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FUZZY SEMI-ESSENTIAL SUBMODULES AND FUZZY SEMI-CLOSED SUBMODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we prove some properties of fuzzy semi-essential submodules and fuzzy semi-closed submodules.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1965, Zadeh [14] proposed the concept of a fuzzy set. The notion of a fuzzy set was introduced in algebra and various other branches of mathematics. In 1971, Rosenfeld [11] considered fuzzification of algebraic structures and defined a fuzzy subgroupoid. Fuzzy submodules were studied by Mordeson and Malik [7]. Pan [10] studied fuzzy finitely generated modules and fuzzy quotient modules. Acar [2] studied fuzzy prime submodules. Saikia and Kalita [12] defined a fuzzy essential submodule and proved some characteristics of such submodules. Nimbhorkar and Khubchandani [8] studied fuzzy essential submodules with respect to an arbitrary fuzzy submodule. Also, Nimbhorkar and Khubchandani [9] studied fuzzy essential-small submodules and fuzzy small-essential submodules. Ahmed and Abbas [3] introduced the notion of a semi-essential submodule of a module. Mijbass and Abdullah [6] studied semi-essential submodules and semi-uniform modules. Abbas and Al-Aeashi [1] studied fuzzy semi-essential submodules of a fuzzy module.

In this paper, we study the concepts of a fuzzy semi-essential submodule and a fuzzy semi-closed submodule as a generalization of fuzzy essential submodule and fuzzy closed submodule respectively and prove some properties.

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2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper R denotes a commutative ring with identity, M a unitary R-module with zero element θ . We use the notations " \subseteq " and " \leq " to denote inclusion and submodule respectively. We recall some definitions and results.

Definition 2.1. [14] Let S be a nonempty set. A mapping $\omega : S \to [0,1]$ is called a fuzzy subset of S.

Remark 2.1. [14] If ω and σ are two fuzzy subsets of R, then (i) $\omega \subseteq \sigma$ if and only if $\omega(x) \leq \sigma(x)$; (ii) $\omega \cup \sigma = \max\{\omega(x), \sigma(x)\};$ (iii) $\omega \cap \sigma = \min\{\omega(x), \sigma(x)\};$ for all $x \in R$.

Let $N \leq M$, then the characteristic function, χ_N , of N is defined as,

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

Definition 2.2. [7] Let X and Y be two nonempty sets and $g: X \to Y$ be a mapping. Let $\omega \in [0,1]^X$ and $\sigma \in [0,1]^Y$. Then the image $g(\omega) \in [0,1]^Y$ and the inverse image $g^{-1}(\sigma) \in [0,1]^X$ are defined as follows: for all $y \in Y$,

$$g(\omega)(y) = \begin{cases} \vee \{\omega(x) \mid x \in X, g(x) = y\}, & \text{if } g^{-1}(y) \neq \phi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and $g^{-1}(\sigma)(x) = \sigma(g(x))$, for all $x \in X$.

Definition 2.3. [7] Let M be an R-module. A fuzzy subset ω of M is said to be a fuzzy submodule, if for every $x, y \in M$ and $r \in R$ the following conditions are satisfied: (i) $\omega(\theta) = 1$; (ii) $\omega(x - y) \ge \min\{\omega(x), \omega(y)\};$ (iii) $\omega(rx) \ge \omega(x)$.

The set of all fuzzy submodules of M is denoted by F(M). The support of a fuzzy set ω , denoted by ω^* , is a subset of M defined by $\omega^* = \{x \in M \mid \omega(x) > 0\}$. We denote by ω_* the set $\omega_* = \{x \in M \mid \omega(x) = 1\}$.

Definition 2.4. [12] A fuzzy submodule ω of M is called an essential fuzzy submodule of M, denoted by $\omega \leq M$, if for every nonzero fuzzy submodule σ of M, $\omega \cap \sigma \neq \chi_{\theta}$.

Definition 2.5. [12] A fuzzy submodule ω of M is said to be a closed submodule of M if ω has no non-constant (proper) essential extension.

Theorem 2.1. [12] Let ω be a non zero fuzzy submodule of M. Then $\omega \leq M$ if and only if $\omega^* \leq M$.

Definition 2.6. [2, Definition 3.2] Let ν be an L-fuzzy submodule of μ . Then ν is called an L-fuzzy prime submodule of μ if for $r_t \in F(R)$, $x_s \in F(M)$ ($r \in R, x \in M$ and $s, t \in L$), $r_t x_s \in \nu$ implies that either $x_s \in \nu$ or $r_t \mu \subseteq \nu$.

In particular, taking $\mu = \chi_M$, if for $r_t \in F(R)$, $x_s \in F(M)$ we have $r_t x_s \in \nu$ implies that either $x_s \in \nu$ or $r_t \chi_M \subseteq \nu$, then ν is called an L-fuzzy prime submodule of M.

Corollary 2.1. [2, Corollary 3.5] Let ν be an L-fuzzy prime submodule of M. Then $\nu_* = \{x \in M \mid \nu(x) = \nu(0_M)\}$ is a prime submodule of M. **Theorem 2.2.** [2, Theorem 3.6]

(i) Let N be a prime submodule of M and α a prime element in L. If ω is the fuzzy subset of M defined by

$$\omega(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in N, \\ \alpha, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in M$, then ω is an L-fuzzy prime submodule of M. (ii) Conversely, any L-fuzzy prime submodule can be obtained as in (i).

Proposition 2.1. [5, Proposition 2.6] Let $\omega, \nu \in F(M)$. Then $(\omega \cap \nu)_* = \omega_* \cap \nu_*$, $(\omega \cup \nu)_* = \omega_* \cup \nu_*$. Further if, ω and σ have finite images, then $(\omega + \sigma)_* = \omega_* + \sigma_*$.

Definition 2.7. [6] A nonzero R-submodule N of M is called semi-essential if $N \cap P \neq 0$ for each nonzero prime R-submodule P of M.

Proposition 2.2. [3, Proposition 1.3] Let $g: M \to M'$ be an isomorphism. If $N \leq_{semi} M$, then $g(N) \leq_{semi} M'$.

Lemma 2.1. [4, Lemma 3.8] Let $g: M \to N$ be an epimorphism. If $\omega \in F(M)$ and $\sigma \in F(N)$, then (i) $g(\omega)_* = g(\omega_*)$; (ii) $g^{-1}(\sigma)_* = g^{-1}(\sigma_*)$.

Theorem 2.3. [12] The following conditions are equivalent for a fuzzy submodule δ . (i) δ is semisimple;

(ii) δ has no proper essential submodule;

(iii) Every submodule of δ is a direct summand of δ .

Proposition 2.3. [6, Proposition 13] Let M and L be R-modules. Suppose that $g: M \to L$ is an R-epimorphism such that $ker(g) \subseteq rad(M)$. If N is a semi-essential R-submodule of L, then $g^{-1}(N)$ is a semi-essential R-submodule of M, where $rad(M) = \bigcap_{P \in Spec(M)} P$, and $Spec(M) = \{P : P \text{ is a prime } R$ -submodule of $M\}$, if no such prime exists then rad(M) = M.

3. Fuzzy Semi-Essential Submodules

The concept of a fuzzy semi-essential submodule is introduced by Abbas and Al-Aeashi [1]. We obtain some properties of such fuzzy submodules.

Definition 3.1. [1] A fuzzy submodule ω of an *R*-module *M* is called a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of *M* if for any nonzero fuzzy prime submodule η of *M*, $\omega \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$ and then we write $\omega \leq_{semi} M$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\omega \in F(M)$. Then $\omega \trianglelefteq_{semi} M$ if and only if $\omega_* \trianglelefteq_{semi} M$.

Proof. Assume that $\omega \leq_{semi} M$. Let η be a fuzzy prime submodule of M. Then $\omega \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$ implies that $(\omega \cap \eta)_* \neq \{\theta\}$.

By using Proposition 2.1, we conclude that $\omega_* \cap \eta_* \neq \{\theta\}$. (I)

As η is a fuzzy prime submodule of M, it follows by Corollary 2.1, that η_* is prime submodule of M. Thus by $(I), \omega_* \leq_{semi} M$.

Conversely, assume that $\omega_* \leq_{semi} M$. Let P be a prime submodule of M. As ω_* is a semi-essential submodule of M, $\omega_* \cap P \neq \{\theta\}$. (II) Define,

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in P. \\ \alpha, & \text{otherwise, where } 0 \le \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$$

Then by Theorem 2.2, ν is a fuzzy prime submodule of M. Here, $\nu_* = P$. Now, (II) becomes $\omega_* \cap \nu_* \neq \{\theta\}$. Hence $(\omega \cap \nu)_* \neq \{\theta\}$ and thus, $\omega \cap \nu \neq \chi_{\theta}$. Hence, $\omega \leq_{semi} M$.

Remark 3.1. Every fuzzy essential submodule is semi-essential.

The following example shows that the converse of Remark 3.1 need not be true.

Example 3.1. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $M = \mathbb{Z}_{30}$. Define $\omega : M \to [0, 1]$ as follows:

$$\omega(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in (3), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We note that $\omega^* = (3)$ is not an essential submodule of M as $(10) \cap (3) = (0)$. Hence by Theorem 2.1, ω is not a fuzzy essential submodule of M. It follows from [13, Theorem 10] that the prime submodules of M coincide with the prime

ideals of M (considering M as a ring). The prime ideals of M are (2), (3) and (5) and the intersection of each of these with (3) is nonzero. Also, here $\omega_* = (3)$. Hence I = (3) is a semi-essential submodule of M and so by Theorem 3.1, $\chi_I = \omega$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

Definition 3.2. A fuzzy submodule ω of fuzzy submodule σ is called a semi-essential submodule of σ if for any non-zero fuzzy prime submodule δ of σ , $\omega \cap \delta \neq \chi_{\theta}$ and then we write $\omega \leq_{semi} \sigma$.

Example 3.2. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $M = \mathbb{Z}_{36}$. Define $\sigma : M \to [0, 1]$ as follows:

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33\} \\ 0.5, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $\sigma_* = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33\}$ and $B = \{0, 9, 18, 27\}$ is a prime submodule of σ_* .

Define, $\eta: M \to [0,1]$ as follows:

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in B, \\ \alpha, & \text{otherwise for all } x \in \sigma_*, & \text{where } 0 \le \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$$

Then by Theorem 2.2, δ is a fuzzy prime submodule of σ . Also, define $\omega : M \to [0, 1]$ as follows:

$$\omega(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & if \ x = \{0, 18\} \\ 0.4, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Here, $\omega \subseteq \sigma$ and $\omega_* = \{0, 18\}.$

Also, $\omega_* \cap \delta_* \neq \{0\}$. This implies $(\omega \cap \delta)_* \neq \{0\}$ and thus, $\omega \cap \delta \neq \chi_0$. Hence, $\omega \leq_{semi} \sigma$.

Theorem 3.2. Let $\omega, \sigma \in F(M)$ such that $\omega \subseteq \sigma$. Then $\omega \trianglelefteq_{semi} \sigma$ if and only if $\omega_* \trianglelefteq_{semi} \sigma_*$.

Proof. Assume that $\omega \leq_{semi} \sigma$. Let δ be a non-zero fuzzy prime submodule of σ . Then by definition 3.2, it follows that $\omega \cap \delta \neq \chi_{\theta}$.

This implies that $(\omega \cap \delta)_* \neq \{\theta\}$. Thus, $\omega_* \cap \delta_* \neq \{\theta\}$. (I)

Also by Corollary 2.1, it follows that δ_* is a prime submodule of σ_* . Thus, by (I) $\omega_* \leq_{semi} \sigma_*$.

Conversely, assume that $\omega_* \leq_{semi} \sigma_*$.

Let A be a prime submodule of σ_* . Then $\omega_* \cap A \neq \{\theta\}$. (II)Define,

$$\gamma(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in A. \\ \alpha, & \text{for } x \in \sigma_* - A, & \text{where } 0 \le \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$$

Then by Theorem 2.2, we conclude that γ is a fuzzy prime submodule of σ and $\gamma_* = A$. Now (II) becomes, $\omega_* \cap \gamma_* \neq \{\theta\}$. Hence $(\omega \cap \gamma)_* \neq \{\theta\}$ and thus, $\omega \cap \gamma \neq \chi_{\theta}$. Hence, $\omega \leq_{semi} \sigma$.

The following result is from [1, Proposition 3.11]

Theorem 3.3. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be fuzzy submodules of an R-module M. Suppose that ω_1 is a fuzzy submodule of ω_2 . If ω_1 is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M, then ω_2 is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

Remark 3.2. The converse of Theorem 3.3 may not be true.

Example 3.3. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $M = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$.

Define fuzzy submodules $\omega, \nu: M \to [0,1]$ as follows:

$$\omega(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & if \ x = \{0, 4, 8\}, \\ 0.7, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Then $\omega_* = \{0, 4, 8\}.$

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, \\ 0.9, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $\nu_* = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}.$

Now we observe that ω_* is a semi-essential submodule of ν_* and ν_* is a semi-essential submodule of M. It follows from Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.1 that, $\omega \leq_{semi} \nu$ and $\nu \leq_{semi} M$ respectively.

Define a fuzzy prime submodule of M as follows:

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \{0, 3, 6, 9\}, \\ 0.2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where $\delta_* = \{0, 3, 6, 9\}$ is a prime submodule of M.

Here we observe that $\omega_* \cap \delta_* = \{0\}$. Hence ω_* is not semi-essential submodule of M. Thus by Theorem 3.1, ω is not a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

Remark 3.3. If ω_1 and ω_2 be fuzzy submodules of an *R*-module *M*, then $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ may not be a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

Example 3.4. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $M = \mathbb{Z}_{36}$. Define fuzzy sets ω_1 and ω_2 on M as follows:

$$\omega_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \{0, 12, 24\}, \\ 0.7, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $\omega_{1*} = \{0, 12, 24\}$ is semi-essential submodule of \mathbb{Z}_{36} .

$$\omega_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \{0, 18\}, \\ 0.5, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Then $\omega_{2*} = \{0, 18\}$ is a semi-essential submodule of \mathbb{Z}_{36} . Then by Theorem 3.2, we have $\omega_1 \trianglelefteq_{semi} \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ and $\omega_2 \trianglelefteq_{semi} \mathbb{Z}_{36}$. Now,

$$(\omega_1 \cap \omega_2)(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 0.7, & \text{if } x = 18, \\ 0.5, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $(\omega_1 \cap \omega_2)_* = \{0\}$ which is not a semi-essential submodule of \mathbb{Z}_{36} . Hence by Theorem 3.2, $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is not a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of \mathbb{Z}_{36} .

Proposition 3.1. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be fuzzy submodules of an *R*-module *M*. Suppose that ω_1 is fuzzy essential and ω_2 is fuzzy semi-essential. Then $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of *M*.

Proof. Let η be a non-zero fuzzy prime submodule of M. As ω_2 is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M, it follows that $\omega_2 \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$.

Since ω_1 is fuzzy essential we have $\omega_1 \cap (\omega_2 \cap \eta) \neq \chi_{\theta}$. This implies that $(\omega_1 \cap \omega_2) \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$. Hence $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

Corollary 3.1. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be two fuzzy submodules of an *R*-module *M*. If $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of *M*, then ω_1 and ω_2 are fuzzy semi-essential.

Proof. Let η be a non-zero fuzzy prime submodule of M. As $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is fuzzy semi-essential, it follows that $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2 \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$. This implies that $\omega_1 \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$ and $\omega_2 \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$. Thus, ω_1 and ω_2 are semi-essential.

We give relationships between images and inverse images.

Proposition 3.2. Let M and M' be R-modules and g be an isomorphism from M to M'. If ω is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M, then $g(\omega)$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M'.

Proof. Suppose that ω is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M then by Theorem 3.1, ω_* is a semi-essential submodule of M. By Proposition 2.2, it follows that $g(\omega_*)$ is a semi-essential submodule of M'.

Using Lemma 2.1, we conclude that $g(\omega)_* = g(\omega_*)$. Thus $g(\omega)_*$ is a semi-essential submodule of M'. Hence by Theorem 3.1, $g(\omega)$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M'. \Box

Proposition 3.3. Suppose that g is an R-module epimorphism from M to M' such that $\chi_{kerg} \subseteq \chi_{radM}$, where M and M' are R-modules. If ω is a fuzzy semi-essential R-submodule of M', then $g^{-1}(\omega)$ is a fuzzy semi-essential of R-submodule of M.

Proof. As ω is a fuzzy semi-essential *R*-submodule of M', then by Theorem 3.1 we conclude that ω_* is a semi-essential *R*-submodule of M'.

Since $\chi_{kerg} \subseteq \chi_{radM}$, we have $(\chi_{kerg})_* \subseteq (\chi_{radM})_*$ and so $kerg \subseteq rad(M)$.

As $kerg \subseteq rad(M)$ and ω_* is a semi-essential *R*-submodule of M', by Proposition 2.3, it follows that $g^{-1}(\omega_*)$ is an semi-essential of *R*-submodule of *M*. By Lemma 2.1, we have $g^{-1}(\omega)_* = g^{-1}(\omega_*)$ and so $g^{-1}(\omega)_*$ is a semi-essential of *R*-submodule of *M*. It follows from Theorem 3.1, that $g^{-1}(\omega)$ is a fuzzy semi-essential of *R*-submodule of *M*. \Box

Proposition 3.4. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be fuzzy submodules of an *R*-module *M*. Suppose that ω_1 is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of *M*. If for any fuzzy prime submodule ρ of *M*, $\omega_2 \cap \rho$ is a fuzzy prime submodule of *M*, then $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of *M*.

Proof. Let η be a fuzzy prime submodule of M. By assumption $\omega_2 \cap \eta$ is a fuzzy prime submodule of M. As ω_1 is fuzzy semi-essential, it follows that $(\omega_1 \cap \omega_2) \cap \eta \neq \chi_{\theta}$. Thus, $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2$ is a fuzzy semi-essential submodule of M.

4. Fuzzy Semi-Closed Submodules

In this section, we introduce the concept of a fuzzy semi-closed submodule and prove some results.

Definition 4.1. A fuzzy submodule ω of an *R*-module *M* is called semi-closed if ω has no proper(non-constant) semi-essential extensions in *M*, i.e. if $\omega \leq_{semi} \mu \leq M$, then $\omega = \mu$.

Remark 4.1. Every fuzzy semi-closed submodule of an R-module M is a fuzzy closed submodule in M.

Proof. Let ω be a fuzzy semi-closed submodule of M and η be a fuzzy submodule of M such that $\omega \leq \eta \leq M$. We know that if $\omega \leq \eta$, then $\omega \leq_{semi} \eta$. But ω is semi-closed in M and so $\omega = \eta$. Thus, ω is a fuzzy closed submodule in M.

Theorem 4.1. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be fuzzy submodules of an *R*-module *M*. If ω_1 is semiclosed in ω_2 and ω_2 is semi-closed in *M*. Then ω_1 is semi-closed in *M*, provided that ω_2 is contained in any semi-essential extension of ω_1 .

Proof. Let η be a fuzzy submodule of M such that $\omega_1 \leq_{semi} \eta \leq M$. The following two cases arise:

Case (i): $\eta \leq \omega_2$.

As ω_1 is semi-closed in ω_2 , we get $\omega_1 = \eta$. Hence, ω_1 is semi-essential in M. Case (ii): If $\omega_2 \leq \eta$.

As $\omega_1 \leq_{semi} \eta \leq M$ so by Proposition 3.3, $\omega_2 \leq_{semi} \eta \leq M$. But ω_2 is semi-closed in M, thus, $\omega_2 = \eta$, that is $\omega_1 \leq_{semi} \omega_2$.

Since ω_1 is semi-closed in ω_2 , we conclude that $\omega_1 = \omega_2$. Hence, ω_1 is semi-closed in M.

Proposition 4.1. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be two fuzzy semi-closed submodules of an *R*-module *M* such that $\omega_1 \leq \omega_2 \leq M$. If ω_1 is semi-closed in *M*, then ω_1 is semi-closed in ω_2 .

Proof. Let η be a fuzzy submodule of ω_2 such that $\omega_1 \leq_{semi} \eta \leq \omega_2$. Thus $\omega_1 \leq \eta \leq M$. But ω_1 is semi-closed in M. Therefore, $\omega_1 = \eta$. Hence, ω_1 is semi-closed in ω_2 .

Proposition 4.2. If ω_1 and ω_2 are fuzzy semi-closed submodules of an *R*-module *M*. Then ω_1 and ω_2 are semi-closed in $\omega_1 + \omega_2$.

Proof. As $\omega_1 \leq \omega_1 + \omega_2 \leq M$ and $\omega_2 \leq \omega_1 + \omega_2 \leq M$, then by Proposition 4.1 the result follows.

Theorem 4.2. If every fuzzy submodule of ω is semi-closed, then every fuzzy submodule of ω is a direct summand of ω .

Proof. Let μ be a fuzzy semi-closed submodule of an *R*-module *M* ω . By Remark 3.1, μ is a fuzzy closed submodule of ω , i.e. μ has no proper essential extension in ω . By Theorem 2.3, μ is a direct summand of ω .

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have studied fuzzy semi-essential submodules and fuzzy semi-closed submodules. In future we shall introduce the concepts of a fully fuzzy prime submodule and a fully fuzzy essential submodule.

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