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# PAIRWISE FUZZY e -CONNECTEDNESS BETWEEN FUZZY SETS

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper the concept of fuzzy e -connectedness between fuzzy sets is generalized to fuzzy bitopological spaces and some of its properties are studied.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh [21] provided a natural foundation for building new branches in mathematics. Fuzzy sets have applications in many fields such as information [17] and control [18]. In 1968 Chang [4] introduced fuzzy topological space using fuzzy sets. Kandil [7] defined and studied the concept of fuzzy bitopological spaces as a generalization of bitopological spaces [9] in fuzzy setting. Since then many results from classical topology are being extended in both fuzzy topological and fuzzy bitopological spaces ([2], [3], [6], [7], [8], [12]-[15], [20]) and their properties were also investigated. The initiations of e -open sets in topological spaces are due to Ekici [5]. In fuzzy topology, e -open sets were introduced by Seenivasan in 2015 [16]. In 1993, Maheswari [10] introduced the concept of connectedness between fuzzy sets. In this paper the concepts of fuzzy e-connectedness between fuzzy bitopological spaces and some of its properties are studied.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let X and Y be non-empty sets. A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in X is a mapping from X to the unit interval [0, 1]. The null fuzzy set 0 (resp. the whole fuzzy set 1) is the mapping from X to the unit interval [0, 1] which takes the only value 0 (resp. 1) in that interval.

The closure denoted by Cl ( $\lambda$ ) (interior, denoted by I nt( $\lambda$ )) of a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of X is the intersection (union) of all fuzzy closed supersets (fuzzy open subsets, respectively) of  $\lambda$  [4]. For a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy topological space X,  $1 - I nt(\lambda) = Cl(l - \lambda)$  and  $1 - Cl(\lambda) = I nt(\lambda)$ . A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in X is said to be quasi-coincident [11] with a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in X denoted by  $\lambda q\mu$  if there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $\lambda(x) + \mu(x) > 1$ . If  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , are two fuzzy sets of X, then  $\lambda \leq \mu$  if and only if  $\lambda$  and  $1-\mu$  are not quasi-coincident. A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy connected [6] if there is no proper fuzzy set in X which is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed. A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy connected [10] between its subsets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if and only if there is no fuzzy closed fuzzy open set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  and  $\neg (\delta q\mu)$ .

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**Definition 2.1:** A fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  in an fts (X,  $\tau$ ) is c Called fuzzy regular open (fro, for Short) [1] if  $\lambda = I ntCl(\lambda)$  and regular closed if  $\lambda = ClInt(\lambda)$ .

**Definition 2.2:** [16] The fuzzy  $\delta$ -interior of subset  $\lambda$  of X is the union of all fuzzy regular open sets contained in  $\lambda$  and fuzzy  $\delta$  closure of subset  $\lambda$  of X is the intersection of all fuzzy regular closed sets containing  $\lambda$ .

**Definition 2.3:** [19] A subset is  $\lambda$  called fuzzy  $\delta$  open if  $\lambda = \delta Int(\lambda)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $\delta$  open set is called fuzzy  $\delta$  closed (i.e.,  $\lambda = \delta Cl(\lambda)$ .)

**Definition 2.4:** A subset  $\lambda$  is called fuzzy e -open [16] if  $\lambda \leq IntCl_{\delta}(\lambda) \vee ClInt_{\delta}(\lambda)$ . The complement of a fuzzy e -open is called fuzzy e -closed.

**Definition 2.5:** [16] The intersection of all fuzzy e-closed sets containing  $\lambda$  is called fuzzy e-closure of  $\lambda$  and is denoted by  $feCl(\lambda)$  and the union of all fuzzy e-open sets contained  $\lambda$  is called fuzzy e-interior of  $\lambda$  and is denoted by feInt( $\lambda$ ).

A system  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  consisting of a set X with two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on X is called a fuzzy bitopological space [7]. A fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise fuzzy connected [11] if it has no proper fuzzy set which is both  $\tau_i$  fuzzy open and  $\tau_j$ -fuzzy closed, i, j = 1, 2, i  $\neq$  j. The purpose of this paper is to introduce and study the concept of pairwise fuzzy e -connectedness between fuzzy sets in fuzzy bitopological space.

Throughout this paper i, j = 1, 2 where i  $\neq$ j. If P is any fuzzy topological property then  $\tau_i$ - P and  $\tau_j$ - P denote the property P with respect to the fuzzy topology  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$  respectively and  $\chi A$  denotes the characteristic function of a subset A of X.

#### 3. PAIRWISE FUZZY e -CONNECTEDNESS BETWEEN FUZZY SETS

**Definition 3.1:** A fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise fuzzy e - connected between fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if there is no (i, j) -fuzzy e –clopen ( $\tau_i$ -fuzzy e -closed and  $\tau_j$  -fuzzy e -open) set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  and  $\neg(\delta q\mu)$ 

**Remark 3.1:** Pairwise fuzzy e -connectedness between fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  is not equal to the fuzzy connectedness of  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$  between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

**Example 3.1:** Let X = {a, b, c} and let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4, \eta_1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$  and be fuzzy sets on X defined as follows:  $\mu_1(a) = 0.7, \mu_1(b) = 1, \mu_1(c) = 0; \mu_2(a) = 0.2, \mu_2(b) = 0, \mu_2(c) = 1; \mu_3(a) = 0.7, \mu_3(b) = 1, \mu_3(c) = 1; \mu_4(a) = 0.2, \mu_4(b) = 0, \mu_4(c) = 0; \eta_1(a) = 0, \eta_1(b) = 0.3, \eta_1(c) = 0; \eta_2(a) = 0, \eta_2(b) = 0, \eta_2(c) = 1; \eta_3(a) = 0, \eta_3(b) = 0.3, \eta_3(c) = 1; \eta_4(a) = 0.3, \eta_4(b) = 0, \eta_4(c) = 0.2.$  Let  $\tau_1 = \{0, 1, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0, 1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3\}$  be fuzzy topologies on X. Then  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(X, \tau_2)$  are fuzzy e (resp.  $\delta$ s and  $\delta$ p)-connected between the fuzzy sets  $\mu_4$  and  $\eta_4$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let X = {a, b}. Let fuzzy sets  $\mu_5$ ,  $\mu_6$ ,  $\mu_7$ ,  $\eta_5$ ,  $\eta_6$  and  $\eta_7$  be defined as follows:  $\mu_5(a) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_5(b) = 0$ ,  $\mu_5(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_6(b) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_6(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu_7(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu_7(b) = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_7(c) = 0$ ;  $\mu_8(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu_8(b) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu_8(c) = 0.1$ ;  $\eta_5(a) = 0.2$ ,  $\eta_5(b) = 0.1$ ,  $\eta_5(c) = 0$ ;  $\eta_6(a) = 0.6$ ,  $\eta_6(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\eta_6(c) = 0.6$ ;  $\eta_7(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\eta_7(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\eta_7(c) = 1$ . Let  $\tau_1 = \{0, 1, \mu_5, \mu_6\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0, 1, \eta_5, \mu_6\}$  be fuzzy topologies on X. Then the fuzzy bitopological space (X,  $\tau_1, \tau_2$ ) is pairwise fuzzy e (resp.  $\delta$ s and  $\delta$ p)-connected between  $\mu_7$  and  $\eta_6$ , but neither (X,  $\tau_1$ ) nor (X,  $\tau_2$ ) are fuzzy e (resp.  $\delta$ s and  $\delta$ p)-connected between  $\mu_7$  and  $\eta_6$ .

**Theorem 3.1:** A fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if and only if there is no (i, j) -fuzzy e -clopen set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta \leq 1 - \mu$ .

Proof: Obvious.

**Theorem 3.2:** If a fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  then and  $\mu$  are non-empty.

Proof: Evident.

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**Theorem 3.3:** If a fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  and if  $\lambda \leq \lambda_1$  and  $\mu \leq \mu_1$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda_1$  and  $\mu_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose the fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between the fuzzy sets  $\lambda_I$  and  $\mu_I$ . Then there is an (i, j) -fuzzy e - clopen set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda_I \leq \delta$  and  $\neg(\delta q \mu_1)$ . Clearly  $\leq \delta$ . Now we claim that  $\neg$  ( $\delta q \mu$ ). If ( $\delta q \mu$ ) then there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $\delta(x) + \mu(x) > 1$ . Therefore  $\delta(x) + \mu_I(x) > \delta(x) + \mu(x) > 1$  and  $\delta q \mu_I$ , a contradiction. Consequently,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** A fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if and only if it is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between  $\tau_i - eCl(\lambda)$  and  $\tau_i - eCl(\mu)$ .

#### **Proof:**

Necessity: It follows by using Theorem 3.3.

**Sufficiency:** Suppose the fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Then there is an (i, j) -fuzzy e -clopen set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  and  $\neg(\delta q\mu)$ .

Since  $\lambda \leq \delta$ ,  $\tau_i - eCl(\lambda) \leq \tau_j - eCl(\delta) < \delta$  because  $\delta$  is  $\tau_i$  - fuzzy e -closed. Now,  $\neg(\delta q\mu) \Rightarrow \delta \leq 1 - \mu$   $\Rightarrow \delta \leq \tau_j - eInt(1 - \mu)$   $\Rightarrow \delta \leq 1 - \tau_j - eCl(\mu)$  $\Rightarrow \neg(\delta q\tau_i - eCl(\mu)).$ 

Hence X is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\tau_i - eCl(\lambda)$  and  $\tau_i - eCl(\mu)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a fuzzy bitopological space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be two fuzzy sets in X. If  $\lambda q\mu$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

**Proof:** If  $\delta$  is any (i, j) -fuzzy e -clopen set in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  then  $\lambda q \mu \Rightarrow \delta q \mu$ .

Remark 3.2: The converse of Theorem 3.5. may not be true as is shown by the next example.

**Example 3.3:** In Example 3.2, the fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise connected between  $\mu_8$  and  $\eta_7$  but not  $\neg(\mu_8 q \eta_7)$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** If a fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected neither between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_0$ , nor between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_1$ , then it is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_0 \cup \mu_1$ .

**Proof:** Since X is pairwise fuzzy e -connected neither between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_0$  nor between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_1$ , there exists (i, j) fuzzy e -clopen fuzzy sets  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $\lambda \leq \delta_0, \neg(\delta_0 q \mu_0)$  and  $\leq \delta_1, \neg(\delta_1 q \mu_1)$ . Put  $\delta = \delta_0 \cap \delta_{01}$ . Then  $\delta$  is (i, j) -fuzzy e -clopen and  $\lambda \leq \delta$ . Now we claim that  $\neg(\delta q(\mu_0 \cup \mu_1))$ . If  $\delta q(\mu_0 \cup \mu_1)$ then there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $(x) + (\mu_0 \cup \mu_1)(x) > 1$ . This implies that  $\delta q \mu_0$  or  $\delta q \mu_1$ , a contradiction. Hence X is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu_0 \cup \mu_1$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** A fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected if and only if it is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between every pair of its non-empty fuzzy subsets.

**Proof:** Necessity: Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be any pair of non-empty fuzzy subsets of X. Suppose  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Then there is an (i, j)-fuzzy e -clopen set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  and  $\neg (\delta q \mu)$ . Since  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are non-empty, it follows that  $\delta$  is a non-empty proper (i, j) -fuzzy e -clopen subset of X. Hence  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected.

Sufficiency: Suppose  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected. Then there exists a non-empty proper (i, j)-fuzzy e -clopen subset  $\delta$  of X. Consequently,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\delta$  and  $1 - \delta$ , a contradiction.

**Remark 3.3:** If fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e - connected between a pair of its subsets then it need not necessarily hold that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy between every pair of its subsets and so it is not necessarily pairwise fuzzy e -connected as is shown by the next example.

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**Example 3.4:** In Example 3.3, the fuzzy sets  $\mu_0$ ,  $\eta_8$  and  $\eta_9$  be defined as follows:

 $\mu_{g}(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu_{g}(b) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu_{g}(c) = 0.1$ ;  $\eta_{8}(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\eta_{8}(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\eta_{8}(c) = 0.3$ ;  $\eta_{8}(a) = 0.6$ ,  $\eta_{9}(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\eta_{9}c) = 0.5$ . Then (X,  $\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}$ ) is pairwise fuzzy e (resp.  $\delta s$  and  $\delta p$ )-connected between  $\mu_{g}$ , and  $\eta_{8}$ , but it is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\mu_{g}$ , and  $\eta_{9}$ . Also (X,  $\tau_{1}, \tau_{2}$ ) is not pairwise fuzzy e (resp.  $\delta s$  and  $\delta p$ )-connected.

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $(Y, (\tau_1)Y, (\tau_2)Y)$  be a subspace of a fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and let  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  be fuzzy sets of Y. If  $(Y, (\tau_1)Y, (\tau_2)Y)$  is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is also pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

#### Proof: Evident.

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $(Y, (\tau_1)Y, (\tau_2)Y)$  be a subspace of a fuzzy bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and let  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  be fuzzy sets of Y. If  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  and  $\chi_Y$  is bifuzzy clopen in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $(Y, (\tau_1)Y, (\tau_2)Y)$  is pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $(Y, (\tau_1)Y, (\tau_2)Y)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  then there exists an (i, j) - fuzzy e -clopen set  $\delta$  in X such that  $\lambda \leq \delta$  and  $\neg(\lambda q \delta)$ . Since  $\chi_Y$  is bifuzzy open and bifuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $\delta$  is (i, j)-fuzzy e -clopen in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not pairwise fuzzy e -connected between  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Which is a contradiction.

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