

## CHARACTERIZATION OF FUZZY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUTATIVE DIVISION RINGS II

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**ABSTRACT.** In [4] we produced a characterization of fuzzy neighborhood commutative division rings; here we present another characterization of it in a sense that we minimize the conditions so that a fuzzy neighborhood system is compatible with the commutative division ring structure. As an additional result, we show that Chadwick [5] relatively compact fuzzy set is bounded in a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIES.

Just like our previous work, we consider here the fuzzy neighborhood topology  $t(\Sigma)$  on  $D$ , the one generated by the well-known fuzzy neighborhood system  $\Sigma$  of R. Lowen [8]. The pair  $(D, t(\Sigma))$  is termed as a fuzzy neighborhood space. The triplet  $(D, +, \cdot)$  (or  $D$  alone) is considered either a ring, division ring or commutative division ring (whichever we require).  $D^* = D \setminus \{0\}$  denotes the multiplicative group of nonzero elements of the commutative division ring  $D$  and  $D^+$  is the additive group of  $D$ .

As usual  $I_0 = ]0, 1[$ ,  $I = [0, 1]$  the unit interval, and  $2^{(D)}$  denotes finite subsets of  $D$ . If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set of  $D$  then  $\mu^\sim$  is given by

$$\mu^\sim(x) = \mu(x^{-1}) \forall x \in D^*,$$

while for  $x \in D$ ,

$$x \oplus \mu(y) = 1_x \oplus \mu(y) = \mu(y - x)$$

$\forall y \in D$ , where  $1_x$  denotes the characteristic function of the singleton set  $\{x\}$ .

For any  $\mu, \nu, \theta \in I^D$  and  $x \in D^*$ ,

$x \odot \mu$ ,  $\nu \oplus \theta$  and  $\nu \odot \theta$  are defined by:

$$x \odot \mu(y) = 1_x \odot \mu(y) = \mu(x^{-1}y)$$

and

$$\nu \oplus \theta(y) = \sup_{s+t=y} \nu(s) \wedge \theta(t)$$

$$\nu \odot \theta(y) = \sup_{st=y} \nu(s) \wedge \theta(t)$$

$\forall y \in D$ .

We define  $\mu/\nu$  as

$$\mu/\nu: = \mu \odot \nu \sim$$

and thus  $1/(1 \oplus \nu)$  is written as:

$$1/(1 \oplus \nu)(x) = (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (x) = (1 \oplus \nu)(x^{-1}) \Rightarrow$$

$$1/(1 \oplus \nu)(x) = \sup_{(t+s)^{-1} = x} \nu(s)$$

$\forall x \in D^*$ .

We call  $\mu$  symmetric if and only if

$$\mu = \sim \mu, \text{ where } \sim \mu(x) := \mu(-x) \forall x \in D.$$

The constant fuzzy set of  $D$  with value  $\delta \in I$  is given by the symbol  $\underline{\delta} (\epsilon I^D)$ . The saturation operation [8] is defined on a prefilter base  $\mathfrak{F} \subset I^D$  by  $\mathfrak{F} = \{v \in I^D: \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists v_\delta \in \mathfrak{F} \ni v_\delta - \underline{\delta} \leq v\}$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.1 [8].** Let  $(D, t(\Sigma))$  and  $(D, t(\Sigma'))$  be fuzzy neighborhood spaces and  $f: D \rightarrow D'$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in D \Leftrightarrow \forall \nu' \in \Sigma'(f(x)) \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(x_0) \ni \nu - \underline{\delta} \leq f^{-1}(\nu')$ .

**DEFINITION 1.2 [3].** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D$ . Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is said to be a fuzzy neighborhood ring if and only if the following are fulfilled:

(FNR1)  $(D, +, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood group [1].

(FNR2) The mapping  $m: (D \times D, t(\Sigma) \times t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma)), (x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous.

**PROPOSITION 1.3 [3].** If  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring and  $x \in D$ , then

(a) The left homothety  $\mathbf{L}_x: (D, t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma)), y \mapsto xy$  (resp. right homothety  $\mathbf{R}_x: (D, t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma)), y \mapsto yx$ ) is continuous. If  $x$  is a unit element of  $D$  then each homothety is a homeomorphism.

(b) The translation  $T_x: (D, t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma)), y \mapsto y + x$  and the inversion  $k: (D, t(\Sigma)) \rightarrow (D, t(\Sigma)), x \mapsto -x$  are homeomorphisms.

(c)  $\nu \in \Sigma(0) \Leftrightarrow x \oplus \nu \in \Sigma(x)$ , i.e.,  $T_x(\nu) \in \Sigma(x)$ .

(d)  $\nu \in \Sigma(x) \Leftrightarrow -x \oplus \nu \in \Sigma(0)$ , i.e.,  $T_{-x}(\nu) \in \Sigma(0)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.4 [2].** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a division ring, and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D$ . Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is said to be a fuzzy neighborhood division ring if and only if the following are true:

(FNDR1)  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring.

(FNDR2) The mapping  $r: (D^*, t(\Sigma|_{D^*})) \rightarrow (D^*, t(\Sigma|_{D^*})), x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is continuous where  $\Sigma|_{D^*}$  is the fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D^*$  induced by  $D$ .

A commutative division ring structure and a fuzzy neighborhood  $\Sigma$  on  $D$  are said to be compatible if the conditions (FNDR1) and (FNDR2) are satisfied.

**THEOREM 1.5 [3].** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D$ . Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(1)  $\forall x \in D: \Sigma(x) = \{T_x(\nu): \nu \in \Sigma(0)\}$ .

(2)  $\forall x_0 \in D, \forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni x_0 \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , and  $\nu \odot x_0 \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $y \mapsto x_0 y$  and  $y \mapsto y x_0$  are continuous at 0.

(3)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \oplus \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

(4)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \leq -\mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $x \mapsto -x$  is continuous at 0.

(5)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous at

$(0, 0)$ .

**THEOREM 1.6** [4]. Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then the quadruple  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring if and only if the following are fulfilled:

- (i)  $\forall x \in D: \Sigma(x) = \{T_x(\nu): \nu \in \Sigma(0)\}$ .
- (ii)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall x \in D, \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni x \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ ; i.e.,  $y \mapsto yx$  is continuous at 0.
- (iii)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \oplus \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e.,  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .
- (iv)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu \odot \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e.,  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .
- (v)  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni (1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}$ , i.e., the inversion  $x \mapsto x^{-1} (x \neq 0)$  is continuous at 1.

**PROPOSITION 1.7** [4]. Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring. If conditions (i)-(v) of Theorem 1.6 are satisfied, then the following inequality holds good:

$$\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu / (1 \oplus \nu) \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}.$$

Recently the notion of relatively  $f$ -compact fuzzy sets was introduced by Chadwick and studied in relation to fuzzy neighborhood spaces. We quote the following results from [5]. For a detailed account of compact fuzzy neighborhood spaces we refer to [9].

**THEOREM 1.8** [5]. Let  $(D, t(\Sigma))$  be a fuzzy neighborhood spaces,  $\mu \in I^D$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $\mu$  is relatively  $f$ -compact;
- (b) for each family  $(\nu_x)_{x \in D} \subset \Pi_{x \in D} \Sigma(x)$  and each  $\delta > 0$  there is  $F \in \mathcal{2}^{(D)}$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in F} \nu_x \geq \mu - \underline{\delta}.$$

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We shall now present an equivalent form of condition (v) of Theorem 1.6, namely

$$(v') \quad \forall \mu \in \Sigma(0) \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni \nu / (1 \oplus \nu) \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}, \quad (2.1)$$

or 
$$\nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}.$$

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** Referring to Theorem 1.6, we have conditions (i)-(v), are equivalent to (i)-(iv) and (v').

**PROOF.** We need prove only the converse part, i.e.,  $\forall \mu \in \Sigma(0), \forall \delta \in I_0 \exists \nu \in \Sigma(0) \ni (1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \delta$ . Suppose conditions (i)-(iv) and (v') hold, and  $\mu \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta \in I_0$ ; choose  $\nu = \sim \nu$  symmetric  $\ni \nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ . Let  $z \in D^*$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (z) &= (1 \oplus \nu)(z^{-1}) \\ &= \sup_{(1+x)^{-1} = z} \nu(x) \\ &= \sup_{1 - \frac{x}{1+x} = z} \nu(x) \\ &= \sup_{-\frac{x}{1+x} = z-1} \nu(x) \\ &= \sup_{-x(1+x)^{-1} = z-1} \nu(x) \\ &= \sup_{x(1+x)^{-1} = z-1} \nu(-x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{x(1+x)^{-1} = z-1} \sim \nu(x) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu) \sim ((1+x)^{-1}) \\ &= \sup_{x(1+x)^{-1} = z-1} \nu(x) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu) \sim ((1+x)^{-1}) \\ &= \nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (z-1) \\ &= 1 \oplus (\nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim)(z) \\ &\leq (1 \oplus \mu)(z) + \delta \text{ (by } (v')) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $(1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq (1 \oplus \mu) + \underline{\delta}$ . □

**THEOREM 2.2.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1°  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring.
- 2°  $(D, +, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood group, and division

$$d: D \times D^* \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto x/y$$

is continuous.

- 3°  $(D, +, t(\Sigma))$  and  $(D^*, \cdot, t(\Sigma|_{D^*}))$  are fuzzy neighborhood groups.

**PROOF.** 1° $\Rightarrow$ 2°. Let  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  be a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring. Then by definition it is an additive group and therefore a fuzzy neighborhood group. We show division

$$d: D \times D^* \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto x/y$$

is continuous.

But from the following scheme we have:

$$\begin{aligned} D \times D^* &\rightarrow D \times D \rightarrow D, \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x, y^{-1}) \mapsto xy^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $d: D \times D^* \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto x/y$  is continuous.

2° $\Rightarrow$ 3°. If the division  $d$  is continuous on  $D \times D^*$ , then certainly the restriction to  $D^* \times D^*$  is continuous, i.e.,  $(D^*, \cdot, t(\Sigma|_{D^*}))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood group.

3° $\Rightarrow$ 1°. We need to show that  $m: D \times D \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous. But this follows from Theorem 3.3 [4].

**THEOREM 2.3.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring with characteristic  $Char(D) \neq 2$ . Then a fuzzy neighborhood group on the commutative division ring  $D$  with respect to which the inversion is continuous is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring.

**PROOF.** The continuity of multiplication follows from the equality:

$$xy = [(x+y-2)^{-1} - (x+y+2)^{-1}]^{-1} - [(x-y-2)^{-1} - (x-y+2)^{-1}]^{-1}. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 2.4.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $\Sigma$  a fuzzy neighborhood system on  $D$  such that

- (i) multiplication,  $m: D \times D \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto xy$ ,
- (ii) inversion,  $r: D^* \rightarrow D^*, x \mapsto x^{-1}$ ,

(iii) addition of 1,  $p: D \rightarrow D, x \mapsto 1+x$ , are continuous, then  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring.

**PROOF.** Negation  $x \mapsto -x = (-1)x$  is continuous then  $x \mapsto x - 1$  is the composite:

$$x \mapsto -x \mapsto -x + 1 \mapsto -(-x + 1)$$

of continuous functions and therefore, continuous.

It remains to show that the addition is continuous. To this end, we show that the addition is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . In order to do so, we use the following identity:

$$x + y = [1 + y(1 + x)^{-1}](1 + x) - 1 \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $\mu \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\delta > 0$ . Choose  $\nu_1 \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\theta_1 \in \Sigma(1)$ .

By continuity of  $p: x \mapsto 1 + x$ , we get

$$\theta_1 \oplus 1 \leq \mu + \underline{\delta/7} \quad (2.2)$$

Since multiplication  $m: D \times D \rightarrow D, (x, y) \mapsto xy$  is continuous at  $(1, 1)$ , we have a  $\theta_2 \in \Sigma(1)$  such that

$$\theta_2 \odot \theta_2 \leq \theta_1 + \underline{\delta/7} \quad (2.3)$$

Again applying the continuity of  $p$ , we can find  $\nu_1 \in \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$1 \oplus \nu_1 \leq \theta_2 + \underline{\delta/7} \quad (2.4)$$

Continuity of  $m: (x, y) \mapsto xy$  at  $(0, 1)$  produces  $\nu_2 \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\theta_3 \in \Sigma(1)$  such that

$$\nu_2 \odot \theta_3 \leq \nu_1 + \underline{\delta/7} \quad (2.5)$$

Since  $r: x \mapsto x^{-1}$  is continuous at 1, we can find  $\theta_4 \in \Sigma(1)$  such that

$$\theta_4 \sim \leq \theta_3 + \underline{\delta/7} \quad (2.6)$$

Now again applying continuity of  $p$  at  $x = 0$ , we get for  $\theta_4 \in \Sigma(1)$ , a  $\nu_3 \in \Sigma(0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_3 - \underline{\delta/7} &\leq -1 \oplus \theta_4 \\ \Rightarrow 1 \oplus \nu_3 &\leq \theta_4 + \underline{\delta/7} \\ \Rightarrow 1 \oplus \nu_3 &\leq (\theta_2 \wedge \theta_4) + \underline{\delta/7} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Now if we can show that

$$\nu_2 \oplus \nu_3 \leq \mu + \underline{\delta},$$

then we are done.

But, first we show the following inequality:

$$\nu_2 \oplus \nu_3 \leq [(1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim)] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \oplus 1 \quad (2.8)$$

Let  $z \in D$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\nu_3 \oplus \nu_2(z) \\ = &\sup_{x+y=z} \nu_3(x) \wedge \nu_2(y) \\ = &\sup_{x+y=z} \nu_2(y) \wedge \nu_3(x) \wedge \nu_3(x) \\ = &\sup_{[1+y(1+x)^{-1}](1+x)=z+1} \nu_2(y) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim ((1+x)^{-1}) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu_3)(1+x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sup_{[1+y(1+x)^{-1}](1+x)=z+1} \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim (y(1 \oplus x)^{-1}) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu_3)(1+x) \\
 &= \sup_{[1+y(1+x)^{-1}](1+x)=z+1} [1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim] [1+y(1 \oplus x)^{-1}] \wedge (1 \oplus \nu_3)(1+x) \\
 &= [1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3)(z+1) \\
 &= [1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1(z),
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\nu_3 \oplus \nu_2 \leq [1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1.$$

this proves the inequality (2.8).

Now we prove that the right side of (2.8) is less than or equal to  $\mu + \delta$ .

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_3 \oplus \nu_2 &\leq [(1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \sim)] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1 \\
 &\leq [1 \oplus \nu_2 \odot (\theta_4 \sim + \underline{\delta/7})] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1 \text{ (by (2.7))} \\
 &\leq [1 \oplus (\nu_2 \odot \theta_3) + (2\underline{\delta/7})] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1 \text{ (by (2.6))} \\
 &\leq [(1 \oplus \nu_1 + 3\underline{\delta/7})] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1 \text{ (by (2.5))} \\
 &\leq [(\theta_2 + 4\underline{\delta/7})] \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) \ominus 1 \text{ (by (2.4))} \\
 &\leq [\theta_2 \odot (1 \oplus \nu_3) + 4\underline{\delta/7}] \ominus 1 \\
 &\leq [(\theta_2 \odot \theta_2) + 5\underline{\delta/7}] \ominus 1 \\
 &\leq [(\theta_1 + 6\underline{\delta/7}) \ominus 1] \text{ (by (2.3))} \\
 &\leq (\theta_1 \ominus 1) + 6\underline{\delta/7} \\
 &\leq \mu + \underline{\delta/7} + 6\underline{\delta/7} = \mu + \underline{\delta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \nu_3 \oplus \nu_2 \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}$ , which proves the continuity of addition. Continuity of addition at  $(x, y)$ , where  $x \neq 0$  follows similarly from the identity  $x + y = x(1 + x^{-1}y)$ . □

**THEOREM 2.5.** Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring.

(i) If  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma_j))_{j \in J}$  is a family of fuzzy neighborhood rings, then  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma) = \sup_{j \in J} t(\Sigma_j))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood ring, where

$$\Sigma(0) = \{ \inf_{i \in J_0} \nu_{j_i} : \nu_{j_i} \in \Sigma_j(0); i \in J_0, J_0 \in 2^{(J)} \} \sim$$

(ii) If  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma_j))_{j \in J}$  is a family of fuzzy neighborhood commutative division rings, then  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma) = \sup_{j \in J} t(\Sigma_j))$  is a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring, where

$$\Sigma(0) = \{ \inf_{i \in J_0} \nu_{j_i} : \nu_{j_i} \in \Sigma_j(0); i \in J_0 ; J_0 \in 2^{(J)} \} \sim$$

**PROOF.** We only prove a part of (ii). Verification of the conditions (i)-(iv) of Theorem 1.6 are straightforward. We check condition (v') (inequality (2.1)).

Let  $\mu = \inf_{i \in J_0} \mu_{j_i}$  and  $\delta \in I_0$ . Choose  $\nu_{j_i}$  satisfying the condition (v') in (2.1) for all  $i \in J_0$ ; and let  $\nu = \inf_{i \in J_0} \nu_{j_i}$ . Now for any  $z \in D$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu / (1 \oplus \nu)(z) &= \nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (z) \\
 &= \sup_{ab=z} \nu(a) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu) \sim (b)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_{ab=z} \nu(a) \wedge \sup_{(1+x)^{-1}=b} \nu(x) \\
&= \sup_{ab=z} \inf_{\iota \in J_0} \nu_{j_1} \wedge \sup_{(1+x)^{-1}=b} \inf_{\iota \in J_0} \nu_{j_1}(x) \\
&\leq \inf_{\iota \in J_0} \sup_{ab=z} \nu_{j_1}(a) \wedge (1 \oplus \nu_{j_1}) \sim (b) \\
&= \inf_{\iota \in J_0} \nu_{j_1} \odot (1 \oplus \nu_{j_1}) \sim (z) \\
&\leq \inf_{\iota \in J_0} \mu_{j_1}(z) + \delta \\
&= \mu(z) + \delta,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\nu/1 \oplus \nu \leq \mu + \underline{\delta} \text{ or } \nu \odot (1 \oplus \nu) \sim \leq \mu + \underline{\delta}. \quad \square$$

**DEFINITION 2.6.** ([3], [4]). Let  $(D, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative division ring and  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  a fuzzy neighborhood ring. Then a fuzzy set  $\mu \in I^D$  is called bounded in  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$  if and only if for all  $\nu \in \Sigma(0) \forall \delta \in I_0$  there exists  $\theta \in \Sigma(0)$  such that  $\mu \odot \theta \leq \nu + \underline{\delta}$ .

**THEOREM 2.7.** In a fuzzy neighborhood commutative division ring  $(D, +, \cdot, t(\Sigma))$ , every relatively  $f$ -compact fuzzy set is bounded.

**PROOF.** Let  $\mu \in I^D$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $\nu \in \Sigma(0)$ . Since multiplication is continuous, for each  $x$ , we can find a  $\theta_x \in \Sigma(0)$  and  $\nu_x \in \Sigma(x)$  such that

$$\nu_x \odot \theta_x \leq \nu + \delta/2 \quad (2.9)$$

Since  $\mu$  is relatively  $f$ -compact, by Theorem 1.8, there is  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in D$  such that

$$\nu_{x_1} \vee \nu_{x_2} \vee \dots \vee \nu_{x_n} + \delta/2 \geq \mu.$$

Let  $\theta = \theta_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \theta_{x_n}$ , then  $\theta \in \Sigma(0)$ . Then for any  $z \in D$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu \odot \theta(z) &= \sup_{ab=z} \mu(a) \wedge \theta(b) \\
&\leq \sup_{ab=z} ((\nu_{x_1} \vee \nu_{x_2} \vee \dots \vee \nu_{x_n}(a) \wedge (\theta_{x_1} \wedge \theta_{x_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \theta_{x_n})(b)) + \frac{\delta}{2}) \\
&\leq \sup_{ab=z} ((\nu_{x_1}(a) \wedge \theta_{x_1}(b)) \vee (\nu_{x_2}(a) \wedge \theta_{x_2}(b)) \vee \dots \vee (\nu_{x_n}(a) \wedge \theta_{x_n}(b))) + \frac{\delta}{2}) \\
&= (\nu_{x_1} \odot \theta_{x_1})(z) \vee (\nu_{x_2} \odot \theta_{x_2})(z) \vee \dots \vee (\nu_{x_n} \odot \theta_{x_n})(z) + \frac{\delta}{2} \\
&\leq (\nu(z) + \delta/2) \vee \dots \vee (\nu(z) + \delta/2) + \frac{\delta}{2} \\
&= \nu(z) + \frac{\delta}{2} + \frac{\delta}{2} \\
&= \nu(z) + \delta
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \mu \odot \theta \leq \nu + \underline{\delta}$ , proving that  $\mu$  is bounded. □

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