



## Fuzzy $(b, \theta)$ -separation axioms

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### Abstract:

*Dutta and Tripathy recently introduced fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open set in fuzzy topology. The aim of this paper is to introduce fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -separation axioms with the help of fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open set and to establish some properties by defining fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -neighbourhood and fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -quasi neighbourhood of a fuzzy point.*

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Fuzzy set theory was introduced by Zadeh [6]. Since then several mathematicians are applying this notion to develop some new concepts in different fields. Chang [2] introduced the notion of fuzzy topological space and after that several nearly open sets of general topological space have been introduced in fuzzy topological spaces. As a result, Salleh and Waheb [5], Benchalli and Karnel [1] introduced the notion of fuzzy  $\theta$ -open sets and fuzzy  $b$ -open sets respectively. Recently, Dutta and Tripathy [3] defined fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open sets and established many properties.

In this paper by  $X$ , we denote the fuzzy topological space [in short, FTS]  $(X, \tau)$ .

Let  $X$  be a non-empty fuzzy set. According to Ming and Ming [4], a fuzzy point is a fuzzy set in  $X$  which is zero everywhere except at the point 'a' (say), where it takes the value  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and it is denoted by  $a_\alpha$ . If for a fuzzy set  $P$  in  $X$ ,  $a_\alpha \in P$  means  $\alpha \leq P(a)$ , where  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Also, if we have  $\alpha + P(a) > 1$ , then it means that  $a_\alpha$  is quasi-coincident with  $P$  and can be written as  $(a_\alpha)_q P$ . Similarly, if for  $a \in X$ , we have  $P(a) + Q(a) > 1$  for the fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$  of  $X$ , then we can write it as  $P_q Q$ , which means that  $P$  is quasi-coincident with  $Q$ . Negation of these kind of statements is denoted by  $(a_\alpha)_{\bar{q}} P$  or  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ .

Again, the fuzzy sets which take the value 0 and 1 are denoted by  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  respectively, where  $\lambda_\phi(a) = 0$  and  $\lambda_X(a) = 1$ , for all  $a \in X$  where  $\lambda_P : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is the membership function of a fuzzy set  $P$ . Here,  $\lambda_P(a)$  is the membership grade of  $a$  in  $P$ . A fuzzy set  $P$  is contained in a fuzzy set  $Q$  written as  $P \leq Q$  if  $\lambda_P \leq \lambda_Q$ . Complement of a fuzzy set  $P$  is defined by  $\lambda'_P = 1 - \lambda_P$ . Union and intersection of a collection  $\{P_i : i \in I\}$  of fuzzy sets in  $X$  can be written as  $\bigvee_{i=1} P_i$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1} P_i$  respectively and are denoted by  $\lambda \bigvee_{i=1} P_i(a) = \text{Sup } \{\lambda_{P_i}(a) : i \in I\}$  and  $\lambda \bigwedge_{i=1} P_i(a) = \text{Inf } \{\lambda_{P_i}(a) : i \in I\}$ , for all  $a \in X$ .

A fuzzy set  $P$  in  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $b$ -open [1] if  $P \leq \text{int}(cl(P)) \vee cl(\text{int}(P))$ . The complement of fuzzy  $b$ -open set is called fuzzy  $b$ -closed.

According to Dutta and Tripathy [3], a fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  in  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $P$  in  $X$  if  $Fbcl(Q) \wedge P \neq 0_X$ , for

every fuzzy  $b$ -open set  $Q$  of  $X$  containing  $a_\alpha$ , where  $Fbcl(Q)$  denotes the fuzzy  $b$ -closure of  $Q$ . The set of all fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -cluster points of  $P$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closure of  $P$  and it is denoted by  $Fbcl_\theta(P)$ . A fuzzy  $P$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed if  $P = Fbcl_\theta(P)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed set is fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open.

Here, we can denote the set of all fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open (respectively, fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed) sets of  $X$  by  $FB_\theta-O(X)$  (respectively  $FB_\theta-C(X)$ ).

It was shown in Theorem 3.1 of [3], that  $Fbcl_\theta(P) = \bigwedge \{Q : P < Q \text{ and } Q \in FB_\theta-C(X)\}$ .

Similarly, the fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -interior can be defined as  $Fbint_\theta(P) = \bigvee \{Q : Q < P \text{ and } Q \in FB_\theta-O(X)\}$ .

The notion of fuzzy quasi-neighbourhood of a fuzzy point was defined by Ming and Ming [4] in the following manner:

A fuzzy subset  $P$  of a FTS  $X$  is called fuzzy-quasi neighbourhood of a fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  if there exists a fuzzy open set  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $(a_\alpha)_q Q \leq P$ .

Analogously, we can define the notion of fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -neighbourhood and fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -quasi neighbourhood as given below:

A fuzzy subset  $P$  in a FTS  $X$  is called

(i) fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -neighbourhood (in short  $F(b, \theta)$ -nbd) of a fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  if there exists a fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open set  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha \in Q \leq P$ .

(ii) fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -quasi neighbourhood (in short,  $F(b, \theta)$ -q-nbd) of a fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  if there exists a fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open set  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $(a_\alpha)_q Q \leq P$ .

Here, we can denote the set of all  $F(b, \theta)$ -nbds (respectively,  $F(b, \theta)$ -q-nbds) of  $a_\alpha$  by  $FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  (respectively,  $FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ ).

One can easily verify that

(i) A fuzzy set  $P$  is fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open if and only if for every fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  such that  $(a_\alpha)_q P$ ,  $P \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ . This is because of  $(a_\alpha)_q P \leq P$ .

(ii) For a fuzzy set  $P$  and for a fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  in  $X$ ,  $a_\alpha \in Fbcl_\theta(P)$  if and only if for every  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ , we have  $Q_q P$ .

## 2. Fuzzy $(b, \theta)$ -separation axioms

In this section, we introduce a few definitions and related theorems.

**Definition 2.1.** A FTS  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ - $T_0$  (in short  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_0$ ) if for every pair  $(a_\alpha, b_\beta)$  of fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha \neq b_\beta$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) when  $a \neq b$ , then either  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_\beta$  or  $Q \in FB_\theta N(b_\beta)$  such that  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_\alpha$ ,

(ii) when  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), then there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  such that  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_\alpha$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** A FTS  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_0$  if and only if for every pair  $(a_\alpha, b_\beta)$  of fuzzy points such that  $a_\alpha \neq b_\beta$ , either  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta)$  or  $b_\beta \notin Fbcl_\theta(a_\alpha)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_0$ -space and  $(a_\alpha, b_\beta)$  be the pair of fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha \neq b_\beta$ .

If  $a \neq b$ , then there exists a  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_\beta$  or there exists a  $Q \in FB_\theta N(b_\beta)$  such that  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_\alpha$ . Suppose that there exists a  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_\beta$ . Then,  $P \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_\beta$ . Hence,  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta)$ .

Again, if  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), then there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  such that  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_\alpha$  and so, we have  $b_\beta \notin Fbcl_\theta(a_\alpha)$ .

Conversely, let  $(a_\alpha, b_\beta)$  be the pair of fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha \neq b_\beta$ . Suppose if possible,  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta)$ . If  $a \neq b$ , since  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta)$ , so  $a_\alpha \in (Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta))'$  and hence  $(Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta))'(a) = \alpha$ . Then,  $(Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta))' \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $(Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta))'_{\bar{q}} b_\beta$  since  $b_\beta \notin (Fbcl_\theta(b_\beta))'$ .

Again, if  $a = b$  and  $\alpha > \beta$ , then there exists a  $P \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  such

that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_{\beta}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A FTS  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ - $T_1$  (in short  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_1$ ) if for every pair  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\beta})$  of fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_{\alpha} \neq b_{\beta}$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) when  $a \neq b$ , then there exists  $P \in FB_{\theta}N(a_{\alpha})$  and  $Q \in FB_{\theta}N(b_{\beta})$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_{\beta}$  and  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_{\alpha}$ ,
- (ii) when  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), then there exists  $Q \in FB_{\theta}QN(b_{\beta})$  such that  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_{\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** A FTS  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_1$  if and only if every fuzzy point  $a_{\alpha}$  is fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_1$ -space and  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\beta})$  be the pair of fuzzy points in  $X$  such  $a_{\alpha} \neq b_{\beta}$ .

If  $a \neq b$ , then there exists  $P, Q \in FB_{\theta}-O(X)$  and  $P \in FB_{\theta}N(a_{\alpha})$ ,  $Q \in FB_{\theta}N(b_{\beta})$ , such that  $P_{\bar{q}} b_{\beta}$  and  $Q_{\bar{q}} a_{\alpha}$ . Then  $a_{\alpha} \in Q'$ . Since  $Q' \in FB_{\theta}-C(X)$ , so  $Fbcl_{\theta}(a_{\alpha}) \leq Q'$ , which is equivalent to  $Q_{\bar{q}}(Fbcl_{\theta}(a_{\alpha}))$ . Thus, we have  $Fbcl_{\theta}(a_{\alpha}) \leq a_{\alpha}$ . Consequently,  $a_{\alpha} = Fbcl_{\theta}(a_{\alpha})$ . Hence, every fuzzy point  $a_{\alpha}$  is fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed in  $X$ .

Again, if  $a = b$ , then proof is analogous to the above part.

Conversely, let  $a_{\alpha}$  and  $b_{\beta}$  are two fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_{\alpha} \neq b_{\beta}$ . If  $a \neq b$ , since  $a_{\alpha}$  and  $b_{\beta}$  are fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -closed in  $X$ , so  $(a_{\alpha})'$  and  $(b_{\beta})'$  are fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -open. Then, we have  $(a_{\alpha})' \in FB_{\theta}N(b_{\beta})$  and  $(b_{\beta})' \in FB_{\theta}N(a_{\alpha})$  such that  $(a_{\alpha})'_{\bar{q}} (a_{\alpha})$  and  $(b_{\beta})'_{\bar{q}} (b_{\beta})$ . Again, if  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), it is obvious that  $(a_{\alpha})' \in FB_{\theta}QN(b_{\beta})$  such that  $(a_{\alpha})'_{\bar{q}} (a_{\alpha})$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A FTS  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$  (in short  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$ ) if for every pair  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\beta})$  of fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_{\alpha} \neq b_{\beta}$ , the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) when  $a \neq b$ , then there exists  $P \in FB_{\theta}N(a_{\alpha})$  and  $Q \in FB_{\theta}N(b_{\beta})$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ .

(ii) when  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), then there exists  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  and  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** A FTS  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$  if and only if every fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  in  $X$ ,  $a_\alpha = \bigwedge \{Fbcl_\theta(Q) : Q \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)\}$  and for any  $a, b \in X$  with  $a \neq b$ , there exists a  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_1)$  such that  $b \notin (Fbcl_\theta(P))_0$ , where  $(Fbcl_\theta(P))_0$  is support of  $Fbcl_\theta(P)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$ -space and  $a_\alpha, b_\beta$  are the fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $b_\beta \neq a_\alpha$ .

If  $a \neq b$ , then there exists  $P, Q \in FB_\theta O(X)$  and  $b_\beta \in P, a_\alpha \in Q$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ . Then, we have  $Q \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  and  $P \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ . Hence,  $b_\beta \notin Fbcl_\theta(Q)$ .

Again, if  $a = b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ , then there exists  $P \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  and  $Q \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ . Then  $b_\beta \notin Fbcl_\theta(Q)$ .

Finally, for any two distinct points  $a_1, b_1 \in X$ , since  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$ , there exists  $P, Q \in FB_\theta O(X)$  such that  $a_1 \in P, b_1 \in Q$  and  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ . Then, we have  $Q'(b) = 0$  and  $P \leq Q'$ . Since,  $Q' \in FB_\theta C(X)$ ,  $Fbcl_\theta(P) \leq Q'$ . Thus, we have  $(Fbcl_\theta(P))(b) = 0$ . That is  $b \notin (Fbcl_\theta(P))_0$ .

Conversely, let  $a_\alpha$  and  $b_\beta$  be two fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $a_\alpha \neq b_\beta$ .

If  $a \neq b$ , first we suppose that atleast one of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is less than 1, say  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Then, there exists a positive real number  $\mu$  with  $0 < \alpha + \mu < 1$ . By given hypothesis, there exists  $P \in FB_\theta N(b_\beta)$  such that  $a_\mu \notin Fbcl_\theta(P)$ . Then, there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta O(X)$  such that  $(a_\mu)_q Q$  and  $Q_{\bar{q}} P$ . Since,  $(a_\mu)_q Q, Q(a) > 1 - \mu > \alpha$  and hence,  $Q \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ .

Again, if  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , by hypothesis, there exists  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_1)$  such that  $(Fbcl_\theta(P))(b_1) = 0$ . Then, we have  $Q = (Fbcl_\theta(P))' \in FB_\theta N(b_1)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ .

If  $a \neq b$  and  $\alpha < \beta$  (say), then there exists  $P \in FB_\theta N(a_\alpha)$  such that  $b_\beta \notin Fbcl_\theta(P)$ . Hence, there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(b_\beta)$  such that  $P_{\bar{q}} Q$ . Hence,  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ - $T_2$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $P, Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  in a FTS  $X$ . If  $P_{\bar{q}}Q$ , then  $Fbcl_\theta(P)_{\bar{q}}Q$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A FTS  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $(b, \theta)$ -regular (in short,  $F(b, \theta)$ -regular) if for every fuzzy point  $a_\alpha$  in  $X$  and for every  $P \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  with  $P \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ , there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  with  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  such that  $Fbcl_\theta(Q) \leq P$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a FTS. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ -regular,
- (ii) for every fuzzy point  $a_\alpha \in X$  and for every  $A \in FB_\theta\text{-}C(X)$  with  $a_\alpha \notin A$ , there exists a  $P \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  such that  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(P)$  and  $A \leq P$ ,
- (iii) for every fuzzy point  $a_\alpha \in X$  and for every  $A \in FB_\theta\text{-}C(X)$  with  $a_\alpha \notin A$ , there exist  $P, Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  such that  $P \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ ,  $A \leq Q$  and  $P_{\bar{q}}Q$ ,
- (iv) for a fuzzy subset  $U$  in  $X$  and for  $A \in FB_\theta\text{-}C(X)$  with  $U \not\leq A$ , there exist  $P, Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  such that  $U_qP$ ,  $A \leq Q$  and  $P_{\bar{q}}Q$ ,
- (v) for a fuzzy subset  $U$  in  $X$  and for  $P \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  with  $U_qP$ , there exist  $Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  such that  $U_qQ \leq Fbcl_\theta(Q) \leq P$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $a_\alpha$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and let  $A \in FB_\theta\text{-}C(X)$  such that  $a_\alpha \notin A$ . Then we have  $A' \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  and  $A' \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$ . Since  $X$  is  $F(b, \theta)$ -regular, so there exists  $Q \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  with  $Q \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  such that  $Fbcl_\theta(Q) \leq A'$ .

Let  $P = (Fbcl_\theta(Q))'$ . Then, we have  $P \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  and  $Fbint_\theta(Fbcl_\theta(Q)) \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$ .

Consequently,  $a_\alpha \notin (Fbint_\theta(Fbcl_\theta(Q)))' = (Fbcl_\theta(Fbcl_\theta(Q)))' = Fbcl_\theta(P)$ . Also,  $A \leq (Fbcl_\theta(Q))' = P$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $a_\alpha$  be fuzzy point in  $X$  and let  $A \in FB_\theta\text{-}C(X)$  such that  $a_\alpha \notin A$ . By (ii), there exists  $P \in FB_\theta\text{-}O(X)$  such that  $a_\alpha \notin Fbcl_\theta(P)$  and  $A \leq P$ . Hence,  $(Fbcl_\theta(P))' \in FB_\theta QN(a_\alpha)$  and  $(Fbcl_\theta(P))'_{\bar{q}}P$ , where

$$(Fbcl_{\theta}(P))' \in FB_{\theta}-O(X).$$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $U$  be any fuzzy set in  $X$  and let  $A \in FB_{\theta}-C(X)$  such that  $U \not\leq A$ . Then, we have at least one fuzzy point  $a_{\alpha} \in U$  such that  $a_{\alpha} \notin A$ . By (iii), there exist  $P, Q \in FB_{\theta}-O(X)$  such that  $P \in FB_{\theta}QN(a_{\alpha})$ ,  $A \leq Q$  and  $P_q Q$ . Since  $a_{\alpha} \in U$ , thus we have  $U_q P$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Let  $U$  be any fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $P \in FB_{\theta}-O(X)$ . Then,  $P' \in FB_{\theta}-C(X)$ . Now,  $U_q P \Rightarrow U \not\leq P'$ . By (iv), there exist  $Q, R \in FB_{\theta}-O(X)$  such that  $U_q Q$ ,  $P' \leq R$  and  $Q_{\bar{q}} R$ . Then, by Lemma 2.1., we have  $Fbcl_{\theta}(Q)_{\bar{q}} R$ . Hence,  $U_q Q \leq Fbcl_{\theta}(Q) \leq R' \leq P$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is obvious.

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