

## ON ANTI FUZZY IDEALS IN NEAR-RINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we apply the Biswas' idea of anti fuzzy subgroups to ideals of near-rings. We introduce the notion of anti fuzzy ideals of near-rings, and investigate some related properties.

## 1. Introduction

W. Liu [14] has studied fuzzy ideals of a ring, and many researchers [5, 10, 12, 17] are engaged in extending the concepts. S. Abou-Zaid [1] introduced the notion of a fuzzy subnear-ring, and studied fuzzy ideals of a near-ring, and many followers [6, 7, 8, 10, 11] discussed further properties of fuzzy ideals in near-rings. In [2], R. Biswas introduced the concept of anti fuzzy subgroups of groups, and K. H. Kim and Y. B. Jun studied the notion of anti fuzzy  $R$ -subgroups of near-ring in [9]. In this paper, we introduce the notion of anti fuzzy ideals of near-rings, and investigate some related properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

A *near-ring* ([16]) is a non-empty set  $R$  with two binary operations “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $(R, +)$  is a group,
- (ii)  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup,
- (iii)  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

Precisely speaking, it is a left near-ring because it satisfies the left distributive law. We will use the word “near-ring” instead of “left near-ring”. We denote  $x \cdot y$  by  $xy$ . If  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a near-ring, then an *ideal* ([1]) of  $R$  is a subset  $I$  of  $R$  such that

- (i)  $(I, +)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(R, +)$ ,
- (ii)  $RI \subset I$ ,
- (iii)  $(r + i)s - rs \in I$ , for all  $i \in I$  and  $r, s \in R$ .

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two near-rings. A map  $f : R \rightarrow S$  is a *homomorphism* of near-rings if  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  and  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

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A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a set  $R$  is a function  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Denote by  $\text{Im}(\mu)$  the image set of  $\mu$ . For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the set

$$\mu_t^{\geq} = \{x \in R | \mu(x) \geq t\} \quad (\text{resp. } \mu_t^{\leq} = \{x \in R | \mu(x) \leq t\})$$

is called a *upper* (resp. *lower*) *t-level cut* of  $\mu$ . Clearly,  $\mu_t^{\geq} \cup \mu_t^{\leq} = R$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and if  $t_1 < t_2$ , then  $\mu_{t_1}^{\leq} \subseteq \mu_{t_2}^{\leq}$  and  $\mu_{t_2}^{\geq} \subseteq \mu_{t_1}^{\geq}$ . If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set in  $R$ , then the *complement* of  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\mu^c$ , is the fuzzy set in  $R$  given by  $\mu^c(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in R$  ([3], [17], [18]).

Let  $R$  be a near-ring. A *fuzzy subnear-ring* of  $R$  is a fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $R$  such that

- (F1)  $\mu(x - y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ ,
- (F2)  $\mu(xy) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ ,

for all  $x, y \in R$ . And a *fuzzy ideal* of  $R$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring  $\mu$  of  $R$  such that

- (F3)  $\mu(y + x - y) \geq \mu(x)$ ,
- (F4)  $\mu(xy) \geq \mu(y)$ ,
- (F5)  $\mu((x + z)y - xy) \geq \mu(z)$ ,

for all  $x, y, z \in R$  ([10]). Note that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (F1), (F2), (F3) and (F4), and  $\mu$  is a fuzzy right ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (F1), (F2), (F3) and (F5). Let  $R$  be a near-ring and  $\mu$  a fuzzy subset of  $R$ . Then the upper *t-level cut*  $\mu_t^{\geq}$  of  $\mu$  is a subnear-ring (resp. ideal) of  $R$  for all  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$  if and only if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring (resp. ideal) of  $R$  ([1, p145, Theorem 4.2]).

### 3. Anti Fuzzy Ideals

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a near-ring. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an *anti fuzzy subnear-ring* of  $R$  if for all  $x, y \in R$ ,

- (AF1)  $\mu(x - y) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ ,
- (AF2)  $\mu(xy) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $R$  be a near-ring. An anti fuzzy subnear-ring  $\mu$  of  $R$  is called an *anti fuzzy ideal* of  $R$  if for all  $x, y, z \in R$ ,

- (AF3)  $\mu(y + x - y) \leq \mu(x)$ ,
- (AF4)  $\mu(xy) \leq \mu(y)$ ,
- (AF5)  $\mu((x + z)y - xy) \leq \mu(z)$ .

Note that  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy left ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (AF1), (AF2), (AF3) and (AF4), and  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $R$  if it satisfies (AF1), (AF2), (AF3) and (AF5).

**Example 3.3.** Let  $R = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with two binary operations as follows:

$+$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$b$	$b$	$a$	$d$	$c$
$c$	$c$	$d$	$b$	$a$
$d$	$d$	$c$	$a$	$b$

$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$d$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$

Then  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a near-ring. We define a fuzzy subset  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(c) = \mu(d) > \mu(b) > \mu(a)$ . Then  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy right (resp. left) ideal of  $R$ .

Every anti fuzzy right (resp. left) ideal of a near-ring  $R$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ , but the converse is not true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $R = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set with two binary operations as follows:

$+$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$\cdot$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$b$	$a$	$d$	$c$	$b$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$c$	$c$	$d$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$d$	$d$	$c$	$a$	$b$	$d$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$

Then  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a near-ring. We define a fuzzy subset  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(c) = \mu(d) > \mu(b) > \mu(a)$ . Then  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ . But  $\mu$  is not an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $R$ , since  $\mu((a + b)c - ac) = \mu(c) > \mu(b)$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** If  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of a near-ring  $R$ , then  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* It follows immediately from [AF1]. □

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $R$  be a near-ring. Then a fuzzy set  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$  if and only if  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ . Then we have that for each  $x, y \in R$ ,

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

and

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

Hence  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ . The converse is proved similarly. □

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $R$  be a near-ring and  $\mu$  a fuzzy set in  $R$ . Then  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal in  $R$  if and only if  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy ideal in  $R$ . Then  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ , and we have that for all  $x, y, z \in R$ ,

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

and

$$\mu^c((x+z)y - xy) = 1 - \mu((x+z)y - xy) \geq 1 - \mu(z) = \mu^c(z).$$

Hence  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ . The converse is proved similarly.  $\square$

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set of a set  $R$ . Then  $\mu_t^{\leq} = (\mu^c)_{1-t}^{\geq}$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a near-ring  $R$ . Then  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$  if and only if the lower  $t$ -level cut  $\mu_t^{\leq}$  is an ideal of  $R$  for each  $t \in [\mu(0), 1]$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$  and  $t \in [\mu(0), 1]$ . Then  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , hence  $\mu_t^{\leq} = (\mu^c)_{1-t}^{\geq}$  is an ideal of  $R$  from [1, Theorem 4.2].

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\mu_t^{\leq}$  be an ideal of  $R$  for all  $t \in [\mu(0), 1]$  and  $s \in [0, 1 - \mu(0)] = [0, \mu^c(0)]$ . Then  $1 - s \in [\mu(0), 1]$  and  $(\mu^c)_s^{\geq} = \mu_{1-s}^{\leq}$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $(\mu^c)_s^{\geq}$  is an ideal of  $R$  for all  $s \in [0, \mu^c(0)]$ , and  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , whence  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy subnear-ring  $R$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then two lower level cuts  $\mu_{t_1}^{\leq}$  and  $\mu_{t_2}^{\leq}$  are equal if and only if there is no  $x \in R$  such that  $t_1 < \mu(x) \leq t_2$ .*

*Proof.* From the definition of lower level cuts, it follows that  $\mu_t^{\leq} = \mu^{-1}([\mu(0), t])$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then

$$\mu_{t_1}^{\leq} = \mu_{t_2}^{\leq} \Leftrightarrow \mu^{-1}([\mu(0), t_1]) = \mu^{-1}([\mu(0), t_2]) \Leftrightarrow \mu^{-1}((t_1, t_2]) = \emptyset.$$

$\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** *If  $I$  is an ideal of a near-ring  $R$ , then for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , there exists an anti fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $R$  such that  $\mu_t^{\leq} = I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $t \in [0, 1]$  and define a fuzzy set  $\mu : R \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } x \in I, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin I, \end{cases}$$

for each  $x \in R$ . Then  $\mu_s^{\leq} = I$  for any  $s \in [t, 1) = [\mu(0), 1)$ , and  $\mu_1^{\leq} = R$ , whence  $\mu_s^{\leq}$  is an ideal of  $R$  for all  $s \in [\mu(0), 1]$ . Hence  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$  from Theorem 3.8, and  $\mu_t^{\leq} = I$ .  $\square$

For a family of fuzzy sets  $\{\mu_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  in a near-ring  $R$ , the union  $\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i$  of  $\{\mu_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  is defined by

$$\left(\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i\right)(x) = \sup\{\mu_i(x) \mid i \in \Lambda\},$$

for each  $x \in R$ .

**Proposition 3.11.** *If  $\{\mu_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of anti fuzzy ideals of a near-ring  $R$ , then so is  $\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\mu_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of anti fuzzy ideals of  $R$  and  $x, y \in R$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(x - y) &= \sup\{\mu_i(x - y) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\max\{\mu_i(x), \mu_i(y)\} \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= \max\{\sup\{\mu_i(x) \mid i \in \Lambda\}, \sup\{\mu_i(y) \mid i \in \Lambda\}\} \\ &= \max\{(\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(x), (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(xy) &= \sup\{\mu_i(xy) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\max\{\mu_i(x), \mu_i(y)\} \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= \max\{\sup\{\mu_i(x) \mid i \in \Lambda\}, \sup\{\mu_i(y) \mid i \in \Lambda\}\} \\ &= \max\{(\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(x), (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ .

For any  $x, y, z \in R$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(y + x - y) &= \sup\{\mu_i(y + x - y) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\mu_i(x) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(xy) &= \sup\{\mu_i(xy) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\mu_i(y) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(y), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)((x + z)y - xy) &= \sup\{\mu_i((x + z)y - xy) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\mu_i(z) \mid i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= (\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i)(z). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$ . □

**Theorem 3.12.** *If  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of a near-ring  $R$ , then  $\mu(x) = \inf\{t \in [0, 1] \mid x \in \mu_t^{\leq}\}$  for each  $x \in R$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $x \in R$ , let  $T_x = \{t \in [0, 1] \mid x \in \mu_t^{\leq}\}$  and  $\alpha = \inf T_x$ . Then for any  $t \in T_x$ ,  $\mu(x) \leq t$ , whence  $\mu(x)$  is a lower bound of  $T_x$ , hence  $\mu(x) \leq \inf T_x = \alpha$ . And let  $\beta = \mu(x)$ . Then  $x \in \mu_\beta^{\leq}$  and  $\beta \in T_x$ , hence  $\alpha = \inf T_x \leq \beta = \mu(x)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two near-rings and  $f$  a function of  $R$  into  $S$ .

- (1) If  $\nu$  is a fuzzy set in  $S$ , then the *preimage* of  $\nu$  under  $f$  is the fuzzy set in  $R$  defined by

$$f^{-1}(\nu)(x) = \nu(f(x)),$$

for each  $x \in R$ .

- (2) If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set of  $R$ , then the *image* of  $\mu$  under  $f$  is the fuzzy set in  $S$  defined by

$$f(\mu)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for each  $y \in S$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of near-rings.

- (1) If  $\nu$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ .  
 (2) If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ , then  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x_1, x_2 \in R$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1 - x_2) &= \nu(f(x_1) - f(x_2)) \\ &\geq \min\{\nu(f(x_1)), \nu(f(x_2))\} \\ &= \min\{f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1), f^{-1}(\nu)(x_2)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1 x_2) &= \nu(f(x_1) f(x_2)) \\ &\geq \min\{\nu(f(x_1)), \nu(f(x_2))\} \\ &= \min\{f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1), f^{-1}(\nu)(x_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ .

- (2) Let  $y_1, y_2 \in S$ . Then we have

$$\{x \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1 - y_2)\} \supseteq \{x_1 - x_2 \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\},$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu)(y_1 - y_2) &= \sup\{\mu(x) \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1 - y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_1 - x_2) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\} \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &= \min\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1)\}, \sup\{\mu(x_2) \mid x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{f(\mu)(y_1), f(\mu)(y_2)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and since  $\{x \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1y_2)\} \supseteq \{x_1x_2 \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu)(y_1y_2) &= \sup\{\mu(x) \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_1x_2) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_2)\} \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1) \text{ and } x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &= \min\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1)\}, \sup\{\mu(x_2) \mid x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\}\} \\ &= \min\{f(\mu)(y_1), f(\mu)(y_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$ . □

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of near-rings.*

- (1) *If  $\nu$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ .*
- (2) *If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ , then  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $S$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\nu$  be a fuzzy ideal in  $S$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$  from Theorem 3.14, and we have that for any  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1 + x_2 - x_1) &= \nu(f(x_1) + f(x_2) - f(x_1)) \\ &\geq \nu(f(x_2)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\nu)(x_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\nu)(x_1x_2) &= \nu(f(x_1)f(x_2)) \\ &\geq \nu(f(x_2)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\nu)(x_2), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\nu)((x_1 + x_2)x_3 - x_1x_3) &= \nu((f(x_1) + f(x_2))f(x_3) - f(x_1)f(x_3)) \\ &\geq \nu(f(x_2)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\nu)(x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ .

(2) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal in  $R$ . Then  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$  from Theorem 3.14, and we have that for any  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu)(y_1 + y_2 - y_1) &= \sup\{\mu(x) \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1 + y_2 - y_1)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_1 + x_2 - x_1) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_2) \mid x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &= f(\mu)(y_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu)(y_1y_2) &= \sup\{\mu(x) \mid x \in f^{-1}(y_1y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_1x_2) \mid x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_2) \mid x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\ &= f(\mu)(y_2), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\mu)((y_1 + y_2)y_3 - y_1y_3) &= \sup\{\mu(x)|x \in f^{-1}((y_1 + y_2)y_3 - y_1y_3)\} \\
 &\geq \sup\{\mu((x_1 + x_2)x_3 - x_1x_3)|x_1 \in f^{-1}(y_1), x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2), x_3 \in f^{-1}(y_3)\} \\
 &\geq \sup\{\mu(x_2)|x_2 \in f^{-1}(y_2)\} \\
 &= f(\mu)(y_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy ideal in  $S$ . □

**Definition 3.16.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two near-rings and  $f$  a function of  $R$  into  $S$ . If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set in  $R$ , then the *anti image* of  $\mu$  under  $f$  is the fuzzy set  $f_-(\mu)$  in  $S$  defined by

$$f_-(\mu)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for each  $y \in S$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of near-rings. Then we have that

- (1) if  $\nu$  is a fuzzy set in  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu^c) = (f^{-1}(\nu))^c$ ,
- (2) if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set in  $R$ , then  $f(\mu^c) = (f_-(\mu))^c$  and  $f_-(\mu^c) = (f(\mu))^c$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\nu$  is a fuzzy set in  $S$ . Then for each  $x \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1}(\nu^c)(x) &= \nu^c(f(x)) \\
 &= 1 - \nu(f(x)) \\
 &= 1 - f^{-1}(\nu)(x) \\
 &= (f^{-1}(\nu))^c(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu^c) = (f^{-1}(\nu))^c$ .

(2) Let  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set in  $R$ . Then for each  $x \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\mu^c)(y) &= \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu^c(x) \\
 &= \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} (1 - \mu(x)) \\
 &= 1 - \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x) \\
 &= 1 - f_-(\mu)(y) \\
 &= (f_-(\mu))^c(y),
 \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_-(\mu^c)(y) &= \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu^c(x) \\
 &= \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} (1 - \mu(x)) \\
 &= 1 - \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \mu(x) \\
 &= 1 - f(\mu)(y) \\
 &= (f(\mu))^c(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(\mu^c) = (f_-(\mu))^c$  and  $f_-(\mu^c) = (f(\mu))^c$ . □

**Theorem 3.18.** *Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of near-rings. Then we have that*

- (1) *if  $\nu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ ,*
- (2) *if  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $R$ , then  $f_-(\mu)$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\nu$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $S$ . Then  $\nu^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $S$  from Proposition 3.6, and  $f^{-1}(\nu^c)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$  from Theorem 3.14. Hence  $(f^{-1}(\nu))^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ , and  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ .

(2) Let  $\mu$  be an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ . Then  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $R$ , and  $f(\mu^c)$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $S$  by Theorem 3.14. Since  $f(\mu^c) = (f_-(\mu))^c$ ,  $(f_-(\mu))^c$  is also a fuzzy subnear-ring in  $S$ , and  $f_-(\mu)$  is an anti fuzzy subnear-ring in  $S$ . □

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be an onto homomorphism of near-rings. Then we have that*

- (1) *if  $\nu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an anti fuzzy ideal in  $R$ ,*
- (2) *if  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $R$ , then  $f_-(\mu)$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of theorem is straightforward, and so is omitted. □

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