

CONNECTEDNESS OF GREY TOPOLOGICAL SPACE  
(CONNECTEDNESS OF COMPOSITION FUZZY T.S.)

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper the connectedness of grey topological space is studied. The definitions and their theorems of connectedness of grey topological space are introduced.

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I. INTRODUCTION

We introduced the definitions of grey topological space and of grey continuous mapping and preliminary studied compactness of grey topological space in [2]. We shall study the connectedness of grey topological space on this basis.

**Definition 1:** Let  $f$  be a bijective from the grey topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  to the grey topological space  $(Y, \mathcal{T}')$ . If  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are grey continuous all, then  $f$  is called the grey homeomorphic mapping.  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{T}')$  are called grey homeomorphic topological spaces, usually written  $(X, \mathcal{T}) \cong (Y, \mathcal{T}')$ .

**Theorem 1:** Let  $f$  be a mapping from the grey topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  to the grey topological space  $(Y, \mathcal{T}')$ .  $A$  is a grey subset of  $X$  and  $B, B_1$  and  $B_2$  are grey subsets of  $Y$ , then:

$$(1) f^{-1}[B_1 \cup B_2] = f^{-1}[B_1] \cup f^{-1}[B_2].$$

$$(2) f^{-1}[B_1 \cap B_2] = f^{-1}[B_1] \cap f^{-1}[B_2].$$

$$(3) \bar{\mu}_A(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(f(A))}(x), \underline{\mu}_A(x) \leq \underline{\mu}_{f^{-1}(f(A))}(x), \forall x \in X.$$

$$(4) \bar{\mu}_{f(f^{-1}(B))}(y) \leq \bar{\mu}_B(y), \underline{\mu}_{f(f^{-1}(B))}(y) \leq \underline{\mu}_B(y), \forall y \in Y.$$

(5) And  $f$  is the grey continuous mapping. If  $B$  is the closed subset of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}[B]$  is the closed subset of  $X$ .

(6) And  $f$  is the grey continuous mapping, then

$$\bar{\mu}_{f(\bar{A})}(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_{\overline{f(A)}}(x), \underline{\mu}_{f(\bar{A})}(x) \leq \underline{\mu}_{\overline{f(A)}}(x), \forall x \in X.$$

(7) And  $f$  is the grey continuous mapping, then

$$\bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(B)}(y) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(\bar{B})}(y), \underline{\cup}_{f^{-1}(B)}(y) \leq \underline{\cup}_{f^{-1}(\bar{B})}(y), \forall y \in Y.$$

Proof: We prove (5), (6) and (7) only.

(5) From reference [2] we have  $f^{-1}[B^c] = [f^{-1}[B]]^c$ .

Hence if B is the grey closed subset of Y, then  $B^c$  is the grey open subset of Y. So  $f^{-1}[B^c] = [f^{-1}[B]]^c$  is the grey open subset of X, hence  $f^{-1}[B]$  is the grey closed subset of X.

(6) From (3) we have  $\bar{\cup}_A(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(A))}(x), \forall x \in X$ . And it is obvious  $\bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(A))}(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(\bar{A}))}(x), \forall x \in X$ , hence

$$\bar{\cup}_A(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(A))}(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(\bar{A}))}(x), \forall x \in X. \text{ Also from}$$

(5) we have  $f^{-1}[f(\bar{A})]$  being the grey closed set, hence

$$\bar{\cup}_A(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(\bar{A}))}(x), \forall x \in X. \text{ So } \bar{\cup}_{f(A)}(x) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f(\bar{A})}(x) \forall x \in X.$$

In the same way we can also prove  $\underline{\cup}_{f(A)}(x) \leq \underline{\cup}_{f(\bar{A})}(x) \forall x \in X$ .

(7) From (6) we have  $\bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(B))}(y) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(f(\bar{B}))}(y) \leq \bar{\cup}_{\bar{B}}(y), \forall y \in Y$ , hence  $\bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(B)}(y) \leq \bar{\cup}_{f^{-1}(\bar{B})}(y), \forall y \in Y$ .

In same way we can also prove  $\underline{\cup}_{f^{-1}(B)}(y) \leq \underline{\cup}_{f^{-1}(\bar{B})}(y), \forall y \in Y$ .

**Theorem 2:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space. The grey subset A of X is the closed set if and only if  $A = \bar{A}$ .

**Theorem 3:** Let X be a whole grey set, a be a grey point of X, then  $X = \bigcup_{a \in X} \{ a \}$ .

**Definition 2:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space, A and B be grey subsets of X. If  $\bar{A} \cap B = A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$ , then A and B are called separated.

## II. CONNECTEDNESS OF GREY TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

**Definition 3:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space, C be a grey subset of X. If there do not exists non-vacuous separated grey subsets A and B of X such that  $C = A \cup B$ , then C is called the connected grey set.

If the whole grey set X is the connected set, then  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is called the connected grey topological space.

**Theorem 4:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space, the following are equivalent;

(i)  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is not connected.

(2) There exists non-vacuous grey closed sets A and B such that  $A \cup B = X$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(3) There exists non-vacuous grey open sets A and B such that  $A \cup B = X$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Proof: If  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is not connected, then there exists grey subsets A and B of X such that  $A \cup B = X$  and  $\bar{A} \cap B = A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$ .

→  $A \cup B = X$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Where

$$\bar{A} = \bar{A} \cap (A \cup B) = (\bar{A} \cap A) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) = (\bar{A} \cap A) \cup \emptyset = \bar{A} \cap A = A.$$

$$\bar{B} = \bar{B} \cap (\bar{B} \cup A) = (\bar{B} \cap \bar{B}) \cup (\bar{B} \cap A) = (\bar{B} \cap \bar{B}) \cup \emptyset = \bar{B} \cap \bar{B} = \bar{B}.$$

Hence A and B are grey closed sets all. So (1)→(2).

It is obvious (2)→(1). Hence (1)↔(2).

If (2) is correct, then there exists non-vacuous grey closed sets C and D such that  $C \cup D = X$  and  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ .

→  $\max \{ \underline{\mu}_C(x), \underline{\mu}_D(x) \} = 1$  and

$$\min \{ \bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_D(x) \} = 0, \forall x \in X.$$

$$\text{Also } \bar{\mu}_C(x) = 1 - \underline{\mu}_{C^c}(x), \underline{\mu}_C(x) = 1 - \bar{\mu}_{C^c}(x),$$

$$\bar{\mu}_D(x) = 1 - \underline{\mu}_{D^c}(x), \underline{\mu}_D(x) = 1 - \bar{\mu}_{D^c}(x), \forall x \in X.$$

Then  $\max \{ 1 - \bar{\mu}_{C^c}(x), 1 - \bar{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = 1$  and

$$\min \{ 1 - \underline{\mu}_{C^c}(x), 1 - \underline{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = 0, \forall x \in X.$$

→ Of  $\bar{\mu}_{C^c}(x)$  and  $\bar{\mu}_{D^c}(x)$  ( $\forall x \in X$ ) at least one must be equal to 0  $\wedge$  of  $\underline{\mu}_{C^c}(x)$  and  $\underline{\mu}_{D^c}(x)$  ( $\forall x \in X$ ) at least one must be equal to 1.

$$\rightarrow \min \{ \bar{\mu}_{C^c}(x), \bar{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = 0 \wedge \max \{ \underline{\mu}_{C^c}(x), \underline{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = 1.$$

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$$\text{and } \min \{ \bar{\mu}_{C^c}(x), \bar{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = \min \{ \underline{\mu}_{C^c}(x), \underline{\mu}_{D^c}(x) \} = 0.$$

→  $C^c \cup D^c = X$  and  $C^c \cap D^c = \emptyset$ .

Let  $A = C^c$  and  $B = D^c$ . Since  $C^c$  and  $D^c$  are grey closed sets, hence A and B are grey closed sets.

So there exists non-vacuous grey open sets A and B such that  $A \cup B = X$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . So (2)→(3).

In the same way we can also have (3)→(2). Hence (2)↔(3).

Theorem 5: Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space, a be a

grey point of  $X$ , then  $a$  is the connected grey set.

**Theorem 6:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space,  $A$  be a connected grey subset and  $B$  be a grey subset of  $X$ . If  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , then  $B$  is connected.

**Proof:** Let  $B = C \cup D$  and  $\bar{C} \cap D = C \cap \bar{D} = \emptyset$ . If we want to prove  $B$  is connected only need to prove  $C = \emptyset$  or  $D = \emptyset$ .

Let  $C_1 = A \cap C$  and  $D_1 = A \cap D$ , then  $\bar{C}_1 \cap D_1 = C_1 \cap \bar{D}_1 = \emptyset$ , and  $C_1 \cup D_1 = A$  (actually  $C_1 \cup D_1 = (A \cap C) \cup (A \cap D) = [(A \cap C) \cup A] \cap [(A \cap C) \cup D] = A \cap [(A \cup D) \cap (C \cup D)] = A \cap [(A \cup D) \cap B] = A$ ).

Since  $A$  is connected, then  $C_1 = \emptyset$  or  $D_1 = \emptyset$ .

If  $C_1 = \emptyset$ , then  $A = D_1 = A \cap D$ .  $\rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(x) = \min(\bar{\mu}_A(x), \bar{\mu}_D(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .  $\rightarrow \bar{\mu}_A(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_D(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

Also  $B = C \cup D \subseteq \bar{A}$ , hence  $\bar{\mu}_A(x) > \underline{\mu}_A(x) > \bar{\mu}_B(x) = \max(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_D(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ . And  $\bar{\mu}_C(x) = \min(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \max(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_D(x))) = \min(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_B(x))$   $\forall x \in X$ , hence  $\bar{\mu}_C(x) \leq \min(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_A(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

So  $\bar{\mu}_C(x) \leq \min(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_B(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

Also  $C \cap \bar{D} = \emptyset$ , hence  $\min(\bar{\mu}_C(x), \bar{\mu}_B(x)) = 0$   $\forall x \in X$ .  $\rightarrow \bar{\mu}_C(x) = \underline{\mu}_C(x) = 0$  ( $\forall x \in X$ ).  $\rightarrow C = \emptyset$ .

If  $D_1 = \emptyset$ , In the same way we can also prove  $D = \emptyset$ .

So  $B$  is connected.

**Theorem 7:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space,  $A_t$  ( $t \in T$ ) be grey subsets of  $X$ . If  $A_t$  ( $t \in T$ ) are connected and there exists  $s \in T$  such that  $A_s$  and  $A_t$  are not separated for all  $t \in T - \{s\}$ , then  $A = \bigcup_{t \in T} A_t$  is connected.

**Corollary:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space,  $A_t$  ( $t \in T$ ) be connected grey subsets of  $X$ . If  $\bigcap_{t \in T} A_t \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\bigcup_{t \in T} A_t$  is connected.

**Definition 4:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space,  $A$  be a maximal connected grey set (or if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is connected, then  $A = B$ ). Then  $A$  is called the connected

component of  $(X, \mathcal{J})$ .

**Theorem 8:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a grey topological space, then;

- (1) Union of all connerted components is equal to  $X$ .
- (2) Different connected components are not joint.

**Proof:** (1) Choose any point  $a \in X$ , then  $a$  is the connected grey set. Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A \mid a \in A \text{ and } A \text{ is the connected grey subset of } X\}$ , then  $\cap \mathcal{A}$  is non-vacuous. And let  $\mathcal{U} = \cup \mathcal{A}$ . From corollary of theorem 7 we have  $\mathcal{U}$  is connected and  $\mathcal{U}$  is the connected component.

Hence all there exists connected components of containing  $a$ ,

$\forall a \in X$ . Also  $\bigcup_{a \in X} \{a\} = X$ , hence union of all connected components of  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is equal to  $X$ .

- (2) Let  $A$  and  $B$  are different connected components.

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are joint, then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\min\{\underline{\mu}_A(x), \underline{\mu}_B(x)\} > 0$ .  $\rightarrow \min\{\bar{\mu}_A(x), \bar{\mu}_B(x)\} > 0$ .  $\rightarrow A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . From corollary of theorem 7 we have  $A \cup B$  is connected. In contradiction with  $A$  (or  $B$ ) is the connected component. Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are not joint.

**Theorem 9:** Let  $f$  be a grey continuous mapping from the grey topological space  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  to the grey topological space  $(Y, \mathcal{J}')$ . If  $A$  is a connected grey subset of  $(X, \mathcal{J})$ , then  $f[A]$  is the connected grey subset of  $(Y, \mathcal{J}')$ .

**Proof:** If  $f[A] = B \cup C$  and  $\bar{B} \cap C = B \cap \bar{C} = \emptyset$ .

And let  $E = f^{-1}[B]$  and  $F = f^{-1}[C]$ , then  $\bar{\mu}_A(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(f[A])}(x)$   
 $= \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B \cup C)}(x) = \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B) \cup f^{-1}(C)}(x) = \bar{\mu}_{E \cup F}(x) = \max\{\bar{\mu}_E(x), \bar{\mu}_F(x)\}$ ,  
 $\forall x \in X$ . Also  $\bar{\mu}_E(x) = \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B)}(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B)}(x)$  and  
 $\bar{\mu}_F(x) = \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(C)}(x) \leq \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(C)}(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ , hence  $\bar{\mu}_{E \cap F}(x) =$   
 $\min\{\bar{\mu}_E(x), \bar{\mu}_F(x)\} \leq \min\{\bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B)}(x), \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(C)}(x)\} = \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B) \cap f^{-1}(C)}(x)$   
 $= \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(B \cap C)}(x) = \bar{\mu}_{f^{-1}(\emptyset)}(x) = \bar{\mu}_{\emptyset}(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$ .  
 $\rightarrow \bar{\mu}_{E \cap F}(x) = \underline{\mu}_{E \cap F}(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$ .  $\rightarrow \bar{E} \cap F = \emptyset$ .

In the same way we can also prove  $E \cap \bar{F} = \emptyset$ .

And let  $G = A \cap E$  and  $H = A \cap F$ , hence  $A = G \cup H$  and  $\bar{G} \cap H$

$= G \cap \bar{H} = \emptyset$ . Since  $A$  is connected, hence  $G = \emptyset$  or  $H = \emptyset$ .

Suppose  $G = \emptyset$  (without loss of generality), then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}_A(x) &= \bar{\mu}_H(x) = \bar{\mu}_{A \cap F}(x) = \min\{\bar{\mu}_A(x), \bar{\mu}_F(x)\} \\ &< \bar{\mu}_F(x), \forall x \in X. \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_{f(A)}(x) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \{\bar{\mu}_A(x)\} < \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \{\bar{\mu}_F(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \bar{\mu}_{f(F)}(x) = \bar{\mu}_{f(f^{-1}(C))}(x) < \bar{\mu}_C(x), \forall x \in X.$$

Also  $f[A] = B \cup C$ , hence  $\bar{\mu}_{f(A)}(x) = \max\{\bar{\mu}_B(x), \bar{\mu}_C(x)\}$   
 $\forall x \in X. \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_B(x) = \min\{\bar{\mu}_B(x), \bar{\mu}_{f(A)}(x)\} < \min\{\bar{\mu}_B(x),$   
 $\bar{\mu}_C(x)\} = \bar{\mu}_{B \cap C}(x), \forall x \in X$ . From  $\bar{B} \cap C = \emptyset$  we have  $B \cap C = \emptyset$ ,  
then  $\bar{\mu}_B(x) < \bar{\mu}_{B \cap C}(x) = 0 (\forall x \in X) \rightarrow \bar{\mu}_B(x) = \underline{\mu}_B(x) = 0$   
 $(\forall x \in X) \rightarrow B = \emptyset$ . So  $f[A]$  is connected.

**Corollary :** Connectedness of the grey topological space is the topological property of the space. Or if  $f$  is a grey homomorphic mapping from the grey topological space  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  to the grey topological space  $(Y, \mathcal{J}')$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is connected if and only if  $(Y, \mathcal{J}')$  is connected.

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