Proposition 3.8** If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  then  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$ .

**Proposition 3.9** If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are any two fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  then  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2$  is also a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.10** Let  $G$  be a commutative  $\ell$ -group. If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$  then  $Supp(\mu)$  is an  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$  if  $Supp \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 3.11** If  $\mu_1$  is any fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of an commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  then  $\mu(1) \leq \mu(x) \leq \mu(0)$  for all  $x \in G$  where  $0$  is the least element and  $1$  is the greatest element in  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.12** Every constant function of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.13** (*Characterization Theorem for fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals*)

Let  $G$  be a commutative  $\ell$ -group. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $G$  is a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$  if and only if the set  $\mu_t = \{x \in G / \mu(x) \geq t\}$  is an  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$  for all  $t \in [0,1]$  with  $\mu_t \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 3.14** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of a commutative  $\ell$ -group  $G$  and  $t \leq \mu(0)$ . Then the  $\ell$ -ideal  $\mu_t$  of  $G$  is called a level  $\ell$ -ideal of  $\mu$ .

#### 4 Distributivity of Fuzzy $\ell$ -ideals

**Definition 4.1** Let  $G$  be a  $\ell$ -group. A fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal  $\mu$  of  $G$  is said to be distributive if its level  $\ell$ -ideal in  $G$  is distributive.

**Proposition 4.2** [*Characterization theorem for Distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals*]

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of a  $\ell$ -group  $G$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mu$  is distributive.
- (ii) The mapping  $\varphi: \mu_t \rightarrow [\mu_t]$  such that  $\varphi(x) = a \vee x$  is an onto homomorphism where  $\mu_t$  is a level  $\ell$ -ideal of  $\mu$  and  $[\mu_t] = \{x \in \mu_t / x \geq a\}$

(iii) The binary relation  $\theta_\mu$  on  $\mu_t$  defined by  $x \equiv y(\theta_\mu) \leftrightarrow a \vee x = a \vee y$  where  $a, x, y \in \mu_t$  is a congruence relation.

**Proof**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

Assume that  $\mu$  is distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The level set  $\mu_t$  is distributive  $\ell$ -ideal.

We have to prove that  $\phi: \mu_t \rightarrow [\mu_t]$  is an onto homomorphism.

Let  $x, y \in \mu_t$  be arbitrary.

Now  $\phi(x \vee y) = a \vee (x \vee y)$

$$= (a \vee a) \vee (x \vee y).$$

$$= (a \vee (a \vee x)) \vee y$$

$$= ((a \vee x) \vee a) \vee y$$

$$= (a \vee x) \vee (a \vee y)$$

$$= \phi(x) \vee \phi(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x \vee y) = \phi(x) \vee \phi(y).$$

Thus  $\phi$  preserves  $\vee$ .

Now  $\phi(x \wedge y) = a \vee (x \wedge y)$

$$= (a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y)$$

$$= \phi(x) \wedge \phi(y).$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x \wedge y) = \phi(x) \wedge \phi(y).$$

Thus  $\phi$  preserves  $\wedge$ .

Take any  $x \in [\mu_t]$ .

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mu_t / x \geq a.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = x \vee a.$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = x \vee a = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = x.$$

Hence  $\phi$  is an onto homomorphism.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)

Let  $x \in \mu_t$  be arbitrary.

$$\Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee x.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv x(\theta_\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_\mu \text{ is reflexive.}$$

Let  $x, y \in \mu_t$  be arbitrary.

Suppose  $x \equiv y(\theta_\mu)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee y$$

$$\Rightarrow a \vee y = a \vee x.$$

$$\Rightarrow y \equiv x(\theta_\mu).$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_\mu \text{ is symmetric.}$$

Suppose  $x \equiv y(\theta_\mu)$ ,  $y \equiv z(\theta_\mu)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee y \text{ and } a \vee y = a \vee z$$

$$\Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee z.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv z(\theta_\mu).$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_\mu \text{ is transitive.}$$

Let  $x, x_1, y, y_1$  be arbitrary.

Suppose  $x \equiv x_1(\theta_\mu)$ ,  $y \equiv y_1(\theta_\mu)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee x_1 \text{ and } a \vee y = a \vee y_1.$$

$$\text{Now } a \vee (x \vee y) = (a \vee x) \vee y$$

$$= (a \vee x_1) \vee y$$

$$= (x_1 \vee a) \vee y$$

$$= x_1 \vee (a \vee y)$$

$$= x_1 \vee (a \vee y_1)$$

$$= (x_1 \vee a) \vee y_1$$

$$= (a \vee x_1) \vee y_1$$

$$= a \vee (x_1 \vee y_1).$$

Similarly  $a \vee (x \wedge y) = a \vee (x_1 \wedge y_1)$ .

Thus  $x \equiv x_1(\theta_\mu)$ ,  $y \equiv y_1(\theta_\mu) \Rightarrow x \vee y \equiv (x_1 \vee y_1)$

$(\theta_\mu)$  and

$$x \wedge y \equiv (x_1 \wedge y_1)$$

$(\theta_\mu)$ .

Hence  $\theta_\mu$  is a congruence relation.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

Let  $x, y \in \mu_t$  be arbitrary.

$$a \vee x = (a \vee a) \vee x$$

$$= a \vee (a \vee x)$$

$$a \vee y = (a \vee a) \vee y$$

$$= a \vee (a \vee y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv (a \vee x) (\theta_\mu), y \equiv (a \vee y) (\theta_\mu).$$

$$\Rightarrow x \wedge y \equiv (a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y) (\theta_\mu).$$

$$\Rightarrow a \vee (x \wedge y) = a \vee [(a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y)].$$

$$\Rightarrow a \vee (x \wedge y) = (a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y).$$

$\Rightarrow \mu_t$  is distributive  $\ell$ -ideal.

$\Rightarrow \mu$  is a distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal.

**Proposition 4.3** Intersection of two distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals is also distributive.

**Proof** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be two distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals.

$\Rightarrow$  The level  $\ell$ -ideals  $\mu_{t_1}, \mu_{t_2}$  are distributive.

$\Rightarrow \mu_{t_1}(x) = \{x \in G / \mu_1 \geq t_1\}$  and  $\mu_{t_2}(x) = \{x \in G / \mu_2 \geq t_2\}$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in [0,1]$ .

Define  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 : G \rightarrow [0,1]$  with level  $\ell$ -ideal  $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)_t = \{x \in G / \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(x) \geq t_1 \vee t_2\}$ .

Clearly  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2$  is a fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal.

We have to prove that  $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)_t$  is distributive.

Let  $x, y, z \in (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(x) \geq t_1 \vee t_2, \mu_1(y) \wedge \mu_2(y) \geq t_1 \vee t_2,$$

$$\mu_1(z) \wedge \mu_2(z) \geq t_1 \vee t_2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(x) \geq t_1, \mu_1(x) \wedge \mu_2(x) \geq t_2 \text{ and } \mu_1(y)$$

$$\wedge \mu_2(y) \geq t_1, \mu_1(y) \wedge \mu_2(y) \geq t_2$$

$$\text{Nd } \mu_1(z) \wedge \mu_2(z) \geq t_1, \mu_1(z) \wedge \mu_2(z) \geq t_2.$$

$$\Rightarrow x, y, z \in \mu_{t_1} \text{ and } x, y, z \in \mu_{t_2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z) \text{ and } x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \text{ for } x, y, z \in (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)_t$$

$\Rightarrow \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$  is a distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal.

**Proposition 4.4** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be two distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideals. Then  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2$  is also distributive.

**Proposition 4.5** If  $\mu$  is a distributive fuzzy  $\ell$ -ideal then  $\text{Supp}(\mu)$  is also distributive.

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