

## Compositions of Fuzzy TF-Ideals in Ternary $\Gamma$ -Semi ring

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### Abstract—

The purpose of this paper is to introduce different types of operations on fuzzy TF-ideals of ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings and to prove subsequently these operations give rise to different structures on some classes of fuzzy TF-ideals of ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings. A characterization of a regular ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring has also been obtained in terms of fuzzy subsets.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The theory of fuzzy sets was first inspired by Zadeh [9]. Fuzzy set theory has been developed in many directions by many scholars and has evoked great interest among mathematicians working in different fields of mathematics. Fuzzy ideals in rings were introduced by Liu [5] and it has been studied by several authors. Jun [2] and Kim and Park [4] have also studied fuzzy ideals in semirings. In the year 2007, [6] we have introduced the notions of fuzzy ideals and fuzzy quasi-ideals in ternary semirings. In the year 2015, SajaniLavanya and MadhusudhanaRao[6, 7, 8] introduced the notion of ternary  $\Gamma$ -Semirings.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $T$  and  $\Gamma$  be two additive commutative semigroups.  $T$  is said to be a **Ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring** if there exist a mapping from  $T \times \Gamma \times T \times \Gamma \times T$  to  $T$  which maps  $(x_1, \alpha, x_2, \beta, x_3) \rightarrow [x_1 \alpha x_2 \beta x_3]$  satisfying the conditions :

- i)  $[[a \alpha b \beta c] \gamma d \delta e] = [a \alpha [b \beta c \gamma d] \delta e] = [a \alpha b \beta [c \gamma d \delta e]]$
- ii)  $[(a + b) \alpha c \beta d] = [a \alpha c \beta d] + [b \alpha c \beta d]$
- iii)  $[a \alpha (b + c) \beta d] = [a \alpha b \beta d] + [a \alpha c \beta d]$
- iv)  $[a \alpha b \beta (c + d)] = [a \alpha b \beta c] + [a \alpha b \beta d]$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.2:** An element  $0$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be an **absorbing zero** of  $T$  provided  $0 + x = x = x + 0$  and  $0 \alpha a \beta b = a \alpha 0 \beta b = a \alpha b \beta 0 = 0 \forall a, b, x \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.3:** Let  $T$  be ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring. A non empty subset 'S' is said to be a **ternary  $\Gamma$ -sub semiring** of  $T$  if S is an additive sub semi group of  $T$  and  $a \alpha b \beta c \in S$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.4:** A nonempty subset  $A$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be **left ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** or simply **left TF-ideal** of  $T$  if (1)  $a, b \in A$  implies  $a + b \in A$ . (2)  $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  implies  $b \alpha c \beta a \in A$ .

**Definition 2.5:** A nonempty subset of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be a **lateral ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** or simply **lateral TF-ideal** of  $T$  if (1)  $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$ . (2)  $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b \alpha a \beta c \in A$ .

**Definition 2.6:** A nonempty subset  $A$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is a **right ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** or simply **right TF-ideal** of  $T$  if (1)  $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$ . (2)  $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow a \alpha b \beta c \in A$ .

**Definition 2.7:** A non empty subset  $A$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be **ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** or simply  **$T\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  if

- (1)  $a, b \in A \Rightarrow a + b \in A$
- (2)  $b, c \in T, a \in A, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma \Rightarrow b\alpha c\beta a \in A, b\alpha a\beta c \in A, a\alpha b\beta c \in A.$

For more on preliminaries we may refer to the references and their references.

**3. Operations on fuzzy  $T\Gamma$ -ideals:**

**Definition 3.1:** A non-empty fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is called a **fuzzy left(lateral, right)ternary  $\Gamma$ -ideal** or simply **fuzzy left  $T\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  if

- (i)  $\mu(x + y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(z)[\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(y), \mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(x)] \forall x, y, z \in T, \forall \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma.$

**Definition 3.2:** A non-empty fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is called a **fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  if

- (i)  $\mu(x + y) \geq \min\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(x) \vee \mu(y) \vee \mu(z)$  for any  $x, y, z \in T$  and  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma.$

**Note 3.3:** A non-empty fuzzy subset  $\mu$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semi ring  $T$  is called a **fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideal** of  $T$  if it is a fuzzy left  $T\Gamma$ -ideal, a fuzzy right  $T\Gamma$ -ideal and a fuzzy lateral  $T\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ .

**Note 3.4:** A fuzzy  $T\Gamma$ -ideal of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semi ring  $T$  is a non-empty fuzzy subset of  $T$  which is a fuzzy left  $T\Gamma$ -ideal, fuzzy lateral  $T\Gamma$ -ideal and fuzzy right  $T\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Throughout this thesis unless otherwise mentioned  $T$  denotes a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring with unities and  $FLT\Gamma I(T)$ ,  $FMT\Gamma I(T)$ ,  $FRT\Gamma I(T)$  and  $FT\Gamma I(T)$  denotes respectively the set of all fuzzy left  $T\Gamma$ -ideals, the set of all fuzzy lateral  $T\Gamma$ -ideals, the set of all fuzzy right  $T\Gamma$ -ideals and the set of all fuzzy  $T\Gamma$ -ideals of the ternary  $\Gamma$ -semi ring  $T$ . Also we consider that  $(0) = 1$  for a fuzzy left  $T\Gamma$ -ideal (fuzzy lateral  $T\Gamma$ -ideal, fuzzy right  $T\Gamma$ -ideal and fuzzy  $T\Gamma$ -ideal)  $\mu$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semi ring  $T$ .

**Definition 3.5:** Let  $T$  be a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLT\Gamma I(T)$  [ $FMT\Gamma I(T)$ ,  $FRT\Gamma I(T)$   $FT\Gamma I(T)$ ]. Then the  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$  sum and the ternary product  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3$  and composition  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$  of  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x) &= \sup \{ \min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)] : u, v \in T \} \\
 &= \begin{cases} x = u+v \\ 0 \text{ if for any } u, v \in T, u+v \neq x \end{cases} \\
 (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup_{x=u\gamma v\delta w} [\min\{\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v), \mu_3(w)\} : u, v, w \in T; \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma] \\ 0, \text{ if for any } u, v, w \in T \text{ and for any } \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma, x \neq u\gamma v\delta w \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \vee [\{\mu_1(u) \wedge \mu_2(v) \wedge \mu_3(w)\} : u, v, w \in T; \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma] \\ \{ x = u\gamma v\delta w \\ 0, \text{ if for any } u, v, w \in T \text{ and for any } \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma, x \neq u\gamma v\delta w \end{cases} \\
 (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) &= \begin{cases} \sup_{x=\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i} [\min\{\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)\} : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T; \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma] \\ 0, \text{ if for any } u_i, v_i, w_i \in T; \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, x \neq \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} \vee [\{\mu_1(u_i) \wedge \mu_2(v_i) \wedge \mu_3(w_i)\} : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T; \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma] \\ \{ x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \\ 0, \text{ if for any } u_i, v_i, w_i \in T; \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, x \neq \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since T contains 0, in the above definition the case  $x \neq u + v$  for any  $u, v \in T$  does not arise. Similarly, since T contains left, lateral, right unity, the case  $x \neq \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i$  for any  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in T; \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma$  does not arise. In case of product of  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  if T has left, lateral and right unity, then the case  $x \neq u \alpha v \beta w$  for any  $u, v, w \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  does not arise. i.e. in other words there are  $u, v, w \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $x = u \alpha v \beta w$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** In a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring T the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left(lateral, right)  $\Gamma$ -ideals of T
- (ii)  $\chi + \mu \subseteq \mu$  and  $\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu \subseteq \mu, (\chi \Gamma \mu \Gamma \chi \subseteq \mu, \mu \Gamma \chi \Gamma \chi \subseteq \mu)$  where  $\chi$  is the characteristic function of T.

**Proof :** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T. Let  $a \in T$ . Suppose there exist  $x, y, z \in T$  and  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = x \gamma y \delta z$ . Then, since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi + \mu)(x + y) &= \sup_{x+y=p+q} [\min[\chi(p), \mu(q)]: p, q \in T] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u+v, y=s+t} [\min[\chi(u + s), \mu(v + t)]: u, v, s, t \in T] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u+v, y=s+t} [\min[\min[\chi(u), \chi(s)], \min[\mu(v), \mu(t)]]: u, v, s, t \in T] \\ &= \sup_{x=u+v, y=s+t} [\min[\min[\chi(u), \mu(v)], \min[\chi(s), \mu(t)]]: u, v, s, t \in T] \\ &= \min[\sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\chi(u), \mu(v)], \sup_{y=s+t} [\min[\chi(s), \mu(t)]]]: u, v, s, t \in T] \\ &= \min[(\chi + \mu)(x), (\chi + \mu)(y)] = \min[\min[\chi(x), \mu(x)], \min[\chi(y), \mu(y)]] \\ &= \min[\min[1, \mu(x)], \min[1, \mu(y)]] = \min[\min[\mu(x), \mu(y)]] \\ &= \min[\mu(x), \mu(y)] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\chi + \mu \subseteq \mu$ . And

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu)(a) &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} [\min\{\chi(x), \chi(y), \mu(z)\}] \\ &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} [\min\{1, 1, \mu(z)\}] \\ &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y} \{\mu(z)\} = \mu(z) \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal,  $\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(z) \forall x, y, z \in T$  and  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ .

So in particular,  $\mu(z) \leq \mu(a)$  for all  $a = x\gamma y\delta z$ .

Hence  $\sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} \mu(z) \leq \mu(a)$ . Thus  $\mu(a) \geq (\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu)(a)$ .

If there do not exist  $x, y, z \in T, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = x\gamma y\delta z$  then  $(\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu)(a) = 0 \leq \mu(a)$ . Therefore  $\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu \subseteq \mu$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu \subseteq \mu$ . Let  $x, y, z \in T$  and  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a = x\gamma y\delta z$ .

Then  $\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) = \mu(a) \geq (\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu)(a)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu)(a) &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} [\min\{\chi(x), \chi(y), \mu(z)\}] \\ &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} [\min\{1, 1, \mu(z)\}] \\ &= \sup_{a=x\gamma y\delta z} \{\mu(z)\} = \mu(z) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu(x\gamma y\delta z) \geq \mu(z) \forall x, y, z \in T$  and  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal of T.

Similarly, we can prove the remaining parts of the statement.

**Theorem 3.7:** In a  $\Gamma$ -semi group S the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideals of S
- (ii)  $\chi + \mu \subseteq \mu$  and  $\chi \Gamma \chi \Gamma \mu \subseteq \mu, \chi \Gamma \mu \Gamma \chi \subseteq \mu$  and  $\mu \Gamma \chi \Gamma \chi \subseteq \mu$ , where  $\chi$  is the characteristic function of T.

**Proof :** By using the theorems 3.6, we can find the proof of the theorem easily.

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \text{FLTI}(T)[\text{FMTI}(T), \text{FRTI}(T), \text{FTI}(T)]$ . Then  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 \in \text{FLTI}(T)[\text{FMTI}(T), \text{FRTI}(T), \text{FTI}(T)]$ .

**Proof:**  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(0) = \bigvee_{0=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]: u, v \in T] \geq \wedge[\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)]: u, v \in T] = 1 \neq 0$ . Thus  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$  is nonempty and  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(0) = 1$ . Let  $x, y, z \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x + y) &= \bigvee_{x+y=p+q} [\wedge[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(y)]: p, q \in T] \\ &\geq \bigvee_{x+y=u+v, y=s+t} [\wedge[\mu_1(u+s), \mu_2(v+t)]: u, s, v, t \in T] \\ &\geq \bigvee_{x+y=u+v, y=s+t} [\wedge[\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(s)], \wedge[\mu_2(v), \mu_2(t)]: u, s, v, t \in T] \\ &= \bigvee_{x+y=u+v, y=s+t} [\wedge[\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \wedge[\mu_1(s), \mu_2(t)]: u, s, v, t \in T] \\ &= \wedge[\bigvee_{x+y=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \bigvee_{y=s+t} \wedge[\mu_1(s), \mu_2(t)]]: u, s, v, t \in T] \\ &= \wedge[(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x), (\mu_1 + \mu_2)(y)] \end{aligned}$$

Again  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x\alpha y\beta z) = \bigvee_{x\alpha y\beta z=p+q} [\wedge[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q)]]$

$$\geq \bigvee_{z=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(x\alpha y\beta u), \mu_2(x\alpha y\beta v)]]$$

[Since  $x\alpha y\beta z = x\alpha y\beta(u + v) = x\alpha y\beta u + x\alpha y\beta v$  ]

$$\geq \bigvee_{z=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]] = (\mu_1 + \mu_2)(z).$$

Hence,  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 \in FLTTI(T)$ . Similarly, one can prove the remaining parts.

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLTTI(T)[FMTTI(T), FRTTI(T), FTTI(T)]$ . Then

- (i)  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu_2 + \mu_1$
- (ii)  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2) + \mu_3 = \mu_1 + (\mu_2 + \mu_3)$ .
- (iii)  $\chi + \mu_1 = \mu_1 + \chi$  where  $\chi$  is a fuzzy  $TI$ -ideal of  $T$ , defined by  $\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$
- (iv)  $\mu_1 + \mu_1 = \mu_1$
- (v)  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 + \mu_2$  and
- (vi)  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2 \Rightarrow \mu_1 + \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 + \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x) = \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]: u, v \in T]$

$$= \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_2(v), \mu_1(u)]: u, v \in T] = (\mu_2 + \mu_1)(x)$$

Therefore,  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = \mu_2 + \mu_1$

(ii) Let  $x \in T$

$$\begin{aligned} [(\mu_1 + \mu_2) + \mu_3](x) &= \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(u), \mu_3(v)]: u, v \in T] \\ &= \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\bigvee_{u=p+q} [\wedge[\mu_1(p) + \mu_2(q)]: p, q \in T], \mu_3(v)]: u, v \in T] \\ &= \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\bigvee_{u=p+q} [\wedge[\mu_1(p) + \mu_2(q), \mu_3(v)]]] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \bigvee_{x=p+q+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(p) + \mu_2(q), \mu_3(v)]]$$

Similarly, we can deduce that  $[\mu_1 + (\mu_2 + \mu_3)](x) = \bigvee_{x=p+q+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(p) + \mu_2(q), \mu_3(v)]]$

Therefore,  $(\mu_1 + \mu_2) + \mu_3 = \mu_1 + (\mu_2 + \mu_3)$ .

(iii) for any  $x \in T$ ,  $(\chi + \mu_1)(x) = \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\chi(u), \mu_1(v)]: u, v \in T] = \wedge[\chi(0), \mu_1(x)] = \mu_1(x)$ .

Thus,  $\chi + \mu_1 = \mu_1$  and from (i)  $\chi + \mu_1 = \mu_1 = \mu_1 + \chi$ .

(iv) Let  $x \in T$ . Then  $(\mu_1 + \mu_1)(x) = \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)]: u, v \in T]$   
 $= \bigvee_{x=u+v} \mu_1(u + v) = \mu_1(x)$ . Hence  $\mu_1 + \mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1$

Again  $\mu_1(x) = \wedge[\mu_1(0), \mu_1(x)] \leq \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)]: u, v \in T] = (\mu_1 + \mu_1)(x)$ .

Therefore,  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 + \mu_1$ . Consequently,  $\mu_1 + \mu_1 = \mu_1$ .

(v) Let  $x \in T$ . Then  $(\mu_1 + \mu_1)(x) = \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)]: u, v \in T]$   
 $> \wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(0)] = \mu_1(x)$

Therefore,  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 + \mu_2$

(vi)  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ ,  $x \in T$ . Then  $(\mu_1 + \mu_3)(x) = \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_1(u), \mu_3(v)]: u, v \in T]$   
 $\leq \bigvee_{x=u+v} [\wedge[\mu_2(u), \mu_3(v)]: u, v \in T] = (\mu_2 + \mu_3)(x)$

Hence  $\mu_1 + \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 + \mu_3$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \text{FLTI}(T)[\text{FMTI}(T), \text{FRTI}(T), \text{FTI}(T)]$ . Then  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \in \text{FLTI}(T)[\text{FMTI}(T), \text{FRTI}(T), \text{FTI}(T)]$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3(0)$

$$= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right]$$

$$\geq \wedge[\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0), \mu_3(0)] = 1 \neq 0 \text{ (since } \mu_1(0) = \mu_2(0) = \mu_3(0) = 1 \text{)}.$$

Therefore,  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$  is non empty and  $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(0) = 1$ .

Now, for  $x, y, z \in T$ ,

$$(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x + y) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \geq \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq m} [\bigwedge_{1 \leq k \leq l} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)], \bigwedge [\mu_1(p_k), \mu_2(q_k), \mu_3(r_k)]]], \text{ for } x = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i, \\ & y = \sum_{k=1}^l p_k \alpha_k q_k \beta_k r_k, u_i, v_i, w_i, p_k, q_k, r_k \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \alpha_k, \beta_k \in \Gamma, m, l \in Z^+]. \\ & = \bigwedge [x = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq m} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, m \in Z^+], \\ & y = \sum_{k=1}^l p_k \alpha_k q_k \beta_k r_k \bigwedge_{1 \leq k \leq l} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(p_k), \mu_2(q_k), \mu_3(r_k)]] : p_k, q_k, r_k \in T, \alpha_k, \beta_k \in \Gamma, l \in Z^+] \\ & = \bigwedge [(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x), (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(y)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x \alpha y \beta z) &= x \alpha y \beta z = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : \\ & u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\ & \geq z = \sum_{j=1}^m r_j \gamma_j s_j \delta_j t_j \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq m} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(x \alpha y \beta r_j), \mu_2(s_j), \mu_3(t_j)]] \\ & \geq z = \sum_{j=1}^m r_j \gamma_j s_j \delta_j t_j \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq m} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(r_j), \mu_2(s_j), \mu_3(t_j)]] = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(z) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(\text{T})$ . Similarly, we can prove the remaining results.

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(\text{T})[\text{FMT}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FRT}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FT}\Gamma(\text{T})]$ . Then  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** If for any  $u, v, w \in T$  and for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma, u \alpha v \beta w \neq x$  then  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For any } x \in T, (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) &= x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\bigwedge [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : \\ & u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\ & \geq x = u \alpha v \beta w \bigwedge [\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v), \mu_3(w)] = (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$ .

**Theorem 3.12:** Let  $\mu_1$  be a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal,  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal and  $\mu_3$  be a fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$ . Then  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu_1$  be a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal and  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal and  $\mu_3$  be a fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$ .

Let  $x \in T$ . Suppose there exist  $u, v, w \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  such that  $x = u \alpha v \beta w$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(x) &= \text{Sup}_{x=u\alpha v\beta w} \min\{\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v), \mu_3(w)\} \\ &\leq \text{Sup}_{x=u\alpha v\beta w} [\min\{\mu_1(u\alpha v\beta w), \mu_2(u\alpha v\beta w), \mu_3(u\alpha v\beta w)\}] \\ &= \min\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x), \mu_3(x)\} = (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose there do not exist  $u, v, w \in T$  such that  $x = u\alpha v\beta w$ .

Then  $(\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(x) = 0 \leq (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(x)$ . Therefore,  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ .

**Theorem 3.13:** Let  $T$  be a multiplicatively regular ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring and  $\mu_1$ , and  $\mu_3$  be three fuzzy subsets of  $T$ . Then  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $c \in T$ . Since  $T$  is multiplicatively regular, then there exists two elements  $x, y \in T$  and  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4 \in \Gamma$  such that  $c = c\gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c \gamma_3 y \gamma_4 c$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(c) &= \text{Sup}_{c=u\alpha v\beta w} [\min\{\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v), \mu_3(w)\} : u, v, w \in T, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma] \\ &\geq \min\{\mu_1(c\gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c), \mu_2(c), \mu_3(c)\} \\ &[\text{since } c = c\gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c \gamma_3 y \gamma_4 c = c\gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c \gamma_3 y \gamma_4 c \gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c \gamma_3 y \gamma_4 c] \\ &= (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(c). \text{ Therefore, } \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.14:** An element  $a$  of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is said to be *ternary multiplicatively regular* if there exist  $x, y \in T$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$  such that  $a\alpha x\beta a\gamma y\delta a = a$ .

**Theorem 3.15:** A ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is multiplicatively regular if and only if  $A\Gamma B\Gamma C = A \cap B \cap C$  for all left  $\Gamma$ -ideals  $A$ , for all lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideals  $B$  and for all right  $\Gamma$ -ideals  $C$  of  $T$ .

**Theorem 3.16:** In a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $T$  is multiplicatively regular
- (ii)  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$  for every fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\mu_1$  and every fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\mu_2$  and every fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\mu_3$  of  $T$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T$  be a regular ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring. Then by theorem 3.13,  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3$ . Again by theorem 3.12,  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ . Hence  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ .

Conversely, let  $T$  be a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring and for every fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\mu_1$ , every fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $\mu_2$  and every fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ ,  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ . Let  $L, M$  and  $R$  be respectively a left  $\Gamma$ -ideal, a lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal and a right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Then  $x \in L, x \in M$  and  $x \in R$ . Hence  $\chi_L(x) = \chi_M(x) = \chi_R(x) = 1$  (where  $\chi_L(x)$ ,  $\chi_M(x)$  and  $\chi_R(x)$  are respectively the characteristic function of  $L, M$  and  $R$ ). Thus  $(\chi_L \cap \chi_M \cap \chi_R)(x) = \min\{\chi_L(x), \chi_M(x), \chi_R(x)\} = 1$ . Since  $\chi_L$  is a fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ ,  $\chi_M$  is a fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$  and  $\chi_R$  is a fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideal of  $T$ . Therefore by hypothesis,  $\chi_L \Gamma \chi_M \Gamma \chi_R = \chi_L \cap \chi_M \cap \chi_R$ . Hence  $(\chi_L \Gamma \chi_M \Gamma \chi_R)(x) = 1$ . i.e.,  $\sup_{x=u\gamma v\delta w} [\min\{\chi_L(u), \chi_M(v), \chi_R(w)\} : u, v, w \in T; \gamma, \delta \in \Gamma] = 1$ . This implies that there exist some  $r, s, t \in T$  and  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  such that  $x = r\gamma_1 s \gamma_2 t$  and  $\chi_L(r) = \chi_M(s) = \chi_R(t) = 1$ . Hence  $r \in L, s \in M$  and  $t \in R$ . Therefore  $x \in L \Gamma M \Gamma R$ . Thus  $L \cap M \cap R \subseteq L \Gamma M \Gamma R$ . Also  $L \Gamma M \Gamma R \subseteq L \cap M \cap R$ . Hence  $L \Gamma M \Gamma R = L \cap M \cap R$ . Consequently, by theorem 3.15, the ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  is multiplicatively regular.

**Theorem 3.17:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FT\Gamma I(T)$ . Then  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** By the theorem 3.11,  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$ . For any  $x \in T$ , if  $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) = 0$ , then obviously  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ . Now for any  $x \in T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) &= \bigvee_{x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i} [\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)]] : \\ &u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq x = \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i), \mu_2(u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i), \mu_3(u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i)] \right]:$$

$$u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+$$

$$\leq \wedge[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x), \mu_3(x)] = (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(x). \text{ Therefore, } \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3.$$

Again  $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(x) = \wedge[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x), \mu_3(x)] \leq \mu_1(x)$ . Thus  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1$ . Similarly, it can be shown that  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2$  and  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_3$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 3.18:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4 \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(\text{T})[\text{FM}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FR}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FT}\Gamma(\text{T})]$ . Then  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4$  if and only if  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$  it follows that  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4$  implies that  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4$ . Assume that  $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4$ .

Let  $x \in T$  and  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i$ ,  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4(x) &= \mu_4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \right) \geq \wedge [\mu_4(u_1 \alpha_1 v_1 \beta_1 w_1), \mu_4(u_2 \alpha_2 v_2 \beta_2 w_2), \dots, \mu_4(u_n \alpha_n v_n \beta_n w_n)] \\ &\geq \wedge [(\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(u_1 \alpha_1 v_1 \beta_1 w_1), (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(u_2 \alpha_2 v_2 \beta_2 w_2), \dots, (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \Gamma \mu_3)(u_n \alpha_n v_n \beta_n w_n)] \\ &\geq \wedge [\wedge(\mu_1(u_1), \mu_2(v_1), \mu_3(w_1)), \wedge(\mu_1(u_2), \mu_2(v_2), \mu_3(w_2)), \dots, \wedge(\mu_1(u_n), \mu_2(v_n), \mu_3(w_n))]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4(x) &\geq \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)] \right] \\ &= (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x). \text{ Thus } \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_4. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.19:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4 \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(\text{T})[\text{FM}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FR}\Gamma(\text{T}), \text{FT}\Gamma(\text{T})]$ . Then

- (i)  $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \circ \mu_3 = \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3)$
- (ii)  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2 \Rightarrow \mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4 \subseteq \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4$
- (iii)  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 = \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$

If T is a commutative ternary  $\Gamma$ -Semiring.

- (iv)  $e \circ e \circ e \mu_1 = \mu_1$  where  $e \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(\text{T})$  is defined by  $e(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in T$  [respectively,  $e \circ \mu_1 \circ e = \mu_1, \mu_1 \circ e \circ e = \mu_1, e \circ e \circ \mu_1 = e \circ \mu_1 \circ e = \mu_1$ ].

**Proof:** (i): Proof of (i) follows from the definition.

(ii) :  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$  Now

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4)(x) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_3(v_i), \mu_4(w_i)] \right]: \\ &u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\ &\leq \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left[ \wedge [\mu_2(u_i), \mu_3(v_i), \mu_4(w_i)] \right] = (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4)(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4 \subseteq \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii): } (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \left[ \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i)] \right]: \\ &u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n v_i \beta_i w_i \alpha_i u_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(w_i), \mu_1(u_i)] \\
 &= (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1)(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x) = (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1)(x) \Rightarrow \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1$

Similarly, we can show that  $\mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 = \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$

$$\therefore \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 = \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$$

(iv): As T is with left unity  $e_i \in L$ , which is defined by  $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \alpha_i e_i \beta_i x = x$

For every  $x \in T$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (e \circ e \circ \mu_1)(x) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge e(u_i), e(v_i), \mu_1(w_i)] : \\
 &\quad u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\
 &= \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge [e, e, \mu_1(w_i)]] = \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(w_i)] \leq \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i)] \\
 &\leq \mu_1(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i) = \mu_1(x) \text{ Therefore, } (e \circ e \circ \mu_1) \leq \mu_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again } (e \circ e \circ \mu_1)(x) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge e(u_i), e(v_i), \mu_1(w_i)] : \\
 &\quad u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\
 &= \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge [e, e, \mu_1(w_i)]] = \mu_1(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\mu_1 \subseteq e \circ e \circ \mu_1$  and hence  $\mu_1 = e \circ e \circ \mu_1$

The following theorem shows that ternary multiplication is distributive over addition from three sides.

**Theorem 3.20:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \text{FLTPI}(T)$  [respectively,  $\text{FMTP}(T), \text{FRTP}(T), \text{FTPI}(T)$ ]. Then

- (i)  $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4 = \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4 + \mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4$
- (ii)  $(\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_4 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_4 + \mu_3 \circ \mu_1 \circ \mu_4$
- (iii)  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_4 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) = \mu_1 \circ \mu_4 \circ \mu_2 + \mu_1 \circ \mu_4 \circ \mu_3$

**Proof:** Let  $x \in T$  be arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4)(x) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n u_i \alpha_i v_i \beta_i w_i \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge [\mu_1(u_i), (\mu_2 + \mu_3)(v_i), \mu_4(w_i)]] \\
 &\quad : u_i, v_i, w_i \in T, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \\
 &= \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge [\mu_1(u_i), \bigvee [\wedge [\mu_2(r_i), \mu_3(s_i)], \mu_4(w_i)]]]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bigvee_{x = \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i \alpha_i r_i \beta_i w_i + u_i \alpha_i s_i \beta_i w_i)} \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\wedge [\mu_1(v_i), \mu_2(v_i), \mu_3(s_i), \mu_4(w_i)]] \\
 &\leq \bigvee_{x = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \delta_j q_j \varepsilon_j t_j + \sum_{k=1}^m p'_k \delta'_k q'_k \varepsilon'_k t'_k} \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} [\wedge [\wedge_{1 \leq k \leq m} [\mu_1(p_j), \mu_2(q_j), \mu_4(t_j)], \\
 &\quad \wedge_{1 \leq k \leq m} [\mu_1(p'_k), \mu_3(q'_k), \mu_4(t'_k)]]]] \\
 &= \bigvee [\wedge [(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4)(u), (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4)(v)]: u = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \delta_j q_j \varepsilon_j t_j, v = \sum_{k=1}^m p'_k \delta'_k q'_k \varepsilon'_k t'_k] \\
 &= ((\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4) + (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4))(x) \\
 &\text{Thus } \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4 + \mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_2 + \mu_3$ , therefore,  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4$ .

Similarly,  $\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4$ .

Thus  $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4) + (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4) \subseteq \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4 + \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4 = \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4$ .

Hence we conclude that  $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 + \mu_3) \circ \mu_4 = \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \circ \mu_4 + \mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \circ \mu_4$ . Proof of (ii) and (iii) follows similarly.

**Theorem 3.21:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  be three fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -Ideals (fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideals) of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$ . Then  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$  is the unique minimal element of the family of all fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -Ideals (fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideals) of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  containing  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$  is the unique maximal element of the family of all fuzzy left  $\Gamma$ -Ideals (fuzzy lateral  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy right  $\Gamma$ -ideals, fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideals) of a ternary  $\Gamma$ -semiring  $T$  containing  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(T)$ . Then by theorem 2.2.10(v),  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 + \mu_2$ . Suppose  $\mu_1 \subseteq \psi$  and  $\mu_2 \subseteq \psi$  where,  $\psi \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(T)$ . Now for any  $x \in T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_1 + \mu_2)(x) &= \bigvee_{x = y + z} [\wedge [\mu_1(y), \mu_2(z)]: y, z \in T] \\
 &\leq \bigvee [\wedge [\psi(y), \psi(z)]] \leq \bigvee [\psi(x + y)] = \psi(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 \subseteq \psi$ . Again  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ .

Let us suppose that  $\phi \in \text{FLT}\Gamma(T)$  be such that  $\phi \subseteq \mu_1, \phi \subseteq \mu_2$  and  $\phi \subseteq \mu_3$ .

Then for any  $x \in T$ ,  $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(x) = \wedge [\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x), \mu_3(x)] \geq \wedge [\phi(x), \phi(x), \phi(x)] = \phi(x)$ .

Thus  $\phi \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$ . Uniqueness of  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$  and  $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \cap \mu_3$  with the stated properties are obvious. Proofs of other cases follow similarly.

## CONCLUSION

Our main purpose in this paper is to introduce the operations on fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideal in ternary  $\Gamma$ -semirings. We give some characterizations of fuzzy  $\Gamma$ -ideals.

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