

# CHAPTER 3

## Prime Fuzzy Ideals in N-Groups

In this chapter we consider the fuzzy ideals of N-group  $G$  where  $N$  is a near-ring. We introduce the concept: fuzzy prime ideal; and it is obtained that a non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of  $G$  is a prime fuzzy ideal if and only if for any  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ , either  $\mu_t = G$  or  $\mu_t$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . If  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal, then the N-group  $G/\mu$  is a prime ideal and converse holds if  $|\text{Im } \mu| = 2$ . Some examples related to these concepts were illustrated.

This chapter is divided into three sections.

In section-1, we introduced the prime fuzzy ideal of an N-group. We obtained the equivalent conditions of prime fuzzy ideal in terms of generalized characteristic function. Also we characterized the prime fuzzy ideal in terms of level ideals.

In section-2, we observed the image and inverse image of fuzzy ideals of N-groups under homomorphism. We provided some related examples.

In section-3, we considered the quotient N-group  $G/\mu$  of a given fuzzy ideal  $\mu$ . We proved that if  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , then  $G/\mu$  is a prime N-group, conversely, if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $|\text{Im } \mu| = 2$  and  $G/\mu$  is a prime N-group, then  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

### Section-3.1: Prime Fuzzy Ideals

Now we start this section with the definition 'prime ideal' of an N-group.

**3.1.1 Definition:** A proper ideal  $I$  of an N-group  $G$  is said to be a *prime ideal* if for any  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \notin I$ , we have  $ng \notin I$ .  $G$  is said to be a *prime N-group* if the ideal  $(0)$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

**3.1.2 Theorem:** If  $I$  is an ideal of  $G$ , then  $G/I$  is a non-zero prime N-group  $\Leftrightarrow I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $G/I$  is a non-zero prime N-group.

Then the zero ideal  $\{0 + I\}$  is a prime ideal of  $G/I$ .

Since  $G/I$  is non-zero N-group, it follows that  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$ ,  $g \in G$  such that  $ng \in I$ .

Since  $\{0 + I\}$  is a prime ideal of  $G/I$  and  $n(g + I) = ng + I = 0 + I \in \{0 + I\}$ , it follows that  $g + I \in \{0 + I\}$  which implies  $g \in I$ .

Hence  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

Since  $I \neq G$ , it follows that  $G/I$  is a non-zero N-group.

Clearly  $\{0 + I\}$  is a proper ideal of  $G/I$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g + I \in G/I$  such that  $n(g + I) \in \{0 + I\}$ .

Then  $ng + I = 0 + I$  and so  $ng \in I \Rightarrow g \in I$  (since  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$  and  $n \neq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow g + I \in \{0 + I\}$ .

Therefore the zero ideal  $\{0 + I\}$  is a prime ideal of  $G/I$  and so  $G/I$  is a non-zero prime N-group.

We now introduce the concept "prime fuzzy ideal" of an N-group.

**3.1.3 Definition:** A non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a *prime fuzzy ideal* of  $G$  if  $\mu(ng) \leq \mu(g)$  for all  $0 \neq n \in N, g \in G$ .

**3.1.4 Note:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . Then  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G \Leftrightarrow \mu(ng) = \mu(g)$  for all  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ . This fact follows directly from the definitions of "fuzzy ideal" and "prime fuzzy ideal" (Please refer Note 2.1.7).

**3.1.5 Example:** If  $R$  is a division ring, then every non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$  is a prime fuzzy ideal

[**Verification:** Since every non-zero element of a division ring possess inverse, it follows from Proposition 2.1.3(i)].

**3.1.6 Remark:** Let  $G$  be an N-group and define  $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(x) = 0.5$  for all  $x \in G$ . Then  $\mu$  is a constant fuzzy ideal. Hence  $\mu$  is not a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**3.1.7 Theorem:** For an ideal  $I$  of  $G$  the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ ;
- (ii) The generalized characteristic function  $\mu$  of  $I$  defined by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \beta & \text{if } x \in I \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal; and}$$

(iii) The characteristic function  $\chi_I$  of  $I$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**Proof:** By Corollary 2.1.17, we have that  $\chi_I$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G \Leftrightarrow I$  is an ideal of  $G$  for any subset  $I$  of  $G$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$

Since  $\mu$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , it follows that  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \notin I$ .

Since  $g \notin I$  we have that  $\mu(g) = \alpha$ .

Since  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal, we have  $\mu(ng) = \mu(g) = \alpha$ , which implies  $ng \notin I$ .

This shows that  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose that  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

Then  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $G$  and so  $\mu$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ .

Suppose  $g \notin I$ . Then  $\mu(g) = \alpha$ .

Since  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ , we have  $ng \notin I$  and so  $\mu(ng) = \alpha$ .

So we get that  $\mu(ng) = \mu(g)$ .

Suppose  $g \in I$ . Then  $\mu(g) = \beta$ .

So  $\mu(ng) \geq \mu(g) = \beta$ .

This shows that  $\mu(ng) = \beta$ .

Therefore  $\mu(ng) = \mu(g)$ .

This shows that  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

In the above proof, by taking  $\beta = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0$  we get (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)

**3.1.8 Theorem:** Let  $\mu$  be a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . Then  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G \Leftrightarrow$  for any  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ , either  $\mu_t = G$  or  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ .

If  $\mu_t = G$ , then there is nothing to prove.

Suppose  $\mu_t \neq G$ .

Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , by Remark 2.1.10 we have  $\mu_t$  is a ideal of  $G$ .

Since  $\mu_t \neq G$ , we have that  $\mu_t$  is a proper ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $g \notin \mu_t$  and  $0 \neq n \in N$ .

Then  $\mu(g) < t$ .

Since  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal, it follows that  $\mu(ng) = \mu(g) < t$ .

This implies  $ng \notin \mu_t$ .

Thus we proved that if  $g \notin \mu_t$ , then  $ng \notin \mu_t$  for all  $0 \neq n \in N$ .

This shows that  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

Conversely, suppose that for any  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ , either  $\mu_t = G$  or  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \in G$

Suppose that  $\mu(ng) = t$ .

Then  $ng \in \mu_t$ .

If  $\mu_t = G$ , then  $g \in \mu_t$ .

If  $\mu_t \neq G$ , then  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ .

So  $g \in \mu_t$ .

Therefore in any case,  $g \in \mu_t$ , which implies  $\mu(g) \geq t = \mu(ng)$ .

So  $\mu(ng) = \mu(g)$  for all  $0 \neq n \in N$ ,  $g \in G$ .

This shows that  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**3.1.9 Note:** Let us observe the statement of the Theorem 3.1.8. The condition “ $\mu$  is non-constant” in the statement is essential. Define  $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(x) = 0.5$  for all  $x \in G$ . Then  $\mu_t = G$  for all  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ . So the statement “for any  $t \in [0, \mu(0)]$ , either  $\mu_t = G$  or  $\mu_t$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ ” is true. But this fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  cannot be a prime fuzzy ideal.

### Section-3.2: Prime Fuzzy Ideals and N-group Homomorphism

**3.2.1 Definition:** Let  $S$  be a set,  $\mu$  a fuzzy subset of  $S$  and  $f: S \rightarrow S$  is a function.

Then  $\mu$  is said to be *f-invariant* if it satisfies the condition:

$$x, y \in S, f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \mu(x) = \mu(y).$$

**3.2.2 Example:** Define  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$  by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in 2Z \\ 0.5 & \text{if } x \notin 2Z \text{ and } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin 2Z \text{ and } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Define  $\mu: Z \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & \text{if } x \in 2Z \\ 0.4 & \text{if } x \notin 2Z \end{cases}$ . Then  $\mu$  is *f-invariant*.

**3.2.3 Example:** Write  $G = Z$  and  $G^1 = Z_6$ . Then  $G$  and  $G^1$  are N-groups over  $Z$ , the ring of integers.

Let  $f: G \rightarrow G^1$  be the canonical N-group epimorphism.

Define  $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(x) = \chi_{2Z}(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Note that  $\chi_{2Z}$  is the characteristic function of  $2Z$ .

By Corollary 2.1.17,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

Now we verify that  $\mu$  is  $f$ -invariant.

Let  $x, y \in Z$  be such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ .

Then  $x - y$  is divisible by 6 and so  $(x - y)$  is divisible by 2.

If  $x$  is even, then  $y$  is even and so  $\mu(x) = \mu(y) = 1$ .

If  $x$  is odd, then  $y$  is odd, and so  $\mu(x) = \mu(y) = 0$ .

Therefore  $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \mu(x) = \mu(y)$ .

This shows that  $\mu$  is  $f$ -invariant.

**3.2.4 Note:** There exists a non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu$ , and a non-constant  $N$ -group epimorphism  $f$ , such that  $f(\mu)$  is a constant fuzzy ideal. For this, we observe the following example.

**3.2.5 Example:** Write  $Z =$  the set of integers and  $Z_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , the set of integers modulo '6'.

Then  $G = Z$  and  $G^1 = Z_6$  are  $N$ -groups over the near-ring  $N = Z$  of integers.

Let  $f: Z \rightarrow Z_6$  be the natural epimorphism of  $N$ -group.

It is clear that  $f$  is a non-constant  $N$ -group homomorphism.

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $\beta > \alpha$ .

Define  $\mu: Z \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \beta & \text{if } x \in 5Z \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Then  $\mu$  is a generalized characteristic function and it is clear that  $\mu$  is a non-constant fuzzy subset of  $G$ .

By Corollary 2.1.17,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Now we verify that  $f(\mu)$  is a constant fuzzy ideal of  $G^1 = Z_6$ .

$$f(\mu)(0) = \sup\{\mu(x) / x \in f^{-1}(0)\} \geq \mu(0) \quad (\text{since } 0 \in f^{-1}(0)) = \beta \quad (\text{since } \mu(0) = \beta).$$

Therefore  $f(\mu)(0) = \beta$ .

$$\text{Now } f(\mu)(1) = \sup\{\mu(x) / x \in f^{-1}(1)\} \geq \mu(25) \quad (\text{since } 25 \in f^{-1}(1)) = \beta \quad (\text{since } \mu(25) = \beta).$$

Therefore  $f(\mu)(1) = \beta$ .

In a similar way, we can verify that  $f(\mu)(x) = \beta$  for all  $x$ .

**3.2.6 Theorem:** Suppose  $G$  and  $G^1$  are two  $N$ -groups,  $f: G \rightarrow G^1$  is a non-constant  $N$ -group epimorphism and  $\mu: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is an  $f$ -invariant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . If  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , then  $f(\mu)$  is either constant or a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

By Proposition 2.3.3,  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ .

If  $f(\mu)$  is constant, then there is nothing to prove.

Suppose  $f(\mu)$  is non-constant.

Now we show that  $f(\mu)$  is a prime fuzzy ideal.

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g^1 \in G^1$ .

Since  $f$  is an epimorphism, there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $f(g) = g^1$ .

Since  $f(ng) = nf(g) = ng^1$ , we have that  $ng \in f^{-1}(ng^1)$ .

If  $x_1, x_2 \in f^{-1}(ng^1)$ , then  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

So  $\mu(x_1) = \mu(x_2)$  (since  $\mu$  is  $f$ -invariant).

This shows that  $\{\mu(x) / x \in f^{-1}(ng^1)\} = \{\mu(ng)\} \dots \dots \dots (i)$ .

Since  $f(g) = g^1$  we have  $g \in f^{-1}(g^1)$ .

If  $y_1, y_2 \in f^{-1}(g^1)$ , then  $f(y_1) = f(y_2)$  and so  $\mu(y_1) = \mu(y_2)$  (since  $\mu$  is  $f$ -invariant).

This shows that  $\{\mu(y) / y \in f^{-1}(g^1)\} = \{\mu(g)\}$ .....(ii).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (f(\mu))(ng^1) &= \sup\{\mu(x) / x \in f^{-1}(ng^1)\} = \sup\{\mu(ng)\} && \text{(by (i))} \\ &= \mu(ng) = \mu(g) \text{ (since } \mu \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal)} \\ &= \sup\{\mu(g)\} = \sup\{\mu(x) / x \in f^{-1}(g^1)\} && \text{(by (ii))} \\ &= f(\mu)(g^1). \end{aligned}$$

So  $(f(\mu))(ng^1) = (f(\mu))(g^1)$  is true for all  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g^1 \in G^1$ .

Hence  $f(\mu)$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ .

**3.2.7 Note:** There exists a non-constant fuzzy ideal  $\mu^1$  and a non-constant  $N$ -group homomorphism  $f$ , such that  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a constant fuzzy ideal. For this, observe the following example.

**3.2.8 Example:** Write  $Z =$  the set of integers.

Then  $G = Z$  and  $G^1 = Z$  are  $N$ -groups over the near-ring  $N = Z$  of integers.

Define  $f: G \rightarrow G^1$  by  $f(x) = 2x$ .

Then  $f$  is a non-constant  $N$ -group homomorphism.

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  be such that  $\beta > \alpha$ .

Define  $\mu^1: G^1 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\mu^1(x) = \begin{cases} \beta & \text{if } x \in 2Z \\ \alpha & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Then  $\mu^1$  is a generalized characteristic function and it is clear that  $\mu^1$  is a non-constant fuzzy subset of  $G^1 = Z$ .

By Corollary 2.1.17,  $\mu^1$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ .

Now we verify that  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a constant fuzzy ideal of  $G = Z$ .

For any  $x \in G$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)(x) = \mu^1(f(x)) = \mu^1(2x) = \beta$ .

This shows that  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is constant.

Moreover, the only level set of  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)_\beta = 2Z$ , an ideal of  $G$ .

So by Remark 2.1.10,  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Thus  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**3.2.9 Theorem:** Let  $G, G^1$  be two N-groups,  $f: G \rightarrow G^1$  a non-constant N-group homomorphism, and  $\mu^1: G^1 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  a fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ . If  $\mu^1$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ , then  $f^{-1}(\mu^1): G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)(x) = \mu^1(f(x))$  is either constant or a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mu^1$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G^1$ .

By Proposition 2.3.5,  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

If  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is constant, then there is nothing to prove.

Suppose  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is non-constant.

Now we show that  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $g \in G$  and  $0 \neq n \in N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f^{-1}(\mu^1)(ng) &= \mu^1(f(ng)) = \mu^1(nf(g)) \text{ (since } f \text{ is a N-group homomorphism)} \\ &= \mu^1(f(g)) \text{ (since } \mu^1 \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal of } G^1) \\ &= f^{-1}(\mu^1)(g). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $f^{-1}(\mu^1)$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

### Section-3.3: Fuzzy cosets of Prime Fuzzy Ideals

In chapter-2 we have discussed the fuzzy cosets of N-groups. In this chapter we consider the fuzzy cosets of prime fuzzy ideals.

**3.3.1 Theorem:** If  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , then  $G/\mu$  is a prime N-group.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Since  $\mu$  is non constant, it follows that  $\{0 + \mu\}$  is a proper ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$ ,  $g + \mu \in G/\mu$  be such that  $n(g + \mu) = 0 + \mu$ .

Now  $ng + \mu = 0 + \mu$ .

This implies  $(ng + \mu)(0) = (0 + \mu)(0)$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(ng - 0) = \mu(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(0) = \mu(ng) = \mu(g) \quad (\text{since } \mu \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal})$$

$$\Rightarrow g + \mu = 0 + \mu \quad (\text{by Proposition 2.1.23}).$$

This shows that  $\{0 + \mu\}$  is a prime ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

**3.3.2 Note:** Suppose  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $|\text{Im } \mu| = 2$ .

(i) Then  $\mu$  is the generalized characteristic function of  $G_\mu$ .

[Verification: Suppose  $\text{Im } \mu = \{\alpha, \beta\}$  such that  $\alpha > \beta$ . Since  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ , it follows that  $\mu(0) = \alpha$ ].

(ii) Thus  $\mu(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } x \in G_\mu \\ \beta & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Hence  $\mu$  is the generalized characteristic function.

(iii) If  $G_\mu$  is a prime ideal of  $G$ , then by Theorem 3.1.7,  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**3.3.3 Theorem:** If  $\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $|\text{Im } \mu| = 2$  and  $G/\mu$  is a prime N-group, then  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $|\text{Im } \mu| = 2$ .

Suppose that  $G/\mu$  is a prime N-group.

By Proposition 2.3.1,  $G/\mu \cong G/G_\mu$  and so  $G/G_\mu$  is a prime N-group

$\Rightarrow G_\mu$  is a prime ideal of  $G$  (by Theorem 3.1.2)  $\Rightarrow \mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$  (by Theorem 3.1.7).

**3.3.4 Theorem:** Let  $\mu$  be a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . Then the fuzzy set  $\theta_\mu: G/\mu \rightarrow [0, 1]$  (defined in Definition 2.2.1, as  $\theta_\mu(x + \mu) = \mu(x)$ ) is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

By Theorem 2.2.2,  $\theta_\mu$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

Since  $\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal, it is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , and so we have that  $\theta_\mu$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g + \mu \in G/\mu$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \theta_\mu(n(g + \mu)) &= \theta_\mu(ng + \mu) \\ &= \mu(ng) \\ &= \mu(g) \text{ (since } \mu \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal)} \\ &= \theta_\mu(g + \mu). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\theta_\mu$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

**3.3.5 Theorem:** Let  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  be two fuzzy ideals of  $G$  such that  $\mu \subseteq \sigma$  with  $\sigma(0) = \mu(0)$  and  $\sigma$  a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . Then the fuzzy set  $h_\sigma: G/\mu \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by  $h_\sigma(x + \mu) = \sigma(x)$  for all  $x + \mu \in G/\mu$ , is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ . Moreover,  $\theta_\mu \subseteq h_\sigma$  and  $\theta_\mu(0) = h_\sigma(0)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\sigma$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

By Corollary 2.2.3,  $h_\sigma$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$  such that  $\theta_\mu \subseteq h_\sigma$  and  $\theta_\mu(0) = h_\sigma(0)$ .

Since  $\sigma$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ , we have  $h_\sigma$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

Let  $x + \mu \in G/\mu$ ,  $0 \neq n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now  $h_\sigma(n(x + \mu)) = h_\sigma(nx + \mu)$

$$= \sigma(nx) \quad (\text{by definition of } h_\sigma)$$

$$= \sigma(x) \quad (\text{since } \sigma \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal})$$

$$= h_\sigma(x + \mu).$$

Therefore  $h_\sigma$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$ .

**3.3.6 Theorem:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  and  $\theta$  a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$  such that  $\theta_\mu \subseteq \theta$  and  $\theta_\mu(0) = \theta(0)$ . Then  $\sigma_\theta: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  (defined in Definition 2.2.1 by  $\sigma_\theta(x) = \theta(x + \mu)$  for all  $x \in G$ ) is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $\mu \subseteq \sigma_\theta$  and  $\mu(0) = \sigma_\theta(0)$ .

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.2.4,  $\sigma_\theta$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $G$  such that  $\mu \subseteq \sigma_\theta$  and  $\mu(0) = \sigma_\theta(0)$ .

Since  $\theta$  is non-constant, we have  $\sigma_\theta$  is a non-constant fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Now we show that  $\sigma_\theta$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

Let  $0 \neq n \in N$  and  $g \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \sigma_\theta(ng) &= \theta(ng + \mu) \\ &= \theta(n(g + \mu)) \\ &= \theta(g + \mu) \text{ (since } \theta \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal)} \\ &= \sigma_\theta(g). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\sigma_\theta$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

**3.3.7 Notation:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ .

We write  $P = \{\sigma / \sigma \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal of } G, \mu \subseteq \sigma, \sigma(0) = \mu(0)\}$

$Q = \{\theta / \theta \text{ is a prime fuzzy ideal of } G/\mu, \theta_\mu \subseteq \theta \text{ and } \theta(0) = \theta_\mu(0)\}$ .

**3.3.8 Theorem:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy ideal of  $G$ . Then there exists an order preserving bijective mapping between the sets  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Proof:** Define  $\eta: P \rightarrow Q$  by  $\eta(\sigma) = h_\sigma$  where  $h_\sigma: G/\mu \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $h_\sigma(x + \mu) = \sigma(x)$  for  $\sigma \in P$ .

By Theorem 3.3.5,  $\eta(\sigma) = h_\sigma$  is a prime fuzzy ideal of  $G/\mu$  such that  $\theta_\mu \subseteq h_\sigma$  and  $\theta_\mu(0) = h_\sigma(0)$ .

This implies  $\eta(\sigma) = h_\sigma \in Q$ .

Now  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \Rightarrow h_{\sigma_1} = h_{\sigma_2} \Rightarrow \eta(\sigma_1) = \eta(\sigma_2)$  and so  $\eta$  is well defined.

Let  $\sigma, \beta \in P$  be such that  $\eta(\sigma) = \eta(\beta)$ .

Then  $h_\sigma = h_\beta$ .

Now  $\sigma(x) = h_\sigma(x + \mu) = h_\beta(x + \mu) = \beta(x)$ .

This is true for every  $x \in G$ , and that implies  $\sigma = \beta$ .

This shows that  $\eta$  is one-one.

Let  $\theta \in Q$ .

Define  $\sigma_\theta: G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\sigma_\theta(x) = \theta(x + \mu)$  for all  $x \in G$ .

Then by Theorem 3.3.6,  $\sigma_\theta \in P$ .

Now we verify that  $\eta(\sigma_\theta) = \theta$ .

For any  $x + \mu \in G/\mu$ ,  $(\eta(\sigma_\theta))(x + \mu) = h_{\left(\sigma_\theta\right)}(x + \mu) = \sigma_\theta(x) = \theta(x + \mu)$ .

Therefore  $\eta(\sigma_\theta) = \theta$ . So  $\eta$  is onto.

This shows that  $\eta: P \rightarrow Q$  is a bijection.

Let  $\sigma, \beta \in P$  be such that  $\sigma \subseteq \beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (\eta(\sigma))(x + \mu) &= h_\sigma(x + \mu) && \text{(by the definition of } \eta) \\ &= \sigma(x) && \text{(by the definition of } h_\sigma) \\ &\leq \beta(x) && \text{(since } \sigma \subseteq \beta) \\ &= h_\beta(x + \mu) && \text{(by the definition of } h_\beta) \\ &= (\eta(\beta))(x + \mu) && \text{(by the definition of } \eta). \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for all  $x + \mu \in G/\mu$ , it follows that  $\eta(\sigma) \subseteq \eta(\beta)$ .

Thus  $\eta: P \rightarrow Q$  is an order preserving bijection.