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# $L ext{-FUZZY HOLLOW MODULES AND } L ext{-FUZZY MULTIPLICATION MODULES}$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give some characterizations of L-fuzzy hollow modules and of L-fuzzy multiplication modules.

## 1. Introduction

The concept of a fuzzy set, which is a generalization of a crisp set, was introduced by Zadeh [13]. Rosenfeld [12] used this concept to develop the theory of fuzzy subgroups. Naegoita and Ralescu [9] applied this concept to modules and defined a fuzzy submodule of a module.

Barnad [3] introduced the concept of a multiplication module. An R-module M is called a multiplication module if every submodule of M is of the form IM, for some ideal I of R. Also, Elbast and Smith [4] have studied multiplication modules.

Lee and Park [6] studied fuzzy prime submodules of a fuzzy multiplication module. Recently, Atani [2] introduced and investigated L-fuzzy multiplication modules over a commutative ring with nonzero identity. He has proved a relation between a multiplication module and an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

In this paper we introduce a notion of a hollow fuzzy module and prove some results. Our notion is different from that of Rahman [11]. We prove some results on L-fuzzy multiplication modules. We also show that an L-hollow fuzzy module is an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

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## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout in this paper R denotes a commutative ring with identity, M a unitary R-module with zero element  $\theta$ . We recall some definitions and results from Moderson and Malik [8] which will be used in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** ([8, Definition 1.1.1]). A fuzzy subset of an R-module M is a mapping  $\mu: M \to [0, 1]$ . We denote the set of all fuzzy subsets of M by  $[0, 1]^M$ .

If  $\mu$  is a mapping from M to L, where L is a complete Heyting algebra, then  $\mu$  is called an L-subset of M. We denote the set of all L-subsets of R by  $L^R$  and the set of all L-subsets of M by  $L^M$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([8, Definition 1.1.3]). If  $N \subseteq M$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]^M$ , then  $\alpha_N$  is defined as

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

If  $N = \{x\}$ , then  $\alpha_x$  is often called a fuzzy point and is denoted by  $\chi_{\alpha}$ . If  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $1_N$  is known as the characteristic function of N and is denoted by  $\chi_N$ .

If  $\mu, \sigma \in [0, 1]^M$ , then for  $x, y, z \in M$ , we define

- (i)  $\mu \subseteq \sigma$  if and only if  $\mu(x) \leq \sigma(x)$ ;
- (ii)  $(\mu \cup \sigma)(x) = \max\{\mu(x), \sigma(x)\} = \mu(x) \vee \sigma(x);$
- (iii)  $(\mu \cap \sigma)(x) = \min\{\mu(x), \sigma(x)\} = \mu(x) \wedge \sigma(x);$
- (iv)  $(\mu + \sigma)(x) = \bigvee \{\mu(y) \land \sigma(z) \mid y, z \in M, y + z = x\}.$

**Definition 2.3.** ([8, Definition 4.1.6]). Let  $\zeta \in L^R$  and  $\mu \in L^M$ . Define  $\zeta \cdot \mu$  as  $(\zeta \cdot \mu)(x) = \bigvee \{\zeta(r) \wedge \mu(y) \mid r \in R, y \in M, ry = x\}$ , for all  $x \in M$ .

**Definition 2.4.** ([8, Definition 3.1.7]). Suppose that  $\mu \in L^R$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mu(x-y) \ge \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu(xy) \ge \mu(x) \lor \mu(y)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ .

Then  $\mu$  is called an L-ideal of R.

We denote the set of all L-ideals of R by LI(R).

**Definition 2.5.** ([8, Definition 4.1.8]). Let M be a module over a ring R and L be a complete Heyting algebra. An L subset  $\mu$  in M is called an L-submodule of M, if for every  $x, y \in M$  and  $r \in R$  the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\mu(\theta) = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu(x-y) \ge \mu(x) \land \mu(y)$ ;
- (iii)  $\mu(rx) \geq \mu(x)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** ([8, Definition 4.5.1]). For  $\mu, \nu \in L^M$  and  $\zeta \in L^R$ , define the residual quotients  $\mu : \nu \in L^R$  and  $\mu : \zeta \in L^M$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} \mu:\nu &= \cup \{\eta \mid \eta \in L^R,\, \eta \cdot \nu \subseteq \mu\}, \\ \mu:\zeta &= \cup \{\xi \mid \xi \in L^M,\, \zeta \cdot \xi \subseteq \mu\}. \end{split}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** ([8, Theorem 4.5.3]). Let  $\mu, \nu \in L^M$  and  $\zeta \in L^R$ . Then

- (1)  $(\mu : \nu)\nu \subseteq \mu$ ;
- (2)  $\zeta \cdot \nu \subseteq \mu$  if and only if  $\zeta \subseteq (\mu : \nu)$  if and only if  $\nu \subseteq \mu : \zeta$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([8]). Let  $c \in L \setminus \{1\}$ . Then

- (i) c is called a prime element of L if  $a \wedge b \leq c$ , implies that  $a \leq c$  or  $b \leq c$  for all a,  $b \in L$ ;
- (ii) c is called a maximal element if there does not exist  $a \in L \setminus \{1\}$  such that c < a < 1.

Remark 2.1 ([8]). If  $\mu, \nu \in LI(R)$ , then  $(\mu \circ \nu)(x) = \vee \{\mu(y) \wedge \nu(z) \mid y, z \in R, yz = x\}$ . We write  $\mu_* = \{x \in R \mid \mu(x) = \mu(0)\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** ([8, Definition 3.5.1]). Let  $\xi \in LI(R)$ . Then  $\xi$  is called a prime L-ideal of R if  $\xi$  is non-constant and  $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \xi$ ,  $\mu, \nu \in LI(R)$  implies either  $\mu \subseteq \xi$  or  $\nu \subseteq \xi$ .

**Definition 2.9.** ([8, Definition 3.6.1]). Let  $\xi \in LI(R)$  and let  $\rho_{\xi}$  be the family of all prime L-ideals  $\mu$  of R such that  $\xi \subseteq \mu$ . The L-radical of  $\xi$ , denoted by  $\sqrt{\xi}$ , is defined by

$$\sqrt{\xi} = \begin{cases} \bigcap \{\mu \mid \mu \in \rho_{\xi}\}, & \text{if } \rho_{\xi} \neq \phi, \\ 1_{R}, & \text{if } \rho_{\xi} = \phi. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.10.** ([8, Definition 3.7.1]). Let  $\xi \in LI(R)$ . Then  $\xi$  is called a primary L-ideal of R if  $\xi$  is nonconstant and for any  $\mu, \nu \in LI(R)$ ,  $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \xi$  implies  $\mu \subseteq \xi$  or  $\nu \subseteq \sqrt{\xi}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** ([8, Theorem 3.5.3]). If  $\xi$  is a prime L-ideal of R, then  $\xi_*$  is a prime ideal of R.

**Theorem 2.3.** ([8, Theorem 3.5.5]). Let  $\xi \in L^R$ . Then  $\xi$  is a prime L-ideal of R if and only if  $\xi(0) = 1$ ,  $\xi_*$  is a prime ideal of R,  $\xi(R) = \{1, c\}$ , where c is a prime element in L.

**Definition 2.11** ([5]). A ring R is called regular if, for each element  $x \in R$ , there exists  $y \in R$  such that xyx = x.

**Definition 2.12.** A dense chain in a lattice L is a non-empty sublattice C such that, for all ordered pairs x < y with  $x, y \in C$ , there exists some  $z \in C$  such that x < y < z.

**Theorem 2.4** ([8]). Let R be a ring with identity, L be a dense chain and  $\xi$  be a primary L-ideal of R. Then  $\sqrt{\xi}$  is a prime L-ideal of R.

**Theorem 2.5.** ([7, Theorem 3.10]). Let R be a ring with 1 and A be a nonconstant fuzzy left (right) ideal of R. Then there exists a fuzzy maximal left (right) ideal B of R such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 2.13.** ([5, Definition 4.3.2]). A fuzzy ideal  $\mu$  of a ring R is called fuzzy semiprime if, for any fuzzy ideal  $\zeta$  of R, the condition  $\zeta^n \subseteq \mu$  implies that  $\zeta \subseteq \mu$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** ([5, Theorem 4.4.3]). A commutative ring with unity is regular if and only if each of its fuzzy ideal is fuzzy semiprime.

**Definition 2.14** ([2]). Let M be a module over a commutative ring R. M is called an L-fuzzy multiplication module provided for each L-fuzzy submodule  $\mu$  of M, there exists  $\zeta \in LI(R)$  with  $\zeta(0_R) = 1$  such that  $\mu = \zeta \chi_M$ .

One can easily show that if  $\mu = \zeta \chi_M$  for some  $\zeta \in LI(R)$  with  $\zeta(0_R) = 1$ , then  $\mu = (\mu : \chi_M)\chi_M$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** ([2, Theorem 10]). Let M be an R-module. Then M is a multiplication module if and only if M is an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

**Theorem 2.8.** ([1, Theorem 2]). Let P be a primary ideal of R and M a faithful multiplication R-module. Let  $a \in R$ ,  $x \in M$  satisfy  $ax \in PM$ . Then  $a \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $x \in PM$ .

**Definition 2.15.** ([10, Definition 4.1]). Let M be a module over a ring R and  $\mu \in L(M)$ . Then  $\mu$  is said to be a small L-submodule of M, if for any  $\nu \in L(M)$  satisfying  $\nu \neq \chi_M$  implies  $\mu + \nu \neq \chi_M$ .

**Definition 2.16.** ([11, Definition 2.10]). A fuzzy submodule  $\mu(\neq \chi_{\theta})$  of a module M is said to be fuzzy indecomposable if there do not exist fuzzy submodules  $\sigma$ ,  $\gamma$  of M with  $\sigma \neq \chi_{\theta}$ ,  $\gamma \neq \chi_{\theta}$  and  $\sigma \neq \mu$ ,  $\gamma \neq \mu$  such that  $\mu = \sigma \oplus \gamma$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** ([10, Theorem 5.2]). Let  $\mu \in L^M$ . Then  $\mu$  is a maximal L-submodule of M if and only if  $\mu$  can be expressed as  $\mu = \chi_{\mu_*} \cup \alpha_M$ , where  $\mu_*$  is a maximal submodule of M and  $\alpha$  is a maximal element of  $L - \{1\}$ .

**Definition 2.17.** ([11, Definition 3.1]). A fuzzy submodule  $\nu$  with  $\nu_* \neq \{\theta\}$  of M is said to be a fuzzy hollow submodule if for every fuzzy submodule  $\mu$  of  $\nu$  with  $\mu_* \neq \nu_*$ ,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy small submodule of  $\nu$ . We say that an R-module  $M \neq \{\theta\}$  is fuzzy hollow module if for every  $\sigma \in F(M)$  with  $\sigma_* \neq M$  implies  $\sigma \ll_f M$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** ([11, Theorem 3.6]). Every fuzzy hollow submodule is indecomposable.

**Theorem 2.11.** ([2, Theorem 14]). Let M be a non-zero L-fuzzy multiplication R-module. Then every L-fuzzy submodule  $\mu \neq \chi_M$  of M is contained in a generalized maximal L-fuzzy submodule of M.

**Proposition 2.1.** ([2, Proposition 18]). Suppose that M is a faithful L-fuzzy multiplication R-module. Let  $\zeta$  be an L-fuzzy prime ideal of R. If  $\eta$  is an L-fuzzy ideal of R such that  $\eta \chi_M \subseteq \zeta \chi_M$  and  $\zeta \chi_M \neq \chi_M$ , then  $\eta \subseteq \zeta$ . In particular,  $(\zeta \chi_M : \chi_M) = \zeta$ .

#### **Notations:**

fspec(R): the set of all prime L-submodules of R;

 $Max_L(M)$ : the set of all maximal L-submodules of M;

JLR(M): the intersection of all maximal L-submodules of M is known as Jacobson L-radical of M.

**Definition 2.18** ([2]). An R-module M is called an L-fuzzy Noetherian module, if every ascending chain of L-fuzzy submodules is stationary.

**Definition 2.19.** A module M is called L-local if M has exactly one maximal L-submodule.

**Definition 2.20.** A module M is called L-serial if any two L-submodules of M are comparable with respect to inclusion.

# 3. L-Fuzzy Hollow Modules and L-Fuzzy Multiplication Modules

In this section we introduce a slightly different notion of L-fuzzy hollow modules. Also, we obtain some properties of the same and L-fuzzy multiplication module.

**Definition 3.1.** Let M be a module over a commutative ring R. M is called an L-fuzzy hollow module if either  $Max_L(M) = \chi_\theta$  or for each maximal L-fuzzy submodule  $\mu$  of M and for each L-fuzzy submodule  $\sigma$  of M, the equality  $\mu + \sigma = \chi_M$  implies that  $\sigma = \chi_M$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let M be a non-zero module. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) M is an L-fuzzy hollow module and  $Max_L(M) \neq \chi_{\theta}$ .
- (2) M is a cyclic and an L-local module.
- (3) M is a finitely generated L-local module.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mu$  be a maximal L-submodule of M and for  $m \in M$ ,  $\chi_{\{m\}}$  be an L-submodule of M such that  $\chi_{\{m\}} \nsubseteq \mu$ . Since,  $\mu + \chi_{\{m\}} = \chi_M$ , and as M is a L-fuzzy hollow module we have  $\chi_M = \chi_{\{m\}}$ . Hence, M has only one maximal L-submodule.

Also, as  $\chi_M = \langle \chi_{\{m\}} \rangle = \chi_{Rm}$  implies that, M = Rm. Hence, M is cyclic.

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  It is obivous.
- $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $\mu$  be a maximal L-submodule of M and  $\sigma$  be an L-fuzzy submodule of M. If  $\mu + \sigma = \chi_M$  and  $\sigma \neq \chi_M$ , then by Zorn's lemma there exists a maximal L-submodule  $\delta$  of M containing  $\sigma$ . Since, M is an L-local module,  $\delta = \mu$  and so  $\chi_M = \mu + \sigma = \mu$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\sigma = \chi_M$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let M be an R-module and  $\mu$  be an L-fuzzy submodule of M. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu$  is a serial submodule.
- (2)  $\mu$  is an L-fuzzy hollow submodule.
- (3)  $\mu$  is fuzzy indecomposable.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $Max_L(\mu) \neq \chi_\theta$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in L(M)$  be such that  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu$ , where  $\mu_1$  is a maximal L-submodule of  $\mu$  and  $\mu_2$  is an L-submodule of  $\mu$ . Since,  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are L-submodules of  $\mu$  and  $\mu$  is a serial submodule either  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$  or  $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1$ .

If  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ , then  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu_2$ . If  $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1$ , then  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu_1$ , which is not possible as  $\mu_1$  is a maximal *L*-submodule of  $\mu$ . Thus,  $\mu$  is an *L*-fuzzy hollow submodule of M.

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Follows from Theorem 2.10.
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be *L*-fuzzy submodules of  $\mu$  with  $\mu_1 \neq \chi_\theta, \mu_2 \neq \chi_\theta, \mu_1 \neq \mu$ ,  $\mu_2 \neq \mu$  and  $\mu_1 \nsubseteq \mu_2$ . As  $\mu$  is fuzzy indecomposable,  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  does not satisfy  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu$  and  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 = \chi_\theta$ . Then,  $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1$ , thus  $\mu$  is a serial submodule.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let M be an L-fuzzy multiplication module and  $\mu$  be an L-fuzzy submodule of M. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu \subseteq JLR(M)$ .
- (2)  $\mu$  is an L-small submodule in M.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\sigma$  be an L-fuzzy submodule of M such that  $\chi_M = \mu + \sigma$ . If  $\sigma \neq \chi_M$ , then by Theorem 2.11, there exists a maximal L-submodule  $\delta$  of M such that  $\sigma \subseteq \delta$ . But,  $\mu \subseteq JLR(M) \subseteq \delta$  implies that  $\mu + \sigma \subseteq \delta \neq \chi_M$ . Thus,  $\sigma = \chi_M$  implies that  $\mu$  is an L-small submodule in M.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$  Assume that  $\mu$  is an L-small submodule of M. Suppose that  $\mu \nsubseteq JLR(M)$ . Then there exists a maximal L-submodule  $\beta$  of M such that  $\mu \nsubseteq \beta$ . Thus,  $\mu + \beta = \chi_M$ . But  $\beta \neq \chi_M$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\mu \subseteq \beta$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If M is an L-fuzzy hollow module, then M is an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

*Proof.* As M is an L-fuzzy hollow module, by Theorem 3.1, M is cyclic. But, we know that every cyclic module is a multiplication module. Thus, by Theorem 2.7, M is an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

We give an example of an L-fuzzy multiplication module by using Theorem 3.3.

Example 3.1. Let  $L = \{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1\}$ . Then L is a complete Heyting algebra together with the operations minimium (meet), maximium (join) and  $\leq$  (partial ordering), then 0.75 is a maximal element of  $L - \{1\}$ .

Consider,  $M = \mathbb{Z}_{27} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 26\}$  under addition modulo 27, then M is a module over the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $A = \{0, 3, 6, \dots, 24\}$ .

Define,  $\mu \in [0,1]^M$  as follows:

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0.75, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mu_* = \{0, 3, 6, \dots, 24\} = A$ , which is a maximal submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{27}$ . Also,  $\mu = \chi_{\mu_*} \cup 0.75_M$ , where 0.75 is a maximal element of  $L - \{1\}$ . So, by Theorem 2.9,  $\mu$  is a maximal L-submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{27}$ . Infact,  $\mu$  is the only maximal L-submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{27}$ .

Let  $B = \{0, 9, 18\}$  and define  $\nu \in [0, 1]^M$  as follows,

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

where  $\alpha < 0.75$ . Then clearly  $\mu, \nu$  are the only fuzzy submodules of M. Also, here  $\nu \neq \chi_M$  implies that  $\mu + \nu \neq \chi_M$ . This shows that M is an L-fuzzy hollow module and by Theorem 3.3, M is an L-fuzzy multiplication module.

Corollary 3.1. For  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in L^R$  with  $\xi_1 \subseteq \xi_2$ , then  $\xi_1 \cdot \chi_M \subseteq \xi_2 \cdot \chi_M$  and thus  $(\xi_1 \chi_M : \chi_M) \subseteq (\xi_2 \chi_M : \chi_M)$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$(\xi_1 \cdot \chi_M)(x) = \bigvee \{\xi_1(r) \land \chi_M(y) \mid r \in R, y \in M \land ry = x\}$$

$$= \bigvee \{\xi_1(r) \mid r \in R, x \in rM\}$$

$$\leq \bigvee \{\xi_2(r) \mid r \in R, x \in rM\}$$

$$\leq \bigvee \{\xi_2(r) \land \chi_M(y) \mid r \in R, y \in M \land ry = x\}$$

$$= (\xi_2 \cdot \chi_M)(x).$$

Hence,  $\xi_1 \cdot \chi_M \subseteq \xi_2 \cdot \chi_M$ , for all  $x \in M$ .

Again we have

$$(\xi_1 \chi_M : \chi_M) = \bigvee \{ \eta \mid \eta \in L^R, \eta \cdot \chi_M \subseteq \xi_1 \cdot \chi_M \}$$
  
$$\leq \bigvee \{ \eta \mid \eta \in L^R, \eta \cdot \chi_M \subseteq \xi_2 \cdot \chi_M \}$$
  
$$\leq (\xi_2 \chi_M : \chi_M).$$

Hence,  $(\xi_1 \chi_M : \chi_M) \subseteq (\xi_2 \chi_M : \chi_M)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let M be an L-fuzzy multilpication module. Then  $\mu$  is a maximal L-fuzzy submodule of M if and only if there exists a maximal ideal  $\xi$  of LI(R) such that  $\mu = \xi \chi_M \neq \chi_M$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.11, if  $\xi$  is a maximal L-fuzzy ideal of R and  $\chi_M \neq \xi \chi_M$ , then  $\xi \chi_M$  is a maximal L-submodule of M.

Conversely, assume that  $\mu$  is a maximal L-submodule of M. Then there exists an L-ideal  $\nu$  of LI(R) such that  $\mu = \nu \chi_M$ . Suppose that  $\nu$  is not a maximal L-ideal of R. Then  $\nu \subseteq \beta$  for some  $\beta \in LI(R)$  and so  $\nu \chi_M \subseteq \beta \chi_M$  implies that  $\mu \subseteq \beta \chi_M$ . This implies  $\mu$  is not a maximal L-submodule of M, a contradiction. Thus,  $\nu$  is a maximal L-fuzzy ideal of R.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let M be a faithful L-fuzzy Noetherian R-module. Then R satisfies the ascending chain condition on L-prime ideals.

Proof. Let  $\xi_1 \subseteq \xi_2 \subseteq \xi_3 \subseteq \cdots$  be an ascending chain of L-prime ideals of R. Then by Corollary 3.1,  $\xi_1 \chi_M \subseteq \xi_2 \chi_M \subseteq \xi_3 \chi_M \subseteq \cdots$ . But as M is an L-fuzzy Noetherian R-module, there exists some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\xi_n \chi_M = \xi_{n+1} \chi_M = \cdots$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.1,  $\xi_1 \subseteq \xi_2 \subseteq \xi_3 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \xi_n$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let R be regular ring with unity which satisfies ascending chain condition on fuzzy semiprime ideals and M be an L-fuzzy multiplication module. Then M is an L-fuzzy Noetherian module.

Proof. Let  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3 \subseteq \cdots$  be an ascending chain of L-fuzzy submodules of M. Then by Corollary 3.1,  $(\mu_1 : \chi_M) \subseteq (\mu_2 : \chi_M) \subseteq (\mu_3 : \chi_M) \subseteq \cdots$  is an ascending chain of ideals of R. By Theorem 2.6,  $(\mu_1 : \chi_M) \subseteq (\mu_2 : \chi_M) \subseteq (\mu_3 : \chi_M) \subseteq \cdots$  is an ascending chain of fuzzy semiprime ideals of R. By assumption there exists positive integer t such that  $(\mu_t : \chi_M) = (\mu_{t+s} : \chi_M)$ , for every positive integer s. Hence,  $\mu_t = (\mu_t : \chi_M)\chi_M = (\mu_{t+s} : \chi_M)\chi_M = \mu_{t+s}$  gives  $\mu_t = \mu_{t+s}$  for every s and so the chain is stationary. Hence, M is an L-fuzzy Noetherian module.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let M be an faithful L-fuzzy multiplication module. Then for every L-fuzzy submodule  $\mu$  of M, if  $\mu \chi_M \subseteq \xi \chi_M$ , where  $\xi \in fspec(R)$ , then  $\mu \subseteq \xi$ .

*Proof.* Given,  $\mu \chi_M \subseteq \xi \chi_M$ . As,  $\mu \subseteq (\mu \chi_M : \chi_M) \subseteq (\xi \chi_M : \chi_M) = \xi$  by Proposition 2.1. Hence,  $\mu \subseteq \xi$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let R be a ring and M be an L-fuzzy multiplication R-module. Then  $\xi \chi_M \neq \chi_M$  for any proper fuzzy ideal  $\xi$  of R.

*Proof.* As  $\xi$  is a proper fuzzy ideal of R, by Theorem 2.5, there exists a maximal fuzzy ideal  $\eta$  of R such that  $\xi \subseteq \eta$ . Let  $\mu$  be a proper L-fuzzy submodule of M. As M is an L-fuzzy multiplication module, by Theorem 2.11,  $\mu$  is contained in a generalized maximal L-fuzzy submodule of M say  $\nu$ . Then,  $\nu$  is a maximal L-fuzzy submodule of M. Hence, by Theorem 3.4,  $\nu = \eta \chi_M \neq \chi_M$ . But as  $\xi \subseteq \eta$  implies that  $\xi \chi_M \subseteq \eta \chi_M \neq \chi_M$  and so  $\xi \chi_M \neq \chi_M$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let L be a dense chain and M be a faithful L-fuzzy multiplication R-module. Let  $\mu$  be a primary L-fuzzy ideal of R,  $a, b \in L$  and  $r_a x_b \in \mu \chi_M$  for some  $r \in R$  and  $x \in M$ . Then  $r_a \in \mu$  or  $x_b \in \mu \chi_M$ .

*Proof.* As  $\mu$  is a primary L-fuzzy ideal of R and L is a dense chain, then by Theorem 2.4  $\sqrt{\mu}$  is prime L-fuzzy ideal of R. Now, by Theorem 2.3, for each  $r \in R$ , there exist a prime ideal P of R and a prime element  $c \in L$  such that

$$\sqrt{\mu(r)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r \in P, \\ c, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(I) As  $r_a x_b \in \mu \chi_M$ , it follows that  $\mu \chi_M(rx) \geq a \wedge b$ . But, (II)

$$\mu \chi_M(rx) = \bigvee \{ \mu(s) \land \chi_M(y) \mid s \in R, y \in M, rx = sy \}$$
$$= \bigvee \{ \mu(s) \mid s \in R, rx \in sM \}.$$

Let  $A = \{ s \in P \mid rx \in sM \}.$ 

Case(I). If  $A = \emptyset$ , then there does not exist  $s \in P$  such that  $rx \in sM$ . Hence, from (I)  $\mu \chi_M(rx) = c \geq a \wedge b$ . As c is a prime element of L, either  $c \geq a$  or  $c \geq b$ .

- (i) Suppose that  $c \geq a$ . As  $\mu(r) \in \{1, c\}$ , we have  $\sqrt{\mu(r)} \geq a$  and so  $r_a \in \sqrt{\mu}$ .
- (ii) If  $c \geq b$ , then similarly from (II)  $\mu \chi_M(x) = \bigvee \{ \mu(s') : s' \in R, x \in s'M \}$ . So,  $\mu \chi_M(x) \in \{1, c\}$ . Therefore,  $\mu \chi_M(x) \geq b$  and so  $x_b \in \mu \chi_M$ .

Case (II). If  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $s' \in P$  such that  $rx \in s'M$ . Therefore, using (I) we have  $\mu \chi_M(rx) = \vee \{\mu(s) \mid s \in R, rx \in sM\} = 1$  and  $rx \in s'M \subseteq PM$ . Now, by using Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.8, we get either  $r \in P$  or  $x \in PM$ .

- (i) If  $r \in P$ , then  $\sqrt{\mu(r)} = 1 \ge a$  implies that  $ra \in \sqrt{\mu}$ .
- (ii) If  $x \in PM$ , then  $x = r_1x_1 + \cdots + r_nx_n$  for some  $r_i \in P$  and  $x_i \in M$  such that  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence,  $\mu\chi_M(x) = \mu\chi_M(\Sigma r_i x_i) \geq \mu\chi_M(r_1 x_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \mu\chi_M(r_n x_n) = 1 \geq b$  and so,  $x_b \in \mu\chi_M$ .

**Corollary 3.2.** Assume that M is a faithful L-fuzzy multiplication R-module and  $\mu$  is a primary L-fuzzy ideal of R such that  $\chi_M \neq \mu \chi_M$ . Then  $\mu \chi_M$  is a primary L-fuzzy submodule of M.

Proof. Let  $\mu$  be a primary L-fuzzy ideal of R and M be a faithful L-fuzzy multiplication R-module. If  $r_a x_b \in \mu \chi_M$ , for  $r \in R$  and  $x \in M$ , then by Theorem 3.9,  $r_a \in \sqrt{\mu} \subseteq \sqrt{(\mu \chi_M : \chi_M)}$  or  $x_b \in \mu \chi_M$ . Thus,  $\mu \chi_M$  is a primary L-fuzzy submodules of M.  $\square$ 

# 4. Conclusion

In this article, we have defined an *L*-fuzzy hollow submodule in a different way and some of its properties are investigated. Also, some theorems on *L*-fuzzy multiplication modules are proved. Thus, this concept of an *L*-fuzzy multiplication module can be extended to an *L*-fuzzy fully invariant multiplication modules.

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