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# Fuzzy $rw$ -Connectedness and Fuzzy $rw$ -Disconnectedness in Fuzzy Topological Spaces

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## Abstract

*In this paper, using the concept of fuzzy  $rw$ -open set we shall define various notions of fuzzy  $rw$ -connectedness and fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnectedness in fuzzy topological spaces and some of their properties and characterizations of such spaces are also investigated.*

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Fuzzy relations were first introduced by Lofti A. Zadeh in 1971 [22]. Fuzzy sets have application in applied fields such as information [17], control [18, 19] and pattern recognition [13, 16]. This concept has been applied by many authors to several branches of mathematics particularly in the fields such as fuzzy numbers [5], fuzzy groups [20], fuzzy topological groups [7],  $L$ -fuzzy sets [9], fuzzy linear spaces [10], fuzzy algebra [12] fuzzy vector spaces [14] and fuzzy proximity space [15]. One of the applications was the study of fuzzy topological spaces [4] introduced and studied by Chang in 1968. Ever since the introducing of fuzzy topological spaces notions like fuzzy regular open [1] and

fuzzy regular semiopen [21] were extended from general topological structures.

The concept of  $rw$ -open sets and fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets was introduced and studied by Wali [21] motivated us to study on fuzzy  $rw$ -connectedness in fuzzy topological space. In this paper, using the concept of fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets. We shall defined varies notions of fuzzy  $rw$ -connectedness and  $rw$ -disconnectedness in fuzzy topological spaces and some of their properties and characterzation of such spaces and also investigated.

Throughtout the paper  $I$  will denote the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  of the real line  $R$ .  $X, Y, Z$  will be nonempty sets. The symbols  $\lambda, \mu, \gamma, \eta \dots$  are used to denote fuzzy sets and all other symbols have their usual meaning unless explicitly stated.

**Definition 1.1.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy regular open set [1] if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}\lambda) = \lambda$  and a fuzzy regular closed set if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\lambda)) = \lambda$ ,  
(iii) fuzzy regular semi open [23] if there exists fuzzy regular open set  $\sigma$  in  $X$  such that  $\sigma \leq \alpha \leq \text{cl}(\sigma)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A fts  $(X, T)$  is said to be fuzzy connected [11] if it has no proper fuzzy clopen set. Otherwise it is called fuzzy disconnected.

**Definition 1.3.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in fts  $(X, T)$  is proper if  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \neq 1$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A fts  $(X, T)$  is called fuzzy super connected [6] if it has no proper fuzzy regular open set.

**Definition 1.5.** A fts  $(X, T)$  is called fuzzy strongly connected [6] if it has no non-zero fuzzy closed sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ .

**Definition 1.6.** A fts  $(X, T)$  is said to be fuzzy extremally disconnected [2] if  $\lambda \in T$  implies  $\text{Cl}(\lambda) \in T$ .

**Definition 1.7.** A fts  $(X, T)$  is said to be fuzzy totally disconnected [2] if and only if for every pair of fuzzy points  $p, q$  with  $p \neq q$  in  $(X, T)$  there exists non-zero fuzzy open sets  $\lambda, \mu$  such that  $\lambda + \mu = 1$ ,  $\lambda$  contains  $p$  and  $\mu$  contains  $q$ . Suppose  $A \subset X$ .  $A$  is said to be a fuzzy totally disconnected subset of  $X$  if  $A$  as a fuzzy subspace of  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy totally disconnected.

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $(X, T)$  be fts and  $Y$  be an ordinary subset of  $X$ . Then  $T/Y = \{\lambda/Y : \lambda \in T\}$  is a fuzzy topology on  $Y$  and is called the induced or relative fuzzy topology. The pair  $(Y, T/Y)$  is called a fuzzy subspace [8] of  $(X, T)$ .  $(Y, T/Y)$  is called fuzzy open (fuzzy closed) subspace if the characteristic function of  $Y$  viz.,  $\chi_Y$  is fuzzy open (fuzzy closed).

**Definition 1.9.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a fuzzy regular weakly closed set (briefly,  $frw$ -closed) [21] if  $cl(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , whenever  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $\mu$  is fuzzy regular semi-open in  $X$ .

From this definition it is clear that  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow 1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed. Also we define  $\lambda_0 = \vee\{\delta \mid \delta \leq \lambda, \delta \text{ is fuzzy } rw \text{-open}\}$ ,  $\underline{\lambda} = \wedge\{\delta \mid \delta \geq \lambda, \delta \text{ is fuzzy } rw \text{-closed}\}$ .  $\lambda_0$  and  $\underline{\lambda}$  are called fuzzy  $rw$ -interior and fuzzy  $rw$ -closure of  $\lambda$  respectively. A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  which is both fuzzy  $rw$ -open and fuzzy  $rw$ -closed is called fuzzy  $rw$ -clopen.

It is easy to verify the following relations between fuzzy  $rw$ -interior and fuzzy  $rw$ -closure: (a)  $1 - \lambda_0 = \underline{(1 - \lambda)}$ , (b)  $1 - \underline{\lambda} = (1 - \lambda)_0$  where  $\lambda$  is any fuzzy set in  $(X, T)$ .

We shall denote the class of all fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets of the fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  by  $FRWO(X, T)$ .

## 2 Fuzzy $rw$ -Connectedness

**Definition 2.1.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is said to be fuzzy  $rw$ -connected if  $(X, T)$  has no proper fuzzy set  $\lambda$  which is both fuzzy  $rw$ -open and fuzzy  $rw$ -closed.

**Proposition 2.1.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has no non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$ .

**Proof.** If such  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  exist, then  $\lambda_1$  is a proper fuzzy set which is both fuzzy  $rw$ -open and fuzzy  $rw$ -closed. To prove the converse suppose that  $(X, T)$  is not fuzzy  $rw$ -connected. Then it has a proper fuzzy set  $\lambda_1$  (say) which is both fuzzy  $rw$ -open and fuzzy  $rw$ -closed. Now put  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda_1$ . Then  $\lambda_2$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -open set such that  $\lambda_2 \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has no non-zero fuzzy sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \underline{\lambda_1} + \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \underline{\lambda_2} = 1$ .

**Definition 2.2.** If  $A \subset X$ , then  $A$  is said to be fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$  when  $(A, T/A)$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected as a fuzzy subspace of  $(X, T)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $X$  and  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets in  $(X, T)$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$ . Then either  $\lambda_1/A = 1$  or  $\lambda_2/A = 1$ .

**Proof.** Follows from proposition 2.1.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $(A, T/A)$  be a fuzzy subspace of the fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  and let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set in  $A$ . Further let  $\delta$  be the fuzzy set in  $X$  defined as

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda(x) & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in X \setminus A \end{cases}$$

Then  $(\underline{\lambda})_{T/A} = (\underline{\delta})_{T/A}$  where  $(\underline{\lambda})_{T/A}$  is the fuzzy  $rw$ -closure of  $\lambda$  with respect to  $T/A$  and  $(\underline{\delta})_T$  is the fuzzy  $rw$ -closure of  $\delta$  with respect to  $T$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Fuzzy sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  are said to be fuzzy  $rw$ -separated if  $\underline{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 1$  and  $\lambda_1 + \underline{\lambda}_2 \leq 1$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\{A_k\}_{k \in \Gamma}$  be a family of fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subsets of  $(X, T)$  such that for each  $k, \ell \in \Gamma$  and  $k \neq \ell$ ,  $\chi_{A_k}$  and  $\chi_{A_\ell}$  are not fuzzy  $rw$ -separated from each other. Then  $\bigcup_{k \in \Gamma} A_k$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $Y = \bigcup_{k \in \Gamma} A_k$  is not fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ . Then there exist non zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\delta$  and  $\sigma$  in  $Y$  such that  $\delta + \sigma = 1$ . Fix  $k_0 \in \Gamma$ . Then  $A_{k_0}$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $Y$  as it is so in  $(X, T)$ . Then by Proposition 2.2., either  $\delta/A_{k_0} = 1$  or  $\sigma/A_{k_0} = 1$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that

$$\delta/A_{k_0} = 1 = \chi_{A_{k_0}}/A_{k_0} \quad (i)$$

Define two fuzzy sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  in  $X$  as follows:

$$\lambda_1(x) = \begin{cases} \delta(x) & \text{if } x \in Y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in X \setminus Y; \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_2(x) = \begin{cases} \sigma(x) & \text{if } x \in Y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in X \setminus Y. \end{cases}$$

Then by Proposition 2.3.,

$$(\underline{\delta})_{T/Y} = (\underline{\lambda}_1)_T/Y \text{ and } (\underline{\sigma})_{T/Y} = (\underline{\lambda}_2)_T/Y \quad (ii)$$

Now (i) implies that

$$\chi_{A_{k_0}} \leq \lambda_1 \text{ and so } \underline{\chi_{A_{k_0}}} \leq \underline{\lambda}_1 \quad (iii)$$

Let  $k \in \Gamma - \{k_0\}$ . Since  $A_k$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $Y$  either  $\delta/A_k = 1$  or  $\sigma/A_k = 1$ . We shall show that  $\chi_{A_k}/A_k \neq \sigma/A_k$ . Suppose that  $\chi_{A_k}/A_k = \sigma/A_k$ .

Then

$$\chi_{A_k} \leq \lambda_2 \text{ and hence } \underline{\chi}_{A_k} \leq \underline{\lambda}_2 \quad (iv)$$

Since  $\delta + \sigma = \underline{\delta} + \sigma = \delta + \underline{\sigma} = 1$ ,  $\lambda_1 + \underline{\lambda}_2 \leq 1$  and  $\underline{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 1$  (by (ii) and definitions of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ ). Now (iii) and (iv) imply that

$$\underline{\chi}_{A_{k_0}} + \chi_{A_k} \leq \underline{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 1 \text{ and } \chi_{A_{k_0}} + \underline{\chi}_{A_k} \leq \lambda_1 + \underline{\lambda}_2 \leq 1.$$

This gives a contradiction as  $\chi_{A_{k_0}}$  and  $\chi_{A_k}$  are not  $rw$ - separated from each other. This contradiction shows that  $\chi_{A_k/A_k} \neq \sigma/A_k$  and hence  $\chi_{A_k/A_k} = \delta/A_k$  for  $k \in \Gamma$  implies  $\delta = \chi_{A_k/Y}$ . But  $\delta + \sigma = 1$ . So  $\sigma(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in Y$ . That is  $\sigma = 0$ , which is a contradiction since  $\sigma \neq 0$ . So our assumption is wrong. Hence the proposition is proved.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\{A_k\}_{k \in \Gamma}$  be a family of fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  and  $\bigcap_{k \in \Gamma} A_k \neq \phi$ . Then  $\bigcup_{k \in \Gamma} A_k$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ .*

**Corollary 2.3.** *If  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  such that  $\chi_{A_n}$  and  $\chi_{A_{n+1}}$  are not fuzzy  $rw$ -separated from each other for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ .*

The following proposition is easy to establish.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  such that  $\chi_A \leq \chi_B \leq \underline{\chi}_A$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ , then  $B$  is also a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T)$ .*

### 3 Fuzzy Super $rw$ -Connectedness

**Definition 3.1.** *A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is called fuzzy  $rw$ -regular open set if  $\lambda = (\underline{\lambda})_0$ .*

**Definition 3.2.** *A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is called fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected if there is no proper fuzzy  $rw$ -regular open set.*

In the following proposition we give several characterizations of fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected spaces.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The following are equivalent for a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$ .*

1.  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected.
2.  $\underline{\lambda} = 1$  whenever  $\lambda$  is any non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ - open set in  $(X, T)$ .
3.  $\lambda_0 = 0$  whenever  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $rw$ -closed set in  $(X, T)$  such that  $\lambda \neq 1$ .
4.  $(X, T)$  does not have non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 1$ .
5.  $(X, T)$  does not have non-zero fuzzy sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\underline{\lambda_1} + \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \underline{\lambda_2} = 1$ .
6.  $(X, T)$  does not have fuzzy closed sets  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  such that  $\delta_1 + \delta_2 \geq 1$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A subset  $A$  of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is called fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected subset of  $(X, T)$  if it is fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected topological space as a fuzzy subspace of  $(X, T)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy topological space. If  $A \subset Y \subset X$ , then  $A$  is a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected subset of  $(X, T) \Leftrightarrow$  it is a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected subset of the fuzzy subspace  $(Y, T/Y)$  of  $(X, T)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected subset of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$ . If there exists fuzzy  $rw$ -closed sets  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  in  $X$  such that  $(\delta_1)_0 + \delta_2 = \delta_1 + (\delta_2)_0 = 1$ , then  $\delta_1/A = 1$  or  $\delta_2/A = 1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A$  is not a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected space. Then there exists fuzzy  $rw$ -closed sets  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1/A &\neq 0, \delta_2/A \neq 0, \\ \text{and } \delta_1/A + \delta_2/A &\leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

Then  $X$  is not a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected space, a contradiction.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $A \subset X$  be a fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected subset of  $X$  such that  $\chi_A$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open set in  $X$ . If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy regular  $rw$ -open set in  $(X, T)$ , then either  $\chi_A \leq \lambda$  or  $\chi_A \leq 1 - \lambda$ .

**Proof.** Follows from proposition 3.2.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $\{A_k\}_{k \in \Gamma}$  be a family of subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  such that each  $\chi_{A_k}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open . If  $\bigcap_{k \in \Gamma} A_k \neq \phi$  and each  $A_k$  is a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected subset of  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{k \in \Gamma} A_k$  is also a fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected subset of  $(X, T)$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  and  $\chi_A \leq \chi_B \leq \underline{\chi}_A$  and if  $A$  is a fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected subset of  $(X, T)$ , then so is  $B$ .*

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be any two fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected spaces. Assume  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are product related. Then  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is a fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected space.*

**Proof.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected topological spaces. Assume  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are product related. Suppose now that  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is not fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected. Then there exists  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in FRWO(X, T)$  and  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in FRWO(Y, S)$  such that

$$\lambda_1 \times \eta_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \times \eta_2 \neq 0$$

and

$$(\lambda_1 \times \eta_1)(x, y) + (\lambda_2 \times \eta_2)(x, y) \leq 1 \text{ for every } (x, y) \in X \times Y \quad (i)$$

As  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are product related  $\lambda_1 \times \eta_1$  and  $\lambda_2 \times \eta_2$  are fuzzy  $rw$ - open sets in  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$ .

Now  $\lambda_1 \times \eta_1 = P_X^{-1}(\lambda_1) \wedge P_Y^{-1}(\eta_1)$ ;  $P_X$  is the projection map of  $X \times Y$  onto  $X$  etc., So  $\min\{(\lambda_1(x), \eta_1(y))\} + \min\{(\lambda_2(x), \eta_2(y))\} \leq 1$  for every  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Now from (i) we have that for any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  either (i)  $\lambda_1(x) + \lambda_2(x) \leq 1$  or (ii)  $\lambda_1(x) + \eta_1(y) \leq 1$  or (iii)  $\eta_1(y) + \lambda_2(x) \leq 1$  or (iv)  $\eta_1(y) + \eta_2(y) \leq 1$ . Now  $\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2 \in FRWO(X, T)$  and  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \in FRWO(Y, S)$ . As  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected topological spaces, if  $\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2 \neq 0, \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \neq 0$ , then there exists  $x_1 \in X$  and  $y_1 \in Y$  such that  $(\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2)(x_1) > 1/2$  and  $(\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2)(y_1) > 1/2$ . So  $\lambda_1(x_1) > 1/2, \lambda_2(x_1) > 1/2, \eta_1(y_1) > 1/2, \eta_2(y_1) > 1/2$ . Therefore, if  $x = x_1, y = y_1$  then none of the above four possibilities will be true. If  $\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2 = 0$ , then for each  $x \in X$  either  $\lambda_1(x) = 0$  or  $\lambda_2(x) = 0$ . So for every  $x \in X, \lambda_1(x) + \lambda_2(x) \leq 1$ . Note that  $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$  as both  $\lambda_1 \times \eta_1 \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_2 \times \eta_2 \neq 0$ , which implies that  $(X, T)$  is not fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected. Similarly,  $\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 = 0$  will imply that  $(Y, S)$  is not fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected. This gives a contradiction as both  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are fuzzy super  $rw$ - connected spaces. So our assumption that  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is not fuzzy super  $rw$ -connected is wrong.

## 4 Fuzzy Strongly $rw$ -Connectedness

**Definition 4.1.** *A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is said to be fuzzy strongly  $rw$ - connected if it has no non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ - closed sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda + \mu \leq 1$ .*

If  $(X, T)$  is not fuzzy strongly  $rw$ - connected, then it is called fuzzy weakly  $rw$ -connected.

**Proposition 4.1.**  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has no non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \neq 1, \lambda_2 \neq 1$  and  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \geq 1$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $(A, T/A)$  be a fuzzy subspace of a fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected space  $(X, T)$ . Then  $A$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  for any fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  in  $(X, T), \chi_A \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  implies either  $\chi_A \leq \lambda_1$  or  $\chi_A \leq \lambda_2$ .

**Proof.** If  $A$  is not a fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected subset of  $X$ , then there exist fuzzy  $rw$ -closed sets  $f$  and  $k$  in  $X$  such that (i)  $f/A \neq 0$  (ii)  $k/A \neq 0$  and (iii)  $f/A + k/A \leq 1$ . If we put  $\lambda_1 = 1 - f$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 - k$  then  $\lambda_1/A = 1 - f/A, \lambda_2/A = 1 - k/A$ . So (i), (ii) and (iii) imply that  $\chi_A \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  but  $\chi_A \not\leq \lambda_1$  and  $\chi_A \not\leq \lambda_2$ . Conversely if there exist fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\chi_A \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  but  $\chi_A \not\leq \lambda_1$  and  $\chi_A \not\leq \lambda_2$  then  $\lambda_1/A \neq 1, \lambda_2/A \neq 1$  and  $\lambda_1/A + \lambda_2/A \geq 1$ . So  $A$  is not fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected.

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy strongly  $rw$ - connected space. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, T)$  such that  $\chi_A$  is fuzzy  $rw$ - closed in  $(X, T)$ . Then  $A$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ - connected sub set of  $(X, T)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A$  is not so. Then there exist fuzzy  $rw$ -closed sets  $f$  and  $k$  in  $X$  such that (i)  $f/A \neq 0$  (ii)  $k/A \neq 0$  and (iii)  $f/A + k/A \leq 1$ . (iii) implies that  $(f \wedge \chi_A) + (k \wedge \chi_A) \leq 1$  where by (i) and (ii)  $f \wedge \chi_A \neq 0, k \wedge \chi_A \neq 0$ . So  $X$  is not fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected, which is a contradiction.

Regarding the product of fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected spaces we prove the following.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected spaces. Assume  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are product related. Then  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is a fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected space.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected spaces such that  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are product related. We claim that  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ - connected. Suppose not. Since members of  $Frwo(X \times Y, T \times S)$  are precisely of the type (by Theorem 1.5 of [3] ) “ $\lambda \times \delta$ ” where  $\lambda \in Frwo(X, T), \delta \in Frwo(Y, S)$ , there exist non-zero fuzzy sets  $\lambda_1, \lambda_3 \in Frwo(X, T)$  and  $\lambda_2, \lambda_4 \in Frwo(Y, S)$  such that  $\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \neq 1, \lambda_3 \times \lambda_4 \neq 1$  and for every  $x \in X, y \in Y$ ,

$$\min\{\lambda_1(x), \lambda_2(y)\} + \min\{\lambda_3(x), \lambda_4(y)\} \geq 1. \quad (1)$$



Clearly  $\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_3 \in Frwo(X, T)$  and  $\lambda_2 \vee \lambda_4 \in Frwo(Y, S)$ . Given that  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected, so if  $\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_3 \neq 1$ , and  $\lambda_2 \vee \lambda_4 \neq 1$ , then there is  $x_1 \in X$  and  $y_1 \in Y$  such that  $(\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_3)(x_1) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $(\lambda_2 \vee \lambda_4)(y_1) < \frac{1}{2}$  which implies  $\lambda_1(x_1) < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_3(x_1) < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_2(y_1) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lambda_4(y_1) < \frac{1}{2}$ . So for  $x = x_1$  and  $y = y_1$ , (1) does not hold. If  $\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_3 = 1$ , then for each  $x \in X$ ,

$$\lambda_1(x) = 1 \text{ or } \lambda_3(x) = 1. \quad (2)$$

Now we show that  $\lambda_1 \neq 1$ . Suppose  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . Then  $\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \neq 1$  and  $(Y, S)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected implies that there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $\lambda_2(y_0) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Now  $\lambda_3 \times \lambda_4 \neq 1$ . So either  $\lambda_3 \neq 1$  or  $\lambda_4 \neq 1$ .

**Case 1:** If  $\lambda_3 \neq 1$ , then as  $(X, T)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected there is  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\lambda_3(x_0) < \frac{1}{2}$ . So for  $x = x_0, y = y_0$ , (1) is not true.

**Case 2:** If  $\lambda_4 \neq 1$ , then since  $\lambda_2 \neq 1$  and  $(Y, S)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected there is  $y_1 \in Y$  such that  $\lambda_2(y_1) + \lambda_4(y_1) < 1$ . So for any  $x \in X$  and  $y = y_1$ ,

$$\min\{\lambda_1(x), \lambda_2(y)\} + \min\{\lambda_3(x), \lambda_4(y)\} \leq \lambda_2(y_1) + \lambda_4(y_1) < 1.$$

This is a contradiction because of (1). Thus  $\lambda_1 = 1$  is not possible. Similarly, we can prove that  $\lambda_3 \neq 1$ . By (2)  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 \geq 1$ . So  $(X, T)$  is not fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\lambda_1 \vee \lambda_3 = 1$  is not possible. Similarly, we can show that  $\lambda_2 \vee \lambda_4 = 1$  is not possible. This proves that our assumption is wrong. Hence the proposition is proved.

**Example 4.1** The following example [6] shows that an infinite product of fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected spaces need not be fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected. Let  $X_n = [0, 1], n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $T_n = \left\{0, 1, \frac{n}{2(n+1)}\right\}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Clearly  $(X_n, T_n)$  is fuzzy strongly  $rw$ -connected for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $T$  be the product fuzzy topology on  $X = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is not strongly fuzzy  $rw$ -

connected, since  $T$  contains a member  $\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n^{-1}(\lambda_n) \neq 1$  such that  $\bigvee_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n^{-1}(\lambda_n)(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $x \in X$ , where  $\lambda_n = \frac{n}{2(n+1)}$  and  $P_n : X \rightarrow X_n$  is the projection mapping.

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be any two fuzzy topological spaces and let  $F : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be a mapping. For each  $\alpha \in I^Y$ , the fuzzy dual  $F^*$  of  $F$  is defined as  $F^*(\alpha) = \sup\{\beta \in I^X, \alpha \not\leq F(\beta)\}$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A mapping  $F$  from a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  to another fuzzy topological space  $(Y, S)$  is called fuzzy upper\* (lower\*)  $rw$ -continuous iff for every fuzzy open (closed) set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ , the set  $\mu \in I^X$  such that  $F(\mu) \leq \lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open (closed) in  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $F : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be any mapping from a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  to another fuzzy topological space  $(Y, S)$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. *For  $\lambda \in I^Y$ , the subsets  $\{A_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Gamma}$  with  $\chi_{A_\beta} = F^*(\beta)$  such that  $\beta \leq \lambda$  are fuzzy  $rw$ -connected.*
2. *For every pair of fuzzy sets  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  in  $(X \times X, T(X \times X))$ , there exists a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset  $C$  with  $\chi_C \leq \lambda_1$  or  $\chi_C \leq \lambda_2$  such that  $F(\mu) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$  for all  $\mu \geq \chi_C$ .*
3. *For every pair of fuzzy sets  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  in  $(X \times X, T(X \times X))$ , the subset  $A$  such that  $F(\chi_A) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected.*

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Let  $\lambda = F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$  and let  $\{A_\beta\}_{\beta \in \Gamma}$  be subsets with  $\chi_{A_\beta} = F^*(\beta)$  for all  $\beta \leq \lambda$ .

Let  $\mu = \bigwedge \chi_{A_\beta}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \mu \leq F^*(\beta)$  for all  $\beta \leq \lambda$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  for those  $\mu, \beta \not\leq F(\gamma)$ , for all  $\beta \leq \lambda, \gamma \leq F^*(\beta)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  for those  $\mu, F(\gamma) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  for those  $\mu, F(\mu) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \mu = \chi_A$  such that  $F(\chi_A) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$

Thus,  $\bigwedge \chi_{A_\beta} = \chi_A$  with  $F(\chi_A) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$   
 $\Rightarrow A = \bigcap A_\beta$  with  $F(\chi_A) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$ .

Hence (c) follows.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): Let  $C$  be a subset such that if  $F(\eta) \leq F(\lambda_1) \vee F(\lambda_2)$  then  $\eta \geq \chi_C$ . Clearly  $\chi_C \leq \lambda_1$  or  $\chi_C \leq \lambda_2$  and  $C$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): For any  $\lambda \in I^Y$ , let  $D$  be a subset with  $\chi_D = \bigwedge \chi_{A_\beta} = \bigwedge F^*(\beta)$  for all  $\beta \leq \lambda$  and  $\chi_D \leq \gamma_1$  or  $\chi_D \leq \gamma_2$ . Then  $\alpha \not\leq F(\gamma_1)$  for all  $\alpha \leq \lambda$  and  $\alpha \not\leq F(\gamma_2)$  for all  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ .

So  $\alpha \not\leq F(\gamma_1) \vee F(\gamma_2)$  for all  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . By hypothesis there exists a fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subset  $C$  such that  $\chi_C \leq \gamma_1$  or  $\chi_C \leq \gamma_2$  with  $F(\eta) \leq F(\gamma_1) \vee F(\gamma_2)$  for all  $\chi_C \leq \eta$ . Therefore, for any  $\alpha \leq \lambda, \alpha \not\leq F(\eta)$  we have  $\eta \leq F^*(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . Thus  $\eta \leq \bigwedge F^*(\alpha) = \chi_D$ . Hence  $\chi_C \leq \chi_D$ . Therefore,  $D$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -connected.

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $F$  be a mapping from a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  to another fuzzy topological space  $(Y, S)$ . Then*

- (a)  $F$  is fuzzy upper\* $rw$  continuous iff  $\bigwedge\{F^*(\alpha) : \alpha \leq \lambda\}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open in  $X$  for fuzzy closed set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ .
- (b)  $F$  is fuzzy lower\* $rw$  continuous iff  $\bigwedge\{F^*(\alpha) : \alpha \leq \mu\}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed in  $X$  for fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Consider  $\lambda$  is fuzzy closed in  $Y$ .  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy open in  $Y$ .  $F$  is fuzzy upper\* $rw$ -continuous  $\Leftrightarrow \mu \in I^X$  such that  $F(\mu) \leq 1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open in  $X$ .

- $\Leftrightarrow \{\mu \in I^X \text{ such that } \gamma \not\leq F(\mu)\}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open for any  $\gamma \leq \lambda$ .
- $\Leftrightarrow \bigwedge\{\mu \in I^X \text{ such that } \gamma \not\leq F(\mu), \gamma \leq \lambda\}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open.
- $\Leftrightarrow \bigwedge\{F^*(\gamma), \gamma \leq \lambda\}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open for any fuzzy closed set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ .
- (b) The proof is similar to (a).

## 5 Extremally Fuzzy $rw$ -Disconnectedness

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy topological space.  $(X, T)$  is said to be extremally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected  $\Leftrightarrow \underline{\lambda}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open for every  $\lambda \in Frwo(X, T)$ .

Using the techniques adopted in [2] we present the characterizations and properties of these spaces as follows:-

**Proposition 5.1.** For any fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $(X, T)$  is extremally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected.
- (b) For each fuzzy  $rw$ -closed set  $\lambda, \lambda_0$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed.
- (c) For each fuzzy  $rw$ -open set  $\lambda$ , we have  $\underline{\lambda} + \underline{(1 - \lambda)} = 1$ .
- (d) For every pair of fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda, \delta$  in  $(X, T)$  with  $\underline{\lambda} + \delta = 1$ , we have  $\underline{\lambda} + \underline{\delta} = 1$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy  $rw$ -closed set. We claim  $\lambda_0$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed. Now  $1 - \lambda_0 = \underline{1 - \lambda}$ . Since  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed,  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open and  $1 - \lambda_0 = \underline{(1 - \lambda)}$  and by (a) we get  $\underline{(1 - \lambda)}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open. That is  $\lambda_0$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Suppose that  $\lambda$  is any fuzzy  $rw$ -open set. Now  $1 - \underline{\lambda} = (1 - \lambda)_0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\lambda} + \underline{(1 - \lambda)} &= \underline{\lambda} + \underline{(1 - \lambda)}_0 \\ &= \underline{\lambda} + (1 - \lambda)_0 && [by(b)] \\ &= \underline{\lambda} + (1 - \underline{\lambda}) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Suppose  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  be any two fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets in  $(X, T)$  such that

$$\underline{\lambda} + \delta = 1. \quad (1)$$

Then by (c),

$$\underline{\lambda} + \underline{(1 - \lambda)} = 1 = \underline{\lambda} + \delta \Rightarrow \delta = \underline{(1 - \lambda)}.$$

But from (1)  $\delta = 1 - \underline{\lambda}$  and  $1 - \underline{\lambda} = \underline{(1 - \lambda)}$ . That is  $1 - \underline{\lambda}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -closed and so  $\underline{\delta} = 1 - \underline{\lambda}$ . That is  $\underline{\delta} + \underline{\lambda} = 1$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy  $rw$ -open set in  $(X, T)$  and put  $\delta = 1 - \underline{\lambda}$ . From the construction of  $\delta$  it follows that  $\underline{\lambda} + \delta = 1$ . Therefore by (d) we have  $\underline{\lambda} + \underline{\delta} = 1$  and hence  $\underline{\lambda}$  is fuzzy  $rw$ -open in  $(X, T)$ . That is  $(X, T)$  is extremally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected.

## 6 Totally Fuzzy $rw$ -Disconnectedness

**Definition 6.1.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is said to be totally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected  $\Leftrightarrow$  for every pair of fuzzy points  $p, q$  in  $X$ , there exist non-zero fuzzy  $rw$ -open sets  $\lambda, \delta$  such that  $\lambda + \delta = 1$ ,  $\lambda$  contains  $p$  and  $\delta$  contains  $q$ . Suppose  $A \subset X$ .  $A$  is said to be totally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected subset of  $X$  if  $(A, T/A)$  as a fuzzy subspace of  $(X, T)$  is totally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected.

**Proposition 6.1.** The maximal fuzzy  $rw$ -connected subsets of a totally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected space  $(X, T)$  are singleton sets.

**Proof.** Let  $(Y, T/Y)$  be a subspace of  $(X, T)$ . It suffices to show that  $(Y, T/Y)$  is totally fuzzy  $rw$ -disconnected whenever it contains more than one point. Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points in  $Y$ . Define

$$p : Y \rightarrow I \text{ as } p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & x = x_1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$q : Y \rightarrow I \text{ as } q(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & x = x_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct fuzzy points in  $Y$ .

Also define

$$p^\# : X \rightarrow I \text{ as } p^\#(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & x = x_1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$q^\# : X \rightarrow I \text{ as } q^\#(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & x = x_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $p^\#$  and  $q^\#$  are two distinct fuzzy points in  $X$  such that  $p^\#/Y = p$  and  $q^\#/Y = q$ . Since  $(X, T)$  is totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected space there exists non-zero fuzzy *rw*-open sets  $\lambda, \delta$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $\lambda$  contains  $p^\#, \delta$  contains  $q^\#$  and  $\lambda + \delta = 1$ . Then  $\lambda_1 = \lambda/Y, \delta_1 = \delta/Y$  are non-zero fuzzy *rw*-open sets in  $(Y, T/Y)$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \delta_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_1$  contains  $p$  and  $\delta_1$  contains  $q$ . This shows that  $(Y, T/Y)$  is totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected.

**Proposition 6.2.** *Every fuzzy subspace of a totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected space is totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected.*

**Proposition 6.3.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be a fuzzy *rw*-open  $\mathbf{T}_1$ -space. If  $(X, T)$  has a base whose members are fuzzy *rw*-clopen, then  $(X, T)$  is totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected.*

**Proposition 6.4.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be fuzzy *rw*-open compact and fuzzy *rw*-open  $\mathbf{T}_1$ -space. Then  $(X, T)$  is totally fuzzy *rw*-disconnected  $\Leftrightarrow (X, T)$  has a base whose members are fuzzy *rw*-clopen.*

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