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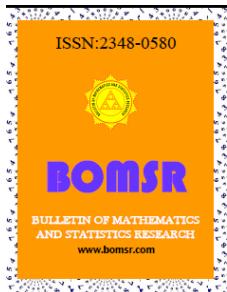


## FUZZY NEUTROSOPHIC SUBGROUPS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce the notion of fuzzy neutrosophic subgroups. Also we obtain the fuzzy neutrosophic subgroups generated by fuzzy neutrosophic set and investigate some of their properties.

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### 1.INTRODUCTION

Smarandache [13] initiated the concept of neutrosophic set which overcomes the inherent difficulties that existed in fuzzy sets[14] and intuitionistic fuzzy sets [5,6].Following this, the neutrosophic sets are explored to different heights in all fields of science and engineering.I.Arockiarani et al. defined the notion of fuzzy neutrosophic sets [1].In 1989, R.Biswas [8] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy subgroups and studied some of their properties . In this paper we define fuzzy neutrosophic subgroups and discuss their properties.

### 2.PRELIMINARIES:

**Definition 2.1:[1]** A Fuzzy neutrosophic set A on the universe of discourse X is defined as

$A = \langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle, x \in X$  where  $T, I, F: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $0 \leq T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \leq 3$

**Definition 2.2:** [1] Let X be a non empty set, and

$$A = \langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle, B = \langle x, T_B(x), I_B(x), F_B(x) \rangle$$

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  for all  $x$  if  $T_A(x) \leq T_B(x), I_A(x) \leq I_B(x), F_A(x) \geq F_B(x)$
- (ii)  $A \cup B = \langle x, \max(T_A(x), T_B(x)), \max(I_A(x), I_B(x)), \min(F_A(x), F_B(x)) \rangle$
- (iii)  $A \cap B = \langle x, \min(T_A(x), T_B(x)), \min(I_A(x), I_B(x)), \max(F_A(x), F_B(x)) \rangle$
- (iv)  $A \setminus B = \langle x, \min(T_A(x), F_B(x)), \min(I_A(x), 1 - I_B(x)), \max(F_A(x), T_B(x)) \rangle$

**Definition 2.3:[1]** A Fuzzy neutrosophic set A over the universe X is said to be null or empty Fuzzy neutrosophic set if  $T_A(x) = 0, I_A(x) = 0, F_A(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ . It is denoted by  $0_N$

**Definition 2.4:[1]** A Fuzzy neutrosophic set  $A$  over the universe  $X$  is said to be absolute fuzzy neutrosophic set if  $T_A(x) = 1$ ,  $I_A(x) = 1$ ,  $F_A(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . It is denoted by  $1_N$

**Definition 2.5: [1]** The complement of a Fuzzy neutrosophic set  $A$  is denoted by  $A^c$  and is defined as

$$A^c = \langle x, T_{A^c}(x), I_{A^c}(x), F_{A^c}(x) \rangle \text{ where } T_{A^c}(x) = F_A(x), I_{A^c}(x) = 1 - I_A(x), F_{A^c}(x) = T_A(x)$$

The complement of a Fuzzy neutrosophic set  $A$  can also be defined as  $A^c = 1_N - A$ .

**Definition 2.6:[2]** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two non empty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function .

(i) If  $B = \langle y, T_B(y), I_B(y), F_B(y) \rangle : y \in Y$  is a fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $Y$  then the pre image of  $B$  under  $f$ ,denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is the fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$  defined by  $f^{-1}(B) = \langle x, f^{-1}(T_B(x)), f^{-1}(I_B(x)), f^{-1}(F_B(x)) \rangle : x \in X \rangle$

Where  $f^{-1}(T_B(x)) = T_B(f(x))$

(ii) If  $A = \langle x, T_A(x), I_A(x), F_A(x) \rangle : x \in X$  is a fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$  then the image of  $A$  under  $f$ ,denoted by  $f(A)$ ,is the fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $Y$  defined by  $f(A) = \langle y, f(T_A(y)), f(I_A(y)), f(F_A(y)) \rangle : y \in Y \rangle$

$$f(T_A(y)) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} T_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq 0_N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } f(I_A(y)) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} I_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq 0_N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(F_A(y)) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} F_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq 0_N \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

And  $f(F_A(y)) = (1 - f(1 - F_A))y$

**Definition 2.7:[3]** Let  $(X,.)$  be a group and let  $A$  be fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $A$  is called a fuzzy neutrosophic group (in short, FNG) in  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions: (i)  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y)$  and  $F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$  (ii)  $T_A(x^{-1}) \geq T_A(x), I_A(x^{-1}) \geq I_A(x), F_A(x^{-1}) \leq F_A(x)$

**Definition 2.8:[3]** Let  $(X,.)$  be a groupoid and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two fuzzy neutrosophic sets in  $X$ .Then the fuzzy neutrosophic product of  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \circ B$ ,is defined as follows: for any  $x \in X$ ,

$$T_{A \circ B}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{yz=x} [T_A(y) \wedge T_B(z)] & \text{for each } (y,z) \in X \times X \text{ with } yz = x, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$I_{A \circ B}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{yz=x} [I_A(y) \wedge I_B(z)] & \text{for each } (y,z) \in X \times X \text{ with } yz = x, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{A \circ B}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_{yz=x} [F_A(y) \vee F_B(z)] & \text{for each } (y,z) \in X \times X \text{ with } yz = x, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definiion 2.9:[4]** Let  $G$  be a groupoid and let  $A \in FNS(G)$ . Then  $A$  is called a :

(1) fuzzy neutrosophic left ideal (in short  $FNLI$ ) of  $G$  if for any  $x, y \in G$ ,  $A(xy) \geq A(y)$  .(i.e.,)

$$T_A(xy) \geq T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(y) \text{ and } F_A(xy) \leq F_A(y)$$

(2) fuzzy neutrosophic right ideal (in short  $FNRI$ ) of  $G$  if for any  $x, y \in G$ ,  $A(xy) \geq A(x)$  .(i.e.,)

$$T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \text{ and } F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x)$$

(3) fuzzy neutrosophic ideal (in short  $FNI$ ) of  $G$  if it is both a  $FNLI$  and  $FNRI$

It is clear that  $A$  is a  $FNI$  of  $G$  if and only if for any  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \vee T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \vee I_A(y) \text{ and } F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \wedge F_A(y)$$

, a  $FNI$  (respectively  $FNLI$ ,  $FNRI$ ) is a  $FNSGP$  of  $G$ . Note that for any  $FNSGP$   $A$  of  $G$

we have  $T_A(x^n) \geq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(x^n) \geq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x^n) \leq F_A(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ , where  $x^n$  is any composite of  $x$ 's.

We will denote the set of all  $FNSGP$ s of  $G$  as  $FNSGP(G)$ .

**Definition 2.10:[4]** Let  $(G,.)$  be a groupoid and let  $0_N \neq A \in FNS(G)$ . Then  $A$  is called a fuzzy neutrosophic subgroupoid in  $G$  (in short ,  $FNSGP$  in  $G$ ) if  $A \circ A \subset A$ .

**Definition 2.11:[4]** Let  $(G,.)$  be a groupoid and let  $A \in FNS(X)$ . Then  $A$  is called a fuzzy neutrosophic subgroupoid in  $G$  (in short ,  $FNSGP$  in  $G$ ) if for any  $x, y \in G$ ,  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y)$ ,  $I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y)$  and  $F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$ . It is clear that  $0_N$  and  $1_N$  are both  $FNSGP$ s of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.12:[4]** Let  $A \in FNS(G)$ . Then  $A$  is said to have the sup property if for any  $T \in P(G)$

, there exists a  $t_0 \in T$  such that  $A(t_0) = \bigcup_{t \in T} A(t)$  .i.e.,

$$T_A(t_0) = \bigvee_{t \in T} T_A(t), I_A(t_0) = \bigvee_{t \in T} I_A(t), F_A(t_0) = \bigwedge_{t \in T} F_A(t), \text{where } P(G) \text{ denotes the power set of } G.$$

**Definition 2.13:[4]** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$  and let  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in I$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \nu \leq 3$  .Then the set  $X_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)} = \{x \in X : A(x) \geq C_{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}(x)\} = \{x \in X : T_A(x) \geq \lambda, I_A \geq \mu, F_A \leq \nu\}$  is called a  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  – level subset of  $A$ .

### 3. FUZZY NEUTROSOPHIC SUBGROUPS

**Definition 3.1:**

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A \in FNSGP(G)$ . Then  $A$  is called a fuzzy neutrosophic subgroup (in short ,  $FNSG$ ) of  $G$  if  $A(x^{-1}) \geq A(x)$  .(i.e.,)  $T_A(x^{-1}) \geq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(x^{-1}) \geq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x^{-1}) \leq F_A(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

**Proposition 3.2:**

Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \beta} \subset FNSG(G)$ . Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \beta} A_\alpha \in FNSG(G)$ .

**Proposition 3.3:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $FNSG$ s of a group  $G$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

$$(1) A \circ B \in FNSG(G).$$

$$(2) A \circ B = B \circ A$$

**Proof:** Proof is immediate.

**Proposition 3.4:** Let  $A \in FNSG(G)$ . Then  $A(x^{-1}) = A(x)$ ,

$$\text{(i.e.,)} T_A(x^{-1}) = T_A(x), I_A(x^{-1}) = I_A(x), F_A(x^{-1}) = F_A(x) \text{ and } A(x) \leq A(e),$$

(i.e.,)  $T_A(x) \leq T_A(e), I_A(x) \leq I_A(e), F_A(x) \geq F_A(e)$  for each  $x \in G$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in G$ . Then  $T_A(x) = T_A((x^{-1})^{-1}) \geq T_A(x^{-1})$ , for each  $x \in G$ .

$I_A(x) = I_A((x^{-1})^{-1}) \geq I_A(x^{-1})$ , for each  $x \in G$ .

$F_A(x) = F_A((x^{-1})^{-1}) \leq F_A(x^{-1})$ , for each  $x \in G$ .

Since  $A \in FNSG(G)$ ,  $T_A(x^{-1}) \geq T_A(x), I_A(x^{-1}) \geq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x^{-1}) \leq F_A(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

Hence  $T_A(x^{-1}) = T_A(x), I_A(x^{-1}) = I_A(x), F_A(x^{-1}) = F_A(x)$ . (i.e.,)  $A(x^{-1}) = A(x)$ .

On the other hand ,

$T_A(e) = T_A(xx^{-1}) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(x^{-1}) = T_A(x), I_A(e) = I_A(xx^{-1}) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(x^{-1}) = I_A(x)$ ,

$F_A(e) = F_A(xx^{-1}) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(x^{-1}) = F_A(x)$

Hence  $T_A(x) \leq T_A(e), I_A(x) \leq I_A(e), F_A(x) \geq F_A(e)$  for each  $x \in G$ .(i.e.,)  $A(x) \leq A(e)$ .

This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.5:** If  $A \in FNSG(G)$  ,then

$G_A = \{x \in G : A(x) = A(e), i.e., T_A(x) = T_A(e), I_A(x) = I_A(e), F_A(x) = F_A(e)\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $x, y \in G_A$ .Then  $T_A(x) = T_A(e), I_A(x) = I_A(e), F_A(x) = F_A(e)$  and

$T_A(y) = T_A(e), I_A(y) = I_A(e), F_A(y) = F_A(e)$ .

Thus  $T_A(xy^{-1}) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y^{-1})$

$= T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y)$  (by Proposition 3.4)

$= T_A(e) \wedge T_A(e) = T_A(e)$ .

Similarly ,  $I_A(xy^{-1}) \geq I_A(e)$ .

$F_A(xy^{-1}) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y^{-1})$

$= F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$  (by Proposition 3.4)

$= F_A(e) \vee F_A(e) = F_A(e)$ .

On the other hand , by proposition 3.4  $T_A(xy^{-1}) \leq T_A(e), I_A(xy^{-1}) \leq I_A(e), F_A(xy^{-1}) \geq F_A(e)$

.So  $T_A(xy^{-1}) = T_A(e), I_A(xy^{-1}) = I_A(e), F_A(xy^{-1}) = F_A(e)$  .(i.e.,)  $A(xy^{-1}) = A(e)$ . Thus

$xy^{-1} \in G_A$ .Hence  $G_A$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.6:**

Let  $A \in FNSG(G)$  . If  $A(xy^{-1}) = A(e)$  . (i.e.,)  $T_A(xy^{-1}) = T_A(e), I_A(xy^{-1}) = I_A(e)$ ,

$F_A(xy^{-1}) = F_A(e)$  for any  $x, y \in G$  ,then  $A(x) = A(y)$  ,(i.e.,)

$T_A(x) = T_A(y), I_A(x) = I_A(y), F_A(x) = F_A(y)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $x, y \in G$  . Then  $T_A(x) = T_A((xy^{-1})y) \geq T_A(xy^{-1}) \wedge T_A(y) = T_A(e) \wedge T_A(y) = T_A(y)$ .

On the other hand , by Proposition 3.4  $T_A(x^{-1}) = T_A(x)$ ,then we have

$$T_A(xy^{-1}) = T_A((yx^{-1})^{-1}) = T_A(yx^{-1}) \text{ and thus}$$

$$T_A(y) = T_A((yx^{-1})x) \geq T_A(yx^{-1}) \wedge T_A(x) = T_A(xy^{-1}) \wedge T_A(x) = T_A(e) \wedge T_A(x) = T_A(x).$$

So  $T_A(x) = T_A(y)$ .By the similar arguments, we have  $I_A(x) = I_A(y), F_A(x) = F_A(y)$ .

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.7 :**

Let  $A \in FNSG(G)$ .If  $G_A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $A$  is constant on each coset of  $G_A$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $a \in G$  and let  $x \in aG_A$ .Then there exists  $x' \in G_A$  such that  $x = ax'$ .Since  $G_A$  is normal and  $x' \in G_A, xa^{-1} = ax'a^{-1} \in G_A$ .Thus  $T_A(xa^{-1}) = T_A(e), I_A(xa^{-1}) = I_A(e)$  and  $F_A(xa^{-1}) = F_A(e)$ .By Proposition 3.6 ,  $T_A(x) = T_A(a), I_A(x) = I_A(a)$  and  $F_A(x) = F_A(a)$ .So  $A$  is constant on  $aG_A$  for each  $a \in G$  . By the similar arguments , we can see that  $A$  is constant on  $G_Aa$  for each  $a \in G$ . Hence  $A$  is constant on each coset of  $G_A$ .

**Note:**

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .Then the number of right [respectively left] cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is called index of  $H$  in  $G$  and denoted by  $[G:H]$ . If  $G$  is a finite group ,then there can be only a finite number of distinct right [respectively left] cosets of  $H$ .Hence the index  $[G:H]$  is finite .If  $G$  is an infinite group ,then  $[G:H]$  may be either finite or infinite.

**Corollary 3.8 :**

Let  $A \in FNSG(G)$  and let  $G_A$  be normal .If  $G_A$  has a finite index, then  $A$  has the sup -property.

**Proof:**

Let  $T \subset G$ .Since  $G_A$  has finite index ,let the index  $[G:G_A] = n$ ,say

$A = \{a_1G_A, \dots, a_nG_A\}$ ,where  $a_i \in G(i=1,\dots,n)$  and  $a_iG_A \cap a_jG_A = \phi$  for any  $i \neq j$ .Let  $t \in T$ .Since

$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n a_iG_A$ ,there exists  $i \in \{1,2,\dots,n\}$  such that  $t \in a_iG_A$ .Since  $G_A$  is normal ,by corollary

$$3.7, T_A(t) = T_A(a_i), I_A(t) = I_A(a_i), F_A(t) = F_A(a_i) \text{ on } a_iG_A, \text{say } T_A(t) = \alpha_i, I_A(t) = \beta_i, F_A(t) = \gamma_i$$

,where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i \in I$  and  $\alpha_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i \leq 3$ .Thus there exists a  $t_0 \in T$  such that

$$T_A(t_0) = \bigvee_{t \in T} T_A(t) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, I_A(t_0) = \bigvee_{t \in T} I_A(t) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \beta_i, F_A(t_0) = \bigwedge_{t \in T} F_A(t) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \gamma_i. \text{ Hence } A \text{ has the}$$

sup- property.

**Proposition 3.9 :**

$A \in FNSG(G)$  if and only if  $T_A(xy^{-1}) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(xy^{-1}) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y),$

$$F_A(xy^{-1}) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y) \text{ for any } x, y \in G.$$

**Proof:**

Proof follows from Definition 3.1 and Proposition 3.4.

**Proposition 3.10 :**

A group  $G$  cannot be the union of two proper  $FNSGs$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be proper  $FNSGs$  of a group  $G$  such that  $A \cup B = 1_N, A \neq 1_N$  and  $B \neq 1_N$ .

$A \cup B = 1_N \Rightarrow T_A \vee T_B = 1, I_A \vee I_B = 1, F_A \wedge F_B = 0$ . Then  $T_A = 1$  or  $T_B = 1, I_A = 1$  or  $I_B = 1, F_A = 0$  or  $F_B = 0$ . Since  $A \neq 1_N$  and  $B \neq 1_N, T_A \neq 1$  or  $I_A \neq 1$  or  $F_A \neq 0$  and  $T_B \neq 1$  or  $I_B \neq 1$  or  $F_B \neq 0$ . In either cases, this is a contradiction. This completes the proof.

**Proposition 3.11:**

If  $A$  is a  $FNSGP$  of a group  $G$ , then  $A$  is a  $FNSG$  of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $x \in G$ . Since  $G$  is finite,  $x$  has the finite order say  $n$ . Then  $x^n = e$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ . Thus  $x^{-1} = x^{n-1}$ . Since  $A$  is a  $FNSGP$  of a group  $G$ ,  $T_A(x^{-1}) = T_A(x^{n-1}) = T_A(x^{n-2}x) \geq T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(x^{-1}) = I_A(x^{n-1}) = I_A(x^{n-2}x) \geq I_A(x)$ ,  $F_A(x^{-1}) = F_A(x^{n-1}) = F_A(x^{n-2}x) \leq F_A(x)$ .

Hence  $A$  is a  $FNSG$  of  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.12:**

Let  $A$  be a  $FNSG$  of a group  $G$  and let  $x \in G$ . Then  $A(xy) = A(y)$ , (i.e.,)  $T_A(xy) = T_A(x), I_A(xy) = I_A(x), F_A(xy) = F_A(x)$  for each  $y \in G$  if and only if  $A(x) = A(e)$ . (i.e.,)  $T_A(x) = T_A(e), I_A(x) = I_A(e), F_A(x) = F_A(e)$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

Suppose  $A(xy) = A(y)$  for each  $y \in G$ . Then clearly  $A(x) = A(e)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $A(x) = A(e)$ . Then by Proposition 3.4,

$T_A(y) \leq T_A(x), I_A(y) \leq I_A(x), F_A(y) \leq F_A(x)$  for each  $y \in G$ . Since  $A$  is a  $FNSG$  of  $G$ , then  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y), F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$ . Thus  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(y), F_A(xy) \leq F_A(y)$  for each  $y \in G$ .

On the other hand, by Proposition 3.4,

$$T_A(y) = T_A(x^{-1}xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(xy), I_A(y) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(xy), F_A(y) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(xy).$$

Since  $T_A(x) \geq T_A(y), I_A(x) \geq I_A(y), F_A(x) \leq F_A(y)$  for each  $y \in G$ .

$$T_A(x) \wedge T_A(xy) = T_A(xy), I_A(x) \wedge I_A(xy) = I_A(xy), F_A(x) \vee F_A(xy) = F_A(xy). \text{ So}$$

$T_A(y) \geq T_A(xy), I_A(y) \geq I_A(xy), F_A(y) \leq F_A(xy)$  for each  $y \in G$ . Hence

$$T_A(xy) = T_A(y), I_A(xy) = I_A(y), F_A(xy) = F_A(y) \text{ for each } y \in G.$$

**Proposition 3.13:**

Let  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism, let  $A \in FNSG(G)$  and let  $B \in FNSG(G')$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $A$  has the sup- property, then  $f(A) \in FNG(G')$ .
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(B) \in FNSG(G)$ .

**Proof:**

- (i) By Proposition 5.4 in [4], (i.e.,) Let  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  be a groupoid homomorphism and let  $A \in FNS(G)$  have the sup property.

(1) If  $A \in FNSGP(G)$ , then  $f(A) \in FNSGP(G')$ .

(2) If  $A$  is a  $FNI(FNLI, FNRI)$  of  $G$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  $FNI(FNLI, FNRI)$  of  $G'$ .

Since  $f(A) \in FNSGP(G)$ , it is enough to show that

$$T_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) \geq T_{f(A)}(y), I_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) \geq I_{f(A)}(y), F_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) \leq F_{f(A)}(y) \text{ for each } y \in f(G).$$

Let  $y \in f(G)$ . Then  $\phi \neq f^{-1}(y) \subset G$ . Since  $A$  has the sup- property, there exists  $x_0 \in f^{-1}(y)$  such that  $T_A(x_0) = \bigvee_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} T_A(t), I_A(x_0) = \bigvee_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} I_A(t), F_A(x_0) = \bigwedge_{t \in f^{-1}(y)} F_A(t)$ .

$$\text{Thus } T_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) = f(T_A)(y^{-1}) = \bigvee_{t \in f^{-1}(y^{-1})} T_A(t) \geq T_A(x_0^{-1}) \geq T_A(x_0) = T_{f(A)}(y).$$

$$I_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) = f(I_A)(y^{-1}) = \bigvee_{t \in f^{-1}(y^{-1})} I_A(t) \geq I_A(x_0^{-1}) \geq I_A(x_0) = I_{f(A)}(y).$$

$$F_{f(A)}(y^{-1}) = f(F_A)(y^{-1}) = \bigwedge_{t \in f^{-1}(y^{-1})} F_A(t) \leq F_A(x_0^{-1}) \leq F_A(x_0) = F_{f(A)}(y).$$

Hence  $f(A) \in FNSG(G)$ .

(ii) By Proposition 5.1 in [ ],(i.e.,) Let  $f : G \rightarrow G''$  be a groupoid homomorphism and let  $B \in FNS(G'')$

(1) If  $B \in FNSGP(G'')$ , then  $f^{-1}(B) \in FNSGP(G)$ .

(2) If  $B$  is a  $FNI(FNLI, FNRI)$  of  $G''$  then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a  $FNI(FNLI, FNRI)$  of  $G$ . Since  $f^{-1}(B) \in FNSGP(G)$ , it is enough to show that  $f^{-1}(B)(x^{-1}) \geq f^{-1}(B)(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

Let  $x \in G$ . Then

$$T_{f^{-1}(B)}(x^{-1}) = f^{-1}(T_B)(x^{-1}) = T_B(f(x^{-1})) = T_B(((f(x))^{-1}) \geq T_B(f(x)) = T_{f^{-1}(B)}(x),$$

$$I_{f^{-1}(B)}(x^{-1}) = f^{-1}(I_B)(x^{-1}) = I_B(f(x^{-1})) = I_B(((f(x))^{-1}) \geq I_B(f(x)) = I_{f^{-1}(B)}(x), \text{and}$$

$$F_{f^{-1}(B)}(x^{-1}) = f^{-1}(F_B)(x^{-1}) = F_B(f(x^{-1})) = F_B(((f(x))^{-1}) \leq F_B(f(x)) = F_{f^{-1}(B)}(x).$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(B) \in FNSG(G)$ .

### Proposition 3.14:

Let  $G_p$  be the cyclic group of prime order  $p$ . Then  $A \in FNSG(G_p)$  if and only if  $A(x) = A(1) \leq A(0)$ , (i.e.,)  $T_A(x) = T_A(1) \leq T_A(0)$ ,  $I_A(x) = I_A(1) \leq I_A(0)$ ,  $F_A(x) = F_A(1) \geq F_A(0)$  for each  $0 \neq x \in G_p$ .

### Proof:

Suppose  $A \in FNSG(G_p)$  and let  $0 \neq x \in G_p$ . Then

$$T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(xy), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(xy), F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(xy) \text{ for any } x, y \in G_p$$

Since  $G_p$  is the cyclic group of prime order  $p$ ,  $G_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ . Since  $x$  is the sum of 1's and

1 is the sum of  $x$ 's,  $T_A(x) \geq T_A(1) \geq T_A(x), I_A(x) \geq I_A(1) \geq I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x) \leq I_A(1) \leq I_A(x)$

. Thus  $T_A(x) = T_A(1), I_A(x) = I_A(1), F_A(x) = F_A(1)$ . Since 0 is the identity element of  $G_p$ ,

$T_A(x) \leq T_A(0), I_A(x) \leq I_A(0), F_A(x) \geq F_A(0)$ . Hence the necessary conditions hold.

Conversely, suppose the necessary conditions hold, and let  $x, y \in G_p$ . Then we have four cases : (i)

(ii)  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$  and  $x = y$  (iii)  $x \neq 0, y = 0$  (iv)  $x = 0, y \neq 0$  (v)  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$  and  $x \neq y$ .

Case (i) Suppose  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$  and  $x = y$ . Then by the hypothesis,  $T_A(x) = T_A(y) = T_A(1) \leq T_A(0)$ ,

$I_A(x) = I_A(y) = I_A(1) \leq I_A(0)$  and  $F_A(x) = F_A(y) = F_A(1) \geq F_A(0)$ . So

$$T_A(x-y) = T_A(0) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(x-y) = I_A(0) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y) , \\ F_A(x-y) = F_A(0) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y).$$

Case (ii) Suppose  $x \neq 0$  and  $y = 0$ . Since  $x - y \neq 0$ , by the hypothesis,

$$T_A(x-y) = T_A(x) = T_A(1) \leq T_A(0) = T_A(y), I_A(x-y) = I_A(x) = I_A(1) \leq I_A(0) = I_A(y) \text{ and} \\ F_A(x-y) = F_A(x) = F_A(1) \geq F_A(0) = F_A(y) \text{ So}$$

$$T_A(x-y) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(x-y) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y), F_A(x-y) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y).$$

Case (iii) is the same as Case (ii).

Case (iv) Suppose  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$  and  $x \neq y$ . Since  $x - y \neq 0$ , by the hypothesis,

$$T_A(x-y) = T_A(x) = T_A(y) = T_A(1) \leq T_A(0), I_A(x-y) = I_A(x) = I_A(y) = I_A(1) \leq I_A(0),$$

$$F_A(x-y) = F_A(x) = F_A(y) = F_A(1) \geq F_A(0). \text{ So}$$

$$T_A(x-y) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(x-y) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y), F_A(x-y) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y). \text{ In all,}$$

$T_A(x-y) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(x-y) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y), F_A(x-y) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$ . Hence by Proposition 3.5,  $A \in FNSG(G_p)$ .

### Proposition 3.15:

The  $FNI(FNLI, FNRI)$  in a group  $G$  are just the constant mappings.

#### Proof:

Suppose  $A$  is a constant mapping and let  $x, y \in G$ . Then  $T_A(xy) = T_A(x) = T_A(y)$ ,

$$I_A(xy) = I_A(x) = I_A(y), F_A(xy) = F_A(x) = F_A(y) \text{ So } A \text{ is a } FNI \text{ of } G.$$

Now suppose  $A$  is a  $FNLI$  of  $G$ . Then  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(y), F_A(xy) \leq F_A(y)$  for any  $x, y \in G$ . In particular,  $T_A(x) \geq T_A(e), I_A(x) \geq I_A(e), F_A(x) \leq F_A(e)$  for each  $x \in G$ .

$$\text{Moreover, } T_A(e) = T_A(x^{-1}x) \geq T_A(x), I_A(e) = I_A(x^{-1}x) \geq I_A(x), F_A(e) = F_A(x^{-1}x) \leq F_A(x)$$

For each  $x \in G$ . So  $T_A(x) = T_A(e), I_A(x) = I_A(e), F_A(x) = F_A(e)$  for each  $x \in G$ . Hence  $A$  is a constant mapping.

### Proposition 3.16:

Let  $A$  be a  $FNSG$  of a group  $G$ . Then for each  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in I^3$  with  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \leq A(e)$ ,

(i.e.,)  $\lambda \leq T_A(e), \mu \leq I_A(e), \nu \geq F_A(e)$ ,  $G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ .

#### Proof:

Clearly,  $G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)} \neq \phi$ . Let  $x, y \in G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ . Then  $A(x) \geq (\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  and  $A(y) \geq (\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ . (i.e.,)

$$T_A(x) \geq \lambda, I_A(x) \geq \mu, F_A(x) \leq \nu \text{ and } T_A(y) \geq \lambda, I_A(y) \geq \mu, F_A(y) \leq \nu. \text{ Since } A \in FNSG(G),$$

$$T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y) \geq \lambda, I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y) \geq \mu, F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y) \leq \nu. \text{ Thus}$$

$$A(xy) \geq (\lambda, \mu, \nu). \text{ So } xy \in G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}. \text{ On the other hand,}$$

$$T_A(x^{-1}) \geq T_A(x) \geq \lambda, I_A(x^{-1}) \geq I_A(x) \geq \mu, F_A(x^{-1}) \leq F_A(x) \leq \nu. \text{ Thus } A(x^{-1}) \geq (\lambda, \mu, \nu). \text{ So}$$

$$x^{-1} \in G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}. \text{ Hence } G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)} \text{ is a subgroup of } G.$$

### Proposition 3.17:

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy neutrosophic set in a group  $G$  such that  $G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  for each  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in I^3$  with  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \leq A(e)$ . Then  $A$  is a  $FNSG$  of a group  $G$ .

#### Proof:

For any  $x, y \in G$ , let  $A(x) = (t_1, s_1, r_1)$  and let  $A(y) = (t_2, s_2, r_2)$ . Then clearly,  $x \in G_A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)}$  and  $y \in G_A^{(t_2, s_2, r_2)}$ . Suppose  $t_1 < t_2$ ,  $s_1 < s_2$  and  $r_1 > r_2$ . Then  $G_A^{(t_2, s_2, r_2)} \subset G_A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)}$ . Thus  $y \in G_A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)}$ .

Since  $G_A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $xy \in G_A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)}$ . Then  $A(xy) = (t_1, s_1, r_1)$ .

(i.e.,)  $T_A(xy) \geq t_1, I_A(xy) \geq s_1, F_A(xy) \leq r_1$ .

So  $T_A(xy) \geq T_A(x) \wedge T_A(y), I_A(xy) \geq I_A(x) \wedge I_A(y), F_A(xy) \leq F_A(x) \vee F_A(y)$ . For each  $x \in G$ , let  $A(xy) = (\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ . Then  $x \in G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ . Since  $G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $x^{-1} \in G_A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ . So  $A(x^{-1}) \geq (\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ . (i.e.,)  $T_A(x^{-1}) \geq T_A(x), I_A(x^{-1}) \geq I_A(x), F_A(x^{-1}) \leq F_A(x)$ . Hence  $A$  is a FNSG of a group  $G$ .

### Proposition 3.18:

Let  $A$  be a fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$  and let  $(\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2) \in \text{Im}(A)$ . If

$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2, \mu_1 < \mu_2, \nu_1 > \nu_2$  then  $A^{(\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1)} \supset A^{(\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2)}$ .

**Result 3.19:** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy neutrosophic set in a group  $G$ . Then  $A$  is a FNSG of  $G$  if and only if  $A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  for each  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \text{Im}(A)$ .

### Definition 3.20:

Let  $A$  be a FNSG of group  $G$  and let  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \text{Im}(A)$ . Then the subgroup  $A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$  is called a  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ -level subgroup of  $A$ .

### Lemma 3.21:

Let  $A$  be any fuzzy neutrosophic set in  $X$ . Then  $T_A(x) = \vee \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$ ,

$I_A(x) = \vee \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, F_A(x) = \wedge \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$  where  $x \in X$  and  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in I^3$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \nu \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha = \vee \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, \beta = \vee \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, \gamma = \wedge \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Then  $\alpha - \varepsilon < \vee \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, \beta - \varepsilon < \vee \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, \gamma + \varepsilon > \wedge \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$ . Thus there exist  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in I$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \nu \leq 3$  such that  $x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ ,

$\alpha - \varepsilon < \lambda, \beta - \varepsilon < \mu, \gamma + \varepsilon > \nu$ . Since  $x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ ,  $T_A(x) \geq \lambda, I_A(x) \geq \mu, F_A(x) \leq \nu$ . Thus

$T_A(x) > \alpha - \varepsilon, I_A(x) > \beta - \varepsilon, F_A(x) < \gamma + \varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,

$T_A(x) \geq \alpha, I_A(x) \geq \beta, F_A(x) \leq \gamma$ .

We now show that  $T_A(x) \leq \alpha, I_A(x) \leq \beta, F_A(x) \geq \gamma$ . Suppose  $T_A(x) = t_1, I_A(x) = t_2, F_A(x) = t_3$

. Then  $t_1 + t_2 + t_3 \leq 3$ . Thus  $x \in A^{(t_1, t_2, t_3)}$ . So  $t_1 \in \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, t_2 \in \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, t_3 \in \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$ . Thus,  $t_1 \leq \vee \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, t_2 \leq \vee \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, t_3 \geq \wedge \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$

.(i.e.,)  $T_A(x) \leq \alpha, I_A(x) \leq \beta, F_A(x) \geq \gamma$ .

This completes the proof.

We shall denote by  $(A)$  the FNSG generated by the fuzzy neutrosophic set  $A$  in  $G$ . We shall use the same notation  $(A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})$  for the ordinary subgroup of the group generated by the level subset  $A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ .

### Theorem 3.22:

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $A \in FNS(G)$ . Let  $A^* \in FNS(G)$  be defined as follows :for each  $x \in G, T_{A^*}(x) = \vee \{\lambda : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, I_{A^*}(x) = \vee \{\mu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}, F_{A^*}(x) = \wedge \{\nu : x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}\}$ , where

$\lambda, \mu, \nu \in I$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \nu \leq 3$ . Then  $A^*$  is a FNSG of  $G$  such that

$A^* = \bigcap \{B \in \text{FNSG}(G) : A \subset B\}$ . In this case,  $A^*$  is called the fuzzy neutrosophic subgroup generated by  $A$  in  $G$  and denoted by  $(A)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $(t_1, t_2, t_3) \in \text{Im}(A^*)$  and let  $\alpha = t_1 - \frac{1}{n}, \beta = t_2 - \frac{1}{n}, \gamma = t_3 + \frac{1}{n}$  where  $n$  is any sufficiently large positive number. Let  $x \in G$ . Suppose  $x \in A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)}$ . Then  $T_{A^*}(x) \geq t_1, I_{A^*}(x) \geq t_2, F_{A^*}(x) \leq t_3$ . Thus there exist  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in I$  with  $\lambda + \mu + \nu \leq 3$  such that  $\lambda > \alpha, \mu > \beta, \nu < \gamma$  and  $x \in A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)}$ .  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) < (\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  and  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq 3, A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)} \subset A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . So  $x \in A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$ . (i.e.,)  $x \in (A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$ . Now suppose  $x \in (A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$ . Then

$\alpha \in \{\lambda : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, \beta \in \{\mu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, \gamma \in \{\nu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}$ . Thus  $\alpha \leq \vee \{\lambda : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, \beta \leq \vee \{\mu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, \gamma \geq \wedge \{\nu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}$ . So

$$t_1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq T_{A^*}(x), t_2 - \frac{1}{n} \leq I_{A^*}(x), t_3 + \frac{1}{n} \geq F_{A^*}(x).$$

(i.e.,)  $t_1 \leq T_{A^*}(x), t_2 \leq I_{A^*}(x), t_3 \geq F_{A^*}(x)$ .

Hence  $x \in A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)}$ . (i.e.,)  $(A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}) \subset A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)}$ .

Hence  $A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)} = (A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$ . Since  $(A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . By Result 3.19,  $A^*$  is a FNSG of  $G$ .

Now, we show that  $A \subset A^*$ . Let  $x \in G$ . Then by Lemma 3.21,  $T_A(x) = \vee \{\lambda : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, I_A(x) = \vee \{\mu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, F_A(x) = \wedge \{\nu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}$ . Thus  $T_A(x) \leq \vee \{\lambda : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, I_A(x) \leq \vee \{\mu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}, F_A(x) \geq \wedge \{\nu : x \in (A^{(\lambda, \mu, \nu)})\}$ . So  $A \subset A^*$ .

Finally, let  $B$  be any FNSG of  $G$  such that  $A \subset B$ . We show that  $A^* \subset B$ . Let  $x \in G$  and

$A^*(x) = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$ . Then  $A^{*(t_1, t_2, t_3)} = (A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$ , where  $\alpha = t_1 - \frac{1}{n}, \beta = t_2 - \frac{1}{n}, \gamma = t_3 + \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $n$  is any sufficiently large positive integer. Thus  $x \in (A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)})$ . So  $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ , where  $a_i$  or  $a_i^{-1}$  belongs to  $A^{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ).

$$\text{On the other hand, } T_B(x) = T_B(a_1 a_2 \dots a_m)$$

$$\geq T_B(a_1) \wedge T_B(a_2) \wedge T_B(a_3) \dots \wedge T_B(a_m)$$

$$\geq T_A(a_1) \wedge T_A(a_2) \wedge \dots \wedge T_A(a_m) \geq \alpha = t_1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$\text{Similarly } I_B(x) = I_B(a_1 a_2 \dots a_m)$$

$$\geq I_B(a_1) \wedge I_B(a_2) \wedge I_B(a_3) \dots \wedge I_B(a_m)$$

$$\geq I_A(a_1) \wedge I_A(a_2) \wedge \dots \wedge I_A(a_m) \geq \beta = t_2 - \frac{1}{n} \text{ and}$$

$$F_B(x) = F_B(a_1 a_2 \dots a_m)$$

$$\leq F_B(a_1) \vee F_B(a_2) \vee F_B(a_3) \dots \vee F_B(a_m)$$

$$\leq F_A(a_1) \vee F_A(a_2) \vee \dots \vee F_A(a_m) \leq \gamma = t_3 + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Since  $n$  is sufficiently large positive integer,  $T_B(x) \geq t_1, I_B(x) \geq t_2, F_B(x) \leq t_3$ . So  $A^* \subset B$ . Hence  $A^* = \bigcap \{B \in FNSG(G) : A \subset B\}$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.23:**

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Suppose there exists a FNSG  $A$  of  $G$  satisfying the following conditions: for any  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$(i) A(x) = A(y) \Rightarrow (x) = (y)$$

$$(ii) T_A(x) > T_A(y), I_A(x) > I_A(y), F_A(x) < F_A(y) \Rightarrow (x) \subset (y). \text{ Then } G \text{ is cyclic.}$$

**Proof:**

Suppose  $A$  is constant on  $G$ . Then  $A(x) = A(y)$  for any  $x, y \in G$ . By the condition (i),  $(x) = (y)$ . So  $G = (x)$ . Now suppose  $A$  is not constant on  $G$ . Let

$$\text{Im}(A) = \{(t_0, s_0, r_0), (t_1, s_1, r_1), \dots, (t_n, s_n, r_n)\}, \text{ where}$$

$t_0 > t_1 > \dots > t_n, s_0 > s_1 > \dots > s_n, r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_n$ . Then by Proposition 3.18 and Result 3.19, we obtain the chain of level subgroups of  $A : A^{(t_0, s_0, r_0)} \subset A^{(t_1, s_1, r_1)} \subset \dots \subset A^{(t_n, s_n, r_n)} = G$ .

Let  $x \in G - A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})}$ . We show that  $G = (x)$ . Let  $g \in G - A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})}$ . Since

$t_0 > t_1 > \dots > t_n, s_0 > s_1 > \dots > s_n, r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_n, A(g) = A(x) = A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})}$ . By the condition (i),  $(g) = (x)$ . Thus  $G - A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})} \subset (x)$ . Now let  $g \in A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})}$ . Then

$T_A(g) \geq t_{n-1} > t_n = T_A(x), I_A(g) \geq s_{n-1} > s_n = I_A(x), F_A(g) \leq r_{n-1} < r_n = F_A(x)$ . By the condition (ii),  $(g) \subset (x)$ . Thus  $A^{(t_{n-1}, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1})} \subset (x)$ . So  $G = (x)$ . Hence in either case,  $G$  is cyclic.

**Lemma 3.24:**

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $p^n$ , where  $p$  is prime. Then there exists a FNSG  $A$  of  $G$  satisfying the following conditions: for any  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$(i) A(x) = A(y) \Rightarrow (x) = (y)$$

$$(ii) T_A(x) > T_A(y), I_A(x) > I_A(y), F_A(x) < F_A(y) \Rightarrow (x) \subset (y).$$

**Proof:**

Consider the following chain of subgroups of  $G$ :

$(e) = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots \subset G_{n-1} \subset G_n = G$ , where  $G_i$  is the subgroup of  $G$  generated by an element of order  $p^i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ . We define a complex mapping

$$A = (T_A, I_A, F_A) : G \rightarrow I^3 \text{ as follows: for each } x \in G, A(e) = (t_0, s_0, r_0) \text{ and}$$

$A(x) = (t_i, s_i, r_i) \text{ if } x \in G_i - G_{i-1} \text{ for any } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ where } t_i, s_i, r_i \in I \text{ such that } t_i + s_i + r_i \leq 3,$   
 $t_0 > t_1 > \dots > t_n, s_0 > s_1 > \dots > s_n, r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_n$ . Then we can easily check that  $A$  is a FNSG of  $G$  satisfying the conditions (i) and (ii).

From Lemma 3.23 and Lemma 3.24 we obtain the following:

**Theorem 3.25:**

Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^n$ . Then  $G$  is cyclic if and only if there exists a FNSG  $A$  of  $G$  such that for any  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$(i) A(x) = A(y) \Rightarrow (x) = (y)$$

(ii)  $T_A(x) > T_A(y), I_A(x) > I_A(y), F_A(x) < F_A(y) \Rightarrow (x) \subset (y)$ .

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