

## The Commutator of Two Fuzzy Subsets

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### Abstract

In this paper we introduce the idea of the commutator of two fuzzy subsets of a group and study the concept of the commutator of two fuzzy subsets of a group. We introduce and study some of its properties.

**Key word:** fuzzy set, fuzzy group, normal fuzzy subgroup.

### 1. Introduction

Applying the concept of fuzzy sets of Zadeh to the group theory, Rosenfeld introduced the notion of a fuzzy group as early as 1971.

The technique of generating a fuzzy group (the smallest fuzzy group) containing an arbitrarily chosen fuzzy set was developed only in 1992 by Malik, Mordeson and Nair, [1].

In this paper, we use our notion of commutator of two fuzzy subsets of a group. Now we introduce the following definitions which is necessary and needed in the next section:

#### Definition 1.1 [1], [2]

A mapping from a nonempty set  $X$  to the interval  $[0, 1]$  is called a fuzzy subset of  $X$ .

Next, we shall give some definitions and concepts related to fuzzy subsets of  $G$ .

#### Definition 1.2

Let  $m, v$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ , if  $m(x) \leq v(x)$  for every  $x \in G$ , then we say that  $m$  is contained in  $v$  (or  $v$  contains  $m$ ) and we write  $m \leq v$  (or  $v \geq m$ ).

If  $m \leq v$  and  $m \neq v$ , then  $m$  is said to be properly contained in  $v$  (or  $v$  properly contains  $m$ ) and we write  $m \leq v$  (or  $v \geq m$ ). [3]

Note that:  $m = v$  if and only if  $m(x) = v(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . [4]

#### Definition 1.3 [3]

Let  $m, v$  be two fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . Then  $m \dot{\cup} v$  and  $m \dot{\cap} v$  are fuzzy subsets as follows:

$$(i) (m \dot{\cup} v)(x) = \max\{m(x), v(x)\}$$

$$(i) (m \cap v)(x) = \min\{m(x), v(x)\}, \text{ for all } x \in G$$

Then  $m \cup v$  and  $m \cap v$  are called the union and intersection of  $m$  and  $v$ , respectively.

### Definition 1.4[5]

For  $m, v$  are two fuzzy subsets of  $G$ , we define the operation  $m \circ v$  as follows:

$$(m \circ v)(x) = \sup\{\min\{m(a), v(b)\} \mid a, b \in G \text{ and } x = a * b\}$$
 For all  $x \in G$ .

We call  $m \circ v$  the product of  $m$  and  $v$ .

Now, we are ready to give the definition of a fuzzy subgroup of a group.

### Definition 1.5[1], [6]

A fuzzy subset  $m$  of a group  $G$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if:

- (i)  $\min\{m(a), m(b)\} \leq m(a * b)$
- (ii)  $m(a^{-1}) = m(a)$ , for all  $a \in G$ .

### Theorem 1.6 [3]

If  $m$  is a fuzzy subset of  $G$ , then  $m$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , if and only if,  $m$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $m \circ m = m$
- (ii)  $m^{-1} = m$

where  $m^{-1}(x) = m(x)$ ,  $x \in G$ .

### Proposition 1.7 [6]

Let  $m$  be a fuzzy group. Then  $m(a) \leq m(e)$   $\forall a \in G$ .

### Definition 1.8 [7]

If  $m$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , then  $m$  is said to be abelian if  $\forall x, y \in G$ ,  $m(x) > 0, m(y) > 0$ , then  $m(xy) = m(yx)$ .

### Definition 1.9 [8], [9]

A fuzzy subgroup  $m$  of  $G$  is said to be normal fuzzy subgroup if

$$m(x * y) = m(y * x), \forall x, y \in G.$$

## 2. The Commutator of Two Fuzzy Subsets of a Group

In this section we introduce the idea of the commutator of two fuzzy subsets of a group and prove some of its properties.

### Definition 2.1

Let  $l$  and  $m$  be two fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . The commutator of  $l$  and  $m$  is the fuzzy subgroup  $[l, m]$  of  $G$  generated by the fuzzy subset  $(l, m)$  of  $G$  which is defined as follows for any  $x \in G$ :

$$(I, m)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup\{I(a) \cup m(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x=[a,b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Next, we will introduce some theorems about the commutator of two fuzzy subsets of a group which is useful in fuzzy mathematics .

**Theorem 2. 2**

If A, B are subsets of G, then  $[c_A, c_B] = c_{\langle A, B \rangle}$ , where for all  $x \in G$ :

$$c_A(a) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a \in A \\ 0, & \text{if } a \notin A \end{cases}$$

**Proof:**

and  $\langle c_A, c_B \rangle = \langle (c_A, c_B) \rangle$

$$(c_A, c_B) = \begin{cases} \sup\{c_A(a) \wedge c_B(b)\}, & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then:

$$[c_A, c_B] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = [a,b] \in [A, B] \\ 0 & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

On the other hand ,

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [A, B] \\ 0 & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$C_{\frac{A}{B}, \frac{B}{A}}(x) =$$

From (1) and (2), we get  $[C_A, C_B] = C_{\frac{A}{B}, \frac{B}{A}}$ .

**Theorem 2.3**

For any two fuzzy subsets  $I, m$  of  $G$ ,  $[I, m] = [m, I]$

**Proof :**

The result follows from definition (2.1) and definition(1.5 ).

For more explanation we give the following example:

**Example 2.4**

Let  $I$  and  $m$  be two fuzzy subsets of  $S_3$  (the group of all permutations on the set  $\{1,2,3\}$ ) defined as follows, for any  $x \in S_3$  :

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \in A_3 - \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } x \in S_3 - A_3 \end{cases}$$

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \in \{(12), (13), (23)\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By definition (2.1) :

$$(I, m)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup\{I(a) \cup m(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \hat{=} A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $[l, m] = \check{a}(l, m)\check{n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \hat{=} A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

On the other hand :

$$(m/l)(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \hat{=} A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $[m/l] = \check{a}(m/l)\check{n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \hat{=} A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Thus  $[l, m] = [m/l]$ .

**Theorem 2.5**

If  $l, m, b$  and  $d$  are fuzzy subsets of  $G$  such that  $l \hat{=} m$  and  $b \hat{=} d$ , then:  
 $[l, b] \hat{=} [md]$ .

**Proof:**

$$[l, b] = \check{a}(l, b)\check{n}, \quad \text{by definition (2.1)}$$

for all  $x \hat{=} G$ ,

$$(l, b)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup\{l(a) \dot{\cup} b(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sup\{m(a) \dot{\cup} d(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \end{cases}$$

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$$=(md)(x)$$

Thus,

$$[I, b] = \text{tip}(I, b) \cap \text{tip}(md) = [md]$$

Hence,  $[I, b] \subseteq [md]$ .

### Corollary 2. 6

If  $I, m$  are fuzzy subsets of  $G$  such that  $I \subseteq m$ , then  $[I, d] \subseteq [md]$  for every fuzzy subset  $d$  of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

The result follows from theorem (2. 5) by taking  $b = d$ .

Now, we introduce an important concept about the fuzzy subset.

### Definition 2. 7

Let  $I$  be a fuzzy subset of  $G$ . Then the tip of  $I$  is the supremum of the set  $\{I(x) \mid x \in G\}$ .

### Theorem 2. 8

Let  $I$  and  $m$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . Then the tip of  $[I, m]$  is the minimum of tip of  $I$  and tip of  $m$ .

**Proof:**

We want to prove that the tip of  $[I, m] = \text{tip of } I \cup \text{tip of } m$

Let tip of  $I = \sup\{I(x) \mid x \in G\} = L$

And, let tip of  $m = \sup\{m(x) \mid x \in G\} = M$

Such that  $L, M \in [0, 1]$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tip of } (I, m) &= \sup\{(I, m)(x) \mid x \in G\} \\ &= \sup\{\sup\{I(a) \cup m(b) \mid x = [a, b], x \in G\}\} \\ &= \sup\sup\{I(a) \cup m(b) \mid x = [a, b], x \in G\} \\ &= \sup\{I(a) \cup m(b) \mid x = [a, b] \text{ and } a, b \in G\} \\ &= \{\sup I(a) \mid a \in G\} \cup \{\sup m(b) \mid b \in G\} \\ &= L \cup M \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $[I, m] = \alpha(I, m)\tilde{n}$

Therefore, tip of  $[I, m] = L \dot{\cup} M$

That is tip of  $[I, m] = \text{tip of } I \dot{\cup} \text{tip of } m$ .

**Theorem 2. 9**

Let  $I, m$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . If  $S(I) = H$  and  $S(m) = K$ , then :  
 $S([I, m]) = [H, K]$ .

**Proof:**

First, we have  $S(I) = \{x \in G \mid I(x) \neq 0\} = H$  and  $S(m) = \{x \in G \mid m(x) \neq 0\} = K$ . Then :

$$\begin{aligned}
 [H, K] &= \{\alpha[a, b] \mid \forall a \in H, b \in K\} \\
 &= \{\alpha[a, b] \mid \forall I(a) > 0, m(b) \neq 0\} \\
 &= \{x \in G \mid x \text{ is a commutator}\} \quad \text{--- (1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
 S([I, m]) &= S(\alpha(I, m)\tilde{n}) \\
 &= S \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sup\{I(a) \dot{\cup} m(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] & \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{--- (2)} \\
 &= \{x \in G \mid x \text{ is a commutator}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we get  $S([I, m]) = [H, K]$ .

The following example illustrates theorems (2. 8) and (2. 9).

**Example 2. 10**

Let  $I$  and  $m$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $S_3$  which are defined as follows:

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \in A_3 - \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } x \in S_3 - A_3 \end{cases}$$

and,

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \in A_3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ & , x \in S_3 \end{cases}$$

Then, tip of  $l = 1$  and tip of  $m = \frac{1}{2}$

$$(l, m)(x) = \begin{cases} \sup\{l(a) \dot{\cup} m(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \in A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ & , x \in S_3 \end{cases}$$

Since,  $[l, m] = \langle (l, m) \rangle$ . Then :

$$[l, m](x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = \{e\} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } x \in A_3 - \{e\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then tip of  $[l, m] = \frac{1}{2}$

$$= \text{tip of } l \dot{\cup} \text{tip of } m$$

Also,



$$S(I) = S_3 \text{ and } S(m) = A_3$$

$$[S(I), S(m)] = \{[a, b] \mid a \in S(I), b \in S(m)\} = A_3$$

Also,  $S([I, m]) = A_3$

Then, we get :  $S([I, m]) = [S(I), S(m)]$ .

Next, we will give and prove the following propositions, which we will be needed later.

**Proposition 2. 11**

If  $I$  is a fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , then :  $[I, I] \subseteq I$ .

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I, I)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup\{I(a) \wedge I(b)\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \sup\{I(a) \wedge I(b) \wedge I(a^{-1}) \wedge I(b^{-1})\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &\mathcal{L} \begin{cases} \sup\{I(aba^{-1}b^{-1})\} & \text{if } x \text{ is a commutator} \\ x = [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 &= I(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

That is  $(I, I) \dot{\cup} I$ .

Hence  $[I, I] \dot{\cup} I$ .

From theorem (2. 5) and proposition (2. 11) we obtain the following corollary :

**Corollary 2. 12**

Let  $I, m, b, d, n$  and  $a$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . If  $[b, d] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$  and  $[n, a] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ . Then  $[[b, d], [n, a]] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $[b, d] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$  and  $[n, a] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$

Then :  $[[b, d], [n, a]] \dot{\cup} [[I, m], [I, m]] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$

Hence :  $[[b, d], [n, a]] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ .

**Proposition 2. 13**

Let  $I, m$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ . Then:  $[I, m] \circ [I, m] = [I, m]$ .

**Proof:**

From definition (2. 1),  $[I, m]$  is fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  and by theorem (1.6) :

$$[I, m] \circ [I, m] \dot{\cup} [I, m] \quad (1)$$

Now, let  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} ([I, m] \circ [I, m])(x) &= \sup\{[I, m](a) \dot{\cup} [I, m](b), x = a * b\} \\ &\quad \cup \{[I, m](x) \dot{\cup} [I, m](e), x = xe\} \\ &= [I, m](x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{That is } [I, m] \dot{\cup} [I, m] \circ [I, m] \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get :  $[I, m] \circ [I, m] = [I, m]$ .

**Proposition 2. 14**

Let  $I, m, b, d, n$  and  $a$  be fuzzy subsets of  $G$ , such that  $[b, d] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$  and  $[n, a] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ . Then  $[b, d] \circ [n, a] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ .

**Proof:**

For all  $x \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ([b, d] \circ [n, a])(x) &= \sup\{[b, d](a) \dot{\cup} [n, a](b), x = a * b\} \\ &\quad \cup \sup\{[I, m](a) \dot{\cup} [I, m](b), x = a * b\} \\ &= ([I, m] \circ [I, m])(x) \\ &= [I, m](x) \quad (\text{by proposition (2. 13)}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $[b, d] \circ [n, a] \dot{\cup} [I, m]$ .

Now, we can give the following corollary:

**Corollary 2. 15**

If  $I, m, b, d, n$  and  $a$  are fuzzy subsets of  $G$ , such that  $[I, b] \dot{\cup} [m, d]$ , then :

- (i)  $[I, b] \circ [n, a] \dot{\cup} [m, d] \circ [n, a]$
- (ii)  $[I, b] \circ [m, d] \dot{\cup} [m, d]$
- (iii) If  $[I, b] \dot{\cup} [n, a]$ , then  $[I, b] \dot{\cup} [m, d] \circ [n, a]$ .

**Proof:**

The result follows from proposition (2. 14).

Next, we will give and prove the following proposition :

**Proposition 2. 16**

Let  $[I, b], [m_d]$  be two fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ . Then  $[I, b](e) = [m_d](e)$  if and only if  $[I, b] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d]$  and  $[m_d] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d]$ .

**Proof:**

First, if  $[I, b](e) = [m_d](e)$ , we prove :

$$[I, b] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d] \text{ and } [m_d] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d].$$

Let  $x \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ([I, b] \circ [m_d])(x) &= \sup\{[I, b](a) \dot{\cup} [m_d](b), x = a * b\} \\ &= \sup\{[I, b](x) \dot{\cup} [m_d](e), x = x * e\} \\ &= [I, b](x) \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $[I, b](x) \in ([I, b] \circ [m_d])(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Hence,  $[I, b] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d]$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} ([I, b] \circ [m_d])(x) &= \sup\{[I, b](a) \dot{\cup} [m_d](b), x = a * b\} \\ &= \sup\{[I, b](e) \dot{\cup} [m_d](x), x = e * x\} \\ &= [m_d](x) \end{aligned}$$

That is  $[m_d](x) \in ([I, b] \circ [m_d])(x)$  for all  $x \in G$

Hence  $[m_d] \dot{\cup} [I, b] \circ [m_d]$ .

Conversely, we prove  $[I, b](e) = [m_d](e)$ .

Suppose  $[I, b](e) \neq [m_d](e)$ , then if  $[I, b](e) > [m_d](e)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [I, b](e) &\in ([I, b] \circ [m_d])(e) \\ &= \sup\{[I, b](a) \dot{\cup} [m_d](b), e = a * b\} \\ &\in \{[I, b](e) \dot{\cup} [m_d](b), e = e * e\} \\ &= [m_d](e) \end{aligned}$$

That is  $[I, b](e) \in [m_d](e)$ , which is a contradiction .

Now, if  $[m_d](e) > [I, b](e)$ , then in the same way we get a contradiction.

Therefore  $[I, b](e) = [m_d](e)$ .

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