

Fuzzy Connected Sets In Fuzzy Topological Spaces.

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Abstract : The interrelationship between different notions of connectedness of fuzzy sets introduced by Ming and Ming[3], Zheng Chong You[5], Saha[4], Azmal and Kohli[1] is investigated. A new concept of connectedness called  $C_5$ -connectedness of a fuzzy set is introduced and the validity of the standard results for the new concept of connectedness are examined.

Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy topological Space.

If  $A \in I^X$  be connected in the sense of Ming and Ming[3](resp. Saha[4]), then we say that  $A$  is  $C_M$ -connected (resp.  $C_S$ -connected.)

The following results are obtained:-

Theorem 1: If  $D \in I^X$  be  $C_1$ -connected, then  $D$  is  $C_5$ -connected.

Theorem 2: If  $D \in I^X$  be  $C_5$ -connected, then  $D$  is  $C_2$ -connected.

Theorem 3: If  $D \in I^X$  be  $C_5^-$ -connected, then it is  $C_3$ -connected.

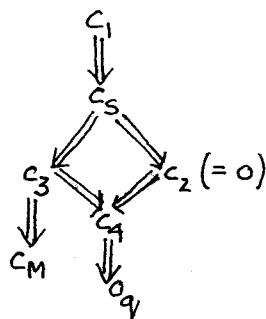
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Theorem 4:  $D \in I^X$  is  $C_2$ -connected iff it is  $\emptyset$ -connected.

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Theorem 5: A fuzzy  $C_4$ -connected set is  $O_q$ -connected.

Remark 6: In a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$ , the interrelationship between the classes of  $O$ -connected,  $O_q$ -connected and  $C_i$ -connected ( $i=1,2,3,4,S,M$ ) fuzzy sets can be described by the following diagram.



Examples have been given to show that the reverse implications do not hold.

A new concept of connectedness of a fuzzy set.

In a topological space  $(X, T)$  a subset  $E$  of  $X$  is connected iff there does not exist any non-empty proper clopen subset in  $(E, T_E)$  where  $T_E$  is the relativization of  $T$  in  $E$ . The open (closed) subset of  $(E, T_E)$  are the intersection of open (closed) subsets of  $(X, T)$  with  $E$ .

Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $E \in I^X$ . We define  $T_E = (B \wedge N; N \in T)$  and  $C(T_E) = (B \wedge P; P \in C(T))$ . We call the members of  $T_E(C(T_E))$  as fuzzy open (or closed) sets in  $D$ .

Definition 7:  $D \in I^X$  is said to be  $C_5$ -connected if there does not exist any non-zero proper fuzzy clopen set in  $D$ .

Examples have been given to show that  $C_5$ -connectedness is totally different from all other types of connectedness

mentioned earlier.

Theorem 8: Let  $f:(X,T) \rightarrow (Y,S)$  be bijective and fuzzy continuous. If  $D \in I^X$  be  $C_5$ -connected, then  $f(D)$  is also  $C_5$ -connected in  $Y$ .

Theorem 9: Let  $\{A_i ; i \in J\}$  be a collection of  $C_5$ -connected fuzzy sets, any two of which are intersecting. Then  $A = \bigvee_{i \in J} A_i$  is  $C_5$ -connected.

Remark 10: The fuzzy closure of  $C_5$ -connected fuzzy set is not necessarily  $C_5$ -connected.

$C_5$ -component is defined and the validity of some well known results are investigated.

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