



## On Fuzzy Spaces

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### ABSTRACT

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### 1. Introduction

Extremally disconnected spaces play an important role in set-theoretical topology, in the study of Stone-Ćech compactification and the Stone Space of any complete Boolean algebra, the theory of Boolean algebra, axiomatic set theory, functional analysis, C\*-algebra and the study of Seq( $\xi$ ) space etc.

The concept of submaximality of general topological spaces was introduced by Hewitt [8] in 1943. He discovered a general way of constructing maximal topologies. In [1], Atlas et.al. proved that there can be no dense maximal subspace in a product of first countable spaces, while under Booth's lemma there exists a dense submaximal subspace in  $[0, 1]^c$ . It is established that under the axiom of constructability any submaximal Hausdorff space is  $\sigma$ -discrete. Any homogeneous submaximal space is strongly  $\sigma$ -discrete if there are no measurable cardinals. The first systematic study of submaximal spaces was undertaken in the paper by Arhangel'skiĭ and Collins [2]. They gave various necessary and sufficient conditions for a space to be submaximal and showed that every submaximal space is  $\sigma$ -discrete [2].

The notion of fuzzy extremally disconnected spaces was studied by Ghosh [6]. In this paper, properties of fuzzy extremally disconnected spaces and fuzzy submaximal spaces are discussed.

### 2. Preliminaries

In the present paper, X and Y are always fuzzy topological spaces. The class of fuzzy sets on a universal set X will be denoted by  $I^X$  and fuzzy sets on X will be denoted by Greek letters as  $\mu, \rho, \eta$ , etc. A family  $\tau$  of fuzzy sets in X is called a fuzzy topology for X if

- (1)  $0, 1 \in \tau$
- (2)  $\mu \wedge \rho \in \tau$ , whenever  $\mu, \rho \in \tau$  and
- (3)  $\bigvee \{\mu_\alpha : \alpha \in I\} \in \tau$ , whenever each  $\mu_\alpha \in \tau$  ( $\alpha \in I$ )

Moreover, the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy topological space. Every member of  $\tau$

is called a fuzzy open set. The complement of a fuzzy open set is fuzzy closed.

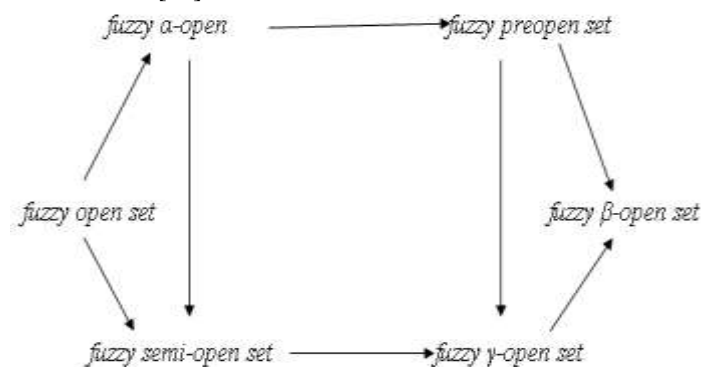
Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in X. We denote the complement, the interior and the closure of a fuzzy set  $\mu$  by  $\mu^1$  or  $1 - \mu$ ,  $\text{int}(\mu)$  and  $\text{cl}(\mu)$ , respectively. A fuzzy set in X is called a fuzzy point if and only if it takes the value 0 for all  $y \in X$  except one, say,  $x \in X$ . If its value at x is  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) we denote this fuzzy point by  $x_\alpha$ , where the point x is called its support [15]. For any fuzzy point  $x_\epsilon$  and any fuzzy set  $\mu$ , we write  $x_\epsilon \in \mu$  if and only if  $\epsilon \leq \mu(x)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a space X is called

- (1) fuzzy  $\beta$ -open [21] if  $\mu \leq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)))$ ;
- (2) fuzzy semi-open [3] if  $\mu \leq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu))$ ;
- (3) fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open [4] if  $\mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)))$ ;
- (4) fuzzy preopen [4] if  $\mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ ;
- (5) fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open [7] if  $\mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)) \vee \text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu))$ ;
- (6) fuzzy regular open [3] if  $\mu = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ .

The complements of the above mentioned open sets are called their respective closed sets.

**Remark 2.2.** [13]



None of the above implications is reversible.

**Remark 2.3.** [4] A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a space X is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open if and only if it is fuzzy semi-open and fuzzy preopen.

**Definition 2.4.** [6] A space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy extremally disconnected if the closure of every fuzzy open set of  $X$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [16] A subset  $\rho$  in a space  $X$  is said to be a fuzzy locally closed (briefly, a fuzzy LC) set if  $\rho = \alpha \wedge \beta$ , where  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy open set and  $\beta$  is a fuzzy closed set.

**Remark 2.6.** [14] Every fuzzy regular open set is fuzzy open but not conversely.

**Theorem 2.7.** [3]

- (1) The closure of a fuzzy open set is a fuzzy regular closed set.
- (2) The interior of a fuzzy closed set is fuzzy regular open set.

**Lemma 2.8.** [3] For a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have

- (1)  $1 - \text{int}(\lambda) = \text{cl}(1 - \lambda)$ ,
- (2)  $1 - \text{cl}(\lambda) = \text{int}(1 - \lambda)$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** [9] Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space  $X$ . Then

- (1)  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  and  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)))) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu))$ .
- (2)  $[\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))]^1 = \text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu^1))$  and  $[\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu))]^1 = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu^1))$ .

**3. Some fuzzy spaces**

In this section, we obtain some new results which are related to fuzzy extremally disconnected spaces and fuzzy submaximal spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** [19] For a space  $X$ , the following properties are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.
- (2)  $\text{int}(\mu)$  is fuzzy closed for every fuzzy closed subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)) \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  for every subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ .
- (4) Every fuzzy semi-open set is fuzzy preopen.
- (5) The closure of every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.
- (6) Every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is fuzzy preopen.
- (7) For every subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ ,  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open if and only if it is fuzzy semi-open.

**Theorem 3.2.** [19] For a subset  $\mu$  of a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy LC set.
- (2)  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)$  for some fuzzy open set  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** [19] Let  $X$  be a fuzzy extremally disconnected space and  $\mu \leq X$ . Then the following properties are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy open set.
- (2)  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open and a fuzzy LC set.
- (3)  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen and a fuzzy LC set.
- (4)  $\mu$  is fuzzy semi-open and a fuzzy LC set.
- (5)  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open and a fuzzy LC set.

**Definition 3.4.** A subset  $\mu$  of a space  $X$  is called fuzzy dense if  $\text{cl}(\mu) = X$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A subset  $\mu$  of a space  $X$  is called fuzzy codense if  $\mu^1$  is fuzzy dense.

**Definition 3.6.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is called submaximal if every fuzzy dense subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.

**Theorem 3.7.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is submaximal.
- (2) Every fuzzy codense subset  $\mu$  of  $X$  is fuzzy closed.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy codense subset of  $X$ . Since  $\mu^1$  is fuzzy dense, by (1),  $\mu^1$  is fuzzy open. Thus,  $\mu$  is fuzzy closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dense subset of  $X$ . Since  $\mu^1$  is fuzzy codense, by (2),  $\mu^1$  is fuzzy closed. Thus,  $\mu$  is fuzzy open. Hence,  $X$  is submaximal.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $\mu \leq X$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu$  is fuzzy LC set.
- (2)  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)$  for some fuzzy open set  $\alpha$ .
- (3)  $\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu$  is fuzzy closed.
- (4)  $(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \vee \mu$  is fuzzy open.
- (5)  $\mu \leq \text{int}[\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1]$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) If  $\mu$  is fuzzy LC set, then there exist a fuzzy open set  $\alpha$  and a fuzzy closed set  $\beta$  such that  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$ . Clearly,  $\mu \leq \alpha \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)$ . Since  $\beta$  is fuzzy closed,  $\text{cl}(\mu) \leq \text{cl}(\beta) = \beta$  and so  $\alpha \wedge \text{cl}(\mu) \leq \alpha \wedge \beta = \mu$ . Therefore  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Now  $\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu = \text{cl}(\mu) \wedge (\mu^1) = \text{cl}(\mu) \wedge [\alpha \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)]^1 = \text{cl}(\mu) \wedge [\alpha^1 \vee (\text{cl}(\mu)^1)] = \text{cl}(\mu) \wedge \alpha^1$ . Therefore  $\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu$  is fuzzy closed.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Since  $[\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu]^1 = [\text{cl}(\mu) \wedge \mu^1]^1 = (\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \vee \mu$ ,  $(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \vee \mu$  is fuzzy open.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Since  $\text{int}[(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \vee \mu] = [\text{cl}(\mu)]^1 \vee \mu$ ,  $\mu \leq \text{int}[(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \vee \mu]$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)  $(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 = \text{int}((\text{cl}(\mu))^1) \leq \text{int}[\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1]$  which implies that  $\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \leq \text{int}[\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1]$  and so  $\mu \vee ((\text{cl}(\mu))^1)$  is fuzzy open. Since  $\mu = (\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1) \wedge \text{cl}(\mu)$ ,  $\mu$  is fuzzy LC set.

**Theorem 3.9.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.
- (2) Every fuzzy regular open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ .
- (3) Every fuzzy regular closed subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

*Proof:* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $X$  be a fuzzy extremally disconnected. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy regular open subset of  $X$ . Then  $\mu = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ . Since  $\mu$  is fuzzy open set,  $\text{cl}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open. Thus,  $\mu = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)) = \text{cl}(\mu)$  and hence  $\mu$  is fuzzy closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that every fuzzy regular open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ . Let  $\mu \leq X$  be a fuzzy open set. Since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  is fuzzy regular open, it is fuzzy closed. Therefore  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  and then  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  for  $\mu$  is fuzzy open. This implies  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  and then  $\text{cl}(\mu) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ . Thus  $\text{cl}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open and hence  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Proof is similar to (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2).

**Theorem 3.10.** The following are equivalent for a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.
- (2) The closure of every fuzzy semi-open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.
- (3) The closure of every fuzzy preopen subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.
- (4) The closure of every fuzzy regular open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.

*Proof:* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy semi-open (fuzzy preopen) set. Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open and by Theorem 3.1,  $\text{cl}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy regular open subset of  $X$ . Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy semi-open and fuzzy preopen and hence by (2) and (3) respectively  $\text{cl}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that the closure of every regular open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.

Let  $\mu \leq X$  be a fuzzy open set. This implies that  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  is a fuzzy regular open set. Then  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)))$  is fuzzy open. Therefore  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))))$ .

From this we have  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))))$  since  $\mu$  is fuzzy open. Thus  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  which gives  $\text{cl}(\mu) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ . Thus,  $\text{cl}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open and hence  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.

**Definition 3.11.** A subset  $\mu$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (1) fuzzy  $t$ -set [17] if  $\text{int}(\mu) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ .

- (2) fuzzy semi-regular if  $\mu$  is a fuzzy t-set and fuzzy semi-open.
- (3) a fuzzy AB-set if  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha \in \tau$  and  $\beta$  is fuzzy semi-regular.

**Definition 3.12.** A subset  $\mu$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (1) fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -set [18] if  $\text{int}(\mu) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu)))$ .
- (2) fuzzy A-set [10] if  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is a fuzzy regular closed set.
- (3) fuzzy B-set [18] if  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is a fuzzy t-set.
- (4) fuzzy C-set [18] if  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -set.

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $\mu \leq X$ . Then every fuzzy t-set is fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -set.

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy t-set. Then  $\text{int}(\mu) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$  and  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu)) = \text{int}(\mu)$ . Therefore  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -set.

**Proposition 3.14.** For a fuzzy subset  $\alpha$  in a fuzzy topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  the following results are true.

- (1) If  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy A-set, then  $\alpha$  is fuzzy LC set.
- (2) If  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy LC set, then  $\alpha$  is fuzzy B-set.
- (3) If  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy B-set, then  $\alpha$  is fuzzy C-set.

**Proof:** (1) It follows from the fact that every fuzzy regular closed set is fuzzy closed.

(2) Since  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy LC set, let  $\alpha = \lambda \wedge \beta$  where  $\lambda$  is fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is fuzzy closed. Thus  $\beta$  is a fuzzy t-set and hence  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy B-set. Then we have  $\beta = \text{cl}(\beta)$  and hence  $\text{int}(\beta) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\beta))$ .

(3) It follows from the fact that every fuzzy t-set is fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -set.

**Theorem 3.15.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.
- (2)  $\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu$  is fuzzy closed for every subset  $\mu$  of  $X$ .
- (3) Every subset of  $X$  is fuzzy LC set.
- (4) Every subset of  $X$  is a fuzzy B-set.
- (5) Every fuzzy dense subset of  $X$  is a fuzzy B-set.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal. Let  $\mu$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then

$\text{cl}(\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu) = \text{cl}(\text{cl}(\mu) \wedge \mu^1) = \text{cl}(\mu \vee (\text{cl}(\mu))^1) = X$  and so  $(\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu)^1$  is fuzzy dense. By hypothesis,  $(\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu)^1$  is fuzzy open and so  $\text{cl}(\mu) - \mu$  is fuzzy closed.

(2) and (3) are equivalent by Theorem 3.8.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) It follows from the fact that every fuzzy LC set is a fuzzy B-set by Proposition 3.14.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dense subset of  $X$ . By (5),  $\mu$  is a fuzzy B-set and so  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy open and  $\text{int}(\beta) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\beta))$ . Since  $\mu \leq \beta$ ,  $\text{cl}(\mu) \leq \text{cl}(\beta)$  and so  $X = \text{cl}(\beta)$ . Therefore  $X = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\beta)) = \text{int}(\beta)$  which implies that  $\beta = X$ . Hence  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta = \alpha \wedge X = \alpha$  and so  $\mu$  is fuzzy open.

**Theorem 3.16.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.
- (2) Every subset of  $X$  is a fuzzy B-set.
- (3) Every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is a fuzzy B-set.
- (4) Every fuzzy dense subset of  $X$  is a fuzzy B-set.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It follows from Theorem 3.15.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) It follows from the fact that every fuzzy dense subset of  $X$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It follows from Theorem 3.15.

**Theorem 3.17.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.
- (2) Every subset of  $X$  is fuzzy LC set.

(3) Every subset of  $X$  is a union of a fuzzy open subset and a fuzzy closed subset of  $X$ .

(4) Every fuzzy dense subset of  $X$  is an intersection of a fuzzy closed subset and a fuzzy open subset of  $X$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It follows from Theorem 3.15.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Let  $\mu \leq X$ . By (2), we have  $\mu^1 = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is a fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is a fuzzy closed in  $X$ . This implies that  $\mu = \alpha^1 \vee \beta^1$  where  $\alpha^1$  is fuzzy closed and  $\beta^1$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ . The converse is similar.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu \leq X$  be a fuzzy dense set. Then  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \beta$  where  $\alpha$  is fuzzy open and  $\beta$  is fuzzy closed. Since  $\mu \leq \beta$  and  $\mu$  is fuzzy dense,  $\beta$  is fuzzy dense set. Then  $\text{int}(\beta) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\beta)) = \text{int}(X) = X$ . Hence  $\beta = X$  and  $\mu = \alpha$  is fuzzy open. Thus,  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.

**Definition 3.18.** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy normal [20] if for each pair of fuzzy closed sets  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  in  $X$  with  $\mu \bar{q} \lambda$ , there exist fuzzy open sets  $\rho$  and  $\eta$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu \leq \rho$  and  $\lambda \leq \eta$ , with  $\rho \bar{q} \eta$ .

**Remark 3.19.** In a fuzzy space  $(X, \tau)$ , fuzzy normality and fuzzy extremally disconnectedness are independent.

**Example 3.20.** Let  $X$  be any nonempty set. Define  $C_a: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  such that  $C_a(x) = a \forall x \in X$  and  $a \in [0,1]$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy topological space with  $\tau = \{C_0, C_{4/10}, C_1\}$ .  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy normal but not fuzzy extremally disconnected.

Since the only fuzzy closed subset in  $X$ , other than  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  is  $C_{6/10}$ , there is no pair of fuzzy closed, non quasi coincident sets. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy normal. But the closure of the fuzzy open set  $C_{4/10}$  is  $C_{6/10}$  which is not fuzzy open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is not fuzzy extremally disconnected.

**Example 3.21.** Let  $C_{6/10}$  and  $C_{7/10}$  be as defined in Example 3.20. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a fuzzy topological space with  $\tau = \{C_0, C_{6/10}, C_{7/10}, C_1\}$  and  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected but not fuzzy normal.

The fuzzy open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  other than  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are  $C_{6/10}$  and  $C_{7/10}$ . Also  $\text{cl}(C_{6/10}) = C_1 = \text{cl}(C_{7/10})$  which is fuzzy open. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.

But  $C_{4/10}$  and  $C_{3/10}$  are fuzzy closed in  $X$  with  $C_{4/10} \bar{q} C_{3/10}$  and there are no fuzzy open sets  $U$  and  $W$  in  $X$  such that  $C_{4/10} \leq U$  and  $C_{3/10} \leq W$  with  $C_{4/10} \bar{q} C_{3/10}$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not fuzzy normal.

**Proposition 3.22.** In a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:

- (1) Every fuzzy open set is a fuzzy AB-set.
- (2) Every fuzzy semi-regular set is a fuzzy AB-set.
- (3) Every fuzzy semi-regular set is a fuzzy t-set.
- (4) Every fuzzy AB-set is a fuzzy B-set.

**Proposition 3.23.** For a subset  $\mu$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy open set.
- (2)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set and a fuzzy AB-set.
- (3)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy preopen set and a fuzzy AB-set.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy preopen set,  $\mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ . Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy AB-set,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \alpha \wedge \beta \text{ where } \alpha \in \tau \text{ and } \beta \text{ is fuzzy semi-regular set. Now } \mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\alpha \wedge \beta)) \\ &\leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\alpha) \wedge \text{cl}(\beta)) \\ &= \text{int}(\text{cl}(\alpha)) \wedge \text{int}(\text{cl}(\beta)) \\ &= \text{int}(\text{cl}(\alpha)) \wedge \text{int}(\beta) \text{ ( } \beta \text{ is a fuzzy t-set)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have  $\mu \leq \alpha$  )  $\mu = \alpha \wedge \mu$

$\leq \alpha \wedge [\text{int}(\text{cl}(\alpha)) \wedge \text{int}(\beta)]$   
 $\leq \alpha \wedge [X \wedge \text{int}(\beta)] = \alpha \wedge \text{int}(\beta) = \text{int}(\alpha) \wedge \text{int}(\beta)$  since  $\alpha$  is fuzzy open  
 $= \text{int}(\alpha \wedge \beta)$   
 $= \text{int}(\mu)$   
 Then  $\mu \in \tau$ .

**Lemma 3.24.** *If  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \rho$  for some  $\lambda \in \tau$  and fuzzy dense  $\rho \leq X$ .*

**Proof:** If  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen set in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $\mu \leq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ . Taking  $\lambda = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ , we have  $\mu \leq \lambda$  and  $\lambda$  is fuzzy regular open in  $(X, \tau)$  and hence fuzzy open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $\lambda = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu))$ , we have  $\lambda \leq \text{cl}(\mu)$  and  $(\text{cl}(\mu))^1 \leq \lambda^1$ . Let  $\rho = (\lambda - \mu)^1 = (\lambda \wedge \mu^1)^1 = \lambda^1 \vee \mu$ . We get  $\text{cl}(\rho) = \text{cl}(\mu \vee \lambda^1) = \text{cl}(\mu) \vee \text{cl}(\lambda^1) \geq \lambda^1 \vee \text{cl}(\mu) \geq [\text{cl}(\mu)]^1 \vee \text{cl}(\mu) = X$ . Then  $\rho$  is fuzzy dense in  $(X, \tau)$  with  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \rho$ . The converse is not true.

**Example 3.25.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\lambda : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined as  $\lambda(a) = .6, \lambda(b) = .4$ .

Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a fuzzy topological space with  $\tau = \{0_x, \lambda, 1_x\}$ ;  $\lambda = (.6, .4)$  is fuzzy open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Taking  $\rho = (.4, .7)$ ,  $\text{cl}(\rho) = 1$  and hence  $\rho$  is fuzzy dense in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \rho = (.6, .4) \wedge (.4, .7) = (.4, .4)$  is not fuzzy preopen for  $\mu = (.4, .4) \not\leq 0_x = \text{int}(\text{cl}(.4, .4))$ .

**Theorem 3.26.** *For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.
- (2) Every fuzzy preopen set is fuzzy open.
- (3) Every fuzzy preopen set is fuzzy semi-open and every fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set is fuzzy open.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It follows from the previous lemma.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that every fuzzy preopen set is fuzzy open. Then every fuzzy preopen set is fuzzy semi-open.

Let  $\mu \leq X$  be a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set. Since every fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set is fuzzy preopen set, by (2),  $\mu$  is fuzzy open.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy dense subset of  $X$ . Since  $\text{cl}(\mu) = X$ ,  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen. By (3),  $\mu$  is fuzzy semi-open. Thus  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen and fuzzy semi-open implies  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open. Again by (3),  $\mu$  is fuzzy open and hence,  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.

**Theorem 3.27.** *For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal and fuzzy extremally disconnected.
- (2) Any fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Since  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected, by Theorem 3.1, every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is fuzzy preopen. Again by Theorem 3.26, every fuzzy preopen set is fuzzy open since  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal. Thus, every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is fuzzy open.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $X$ . By assumption  $\mu$  is fuzzy open and hence fuzzy preopen. Then by Theorem 3.1  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected. Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy preopen subset of  $X$ . Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open and by assumption  $\mu$  is fuzzy open. Hence by Theorem 3.26,  $X$  is fuzzy submaximal.

**Corollary 3.28.** *If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy submaximal and fuzzy extremally disconnected, the following are equivalent for a subset  $\mu \leq X$ .*

- (1)  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.
- (2)  $\mu$  is fuzzy semi-open.
- (3)  $\mu$  is fuzzy preopen.
- (4)  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open.
- (5)  $\mu$  is fuzzy open.

**Proof:** It follows from the previous theorem.

**Theorem 3.29.** *If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy submaximal and fuzzy extremally disconnected, the following properties are equivalent for a subset  $\mu \leq X$ .*

- (1)  $\mu$  is fuzzy semi-open.
- (2)  $\mu$  is fuzzy AB-set.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy semi-open set of  $X$ . By assumption on  $X$  and Corollary 3.28  $\mu$  is fuzzy open. Hence by Proposition 3.22,  $\mu$  is a fuzzy AB-set.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy AB-set. Then  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \rho$  where  $\lambda \in \tau$  and  $\rho$  is fuzzy semiregular and hence  $\rho$  is fuzzy semi-open  $X$ . By assumption on  $X$ ,  $\rho$  is fuzzy open in  $X$  and  $\mu = \lambda \wedge \rho$  is fuzzy open and therefore fuzzy semi-open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.30.** *For any fuzzy topological space, the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.
- (2) for each fuzzy closed set  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{int}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy closed.
- (3) for each fuzzy open set  $\lambda$ , we have  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) = 1$ .
- (4) for every pair of fuzzy open sets  $\lambda, \mu$  in  $X$  with  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \mu = 1$ , we have  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(\mu) = 1$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy closed. Then  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy open. By (1),  $\text{cl}(1 - \lambda)$  is fuzzy open. Since  $\text{cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - \text{int}(\lambda)$ ,  $\text{int}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy open. Then  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy closed. By (2),  $\text{int}(1 - \lambda)$

is fuzzy closed. Thus  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(1 - \lambda)) = \text{int}(1 - \lambda)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) &= \text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(\text{int}(1 - \lambda)) \\ &= \text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{int}(1 - \lambda) \\ &= \text{cl}(\lambda) + 1 - \text{cl}(\lambda) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Assume for any open set  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) = 1$ . Suppose  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$

be any two fuzzy open sets such that  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \mu = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \text{cl}(\lambda) + \mu &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \text{cl}(\lambda) + \mu &= \text{cl}(\lambda) + \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) \\ \Rightarrow \mu &= \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) \\ \Rightarrow \text{cl}(\mu) &= \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)) \\ \Rightarrow \text{cl}(\mu) &= 1 - \text{cl}(\lambda) \\ \Rightarrow \text{cl}(\mu) + \text{cl}(\lambda) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy open set and put  $\text{cl}(\lambda) + \mu = 1$ . That is,  $\mu = 1 - \text{cl}(\lambda)$ .

by (4),  $\text{cl}(\mu) + \text{cl}(\lambda) = 1$ .

$\text{cl}(\lambda) = 1 - \text{cl}(\mu)$ .

$\text{cl}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

That is,  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected.

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