## A CHARACTERIZATION OF FUZZY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUTATIVE DIVISION RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** We give a characterization of fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring; and present an alternative formulation of boundedness introduced in fuzzy neighborhood rings. The notion of  $\beta$ -restricted fuzzy set is considered.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION.

The notions of fuzzy neighborhood division ring and fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring are announced in [1] without producing any characterization theorem on the topics. In this article, our aim is to provide with such a characterization theorem.

Fuzzy neighborhood rings are studied in [2] where the concept of bounded fuzzy set is introduced. We give here an alternative equivalent formulation of boundedness in case of commutative division rings. Finally, we propose a notion of  $\beta$ -restricted fuzzy set where  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , an analouge of restricted set in topological commutative division rings.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES.

Like recent works, for instance ([1], [2], [3], [4] and [5]) the key item of this article is the notion of fuzzy neighborhood system originated by R. Lowen [6]. For our convenience, we quote below a few known definitions and useful results.

Throughout the text, we consider the triplet  $(D, +, \cdot)$  either a ring, division ring or commutative division ring (whichever we require), while  $D^* := D \setminus \{0\}$  stands for multiplicative group of nonzero elements of commutative division ring D and  $D^+$  is the additive group of D.

As usual,  $I_0$ := ]0,1], and I:= [0,1] the unit interval.  $\Box$  denotes the completion of the proof. For any fuzzy set  $\mu \in I^D(=\{\mu: D \to I\})\mu^{\sim}$  is defined as

$$\mu^{\sim}(x):=\mu(x^{-1})\;\forall x\in D^*$$

If  $x \in D$  then,

$$x \oplus \mu(y) := 1_{\{x\}} \oplus \mu(y) = \mu(y-x) \quad \forall y \in D$$

where  $1_{\{x\}}$  denotes the characteristic function of the singleton set  $\{x\}$ , while for any  $\mu, \nu_1, \nu_2 \epsilon I^D$ and  $x \epsilon D^*$   $x \odot \mu, \nu_1 \oplus \nu_2$  and  $\nu_1 \odot \nu_2$  are defined successively,

for all  $y \in D$ .

Also, we define  $\mu/\nu$  as

 $\nu/\nu$ : =  $\mu \odot \nu \sim$ 

and so  $1/(1 \oplus \nu)$  is written as

 $1/(1 \oplus \nu)(x) := (1 \oplus \nu)^{\sim} (x) := (1 \oplus \nu)(x^{-1}) \quad \forall x \in D^*.$ 

We call  $\mu$  is symmetric if and only if

 $\mu = \sim \mu$ , where  $\sim \mu(x) = \mu(-x) \forall x \in D$ .

The constant fuzzy set of D with value  $\delta \epsilon I$  is given by the symbol  $\underline{\delta} \ (\epsilon I^D)$ .

We recall the so-called saturation operator [6,7] which is defined on a prefilter base  $F \subset I^D$ by

$$\widetilde{F} = \{ \nu \in I^{D} : \forall \delta \in I_{0} \exists \nu_{\delta} \in F \ni \nu_{\delta} - \delta \leq \nu \}.$$

If  $\Sigma := (\Sigma(x))_{x \in D}$  is a fuzzy neighborhood system on a set D then  $t(\Sigma)$  is the fuzzy neighborhood topology on D, and the pair  $(D, t(\Sigma))$  is known as fuzzy neighborhood space [6].

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** If  $(D, t(\Sigma))$  and  $(D', t(\Sigma'))$  are fuzzy neighborhood spaces and  $f: D \rightarrow D'$ , then f is continuous at  $x \in D \Leftrightarrow \forall \mu' \in \Sigma'(f(x))$  and  $\forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(x)$  such that  $\nu - \underline{\delta} \leq f^{-1}(\nu')$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on D. Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is said to be a fuzzy neighborhood ring if and only if the following are satisfied:

(FR1) The mapping  $h: (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto x + y$  is continuous.

(FR2) The mapping  $k: (D, t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), x \mapsto -x$  is continuous.

(FR3) The mapping  $m: (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  be a fuzzy neighborhood ring and  $x \in D$ .

# Then

(a) The left homothety  $\mathcal{L}_x:(D,t(\Sigma)) \to (D,t(\Sigma)) \ y \mapsto xy$  (resp. right homothety  $\mathfrak{R}_x:(D,t(\Sigma)) \to (D,t(\Sigma)), y \mapsto yx$ ) is continuous. If x is a unit element of D then each homothety is a homeomorphism.

(b) The translation  $T_x$ :  $(D, t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), y \mapsto y + x$ , and the inversion k are homeomorphisms.

- (c)  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \Leftrightarrow x \oplus \nu \epsilon \Sigma(x)$ , i.e.,  $T_x(\nu) \epsilon \Sigma(x)$ .
- (d)  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(x) \Leftrightarrow -x \oplus \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$ , i.e.,  $T_{-x}(\nu) \epsilon \Sigma(0)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a division ring, and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on D. Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is said to be a fuzzy neighborhood division ring if and only if the following are true:

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(FD1)  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring.

(FD2) The mapping  $r:(D^*, t(\Sigma_{|D^*})) \to (D^*, t(\Sigma_{|D^*})), x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is continuous, where  $\Sigma_{|D^*}$  is the fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D^*$  induced by D.

**THEOREM 2.5.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on D. Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring if and only if the following are satisfied:

- (1)  $\forall x \in D: \Sigma(x) = \{T_x(\nu): \nu \in \Sigma(0)\}$
- (2)  $\forall x_0 \in D, \forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni x_0 \odot \nu \le \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , and  $\nu \odot x_0 \le \mu + \delta$ , i.e., the mapping  $y \rightarrow x_0 y$ and  $y \rightarrow y x_0$  are continuous at 0.
- (3)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \oplus \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$  is continuous at (0, 0).
- (4)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \leq \sim \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $x \mapsto -x$  is continuous at 0.
- (5)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \ \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \ \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous at (0, 0).

## 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF FNCDR AND SOME OTHER RESULTS.

The following is a characterization of fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring. We consider  $\Sigma(0)$  to be symmetric fuzzy neighborhoods of zero.

**THEOREM 3.1.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring if and only if the following are fulfilled:

- (i)  $\forall x \in D: \Sigma(x) = \{T_x(\nu) = x \oplus \nu; \nu \in \Sigma(0)\}.$
- (ii)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \forall x \epsilon D, \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni x \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ ; i.e.,  $y \mapsto yx$  is continuous at 0.
- (iii)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \oplus \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e.,  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$  is continuous at (0, 0).
- (iv)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \odot \nu \le \mu + \underline{\delta}, i.e., (x, y) \mapsto xy \text{ is continuous at } (0, 0).$
- (v)  $\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni (1 \oplus \nu)^{\sim} \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the inversion  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$   $(x \neq 0)$  is continuous at 1.

**PROOF.** If  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring, then the conditions (i) - (iv) are immediate from Theorem 2.5. We check condition (v).

Let  $\mu \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \epsilon I_0$ ; then  $1 \oplus \mu \epsilon \Sigma(r(1))$ . Since  $r: x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is continuous at 1, we can find  $\nu \in \Sigma(0)$  such that  $1 \oplus \nu \epsilon \Sigma(1)$  and  $r(1 \oplus \nu) \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}$ .

But 
$$r(1 \oplus \nu) \leq (1 \oplus \nu)^{\sim}$$
, so  $(1 \oplus \nu)^{\sim} \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}$ .

Conversely, if the conditions (i) - (v) are fulfilled then only we need to prove that the inversion  $r: x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is continuous, i.e., we show that

$$\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \ \forall x \epsilon D, \ \forall \ \delta \epsilon I_0 \ \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni$$

$$(x \oplus \nu)^{\sim} \leq (x^{\sim} \oplus \mu) + \delta.$$
(\*)

Let  $x \in D^*$ ,  $\mu \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \in I_0$ . Then in view of (ii), there is a  $\mu_1 \in \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\mu_1 \odot x \sim \leq \mu + \delta/\underline{3} \tag{3.1}$$

Now due to (v), corresponding to  $\mu_1$  we can find  $\nu_1 \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$(1 \oplus \nu_1)^{\sim} \leq (1 \oplus \mu_1) + \delta/\underline{3} . \tag{3.2}$$

Then by (ii), there exists a  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$(\mathbf{x} \sim \odot \mathbf{\nu}) \le \mathbf{\nu}_1 + \delta/\underline{3} . \tag{3.3}$$

Now

$$(1 \oplus (\boldsymbol{x} \frown \boldsymbol{\wp} \boldsymbol{\nu}))^{\sim} \leq (1 \oplus \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1})^{\sim} + \delta/\underline{3} \text{ (from (3.3))}$$
$$\leq (1 \oplus \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}) + 2\delta/\underline{3} \text{ (from (3.2))}$$
$$\leq (1 \oplus (\boldsymbol{x} \odot \boldsymbol{\mu})) + (2\delta/\underline{3}) + (\delta/\underline{3}) \text{ (from (3.1))}.$$

But then with simplification, we have

$$(x \oplus \nu)^{\sim} = x^{\sim} \odot (1 \oplus (x^{\sim} \odot \nu))^{\sim} \leq (x^{\sim} \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}, \qquad \Box$$

which proves (\*).

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  be a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring. If the conditions (i) - (v) of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied then the following inequality hold good.

$$/ \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \ \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \ \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu / (1 \oplus \nu) \le \mu + \underline{\delta} \ .$$

**PROOF.** Suppose that the condition (i) - (v) hold good. Let  $\mu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \epsilon I_0$ . Then there are  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2 \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1 \le \mu + \delta/\underline{3}; \ \mu_2 \le \mu_1;$$

and

$$\mu_2 \odot \mu_2 \le \mu_1 + \delta/\underline{3} . \tag{3.4}$$

By (v), for every  $\mu_2 \epsilon \Sigma(0) \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \nu \leq \mu_2$  such that

$$(1 \oplus \nu)^{\sim} \leq (1 \oplus \mu_2) + \delta/\underline{3} . \tag{3.5}$$

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Then we have

$$\nu/(1 \oplus \nu) = \nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (\text{by definition})$$

$$\leq \nu \odot (1 \oplus \mu_2) + \delta/\underline{3} \leq (\nu \odot 1) \oplus (\nu \odot \mu_2) + \delta/\underline{3} \quad (\text{by } (3.5))$$

$$\leq \mu_2 \oplus (\mu_2 \odot \mu_2) + \delta/\underline{3}$$

$$\leq (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_1) + 2\delta/\underline{3}$$

$$\leq (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1) + 2\delta/\underline{3}$$

$$\leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nu/(1 \oplus \nu) \leq \mu + \underline{\delta} .$$

**THEOREM 3.3.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring equipped with a fuzzy neighborhood topology  $t(\Sigma)$ . If  $(D, +, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood group with respect to addition  $h: (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma), (x, y) \mapsto x + y$  and  $(D^*, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood group with respect to multiplication  $m: (D^* \times D^*, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D^*, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto xy$ , then  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring.

**PROOF.** As the inversion, the addition and subtraction, i.e.,

$$r: (D^*, t(\Sigma)) \to (D^*, t(\Sigma)), x \mapsto x^{-1},$$
  
$$h: (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto x + y;$$
  
$$h': (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto x - y$$

are continuous, it is sufficient to show that the multiplication  $m:(D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \to (D, t(\Sigma)),$  $(x, y) \to xy$  is continuous.

Let  $\Sigma(0)$  be symmetric fuzzy neighborhoods of zero in the additive group  $D^+$  of D, and

$$\Sigma(\boldsymbol{x}):=\left\{\boldsymbol{x}\oplus\boldsymbol{\nu}:\boldsymbol{\nu}\in\Sigma(\boldsymbol{0})\right\}^{\sim}.$$

We show that

$$\forall x \in D, \forall y \in D, \forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\nu} \oplus \boldsymbol{x}) \odot (\boldsymbol{\nu} \oplus \boldsymbol{y}) - \underline{\delta} \leq \boldsymbol{\mu} \oplus \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{y}.$$

Condition (\*\*) is satisfied for all  $z \in D^*$ ,  $y \in D^*$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y \in D^*, \ \forall \mu_{xy} \in \Sigma(xy), \ \forall \ \delta \epsilon I_0 \ \exists \theta_x \in \Sigma(x) \ \exists \theta_y \in \Sigma(y) \ni \\ \theta_x \odot \theta_y - \underline{\delta} \le \mu_{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(***)$$

We let  $\mu_{xy}$ : =  $\mu \oplus xy$  with  $\mu \in \Sigma(0)$ ,

$$\theta_{x} := x \oplus \theta \epsilon \Sigma(x) \ \theta_{y} := y \oplus \theta' \epsilon \Sigma(y) \ \text{with} \ \theta, \theta' \epsilon \Sigma(0).$$

Put  $\nu: = \theta \wedge \theta'$ . Then we have

$$(\nu \oplus x) \odot (\nu \oplus y) - \underline{\delta} \leq (\theta \oplus x) \odot (\theta' \oplus x) - \underline{\delta}$$
$$\leq \theta_x \odot \theta_y - \underline{\delta} \leq \mu_{xy} = \mu \oplus xy,$$

as desired.

It remains to show that if xy = 0, then (\*\*) is satisfied. First, let x = y = 0; suppose  $\mu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \epsilon I_0$ ; then by Proposition 2.3(c),  $1 \oplus \mu \epsilon \Sigma(1)$ .

There exists  $\theta \in \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\theta \oplus \theta \oplus \theta \le \mu + \delta/2 . \tag{3.6}$$

Consequently, as multiplication  $m:(x,y)\mapsto xy$  is continuous at (1,1), there exists  $\nu_1 \in \Sigma(1)$  such that

$$\nu_1 \odot \nu_1 \le (1 \oplus \theta) + \delta/\underline{2} . \tag{3.7}$$

Then in view of Proposition 2.3(d),  $-1 \oplus \nu_1 \epsilon \Sigma(0)$ . Let us put

$$\nu:=-1\oplus\nu_1 \text{ and } \nu:=\nu\wedge\theta$$

then  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  and hence,

$$\nu \odot \nu = (-1 \oplus \nu_1) \odot (-1 \oplus \nu_1)$$
  
$$\leq 1 \oplus ((-1) \odot \nu_1) \oplus (\nu_1 \odot (-1)) \oplus (\nu_1 \odot \nu_1)$$
  
$$\leq (1 \oplus (\sim \nu_1)) \oplus (\sim \nu_1) \oplus (1 \oplus \theta) + \delta/\underline{2}$$
  
$$\leq \theta \oplus \theta \oplus \theta + \delta/\underline{2} \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$$

which proves that

$$\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \ \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \odot \nu \leq \mu + \delta.$$

(\*\*)

Next, let  $x \neq 0 = y$ . Since the multiplication  $m:(x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous at (1, x), then (\*\*\*) implies that

$$\forall \mu_{x} \epsilon \Sigma(x), \ \forall \delta \epsilon I_{0} \ \exists \ \nu_{1} \epsilon \Sigma(1) \ \exists \nu_{x} \epsilon \Sigma(x) \ni \nu_{1} \odot \nu_{x} - \underline{\delta} \leq \mu_{x}.$$
(3.8)

Choose

$$\mu_{\mathbf{x}} = \mu \oplus \mathbf{x}, \text{ with } \mu \in \Sigma(0);$$

$$\nu_1$$
: = 1  $\oplus \theta$ ,  $\nu_r$ : =  $x \oplus \theta'$  with  $\theta, \theta' \in \Sigma(0)$ .

Set  $\nu := \theta \wedge \theta'$ . Then it follows immediately that

$$(1 \oplus \nu) \odot (\mathbf{z} \oplus \nu) \leq (\mu \oplus \mathbf{z}) + \underline{\underline{\delta}}$$
  
(by (3.8))

and consequently,  $(\nu \oplus x) \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$  which proves that

$$\forall \mu \epsilon \Sigma(0), \ \forall x \epsilon D^*, \ \forall \delta \epsilon I_0 \ \exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni (\nu \oplus x) \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta} \ .$$

**DEFINITION 3.4.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then a fuzzy set  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  is said to be bounded in  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  if and only if for all  $\kappa \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  and for all  $\delta \epsilon I_0$  there exists  $\theta \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  such that  $\mu \odot \theta \le \nu + \underline{\delta}$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(B1):  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  is bounded in  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$ ;

(B2):  $\forall \nu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists x \in D^* \ni \mu \odot x \leq \nu + \underline{\delta}$ .

**PROOF.** (B1) $\Rightarrow$ (B2) is trivial, we prove (B2) $\Rightarrow$ (B1). Let  $\mu \epsilon I^D$ ,  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \epsilon I_0$ . Then in view of Theorem 3.1 (iv) there exists a  $\nu' \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\nu' \odot \nu' - \delta/\underline{3} \leq \nu$$
 (3.9)

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By hypothesis, there is  $x \in D^*$  such that

$$\mu \odot \boldsymbol{x} - \delta/\underline{3} \leq \nu' \tag{3.10}$$

Thus we have

$$\nu' \odot (\mu \odot x) \underset{(by(3.10))}{\leq} \nu' \odot \nu' + \delta/\underline{3}$$

$$\underset{(by(3.9))}{\leq} \nu' + 2\delta/\underline{3}$$
(3.11)

Again applying Theorem 3.1(ii), we can find  $\theta \in \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\theta \odot x \sim \leq \nu' + \delta/\underline{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta \leq \nu' \odot x + \delta/\underline{3} \qquad (3.12)$$

So for any  $z \in D$ :

$$\mu \odot \theta(z) = \bigvee_{st = z} \mu(s) \land \theta(t)$$

$$\leq \bigvee_{st = z} \mu(s) \land (\nu' \odot x)(t) + \delta/3$$

$$= \mu \odot (\nu' \odot x)(z) + \delta/3$$

$$\leq \nu(z) + 2\delta/3 + \delta/3 = \nu(z) + \delta$$

$$(by(3.11))$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \odot \theta \leq \nu + \underline{\delta}.$$

**DEFINITION 3.6.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. A fuzzy set  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  is said to be  $\beta$ -restricted in  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  for  $0 < \beta \le 1$  if and only if

$$\overline{\mu^{\sim}}(0) < \beta$$

Where - is the fuzzy closure operator given in Proposition 2.3 [6]

**PROPOSITION 3.7.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(R1):  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  is  $\beta$ -restricted in  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  for  $0 < \beta \le 1$ ;

(R2):  $\exists \nu \epsilon \Sigma(0) \ni \mu \odot \nu(1) < \beta$ .

**PROOF.** (R1)=(R2). Let  $0 < \beta \le 1$ , and  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  be  $\beta$ -restricted. Suppose that  $\nu \epsilon \Sigma(0)$  is such that  $\mu \odot \nu(1) \ge \beta$ ; i.e.,  $\forall_{xy} = 1^{\mu(x)} \land \nu(y) \ge \beta$ 

 $\Rightarrow \exists x \in D, y \in D^*$  such that xy = 1, i.e.,  $x = y^{-1}$  such that

$$\mu(y^{-1}) \wedge \nu(y) \ge \beta$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \bigwedge_{\nu \in \Sigma(0)} \bigvee_{y \in D^*} \mu(y^{-1}) \wedge \nu(y) \ge \beta$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \bigwedge_{\nu \in \Sigma(0)} \bigvee_{y \in D^*} \mu^{\sim}(y) \wedge \nu(y) \ge \beta$$

 $\Rightarrow \overline{\mu^{\sim}}(0) \ge \beta$ , contradiction with the fact that  $\mu$  is  $\beta$ -restricted. (R2) $\Rightarrow$ (R1). Let  $\mu \epsilon I^D$  be not  $\beta$ -restricted for  $0 < \beta \le 1$ .

This means simply that

$$\begin{split} & \bigwedge_{\nu \in \Sigma(0)} \quad \bigvee_{y \in D^*} \quad \mu^{\sim}(y) \land \nu(y) \geq \beta \\ \Rightarrow \forall \nu \in \Sigma(0): \bigvee_{y \in D^*} \quad \mu^{\sim}(y) \land \nu(y) \geq \beta. \end{split}$$

Now we have

$$\mu \odot \nu(1) = \bigvee_{st = 1} \mu(s) \wedge \nu(t)$$
$$= \bigvee_{s = t^{-1} \in D^*} \mu^{\sim}(t) \wedge \nu(t) \ge \beta$$

a contradiction with (R2).

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