

## FUZZY TOPOLOGIES AND TOPOLOGICAL SPACE OBJECTS IN A TOPOS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to point out the link between Lowen's fuzzy topologies and topological space objects in the topos  $L\text{-SET}$ . As the main result we obtain the following theorem : Lowen's fuzzy topologies are the external version of the internal topologies in  $L\text{-SET}$ .

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For the non-topos theorist we include a section on fundamental properties of the category  $L\text{-SET}$ , which are significant for a clear mathematical understanding of fuzzy set theory.

### 1. $L$ -fuzzy subsets and subobjects in the category $L\text{-SET}$

Let  $(L, \leq)$  be a complete Heyting algebra and  $X$  be an ordinary set; a  $L$ -equality relation on  $X$  is a map  $E : X \times X \longrightarrow L$  satisfying the following conditions

- (E1)  $E(x,y) \leq E(y,x) \quad \forall y,x \in X$  (Symmetry)  
 (E2)  $E(x,y) \wedge E(y,z) \leq E(x,z) \quad \forall x,y,z \in X$  (Transitivity)

The value  $E(x,y)$  can be interpreted as the degree that the elements  $x$  and  $y$  are equal. In this context we accept the requirement that two elements can only be equal if they exist ; thus  $E(x,x)$  is the degree of existence of  $x$ .

If  $E$  is a  $L$ -equality relation on  $X$ , then the ordered pair  $(X, E)$  is called a  $L$ -valued set. A typical example of a  $L$ -valued set is the following one :  $X = L$  ,  $E(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  ,  
 $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta = (\bigvee \{ \lambda \in L , \alpha \wedge \lambda \leq \beta \}) \wedge (\bigvee \{ \lambda \in L , \beta \wedge \lambda \leq \alpha \})$  .  
 $(L, \Leftrightarrow)$  is a  $L$ -valued set and the degree of existence of every element  $\alpha \in L$  is equal to  $\mathbf{1}$  (= greatest element in  $L$ ) .

The category  $L$ -SET consists of these data (cf. [2], [3]) :  
Objects are  $L$ -valued sets and morphisms  $M : (X, E) \longrightarrow (Y, F)$  are ordinary maps  $M : X \times Y \longrightarrow L$  satisfying the conditions

- (M1)  $M(x, y) \wedge E(x, \hat{x}) \leq M(\hat{x}, y)$  (Extensionality)  
 $M(x, y) \wedge F(y, \hat{y}) \leq M(x, \hat{y})$   
(M2)  $M(x, y) \leq E(x, x) \wedge F(y, y)$  (Strictness)  
(M3)  $M(x, y) \wedge M(x, \hat{y}) \leq F(y, \hat{y})$  (Single-valued)  
(M4)  $\bigvee \{ M(x, y) , y \in Y \} = E(x, x)$  (Everywhere def.)

The composition of  $M_1 : (X, E) \longrightarrow (Y, F)$  and  $M_2 : (Y, F) \longrightarrow (Z, G)$  is defined by  $M_2 \circ M_1(x, z) = \bigvee \{ M_1(x, y) \wedge M_2(y, z) , y \in Y \}$  .  
The identity of  $(X, E)$  is  $E$  .

It is well known that  $L$ -SET is a topos (cf. [2]) ; the subobject classifier is the object  $(L, \Leftrightarrow)$  together with the arrow 'true'  $t : \mathbf{1} \longmapsto (L, \Leftrightarrow)$  determined by  $t(\cdot, \lambda) = \lambda$  .  
Moreover every morphism  $M : (X, E) \longrightarrow (L, \Leftrightarrow)$  can externally identified with an ordinary map  $f : X \longrightarrow L$  satisfying the following conditions

- (S1)  $f(x) \wedge E(x, y) \leq f(y)$  (Extensionality)  
(S2)  $f(x) \leq E(x, x)$  (Strictness) ;

in particular  $M$  is given by  $M(x, \lambda) = E(x, x) \wedge (f(x) \Leftrightarrow \lambda)$  .  
Thus the power object  $P(X, E)$  consists of the set  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  of all extensional and strict maps  $f : X \longrightarrow L$  and the equality relation  $\square, \sqsupset$  defined by  $\square [g, f] = \bigwedge_{x \in X} (f(x) \Leftrightarrow g(x))$  .

If  $E_c$  is the crisp equality relation on  $X$  - i.e.

$$E_c(x, y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{1} , \quad x = y \\ \mathbf{0} , \quad x \neq y \end{array} \right\} , \text{ then every morphism}$$

$M : (X, E_C) \longrightarrow (L, \langle \Rightarrow \rangle)$  can be identified with a L-fuzzy subset of  $X$  in the sense of Goguen [1] ; hence the external version of the power object  $P(X, E_C)$  coincides with  $L^X$ . In this context the reader may notice the fundamental fact : If  $L \neq 2$ , then the power object  $P(X, E_C)$  of a crisp  $L$ -valued set is never crisp - i.e.  $\prod, \coprod$  is always different from the crisp equality  $E_C$  ; this has of/course consequences in the definition of a topology in the framework of  $L$ -SET .

Since  $L$ -SET is a topos, for every monomorphism  $M : (X, E) \hookrightarrow (Y, F)$  there exists a unique morphism (so-called characteristic morphism)  $\chi_M : (Y, F) \longrightarrow (L, \langle \Rightarrow \rangle)$  s.t. the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{!} & \\
 & \downarrow & \\
 (X, E) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{1} \\
 \downarrow M & & \downarrow t \\
 (Y, F) & \xrightarrow{\chi_M} & (L, \langle \Rightarrow \rangle)
 \end{array}$$

is a pullback, and vice-versa every morphism  $\chi : (Y, E) \longrightarrow (L, \langle \Rightarrow \rangle)$  induces in this way a unique subobject of  $(Y, F)$ . In this sense subobjects of  $(Y, F)$  and morphisms  $\chi : (Y, F) \longrightarrow (L, \langle \Rightarrow \rangle)$  are equivalent concepts. The subobject of  $(Y, E_C)$  corresponding to a L-fuzzy subset  $f : Y \longrightarrow L$  is given by

$$X = \{s \in L^Y \mid s(y) \wedge s(x) = 0 \text{ for } y \neq x, s(y) \leq f(y) \forall y \in Y\}$$

$$E(s_1, s_2) := \bigvee \{s_1(y) \wedge s_2(y), y \in Y\}$$

$$M : (X, E) \hookrightarrow (Y, E_C), \quad M(s, y) = s(y) \quad \forall s \in X \quad \forall y \in Y.$$

As in every category with a terminal object  $\mathbf{1}$  a point of  $(X, E)$  is an arrow  $D : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow (X, E)$  - i.e.  $D : X \longrightarrow L$  satisfies the following conditions (cf. (M1) - (M4) )

$$D(x) \wedge E(x, y) \leq D(y)$$

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$$\bigvee \{D(x), x \in X\} = \mathbf{1}$$

A point  $D$  of  $(X, E)$  is a member of a subobject  $M : (Y, F) \hookrightarrow (X, E)$  (notation :  $D \in M$ ) iff there exists  $K : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow (Y, F)$  s.t.

$D = M \circ K$ . If  $f_M$  is the extensional and strict  $L$ -fuzzy subset of  $X$  corresponding to the subobject  $M$ , then the following

assertions are equivalent :

- (i)  $D \in M$
- (ii)  $D(x) \leq f_M(x) \quad \forall x \in X$

Finally we remark that for every point  $D$  of the power object  $P(X, E) = (\mathbb{E}(X), \prod, \coprod)$  there exists a unique element  $f_0 \in \mathbb{E}(X)$  inducing  $D$  - i.e.  $D(f) = \prod f_0, f \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{E}(X)$  .

## 2. Topological space objects in L-SET

First we recall the definition of a topological space object in a topos given by L.N. Stout (cf. [6]) : Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a topos  $A$  an object of  $\mathcal{E}$  ,  $P(A)$  be the power object of  $A$  and let  $(\Omega, t)$  be the subobject classifier. We denote by  $ev_A : P(A) \times A \longrightarrow \Omega$  (resp.  $ev_{P(A)} : P^2(A) \times P(A) \longrightarrow \Omega$ ) the evaluation arrow and by  $\pi_{12}$  (resp.  $\pi_{23}, \pi_{13}$ ) the projection from  $P^2(A) \times P(A) \times A$  onto  $P^2(A) \times P(A)$  (resp.  $P(A) \times A$  ,  $P^2(A) \times A$ ) . Further let  $M : Y \longleftarrow P^2(A) \times P(A) \times A$  the subobject corresponding to the characteristic morphism

$ev_{P(A)} \circ \pi_{12} \wedge ev_A \circ \pi_{23} : P^2(A) \times P(A) \times A \longrightarrow \Omega$  . Then the union map  $\underline{U} : P^2(A) \longrightarrow P(A)$  is the exponential adjoint of the characteristic morphism of the subobject  $\exists \pi_{13}(M)$  .

A topological space object in  $\mathcal{E}$  is a pair  $(A, T_A)$  where  $T_A$  is a subobject of  $P(A)$  satisfying the following axioms

- (O1)  $\emptyset \in T_A$  ,  $A \in T_A$
- (O2)  $B \in T_A$  and  $B' \in T_A$  implies  $B \wedge B' \in T_A$
- (O3) If  $S$  is a subobject of  $P(A)$  with  $S \in T_A$  , then  $\underline{U} \circ \chi_S \in T_A$  , where  $\chi_S$  is the name of the characteristic morphism of  $S$  .

Since in L-SET the union map is induced by an ordinary map  $\Sigma : \mathbb{E}^2(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}(X)$  determined by

$$\Sigma(\mu)(x) = \bigvee_{f \in \mathbb{E}(X)} (\mu(f) \wedge f(x)) \quad \mu \in \mathbb{E}^2(X) ,$$

the axioms of a topological space object in L-SET can be rewritten

as follows : Let  $(X, E)$  be a  $L$ -valued set,  $P(X, E) = (\mathbb{E}(X), \sqcap, \sqcup)$  the power object of  $(X, E)$  and let  $\mu$  be a  $L$ -fuzzy subset of  $\mathbb{E}(X)$ . The triple  $(X, E, \mu)$  is a topological space object in  $L$ -SET iff  $\mu$  satisfies the following conditions

$$(\mathcal{O}0) \quad \mu(f) \wedge \sqcap [f, g] \leq \mu(g) \quad (\text{Extensionality})$$

$$(\mathcal{O}1) \quad \mu(1_\emptyset) = \mu(1_E) = \mathbb{1} \quad \text{where } 1_E(x) = E(x, x)$$

$$(\mathcal{O}2) \quad \mu(f) = \mathbb{1} \text{ and } \mu(g) = \mathbb{1} \implies \mu(f \wedge g) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$(\mathcal{O}3) \quad \forall \nu \in \mathbb{E}^2(X) \text{ with } \nu \leq \mu : \mu(\Sigma(\nu)) = \mathbb{1}$$

A  $L$ -fuzzy topological space  $(X, E, \mathcal{O})$  consists of a  $L$ -valued set  $(X, E)$  and an ordinary subset  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  equipped with the subsequent properties

$$(\hat{\mathcal{O}}1) \quad \alpha_E \in \mathcal{O} \quad \forall \alpha \in L, \text{ where } \alpha_E(x) = E(x, x) \quad (\text{Constants Cond.})$$

$$(\hat{\mathcal{O}}2) \quad f, g \in \mathcal{O} \implies f \wedge g \in \mathcal{O}$$

$$(\hat{\mathcal{O}}3) \quad \mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{O} \implies \bigvee \{g, g \in \mathcal{T}\} \in \mathcal{O}$$

If we replace the Heyting algebra  $(L, \leq)$  by the real unit interval and the equality relation by the crisp equality  $E_c$ , then  $(\hat{\mathcal{O}}1) - (\hat{\mathcal{O}}3)$  are just the axioms of a fuzzy topological space in the sense of R. Lowen (cf. [4], [5]). In the following we show that  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces are the external version of topological space objects in  $L$ -SET.

2.1 Proposition If  $(X, E, \mu)$  is a topological space object, then  $\mathcal{O}_\mu := \{g \in \mathbb{E}(X), \mu(g) = \mathbb{1}\}$  is a  $L$ -fuzzy topology on  $(X, E)$ , and  $\mu$  is given by

$$\mu(f) = \sqcap \overset{\circ}{f}, f \sqcap \quad \text{where } \overset{\circ}{f} = \bigvee \{g \in \mathcal{O}_\mu, g \leq f\}.$$

Proof. The axioms  $(\hat{\mathcal{O}}2)$  and  $(\hat{\mathcal{O}}3)$  are evident. In order to verify  $(\hat{\mathcal{O}}1)$  we first observe :

$$\alpha \wedge \sqcap [f, \alpha_E] \leq \sqcap [1_E, \alpha_E] \wedge \sqcap [\alpha_E, f] \leq \mu(f) \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{E}(X).$$

Now we put  $\nu(f) = \alpha \wedge \sqcap [f, \alpha_E]$  and apply  $(\mathcal{O}3)$  :

$$\mu(\Sigma(\nu)) = \mathbb{1} \quad \text{- i.e. } \alpha_E \in \mathcal{O}_\mu.$$

Further we obtain from  $\nu(f) := \mu(h) \wedge \sqcap [h, f] \leq \mu(f)$

that  $\mu(\Sigma(\nu)) = \mathbb{1}$  - i.e.  $\mu(h) \wedge h(\cdot) \in \mathcal{O}_\mu \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{E}(X)$  .  
 Therewith the inequality  $\mu(h) \leq \llbracket \overset{\circ}{h}, h \rrbracket$  is valid - i.e.  
 $\mu(h) = \llbracket \overset{\circ}{h}, h \rrbracket$  .

2.2 Proposition. Let  $(X, E, \mathcal{O})$  be a L-fuzzy topological space.  
 Then the L-fuzzy subset  $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  defined by  
 $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}(f) = \llbracket \overset{\circ}{f}, f \rrbracket$  where  $\overset{\circ}{f} = \vee \{g \in \mathcal{O}, g \leq f\}$   
 satisfies  $(\mathcal{O}0)$  -  $(\mathcal{O}3)$  - i.e.  $(X, E, \mu_{\mathcal{O}})$  is a topological  
 space object in L-SET .

Proof. First we show that  $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$  is extensional - i.e.  $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$  ful-  
 fills the axiom  $(\mathcal{O}0)$  :

$$\llbracket \overset{\circ}{h}, h \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket h, f \rrbracket \wedge f(x) \leq \llbracket h, f \rrbracket \wedge \overset{\circ}{h}(x) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in X$$

- i.e.  $\mu(h) \wedge \llbracket h, f \rrbracket \leq \mu(f)$  .

The axioms  $(\mathcal{O}1)$  and  $(\mathcal{O}2)$  are evident . Therefore we only  
 verify  $(\mathcal{O}3)$  : If  $\nu(f) \leq \llbracket \overset{\circ}{f}, f \rrbracket \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{E}(X)$  , then  
 $\nu(f) \wedge f(x) \leq \nu(f) \wedge \overset{\circ}{f}(x)$  ; thus  $\Sigma(\nu) \in \mathcal{O}$  - i.e.

$$\mu_{\mathcal{O}}(\Sigma(\nu)) = \mathbb{1} .$$

2.3 Corollary. Let  $(X, E, \mu)$  be a topological space object in  
 L-SET . Then the subobject  $M : (Y, F) \hookrightarrow P(X, E)$  corresponding  
 to  $\mu$  is given by

$$Y = \mathcal{O}_\mu , \quad F(f, g) = \llbracket f, g \rrbracket \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{O}_\mu$$

$$M : (Y, F) \hookrightarrow P(X, E) , \quad M(f, h) = \llbracket f, h \rrbracket .$$

Summing up L-fuzzy topologies are just the external  
 description of the internal topologies in L-SET . In  
 this context it is important to note that the "Constants Condition"  
 in Lowen's axiom system is a consequence of the categorial  
 formulation of the topological axioms ; more precisely the  
 "Constants Condition" is just that condition which permits to  
 internalize L-fuzzy topologies in the category L-SET .

Moreover, if  $(X, E, \mu)$  is a topological space object , then  $\mu$   
 can be considered as a L-fuzzy openness operator on  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  - i.e.  
 $\mu(f)$  is the degree that the L-fuzzy subset  $f$  is open. Thus the  
 axioms  $(\mathcal{O}1)$  -  $(\mathcal{O}3)$  are precisely the fuzzification  
 of the usual topological axioms .

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