

## INTERVAL VALUED FUZZY IDEALS OF GAMMA NEAR-RINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of interval valued fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings, We also characterize some of its properties and illustrate with examples of interval valued fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings .

### 1. Introduction

The notion of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [12] in 1965, and he [13] also generalized it to interval valued fuzzy subsets (shortly i.v fuzzy subsets), whose of membership values are closed subinterval of  $[0, 1]$ . Near-ring was introduced by Pilz [8] and  $\Gamma$ -near-ring was introduced by Satyanarayana [9] in 1984. The idea of fuzzy ideals of near-rings was presented by Kim *et al.* [6]. Fuzzy ideals in Gamma-near-rings was proposed by Jun *et al.* [5] in 1998. Moreover, Thillaigovindan *at al.* [10] studied the interval valued fuzzy quasi-ideals of semigroups. Chinnadurai *et al.* [3] characterized of fuzzy weak bi-ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings. Thillaigovindan *et al.* [11] worked on interval valued fuzzy ideals of near-rings. Rao [7] carried out a study on anti-fuzzy k-ideals and anti-homomorphism of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings. In this paper, we define a new notion of interval valued fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings, which is a generalized concept of an interval valued fuzzy ideals of near-rings. We also investigate some of its properties and illustrate with examples.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we list some basic definitions.

DEFINITION 2.1. ([13]) Let  $X$  be any set. A mapping  $\eta : X \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  is called an interval valued fuzzy subset (briefly, an i.v fuzzy subset) of  $X$ , where  $D[0, 1]$  denotes the family of closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{\eta}(x) = [\eta^-(x), \eta^+(x)]$  for all

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$x \in X$ , where  $\eta^-(x)$  and  $\eta^+(x)$  are fuzzy subsets of  $X$  such that  $\eta^-(x) \leq \eta^+(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. ([12]) An interval number  $\tilde{a}$ , we mean an interval  $[a^-, a^+]$  such that  $0 \leq a^- \leq a^+ \leq 1$  and where  $a^-$  and  $a^+$  are the lower and upper limits of  $\tilde{a}$  respectively. The set of all closed subintervals of  $[0, 1]$  is denoted by  $D[0, 1]$ . We also identify the interval  $[a, a]$  by the number  $a \in [0, 1]$ . For any interval numbers  $\tilde{a}_j = [a_j^-, a_j^+]$ ,  $\tilde{b}_j = [b_j^-, b_j^+] \in D[0, 1]$ ,  $j \in \Omega$  (where  $\Omega$  is index set), we define

$$\begin{aligned} \max^i \{\tilde{a}_j, \tilde{b}_j\} &= [\max\{a_j^-, b_j^-\}, \max\{a_j^+, b_j^+\}], \\ \min^i \{\tilde{a}_j, \tilde{b}_j\} &= [\min\{a_j^-, b_j^-\}, \max\{a_j^+, b_j^+\}], \\ \inf^i \tilde{a}_j &= [\bigcap_{j \in \Omega} a_j^-, \bigcap_{j \in \Omega} a_j^+], \\ \sup^i \tilde{a}_j &= [\bigcup_{j \in \Omega} a_j^-, \bigcup_{j \in \Omega} a_j^+]. \end{aligned}$$

and let

- (i)  $\tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b} \Leftrightarrow a^- \leq b^-$  and  $a^+ \leq b^+$ ,
- (ii)  $\tilde{a} = \tilde{b} \Leftrightarrow a^- = b^-$  and  $a^+ = b^+$ ,
- (iii)  $\tilde{a} < \tilde{b} \Leftrightarrow \tilde{a} \leq \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{a} \neq \tilde{b}$ ,
- (iv)  $k\tilde{a} = [ka^-, ka^+]$ , whenever  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. ([10]) Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of  $X$  and  $[t_1, t_2] \in D[0, 1]$ . Then the set  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2]) = \{x \in X | \tilde{\eta}(x) \geq [t_1, t_2]\}$  is called the upper level subset of  $\tilde{\eta}$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. ([8]) A near-ring is an algebraic system  $(R, +, \cdot)$  consisting of a non empty set  $R$  together with two binary operations called  $+$  and  $\cdot$  such that  $(R, +)$  is a group not necessarily abelian and  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semigroup connected by the following distributive law:  $(x + z) \cdot y = x \cdot y + z \cdot y$  valid for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . We use the word 'near-ring' to mean 'right near-ring'. We denote  $xy$  instead of  $x \cdot y$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. ([9]) A  $\Gamma$ -near-ring is a triple  $(M, +, \Gamma)$  where

- (i)  $(M, +)$  is a group,
- (ii)  $\Gamma$  is a nonempty set of binary operations on  $M$  such that for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,  $(M, +, \alpha)$  is a near-ring,
- (iii)  $x\alpha(y\beta z) = (x\alpha y)\beta z$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ .

In what follows, let  $M$  denote a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring unless otherwise specified.

DEFINITION 2.6. ([9]) A subset  $A$  of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$  is called a left (resp. right) ideal of  $M$  if

- (i)  $(A, +)$  is a normal divisor of  $(M, +)$ , (i.e)  $x - y \in A$  for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $y + x - y \in A$  for  $x \in A, y \in M$
- (ii)  $u\alpha(x + v) - u\alpha v \in A$  (resp.  $x\alpha u \in A$ ) for all  $x \in A, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $u, v \in M$ .

DEFINITION 2.7. ([9]) Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring. Given two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ , we define  $A\Gamma B = \{a\alpha b | a \in A, b \in B \text{ and } \alpha \in \Gamma\}$  and also define another operation  $*$  on the class of subset of  $M$  as

$$A\Gamma * B = \{a\gamma(a' + b) - a\gamma a' | a, a' \in A, \gamma \in \Gamma, b \in B\}.$$

DEFINITION 2.8. ([10]) Let  $I$  be a subset of a near-ring  $M$ . Define a function  $\tilde{f}_I : M \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  by

$$f_I(x) = \begin{cases} \tilde{1} & \text{if } x \in I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

DEFINITION 2.9. ([4]) If  $\tilde{\eta}$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\eta}_i (i \in \Omega)$  are i.v fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . The following are defined by

- (i)  $\tilde{\eta} \leq \tilde{\lambda} \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\eta}(x) \leq \tilde{\lambda}(x)$ .
- (ii)  $\tilde{\eta} = \tilde{\lambda} \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\eta}(x) = \tilde{\lambda}(x)$ .
- (iii)  $(\tilde{\eta} \cap \tilde{\lambda})(x) = \min^i \{ \tilde{\eta}(x), \tilde{\lambda}(x) \}$ .
- (iv)  $(\tilde{\eta} \cup \tilde{\lambda})(x) = \max^i \{ \tilde{\eta}(x), \tilde{\lambda}(x) \}$ .
- (v)  $\bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(x) = \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(x) | i \in \Omega \}$ .
- (vi)  $\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(x) = \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(x) | i \in \Omega \}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

where  $\inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega \} = [\inf_{i \in \Omega} \{ \eta_i^-(x) \}, \inf_{i \in \Omega} \{ \eta_i^+(x) \}]$  is the i.v infimum norm and  $\sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega \} = [\sup_{i \in \Omega} \{ \eta_i^-(x) \}, \sup_{i \in \Omega} \{ \eta_i^+(x) \}]$  is the i.v supremum norm.

### 3. Interval valued fuzzy ideals of $\Gamma$ -near-rings

In this section, we introduce the notion of i.v fuzzy left(right)ideal of  $M$  and discuss some of its properties.

DEFINITION 3.1. An i.v fuzzy subset  $\tilde{\eta}$  in a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$  is called an i.v fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal of  $M$  if

- (i)  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy normal divisor with respect to addition,
- (ii)  $\tilde{\eta}(c\alpha(p + d) - cad) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p)$ , (resp.  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha c) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p)$ ) for all  $p, c, d \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

The condition (i) of definition 3.1 means that  $\tilde{\eta}$  satisfies:

- (i)  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \min^i \{ \tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q) \}$ ,
- (ii)  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p)$ , for all  $p, q \in M$

Note that  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left (resp. right) ideal of  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}(0) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p)$  for all  $p \in M$ , where 0 is the zero element of  $M$ .

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let  $M = \{0, a, b, c\}$  be a non-empty set with binary operation  $+$  and  $\Gamma = \{\alpha, \beta\}$  be the non-empty set of binary operations as shown in the following tables:

+	0	a	b	c	α	0	a	b	c	β	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c	0	0	∅	0	∅	0	0	∅	0	∅
a	a	0	c	b	a	a	a	a	a	a	0	∅	0	∅
b	b	c	0	a	b	0	∅	b	b	b	0	a	c	b
c	c	b	a	0	c	a	a	c	c	c	0	a	b	c

Table 1.

Let  $\tilde{\eta} : M \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  be an i.v fuzzy subset defined by  $\tilde{\eta}(0) = [0.8, 0.9]$ , and  $\tilde{\eta}(a) = [0.6, 0.7], \tilde{\eta}(b) = \tilde{\eta}(c) = [0.2, 0.3]$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\tilde{\eta} = [\eta^-, \eta^+]$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $\eta^-, \eta^+$  are fuzzy left (right) ideal of  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy left ideal of  $M$ . For any  $p, q, r \in M$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} [\eta^-(p - q), \eta^+(p - q)] &= \tilde{\eta}(p - q) \\ &\geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\} \\ &= \min^i\{[\eta^-(p), \eta^+(p)], [\eta^-(q), \eta^+(q)]\} \\ &= \min^i\{[\eta^-(p), \eta^-(q)], \min^i\{[\eta^+(p), \eta^+(q)]\}\} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\eta^-(p) \geq \min^i\{\eta^-(p), \eta^-(q)\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [\eta^-(p\alpha q), \eta^+(p\alpha q)] &= \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) \\ &\geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\} \\ &= \min^i\{[\eta^-(p), \eta^+(p)], [\eta^-(q), \eta^+(q)]\} \\ &= \min^i\{[\eta^-(p), \eta^-(q)], \min^i\{[\eta^+(p), \eta^+(q)]\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\eta^-(p\alpha q) \geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}$$

and

$$\eta^+(p\alpha q) \geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}.$$

Now

$$[\eta^-(q + p - q), \eta^+(q + p - q)] = \tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) = \tilde{\eta}(p) = [\eta^-(p), \eta^+(p)].$$

It follows that  $\eta^-(q + p - q) = \eta^-(p)$  and  $\eta^+(q + p - q) = \eta^+(p)$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} [\eta^-(p\alpha q), \eta^+(p\alpha q)] &\geq \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) \\ &\geq \tilde{\eta}(q) \\ &= [\eta^-(q), \eta^+(q)] \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\eta^-(p\alpha q) \geq \eta^-(q) \text{ and } \eta^+(p\alpha q) \geq \eta^+(q).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} [\eta^-((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q), \eta^+((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q)] &= \tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \\ &\geq \tilde{\eta}(r) \\ &= [\eta^-(r), \eta^+(r)]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\eta^-((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq \eta^-(r)$  and  $\eta^+((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq \eta^+(r)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\eta^-, \eta^+$  are fuzzy left(right) ideals of  $M$ . Let  $p, q, r \in M$   
Now

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\eta}(p - q) &= [\eta^-(p - q), \eta^+(p - q)] \\ &\geq \min^i \{[\eta^-(p)\eta^-(q)], \min^i \{[\eta^+(p)\eta^+(q)]\}\} \\ &\geq \min^i \{[\eta^-(p)\eta^+(p)], \min^i \{[\eta^-(q)\eta^+(q)]\}\} \\ &= \min^i \{[\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)]\} \\ \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= [\eta^-(p\alpha q), \eta^+(p\alpha q)] \\ &\geq \min^i \{[\eta^-(p)\eta^-(q)], \min^i \{[\eta^+(p)\eta^+(q)]\}\} \\ &\geq \min^i \{[\eta^-(p)\eta^+(p)], \min^i \{[\eta^-(q)\eta^+(q)]\}\} \\ &= \min^i \{[\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)]\} \\ \tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) &= [\eta^-(q + p - q), \eta^+(q + p - q)] \\ &= [\eta^-(p), \eta^+(p)] \\ &= \tilde{\eta}(p) \\ \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= [\eta^-(p\alpha q), \eta^+(p\alpha q)] \\ &\geq [\eta^-(q), \eta^+(q)] \\ &= \tilde{\eta}(q) \\ \tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) &= [\eta^-( (p + r)\alpha q - p\alpha q), \eta^+((p + r)\alpha q - p\alpha q)] \\ &\geq [\eta^-(r), \eta^+(r)] \\ &= \tilde{\eta}(r)\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $I$  be a left (right) ideal of  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ . Then for any  $\tilde{c} \in D[0, 1]$ , there exists an i.v fuzzy left (right) ideal  $\tilde{\eta}$  of  $M$  such that  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : \tilde{c}) = I$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $I$  be a left (right)ideal of  $M$ . Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of  $M$  defined by

$$\tilde{\eta}(p) = \begin{cases} \tilde{c} & \text{if } p \in I \\ \tilde{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta}; \tilde{c}) = I$ . If  $p, q \in I$ , then  $p, q \in I$  and

$$\tilde{\eta}(p - q) = \tilde{c} = \min^i \{\tilde{c}, \tilde{c}\} = \min^i \{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}.$$

If  $p, q \notin I$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{0} = \tilde{\eta}(q)$  and thus

$$\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \tilde{0} = \min^i \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{0}\} = \min^i \{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}.$$

Suppose that  $p, q \in I$ . Then

$$\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \tilde{0} = \min^i \{\tilde{c}, \tilde{0}\} = \min^i \{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}.$$

If  $p \in I$  and  $q \in M$ , then  $q + p - q \in I$  and so  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) = \tilde{c} = \tilde{\eta}(p)$ . If  $p \notin I$  and  $q \in M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{0}$  and thus  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \geq \tilde{0} = \tilde{\eta}(p)$ . If  $q \in I$  and  $p \in M$ , then  $p\alpha q \in I$  and so  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) = \tilde{c} = \tilde{\eta}(q)$ . If  $q \notin I$  and  $p \in M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}(q) = \tilde{0}$  and thus  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) \geq \tilde{0} = \tilde{\eta}(q)$ .

If  $r \in I$  and  $p, q \in M$ , then  $((p+r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \in I$  and so  $\tilde{\eta}((p+r)\alpha q - p\beta q) = \tilde{c} = \tilde{\eta}(r)$ . If  $z \notin I$  and  $p, q \in M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}(r) = \tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{\eta}((p+r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq \tilde{0} = \tilde{\eta}(r)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of the  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring and  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right) ideal of  $M$ , then the set  $M_{\tilde{\eta}} = \{p \in M \mid \tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{\eta}(0)\}$  is left (right) ideal of  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy left ideal of  $M$ . Let  $p, q \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$ . Then

$$\tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{\eta}(0), \tilde{\eta}(q) = \tilde{\eta}(0)$$

and

$$\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\} = \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(0), \tilde{\eta}(0)\} = \tilde{\eta}(0).$$

So  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) = \tilde{\eta}(0)$ . Thus  $p - q \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$ . For every  $q \in M$  and  $p \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  we have  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{\eta}(0)$ . Hence  $q + p - q \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$  which shows that  $M_{\tilde{\eta}}$  is a normal divisor of  $M$  with respect to the addition. Let  $p \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $c, d \in M$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}(c\alpha(p + d) - c\alpha d) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p) = \tilde{\eta}(0)$  and hence  $\tilde{\eta}(c\alpha(p + d) - c\alpha d) = \tilde{\eta}(0)$ . (i.e)  $c\alpha(p + d) - c\alpha d \in M_{\tilde{\eta}}$ . Therefore  $M_{\tilde{\eta}}$  is a left ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $H$  be a non empty subset of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$  and  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  be an i.v fuzzy set  $M$  defined by*

$$\tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \begin{cases} \tilde{s} & \text{if } p \in H \\ \tilde{t} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $p \in M$  and  $\tilde{s}, \tilde{t} \in D[0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{s} > \tilde{t}$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $H$  is a left ideal of  $M$ . Also  $M_{\tilde{\eta}_H} = H$ .

**PROOF.**  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  be an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$  and let  $p, q \in H$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{s} = \tilde{\eta}_H(q)$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) &\geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}_H(p), \tilde{\eta}_H(q)\} \\ &= \min^i\{\tilde{s}, \tilde{s}\} \\ &= \tilde{s} \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) = \tilde{s}$  which implies that  $p - q \in H$ . For any  $p \in H, \alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $c, d \in M$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(c\alpha(p + d) - c\beta d) \geq \tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{s}$  (resp.  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha c) \geq \tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{s}$ ) and hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H(c\alpha(p + d) - c\beta d) = \tilde{s}$  (resp.  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha c) = \tilde{s}$ ). This shows that  $M$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$ .

Conversely assume that  $H$  is a left (right) ideal of  $M$ . Let  $p, q \in M$ , if at least one of  $p$  and  $q$  does not belong to  $H$  then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) \geq \tilde{t} = \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}_p, \tilde{\eta}_q\}$ .

If  $p, q \in H$ , then  $p - q \in H$  and so  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) = \tilde{s} = \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}_H(p), \tilde{\eta}_H(q)\}$ .

If  $p \in H$ , then  $q + p - q \in M$  and hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H(q + p - q) = \tilde{s} = \tilde{\eta}_H(p)$ .

Clearly  $\tilde{\eta}_H(q + p - q) \geq \tilde{t} = \tilde{\eta}_H(p)$  for all  $p \notin M$  and  $q \in M$ . This shows that  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  is an i.v fuzzy normal divisor w.r.to addition. Now let  $p, c, d \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

If  $p \in H$ , then  $c\alpha(p+d) - cad \in A$  (resp.  $p\alpha c \in A$ ) and thus  $\tilde{\eta}_H(c\alpha(p+d) - c\beta d) = \tilde{s} = \tilde{\eta}_H(p)$  (resp.  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha c) = \tilde{s} = \tilde{\eta}_H(p)$ ).

If  $p \notin H$ , then clearly

$$\tilde{\eta}_H(c\alpha(p+d) - c\beta d) = \tilde{t} \geq \tilde{\eta}_H(p)$$

respective

$$\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha c) \geq \tilde{t} = \tilde{\eta}_H(p).$$

Hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\tilde{\eta}_H} &= \{p \in M | \tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{\eta}_H(0)\} \\ &= \{p \in M | \tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{s}\} \\ &= \{p \in M | p \in H\} \\ &= H \end{aligned}$$

□

The following theorem given the relation between fuzzy subsets and crisp subsets of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $H$  be a subset of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ . The characteristic function  $\tilde{\eta}_H : M \rightarrow D[0, 1]$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $H$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $H$  be a left ideal of  $M$ , using the theorem 3.4. Conversely, assume that  $\tilde{\eta}_H$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$ .

Let  $p, q \in H$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{1} = \tilde{\eta}_H(q)$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) &\geq \min^i \{\tilde{\eta}_H(p), \tilde{\eta}_H(q)\} \\ &= \min^i \{\tilde{1}, \tilde{1}\} \\ &= \tilde{1} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p - q) = \tilde{1}$ . Therefore  $p - q \in H$ . Hence  $H$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$ .

Let  $p \in H$  and  $q \in M$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(q + p - q) = \tilde{\eta}_H(p) = \tilde{1}$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H(q + p - q) = \tilde{1}$  this implies that  $q + p - q \in H$ . Thus  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $M$ . Let  $p \in M$  and  $q \in H$ , then  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha q) \geq \tilde{\eta}_H(q) = \tilde{1}$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H(p\alpha q) = \tilde{1}$  this implies  $p\alpha q \in H$  and  $H$  is a left ideal of  $M$ . Let  $p, q \in M$  and  $r \in H$ . Then  $\tilde{\eta}_H((p+r)\alpha q) - p\beta q \geq \tilde{\eta}_H(r) = \tilde{1}$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}_H((p+r)\alpha q - p\beta q) = \tilde{1}$  this implies that  $(p+r)\alpha q - p\beta q \in H$ . Hence  $H$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $\{\tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega\}$  be family of i.v fuzzy ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$  is also an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M$ , where  $\Omega$  is any index set.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\{\tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega\}$  be a family of i.v fuzzy ideals of  $M$ . Let  $p, q, r \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  and  $\tilde{\eta} = \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$ . Then,

$$\tilde{\eta}(p) = \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p) = (\inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i)(p) = \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\eta}(p - q) &= \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p - q) \\
&\geq \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \min^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} \\
&= \min^i \{ \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} \\
&= \min^i \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\
&= \min^i \{ \tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q) \}. \\
\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p\alpha q) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&\geq \inf^i \{ \min^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} : i \in \Omega \} \\
&= \min^i \{ \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p) : i \in \Omega \}, \inf_{i \in \Omega}^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q) : i \in \Omega \} \} \\
&= \min^i \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\
\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) &= \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q + p - q) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&= \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&= \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p) \right\}. \\
\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p\alpha q) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&\geq \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&= \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\
\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) &= \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&\geq \inf^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(r) : i \in \Omega \} \\
&= \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(r) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\bigcap_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $\{\tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega\}$  be family of i.v fuzzy ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring  $M$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$  is also an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M$ , where  $\Omega$  is any index set.*

PROOF. Let  $\{\tilde{\eta}_i | i \in \Omega\}$  be a family of i.v fuzzy ideals of  $M$ . Let  $p, q, r \in M, \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  and  $\tilde{\eta} = \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$ . Then,

$$\tilde{\eta}(p) = \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p) = (\sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i)(p) = \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}(p - q) &= \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p - q) \\ &\geq \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \max^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} \\ &= \max^i \{ \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} \\ &= \max^i \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\ &= \max^i \{ \tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q) \}. \\ \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p\alpha q) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &\geq \sup^i \{ \max^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \} : i \in \Omega \} \\ &= \max^i \{ \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p) : i \in \Omega \}, \sup_{i \in \Omega}^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q) : i \in \Omega \} \} \\ &= \max^i \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p), \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) &= \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q + p - q) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &= \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &= \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(p) \right\}. \\ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) &= \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(p\alpha q) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &\geq \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(q) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &= \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(q) \right\} \\ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) &= \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &\geq \sup^i \{ \tilde{\eta}_i(r) : i \in \Omega \} \\ &= \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i(r) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\bigcup_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{\eta}_i$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M$ . □

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of  $M$ .  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right) ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  is left (right) ideal of  $M$ , for all  $[t_1, t_2] \in D[0, 1]$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume that  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$ .

Let  $[t_1, t_2] \in D[0, 1]$  such that  $p, q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ .

Then  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\} \geq \min^i\{[t_1, t_2], [t_1, t_2]\} = [t_1, t_2]$ . Thus  $p - q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ . Let  $p \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  and  $q \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . We have  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) = \tilde{\eta}(p) \geq [t_1, t_2]$ . Therefore  $q + p - q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  is a normal subgroup of  $M$ . Let  $q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  and  $p \in M$ , thus  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(q)[t_1, t_2]$ . Hence  $p\alpha q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ . Let  $z \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  and  $p, q \in M$ , thus  $\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(r) \geq [t_1, t_2]$ , and  $((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  is a left (right) ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -near-ring of  $M$ .

Conversely, assume  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$ , for all  $[t_1, t_2] \in D[0, 1]$ . Let  $p, q \in M$ . Suppose  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) < \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}$ .

Choose  $\tilde{c} = [c_1, c_2] \in D[0, 1]$  such that  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) < [c_1, c_2] < \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}$ . This implies that  $\tilde{\eta}(p) > [c_1, c_2]$  and  $\tilde{\eta}(q) > [c_1, c_2]$ , then we have  $p, q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [t_1, t_2])$ , and since  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$  then  $(p - q) \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq [c_1, c_2]$  is a contradiction, this implies that  $\tilde{\eta}(p - q) \geq \min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) < \tilde{p}$ , choose an interval  $\tilde{c} = [c_1, c_2] \in D[0, 1]$  such that  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) < [c_1, c_2]\tilde{\eta}(p)$ . This implies that  $\tilde{\eta}(p) > [c_1, c_2]$  then we have  $p \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ , and since  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$  is a normal subgroup of  $(M, +)$  then  $(q + p - q) \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \geq [c_1, c_2]$  is a contradiction. Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(p)$ . Similarly  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) \leq \tilde{\eta}(p)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q) = \tilde{\eta}(p)$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) < \tilde{q}$ , choose an interval  $\tilde{c} = [c_1, c_2] \in D[0, 1]$  such that  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) < [c_1, c_2]\tilde{\eta}(q)$ . This implies that  $\tilde{\eta}(q) > [c_1, c_2]$  then we have  $q \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ , and since  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$  then  $(p\alpha q) \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) \geq [c_1, c_2]$  is a contradiction. Hence  $\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q) = \tilde{\eta}(q)$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) < \tilde{r}$ , choose an interval  $\tilde{c} = [c_1, c_2] \in D[0, 1]$  such that  $\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) < [c_1, c_2]\tilde{\eta}(r)$ . This implies that  $\tilde{\eta}(r) > [c_1, c_2]$  we have  $r \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ , and since  $\tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$  is a left(right) ideal of  $M$  it follows that  $((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \in \tilde{U}(\tilde{\eta} : [c_1, c_2])$ . Hence  $\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq [c_1, c_2]$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) \geq \tilde{\eta}(r)$ . Thus  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Homomorphism of interval valued fuzzy ideals of $\Gamma$ -near-rings

In this section, we characterize i.v fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings using homomorphism.

**DEFINITION 4.1.** ([9]) Let  $f$  be a mapping from a set  $M$  to a set  $S$ . Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  and  $\tilde{\delta}$  be i.v fuzzy subsets of  $M$  and  $S$  respectively. Then  $f(\tilde{\eta})$ , the image of  $\tilde{\eta}$  under  $f$  is an i.v fuzzy subset of  $S$  defined by

$$f(\tilde{\eta})(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)}^i \tilde{\eta}(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the pre-image of  $\tilde{\eta}$  under  $f$  is an i.v fuzzy subset of  $M$  defined by  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(x)) = \tilde{\delta}(f(x))$ , for all  $x \in M$  and  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x \in M | f(x) = y\}$ .

DEFINITION 4.2. ([5]) Let  $M$  and  $S$  be  $\Gamma$ -near-rings. A map  $\theta : M \rightarrow S$  is called a ( $\Gamma$ -near-ring)homomorphism if  $\theta(x + y) = \theta(x) + \theta(y)$  and  $\theta(x\alpha y) = \theta(x)\alpha\theta(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

THEOREM 4.1. Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a homomorphism between  $\Gamma$ -near-rings  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . If  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M_2$ , then  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right) ideal of  $M_1$ .

PROOF. Let  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M_2$ . Let  $p, q, r \in M_1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(p - q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p - q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p) - f(q)) \\ &\geq \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(f(p)), \tilde{\delta}(f(q))\} \\ &= \min^i \{f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(p)), f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(q))\}. \\ f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(p\alpha q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p\alpha q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p), f(q)) \\ &\geq \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(f(p)), \tilde{\delta}(f(q))\} \\ &= \min^i \{f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(p)), f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(q))\}. \\ f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(q + p - q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(q + p - q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(q) + f(p) - f(q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(p)). \\ f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(p\alpha q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p\alpha q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p)\alpha f(q)) \\ &\geq \tilde{\delta}(f(q)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(q)) \\ f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(p) + f(r))\alpha f(q) - f(p)\beta f(q) \\ &\geq \tilde{\delta}(f(r)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta}(r)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M_1$ . □

THEOREM 4.2. Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an onto homomorphism of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Let  $\tilde{\delta}$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of  $M_2$ . If  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_1$ , then  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M_2$ .

PROOF. Let  $p, q, r \in M_2$ . Then  $f(a) = p, f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$  for some  $a, b, c \in M_1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta}(p - q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a) - f(b)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a - b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a - b) \\ &\geq \min^i \{f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a), f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(b)\} \\ &= \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(f(a)), \tilde{\delta}(f(b))\} \\ &= \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(p), \tilde{\delta}(q)\}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta}(p\alpha q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a)\alpha f(b)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a\alpha b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a\alpha b) \\ &\geq \min^i \{f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a), f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(b)\} \\ &= \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(f(a)), \tilde{\delta}(f(b))\} \\ &= \min^i \{\tilde{\delta}(p), \tilde{\delta}(q)\}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta}(q + p - q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(b) + f(a) - f(b)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(b + a - b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(b + a - b) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(p).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta}(p\alpha q) &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a)\alpha f(b)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a\alpha b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a\alpha b) \\ &\geq f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(b) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(b)) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(q)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\delta}(p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a) + f(c))\alpha f(b) - f(a)\beta f(b) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(a + c)\alpha b - a\beta b) \\ &= f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(a + c)\alpha b - a\beta b \\ &\geq f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})(c) \\ &= \tilde{\delta}(f(c)) = \tilde{\delta}(f(r)).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right)ideal of  $M_1$  □

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an onto  $\Gamma$ -near-ring homomorphism. If  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_1$ , then  $f(\tilde{\eta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_2$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M_1$ . Since  $f(\tilde{\eta})(p') = \sup_{f(p)=p'}^i(\tilde{\eta}(p))$ , for  $p' \in M_2$  and hence  $f(\tilde{\eta})$  is nonempty. Let  $p', q' \in M_2$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . Then we have  $\{p|p \in f^{-1}(p' - q')\} \supseteq \{p - q|x \in f^{-1}(p') \text{ and } q \in f^{-1}(q')\}$  and  $\{p|p \in f^{-1}(p'q')\} \supseteq \{p\alpha q|p \in f^{-1}(p') \text{ and } q \in f^{-1}(q')\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\eta})(p' - q') &= \sup_{f(r)=p'-q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p - q)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}\} \\ &= \min^i\{\sup_{f(p)=p'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p)\}, \sup_{f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(q)\}\} \\ &= \min^i\{f(\tilde{\eta})(p'), f(\tilde{\eta})(q')\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\eta})(p'\alpha q') &= \sup_{f(r)=p'\alpha q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\min^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p), \tilde{\eta}(q)\}\} \\ &= \min^i\{\sup_{f(p)=p'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p)\}, \{\sup_{f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(q)\}\}\} \\ &= \min^i\{f(\tilde{\eta})(p'), f(\tilde{\eta})(q')\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\eta})(q' + p' - q') &= \sup_{f(r)=q'+p'-q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(q + p - q)\} \\ &= \sup_{f(p)=p'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\eta})(p'\alpha q') &= \sup_{f(r)=p'\alpha q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(p\alpha q)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(q)=q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(q)\} \\ &= f(\tilde{\eta})(q'). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\eta})((p' + r')\alpha q' - p'\beta q') &= \sup_{f(r)=(p'+r')\alpha q' - p'\beta q'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(p)=p', f(q)=q', f(r)=r'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}((p + r)\alpha q - p\beta q)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{f(r)=r'}^i\{\tilde{\eta}(r)\} \\ &= f(\tilde{\eta})(r'). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f(\tilde{\eta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_2$ . □

**5. Anti-homomorphism of interval valued fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings**

In this section, we characterize i.v fuzzy ideals of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings using anti-homomorphism.

DEFINITION 5.1. ([7]) Let  $M$  and  $S$  be  $\Gamma$ -near-rings. A map  $\theta : M \rightarrow S$  is called a ( $\Gamma$ -near-ring) anti-homomorphism if  $\theta(x + y) = \theta(y) + \theta(x)$  and  $\theta(x\alpha y) = \theta(y)\alpha\theta(x)$  for all  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

THEOREM 5.1. Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an anti-homomorphism between  $\Gamma$ -near-rings  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . If  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy ideal of  $M_2$ , then  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_1$ .

THEOREM 5.2. Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an onto anti-homomorphism of  $\Gamma$ -near-rings  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Let  $\tilde{\delta}$  be an i.v fuzzy subset of  $M_2$ . If  $f^{-1}(\tilde{\delta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_1$ , then  $\tilde{\delta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left(right) ideal of  $M_2$ .

THEOREM 5.3. Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an onto  $\Gamma$ -near-ring anti-homomorphism. If  $\tilde{\eta}$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_1$ , then  $f(\tilde{\eta})$  is an i.v fuzzy left (right)ideal of  $M_2$ .

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