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# **Fuzzy filters in** $\Gamma$ **-semirings**

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#### Abstract

We introduce the notion of fuzzy prime ideals and fuzzy filters in gamma semirings and study some of their properties.

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## 1 Introduction

The notion of semiring was introduced by H. S. Vandiver[6] in 1934. The notion of  $\Gamma$ - ring was introduced by N. Nobusawa [4] as a generalization of ring in 1964. M. Murali Krishna Rao [3] introduced the notion of  $\Gamma$ -semiring which is a generalization of ring, ternary semiring and semiring. After the paper [3] was published , many mathematicians obtained interesting results on  $\Gamma$ -semirings. The theory of fuzzy sets was first introduced by L. A. Zadeh [7] in 1965, many papers on fuzzy sets appeared showing the importance of the concept and its applications to logic, set theory, group theory, ring theory, real analysis, topology, measure theory etc. In this paper, we introduce the notion of fuzzy prime ideals and fuzzy filters in gamma semirings and study some of their properties. In this section we will recall some of the fundamental concepts and definitions, these are necessary for this paper.

**Definition 1.1.** A set *R* together with two associative binary operations called addition and multiplication (denoted by + and  $\cdot$  respectively) will be called a semiring provided

- (i) Addition is a commutative operation.
- (ii) Multiplication distributes over addition both from the left and from the right.
- (iii) There exists  $0 \in R$  such that x + 0 = x and  $x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$  for each  $x \in R$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Let M and  $\Gamma$  be additive abelian groups. If there exists a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$  (images to be denoted by  $x \alpha y, x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ ) satisfying the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ 

- (i)  $x\alpha(y\beta z) = (x\alpha y)\beta z$
- (*ii*)  $x\alpha(y+z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$
- (iii)  $x(\alpha + \beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y$
- (iv)  $(x+y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$ .

*Then M is called a*  $\Gamma$ *- ring.* 

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**Definition 1.3.** [3] Let (M, +) and  $(\Gamma, +)$  be commutative semigroups. Then we call M as a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, if there exists a mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$  written as  $(x, \alpha, y)$  as  $x\alpha y$  such that it satisfies the following axioms for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ 

- (i)  $x\alpha(y+z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$
- (*ii*)  $(x+y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$
- (*iii*)  $x(\alpha + \beta)y = x\alpha y + x\beta y$
- (iv)  $x\alpha(y\beta z) = (x\alpha y)\beta z$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A non empty subset A of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is called a  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring M if (A, +) is a sub semigroup of (M, +) and  $a\alpha b \in A$  for all  $a, b \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 1.5.** An additive sub semigroup I of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is said to be a left (right) ideal of M if  $M\Gamma I \subseteq I$  ( $I\Gamma M \subseteq I$ ).

If I is both left and right ideal then I is called an ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M.

**Definition 1.6.** [7] Let *S* be a non empty set, a mapping  $f : S \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called a fuzzy subset of *S*.

**Definition 1.7.** *Let* f *be a fuzzy subset of a nonempty set* S*, for*  $t \in [0, 1]$  *the set*  $f_t = \{x \in S \mid f(x) \ge t\}$  *is called level subset of* S *with respect* f*.* 

**Definition 1.8.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is nonempty if  $\mu$  is not the constant function.

**Definition 1.9.** For any two fuzzy subsets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of S,  $\lambda \subseteq \mu$  means  $\lambda(x) \leq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ .

**Definition 1.10.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of M is a proper fuzzy subset if it is a non constant function.

**Definition 1.11.** *A fuzzy subset*  $\mu$  *is an improper if it is a constant function.* 

**Definition 1.12.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and f be a fuzzy subset of M. The mapping  $f' : M \to [0,1]$  is defined by f'(x) = 1 - f(x) is a fuzzy subset of M, called complement of f.

**Definition 1.13.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring . A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of M is said to be a fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring of M if it satisfies the following conditions

 $\begin{array}{l} (i) \ \mu(x+y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \\ (ii) \ \mu(x\alpha y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ for \ all \ x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma. \end{array}$ 

**Definition 1.14.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is called a fuzzy left(right) ideal of M if for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ (*i*)  $\mu(x + y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ (*ii*)  $\mu(x\alpha y) \ge \mu(y)(\mu(x))$ 

**Definition 1.15.** A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $\Gamma$ -semiring M is called a fuzzy ideal of M if for all  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ (*i*)  $\mu(x + y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ (*ii*)  $\mu(x\alpha y) \ge \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ 

### 2 Main results

In this section, we introduce the notion of fuzzy prime ideals, fuzzy filters in  $\Gamma$ -semirings and study some of their properties.

**Definition 2.16.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. An ideal *P* of *M* is called a prime ideal of Mif for any  $a, b \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $a\gamma b \in P \Rightarrow a$  or  $b \in P$ .

**Definition 2.17.** A proper fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of M is called fuzzy prime ideal if

 $\mu(x\alpha y) = max \{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \forall x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ 

**Definition 2.18.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. A  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring F of M is called a filter of M if for any  $a, b \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma, a\gamma b \in F \Rightarrow a$  and  $b \in F$ .

**Definition 2.19.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. A fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring  $\mu$  of M is called a fuzzy filter of M if

 $\mu(x\alpha y) = \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \forall x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma.$ 

The following theorems are straight forward.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring, *f* be a fuzzy subset of *M* and *f'* be the complement of *f*. Then the following statements are equivalent. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ .

- (1).  $f(x+y) \ge \min\{f(x), f(y)\}$  $f(x\alpha y) \ge \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$
- (2).  $f'(x+y) \le \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$  $f'(x\alpha y) \le \min\{f(x), f(y)\}$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and *f* be a fuzzy subset of *M*. Then *f* is a fuzzy filter of *M* if and only if *f'*, the complement of *f* is a fuzzy prime ideal of *M*.

**Theorem 2.3.**  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M if and only if its level subset  $\mu_t \neq \phi$ , for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a filter of M.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M. Let  $t \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu_t$  is a  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring of M. Let  $a, b \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $a\alpha b \in \mu_t$ 

$$\Rightarrow \mu(a\alpha b) \ge t$$
  
$$\Rightarrow min\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\} \ge t$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \mu(a) \ge t \text{ and } \mu(b) \ge t$$
  
$$\Rightarrow a \in \mu_t \text{ and } b \in \mu_t.$$

Hence  $\mu_t$  is a filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*.

Conversely suppose that its level subset  $\mu_t \neq \phi$ , for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a filter of *M*. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Suppose 
$$t = min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge t, \mu(y) \ge t$   
 $\Rightarrow x, y \in \mu_t$   
 $\Rightarrow x + y, x\alpha y \in \mu_t$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu(x + y) \ge t = min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$   
and  $\mu(x\alpha y) \ge t = min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$ 

Hence  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring of M. Let  $x, y \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\mu(xry) = t$ .

$$\Rightarrow xry \in \mu_t \Rightarrow x \in \mu_t \text{ and } y \in \mu_t \Rightarrow \mu(x) \text{ and } \mu(y) \ge t \Rightarrow min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge t = \mu(xry) \Rightarrow min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge \mu(xry) \ge min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} Hence \ \mu(xry) = min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$$

Therefore  $\mu$  is a fuzzy filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*.

**Theorem 2.4.**  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M if and only if for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of M.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M. Let  $t \in [0,1]$  such that  $\mu_t$  is a proper ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M. Let  $x, y \in \mu_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge t, \ \mu(y) \ge t \Rightarrow \mu(x+y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge t.$$

Therefore  $x + y \in \mu_t$  Let  $x \in \mu_t, \alpha \in \Gamma, y \in M \setminus \mu_t \Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge t$  and  $\mu(y) < t$  $\Rightarrow \mu(x\alpha y) = max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge t \Rightarrow x\alpha y \in \mu_t$ . similarly we can prove  $y\alpha x \in \mu_t$ . Hence  $\mu_t$  is an ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M.

Let  $a, b \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $a\alpha b \in \mu_t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mu(a\alpha b) \ge t \Rightarrow max\{\mu(a), \mu(b)\} \ge t \Rightarrow \mu(a) \ge t \text{ or } \mu(b) \ge t \Rightarrow a \in \mu_t \text{ or } b \in \mu_t.$$

Hence  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of *M*.

Conversely suppose that  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal, for any  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} = t$ 

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge t, \mu(y) \ge t$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x, y \in \mu_t$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x + y \in \mu_t$$
  
Therefore  $\mu(x + y) \ge t = min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$   
Let  $s = max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$   

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) = s \text{ or } \mu(y) = s$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mu_s \text{ or } y \in \mu_s$$
  

$$\Rightarrow xay \in \mu_s$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \mu(xay) \ge s = max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$$

Therefore  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Let  $x, y \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\mu(xry) = t$ .

$$\Rightarrow xry \in \mu_t \Rightarrow x \in \mu_t \text{ or } y \in \mu_t \Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge t \text{ or } \mu(y) \ge t \Rightarrow max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge t = \mu(xry) \Rightarrow max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge \mu(xry) \ge max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}.$$

Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of *M*.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then *I* is a prime ideal of *M* if and only if the fuzzy subsets  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of *M*.

*Proof.* Let *I* be a prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*. Obviously  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy ideal of *M*.. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $x\alpha y \in I$ . Since *I* is a prime ideal, we have  $x \in I$  or  $y \in I$ .

$$\Rightarrow \chi_I(x) = 1 \text{ or } \chi_I(y) = 1.$$
  
Hence  $\chi_I(x\alpha y) = max\{\chi_I(x), \chi_I(y)\}.$ 

Let  $x \in M \setminus I, y \in I, \alpha \in \Gamma$  then  $x \alpha y \in I$ 

$$\Rightarrow \chi_I(x\alpha y) = max\{\chi_I(x), \chi_I(y)\}.$$

Hence  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of *M*.

Suppose  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of *M*. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $x\alpha y \in I$ , we have

$$\chi_I(x\alpha y) = max\{\chi_I(x), \chi_I(y)\}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 1 \le max\{\chi_I(x), \chi_I(y)\}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \chi_I(x) = 1 \text{ or } \chi_I(y) = 1$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x \in I \text{ or } y \in I.$$

Hence *I* is a prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\phi \neq F \subseteq M$ . Then *F* is a filter of *M* if and only if the fuzzy subset  $\chi_F$  is a fuzzy filter of *M*.

*Proof.* Suppose *F* is a filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*. Obviously  $\chi_F$  is a non empty fuzzy subset of *M* and fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring of *M*. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Suppose 
$$x \alpha y \notin F \Rightarrow x \notin F, y \in F$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \chi_F(x \alpha y) = 0, \chi_F(x) = 0, \chi_F(y) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \chi_F(x \alpha y) = min\{\chi_F(x), \chi_F(y)\}.$   
If  $x \alpha y \in F \Rightarrow x \in F$  and  $y \in F$   
 $\chi_F(x \alpha y) = 1, \chi_F(x) = \chi_F(y) = 1.$   
Hence  $\chi_F(x \alpha y) = min\{\chi_F(x), \chi_F(y)\}.$ 

Therefore  $\chi_F$  is a fuzzy filter of *M*.

Conversely supposes that  $\chi_F$  is a fuzzy filter of *M*. Obviously, *F* is a non empty  $\Gamma$ -subsemiring of *M*. Let  $x\alpha y \in F, x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Since  $\chi_F$  is a fuzzy filter of *M*. We have

$$\chi_F(x\alpha y) = \min\{\chi_F(x), \chi_F(y)\}.$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \chi_F(x) = \chi_F(y) = 1$$
  
$$\Rightarrow x, y \in F.$$

Hence *F* is a filter of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M*.

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $\mu$  is a proper and maximal fuzzy ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M. Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mu$  is a proper and maximal fuzzy ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring M. Let  $t \in [0,1]$  such that  $\mu_t$  is a proper ideal of M. Let J be an ideal of M such that  $\mu_t \subseteq J$ . Suppose  $J \neq M$ . Then there exist  $a \in M$  such that  $a \notin J$ . Therefore  $a \notin \mu_t \Rightarrow \mu(a) < t$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the fuzzy subset of M defined by  $\gamma(x) = \mu(x)$  if  $x \neq a, \gamma(a) = t$ . Then  $\mu \leq \gamma \leq \langle \gamma \rangle$  (The fuzzy ideal generated by  $\gamma$ ). This is a contradiction to the fact that,  $\mu$  is a maximal. Then J = M. Therefore  $\mu_t$  is a maximal ideal  $\Rightarrow \mu_t$  is a prime ideal. Let  $x, y \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $\mu(x\alpha y) = c$ 

$$\Rightarrow x\alpha y \in \mu_c$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mu_c \text{ or } y \in \mu_c$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) \ge c \text{ or } \mu(y) \ge c$$
  

$$\Rightarrow max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ge \mu(x\alpha y)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x\alpha y) = max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$$

Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -semiring *M* 

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