

δ_p -ALMOST COMPACTNESS FOR FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

ANJANA BHATTACHARYYA AND M. N. MUKHERJEE

*Department of Pure Mathematics, University of Calcutta
35, Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta 700 019*

(Received 24 February 1999; Accepted 5 December 1999)

This article deals with a sort of covering property, called δ_p -almost compactness for fuzzy sets and fuzzy topological spaces. A number of characterizations of the concept and certain relevant investigations are done in this paper.

Key Words : Fuzzy δ -preopen Set; Fuzzy δ_p -closure and p -closure; Fuzzy δ_p -almost Compact Set and Space; Fuzzy p -adherence

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

It is found in literature that different types of fuzzy covering properties like fuzzy compactness, almost compactness, near compactness, S -closedness and s -closedness have been introduced and studied by many mathematicians. It is the purpose of this paper to introduce yet another kind of fuzzy covering axiom, termed δ_p -almost compactness.

In [2], we introduced a class of generalized type of fuzzy open sets, called fuzzy δ -preopen sets, for a fuzzy topological space X (henceforth fts X , for short) and used them to study two types of functions between fts's. The present paper is intended for an investigation of a sort of fuzzy covering property introduced in terms of fuzzy δ -preopen sets.

In Section 2, we define fuzzy δ_p -almost compactness for fuzzy sets and fts's, and derive a number of characterizations of the same via different approaches and appliances like p refilterbases, fuzzy nets and subnets etc.

In Section 3, we take up for consideration certain results relevant to fuzzy δ_p -almost compactness. Among other things, it is shown that a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space is fuzzy almost compact but not conversely. Finally, a condition is laid down under which the converse holds.

In what follows, by (X, τ) or simply by X we shall mean a fuzzy topological space as prescribed by Chang [3]. The notations clA , $\text{int } A$ and $1-A$ (or A') will stand respectively for the fuzzy closure, interior and complement of a fuzzy set A in an fts X . The support of a fuzzy set A in X will be denoted by $\text{supp } A$ (i.e., $\text{supp } A = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$). A fuzzy point [8] in X with the singleton support $\{x\} \subseteq X$ and the value α ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$) will be denoted by x_α . The fuzzy sets in X taking on respectively the constant values 0 and 1 on X are denoted by 0_X and 1_X respectively. For two fuzzy sets A and B in X , we write $A \leq B$ if $A(x) \leq B(x)$, for each $x \in X$ [9], while we write $A q B$ if A is quasi-coincident (q -coincident, for short) with B [8], i.e., if $A(x) + B(x) > 1$, for some

$x \in X$. The negation of these statements are written as $A \not\leq B$ and $A \not q B$ respectively. A fuzzy set B is called a quasi-neighbourhood (q -nbd, for short) of a fuzzy set A if there is a fuzzy open set U in X such that $A q U \leq B$ ⁸. If, in addition, B is fuzzy open, then B is called a fuzzy open q -nbd of A . A fuzzy nbd A of a fuzzy point x_a in an fts X is defined in the usual way, i.e., if $x_a \leq U \leq A$, for some fuzzy open set U ; A is a fuzzy open nbd if A is fuzzy open, in addition. A fuzzy set A in X is said to be fuzzy regular open¹ if $\text{int}(\text{cl } A) = A$. A fuzzy point x_a is said to be a fuzzy δ -cluster point of a fuzzy set A in an fts X if every fuzzy regular open q -nbd U of x_a is q -coincident with A ⁵. The union of all fuzzy δ -cluster points of A is called the fuzzy δ -closure of A and is denoted by $\delta \text{cl } A$. A fuzzy set A in X is said to be fuzzy δ -preopen if $A \leq \text{int}(\delta \text{cl } A)$ ². The complement of a fuzzy δ -preopen set is called fuzzy δ -preclosed. A fuzzy δ -preopen set A in an fts X is called a fuzzy δ -preopen nbd (δ -preopen q -nbd) of a fuzzy point x_a if $x_a \leq A$ (resp. $x_a q A$). A fuzzy point x_a in an fts X is said to be a fuzzy δ -precluster point of a fuzzy set A in X if every fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd of x_a is q -coincident with A ². The union of all fuzzy δ -precluster points of A is called the fuzzy δ -preclosure of A and will be denoted by $\delta \text{pcl } A$. The union of all fuzzy δ -preopen sets in an fts X , each contained in a given fuzzy set A in X , is called the fuzzy δ -preinterior of A and is denoted by $\delta \text{pint } A$. A collection \mathcal{F} of fuzzy sets in an fts (X, τ) is said to form a prefilterbase [7] in X if $0_X \notin \mathcal{F}$ and for any $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$, there exists $F_3 \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F_3 \leq F_1 \cap F_2$. A prefilterbase \mathcal{F} such that each member of \mathcal{F} is contained in a given fuzzy set A in X is called a prefilterbase in A . A fuzzy point x_a in X is said to be a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point of a prefilterbase in \mathcal{B} iff $x_a \leq \delta \text{pcl } B$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}$. If, in addition, $x_a \leq A$, for a fuzzy set A , then \mathcal{B} is said to have a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point in A .

Listed below are some results which will be needed frequently in the sequel.

Theorem 1.1 [2] — *In an fts X , the following hold :*

(a) *A fuzzy set A in X is δ -preopen (δ -preclosed) iff $A = \delta \text{pint } A$ (resp. $A = \delta \text{pcl } A$).*

(b) *$\delta \text{pcl } (1-A) = 1-\delta \text{pint } A$, for any fuzzy set A in X .*

(c)
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n \delta \text{pcl } A_i = \delta \text{pcl } \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$
, for any finite collection $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ of fuzzy sets A_1, \dots, A_n in X .

(d) *Union of any family of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X is again fuzzy δ -preopen.*

(e) *$\delta \text{pcl } (\delta \text{pcl } A) = \delta \text{pcl } A$, for any fuzzy set A in X .*

2. FUZZY δ_p -ALMOST COMPACTNESS : CHARACTERIZATIONS

Definition 2.1 — A collection \mathcal{u} of fuzzy sets in an fts (X, τ) is said to be a fuzzy cover of X [3] if $\sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} U(x) = 1$, for each $x \in X$. If, in addition, the members of \mathcal{u} are fuzzy δ -preopen, then

\mathcal{u} is called a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X .

If A is any fuzzy set in X , then a collection \mathcal{u} of fuzzy (δ -preopen) sets in X is said to be fuzzy (δ -preopen) cover of A if $\sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} U(x) = 1$, for each $x \in \text{supp } A$.

$\mathcal{u} \in \mathcal{u}$

Definition 2.2 — A fuzzy cover \mathcal{u} of a fuzzy set A in an fts X is said to have (a) a finite subcover \mathcal{u}_0 if \mathcal{u}_0 is a finite subcollection of \mathcal{u} such that $\bigcup \mathcal{u}_0 \geq A$ [6],

(b) a finite δ_p -proximate subcover \mathcal{u}_0 if \mathcal{u}_0 is a finite subcollection of \mathcal{u} such that $\bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in \mathcal{u}_0\} \geq A$.

Clearly if $A = 1_X$ in particular, then the requirements on \mathcal{u}_0 in (a) and (b) above are respectively $\bigcup \mathcal{u}_0 = 1_X$ and $\bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in \mathcal{u}_0\} = 1_X$.

Definition 2.3 — A fuzzy set A in an fts X is said to be a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set if every fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A has a finite δ_p -proximate subcover. If in particular $A = 1_X$, we say that the fts X is a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space.

We need a few more definitions before we give the characterizations of δ_p -almost compactness of fuzzy sets and fts's.

Definition 2.4 — A fuzzy point x_α in an fts X is said to be in the p -closure of a fuzzy set A in X , denoted by $x_\alpha \leq p\text{-cl} A$, if for every fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd V of x_α $\delta\text{-pcl } V q A$.

Definition 2.5 — Let x_α be a fuzzy point in an fts X . A prefilterbase \mathcal{F} on X is said

(i) to p -adhere at x_α , written as $x_\alpha \leq p\text{-ad } \mathcal{F}$, if for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_α and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $F q \delta\text{-pcl } U$, i.e., $x_\alpha \leq p\text{-cl } F$, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

(ii) to p -converge to x_α , written as $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{p} x_\alpha$, if to each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_α there corresponds some $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \leq \delta\text{-pcl } U$.

Definition 2.6 — Let x_α be a fuzzy point in an fts X . A fuzzy net $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ is said

(i) to p -adhere at x_α , denoted by $x_\alpha \leq p\text{-ad}(S_n)$, if for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_α and each $n \in D$, there exists $m \in D$ with $m \geq n$ such that $S_m q(\delta\text{-pcl } U)$;

(ii) to p -converge to x_α , denoted by $S_n \xrightarrow{p} x_\alpha$, if for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd W of x_α there exists $m \in D$ such that $S_n q(\delta\text{-pcl } W)$, for all $n \geq m$ ($n \in D$).

Theorem 2.7 — For a fuzzy set A in a fts X , the following are equivalent :

(a) A is a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set.

(b) For every prefilterbase \mathcal{B} in X , $[\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}\} \cap A = 0_x]$ implies that there exists a finite subcollection \mathcal{B}_0 of \mathcal{B} such that $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}_0\} q A$.

(c) For any family \mathcal{F} of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets in X with $\bigcap \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \cap A = 0_x$ there

exists a finite subcollection \mathcal{F}_0 of \mathcal{F} such that $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pint } F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0 \not\subseteq A\}$.

(d) Every prefilterbase on X , each member of which is q -coincident with A , p -adheres at some fuzzy point in A .

PROOF : (a) \Rightarrow (b) : Let \mathcal{B} be a prefilterbase in X such that $[\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}\} \cap A = 0_x]$. Then for every $x \in \text{supp } A$, $\sup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} [(\delta\text{-pcl } B)'(x)] = 1$. Thus $\{(\delta\text{-pcl } B)' : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ is a δ -preopen cover of A . By (a), there is a finite δ_p -proximate subcover $\{(\delta\text{-pcl } B_1)', \dots, (\delta\text{-pcl } B_n)'\}$ (say) of it for A . Thus $A \leq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pcl } B_i)' = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (1 - \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } B_i))$ so that $1 - A \geq 1 - \bigcup_{i=1}^n (1 - \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } B_i)) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } B_i)$. Thus $A = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (\delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } B_i))$ so that $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (\delta\text{-pint } B_i) \not\subseteq A$.

(b) \Rightarrow (a) : Let the condition (b) hold, but there exists a fuzzy δ -preopen cover u of A having no finite δ_p -proximate subcover for A . Then for every finite subcollection u_0 of u , there exists $x \in \text{supp } A$ such that $\sup_{u \in u_0} [(\delta\text{-pcl } U)(x)] < A(x)$, i.e., $\inf_{u \in u_0} [(\delta\text{-pcl } U)'(x)] > 1 - A(x) \geq 0$. Thus

$\{\bigcap (\delta\text{-pcl } U)' : u_0 \text{ is a finite subcollection of } u\}$ ($= \mathcal{B}$, say) is a prefilterbase in X . If there exists

a finite subcollection $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$ (say) of u such that $\bigcap_{i=1}^n \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } U_i)' A$, then

$A \leq 1 - \bigcap_{i=1}^n \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } U_i)' = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (1 - \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } U_i)') = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \delta\text{-pcl } U_i$. Thus u has a finite

δ_p -proximate subcover for A , contradicting our hypothesis. Hence for every finite subcollection

$\left\{ \bigcap_{u \in u_1} (\delta\text{-pcl } U)', \dots, \bigcap_{u \in u_k} (\delta\text{-pcl } U)' \right\}$ of \mathcal{B} where u_1, \dots, u_k are finite subsets of u , we have

$\left[\bigcap_{U \in u_1 \cup \dots \cup u_k} \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } U)' \right] \not\subseteq A$. Then by the given condition, $[\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pcl } U)'$

$U) : U \in \mathcal{u}] \cap A \neq 0_X$. Then there exists $x \in \text{supp } A$ such that $\inf_{U \in \mathcal{u}} [\delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pcl } U)](x) > 0$, i.e.,

$\sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} [\delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pcl } U)](x) < 1$. Thus $\sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} U(x) \leq \sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} (\delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } U))(x) < 1$, which

contradicts the fact that \mathcal{u} is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A .

(a) \Rightarrow (c) : Let \mathcal{F} be a family of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets in X such that $\bigcap \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \cap A = 0_X$. Then for each $x \in \text{supp } A$ and for each positive integer n , there exists some $F_n \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F_n(x) < \frac{1}{n}$, i.e., $1 - F_n(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$. Thus $\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} [(1 - F)(x)] = 1$. Consequently, $\{1 - F : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$

is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A , so that by (a), $A \leq \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_0} \delta\text{-pcl } (1 - F)$, for some finite subset

\mathcal{F}_0 of \mathcal{F} . Then $1 - A \geq 1 - \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_0} \delta\text{-pcl } (1 - F) = \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_0} \{1 - \delta\text{-pcl } (1 - F)\} = \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_0} [\delta\text{-pint } F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0]$.

Hence $q \left[\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_0} \delta\text{-pint } F \right]$, where \mathcal{F}_0 is a finite subcollection of \mathcal{F} .

(c) \Rightarrow (d) : Let \mathcal{B} be a prefilterbase in X such that $[\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}] \cap A = 0_X$. Then the family $\mathcal{F} = \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ is a family of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets in X with $(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \cap A = 0_X$. Hence by (c), there is a finite subcollection \mathcal{B}_0 of \mathcal{B} such that $[\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } B) : B \in \mathcal{B}_0\}] q A$. This implies that $\left(\bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0} \delta\text{-pint } B \right) A$.

(a) \Rightarrow (d) : Let \mathcal{F} be a prefilterbase in X , each member of which is q -coincident with A . Suppose, if possible, \mathcal{F} does not p -adhere at any fuzzy point in A . For each $x \in \text{supp } A$ there exists $n_x \in N$ (= the set of natural numbers) such that $x_{1/n_x} \leq A$. Then there are a δ -preopen set

$U_{n_x}^x$ and a member $F_{n_x}^x$ of \mathcal{F} such that $x_{1/n_x} q U_{n_x}^x$ and $\delta\text{-pcl } U_{n_x}^x q F_{n_x}^x$. Thus $U_{n_x}^x(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{n_x}$ so

that $\sup \{U_n^x(x) : n \in N \text{ and } n \geq n_x\} = 1$. Then $\{U_n^x : n \geq n_x, n \in N \text{ and } x \in \text{supp } A\}$ forms a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A . By (a), there exist finitely many $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in \text{supp } A$ and finitely many

$n_1, \dots, n_k \in N$ such that $A \leq \bigcup_{i=1}^K \delta\text{-pcl } U_{n_i}^{x_i}$. Choose $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \leq \bigcap_{i=1}^K F_{n_i}^{x_i}$. Then F

$\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^K \delta\text{-pcl } U_{n_i}^{x_i} \right]$, i.e., $F q A$, a contradiction.

(d) \Rightarrow (a) : If possible, let there exist a fuzzy δ -preopen cover \mathcal{u} of A such that for every finite subset \mathcal{u}_0 of \mathcal{u} , $\bigcup \{ \delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in \mathcal{u}_0 \} \not\supseteq A$. Then $\mathcal{F} = \{ 1 - \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{u}_0} \delta\text{-pcl } U : \mathcal{u}_0 \text{ is a finite subset of } \mathcal{u} \}$ is a prefilterbase on X such that $F \not q A$, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$. By (d), \mathcal{F} p -adheres at some fuzzy point $x_\alpha \leq A$. As \mathcal{u} is a fuzzy cover of A , $\sup_{U \in \mathcal{u}} U(x) = 1$ and hence there exists $U_0 \in \mathcal{u}$ such that $U_0(x) > 1 - \alpha$. Then $x_\alpha q U_0$. As $x_\alpha \leq p\text{-ad } \mathcal{F}$ and $1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U_0 \in \mathcal{F}$, we have $\delta\text{-pcl } U_0 q (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U_0)$ which is a contradiction.

Some sufficient conditions for fuzzy set A to be fuzzy δ_p -almost compact are given by the following theorem.

Theorem 2.8 — For a fuzzy set A in an fts X , the following implications hold :

(a) Every fuzzy net in A p -adheres at some fuzzy point in A .

\Leftrightarrow (b) Every fuzzy net in A has a p -convergent fuzzy subnet.

\Leftrightarrow (c) Every prefilterbase in A p -adheres at some fuzzy point in A .

\Rightarrow (d) For every family $\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ of non-null fuzzy sets with

$$\left[\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{pcl } B_\alpha \right) \right] \cap A = 0_X, \text{ there is a finite subset } \Lambda_0 \text{ of } \Lambda \text{ such that}$$

$$\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} B_\alpha \right) \cap A = 0_X.$$

\Rightarrow (e) A is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

PROOF : (a) \Rightarrow (b) : Let a fuzzy net $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$, where (D, \geq) is a directed set, in A p -adhere at a fuzzy point $x_\alpha \leq A$. Let Q_{x_α} denote the set of the fuzzy δ -preclosures of all fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbds of x_α . For any $B \in Q_{x_\alpha}$, there can be chosen some $n \in D$ such that $S_n q B$. Let E denote the set of all ordered pairs (n, B) with the property that $n \in D, B \in Q_{x_\alpha}$ and $S_n q B$. Then $(E, >>)$ is a directed set where $(m, C) >> (n, B)$ iff $m \geq n$ in D and $C \leq B$. Then $T : (E, >>) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ given by $T(n, B) = S_n$, is a subnet of $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$.

Let V be any fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd of x_α . Then there is $n \in D$ such that $(n, \delta\text{-pcl } V) \in E$ and hence $S_n q \delta\text{-pcl } V$. Now, for any $(m, U) >> (n, \delta\text{-pcl } V)$, $T(m, U) = S_m q U \leq \delta\text{-pcl } V \Rightarrow T(m, U) q \delta\text{-pcl } V$. Hence $T \xrightarrow{p} x_\alpha$.

(b) \Rightarrow (a) : If a fuzzy net $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ does not p -adhere at a fuzzy point x_α then there

is a fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_α and an $n \in D$ such that S_m (δ -pcl U), for all $m \geq n$. Then obviously no fuzzy subnet of the fuzzy net can p -converge to x_α .

(a) \Rightarrow (c) : Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ be a prefilterbase in A . For each $\alpha \in \wedge$, choose a fuzzy point $x_{F_\alpha} \leq F_\alpha$ and construct the fuzzy net $S = \{x_{F_\alpha} : F_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}\}$ in A with $(\mathcal{F}, > >)$ as domain, where for two members $F_\alpha, F_\beta \in \mathcal{F}$, $F_\alpha > > F_\beta$ iff $F_\alpha \leq F_\beta$. By (a), the fuzzy net p -adheres at some fuzzy point x_t ($0 < t \leq 1$) $\leq A$. Then for any fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_t and any $F_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$, there exists $F_\beta \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F_\beta > > F_\alpha$ and $x_{F_\beta} q$ (δ -pcl U). Then $F_\beta q$ (δ -pcl U) and hence $F_\alpha q$ (δ -pcl U). Thus \mathcal{F} p -adheres at x_t .

(c) \Rightarrow (a) : Let $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be a fuzzy net in A . Consider the prefilterbase $\mathcal{F} = \{T_n : n \in D\}$ generated by the net, where $T_n = \{S_m : m \in D \text{ and } m \geq n\}$. By (c), there exists a fuzzy point $a_\alpha \leq A \cap p$ -ad \mathcal{F} . Then for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of a_α and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, δ -pcl $U q$ F , i.e., $(\delta$ -pcl $U) q T_n$, for all $n \in D$. Hence the given fuzzy net p -adheres at a_α .

(c) \Rightarrow (d) : Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ be a family of fuzzy sets in X such that for every finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge , $\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} B_\alpha\right) \cap A \neq 0_X$. Then $\mathcal{F} = \left\{\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} B_\alpha\right) \cap A : \wedge_0 \text{ a finite subset of } \wedge\right\}$ is a prefilterbase in A . By (c), there is a fuzzy point $a_t \leq A \cap p$ -ad \mathcal{F} (where $0 < t \leq 1$). Then for each $\alpha \in \wedge$ and each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of a_t , $B_\alpha q$ (δ -pcl U), i.e., $a_t \leq p$ -cl B_α for each $\alpha \in \wedge$. Consequently, $\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} p\text{-cl } B_\alpha\right) \cap A \neq 0_X$.

(d) \Rightarrow (e) : Let $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ be a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of a fuzzy set A . Then $A \cap \left[\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} (1 - U_\alpha)\right] = A \cap \left[1 - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \wedge} U_\alpha\right] = 0_X$. If for some $\alpha \in \wedge$, $1 - \delta$ -pcl $U_\alpha = 0_X$, then (e) follows. If $1 - \delta$ -pcl U_α ($= B_\alpha$ say) $\neq 0_X$, for each $\alpha \in \wedge$, then $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ is a family of non-null fuzzy sets. We show that $\bigcap \{p\text{-cl } B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\} \leq \bigcap \{1 - U_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$. In fact, let x_t ($0 < t \leq 1$) be a fuzzy point such that $x_t \leq p\text{-cl } B_\alpha = p\text{-cl } (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U_\alpha)$. If $x_t q U_\alpha$ then $(\delta$ -pcl $U_\alpha) q (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U_\alpha)$ which is impossible. Hence $x_t \not q U_\alpha$ so that $x_t \leq 1 - U_\alpha$. Thus $\left[\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} (p\text{-cl } B_\alpha)\right] \cap A \leq A \cap \left[\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} (1 - U_\alpha)\right] = 0_X$. By (d), there exists a finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge

such that $A \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} B_\alpha \right) = 0_X$, i.e., $A \leq 1 - \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} B_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} \delta\text{-pcl } U_\alpha$ and (e) follows.

Definition 2.9 — A fuzzy set A in an fts X will be called fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed if $\delta\text{-pcl}(\delta\text{-pint } A) = A$. The complement of such a fuzzy set will be called fuzzy regularly δ_p -open.

Theorem 2.10 — A fuzzy set A in an fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact iff for each prefilterbase \mathcal{F} in X which is such that for each set of finitely many members F_1, \dots, F_n from \mathcal{F} and for any fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed set C containing A , one has $(F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n) q C$, \mathcal{F} has a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point in A .

PROOF : Let A be a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set and suppose \mathcal{F} is a prefilterbase in X such that

$$A \cap [\bigcap \{ \delta\text{-pcl } F : F \in \mathcal{F} \}] = 0_X. \quad \dots (1)$$

Let $x \in \text{supp } A$. Consider any $n \in N$ (= the set of natural numbers) such that $\frac{1}{n} < A(x)$, i.e., $x_{1/n} \leq A$. By (1), there is a fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U_x^n of $x_{1/n}$ and an $F_x^n \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $U_x^n q F_x^n$. Now, $U_x^n(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ and hence $\sup \left\{ U_x^n(x) : \frac{1}{n} < A(x), n \in N \right\} = 1$. Thus the collection u of all such U_x^n for $n \in N$ and $x \in \text{supp } A$ forms a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A such that for U_x^n , there is $F_x^n \in \mathcal{F}$ with $U_x^n q F_x^n$. Since A is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact, there exist finitely many members $U_{x_1}^{n_1}, \dots, U_{x_k}^{n_k}$ of u such that $A \leq \bigcup_{i=1}^k \delta\text{-pcl } U_{x_i}^{n_i} = \delta\text{-pcl} \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{x_i}^{n_i} \right) U$ (say). Now, $F_{x_1}^{n_1}, \dots, F_{x_k}^{n_k} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $U_{x_i}^{n_i} q F_{x_i}^{n_i}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. Hence U is a fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed set containing A such that $U q \left[F_{x_1}^{n_1} \cap \dots \cap F_{x_k}^{n_k} \right]$.

Conversely, let \mathcal{B} be a prefilterbase in X having no fuzzy δ_p -cluster point in A . Then by hypothesis, there is a fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed set C containing A such that for some finite subcollection \mathcal{B}_0 of \mathcal{B} , $(\bigcap \mathcal{B}_0) q C$. Then $(\bigcap \mathcal{B}_0) q A$ and consequently, by "(b) \Rightarrow (a)" of Theorem 2.7, A becomes fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

From Theorems 2.7, 2.8 and 2.10, we now obtain the following characterizations of a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space.

Theorem 2.11 — For an fts X , the following statements are equivalent :

(a) X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

(b) Every fuzzy net in X p -adheres at some fuzzy point in X .

(c) Every fuzzy net in X has a p -convergent fuzzy subnet.

(d) Every prefilterbase in X p -adheres at some fuzzy point in X .

(e) For every family $\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ of non-null fuzzy sets with $\bigcap \{\text{pcl } B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\} = 0_X$ there is a finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge such that $\bigcap \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge_0\} = 0_X$.

(f) For every prefilterbase \mathcal{B} in X with $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } B : B \in \mathcal{B}\} = 0_X$, there exists a finite subcollection \mathcal{B}_0 of \mathcal{B} such that $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pint } B : B \in \mathcal{B}_0\} = 0_X$.

(g) For any family \mathcal{F} of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets in X with $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = 0_X$, there exists a finite subcollection \mathcal{F}_0 of \mathcal{F} such that $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pint } F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0\} = 0_X$.

Theorem 2.12 — An fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact iff for any collection $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X having the finite intersection property, $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\} \neq 0_X$.

PROOF : Let X be a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space and $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ be a collection of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X with finite intersection property. Suppose $\bigcap \{\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\} = 0_X$. Then $\{1 - \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X . By hypothesis, there is a finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge such that $1_X = \bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) : \alpha \in \wedge_0\} = \bigcup \{1 - \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) : \alpha \in \wedge_0\} \leq \bigcup \{1 - F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge_0\} = 1 - \bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} F_\alpha$. Thus $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} F_\alpha = 0_X$, contradicting the finite intersection property of \mathcal{F} .

Conversely, suppose X is not fuzzy δ_p -almost compact. Then there is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ of X such that for every finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge , $\bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge_0\} \neq 1_X$. Then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) = 1 - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \wedge_0} \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha \neq 0_X$, for every finite subset \wedge_0 of \wedge . Thus $\{1 - \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ is a collection of fuzzy δ -preopen sets with finite intersection property. By hypothesis, $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} \delta\text{-pcl } (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) \neq 0_X$, i.e., $1 - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \wedge} \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) \neq 0_X$ so that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \wedge} \delta\text{-pint } (\delta\text{-pcl } F_\alpha) \neq 1_X$. Hence $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \wedge} F_\alpha \neq 1_X$, a contradiction as \mathcal{F} is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X .

Definition 2.13 — Let $\{U_n : n \in D\}$ be a fuzzy net of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X , i.e., for each member n of a directed set (D, \geq) , U_n is a fuzzy δ -preopen set in X . A fuzzy point x_α in X is said to be a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point of the fuzzy net if for every $n \in D$ and every fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd V of x_α , there exists $m \in D$ with $m \geq n$ such that $U_m q V$.

Theorem 2.14 — An fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact iff every fuzzy net of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X has a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point in X .

PROOF : Let $u = \{U_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be a fuzzy net of fuzzy δ -preopen sets in a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space X . For each $n \in D$, let $F_n = \delta\text{-pcl } [\bigcup \{U_m : m \in D \text{ and } m \geq n\}]$. Then \mathcal{F}

$= \{F_n : n \in D\}$ is a family of fuzzy δ_p -closed sets with the condition that for every finite subcollection \mathcal{F}_0 and $\mathcal{F} \cap \{\delta\text{-pint } F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0\} \neq 0_x$. Then by Theorem 2.11 ((a) \Rightarrow (g)), $\bigcap_{n \in D} F_n \neq 0_x$. Let $x_\lambda \in \bigcap_{n \in D} F_n$. Then for any fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd A of x_λ and any $n \in D$, $A q \bigcup \{U_m : m \geq n\}$. Then there is some $m \in D$ with $m \geq n$ such that $A q U_m$. This shows that x_λ is a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point of u .

Conversely, let \mathcal{F} be a collection of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets in X with the condition that for every finite subcollection \mathcal{F}_0 of \mathcal{F} , $\mathcal{F} \cap \{\delta\text{-pint } F : F \in \mathcal{F}_0\} \neq 0_x$. Let \mathcal{F}^* denote the family of all finite intersections of members of \mathcal{F} directed by the relation ' \gg ' such that for $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}^*$, $F_1 \gg F_2$ iff $F_1 \leq F_2$. Let F^* denote the δ -preinterior of F , for each $F \in \mathcal{F}^*$. Then $F^* \neq 0_x$. Consider the fuzzy net $u = \{F^* : F^* \in (\mathcal{F}^*, \gg)\}$ of non-null fuzzy δ -preopen sets in X . By the hypothesis, there exists a fuzzy point x_λ which is a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point of u . We now show that $x_\lambda \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}$. In fact, let $F \in \mathcal{F}$ be arbitrary and A be any fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd of x_λ . Since $F \in \mathcal{F}^*$ and x_λ is a fuzzy δ_p -cluster point of u , there is $G \in \mathcal{F}^*$ such that $G \gg F$ (i.e., $G \leq F$) and $G^* q A$. Hence $F q A$. Thus $x_\lambda \leq \delta\text{-pcl } F = F$, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, i.e., $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq 0_x$. Hence by Theorem 2.11 ((g) \Rightarrow (a)), X becomes fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

Definition 2.15 — A fuzzy cover u of fuzzy δ -preclosed sets of an fts X will be called a fuzzy δ_p -cover of X if for each fuzzy point x_α ($0 < \alpha < 1$) in X there is some $U \in u$ such that U is a fuzzy δ -preopen nbd of x_α .

Theorem 2.16 — An fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact iff every fuzzy δ_p -cover of X has a finite subcover.

PROOF : Let X be fuzzy δ_p -almost compact and u be any fuzzy δ_p -cover of X . Then for each $n \in N$ (= the set of naturals) with $n > 1$, there are a $U_x^n \in u$ and a δ -preopen set V_x^n in X such that $x_{1-1/n} \leq V_x^n \leq U_x^n$. Then $V_x^n(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ and hence $\sup_{n \in N} V_x^n(x) = 1$. It then follows that $\{V_x^n : x \in X, n \in N, n > 1\}$ is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X . Since X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact, there exist finitely many points $x_1, \dots, x_m \in X$ and $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m \in N \setminus \{1\}$ such that $1_x = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \delta\text{-pcl } V_{x_i}^{n_i}$.

Conversely, let u be a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X . For any fuzzy point x_α ($0 < \alpha < 1$) in X , as $\sup_{U \in u} U(x) = 1$, there exists some $U_{x_\alpha} \in u$ such that $U_{x_\alpha}(x) \geq \alpha$ (since $0 < \alpha < 1$). Thus $\{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in u\}$ is a fuzzy cover of X and the rest is clear.

The following theorem gives a necessary condition for an fts to be fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

Theorem 2.17 — If an fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact, then every prefilterbase on X with at most one fuzzy p -adherent point is p -convergent.

PROOF : Let \mathcal{F} be a prefilterbase with at most one p -adherent point in a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact fts X . Then by Theorem 2.11, \mathcal{F} has at least one p -adherent point. Let x_α be the unique p -adherent point of \mathcal{F} and if possible, let \mathcal{F} do not p -converge to x_α . Then for some fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd U of x_α and for each $F \in \mathcal{F}, F \not\leq \delta\text{-pcl } U$, so that $F \cap (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U) \neq 0_X$. Then $\mathcal{G} = \{F \cap (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U) : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a prefilterbase in X and hence has a fuzzy p -adherent point y_i (say) in X . Now, $\delta\text{-pcl } U = G$, for all $G \in \mathcal{G}$ so that $x_\alpha \neq y_i$. Again, for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd V of y_i and and each $F \in \mathcal{F}, \delta\text{-pcl } V \not\leq (F \cap (1 - \delta\text{-pcl } U)) \Rightarrow \delta\text{-pcl } V \not\leq F \Rightarrow y_i$ is a fuzzy p -adherent point of \mathcal{F} , where $x_\alpha \neq y_i$. This contradicts the fact that x_α is the only p -adherent point of \mathcal{F} .

3. FUZZY δ_p -ALMOST COMPACTNESS : SOME ASSOCIATED RESULTS

Having characterized δ_p -almost compactness of fuzzy sets and fts's in the last section, we now turn our attention to some pertinent results that follow.

Theorem 3.1 — *Let X be an fts.*

(a) *If A is a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set, then so is $\delta\text{-pcl } A$.*

(b) *Union of two fuzzy δ_p -almost compact fuzzy sets is also so.*

(c) *If X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact, then every fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed set A in X is a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set.*

PROOF (a) : Let u be a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of $\delta\text{-pcl } A$. Then u is also a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of A and hence by fuzzy δ_p -almost compactness of A , there exists a finite subset u_0 of u such that $A \leq \bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in u_0\} = \delta\text{-pcl } [\bigcup \{U : U \in u_0\}]$. Thus $\delta\text{-pcl } A \leq \bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in u_0\}$ (since δ -preclosure is an idempotent operator). Hence $\delta\text{-pcl } A$ is also a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set.

(b) Obvious.

(c) Let $u = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \wedge\}$ be a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of a fuzzy regularly δ_p -closed set A in X . Since for each $x \notin \text{supp } A, (1 - A)(x) = 1, u \cup \{(1 - A)\}$ is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X . Since X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact, there exist finitely many sets U_1, \dots, U_n in u such that $[(\delta\text{-pcl } U_1) \cup \dots \cup (\delta\text{-pcl } U_n)] \cup [\delta\text{-pcl } (1 - A)] = 1_X$. We claim that $\delta\text{-pint } A \leq (\delta\text{-pcl } U_1) \cup \dots \cup (\delta\text{-pcl } U_n)$. If not, there exists a fuzzy point $x_\beta \leq \delta\text{-pint } A$ such that $\beta > \max [(\delta\text{-pcl } U_1)(x), \dots, (\delta\text{-pcl } U_n)(x)]$. Since $[(\delta\text{-pcl } U_1) \cup \dots \cup (\delta\text{-pcl } U_n)] \cup (1 - \delta\text{-pint } A) = 1_X$, we have $(1 - \delta\text{-pint } A)(x) = 1$ so that $(\delta\text{-pint } A)(x) = 0$, a contradiction. Hence our claim is established. Then $A = \delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pint } A) \leq [(\delta\text{-pcl } U_1) \cup \dots \cup (\delta\text{-pcl } U_n)]$ (as $\delta\text{-pcl } (\delta\text{-pcl } U_i) = \delta\text{-pcl } U_i$) so that A becomes a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact set.

In order to ascertain the type of functions under which fuzzy δ_p -almost compactness remains invariant, we recall the following definition and the result thereafter from [2].

Definition 3.2 — A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ (where X and Y are fts's) is said to be fuzzy

δ^* -almost continuous if the inverse image of every fuzzy δ -preopen set in Y is fuzzy δ -preopen in X .

Lemma 3.3 — For a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the following are equivalent :

(a) f is fuzzy δ^* -almost continuous.

(b) For each fuzzy set A in X , $f(\delta\text{-pcl } A) \leq \delta\text{-pcl } f(A)$.

(c) For each fuzzy point x_α in X and for each fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd V of $f(x_\alpha)$ in Y , there is a fuzzy δ -preopen q -nbd W of x_α in X such that $f(W) \leq V$.

Theorem 3.4 — Fuzzy δ^* -almost continuous image of a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

PROOF : Let f be a fuzzy δ^* -almost continuous surjection from a fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space X to an fts Y , and let \mathcal{v} be a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of Y . Let $x \in X$ and $f(x) = y$. Since $\sup \{V(y) : V \in \mathcal{v}\} = 1$, for each $n \in N$ (= the set of natural numbers) there exists some $V_n^x \in \mathcal{v}$ with $V_n^x(y) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, so that $y_{1/n} q V_n^x$. By fuzzy δ^* -almost continuity of f , we have using Lemma 3.3 (c) that $f(U_n^x) \leq V_n^x$, for some fuzzy δ -preopen set U_n^x in X , q -coincident with $x_{1/n}$. Since $U_n^x(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, $\sup \{U_n^x(x) : n \in N\} = 1$. Then $u = \{U_n^x : n \in N \text{ and } x \in X\}$ is a fuzzy δ -preopen

cover of X . By fuzzy δ_p -almost compactness of X , $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \delta\text{-pcl}(U_{n_i}^x) = 1_X$, for some finite

subcollection $\{U_{n_1}^x, \dots, U_{n_k}^x\}$ of u . Then

$$1_Y = f\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k \delta\text{-pcl}(U_{n_i}^x)\right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k f(\delta\text{-pcl } U_{n_i}^x) \leq \bigcup_{i=1}^k \delta\text{-pcl} [(U_{n_i}^x)] \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.3})$$

$\leq \bigcup_{i=1}^k \delta\text{-pcl } V_{n_i}^x$ and hence Y becomes fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

The concept of fuzzy almost compact space was introduced by Diconcilio and Gerla [4] and subsequently many others investigated such a space more thoroughly. As defined in [4], an fts X is called fuzzy almost compact if every fuzzy open cover u of X has a finite subcollection u_0 such that $\bigcup \{cl U : U \in u_0\} = 1_X$. It then follows at once that

Theorem 3.5 — Every fuzzy δ_p -almost compact space is fuzzy almost compact.

Remark 3.6 : That the converse of the above theorem is false can be observed from the simple fact that in the particular setting of a topological space, such a converse fails. For example, one may consider an infinite set with cofinite topology. Then the space is compact and hence obviously almost compact, but not δ_p -almost compact because the collection of δ -preopen sets in X becomes the power set of X .

It is now our aim to formulate a condition under which the aforesaid converse may hold. To this end, we observe that under the axiom of regularity on a topological space, the concepts of compactness coincides with some of its weaker forms like almost compactness and near compactness. Here we shall employ a sort of fuzzy separation axiom introduced in², to achieve the desired result. We need to recall the following definition and result from².

Definition 3.7 — An fts X is said to be fuzzy δ -preregular if for each fuzzy δ -preclosed set F in X and each fuzzy point x_α with $x_\alpha q (1-F)$, there exist a fuzzy open set U and a fuzzy δ -pre-open set V such that $x_\alpha q U, F \leq V$ and $U q V$.

Lemma 3.8 — An fts X is fuzzy δ -preregular iff for each fuzzy δ -preclosed set F in X , $\bigcap \{cl V : F \leq V \text{ and } V \text{ is fuzzy } \delta\text{-preopen in } X\} = F$.

We are now in a position to prove the converse of Theorem 3.5 as follows.

Theorem 3.9 — A fuzzy δ -preregular, almost compact fts X is fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

PROOF : In a fuzzy δ -preregular space we have by Lemma 3.8 that every fuzzy δ -preclosed set is fuzzy closed, i.e., every fuzzy δ -preopen set is fuzzy open. Thus if \mathcal{u} is a fuzzy δ -preopen cover of X , then it is a fuzzy open cover of X . By fuzzy almost compactness of X , there is a finite subset \mathcal{u}_0 of \mathcal{u} such that $\bigcup \{cl U : U \in \mathcal{u}_0\} = \bigcup \{\delta\text{-pcl } U : U \in \mathcal{u}_0\} = 1_X$, proving X to be fuzzy δ_p -almost compact.

REFERENCES

1. K. K. Azad, *J Math. Anal. Appl.* **82** (1981), 14-32.
2. Anjana Bhattacharya and M. N. Mukherjee, On fuzzy δ -almost continuous and δ^* -almost continuous functions (submitted).
3. C. L. Chang, *J Math. Anal. Appl.* **24** (1968), 182-90.
4. A. Diconcilio and G. Gerla, *Fuzzy Sets Sys.* **13** (1984), 187-94.
5. S. Ganguly and S. Saha, *Theory, Simon Stevin* **62** (1988), 127-41.
6. S. Ganguly and S. Saha, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems* **34** (1990), 117-24.
7. R. Lowen, *General Topol. Appl.* **10** (1979), 147-67.
8. Pao Ming Pu and Ying Ming Liu, *J. math. Anal. Appl.* **76** (1980), 571-99.
9. L. A. Zadeh, *Fuzzy sets, Inform. Control* **8** (1965), 338-53.