

**$s^*$ -CLOSURE OPERATOR AND  
 $s^*$ -REGULARITY IN FUZZY SETTING**

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**Abstract:** In this paper a new type of fuzzy regularity, viz. fuzzy  $s^*$ -regularity has been introduced and studied by introducing a newly defined closure operator, viz.,  $s^*$ -closure operator. Also we have found the mutual relationship among other closure operators defined earlier. In Section 4, it has been shown that  $s^*$ -closure operator is an idempotent operator in fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular space and in the last section some characterizations of  $s^*$ -closure operator have been done via fuzzy net.

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**1. Introduction**

Throughout the paper, by  $(X, \tau)$  or simply by  $X$  we mean a fuzzy topological space (fts, for short) in the sense of Chang [5]. The support of a fuzzy set [9]  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\text{supp}A$  [8] and is defined by  $\text{supp}A = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$ . A fuzzy point [8] with the singleton support  $x \in X$  and the value  $t$  ( $0 < t \leq 1$ ) at  $x$  will be denoted by  $x_t$ .  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  are the constant fuzzy sets taking values

0 and 1 in  $X$  respectively. The complement [9] of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  will be denoted by  $1_X \setminus A$  [9] and is defined by  $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . For two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ , we write  $A \leq B$  if and only if  $A(x) \leq B(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ , and  $AqB$  means  $A$  is quasi-coincident (q-coincident, for short) with  $B$  [8] if  $A(x) + B(x) > 1$ , for some  $x \in X$ . The negation of these two statements will be denoted by  $A \not\leq B$  and  $A \not q B$  respectively.  $clA$  and  $intA$  of a fuzzy set [9]  $A$  in  $X$  respectively stand for the fuzzy closure [5] and fuzzy interior [5] of  $A$  in  $X$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called fuzzy semiopen [1] (resp.  $\beta$ -open [6],  $\alpha$ -open [4]) if  $A \leq clintA$  (resp.,  $A \leq clintclA$ ,  $A \leq intclintA$ ). The complement of a fuzzy semiopen (resp.  $\beta$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open) set is called a fuzzy semiclosed [1] (resp.  $\beta$ -closed [6],  $\alpha$ -closed [4]) set. The smallest fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed (resp.,  $\alpha$ -closed) set containing a fuzzy set  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure (resp.  $\alpha$ -closure) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\beta clA$  [6] (resp.,  $\alpha clA$  [4]), i.e.,  $\beta clA = \bigwedge \{U : A \leq U \text{ and } U \text{ is fuzzy } \beta\text{-closed}\}$  (resp.,  $\alpha clA = \bigwedge \{U : A \leq U \text{ and } U \text{ is fuzzy } \alpha\text{-closed}\}$ ). A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed (resp.,  $\alpha$ -closed) if  $A = \beta clA$  [6] (resp.,  $A = \alpha clA$  [4]). A fuzzy set  $B$  is called a quasi neighbourhood (q-nbd, for short) of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  if there is a fuzzy open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $AqU \leq B$ . If, in addition,  $B$  is fuzzy open (resp. semiopen,  $\beta$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open) then  $B$  is called a fuzzy open (resp., semi-,  $\beta$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open) q-nbd of  $A$ . In particular, a fuzzy set  $B$  in  $X$  is a fuzzy open (resp. semi-,  $\beta$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open) q-nbd of a fuzzy point  $x_t$  in  $X$  if  $x_t q U \leq B$ , for some fuzzy open (resp., semiopen,  $\beta$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open) set  $U$  in  $X$ .

## 2. Fuzzy $s^*$ -Closure Operator: Some Properties

In this section fuzzy  $s^*$ -closure operator has been introduced and studied.

Let us recall a definition from [1] for ready reference.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set and  $x_t$ , a fuzzy point in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $x_t$  is called a fuzzy semi-cluster point of  $A$  if every semi-q-nbd of  $x_t$  is q-coincident with  $A$ .

The union of all fuzzy semi-cluster points of  $A$  is called the fuzzy semiclosure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $sclA$ .

A fuzzy set  $A$  is semiclosed if  $A = sclA$ .

The union of all fuzzy semiopen sets contained in a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called fuzzy semi interior of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $sintA$ .

A fuzzy set  $A$  is semiopen if  $A = sintA$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if  $sclUqA$  for every fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called fuzzy  $s^*$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $[A]_s$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  is called fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed if  $A = [A]_s$  and the complement of fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $s^*$ -open.

**Theorem 1.3.** For any two fuzzy semiopen sets  $A$  and  $B$  in an fts  $X$ ,  $A \not\#B \Rightarrow sclA \not\#B$  and  $A \not\#sclB$ .

*Proof.* If possible, let  $sclA \#B$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $sclA(x) + B(x) > 1$ . Let  $sclA(x) = t$ . Then  $B(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow x_t \#B$  and  $x_t \in sclA$ . By Definition 1.1,  $B \#A$ , a contradiction.

Similarly, we can prove that  $A \not\#sclB$ .

**Note 1.4.** Definition 1.1 and Definition 1.2 together imply that  $sclA \leq [A]_s$ , for any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$ . The sign of equality may not be true, in general, can be shown from the following example.

**Example 1.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5$ ,  $A(b) = 0.45$ ;  $B(a) = 0.7$ ,  $B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. The collection of all fuzzy semiopen sets is of the form  $\{0_X, 1_X, U, V\}$  where  $U(a) = 0.5$ ,  $0.45 \leq U(b) \leq 0.55$ ,  $V \geq B$ . Consider the fuzzy point  $b_{0.41}$  and the fuzzy set  $C$  where  $C(a) = 0.3$ ,  $C(b) = 0.4$ . Then the fuzzy set  $W$  where  $W(a) = 0.7$ ,  $W(b) = 0.6$  is a fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $b_{0.41}$  and  $W \not\#C$ . But any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $b_{0.41}$  is of the form  $V$  and  $sclV = 1_X \#C$ . Hence  $b_{0.41} \in [C]_s$  but  $b_{0.41} \notin sclC$ .

The following theorem shows that under which condition, the two closure operators  $scl$  and  $s^*$  coincide.

**Theorem 1.6.** For a fuzzy semiopen set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $[A]_s = sclA$ .

*Proof.* By Note 1.4, it suffices to show that  $[A]_s \leq sclA$ , for any fuzzy semiopen set  $A$  in  $X$ .

Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  such that  $x_t \notin sclA$ . Then there exists a fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$  such that  $V \not\#A$ . Then  $V(y) + A(y) \leq 1$ , for all  $y \in X \Rightarrow V(y) \leq 1 - A(y)$ , for all  $y \in X \Rightarrow sclV \leq scl(1_X \setminus A) = 1_X \setminus A$  (since  $1_X \setminus A$  is fuzzy semiclosed in  $X$ ). Thus  $sclV \not\#A$  and consequently,  $x_t \notin [A]_s$ . Hence  $[A]_s \leq sclA$  for a fuzzy semiopen set  $A$  in  $X$ .

We now characterize fuzzy  $s^*$ -closure operator of a fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.7.** For any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $[A]_s = \bigcap \{[U]_s : U \text{ is fuzzy semiopen in } X \text{ and } A \leq U\}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, L.H.S.  $\leq$  R.H.S.

If possible, let  $x_t \in \text{R.H.S}$ , but  $x_t \notin \text{L.H.S}$ . Then there exists a fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$  such that  $sclV \not q A$  and so  $A \leq 1_X \setminus sclV$  and  $1_X \setminus sclV$  being fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$  containing  $A$ , by our assumption,  $x_t \in [1_X \setminus sclV]_s$ . But  $sclV \not q (1_X \setminus sclV)$  and so  $x_t \notin [1_X \setminus sclV]_s$ , a contradiction. This completes the proof.

**Remark 1.8.** Theorem 1.6 and Theorem 1.7 together imply that  $[A]_s$  is fuzzy semiclosed in  $X$  for a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** In an fts  $(X, \tau)$ , the following hold:

- (a) the fuzzy sets  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  are fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed sets in  $X$ ,
- (b) for two fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $X$ , if  $A \leq B$ , then  $[A]_s \leq [B]_s$ ,
- (c) the intersection of any two fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed sets in  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (a) and (b) are obvious.

(c) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed sets in  $X$ . Then  $A = [A]_s$  and  $B = [B]_s$ . Now  $A \wedge B \leq A$ ,  $A \wedge B \leq B$ . Then by (b),  $[A \wedge B]_s \leq [A]_s$  and  $[A \wedge B]_s \leq [B]_s$ . Therefore,  $[A \wedge B]_s \leq [A]_s \wedge [B]_s = A \wedge B$ .

Conversely, let  $x_t \in A \wedge B$ . Then  $x_t \in A = [A]_s$  and  $x_t \in B = [B]_s$ . Then  $A(x) \geq t, B(x) \geq t$ , i.e.,  $(A \wedge B)(x) = \min\{A(x), B(x)\} \geq t$ . Now for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$ ,  $sclV q A, sclV q B$ . Then  $V(x) + t > 1$ . Therefore,  $sclV(x) + (A \wedge B)(x) > 1 - t + t = 1$ . Therefore,  $sclV q (A \wedge B)$  for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$  and hence  $x_t \in [A \wedge B]_s$ . Consequently,  $[A]_s \wedge [B]_s \leq [A \wedge B]_s$ .

**Remark 1.10.** In fact, the intersection of any collection of fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed sets is fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed. Since the intersection of two fuzzy semiopen sets is known to be fuzzy semiopen, so the union of two fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed sets is fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed.

**Corollary 1.11.** The fuzzy  $s^*$ -open sets in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  form a base for a fuzzy topology  $\tau_{s^*}$  (say) which is coarser than fuzzy topology  $\tau$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Result 1.12.** We conclude that  $x_t \in [y_{t'}]_s$  does not imply  $y_{t'} \in [x_t]_s$  where  $x_t, y_{t'} (0 < t, t' < 1)$  are fuzzy points in  $X$  as shown from the following example.

**Example 1.13.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, B(a) = 0.7, B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Here fuzzy semiopen sets are  $0_X, 1_X, U, V$  where  $U(a) = 0.5, 0.4 \leq U(b) \leq 0.6$  and  $V \geq B$ . Then fuzzy semiclosed sets are  $0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus U, 1_X \setminus V$  where  $(1_X \setminus U)(a) =$

$0.5, 0.4 \leq (1_X \setminus U)(b) \leq 0.6$  and  $1_X \setminus V \leq 1_X \setminus B$ . Consider the fuzzy points  $a_{0.1}$  and  $b_{0.61}$ . We claim that  $a_{0.1} \in [b_{0.61}]_s$ . Indeed, any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $a_{0.1}$  is of the form  $V(a) > 0.9, V(b) \geq 0.5$ . So  $sclV = 1_X q b_{0.61}$ . But  $b_{0.61} \notin [a_{0.1}]_s$ , as  $A$  is a fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $b_{0.61}$  but  $sclA = A \not\leq a_{0.1}$ .

### 3. $s^*$ -Closure Operator: Mutual Relationship with other Closure Operators

In this section we have found some mutual relationship of  $s^*$ -closure operator among other closure operators, viz.,  $\alpha^*$ -closure operator,  $\beta^*$ -closure operator,  $\theta$ -closure operator.

We recall some definitions for ready references.

**Definition 2.1.** (see [2]) A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if  $\beta clUqA$  for every fuzzy  $\beta$ -open q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $[A]_\beta$ .  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closed if  $A = [A]_\beta$  and the complement of fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -open.

**Result 2.2.**  $[A]_\beta \leq [A]_s$ , for any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_t \in [A]_\beta$ . Then for any fuzzy  $\beta$ -open q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$ ,  $\beta clVqA$ . Let  $W$  be a fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $x_t$ . Since fuzzy semiopen sets are fuzzy  $\beta$ -open,  $W$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open q-nbd of  $x_t$ . As a result,  $\beta clWqA$ . Again,  $\beta clW \leq sclW, sclWqA$ . Consequently,  $x_t \in [A]_s$ .

**Remark 2.3.** It is clear from the following example that  $[A]_\beta \neq [A]_s$ , for any fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$ , in general.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.7$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. The collection of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, U\}$  where  $U \not\leq 1_X \setminus A$  and the collection of fuzzy semiopen sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, V\}$  where  $V \geq A$ . The collection of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus U\}$  and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus V\}$  where  $1_X \setminus V \leq 1_X \setminus A$ .

Consider the fuzzy set  $C$  given by  $C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.6$  and the fuzzy point  $a_{0.6}$ . Clearly  $a_{0.6} \notin [C]_\beta$  as  $a_{0.6}qU$ , where  $U(a) = 0.41, U(b) = 0.31$ , but  $\beta clU = U \not\leq C$ . Now fuzzy semi-q-nbds of  $a_{0.6}$  are of the form  $W$  where  $W(a) > 0.4, W(b) \geq 0.7$  and  $sclW = 1_X q C$  and so  $a_{0.6} \in [C]_s$ .

**Definition 2.5.** (see [3]) A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $X$  is called a fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  if  $\alpha clUqA$  for every fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $[A]_{\alpha}$ .  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -closed if  $A = [A]_{\alpha}$  and the complement of fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $\alpha^*$ -open.

**Remark 2.6.** It is clear from definitions that fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open sets are fuzzy semiopen and as a result,  $[A]_s \leq [A]_{\alpha}$ . But the converse is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.45$ ,  $A(b) = 0.4$ ,  $B(a) = 0.6$ ,  $B(b) = 0.5$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Let  $V$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $V(a) = V(b) = 0.4$ . Then  $a_{0.5} \in [V]_{\alpha}$ . In fact, fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open sets are  $0_X, 1_X, A, U$  where  $U \geq B$  and fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed sets are  $0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus U$  where  $1_X \setminus U \leq 1_X \setminus B$ . Any fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open q-nbd of  $a_{0.5}$  is of the form  $U$  and  $\alpha clU = 1_X qV$ . Now fuzzy semiopen sets are  $0_X, 1_X, C, D$  where  $0.45 \leq C(a) \leq 0.55$ ,  $0.4 \leq C(b) \leq 0.6$ ,  $D \geq B$  and fuzzy semiclosed sets are  $0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus C, 1_X \setminus D$  where  $1_X \setminus D \leq 1_X \setminus B$ . Now  $E(a) = 0.51$ ,  $E(b) = 0.4$  is a fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $a_{0.5}$ , but  $sclE = E \not\leq V$  and so  $a_{0.5} \notin [V]_s$ .

The following two examples show that  $s^*$ -closure operator and closure operator are independent notions.

**Example 2.8.** Consider Example 2.7 and consider a fuzzy set  $V$  where  $V(a) = 0.4$ ,  $V(b) = 0.6$ . Then  $clV = 1_X \setminus A$  and so  $a_{0.5} \in clV$ , but  $a_{0.5} \notin [V]_s$  as  $E(a) = 0.51$ ,  $E(b) = 0.4$  is a fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $a_{0.5}$ , but  $sclE = E \not\leq V$ .

**Example 2.9.** Consider Example 1.13. Consider the fuzzy point  $a_{0.4}$  and the fuzzy set  $W$  given by  $W(a) = 0.1$ ,  $W(b) = 0.4$ . Here  $B$  is a fuzzy open q-nbd of  $a_{0.4}$  but  $B \not\leq W$  and so  $a_{0.4} \in clW$ . Again any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $a_{0.4}$  is of the form  $V$  where  $V \geq B$ . Then  $sclV = 1_X qW$  and so  $a_{0.4} \in [W]_s$ .

**Definition 2.10.** (see [7]) Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set and  $x_t$ , a fuzzy point in an fts  $X$ .  $x_t$  is said to be a fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster point of  $A$  if fuzzy closure of every fuzzy open q-nbd of  $x_t$  is q-coincident with  $A$ .

The union of all fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the fuzzy  $\theta$ -closure of  $A$ , to be denoted by  $[A]_{\theta}$ .  $A$  is called fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed if  $A = [A]_{\theta}$  and the complement of a fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $\theta$ -open.

**Note 2.11.** It is clear from definitions that  $[A]_s \leq [A]_{\theta}$ , for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ . But the converse may not be true, as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.12.** Consider Example 2.7. Consider the fuzzy point  $a_{0.5}$  and the fuzzy set  $V$  given by  $V(a) = V(b) = 0.4$ . It has been shown that  $a_{0.5} \notin [V]_s$ . We claim that  $a_{0.5} \in [V]_{\theta}$ . Indeed, other than  $1_X$ ,  $B$  is the only fuzzy open q-nbd of  $a_{0.5}$  such that  $clB = 1_X qV$ .

### 4. Fuzzy $s^*$ -Regular Space: Some Characterizations

In this section a new type of fuzzy regularity has been introduced and studied and shown that in this space  $s^*$ -closure operator and semi-closure operator coincide.

**Definition 3.1.** An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular if for each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ , there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x_tqV \leq sclV \leq U$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** For an fts  $(X, \tau)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular space.
- (b) For any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $[A]_s = sclA$ ,
- (c) For each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each fuzzy semiclosed set  $F$  with  $x_t \notin F$ , there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  such that  $x_t \notin sclU$  and  $F \leq U$ .
- (d) For each fuzzy point  $x_t$  and each fuzzy semiclosed set  $F$  such that  $x_t \notin F$ , there exist fuzzy semiopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x_tqU, F \leq V$  and  $U \not\leq V$ .
- (e) For any fuzzy set  $A$  and any fuzzy semiclosed set  $F$  with  $A \not\leq F$ , there exist fuzzy semiopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $AqU, F \leq V$  and  $U \not\leq V$ .
- (f) For any fuzzy set  $A$  and any fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  with  $AqU$ , there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $V$  such that  $AqV \leq sclV \leq U$ .

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): By Note 1.4, it suffices to show that  $[A]_s \leq sclA$ , for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .

Let  $x_t \in [A]_s$  and  $V$  be any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $x_t$ . By (a), there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $W$  such that  $x_tqW \leq sclW \leq V$ . Since  $x_t \in [A]_s$ ,  $sclWqA$  and so  $VqA$ . Consequently,  $x_t \in sclA \Rightarrow [A]_s \leq sclA$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $U$  be any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $x_t$ . Then  $U(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow x_t \notin (1_X \setminus U) = scl(1_X \setminus U) = [1_X \setminus U]_s$  (by (b)). Then there exists a fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $V$  of  $x_t$  such that  $sclV \not\leq (1_X \setminus U) \Rightarrow sclV \leq U$ . Then  $x_tqV \leq sclV \leq U \Rightarrow X$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $F$ , a fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  with  $x_t \notin F$ . Then  $F(x) < t \Rightarrow 1 - F(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow x_tq(1_X \setminus F)$ . By (a), there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $W$  such that  $x_tqW \leq sclW \leq 1_X \setminus F$ . Therefore,  $F \leq 1_X \setminus sclW = U$  (say) which is fuzzy semiopen. Now  $x_tqW \Rightarrow x_tqsintW \leq W \leq sint(sclW) \Rightarrow x_tqsint(sclW) \Rightarrow (sint(sclW))(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow$

$1 - (sint(sclW))(x) < t \Rightarrow x_t \notin 1_X \setminus (sint(sclW)) \Rightarrow x_t \notin scl(1_X \setminus sclW) \Rightarrow x_t \notin sclU$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $F$ , a fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  with  $x_t \notin F$ . By (c), there exists a fuzzy semiopen set  $U$  such that  $x_t \notin sclU$  and  $F \leq U$ , Now  $x_t \notin sclU \Rightarrow$  there exists a fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $W$  of  $x_t$  such that  $W \not q U$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e): Let  $A$  be any fuzzy set and  $F$ , any fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  with  $A \not\leq F$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $A(x) > F(x)$ . Let  $A(x) = t$ . Then  $x_t \notin F$ . By (d), there exist fuzzy semiopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x_t q U, F \leq V$  and  $U \not q V$ . Again,  $U(x) + A(x) = U(x) + t > 1 \Rightarrow AqU$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f): Let  $A$  be any fuzzy set and  $U$ , any fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$  with  $AqU$ . Then  $A \not\leq 1_X \setminus U$  which is fuzzy semiclosed. By (e), there exist fuzzy semiopen sets  $V$  and  $W$  such that  $AqV, 1_X \setminus U \leq W$  and  $V \not q W$ . Then by Theorem 1.3,  $sclV \not q W$ . Thus  $AqV \leq sclV \leq 1_X \setminus W \leq U$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Obvious.

**Corollary 3.3.** *An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular if and only if every fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular space and  $A$ , a fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$ . Then by Theorem 3.2 (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b),  $A = sclA = [A]_s$  and hence  $A$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $A = [A]_s$  for any fuzzy semiclosed set in  $X$ . Let  $B$  be any fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $sclB = [sclB]_s$ . Then  $[B]_s \leq [sclB]_s = sclB$ . Again from Note 1.4,  $sclB \leq [B]_s$  and so  $[B]_s = sclB$  for any fuzzy set  $B$  in  $X$ . Hence by Theorem 3.2 (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a),  $X$  is fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular space.

**Remark 3.4.** In a fuzzy  $s^*$ -regular space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $[[A]_s]_s = [A]_s$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.2 (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b),  $[[A]_s]_s = [sclA]_s = scl(sclA) = sclA = [A]_s$  (by Theorem 3.2 (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)).

### 5. Fuzzy $s^*$ -Closure Operator: Some Characterizations

In this section fuzzy  $s^*$ -closure operator of a fuzzy set is characterized in terms of fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy net and its fuzzy  $s^*$ -convergence.

**Definition 4.1.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  if for every fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$  and for any  $n \in D$ , there exists  $m \in D$  with  $m \geq n$  such that  $S_m q sclU$ .



**Definition 4.2.** A fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to  $s^*$ -converge to a fuzzy point  $x_t$  if for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ , there exists  $m \in D$  such that  $S_n q s c l U$  for all  $n \geq m$  ( $n \in D$ ). This is denoted by  $S_n \xrightarrow{s^*} x_t$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** A fuzzy point  $x_t$  is a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if there exists a fuzzy subnet of  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  which  $s^*$ -converges to  $x_t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_t$  be a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ . Let  $s(Q_{x_t})$  denote the set of fuzzy semi-closures of all fuzzy semi-q-nbds of  $x_t$ . Then for any  $A \in s(Q_{x_t})$ , there exists  $n \in D$  such that  $S_n q A$ . Let  $E$  denote the set of all ordered pairs  $(n, A)$  such that  $n \in D$ ,  $A \in s(Q_{x_t})$  and  $S_n q A$ . Then  $(E, \gg)$  is a directed set, where  $(m, A) \gg (n, B)$  ( $(m, A), (n, B) \in E$ ) iff  $m \geq n$  in  $D$  and  $A \leq B$ . Then  $T : (E, \gg) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  given by  $T(m, A) = S_m$  is clearly a fuzzy subnet of  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ .

We claim that  $T \xrightarrow{s^*} x_t$ . Let  $V$  be any fuzzy semi-q-nbd of  $x_t$ . Then there exists  $n \in D$  such that  $(n, s c l V) \in E$  and so  $S_n q s c l V$ . Now for any  $(m, A) \gg (n, s c l V)$ ,  $T(m, A) = S_m q A \leq s c l V \Rightarrow T(m, A) q s c l V$ . Consequently,  $T \xrightarrow{s^*} x_t$ .

Conversely, if  $x_t$  is not a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point of the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ , then there exists a fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$  and an  $n \in D$  such that  $S_m / q s c l U$ , for all  $m \geq n$ . Then clearly, no fuzzy subnet of the net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  can  $s^*$ -converge to  $x_t$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in an fts  $(X, \tau)$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t \in [A]_s$  iff there exists a fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  in  $A$ , which  $s^*$ -converges to  $x_t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_t \in [A]_s$ . Then for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ ,  $s c l U q A$ , i.e., there exists  $y^U \in \text{supp} A$  and a real number  $s_U$  with  $0 < s_U \leq A(y^U)$  such that the fuzzy point  $y_{s_U}^U$  with support  $y^U$  and value  $s_U$  belong to  $A$  and  $y_{s_U}^U q s c l U$ . We choose and fix one such  $y_{s_U}^U$  for each  $U$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the set of all fuzzy semi-q-nbds of  $x_t$ . Then  $(\mathcal{D}, \succeq)$  is a directed set under inclusion relation, i.e.,  $B, C \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $B \succeq C$  iff  $B \leq C$ . Then  $\{y_{s_U}^U \in A : y_{s_U}^U q s c l U \text{ and } U \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is a fuzzy net in  $A$  such that it  $s^*$ -converges to  $x_t$ . Indeed, for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ , if  $V \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $V \succeq U$  (i.e.,  $V \leq U$ ), then  $y_{s_V}^V q s c l V \leq s c l U \Rightarrow y_{s_V}^V q s c l U$ .

Conversely, let  $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$  be a fuzzy net in  $A$  such that  $S_n \xrightarrow{s^*} x_t$ . Then for any fuzzy semi-q-nbd  $U$  of  $x_t$ , there exists  $m \in D$  such that  $n \geq m \Rightarrow S_n q s c l U \Rightarrow A q s c l U$  (since  $S_n \in A$ ). Hence  $x_t \in [A]_s$ .

**Remark 3.5.** It is clear that an improved version of the converse of the last theorem can be written as " $x_t \in [A]_s$  if there exists a fuzzy net in  $A$  with  $x_t$  as a fuzzy  $s^*$ -cluster point".

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