

# $\alpha^e$ -Closed Set, $\alpha^e$ -Continuity and $\alpha$ - $e$ -Almost Compactness For Crisp Subsets of a Fuzzy Topological Space

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## Abstract

This paper is a continuation of [3]. In this paper we introduce a new type of crisp set viz.,  $\alpha^e$ -closed set which inherits  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compactness [3] of a fuzzy topological space. In the last section we introduce  $\alpha^e$ -continuous function between two fuzzy topological spaces under which  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compactness for crisp subsets remains invariant.

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## 1. Introduction

After introducing fuzzy topology given by Chang [4], different types of closed sets are introduced in fuzzy set theory. But after introducing  $\alpha$ -shading (where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) by Gantner et al. [6] in 1978, new types of closed sets which are crisp subsets of a space  $X$  where the underlying structure is fuzzy topology are introduced and studied. Here we introduce a new type of crisp subset with the help of  $\alpha$ -shading, viz.,  $\alpha^e$ -closed set. Using the idea of  $\alpha$ -shading in [3]  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compactness for crisp set is introduced and studied.

## 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 [4]. A crisp set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  means an ordinary subset of the set  $X$  where the underlying structure of the set  $X$  being a fuzzy topology  $\tau$ . A fuzzy set [8]  $A$  is a mapping from a nonempty set  $X$  into the closed interval  $I = [0, 1]$  of the real line, i.e.,  $A \in I^X$ . For a fuzzy set  $A$ , the fuzzy closure [4] and fuzzy interior [4] of  $A$  in  $X$  are denoted by  $clA$

and  $\text{int}A$  respectively. The support [8] of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\text{supp}A$  and is defined by  $\text{supp}A = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$ . A fuzzy point [7] in  $X$  with the singleton support  $\{x\} \subseteq X$  and the value  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) at  $x$  will be denoted by  $x_\alpha$ . For a fuzzy set  $A$ , the complement [8] of  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $1_X \setminus A$  and is defined by  $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ . For any two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ , we write  $A \leq B$  if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$  [8] while we write  $AqB$  if  $A$  is quasi-coincident ( $q$ -coincident, for short) with  $B$  [7], i.e., if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $A(x) + B(x) > 1$ ; the negation of these statements are written as  $A \not\leq B$  and  $A \not q B$  respectively. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called fuzzy regular open [1] if  $A = \text{int}(clA)$ . A fuzzy set  $B$  is called a quasi-neighbourhood ( $q$ -nbd, for short) [7] of a fuzzy point  $x_t$  if there is a fuzzy open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x_tqU \leq B$ . If, in addition,  $B$  is fuzzy open (resp., fuzzy regular open), then  $B$  is called a fuzzy open [7] (resp., fuzzy regular open [1])  $q$ -nbd of  $x_t$ . A fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  is said to be a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  if every fuzzy regular open  $q$ -nbd  $U$  of  $x_\alpha$  is  $q$ -coincident with  $A$  [5]. The union of all fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the fuzzy  $\delta$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\delta clA$  [5]. A fuzzy set  $A$  is fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed iff  $A = \delta clA$  [5]. The complement of a fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed set in an fts  $X$  is called fuzzy  $\delta$ -open [5]. A fuzzy set  $A$  is fuzzy  $\delta$ -open iff  $A = \delta \text{int}A$  [5].

### 3. Some Known Definitions and Results

**Definition 3.1**[2]. A fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -open if  $A \leq cl(\delta \text{int}A) \vee \text{int}(\delta clA)$ . The complement of a fuzzy  $e$ -open set is called fuzzy  $e$ -closed.

**Definition 3.2**[2]. The intersection of all fuzzy  $e$ -closed sets containing a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is called fuzzy  $e$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $eclA$ .

**Result 3.3**[2]. A fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed iff  $A = eclA$ .

**Definition 3.4**[2]. The union of all fuzzy  $e$ -open sets contained in a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called fuzzy  $e$ -interior of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $eintA$ .

**Result 3.5**[2]. A fuzzy set  $A$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open iff  $A = eintA$ .

**Result 3.6**[2]. (i) For any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $x_t \in eclA \Leftrightarrow UqA$  for any fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x_tqU$ .

(ii) for any two fuzzy sets  $U, V$  in  $X$  where  $V$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open set,  $U \not q V \Rightarrow eclU \not q V$ .

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $X$  be an fts and  $A$ , a crisp subset of  $X$ . A collection  $\mathcal{U}$  of fuzzy sets in  $X$  is called an  $\alpha$ -shading (where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) of  $A$  if for each  $x \in A$ , there is some  $U_x \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $U_x(x) > \alpha$  [6]. If, in addition, the members of  $\mathcal{U}$  are fuzzy  $e$ -open sets, then  $\mathcal{U}$  is

called a fuzzy  $e$ -open [3]  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.8**[3]. Let  $X$  be an fts and  $A$ , a crisp subset of  $X$ .  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact if each fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $A$  has a finite  $e$ -proximate  $\alpha$ -subshading, i.e., there exists a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{U}_0$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\{eclU : U \in \mathcal{U}_0\}$  is again an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$ . If, in particular  $A = X$ , we get the definition of  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$ .

## 4. $\alpha^e$ -Closed Set : Some Properties

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an fts and  $A \subseteq X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be an  $\alpha^e$ -limit point of  $A$  if for every fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $U(x) > \alpha$ , there exists  $y \in A \setminus \{x\}$  such that  $(eclU)(y) > \alpha$ . The set of all  $\alpha^e$ -limit points of  $A$  will be denoted by  $[A]_e^\alpha$ .

The  $\alpha^e$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $\alpha^e-clA$ , is defined by  $\alpha^e-clA = A \cup [A]_e^\alpha$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A crisp subset  $A$  of an fts  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha^e$ -closed if it contains all its  $\alpha^e$ -limit points. Any subset  $B$  of  $X$  is called  $\alpha^e$ -open if  $X \setminus B$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed.

**Remark 4.3.** It is clear from Definition 4.1 that for any set  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A \subseteq \alpha^e-clA$  and  $\alpha^e-clA = A$  if and only if  $[A]_e^\alpha \subseteq A$ . Again it follows from Definition 4.1 that  $A$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed if and only if  $\alpha^e-clA = A$ . It is also clear that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X \Rightarrow [A]_e^\alpha \subseteq [B]_e^\alpha$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** An  $\alpha^e$ -closed subset  $A$  of an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact.

**Proof.** Let  $A(\subseteq X)$  be  $\alpha^e$ -closed in an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$ . Then for any  $x \notin A$ , there is a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $U_x$  in  $X$  such that  $U_x(x) > \alpha$ , and  $(eclU_x)(y) \leq \alpha$ , for every  $y \in A$ . Consider the collection  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_x : x \notin A\}$ . For proving  $A$  to be  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact, consider a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $A$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{V}$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact, there exists a finite subcollection  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$  of  $\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{V}$  such that for every  $t \in X$ , there exists  $V_i(1 \leq i \leq n)$  such that  $(eclV_i)(t) > \alpha$ . For every member  $U_x$  of  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $(eclU_x)(y) \leq \alpha$ , for every  $y \in A$ . So if this subcollection contains any member of  $\mathcal{U}$ , we omit it and hence we get the result.

To achieve the converse of Theorem 4.4, we define the following.

**Definition 4.5.** An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ - $e$ -Urysohn if for any two distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exist a fuzzy open set  $U$  and a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V$  in  $X$  with  $U(x) > \alpha$ ,  $V(y) > \alpha$  and  $\min((eclU)(z), (eclV)(z)) \leq \alpha$ , for each  $z \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** An  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact set in an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -Urysohn space  $X$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact set and  $x \in X \setminus A$ . Then for each  $y \in A$ ,  $x \neq y$ .

As  $X$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -Urysohn, there exist a fuzzy open set  $U_y$  and a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V_y$  in  $X$  such that  $U_y(x) > \alpha, V_y(y) > \alpha$  and  $\min((eclU_y)(z), (eclV_y)(z)) \leq \alpha$ , for all  $z \in X \dots$  (1).

Then  $\mathcal{U} = \{V_y : y \in A\}$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$  and so by  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compactness of  $A$ , there exist finitely many points  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of  $A$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_0 = \{eclV_{y_1}, eclV_{y_2}, \dots, eclV_{y_n}\}$  is again an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$ . Now  $U = U_{y_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{y_n}$  being a fuzzy open set is a fuzzy  $e$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $U(x) > \alpha$ . In order to show that  $A$  to be  $\alpha^e$ -closed, it now suffices to show that  $(eclU)(y) \leq \alpha$ , for each  $y \in A$ . In fact, if for some  $z \in A$ , we assume  $(eclU)(z) > \alpha$ , then as  $z \in A$ , we have  $(eclV_{y_k})(z) > \alpha$ , for some  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ). Also  $(eclU_{y_k})(z) > \alpha$ . Hence  $\min((eclU_{y_k})(z), (eclV_{y_k})(z)) > \alpha$ , contradicting (1).

**Corollary 4.7.** In an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact,  $\alpha$ - $e$ -Urysohn space  $X$ , a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact if and only if it is  $\alpha^e$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.8.** In an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$ , every cover of  $X$  by  $\alpha^e$ -open sets has a finite subcover.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a cover of  $X$  by  $\alpha^e$ -open sets. Then for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $U_x \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $x \in U_x$ . Since  $X \setminus U_x$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed, there exists a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V_x$  in  $X$  such that  $V_x(x) > \alpha$  and  $(eclV_x)(y) \leq \alpha$ , for each  $y \in X \setminus U_x \dots$  (1).

Then  $\{V_x : x \in X\}$  forms a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading of the  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$ . Thus there exists a finite subset  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of  $X$  such that  $\{eclV_{x_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X \dots$  (2).

We claim that  $\{U_{x_1}, U_{x_2}, \dots, U_{x_n}\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\mathcal{U}$ . If not, then there exists  $y \in X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (X \setminus U_{x_i})$ . Then by (1),  $(eclV_{x_i})(y) \leq \alpha$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and so  $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n eclV_{x_i})(y) \leq \alpha$ , contradicting (2).

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an fts. If  $X$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact, then every collection of  $\alpha^e$ -closed sets in  $X$  with finite intersection property has non-empty intersection.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a collection of  $\alpha^e$ -closed sets in an  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact space  $X$  having finite intersection property. If possible, let  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i = \phi$ . Then  $X \setminus \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} F_i = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} (X \setminus F_i) = X \Rightarrow \mathcal{U} = \{X \setminus F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  is an  $\alpha^e$ -open cover of  $X$ . Then by Theorem 4.8, there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda_0} (X \setminus F_i) = X \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda_0} F_i = \phi$ , a contradiction.

## 5. $\alpha^e$ -Continuity

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $X, Y$  be fts's. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\alpha^e$ -continuous if for each point  $x \in X$  and each fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $V(f(x)) > \alpha$ , there exists a fuzzy

$e$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $U(x) > \alpha$  such that  $eclU \leq f^{-1}(eclV)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\alpha^e$ -continuous (where  $X, Y$  are, as usual, fts's), then the following are true :

- (a)  $f([A]_e^\alpha) \subseteq [f(A)]_e^\alpha$ , for every  $A \subseteq X$ .
- (b)  $[f^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha \subseteq f^{-1}([A]_e^\alpha)$ , for every  $A \subseteq Y$ .
- (c) For each  $\alpha^e$ -closed set  $A$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed in  $X$ .
- (d) For each  $\alpha^e$ -open set  $A$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\alpha^e$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof** (a). Let  $x \in [A]_e^\alpha$  and  $U$  be any fuzzy  $e$ -open set in  $Y$  with  $U(f(x)) > \alpha$ . Then there is a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V$  in  $X$  with  $V(x) > \alpha$  and  $eclV \leq f^{-1}(eclU)$ . Now  $x \in [A]_e^\alpha$  and  $V$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -open set in  $X$  with  $V(x) > \alpha \Rightarrow eclV(x_0) > \alpha$ , for some  $x_0 \in A \setminus \{x\} \Rightarrow \alpha < eclV(x_0) \leq (f^{-1}(eclU))(x_0) = (eclU)(f(x_0))$  where  $f(x_0) \in f(A) \setminus \{f(x)\} \Rightarrow f(x) \in [f(A)]_e^\alpha$ . Thus (a) follows.

(b) By (a),  $f([f^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha) \subseteq [ff^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha \subseteq [A]_e^\alpha \Rightarrow [f^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha \subseteq f^{-1}([A]_e^\alpha)$ .

(c) We have  $[A]_e^\alpha = A$ . By (b),  $[f^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha \subseteq f^{-1}([A]_e^\alpha) = f^{-1}(A) \Rightarrow [f^{-1}(A)]_e^\alpha = f^{-1}(A) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed set in  $X$ .

(d) Follows from (c).

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $X, Y$  be fts's and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be fuzzy  $\alpha^e$ -continuous function. If  $A(\subseteq X)$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact, then so is  $f(A)$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading of  $f(A)$ , where  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compact set in  $X$ . For each  $x \in A$ ,  $f(x) \in f(A)$  and so there exists  $V_x \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $V_x(f(x)) > \alpha$ . As  $f$  is fuzzy  $\alpha^e$ -continuous, there exists a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $U_x$  in  $X$  such that  $U_x(x) > \alpha$  and  $f(eclU_x) \leq eclV_x$ . Then  $\{U_x : x \in A\}$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -open  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$ . By  $\alpha$ - $e$ -almost compactness of  $A$ , there are finitely many points  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  in  $A$  such that  $\{eclU_{a_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is again an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $A$ .

We claim that  $\{eclV_{a_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $f(A)$ . In fact,  $y \in f(A) \Rightarrow$  there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . Now there is an  $U_{a_j}$  (for some  $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$ ) such that  $(eclU_{a_j})(x) > \alpha$  and hence  $(eclV_{a_j})(y) \geq f(eclU_{a_j})(y) \geq eclU_{a_j}(x) > \alpha$ .

We now introduce a function under which  $\alpha^e$ -closedness of a set remains invariant.

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $X, Y$  be fts's. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -open if  $f(A)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $Y$  whenever  $A$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $X$ .

**Remark 5.5.** For a fuzzy  $e$ -open function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , for every fuzzy  $e$ -closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_1)$  is a bijective fuzzy  $e$ -open function, then the image

of a  $\alpha^e$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed in  $(Y, \tau_1)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be an  $\alpha^e$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $y \in Y \setminus f(A)$ . Then there exists a unique  $z \in X$  such that  $f(z) = y$ . As  $y \notin f(A)$ ,  $z \notin A$ . Now,  $A$  being  $\alpha^e$ -closed in  $X$ , there exists a fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $V(z) > \alpha$  and  $eclV(p) \leq \alpha$ , for each  $p \in A$  ... (1). As  $f$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open,  $f(V)$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -open set in  $Y$ , and also  $(f(V))(y) = V(z) > \alpha$ . Let  $t \in f(A)$ . Then there is a unique  $t_0 \in A$  such that  $f(t_0) = t$ . As  $f$  is bijective and fuzzy  $e$ -open, by Remark 5.5,  $eclf(V) \leq f(eclV)$ . Then  $(eclf(V))(t) \leq f(eclV)(t) = eclV(t_0) \leq \alpha$ , by (1). Thus  $y$  is not an  $\alpha^e$ -limit point of  $f(A)$ . Hence the proof.

From Theorem 5.2 (c) and Theorem 5.6, it follows that

**Corollary 5.7.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy  $\alpha^e$ -continuous, bijective and fuzzy  $e$ -open function. Then  $A$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\alpha^e$ -closed in  $X$ .

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