

## Anti fuzzy ideal of a ring

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**ABSTRACT.** An anti fuzzy ideal and lower level ideals of a ring  $X$  are defined. The fuzzification of lower level subset of fuzzy set is redefined and some properties are proved. In addition, the set  $\frac{X}{A} = \{y + A : y \in X\}$  is shown as a quotient ring induced by the anti fuzzy ideal  $A$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Rosenfeld [13] first studied the fuzzy subgroup of a group and then the fuzzification of algebraic structures started to grow up. Afterward, Liu [11] introduced the notion of fuzzy ideal. This idea of fuzzy ideal motivated Kumbhojkar and Bapat [9], Dixit et al. [5] and Zaid [15] to investigate the concepts of fuzzy coset and fuzzy quotient ring. Furthermore, the idea of anti fuzzy subgroups was introduced by Biswas [3] which ultimately was extended by many researchers, e.g., [1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16].

Our work is an extension of the Biswas' [3] idea of anti fuzzy subgroup of a group. In our paper we apply this idea to the theory of ring. We introduce a notion of anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of a ring  $X$  and some of its properties are discussed. We give a definition of lower level ideal of a ring in this paper. We prove that a fuzzy set  $A$  of a ring  $X$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if and only if the lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  [3] of  $A$  are ideals of  $X$ . By giving an example, we show that Biswas' [3] idea of fuzzification of lower level subsets of fuzzy set is not valid in general. Accordingly, a modified definition is given to fuzzify the lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  of the fuzzy set  $A$  and it is revealed that if  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then so is  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$ , the fuzzification of  $\bar{A}_t$ . In addition, the set  $\frac{X}{A} = \{y + A : y \in X\}$  is proved as a factor ring of the ring  $X$  induced by the anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of  $X$  and some isomorphism theorems are established.

Unless otherwise stated,  $X$  is considered as a ring associated with two binary operations ‘+’ and ‘.’ throughout this paper; negative of  $x$ ,  $x + (-y)$  and  $x.y$  are written as  $-x$ ,  $x - y$  and  $xy$ , respectively; the zero (respectively identity, if exist) element of  $X$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{0}$  (respectively  $\mathbf{1}$ ). Thus  $x + (-x) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $x - y = x + (-y)$ . The characteristic function of a subset  $U$  of  $X$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{1}_U$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, some definitions are recalled that have been employed in our analysis.

**Definition 2.1** ([14]). A fuzzy set  $A$  in a nonempty set  $X$  is a mapping  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $A(x)$  represents the membership value of  $x$ . Also by  $A^c$ , we denote the complement of  $A$  which is defined as  $A^c(x) = 1 - A(x), \forall x \in X$ . For two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ . We define

- (i)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A(x) = B(x) \forall x \in X$ .
- (ii)  $A \leq B$  if and only if  $A(x) \leq B(x) \forall x \in X$ .
- (iii)  $(A \vee B)(x) = \max\{A(x), B(x)\} \forall x \in X$ .
- (iv)  $(A \wedge B)(x) = \min\{A(x), B(x)\} \forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([4]). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping between sets and  $A$  a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then the image  $f(A)$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$  which is defined as

$$f(A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup \{A(x) : x \in f^{-1}(y)\}, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.3** ([7]). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping between sets and  $A$  a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $f_-(A)$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$  which is defined as

$$f_-(A)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf\{A(x) : x \in f^{-1}(y)\}, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 1, & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.4** ([4]). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping between sets and  $B$  a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  which is defined as

$$f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x)), \forall x \in X.$$

**Definition 2.5** ([11]). A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called a fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  if

- (i)  $A(x - y) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$
- (ii)  $A(xy) \geq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and
- (iii)  $A(xy) \geq A(y)$  (respectively,  $A(xy) \geq A(x)$ ).

**Definition 2.6** ([3]). For a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  and for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the set  $\bar{A}_t = \{x \in X : A(x) \leq t\}$  is called the lower level subset of the fuzzy set  $A$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([3]). A fuzzy set  $\mu$  of a group  $G$  is an anti fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $\forall x, y \in G, \mu(xy^{-1}) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(y)\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings. A function  $f : R \rightarrow S$  such that  $f(a + b) = f(a) + f(b)$  and  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \forall a, b \in R$  is called a homomorphism; if  $f$  is onto, i.e.,  $f(R) = S$ , then  $f$  is called an epimorphism.

### 3. ANTI FUZZY IDEAL

In this section, an anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of  $X$  is defined and some results on this are proved.

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  is called an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  if  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,

- (i)  $A(x - y) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $A(xy) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and
- (iii)  $A(xy) \leq A(y)$  (respectively,  $A(xy) \leq A(x)$ ).

**Definition 3.2.** A fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  is called an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$  if it is an anti fuzzy left ideal as well as an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ .

**Remark 3.3.** (i) A fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $A^c$  is a fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ . (ii) Every anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal of  $X$  is an additive anti fuzzy subgroup of  $X$ .

**Remark 3.4.** If  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,

- (i)  $A(x - y) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and
- (ii)  $A(xy) \leq \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ .

For every anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal  $A$  of  $X$  and  $\forall x \in X$ , we have  $A(\mathbf{0}) = A(x - x) \leq \max\{A(x), A(x)\} = A(x)$ ,  $A(-x) = A(\mathbf{0} - x) \leq \max\{A(\mathbf{0}), A(x)\} = A(x)$  and  $A(x) = A(\mathbf{0} - (-x)) \leq \max\{A(\mathbf{0}), A(-x)\} = A(-x)$ .

Again if  $x, y \in X$  and  $A$  is an anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal of  $X$  such that  $A(x - y) = A(\mathbf{0})$ , then  $A(y) = A(x - (x - y)) \leq \max\{A(x), A(x - y)\} = A(x)$  and  $A(x) = A(y - (y - x)) \leq \max\{A(y), A(y - x)\} = \max\{A(y), A(x - y)\} = A(y)$ .

Thus we have the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.5.** For every anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal  $A$  of  $X$ ,

- (i)  $A(\mathbf{0}) \leq A(x), \forall x \in X$ .
- (ii)  $A(x) = A(-x), \forall x \in X$ .
- (iii)  $A(x - y) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(y), \forall x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideals of  $X$ . Then  $A \vee B$  is also an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall x, y \in X$ , we have

- (i)  $(A \vee B)(x - y) = \max\{A(x - y), B(x - y)\} \leq \max\{A(x), A(y), B(x), B(y)\} = \max\{(A \vee B)(x), (A \vee B)(y)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $(A \vee B)(xy) = \max\{A(xy), B(xy)\} \leq \max\{A(x), A(y), B(x), B(y)\} = \max\{(A \vee B)(x), (A \vee B)(y)\}$  and
- (iii)  $(A \vee B)(xy) = \max\{A(xy), B(xy)\} \leq \max\{A(y), B(y)\}$  (respectively,  $\max\{A(x), B(x)\} = (A \vee B)(y)$  (respectively,  $(A \vee B)(x)$ ).

Thus we see that  $A \vee B$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** The sup of any set of anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideals of  $X$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .

The intersection of two anti fuzzy ideals is not necessarily an anti fuzzy ideal, which is justified in the following example:

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = (\mathbf{Z}, +, \cdot)$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is the set of integers. Define two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$  by

$$A(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \text{ is a multiple of } 3 \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \text{ and } B(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{4}{5}, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ \frac{5}{6}, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}.$$

It can be verified that  $A$  and  $B$  are anti fuzzy ideals of  $X$ . Now, take  $x = 9$  and  $y = 4$ . We see that  $A(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $A(y) = 1$ ,  $A(x - y) = 1$ ,  $B(x) = \frac{5}{6}$ ,  $B(y) = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $B(x - y) = \frac{5}{6}$ . Clearly  $(A \wedge B)(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $(A \wedge B)(y) = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $(A \wedge B)(x - y) = \frac{5}{6}$ . Readily  $(A \wedge B)(x - y) > \max\{(A \wedge B)(x), (A \wedge B)(y)\}$ .

Thus we see that, the intersection of two anti fuzzy (left or right) ideals of  $X$  need not to be an anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal of  $X$ .

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X = (\mathbf{Z}, +, \cdot)$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is the set of integers. Define two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$  by

$$A(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{4}{5}, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ \frac{5}{6}, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \text{ and } B(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Now,  $A \wedge B(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$ . It can be verified that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $A \wedge B$  are anti fuzzy ideals of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $X$  be a skew field. Then for every anti fuzzy (left or right) ideal  $A$  of  $X$  and  $\forall x \in X, x \neq \mathbf{0}, A(x) = A(\mathbf{1})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X, x \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Suppose  $A$  is an anti fuzzy left ideal of  $X$ . Now  $A(x) = A(x \cdot \mathbf{1}) \leq A(\mathbf{1}) = A(x^{-1} \cdot x) \leq A(x) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(\mathbf{1})$ .

Again, let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ . Now  $A(x) = A(\mathbf{1} \cdot x) \leq A(\mathbf{1}) = A(x \cdot x^{-1}) \leq A(x) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(\mathbf{1})$ . □

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  such that  $\forall x \in X, x \neq \mathbf{0}, A(x) = A(x_0)$ , where  $x_0$  is a fixed element of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Now consider the following cases:

Case-1:  $(x = \mathbf{0} \text{ and } y \neq \mathbf{0})$  or  $(x \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ and } y = \mathbf{0})$ . Clearly  $A(x - y) = A(x_0) \geq A(\mathbf{0})$  and  $A(xy) = A(\mathbf{0})$ , and so (i)  $A(x - y) = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and (ii)  $A(xy) = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}$ .

Case-2:  $x = y = \mathbf{0}$ . The proof is trivial.

Case-3:  $x \neq \mathbf{0}, y \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Clearly  $A(x) = A(y) = A(x_0) \geq A(\mathbf{0})$ . Now

$$(i) \ A(x - y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A(\mathbf{0}), & \text{if } x = y \\ A(x_0), & \text{if } x \neq y \end{array} \right\} \leq A(x_0) = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$$

and

$$(ii) \ A(xy) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A(\mathbf{0}), & \text{if } xy = \mathbf{0} \\ A(x_0), & \text{if } xy \neq \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right\} \leq A(x_0) = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}.$$

Thus we see that  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . □

**Theorem 3.12.**  $U$  is a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  if and only if  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* First, let  $U$  be a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  and  $x, y \in X$ . Now consider the following cases:

Case-1:  $\{x, y\} \subseteq U$ . Clearly  $x - y, xy \in U$ . Now  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x - y) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xy) = 0$ , and therefore,  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ .

Case-2:  $\{x, y\} \cap U = \emptyset$ . Clearly  $\max\{\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x), \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y)\} = 1$ , and so, (i)  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x - y) \leq \max\{\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x), \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y)\}$  and (ii)  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xy) \leq \max\{\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x), \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y)\}$ . Moreover  $y \in U \Rightarrow xy \in U$  (respectively,  $yx \in U \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xy)$  (respectively,  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(yx)) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y) = 0$ . On the other hand,  $y \notin U \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xy) \leq \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y) = 1$  and  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(yx) \leq \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y) = 1$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}$  be an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ ,  $x, y \in U$  and  $z \in X$ . Now  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(y) = 0$ . Consequently  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x - y) = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xy) = 0$  and  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(zx)$  (respectively,  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(xz)) = 0$ , and so  $x - y, xy$  and  $xz$  (respectively,  $zx) \in U$ . Thus we see that  $U$  is a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ . Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $X$  be a commutative ring with  $\mathbf{1}$  such that for each anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $A(x) = A(\mathbf{1})$ ,  $\forall x \in X, x \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $X$  is a field.*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be a nonzero ideal of  $X$ . Now  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(\mathbf{1})$ ,  $\forall x \in X, x \neq \mathbf{0}$ . In particular, if  $x \in U$ , then  $\mathbf{1}_{U^c}(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}_{U^c}(x) = 0$ . This implies that  $\mathbf{1} \in U$ , and so  $U = X$ . Thus we see that  $X$  has no non-zero proper ideal. Therefore  $X$  is a field.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *Every homomorphic pre-image of an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal is also in an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal.*

*Proof.* Consider a homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between rings. Let  $B$  be an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $Y$ . Now  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,

- (i)  $f^{-1}(B)(x_1 - x_2) = B(f(x - x_2)) = B(f(x_1) - f(x_2))$   
 $\leq \max\{B(f(x_1)), B(f(x_2))\} = \max\{f^{-1}(B)(x_1), f^{-1}(B)(x_2)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(B)(x_1x_2) = B(f(x_1x_2)) = B(f(x_1)f(x_2))$   
 $\leq \max\{B(f(x_1)), B(f(x_2))\} = \max\{f^{-1}(B)(x_1), f^{-1}(B)(x_2)\}$

and

- (iii)  $f^{-1}(B)(x_1x_2) = B(f(x_1x_2)) = B(f(x_1)f(x_2)) \leq B(f(x_2))$   
 (respectively,  $B(f(x_1))) = f^{-1}(B)(x_2)$  (respectively,  $f^{-1}(B)(x_1)$ ).

Thus we see that,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an epimorphism between rings and  $A$  an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $f_-(A)$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* It can be verified that  $(f_-(A))^c = f(A^c)$ . Now  $A^c$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $X$  and so  $f(A^c)$  is a fuzzy ideal of  $Y$  (cf. [9]). Therefore by the Remark 3.3,  $f_-(A)$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $A$  is an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$  if and only if for each  $t$  with  $A(\mathbf{0}) \leq t \leq 1$ , the lower level subset  $\bar{A}_t$  is a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* First, let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ . Suppose  $A(\mathbf{0}) \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $\{a, b\} \subseteq \bar{A}_t$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $A(a) \leq t$  and  $A(b) \leq t$ . Now  $A(a - b) \leq \max\{A(a), A(b)\} \leq t$ ,  $A(ab) \leq \max\{A(a), A(b)\} \leq t$  and  $A(ax) \leq A(a) \leq t$  (respectively,  $A(ax) \leq A(a) \leq t$ ). Therefore,  $a - b, ab, ax$  (respectively,  $xa) \in \bar{A}_t$  and so  $\bar{A}_t$  is a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $\forall t$  with  $A(\mathbf{0}) \leq t \leq 1$ , the lower level subset  $\bar{A}_t$  is a left (respectively, right) ideal of  $X$ . Suppose  $x, y \in X$ ,  $t = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$ . Now  $A(x) \leq t$  and  $A(y) \leq t$ , and so  $x, y \in \bar{A}_t$ . Consequently  $x - y, xy \in \bar{A}_t$  and therefore,  $A(x - y) \leq t = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$  and  $A(xy) \leq t = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$ .

Again  $y \in \bar{A}_{A(y)}$ . Consequently  $xy \in \bar{A}_{A(y)}$  (respectively,  $yx \in \bar{A}_{A(y)}$ ). This implies that  $A(xy) \leq A(y)$  (respectively,  $A(yx) \leq A(y)$ ). Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Definition 3.17.** Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then for  $A(\mathbf{0}) \leq t \leq 1$ , the lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  are called lower level ideals of  $A$ . In particular, the set  $\bar{A}_{A(\mathbf{0})} = \{x \in X : A(x) = A(\mathbf{0})\}$  is also an ideal of  $X$  which will be denoted later on by  $A_0$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** Given  $0 \leq s < t \leq 1$ , and  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\bar{A}_s = \bar{A}_t \Leftrightarrow \exists$  no  $x \in X$  such that  $s < A(x) \leq t$ .

*Proof.* First, let  $\bar{A}_s = \bar{A}_t$ . Therefore  $x \in \bar{A}_t \Rightarrow x \in \bar{A}_s$ . That is,  $A(x) \leq t \Rightarrow A(x) \leq s$ . Thus  $\exists$  no  $x \in X$  such that  $s < A(x) \leq t$ .

Conversely, let  $\exists$  no  $x \in X$  such that  $s < A(x) \leq t$ . Therefore  $A(x) \leq t \Rightarrow A(x) \leq s$ . That is,  $x \in \bar{A}_t \Rightarrow x \in \bar{A}_s$ . Thus  $\bar{A}_t \subseteq \bar{A}_s$ . Moreover  $\bar{A}_s \subseteq \bar{A}_t$ , since  $s < t$ . Therefore  $\bar{A}_s = \bar{A}_t$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.19.** For every anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of  $X$ , there exists an anti fuzzy ideal  $\hat{A}$  of  $\frac{X}{A_0}$  such that  $\hat{A}(x + A_0) = A(x)$ . On the other hand, if  $U$  is an ideal of  $X$  and  $\hat{B}$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $\frac{X}{U}$  such that  $\hat{B}(x + U) = \hat{B}(U) \Leftrightarrow x \in U$ , then there exists an anti fuzzy ideal  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A_0 = U$  and  $\hat{A} = \hat{B}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Define  $\hat{A} : \frac{X}{A_0} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $\hat{A}(x + A_0) = A(x)$ .  $\hat{A}$  is well defined since,  $x + A_0 = y + A_0 \Rightarrow x - y \in A_0 \Rightarrow A(x - y) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(y) \Rightarrow \hat{A}(x + A_0) = \hat{A}(y + A_0)$ . Also we see that  $\hat{A}$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $\frac{X}{A_0}$ , since

$$(i) \hat{A}((x + A_0) - (y + A_0)) = \hat{A}((x - y) + A_0) = A(x - y) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\} = \max\{\hat{A}(x + A_0), \hat{A}(y + A_0)\}$$

and

$$(ii) \hat{A}((x + A_0)(y + A_0)) = \hat{A}(xy + A_0) = A(xy) \leq \min\{A(x), A(y)\} = \min\{\hat{A}(x + A_0), \hat{A}(y + A_0)\}.$$

Again, let  $U$  be an ideal of  $X$  and  $\hat{B}$  an anti fuzzy ideal of  $\frac{X}{U}$  such that  $\hat{B}(x + U) = \hat{B}(U) \Leftrightarrow x \in U$ .

Now, define  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $A(x) = \hat{B}(x + U)$ . We see that  $A$  is well defined, since  $x = y \Rightarrow x + U = y + U \Rightarrow \hat{B}(x + U) = \hat{B}(y + U) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(y)$ . Also,  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$  as,

$$(i) A(x - y) = \hat{B}((x - y) + U) = \hat{B}((x + U) - (y + U)) \leq \max\{\hat{B}(x + U), \hat{B}(y + U)\} = \max\{A(x), A(y)\}$$

and

$$(ii) A(xy) = \hat{B}(xy + U) = \hat{B}((x + U)(y + U)) \leq \min\{\hat{B}(x + U), \hat{B}(y + U)\} = \min\{A(x), A(y)\}.$$

Again  $x \in U \Leftrightarrow \hat{B}(x + U) = \hat{B}(U) \Leftrightarrow A(x) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Leftrightarrow x \in A_0$ , and so  $U = A_0$ .

Finally,  $\widehat{B}(x + U) = A(x) = \widehat{A}(x + A_0) = \widehat{A}(x + U)$ . Thus  $\widehat{A} = \widehat{B}$ . □

#### 4. FUZZIFICATION OF A LOWER LEVEL SUBSET

According to Biswas [3], the fuzzification of the lower level set  $\bar{\mu}_t$  of the fuzzy set  $\mu$  is the fuzzy set  $A_{\bar{\mu}_t}$  defined by

$$A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(x) = \begin{cases} \mu(x) & \text{if } x \in \bar{\mu}_t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Based on this definition it was claimed [in [3], Proposition 5.1] that if  $\mu$  is an anti fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ , then  $A_{\bar{\mu}_t}$  is also an anti fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ . But our analysis proves that this proposition is not valid in general. For, if it is possible to find  $x, y \in G$  such that  $x \notin \bar{\mu}_t, y \notin \bar{\mu}_t$  but  $xy^{-1} \in \bar{\mu}_t$ , then  $A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(xy^{-1}) = \mu(xy^{-1}), A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(x) = 0$  and  $A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(y) = 0$ , and therefore, the condition  $A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(xy^{-1}) \leq \max\{A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(x), A_{\bar{\mu}_t}(y)\}$  is not satisfied, in general, unless  $\mu(xy^{-1}) = 0$ . As for example, let  $\mathbf{Z}$  denotes the set of integers and  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z} \right\}$ . Clearly  $G$  is a group under matrix addition. Now, consider two subgroups  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $G$  such that  $S_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $S_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2m \\ 0 & 2n \end{pmatrix} : m, n \in \mathbf{Z} \right\}$ . Define  $\mu : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in S_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \in S_2 - S_1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x \in G - S_2 \end{cases}$$

It can be verified that  $\mu$  is an (additive) anti fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  and  $\bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}} = S_2$ . Now, take  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $x \notin \bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}, y \notin \bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  but  $x - y \in \bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Clearly  $A_{\bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}}(x) = 0, A_{\bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}}(y) = 0$  and  $A_{\bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}}(x - y) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus we see that  $A_{\bar{\mu}_{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is not an (additive) anti fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

Here we give a modified definition of fuzzification of lower level subset:

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the fuzzification of the lower level subset  $\bar{A}_t = \{x \in X : A(x) \leq t\}$  is a fuzzy set  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$  and is defined by

$$\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) = \begin{cases} A(x) & \text{if } x \in \bar{A}_t \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin \bar{A}_t \end{cases}.$$

**Theorem 4.2.** For a lower level subset  $\bar{A}_t$  of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $\overline{(\delta_{\bar{A}_t})}_t = \bar{A}_t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \overline{(\delta_{\bar{A}_t})}_t$ . Then  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) \leq t$ . Also it is clear that  $A \leq \delta_{\bar{A}_t}$ . Consequently,  $A(x) \leq t$ , and so,  $x \in \bar{A}_t$ . Thus  $\overline{(\delta_{\bar{A}_t})}_t \subseteq \bar{A}_t$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in \bar{A}_t$ . Then  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) = A(x) \leq t$ . Therefore  $x \in \overline{(\delta_{\bar{A}_t})}_t$ . Thus  $\bar{A}_t \subseteq \overline{(\delta_{\bar{A}_t})}_t$ . Hence the theorem is proved. □

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy left ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$  is also an anti fuzzy left ideal of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Now consider the following cases:

Case-1: Suppose  $x, y \in \bar{A}_t$ . Clearly  $x - y, xy \in \bar{A}_t$ , since  $\bar{A}_t$  is a left ideal of  $X$ . Now

- (i)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) = A(x - y) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\} = \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) = A(xy) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\} = \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$

and

- (iii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) = A(xy) \leq A(y) = \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)$ .

Case-2: Suppose  $x \in \bar{A}_t, y \notin \bar{A}_t$ . Now  $x - y \notin \bar{A}_t$ , otherwise  $y = x - (x - y) \in \bar{A}_t$ , a contradiction. Clearly  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) = \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y) = 1$  and  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) = A(x)$ . Now

- (i)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) = \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) \leq \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$

and

- (iii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) \leq \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)$ .

Case-3: Suppose  $x \notin \bar{A}_t, y \in \bar{A}_t$ . Now  $x - y \notin \bar{A}_t$  and  $xy \in \bar{A}_t$ . Clearly  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) = \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) = 1, \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y) = A(y)$  and  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) = A(xy)$ . Now

- (i)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) = \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$
- (ii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) = A(xy) \leq \max\{A(x), A(y)\} \leq \max\{1, \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\} = \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\}$

and

- (iii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) = A(xy) \leq A(y) = \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)$ .

Case-4: Suppose  $x \notin \bar{A}_t, y \notin \bar{A}_t$ . Clearly  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x) = \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y) = 1$  and therefore

- (i)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x - y) \leq \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\} = 1$
- (ii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) \leq \max\{\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(x), \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y)\} = 1$

and

- (iii)  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}(xy) \leq \delta_{\bar{A}_t}(y) = 1$ . Hence the theorem is proved. □

In a similar way we can prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$  is also an anti fuzzy right ideal of  $X$ .*

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then so is  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$ .*

## 5. QUOTIENT RING

In [2], Bingxue gave a concept of fuzzy quotient ring of the form  $\frac{X}{E}$  considering  $E$  as a fuzzy semi-ideal of  $X$ . In this section, a concept of quotient ring of the form  $\frac{X}{A}$ , where  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , is given and some isomorphism theorems are established.

**Definition 5.1** ([2, 5, 9, 15]). Let  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1], \forall y \in X, y + A$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  which is defined as follows:  $(y + A)(x) = A(x - y), \forall x \in X$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\forall y_1, y_2 \in X, y_1 + A \leq y_2 + A \Rightarrow A(y_1) = A(y_2)$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $y_1 + A \leq y_2 + A \Rightarrow (y_1 + A)(x) \leq (y_2 + A)(x) \forall x \in X$ . Now,  $A(y_2 - y_1) = (y_1 + A)(y_2) \leq (y_2 + A)(y_2) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A(y_2 - y_1) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A(y_1) = A(y_2)$ . □



**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $A(y_2 - y_1) = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow y_1 + A = y_2 + A, \forall y_1, y_2 \in X$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $(y_1 + A)(x) = A(x - y_1) = A((x - y_2) - (y_1 - y_2)) \leq \max\{A(x - y_2), A(y_1 - y_2)\} = \max\{A(x - y_2), A(\mathbf{0})\} = A(x - y_2)(x) = (y_2 + A)(x), \forall x \in X$ . Therefore  $y_1 + A \leq y_2 + A$ . Similarly we can show that  $y_2 + A \leq y_1 + A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\forall y_1, y_2 \in X, y_1 + A = y_2 + A \Leftrightarrow A(y_1 - y_2) = A(\mathbf{0})$ .*

**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then  $\forall x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in X$ ,*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + A = x_2 + A \\ \text{and} \\ x_3 + A = x_4 + A \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x_1 + x_3) + A = (x_2 + x_4) + A \\ \text{and} \\ (x_1x_3) + A = (x_2x_4) + A \end{array} \right\}$$

*Proof.* Clearly  $A(x_2 - x_1) = A(x_3 - x_4) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Now  $A((x_2 + x_4) - (x_1 + x_3)) = A((x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_4)) \leq \max\{A(x_2 - x_1), A(x_3 - x_4)\} = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A((x_2 + x_4) - (x_1 + x_3)) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Therefore  $(x_1 + x_3) + A = (x_2 + x_4) + A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } A(x_1x_3 - x_2x_4) &= A((x_1 - x_2)x_3 - x_2(x_4 - x_3)) \\ &\leq \max\{A((x_1 - x_2)x_3), A(x_2(x_4 - x_3))\} \\ &\leq \max\{A(x_1 - x_2), A(x_4 - x_3)\} = A(\mathbf{0}) \Rightarrow A(x_1x_3 - x_2x_4) = A(\mathbf{0}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $x_1x_3 + A = x_2x_4 + A$ .  $\square$

The results obtained in Theorem 5.5 lead us to establish the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $X$  be a ring and  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . Then the set  $\frac{X}{A} = \{x + A : x \in X\}$  is a quotient ring under the following operations:*

$$(x + A) + (y + A) = (x + y) + A \quad \text{and} \quad (x + A)(y + A) = xy + A.$$

*Proof.*  $\forall x, y, z \in X$ , the following are obvious:

- (1)  $(x + A) + (y + A) = (x + y) + A \in \frac{X}{A}$ .
- (2)  $(x + A)(y + A) = xy + A \in \frac{X}{A}$ .
- (3)  $(x + A) + (y + A) = (y + A) + (x + A) = (x + y) + A$ .
- (4)  $[(x + A) + (y + A)] + (z + A) = (x + A) + [(y + A) + (z + A)] = (x + y + z) + A$ .
- (5)  $A + (x + A) = (x + A) + A = x + A$ .
- (6)  $(x + A) + (-x + A) = A$ .
- (7)  $(x + A)[(y + A) + (z + A)] = (x + A)(y + A) + (x + A)(z + A) = (xy + xz) + A$ .
- (8)  $[(x + A) + (y + A)](z + A) = (x + A)(z + A) + (y + A)(z + A) = (xz + yz) + A$ .

Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $A$  be an anti fuzzy ideal  $X$ . Then  $\frac{X}{A} \cong \frac{X}{A_0}$ .*

*Proof.* Define  $f : X \rightarrow \frac{X}{A}$  by  $f(x) = x + A$ . Clearly  $f$  is an epimorphism. Now  $\ker(f) = \{x \in X : x + A = A\} = \{x \in X : A(x) = A(\mathbf{0})\} = A_0$ , and therefore by the ‘fundamental theorem of homomorphism’,  $\frac{X}{A} \cong \frac{X}{A_0}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two anti fuzzy ideals  $X$ . Then  $\frac{B_0}{A}$  is an ideal of  $\frac{X}{A}$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $B_0$  is an ideal of  $X$ . Let  $b_1 + A, b_2 + A \in \frac{B_0}{A}$  and  $x + A \in \frac{X}{A}$ . Then  $b_1 - b_2, b_1b_2, xb_1, b_1x \in B_0$ . Therefore  $(b_1 + A) - (b_2 + A), (b_1 + A)(b_2 + A), (b_1 + A)(x + A), (x + A)(b_1 + A) \in \frac{B_0}{A}$ . Hence  $\frac{B_0}{A}$  is an ideal of  $\frac{X}{A}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.9.** Consider an epimorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between rings and let  $B$  be an anti fuzzy ideal of  $Y$ . Then  $\frac{X}{f^{-1}(B)} \cong \frac{Y}{B}$ .

*Proof.* Consider a map  $g : \frac{X}{f^{-1}(B)} \rightarrow \frac{Y}{B}$  defined by  $g(x + f^{-1}(B)) = f(x) + B$ . Now,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 + f^{-1}(B) = x_2 + f^{-1}(B) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(B)(x_1 - x_2) = f^{-1}(B)(\mathbf{0}) \Leftrightarrow B(f(x_1 - x_2)) = B(\mathbf{0}) \Leftrightarrow B(f(x_1)) - B(f(x_2)) = B(\mathbf{0}) \Leftrightarrow f(x_1) + B = f(x_2) + B \Leftrightarrow g(x_1 + f^{-1}(B)) = g(x_2 + f^{-1}(B)) \Rightarrow g$  is well defined and one-one.

Clearly  $g$  is onto as so is  $f$ .

Again  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X, g((x_1 + f^{-1}(B)) + (x_2 + f^{-1}(B))) = g((x_1 + x_2) + f^{-1}(B)) = f(x_1 + x_2) + B = (f(x_1) + f(x_2)) + B = (f(x_1) + B) + (f(x_2) + B) = g(x_1 + f^{-1}(B)) + g(x_2 + f^{-1}(B))$ .

Similarly we can show that,

$$g((x_1 + f^{-1}(B)).(x_2 + f^{-1}(B))) = g(x_1 + f^{-1}(B)).g(x_2 + f^{-1}(B)).$$

Hence  $g$  is an isomorphism and so  $\frac{X}{f^{-1}(B)} \cong \frac{Y}{B}$ . □

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two anti fuzzy ideals of  $X$  such that  $B \leq A$  and  $A(\mathbf{0}) = B(\mathbf{0})$ . Then  $\frac{\frac{X}{A}}{\frac{B_0}{A}} \cong \frac{X}{B_0}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $f : \frac{X}{A} \rightarrow \frac{X}{B_0}$  by  $f(x + A) = x + B_0$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ . Now  $x_1 + A = x_2 + A \Rightarrow A(x_1 - x_2) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Since  $B \leq A, B(x_1 - x_2) \leq A(x_1 - x_2) = A(\mathbf{0}) = B(\mathbf{0})$ . Therefore  $B(x_1 - x_2) = B(\mathbf{0})$ , and so,  $x_1 + B_0 = x_2 + B_0 \Rightarrow f$  is well defined. Clearly  $f$  is onto. Again

$$f((x_1 + A) + (x_2 + A)) = f((x_1 + x_2) + A) = (x_1 + x_2) + B_0 = (x_1 + B_0) + (x_2 + B_0) = f((x_1 + A)) + f((x_2 + A))$$

and

$$f((x_1 + A)(x_2 + A)) = f((x_1 x_2) + A) = (x_1 x_2) + B_0 = (x_1 + B_0)(x_2 + B_0) = f(x_1 + A)f(x_2 + A).$$

Thus we see that  $f$  is an epimorphism.

Now  $\ker(f) = \{x + A : x + B_0 = B_0\} = \{x + A : x \in B_0\} = \frac{B_0}{A}$ . Therefore  $\frac{\frac{X}{A}}{\frac{B_0}{A}} \cong \frac{X}{B_0}$ . □

**Theorem 5.11.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two anti fuzzy ideals of a ring  $X$  such that  $A(\mathbf{0}) = B(\mathbf{0})$ . Then  $\frac{A_0 + B_0}{A} \cong \frac{B_0}{A \vee B}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $f : \frac{A_0 + B_0}{A} \rightarrow \frac{B_0}{A \vee B}$  by  $f(a + b + A) = b + A \vee B$ , where  $a \in A_0$  and  $b \in B_0$ . Let  $(a_1 + b_1) + A = (a_2 + b_2) + A$ , where  $a_1, a_2 \in A_0$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in B_0$ . Then  $A(a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2) = A(\mathbf{0}) = A(a_1 - a_2)$ . Now  $A(b_1 - b_2) = A((a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2) - (a_1 - a_2)) \leq \max\{A(a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2), A(a_1 - a_2)\} = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Hence  $A(b_1 - b_2) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Therefore  $(A \vee B)(b_1 - b_2) = (A \vee B)(\mathbf{0})$ , and so,  $b_1 + A \vee B = b_2 + A \vee B \Rightarrow f$  is well defined.

Again, let  $f((a_1 + b_1) + A) = f((a_2 + b_2) + A)$ . Then  $b_1 + A \vee B = b_2 + A \vee B$  and therefore,  $(A \vee B)(b_2 - b_1) = (A \vee B)(\mathbf{0}) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . This implies that  $A(b_2 - b_1) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Now  $A(a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2) = A((a_1 - a_2) - (b_2 - b_1)) \leq \max\{A(a_1 - a_2), A(b_2 - b_1)\} = \max\{A(\mathbf{0}), A(\mathbf{0})\} = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Therefore  $A(a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2) = A(\mathbf{0})$ . Readily  $(a_1 + b_1) + A = (a_2 + b_2) + A$ . Thus we see that  $f$  is one-one.

Moreover, it is clear that  $f$  is onto. Again,

$$f(((a_1 + b_1) + A) + ((a_2 + b_2) + A)) = f((a_1 + b_1) + A) + f((a_2 + b_2) + A) = (b_1 + b_2) + A \vee B$$

and

$$f(((a_1 + b_1) + A)((a_2 + b_2) + A)) = f((a_1 + b_1) + A)f((a_2 + b_2) + A) = (b_1 b_2) + A \vee B.$$

Thus we see that  $f$  is a homomorphism and so it is an isomorphism. Therefore  $\frac{A_0 + B_0}{A} \cong \frac{B_0}{A \vee B}$ .  $\square$

## 6. CONCLUSION

Biswas' [3] idea of anti fuzzy ideal of groups is extended and a notion of anti fuzzy ideal of rings is introduced in this paper. For any fuzzy set  $A$  of a ring  $X$ , it is found that the corresponding lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  are ideals of  $X$  if and only if  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . A modified definition of fuzzification of lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  is given and it is observed that if  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ , then the fuzzification  $\delta_{\bar{A}_t}$  of lower level subsets  $\bar{A}_t$  of  $A$  is also an anti fuzzy ideal of  $X$ . In addition, a concept of quotient ring of the form  $\frac{X}{A}$ , where  $A$  is an anti fuzzy ideal of a ring  $X$  is given and various isomorphism theorems are established.

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