



### FUZZY STRONG BI-IDEALS OF NEAR-RINGS

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce the notation of fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring and obtain a characterization of a strong bi-ideal in terms of a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring. We establish that every fuzzy left N-subgroup fuzzy left ideal of a near-ring is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of

a near-ring. But the converse is not necessarily true as shown by an example. Further, we discuss the properties of fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring.

**KEYWORDS:** Fuzzy two sided N-subgroup, fuzzy subnear-ring, fuzzy bi-ideal, fuzzy strong bi-ideal.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of fuzzy subgroup was made by Rosenfeld<sup>[9]</sup> in 1971. In<sup>[4]</sup> W. Liu introduced the notion of fuzzy ideal of a ring. The notions of fuzzy sub near-ring, fuzzy ideal and fuzzy N-subgroup of a near-ring were introduced by Salah Abou-Zaid<sup>[11]</sup> and it has been studied by several authors.<sup>[2, 3,6-8,10-12]</sup> In this paper, we introduce the notion of a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring and obtain the characterization of a strong bi-ideal in terms of a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring. We establish that every fuzzy left N-subgroup or fuzzy left ideal of a near-ring is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring and also we establish that every left permutable fuzzy right N-subgroup or left permutable fuzzy right ideal of a near-ring is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring. But the converse is not necessarily true as shown by an example. Further, we discuss the properties of fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring.

## 2. Preliminaries

### Definition: 2.1

A nonempty set  $N$  together with two binary operations “+” and “ $\cdot$ ” is called be a near-ring<sup>[1]</sup> if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (i)  $(N,+)$  is a group.
- (ii)  $(N,\cdot)$  is a semi group.
- (iii)  $(x + y)\cdot z = (x\cdot z) + y\cdot z$ , for every  $x, y, z \in N$ .

### Note: 2.2

- (i) Let  $X$  be a near-ring. Given two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ ,  $AB = \{ab/a \in A, b \in B\}$ . Also we define another operation “ $*$ ”  $A*B = \{a(b+i) - ab/a, b \in A, i \in B\}$ .
- (ii)  $0x = 0$ . In general  $x0 \neq 0$ , for some  $x$  in  $N$ .

### Definition: 2.3

A near-ring  $N$  is called zero-symmetric, if  $x0 = 0$ , for all  $x$  in  $N$ .

### Definition: 2.4

A subgroup  $A$  of  $(N,+)$  is called a bi-ideal of near-ring  $N$  if  $ANA \cap (AN)*A \subseteq A$ .

### Definition: 2.5

An element  $a \in N$  is said to be regular if for each  $a \in N$ ,  $a = aba$ , for some  $b \in N$

### Definition: 2.6

A near-ring  $N$  is said to be left permutable near-ring if  $abc = bac$ , for all  $a, b, c$  in  $N$ .

### Definition: 2.7

A function  $A$  from a non-empty set  $X$  to the unit interval  $[0,1]$  is called a fuzzy subset of  $N$ .<sup>[14]</sup>

### Notation: 2.8

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two fuzzy subsets of a semigroup  $N$ . We define the relation  $\subseteq$  between  $A$  and  $B$ , the intersection and product of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively as follows:

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$ , for all  $x \in N$ ,
- (ii)  $(A \cap B)(x) = \min\{A(x), B(x)\}$ , for all  $x \in N$ ,
- (iii)  $(A \circ B)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x=yz} \{\min\{A(y), B(z)\}\} & \text{if } x = yz, \text{ for all } y, z \in N, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

It is easily verified that the “product” of fuzzy subsets is associative. Throughout this paper,  $N$  will denote a near-ring unless otherwise specified. We denote by  $k_I$  the characteristic function of a subset  $I$  of  $N$ . The characteristic function of  $N$  is denoted by  $N$ , that is,  $N: N \rightarrow [0,1]$  mapping every element of  $N$  to 1.

**Definition: 2.9 [9]**

A fuzzy subset  $A$  of a group  $(N,+)$  is said to be a fuzzy subgroup of  $N$  if for all  $x,y \in N$ ,

(i)  $A(x+y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$

(ii)  $A(-x) = A(x)$ ,

Or equivalently  $A(x - y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ .

**Note: 2.10**

If  $A$  is a fuzzy subgroup of a group  $N$ , then  $A(0) \geq A(x)$  for all  $x \in N$ .

**Definition: 2.11<sup>[11]</sup>**

A fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $N$  is called a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $N$  if for all  $x,y \in N$ ,

(i)  $A(x - y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$

(ii)  $A(xy) = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$

**Definition: 2.12<sup>[11]</sup>**

A fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $N$  is said to be a fuzzy two-sided  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  if

(i)  $A$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $(N,+)$ ,

(ii)  $A(xy) \geq A(x)$ , for all  $x,y \in N$ ,

(iii)  $A(xy) \geq A(y)$ , for all  $x,y \in N$ .

If  $A$  satisfies (i) and (ii), then  $A$  is called a fuzzy right  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ . If  $A$  satisfies (i) and (iii), then  $A$  is called a fuzzy left  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ .

**Definition: 2.13<sup>[11]</sup>**

A fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $N$  is said to be a fuzzy ideal of  $N$  if

(i)  $A$  is a fuzzy subnear-ring of  $N$ ,

(ii)  $A(y+x-y) = A(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in N$ ,

(iii)  $A(xy) \geq A(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in N$ ,

(iv)  $A(a(b+i) - ab) \geq A(i)$ , for all  $a, b, i, \in N$ .

If  $A$  satisfies (i) and (ii) and (iii) then  $A$  is called a fuzzy right ideal of  $N$ . If  $A$  satisfies (i), (ii)

and (iv), then  $A$  is called a fuzzy left ideal of  $N$ . In case of zero-symmetric, If  $A$  satisfies (i), (ii) and  $A(xy) \geq A(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in N$  and  $A$  is called a fuzzy left ideal of  $N$ .

**3. Fuzzy Strong Bi-ideals of Near-Rings**

**Definition: 3.1**

A fuzzy bi-ideal  $A$  of  $N$  is called a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ , if  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$

**Example: 3.1.1**

Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a near-ring with two binary operations ‘+’ and ‘·’ is defined as follows.

+	0	a	b	c		•	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c		0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	c	b		a	0	b	0	b
b	b	c	0	a		b	0	0	0	0
c	c	b	a	0		c	0	b	0	b

Define a fuzzy subset  $A: N \rightarrow [0,1]$  by  $A(0) = 0.8, A(a) = 0.3, A(b) = 0.6, A(c) = 0.3$ .

Then  $N \circ A \circ A(0) = 0.3, N \circ A \circ A(a) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(b) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(c) = 0$ , and so  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

**Note: 3.2**

Every fuzzy strong bi-ideal is fuzzy bi-ideal. But the converse is not true.

**Example: 3.2.1**

Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a near-ring with two binary operations ‘+’ and ‘·’ is defined as follows.

+	0	a	b	c		•	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c		0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	c	b		a	a	a	a	a
b	b	c	0	a		b	0	0	b	b
c	c	b	a	0		c	a	0	a	c

Define a fuzzy subset  $A: N \rightarrow [0,1]$  by  $A(0) = 0.9, A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.4, A(c) = 0.7$ . Then  $(A \circ N \circ A)(0) = 0.9, (A \circ N \circ A)(a) = 0.7, (A \circ N \circ A)(b) = 0.4, (A \circ N \circ A)(c) = 0.7, ((A \circ N) * A)(0) = 0.9, ((A \circ N) * A)(a) = 0, ((A \circ N) * A)(b) = 0.7, ((A \circ N) * A)(c) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(0) = 0.3, N \circ A \circ A(a) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(b) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(c) = 0$ . Then  $A$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . But not a fuzzy strong bi-ideal, since  $N \circ A \circ A(b) \not\subseteq A(b)$ .

**Theorem: 3.3**

Let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be any family of fuzzy strong bi-ideals of  $N$ . Then  $A = \bigcap_{i \in J} A_i$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ , where  $J$  be an index set.

**Proof**

By Theorem 3.4,<sup>[5]</sup>  $A$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . Now for all  $x \in N$ , since  $A = \bigcap_{i \in J} A_i \subseteq A_i$  for every  $i \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{N} \circ A \circ A)(x) &\leq (\mathbf{N} \circ A_i \circ A_i)(x) \\ &\leq A_i(x) \text{ for every } i \in J \end{aligned}$$

(since  $A_i$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{It follows that, } (\mathbf{N} \circ A \circ A)(x) &\leq \inf \{ A_i(x) : i \in J \} \\ &= (\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i)(x) \\ &= A(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{N} \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ . So  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

**Theorem: 3.4**

Let  $I$  be a non-empty subset of  $N$  and  $K_I$  be a fuzzy subset of  $N$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is a strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .
- (ii)  $K_I$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

**Proof**

First assume that  $I$  is a strong bi-ideal of  $N$ . Then  $I$  is a bi-ideal of  $N$ . By Theorem 3.8,<sup>[5]</sup> we get  $K_I$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ .

Let  $a$  be any element of  $N$ . If  $a \in I$  then  $K_I(a) = 1 \geq (\mathbf{N} \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a)$ . If  $a \notin I$  then  $K_I(a) = 0$ . On the other hand assume that  $(\mathbf{N} \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a) = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{N} \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a) &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\{N \circ k_I(p), k_I(q)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\left\{ \sup_{p=p_1p_2} \min\{N(p_1), k_I(p_2)\}, k_I(q) \right\} \\ &\quad (\text{since } N(x) = 1, \forall x \in N) \\ &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\left\{ \sup_{p=p_1p_2} \{k_I(p_2)\}, k_I(q) \right\} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and  $k_I(p_2) = 1, k_I(q) = 1$ . So  $p_2, q \in I$ . Then  $a = pq = p_1 p_2 q \in NII \subseteq I$  which contradicts  $a \notin I$ . Thus  $K_I(a) = 0 = (N \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a)$ . This shows that  $(N \circ K_I \circ K_I) \subseteq K_I$ . Therefore  $K_I$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

Conversely, assume that  $K_I$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ . Every fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . Therefore by Theorem 3.8 [5],  $I$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . Let  $a$  be any element of  $NI^2$ . Then there exists  $a, p, q, p_1$  of  $N$  and the elements  $p_2, q$  of  $I$  such that  $a = bc$  and  $p = p_1 p_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (N \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a) &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\{N \circ k_I(p), k_I(q)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\left\{ \sup_{p=p_1 p_2} \min\{N(p_1), k_I(p_2)\}, k_I(q) \right\} \\ &= \sup_{a=pq} \min\left\{ \sup_{p=p_1 p_2} \{k_I(p_2)\}, k_I(q) \right\} = \min\{1, 1\} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$(K_I)(a) \geq (N \circ K_I \circ K_I)(a) = 1$ . Thus  $a \in I$ . So  $NII \subseteq I$ . This shows that  $I$  is a strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

### Theorem: 3.5

Every left permutable fuzzy right  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

### Proof

Let  $A$  be a left permutable fuzzy right  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ .

To prove  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

By Theorem 3.9,<sup>[5]</sup> we get every fuzzy right  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . Choose  $a, b, c, b_1, b_2 \in N$  such that  $a = bc$  and  $b = b_1 b_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N \circ A \circ A(a) &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{N \circ A(b), A(c)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\left\{ \sup_{b=b_1 b_2} \min\{N(b_1), A(b_2)\}, A(c) \right\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\left\{ \sup_{b=b_1 b_2} \{A(b_2), A(c)\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(Since  $A$  is a left permutable fuzzy right  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ ,  $A(bc) = A((b_1 b_2)c) = A((b_2 b_1) c) > A(b_2)$ ) and  $N(c) \geq A(c)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{a=bc} \min\{A(bc), N(c)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{A(bc), 1\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} A(bc) \\ &= A(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ . Hence  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

**Theorem: 3.6**

Every fuzzy left N-subgroup of N is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

**Proof**

Let A be a fuzzy left N-subgroup of N.

To prove A is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

By Theorem 3.10,<sup>[5]</sup> we get every fuzzy left N-subgroup of N is a fuzzy bi-ideal of N. Choose a, b, c,  $c_1, c_2 \in N$  such that  $a = bc$  and  $c = c_1, c_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N \circ A \circ A(a) &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{N(b), A \circ A(c)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{N(b), \sup_{c=c_1c_2} \min\{A(c_1), A(c_2)\}\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{1, \sup_{c=c_1c_2} \min\{A(c_1), A(c_2)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

(Since A is a fuzzy left N-subgroup of N,  $A(bc) = A(b(c_1c_2)) = A((bc_1)c_2) > A(c_2)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{a=bc} \min\{N(c_1), A(bc)\} \\ &= \sup_{a=bc} \min\{1, A(bc)\} \\ &= A(bc) \\ &= A(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ . Hence A is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

**Theorem: 3.7**

Every left permutable fuzzy two-sided N-subgroup of N is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

**Proof**

The proof is straight forward from the above Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6

**Theorem: 3.8**

Every left permutable fuzzy right ideal of N is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

**Proof**

Let A be a left permutable fuzzy right ideal of N.

To prove A is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of N.

By Theorem 3.12,<sup>[5]</sup> we get every fuzzy right ideal of N is a fuzzy bi-ideal of N. Choose a, b, c,  $b_1, b_2 \in N$  such that  $a = bc$  and  $b = b_1, b_2$ . Then

$$N \circ A \circ A(a) = \sup_{a=bc} \min\{N \circ A(b), A(c)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_{a=bc} \min \left\{ \sup_{b=b_1b_2} \min \{N(b_1), A(b_2)\}, A(c) \right\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} \min \left\{ \sup_{b=b_1b_2} \{A(b_2), A(c)\} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(Since  $A$  is a left permutable fuzzy right ideal of  $N$ ,  $A(bc) = A((b_1b_2)c) = A((b_2b_1)c) > A(b_2)$ )  
and  $N(c) \geq A(c)$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sup_{a=bc} \min \{A(bc), N(c)\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} \min \{A(bc), 1\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} A(bc) \\
&= A(a)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ . Hence  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

### Theorem: 3.9

Every fuzzy left ideal of  $N$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

#### Proof

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy left ideal of  $N$ . To prove  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

By Theorem 3.13,<sup>[5]</sup> we get every fuzzy left ideal of  $N$  is a fuzzy bi-ideal of  $N$ . Choose  $a, b, c, b_1, b_2 \in N$  such that  $a = bc = b(n + c) - bn$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
N \circ A \circ A(a) &= \sup_{a=bc} \min \{N \circ A(b), A(c)\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} \min \left\{ \sup_{b=b_1b_2} \min \{N(b_1), A(b_2)\}, A(c) \right\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} \min \left\{ \sup_{b=b_1b_2} \{A(b_2), A(c)\} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(Since  $A$  is a fuzzy left ideal of  $N$ ,  $A(a) = A(bc) = A(b(n + c) - bn) > A(c)$  and  $N(b_2) \geq A(b_2)$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sup_{a=bc} \min \{N(b_2), A(b(n + c) - bn)\} \\
&= \sup_{a=bc} A(b(n + c) - bn) \\
&= A(bc) \\
&= A(a)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ . Hence  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .

### Theorem: 3.10

Every left permutable fuzzy ideal of  $N$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ .



**Proof**

The proof is straight forward from the Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 3.9

**Remark: 3.11**

The converse of Theorem 3.7 and Theorem 3.10 are not necessarily true as shown by the following example.

**Example: 3.12**

Let  $N = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be the near-ring with two binary operations '+' and '•' is defined as follows.

+	0	a	b	c		•	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c		0	0	0	0	0
a	a	0	c	b		a	0	0	0	0
b	b	c	0	a		b	0	0	0	a
c	c	b	a	0		c	0	0	0	a

Define a fuzzy subset  $A: N \rightarrow [0,1]$  by  $A(0) = 0.75, A(a) = 0.2, A(b) = 0.3, A(c) = 0.3$ .

Then  $(A \circ N \circ A)(0) = 0.3, (A \circ N \circ A)(a) = 0, (A \circ N \circ A)(b) = 0, (A \circ N \circ A)(c) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(0) = 0.3, N \circ A \circ A(a) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(b) = 0, N \circ A \circ A(c) = 0$ , and so  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ . Since  $A(a) = A(bc) \not\geq A(b)$  and  $A(a) = A(bc) \not\geq A(c)$ ,  $A$  is not a fuzzy two-sided  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Since  $A(a) = A(bc) \not\geq \min\{A(b), A(c)\}$ ,  $A$  is not a fuzzy sub near-ring of  $N$  and so  $A$  is not a fuzzy ideal of  $N$ .

**Theorem: 3.13**

Let  $A$  be any fuzzy strong bi-ideal of a near-ring  $N$ . Then  $A(axy) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} \forall a, x, y \in N$ .

**Proof**

Assume that  $A$  is a fuzzy strong bi-ideal of  $N$ . Then  $N \circ A \circ A \subseteq A$ .

Let  $a, x$  and  $y$  be any element of  $N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(axy) &\geq (N \circ A \circ A)(axy) \\
 &= \sup_{axy=pq} \min\{N \circ A(p), A(q)\} \\
 &\geq \min\{(N \circ A)(ax), A(y)\} \\
 &= \min\left\{\sup_{ax=z_1z_2} \min\{N(z_1), A(z_2)\}, A(y)\right\} \\
 &\geq \min\{\min\{N(a), A(x)\}, A(y)\} \\
 &= \min\{\min\{1, A(x), A(y)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$$

This shows that  $A(axy) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} \forall a, x, y \in N$ .

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