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## A STUDY ON $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -FUZZY CONGRUENCE ON RING

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of  $(\in , \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation over ring and discuss some properties of the  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation. We also establish a brief relation between  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation. The image and preimage of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence are also studied under the so called semibalanced map.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [29] introduced the concept of fuzzy set. Using this concept in 1971, Rosenfeld [25] introduced the concept of fuzzy subgroup. Countless studied have been carried out by many mathematician to study fuzzy algebraic structure such as group, ring, near-ring and so on. Das [10] characterized fuzzy subgroups by their level subgroup. In 1982, Liu [16] applied the concept of fuzzy sets to the theory of rings and introduced the notion of fuzzy ideals of a ring.

The idea of a fuzzy point, its belongingness to and quasi-coincidence which is mentioned in Ming and Ming [19] played a vital role in the inception of various fuzzy algebraic structures. In 1992, Bhakat and Das [4] introduced a new type of fuzzy subgroup (viz  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy subgroup by using the combined notion of "belongingness" and "quasi coincidence" of fuzzy point and fuzzy sets. In fact,  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy subgroup is an important and useful generalization of Rosenfeld's fuzzy subgroup. In 1996, Bhakat and Das [6] further defined  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy subrings and ideals of a ring.

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Since the introduction of fuzzy relation on a set by Zadeh [29, 30], there is a remarkable growth of research in this area. Many authors like Chakraborty, Das, Nemitz, Murali etc [8, 9, 23, 21, 22] studied fuzzy equivalence relation. In 1989 and 1991, Murali [22] proposed the concept of fuzzy congruence relations which led to the concept of fuzzy normal subgroups on a group as proposed by Kuroki [15]. Later on, Kim and Bae [14], Samhan and Ahsanullah [27] and others further studied fuzzy congruence relation in groups, rings and near rings. In 2011, M. Ali et al. [2] proposed the concept of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relations and indistinguishability relations and proved various important results.

In this paper, we further proceed to study of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on a ring following the concept of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation initiated by M. Ali et al. [2]. We also establish a series of properties of the generalized  $(\in, \in \forall q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on ring. The image and pre image of  $(\in, \in \forall q)$ -fuzzy congruence are also studied under the so called semi balanced map.

#### 2. Preliminaries

This section contains some basic definitions and preliminary results that will be needed in the sequel. Let R be a ring and X be any non-empty set.

**Definition 2.1.** [16] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a ring R is called fuzzy subring of R, if for all  $x, y \in R$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathrm{i}) & \mu(x-y) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x),\mu(y)\},\\ (\mathrm{ii}) & \mu(xy) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x),\mu(y)\}. \end{array}$ 

**Definition 2.2.** [16] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a ring R is called fuzzy ideal of R, if for all  $x, y \in R$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} (i) & \mu(x-y) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \\ (ii) & \mu(xy) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}, \\ (iii) & \mu(xy) \geqslant \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\} \ (\mu(xy) \geqslant \mu(y) \text{ and } \mu(xy) \geqslant \mu(x)). \end{array}$ 

**Definition 2.3.** [19] Let  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $x \in X$ , a fuzzy subset  $x_t$  of X defined by

$$x_t(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } x = y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \text{ for all } y \in X$$

is called a fuzzy point. A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is said to belong to (resp. quasicoincident with) a fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of X if  $\mu(x) \ge t$  (resp.  $\mu(x) + t > 1$ ), written as " $x_t \in \mu$ " (resp. " $x_t q \mu$ "). If " $x_t \in \mu$ " or " $x_t q \mu$ ", it is denoted by " $x_t \in \lor q \mu$ ". The notation  $x_t \in \mu$ ,  $x_t \bar{q} \mu$ , and  $x_t \in \forall q \mu$  will mean that  $x_t \in \mu$ ,  $x_t q \mu$  and  $x_t \in \lor q \mu$  respectively do not hold.

**Definition 2.4.** [6] A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of ring R is said to be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy subring of R if for all  $x, y \in R$  and  $t, r \in (0, 1]$ ,

- (i)  $x_t, y_r \in \mu \Rightarrow (x+y)_{\min(t,r)} \in \lor q \mu$ , (ii)  $x_t \in \mu \Rightarrow (-x)_t \in \lor q \mu$ , (iii)  $x_t, y_r \in \mu \Rightarrow (xy)_{\min(t,r)} \in \lor q \mu$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Condition (i) is equivalent to (i)  $\mu(x+y) \ge \min(\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5)$  $\forall x, y \in R$  and

condition (ii) is equivalent to (ii)  $\mu(-x) \ge \min(\mu(x), 0.5) \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [6] Let R be a ring and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of R. Then  $\mu$  is said to be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal of R if

- (i)  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy subring of R,
- (ii)  $x_t \in \mu$  and  $y \in R \Rightarrow (xy)_t, (yx)_t \in \forall q \mu$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** [6]  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal of R if and only if

- (i)  $\mu(x-y) \ge \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y), 0.5\},\$
- (ii)  $\mu(xy), \mu(yx) \ge \min\{\mu(x), 0.5\} \ \forall \ x, y \in R.$

**Definition 2.7.** [15] A fuzzy subset set  $\mu$  of  $R \times R$  is called a fuzzy relation on R. A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on R is called a fuzzy equivalence relation on R if satisfies the following conditions

- (i)  $\mu(x, x) = 1$  for all  $x \in R$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu(y, x) = \mu(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ,
- (iii)  $\mu(x,z) \ge \bigvee_{y \in R} \{\mu(x,y), \mu(y,z)\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [27] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on R is called a fuzzy left compatible relation if  $\mu(x+a, x+b) \ge \mu(a, b)$  and  $\mu(xa, xb) \ge \mu(a, b)$  for all  $x, a, b \in R$  and is called a fuzzy right compatible if  $\mu(a+x, b+x) \ge \mu(a, b)$  and  $\mu(ax, bx) \ge \mu(a, b)$  for all  $x, a, b \in R$ .

It is called compatible relation if

 $\mu(a+c,b+d) \geqslant \mu(a,b) \wedge \mu(c,d) \text{ and } \mu(ac,bd) \geqslant \mu(a,b) \wedge \mu(c,d) \text{ for all } a,b,c,d \in R.$ 

**Definition 2.9.** [27] A fuzzy relation on R is called a fuzzy compatible relation if and only if it is both a left and a right fuzzy compatible relation on R.

**Proposition 2.10.** [27] Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be any two fuzzy compatible relations on R. Then  $\alpha o \beta$  is also a fuzzy compatible relation on R.

**Definition 2.11.** [27] A fuzzy equivalence relation  $\mu$  on R is called a fuzzy congruence relation if the following conditions are satisfied for all  $x, y, z, t \in R$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathrm{i}) & \mu(x+y,z+t) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\}, \\ (\mathrm{ii}) & \mu(xy,zt) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\}. \end{array}$ 

**Definition 2.12.** [2] A fuzzy subset  $(x, y)_t$  of  $X \times Y$  given by

$$(x,y)_t(a,b) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } x = a, y = b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \text{ for all } (a,b) \in X \times Y$$

is called a fuzzy ordered pair or simply a fuzzy pair.

A fuzzy pair  $(x, y)_t$  is said to belong to ([resp. be quasi coincident with]) a fuzzy relation  $\mu$ , written as  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$  (resp.  $(x, y)_t q \mu$ ) if  $\mu(x, y) \ge t$  (resp.  $\mu(x, y)$ +t > 1). If  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$  or  $(x, y)_t q \mu$ , then it is written as  $(x, y)_t \in \lor q \mu$ . **Definition 2.13.** [2] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a set X is said to be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive if for  $x, y \in X, (x, y)_t \in \mu$  implies  $(a, a)_t \in \lor q \ \mu \ \forall a \in X, t \in (0, 1];$  $\mu$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric if  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$  implies  $(y, x)_t \in \lor q \ \mu \ \forall x, y \in X, t \in (0, 1]; (\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive if  $(x, y)_{t_1} \in \mu$  and  $(y, z)_{t_2} \in \mu$  implies  $(x, z)_{\min(t_1, t_2)} \in \lor q \ \mu \ \forall x, y, z \in X, t_1, t_2 \in (0, 1].$   $\mu$  is called  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive.

**Proposition 2.14.** [2] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a set X is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation if and only if it satisfies the following conditions :

- (i)  $\mu(a,a) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), 0.5\}, \forall a, x, y \in X,$
- (ii)  $\mu(y, x) \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), 0.5\}, \forall x, y \in X$
- (iii)  $\mu(x,z) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), \mu(y,z), 0.5\} \ \forall x, y, z \in X.$

**Definition 2.15.** [2] If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy relation on X, then the subset  $\mu_0$  of  $X \times X$  defined as  $\mu_0 = \{(x, y) \in X \times X, \mu(x, y) > 0\}$  is called the support of  $\mu$ .

**Proposition 2.16.** [2] Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on a set X. Then the support  $\mu_0$  of  $\mu$  is equivalence relation on X.

Each  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation  $\mu$  on X can be characterized by its level relation

$$\begin{split} \mu_t &= \{ (x,y) \in X \times X \mid \ (x,y) \geqslant t \} \ and \\ \bar{\mu}_t &= \{ (x,y) \in X \times X, \ \mu(x,y) \geqslant t \} \ \cup \ \{ (x,y) \in X \times X \mid \ \mu(x,y) + t > 1 \} \\ &= \{ (x,y) \in X \times X \mid \ (x,y)_t \in \lor \ q \ \mu \}. \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.17.** [2] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on X is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on X if and only if  $\mu_t \neq \phi$  is an equivalence relation on X for all  $t \in (0, 0.5]$ .

**Proposition 2.18.** [2] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on X is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on X if and only if  $\overline{\mu}_t \neq \phi$  is an equivalence relation on X for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.19.** [24] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a group G is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation if  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$ ,  $(a, b)_s \in \mu$  implies  $(xa, yb)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \lor q \mu$  for all  $x, y, a, b \in G, t, s \in (0, 1]$ .  $\mu$  is said to be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation if  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on a group G.

**Proposition 2.20.** [24] A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a group G is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on G if and only if  $\overline{\mu}_t \neq \phi$  is a congruence relation for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

#### **3.** $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -Fuzzy Congruence on Ring

In this section, we shall introduce the concept of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on ring and study some fundamental properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a ring R is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation if  $(x, y)_t \in \mu, (a, b)_s \in \mu$  implies  $(x + a, y + b)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \lor q \mu$  and  $(xa, yb)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \lor q \mu$  for all  $x, y, a, b \in R$  and  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ .

The fuzzy relation  $\mu$  is said to be  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R if and only if  $\mu$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R.

**Example 3.2.** Let Z be the set of all integers. Then Z is a ring with respect to the usual addition and multiplication of numbers. The fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on Z defined by

$$\mu(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y, \\ 0.6 & \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and both } x, y \text{ are even or odd }, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on Z as well as fuzzy congruence relation on Z.

**Proposition 3.3.** A fuzzy congruence relation on a ring R is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mu$  is fuzzy congruence relation on R.

For any  $x \in R$ ,  $\mu(x, x) = 1$  imply  $\mu(x, x) \ge t$  or  $\mu(x, x) + t > 1$  for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ . This implies  $(x, x)_t \in \lor q \mu$  which means  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relation. For any  $x, y \in R$ ,  $\mu(x, y) = \mu(y, x)$ . Suppose  $(x, y)_t \in \mu, \forall t \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $\mu(x, y) \ge t \Rightarrow (y, x)_t \in \mu$ . So,  $(y, x)_t \in \lor q \mu \forall t \in (0, 1]$ . Thus,  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric relation.

Suppose  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$  and  $(y, z)_s \in \mu$ , we have  $\mu(x, y) \ge t, \mu(y, z) \ge s$ , implies that  $\mu(x, z) \ge \min\{t,s\}$ . So  $(x, z)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \mu$  which means  $(x, z)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \lor q \mu$ . Thus,  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation.

Further, for any  $(x, y)_t \in \mu$ ,  $(a, b)_s \in \mu$ , we have  $\mu(x, y) \ge t, \mu(a, b) \ge s$ . As  $\mu$  is fuzzy compatible,  $\mu(x + a, y + b) \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), \mu(a, b)\} \ge \min\{t, s\}$  and  $\mu(xa, yb) \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), \mu(a, b)\} \ge \min\{t, s\}$ .

So,  $(x + a, y + b)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \forall q \mu$  and  $(xa, yb)_{\min\{t,s\}} \in \forall q \mu$ . Thus,  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R.

**Example 3.4.** Let Z be the set of all integers. Then Z is a ring with respect to the usual addition and multiplication of numbers. The fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on Z is defined by

$$\mu(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0.7 & if \ x = y, \\ 0.4 & if \ x \neq y \text{ and both } x, y \text{ are even or odd },, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on Z but not a fuzzy congruence relation on Z as  $\mu$  is not fuzzy reflexive relation. **Theorem 3.5.** Let R be a ring and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy relation *i*, e a function  $\mu$ :  $R \times R \rightarrow [0,1]$ . Then,  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence on R if for all  $a, x, y, z \in R$ 

- (i)  $\mu(a, a) \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), 0.5\}$  (Fuzzy reflexive),
- (ii)  $\mu(y,x) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), 0.5\}$  (Fuzzy symmetric),
- (iii)  $\mu(x,z) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), \mu(y,z), 0.5\}$  (Fuzzy transitive).

Proof. It follows from Proposition 2.14.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy relation on a ring R, then  $\mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation if and only if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $t, x, y, z \in R$ 

- (i)  $\mu(x+y,z+t) \ge \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t),0.5\},\$
- (ii)  $\mu(xy, zt) \ge \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}.$

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation and  $t, x, y, z \in R$  such that  $\mu(x+y, z+t) < \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}$  or  $\mu(xy, zt) < \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}$ .

First we consider the case for  $\min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\} < 0.5$ . Then  $\mu(x+y,z+t) < \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\}$  or  $\mu(xy,zt) < \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\}$ . Thus there exist some  $r \in (0,1]$  such that  $\mu(x+y,z+t) < r < \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\} < 0.5$  or  $\mu(xy,zt) < r < \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\} < 0.5$ . This implies  $(x+y,z+t)_r \in \nabla q \mu$  or  $(xy,zt)_r \in \nabla q \mu$  which is a contradiction as  $(x,z)_r \in \mu$  and  $(y,t)_r \in \mu$ .

Again, consider the case for  $\min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\} \ge 0.5$ . Then,  $\mu(x+y,z+t) < 0.5$  or  $\mu(xy,zt) < 0.5$ . Since  $\min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t)\} \ge 0.5$ , we have,  $(x,z)_{0.5} \in \mu$  and  $(y,t)_{0.5} \in \mu$  but  $(x+y,z+t)_{0.5} \in \nabla q \ \mu$  or  $(xy,zt)_{0.5} \in \nabla q \ \mu$  which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $\mu(x+y, z+t) \ge \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}$  and  $\mu(xy, zt) \ge \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}$  for all  $t, x, y, z \in R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\mu(x+y,z+t) \ge \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t),0.5\}$  and  $\mu(xy,zt) \ge \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t),0.5\}$ . Suppose  $(x,z)_r \in \mu$  and  $(y,t)_s \in \mu$  be such that r < s. Then  $\mu(x,z) \ge r$  and  $\mu(y,t) \ge s$ . If  $\min\{r,s\} \le 0.5$ , then  $\mu(x+y,z+t) \ge \min\{r,s\}$  and  $\mu(xy,zt) \ge \min\{r,s\}$ . This implies  $(x+y,z+t)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in \mu$  and  $(xy,zt)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in \mu$ . If  $\min\{r,s\} > 0.5$ , then  $\mu(x+y,z+t) > 0.5$  and  $\mu(xy,zt) > 0.5$ . So,  $\mu(x+y,z+t) + \min\{r,s\} > 1$  and  $\mu(xy,zt) + \min\{r,s\} > 1$  i.e  $(x+y,z+t)_{\min\{r,s\}}q$   $\mu$  and  $(xy,zt)_{\min\{r,s\}}q$   $\mu$ .

Hence, 
$$(x + y, z + t)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in \forall q \ \mu$$
 and  $(xy, zt)_{\min\{r,s\}} \in \forall q \ \mu$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a ring R is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on a ring R if and only if it satisfies the following conditions for all  $t, x, y, z \in R$ 

- (i)  $\mu(t,t) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), 0.5\},\$
- (ii)  $\mu(y, x) \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), 0.5\},\$
- (iii)  $\mu(x,z) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), \mu(y,z), 0.5\},\$

- (iv)  $\mu(x+y,z+t) \ge \min\{\mu(x,z),\mu(y,t),0.5\},\$
- (v)  $\mu(xy, zt) \ge \min\{\mu(x, z), \mu(y, t), 0.5\}.$

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.1 and 3.2.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R. Then for all  $x, y, z \in R$  we have the following results:

(i)  $\mu(x,y) \ge \min\{\mu(x+z,y+z), 0.5\}$ (ii)  $\mu(-x,-y) \ge \min\{\mu(x,y), 0.5\}.$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} \ (\mathrm{i}) \ \mu(x,y) = \mu(x+z-z,y+z-z) \geqslant \min\{\mu(x+z,y+z),\mu(-z,-z),0.5\} \geqslant \min\{\mu(x+z,y+z),0.5\} \end{array}$ 

(ii) 
$$\mu(-x, -y) \ge \min\{\mu(x-x, x-y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(0, x-y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(y-y, x-y), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(y, x), 0.5\} \ge \min\{\mu(x, y), 0.5\}$$

**Theorem 3.9.** A fuzzy relation  $\mu$  on a ring R is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R if and only if  $\bar{\mu}_s \neq \phi$  is a congruence relation for all  $s \in (0, 1]$ .

Proof. It follows from Proposition 2.6.

We next see some properties of the set of all  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruences on a ring R. Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two fuzzy relations on a ring R. Then the product  $\mu \circ \tau$  is defined by the following

$$\mu \circ \tau(a, b) = \sup_{x \in R} \min\{\mu(a, x), \tau(x, b)\}$$

for all  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . We use  $\wedge$  for min and  $\vee$  for sup operators.

**Lemma 3.10.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relations on a ring R. Then  $\mu \circ \tau$  is also an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relations on R.

*Proof.* For any  $x, z \in R$ ,

$$\mu \circ \tau(x, z) \wedge 0.5 = \bigvee_{y \in R} \{\mu(x, y) \wedge \tau(y, z)\} \wedge 0.5$$
$$= \bigvee_{y \in R} \{\mu(x, y) \wedge 0.5\} \wedge \{\mu(y, z) \wedge 0.5\}$$
$$\leqslant \mu(a, a) \wedge \tau(a, a)$$
$$\leqslant \bigvee_{t \in R} \{\mu(a, t) \wedge \tau(t, a)\}$$
$$= \mu \circ \tau(a, a) \quad \forall \ a \in R.$$

That means by Proposition 2.2,  $\mu \circ \tau$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relation.

**Lemma 3.11.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relations on a ring R. Then  $\mu \circ \tau$  is also an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R.

*Proof.* For any  $x, z, a, b \in R$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mu \circ \tau(x+a,y+b) &= \bigvee_{t \in R} \{\mu(x+a,t) \wedge \tau(t,y+b)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{c,d \in R} \{\mu(x+a,c+d) \wedge \tau(c+d,y+b)\} \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{c,d \in R} \{\mu(x,c) \wedge \mu(a,d) \wedge 0.5\} \wedge \{\tau(c,y) \wedge \tau(d,b) \wedge 0.5\} \\ &= \bigvee_{c,d \in R} \mu(x,c) \wedge \mu(a,d) \wedge \tau(c,y) \wedge \tau(d,b) \wedge 0.5 \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{c \in R} \{\mu(x,c) \wedge \tau(c,y)\} \wedge \bigvee_{d \in R} \{\mu(a,d) \wedge \tau(d,b)\} \wedge 0.5 \\ &= \mu \circ \tau(x,y) \wedge \mu \circ \tau(a,b) \wedge 0.5 \end{split}$$

Similarly,  $\mu \circ \tau(xa, yb) \ge \mu \circ \tau(x, y) \land \mu \circ \tau(a, b) \land 0.5$ By Theorem 3.2,  $\mu \circ \tau$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible.

**Lemma 3.12.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive and symmetric relations on ring R. Then  $\mu \circ \tau$  is also an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof. For any } x,z \in R, \ \mu \circ \tau(x,z) = \bigvee_{y \in R} \{ \mu(x,y) \wedge \tau(y,z) \}. \\ \text{So, for any } y \in R \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{split} \mu \circ \tau(x,z) &\geq \mu(x,y) \wedge \tau(y,z) \\ &\geq \bigvee_{u_1,u_2 \in R} \{\mu(x,u_1) \wedge \mu(u_1,y) \wedge 0.5\} \wedge \{\tau(y,u_2) \wedge \tau(u_2,z) \wedge 0.5\} \\ & [\mu \text{ and } \tau \text{ are } (\in, \in \lor q) - \text{fuzzy transitive relation}] \\ &= \bigvee_{u_1,u_2 \in R} \{\mu(x,u_1) \wedge \tau(y,u_2)\} \wedge \{\mu(u_1,y) \wedge \tau(u_2,z)\} \wedge 0.5 \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{u \in R} \{\mu(x,u) \wedge \tau(y,u)\} \wedge \{\mu(u,y) \wedge \tau(u,z)\} \wedge 0.5 \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{u \in R} \{\mu(x,u) \wedge \tau(u,y)\} \wedge \{\mu(y,u) \wedge \tau(u,z)\} \wedge 0.5 \\ & [\mu \text{ and } \tau \text{ are } (\in, \in \lor q) \text{ fuzzy symmetric relation}] \\ &= \mu \circ \tau(x,y) \wedge \mu \circ \tau(y,z) \wedge 0.5 \end{split}$$

By Proposition 2.2,  $\mu \circ \tau$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation on R.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruences on ring R. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence,
- (ii)  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence,
- (iii)  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $(i) \implies (ii)$  and  $(ii) \implies (iii)$ . Assume that (iii) holds. By Lemma (3.10) and (3.12),  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive. Also, by Lemma (3.11),  $\mu \circ \tau$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible. Thus  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence. Hence  $(iii) \implies (i)$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric relations on a ring R. Then  $\mu \circ \tau$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric if and only if  $\tau \circ \mu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric.

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mu \circ \tau$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric. Then for any  $x, y \in R$ ,

$$= \mu \circ \tau(y, x) \land 0.5$$
  

$$\geqslant \{\mu \circ \tau(x, y) \land 0.5\} \land 0.5 \text{ [since } \mu \circ \tau \text{ is } (\in, \in \lor q) - \text{fuzzy symmetric]}$$
  

$$= \bigvee_{u \in R} \{\mu(x, u) \land \tau(u, y)\} \land 0.5$$
  

$$\geqslant \bigvee_{u \in R} \{\tau(y, u) \land \mu(u, x)\} \land 0.5$$
  

$$= \tau \circ \mu(y, x) \land 0.5$$

So,  $\tau \circ \mu$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric.

Converse is similarly proved by interchanging  $\mu$  and  $\tau$ .

**Lemma 3.15.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relations on a ring R.

 $Then \ \mu \circ \tau(x,y) \geqslant \tau \circ \mu(x,y) \land 0.5, \ \forall \ x,y \in R.$ 

*Proof.* For 
$$x, y \in R$$
,

$$\begin{split} \mu \circ \tau(x,y) &= \bigvee_{t \in R} \{\mu(x,t) \land \tau(t,y)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in R} \{\mu(x,y-z+x) \land \tau(y-z+x,y)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{z \in R} \{\mu(z-z+x,y-z+x) \land \tau(y-z+x,y-z+z)\} \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{z \in R} \{\mu(z,y) \land \tau(x,z)\} \land 0.5 \ \text{[since } \mu \text{ and } \tau \text{ are } (\in, \in \lor q) - \text{fuzzy } \\ &\text{reflexive and } (\in, \in \lor q) - \text{fuzzy compatible]} \end{split}$$

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$$= \tau \circ \mu(x, y) \land 0.5$$

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  be two  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruences on a ring R. Then  $\mu \circ \tau$  is also an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on R.

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.13, we need to prove that  $\mu \circ \tau(x, y)$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric.

For  $x, y \in R$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mu \circ \tau(x,y) &= \bigvee_{t \in R} \{\mu(x,t) \wedge \tau(t,y)\} \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{t \in R} \mu(t,x) \wedge \tau(y,t) \wedge 0.5 \\ &\geqslant \bigvee_{t \in R} \{\tau(y,t) \wedge \mu(t,x)\} \wedge 0.5 \\ &= \tau \circ \mu(y,x) \wedge 0.5 \\ &\geqslant \mu \circ \tau(y,x) \wedge 0.5 \quad \text{[by Lemma 3.15]} \end{split}$$

So,  $\mu \circ \tau(x, y)$  is  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric.

# 4. $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal and $(\in, \in \lor q)$ fuzzy congruence relation

In this section, we discuss the relationship between  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on ring.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal of R. Define a fuzzy relation  $\mu_{\lambda}$  on R by  $\mu_{\lambda}(x, y) = \min\{\lambda(x - y), 0.5\}$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is called the fuzzy relation induced by  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\lambda$  of R.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal of R. Then the fuzzy relation  $\mu_{\lambda}$  on R induced is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R.

*Proof.* For any  $a \in R$ , we have

$$\mu_{\lambda}(a, a) = \min\{\lambda(a - a), 0.5\}$$
$$= \min\{\lambda(0), 0.5\}$$
$$\geqslant \min\{\lambda(x), 0.5\} \text{ for all } x \in R$$

Then , for any  $x, y \in R$ ,

$$\mu_{\lambda}(a, a) \ge \min\{\lambda(x - y), 0.5\}$$
$$= \min\{\mu_{\lambda}(x, y), 0.5\}$$

Thus,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relation. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\lambda}(x,y) &= \min\{\lambda(x-y), 0.5\}\\ &\geqslant \min\{\min\{\lambda(y-x), 0.5\}, 0.5\}\end{aligned}$$

 $= \min\{\mu_{\lambda}(y, x), 0.5\}$  for all  $x, y \in R$ 

Thus,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric relation. For any  $x, y, z \in R$ ,

$$\mu_{\lambda}(x, z) = \min\{\lambda(x - z), 0.5\}$$
  
= min{ $\lambda(x - y + y - z), 0.5$ }  
 $\ge \min\{\min\{\lambda(x - y), \lambda(y - z), 0.5\}, 0.5\}$   
= min{ $\min\{\lambda(x - y), 0.5\}, \min\{\lambda(y - z), 0.5\}, 0.5\}$   
= min{ $\mu_{\lambda}(x, y), \mu_{\lambda}(y, z), 0.5$ }

So,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation. Thus,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on R.

Further, for any  $a, b, x, y \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\lambda}(x+a,y+b) &= \min\{\lambda(\overline{x+a}-y+b), 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\lambda(x+a-y-b), 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\lambda(x-y+a-b), 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\min\{\lambda(x-y), \lambda(a-b), 0.5\}, 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\min\{\lambda(x-y), 0.5\}, \min\{\lambda(a-b), 0.5\}, 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\mu_{\lambda}(x,y), \mu_{\lambda}(a,b), 0.5\} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\mu_{\lambda}(xa, yb) \ge \min\{\mu_{\lambda}(x, y), \mu_{\lambda}(a, b), 0.5\}.$ Hence,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation. In fact,  $\mu_{\lambda}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation induced by  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal  $\lambda$  of R.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on a ring R. Then the fuzzy subset  $\lambda_{\mu}$  of R defined by  $\lambda_{\mu}(x) = \min\{\mu(x, 0), 0.5\}, \forall x \in R \text{ is } (\in, \in \lor q) \text{-fuzzy ideal of } R$ .

*Proof.* First we take  $x, y \in R$ 

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{\mu}(x-y) &= \min\{\mu(x-y,0), 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(x-y,0-0), 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\mu(x,0), \mu(-y,0), 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\mu(x,0), \mu(y,0), 0.5\} \text{ [using prop. 3.2(ii)]} \\ &= \min\{\lambda_{\mu}(x), \lambda_{\mu}(y), 0.5\} \end{split}$$

Again,

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{\mu}(xy) &= \min\{\mu(xy,0), 0.5\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(xy,0y), 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\mu(x,0), \mu(y,y), 0.5\} \\ &\geqslant \min\{\mu(x,0), 0.5\} \text{ [using reflexivity]} \\ &= \min\{\lambda_{\mu}(x), 0.5\} \end{split}$$

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Similarly,

$$\lambda_{\mu}(yx) \ge \min\{\lambda_{\mu}(x), 0.5\}$$

Thus,  $\lambda_{\mu}$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy ideal of R.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on a ring R. A fuzzy subset of R defined by  $\mu_x : R \to [0, 1]$  by  $\mu_x(a) = \min\{\mu(x, a), 0.5\}$ ,  $a \in R$  is defined as fuzzy congruence class of x determined by  $\mu$  in R. The set of all fuzzy congruence class is denoted by  $R/\mu$  known as the fuzzy quotient of R over  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\mu$  be an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on a ring R. The set  $R/\mu$  of all fuzzy congruence classes forms a ring with the operations defined by

 $\mu_x + \mu_y = \mu_{x+y}$  and  $\mu_x * \mu_y = \mu_{xy} \forall x, y \in R$ .

*Proof.* We first prove that + and \* are well defined. Let  $\mu_x = \mu_a$ ,  $\mu_y = \mu_b$ , so min{ $\mu(x, g), 0.5$ } = min{ $\mu(a, g), 0.5$ } and min{ $\mu(y, h), 0.5$ } = min{ $\mu(b, h), 0.5$ }  $\forall g, h \in \mathbb{R}$ 

Putting g = a, h = b in the above equations,

 $\min\{\mu(x, a), 0.5\} = \min\{\mu(a, a), 0.5\}$ 

and  $\min\{\mu(y, b), 0.5\} = \min\{\mu(b, b), 0.5\}$ 

Now,

$$\mu_{x+y}(g) = \min\{\mu(x+y,g), 0.5\}$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\mu(x+y,a+b), \mu(a+b,g), 0.5\}$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\mu(x,a), \mu(y,b), \mu(a+b,g), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{\mu(a,a), \mu(b,b), \mu(a+b,g), 0.5\}$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\mu(a+b,g), 0.5\} = \mu_{a+b}(g)$$

Similarly,  $\mu_{a+b}(g) \ge \mu_{x+y}(g)$  for all  $g \in R$ . This means  $\mu_{a+b}(g) = \mu_{x+y}(g)$ Again,

$$\mu_{xy}(g) = \min\{\mu(xy,g), 0.5\} \\ \ge \min\{\mu(xy,ab), \mu(ab,g), 0.5\} \\ \ge \min\{\mu(x,a), \mu(y,b), \mu(ab,g), 0.5\} \\ = \min\{\mu(a,a), \mu(b,b), \mu(ab,g), 0.5\} \\ \ge \min\{\mu(ab,g), 0.5\} = \mu_{ab}(g)$$

Similarly,  $\mu_{ab}(g) \ge \mu_{xy}(g)$  for all  $g \in R$ . This means  $\mu_{ab} = \mu_{xy}$ .

Thus, it proves that addition and multiplication are well defined. The rest of the proof is a routine matter for verification and we omit its proof.

Hence,  $R/\mu$  forms a ring under the binary operations defined above.

**Remark 4.1.** If  $\mu$  is a  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on a ring R, then  $R/\mu$  is a ring which has the zero element  $\mu_0$ .

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## 5. Image and preimage of $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence on a ring

**Definition 5.1.** [25] Let f be a mapping from a set X into another set Y. If  $\nu$  is a fuzzy subset of X, the image  $f(\nu)$  of  $\nu$  is the fuzzy subset of Y defined by

$$f(\nu)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \nu(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The preimage  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  of a fuzzy subset  $\nu'$  of Y is the fuzzy subset of X defined by

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

**Definition 5.2.** [13] Let X and Y be two nonempty sets. A mapping  $f : X \times X \to Y \times Y$  is called a semibalanced mapping if

(i) given  $a \in X$ , there exist  $u \in Y$  such that f(a, a) = (u, u); (ii) f(a, a) = (u, u) and f(b, b) = (v, v), where  $a, b \in X, u, v \in Y$  implies that f(a, b) = (u, v).

**Definition 5.3.** [11] A mapping  $f : X \times X \to Y \times Y$  is called a balanced mapping if

(i)  $f(a,b) = (u,u) \implies a = b$ ,

(ii)  $f(a,b) = (u,v) \implies f(b,a) = (v,u),$ 

(iii) f(a, a) = (u, u) and  $f(b, b) = (v, v) \implies f(a, b) = (u, v)$  for all  $a, b \in X$  and  $u, v \in Y$ .

A mapping  $f: X \times X \to Y \times Y$  is a balanced mapping if and only if it is a one-to-one semibalanced mapping.

**Theorem 5.4.** If  $\nu'$  is an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on a ring R'and f is a ring homomorphism from  $R \times R$  to  $R' \times R'$ , then  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is also an  $(\in, \in \vee q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R.

*Proof.* Let  $x, y, a, b \in R$ . Let f(x, y) = (u, v) and f(a, b) = (s, t) for some  $u, v, s, t \in R'$ .

Then, f(x, y) + f(a, b) = (u, v) + (s, t) = (u + s, v + t). Now,

$$f^{-1}(\nu')(x + a, y + b) = \nu' \{ f(x + a, y + b) \}$$
  
=  $\nu' \{ f(x, y) + f(a, b) \}$   
=  $\nu'(u + s, v + t)$   
 $\geq \min \{ \nu'(u, v), \nu'(s, t), 0.5 \}$   
 $\geq \min \{ \nu'(f(x, y)), \nu'(f(a, b)), 0.5 \}$   
=  $\min \{ f^{-1}(\nu')(x, y), f^{-1}(\nu')(a, b), 0.5 \}$ 

Similarly,  $f^{-1}(\nu')(xa, yb) \ge \min\{f^{-1}(\nu')(x, y), f^{-1}(\nu')(a, b), 0.5\}$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R.

**Theorem 5.5.** If  $\nu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on a ring R and f is a ring homomorphism from  $R \times R$  into  $R' \times R'$ . Then  $f(\nu)$  is also an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R'.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c, d \in R$  and  $u, v, w, r \in R'$ . Then we have,

$$f(\nu)(u+w,v+r) = \bigvee_{(x,y)\in f^{-1}(u+w,v+w)} \nu(x,y)$$
  

$$\geqslant \bigvee_{(a+c,b+d)\in f^{-1}(u+w,v+r)} \nu(a+c,b+d)$$
  

$$= \bigvee_{f(a+c,b+d)=(u+w,v+r)} \nu(a+c,b+d)$$
  

$$\geqslant \bigvee_{f(a,b)=(u,v),f(c,d)=(w,r)} \min\{\nu(a,b),\nu(c,d),0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{\bigvee_{f(a,b)=(u,v)} \nu(a,b),\bigvee_{f(c,d)=(w,r)} \nu(c,d), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{f(\nu)(u,v),f(\nu)(w,r),0.5\}$$

Similarly,  $f(\nu)(uw, vr) \ge \min\{f(\nu)(u, v), f(\nu)(w, r), 0.5\}$ Hence,  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy compatible relation on R'.

**Theorem 5.6.** If f is a semibalanced map from  $R \times R$  into  $R' \times R'$  and  $\nu'$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on R', then  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on R.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c \in R$ , then there exist  $u, v, w \in R'$  such that f(a, a) = (u, u), f(b, b) = (v, v) and f(c, c) = (w, w) so that f(a, b) = (u, v) and f(b, a) = (v, u). Then

$$f^{-1}(\nu')(c,c) = \nu'(f(c,c)) = \nu'(w,w)$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\nu'(u,v), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{\nu'(f(a,b), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{f^{-1}(\nu')(a,b), 0.5\}$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relation. Now,

$$f^{-1}(\nu')(b,a) = \nu'(f(b,a)) = \nu'(v,u)$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\nu'(u,v), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{\nu'(f(a,b), 0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{f^{-1}(\nu')(a,b), 0.5\}$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in,\in\vee q)\text{-fuzzy symmetric relation.}$  Further,

$$f^{-1}(\nu')(a,c) = \nu'(f(a,c)) = \nu'(u,w)$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\nu'(u,v),\nu'(v,w),0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{\nu(f(a,b),f(b,c),0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{f^{-1}(\nu')(a,b),f^{-1}(\nu')(b,c),0.5\}$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation. Hence,  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy equivalence relation on R.

**Theorem 5.7.** If  $\nu'$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on a ring R' and f is a ring homomorphism from  $R \times R$  into  $R' \times R'$ , which is a semibalanced map, then  $f^{-1}(\nu')$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R.

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 5.1 and 5.3.

**Theorem 5.8.** Let f be balanced mapping from  $R \times R$  onto  $R' \times R'$  which is a ring homomorphism. If  $\nu$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R then  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R'.

*Proof.* Let  $u, v, w, r \in R'$ .

Since f is one-one and onto, there exist  $a, b, c, d \in R$  s.t.f(a, b) = (u, v), f(c, c) = (w, w), f(d, d) = (w, w) and so on.

$$f(\nu)(u,v) = \sup_{(x,y) \in f^{-1}(u,v)} \nu(x,y) = \nu(a,b)$$

Then,

$$f(\nu)(w,w) = \nu(c,c) \ge \min\{\nu(a,b), 0.5\} = \min\{f(\nu)(u,v), 0.5\}$$

This implies  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy reflexive relation. Now,

$$f(\nu)(v,u) = \sup_{(y,x) \in f^{-1}(v,u)} \nu(y,x) = \nu(b,a) \ge \min\{\nu(a,b), 0.5\}$$
$$= \min\{f(\nu)(u,v), 0.5\}.$$

This implies  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy symmetric relation. Also,

$$f(\nu)(u,w) = \sup_{(x,z) \in f^{-1}(u,w)} \nu(x,z) = \nu(a,c)$$
  

$$\geq \min\{\nu(a,b),\nu(b,c),0.5\}$$
  

$$= \min\{f(\nu)(u,v),f(\nu)(v,w),0.5\}$$
  
[ as  $\nu(a,b) = f(\nu)(u,v)$  and  $\nu(b,c) = f(\nu)(v,w)$ ].

This imply  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy transitive relation.

Using Theorem 5.2 we get,

$$f(\nu)(u+w,v+r) \ge \min\{f(\nu)(u,v), f(\nu)(w,r), 0.5\}$$

and

$$f(\nu)(uw,vr) \ge \min\{f(\nu)(u,v), f(\nu)(w,r), 0.5\}$$

Hence,  $f(\nu)$  is an  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on R'.

# 6. Conclusion

The notion of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation over ring is introduced in this paper and the algebraic properties of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation are studied. Additionally, we established a brief relation between  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ fuzzy ideal and  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation. It is also shown that the concept of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation is preserved by the image and preimage under a balanced and semibalanced map respectively. This work could be expanded upon by investigating the properties of  $(\in, \in \lor q)$ -fuzzy congruence relation on other algebraic structure such as semi rings, near-rings and near-ring modules.

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