

## Strongly Connectedness in Fuzzy Closure Space

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**Abstract.** A fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is a non-empty fuzzy set  $X$  with fuzzy Čech closure operator  $k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  where  $I^X$  is a power set of fuzzy subsets of  $X$ , which satisfies  $k(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ,  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \Rightarrow k(\lambda_1) \leq k(\lambda_2)$ ,  $k(\lambda_1 \cup \lambda_2) = k(\lambda_1) \cup k(\lambda_2)$  for all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in I^X$ . The pair  $(X, k)$  is called fuzzy Čech closure space. A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy strongly connected if it has no non zero fuzzy closed sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  such that  $\lambda + \delta \leq 1$ . If  $X$  is not fuzzy strongly connected then it is called fuzzy weakly disconnected. Many properties which hold in fuzzy topological space hold in fuzzy Čech closure space as well. A Čech closure space  $(X, u)$  is said to be strongly connected if and only if it cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed subsets of  $X$ . In strongly connected Čech closure space  $(X, u)$ ,  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$ .

In this paper we introduce **strongly connectedness in fuzzy Čech closure space**.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1965 Zadeh [10] in his classical paper generalized characteristic functions to fuzzy sets. Chang [2] in 1968 introduced the topological structure of fuzzy sets. Pu and Liu [7] defined the concept of fuzzy connectedness using fuzzy closed set. Lowen [5] also defined an extension of a connectedness in a restricted family of fuzzy topologies. Fuzzy Čech closure operator and fuzzy Čech closure space were first studied by A.S. Mashhour and M.H. Ghanim [6].

In 1965 Levine [4] defined the concept of strongly connectedness in topological space. U. V. Fattah and D.S. Bassan [3] in 1985 introduced the strongly connectedness in fuzzy topological space. In this paper we introduce **strongly connectedness in fuzzy Čech closure space and study some of its properties**.

**2. Preliminaries**

**Definition 2.1.[1]** Let  $X$  is a non-empty fuzzy set. A function  $k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  is called fuzzy Čech closure operator on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions

1.  $k(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .
  2.  $\lambda \leq k(\lambda)$ , for all  $\lambda \in I^X$ .
  3.  $k(\lambda_1 \cup \lambda_2) = k(\lambda_1) \cup k(\lambda_2)$  for all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in I^X$ .
- The pair  $(X, k)$  is called fuzzy Čech closure space.

**Definition 2.2. [8]** Let  $X$  is a nonempty fuzzy set .A function  $k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  is called fuzzy Čech closure operator on  $X$ . A fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is said to be connected if and only if any  $F$ -continuous map  $f$  from  $X$  to the fuzzy discrete space  $\{0, 1\}$  is constant.

**Definition 2.3. [3]** A topological space  $X$  is strongly connected if and only if it is not a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets of  $X$ . If  $X$  is strongly connected, and  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ , then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

**Definition 2.4. [9]** A Čech closure space  $(X, u)$  is said to be strongly connected if and only if it cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets of  $X$ . In connected Čech closure space  $(X, u)$ , let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are two nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2$ .

In strongly connected Čech closure space  $(X, u)$ ,  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

**3. Strongly connectedness in fuzzy Čech closure space**

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is said to be strongly connected if and only if it cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one fuzzy closed sets. In strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$ , let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are two nonempty disjoint fuzzy closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X > E_1 \cup E_2$ .

In strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, u)$ ,  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X > E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  be a fuzzy set. Define fuzzy Čech closure operator

$k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  such that

$$k(A) = \begin{cases} 0_x; & A = 0_x \\ 1_{\{b,c\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b,c\}} \\ 1_{\{b\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_{\{b,c\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_x; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, k)$  is called fuzzy Čech closure space.

$FOS(X) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, 0_x, 1_x\}$ .

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Here  $E_1 = \{b, c\}$  is only a fuzzy closed subset of  $X$ , so we cannot express  $X$  as a union of countably many but more than one fuzzy closed subsets of  $X$ . Hence fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is strongly connected.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  be a fuzzy set. Define fuzzy Čech closure operator

$k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  such that

$$k(A) = \begin{cases} 0_x; & A = 0_x \\ 1_{\{a,b\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{a\}} \\ 1_{\{b,c\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_{\{c,a\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{c\}} \\ 1_x; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, k)$  is called fuzzy Čech closure space.

$FOS(X) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, 0_x, 1_x\}$ .

Here there are no fuzzy closed subsets of  $X$ . Hence fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is strongly connected.

**Definition 3.2.** A fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is said to be weakly disconnected if and only if it can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one fuzzy closed sets.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  be a fuzzy set. Define fuzzy Čech closure operator  $k: I^X \rightarrow I^X$  such that

$$k(A) = \begin{cases} 0_x; & A = 0_x \\ 1_{\{a\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{a\}} \\ 1_{\{b\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_x; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, k)$  is called fuzzy Čech closure space.

$FOS(X) = \{1_x, 0_x\}$ .

$FCS(X) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, 1_x, 0_x\}$ .

Here  $E_1 = \{a\}, E_2 = \{b\}$  are fuzzy closed subsets of  $X$ . So we can express  $X = E_1 \cup E_2$ .

Hence fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is not strongly connected. It is also called weakly disconnected fuzzy Čech closure space.

**Theorem 3.1.** An F-continuous image of a strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space is strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, k)$  is a fuzzy Čech closure spaces. Define an F-continuous function  $f: X \rightarrow f(X)$ . Since  $(X, k)$  is a strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space. If  $f(X)$  is not strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space then by definition it can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one fuzzy closed subsets of  $f(X)$ . Since  $f$  is F-continuous and the inverse image of fuzzy closed set is still fuzzy closed, so  $X$  can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one fuzzy closed

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subsets of X. Therefore fuzzy Čech closure space (X, k) is not strongly connected, which is a contradiction. Hence f(X) is a strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space.

**Theorem 3.2.** A strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space is a connected fuzzy Čech closure space. But converse is not true.

**Example 3.4.** Consider a **strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space**.

Let X= {a, b, c} be a fuzzy set. Define fuzzy Čech closure operator k:  $I^X \rightarrow I^X$  such that

$$k(A) = \begin{cases} 0_x; & A = 0_x \\ 1_{\{a,b\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{a\}} \\ 1_{\{b,c\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_{\{c,a\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{c\}} \\ 1_x; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then (X, k) is called fuzzy Čech closure space.

FOS(X) = {{a}, {b}, {c}, {a, b}, {b, c}, {a, c},  $0_x$ ,  $1_x$ }.

Here there are no fuzzy closed subsets of X. Hence fuzzy Čech closure space (X, k) is strongly connected.

Now we define a F-continuous function f: X → {0, 1} such that

$f^{-1}\{1\} = \{a\} = \{b\} = \{c\} = \{a, b\} = \{b, c\} = \{a, c\} = 1_x$ ,  $f^{-1}\{0\} = 0_x$ . Here f is a constant function.

Hence fuzzy Čech closure space (X, k) is connected. This shows that a strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space (X, k) is a connected fuzzy Čech closure space.

Now consider a **connected fuzzy Čech closure space**:

Let X= {a, b} be a fuzzy set. Define fuzzy Čech closure operator k:  $I^X \rightarrow I^X$  such that

$$k(A) = \begin{cases} 0_x; & A = 0_x \\ 1_{\{a\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{a\}} \\ 1_{\{b\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{b\}} \\ 1_{\{c,a\}}; & \text{if } 0 \in A \leq 1_{\{c\}} \\ 1_x; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then (X, k) is called fuzzy Čech closure space. We define an F-continuous function

f: X → {0, 1} such that  $f^{-1}\{1\} = 1_x = 0_x$ . Therefore (X, k) is a **fuzzy connected Čech closure space**.

FOS(X) = { $1_x$ ,  $0_x$ }.

FCS(X) = {{a}, {b},  $1_x$ ,  $0_x$ }.

Here  $E_1 = \{a\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{b\}$  are fuzzy closed subsets of X. So we can express X=  $E_1 \cup E_2$ .

Hence (X, k) is not strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space. It is also called **weakly disconnected fuzzy Čech closure space**.

**Theorem 3.3.** A fuzzy Čech closure space (X, k) is said to be strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space if and only if it has no non zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  such that  $\lambda \neq 1$ ,  $\delta \neq 1$  and  $\lambda + \delta \geq 1$ .

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**Proof: Necessary:** Let fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is strongly connected. If  $X$  has no non zero fuzzy closed sets  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $f+g < 1$ , so that it has not non zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda=f'$  and  $\delta=g'$  such that  $\lambda \neq 1, \delta \neq 1$  and  $\lambda + \delta \geq 1$ . Hence it has no non zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  such that  $\lambda \neq 1, \delta \neq 1$  and  $\lambda + \delta \geq 1$ .

**Sufficient:** Let  $X$  has no non zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  such that  $\lambda \neq 1, \delta \neq 1$  and  $\lambda + \delta \geq 1$ . so that it has no non zero fuzzy closed sets  $\lambda'=f$  and  $\delta'=g$  such that  $f \neq 1, g \neq 1$  and  $f+g \leq 1$ . Hence fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  is strongly connected.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $A$  is a subset of fuzzy connected Čech closure space  $(X, k)$  and  $A$  is a strongly connected fuzzy subset of  $X$  if and only if for any fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  in  $X$ ,  $\mu_A \leq \lambda + \delta$  implies either  $\mu_A \leq \lambda$  or  $\mu_A \leq \delta$ .

**Proof: Necessary:** Let  $A$  is strongly connected fuzzy subset of connected fuzzy Čech closure space  $(X, k)$ . Let fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  such that  $\mu_A \leq \lambda + \delta$ , if  $\mu_A \not\leq \lambda$  and  $\mu_A \not\leq \delta$ , then  $\lambda/A \neq 1, \delta/A \neq 1$ , and  $\lambda/A + \delta/A \geq 1$ . So  $A$  is not strongly connected fuzzy subset of  $X$ . It is a contradiction. Hence there exists fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  in  $X$ ,  $\mu_A \leq \lambda + \delta$  implies either  $\mu_A \leq \lambda$  or  $\mu_A \leq \delta$ .

**Sufficient:** Let any fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  in  $X$ ,  $\mu_A \leq \lambda + \delta$  implies either  $\mu_A \leq \lambda$  or  $\mu_A \leq \delta$ . If  $A$  is not a strongly fuzzy connected subset of  $X$ . Then there exists fuzzy closed sets  $f$  and  $g$  in  $X$  such that

- (1)  $f/A \neq 0$ ,
- (2)  $g/A \neq 0$ , and
- (3)  $f/A + g/A \leq 1$ .

If we put  $\lambda=1-f$  and  $\delta=1-g$ , then  $\lambda/A=1-f/A, \delta/A=1-g/A$ . So (1), (2), and (3) imply that  $\mu_A \leq \lambda + \delta$  but  $\mu_A \not\leq \lambda$  and  $\mu_A \not\leq \delta$ . It is a contradiction. Hence  $A$  is a fuzzy strongly connected subset of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $F$  is a subset of a fuzzy connected Čech closure space  $X$  such that  $\mathbb{Q}_F$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ , then  $X$  is strongly connected fuzzy Čech closure space implies that  $F$  is a fuzzy strongly connected subset of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $F$  is not fuzzy strongly connected subset of  $X$ . Then there exists fuzzy closed sets  $f$  and  $k$  in  $X$  such that (1)  $f/F \neq 0$ , (2)  $k/F \neq 0$ , and (3)  $f/F + k/F \leq 1$ . (3) implies that  $(f \wedge \mu_F) + (k \wedge \mu_F) \leq 1$ , by (1) and (2)  $f \wedge \mu_F \neq 0, k \wedge \mu_F \neq 0$ . So  $X$  is not fuzzy strongly connected, which is a contradiction. Hence  $X$  is a fuzzy strongly connected subset of  $X$ .

**Conclusion:** In this paper the idea of fuzzy strongly connectedness was introduced and relationship between the fuzzy strongly connectedness and fuzzy Čech closure space were explained.

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