

## CHARACTERIZATIONS OF SPACES AND MAPS VIA FUZZY $\beta$ -OPEN SETS

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to obtain several characterizations of fuzzy topological spaces and maps between them by utilizing the notion of  $\beta$ -open sets in fuzzy setting.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In general topology  $\beta$ -open sets were introduced by Abd El-Monsef et al. [1] and investigated by Andrijevic [2] under the name semi-preopen sets, and since then different topological properties have been defined and investigated by several authors. In 1986, A.S. Mashhour et al. [7] extend the notion of  $\beta$ -openness to fuzzy topological spaces. This class contains the class of fuzzy

semi-open sets and the class of fuzzy preopen sets, introduced by Azad [3] and Singal and Prakash in [12] respectively. The purpose of this note is to obtain several characterizations of spaces and maps by utilizing fuzzy  $\beta$ -open sets. The results are parallel to ones which have been found in general topology. A systematic discussion of these properties in general topology is given in [2], [10], [13] and [15].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Now we introduce some basic notions and results that are used in the sequel.

In this work by  $(X, \tau)$  (or simply  $X$ ) we will denote a fuzzy topological space due to Chang [4]. A fuzzy point in  $X$  with support  $x \in X$  and value  $p$  ( $0 \leq p \leq 1$ ) is denoted by  $x_p$ . Two fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are said to be  $q$ -coincident if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\lambda(x) + \mu(x) > 1$  and by  $\bar{q}$  we denote "is not  $q$ -coincident". Unions and intersections of fuzzy sets are denoted by  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  respectively and defined by  $\vee \lambda_i = \text{Sup} \{ \lambda_i(x) : i \in I \text{ and } x \in X \}$ ,  $\wedge \lambda_i = \text{Inf} \{ \lambda_i(x) : i \in I \text{ and } x \in X \}$ . The interior, closure and the complement of a fuzzy  $\lambda$  in  $X$  are denoted by  $\text{Int}(\lambda)$ ,  $\text{Cl}(\lambda)$  and  $\lambda^c$  respectively and defined by  $\text{Int}(\lambda) = \vee \{ \nu : \nu \leq \lambda, \nu \in \tau \}$ ,  $\text{Cl}(\lambda) = \wedge \{ \nu : \nu \leq \lambda, \nu^c \in \tau \}$  and  $\lambda^c = 1 - \lambda$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space. Then a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  is called a,

- (i) *fuzzy semi-open set if there exists a fuzzy open set  $\mu$  such that  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq \text{Cl}(\mu)$  equivalently, if  $\lambda \leq \text{ClInt}(\lambda)$  [3].*
- (ii) *fuzzy semi-closed set if  $\lambda^c$  is a fuzzy semi-open set, equivalently if  $\text{IntCl}(\lambda) \leq \lambda$  [3].*
- (iii) *fuzzy semi-clopen set if  $\lambda$  is both fuzzy semi-open and fuzzy semi-closed.*
- (iv) *fuzzy preopen set if  $\lambda \leq \text{IntCl}(\lambda)$  [12].*
- (v) *fuzzy preclosed set if  $\lambda^c$  is a fuzzy preopen set, equivalently if  $\text{ClInt}(\lambda) \leq \lambda$  [12].*
- (vi) *fuzzy regular open set if  $\lambda = \text{IntCl}(\lambda)$  [3].*
- (vii) *fuzzy regular closed set if  $\lambda^c$  is a fuzzy regular open set, equivalently if  $\text{ClInt}(\lambda) = \lambda$  [3].*
- (viii) *fuzzy  $\alpha$ -set if  $\lambda \leq \text{IntClInt}(\lambda)$  [11].*

**Definition 2** Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of a fuzzy topological space. Then,

- (i)  *$s\text{Cl}(\lambda) = \wedge \{ \beta : \beta \geq \lambda, \beta \text{ is a fuzzy semi-closed of } X \}$  is called a fuzzy semi-closure of  $\lambda$  [14].*

(ii)  $sInt(\lambda) = \bigvee \{ \beta : \beta \leq \lambda, \beta \text{ is a fuzzy semi-open of } X \}$  is called a fuzzy semi-interior of  $\lambda$  [14].

(iii)  $pCl(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{ \beta : \beta \geq \lambda, \beta \text{ is a fuzzy preclosed of } X \}$  is called a fuzzy preclosure of  $\lambda$  [12].

(iv)  $pInt(\lambda) = \bigvee \{ \beta : \beta \leq \lambda, \beta \text{ is a fuzzy preopen of } X \}$  is called a fuzzy preinterior of  $\lambda$  [12].

### 3. Characterizations via fuzzy $\beta$ -open sets

We use the notion of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open in order to characterize already known classes of fuzzy topological spaces.

**Definition 3** [7] A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy topological space  $X$  is called :

(i) fuzzy  $\beta$ -open if  $\lambda \geq ClIntCl(\lambda)$ .

(ii) fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed if  $\lambda^c$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set, equivalently if  $IntClInt(\lambda) \leq \lambda$ .

All fuzzy semi-open (resp. fuzzy semi-closed) sets and all fuzzy preopen (resp. fuzzy preclosed) sets are fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (resp. fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed). But not conversely [7].

**Theorem 3.1** For a fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy topological space  $X$ , the following conditions are equivalent :

- (1)  $\lambda$  is an  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$ .
- (2)  $Cl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(\lambda)$ .
- (3)  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy regular closed.
- (4)  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open.
- (5)  $sCl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open
- (6)  $pCl(\lambda) \leq ClInt(pCl(\lambda))$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : By (1)  $Cl(\lambda) \leq ClIntCl(\lambda)$ . Since  $ClInt(\lambda) \leq Cl(\lambda)$ , then  $ClInt(Cl)(\lambda) \leq Cl(Cl)(\lambda) = Cl(\lambda)$ . Therefore  $ClIntCl(\lambda) = Cl(\lambda)$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : By (2)  $\lambda \leq Cl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(\lambda)$ . Hence,  $\lambda$  is  $\beta$ -open.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) : By definition of a fuzzy regular closed set.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (4) : Every fuzzy regular closed set is fuzzy semi-open.

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (3) : Since  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open and fuzzy closed, then it is fuzzy regular closed.

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (5) : By (4)  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open and since  $sCl(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy semi-closed set,

$IntCl(\lambda) \leq IntCl(sCl(\lambda)) \leq sCl(\lambda) \leq Cl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(\lambda)$ . Hence  $sCl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-closed.

(5)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : By (5)  $\lambda \leq sCl(\lambda) \leq ClInt(sCl(\lambda)) \leq ClIntCl(\lambda)$ . Thus  $\lambda$  is an  $\beta$ -open set.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (6) : By (2)  $pCl(\lambda) \leq Cl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(pCl(\lambda))$ .

(6)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : By (6)  $\lambda \leq pCl(\lambda) \leq ClInt(pCl(\lambda)) = ClIntCl(\lambda)$ . Hence  $\lambda$  is a  $\beta$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.2** For a fuzzy topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent :

(1)  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected (i.e., [5], if the closure of each fuzzy open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open).

(2)  $ClInt(\lambda) \leq IntCl(\lambda)$  for every fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of  $X$ .

(3) Every fuzzy semi-open subset is fuzzy preopen.

(4) The closure of every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open.

(5) Every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy preopen.

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : The set  $ClInt(\lambda)$  is fuzzy open by (1). Thus  $ClInt(\lambda) = IntClInt(\lambda) \leq IntCl(\lambda)$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) : If  $\lambda$  is fuzzy semi-open by (2)  $\lambda \leq ClInt(\lambda) \leq IntCl(\lambda)$ , i.e.,  $\lambda$  is fuzzy preopen.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (4) : Let  $\lambda$  be fuzzy  $\beta$ -open. Then  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open (Theorem 3.1), hence by (3) fuzzy preopen. Thus  $Cl(\lambda) \leq Incl(\lambda)$ , and  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy open.

(4)  $\rightarrow$  (5) : Let  $\lambda$  be fuzzy  $\beta$ -open. Then by (4)  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy open and hence  $\lambda \leq Cl(\lambda) = IntCl(\lambda)$  that is  $\lambda$  is fuzzy preopen.

(5)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $\lambda$  be fuzzy open. Then  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy semi-open and hence fuzzy  $\beta$ -open. By (5)  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy preopen. Thus  $Cl(\lambda) \leq IntCl(\lambda)$  or equivalently  $Cl(\lambda) = IntCl(\lambda)$ .

This shows that  $\lambda$  is fuzzy open.

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $X$  be a fuzzy extremally disconnected topological space. Then  $sCl(\lambda) = Cl(\lambda)$  for every  $\lambda$  fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

*Proof.* Since  $sCl(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy semi-closed set, we have  $IntCl(\lambda) \leq IntCl(sCl(\lambda)) \leq sCl(\lambda)$ . Thus  $\lambda \vee IntCl(\lambda) \leq sCl(\lambda) \leq Cl(\lambda)$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy extremally disconnected, by Theorem 3.2,  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy open in  $X$  for every  $\lambda$  fuzzy  $\beta$ -open. Therefore we have  $sCl(\lambda) = Cl(\lambda)$  for every  $\lambda$  fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

**Proposition 3.4** Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of a fuzzy topological space  $X$ . Then the following implication is hold : (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) where ;

(1) Every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subsets  $\lambda$  is fuzzy semi-open.

(2) If  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open, then  $Cl(\lambda) = \lambda \vee ClInt(\lambda) = pCl(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset. By (1)  $\lambda$  is fuzzy semi-open. Then  $Cl(\lambda) = \lambda \vee ClInt(\lambda)$ . Since  $pCl(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy preclosed set ([12], Theorem 3.8(2)), we have  $ClInt(\lambda) \leq ClInt(pCl(\lambda)) \leq pCl(\lambda)$ . Thus  $Cl(\lambda) = \lambda \vee ClInt(\lambda) \leq pCl(\lambda)$ . Hence  $Cl(\lambda) = \lambda \vee ClInt(\lambda) = pCl(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 3.5** For a fuzzy topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent :

- (1) Every subset is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open
- (2) Every fuzzy closed subset is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

Proof. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Is trivial.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$ . By (2)  $cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open and hence  $Cl(\lambda) \leq ClIntCl(\lambda) \leq Cl(Cl)(\lambda) = Cl(\lambda)$ . Thus  $Cl(\lambda) = ClIntCl(\lambda)$  and hence  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (Theorem 3.1).

**Definition 4** (i) A fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy topological space  $X$  is a fuzzy  $S$ -set in  $X$  if and only if from  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i$  where each  $\lambda_i$  is fuzzy regular closed, it follows that  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{i \in J} \lambda_i$  for some finite  $J \leq I$ .

(ii) A finite dense subsystem of a cover of  $X$  is a finite subcollection whose closures cover  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.6** For a fuzzy topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $\lambda$  is an  $S$ -set in  $X$ .
- (2) Every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open cover of  $\lambda$  has a finite dense subsystem.

Proof. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i$ , where each  $\lambda_i$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $\lambda_i$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open, then  $Cl(\lambda_i)$  is fuzzy regular closed. Hence from the inclusion  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} Cl(\lambda_i)$ , we have  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} Cl(\lambda_i)$ , where  $J$  is finite.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Every fuzzy regular closed sets is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

Recall that, A fuzzy point  $x_p$  is said to be a fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  [8] if for every open  $q$ -nbd  $U$  of  $x_p$ ,  $Cl(U)$  is  $q$ -coincident with  $\lambda$ . The set of all fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster points of  $\lambda$  is called the fuzzy  $\theta$ -closure of  $\lambda$  and will be denoted by  $Cl_\theta(\lambda)$ . A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  will be called  $\theta$ -closed if and only if  $\lambda = Cl_\theta(\lambda)$  and the complement of a fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed set is fuzzy  $\theta$ -open.

It is easy to see that  $Cl(\lambda) \leq Cl_\theta(\lambda)$ , for any fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy topological space. But the reverse implication is false (see[7]).

**Theorem 3.7** For a fuzzy topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $X$  is a fuzzy almost regular space (i.e., for every fuzzy regular closed subset  $\lambda$  of  $X$ , we have  $Cl(\lambda) = Cl_\theta(\lambda)$ ).
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open then  $Cl(\lambda) = Cl_\theta(\lambda)$ .

Proof. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Since  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open, then  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy regular closed (Theorem 3.1). by (1)  $Cl(\lambda) = Cl_\theta(Cl(\lambda))$ . Since  $Cl(\lambda) \leq Cl_\theta(\lambda) \leq Cl_\theta(Cl(\lambda)) = Cl(\lambda)$ , Then  $Cl(\lambda) = Cl_\theta(\lambda)$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Every fuzzy regular closed set is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

The following result was proved in [8].

**Proposition 3.8** For a fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy topological space  $X$ ,  $CI(\lambda) = CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $CI(\lambda) \leq CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ , it is sufficient to show that  $CI(\lambda) \geq CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ . Let  $x_p \in CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$  such that  $x_p \notin CI(\lambda)$ . Then there exists a q-nb  $V$  of  $x_p$  such that  $V \bar{q} \lambda$ . Then  $V \leq 1 - \lambda$ . Hence  $Int(V) \leq Int(1 - \lambda) \leq 1 - \lambda$ . Therefore  $CIInt(V) \leq CI(1 - \lambda) = 1 - \lambda$ ; i.e.,  $CIInt(V) \bar{q} \lambda$ . Thus  $x_p \notin CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ , a contradiction.

**Proposition 3.9** For a fuzzy semi-open set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy extremally disconnected topological space  $X$ ,  $sCI(\lambda) = CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $sCI(\lambda) \leq CI(\lambda) \leq CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ , for any fuzzy set  $\gamma$  in  $X$ , then it is sufficient to prove that  $CI_{\theta}(\lambda) \leq CI(\lambda)$  for a fuzzy semi-open set  $\lambda$  in  $X$ . Let  $x_p \in sCI(\lambda)$ , then there exists a fuzzy semi-open set  $\beta$  such that  $x_p q \beta$  and  $\beta \bar{q} \lambda$ , which implies that  $\beta \leq \lambda^c$ . Hence  $CI(\beta) \leq CI(\lambda^c)$ . since  $X$  is extremally disconnected, then  $CI(\beta)$  is fuzzy open. Therefore  $CI(\beta) \leq IntCI(\lambda^c) \leq sCI(\lambda^c) = \lambda^c$ . Hence  $CI(\beta) \bar{q} \lambda$  and so  $x_p \notin CI_{\theta}(\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 3.10** For a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$ , the following are equivalent :

(1)  $f$  is almost fuzzy weakly continuous (i.e., for every fuzzy open  $\beta$  of  $Y$ ,  $pCI(f^{-1}(\beta)) \leq f^{-1}(CI(\beta))$ ).

(2) If  $\beta$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $Y$ , then  $pCI(f^{-1}(IntCI(\beta))) \leq f^{-1}(CI(\beta))$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : If  $\beta$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subset of  $Y$ , then  $CI(\beta) = CIIntCI(\beta)$  (Theorem 3.1). By (1) and since  $IntCI(\beta)$  is fuzzy open.

$pCI(f^{-1}(IntCI(\beta))) \leq f^{-1}(CIIntCI(\beta)) = f^{-1}(CI(\beta))$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $\beta$  be a fuzzy open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $\beta \leq Incl(\beta)$ . By (2)  $pCI(f^{-1}(\beta)) \leq pCI(f^{-1}(IntCI(\beta))) \leq f^{-1}(CI(\beta))$  and hence  $f$  is almost fuzzy weakly continuous.

Recall, that a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$  is said to be almost fuzzy closed in the sense of Nanda [9], if the image of every fuzzy regular closed set of  $X$  is fuzzy closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.11** For a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$ , the following are equivalent :

(1)  $f$  is almost fuzzy closed.

(2) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open subject of  $X$ , then  $CI(f(\lambda)) \leq f(CI(\lambda))$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : If  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open, then  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy regular closed (Theorem 3.1). By (1)  $f(Cl(\lambda))$  is fuzzy closed. Thus  $Cl(f(\lambda)) \leq Cl(f(Cl(\lambda))) = f(Cl(\lambda))$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Every fuzzy regular closed set is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open. By (2)  $Cl(f(\lambda)) \leq f(Cl(\lambda)) = f(\lambda)$  and hence  $f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy closed.

**Theorem 3.12** For a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$ , the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy almost continuous [3].
- (2)  $Cl(f^{-1}(\lambda)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(\lambda))$  for every  $\lambda$   $\beta$ -open.
- (3)  $Cl(f^{-1}(\lambda)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(\lambda))$  for every  $\lambda$  semi-open.

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $\lambda$  be a  $\beta$ -open of  $Y$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $Cl(\lambda)$  is fuzzy regular closed in  $Y$ . By (1),  $f^{-1}(Cl(\lambda))$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$  and we obtain  $Cl(f^{-1}(\lambda)) \leq Cl(f^{-1}(Cl(\lambda))) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(\lambda))$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) : Every fuzzy semi-open set is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $\beta$  be any fuzzy regular closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $\beta = ClInt(\beta)$  and hence  $\beta$  is fuzzy semi-open in  $Y$ . Therefore, we have  $Cl(f^{-1}(\beta)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(\beta)) = f^{-1}(\beta)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\beta)$  is fuzzy closed and  $f$  is fuzzy almost continuous.

**Proposition 3.13** (1) Any union of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open sets is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set.

(2) Any intersection of fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed sets is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\{\lambda_i : i \in I\}$  be any family of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open sets. For each  $i \in I$ ,  $\lambda_i \leq ClIntCl(\lambda_i)$ . Hence we have  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} ClIntCl(\lambda_i) \leq ClIntCl$

$$\left( \bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i \right).$$

(2) Let  $\{\lambda_i : i \in I\}$  be any family of fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed sets. Thus  $\{\lambda_i^c : i \in I\}$  is a family of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open sets. According to (1),  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i^c$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set.

From  $\left( \bigvee_{i \in I} \lambda_i^c \right)^c = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \lambda_i$  we obtain the conclusion.

A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$  is said to be pre-fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed if the image of every fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed set of  $X$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.14** For a map surjective  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$ , the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $f$  is pre-fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed.
- (2) For each fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of  $Y$  and each fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$ , there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set  $\gamma$  of  $Y$  such that  $\lambda \leq \gamma$  and

$f^{-1}(\gamma) \leq \mu$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Suppose  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$  and  $\mu$  is any fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Put  $\gamma = 1 - f(1 - \mu)$ . Since  $f$  is pre-fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed, then  $\gamma$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set of  $Y$  and since  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \leq \mu$  we have  $f(1 - \mu) \leq 1 - \lambda$ . Moreover  $f^{-1}(\gamma) = 1 - f^{-1}(f(1 - \mu)) \leq 1 - (1 - \mu) = \mu$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) : Suppose  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed in  $X$ . Let  $x_p$  be a fuzzy point in  $1 - f(\lambda)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(x_p) \leq 1 - f^{-1}(f(\lambda)) \leq 1 - \lambda$  and  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . By (2) there exist a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set  $\mu_{x_p}$  containing  $x_p$  such that  $f^{-1}(\mu_{x_p}) \leq 1 - \lambda$ . This implies that  $x_p \in \mu_{x_p} \leq 1 - f(\lambda)$ . We obtain that  $1 - f(\lambda) = \vee \{\mu_{x_p} : x_p \in 1 - f(\lambda)\}$  and consequently by Proposition 3.13,  $1 - f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open.

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