

CHARACTERIZATION OF FUZZY T_0 AND R_0
 TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

"خصائص الفراغات التوبولوجيه الغازيه من النوع T_0, R_0 "

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ABSTRACT

Many authors investigated fuzzy T_0 and fuzzy R_0 spaces depending upon the ordinary points of a set and not the fuzzy points. It is the purpose of this note to suggest new definitions of fuzzy T_0 and fuzzy R_0 - spaces using Wong definition of fuzzy points. It will be also shown that these new definitions are equivalent to those introduced by Srivastava. Moreover the properties of T_0 - ness and R_0 - ness are shown to be both productive and hereditary and that a topologically generated fuzzy topological space is T_0 or R_0 if the original topological space is T_0 or R_0 , respectively.

الخلاصه :

كثير من الابحاث في هذا المجال بحثت كل من الفراغ الغازي من النوع T_0 ، والفراغ الغازي من النوع R_0, T_0 معتمدين على النقط العاديه لفته وليست على النقط الغازيه . والنرض من هذا العمل هو اقتراح تعريفات جديده للفراغات الغازيه من النوع T_0 ، R_0 باستخدام تعريف ونج للنقط الغازيه . وقد اثبتنا ان هذه التعريفات الجديده تختلف عن مثيلتها المعرفه في كثير من الابحاث ، حيث انها (اى التعريفات الجديده المقترحه) تعتمد على النقط الغازيه وليست على النقط العاديه . وقد امكن اثبات نظريه تيخنوف لحواصل الضرب اللانهائى وكذلك الخاصيه الوراثيه لهذه الفراغات ، بالاضافه الى اثبات انها امتداد جيد بمفهوم ليوون لمثيلتها فى الفراغات التوبولوجيه العاديه .

1. INTRODUCTION

The fundamental concept of a fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh in 1965 [8]. Since then, intensive studies of fuzzy sets have been developed. In particular, the definition of a fuzzy point was first given in 1974 by Wong in [7]. It is notable that, with this definition an ordinary point of a set is not a special case of a fuzzy point. In 1980, Pu and Liu [3] remedy this drawback by redefining fuzzy points in a way that can be used to develop the theory of fuzzy topology in a satisfactory way. In 1984, R. Srivastava, Lal, and A.K. Srivastava [4] studied the concept of a fuzzy T_1 -topological space using the Wong fuzzy point [7]. Later in 1988, they introduced an equivalent definition (depending upon the ordinary points of a set) of a fuzzy T_1 -space [6]. On the other hand, a fuzzy T_0 -topological space has been defined and studied by Hutton and Reilly [1], Pu and Liu [3], and R. Srivastava, Lal, and A.K. Srivastava [5]. Hutton [1] and Srivastava [5] studied, in addition, the concept of a fuzzy R_0 -space. It can be seen that in papers [1, 2, 3] the authors investigated fuzzy T_0 and fuzzy R_0 spaces depending upon the ordinary points of a set and not the fuzzy points. It is the purpose of this note to suggest new definitions of fuzzy T_0 and fuzzy R_0 -spaces using the Wong definition of fuzzy points [7]. It will be also, shown that these new definitions are equivalent to those introduced by Srivastava in [5]. Moreover, the properties of T_0 -ness and R_0 -ness are shown to be both productive and hereditary and that a topologically generated fuzzy topological space is T_0 or R_0 if the original topological space is T_0 or R_0 , respectively.

2. BASIC DEFINITIONS AND PROPERTIES

A function A from a nonempty set X to the unit interval $[0,1]$ is called a fuzzy set in X . The membership function of a fuzzy set A in X will be denoted by μ_A . A fuzzy topology τ on X is a collection of fuzzy subsets in X which is closed under arbitrary suprema and finite infima, contains both ϕ and X and, in addition, it contains all constant fuzzy sets. The term "fuzzy topological space" will be abbreviated as fts. A fuzzy point in X is a fuzzy set $p : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $p(x) = t$ for $x = x_p$, and $p(x) = 0$, otherwise, where $t \in (0,1]$. x_p is called the support of p and t , its value. A fuzzy point p is said to belong to a fuzzy set A in X ($p \in A$) if $p(x_p) < A(x_p)$. If A is a subset of X , we shall denote the characteristic function of A , also, by A .

3. FUZZY T_0 -TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

DEFINITION 3.1. (Pu and Liu [3]). An fts (X, τ) is said to be a fuzzy T_0 topological space iff (X, τ) is quasi T_0 and for any $s, t \in [0, 1)$ and $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$ $\exists U \in \tau$ such that $U(x) = s$ and $U(y) > t$, or $U(x) > s$ and $U(y) = t$.

DEFINITION 3.2. (Hutton and Reilly [1]). An fts (X, τ) is said to be fuzzy T_0 iff each fuzzy set in X can be written as $\sup_i \inf_j U_{ij}$, where U_{ij} , $i \in I$, $j \in J$, is fuzzy open or fuzzy closed.

DEFINITION 3.3. (Srivastava [5]). An fts (X, τ) is said to be fuzzy T_0 iff $\forall x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, $\exists U \in \tau$ such that either $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$ or $U(y) = 1$ and $U(x) = 0$.

Now we introduce our new definition of a fuzzy T_0 -topological space.

DEFINITION 3.4. An fts (X, τ) is said to be fuzzy T_0 iff for any two distinct fuzzy points p, q in X , $\exists U \in \tau$ such that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$ or $q \in U$ and $p \notin U$.

We now compare the above four definitions of fuzzy- T_0 -ness in the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. Consider the following statements for the fts (X, τ) :

- (I) For any distinct fuzzy points p, q in X , $\exists U \in \tau$ such that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$ or $q \in U$ and $p \notin U$.
- (II) $\forall x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, $\exists U \in \tau$ such that either $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$ or $U(y) = 1$ and $U(x) = 0$.
- (III) Each fuzzy set in X can be written in the form $\sup_i \inf_j U_{ij}$, where each U_{ij} , $i \in I$, $j \in J$, is a fuzzy open or a fuzzy closed set.
- (IV) (X, τ) is quasi T_0 and, for any two distinct points $x, y \in X$ and for all $s, t \in [0, 1)$, there exists $U \in \tau$ such that either $U(x) = s$ and $U(y) > t$ or $U(x) > s$ and $U(y) = t$.

We have the following implications :

- (I) \Leftrightarrow (II)
 (I) \Rightarrow (III)
 (III) $\not\Rightarrow$ (I)
 (I) \Rightarrow (IV)
 (IV) $\not\Rightarrow$ (I)

Proof. It suffices to prove that (I) \Leftrightarrow (II). The remaining implications follows directly using [5, Theorem 2.1].

(I) \Rightarrow (II). Let $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ and let p_n, q_n be fuzzy points in X with supports x, y , respectively, and such that $p_n(x) = q_n(y) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $x \neq y$ then $p_n \neq q_n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and by (I) $\exists U_n \in \tau$ such that either $p_n \in U_n$ and $q_n \notin U_n$, or $q_n \in U_n$ and $p_n \notin U_n$. Assume that $p_n \in U_n$ and $q_n \notin U_n$ (the other case can be treated similarly) then $U_n(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$. Define $U = \bigcup_n U_n$ then, $U \in \tau$ and $U(x) = 1, U(y) = 0$. So we have (II).

(II) \Rightarrow (I). Suppose that p, q are two distinct fuzzy points in X with supports x, y and values $r, s \in (0, 1)$, respectively, then $x \neq y$ and by (II) $\exists U \in \tau$ such that either $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$, or $U(x) = 0$ and $U(y) = 1$. Assume that $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$ (the other case can be treated similarly). Since $p(x) = r < 1$, and $q(y) = s > 0$, it follows that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$. So we have (I).

REMARK 3.1. Definition 3.4 can be replaced by an equivalent definition when we replace the fuzzy open set U by a fuzzy closed set V . In this case all the implications of theorem 3.1 remain valid.

The following theorem shows that the property of T_0 -ness of a fuzzy topological space is productive.

THEOREM 3.2. Let $\{(X_i, \tau_i) : i \in I\}$ be a family of fuzzy T_0 -topological spaces (in the sense of Definition 3.4), then the product space $(X, \tau) = \prod_i (X_i, \tau_i)$ is a fuzzy T_0 iff each coordinate fts is fuzzy T_0 .

Proof. Let (X_j, τ_j) be fuzzy T_0 for $j \in I$ and let p, q be two distinct fuzzy points in $X, p = \langle p_j \rangle, q = \langle q_j \rangle$. Then $p_i \neq q_i$ for at least one $i \in I$. Then $\exists U_i \in \tau_i$ such that $p_i \in U_i$ and $q_i \notin U_i$ or $q_i \in U_i$ and $p_i \notin U_i$. Suppose that $p_i \in U_i$ and $q_i \notin U_i$ (the other case can be treated similarly). Let $U = \prod_j U'_j$, where $U'_j = X_j$, for $j \neq i$,

$U_j = U_j$ for $j = i$. It is clear that $U \in \tau$ and $p \in U, q \notin U$. Hence (X, τ) is fuzzy T_0 . Conversely let (X, τ) be fuzzy T_0 and consider any $(X_i, \tau_i), i \in I$. Let p_i, q_i be two distinct fuzzy points in X_i and construct the two distinct fuzzy points $p = \langle p_j \rangle, q = \langle q_j \rangle$ in X where $p_j = q_j$ for $j \neq i$ and $p_i = p_i, q_i = q_i$. Then $\exists U \in \tau$ such that either $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$, or $q \in U$ and $p \notin U$. Suppose that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$ (the other case can be treated similarly). Then we can find a basic fuzzy open set $\prod_j U_j$ such that $p \in \prod_j U_j \subset U$. It follows that $p_i \in U_i$, and since $q \notin U$ then $q \notin \prod_j U_j$ and hence $q_i \notin U_i$. This proves that (X_i, τ_i) is fuzzy T_0 .

Using the definitions of a fuzzy subspace introduced by Pu and Liu [3, Definition 8.1] and the topologically generated fuzzy topological space (introduced by Lowen [2]) together with Definition 3.4 we can easily prove the following theorems.

THEOREM 3.3. Every fuzzy subspace of a fuzzy T_0 -space is also a fuzzy T_0 -space.

THEOREM 3.4. Let (X, T) be a topological space. Then (X, T) is $T_0 \Leftrightarrow (X, w(T))$ is fuzzy T_0 .

4. FUZZY R_0 -TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

Fuzzy R_0 -spaces have been defined by Hutton and Reilly [1] and R. Srivastava, Lal, and A.K. Srivastava [5] as follows :

DEFINITION 4.1(Hutton [1]) An fts (X, τ) is said to be fuzzy R_0 iff each fuzzy open set can be written as a supremum of fuzzy closed sets.

DEFINITION 4.2. (Srivastava [5]). An fts (X, τ) is fuzzy R_0 iff $\forall x, y \in X, x \neq y$, whenever there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$, there is also $V \in \tau$ such that $V(y) = 1$ and $V(x) = 0$.

It has been shown in Srivastava [5] that Definition 4.1 and Definition 4.2 are totally independent and that the latter definition is a good extension of the concept of an R_0 topological space while the former is not. We propose here another definition of fuzzy R_0 -spaces depending upon fuzzy points rather than ordinary set points as given in Definition 4.2.

DEFINITION 4.3. An fts (X, τ) is fuzzy R_0 iff for all distinct fuzzy points p, q in X whenever there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$, there is also $V \in \tau$ such that $q \in V$ and $p \notin V$.

THEOREM 4.1. For an fts (X, τ) consider the following statements :

- (I) For all distinct fuzzy points p, q in X whenever there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$, there is also $V \in \tau$ such that $q \in V$ and $p \notin V$.
- (II) $\forall x, y \in X, x \neq y$, whenever there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$, there is also $V \in \tau$ such that $V(y) = 1$ and $V(x) = 0$. Then statements (I) and (II) are equivalent.

Proof. (I) \Rightarrow (II). Let $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ and suppose that there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $U(x) = 1$ and $U(y) = 0$. Let p_n, q_n be fuzzy points in X with supports x and y , respectively, and $p_n(x) = q_n(y) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. It is clear that $p_n \in U$ and $q_n \notin U$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then by (I) $\exists V_n \in \tau$ such that $q_n \in V_n$ and $p_n \notin V_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $V = \bigcup_n V_n$, then $V(x) = 1$ and $V(y) = 0$. So we have (II). Conversely, (II) \Rightarrow (I). Let p, q be two distinct fuzzy points in $X, p \neq q, p(x) = r, q(y) = s, r, s \in (0, 1)$, and suppose that there is a $U \in \tau$ such that $p \in U$ and $q \notin U$. It is clear that $x \neq y$. Assume that there is $U' \in \tau$ such that $U'(x) = 1$ and $U'(y) = 0$. Then by (II) $\exists V' \in \tau$ such that $V'(y) = 1$ and $V'(x) = 0$. Since $q(y) = s < 1$ then $q \in V'$ and since $p(x) = r > 0$ then $p \notin V'$. Hence, (I) is now implied.

REMARK 4.1. If the fuzzy open sets U and V in Definition 4.3 are replaced by fuzzy closed sets U' and V' , respectively, then the statement of theorem 4.1 is still valid.

Following similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 3.2 we can easily prove the following theorems.

THEOREM 4.2

Let $\{(X_i, \tau_i) : i \in I\}$ be a family of fuzzy R_0 -spaces, then the product $(X, \tau) = \prod_i (X_i, \tau_i)$ is fuzzy R_0 iff each coordinates fts is fuzzy R_0 .

THEOREM 4.3. A fuzzy subspace of a fuzzy R_0 -space is also fuzzy R_0 .

THEOREM 4.4. A topological space (X, T) is R_0 iff the fts $(X, w(T))$ is fuzzy R_0 .

5. CONCLUSION

It appears more appropriate to define fuzzy T_0 and fuzzy R_0 spaces in terms of fuzzy points rather than ordinary points of a set. It has been shown that the new definition of a fuzzy T_0 -space implies the previous ones introduced in [1], [3], and [5]. Also, the properties of T_0 -ness and R_0 -ness are shown to be both productive and hereditary. Moreover, it has been also shown that with these new definitions a topologically generated fuzzy topological space is T_0 or R_0 if the original topological space is T_0 or R_0 , respectively. Finally, the main purpose of this note has been grown out of a desire to get definitions of fuzzy T_0 and R_0 spaces in a way that can be extended in a straightforward manner to the case of fuzzy T_1 -spaces introduced by Srivastava in [6].

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