



## A study on Q-fuzzy normal subgroups and cosets

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study some of the properties of Q-fuzzy normal subgroups, cosets and prove some results on these.

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## Introduction

After the introduction of fuzzy sets by L.A.Zadeh[18], several researchers explored on the generalization of the notion of fuzzy set. Azriel Rosenfeld[3] defined a Fuzzy groups. Anthony. J.M. and Sherwood.H[2] defined a fuzzy groups redefined. Choudhury.F.P. and Chakraborty.A.B. and Khare.S.S. [5] defined a fuzzy subgroups and fuzzy homomorphism. A.Solairaju and R.Nagarajan [14] have introduced and defined a new algebraic structure called Q-fuzzy subgroups. We introduce the concept of Q-fuzzy normal subgroups, cosets and established some results.

## Preliminaries

**Definition:** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A **fuzzy subset**  $A$  of  $X$  is a function  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

**Definition:** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $Q$  be a non-empty set. A **Q-fuzzy subset**  $A$  of  $X$  is a function  $A : X \times Q \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

**Example:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  be a set and  $Q = \{p\}$ . Then  $A = \{ \langle (a, p), 0.4 \rangle, \langle (b, p), 0.2 \rangle, \langle (c, p), 0.5 \rangle \}$  is a Q-fuzzy subset of  $X$ .

**Definition:** A subgroup  $(H, \cdot)$  of a group  $(G, \cdot)$  is called a **normal subgroup** of  $G$  if  $aH = Ha$ , for all  $a$  in  $G$ .

**Definition:** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and  $Q$  be a set. A Q-fuzzy subset  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a **Q-fuzzy subgroup(QFSG)** of  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $A(xy, q) \geq \min \{A(x, q), A(y, q)\}$ ,(ii)  $A(x^{-1}, q) \geq A(x, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition:** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and  $Q$  be a non-empty set. A Q-fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a **Q-fuzzy normal subgroup(QFNSG)** of  $G$  if  $A(xy, q) = A(yx, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition:** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and  $Q$  be a non-empty set. A Q-fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be a **Q-fuzzy characteristic subgroup(QFCSG)** of  $G$  if  $A(x, q) = A(f(x), q)$ , for all  $x$  in  $G$  and  $f$  in  $Q$ -Aut $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition:** A Q-fuzzy subset  $A$  of a set  $X$  is said to be **normalized** if there exist  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $A(x, q) = 1$ .

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a Q-fuzzy subgroup of a group  $(G, \cdot)$ . For any  $a$  in  $G$ ,  $aA$  defined by  $(aA)(x, q) = A(a^{-1}x, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ , is called a **Q-fuzzy coset** of  $G$ .

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a Q-fuzzy subgroup of a group  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $H = \{x \in G / A(x, q) = A(e, q)\}$ , then  $O(A)$ , **order of A** is defined as  $O(A) = O(H)$ .

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a Q-fuzzy subgroup of a group  $(G, \cdot)$ . Then for any  $a$  and  $b$  in  $G$ , a **Q-fuzzy middle coset**  $aAb$  of  $G$  is defined by  $(aAb)(x, q) = A(a^{-1}x b^{-1}, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition:** Let  $A$  be a Q-fuzzy subgroup of a group  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $a$  in  $G$ . Then the **pseudo Q-fuzzy coset**  $(aA)^p$  is defined by  $((aA)^p)(x, q) = p(a)A(x, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and for some  $p$  in  $P$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Definition:** A Q-fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of a group  $G$  is called a **generalized characteristic Q-fuzzy subgroup (GCQFSG)** if for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ ,  $O(x) = O(y)$  implies  $A(x, q) = A(y, q)$ ,  $q$  in  $Q$ .

## Some properties of Q-fuzzy normal subgroups:

**Proposition:** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and  $Q$  be a non-empty set. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two Q-fuzzy normal subgroups of  $G$ , then their intersection  $A \cap B$  is a Q-fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$  and  $A = \{ \langle (x, q), A(x, q) \rangle / x \text{ in } G \text{ and } q \text{ in } Q \}$  and  $B = \{ \langle (x, q), B(x, q) \rangle / x \text{ in } G \text{ and } q \text{ in } Q \}$  be a Q-fuzzy normal subgroups of  $G$ . Let  $C = A \cap B$  and  $C = \{ \langle (x, q), C(x, q) \rangle / x \text{ in } G \text{ and } q \text{ in } Q \}$ . Where  $C(x, q) = \min \{A(x, q), B(x, q)\}$ . Then, Clearly  $C$  is a Q-fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , since  $A$  and  $B$  are two Q-fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ . And,  $C(xy, q) = \min \{A(xy, q), B(xy, q)\}$ ,  $= \min \{A(yx, q), B(yx, q)\} = C(yx, q)$ . Therefore,  $C(xy, q) = C(yx, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

Hence  $A \cap B$  is a Q-fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and  $Q$  be a non-empty set. The intersection of a family of Q-fuzzy normal subgroups of  $G$  is a Q-fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of Q-fuzzy normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $A = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ . Then for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ ,

clearly the intersection of a family of Q-fuzzy subgroups of a

group  $G$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ . Now,  $A(xy, q) = \inf_{i \in I} A_i(xy, q) = \inf_{i \in I} A_i(yx, q) = A(yx, q)$ .

Therefore,  $A(xy, q) = A(yx, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence the intersection of a family of  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroups of a group  $G$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proposition:** If  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy characteristic subgroup of a group  $G$ , then  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy characteristic subgroup of a group  $G$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Consider the map  $f: G \times Q \rightarrow G \times Q$  defined by  $f(x, q) = (yxy^{-1}, q)$ .

Clearly,  $f$  in  $Q$ -Aut $G$ . Now,  $A(xy, q) = A(f(xy, q)) = A(y(xy)y^{-1}, q) = A(yx, q)$ . Therefore,  $A(xy, q) = A(yx, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

Hence  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** A  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of a group  $G$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $A$  is constant on the conjugate classes of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Now,  $A(y^{-1}xy, q) = A(xyy^{-1}, q) = A(x, q)$ . Therefore,  $A(y^{-1}xy, q) = A(x, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $(x) = \{y^{-1}xy / y \in G\}$ .

Hence  $A$  is constant on the conjugate classes of  $G$ . Conversely, suppose that  $A$  is constant on the conjugate classes of  $G$ . Then,  $A(xy, q) = A(xyxx^{-1}, q) = A(x(yx)x^{-1}, q) = A(yx, q)$ . Therefore,  $A(xy, q) = A(yx, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then for any  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ , we have  $A(yxy^{-1}, q) = A(y^{-1}xy, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . For any  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ , we have,  $A(yxy^{-1}, q) = A(x, q) = A(xyy^{-1}, q) = A(y^{-1}xy, q)$ .

Therefore,  $A(yxy^{-1}, q) = A(y^{-1}xy, q)$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Proposition:** A  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of a group  $G$  is normalized if and only if  $A(e, q) = 1$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of the group  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

**Proof:** If  $A$  is normalized, then there exists  $x$  in  $G$  such that  $A(x, q) = 1$ , but by properties of a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ ,  $A(x, q) \leq A(e, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Since  $A(x, q) = 1$  and  $A(x, q) \leq A(e, q)$ ,  $1 \leq A(e, q)$ . But  $1 \geq A(e, q)$ .

Hence  $A(e, q) = 1$ . Conversely, if  $A(e, q) = 1$ , then by the definition of normalized  $Q$ -fuzzy subset,  $A$  is normalized.

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroups of the groups  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroups, then  $A \times B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G \times H$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroups of the groups  $G$  and  $H$  respectively. Clearly  $A \times B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G \times H$ , since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroups  $G$  and  $H$ . Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be in  $G$ ,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be in  $H$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Then  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are in  $G \times H$ . Now,  $A \times B [(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2), q] = A \times B [(x_1x_2, y_1y_2), q] = \min \{ A(x_1x_2, q), B(y_1y_2, q) \} = \min \{ A(x_2x_1, q), B(y_2y_1, q) \} = A \times B [(x_2x_1, y_2y_1), q] = A \times B [(x_2, y_2)(x_1, y_1), q]$ . Therefore,  $A \times B [(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2), q] = A \times B [(x_2, y_2)(x_1, y_1), q]$ . Hence  $A \times B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup of  $G \times H$ .

**Proposition:** Let a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $A$  of a group  $G$  be conjugate to a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  and a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $B$  of a group  $H$  be conjugate to a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $N$  of  $H$ . Then a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $A \times B$  of a group  $G \times H$  is conjugate to a  $Q$ -fuzzy normal subgroup  $M \times N$  of  $G \times H$ .

**Proof:** It is trivial.

### Properties of $q$ -fuzzy cosets

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a finite group  $G$ , then  $O(A) / O(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a finite group  $G$  with  $e$  as its identity element. Clearly  $H = \{x \in G / A(x, q) = A(e, q)\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  for  $H$  is a  $\alpha$ -level subset of  $G$  where  $\alpha = A(e, q)$ . By Lagrange's theorem  $O(H) / O(G)$ .

Hence by the definition of the order of the  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ , we have  $O(A) / O(G)$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $Q$ -fuzzy subsets of an abelian group  $G$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subsets of the abelian group  $G$  if and only if  $A = B$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subsets of abelian group  $G$ , then for some  $y$  in  $G$ , we have  $A(x, q) = B(y^{-1}xy, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q = B(yy^{-1}x, q)$ , since  $G$  is an abelian group,  $= B(x, q) = B(x, q)$ . Therefore,  $A(x, q) = B(x, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $A = B$ . Conversely, if  $A = B$ , then for the identity element  $e$  of  $G$ , we have,  $A(x, q) = B(e^{-1}xe, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subsets of  $G$ .

**Proposition:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroups of the normal group  $G$ , then  $O(A) = O(B)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroups of  $G$ . Now,  $O(A) = \text{order of } \{x \in G / A(x, q) = A(e, q)\} = \text{order of } \{x \in G / B(y^{-1}xy, q) = B(y^{-1}ey, q)\} = \text{order of } \{x \in G / B(x, q) = B(e, q)\} = O(B)$ . Hence  $O(A) = O(B)$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ , then the pseudo  $Q$ -fuzzy coset  $(aA)^p$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ , for every  $a$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ . For every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ , we have,  $((aA)^p)(xy^{-1}, q) = p(a)A(xy^{-1}, q) \geq p(a) \min \{A(x, q), A(y, q)\} = \min \{p(a)A(x, q), p(a)A(y, q)\} = \min \{((aA)^p)(x, q), ((aA)^p)(y, q)\}$ . Therefore,  $((aA)^p)(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \min \{((aA)^p)(x, q), ((aA)^p)(y, q)\}$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $(aA)^p$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** If  $A$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ , then for any  $a$  in  $G$  the  $Q$ -fuzzy middle coset  $aAa^{-1}$  of  $G$  is also a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  and  $a$  in  $G$ . To prove  $aAa^{-1}$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Then  $(aAa^{-1})(xy^{-1}, q) = A(a^{-1}xy^{-1}a, q) = A(a^{-1}xaa^{-1}y^{-1}a, q) = A((a^{-1}xa)(a^{-1}ya)^{-1}, q) \geq \min \{A(a^{-1}xa, q), A((a^{-1}ya)^{-1}, q)\} \geq \min \{A(a^{-1}xa, q), A(a^{-1}ya, q)\}$ , since  $A$  is a QFSG of  $G$ .  $= \min \{(aAa^{-1})(x, q), (aAa^{-1})(y, q)\}$ . Therefore,  $(aAa^{-1})(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \min \{(aAa^{-1})(x, q), (aAa^{-1})(y, q)\}$ . Hence  $aAa^{-1}$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $aAa^{-1}$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy middle coset of  $G$ , then  $O(aAa^{-1}) = O(A)$ , for any  $a$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$  and  $a$  in  $G$ . By proposition 3.5, the  $Q$ -fuzzy middle coset  $aAa^{-1}$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ .

Further by the definition of a  $Q$ -fuzzy middle coset of  $G$ , we have,  $(aAa^{-1})(x, q) = A(a^{-1}xa, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence for any  $a$  in  $G$ ,  $A$  and  $aAa^{-1}$  are conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroups of a group  $G$  as there exists  $a$  in  $G$  such that  $(aAa^{-1})(x, q) = A(a^{-1}xa, q)$ , for every  $x$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . By proposition 3.3,  $O(aAa^{-1}) = O(A)$ , for any  $a$  in  $G$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $B$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of a group  $G$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy subsets of the group  $G$ , then  $B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $B$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subset of  $G$ . And, let  $A$  and  $B$  be conjugate  $Q$ -fuzzy

subsets of  $G$ . To prove  $B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Then  $xy^{-1}$  in  $G$ . Now,  $B(xy^{-1}, q) = A(g^{-1}xy^{-1}g, q) = A(g^{-1}xgg^{-1}y^{-1}g, q) = A((g^{-1}xg)(g^{-1}yg)^{-1}, q) \geq \min \{ A(g^{-1}xg, q), A((g^{-1}yg)^{-1}, q) \} \geq \min \{ A(g^{-1}xg, q), A(g^{-1}yg, q) \}$ , since  $A$  is a QFSG of  $G = \min \{ B(x, q), B(y, q) \}$ . Therefore,  $B(xy^{-1}, q) \geq \min \{ B(x, q), B(y, q) \}$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Hence  $B$  is a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of the group  $G$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then  $(x, q)A = (y, q)A$ , for  $x, y$  in  $G$  if and only if  $A(x^{-1}y, q) = A(y^{-1}x, q) = A(e, q)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $Q$ -fuzzy subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $(x, q)A = (y, q)A$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Then,  $(x, q)A(x, q) = (y, q)A(x, q)$  and  $(x, q)A(y, q) = (y, q)A(y, q)$ ,  $\Rightarrow A(x^{-1}x, q) = A(y^{-1}x, q)$  and  $A(x^{-1}y, q) = A(y^{-1}y, q)$ . Hence  $A(e, q) = A(y^{-1}x, q)$  and  $A(x^{-1}y, q) = A(e, q)$ . Therefore,  $A(x^{-1}y, q) = A(y^{-1}x, q) = A(e, q)$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . Conversely, let  $A(x^{-1}y, q) = A(y^{-1}x, q) = A(e, q)$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ . For every  $g$  in  $G$  and we have,  $(x, q)A(g, q) = A(x^{-1}g, q) = A(x^{-1}yy^{-1}g, q) \geq \min \{ A(x^{-1}y, q), A(y^{-1}g, q) \} = \min \{ A(e, q), A(y^{-1}g, q) \} = A(y^{-1}g, q) = (y, q)A(g, q)$ . Therefore,  $(x, q)A(g, q) \geq (y, q)A(g, q)$  ----- (1). And,  $(y, q)A(g, q) = A(y^{-1}g, q) = A(y^{-1}xx^{-1}g, q) \geq \min \{ A(y^{-1}x, q), A(x^{-1}g, q) \} = \min \{ A(e, q), A(x^{-1}g, q) \} = A(x^{-1}g, q) = (x, q)A(g, q)$ . Therefore,  $(y, q)A(g, q) \geq (x, q)A(g, q)$  ----- (2). From (1) and (2) we get,  $(x, q)A(g, q) = (y, q)A(g, q)$  ----- (3). We get,  $(x, q)A = (y, q)A$ , for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ .

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