

INTERVAL VALUED FUZZY SUBSEMININGS OF A SEMIRING UNDER HOMOMORPHISM

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study some of the properties of interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring under homomorphism and anti-homomorphism and prove some results on these.

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INTRODUCTION

Interval valued fuzzy sets were introduced independently by Zadeh [11], Grattan-Guiness [4], Jahn [6], in the seventies, in the same year. An interval valued fuzzy set (IVF) is defined by an interval valued membership function. Jun.Y.B and Kin.K.H [7] defined an interval valued fuzzy R-subgroups of nearsemirings. Solairaju.A and Nagarajan.R [10] defined the characterization of interval valued anti fuzzy Left h-ideals over hemisemirings. Azriel Rosenfeld [2] defined a fuzzy group. K.Murugalingam & K.Arjunan [8] defined an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring. We introduce the concept of interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring under homomorphism and anti-homomorphism and established some results.

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Definition [8]: Let X be any nonempty set. A mapping $[M] : X \rightarrow D[0, 1]$ is called an interval valued fuzzy subset (briefly, IVFS) of X , where $D[0,1]$ denotes the family of all closed subintervals of $[0,1]$ and $[M](x) = [M^-(x), M^+(x)]$, for all x in X , where M^- and M^+ are fuzzy subsets of X such that $M^-(x) \leq M^+(x)$, for all x in X . Thus $M^-(x)$ is an interval (a closed subset of $[0, 1]$) and not a number from the interval $[0, 1]$ as in the case of fuzzy subset. Note that $[0] = [0, 0]$ and $[1] = [1, 1]$.

1.2 Remark [8]: Let D^X be the set of all interval valued fuzzy subset of X , where D means $D[0, 1]$.

1.3 Definition: Let $[A]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subset of X . Then the following operations are defined as

- (i) $\alpha[A] = \{ \langle x, \min\{\alpha, [A](x)\} \mid x \in X \}$.
- (ii) $\beta[A] = \{ \langle x, \max\{\beta, [A](x)\} \mid x \in X \}$.
- (iii) $Q_\alpha[A] = \{ \langle x, \min\{\alpha, [A](x)\} \mid x \in X \text{ and } \alpha \in D[0, 1] \}$.
- (iv) $P_\alpha[A] = \{ \langle x, \max\{\alpha, [A](x)\} \mid x \in X \text{ and } \alpha \in D[0, 1] \}$.
- (v) $G_\alpha[A] = \{ \langle x, \alpha [A](x) \rangle \mid x \in X \text{ and } \alpha \in [0, 1] \}$.

1.4 Definition [8]: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a semiring. An interval valued fuzzy subset $[M]$ of R is said to be an **interval valued fuzzy subsemiring** of R if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $[M](x+y) \geq \min\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$
- (ii) $[M](xy) \geq \min\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ for all x and y in R .

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1.5 Definition: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ and $(R^1, +, \cdot)$ be any two semirings. Let $f : R \rightarrow R^1$ be any function and $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring in R , $[V]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring in $f(R) = R^1$, defined by $[V](y) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} [M](x)$, for all x in R and y in R^1 . Then $[M]$ is called a pre-image of $[V]$ under f and is denoted by $f^{-1}([V])$.

1.6 Definition: Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring $(R, +, \cdot)$ and a in R . Then the **pseudo interval valued fuzzy coset** $(a[M])^p$ is defined by $((a[M])^p)(x) = p(a)[M](x)$ for every x in R and for some p in P .

2. SOME PROPERTIES

2.1 Theorem: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ and $(R^1, +, \cdot)$ be any two semirings. The homomorphic image of an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R^1 .

Proof: Let $f: R \rightarrow R^1$ be a homomorphism. Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R . Let $[V]$ be the homomorphic image of $[M]$ under f . We have to prove that $[V]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of $f(R) = R^1$. Let $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ in R^1 . Then $[V](f(x) + f(y)) = [V](f(x+y)) \geq [M](x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[V](f(x)+f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\}$. And $[V](f(x)f(y)) = [V](f(xy)) \geq [M](xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[V](f(x)f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\}$. Hence $[V]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R^1 .

2.2 Theorem: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ and $(R^1, +, \cdot)$ be any two semirings. The homomorphic pre-image of an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R^1 is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: Let $f: R \rightarrow R^1$ be a homomorphism. Let $[V]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of $f(R) = R^1$. Let $[M]$ be the pre-image of $[V]$ under f . We have to prove that $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R . Let x and y in R . Then $[M](x+y) = [V](f(x+y)) = [V](f(x)+f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\} = \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[M](x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ for x and y in R . And $[M](xy) = [V](f(xy)) = [V](f(x)f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\} = \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[M](xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ for x and y in R . Hence $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring R .

2.3 Theorem: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ and $(R^1, +, \cdot)$ be any two semirings. The anti-homomorphic image of an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R^1 .

Proof: Let $f: R \rightarrow R^1$ be a anti-homomorphism. Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R . Let $[V]$ be the homomorphic image of $[M]$ under f . We have to prove that $[V]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of $f(R) = R^1$. Let $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ in R^1 . Then $[V](f(x)+f(y)) = [V](f(y+x)) \geq [M](y+x) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[V](f(x)+f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\}$. And $[V](f(x)f(y)) = [V](f(yx)) \geq [M](yx) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[V](f(x)f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\}$. Hence $[V]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R^1 .

2.4 Theorem: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ and $(R^1, +, \cdot)$ be any two semirings. The anti-homomorphic pre-image of an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R^1 is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: Let $f: R \rightarrow R^1$ be a anti-homomorphism. Let $[V]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of $f(R) = R^1$. Let $[M]$ be the pre-image of $[V]$ under f . We have to prove that $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R . Let x and y in R . Then $[M](x+y) = [V](f(x+y)) = [V](f(y)+f(x)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\} = \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[M](x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ for all x and y in R . And $[M](xy) = [V](f(xy)) = [V](f(y)f(x)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[V](f(x)), [V](f(y))\} = \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ which implies that $[M](xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring R .

In the following Theorem \circ is the composition operation of functions:

2.5 Theorem: Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring H and f is an isomorphism from a semiring R onto H . Then $[M] \circ f$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: Let x and y in R and $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring H . Then $(([M] \circ f)(x+y) = [M](f(x+y)) = [M](f(x)+f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](f(x)), [M](f(y))\} \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$ which implies that $(([M] \circ f)(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$. And $(([M] \circ f)(xy) = [M](f(xy)) = [M](f(x)f(y)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](f(x)), [M](f(y))\} \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$ which implies that $(([M] \circ f)(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$. Therefore $([M] \circ f)$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R .

2.6 Theorem: Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring H and f is an anti-isomorphism from a semiring R onto H . Then $[M] \circ f$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: Let x and y in R and $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring H . Then $([M] \circ f)(x+y) = [M](f(x+y)) = [M](f(y)+f(x)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](f(x)), [M](f(y))\} \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$ which implies that $([M] \circ f)(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$. And $([M] \circ f)(xy) = [M](f(xy)) = [M](f(y)f(x)) \geq \text{rmin}\{[M](f(x)), [M](f(y))\} \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$ which implies that $([M] \circ f)(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{([M] \circ f)(x), ([M] \circ f)(y)\}$. Therefore $([M] \circ f)$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.7 Theorem: Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then the pseudo interval valued fuzzy coset $(a[M])^p$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring R , for every a in R .

Proof: Let $[M]$ be an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of the semiring R . For every x and y in R , we have $((a[M])^p)(x+y) = p(a)[M](x+y) \geq p(a) \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{p(a)[M](x), p(a)[M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{((a[M])^p)(x), ((a[M])^p)(y)\}$. Therefore $((a[M])^p)(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{((a[M])^p)(x), ((a[M])^p)(y)\}$ for x and y in R . And $((a[M])^p)(xy) = p(a)[M](xy) \geq p(a) \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{p(a)[M](x), p(a)[M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{((a[M])^p)(x), ((a[M])^p)(y)\}$. Therefore $((a[M])^p)(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{((a[M])^p)(x), ((a[M])^p)(y)\}$ for x and y in R . Hence $(a[M])^p$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.8 Theorem [8]: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are two interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then their intersection $[M] \cap [N]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.9 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $?([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: For every x and y in R , we have $?([M])(x+y) = \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x+y)\} \geq \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x)\}, \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{?([M])(x), ?([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $?([M])(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{?([M])(x), ?([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Also $?([M])(xy) = \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](xy)\} \geq \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x)\}, \text{rmin}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{?([M])(x), ?([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $?([M])(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{?([M])(x), ?([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $?([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.10 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $!([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: For every x and y in R , we have $!([M])(x+y) = \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x+y)\} \geq \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x)\}, \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{!([M])(x), !([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $!([M])(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{!([M])(x), !([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Also $!([M])(xy) = \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](xy)\} \geq \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](x)\}, \text{rmax}\{[1/2, 1/2], [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{!([M])(x), !([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $!([M])(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{!([M])(x), !([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $!([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.11 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $Q_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: For every x and y in R , α in $D[0, 1]$, we have $Q_\alpha([M])(x+y) = \text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](x+y)\} \geq \text{rmin}\{\alpha, \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](x)\}, \text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{Q_\alpha([M])(x), Q_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $Q_\alpha([M])(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{Q_\alpha([M])(x), Q_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Also $Q_\alpha([M])(xy) = \text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](xy)\} \geq \text{rmin}\{\alpha, \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](x)\}, \text{rmin}\{\alpha, [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{Q_\alpha([M])(x), Q_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $Q_\alpha([M])(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{Q_\alpha([M])(x), Q_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $Q_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.12 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $P_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: For every x and y in R , α in $D[0, 1]$, we have $P_\alpha([M])(x+y) = \text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](x+y)\} \geq \text{rmax}\{\alpha, \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](x)\}, \text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{P_\alpha([M])(x), P_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $P_\alpha([M])(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{P_\alpha([M])(x), P_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Also $P_\alpha([M])(xy) = \text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](xy)\} \geq \text{rmax}\{\alpha, \text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{\text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](x)\}, \text{rmax}\{\alpha, [M](y)\}\} = \text{rmin}\{P_\alpha([M])(x), P_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $P_\alpha([M])(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{P_\alpha([M])(x), P_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $P_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.13 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $G_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: For every x and y in R , α in $[0, 1]$, we have $G_\alpha([M])(x+y) = \alpha [M](x+y) \geq \alpha (\text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}) = \text{rmin}\{\alpha [M](x), \alpha [M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{G_\alpha([M])(x), G_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $G_\alpha([M])(x+y) \geq \text{rmin}\{G_\alpha([M])(x), G_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Also $G_\alpha([M])(xy) = \alpha [M](xy) \geq \alpha (\text{rmin}\{[M](x), [M](y)\}) = \text{rmin}\{\alpha [M](x), \alpha [M](y)\} = \text{rmin}\{G_\alpha([M])(x), G_\alpha([M])(y)\}$. Therefore $G_\alpha([M])(xy) \geq \text{rmin}\{G_\alpha([M])(x), G_\alpha([M])(y)\}$ for all x and y in R . Hence $G_\alpha([M])$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

2.14 Theorem: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then $?([M] \cap [N]) = ?([M]) \cap ?([N])$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.8, 2.9, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.15 Theorem: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then $!([M] \cap [N]) = !([M]) \cap !([N])$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.8, 2.10, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.16 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $!(?([M])) = ?(!([M]))$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.9, 2.10, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.17 Theorem: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then $Q_\alpha([M] \cap [N]) = Q_\alpha([M]) \cap Q_\alpha([N])$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.8, 2.11, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.18 Theorem: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then $P_\alpha([M] \cap [N]) = P_\alpha([M]) \cap P_\alpha([N])$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.8, 2.12, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.19 Theorem: If $[M]$ is an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of a semiring R , then $P_\alpha(Q_\alpha([M])) = Q_\alpha(P_\alpha([M]))$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.11, 2.12, the statement of the Theorem is true.

2.20 Theorem: If $[M]$ and $[N]$ are interval valued fuzzy subsemirings of a semiring R , then $G_\alpha([M] \cap [N]) = G_\alpha([M]) \cap G_\alpha([N])$ is also an interval valued fuzzy subsemiring of R .

Proof: By Theorem 2.8, 2.13, the statement of the Theorem is true.

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