# MAXIMAL FUZZY TOPOLOGIES

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In this paper we introduce and study maximal fuzzy P-spaces where P is fuzzy Lindelöf, fuzzy countably compact, fuzzy compact, fuzzy lightly compact or fuzzy strongly compact. Characterizations are given for maximal fuzzy P-spaces where P is fuzzy Lindelöf, fuzzy countably compact, fuzzy compact, or fuzzy strongly compact. Necessary condition is given for maximal fuzzy lightly compact spaces and fuzzy connected spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper can be considered as a continuation of [4] and it presents interesting relations among various notions derived from maximal fuzzy topologies. A fuzzy topological space [5] with property P is said to be maximal P if there is no strictly larger fuzzy topology on X with property P. In this paper we shall investigate maximal fuzzy P-spaces where P is fuzzy connectedness, fuzzy lightly compactness etc in a manner similar to that of [2].

## 2. FUZZY CONNECTED SPACES

A fuzzy topological space (X, T) is defined to be fuzzy connected [6] if it has no proper fuzzy clopen set. We define such a fuzzy connected space to be maximal fuzzy connected if any fuzzy connected topology stronger than T necessarily coincides with T. If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space then the closure and the interior of  $\lambda$  will be as usual denoted by  $\overline{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda^0$  respectively. A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called fuzzy regular open [4] if  $\lambda = (\overline{\lambda})^0$ . Given any fuzzy topological space (X, T), the fuzzy regular open sets in T form a base for a unique fuzzy topology  $T_0$  called the fuzzy semi-regular topology on X associated with T. A fuzzy topology T is fuzzy semi-regular [3]  $\Leftrightarrow T = T_0$ .

Let  $(X, T_0)$  be a fuzzy semi-regular space.

Let  $E(T_0) = \{T^* | T^* \text{ is a fuzzy topology on } X \text{ and } (T^*)_0 = T_0\}$ . For any two elements  $T_1, T_2$  in  $E(T_0)$  define  $T_1 \leq T_2$  if  $T_1$  is weaker than  $T_2$ . It can be shown that  $E(T_0)$  has a maximal element. A maximal element of  $E(T_0)$  is called a submaximal fuzzy topology and X endowed with such a fuzzy topology is referred to as a submaximal fuzzy topological space. In this connection we establish the following results:

**Proposition 1.** A fuzzy topological space (X, T) is fuzzy connected  $\Leftrightarrow (X, T_0)$  is fuzzy connected.

Proof. Suppose T is not fuzzy connected. Then there exists a proper fuzzy set  $\lambda$  which is both open and closed, so  $\lambda$  is regular open and regular closed. Therefore  $T_0$  is not fuzzy connected which is a contradiction. The converse follows since  $T_0$  is weaker than T.

The following two results can be deduced from the above Proposition 1.

**Proposition 2.** A maximal fuzzy connected space is submaximal.

**Proposition 3.** A fuzzy topology T on X is submaximal  $\Leftrightarrow$  every fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in X such that  $\overline{\lambda} = 1$  belongs to T.

3. FUZZY LIGHTLY COMPACT SPACE

We define the concept of fuzzy lightly compact space based on the corresponding concept in topology given in [2].

**Definition.** A fuzzy topological space (X, T) is said to be fuzzy lightly compact if for all  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset T$  with  $\sup\{\lambda_i\} = 1$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$\sup\left\{\overline{\lambda}_i\right\}_{i=1}^{n_0} = 1.$$

In this connection one can prove the following results easily.

**Proposition 4.** A space (X,T) is fuzzy lightly compact  $\Leftrightarrow (X,T_0)$  is fuzzy lightly compact.

**Proposition 5.** A maximal fuzzy lightly compact space (X, T) is submaximal.

The converse of Proposition 5 is not true as the following example shows.

**Example.** Let  $X = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, ...\}$  be a set of points. Let A be any element in  $\mathcal{P}(X - x_0)$ . Define

$$f_0: X \longrightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{as} \quad f_0(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X,$$

$$f_1: X \longrightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{as} \quad f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = x_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq x_0 \end{cases}$$
and
$$f_A: X \longrightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{as} \quad f_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \cup \{x_0\} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \cup \{x_0\} \end{cases}$$

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Let  $T = \{f_0, f_1, f_A | A \in \mathcal{P}(X - x_0)\}$ . Then (X, T) is fuzzy lightly compact and submaximal.

Let us now fix another point  $x_1 \in X$  and define

$$g_0: X \longrightarrow [0,1]$$
 as  $g_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = x_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
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For all  $y \in X \setminus \{x_0, x_1\}$ , define

$$g_y : X \longrightarrow [0, 1]$$
 as  $g_y(x_0) = 1$   
 $g_y(y) = 1$   
 $= 0$  otherwise

Let T' be the fuzzy topology generated by the base  $\{g_0, g_1, g_y | y \in X \setminus \{x_0, x_1\}\}$ . Then (X, T') is fuzzy lightly compact and T' is strictly stronger than T and therefore (X, T) is not maximally fuzzy lightly compact.

## 4. FUZZY COMPACT (COUNTABLY COMPACT, LINDELÖF) SPACES

In this section we give characterizations for maximal fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) spaces.

**Definition.** Let (X,T) be any fuzzy topological space. (X,T) is said to be topologically generated [8] fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) space if there exists a compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on X such that  $T = \omega(T) = \mathcal{F}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of all continuous functions from  $(X,\mathcal{T})$  to I.

We make use of the following results from [4] and [8] to prove Proposition 6.

**Theorem A.** [4] Let (X,T) be a fuzzy countably compact (fuzzy compact or fuzzy Lindelöf) and  $\delta \notin T$ . Then  $(X, T(\delta))$  is fuzzy countably compact (fuzzy compact, fuzzy Lindelöf)  $\Leftrightarrow 1 - \delta$  is fuzzy countably compact (fuzzy compact or fuzzy Lindelöf).

**Theorem B.** [8] If (X,T) is a topologically generated fuzzy compact space, then every fuzzy closed set is fuzzy compact.

**Theorem C.** [8] If  $f: (X,T) \longrightarrow (Y,T')$  is fuzzy continuous and  $\lambda$  is fuzzy compact fuzzy set in (X,T), then  $f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy compact.

**Proposition 6.** The following are equivalent for a topologically generated fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) space (X,T).

- 1. (X,T) is maximal fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) space (X,T).
- 2. The set of all fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) sets of X coincides with the set of all fuzzy closed sets of X.
- 3. If Y is topologically generated fuzzy compact (Countably compact, Lindelöf) space and if f is any fuzzy continuous bijection from Y onto X, then f is a fuzzy homeomorphism.

Proof. We prove this proposition for fuzzy compact spaces and the proof is similar for the other two cases.

(1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2). Suppose there exist a fuzzy compact set  $\lambda$  which is not fuzzy closed. Then  $1 - \lambda \notin T$  and  $(X, T(1 - \lambda))$  where  $T(1 - \lambda) = \{[(1 - \lambda) \land \mu] \lor \nu \mid \mu, \nu \in T\}$  is fuzzy compact by Theorem A. This is a contradiction to our assumption (1). Therefore every fuzzy compact set is fuzzy closed. Also from Theorem B it follows that every fuzzy closed set of X is fuzzy compact. Hence  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$ .

(2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3). We need to show that  $f^{-1}$  is fuzzy continuous. Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy closed set in Y. Then  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$  and as  $\lambda$  is closed in  $Y \Rightarrow \lambda$  is a fuzzy compact set in  $Y \Rightarrow f(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy compact (by Theorem C)  $\Rightarrow f(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy closed set in X (by assumption (2)). This proves  $f^{-1}$  is fuzzy continuous. Hence (2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3).

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$ . Let T' be any topologically generated fuzzy compact topology on X such that  $T \leq T'$ . Then the identity map  $i: (X,T) \longrightarrow (X,T')$  satisfies the condition (3) and so T = T'. That is (X,T) is maximally fuzzy compact.  $\Box$ 

**Definition.** [4] Let (X,T) be a fuzzy topological space and  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set in X.  $\lambda$  is called a fuzzy  $G_{\delta}$ -set if

$$\lambda = \bigwedge_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i \quad \text{where each} \quad \lambda_i \in T.$$

A fuzzy topological space (X, T) is called a fuzzy  $G_{\delta}$ -space [1] if every fuzzy  $G_{\delta}$ -set is fuzzy open.

In this connection, we have the following result.

**Proposition 7.** Let (X,T) be a topologically generated fuzzy Lindelöf space. If (X,T) is maximal fuzzy Lindelöf, then X is fuzzy  $G_{\delta}$ -space.

Proof. Let  $\lambda$  be any  $G_{\delta}$ -set of X. Then we can write  $\lambda = \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n$  where each  $\lambda_n \in T$ . Now  $1 - \lambda = \bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \lambda_n)$ . From Proposition 6 we find that  $1 - \lambda$  is closed and so  $\lambda \in T$ .

**Remark 1.** In [7] a new definition for the notion of compactness is introduced viz a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of (X, T) is said to be "compact"  $\Leftrightarrow$  each filter basis  $\mathcal{B}$  such that every finite intersection of members of  $\mathcal{B}$  is quasi-coincident with  $\lambda$ ,  $(\wedge \overline{\lambda}) \wedge \lambda \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathcal{B}$ . To distinguish from the above compactness notion let us denote this by "compact\*". In a similar manner one can also define "Lindelöf\*". Regarding these notions of compact\* and Lindelöf\* one can prove the following results. For concepts not defined here we refer to [7].

**Result 1.** The following are equivalent for a topologically generated fuzzy compact<sup>\*</sup> (Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup>) space (X, T).

- 1. (X, T) is maximal fuzzy compact<sup>\*</sup> (Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup>).
- 2. The set of all fuzzy compact\* (Lindelöf\*) sets of X coincide with the set of all fuzzy closed sets of X.
- 3. If Y is topologically generated fuzzy compact<sup>\*</sup> (Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup>) space and if f is any fuzzy continuous bijection from Y onto X, then f is a fuzzy homeomorphism.

**Result 2.** Let (X, T) be a topologically generated fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup> space. (X, T) is maximal fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup> and fuzzy Hausdorff  $\Leftrightarrow X$  is fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup>, fuzzy Hausdorff and fuzzy  $G_{\delta}$  space. Also  $X \times X$  is maximal fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup> if  $X \times X$  is fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup>, X is maximal fuzzy Lindelöf<sup>\*</sup> and fuzzy Hausdorff.

**Remark 2.** The study of the product of maximal P spaces where P is fuzzy Lindelöf, fuzzy countably compact etc is rendered uninteresting by the fact that these fuzzy topological properties are not productive in general.

## 5. STRONGLY COMPACT FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

**Definition.** [9] Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy subset of a fuzzy topological space X.  $\lambda$  is said to be pre-open if  $\lambda < (\overline{\lambda})^0$ . The set of all pre-open fuzzy sets of X is denoted by PO(X). Let (Y, S) be another fuzzy topological space. Let  $T_{\Phi}$  be a fuzzy topology on X which has PO(X) as a subbase. A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is  $\Phi$ -continuous if  $f : (X, T_{\Phi}) \longrightarrow (Y, S)$  is continuous. f is said to be  $\Phi'$ -continuous if  $f : (X, T_{\Phi}) \longrightarrow$  $(Y, S_{\Phi})$  is  $\Phi$ -continuous. A fuzzy topological space X is said to be fuzzy strongly compact if every pre-open cover of X has a finite subcover.

We make use of the following two Theorems from [9] in establishing Proposition 8.

**Theorem D.** Let (X,T) be a fuzzy topological space which is strongly compact. Then each  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed fuzzy set in X is strongly compact.

**Theorem E.** Let X and Y be fuzzy topological spaces and let  $f : X \to Y$  be  $\Phi'$ -continuous. If a fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of X is strongly compact relative to X, then  $f(\lambda)$  is strongly compact relative to Y.

**Proposition 8.** For a fuzzy topological space the following are equivalent:

- 1. (X, T) is maximal fuzzy strongly compact.
- 2. The class of strongly compact fuzzy sets of X equals the class of  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed fuzzy subsets of X.
- 3. If (Y, S) is a fuzzy strongly compact space and if f is any  $\Phi'$ -continuous bijection from Y onto X, then f is a fuzzy homeomorphism.

Proof. (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2). By Theorem A,  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed fuzzy sets are strongly compact. Suppose there exists a fuzzy strongly compact fuzzy set  $\lambda$  which is not  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed. Then  $1 - \lambda \notin T_{\Phi}$  and  $(X, T(1 - \lambda))$  where  $T(1 - \lambda) = \{[(1 - \lambda) \land \mu] \lor \nu \mid \mu, \nu \notin T\}$  is strongly compact which is such that  $T < T(1 - \lambda)$  which is a contradiction. Hence (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2).

(2)  $\implies$  (3). Let  $\lambda$  be any  $S_{\Phi}$ -closed fuzzy set in Y. Then  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$ and it is sufficient if we show  $f(\lambda)$  is  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed. Since  $\lambda$  is  $S_{\Phi}$ -closed,  $\lambda$  is fuzzy strongly compact in Y by Theorem D and  $f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy strongly compact in X by Theorem E. That is  $f(\lambda)$  is  $T_{\Phi}$ -closed set in X. Hence (2)  $\implies$  (3).

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$ . Suppose T' is any strongly compact fuzzy topology on X such that  $T' \ge T$ . Now the identify map  $i: (X,T') \longrightarrow (X,T)$  satisfies the condition (3). Therefore T = T'. That is (X,T) is maximal fuzzy strongly compact.  $\Box$ 

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