# A NEW VIEW OF FUZZY GAMMA RINGS

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## Abstract

The aim of this paper is to define a new kind of fuzzy gamma ring. So the concepts of fuzzy gamma ring, fuzzy ideal, fuzzy quotient gamma ring, and fuzzy gamma homomorphism are introduced.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1965, L. A. Zadeh introduced the notion of a fuzzy subset of a set as a method for representing uncertainty. Then, in 1971, A. Rosenfeld used the notion of a fuzzy subset of a set to introduce the notion of a fuzzy subgroup of a group. Rosenfeld's paper inspired the development of fuzzy abstract algebra. After these studies, many mathematicians have studied these subject. For more details, see [11].

In [4, 5], M. Demirci introduced the concept of smooth group by using a fuzzy binaryoperation and the concept of fuzzy equality, and then this concept was applied to a new kind of fuzzy group based on a fuzzy binary operation by X. Yuan and E.S. Lee [17]. Recently H. Aktaş and N. Çağman [1] considered a type of fuzzy ring based on Yuan and Lee's definition of a fuzzy group.

In [13], N. Nobusawa introduced the notion of a  $\Gamma$ -ring, which is more general than a ring. W. E. Barnes [2] weakened slightly the conditions in the definition of a  $\Gamma$ -ring in the sense of Nobusawa. After these two papers were published, many mathematicians obtained interesting results on  $\Gamma$ -rings in the sense of Barnes and Nobusawa which paralleled results in ring theory.

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In [7], Jun and Lee introduced the concept of fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ring. After this study several mathematicians worked on this subject, see for instance [8, 9, 14, 15].

In this paper, we define a new kind of fuzzy gamma ring. We obtain the fuzzy quotient gamma ring induced by fuzzy ideals, and present some fuzzy gamma homomorphism theorems.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we summarize the preliminary definitions that will be required in this paper. Most of the contents of this section are contained in [2, 7] and [17].

**2.1. Definition.** [2] If  $M = \{a, b, c, ...\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, ...\}$  are additive abelian groups and for all  $a, b, c \in M$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $a\alpha b \in M$ ;
- (ii)  $(a+b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c$ ,  $a(\alpha + \beta)b = a\alpha b + a\beta b$ ,  $a\alpha(b+c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$ ;

(iii)  $(a\alpha b)\beta c = a\alpha (b\beta c);$ 

then M is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring.

**2.2. Definition.** [2] Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. A subset U of M is a *left* (*right*) *ideal* of M if U is an additive subgroup of M and

 $M\Gamma U = \{a\alpha u \mid a \in M, \ \alpha \in \Gamma, \ u \in U\} \ (U\Gamma M)$ 

is contained in U. If U is both a left an right ideal, then U is a *two-sided ideal*, or simply an *ideal* of M.

Let M and M' be two  $\Gamma$ -rings. A mapping  $f : M \to M'$  of  $\Gamma$ -rings is called a  $\Gamma$ homomorphism if f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) and  $f(x\gamma y) = f(x)\gamma f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If f is one-to-one and onto, we say that f is a  $\Gamma$ -isomorphism and that M and M' are  $\Gamma$ -isomorphic, denoted by  $M \cong M'$ .

**2.3. Definition.** [7] Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called a *fuzzy* sub- $\Gamma$ -ring of M if

i)  $\mu(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\},\$ 

ii)  $\mu(x\gamma y) \ge \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\},\$ 

for all  $x, y \in M$  and for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**2.4. Definition.** [7] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called a *fuzzy left* (resp. *right*) *ideal of* M if

i)  $\mu(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\},\$ 

ii)  $\mu(x\gamma y) \ge \mu(y) \ (\mu(x\gamma y) \ge \mu(x)),$ 

for all  $x, y \in M$  and for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**2.5. Definition.** [17] Let G be a nonempty set and R a fuzzy subset of  $G \times G \times G$ . Then R is called a *fuzzy binary operation on* G if

(i)  $\forall a, b \in G, \exists c \in G \text{ such that } R(a, b, c) > \theta$ ,

(ii)  $\forall a, b, c_1, c_2 \in G$ ,  $R(a, b, c_1) > \theta$  and  $R(a, b, c_2) > \theta$  implies  $c_1 = c_2$ ,

where  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  is a fixed number.

Let R be a fuzzy binary operation on G. Then we may regard R as a mapping  $R: F(G) \times F(G) \to F(G)$ , where

$$F(G) = \{A \mid A : G \to [0, 1] \text{ is a mapping}\}$$

and for  $A, B \in F(G), R(A, B)$  is defined by

(2.1) 
$$R(A,B)(c) = \bigvee_{a,b\in G} (A(a) \wedge B(b) \wedge R(a,b,c))$$

for all  $c \in G$ .

For  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$  we denote R(A, B) by  $a \circ b$ . Then

(2.2) 
$$(a \circ b)(c) = R(a, b, c), \text{ for all } c \in G$$

$$(2.3) \qquad ((a \circ b) \circ c)(z) = \bigvee_{d \in G} (R(a, b, d) \wedge R(d, c, z), \text{ for all } z \in G,$$

$$(2.4) \qquad (a \circ (b \circ c))(z) = \bigvee_{d \in G} (R(b, c, d) \wedge R(a, d, z)), \text{ for all } z \in G.$$

**2.6. Definition.** [17] Let G be a nonempty set and R a fuzzy binary operation on G. Then (G, R) is called a *fuzzy group* if the following conditions are true:

- (G1)  $\forall a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in G$ ,  $((a \circ b) \circ c)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $(a \circ (b \circ c))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ ;
- (G2)  $\exists e_0 \in G$  such that  $(e_0 \circ a)(a) > \theta$  and  $(a \circ e_0)(a) > \theta$  for any  $a \in G$
- $(e_0 \text{ is unique and is called the$ *identity element*of <math>G);
- (G3)  $\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G \text{ such that } (a \circ b)(e_0) > \theta$ (b is unique and is called the *inverse element of a*, denoted by  $a^{-1}$ ).

#### 3. Results

Let M and  $\Gamma$  be nonempty sets,  $R_M$  a fuzzy binary operation on M and  $R_{\Gamma}$  on  $\Gamma$ . Hence,  $R_M$  is a fuzzy subset of  $M \times M \times M$ , and  $R_{\Gamma}$  a fuzzy subset of  $\Gamma \times \Gamma \times \Gamma$ . We assume throughout that the value of  $\theta$  is the same for  $R_M$  and  $R_{\Gamma}$ .

Let  $(M, R_M)$  and  $(\Gamma, R_\Gamma)$  be fuzzy groups. We now define a new fuzzy binary operation S on  $(M, \Gamma)$  which is a fuzzy subset of  $M \times \Gamma \times M \times \Gamma \times M$ .

**3.1. Definition.** Let M and  $\Gamma$  be two nonempty sets and S a fuzzy subset of  $M \times \Gamma \times M \times \Gamma \times M$ . Then S is called a *fuzzy binary operation on*  $(M, \Gamma)$  if

- (i)  $\forall a, b \in M, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, \exists c \in M \text{ such that } S(a, \alpha, b, \beta, c) > \theta$ ,
- (ii)  $\forall a, b, c_1, c_2 \in M, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma, \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c_1) > \theta \text{ and } \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c_2) > \theta$ implies  $c_1 = c_2$ ,

where  $\theta \in [0, 1)$  is as above for  $R_M$  and  $R_{\Gamma}$ .

Let S be a fuzzy binary operation on  $(M, \Gamma)$ . Then we may regard S as the mapping

$$S: F(M) \times F(\Gamma) \times F(M) \to F(M), \ (A, G, B) \mapsto S(A, G, B),$$

where

$$F(M) = \{A \mid A : M \to [0,1] \text{ is a mapping}\},\$$
  
$$F(\Gamma) = \{G \mid G : \Gamma \to [0,1] \text{ is a mapping}\},\$$

and

(3.1) 
$$S(A, G, B)(c) = \bigvee_{\substack{a, b \in M \\ \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma}} (A(a) \wedge G(\alpha) \wedge B(b) \wedge S(a, \alpha, b, \beta, c)), \ \forall c \in M.$$

Let  $A = \{a\}$ ,  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $G = \{\alpha\}$  and  $G' = \{\alpha'\}$ . Let  $R_M(A, B)$ ,  $R_{\Gamma}(G, G')$  and S(A, G, B) be denoted by  $a \circ b$ ,  $\alpha \circ \alpha'$  and  $a * \alpha * b$ , respectively. We will use the following

notation to simplify the calculations:

$$(3.2) \qquad (a * \alpha * b)(c) = \bigvee_{\alpha' \in \Gamma} S(a, \alpha, b, \alpha', c) \text{ for all } c \in M,$$

$$(3.3) \qquad ((a * \alpha * b) * \beta * c)(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d \in M \\ \alpha', \beta' \in \Gamma}} (S(a, \alpha, b, \alpha', d) \wedge S(d, \beta, c, \beta', z)),$$

$$(3.4) \qquad (a*\alpha*(b*\beta*c))(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d \in M \\ \alpha',\beta' \in \Gamma}} (S(b,\beta,c,\alpha',d) \wedge S(a,\alpha,d,\beta',z)),$$

(3.5) 
$$(a * \alpha * (b \circ c))(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d \in M \\ \alpha' \in \Gamma}} (R_M(b, c, d) \wedge S(a, \alpha, d, \alpha', z)),$$

$$(3.6) \qquad ((a*\alpha*b)\circ(a*\alpha*c))(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d,e\in M\\\alpha',\beta'\in\Gamma}} (S(a,\alpha,b,\alpha',d)\wedge S(a,\alpha,c,\beta',e)\wedge R_M(d,e,z)),$$

$$(3.7) \qquad (a*(\alpha\circ\beta)*b)(c)=\bigvee_{\gamma,\alpha'\in\Gamma}(R_{\Gamma}(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)\wedge S(a,\gamma,b,\alpha',c)),$$

$$(3.8) \qquad ((a*\alpha*b)\circ(a*\beta*b))(c) = \bigvee_{\substack{d,e\in M\\\alpha',\beta'\in\Gamma}} (S(a,\alpha,b,\alpha',d)\wedge S(a,\beta,b,\beta',e)\wedge R_M(d,e,c)),$$

(3.9) 
$$((a \circ b) * \alpha * c)(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d \in M \\ \alpha' \in \Gamma}} (R_M(a, b, d) \wedge S(d, \alpha, c, \alpha', z)),$$

$$(3.10) \quad ((a * \alpha * c) \circ (b * \alpha * c))(z) = \bigvee_{\substack{d, e \in M \\ \alpha', \beta' \in \Gamma}} (S(a, \alpha, c, \alpha', d) \wedge S(b, \alpha, c, \beta', e) \wedge R_M(d, e, z)),$$

**3.2. Definition.** Let M and  $\Gamma$  be nonempty sets,  $R_M$ ,  $R_{\Gamma}$  and S fuzzy binary operations on M,  $\Gamma$  and  $(M, \Gamma)$ , respectively, all with the same value of  $\theta$ . To simplify the notation, from now on we denote both  $R_M$  and  $R_{\Gamma}$  by R. Then  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is called a *fuzzy gamma ring* if the following conditions hold.

 $(M,\Gamma)_1$  (M,R) and  $(\Gamma,R)$  are abelian fuzzy groups,

 $(M,\Gamma)_2 \quad \forall a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in M, \forall \gamma, \beta \in \Gamma, ((a*\gamma*b)*\beta*c)(z_1) > \theta \text{ and } (a*\gamma*(b*\beta*c))(z_2) > \theta \text{ implies } z_1 = z_2,$ 

 $(M, \Gamma)_3 \quad \forall a, b, c, z_1, z_2 \in M, \forall \gamma, \beta \in \Gamma,$ 

- (i)  $(a * \gamma * (b \circ c))(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \gamma * c))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ , (ii)  $(a * (\gamma \circ \beta) * b)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \beta * b))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ ,
- (iii)  $((a \circ b) * \gamma * c)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * c) \circ (b * \gamma * c))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ .

The identity element of the fuzzy group (M, R) is called the *zero element* of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ , and is denoted by  $e_0$ .

**3.3. Definition.** A fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is called *commutative* if

$$(a*\gamma*b)(z)>\theta\iff (b*\gamma*a)(z)>\theta.$$

for all  $a, b, z \in M$  and for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

For a fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ ,

$$C(M,\Gamma,R,S) = \{a \in M \mid (a * \gamma * b)(z) > \theta \iff (b * \gamma * a)(z) > \theta$$
  
for all  $b, z \in M$  and for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma\}$ 

is called the *center* of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ . It follows that  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is commutative if and only if  $M = C(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ .

We now prove some elementary properties of fuzzy gamma rings.

**3.4. Theorem.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring,  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then

- (1) i)  $(a * \gamma * b)(b) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_0) > \theta$  implies  $b = e_0$ , and ii)  $(b * \gamma * a)(a) > \theta$  and  $(b * \gamma * a)(e_0) > \theta$  implies  $a = e_0$ .
- (2) Let  $b^{-1}$  be the inverse of b in (M, R). Then
  - i)  $(a * \gamma * b^{-1})(v) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(w) > \theta$  implies  $v = w^{-1}$ ,
  - ii)  $(a^{-1} * \gamma * b)(u) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(s) > \theta$  implies  $u = s^{-1}$ ,
  - iii)  $(a^{-1} * \gamma * b^{-1})(t) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(r) > \theta$  implies t = r,
- (3) i)  $(a * \gamma * (b \circ c^{-1}))(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \gamma * c^{-1}))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ ,
  - ii)  $((a \circ b^{-1}) * \gamma * c)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * c) \circ (b^{-1} * \gamma * c))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ ,
  - iii)  $(a * (\gamma \circ \beta^{-1}) * b)(z_1) > \theta$  and  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \beta^{-1} * b))(z_2) > \theta$  implies  $z_1 = z_2$ .

*Proof.* (1)(i) Let  $(a * \gamma * b)(b) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_0) > \theta$ . Thus, we have for all  $a, b \in M$ and for all  $\gamma, \alpha \in \Gamma$  that  $(a * \gamma * b)(b) = \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, b) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_0) = \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, e_0) > \theta$  from (3.2), and so  $b = e_0$  by Definition 3.1 (ii).

(1)(ii) Similarly, it may be shown that  $a = e_0$ .

(2)(i) Let  $c \in M$  such that  $R(v, w, c) > \theta$ . Then

$$((a*\gamma*b^{-1})\circ(a*\gamma*b))(c) \ge S(a,\gamma,b^{-1},\beta,v) \land S(a,\gamma,b,\alpha,w) \land R(v,w,c) > b$$

and

$$(a * \gamma * (b^{-1} \circ b))(e_0) \ge R(b^{-1}, b, e_0) \land S(a, \gamma, e_0, \alpha', e_0) > \theta.$$

Thus we get that  $c = e_0$  from  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ , and so  $R(v, w, e_0) > \theta$ .

Let  $c \in M$  be such that  $R(w, v, c) > \theta$ . Then

$$((a*\gamma*b)\circ(a*\gamma*b^{-1}))(c) \ge S(a,\gamma,b,\alpha,w) \wedge S(a,\gamma,b^{-1},\beta,v) \wedge R(w,v,c) > \theta$$

and

$$(a * \gamma * (b \circ b^{-1}))(e_0) \ge R(b, b^{-1}, e_0) \land S(a, \gamma, e_0, \beta, e_0) > \theta.$$

Thus we get that  $c = e_0$  from  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ , and so  $R(w, v, e_0) > \theta$ . Hence we obtain  $v = w^{-1}$  from (G3).

(2)(ii) Similarly, it may be shown that  $u = s^{-1}$ .

(2)(iii) Let  $(a^{-1} * \gamma * b^{-1})(t) > \theta$ . In this case,  $(a^{-1} * \gamma * b)(t^{-1}) > \theta$  by (2)(i) and  $S(e_0, \gamma, b, \alpha, e_0) > \theta$  by (1). If  $k \in M$  is such that  $R(r, t^{-1}, k) > \theta$ , then

$$((a*\gamma*b) \circ (a^{-1}*\gamma*b))(k) \ge S(a,\gamma,b,\alpha',r) \land S(a^{-1},\gamma,b,\beta,t^{-1}) \land R(r,t^{-1},k) > 6$$

and

$$((a \circ a^{-1}) * \gamma * b)(e_0) \ge R(a, a^{-1}, e_0) \land S(e_0, \gamma, b, \alpha, e_0) > \theta.$$

It follows that  $k = e_0$  from  $(M, \Gamma)_3$  (*iii*) and  $R(r, t^{-1}, e_0) > \theta$ . Also, similarly  $R(t^{-1}, r, e_0) > \theta$ . Consequently, t = r by (G3).

(3)(i) Let  $(b \circ c^{-1})(z_1) > \theta$  and  $(b \circ w)(z_1) > \theta$ . In this case, we have  $c^{-1} = w$  by [17, Proposition 2.1 (3)]. If  $a \neq e_0$ , then  $(a * \gamma * (b \circ c^{-1}))(z_1) > \theta$ , and we have that  $(a * \gamma * (b \circ w))(z_1) > \theta$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Let  $k \in M$  be such that  $R(u, v, k) > \theta$ . Then

$$((a*\gamma*b)\circ(a*\gamma*w))(k) \ge S(a,\gamma,b,\alpha,u) \land S(a,\gamma,w,\alpha',v) \land R(u,v,k) > \theta,$$

and so we get that  $z_1 = k$  from  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ . Since  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \gamma * c^{-1}))(z_2) > \theta$ , we have  $((a * \gamma * b) \circ (a * \gamma * w))(z_2) > \theta$ , and so  $z_1 = z_2$  from  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ .

(3)(ii) and (3)(iii) may be shown in a similar way.

**3.5. Definition.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring.

- (i)  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is called a *ring with identity* if there is an element  $e_*$  in  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  such that  $(e_* * \gamma * a)(a) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * e_*)(a) > \theta$  for all  $a \in M$ , and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- (ii) Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring with identity. If  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_*) > \theta$  and  $(b * \gamma * a)(e_*) > \theta$  for all  $a, b \in M$ , and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , then b is called an *invertible* (or *unit*) element of a, and is denoted by  $a_*^{-1}$ .

**3.6. Theorem.** If  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is a fuzzy gamma ring with identity, then  $e_*$  is unique.

*Proof.* Let  $e'_*, e''_*$  be identity elements of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ . In this case,  $(e'_* * \gamma * e''_*)(e'_*) > \theta$  and  $(e'_* * \gamma * e''_*)(e''_*) > \theta$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $\bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(e'_*, \gamma, e''_*, \beta, e'_*) > \theta$  and  $\bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(e'_*, \gamma, e''_*, \beta, e''_*) > \theta$ . So we get  $e'_* = e''_*$  by Definition 3.1.

**3.7. Definition.** A nonzero element a in a fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is called a *zero divisor* if there exists b in  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  such that  $b \neq e_0$  and either  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_0) > \theta$  or  $(b * \gamma * a)(e_0) > \theta$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

The following theorem establishes a relation between zero divisors and the cancellation property of a fuzzy gamma ring.

**3.8. Theorem.** A fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  has no zero divisor if and only if for all  $a, b, c, v \in M$  with  $a \neq e_0$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $(a * \gamma * b)(v) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * c)(v) > \theta$  implies b = c (left cancellation law) or  $(b * \gamma * a)(v) > \theta$  and  $(c * \gamma * a)(v) > \theta$  implies b = c (right cancellation law).

*Proof.*  $\implies$  Suppose that  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  has no zero divisor. If  $(a * \gamma * c)(v) > \theta$ , then  $(a * \gamma * c^{-1})(v^{-1}) > \theta$  by Theorem 3.4 (2). Let  $k, m \in M$  be such that  $R(a, c^{-1}, k) > \theta$  and  $S(a, \gamma, k, \alpha, m) > \theta$ , for all  $a \neq e_0, b, c \in M$  and all  $\gamma, \beta, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$((a*\gamma*b)\circ(a*\gamma*c^{-1}))(e_0) \ge S(a,\gamma,b,\beta,v) \land S(a,\gamma,c^{-1},\beta',v^{-1}) \land R(v,v^{-1},e_0) > b$$

and

$$(a * \gamma * (b \circ c^{-1}))(m) \ge R(b, c^{-1}, k) \land S(a, \gamma, k, \alpha, m) > \theta.$$

Thus  $m = e_0$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ , and so  $S(\alpha, \gamma, k, \alpha, e_0) > \theta$ . Since  $a \neq e_0$  and  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  has no zero divisor, we get  $k = e_0$  and so

(3.11)  $R(a, c^{-1}, e_0) > \theta.$ 

On the other hand, if  $(a * \gamma * b)(v) > \theta$ , then  $(a * \gamma * b^{-1})(v^{-1}) > \theta$  by Theorem 3.4 (2). Let  $t, n \in M$  be such that  $R(c, b^{-1}, t) > \theta$  and  $S(a, \gamma, t, \beta, n) > \theta$ . For all  $a \neq e_0, b, c \in M$  and all  $\gamma, \beta, \beta' \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ((a*\gamma*c) \circ (a*\gamma*b^{-1}))(e_0) \\ &\geq S(a,\gamma,c,\beta,v^{-1}) \wedge S(a,\gamma,b^{-1},\beta',v^{-1}) \wedge R(v,v^{-1},e_0) \\ &> \theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(a*\gamma*(c\circ b^{-1}))(n) \ge R(c, b^{-1}, t) \land S(a, \gamma, t, \beta, n) > \theta.$$

Thus we get  $n = e_0$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$ , and so  $S(a, \gamma, t, \beta, e_0) > \theta$ . Since  $a \neq e_0$  and  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  has no zero divisor, we get  $t = e_0$  and so

$$(3.12) \quad R(c, b^{-1}, e_0) > \theta.$$

From (3.11) and (3.12), we have b = c by Definition 2.5. Similarly, it may be shown that  $(b * \gamma * a)(v) > \theta$  and  $(c * \gamma * a)(v) > \theta$  implies b = c.

 $\Leftarrow$  Suppose one of the cancellation laws holds, say, the left one, i.e., if  $a, b \in M$  with  $a \neq e_0$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , then  $(a * \gamma * b)(e_0) > \theta$  and  $(a * \gamma * e_0)(e_0) > \theta$  implies  $b = e_0$ . Similarly, the right cancellation law implies  $b = e_0$ . Thus,  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  has no zero divisors.  $\Box$ 

Now, we introduce the idea of a fuzzy gamma subring of a fuzzy gamma ring.

Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and N a nonempty subset of M. Let  $R_N(a, b, c) = R(a, b, c)$  and  $S_N(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c) = S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in N$  and all  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then we have

$$(3.13) \qquad (a \triangle b)(c) = R_N(a, b, c) = R(a, b, c), \text{ for all } a, b, c \in N$$

$$(3.14) \quad (a \diamond \gamma \diamond b)(c) = \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S_N(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c) = \bigvee_{\beta \in \Gamma} S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c) \text{ for all } a, b, c \in N, \ \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

**3.9. Definition.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and N be nonempty subset of M for which:

- (i)  $(a \circ b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in N$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in N$  for all  $a, b \in N$ , all  $c \in M$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , and
- (ii)  $(N, \Gamma, R_N, S_N)$  is fuzzy gamma ring.

Then,  $(N, \Gamma, R_N, S_N)$  is called a *fuzzy gamma subring* of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ .

**3.10. Proposition.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and N a nonempty subset of M. Then  $(N, \Gamma, R_N, S_N)$  is a fuzzy gamma subring of M if and only if

- (i)  $(a \circ b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in N$  and  $(a * \gamma * b)(c) > \theta$  implies  $c \in N$ , for all  $a, b \in N$ , all  $c \in M$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$
- (ii)  $a^{-1} \in N$  for all  $a \in N$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

**3.11. Theorem.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and x an element of M. If

$$C(x) = \{a \in M \mid (x * \gamma * a)(c) > \theta \iff (a * \gamma * x)(c) > \theta, \ \forall c \in M \ \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\}$$

then C(x) is a fuzzy gamma subring of M.

*Proof.* Clearly  $e_0 \in C(x)$  and so  $C(x) \neq \emptyset$ .

(i)  $a_1, a_2 \in C(x)$  and  $(a_1 \circ a_2)(b) = R(a_1, a_2, b) > \theta$  implies  $b \in C(x)$ . Let  $x, b, c, b_1, b_2, d_1, d_2 \in M$  be such that  $S(b, \gamma, x, \beta, c) > \theta$ ,  $S(x, \gamma, b, \beta, d_1) > \theta$ ,  $S(x, \gamma, a_1, \beta, b_1) > \theta$ ,  $S(x, \gamma, a_2, \beta, b_2) > \theta$ , and  $R(b_1, b_2, d_2) > \theta$ .

From  $R(a_1, a_2, b) > \theta$  and  $R(a_2, a_1, b) > \theta$ , we have

$$(x*\gamma*(a_1\circ a_2))(d_1) \ge R(a_1,a_2,b) \land S(x,\gamma,b,\beta,d_1) > \theta,$$

and

$$((x*\gamma*a_1) \circ (x*\gamma*a_2))(d_2) \ge S(x,\gamma,a_1,\beta,b_1) \land S(x,\gamma,a_2,\beta,b_2) \land R(b_1,b_2,d_2) > \theta.$$

Thus,  $d_1 = d_2$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_3(i)$  and  $R(b_1, b_2, d_1) > \theta$ . For  $a_1, a_2 \in C(x)$ ,  $S(a_1, \gamma, x, \beta, b_1) > \theta$ ,  $S(a_2, \gamma, x, \beta, b_2) > \theta$  and  $R(b_2, b_1, d_1) > \theta$ , and so

$$((a_2 \circ a_1) * \gamma * x)(c) \ge R(a_2, a_1, b) \land S(b, \gamma, x, \beta, c) > \theta,$$

and

$$((a_2 * \gamma * x) \circ (a_1 * \gamma * x))(d_1) \ge S(a_2, \gamma, x, \beta, b_2) \land S(a_1, \gamma, x, \beta, b_1) \land R(b_2, b_1, d_1) > \theta_2$$

Thus  $c = d_1$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_3$  (*iii*) and  $S(x, \gamma, b, \beta, c) > \theta$ . Therefore, we get that  $S(b, \gamma, x, \beta, c) > \theta$  implies  $S(x, \gamma, b, \beta, c) > \theta$ . Similarly, it may be shown that  $S(x, \gamma, b, \beta, c) > \theta$  implies  $S(b, \gamma, x, \beta, c) > \theta$ , and so  $b \in C(x)$ .

Let  $x, b, c, b_2, d, d_1 \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma_2, \tau, \beta_1 \in \Gamma$  be such that  $S(x, \alpha, b, \tau, c) > \theta$ ,  $S(x, \alpha, a_2, \gamma_2, b_2) > \theta$ ,  $S(b, \alpha, x, \tau, d) > \theta$  and  $S(a_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta, b) > \theta$  and  $S(a_1, \alpha, b_2, \beta_1, d_1) > \theta$ . From  $S(a_2, \alpha, x, \gamma_2, b_2) > \theta$ , we have

$$((a_1 * \alpha * a_2) * \alpha * x))(d) \ge S(a_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta, b) \land S(b, \alpha, x, \tau, d) > \theta$$

and

$$(a_1 * \alpha * (a_2) * \alpha * x)(d_1) \ge S(a_2, \alpha, x, \gamma_2, b_2) \land S(a_1, \alpha, b_2, \beta_1, d_1) > \theta.$$

Thus  $d_1 = d$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_2$ , and so  $S(a_1, \alpha, b_2, \beta_1, d) > \theta$ . Let  $b_1, d_2 \in M$  and  $\gamma_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma$  be such that  $S(a_1, \alpha, x, \gamma_1, b_1) > \theta$  and  $S(b_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta_2, d_2) > \theta$ . From  $S(x, \alpha, a_2, \gamma_2, b_2) > \theta$ , we have

$$((a_1 * \alpha * a_2) * \alpha * x)(d_2) \ge S((a_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta, b) \land S(b, \alpha, x, \tau, d) > \theta$$

and

$$(a_1 * \alpha * (x * \alpha * a_2))(d) \ge S(x, \alpha, a_2, \gamma_2, b_2) \land S(a_1, \alpha, b_2, \beta_1, d) > \theta.$$

Thus,  $d_2 = d$  by  $(M, \Gamma)_2$ , and so  $S(b_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta_2, d) > \theta$ . From  $S(a_1, \alpha, x, \gamma_1, b_1) > \theta$  we have

$$((x * \alpha * a_1) * \alpha * a_2)(d) \ge S(a_1, \alpha, x, \gamma_1, b_1) \land S(b_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta_2, d) > \theta$$

and

$$(x * \alpha * (a_1 * \alpha * a_2))(c) \ge S(a_1, \alpha, a_2, \beta, b) \land S(x, \alpha, b, \tau, c) > \theta.$$

Thus c = d by  $(M, \Gamma)_2$ , and so  $S(b, \alpha, x, \tau, c) > \theta$ . Similarly,  $S(b, \alpha, x, \tau, c) > \theta$  implies  $S(x, \alpha, b, \tau, c) > \theta$ , and then  $b \in C(x)$ .

(ii) Let  $a \in C(x)$ . If  $b, c, d, b, b_2, d_1 \in M$  are such that  $S(x, \gamma, a^{-1}, \beta, d) > \theta$ ,  $S(a^{-1}, \gamma, x, \beta, c) > \theta$ ,  $S(x, \gamma, a, \gamma', b_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(b_1, d, d_1) > \theta$  and  $R(b_1, d, d_1) > \theta$ , then we get

$$((a^{-1} \circ a) * \gamma * x)(e_0) \ge R(a^{-1}, a, e_0) \land S(e_0, \gamma, x, \alpha, e_0) > \theta$$

and

$$((a^{-1}*\gamma*x) \circ (a*\gamma*x))(b_2) \ge S(a^{-1},\gamma,x,\beta,c) \land S(a,\gamma,x,\gamma',b_1) \land R(c,b_1,b_2) > \theta$$

Thus  $e_0 = b_2$  and so  $R(c, b_1, e_0) > \theta$ . Also,

$$(x * \gamma * (a^{-1} \circ a))(e_0) \ge R(a^{-1}, a, e_0) \land S(x, \gamma, e_0, \alpha, e_0) > \theta,$$

and

$$((x*\gamma*a^{-1})\circ(x*\gamma*a)(d_1) \ge S(x,\gamma,a^{-1},\beta,d) \land (x,\gamma,a,\gamma',b_1) \land R(d,b_1,d_1) > \theta,$$

from which we get  $e_0 == d_1$  and  $R(d, b_1, e_0) > \theta$ . Since  $R(c, b_1, e_0) > \theta$ ,  $R(d, b_1, e_0) > \theta$  and (M, R) is an abelian fuzzy group, e have d = c. Similarly,  $a \in C(x)$  and  $S(a^{-1}, \gamma, x, \beta, d) > \theta$  implies  $S(x, \gamma, a^{-1}, \beta, d) > \theta$ . Hence,  $a^{-1} \in C(x)$ . Then, C(x) is a fuzzy gamma subring of M by Proposition 3.10.

**3.12. Definition.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring. A nonempty subset I of M is called a *left (right) fuzzy ideal of* M if for all  $a, b \in I$ , all  $n, m \in M$ , and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $(a \circ b)(m) > \theta$  implies  $m \in I$ ,  $a^{-1} \in I$ ,  $(n * \gamma * a)(m) > \theta$  implies  $m \in I$   $((a * \gamma * n)(m) > \theta$  implies  $m \in I$ ).

A nonempty subset I of a fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  is called a *fuzzy* (*two-sided*) *ideal of*  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  if I is both a left and a right ideal of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ .

**3.13. Remark.** From the definition of a fuzzy left (right) ideal I of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ , then I is a fuzzy gamma subring of  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ . Also, if M is a commutative fuzzy gamma ring, then every left fuzzy ideal is a right fuzzy ideal and every right fuzzy ideal is a left fuzzy ideal.

**3.14.** Proposition. Let  $I_i$ ,  $i \in \Lambda$ , be a fuzzy ideal of fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a index set. Then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} I_i$  is a fuzzy ideal of M.

Proof. Straightforward.

Let I be a fuzzy ideal of fuzzy gamma ring  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  and  $\Delta = \{a \circ I \mid a \in M\}$ , where  $(a \circ I)(u) = \bigvee_{x \in I} R(a, x, u)$  for all  $a \in M$ . We define a relation over  $\Delta$  by

 $a_1 \circ I \sim a_2 \circ I \iff \exists u \in I \text{ such that } R(a_1^{-1}, a_2, u) > \theta.$ 

The fuzzy relation ~ on the set  $\Delta$  is a fuzzy equivalence relation by [17, Theorem 4.1]. Let  $[a \circ I] = \{a' \circ I \mid a' \circ I \sim a \circ I\}, \bar{a} = \{a' \mid a' \in M, a' \circ I \sim a \circ I\}$  and  $M/I = \{[a \circ I] \mid a \in M\}$ . Also, (I, R) is a fuzzy subgroup of (M, R), and since (M, R) is abelian, (I, R) is a normal fuzzy group of (M, R) by [17, Theorem 3.1]. Hence  $(M/I, \overline{R})$  is a commutative fuzzy group by [17, Theorem 4.2], where

$$(3.15) \quad \left([a \circ I] \oplus [b \circ I]\right)\left([c \circ I]\right) = \overline{R}\left([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I]\right) = \bigvee_{(a', b', c') \in \bar{a} \times \bar{b} \times \bar{c}} R(a', b', c')$$

Given the fuzzy groups  $(M/I, \overline{R})$  and  $(\Gamma, R)$ , let  $\overline{S}$  be a fuzzy binary operation on  $(M/I, \Gamma)$ , that is a fuzzy subset of  $M/I \times \Gamma \times M/I \times \Gamma \times M/I$  with the same value of  $\theta$  as for R and  $\overline{R}$ . Then we may associate with  $\overline{S}$  the mapping  $\overline{S} : F(M/I) \times F(\Gamma) \times F(M/I) \to F(M/I)$  given by

$$\overline{S}(\overline{A}, G, \overline{B})(c') = \bigvee_{\substack{a', b' \in M/I \\ \gamma, \beta \in \Gamma}} \left(\overline{A}(a') \land G(\gamma) \land \overline{B}(b') \land \overline{S}(a', \gamma, b', \beta, c')\right)$$

where

$$F(M/I) = \{\overline{A} \mid \overline{A} : M/I \to [0, 1] \text{ is a mapping} \}.$$

With  $\overline{R}$  and  $\overline{S}$  as above, we have

$$([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes [b \circ I])([c \circ I]) = \overline{S}([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I]) = \overline{S}([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [c \circ I]) = \sum_{(a', \gamma, b', \beta, c') \in \overline{a} \times \gamma \times \overline{b} \times \beta \times \overline{c}} S(a', \gamma, b', \beta, c'),$$

$$(([a \circ I] \oplus [b \circ I]) \oplus [c \circ I])([u \circ I]) = \sum_{d \in M} (\overline{R}([a \circ I], [b \circ I], [d \circ I]) \wedge \overline{R}([d \circ I], [c \circ I], [u \circ I])),$$

$$([a \circ I] \oplus ([b \circ I] \oplus [c \circ I]))([w \circ I]) = \sum_{d \in M} (\overline{R}([b \circ I], [c \circ I], [d \circ I]) \wedge \overline{R}([a \circ I], [d \circ I], [w \circ I])),$$

$$([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes ([b \circ I] \otimes [c \circ I]))([z \circ I]) = \sum_{d \in M, \beta \in \Gamma} (\overline{R}([b \circ I], [c \circ I], [d \circ I]) \wedge \overline{S}([a \circ I], \gamma, [d \circ I], \beta, [z \circ I])))$$

**3.15. Theorem.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and I a fuzzy ideal of M. Then the quotient fuzzy group  $(M/I, \overline{R})$  is a fuzzy gamma ring with

$$([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes [b \circ I]) ([c \circ I]) = \overline{S} ([a \circ I], \gamma, [b \circ I], \beta, [c \circ I])$$
  
= 
$$\bigvee_{(a', \gamma, b', \beta, c') \in \overline{a} \times \gamma \times \overline{b} \times \beta \times \overline{c}} S(a', \gamma, b', \beta, c')$$

*Proof.* The proof of  $(M, \Gamma)_2$  is similar to the proof of [17, Theorem 4.3], and is omitted. It only remains to check that  $(M, \Gamma)_3$  is satisfied.

(i) Let

 $([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes ([b \circ I] \oplus [c \circ I]))([d \circ I]) > \theta$ 

and

$$\big(([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes [b \circ I]) \oplus ([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes [c \circ I])\big)\big([w \circ I]\big) > \theta$$

Thus, we have  $a_1, a'_1, b_1, b'_1, c_1, c'_1, d_1, w_1 \in M$  such that  $a_1 \circ I \sim a'_1 \circ I \sim a \circ I$ ,  $b_1 \circ I \sim b'_1 \circ I \sim b \circ I$ ,  $c_1 \circ I \sim c'_1 \circ I \sim c \circ I$ ,  $d_1 \circ I \sim d \circ I$ ,  $w_1 \circ I \sim w \circ I$ , and there exist elements  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in I$ ,  $x'_1, x'_2, x'_3 \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta' \in \Gamma$  such that

$$\begin{split} &R(b_1, c_1, x'_1) \wedge S(a_1, \gamma, x'_1, \alpha, d_1) > \theta, \\ &S(a'_1, \gamma, b'_1, \beta, x'_2) \wedge S(a'_1, \gamma, c'_1, \alpha', x'_3) \wedge R(x'_2, x'_3, w_1) > \theta, \\ &R(a'_1, u_1, a_1) > \theta, \ R(b'_1, u_2, b_1) > \theta \text{ and } R(c'_1, u_3, c_1) > \theta \end{split}$$

by (3.15) and (3.16).

Let  $z_1 \in M$  be such that  $R(b'_1, c'_1, z_1) > \theta$ . Then by  $R(b_1, c_1, x'_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(b'_1, u_2, b_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(b'_1, c'_1, z_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(c'_1, u_3, c_1) > \theta$ , and the proof of [17, Theorem 4.2], we have  $R(z_1, u, x'_1) > \theta$  for any  $u \in I$ .

Since I is a fuzzy ideal, there exist elements  $u', u'_3, u_4, u_5, u_6 \in I$  such that  $S(u_3, \gamma, z_1, \beta, u'_3) > \theta$ ,  $S(u, \gamma, b'_1, \beta', u') > \theta$ ,  $S(u, \gamma, u_3, \beta, u_4) > \theta$ ,  $R(u'_3, u', u_5) > \theta$  and  $R(u_5, u_4, u_6) > \theta$ .

Let  $z_1 \in M$  be such that  $S(a'_1, \gamma, z_1, \beta, z_2) > \theta$ . By  $S(a_1, \gamma, x'_1, \alpha, d_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(z_1, u, x'_1) > \theta$ ,  $R(c'_1, u_3, c_1) > \theta$ ,  $S(a'_1, \gamma, z_1, \beta, z_2) > \theta$ , and similarly to the proof of [17, Theorem 4.2], we have  $R(z_2, u_6, d_1) > \theta$ . Hence,

$$(a_1' * \gamma * (b_1' \circ c_1'))(z_2) \ge R(b_1', c_1', z_1) \land S(a_1', \gamma, z_1, \beta, z_2) > \theta$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ((a'_1 * \gamma * b'_1) \circ (a'_1 * \gamma * c'_1))(w_2) &\geq S(a'_1, \gamma, b'_1, \beta, x'_2) \wedge S(a'_1, \gamma, c'_1, \beta', x'_3) \\ &\wedge R(x'_2, x'_3, w_2) \\ &\geq \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $z_2 = w_2$  and  $R(w_2, u_6, d_1) > \theta$ . In this case,  $w_1 \circ I \sim d_1 \circ I$ , and so  $[w_1 \circ I] = [d_1 \circ I]$ .

Similarly, it may be shown that (ii) and (iii) of  $(M, \Gamma)_3$  also hold.

**3.16. Definition.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and I a fuzzy ideal of M. Then the fuzzy gamma ring  $(M/I, \Gamma, \overline{R}, \overline{S})$  is called the *fuzzy quotient gamma ring of* M by I.

Finally, we introduce the notion of a fuzzy gamma homomorphism of fuzzy gamma rings. This concept is the analog of homomorphism for rings.

**3.17. Definition.** Let  $(M_1, \Gamma, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(M_2, \Gamma, R_2, S_2)$  be fuzzy gamma rings and f a function from  $M_1$  into  $M_2$ . Then f is called a *fuzzy gamma homomorphism* of  $M_1$  into  $M_2$  if

(i)  $R_1(a,b,c) > \theta$  implies  $R_2(f(a), f(b), f(c)) > \theta$ ,

(ii)  $S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c) > \theta$  implies  $S(f(a), \gamma, f(b), \beta, f(c)) > \theta$ ,

for all  $a, b, c \in M_1$ , and all  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

A homomorphism f of the fuzzy gamma ring  $M_1$  into the fuzzy gamma ring  $M_2$  is called

- (1) A monomorphism if f is one-one,
- (2) An epimorphism if f is onto  $M_2$ , and
- (3) An isomorphism if f is a one-one and map of  $M_1$  onto  $M_2$ .

If f is an isomorphism of  $M_1$  onto  $M_2$ , then the fuzzy gamma rings  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are called *isomorphic*, denoted by  $M_1 \cong M_2$ .

**3.18. Theorem.** Let  $(M_1, \Gamma, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(M_2, \Gamma, R_2, S_2)$  be fuzzy gamma rings, and let f be a fuzzy gamma homomorphism of  $M_1$  into  $M_2$ . Then

- (i)  $f(e_0) = e'_0$ , where  $e'_0$  is the zero of  $M_2$ ,
- (ii)  $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$  for all  $a \in M_1$ ,
- (iii)  $\operatorname{Im} f = \{f(a) \mid a \in M_1\}$  is a fuzzy gamma subring of  $M_2$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since f is a fuzzy gamma ring homomorphism, for all  $a \in M_1$ ,

 $R_1(a, e_0, a) > \theta \text{ implies } R_2(f(a), f(e_0), f(a)) > \theta,$ 

and for  $f(a) \in M_2$  we get  $R_2(f(a), e'_0, f(a)) > \theta$ . Now

$$(f(a)^{-1} \circ (f(a) \circ f(e_0)))(f(e_0)) \ge R_2(f(a), f(e_0), f(a)) \land R_2(f(a)^{-1}, f(a), f(e_0)) > \theta.$$

Therefore, we get that  $f(e_0) = e'_0$  by G1.

(ii) Since f is a fuzzy gamma homomorphism, for all  $a \in M_1$ ,

$$R_1(a, a^{-1}, e_0) > \theta$$
 implies  $R_2(f(a), f(a^{-1}), f(e_0)) > \theta$ ,

and so  $R_2(f(a), f(a^{-1}), e'_0) > \theta$  by (i). Hence we get that  $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$ .

(iii) Since f is a fuzzy gamma homomorphism, we have  $f(e_0) = e'_0 \in \text{Im}f$ ,  $e_0 \in M_1$ , by (i). Hence  $\text{Im}f \neq \emptyset$ .

(1) If  $a_1, a_2, a \in M_1$  are such that  $R_1(a_1, a_2, a) > \theta$ , then  $R_2(f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a)) > \theta$ , and so  $f(a) \in \text{Im}f$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, a \in M_1$  and  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$  be such that  $S_1(a_1, \gamma, a_2, \beta, a) > \theta$ . Then  $S_2(f(a_1), \gamma, f(a_2), \beta, f(a)) > \theta$ , and so  $f(a) \in \text{Im}f$ .

(2) Let  $b \in \text{Im} f$  be such that  $b = f(a), a \in M_1$ . Since f is a fuzzy  $\Gamma$  homomorphism and  $a^{-1} \in M_1$ , we get  $b^{-1} = f(a)^{-1} = f(a^{-1}) \in \text{Im}(f)$ .

**3.19. Theorem.** Let  $(M_1, \Gamma, R_1, S_1)$  and  $(M_2, \Gamma, R_2, S_2)$  be fuzzy gamma rings, and let f be a fuzzy gamma homomorphism of  $M_1$  into  $M_2$ . Then

- (i) Ker  $f = \{a \in M_1 \mid f(a) = e'_0\}$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_1$
- (ii) If B is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_2$ , then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_1$ ,
- (iii) If f is surjective and A is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_1$ , then f(A) is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_2$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $f(e_0) = e'_0, e_0 \in \text{Ker} f$ , and so  $\text{Ker} f \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $a, b \in \text{Ker} f$  are such that  $R_1(a, b, m_1) > \theta$ ,  $m_1 \in M_1$ , then

 $R_2(f(a), f(b), f(m_1)) = R_2(e'_0, e'_0, f(m_1)) > \theta$ 

since f is a fuzzy gamma homomorphism. Therefore,  $f(m_1) = e'_0$  and so  $m_1 \in \text{Ker} f$ .

If  $a \in \text{Ker} f$  is such that  $R_1(a, a^{-1}, e_0) > \theta$ , then

$$R_2(f(a), f(a^{-1}), f(e_0)) = R_2(f(a), f(a^{-1}), e'_0) > \theta,$$

and so  $f(a^{-1}) = e'_0$ , i.e.  $a^{-1} \in \operatorname{Ker} f$ .

Finally, if  $S_1(a, \gamma, m_1, \beta, w) > \theta$  for all  $m_1, w \in M_1$  and all  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$ , then

$$S_2(f(a), \gamma, f(m_1), \beta, f(w)) > \theta.$$

Since  $f(a) = e'_0$ ,  $S_2(e'_0, \gamma, f(m_1), \beta, f(w)) > \theta$ . In this case, we have  $(e'_0 * \gamma * f(m_1))(f(w)) > \theta$  and  $(e'_0 * \gamma * f(m_1))(e'_0) > \theta$ , and so  $f(w) = e'_0$  by Theorem 3.4.

Similarly, if  $S_1(m_1, \gamma, a, \beta, u) > \theta$ , then  $S_2(f(m_1), \gamma, f(a), \beta, f(u)) > \theta$ . Since  $f(a) = e'_0$ ,

$$S_2(f(m_1), \gamma, f(a), \beta, f(u)) = (f(m_1) * \gamma * e'_0)(f(u)) > \theta.$$

Also, since  $(f(m_1) * \gamma * e'_0)(e'_0) > \theta$ , we have  $f(u) = e'_0$  by Theorem 3.4. Therefore, we get that  $w, u \in \text{Ker} f$ , and so Ker f is a fuzzy ideal of  $M_1$ .

(ii) and (iii) may be proved similarly.

**3.20. Theorem.** Let  $(M, \Gamma, R, S)$  be a fuzzy gamma ring and I a fuzzy ideal of M. Then, the mapping  $\Pi : M \to M/I$  defined by  $\Pi(a) = a \circ I$  for all  $a \in M$  is a fuzzy gamma homomorphism, called the fuzzy canonical gamma homomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c \in M$  be such that  $R(a, b, c) > \theta$ . Then

$$\overline{R}(\Pi(a),\Pi(b),\Pi(c)) = \overline{R}(a \circ I, b \circ I, c \circ I) = ([a \circ I] \oplus [b \circ I]) [c \circ I]$$

$$= \bigvee_{(a',b',c')\in\bar{a}\times\bar{b}\times\bar{c}} R(a',b',c')$$

$$\geq R(a,b,c)$$

$$> \theta$$

by (3.15). If  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$  are such that  $S(a, \gamma, b, \beta, c) > \theta$ , then

$$\overline{S}(\Pi(a),\gamma,\Pi(b),\beta,\Pi(c)) = \overline{S}(a \circ I,\gamma,b \circ I,\beta,c \circ I)$$

$$= ([a \circ I] \otimes \gamma \otimes [b \circ I])[c \circ I]$$

$$= \bigvee_{(a',\gamma,b',\beta,c')\in\bar{a}\times\gamma\times\bar{b}\times\beta\times\bar{c}} S(a',\gamma,b',\beta,c')$$

$$\geq S(a',\gamma,b',\beta,c')$$

$$> \theta$$

by (3.16).

**3.21. Theorem.** Let  $f : (M_1, \Gamma, R_1, S_1) \to (M_2, \Gamma, R_2, S_2)$  be a fuzzy gamma epimorphism. Then  $M_1/N \cong M_2$ , where N = Kerf

*Proof.* Define the mapping  $\varphi : M_1/N \to M_2$  by  $\varphi([a \circ N]) = f(a)$  for all  $a \in M_1$ . In this case,  $\varphi$  is a well defined one-to-one fuzzy group homomorphism by [17, Theorem 5.3]. Therefore, it is only remains to show that if  $\overline{S}_1([a \circ N], \gamma, [b \circ N], \beta, [c \circ N]) > \theta$ , then  $S_2(\varphi([a \circ N]), \gamma, \varphi([b \circ N]), \beta, \varphi([c \circ N])) > \theta$ . In this case, there exist  $a_1, b_1, c_1 \in M_1$ ,  $\gamma, \beta \in \Gamma$  and  $n_1, n_2, n_3 \in N$  such that  $R_1(a, n_1, a_1) > \theta$ ,  $R_1(b, n_2, b_1) > \theta$ ,  $R_1(c, n_3, c_1) > \theta$ , and  $S_1(a_1, \gamma, b_1, \beta, c_1) > \theta$ .

Let  $u \in M_1$  be such that  $S_1(a, \gamma, b, \beta, u) > \theta$ . Then, as in the proof of [17, Theorem 4.2] we have  $R_1(u, n', c) > \theta$  for any  $n' \in N$ . Thus,  $w \circ N \sim c \circ N$  and so f(c) = f(w). Since  $S_1(a, \gamma, b, \beta, u) > \theta$ , we have  $S_2(f(a), \gamma, f(b), \beta, f(u)) > \theta$ . Then,  $S_2(f(a), \gamma, f(b), \beta, f(c)) > \theta$ .

**3.22. Theorem.** Let  $f: (M_1, \Gamma, R_1, S_1) \to (M_2, \Gamma, R_2, S_2)$  be a fuzzy gamma homomorphism, and let A and B be fuzzy ideals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , respectively such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . Then there exists a fuzzy gamma homomorphism  $f^*: M_1/A \to M_2/B$  such that the following diagram commutes:



*Proof.* Left to the reader.

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