



## Analysis of Some Results on Fuzzy Connected Space And Local Connectedness.

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper, we analyze some results in fuzzy connected spaces. Among the results obtained we can mention the good extension of local connectedness.*

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**Introduction:**1.1 The fundamental concept of a fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [1]. Subsequently, Chang [2] defined the notion of fuzzy topology. Since the various aspects of topology were investigated and carried out in fuzzy sense by several authors of this field. The local properties of space which may also be in certain cases the properties of the whole spaces are important field for study in both general and fuzzy topology. In general topology, by introducing the notion of ideal, Kuratowski [3], Vaidyanathaswamy [4,5] and several other authors carried out such analysis. The notion of fuzzy points and Q- neighborhood of a fuzzy point introduces the scope of such analysis in fuzzy topology [6, 7]. In 1997 Sarkar [8] extended the concept of ideals in fuzzy settings and defined the local function in fuzzy topology. With the emergence of the fundamental paper [1] by Zadeh in 1965 number of papers have appeared in literature featuring the application of fuzzy sets to pattern recognition, decision problems, function approximation, system theory, fuzzy logic, fuzzy topology, etc. [9], [10]. In this note, our interests are in the study of certain concepts in fuzzy topology. In this paper we introduce new results in fuzzy connected spaces. Among the results obtained we can mention the good extension of local connectedness.

### Preliminaries:

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**Definition 2.1.1** A Fuzzy topology is a family  $\tau$  of fuzzy sets in  $X$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\emptyset, X \in \tau$ .
- (ii) If  $A, B \in \tau$ , then  $A \cap B \in \tau$ .
- (iii) If  $A_i \in \tau$ , for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cup_i A_i \in \tau$ .

$\tau$  is called a fuzzy topology for  $X$ , and the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy topological space. If the null fuzzy set 0 and the whole fuzzy set 1 belongs to  $\tau$  and  $\tau$  is closed with respect to any union and finite intersection. The members of  $\tau$  are called fuzzy open sets and their complements are called fuzzy closed sets. The Closure [11] of a fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  denoted by  $Cl(A)$ , is the intersection of all fuzzy closed sets which contains  $A$ . The interior [11] of a fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  denoted by  $Int(A)$  is the union of all fuzzy sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ .

**Definition 2.1.2** [11] Let  $f$  be a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Let  $B$  be a fuzzy set in  $Y$  with membership function  $\mu_B(Y)$ . Then the inverse image of  $B$  written as  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  whose membership function defined by  $\mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(X) = \mu_B\{f(x)\}$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ .

Definition 2.1.3 [11] A function ' $f$ ' from a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  to a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $F$  – continuous if and only if the inverse of each  $\sigma$  – open fuzzy set is  $\tau$  – open.

Definition 2.1.4 A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be disconnected if  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty open fuzzy sets in  $X$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Hence, a connected space is defined as follows:

Definition 2.1.5: A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be connected if  $X$  cannot be represented as the union of two non-empty, disjoint open fuzzy sets on  $X$ .

Definition 2.1.6: A fuzzy set  $A$  in fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be quasi-coincident [11] with a fuzzy set  $B$  denoted by  $AqB$  if there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that

$A(x) + B(x) > 1$ . The negation of the statement is written as  $\sim(AqB)$ .

Definition 2.1.7 A fuzzy set  $V$  in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a Q-neighborhood [11] of a fuzzy point  $X_\beta$  if there exists a fuzzy open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $X_\beta qU \leq V$ .

Definition 2.1.8 [12] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy connected if it has no proper fuzzy closed-open set.

Definition 2.1.9 [12] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy super-connected if  $X$  does not have non-zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ .

Definition 2.1.10 [12] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy strong connected if it has no non-zero fuzzy closed sets  $f$  and  $k$  such that  $f + k \leq 1$ .

Definition 2.1.11 [13] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be  $c$ -zero dimensional if for every crisp fuzzy point  $x_1$  in  $X$  and every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  containing  $x_1$  there exists a crisp clopen fuzzy set  $\delta$  in  $X$  such that  $x_1 \leq \delta \leq \mu$ .

Definition 2.1.12 [13] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be totally  $c_i$ -disconnected ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) if the support of every non zero  $c_i$ -connected fuzzy set ([1, Definition 2.7]) in  $X$  is a singleton.

Definition 2.1.13 [13] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be strong  $c$ -zero dimensional if it is not  $c$ -connected between any pair of its disjoint fuzzy closed sets.

Definition 2.1.14 [14] A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy locally connected at a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  if for every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $X$  containing  $x_\alpha$ , there exists a connected fuzzy open set  $\delta$  in  $X$  such that  $x_1 \leq \delta \leq \mu$ .

Definition 2.1.15 [14] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space, suppose  $A \subset X$  and let  $\tau_A = \{\mu|A : \mu \in \tau\}$ . Then  $(A, \tau_A)$  is called a fuzzy subspace of  $(X, \tau)$ . In short we shall denote  $(A, \tau_A)$  by  $A$ . A fuzzy subspace  $A$  is said to be a fuzzy open subspace if its characteristic function  $\chi_A$  is fuzzy open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  and let  $A \subset X$ . Then we denote  $\mu|A$  by  $\mu^a$ . In particular, if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$ , then we denote the fuzzy set  $x_{\alpha A}$  by  $x_\alpha^a$ .

Definition 2.1.16 [13] A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $c$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $\mu$  and  $\delta$  if there exists no crisp closer-open fuzzy  $\eta$  such that  $\mu \leq \eta \leq 1_X - \delta$ .

Definition 2.1.17 [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space, let  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A$  is said to be a fuzzy connected subset of  $X$  if  $A$  is a fuzzy connected space as a fuzzy subspace of  $X$ .

Definition 2.1.18 A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be locally fuzzy super connected (locally fuzzy strong connected) at a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  if for every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $X$  containing  $x_\alpha$  there exists a fuzzy super connected (fuzzy strong connected) open set  $\eta$  in  $X$  such that  $x_\alpha \leq \eta \leq \mu$ .

3.1 Here we analyze some results in fuzzy connected spaces. Among the results obtained we can mention the good extension of local connectedness.

Theorem 3.1.1: The  $F$  –continuous image of a connected fuzzy space  $X$  to a fuzzy topological space is connected.

Proof: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $F$  –continuous map of  $X$  to  $Y$  where  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \tau_{f(X)})$  are fuzzy topological spaces,  $X$  is connected.

Suppose  $f(X)$  is disconnected. Then there exist non-empty open fuzzy open sets  $G$  and  $H \in \tau_{f(X)}$  such that  $f(X) = G \cup H$ . This implies that  $G$  and  $H$  are obtained from non-empty open fuzzy sets say  $G_y$  and  $H_y$  in  $Y$  such that  $G = G_y \cap f(X)$ ;  $H = H_y \cap f(X)$ .

We shall show that  $f^{-1}(G)$  and  $f^{-1}(H)$  give a disconnection for  $X$ . That is,  $X = f^{-1}(G) \cup f^{-1}(H)$ .

For by Definition 2.1.4,

$$\begin{aligned} \min \left( \mu_{f^{-1}(G)}(x), \mu_{f^{-1}(H)}(x) \right) &= \max \left( \mu_G(f(x)), \mu_H(f(x)) \right) \\ &= 1 \text{ (since } G \cup H = f(X)\text{),} \\ &= \mu_x(x). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to  $X$  being connected.

Hence,  $f(X)$  is connected.

Theorem 3.1.2 A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally connected if and only if  $(X, \omega(\tau))$  is locally connected.( where  $\omega(\tau)$  is the set of all lower semi-continuous functions from  $(X, \tau)$  to the unit interval  $I = [0,1]$ ).

Proof: Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy open set in  $\omega(\tau)$  containing a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$ . Since  $\mu$  is a lower semi continuous function, by local connectedness of  $(X, \tau)$  there exists an open connected set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and contained in the support of  $\mu$ . Now  $\chi_U$  is the characteristic function of  $U$  and it is lower semicontinuous, hence  $\chi_U \wedge \mu$  is a fuzzy open set in  $\omega(\tau)$ . We claim  $\delta = \chi_U \wedge \mu$  is a fuzzy connected set containing  $x_\alpha$ . If not then by [15, Theorem 3.1], there exist a non zero lower semicontinuous function  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  in  $\omega(\tau)$  such that  $\mu_1 \vee \mu_2 \vee \delta = 1$ .

Now  $\text{Supp } \delta = U$  and  $\text{Supp } \mu_1, \text{Supp } \mu_2$  are open sets in  $\tau$  such that  $U \subset \text{Supp } \mu_1 \cup \text{Supp } \mu_2$ ,

Hence,  $U \cap \text{Supp } \mu_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \cap \text{Supp } \mu_2 \neq \emptyset$  and consequently

$(U \cap \text{Supp } \mu_1) \cup (U \cap \text{Supp } \mu_2) = U \cap (\text{Supp } \mu_1 \cup \text{Supp } \mu_2) = U$  is not connected.

Conversely, let  $U$  be an open set in  $\tau$  containing  $x, x_\alpha \in \chi_U$ , ( $\chi_U$  is a characteristic function of  $U$ ),

$\chi_U$  is a fuzzy open set in  $\omega(\tau)$ . By fuzzy connectedness of  $(X, \omega(\tau))$  there exists a fuzzy open connected set  $\mu$  in  $\omega(\tau)$  such that  $x_\alpha \leq \mu \leq \chi_U$ .

We claim that  $\text{Supp } \mu$  is connected ( $x \in \text{Supp } \mu \subset U$ ). If not there exist two non empty open sets  $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$  such that

$$\text{Supp } \mu = G_1 \cup G_2 \quad \text{and} \quad G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset.$$

It is clear that  $\chi_{G_1} + \chi_{G_2} = \chi_\mu$ ,

Which is a contradiction, because  $\mu$  is fuzzy connected.

Theorem 3.1.3 If  $G$  is a subset of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\mu_G$ (Characteristic function of a subset  $G$  of  $X$ ) is fuzzy open in  $X$ , then if  $X$  is a super connected space then  $G$  is a fuzzy super connected space.

Proof: Suppose that  $G$  is not a super connected space. Then by [12, Theorem 6.1] there exist fuzzy open sets  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  in  $X$  such that  $\lambda_1 \upharpoonright G \neq 0, \lambda_2 \upharpoonright G \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_1 \upharpoonright G + \lambda_2 \upharpoonright G \leq 1$ , and therefore  $\lambda_1 \wedge \mu_G + \lambda_2 \wedge \mu_G \leq 1$ .

Then  $X$  is not a fuzzy super connected space, a contradiction.

Theorem 3.1.4 If  $A$  and  $B$  are fuzzy strong connected subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\overline{\mu_B} \upharpoonright A \neq 0$  or  $\overline{\mu_A} \upharpoonright B \neq 0$  then  $AVB$  is a fuzzy strong connected subset of  $X$  where  $\mu_A, \mu_B$  are the characteristic of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

Proof: Suppose  $Y = AVB$  is not a fuzzy strong connected subset of  $X$ . Then there exist fuzzy closed sets  $\delta$  and  $\lambda$  such that  $\delta \upharpoonright Y \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \upharpoonright Y \neq 0$  and  $\delta \upharpoonright Y + \lambda \upharpoonright Y \leq 1$ . Since  $A$  is a fuzzy strong connected subset of  $X$ , then either  $\delta \upharpoonright A = 0$  or  $\lambda \upharpoonright A = 0$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $\delta \upharpoonright A = 0$ . In this case, since  $B$  is also fuzzy strong connected, we have

$$\delta \upharpoonright A = 0, \lambda \upharpoonright A \neq 0, \delta \upharpoonright B \neq 0, \lambda \upharpoonright B = 0$$

$$\text{and therefore } \lambda \upharpoonright A + \overline{\mu_B} \upharpoonright A \leq 1 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

If  $\overline{\mu_B} \upharpoonright A \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda \upharpoonright A \neq 0$  with (1) imply that  $A$  is not a fuzzy connected subset of  $X$ . In the same way  $\overline{\mu_A} \upharpoonright B \neq 0$  then  $\delta \upharpoonright B \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \upharpoonright B + \overline{\mu_A} \upharpoonright B \leq 1$  imply that  $B$  is not a fuzzy strong connected subset of  $X$ , a contradiction.

Theorem 3.1.5 If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B \leq \overline{\mu_A}$ , then  $A$  is a fuzzy strong connected subset of  $X$  then  $B$  is also fuzzy strong connected.

Proof: Let  $B$  be not fuzzy strong connected. Then there exist two non zero fuzzy closed sets  $f \upharpoonright B$  and  $k \upharpoonright B$  such that  $f \upharpoonright B + k \upharpoonright B \leq 1$ . ....(2)

$$\text{If } f \upharpoonright A = 0 \text{ then } f + \mu_A \leq f + \mu_B \leq f + \overline{\mu_A} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Hence  $f + \mu_B \leq 1$ , thus  $f \upharpoonright B = 0$ , a contradiction, and therefore  $f \upharpoonright A \neq 0$ .

Similarly we can show that  $k \upharpoonright A \neq 0$ . By (2) and with the relation  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B$  we conclude that  $f \upharpoonright A + k \upharpoonright A \leq 1$ ,

So  $A$  is not fuzzy strong connected, which is again a contradiction.

Theorem 3.1.6 A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally fuzzy connected if and only if every fuzzy open subspace of  $X$  is locally connected.

Proof: Let  $A$  be a fuzzy open subspace of  $X$  and let  $\eta$  be a fuzzy open set in  $X$ . To prove  $A$  is fuzzy connected, let  $x_\alpha^a$  be a fuzzy point in  $A$  and let  $\eta \upharpoonright A$  be a fuzzy open set in  $A$  containing  $x_\alpha^a$ . We must prove that there exists a connected fuzzy open set  $\mu \upharpoonright A$  in  $A$  such that  $x_\alpha^a \leq \mu \upharpoonright A \leq \eta \upharpoonright A$ .

Clearly, the fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  lies in  $\eta$ . Since  $X$  is locally fuzzy connected, there exists an open fuzzy connected  $\mu$  such that  $x_\alpha \leq \mu \leq \eta$  and  $\mu \leq \eta \wedge \chi_A$ .

It is easy to prove that  $x_\alpha^a \leq \mu \upharpoonright A \leq \eta \upharpoonright A$ .

If  $\mu \upharpoonright A$  is not fuzzy connected, then there exists a proper fuzzy close-open  $\lambda \upharpoonright A$  in  $\mu \upharpoonright A$  ( $\lambda$  is proper fuzzy close-open in  $\mu$ ). This is a contradiction with the fact that  $\mu$  is fuzzy connected and hence  $A$  is fuzzy connected.

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