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## A NEW TYPE OF CLOSURE-LIKE OPERATOR VIA FUZZY SEMIOPEN SETS

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with a new type of closure operator in fuzzy topological spaces, called  $s^c$ -closure operator, which is an idempotent operator. Then the mutual relationships of this operator with the operators defined in [2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10] are established. Afterwards, a new type of separation axiom is introduced and studied here. In every space with this axiom assumed fuzzy semiclosure operator and this new operator are identical. In the last section some characterizations of  $s^c$ -closure operator have been done via fuzzy net.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

After the introduction by Chang of the concept of fuzzy closure operator [7] several types of fuzzy closure-like operators have been introduced and studied. In this context we have to mention [2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11]. Here we introduce a different type of fuzzy closure-like operator, called  $s^c$ -closure operator which is shown to be an idempotent and isotonic operator. It is shown that, in every fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space, fuzzy semiclosure operator and fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator coincide.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper, by  $(X, \tau)$  or simply by  $X$  we mean a fuzzy topological space (fts, for short) in the sense of Chang [7]. A fuzzy set  $A$  is a function from a non-empty set  $X$  into a closed interval  $I = [0, 1]$ , i.e.,  $A \in I^X$  [13]. The support of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\text{supp}A$  [13] and is defined by  $\text{supp}A = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$ . A fuzzy point [12] with the singleton support  $x \in X$  and the value  $t$  ( $0 < t \leq 1$ ) at  $x$  will be denoted by  $x_t$ .  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  are the constant fuzzy sets taking values 0 and 1 in  $X$  respectively. The complement of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $1_X \setminus A$  and is defined by  $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$  [13]. For two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ , we write  $A \leq B$  if and only if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ , and  $AqB$  means  $A$  is quasi-coincident (q-coincident, for short) with  $B$  if  $A(x) + B(x) > 1$ , for some  $x \in X$  [12]. The negation of these two statements will be denoted by  $A \not\leq B$  and  $A \not q B$  respectively.  $\text{cl}A$  and  $\text{int}A$  of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  respectively stand for the fuzzy closure [7] and fuzzy interior [7] of  $A$  in  $X$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called fuzzy regular open [1] (resp., fuzzy semiopen [1], fuzzy preopen [11], fuzzy  $\beta$ -open [8], fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open [5]) if  $A = \text{intcl}A$  (resp.,  $A \leq \text{clint}A$ ,  $A \leq \text{intcl}A$ ,  $A \leq \text{clintcl}A$ ,  $A \leq (\text{intcl}A) \cup (\text{clint}A)$ ). The complement of a fuzzy semiopen (resp., fuzzy preopen, fuzzy  $\beta$ -open,  $\gamma$ -open) set is called a fuzzy semiclosed [1] (resp., fuzzy preclosed [11], fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed [8],  $\gamma$ -closed [5]) set. The smallest fuzzy semiclosed (resp., fuzzy preclosed, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed, fuzzy  $\gamma$ -closed) set containing a fuzzy set  $A$  is called fuzzy semiclosure [1] (resp., fuzzy preclosure [11], fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure [8],  $\gamma$ -closure [5]) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{scl}A$  (resp.,  $\text{pcl}A$ ,  $\beta\text{cl}A$ ,  $\gamma\text{cl}A$ ). The collection of all fuzzy regular open (resp., fuzzy semiopen, fuzzy preopen, fuzzy  $\beta$ -open, fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open) sets in an fts  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{FRO}(X)$  (resp.,  $\text{FSO}(X)$ ,  $\text{FPO}(X)$ ,  $\text{F}\beta\text{O}(X)$ ,  $\text{F}\gamma\text{O}(X)$ ) and that of fuzzy ssemiclosed (resp., fuzzy preclosed, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed, fuzzy  $\gamma$ -closed) sets is denoted by  $\text{FSC}(X)$  (resp.,  $\text{FPC}(X)$ ,  $\text{F}\beta\text{C}(X)$ ,  $\text{F}\gamma\text{C}(X)$ ).

## 3. Fuzzy $s^c$ -Closure Operator: Some Properties

In this section a new type of fuzzy closure operator is introduced and then some properties of this operator are established.

**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  if  $\text{cl}UqA$  for every

$U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure of  $A$ , and will be denoted by  $[A]_s^c$ .  $A$  is called fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed set if  $A = [A]_s^c$  and the complement of a fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed set in an fts  $X$  is called fuzzy  $s^c$ -open set in  $X$ .

It is clear from the definition that  $A \leq [A]_s^c$ , for all fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ .

We now characterize fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator of a fuzzy set in an fts  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** For any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ ,

$$[A]_s^c = \bigcap \{[U]_s^c : U \text{ is fuzzy open set in } X \text{ with } A \leq U\}.$$

**Proof.** Clearly  $[A]_s^c \leq \bigcap \{[U]_s^c : U \text{ is fuzzy open set in } X \text{ with } A \leq U\}$ . Assume that there exists some  $x_t$  such that  $x_t \in \bigcap \{[U]_s^c : U \text{ is fuzzy open set in } X \text{ with } A \leq U\}$ , but  $x_t \notin [A]_s^c$ . Then there exists  $V \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q V$  and  $clV \not q A \Rightarrow A \leq 1_X \setminus clV (\in \tau)$ . By hypothesis,  $x_t \in [1_X \setminus clV]_s^c$ . But as  $clV \not q (1_X \setminus clV)$ ,  $x_t \notin [1_X \setminus clV]_s^c$ , a contradiction.

**Note 3.3.** It is clear from definition that for any  $A \in I^X$ ,  $sclA \leq [A]_s^c$ . But the reverse relation is not necessarily true, as follows from the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.45, B(a) = 0.7, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $U(a) = 0.5, 0.45 \leq U(b) \leq 0.55, V \geq B$ . Consider the fuzzy point  $b_{0.51}$  and the fuzzy set  $C$  defined by  $C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.47$ . We claim that  $b_{0.51} \in [C]_s^c$ , but  $b_{0.51} \notin sclC$ . Now any fuzzy semiopen set other than  $1_X$   $q$ -coincident with  $b_{0.51}$  is of the form  $U_1, V_1$  where  $U_1(a) = 0.5, 0.49 < U_1(b) \leq 0.55$  and  $V_1 \geq B$ . Then  $clU_1 = (1_X \setminus A)qC$  and  $clV_1 = 1_XqC \Rightarrow b_{0.51} \in [C]_s^c$ . But  $U_1 \in FSC(X)$  also and so  $sclU_1 = U_1 \not q C \Rightarrow b_{0.51} \notin sclC$ .

The following theorem shows that on the class of fuzzy open sets fuzzy semiclosure and fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operators coincide.

**Theorem 3.5.** For a fuzzy open set  $A$  in an fts  $X$ ,  $sclA = [A]_s^c$ .

**Proof.** By Note 3.3, it suffices to show that  $[A]_s^c \leq sclA$  for every fuzzy open set  $A$  in  $X$ . Let  $x_t \notin sclA$ . Then there exists  $V \in FSO(X)$ ,  $x_t q V, V \not q A \Rightarrow V \leq 1_X \setminus A$  where  $1_X \setminus A$  is fuzzy closed set in  $X$ . Therefore,  $clV \leq cl(1_X \setminus A) = 1_X \setminus A \Rightarrow clV \not q A \Rightarrow x_t \notin [A]_s^c$ . Hence the proof.

**Remark 3.6.** From Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.5, we conclude that

$[A]_s^c$  is fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  for any  $A \in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** In an fts  $(X, \tau)$ , the following statements are true :

- (a)  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  are fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed sets in  $X$ ,
- for all fuzzy sets  $A, B$ , (b)  $A \leq B \Rightarrow [A]_s^c \leq [B]_s^c$ ,
- (c)  $[A \cup B]_s^c = [A]_s^c \cup [B]_s^c$ ,
- (d)  $[A \cap B]_s^c \leq [A]_s^c \cap [B]_s^c$ , the equality does not hold, in general, as follows from the next example,
- (e) union of any two fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed sets in  $X$  is also so,
- (f) intersection of any two fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed sets in  $X$  is also so.

**Proof.** (a) and (b) are obvious.

(c) By (b), we can write,  $[A]_s^c \cup [B]_s^c \leq [A \cup B]_s^c$ .

To prove the converse, let  $x_t \in [A \cup B]_s^c$ . Then for any  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ ,  $clU q (A \cup B)$ . Then there exists  $y \in X$  such that  $(clU)(y) + \max\{A(y), B(y)\} > 1 \Rightarrow$  either  $(clU)(y) + A(y) > 1$  or  $(clU)(y) + B(y) > 1 \Rightarrow$  either  $clU q A$  or  $clU q B \Rightarrow$  either  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$  or  $x_t \in [B]_s^c \Rightarrow x_t \in [A]_s^c \cup [B]_s^c$ .

(d) Follows from (b).

(e) Follows from (c).

(f) From (d), we have  $[A \cap B]_s^c \leq [A]_s^c \cap [B]_s^c$  for any two fuzzy sets  $A, B \in X$ .

Conversely, let  $A, B$  be two fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed sets in  $X$ . Then  $[A]_s^c = A, [B]_s^c = B$ . Let  $x_t \in [A]_s^c \cap [B]_s^c = A \cap B \leq [A \cap B]_s^c \Rightarrow [A]_s^c \cap [B]_s^c \leq [A \cap B]_s^c$ .

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.6, B(a) = 0.3, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $U \geq A, B \leq V \leq 1_X \setminus B$ . Consider two fuzzy sets  $C$  and  $D$  defined by  $C(a) = 0.4, C(b) = 0.1, D(a) = 0.1, D(b) = 0.55$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.6}$ . We claim that  $a_{0.6} \in [C]_s^c \cap [D]_s^c$ , but  $a_{0.6} \notin [C \cap D]_s^c$ . The fuzzy semiopen sets  $q$ -coincident with  $a_{0.6}$  are of the form  $U, V_1, V_2$  where  $0.4 < V_1(a) \leq 0.7, V_1(b) = 0.5, V_2(a) > 0.7, V_2(b) \geq 0.55$ . Then  $clU = clV_2 = 1_X$  and so  $clU = clV_2 q C$  and  $clU = clV_2 q D$ . Also  $clV_1 = 1_X \setminus B$  and so  $clV_1 q C$  and  $clV_1 q D$ . As a result  $a_{0.6} \in [C]_s^c$  and  $a_{0.6} \in [D]_s^c \Rightarrow a_{0.6} \in [C]_s^c \cap [D]_s^c$ . Let  $E = C \cap D$ . Then  $E(a) = E(b) = 0.1$ . Then  $clV_1 = (1_X \setminus B) \not q E \Rightarrow a_{0.6} \notin [E]_s^c$ .

**Note 3.9.** Since arbitrary intersection (union) of fuzzy closed (open) sets is fuzzy closed (respectively, fuzzy open), so we can conclude that fuzzy  $s^c$ -open sets in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  form a fuzzy topology  $\tau_{s^c}$  (say)

which is coarser than fuzzy topology  $\tau$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Result 3.10.** We conclude that  $x_t \in [y_{t'}]_s^c$  does not necessarily imply  $y_{t'} \in [x_t]_s^c$  where  $x_t, y_{t'}$  ( $0 < t, t' \leq 1$ ) are fuzzy points in  $X$  as shown from the following example.

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, B(a) = 0.7, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $U(a) = 0.5, 0.4 \leq U(b) \leq 0.6, V \geq B$ . Now consider two fuzzy points  $a_{0.1}$  and  $b_{0.61}$ . We claim that  $a_{0.1} \in [b_{0.61}]_s^c$ , but  $b_{0.61} \notin [a_{0.1}]_s^c$ . Now any fuzzy semiopen set  $q$ -coincident with  $a_{0.1}$  is of the form  $V_1$  where  $V_1(a) > 0.9, V_1(b) \geq 0.5$ . So  $clV_1 = 1_X q b_{0.61} \Rightarrow a_{0.1} \in [b_{0.61}]_s^c$ . Now  $A \in FSO(X)$  with  $b_{0.61} q A$ , but  $clA = (1_X \setminus A) \not q a_{0.1} \Rightarrow b_{0.61} \notin [a_{0.1}]_s^c$ .

The next theorem shows that fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator is an idempotent operator.

**Theorem 3.12.** For any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $[A]_s^c = [[A]_s^c]_s^c$ .

**Proof.** we first show that  $A \subseteq [A]_s^c$ . Let  $x_t \in A$  be arbitrary. If possible, let  $x_t \notin [A]_s^c$ . Then there exists  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ ,  $clU \not q A \Rightarrow A \leq 1_X \setminus clU$ . Since  $x_t \in A$ ,  $x_t \in 1_X \setminus clU \Rightarrow 1 - (clU)(x) \geq t \Rightarrow x_t \not q clU$  which contradicts the fact that  $x_t q U$ . So  $A \subseteq [A]_s^c$ . Then by Theorem 3.7(b),  $[A]_s^c \subseteq [[A]_s^c]_s^c \dots (1)$ .

Conversely, let  $x_t \in [[A]_s^c]_s^c$ . We have to show that  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$ . Let  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ . By hypothesis,  $clU q B$  where  $B = [A]_s^c$ . Then there exists  $y \in X$  such that  $(clU)(y) + B(y) > 1$ . Let  $B(y) = k$ . Then  $y_k \in B = [A]_s^c$  and  $y_k q clU$ . Since  $U \in FSO(X) \Rightarrow clU \in FSO(X)$ , then for  $y_k \in [A]_s^c$ , we have  $cl(clU) = clU q A \Rightarrow x_t \in [A]_s^c \Rightarrow [[A]_s^c]_s^c \subseteq [A]_s^c \dots (2)$ . Combining (1) and (2), we have  $[A]_s^c = [[A]_s^c]_s^c$ .

#### 4. MUTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

In this section we first recall some definitions of different types of fuzzy closure-like operators from [2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10] and then establish the mutual relationships between these closure operators with fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator.

**Definition 4.1.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point [3] (respectively, fuzzy  $p^*$ -cluster point [4], fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -cluster point [2], fuzzy  $\gamma^*$ -cluster point [6]) of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if for every  $U \in FSO(X)$  (respectively,  $U \in FPO(X)$ ,  $U \in F\beta O(X)$ ,  $F\gamma O(X)$ ) with  $x_t q U$ ,  $sclU q A$  (respectively,  $pclU q A$ ,  $\beta clU q A$ ,  $\gamma clU q A$ ).

The union of all fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster (respectively, fuzzy  $p^*$ -cluster, fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -cluster, fuzzy  $\gamma^*$ -cluster) points of a fuzzy set  $A$  is called fuzzy  $s^*$ -closure [3] (respectively, fuzzy  $p^*$ -closure [4], fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closure [2], fuzzy  $\gamma^*$ -closure [6]) of  $A$ , denoted by  $[A]_s$  (respectively,  $[A]_p$ ,  $[A]_\beta$ ,  $[A]_\gamma$ ).

**Definition 4.2** [10]. A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if  $clUqA$  for every fuzzy open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_tqU$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster points of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is called fuzzy  $\theta$ -closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $[A]_\theta$ .

**Definition 4.3** [9]. A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if  $UqA$  for every fuzzy regular open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_tqU$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster points of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is called fuzzy  $\delta$ -closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $[A]_\delta$ .

**Note 4.4.** It is clear from discussion that for any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ ,

(i)  $[A]_s \subseteq [A]_s^c \subseteq [A]_\theta$  and  $[A]_\gamma \subseteq [A]_s^c$ ,  $[A]_\beta \subseteq [A]_s^c$ . But the reverse implications are not true, in general, as follow from the following examples.

(ii)  $[A]_s^c$  is an independent concept of  $[A]_p$ ,  $[A]_\delta$ ,  $clA$  as follow from the following examples.

**Example 4.5.** It is possible to have  $[A]_s^c \not\subseteq [A]_s$  for some  $A \in I^X$

Consider Example 3.4. Here  $b_{0.51} \in [C]_s^c$ . We claim that  $b_{0.51} \notin [C]_s$ . Here  $U_1(a) = 0.5 = U_1(b)$  is a fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$  with  $b_{0.51}qU_1$ . But  $sclU_1 = U_1 \not\supseteq C \Rightarrow b_{0.51} \notin [C]_s$ .

**Example 4.6.** It is possible to have  $[A]_s^c \not\subseteq [A]_\beta$ , for some  $A \in I^X$

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.7$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U\}$  where  $U \geq A$  and  $F\beta O(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, V\}$  where  $V \not\leq 1_X \setminus A$  and so  $F\beta C(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus V\}$  where  $1_X \setminus V \not\geq A$ . Consider the fuzzy set  $B$  defined by  $B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.6}$ . We claim that  $a_{0.6} \notin [B]_\beta$ . Indeed,  $a_{0.6}qU_1 \in F\beta O(X)$  where  $U_1(a) = 0.41, U_1(b) = 0.31$ . But  $\beta clU_1 = U_1 \not\supseteq B$ . Again any  $V_1 \in FSO(X)$  with  $a_{0.6}qV_1$  is of the form  $V_1(a) > 0.4, V_1(b) \geq 0.7$ . Then  $clV_1 = 1_XqB \Rightarrow a_{0.6} \in [B]_s^c$ .

**Example 4.7.** It is possible to have  $[A]_s^c \not\subseteq [A]_\gamma$ , for some  $A \in I^X$

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.45, A(b) = 0.4, B(a) = 0.6, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $A \leq U \leq 1_X \setminus A, V \geq B$ . Now consider the fuzzy

set  $D$  defined by  $D(a) = 0.4, D(b) = 0.6$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.5}$ . Then  $a_{0.5}qU_1 \in FSO(X)$  where  $0.5 < U_1(a) \leq 0.55, 0.4 \leq U_1(b) \leq 0.6$  and  $a_{0.5}qV_1 \in FSO(X)$  where  $V_1 \geq B$ . Then  $clU_1 = (1_X \setminus A)qD$  and  $clV_1 = 1_XqD \Rightarrow a_{0.5} \in [D]_s^c$ . Now consider the fuzzy set  $E$  defined by  $E(a) = 0.51, E(b) = 0.4$ . Then  $E \in F\gamma O(X)$  and  $a_{0.5}qE$ , but  $\gamma clE = E \not\supseteq D \Rightarrow a_{0.5} \notin [D]_\gamma$ .

**Example 4.8.** It is possible to have  $clA \not\supseteq [A]_s^c$ , for some  $A \in I^X$ . Consider Example 4.6 and the fuzzy set  $S$  defined by  $S(a) = 0.2, S(b) = 0.3$  and the fuzzy point  $b_{0.4}$ . Then  $b_{0.4} \notin clS = 1_X \setminus A$ . Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U\}$  where  $U \geq A$ . Then any  $U \in FSO(X)$ ,  $b_{0.4}qU$  and  $clU = 1_XqS \Rightarrow b_{0.4} \in [S]_s^c$ .

**Example 4.9.** It is possible to have  $[A]_s^c \subsetneq [A]_\theta, clA$ , for some  $A \in I^X$ . Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.6, B(a) = 0.3, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $U \geq A, 0.3 \leq V(a) \leq 0.7, V(b) = 0.5$ . Consider the fuzzy set  $D$  defined by  $D(a) = 0.2, D(b) = 0.5$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.41}$ . Then  $a_{0.41} \in clD = 1_X \setminus B$ . Now  $1_X \in \tau$  only such that  $a_{0.41}q1_X$  and so clearly  $a_{0.41} \in [D]_\theta$ . Consider the fuzzy set  $V_1 \in FSO(X)$  such that  $V_1(a) = 0.6, V_1(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $a_{0.41}qV_1$ , but  $clV_1 = (1_X \setminus B) \not\supseteq D \Rightarrow a_{0.41} \notin [D]_s^c$ .

**Example 4.10.** It is possible to have  $[A]_p \subsetneq [A]_s^c$ , for some  $A \in I^X$ . Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, B(a) = 0.7, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FPO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V, W\}$  where  $U \leq A$  and  $U \not\leq 1_X \setminus B, V > 1_X \setminus A, W \geq B$  and  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, S, W\}$  where  $A \leq S \leq 1_X \setminus A, W \geq B$ . Consider the fuzzy set  $D$  defined by  $D(a) = D(b) = 0.6$  and the fuzzy point  $b_{0.71}$ . Then the fuzzy set  $U_1$ , defined by  $U_1(a) = 0.4, U_1(b) = 0.3$ , is fuzzy preopen set in  $X$  with  $b_{0.71}qU_1$ . But  $pclU_1 = U_1 \not\supseteq D \Rightarrow b_{0.71} \notin [D]_p$ . Now any fuzzy semiopen set other than  $0_X$  in  $X$  is  $S$  and  $W$ ,  $q$ -coincident with  $b_{0.71}$  and clearly  $clSqD$  and  $clW = cl1_X = 1_XqD \Rightarrow b_{0.71} \in [D]_s^c$ .

**Example 4.11.** It is possible to have  $[A]_p, [A]_\delta \not\subseteq [A]_s^c$ , for some  $A \in I^X$ .

Let  $X = \{a\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.4, B(a) = 0.7$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here  $FPO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $1_X \setminus B \leq U \leq A, V \geq B$  and  $FSO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, V, W\}$  where  $V \geq B, A \leq W \leq 1_X \setminus A$ . Consider the fuzzy set  $D$  defined by  $D(a) = 0.4$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.5}$ . Then for any  $V \in FPO(X), Vqa_{0.5}$ .

Then  $pclV = 1_X qD \Rightarrow a_{0.5} \in [D]_p$ . Again  $FRO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ . Then  $1_X \in FRO(X)$  only with  $a_{0.5}q1_X$  and so clearly  $a_{0.5} \in [D]_\delta$ . Now  $W_1(a) = 0.51$  be such that  $W_1 \in FSO(X)$  with  $a_{0.5}qW_1$ , but  $clW_1 = (1_X \setminus A) \not qD \Rightarrow a_{0.5} \notin [D]_s^c$ .

**Example 4.12.** It is possible to have  $[A]_s^c \not\subseteq [A]_\delta$ , for some  $A \in I^X$ . Consider Example 4.10 and the fuzzy set  $D$  defined by  $D(a) = 0.3, D(b) = 0.6$  and the fuzzy point  $b_{0.71}$ . Here  $FRO(X) = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ . So  $b_{0.71}qA \in FRO(X)$ , but  $A \not qD \Rightarrow b_{0.71} \notin [D]_\delta$ . Again the fuzzy set of the form  $S \in FSO(X)$  is such that  $Sqb_{0.71}$  and  $clS = (1_X \setminus A)qD$ . Also the fuzzy set of the form  $W \in FSO(X)$  is such that  $b_{0.71}qW$  and  $clW = 1_X qD \Rightarrow b_{0.71} \in [D]_s^c$ .

## 5. FUZZY $s^c$ -REGULAR SPACE

In this section a new type of fuzzy separation axiom is introduced and characterized by fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator. Also it is shown that in this space fuzzy semiclosure operator and fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator coincide.

**Definition 5.1.** An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space if for each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_tqU$ , then there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x_tqV \leq clV \leq U$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** For an fts  $(X, \tau)$ , the following statements are equivalent :

- (a)  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space,
- (b) for any  $A \in I^X$ ,  $sclA = [A]_s^c$ ,
- (c) for each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $x_t \notin U$ , there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x_t \notin clV$  and  $U \leq V$ ,
- (d) for each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $x_t \notin U$ , there exist  $V, W \in \tau$  such that  $x_tqV, U \leq W$  and  $V \not qW$ ,
- (e) for any  $A \in I^X$  and any  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $A \not\leq U$ , there exist  $V, W \in \tau$  such that  $AqV, U \leq W$  and  $V \not qW$ ,
- (f) for any  $A \in I^X$  and any  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $AqU$ , there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $AqV \leq clV \leq U$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) By Note 3.3, it suffices to show that  $[A]_s^c \subseteq sclA$ , for any  $A \in I^X$ . Let  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$  be arbitrary and  $V \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_tqV$ . By (a), there exists  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x_tqU \leq clU \leq V$ . Since  $U \in \tau \Rightarrow U \in FSO(X)$ , by hypothesis,  $clUqA \Rightarrow VqA \Rightarrow x_t \in sclA \Rightarrow [A]_s^c \subseteq sclA$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_tqU$ .



Then  $U(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow x_t \notin 1_X \setminus U (\in FSC(X)) = scl(1_X \setminus U) = [1_X \setminus U]_s^c$  (by (b)). Then there exists  $V \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t qV$ ,  $clV \not\leq (1_X \setminus U) \Rightarrow clV \leq U$ . Therefore,  $x_t qV \leq clV \leq U \Rightarrow X$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $x_t \notin U$ . Then  $x_t q(1_X \setminus U) \in FSO(X)$ . By (a), there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x_t qV \leq clV \leq 1_X \setminus U$ . Therefore,  $U \leq 1_X \setminus clV (= W$ , say). Then  $W \in \tau$ . Now  $x_t qV = intV \Rightarrow x_t qintV \leq V \leq intclV \Rightarrow x_t q(intclV) \Rightarrow (intclV)(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow 1 - (intclV)(x) < t \Rightarrow x_t \notin 1_X \setminus intclV = cl(1_X \setminus clV) = clW$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $x_t \notin U$ . By (c), there exists  $V \in \tau$  such that  $U \leq V$  and  $x_t \notin clV \Rightarrow$  there exists  $W \in \tau$  such that  $x_t qW$ ,  $W \not\leq clV$ . Now  $V \not\leq (1_X \setminus clV)$ . Now  $x_t q(1_X \setminus clV) (= W$ , say). Then  $W \in \tau$  and  $V \not\leq W$ . So we get,  $V, W \in \tau$  with  $x_t qW$ ,  $U \leq V$  and  $V \not\leq W$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e) Let  $A \in I^X$  and  $U \in FSC(X)$  with  $A \not\leq U$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $A(x) > U(x)$ . Let  $A(x) = t$ . Then  $x_t \notin U$ . By (d), there exist  $V, W \in \tau$  such that  $x_t qV$ ,  $U \leq W$  and  $V \not\leq W$ . Again  $V(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow V(x) + A(x) > 1 - t + t = 1 \Rightarrow AqV$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f) Let  $A \in I^X$  and  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $AqU$ . Then  $A \not\leq 1_X \setminus U \in FSC(X)$ . By (e), there exist  $V, W \in \tau$  such that  $A \leq V$ ,  $1_X \setminus U \leq W$  and  $V \not\leq W \Rightarrow V \leq 1_X \setminus W \in \tau^c \Rightarrow clV \leq cl(1_X \setminus W) = 1_X \setminus W \leq U$ . Therefore,  $A \leq V \leq clV \leq U$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Obvious.

**Corollary 5.3.** An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular if and only if fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space and  $A \in FSC(X)$ . Then by Theorem 5.2 (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b),  $A = sclA = [A]_s^c \Rightarrow A$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -closed set in  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $A = [A]_s^c$  for any  $A \in FSC(X)$ . Let  $B \in I^X$ . Then  $sclB \in FSC(X)$  and so by hypothesis,  $sclB = [sclB]_s^c$ . Then  $[B]_s^c \leq [sclB]_s^c = sclB$ . By Note 3.3,  $sclB \leq [B]_s^c$ . Combining these two, we get  $[B]_s^c = sclB$  for any  $B \in I^X$ . Then by Theorem 5.2 (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a),  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^c$ -regular space.

## 6. FUZZY $s^c$ -CLOSURE OPERATOR : MORE CHARACTERIZATIONS

In this section we first introduce the notions of fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point and fuzzy  $s^c$ -convergence of a fuzzy net and then fuzzy  $s^c$ -closure operator of a fuzzy set is characterized in terms of these concepts.

**Definition 6.1.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point of a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  if for every fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_t q U$  and for any  $n \in D$ , there exists  $m \in D$  with  $m \geq n$  such that  $S_m q cl U$ .

**Definition 6.2.** A fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to  $s^c$ -converge to a fuzzy point  $x_t$  if for every fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  in  $X$ ,  $x_t q U$ , there exists  $m \in D$  such that  $S_n q cl U$ , for all  $n \geq m$  ( $n \in D$ ). This is denoted by  $S_n \xrightarrow{s^c} x_t$ .

**Theorem 6.3.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point of a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  iff there exists a fuzzy subset of  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  which  $s^c$ -converges to  $x_t$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point of the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ . Let  $C(Q_{x_t})$  denote the set of fuzzy closures of all fuzzy semiopen sets of  $X$   $q$ -coincident with  $x_t$ . Then for any  $A \in C(Q_{x_t})$ , there exists  $n \in D$  such that  $S_n q A$ . Let  $E$  denote the set of all ordered pairs  $(n, A)$  such that  $n \in D$ ,  $A \in C(Q_{x_t})$  and  $S_n q A$ . Then  $(E, \gg)$  is a directed set, where  $(m, A) \gg (n, B)$   $((m, A), (n, B) \in E)$  iff  $m \geq n$  in  $D$  and  $A \leq B$ . Then  $T : (E, \gg) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  given by  $T(m, A) = S_m$  is clearly a fuzzy subnet of  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ . We claim that  $T \xrightarrow{s^c} x_t$ . Let  $V$  be any fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$  with  $x_t q V$ . Then there exists  $n \in D$  such that  $(n, cl V) \in E$  and so  $S_n q cl V$ . Now for any  $(m, A) \gg (n, cl V)$ ,  $T(m, A) = S_m q A \leq cl V \Rightarrow T(m, A) q cl V$ . Consequently,  $T \xrightarrow{s^c} x_t$ .

Conversely, let  $x_t$  be not a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point of the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ . Then there exists  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$  and an  $n \in D$  such that  $S_m \not q cl U$ , for all  $m \geq n$ . Then clearly no fuzzy subnet of the net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  can  $s^c$ -converge to  $x_t$ .

**Theorem 6.4.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$  iff a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in  $A$ , which  $s^c$ -converges to  $x_t$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$ . Then for any  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ ,  $cl U q A$ , i.e., there exists  $y^U \in \text{supp} A$  and a real number  $s_U$  with  $0 < s_U \leq A(y^U)$  such that the fuzzy point  $y_{s_U}^U$  with support  $y^U$  and the value  $s_U$  belong to  $A$  and  $y_{s_U}^U q cl U$ . We choose and fix one such  $y_{s_U}^U$  for each  $U$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the set of all fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$   $q$ -coincident with  $x_t$ . Then  $(\mathcal{D}, \succeq)$  is a directed set under inclusion relation, i.e.,  $B, C \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $B \succeq C$  iff  $B \leq C$ . Then  $\{y_{s_U}^U \in A : y_{s_U}^U q cl U, U \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is a fuzzy net in  $A$  such that it  $s^c$ -converges

to  $x_t$ . Indeed, for any fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_t q U$ , if  $V \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $V \succeq U$  (i.e.,  $V \leq U$ ) then  $y_{s_v}^V qcl V \leq cl U \Rightarrow y_{s_v}^V qcl U$ .

Conversely, let  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \succeq)\}$  be a fuzzy net in  $A$  such that  $S_n \xrightarrow{s^c} x_t$ . Then for any  $U \in FSO(X)$  with  $x_t q U$ , there exists  $m \in D$  such that  $n \geq m \Rightarrow S_n qcl U \Rightarrow A qcl U$  (since  $S_n \in A$ ). Hence  $x_t \in [A]_s^c$ .

**Remark 6.5.** It is clear that an improved version of the converse of the last theorem can be written as " $x_t \in [A]_s^c$  if there exists a fuzzy net in  $A$  with  $x_t$  as a fuzzy  $s^c$ -cluster point".

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