

## FUZZY NEXUS OVER AN ORDINAL

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the fuzzy subnexuses over a nexus  $N$  are defined and the notions of prime fuzzy subnexuses and fractions induced by them are studied. Finally, it is shown that if  $S$  is a meet closed subset of the set  $Fsub(N)$ , of fuzzy subnexuses of a nexus  $N$ , and  $h = \bigwedge S \in S$ , then the fractions  $S^{-1}N$  and  $\{h\}^{-1}N$  are isomorphic as meet-semilattices.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Fuzzy sets were introduced by Lotfi A. Zadeh [15] and Dieter Klaua [10] in 1965 as an extension of the classical notion of sets. At the same time, Saliu [14] defined a more general kind of structures called  $L$ -relations, which were studied by him in an abstract algebraic context. Fuzzy relations, which are used now in different areas such as algebra [6, 12], rough set [4, 7], and clustering [3], are special cases of  $L$ -relations when  $L$  is the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ .

Section 2 of this paper is a prerequisite for the rest of the paper. The definitions and results of this section are taken from [2, 5, 8, 9, 11]. In Section 3, a fuzzy subnexus over an ordinal is defined, and also a prime fuzzy subnexus over an ordinal is defined. Particularly, we show that for every nexus  $N$ , and  $f \in Fsub(N)$ :

- (1) If  $|Imf| \leq 2$ , and  $\emptyset \neq f_* \in Psub(N)$ , then  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ .
- (2) If  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ , for every  $g, h \in Fsub(N)$ , then  $|Imf| \leq 2$ .

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- (3) If  $|Imf| = 2$ , and for every  $g, h \in Fsub(N)$ ,  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ , then  $\emptyset \neq f_* \in Psub(N)$ .

In Section 4, we introduce the notion fraction induced by fuzzy subnexuses, and give some characterizations for fraction of  $N$  in particular, we show that if  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are meet closed subsets of  $Fsub(N)$  and  $h = \bigwedge S_1 = \bigwedge S_2 \in S_1 \cap S_2$ , then  $S_1^{-1}N \cong S_2^{-1}N \cong \{h\}^{-1}N$  as meet-semilattices.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A partially ordered set  $A$  is a *meet-semilattice*, if the infimum for each pair of elements exists. A homomorphism is a function  $f : N \rightarrow M$  between the meet-semilattices  $N$  and  $M$ , such that  $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $N$ . Each *homomorphism* is order preserving, i.e.  $x \leq y$  implies that  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ .

A subset  $D$  of poset  $A$  is *directed*, provided that it is non-empty, and every finite subset of  $D$  has an upper bound in  $D$ .

Let  $A$  be a poset. For  $X \subseteq A$  and  $x \in A$ , we write:

- (1)  $\downarrow X = \{a \in A : a \leq x \text{ for some } x \in X\}$ .
- (2)  $\uparrow X = \{a \in A : a \geq x \text{ for some } x \in X\}$ .
- (3)  $\downarrow x = \downarrow \{x\}$ .
- (4)  $\uparrow x = \uparrow \{x\}$ .

We also say:

- (5)  $X$  is a *lower set*, if and only if  $X = \downarrow X$ .
- (6)  $X$  is an *upper set*, if and only if  $X = \uparrow X$ .
- (7)  $X$  is an *ideal*, if and only if it is a directed lower set.
- (8) An ideal is *principal*, if and only if it has a maximum element.

For undefined terms and notations, see [5, 11].

The collection of all ordinal numbers is a proper class, and we denote it as  $\mathfrak{D}$ . It is also customary to denote the order relation between ordinals by  $\alpha < \beta$  instead of the two equivalent forms  $\alpha \subset \beta$ ,  $\alpha \in \beta$ , though the latter is also quite common. If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal, then, by definition, we have  $\alpha = \{\beta \in \mathfrak{D} | \beta < \alpha\}$ . If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{D}$ , then either  $\alpha < \beta$  or  $\beta < \alpha$  or  $\alpha = \beta$ . If  $A$  is a set of ordinals, then  $\bigcup A$  is an ordinal.

Let  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\gamma \geq 1$ , and  $\delta \geq 1$ . An *address* over  $\gamma$  is a function  $a : \delta \rightarrow \gamma$  such that  $a(i) = 0$  implies that  $a(j) = 0$ , for all  $j \geq i$ . We denote by  $A(\gamma)$ , the set of all addresses over  $\gamma$ .

Let  $a : \delta \rightarrow \gamma$  be an address over  $\gamma$ . If, for every  $i \in \delta$ ,  $a(i) = 0$ , then it is called the *empty address*, and denoted by  $()$ . If  $a$  is a non-empty address, then there exists a unique element  $\beta \in \delta + 1$ , such that, for every  $i \in \beta$ ,  $a(i) \neq 0$ , and for every  $\beta \leq i \in \delta$ ,  $a(i) = 0$ . We denote this address by  $(a_i)_{i \in \beta}$ , where  $a_i = a(i)$  for every  $i \in \beta$ .

Let  $a : \delta \rightarrow \gamma$ , and  $b : \beta \rightarrow \eta$  be addresses and  $\delta \leq \beta$ . We say  $a = b$ , if for every  $i \in \delta$ ,  $a_i = b_i$ , and for every  $i \in \beta \setminus \delta$ ,  $b_i = 0$ . In other words, there exists a unique element  $\beta \in \mathfrak{D}$ , such that  $a = (a_i)_{i \in \beta} = b$ .

The *level* of  $a \in A(\gamma)$  is said to be:

- (1) 0, if  $a = ()$ .
- (2)  $\beta$ , if  $() \neq a = (a_i)_{i \in \beta}$ .

The level of  $a$  is denoted by  $l(a)$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two elements of  $A(\gamma)$ . Then we say that  $a \leq b$ , if  $l(a) = 0$  or one of the following cases satisfies for  $a = (a_i)_{i \in \beta}$  and  $b = (b_i)_{i \in \delta}$ :

- (1) If  $\beta = 1$ , then  $a_0 \leq b_0$ .
- (2) If  $\beta \geq 2$  is a non-limit ordinal, then  $a|_{\beta-1} = b|_{\beta-1}$  and  $a_{\beta-1} \leq b_{\beta-1}$ .
- (3) If  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal, then  $a = b|_{\beta}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [9]  $(A(\gamma), \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice.

Let  $() \neq a = (a_i)_{i \in \beta}$  be an element of  $A(\gamma)$ . For every  $\delta \in \beta$  and  $0 \leq j \leq a_\delta$ , we put  $a^{(\delta, j)} : \delta + 1 \rightarrow \gamma$ , such that for every  $i \in \delta + 1$ ,

$$a_i^{(\delta, j)} = \begin{cases} a_i & \text{if } i \in \delta; \\ j & \text{if } i = \delta. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.2.** [9] A *nexus*  $N$  over  $\gamma$  is a set of addresses with the following properties:

- (1)  $\emptyset \neq N \subseteq A(\gamma)$ .
- (2) If  $() \neq a = (a_i)_{i \in \beta} \in N$ , then for every  $\delta \in \beta$  and  $0 \leq j \leq a_\delta$ ,  $a^{(\delta, j)} \in N$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** [9] Let  $N$  be the set of addresses over  $\gamma$ . Then,  $N$  is a nexus over  $\gamma$ , if and only if  $\emptyset \neq N \subseteq A(\gamma)$ , and for every  $(a, b) \in N \times A(\gamma)$ ,  $b \leq a$  implies that  $b \in N$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** [9] Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ . Then  $(N, \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice.

Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $\emptyset \neq M \subseteq N$ . Then  $M$  is called a *subnexus* of  $N$ , if  $M$  itself is a nexus over  $\gamma$ . The set of all subnexuses of  $N$  is denoted by  $Sub(N)$ . It is clear that  $\{()\}$  and  $N$  are the trivial subnexuses of nexus  $N$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** [9] If  $N$  is a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq Sub(N)$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} M_i \in Sub(N)$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} M_i \in Sub(N)$ .

Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $X \subseteq N$ . The smallest subnexus of  $N$  containing  $X$  is called the *subnexus of  $N$  generated by  $X$* , and denoted

by  $\langle X \rangle$ . If  $|X| = 1$ , then  $\langle X \rangle$  is called a cyclic subnexus of  $N$ . It is clear that  $\langle \emptyset \rangle = \{()\}$ , and  $\langle N \rangle = N$ .

*Remark 2.6.* [9] Let  $\emptyset \neq N \subseteq A(\gamma)$ . Then,  $N$  is a nexus over  $\gamma$ , if and only if:

$$N = \downarrow N = \bigcup_{a \in N} \downarrow a.$$

A proper subnexus  $P$  of a nexus  $N$  over  $\gamma$  is said to be a *prime subnexus* of  $N$  if  $a \wedge b \in P$  implies that  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ , for every  $a, b \in N$ . The set of all prime subnexuses of  $N$  is denoted by  $Psub(N)$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** [9] *Let  $P$  be a proper subnexus of a nexus  $N$  over  $\gamma$ . Then,  $P$  is a prime subnexus of  $N$ , if and only if  $N \setminus P$  is closed under finite meet.*

**Corollary 2.8.** [9] *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq N$ . If  $X$  is closed under finite meet, then there exists  $a \in X$ , such that  $\uparrow a = \uparrow X$ , and  $a = \bigwedge X$ .*

A *fuzzy subset*  $f$  on set  $X$  is a function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . We denote by  $F(X)$  the set of all fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . For  $f, g \in F(X)$ , we say  $f \subseteq g$ , if and only if  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ . Let  $f \in F(X)$ , and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then the set  $f_t = \{x \in X : f(x) \geq t\}$  is called the *level subset* of  $X$  with respect to  $f$ . Also we put  $f_* = \{x \in X : f(x) = 1\}$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $x^t \in F(X)$  is called a *fuzzy point*, if and only if  $x^t(y) = 0$  for  $y \neq x$  and  $x^t(x) = t$ . The fuzzy point  $x^t$  is said to belong to  $f \in F(X)$ , written  $x^t \in f$ , if and only if  $f(x) \geq t$ . If  $f, g \in F(X)$ , then  $f \subseteq g$ , if and only if  $x^t \in f$  implies  $x^t \in g$  for every fuzzy point  $x^t \in F(X)$ . For every  $f, g \in F(X)$ , and  $r, s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $(f \cap g)_r = f_r \cap g_r$ ,  $(f \cup g)_r = f_r \cup g_r$ , and if  $r \leq s$ , then  $f_r \supseteq f_s$ . For every  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq F(X)$  and  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (f_i)_r \subseteq (\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i)_r$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in I} (f_i)_r = (\bigcap_{i \in I} f_i)_r$ . For every  $f, g \in F(X)$ ,  $f \subseteq g \Leftrightarrow f_r \subseteq g_r$ , for all  $r \in [0, 1]$  (see [8]).

### 3. PRIME FUZZY NEXUS

In this section, the notions of a fuzzy nexus and a prime fuzzy subnexus of a nexus are defined, and we discuss the relation subnexus and fuzzy subnexus, prime subnexus, and prime fuzzy subnexus.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset on a nexus  $N$ . Then  $f$  is called a *fuzzy subnexus* of  $N$ , if  $a \leq b$  implies that  $f(b) \leq f(a)$  for all  $a, b \in N$ . The set of all fuzzy subnexuses of  $N$  is denoted by  $Fsub(N)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of a nexus  $N$ . Then,  $A \in Sub(N)$ , if and only if  $\chi_A \in Fsub(N)$ , where that  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in Sub(N)$ , and  $a \leq b$ , for some  $a, b \in N$ . If  $b \in A$ , by Proposition 2.3,  $a \in A$ , and so,  $\chi_A(a) = \chi_A(b) = 1$ . But if  $b \notin A$ , then  $\chi_A(b) = 0$ , and so,  $\chi_A(b) \leq \chi_A(a)$ , hence,  $\chi_A \in Fsub(N)$ .

Conversely, let  $(a, b) \in A \times N$ , and  $b \leq a$ . Then  $1 = \chi_A(a) \leq \chi_A(b)$ , which follows that  $\chi_A(b) = 1$ , i.e.  $b \in A$ . Hence,  $A \in Sub(N)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $N$ . Then  $f \in Fsub(N)$ , if and only if  $f_r \in Sub(N)$ , for every  $r \in [0, 1]$ , where  $f_r \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f \in Fsub(N)$  and  $f_r \neq \emptyset$ , for  $r \in [0, 1]$ , and let  $b \in N$ ,  $a \in f_r$ , such that  $b \leq a$ . Then  $f(b) \geq f(a) \geq r$ , and hence,  $b \in f_r$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f$  is a fuzzy subset of  $N$ , such that  $f_r \in sub(N)$  for every  $r \in [0, 1]$ . Now let  $a, b \in N$ ,  $a \leq b$ . We show that  $f(b) \leq f(a)$ . Let  $f(b) = r$ , for  $r \in [0, 1]$ . Thus  $b \in f_r \neq \emptyset$ , and since  $f_r \in Sub(N)$ , we can conclude from Proposition 2.3 that  $a \in f_r$ . Hence,  $f(a) \geq r = f(b)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq Fsub(N)$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i \in Fsub(N)$ .
- (2)  $\bigcap_{i \in I} f_i \in Fsub(N)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in N$ , and  $a \leq b$  Then

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i\right)(b) = \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i(b) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i(a) = \left(\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i\right)(a)$$

and

$$\left(\bigcap_{i \in I} f_i\right)(b) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} f_i(b) \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} f_i(a) = \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} f_i\right)(a).$$

$\square$

Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ . For  $f \in F(N)$ , we put

$$\langle f \rangle = \bigcap_{f \subseteq g \in Fsub(N)} g.$$

It is clear that  $\langle f \rangle$  is a fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $N$  Then:*

$$\langle f \rangle(a) = \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} f(b).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a fuzzy subset of  $N$ . Define  $h : N \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , with  $h(a) = \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} f(b)$ . We are going to show that  $h$  is the smallest fuzzy

subnexus of  $N$ , which  $f \subseteq h$ . Let  $a, b \in N$ , and  $a \leq b$ . Since  $\uparrow b \subseteq \uparrow a$ , we can conclude that

$$h(a) = \bigvee_{z \in \uparrow a} f(z) \geq \bigvee_{z \in \uparrow b} f(z) = h(b).$$

Hence,  $h \in Fsub(N)$ . Now, let  $g \in Fsub(N)$ ,  $f \subseteq g$ . Then for every  $b \in \uparrow a$ , we have  $g(a) \geq f(b)$ , which follows that  $g(a) \geq \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} f(b)$ . Hence,  $g(a) \geq h(a)$ , i.e.  $h \subseteq g$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** *If  $N$  is a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $f, g \in F(N)$ , then*

$$\langle f \rangle \cap \langle g \rangle \geq \langle f \cap g \rangle.$$

*Proof.* For every  $a \in N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle f \rangle \cap \langle g \rangle)(a) &= \min\{\langle f \rangle(a), \langle g \rangle(a)\} \\ &= \min\{\bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} f(b), \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} g(b)\} \\ &\geq \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} \min\{f(b), g(b)\} \\ &= \bigvee_{b \in \uparrow a} (f \cap g)(b) \\ &= \langle f \cap g \rangle(a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\langle f \rangle \cap \langle g \rangle \geq \langle f \cap g \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.7.** Let  $\gamma = 3$ ,  $N = \{(), (1), (2)\}$ , and  $f, g : N \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be functions such that

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} () & (1) & (2) \\ 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} () & (1) & (2) \\ 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is clear that  $\langle f \rangle \cap \langle g \rangle \neq \langle f \cap g \rangle$ .

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $N$  be a non-trivial nexus over  $\gamma$ , i.e.  $N \neq \{()\}$ . A fuzzy subnexus  $f$  of  $N$  is called a *prime fuzzy subnexus*, if

$$f(a \wedge b) \leq \max\{f(a), f(b)\},$$

for all  $a, b \in N$ . The set of all prime fuzzy subnexuses of  $N$  is denoted by  $PFsub(N)$ .

It is clear that if  $f \in PFsub(N)$ , then  $f(a \wedge b) = f(a)$  or  $f(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in N$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $N$  be a non-trivial nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $f$  be a fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus.
- (2) For every  $r \in [0, 1]$ , if  $f_r$  is a non-empty subset  $N$ , then  $f_r$  is a prime subnexus of  $N$ .
- (3) For every  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $N \setminus f_r$  is closed under finite meet.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $r \in [0, 1]$ , and  $f_r$  be a non-empty subset of  $N$ . If  $a, b \in N$  and  $a \wedge b \in f_r$ , then  $r \leq f(a \wedge b) \leq \max\{f(a), f(b)\}$ , and which follows that  $a \in f_r$  or  $b \in f_r$ . By Proposition 3.3,  $f_r$  is a prime subnexus of  $N$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Suppose that  $r \in [0, 1]$ . If  $f_r$  is a non-empty subset of  $N$ , then, by Proposition 2.7,  $N \setminus f_r$  is closed under finite meet. If  $f_r = \emptyset$ , then, by Proposition 2.4, we are done.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $a, b \in N$ , and  $f(a \wedge b) = r \in [0, 1]$ . Since  $a \wedge b \notin N \setminus f_r$ , we can conclude from the statement (3) that  $a \notin N \setminus f_r$  or  $b \notin N \setminus f_r$ . Hence  $a \in f_r$  or  $b \in f_r$ , and which follows that  $f(a \wedge b) \leq \max\{f(a), f(b)\}$ . The proof is now complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** *Let  $N$  be nexus over  $\gamma$  and  $f$  be an arbitrary fuzzy subnexus.*

- (1) If  $N$  is a chain, then  $f$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus.
- (2) If  $f$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus and one to one, then  $N$  is a chain.

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $a, b \in N$ , and  $a \leq b$ . Since  $f(a) \geq f(b)$  so  $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) = \max\{f(a), f(b)\}$ .

(2) Let  $a, b \in N$  and  $a \wedge b = c$ . If  $a \neq c$  and  $b \neq c$ , then since  $c < a$ ,  $c < b$  and  $f$  is one to one, we can conclude that  $f(c) > f(a)$ , and  $f(c) > f(b)$ . Therefore,  $f(c) > \max\{f(a), f(b)\} \geq f(a \wedge b)$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $F : M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism between nexus. Then the following assertions hold:*

- (1) If  $g$  is a fuzzy subnexus of  $M$ , then  $f = gF$  is a fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ .
- (2) If  $g$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus of  $M$ , then  $f = gF$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is clear that  $f$  is a fuzzy subset of  $N$ . Suppose that  $a, b \in N$ , and  $a \leq b$ . Since  $F$  is a homomorphism, we can conclude that  $F(a) \leq F(b)$ , which follows that  $g(F(a)) \geq g(F(b))$ . Hence,  $f$  is a fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ .

(2) For every  $a, b \in N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(a \wedge b) &= gF(a \wedge b) \\ &= g(F(a \wedge b)) \\ &= g(F(a) \wedge F(b)) \\ &= \leq \max\{g(F(a), g(F(b))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f$  is a prime fuzzy subnexus of  $N$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.12.* Let  $x \in N$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $\langle x^t \rangle: N \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , defined by

$$\langle x^t \rangle(a) = \begin{cases} t & x \uparrow a \\ 0 & x \not\uparrow a \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy subnexus.

*Remark 3.13.* It is clear that if  $N$  is a nexus, and  $|N| \leq 4$ , then the nexus  $N$  is lineary ordered.

**Proposition 3.14.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *Nexus  $N$  is lineary ordered.*
- (2) *Every fuzzy subnexus of  $N$  is prime.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $f \in Fsub(N)$ , and  $a, b \in N$ . Hence,  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$ , say  $a \leq b$ , since nexus  $N$  is lineary ordered. Therefore,  $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \geq f(b)$ , which follows that  $f(a \wedge b) = \max\{f(a), f(b)\}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that every fuzzy subnexus of  $N$  is prime, and  $a, b \in N$ . Put  $a \wedge b = c$ , and let  $a \neq c$ ,  $b \neq c$  and  $t = \frac{1}{2} \in [0, 1]$ . It is clearly  $t = \langle c^t \rangle(c) \leq \max\{\langle c^t \rangle(a), \langle c^t \rangle(b)\} = 0$ , according to statement (2). This is a contradiction. Therefore, nexus  $N$  is lineary ordered.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.15.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ ,  $a, b \in N$ , and  $r, t \in (0, 1]$ . Then the following assertions hold:*

- (1)  $\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle = \langle (a \wedge b)^{r \wedge t} \rangle$ .
- (2)  $\langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle = \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle$ .
- (3)  $\langle (a \vee b)^t \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle = \langle a^t \rangle$ .

*Proof.* For every  $x \in N$ ,  $a, b \in \uparrow x$ , if and only if  $a \wedge b \in \uparrow x$ . Hence,  $\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle = \langle (a \wedge b)^{r \wedge t} \rangle$ . The rest is similar.  $\square$



**Proposition 3.16.** Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ ,  $a, b \in N$ , and  $r, t \in (0, 1]$ . We define  $g : N \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} r & a \in \uparrow x \& b \notin \uparrow x \\ s & a \notin \uparrow x \& b \in \uparrow x \\ r \vee s & a, b \in \uparrow x \\ 0 & a \notin \uparrow x \& b \notin \uparrow x \end{cases}$$

Then the following assertions hold:

- (1)  $g \in Fsub(N)$  and  $g = \langle a^r \rangle \vee \langle b^t \rangle$ .
- (2)  $\langle a^r \rangle \vee \langle b^t \rangle \leq \langle (a \vee b)^{r \vee s} \rangle$ .
- (3)  $\langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle \vee \langle a^t \rangle = \langle a^t \rangle$ .
- (4)  $\langle (a \vee b)^t \rangle \vee \langle a^t \rangle = \langle (a \vee b)^t \rangle$ .
- (5)  $\langle a^r \rangle \vee \langle a^t \rangle = \langle a^{r \wedge t} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* Evident. □

**Proposition 3.17.** Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ ,  $a, b \in N$ , and  $r, t \in (0, 1]$ . The following assertions hold:

- (1)  $a \leq b$ , if and only if  $\langle a^t \rangle \leq \langle b^t \rangle$ .
- (2)  $r \leq t$ , if and only if  $\langle a^r \rangle \leq \langle a^t \rangle$ .
- (3)  $\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle = \langle a^{r \wedge t} \rangle$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $a \leq b$ . Since  $a \in \uparrow x$ , implies that  $b \in \uparrow x$ , we can conclude that  $\langle a^t \rangle(x) = t$  implies that  $\langle b^t \rangle(x) = t$ . Hence,  $\langle a^t \rangle \leq \langle b^t \rangle$ .

Conversely, let  $\langle a^t \rangle \leq \langle b^t \rangle$ . Hence,  $t = \langle a^t \rangle(a) \leq \langle b^t \rangle(a) \leq t$ , i.e.  $\langle b^t \rangle(a) = t$ . Therefore,  $b \in \uparrow a$ .

The rest is similar. □

**Example 3.18.** Let  $\gamma = 3$ ,  $N = \{(), (1), (2)\}$ , and  $h, f, g : N \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be functions such that

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} () & (1) & (2) \\ 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.125 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} () & (1) & (2) \\ 0.4 & 0.35 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} () & (1) & (2) \\ 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is clear that  $h \in Fsub(N)$  is prime, and  $f, g \in Fsub(N)$ . Also,  $f \wedge g \subseteq h$  but  $f \not\subseteq h$  and  $g \not\subseteq h$ .

**Proposition 3.19.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus, and  $f \in Fsub(N)$ .*

- (1) *If  $|Imf| \leq 2$  and  $\emptyset \neq f_* \in Psub(N)$ , then  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ , for every  $g, h \in Fsub(N)$ .*
- (2) *If  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ , for every  $g, h \in Fsub(N)$ , then  $|Imf| \leq 2$ .*
- (3) *If  $|Imf| = 2$  and for every  $g, h \in Fsub(N)$ ,  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  implies that  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ , then  $\emptyset \neq f_* \in Psub(N)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) If  $|Imf| = 1$ , then  $Imf = \{1\}$ , which finishes the proof.

Now, we assume that  $|Imf| = 2$ , then  $Imf = \{t, 1\}$  with  $t < 1$ . Suppose that there exist two fuzzy subnexuses  $h$  and  $g$  over  $N$ , such that  $g \wedge h \subseteq f$  but  $g \not\subseteq f$  and  $h \not\subseteq f$ . Hence, there exist  $x, y \in N$ , such that  $h(x) > f(x)$  and  $g(y) > f(y)$ . Since  $f_*$  is a prime subnexus, and  $x, y \notin f_*$ , we can conclude that  $x \wedge y \notin f_*$ , which follows that

$$(h \wedge g)(x \wedge y) = h(x \wedge y) \wedge g(x \wedge y) \geq h(x) \wedge g(y) > t = f(x \wedge y).$$

Thus  $h \wedge g \not\subseteq f$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $g \subseteq f$  or  $h \subseteq f$ .

(2) Let  $|Imf| \geq 3$ . Then there exists  $a, b, c \in N$ , such that  $f(a) < f(b) < f(c)$ . Now, we assume that  $r, s \in (0, 1)$ , such that  $f(a) < r < f(b) < s < f(c)$ . If  $a \wedge b \in \uparrow x$ , then, by Proposition 3.15,

$$(\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^s \rangle)(x) = \langle (a \wedge b)^{r \wedge s} \rangle(x) = r < f(b) \leq f(a \wedge b) \leq f(x).$$

Therefore,  $\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^s \rangle \subseteq f$ , which follows that  $\langle a^r \rangle \subseteq f$  or  $\langle b^s \rangle \subseteq f$ . If  $\langle a^r \rangle \subseteq f$ , then  $\langle a^r \rangle(a) = r \leq f(a)$ , which is a contradiction. Also, if  $\langle b^s \rangle \subseteq f$ , then  $\langle b^s \rangle(b) = s \leq f(b)$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $|Imf| \leq 2$ .

(3) Suppose that  $f_* = \emptyset$ . Then there exists  $a, b \in N$ , such that  $f(a) = r < f(b) = s < 1$  and  $Imf = \{r, s\}$ . Now, we assume that  $t, k \in (0, 1)$ , such that  $r < t < s < k < 1$ . If  $a \wedge b \in \uparrow x$ , then, by Proposition 3.15,

$$(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^k \rangle)(x) = \langle (a \wedge b)^{t \wedge k} \rangle(x) = t < f(b) \leq f(a \wedge b) \leq f(x).$$

Therefore,  $\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^k \rangle \subseteq f$ , which follows that  $\langle a^t \rangle \subseteq f$  or  $\langle b^k \rangle \subseteq f$ . Hence,  $\langle a^t \rangle(a) = t \leq f(a)$  or  $\langle b^k \rangle(b) = k \leq f(b)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $f_* \neq \emptyset$  and  $f_* \neq N$ . Let  $a, b \in N$  such that  $a \wedge b \in f_*$ ,  $a \notin f_*$  and  $b \notin f_*$ . Then there exists  $r \in (0, 1)$  such that  $f(a) = f(b) < r < 1 = f(a \wedge b)$ . If  $a \wedge b \in \uparrow x$ , then, by Proposition 3.15,

$$(\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^r \rangle)(x) = \langle (a \wedge b)^r \rangle(x) = r < 1 = f(x).$$

Therefore,  $\langle a^r \rangle \wedge \langle b^r \rangle \subseteq f$ , which follows that  $\langle a^r \rangle \subseteq f$  or  $\langle b^r \rangle \subseteq f$ . Hence,  $\langle a^r \rangle(a) = r \leq f(a)$  or  $\langle b^r \rangle(b) = r \leq f(b)$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f_* \in Psub(N)$ .  $\square$

## 4. FRACTION INDUCED BY NEXUS AND FUZZY SUBNEXUS

In this section, the fractions of a nexus  $N$  over an ordinal is defined, and denoted by  $S^{-1}N$ , where  $S$  is a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ . It is shown that this structure is a meet-semilattice and isomorphic with  $\{h\}^{-1}N$ , where  $h = \bigwedge S$ . Also we show that every ideal of  $S^{-1}N$  is of the form of  $S^{-1}I$ , where  $I$  is a subnexus of  $N$ .

**Definition 4.1.** A *meet closed subset* of  $Fsub(N)$  is a non-empty subset  $S$  of  $Fsub(N)$ , such that  $f \wedge g \in S$ , for every  $f, g \in S$ .

Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ . Define the relation  $\sim_S$  on  $N \times S$  as follows:

$$(a, f) \sim_S (b, g) \Leftrightarrow \exists h \in S \forall t \in (0, 1] (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h).$$

We will prove that  $\sim_S$  is an equivalence relation. Let  $a, b, c \in N$ ,  $f, g, h \in S$ ,  $(a, f) \sim_S (b, g)$ , and  $(b, g) \sim_S (c, h)$ . Then there exists  $h_1, h_2 \in S$  such that

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_1 = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1$$

and

$$\langle b^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge h_2 = \langle c^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_2,$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . If  $k = h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge g$ , then  $k \in S$ , and for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge k &= \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge g \\ &= \langle a^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge h \\ &= \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge h \\ &= \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge h_2 \wedge f \wedge h_1 \\ &= \langle c^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_2 \wedge f \wedge h_1 \\ &= \langle c^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \wedge g \\ &= \langle c^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\sim_S$  on  $N \times S$  is transitive. It is clear that  $\sim_S$  on  $N \times S$  is reflexive and symmetric. Hence, the relation  $\sim_S$  on  $N \times S$  is an equivalence relation. Write  $\frac{a}{f}$  for the class of  $(a, f)$ . The set of all equivalence classes of  $\sim_S$  on  $N \times S$  is denoted by  $S^{-1}N$ , and it is called the fraction of  $N$  with respect to  $S$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ , and  $\frac{a}{f}, \frac{b}{g} \in S^{-1}N$ . Then we say  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{g}$ , if there exists  $h \in S$  such that

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h = f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h,$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ . Then  $(S^{-1}N, \leq)$  is a meet-semilattice.*

*Proof.* It is clear that  $\leq$  on  $S^{-1}N$  is reflexive. Now, let  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{g}$ ,  $\frac{b}{g} \leq \frac{a}{f}$ . Thus there exists  $h_1, h_2 \in S$ , such that:

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1 = f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h_1$$

and

$$\langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_2 = g \wedge f \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_2.$$

By the commutativity of  $\wedge$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge g) \wedge (f \wedge g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2) &= \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1 \wedge g \wedge h_2 \\ &= g \wedge f \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_2 \wedge f \wedge h_1 \\ &= (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge f) \wedge (f \wedge g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is a meet closed subset of  $N$ , we can conclude that  $f \wedge g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \in S$ , which follows that  $(a, f) \sim_S (b, g)$ , and  $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g}$ . Thus  $\leq$  on  $S^{-1}N$  is antisymmetric.

Let  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{g}$  and  $\frac{b}{g} \leq \frac{c}{h}$ , for some  $\frac{a}{f}, \frac{b}{g}, \frac{c}{h} \in S^{-1}N$ . Then there exists  $h_1, h_2 \in S$ , such that

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1 = f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h_1$$

and

$$\langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge g \wedge h_2 = g \wedge h \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_2.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
(f \wedge h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle) \wedge (g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2) &= (f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h_1) \wedge \\
&\quad (h \wedge h_2 \wedge g) \\
&= (f \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_1) \wedge \\
&\quad (h \wedge h_2 \wedge g) \\
&= (g \wedge h \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_2) \wedge \\
&\quad (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1) \\
&= (g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h_2) \wedge \\
&\quad (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h_1) \\
&= (f \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h_1) \wedge \\
&\quad (g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge h_2) \\
&= (f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h_1) \wedge \\
&\quad (g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge h_2) \\
&= (f \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge \langle a^t \rangle) \wedge \\
&\quad (g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ , we can conclude that  $g \wedge h_1 \wedge h_2 \in S$ , which follows that  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{c}{h}$ . Thus  $\leq$  on  $S^{-1}N$  is transitive, and  $(S^{-1}N, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set.

Let  $\frac{a}{f}, \frac{b}{g} \in S^{-1}N$ . Since for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ , by Lemma 3.15,

$$(f \wedge g) \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle = (f \wedge g) \wedge f \wedge \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle$$

and

$$(f \wedge g) \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle = (f \wedge g) \wedge g \wedge \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle,$$

we can conclude that  $\frac{a \wedge b}{f \wedge g} \leq \frac{a}{f}$  and  $\frac{a \wedge b}{f \wedge g} \leq \frac{b}{g}$ . Now, let  $\frac{c}{h} \in S^{-1}N$ , such that  $\frac{c}{h} \leq \frac{a}{f}$  and  $\frac{c}{h} \leq \frac{b}{g}$ . Then there exists  $v, w \in S$ , such that

$$h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge v = h \wedge f \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge v,$$

and

$$h \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge w = h \wedge g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge w.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
(h \wedge f \wedge g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle) \wedge (v \wedge w) &= (h \wedge f \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge v) \wedge \\
&\quad (h \wedge g \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge w) \\
&= (h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge v) \wedge \\
&\quad (h \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle \wedge w) \\
&= (h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle) \wedge \\
&\quad (v \wedge w) \\
&= (h \wedge \langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle \wedge \langle c^t \rangle) \wedge \\
&\quad (v \wedge w).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is a meet closed subset of  $N$ , we can conclude that  $v \wedge w \in S$ , which follows that  $\frac{c}{h} \leq \frac{a \wedge b}{f \wedge g}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{a}{f} \wedge \frac{b}{g} = \frac{a \wedge b}{f \wedge g}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ . For every  $a \in N$  and  $f, g \in S$ ,  $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{a}{g}$  in  $S^{-1}N$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge g) \wedge (f \wedge a) = (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge f) \wedge (g \wedge a)$ , and  $f \wedge a \in S$ , we have  $(a, f) \sim_S (a, g)$ , and  $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{a}{g}$  in  $S^{-1}N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ .*

- (1) *Every ideal of  $S^{-1}N$  is of the form of  $S^{-1}I$ , where  $I$  is a subnexus of  $N$ .*
- (2) *If  $K$  is a finite ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , and  $h = \bigwedge S \in S$ , then there exists a cyclic subnexus  $I$  of  $N$  such that  $K = S^{-1}I$ .*
- (3) *If  $M$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , then there exists  $I \in Psub(N)$  such that  $M = S^{-1}I$ .*
- (4) *If  $M$  is a maximal ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , then there exists  $I \in Sub(N)$  such that  $M = S^{-1}I$ , and  $I$  is a maximal subnexus of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , and

$$I = \{a \in N \mid \frac{a}{f} \in K \text{ for some } f \in S\}.$$

Suppose that  $a, b \in N$ ,  $b \in I$ , and  $a \leq b$ . Then there exists  $f \in S$ , such that  $\frac{b}{f} \in K$ . By Proposition 3.17,  $\langle a^t \rangle \leq \langle b^t \rangle$  for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f = \langle a^t \rangle \wedge f$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Hence,  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{f} \in K$ . Since  $K$  is an ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , we can conclude that  $\frac{a}{f} \in K$ , which follows that  $a \in I$ . Now, by Proposition 2.3,  $I$  is a subnexus of  $N$ , and it is clear that  $K = S^{-1}I$ .

(2) Let  $K$  be a finite ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ . It is well known that every finite directed subset of  $S^{-1}N$  has the largest element. Since  $K$  is

a directed lower set, we can conclude that there exists  $\frac{a}{f} \in K$ , such that  $K = \downarrow \frac{a}{f}$ . We put  $I = \downarrow a$ , and we claim that  $K = S^{-1}I$ . Let  $\frac{b}{g} \in K$ . Then there exists  $k \in S$ , such that, for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge k = g \wedge f \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge k$ , which follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle (a \wedge b)^t \rangle \wedge g) \wedge (g \wedge f \wedge k) &= (\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge g) \wedge \\ &\quad (g \wedge f \wedge k) \\ &= (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge f) \wedge (g \wedge f \wedge k), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Therefore,  $\frac{b}{g} = \frac{a \wedge b}{f} \in S^{-1}I$ . Now, let  $b \in I$  and  $g \in S$ . Then, by Proposition 3.17,

$$\begin{aligned} g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h &= \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h \\ &= g \wedge f \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Hence,  $\frac{b}{g} \leq \frac{a}{f} \in K$ . Since  $K$  is an ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , we can conclude that  $\frac{b}{g} \in K$ . The proof is now complete.

(3) Let  $I = \{a \in N \mid \frac{a}{f} \in M \text{ for some } f \in S\}$ . Then, by statement (1),  $M = S^{-1}I$ . Let  $a, b \in N$ , such that  $a \wedge b \in I$ . Then  $\frac{a \wedge b}{f} \in S^{-1}I$  for some  $f \in S$ . Since  $\frac{a \wedge b}{f} = \frac{a}{f} \wedge \frac{b}{f}$  and  $S^{-1}I$  is a prime ideal, we can conclude that  $\frac{a}{f} \in S^{-1}I$  or  $\frac{b}{f} \in S^{-1}I$ . Hence,  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ , i.e.  $I \in Psub(N)$ .

(4) Let  $I = \{a \in N \mid \frac{a}{f} \in M \text{ for some } f \in S\}$ . Then, by statement (1),  $M = S^{-1}I$ . Suppose  $I$  is not a maximal subnexus of  $N$ . Then there exist a subnexus  $J$  between  $I$  and  $N$ . Put  $M_1 = S^{-1}J$ . Then  $M_1$  is an ideal of  $S^{-1}N$ , and  $S^{-1}I \subset S^{-1}J$ , which is contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** *Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ , and  $h = \bigwedge S$ . For every  $a, b \in N$  and  $f, g \in S$*

- (1) *If  $(a, h) \sim_S (b, h)$ , then  $(a, h) \sim_{\{h\}} (b, h)$ .*
- (2) *If  $h \in S$  and  $(a, h) \sim_{\{h\}} (b, h)$ , then  $(a, h) \sim_S (b, h)$ .*
- (3) *If  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{g}$  in  $S^{-1}N$ , then  $\frac{a}{h} \leq \frac{b}{h}$  in  $\{h\}^{-1}N$ .*

*Proof.* (1) We first suppose that  $(a, h) \sim_S (b, h)$ . Then there exists  $v \in S$  such that

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h = \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge v = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge v = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h.$$

It follows that  $(a, h) \sim_{\{h\}} (b, h)$ .

(2) By hypothesis,  $\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h$ . Since  $h \in S$ , we can conclude that  $(a, h) \sim_S (b, h)$ .

(3) Since  $\frac{a}{f} \leq \frac{b}{g}$  in  $S^{-1}N$ , we can conclude that there exists  $v \in S$ , such that

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge v = f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge v.$$

It is clear that  $f \wedge v \wedge h = h = f \wedge g \wedge v \wedge h$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle &= \langle a^t \rangle \wedge \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge v \wedge h \\ &= f \wedge g \wedge \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge v \\ &= h \wedge \langle a^t \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\frac{a}{h} \leq \frac{b}{h}$  in  $\{h\}^{-1}N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.7.** *Let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ , and  $h = \bigwedge S$ . We define  $\varphi : S^{-1}N \rightarrow \{h\}^{-1}N$  with  $\varphi(\frac{a}{f}) = \frac{a}{h}$ . Then we have the following conclusions:*

- (1)  $\varphi$  is an onto meet-semilattice homomorphism.
- (2) If  $h \in S$ , then  $\varphi$  is one to one. In particular, this shows if  $h \in S$ , then  $S^{-1}N \cong \{h\}^{-1}N$  as meet-semilattices.

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma 4.6,  $\varphi$  is well defined, and it also preserves the order. Let  $\frac{a}{f}, \frac{b}{g} \in S^{-1}N$ . Then, by the proof of Proposition 4.3,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{a}{f} \wedge \frac{b}{g}\right) = \varphi\left(\frac{a \wedge b}{f \wedge g}\right) = \frac{a \wedge b}{h} = \frac{a}{h} \wedge \frac{b}{h} = \varphi\left(\frac{a}{f}\right) \wedge \varphi\left(\frac{b}{g}\right).$$

Therefore,  $\varphi$  is an onto meet-semilattice homomorphism.

- (2) Let  $\frac{a}{f}, \frac{b}{g} \in S^{-1}N$ , and  $\varphi(\frac{a}{f}) = \varphi(\frac{b}{g})$ . Then  $\frac{a}{h} = \frac{b}{h}$  and

$$\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \wedge g = \langle a^t \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge f \wedge h,$$

for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Since  $h \in S$ , we can conclude that  $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g}$ , which follows that  $\varphi$  is one to one.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.8.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and let  $S$  be a meet closed subset of  $Fsub(N)$ . If  $h = \bigwedge S$ , then  $\{h\}^{-1}N \cong \widehat{\downarrow h}$  as meet-semilattices, where  $\widehat{\downarrow h} = \{h \wedge \langle a^1 \rangle; a \in N\}$ .*

*Proof.* We define  $\varphi : \{h\}^{-1}N \rightarrow \widehat{\downarrow h}$  with  $\varphi(\frac{a}{h}) = \langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h$ . For every  $a, b \in N$ ,

$$\frac{a}{h} = \frac{b}{h} \Rightarrow \langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^1 \rangle \wedge h \Rightarrow \varphi\left(\frac{a}{h}\right) = \varphi\left(\frac{b}{h}\right).$$

Hence,  $\varphi$  is well defined. It is clear that  $\varphi$  is onto. Now, let  $\frac{a}{h} \neq \frac{b}{h}$ . We show that  $\varphi(\frac{a}{h}) \neq \varphi(\frac{b}{h})$ . Since  $\frac{a}{h} \neq \frac{b}{h}$ , there exists  $t \in (0, 1]$ , such that  $\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h \neq \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h$ . If  $t = 1$ , then  $\varphi(\frac{a}{h}) \neq \varphi(\frac{b}{h})$ . Let  $t < 1$  and  $\langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^1 \rangle \wedge h$ . For every  $x \in N$ ,



- (1) If  $a, b \in \uparrow x$ , then  $\langle a^t \rangle(x) = t = \langle b^t \rangle(x)$ , which follows that  $(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h)(x) = t \wedge h(x) = (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge h)(x)$ .
- (2) If  $a, b \notin \uparrow x$ , then  $\langle a^t \rangle(x) = 0 = \langle b^t \rangle(x)$ , which follows that  $(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h)(x) = 0 = (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge h)(x)$ .
- (3) If  $a \in \uparrow x$  and  $b \notin \uparrow x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(x) &= 1 \wedge h(x) \\
 &= (\langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h)(x) \\
 &= (\langle b^1 \rangle \wedge h)(x) \\
 &= 0 \wedge h(x) \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

which follows that  $(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h)(x) = 0 = (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge h)(x)$ .

- (4) Similarly, if  $a \notin \uparrow x$  and  $b \in \uparrow x$ , then

$$(\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h)(x) = 0 = (\langle b^t \rangle \wedge h)(x)$$

Therefore,  $\langle a^t \rangle \wedge h = \langle b^t \rangle \wedge h$ , which is a contradiction. Then  $\langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h \neq \langle b^1 \rangle \wedge h$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is one to one. Let  $\frac{a}{h}, \frac{b}{h} \in \{h\}^{-1}N$ . Then, by Proposition 3.15 and the proof of Proposition 4.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi\left(\frac{a}{h} \wedge \frac{b}{h}\right) &= \varphi\left(\frac{a \wedge b}{h}\right) \\
 &= \langle (a \wedge b)^1 \rangle \wedge h \\
 &= (\langle a^1 \rangle \wedge h) \wedge (\langle b^1 \rangle \wedge h) \\
 &= \varphi\left(\frac{a}{h}\right) \wedge \varphi\left(\frac{b}{h}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\varphi$  is a meet-semilattice isomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.9.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and let  $S_1, S_2$  be meet closed subsets of  $Fsub(N)$ . If  $\bigwedge S_1 = \bigwedge S_2 \in S_1 \cap S_2$ , then  $S_1^{-1}N \cong S_2^{-1}N$  as meet-semilattices.*

*Proof.* By Propositions 4.7 and 4.8, it is clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.10.** *Let  $N$  be a nexus over  $\gamma$ , and  $\{()\} \neq X \subseteq N \setminus \{()\}$  be closed under finite meet. Then for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $S_t = \{\langle a^t \rangle \mid a \in X\}$  is closed under finite meet, and there exists  $b \in X$ , such that  $\langle b^t \rangle = \bigwedge S_t$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.15,  $S_t$  is closed under finite meet. Since  $X \subseteq N$ , and  $X$  is closed under finite meet, we can conclude from Corollary 2.8 that there exists  $b \in X$ , such that  $b = \bigwedge X$ . By Proposition 3.17,  $\langle b^t \rangle = \bigwedge_{a \in X} \langle a^t \rangle$ .  $\square$

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ما در این مقاله زیر پیوندهای فازی از یک پیوند  $N$  را تعریف می‌کنیم. هم چنین به مطالعه زیرپیوندهای فازی اول و زیرپیوندهای خارج قسمتی می‌پردازیم. در نهایت نشان می‌دهیم که اگر  $S$  یک زیر مجموعه بسته مقطعی از زیرپیوندهای فازی  $N$  باشد و  $h = \bigwedge S \in S$ ، آن گاه  $S^{-1}N$  و  $\{h\}^{-1}N$  به عنوان نیم مشبکه های مقطعی یکرخت خواهند بود.

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