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# **Fuzzy e-Cosmall Submodules**

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# ABSTRACT

Let M be a module,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  fuzzy submodules of M with  $\mu \subseteq \nu$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy e-cosmall submodule of  $\nu$  in M if  $\nu/\mu \ll_{fe} M/\mu (= \chi_M/\mu^*)$ . In this paper we investigate fuzzy e-cosmall submodules. We also give some properties of fuzzy *e*-hollow modules.

**KEYWORDS:** Fuzzy small submodules, Fuzzy essential-small submodules, Fuzzy cosmall submodules, Fuzzy e-cosmall submodules, Fuzzy e-hollow modules.

### 1 **INTRODUCTION**

After the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh in 1965 [9], a number of applications of this fundamental notion have come up. Naegoita and Ralescu [4] applied this notion to modules and defined fuzzy submodules of a module. So, fuzzy finitely generated submodules, fuzzy quotient modules [5], radical of fuzzy submodules, and primary fuzzy submodules [7, 2] were investigated. Kalita [12] defined a fuzzy essential submodule and proved some characteristics of such submodules. In 2011, Rahman and Saikia studied the concepts of fuzzy small submodules and Fuzzy cosmall submodules, in [6]. By using this idea, in [10] the authors investigated the Fuzzy cosmall submodules. Nimbhorkar and Khubchandani in 2020 [11] defined fuzzy essential-small (e-small) submodules. In this paper, we defined and studied fuzzy e-small submodules, fuzzy ehollow modules and fuzzy e-cosmall submodules of a module. Throughout this paper R will denote an arbitrary associative ring with identity and M will be unital right R-module.

### 2 **PRELIMINARIES**

In this section, we briefly introduce some definitions and results of fuzzy sets and fuzzy submodules, which we need to develop our paper. By a fuzzy set of a module M we mean any mapping  $\mu$  from M to [0, 1]. The support of a fuzzy set  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\mu^*$ , is a subset of M defined by  $\mu^* = \{x \in M \mid \mu(x) > 0\}$ . The subset  $\mu_*$  of M is defined as  $\mu_* = \{x \in M \mid \mu(x) = 1\}$ . We denote the set of all fuzzy submodules of M by F(M).

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let M be an R-module. A fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of M is said to be a fuzzy submodule,

if for every  $x, y \in M$  and  $r \in R$  the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $\mu(0) = 1;$ (ii)  $\mu(x - y) \ge min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\};$ 

(iii)  $\mu(rx) \ge \mu(x)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [3] Let  $\mu, \nu \in F(M)$  be such that  $\mu \subseteq \nu$ . Then the quotient of  $\nu$  with respect to  $\mu$ , is a fuzzy submodule of  $M/\mu^*$ , denoted by  $\nu/\mu$ , and is defined as follows:

 $(\nu/\mu)([x]) = \sup\{\nu(z) \mid z \in [x]\}, \forall x \in \nu^*$ 

where [x] denotes the coset  $x + \mu^*$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [3]  $\mu_*$  is a submodule of *M* if and only if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy submodule of *M*. Let  $N \leq M$ , then characteristic function of  $N(\chi_N)$  is defined as

$$\chi_N(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in N \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** [3] Let  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu_* = M$  if and only if  $\mu = \chi_M$ . Also if  $\sigma \in F(M)$  and  $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ , then  $\mu_* \subseteq \sigma_*$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [1] Let  $\mu, \sigma \in F(M)$ , then  $(\mu \cap \sigma)_* = \mu_* \cap \sigma_*$ ,  $(\mu \cup \sigma)_* = \mu_* \cup \sigma_*$ . Further if  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  have finite images then  $(\mu + \sigma)_* = \mu_* + \sigma_*$ , where the sum of two fuzzy submodules is defined as  $(\mu + \sigma)(x) = \sup\{\min\{\mu(a), \sigma(b)\} \mid a, b \in M, x = a + b\}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [3] Let  $\mu, \sigma \in F(M)$ . The sum  $\mu + \sigma$  is called the direct sum of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  if  $\mu \cap \sigma = \chi_0$  and it is denoted by  $\mu \oplus \sigma$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [1] A fuzzy submodule  $\mu \neq \chi_0$  of *M* is said to be fuzzy indecomposable if there is not  $(\chi_0, \chi_M \neq)\sigma, \nu \in F(M)$  such that  $\mu = \nu \oplus \sigma$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [1] Let *M* be an *R*-module and  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy small submodule of *M* if for any  $\nu \in F(M)$ ,  $\mu + \nu = \chi_M$  implies that  $\nu = \chi_M$ . It is indicated by the notation  $\mu \ll_f M$  or  $\mu \ll_f \chi_M$ . Equivalently, if for any  $\nu \in F(M)$  satisfying  $\nu \neq \chi_M$  implies  $\mu + \nu \neq \chi_M$ .

It is obvious that  $\chi_0$  is always a fuzzy small submodule of *M*.

A submodule N of M is named small in M, symbolized by  $N \ll M$ , if  $M \neq N + K$  for any proper submodule K of M [8].

**Lemma 2.9.** [1] Let  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu \ll_f M$  if and only if  $\mu_* \ll M$ .

Recall that [8] a submodule N of an R-module M is called an essential submodule of M, denoted by  $N \leq M$ , in case  $K \cap N \neq 0$  for every submodule  $K \neq 0$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [11] Let *M* be an *R*-module and  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy essential submodule of *M*, if for any  $\nu \in F(M)$  satisfying  $\mu \cap \nu = \chi_{\theta}$  implies  $\nu = \chi_{\theta}$  and is denoted by  $\mu \leq_f M$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** [12] A submodule *N* of an *R*-module *M* is essential in *M* if and only if  $\chi_N$  is an essential fuzzy submodule of *M*.

**Theorem 2.12.** [12] Let  $\mu$  be a non-zero fuzzy submodule of an *R*-module *M*. Then  $\mu \trianglelefteq_f M$  if and only if  $\mu^* \trianglelefteq M$ .

### **3** FUZZY E-HOLLOW MODULES AND FUZZY E-COSMALL SUBMODULES

In this section, we introduce the concept of a fuzzy essential-cosmall (for simply e-cosmall) submodule. We obtain some properties of this concept. Now onwards all the fuzzy sets involved in this paper have finite images.

Let  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  be any two fuzzy submodule of M such that  $\mu \subseteq \sigma$ , then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy submodule of  $\sigma$ .  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy small submodule in  $\sigma$ , denoted by  $\mu \ll_f \sigma$ , if  $\mu \ll_f \sigma^*$ .

**Definition 3.1. [15]** Let *N* be a submodule of an *R*-module *M*. *N* is said to be *e*-small in *M* (denoted by  $N \ll_e M$ ), if N + L = M with  $L \trianglelefteq M$  implies L = M.

For more information about *e*-small submodules we refer to [14].

**Definition 3.2.** [11] Let *M* be an *R*-module and let  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy *e*-small (essential-small or generalized small) submodule of *M* if for any essential submodule  $\sigma \in F(M)$ ,  $\mu + \sigma = \chi_M$  implies that  $\sigma = \chi_M$ .

**Theorem 3.3. [11]** Let  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu \ll_{fe} M$  if and only if  $\mu_* \ll_e M$ .

We note that every fuzzy small submodule of an *R*-module is a fuzzy *e*-small submodule. However, the following example shows that the converse need not be true.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M = \mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .

Define  $\mu: M \rightarrow [0,1]$  by,

 $\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 8, 16\}, \\ \alpha, & \text{if } x \notin \{0, 8, 16\}, \text{where } 0 \le \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$ 

We note that  $\mu_* = \{0, 8, 16\}$  is an e-small submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ . Hence,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy e-small submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$  by Theorem 3.3. But,  $\mu_* = \{0, 8, 16\}$  is not a small submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$  and so by Lemma 2.9,  $\mu$  is not a fuzzy small submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .

Recall that [13] the module M is called an e-hollow (or generalized hollow) module if every proper submodule of M is e-small (or generalized small) in M. In this case, it is clear that every hollow module is an e-hollow module.

**Definition 3.5.** [10] Let *M* be an *R*-module.  $\chi_M$  is said to be a fuzzy hollow module, if every proper fuzzy submodule of  $\chi_M$  is fuzzy small submodule in  $\chi_M$ .

Similar to Definition 3.5, we have the following definition.

**Definition 3.6.** Let *M* be an *R*-module.  $\chi_M$  is said to be a fuzzy *e*-hollow module, if every proper fuzzy submodule of  $\chi_M$  is fuzzy *e*-small submodule in  $\chi_M$  or *M* has no proper fuzzy essential submodules.

In this case, it is clear that every fuzzy hollow module is a fuzzy *e*-hollow module.

Similar to [10, Proposition 3.2], we have the following proposition.

# **Proposition 3.7.** Let *M* be a module. Then:

(i) If χ<sub>M</sub> is a fuzzy *e*-hollow module, then every factor of χ<sub>M</sub> is fuzzy *e*-hollow.
(ii) If χ<sub>M</sub> is fuzzy *e*-hollow, then χ<sub>M</sub> is fuzzy indecomposable.
(iii) If σ ≪<sub>fe</sub> χ<sub>M</sub> and χ<sub>M</sub>/σ is fuzzy *e*-hollow, then χ<sub>M</sub> is fuzzy *e*-hollow.

**Proof.** (i) By using [1, Proposition 3.8].

(ii) It is clear.

(iii) Let  $\mu \in F(M)$  be a proper fuzzy submodule of  $\chi_M$ . Assume that  $\mu + \nu = \chi_M$  for  $\nu$  is fuzzy essential submodule of  $\chi_M$ . Then  $\mu + \nu + \sigma = \chi_M$ . Hence  $(\mu + \sigma)/\sigma + (\nu + \sigma)/\sigma = \chi_M/\sigma$ . Since  $\chi_M/\sigma$  is fuzzy *e*-hollow and  $(\nu + \sigma)/\sigma$  is fuzzy essential submodule of  $\chi_M/\sigma$ , then  $(\nu + \sigma)/\sigma = \chi_M/\sigma$ . Thus  $\nu + \sigma = \chi_M$ . As  $\sigma \ll_{fe} \chi_M, \nu = \chi_M$ . So  $\chi_M$  is fuzzy *e*-hollow.  $\Box$ 

Let *M* be a module and  $N \leq L \leq M$ . Recall that *N* is called a cosmall submodule of *L* in *M* if  $L/N \ll M/N$ . The notation  $N_M^{\subseteq L}$  indicates that *N* is a cosmall submodule of *L* in *M* [8]. In [6], authors generalized this concept in fuzzy settings. *N* is called an e-cosmall submodule of *L* in *M* if  $L/N \ll_e M/N$ . The notation  $N_M^{\subseteq -cs} L$  indicates that *N* is a e-cosmall submodule of *L* in *M*. In this section, we define fuzzy e-cosmall submodules.

**Definition 3.8.** [6] Let *M* be a module and Let  $\mu, \nu \in F(M)$  with  $\mu \subseteq \nu$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy cosmall submodule of  $\nu$  in *M* if  $\nu/\mu \ll_f M/\mu$  (=  $\chi_M/\mu^*$ ). The notation  $\mu_M^{fcs}$   $\nu$  indicates that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy cosmall submodule of  $\nu$  in *M*.

**Definition 3.9.** Let *M* be a module and Let  $\mu, \nu \in F(M)$  with  $\mu \subseteq \nu$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a fuzzy ecosmall submodule of  $\nu$  in *M* if  $\nu/\mu \ll_{fe} M/\mu$  (=  $\chi_M/\mu^*$ ). The notation  $\mu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \nu$  indicates that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy e-cosmall submodule of  $\nu$  in *M*. **Example 3.10.** Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  under addition modulo 8. Then *M* is a module over the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $S = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ . Define  $\mu: M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ . Then  $\chi_0$  is a fuzzy e-cosmall submodule of  $\mu$  in M.

Similar to [10, Proposition 3.5], we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $\mu, \sigma \in F(M)$ . Then  $\mu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \sigma$  if and only if  $\mu_* \stackrel{e-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \sigma_*$ . **Proof.** Let  $\mu, \sigma \in F(M)$ .  $\mu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \sigma$  if and only if  $\sigma/\mu \ll_{fe} M/\mu$ . By Theorem 3.3,  $(\sigma/\mu)_* \ll_e (M/\mu)_*$ . Thus,  $\sigma_*/\mu_* \ll_e M/\mu_*$ . Hence,  $\mu_* \stackrel{e-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \sigma_*$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.12.** Let *M* be a module. If  $\mu \subseteq \sigma \subseteq \chi_M$  and  $\sigma = \mu + \nu$ , where  $\nu \ll_{fe} \mu$ , Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy e-cosmall submodule of  $\sigma$  in *M*.

**Proof.** Let  $\chi_M = \sigma + \gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in F(M)$ . Then  $\chi_M = \mu + \nu + \gamma = \mu + \gamma$ , since  $\nu \ll_{fe} M$ . Thus, by [6, Theorem 4.24],  $\mu$  is a fuzzy cosmall submodule of  $\sigma$  in M. Hence,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy e-cosmall submodule of  $\sigma$  in M.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 3.13.** [3] Let X and Y be any two nonempty sets, and  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of X and  $\sigma$  a fuzzy subset of Y, then the image  $f(\mu)$  and the inverse image  $f^{-1}(\sigma)$  are defined as follows: for all  $y \in Y$ 

$$f(\mu)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup\{\mu(x) | x \in X, f(x) = y\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset$$

And  $f^{-1}(\sigma)(x) = \sigma(f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Lemma 3.14.** Let  $f: M \to N$  be an epimorphism. If  $\mu \in F(M)$  and  $\sigma \in F(N)$ , then:

(iv)  $f(\mu)_* = f(\mu_*);$ (v)  $f^{-1}(\sigma)_* = f^{-1}(\sigma_*).$ 

**Proof.** (i) Let  $x \in f(\mu)_*$ , then  $(f(\mu))(x) = 1$ . Thus  $\sup\{\mu(y) \mid f(y) = x\} = 1$ . Thus  $\mu(y) = 1$  for some  $y \in f^{-1}(x)$ . Then  $y \in \mu_*$ , where f(y) = x, that is,  $x \in f(\mu_*)$ . So  $f(\mu)_* \subseteq f(\mu_*)$ . Conversely, let  $x \in f(\mu_*)$ , then x = f(y), for some  $y \in \mu_*$ . So  $y \in f^{-1}(x)$ , where  $\mu(y) = 1$ . Thus  $\sup\{\mu(y) \mid y \in f^{-1}(x)\} \ge \mu(y) = 1$ . Hence  $(f(\mu))(x) = 1$ , and so  $x \in f(\mu)_*$ . Therefore, the equality follows.

(ii)  $x \in f^{-1}(\sigma)_*$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(\sigma)(x) = 1$  if and only if  $\sigma(f(x)) = 1$  if and only if  $f(x) \in \sigma_*$  if and only if  $x \in f^{-1}(\sigma_*)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $f: M \to N$  be an epimorphism. If  $\mu \subseteq \nu \subseteq \chi_M$  and  $\mu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\underset{M}{\hookrightarrow}} \nu$ , then  $f(\mu) \stackrel{fe-cs}{\overset{\hookrightarrow}{N}} f(\nu).$ 

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma \subseteq \chi_N$  and  $f(\nu) + \sigma = \chi_N$ . Then, by Proposition 3.12 and Lemma 3.14,  $f(\nu_*) + \sigma_* =$ N. Since f is an epimorphism, there exists  $K \leq M$  such that  $f(K) = \sigma_*$ . It is clear that  $K = (\chi_K)_*$ and so  $f(K) = f((\chi_K)_*) = \sigma_*$ . Hence  $f(\nu_* + (\chi_K)_*) = f(\nu_*) + f((\chi_K)_*) = N = f(M)$ . So  $\nu_* + (\chi_K)_* = M$ . By Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.4,  $\nu + \chi_K = \chi_M$ . By hypothesis,  $\mu + \chi_K = \chi_M$ . Then  $\mu_* + (\chi_K)_* = M$ . Thus  $f(\mu_*) + f((\chi_K)_*) = N$ , so  $f(\mu_*) + \sigma_* = N$ . So  $f(\mu) + \sigma = \chi_N$ . By [6, Theorem 4.24],  $f(\mu) \stackrel{f_{i}}{\overset{\varsigma}{N}} f(\nu)$ . Hence,  $f(\mu) \stackrel{f_{i}}{\overset{\varsigma}{N}} f(\nu)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $f: M \to N$  be an epimorphism. If  $\nu \subseteq \sigma \subseteq \chi_N$ , then  $\nu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\underset{N}{\hookrightarrow}} \sigma$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(\nu) \overset{fe-cs}{\overset{\hookrightarrow}{\underset{M}{\to}}} f^{-1}(\sigma).$ 

**Proof.** Let  $\mu \in F(M)$  and  $f^{-1}(\sigma) + \mu = \chi_M$ . By Proposition 3.12,  $(f^{-1}(\sigma))_* + \mu_* = M$ . From **Proof.** Let  $\mu \in F(M)$  and  $f''(\sigma) + \mu = \chi_M$ . By Proposition 3.12,  $(f''(\sigma))_* + \mu_* = M$ . From Lemma 3.14,  $f^{-1}(\sigma_*) + \mu_* = M$ . Thus  $\sigma_* + f(\mu_*) = N$ . Using Proposition 3.11,  $\nu_* \stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{N} \sigma_*$ , and so  $\nu_* + f(\mu_*) = N$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu_*) + \mu_* = M$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\nu) + \mu = \chi_M$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(\nu) \stackrel{fcs}{\to} f^{-1}(\sigma)$ , by [6, Theorem 4.24]. Thus,  $f^{-1}(\nu) \stackrel{fe-cs}{\to} f^{-1}(\sigma)$ . Conversely, let  $\sigma + \mu = \chi_N$  for some  $\mu \in F(M)$ . Then  $\sigma_* + \mu_* = N$ , so  $f^{-1}(\sigma_*) + f^{-1}(\mu_*) = M$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(\sigma) + f^{-1}(\mu) = \chi_M$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu_*) + f^{-1}(\mu_*) = M$ , then  $\nu_* + \mu_* = N$ .

So  $\nu + \mu = \chi_N$ . Therefore  $\nu \bigwedge_{N}^{f_{cs}} \sigma$ . Hence,  $\nu \bigvee_{N}^{f_{e-cs}} \sigma$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 4 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have defined and studied a fuzzy e-cosmall submodules. We observed that if  $f: M \rightarrow M$ *N* be an epimorphism with  $\mu \subseteq \nu \subseteq \chi_M$  and  $\mu \stackrel{fe-cs}{\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{M}} \nu$ , then  $f(\mu) \stackrel{fe-cs}{\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{N}} f(\nu)$ . We also studied fuzzy *e*hollow modules.

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