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CHAPTER 4

Fuzzy Dimension of N-Groups with DCC on Ideals

It is well known that the dimension of a vector space is defined as the number of elements in its basis. One can define a basis of a vector space as a maximal set of linearly independent vectors or a minimal set of vectors, which spans the space. The former when generalized to modules over rings becomes the concept of Goldie dimension. Goldie [9] introduced the concept: finite Goldie dimension in modules over rings. A module is said to have finite Goldie dimension if it contains no infinite direct sum of non-zero submodules. The concept of Goldie dimension in N-groups was introduced by Reddy and Satyanarayana [18]. Later the authors Satyanarayana and Syam Prasad [33, 34] studied the concepts linearly independent elements, u-linearly independent elements in N-groups and obtained structure theorems for N-groups which contains no infinite direct sum of non-zero ideals.

In this chapter we consider the fuzzy ideals of N-group G where N is a zero-symmetric right near-ring. We introduce the concepts: minimal elements, fuzzy linearly independent elements, and fuzzy basis of an N-group G and obtained several important related results. This chapter is divided into three sections.

In section-1, we introduce the concept "minimal element", obtained some results on minimal elements, u-elements, linearly independent elements. We proved that G has DCCI, then there exists n (here $n = \dim G$) linearly independent minimal elements in G , which form an essential.

In section-2, we introduce the concept of fuzzy linearly independent elements with respect to a fuzzy ideal μ of G . We prove that for a fuzzy ideal μ on G , if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are minimal elements in G with distinct μ -values, then x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are (i). linearly independent; and (ii). fuzzy μ -linearly independent.

In section-3, we introduce the notion "fuzzy pseudo basis" and "fuzzy dimension". We proved that if G has DCCI, then there exists an essential ideal A of G and a fuzzy ideal μ of A such that $S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \dim G$.

Section-4.1: Minimal Elements

We start this section by introducing the new concept "minimal element" in N -group G .

4.1.1 Definition: An element $x \in G$ is said to be a *minimal element* if $\langle x \rangle$ is minimal in the set of all non-zero ideals of G .

4.1.2 Theorem: If G has DCC on ideals, then every nonzero ideal of G contains a minimal element.

Proof: Let K be a nonzero ideal of G .

Since G has DCC on its ideals, it follows that the set of all ideals of G contained in K has a minimal element.

So K contains a minimal ideal A (that is, A is minimal in the set of all non-zero ideals of G contained in K).

Let $0 \neq a \in A$.

Then $0 \neq \langle a \rangle \subseteq A$ and so $\langle a \rangle = A$.

Since $\langle a \rangle$ is a minimal ideal, we have that 'a' is a minimal element.

4.1.3 Note: There are N-groups, which do not satisfy DCC on its ideals, but contains a minimal element. For this, we observe the following example.

4.1.4 Example: Write $N = Z$, $G = Z \oplus Z_6$.

Now G is direct sum of two N-groups, and so G is an N-group.

Since $2Z \oplus Z_6 \supseteq 2^2Z \oplus Z_6 \supseteq \dots \supseteq 2^nZ \oplus Z_6 \supseteq \dots$ is strictly decreasing sequence of ideals, it follows that G has no DCC on its ideals.

Consider $g = (0, 2) \in G$.

Now the ideal generated by g ,

that is, $\langle g \rangle = Zg = \{(0, 0), (0, 2), (0, 4)\}$ is a minimal element in the set of all non-zero ideals of G .

Hence g is a minimal element.

Thus G has no DCC on its ideals, but it contains a minimal element.

4.1.5 Theorem: Every minimal element is an u-element.

(For the definition of u-element please refer Section -1.2)

Proof: Let $0 \neq a \in G$ be a minimal element.

Consider $\langle a \rangle$.

Let $(0) \neq L$ and I be ideals of G such that $L \subseteq \langle a \rangle$, $I \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ and $L \cap I = (0)$.

Since $L \neq (0)$, $(0) \subseteq L \subseteq \langle a \rangle$, and a is minimal, it follows that $L = \langle a \rangle$.

Now $I = I \cap \langle a \rangle = I \cap L = (0)$.

This shows that L is essential in $\langle a \rangle$.

Hence $\langle a \rangle$ is uniform ideal and so a is an u-element.

4.1.6 Note: The converse of Theorem 4.1.5 is not true.

For this observe the example given here.

Write $G = \mathbb{Z}$, the additive group of integers, and $N = \mathbb{Z}$, the near-ring of integers.

Since \mathbb{Z} is a uniform N -group, and 1 is a generator, we have that 1 is an u-element.

But $2\mathbb{Z}$ is a proper ideal of $1 \cdot \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z} = G$.

Hence 1 cannot be a minimal element.

Thus 1 is an u-element but not a minimal element.

4.1.7 Theorem: Suppose μ is a fuzzy ideal of G .

(i) If $g \in G$, then for any $x \in \langle g \rangle$ we have $\mu(x) \geq \mu(g)$; and

(ii) If g is a minimal element, then for any $0 \neq x \in \langle g \rangle$ we have $\mu(x) = \mu(g)$.

Proof: (i) By straightforward verification, we conclude that for $g \in G$, $\langle g \rangle = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$

where $A_{k+1} = A_k^* \cup A_k^+ \cup A_k^0$, $A_0 = \{g\}$ and

$$A_k^* = \{y + x - y \mid y \in G, x \in A_k\},$$

$$A_k^+ = \{n(y + x) - ny \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, y \in G, x \in A_k\},$$

$$A_k^0 = \{x - y \mid x, y \in A_k\}.$$

We prove that $\mu(y) \geq \mu(g)$ for all $y \in A_m$ for $m \geq 1$.

For this, we use induction on m .

It is obvious if $m = 0$.

Suppose the induction hypothesis for k .

That is, $\mu(y) \geq \mu(g)$ for all $y \in A_k$.

Now let $v \in A_k^* \cup A_k^+ \cup A_k^0$.

Suppose $v \in A_k^*$. Then $v = z + y - z$ for some $y \in A_k$.

Now $\mu(v) = \mu(z + y - z) \geq \mu(y)$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal of G)

$$\geq \mu(g) \quad (\text{since } y \in A_k).$$

Let $v \in A_k^0$.

Then $v = y_1 - y_2$ for some $y_1, y_2 \in A_k$.

Now $\mu(v) = \mu(y_1 - y_2) \geq \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}$

$$\geq \mu(g), \text{ by induction hypothesis.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \min\{\mu(g), \mu(g)\} \text{ (since } y_1, y_2 \in A_k \text{ and } \mu(y_1) \geq \mu(g), \mu(y_2) \geq \mu(g)) \\ &= \mu(g). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $v \in A_k^+$.

Then $v = n(y + x) - ny$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $y \in G$, $x \in A_k$.

Now $\mu(v) = \mu(n(y + x) - ny) \geq \mu(x)$ (since μ is a fuzzy ideal)

$$\geq \mu(g) \quad \text{(by induction hypothesis).}$$

Thus in all cases, we proved that $\mu(v) \geq \mu(g)$ for all $v \in A_{k+1}$.

Hence by the principle of mathematical induction, we conclude that $\mu(v) \geq \mu(g)$ for all $v \in A_m$ and for all positive integers m .

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Hence $\mu(x) \geq \mu(g)$ for all $x \in \langle g \rangle$.

(ii) Let $g \in G$ be a minimal element.

Let $0 \neq x \in \langle g \rangle$.

Now $0 \neq \langle x \rangle \subseteq \langle g \rangle$.

Since g is a minimal element, we have $\langle x \rangle = \langle g \rangle$.

Therefore $g \in \langle x \rangle$ and by (i), we have $\mu(g) \geq \mu(x)$.

Thus $\mu(x) = \mu(g)$.

4.1.8 Note: If G satisfies the descending chain condition on its ideals, then we say that, “ G has DCCP”. Let K be an ideal of G . If the set $\{J / J \text{ is an ideal of } G, J \subseteq K\}$ has the descending chain condition, then we say that K has DCC on the ideals of G (we write DCCIG, in short).

4.1.9 Lemma: If x is a u -element in G and G has DCCI, then there exist minimal element $y \in \langle x \rangle$ such that $\langle y \rangle \leq_e \langle x \rangle$ (that is $\langle y \rangle$ is essential in $\langle x \rangle$).

Proof: Consider the ideal $\langle x \rangle$.

Since x is a u -element $x \neq 0$.

By Theorem 4.1.2, there exists a minimal element $y \in \langle x \rangle$.

Since $\langle y \rangle$ is a non-zero ideal of $\langle x \rangle$, and $\langle x \rangle$ is uniform ideal,

it follows that $\langle y \rangle \leq_e \langle x \rangle$.

Now we recollect the following definitions.

4.1.10 Definitions (Satyanarayana & Syam Prasad [34]): (i) Let X be a subset of G .

X is said to be a *linearly independent* (l. i., in short) set if the sum $\sum_{a \in X} \langle a \rangle$ is direct.

If $\{a_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is a l. i. set, then we say that the elements $a_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ are *linearly independent*. If X is not an l. i. set then we say that X is a *linearly dependent* (l. d. in short) set.

(ii) A subset X of G is said to be *u -linearly independent* (u -l.i., in short) set if every element of X is an u -element and X is a l.i. set.

(iii) A l.i. set X in G is said to be an *essential basis* for G if $\sum_{a \in X} \langle a \rangle \leq_e G$. We also say

that X forms an essential basis for G .

4.1.11 Example: Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field F .

Suppose $\dim V = n$.

Then V contains a basis, say $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

(i) Let us view V as N -group where $N = F$.

Now $\langle v_1 \rangle = Fv_1, \dots, \langle v_i \rangle = Fv_i, \dots, \langle v_n \rangle = Fv_n$.

The sum of the subspaces Fv_1, \dots, Fv_n of the vector space V is direct.

So $\sum_{i=1}^n \langle v_i \rangle$ is direct.

Hence $X = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly independent set in the N -group V .

(ii) Let $v^* \in \langle \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$, the subspace of V spanned by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .

Then v^*, v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly dependent elements in the vector space V .

So the sum of Fv^*, Fv_1, \dots, Fv_n cannot be a direct sum in the vector space V .

Thus the sum of $\langle v^* \rangle = Fv^*, \langle v_1 \rangle = Fv_1, \dots, \langle v_n \rangle = Fv_n$ cannot be a direct sum in the N -group V .

Hence $\{v^*, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a linearly dependent set in the N -group V .

(iii) Write $G = Z \oplus Z$; the direct sum of N -groups Z and Z where $N = Z$, the near-ring of integers.

Consider the elements $(2, 0), (3, 0) \in G$.

Now $\langle (2, 0) \rangle = 2Z \oplus 0$ and $\langle (0, 3) \rangle = 0 \oplus 3Z$.

Since $(2Z \oplus 0) \cap (0 \oplus 3Z) = \{(0, 0)\}$.

It follows that $X = \{(2, 0), (0, 3)\}$ is a linearly independent set.

Since $2Z \oplus 0$ is an uniform ideal, $(2, 0)$ is a u-element.

Since $0 \oplus 3Z$ is an uniform ideal, $(0, 3)$ is a u-element.

Therefore $X = \{(2, 0), (0, 3)\}$ is a u-linearly independent set.

(iv) Consider G, N, X as in above (iii).

Since $2Z$ is essential in Z and $3Z$ is essential in Z .

It follows that $\langle (2, 0) \rangle = 2Z \oplus 0$ is essential in $Z \oplus 0$ and $\langle (0, 3) \rangle = 0 \oplus 3Z$ is essential in $0 \oplus 3Z$.

Now by Result 1.2.19, it follows that $\langle (2, 0) \rangle + \langle (0, 3) \rangle$ is essential in $(Z \oplus 0) + (0 \oplus 3Z) = Z \oplus 3Z = G$.

This shows that X forms an essential basis for G .

To get the familiarity with the concepts "FGD" and "l.i.subset" we include the proof for the following note.

4.1.12 Note: G has FGD \Leftrightarrow every l. i. subset X of G is a finite set.

Verification: Suppose G has FGD.

We have to prove that every linearly independent subset X of G is a finite set.

In a contrary way, suppose that there exists an infinite subset X of G which is a linearly independent set.

Then there exist infinite distinct elements $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ in X .

Since X is a linearly independent set $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle a_i \rangle$ is a direct sum.

Since each $a_i \neq 0$, each $\langle a_i \rangle$ is a nonzero ideal.

Hence G contains direct sum of infinite number of nonzero ideals, a contradiction.

Therefore X is a finite subset of G .

Conversely, suppose that every linearly independent set X of G is finite.

We have to verify that G has FGD.

In a contrary way assume that G has no FGD.

Then G contains nonzero ideals $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ whose sum is direct.

Now take $0 \neq a_i \in H_i$ for all positive integer i .

Now $0 \neq \langle a_i \rangle \subseteq H_i$.

Since $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H_i$ is direct, it follows that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle a_i \rangle$ is a direct sum.

This shows that $X = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, \dots\}$ is a linearly independent set.

By supposition X is finite.

So there exist two positive integers i and j such that $i \neq j$ and $a_i = a_j$.

Now $a_i = a_j \in H_i \cap H_j = (0)$ (since $i \neq j$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} H_i$ is direct)

$\Rightarrow a_i = 0$, a contradiction to the selection of a_i .

Hence G has FGD.

4.1.13 Note: Suppose that $\dim G = n$ and $X \subseteq G$, and X is a linearly independent set.

Consider the following conditions:

- (i) $|X| = n$;
- (ii) X is a maximal linearly independent set; and
- (iii) X is essential basis for G .

Then the implications $(i) \Rightarrow (iii) \Rightarrow (i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ are true, but $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$ need not be true.

Verification: (i) \Rightarrow (iii): Suppose $\dim G = n$ and $|X| = n$, X is linearly independent set.

By definition X is an essential basis for G .

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose (i).

Then X is linearly independent set.

If X is not maximal, then there exist $a \in G$ such that $X \cup \{a\}$ is linearly dependent set.

That implies there exist Y such that $X \subseteq Y$, Y is linearly independent set and Y contains at least $(n + 1)$ linearly independent elements, which is contradiction.

Hence X is maximal linearly independent set.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) is not true.

For this, observe the following example.

4.1.14 Example: Write $G = Z_2 \oplus Z_6$.

G is a N -group where $N = Z$.

Since G is a finite N -group it has FGD.

(i) Write $u = (1, 0)$. Then $2u = (0, 0)$.

So $\langle u \rangle = \{(1, 0), (0, 0)\}$ is an ideal of the N-group G .

Also u is an u -element.

Write $v = (0, 2)$.

Then $\langle v \rangle = \{(0, 2), (0, 4), (0, 0)\}$ is an ideal of N-group G .

Also v is an u -element.

Write $w = (0, 3)$.

Then $\langle w \rangle = \{(0, 3), (0, 0)\}$ is an ideal of an N-group G .

Also w is an u -element.

(ii) Now it is easy to verify that the sum of $G = \langle u \rangle \oplus \langle v \rangle \oplus \langle w \rangle$ is direct.

Thus $\dim G = 3$.

Write $X = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$.

Now X is a linearly independent set.

There is no $Y \subseteq G$ such that $X \subsetneq Y$ and Y is a linearly independent set.

Thus X is a maximal linearly independent set with $|X| = 2$, but $\dim G = 3 \neq 2 = |X|$.

4.1.15 Proposition (2.2 of Satyanarayana & Syam Prasad [32]) : The implication

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) \Rightarrow (iv) is true where

- (i) G has DCCI
- (ii) Every inverse system of non - zero ideals of G is bounded below by a non - zero ideal of G .
- (iii) There exists a finite sum of simple ideals of G , whose sum is direct and essential in G .

(iv) G has FGD.

4.1.16 Theorem: If G has DCCI, then there exist linearly independent minimal elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n in G where $n = \dim G$, and the sum $\langle x_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle x_n \rangle$ is direct and essential in G . Also $B = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ forms an essential basis for G .

Proof: Since G has DCCI; by the Proposition 4.1.15, G has FGD.

Suppose $n = \dim G$.

Then by the Theorem 1.2.32, there exist u -linearly independent elements u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n such that the sum $\langle u_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_n \rangle$ is direct and essential in G .

Since G has DCCI, by Lemma 4.1.9, there exist minimal elements

$x_i \in \langle u_i \rangle$ such that $\langle x_i \rangle \leq_e \langle u_i \rangle$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Since u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n are linearly independent, it follows that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are also linearly independent.

Thus we have linearly independent minimal elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n in G

where $n = \dim G$.

Since $\langle x_i \rangle \leq_e \langle u_i \rangle$ by Result 1.2.19, it follows that

$\langle x_1 \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle x_n \rangle \leq_e \langle u_1 \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle u_n \rangle \leq_e G$ and so $\langle x_1 \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle x_n \rangle \leq_e G$.

Thus $B = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ forms an essential basis for G .

Section-4.2: Fuzzy Linearly Independent Elements

We start this section with the following definition.

4.2.1 Definition: Let G be an N -group and μ be a fuzzy ideal of G . $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in G$ are said to be *fuzzy μ -linearly independent* (or *fuzzy linearly independent with respect to μ*) if it satisfies the following two conditions:

- (i) x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly independent; and
- (ii) $\mu(y_1 + \dots + y_n) = \min \{\mu(y_1), \dots, \mu(y_n)\}$ for any $y_i \in \langle x_i \rangle$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

4.2.2 Example: Consider Example 4.1.11(iii) and (iv).

Let $G = Z \oplus Z$ and $N = Z$, as in Example 4.1.11(iii) and (iv).

Define $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by $\mu(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Then μ is a fuzzy ideal of G .

Write $x_1 = (2, 0)$, $x_2 = (0, 3)$.

We know that $x_1 = (2, 0)$, $x_2 = (0, 3)$ are linearly independent elements.

Take $y_1 \in \langle x_1 \rangle$ and $y_2 \in \langle x_2 \rangle$.

Then $y_1 = (2n, 0)$ for some $n \in Z$, and $y_2 = (0, 3m)$ for some $m \in Z$

Now $\mu(y_1 + y_2) = \mu((2n, 0) + (0, 3m)) = \mu(2n, 3m)$.

Case (i): Suppose $3m = 0$.

Then $\mu(y_1 + y_2) = \mu(2n, 3m) = \mu(2n, 0) = 0.5$;

$\mu(y_1) = \mu(2n, 0) = 0.5$; and

$\mu(y_2) = \mu(0, 3m) = \mu(0, 0) = 0.5$.

Therefore $\mu(y_1 + y_2) = 0.5 = \min\{0.5, 0.5\}$

$$= \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}.$$

Case (ii): Suppose $3m \neq 0$.

Then $\mu(y_1 + y_2) = \mu(2n, 3m) = 0$.

$\mu(y_1) = 0.5$; and $\mu(y_2) = \mu(0, 3m) = 0$.

Therefore $\mu(y_1 + y_2) = 0 = \min\{0.5, 0\} = \min\{\mu(y_1), \mu(y_2)\}$.

Hence $\{x_1, x_2\}$ is a fuzzy μ -linearly independent set.

4.2.3 Theorem: Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of G . If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are minimal elements in G with distinct μ -values, then x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are

- (i) linearly independent; and
- (ii) fuzzy μ -linearly independent.

Proof: The proof is by induction on n .

If $n = 1$, then x_1 is linearly independent and also fuzzy linearly independent.

Let us assume that the statement is true for $(n - 1)$.

Now suppose x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are minimal elements with distinct μ values.

By induction hypothesis x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} are linearly independent and fuzzy linearly independent.

Part (i): If x_1, \dots, x_n are not linearly independent, then the sum of $\langle x_1 \rangle, \langle x_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle x_n \rangle$ is not direct.

This means $\langle x_i \rangle \cap (\langle x_1 \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle x_{i-1} \rangle \oplus \langle x_{i+1} \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle x_n \rangle) \neq \{0\}$.

This implies $0 \neq y_i = y_1 + \dots + y_{i-1} + y_{i+1} + \dots + y_n$ for some $y_j \in \langle x_j \rangle$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \mu(x_i) &= \mu(y_i) && \text{(by Theorem 4.1.7)} \\ &= \mu(y_1 + \dots + y_{i-1} + y_{i+1} + \dots + y_n) \\ &= \min\{\mu(y_1), \dots, \mu(y_{i-1}), \mu(y_{i+1}), \dots, \mu(y_n)\} && \text{(by induction hypothesis)} \\ &= \mu(y_k) \text{ for some } k \in \{1, 2, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n\} \\ &= \mu(x_k) && \text{(by Theorem 4.1.7).} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu(x_i) = \mu(x_k)$ for some $i \neq k$, a contradiction.

This shows that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are linearly independent.

Part (ii): Now we prove that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are fuzzy linearly independent.

Suppose $y_i \in \langle x_i \rangle$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1}) &= \min\{\mu(y_1), \dots, \mu(y_{n-1})\} && \text{(by the induction hypothesis)} \\ &= \mu(y_j), \text{ for some } j \text{ with } 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \\ &= \mu(x_j) && \text{(by the Theorem 4.1.7).} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \mu(x_j) \neq \mu(x_n) &\Rightarrow \mu(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1}) \\ &= \mu(x_j) \neq \mu(x_n) = \mu(y_n) \\ \Rightarrow \mu(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1} + y_n) &= \min\{\mu(y_1 + \dots + y_{n-1}), \mu(y_n)\} && \text{(by Proposition 2.1.5)} \\ &= \min\{\min\{\mu(y_1), \dots, \mu(y_{n-1}), \mu(y_n)\}\} \\ &= \min\{\mu(y_1), \dots, \mu(y_n)\}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are fuzzy linearly independent with respect to μ .

Section-4.3: Fuzzy Dimension

We start this section with the following definition.

4.3.1 Definitions: (i). Let μ be a fuzzy ideal of G . A subset B of G is said to be a *fuzzy pseudo basis* for μ if B is a maximal subset of G such that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are fuzzy linearly independent for any finite subset $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ of B .

(ii). Consider the set $\mathbf{B} = \{k \mid \text{there exist a fuzzy pseudo basis } B \text{ for } \mu \text{ with } |B| = k\}$.

If \mathbf{B} has no upper bound, then we say that the *fuzzy dimension of μ* is infinite.

We denote this fact by $S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \infty$. If \mathbf{B} has an upper bound, then the *fuzzy dimension of μ* is $\sup \mathbf{B}$. We denote this fact by $S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \sup \mathbf{B}$. If $m = S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \sup \mathbf{B}$, then a fuzzy pseudo basis B for μ with $|B| = m$, is called as *fuzzy basis* for the fuzzy ideal μ .

4.3.2 Proposition: Suppose G has FGD and μ is a fuzzy ideal of G . Then

- (i). $|B| \leq \dim G$ for any fuzzy pseudo basis B for μ ; and
- (ii). $S\text{-dim}(\mu) \leq \dim G$.

Proof: Suppose $n = \dim G$.

(i). Suppose B is a fuzzy pseudo basis for μ .

If $|B| > n$, then B contain distinct elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} .

Since B is a fuzzy pseudo basis, the elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} are linearly independent; and by Theorem 1.2.32, it follows that $n+1 \leq n$, a contradiction.

Therefore $|B| \leq n = \dim G$.

(ii). From (i) it is clear that $\dim M$ is an upper bound for the set

$$\mathbf{B} = \{k \mid \text{there exist a fuzzy pseudo basis } B \text{ for } \mu \text{ with } |B| = k\}.$$

Therefore $S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \sup \mathbf{B} \leq \dim G$.

4.3.3 Definition: An N-group G is said to have a *fuzzy basis* if there exists an essential ideal A of G and a fuzzy ideal μ of A such that $S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \dim G$. The fuzzy pseudo basis of μ is called as *fuzzy basis* for G .

4.3.4 Remark: If G has FGD, then every fuzzy basis for G is a basis for G .

Verification: Suppose $\dim G = m$.

Let B be a fuzzy basis for G .

This means that there exists an essential ideal A of G ; fuzzy ideal μ of A such that

$S\text{-dim}(\mu) = \dim G = m$ and B is a fuzzy basis for the fuzzy ideal μ .

Now B is a linearly independent set in G with maximum number of linearly independent elements.

Then $|B| = \max \{k \mid \text{there exist a l.i. set } A \text{ in } G \text{ such that } |A| = k\}$

$$= \dim G \text{ (by Result 1.2.26)}$$

Thus B is a basis for G .

Hence every fuzzy basis for G is a basis for G if G has FGD.

4.3.5 Theorem: Suppose that G has DCCI. Then G has a fuzzy basis.

(In other words, there exists an essential ideal A of G and a fuzzy ideal μ of A such that

$S - \dim(\mu) = \dim G$.

Proof: Since G has DCCL, it has FGD.

Suppose $\dim G = n$.

By Theorem 4.1.16, there exist linearly independent minimal elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n such that $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ forms an essential basis for G .

Take $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n \leq 1$.

Define $\mu(y_i) = t_i$ for $y_i \in \langle x_i \rangle$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Then μ is a fuzzy ideal on $A = \langle x_1 \rangle + \langle x_2 \rangle + \dots + \langle x_n \rangle \leq_e G$.

By the Theorem 4.2.3, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are fuzzy μ -linearly independent.

So $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is a pseudo basis for μ .

Now $\dim M = n \leq \sup B \leq \dim G$ (by the Proposition 4.3.2)

and hence $S - \dim \mu = \dim G$.

This shows that G has a fuzzy basis.