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ON THE PRODUCT OF T-FUZZY SUBGROUPS*

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Abstract: In this paper we use the notion of T-fuzzy(normal) subgroup and consider the product of T-fuzzy subgroups. Then we give a necessary and sufficient condition such that this product is a T-fuzzy subgroup. Also we prove some other properties of this product.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy subgroup which is introduced by Rosenfeld [9] is redefined by Anthony & Sherwood [4]. This redefined notion is also studied by several other researchers, for example, by Sherwood [9], Abu Osman [1,2,3], Wetherilt [11], and Zahedi & Mashinchi [12]. In this paper we consider a definition of the product of two T-fuzzy subgroups. Then we show this is a suitable definition when T is continuous, by giving (Theorem 3.1) the necessary and sufficient condition such that this product is a T-fuzzy subgroup. This result generalizes Proposition 2.1 (ii) of [6]. Also we give some other conditions when this product is a T-fuzzy subgroup, for a continuous T.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We state briefly some concepts which are needed in the sequel, for more details see references.

Throughout this paper we assume $G(G')$ is a group, T stands for a t-norm as defined in section 2 of [8], a T-fuzzy subgroup of G is a function $\mu : G \to [0,1]$ satisfying condition (1) & (2) of Definition 2.3 of [10], which we denote by $\mu <_T G$.

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If $\mu <_T G$ is such that $\mu(xy) = \mu(yx)$ for all $x, y \in G$, then μ is called by T-fuzzy normal subgroup of G. We denote it by $\mu \lhd_T G$. The product of two T-fuzzy subsets of G is as follows:

Definition 2.1. Let μ, λ be fuzzy subsets of G, and T any t-norm. The fuzzy subset $\mu\lambda$ of G defined by

$$\mu\lambda(z) = \sup_{y=xy,\ \text{for some } x,y \in G} T(\mu(x), \lambda(y)); \qquad z \in G,$$

is called the product of μ and λ. □

Remark 2.2. From Definition 2.1. associativity of G and T, and Lemma 2.7 of [12], one can prove that if μ, λ, γ are fuzzy subsets of G and T is continuous then $\mu(\lambda\gamma) = (\mu\lambda)\gamma$.

3. RESULTS

Theorem 3.1. *Let T be continuous and $\mu, \lambda <_T G$. Then $\mu\lambda <_T G$ if and only if $\mu\lambda = \lambda\mu$.* □

Proof. Let $\mu\lambda <_T G$ and $z \in G$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu\lambda(z) = \mu\lambda(z^{-1}) &= \sup_{z^{-1}=xy} T(\mu(x), \lambda(y)) = \sup_{z^{-1}=xy} T(\mu(x^{-1}), \lambda(y^{-1}))\\ &= \sup_{z=y^{-1}x^{-1}} T(\lambda(y^{-1}), \mu(x^{-1}) = \sup_{z=uv} T(\lambda(u), \mu(v))\\ &= \lambda\mu(z).\end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let $\mu\lambda = \lambda\mu$, then

(i) For $z \in G$, by a similar argument as above, we can get $\mu\lambda(x^{-1}) = \lambda\mu(z)$. Hence

$$\mu\lambda(z^{-1}) = \mu\lambda(z).$$

(ii) For $x, y \in G$

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\begin{aligned}
T(\mu\lambda(x), \mu\lambda(y)) &= T(\sup_{x=uv} T(\mu(u), \lambda(v)),\ \sup_{y=pq} T(\mu(p), \lambda(q))) \\
&= \sup_{x=uv, y=pq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(v)),\ T(\mu(p), \lambda(q))); \\
&\qquad \text{by Lemma 2.7 of [12]} \\
&= \sup_{x=uv, y=pq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ T(\lambda(v), \mu(p))); \\
&\qquad \text{byLemma 3.1 of [1]} \\
&\leq \sup_{xy=uvpq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ T(\lambda(v), \mu(p))), \\
&= \sup_{xy=uvpq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ \sup_{vp=v'p'} T(\lambda(v'), \mu(p'))), \\
&= \sup_{xy=uvpq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ \lambda\mu(vp)) \\
&= \sup_{xy=uvpq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ \mu\lambda(vp)); \text{ since } \mu\lambda = \lambda\mu \\
&= \sup_{xy=uvpq} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ \sup_{vp=v'p'} T(\mu(v'), \lambda(p'))) \\
&= \sup_{xy=uvpq} \sup_{vp=v'p'} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ T(\mu(v'), \lambda(p'))); \\
&\qquad \text{by Lemma 2.7 of [12]} \\
&= \sup_{xy=uv'p'q} T(T(\mu(u), \lambda(q)),\ T(\mu(v'), \lambda(p'))), \\
&= \sup_{xy=uv'p'q} T(T(\mu(u), \mu(v')),\ T(\lambda(p'), \lambda(q)); \\
&\qquad \text{by Lemma 3.1 of [1]} \\
&\leq \sup_{xy=uv'p'q} T(\mu(uv'), \lambda(p'q)); \text{ since } \mu, \lambda <_T G, \\
&= \sup_{xy=ht} T(\mu(h), \lambda(t)) \\
&= \mu\lambda(xy).
\end{aligned}
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Thereby (i) and (ii) imply that $\mu\lambda <_T G$. ■

Theorem 3.2. *Let T be continuous, $\mu \lhd_T G$, and $\lambda <_T G$. Then $\mu\lambda <_T G$.* □

Proof. By Theorem 3.1 it is sufficient to show $\mu\lambda = \lambda\mu$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu\lambda(z) &= \sup_{z=xy} T(\mu(x), \lambda(y)) = \sup_{z=xy} T(\lambda(y), \mu(x)) \\ &= \sup_{z=yy^{-1}xy} T(\lambda(y), \mu(y^{-1}xy)), \text{ since } \mu \lhd_T G \\ &\leq \sup_{z=st} T(\lambda(s), \mu(t)) = \lambda\mu(z).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can see that $\lambda\mu(z) \leq \mu\lambda(z)$. Hence we are done. ■

Note that Theorems 3.1 & 3.2 generalize Proposition 2.1 (ii) of [6].

Corollary 3.3. *Let T be continuous and $\mu\lambda \lhd_T G$. Then $\mu\lambda \lhd_T G$.* □

Proof. By Theorem 3.2 $\mu\lambda <_T G$. But for $x, y \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu\lambda(xyx^{-1}) &= \sup_{xyx^{-1}=uv} T(\mu(u), \lambda(v)) \\ &\geq \sup_{xyx^{-1}=xux^{-1}xvx^{-1};y=uv} T(\mu(xux^{-1}), \lambda(xvx^{-1})) \\ &= \sup_{y=uv} T(\mu(u), \lambda(v)), \quad \text{by Theorem 3.4 of [7].} \\ &= \mu\lambda(y).\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Theorem 3.4 of [7], $\mu\lambda \lhd_T G$. ■

Remark 3.4. The results of this paper are all true for L-fuzzy subgroups, if we use Proposition 2 of [5] (page 152) instead of Lemma 2.7 of [12] and "inf" instead of "T" in Definition 2.1.

Proposition 3.5. *Let T be continuous, $\mu\lambda <_T G$, and $f : G \to G'$ be an epimorphism. Then $f(\mu\lambda) = f(\mu)f(\lambda)$.* □

Proof. The proof is similar to Lemma 3.4 of [13] in the light of Lemma 2.7 of [12]. ■

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