

Homomorphisms between Two Sets of Fuzzy Subsemigroups *

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Abstract: Let S and T be semigroups. $F(S)$ and $F_s(S)$ denote the sets of all fuzzy subsets and all fuzzy subsemigroups of S , respectively. In this paper, we discuss the homomorphisms between $F(S)(F_s(S))$ and $F(T)(F_s(T))$. We introduce the concept of fuzzy quotient subsemigroup and generalize the fundamental theorems of homomorphism of semigroups to fuzzy subsemigroups.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, S, T always denote semigroups. If S is homomorphic (isomorphic) to T , it is denoted by $S \sim T$ ($S \cong T$).

Let X be a non-empty set. We call a mapping $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a fuzzy subset of X . The collection of all fuzzy subset of X is denoted by $F(X)$. A mapping $\mu : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a fuzzy subsemigroup of S , if

$$\mu(a, b) \geq \mu(a) \wedge \mu(b)$$

for all $a, b \in S$. The set of all fuzzy subsemigroup of S is denoted by $F_s(S)$.

In [2],[3] and [4], the fuzzy congruences on a semigroup were studied with many results. In this paper, it is proved that $F(S)$ is a semigroup; $F_s(S)$ is a subsemigroup of $F(S)$; if $S \sim T$ ($S \cong T$), then

$$F(S) \sim F(T)(F(S) \cong F(T)), F_s(S) \sim F_s(T)(F_s(S) \cong F_s(T)), F(S) \sim F(S/\rho);$$

and if $\rho \leq \sigma$, then $F((S/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho)) \cong F(S/\sigma)$, where ρ, σ are fuzzy congruences on S . We introduce the concept of fuzzy quotient subsemigroup, and generalize the fundamental

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theorems of homomorphism of semigroup to fuzzy subsemigroup (see Theorem 4.9).

2. Preliminaries

A mapping $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a fuzzy relation on X . Let ρ and σ be two fuzzy relations on X , $\rho \leq \sigma$ means $\rho(a, b) \leq \sigma(a, b)$ for all $a, b \in X$.

Definition 2.1 A fuzzy relation ρ on a semigroup S is called a fuzzy equivalence relation on S , if, for all $a, b, c \in S$,

- (1) $\rho(a, a) = 1$,
- (2) $\rho(a, b) = \rho(b, a)$,
- (3) $\rho(a, c) \geq \min(\rho(a, b), \rho(b, c)) = \rho(a, b) \wedge \rho(b, c)$.

Furthermore, if ρ also satisfies the following condition:

- (4) $\rho(ab, cd) \geq \rho(a, c) \wedge \rho(b, d)$ (or $\rho(ac, bc) \geq \rho(a, b)$ and $\rho(ca, cb) \geq \rho(a, b)$),

then ρ is said to be a fuzzy congruence on S .

The notation $\text{Con}_f(S)$ denotes the set of all fuzzy congruences on S .

It is not difficult to prove that a fuzzy relation ρ on S is a fuzzy congruence if and only if $\rho^t = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : \rho(a, b) \geq t\}$ is a congruence on S for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Let ρ be a fuzzy equivalence relation on S . For each $a \in S$ a fuzzy subset ρ_a of S is defined as $\rho_a(x) = \rho(a, x)$ for all $x \in S$ ^[3].

Lemma 2.2^[3] Let ρ be a fuzzy equivalence (congruence) relation on S , and $a, b \in S$. Then

$$\rho_a = \rho_b \text{ if and only if } \rho(a, b) = 1.$$

Let $A, B \in F(S)$, then the product $A \circ B$ is defined by, for all $a \in S$,

$$(A \circ B)(a) = \begin{cases} \sup_{a=xy} \min\{A(x), B(y)\}, \\ 0, \text{ if } a \text{ is not expressible as } a = xy. \end{cases} \quad (\text{A})$$

For $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, we write $S/\rho = \{\rho_a : a \in S\}$.

Lemma 2.3^[3] Let $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$ and $a, b \in S$. Define the multiplication in S/ρ by $\rho_a \rho_b = \rho_{ab}$ for all $\rho_a, \rho_b \in S/\rho$. Then S/ρ is a semigroup.

Lemma 2.4 For all $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, S/ρ is isomorphic to S/ρ^1 .

Let f be a homomorphism from S onto T , $A \in F(S)$ and $B \in F(T)$. Define mappings

$$\theta_f : F(S) \rightarrow F(T), \theta_f(A)(t) = \sup_{f(s)=t} A(s) \text{ for each } t \in T, \quad (\text{B})$$

$$\theta_f^{-1} : F(T) \rightarrow F(S), \theta_f^{-1}(B)(s) = B(f(s)) \text{ for each } s \in S \quad (\text{C})$$

and fuzzy point $x_\lambda \in F(S)$ ($\lambda \in (0, 1]$)

$$x_\lambda(a) = \begin{cases} \lambda, & a = x \\ 0, & a \neq x \end{cases} \text{ for all } a \in S.$$

3. The homomorphisms between $F(S)$ and $F(T)$

Lemma 3.1 $F(S)$ is a semigroup with respect to the operation \circ .

Proof It is obvious that $A \circ B \in F(S)$ for all $A, B \in F(S)$. Now, let $A, B, C \in F(S)$. Then, for $a \in S$, we suppose there exist $i, j, k \in S$ such that $a = ijk$, and $A(i) > 0, B(j) > 0$ and $C(k) > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \circ (B \circ C))(a) &= \sup_{a=st} \min\{A(s), (B \circ C)(t)\} = \sup_{a=st} \min\{A(s), \sup_{t=uv} \min\{B(u), C(v)\}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=st} \min\{s_{A(s)}(s), \sup_{t=uv} \min\{u_{B(u)}(u), u_{C(v)}(v)\}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=st} \min\{s_{A(s)}(s), \sup_{t=uv} (uv)_{\min\{B(u), C(v)\}}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=st} \sup_{t=uv} \min\{s_{A(s)}(s), (uv)_{\min\{B(u), C(v)\}}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=st} \sup_{t=uv} \{(s(uv))_{\min\{A(s), B(u), C(v)\}}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=s(uv)} \{(s(uv))_{\min\{A(s), B(u), C(v)\}}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=xv} \sup_{x=su} \{(su)_{\min\{A(s), B(u), C(v)\}}\} \quad (\text{since } S \text{ is a semigroup}) \\
 &= \sup_{a=xv} \sup_{x=su} \min\{(su)_{\min\{A(s), B(u)\}}, v_{C(v)}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=xv} \sup_{x=su} \min\{\min\{A(s), B(u)\}, v_{C(v)}\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=xv} \min\{\sup_{x=su} \min\{A(s), B(u)\}, C(v)\} \\
 &= \sup_{a=xv} \min\{(A \circ B)(x), C(v)\} = ((A \circ B) \circ C)(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

It means that $F(S)$ is a semigroup. \square

Theorem 3.2 If there is a homomorphism from S onto T , then $F(S)$ is homomorphic to $F(T)$.

Proof According to the condition, there exists a homomorphism f from S onto T . By (B), we know that $\theta_f(A) \in F(T)$ for all $A \in F(S)$. Hence θ_f is a mapping from $F(S)$ to $F(T)$. Notice that, for all $B \in F(T)$, $\theta_f^{-1}(B) \in F(S)$ and

$$\theta_f(\theta_f^{-1}(B))(t) = \sup_{f(s)=t} \theta_f^{-1}(B)(s) = \sup_{f(s)=t} B(f(s)) = B(t).$$

It is deduced that θ_f is surjective. Next, we only show $\theta_f(A \circ B) = \theta_f(A) \circ \theta_f(B)$ for all $A, B \in F(S)$. Let $A, B \in F(S)$. For $t \in T$, we suppose there exists $j, k \in S$ such that $f(jk) = t$, $A(j) > 0$ and $B(k) > 0$. Then,

$$\theta_f(A \circ B)(t) = \sup_{f(s)=t} (A \circ B)(s) = \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\},$$

and

$$(\theta_f(A) \circ \theta_f(B))(t) = \sup_{t=xy} \min\{\theta_f(A)(x), \theta_f(B)(y)\} = \sup_{t=xy} \min\{\sup_{f(u)=x} A(u), \sup_{f(v)=y} B(v)\}.$$

It is clear that

$$\sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\} \leq \sup_{t=xy} \min\left\{\sup_{f(u)=x} A(u), \sup_{f(v)=y} B(v)\right\}.$$

If $\theta_f(A \circ B)(t) < (\theta_f(A) \circ \theta_f(B))(t)$, then

$$\sup_{t=xy} \min\left\{\sup_{f(u)=x} A(u), \sup_{f(v)=y} B(v)\right\} - \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\} > 0.$$

Hence there exist $u, v \in S$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ satisfying $t = f(u)f(v)$ and

$$\min\{A(u), B(v)\} > \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\} + \varepsilon.$$

If we take $s = uv$, then

$$\sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\} \geq \min\{A(u), B(v)\} > \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\} > \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{s=jk} \min\{A(j), B(k)\}.$$

It contradicts with the hypothesis. Hence $\theta_f(A \circ B)(t) = (\theta_f(A) \circ \theta_f(B))(t)$. Consequently, $\theta_f(A \circ B) = \theta_f(A) \circ \theta_f(B)$. \square

Theorem 3.3 $S \cong T$ implies $F(S) \cong F(T)$.

Proof Let f be an isomorphic mapping from S onto T . By the proof of Theorem 3.2, θ_f is a homomorphic mapping from $F(S)$ onto $F(T)$. We only show θ_f is injective. If $\theta_f(A) = \theta_f(B)$ for $A, B \in F(S)$, then, for all $t \in T$, $\theta_f(A)(t) = \theta_f(B)(t)$, this is, $\sup_{f(s)=t} A(s) = \sup_{f(s)=t} B(s)$. Since f is an isomorphic mapping from S to T , there exists uniquely $s \in S$ such that $f(s) = t$ for each $t \in T$. Therefore, $A(s) = B(s)$ for all $s \in S$. So $A = B$. It shows that θ_f is injective. \square

4. Fundamental theorems of homomorphisms

Lemma 4.1 $F_s(S)$ is a subsemigroup of $F(S)$.

Proof Since $F(S)$ is a semigroup, we only show that $F_s(S)$ is closed with respect to multiplication \circ . To do it, let $A, B \in F_s(S)$. Suppose there exist $x, y \in S$ such that $ab = xy$ and $A(x), B(y) > 0$ for $a, b \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ B)(ab) &= \sup_{ab=xy} \min\{A(x), B(y)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{ab=xy, x=ij, y=uv} \min\{\min\{A(i), A(j)\}, \min\{B(u), B(v)\}\} \\ &\geq \sup_{a=ij, b=uv} \min\{\min\{A(i), A(j)\}, \min\{B(u), B(v)\}\} \\ &\geq \min\left\{\sup_{a=ij} \min\{A(i), B(j)\}, \sup_{b=uv} \min\{A(u), B(v)\}\right\} \\ &= (A \circ B)(a) \wedge (A \circ B)(b). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $A \circ B \in F_s(S)$. \square

For $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$ and $A \in F_s(S)$, a fuzzy set $A/\rho \in F_s(S/\rho)$ is defined as follows: for all $\rho_a \in S/\rho$

$$(A/\rho)(\rho_a) = \sup_{\rho(x,a)=1} A(x).$$

We say A/ρ is a fuzzy quotient subsemigroup of S with respect to the fuzzy congruence ρ .

Lemma 4.2 Let $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, then A/ρ is a fuzzy subsemigroup of S/ρ .

Proof First, it is clear that A/ρ is a mapping from S/ρ to $[0,1]$. Next, for all $\rho_a, \rho_b \in S/\rho$,

$$\begin{aligned} (A/\rho)(\rho_a \rho_b) &= (A/\rho)(\rho_{ab}) = \sup_{\rho(x,ab)=1} A(x) \\ &= \sup_{\rho(y,a)=1, \rho(z,b)=1} A(yz) \geq \sup_{\rho(y,a)=1, \rho(z,b)=1} \min\{A(y), A(z)\} \\ &= \min\left\{ \sup_{\rho(y,a)=1} A(y), \sup_{\rho(z,b)=1} A(z) \right\} = (A/\rho)(\rho_a) \wedge (A/\rho)(\rho_b). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, A/ρ is a fuzzy subsemigroup of S/ρ . \square

Theorem 4.3 For $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, there exists a homomorphism θ_ρ from $F_s(S)$ onto $F_s(S/\rho)$ satisfying $\theta_\rho(A) = A/\rho$ for all $A \in F_s(S)$.

Proof For $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, by Lemma 2.4, we know there exists an isomorphism $g : S/\rho^1 \rightarrow S/\rho$ satisfying $g(a\rho^1) = \rho_a$. According to Theorem 5.3 in page 22 of [1], there exists a homomorphism h from S onto S/ρ^1 such that, for all $a \in S$, $h(a) = a\rho^1$. Hence $f = gh$ is a homomorphism from S onto S/ρ such that $f(a) = \rho_a$ for all $a \in S$. Furthermore, let $A \in F_s(S)$. Then, for all $\rho_a \in S/\rho$,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_f(A)(\rho_a) &= \sup_{f(x)=\rho_a} A(x) = \sup_{\rho x=\rho_a} A(x) \\ &= \sup_{\rho(x,a)=1} A(x) \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.2}) \\ &= (A/\rho)(\rho_a). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\theta_f(A) = A/\rho$ for all $A \in F_s(S)$. To show θ_f is surjective, let $B \in F_s(S/\rho)$. We define a fuzzy subsemigroup A of S given by, for all $s \in S$,

$$A(s) = B(f(s)).$$

Then, for all $\rho_a \in S/\rho$,

$$(A/\rho)(\rho_a) = \sup_{\rho(x,a)=1} A(x) = \sup_{\rho x=\rho_a} A(x) = \sup_{f(x)=\rho_a} B(f(x)) = B(\rho_a).$$

$A/\rho = B$ shows that θ_f is surjection satisfying $\theta_f(A) = B$. According to proof of Theorem 3.2, θ_f is a homomorphism. Take $\theta_\rho = \theta_f$, as required. \square

We called θ_ρ a homomorphism induced by ρ from $F_s(S)$ onto $F_s(S/\rho)$.

Corollary 4.4 Let $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, then $F_s(S/\rho) = \{A/\rho : A \in S\}$.

The next theorem is concerned with a more general situation.

Theorem 4.5 Let f be a homomorphism from S onto T and $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$. If $\rho^1 \not\subseteq \ker f$ ($\rho^1 = \ker f$), where

$$\ker f = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : f(a) = f(b)\}.$$

Then there exists a homomorphism (isomorphism) α from $F_s(S/\rho)$ onto $F_s(T)$ such that $\alpha(A/\rho) = \theta_f(A)$ for all $A/\rho \in F_s(S/\rho)$ and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_s(S) & \xrightarrow{\theta_f} & F_s(T) \\ \theta_\rho \uparrow & \nearrow \alpha & \\ F_s(S/\rho) & & \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof We define $g : S/\rho \rightarrow T$, $g(\rho_a) = f(a)$ for all $\rho_a \in S/\rho$. If $\rho_a = \rho_b$ for $\rho_a, \rho_b \in S$, by Lemma 2.2, $\rho(a, b) = 1$. Hence $(a, b) \in \ker f$ and so $f(a) = f(b)$. That is to say g is a mapping.

For all $\rho_a, \rho_b \in S/\rho$,

$$g(\rho_a \rho_b) = g(\rho_{ab}) = f(ab) = f(a)f(b) = g(\rho_a)g(\rho_b).$$

Hence g is a homomorphism from S/ρ to T . Furthermore, for all $t \in T$,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_g(A/\rho)(t) &= \sup_{g(\rho_s)=t} (A/\rho)(\rho_s) = \sup_{f(s)=t} (A/\rho)(\rho_s) = \sup_{f(s)=t} \sup_{\rho(x,s)=1} A(x) \\ &= \sup_{f(s)=t} A(s) = \theta_f(A)(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\theta_g(A/\rho) = \theta_f(A)$. If $\rho^1 = \ker f$, then $f(a) = f(b)$ for $a, b \in S$ implies $g(\rho_a) = g(\rho_b)$. That is, θ_g is an isomorphism. Take $\alpha = \theta_g$, as required. \square

Lemma 4.6 Let $\rho \leq \sigma$ for $\rho, \sigma \in \text{Con}_f(S)$. Then the fuzzy relation σ/ρ on S/ρ , defined by, for all $a, b \in S$,

$$(\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_b) = \sigma(a, b),$$

is a fuzzy congruence on S/ρ .

Proof Let $\rho \leq \sigma$ for $\rho, \sigma \in \text{Con}_f(S)$. Suppose $\sigma(a, b) \neq \sigma(c, d)$ for $(a, b), (c, d) \in S \times S$. Then $(\rho_a, \rho_b) \neq (\rho_c, \rho_d)$. Otherwise, $\rho_a = \rho_c$ imply $\rho(a, c) = 1$ and $\rho(b, d) = 1$. Since $\rho \leq \sigma$, $\rho(a, c) \leq \sigma(a, c) = 1$ and $\rho(b, d) \leq \sigma(b, d) = 1$. We deduce $\sigma(a, b) = \sigma(c, d)$. It contradicts with the hypothesis. So σ/ρ is a mapping. Then, for all $\rho_a, \rho_b, \rho_c \in S/\rho$,

- (1) $(\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_a) = \sigma(a, a) = 1$;
- (2) $(\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_b) = \sigma(a, b) = \sigma(b, a) = (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_b, \rho_a)$;

- (3) $(\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_c) = \sigma(a, c) \geq \sigma(a, b) \wedge \sigma(b, c) = (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_b) \wedge (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_b, \rho_c)$;
 (4) $(\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a \rho_c, \rho_b \rho_d) = (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_{ac}, \rho_{bc}) = \sigma(ac, bd) \geq \sigma(a, b) \wedge \sigma(c, d) = (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_a, \rho_b) \wedge (\sigma/\rho)(\rho_c, \rho_d)$.

It shows that σ/ρ is a fuzzy congruence on S/ρ . \square

Theorem 4.7 If $\rho \leq \sigma$ for $\rho, \sigma \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, then there exists an isomorphism α from $F_s((S/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho))$ onto $F_s(S/\sigma)$ such that $\alpha((A/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho)) = A/\sigma$ and the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_s(S) & \xrightarrow{\theta_\sigma} & F_s(S/\sigma) \\ \theta_\rho \uparrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ F_s(S/\rho) & \xrightarrow{\theta_{\sigma/\rho}} & F_s((S/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho)) \end{array}$$

Proof Since $\rho \leq \sigma, \rho^1 \subseteq \sigma^1$. Thus, we can define a mapping f from S/ρ to S/σ given by, for all $\rho_a \in S/\rho$,

$$f(\rho_a) = \sigma_a.$$

For $\rho_a, \rho_b \in S/\rho, f(\rho_a \rho_b) = f(\rho_{ab}) = \sigma_{ab} = \sigma_a \sigma_b = f(\rho_a) f(\rho_b)$. Hence f is a homomorphism. By Lemma 4.6, σ/ρ is a fuzzy congruence S/ρ . Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \ker f &= \{(\rho_a, \rho_b) \in S/\rho \times S/\rho : f(\rho_a) = f(\rho_b)\} = \{(\rho_a, \rho_b) \in S/\rho \times S/\rho : \sigma_a = \sigma_b\} \\ &= \{(\rho_a, \rho_b) \in S/\rho \times S/\rho : \sigma(a, b) = 1\} = (\sigma/\rho)^1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F_s(S/\rho) = \{A/\rho : A \in F_s(S)\}$, we have

$$F_s((S/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho)) = \{(A/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho) : A/\rho \in F_s(S/\rho)\}.$$

By Theorem 4.5, there exists an isomorphism θ_f from $F_s((S/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho))$ to $F_s(S/\sigma)$ such that

$$\theta_f((A/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho)) = A/\sigma.$$

Hence $\alpha = \theta_f$. \square

Definition 4.8 Let f be a homomorphism (isomorphism) from S onto T . If $\theta_f(A) = B$ for $A \in F_s(S)$ and $B \in F_s(T)$. Then we say A is homomorphic (isomorphic) onto B , which is denoted as $A \sim B (A \cong B)$.

The following results is from Theorem 4.5 and 4.7.

Theorem 4.9 Let f be a homomorphism (isomorphism) from S onto T . The following results are true.

- (1) If $\rho^1 \subsetneq \ker f (\rho^1 = \ker f)$ for $\rho \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, then $A/\rho \sim \theta_f(A) (A/\rho \cong \theta_f(A))$.
- (2) If $\rho \leq \sigma$ for $\rho, \sigma \in \text{Con}_f(S)$, then $(A/\rho)/(\sigma/\rho) \cong A/\sigma$.

Remark 4.10 In fact, Theorem 4.9 is a generalization of fundamental theorems of homomorphisms of semigroups in fuzzy subsemigroups.

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两个模糊子半群集合之间的同态

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摘 要: 设 S, T 是半群, $F(S)$ 和 $F_s(S)$ 分别表示 S 的所有模糊子集的集合和所有模糊子半群的集合. 文中, 讨论了 $F(S)(F_s(S))$ 和 $F(T)(F_s(T))$ 之间的模糊同态, 建立了模糊商子半群的概念, 把分明半群的基本同态定理推广到模糊子半群.

关键词: 模糊子半群; 模糊商半群; 模糊同余; 同态.