λ-α-ALMOST COMPACTNESS FOR CRISP SUBSETS IN A FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

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ABSTRACT

In this paper λ-α-almost compactness for crisp subsets of a space X is introduced by λ-shading (formerly known as α-shading [5]) where the underlying structure on X is a fuzzy topology. Taking ordinary nets and power set filterbases as basic appliances several characterizations of such subsets are obtained. Also some mutual relationships of this newly defined compactness with others defined earlier have been done. Finally taking $A = X$, we get the characterizations of λ-α-almost compact space.

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INTRODUCTION

It is clear from literature that from very beginning many mathematicians have engaged themselves to introduce different types of compactness in a fuzzy topological space (henceforth to be abbreviated as fts) in the sense of Chang [4] . In 1978, Gantner, Steinlage and Warren [5] introduced a sort of α-level covering termed as α-shading and using this concept a new type of compactness, viz., α-compactness has been introduced which is a generalization of compactness in an fts. In this paper throughout we use the term "λ"-shading instead of α-shading given by Gantner et. al [5] for avoiding confusion of the term 'α' using in α-shading and α-open sets. Using the idea of λ-shading, in this paper we define λ-α-almost compactness in an fts.

PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper, by (X, τ) or simply by X, we mean an fts in the sense of Chang [4]. By a crisp subset A of an fts X, we always mean A is an ordinary subset of the set X, the underlying structure of the set X being a fuzzy topology τ, whereas a fuzzy set A [8] in an fts X denotes, as usual, a function from X to the closed interval $I = [0, 1]$ of the real line, i.e., $A \in I^X$. For a fuzzy set A, the closure [4] and interior [4] of A in X will standfor $cl\,A$ and $int\,A$ respectively. The support of a fuzzy set A in X will be denoted by $suppA$[8] and is defined by $suppA = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$. A fuzzy point [7] in $X$with the singleton support $\{x\} \subseteq X$and the value t (0 <t ≤ 1) at x will be denoted by x_t. 0_X and 1_X are the constant fuzzy sets taking respectively the constant values 0 and 1 on X. The complement of a fuzzy set A in X will be denoted by $1_X \setminus A$ [8], defined by $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$, for each $x \in X$. For any two fuzzy sets A and B in$X$, we write $A \leq B$ iff $A(x) \leq B(x)$, for each $x \in X$, while we write AqB to mean A is quasi-coincident (q-coincident, for short) with B [7], i.e., if there exists$x \in X$ such that $A(x) + B(x) > 1$; the negation of these two statements are written as$A \nleq B$ and $A\bar{q}B$ respectively. A fuzzy set B is called a quasi-neighbourhood (q-nbd, for short) [7] of a fuzzy set A if there is a fuzzy open set U in X such that$AqU \leq B$.

§ 1. FUZZY α-OPEN AND FUZZY α-CLOSED SETS : SOME RESULTS

Now we recall some definitions, theorem and result for ready references.

DEFINITION 1.1 [3]. A fuzzy set A in an fts X is said to be fuzzy α-open if $A \leq intclintA$. The complement of a fuzzy α-open set is called fuzzy α-closed.

DEFINITION 1.2 [3]. The union of all fuzzy α-open sets in an fts X, each contained in a fuzzy set A in X, is called the fuzzy α-interior of A and is denoted by $\alpha intA$.

A fuzzy set A is fuzzy α-open if and only if $A = \alpha intA$.

DEFINITION 1.3 [2]. A fuzzy set A in an fts X is called a fuzzy α-open q-nbd of a fuzzy point x_t in X if there exists a fuzzy α-open set V in X such that $x_t q V \leq A$.

DEFINITION 1.4 [3]. The intersection of all fuzzy α-closed sets in an fts X containing the fuzzy set A is called fuzzy α-closure of A, to be denoted by αclA.

A fuzzy set A in an fts X is fuzzy α-closed if and only if $A = \alpha clA$.

RESULT 1.5 [2]. A fuzzy point x_t in an fts X belongs to the fuzzy α-closure of a fuzzy set A in X if and only if every fuzzy α-open q-nbd of x_t is q-coincident with A.

THEOREM 1.6 [2]. For any two fuzzy α-open sets A and B in an fts X, $A\bar{q}B \Rightarrow \alpha clA\,\bar{q}B$ and $A\bar{q}\alpha clB$.

§ 2. λ-α-ALMOST COMPACTNESS : CHARACTERIZATIONS

We first recall the definition of λ-shading (formerly known as α-shading) given by Gantner et al. [5]. When this concept is applied to arbitrary crisp subsets of X we get the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let A be a crisp subset of an fts X. A collection U of fuzzy sets in X is called an λ-shading (where $0 < \lambda < 1$) of A if for each $x \in A$, there is some $U_x \in$ U such that $U_x(x) > \lambda$. If, in addition, the members of U are fuzzy open (α-open) then U is called a fuzzy open (resp. α-open) λ-shading of A.

DEFINITION 2.2. Let X be an fts and A be a crisp subset of X. A is said to be λ-compact (formerly known as α-compact [5]) (resp., λ-almost compact (formerly known as α-almost compact [6])) if for every fuzzy open λ-shading (0 <λ< 1) U of A, there is a finite (resp., finite proximate) λ-subshading of A, i.e., there is a finite subcollection U_0 of U such that $\{U : U \in U_0\}$ (resp., $\{cl\,U : U \in U_0\}$) is again an λ-shading of A. If $A = X$ in addition, then X is called a λ-compact (resp., λ-almost compact) space.

We now set the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let X be an fts and A, a crisp subset of X. A is called λ-α-almost compact if each fuzzy α-open λ-shading of A has a finite α-proximate λ-subshading, i.e., there exists a finite subcollection U_0 of U such that $\{\alpha clU : U \in U_0\}$ is again a λ-shading of A. If, in addition, $A = X$, then X is called a λ-α-almost compact space.

It follows from Definition 2.3 that

THEOREM 2.4.(a) Every finite subset of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact.

(b) If A_1 and A_2 are λ-α-almost compact subsets of an fts X, then so is $A_1 \cup A_2$.

(c) X is λ-α-almost compact if X can be written as the union of finite number of λ-α-almost compact sets in X.

As $\alpha clA \leq clA$, for any fuzzy set A in an fts X, it is clear from definition that λ-α-almost compactness imply λ-almost compactness, but not conversely. To achieve the converse we need to define some sort of regularity condition in our setting. The following definition serves our purpose.

DEFINITION 2.5. An fts X is said to be λ-α-regular, if for each point $x \in X$ and each fuzzy open set U_x in X with $U_x(x) > \lambda$, there exists a fuzzy α-open set V_x in X with $V_x(x) > \lambda$ such that $\alpha clV_x \leq U_x$.

Two other equivalent ways of defining λ-α-regularity are given by the following result.

THEOREM 2.6. For an fts X , the following are equivalent :

(a) X is λ-α-regular.

(b) For each point $x \in X$ and each fuzzy closed set F with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$, there is a fuzzy α-open set U such that $(\alpha clU)(x) < 1 - \lambda$and $F \leq U$.

(c) For each $x \in X$ and each fuzzy closed set F with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$, there exist fuzzy α-open sets U and V such that $V(x) > \lambda,\ F \leq U$ and$U\bar{q}V$.

PROOF. (a) ⇒ (b) : Let $x \in X$ and F be a fuzzy closed set with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$. Put $V = 1_X \backslash F$. Then V is a fuzzy open set and $V(x) > \lambda$. By (a), there is a fuzzy α-open set W in X with $W(x) > \lambda$ and $\alpha clW \leq V = 1_X \backslash F$. Then $F \leq 1_X \backslash \alpha clW = \alpha int\,(1_X \backslash W) = U$ (say). Then U is fuzzy α-open in X. Also, $\alpha clU = \alpha cl\big(\alpha int\,(1_X \backslash W)\big) = \alpha cl(1_X \backslash \alpha clW) = 1_X \backslash \alpha int(\alpha clW) \leq 1_X \backslash W$. Thus$(\alpha clU)(x) \leq (1_X \backslash W)(x) < 1 - \lambda$.

(b) ⇒ (a) : Let $x \in X$ and U be any fuzzy open set in X with $U(x) > \lambda$. Let $F = 1_X \backslash U$. Then F is a fuzzy closed set in X with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$. By (b), there is a fuzzy α-open set V such that $(\alpha clV)(x) < 1 - \lambda$ and $F \leq V$. So $(1_X \backslash \alpha clV)(x) > \lambda$, i.e., $W(x) > \lambda$ where $W = 1_X \backslash \alpha clV = \alpha int(1_X \backslash V)$ is a fuzzy α-open set in X. Now $\alpha clW = \alpha cl(1_X \backslash \alpha clV) = 1_X \backslash \alpha int(\alpha clV) \leq 1_X \backslash V \leq 1_X \backslash F = U$. Hence (a) follows.

(b) ⇒ (c) : For a given $x \in X$ and a fuzzy closed set F with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$, there exists (by (b)) a fuzzy α-open set U such that $(\alpha clU)(x) < 1 - \lambda$ and $F \leq U$. Then the fuzzy point $x_{1-\lambda} \notin \alpha clU$. Hence by Definition 1.4 and Result 1.5, there is a fuzzy α-open set V in X such that $x_{1-\lambda}qV$ and $V\bar{q}U$, i.e., $V(x) + 1 - \lambda > 1 \implies V(x) > \lambda$.

(c) ⇒ (b) : Let $x \in X$, and F, a fuzzy closed set in X with $F(x) < 1 - \lambda$. By (c), there exist fuzzy α-open sets U and V such that $V(x) > \lambda, F \leq U$ and $U\bar{q}V$. Now $V(x) > \lambda \implies x_{1-\lambda}qV$. Then as $U\bar{q}V$, by Theorem 1.6, $\alpha clU\bar{q}V \implies (\alpha clU)(x) \leq 1 - V(x) < 1 - \lambda$.

THEOREM 2.7. In an λ-α-regular fts X , the λ-α-almost compactness of a crisp subset A of X implies its λ-compactness (and hence λ-almost compactness).

PROOF. Let U be a fuzzy open λ-shading of aλ-α-almost compact set A in a λ-α-regular fts X. Then for each $a \in A$, there exists $U_a \in$U such that $U_a(a) > \lambda$. By λ-α-regularity of X, there is a fuzzy α-open set V_a in X with $V_a(a) > \lambda$ such that $\alpha clV_a \leq U_a$ … (1).

Let V $= \{V_a : a \in A\}$. Then V is a fuzzy α-open λ-shading of A. By λ-α-almost compactness of A, there is a finite subset A_0 of A such that V$_0$ $=\{\alpha clV_a : a \in A_0\}$ is a λ-shading of A. By (1), U$_0$ $= \{U_a : a \in A_0\}$ is then a finite λ-subshading of U . Hence A is λ-compact (and hence λ-almost compact).

THEOREM 2.8. A crisp subset A of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact iff every family of fuzzy α-open sets, the α-interiors of whose α-closures form a λ-shading of A, contains a finite subfamily, the α-closures of whose members form a λ-shading of A.

PROOF. It is sufficient to observe that for a fuzzy α-open set U, $U \leq \alpha int(\alpha clU) \leq \alpha cl\big(\alpha int(\alpha clU)\big) = \alpha clU$ (Indeed, $\alpha clU = \alpha cl(\alpha intU) \leq \alpha cl(\alpha int(\alpha clU))$).

THEOREM 2.9. A crisp subset A of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact iff for every collection $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy α-open sets with the property that for each finite subset Λ_0 of Λ, there is $x \in A$ such that $\inf_{i \in \Lambda_0} F_i(x) \geq 1-\lambda$, one has $\inf_{i \in \Lambda}(\alpha cl\, F_i)(y) \geq 1-\lambda$, for some $y \in A$.

PROOF. Let A be λ-α-almost compact, and if possible, let for a collection $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy α-open sets in X with the stated property, $(\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} \alpha cl\, F_i)(x) < 1-\lambda$, for each $x \in A$. Then $\lambda < (1_X \backslash \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} \alpha cl\, F_i)(x) = [\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda}(1_X \backslash \alpha cl\, F_i)](x)$, for each $x \in A$ which shows that $\{1_X \backslash \alpha cl\, F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ is a fuzzy α-open λ-shading of A. By λ-α-almost compactness of A, there is a finite subset Λ_0 of Λ such that $\{\alpha cl(1_X \backslash \alpha cl\, F_i) : i \in \Lambda_0\} = \{1_X \backslash \alpha int(\alpha clF_i) : i \in \Lambda_0\}$ is a λ-shading of A. Hence $\lambda < [\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda_0}(1_X \backslash \alpha int(\alpha cl\, F_i))](x) = [1_X \backslash (\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda_0} \alpha int(\alpha cl\, F_i))](x)$, for each $x \in A$. Then $(\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda_0} F_i)(x) \leq [\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda_0} \alpha int(\alpha cl\, F_i)](x) < 1-\lambda$, for each $x \in A$, which contradicts the stated property of the collection $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$.

Conversely, let under the given hypothesis, A be not λ-α-almost compact. Then there is a fuzzy α-open λ-shading U = $\{U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of A having no finite α-proximate λ-subshading, i.e., for every finite subset Λ_0 of Λ, $\{\alpha cl\, U_i : i \in \Lambda_0\}$ is not a λ-shading of A, i.e., there exists $x \in A$ such that $\sup_{i\in\Lambda_0}(\alpha cl\, U_i)(x) \le \lambda$, i.e., $1-\sup_{i\in\Lambda_0}(\alpha cl\, U_i)(x) = \inf_{i\in\Lambda_0}(1_X \setminus \alpha cl U_i)(x) \ge 1-\lambda$. Hence $\{1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ is a family of fuzzy α-open sets with the stated property. Consequently, there is some $y \in A$ such that $\inf_{i\in\Lambda}[\alpha cl\,(1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_i)](y) \ge 1-\lambda$. Then $\sup_{i\in\Lambda} U_i(y) \le \sup_{i\in\Lambda}[\alpha int(\alpha cl\, U_i)](y) = 1-\inf_{i\in\Lambda}[1_X \setminus \alpha int(\alpha cl\, U_i)](y) = 1-\inf_{i\in\Lambda}[\alpha cl\,(1_X \setminus \alpha cl U_i)](y) \le \lambda$. This shows that $\{U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ fails to be a λ-shading of A, a contradiction.

§ 3. CHARACTERIZATIONS OF λ-α-ALMOST COMPACTNESS VIA ORDINARY NETS AND POWER-SET FILTERBASES

In this section, we characterize λ-α-almost compactness of a crisp subset A of an fts X via λ-α-adherent point of ordinary nets and power-set filterbases.

Let us now introduce the following definition :

DEFINITION 3.1. Let $\{S_n : n \in (D, \ge)\}$ (where $(D, \ge)$ is a directed set) be an ordinary net in A and F be a power-set filterbase on A, and $x \in X$ be any crisp point. Then x is called an λ-α-adherent point of

(a) the net $\{S_n\}$ if for each fuzzy α-open set U in X with $U(x) > \lambda$ and for each $m \in D$, there exists $k \in D$ such that $k \ge m$ in D and $(\alpha cl\, U)(S_k) > \lambda$,

(b) the filterbase F if for each fuzzy α-open set U with $U(x) > \lambda$ and for each $F \in$F , there exists a crisp point x_F in F such that $(\alpha cl\, U)(x_F) > \lambda$.

THEOREM 3.2. A crisp subset A of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact if and only if every net in A has an λ-α-adherent point in A.

PROOF. Suppose A is λ-α-almost compact, but there is a net $\{S_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ in A ($(D,\geq)$ being a directed set, as usual) having no λ-α-adherent point in A. Then for each $x \in A$, there is a fuzzy α-open set U_x in X with $U_x(x) > \lambda$, and an $m_x \in D$ such that $(\alpha cl\, U_x)(S_n) \leq \lambda$, for all $n \geq m_x$ ($n \in D$). Now, $\mathcal{U} = \{1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_x : x \in A\}$ is a collection of fuzzy α-open sets such that for any finite subcollection $\{1_X \setminus \alpha cl U_{x_i} : i = 1, 2, \ldots, k\}$ (say) of $\mathcal{U}$, there exists $m \in D$ with $m \geq m_{x_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$ in D such that $(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k} \alpha cl\, U_{x_i})(S_n) \leq \lambda$, for all $n \geq m$ ($n \in D$), i.e., $\inf_{1\leq i\leq k} (1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_{x_i})(S_n) \geq 1 - \lambda$, for all $n \geq m$. Hence by Theorem 2.9, there exists some $y \in A$ such that $\inf_{x\in A} [\alpha cl\, (1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_x)](y) \geq 1 - \lambda$, i.e., $(\bigcup_{x\in A} U_x)(y) \leq [\bigcup_{x\in A} \alpha int\, (\alpha cl\, U_x)](y) = 1 - [1 - (\bigcup_{x\in A} (\alpha int\, (\alpha cl\, U_x))(y)] = 1 - \inf_{x\in A} [\alpha cl\, (1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, U_x)](y) \leq 1 - 1 + \lambda = \lambda$. We have, in particular, $U_y(y) \leq \lambda$, contradicting the definition of U_y. Hence the result is proved.

Conversely, let every net in A have a λ-α-adherent point in A and suppose $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ be an arbitrary collection of fuzzy α-open sets in X. Let Λ_f denote the collection of all finite subsets of Λ, then $(\Lambda_f, \geq)$ is a directed set, where for $\mu, \eta \in \Lambda_f$, $\mu \geq \eta$ iff $\mu \supseteq \eta$. For each $\mu \in \Lambda_f$, put $F_\mu = \cap\{F_i : i \in \mu\}$. Let for each $\mu \in \Lambda_f$, there be a point $x_\mu \in A$ such that $\inf_{i\in\mu} F_i(x_\mu) \geq 1 - \lambda$ …(1).

Then by Theorem 2.9, it is enough to show that $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} (\alpha cl\, F_i)(z) \geq 1 - \lambda$ for some $z \in A$. If possible, let $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} (\alpha cl\, F_i)(z) < 1 - \lambda$, for each $z \in A$ …(2).

Now, $S = \{ x_\mu : \mu \in (\Lambda_f, \geq) \}$ is clearly a net of points in A. By hypothesis, there is a λ-α-adherent point z in A of this net. By (2), $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} (\alpha cl\, F_i)(z) < 1 - \lambda \Rightarrow$ there exists $i_0 \in \Lambda$ such that $(\alpha cl\, F_{i_0})(z) < 1 - \lambda$, i.e., $(1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, F_{i_0})(z) > \lambda$. Since z is a λ-α-adherent point of S, for the index $\{i_0\} \in \Lambda_f$, there is $\mu_0 \in \Lambda_f$ with $\mu_0 \geq \{i_0\}$ (i.e., $i_0 \in \mu_0$) such that $\alpha cl\,(1_X \setminus \alpha cl\, F_{i_0})(x_{\mu_0}) >$ λ, i.e., $\alpha int\, \alpha cl\, F_{i_0}(x_{\mu_0}) < 1 - \lambda$. Since $i_0 \in \mu_0$, $\inf_{i \in \mu_0} F_i(x_{\mu_0}) \leq F_{i_0}(x_{\mu_0}) \leq \alpha int\, \alpha cl\, F_{i_0}(x_{\mu_0}) < 1 - \lambda$, which contradicts (1). This completes the proof.

THEOREM 3.3. A crisp subset A of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact if and only if every filterbase F on A has a λ-α-adherent point in A.

PROOF. Let A be λ-α-almost compact and let there exist, if possible, a filterbase F on A having no λ-α-adherent point in A. Then for each $x \in A$, there exist a fuzzy α-open set U_x with $U_x(x) > \lambda$, and an $F_x \in$F such that $(\alpha cl\, U_x)(y) \leq \lambda$, for each $y \in F_x$. Then U = $\{U_x : x \in A\}$ is a fuzzy α-open λ-shading of A. By λ-α-almost compactness of A, there are finitely many points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ in A such that U₀ = $\{\alpha cl\, U_{x_i} : i = 1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ is also a λ-shading of A. Choose $F \in$F such that $F \leq \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} F_{x_i}$. Then $(\alpha cl\, U_{x_i})(y) \leq \lambda$, for all $y \in F$ and for i = 1, 2, . . . , n. Thus U_0 fails to be a λ-shading of A, a contradiction.

Conversely, let the condition hold and suppose, if possible, $\{y_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be a net in A having no λ-α-adherent point in A ($(D, \geq)$ being a directed set, as usual). Then for $x \in A$, there are a fuzzy α-open set U_x with $U_x(x) > \lambda$ and an $m_x \in D$ such that $(\alpha cl\, U_x)(y_n) \leq \lambda$, for all $n \geq m_x$ ($n \in D$). Thus B = $\{F_x : x \in A\}$, where $F_x = \{y_n : n \geq m_x\}$ generates a filterbase F on A. By hypothesis, F has a λ-α-adherent point z (say) in A. But there are a fuzzy α-open set U_z with $U_z(z) > \lambda$ and an $m_z \in D$ such that $(\alpha cl\, U_z)(y_n) \leq \lambda$, for all $n \geq m_z$, i.e., for all $p \in F_z$ $\in$B ($\subseteq$F), $(\alpha cl\, U_z)(p) \leq \lambda$. Hence z cannot be a λ-α-adherent point of the filterbase F , a contradiction. Hence by Theorem 3.2, A is λ-α-almost compact.

DEFINITION 3.4. A family $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy sets in an fts X is said to have λ-α-interiorly finite intersection property or simply λ-α-IFIP in a subset A of X, if for each finite subset Λ_0 of Λ, there exists $x \in A$ such that $[\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda_0} \alpha int\, F_i](x) \geq 1 - \lambda$.

THEOREM 3.5. A crisp subset A of an fts X is λ-α-almost compact if and only if for every family F $= \{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy □-closed sets in X with λ-α-IFIP in A, there exists $x \in A$ such that $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} F_i(x) \geq 1 - \lambda$.

PROOF. Assuming A $(\subseteq$□$)$ to be λ-α-almost compact, let F $= \{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of fuzzy □-closed sets with λ-α-IFIP in A. If possible, let for each $x \in A$, $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} F_i(x) < 1 - \lambda$, i.e., $(\bigcap_{i\in\Lambda} F_i)(x) < 1 - \lambda$, i.e., $1 - (\bigcap_{i\in\Lambda} F_i)(x) > \lambda \Rightarrow [\bigcup_{i\in\Lambda}(1_X \setminus F_i)](x) > \lambda$. Thus, U $= \{1_□ \setminus F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ is a fuzzy □-open λ-shading of A. By λ-α-almost compactness of A, there is a finite subset Λ_0 of Λ such that $[\bigcup_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha cl\,(1_X \setminus F_i)](x) = 1 - (\bigcap_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha \operatorname{int} F_i)(x) > \lambda$, i.e., $(\bigcap_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha int\, F_i)(x) < 1 - \lambda$, for each $x \in A$, which shows that F does not have λ-α-IFIP in A, a contradiction.

Conversely, let U $= \{U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ be a fuzzy □-open λ-shading of A. Thus F $= \{1_□ \setminus U_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ is a family of fuzzy □-closed sets in □ with $\inf_{i\in\Lambda} (1_□ \setminus U_i)(x) < 1 - \lambda$, for each $x \in A$, so that F does not have λ-α-IFIP in □. Hence for some finite subset Λ_0 of Λ, we have for each $x \in A$, $[\bigcap_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha int\,(1_□ \setminus U_i)](x) < 1 - \lambda \Rightarrow 1 - (\bigcup_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha cl\, U_i)(x) < 1 - \lambda$, for each $x \in A \Rightarrow$ $(\bigcup_{i\in\Lambda_0} \alpha cl\, U_i)(x) > \lambda$, for each $x \in A \Rightarrow A$ is λ-α-almost compact.

Putting $A = X$ in the characterization theorems so far of λ-α-almost compact crisp subset A, we obtain as follows.

THEOREM 3.6. For an fts (X, τ), the following are equivalent :

(a) X is λ-α-almost compact.

(b) Every family of fuzzy □-open sets, the □-interiors of whose □-closures form an λ-shading of □, contains a finite subfamily, the □-closures of whose members form a λ-shading of □.

(d) For every collection $\{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy □-open sets in □ with the property that for each finite subset Λ_0 of Λ, there is $x \in X$ such that $\inf_{i \in \Lambda_0} F_i(x) \geq 1 - \lambda$,

one has $\inf_{i \in \Lambda} (\alpha cl\ F_i)(y) \geq 1 - \lambda$, for some $y \in X$.

(e) Every net in X has a λ-α-adherent point in X.

(f) Every filterbase on X has a λ-α-adherent point in X.

(g) For every family F $= \{F_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ of fuzzy □-closed sets in X with λ-α-IFIP in X, there exists $x \in X$ such that $\inf_{i \in \Lambda} F_i(x) \geq 1 - \lambda$.

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