

## FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL GAMES, $\alpha$ -METACOMPACTNESS AND $\alpha$ -PERFECT MAPS

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ABSTRACT. The behavior of Fuzzy Topological Games and  $\alpha$ -metacompactness under  $\alpha$ -perfect maps are studied. Also an attempt is made to bring out some close relationships between Fuzzy Topological Games and  $\alpha$ -Metacompactness.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

As a generalization of the topological game  $G(\mathbf{K}, X)$  introduced by Telgarsky [9], the author [7] introduced the fuzzy topological game  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  and studied some properties of  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$ . In this paper some nice properties such as preservation of winning strategies under various kinds of mapping such as *F-continuous*, *F-closed*, *F-open*,  *$\alpha$ -perfect* are discussed. Also the behavior of  $\alpha$ -metacompactness under the above mentioned mappings and some results connecting  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  and  $\alpha$ -metacompactness are also discussed.

### 2. FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL GAMES AND MAPPINGS

2.1 NOTATION By  $\mathbf{K}$  we denote a non-empty family of fuzzy topological spaces, where all are assumed to be  $T_1$ . That is all fuzzy singletons are fuzzy closed.  $\underline{I}^x$  denotes the family of all fuzzy closed subsets of  $X$ . Also  $X \in \mathbf{K}$  implies  $\underline{I}^x \subseteq \mathbf{K}$ .  $\mathbf{DK}(\mathbf{FK})$  denote the class of all fuzzy topological spaces which have a discrete (finite) fuzzy closed  $\alpha$ -shading by members of  $\mathbf{K}$ . (A family  $\cup$  of fuzzy sets in a fts  $X$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -shading if for each  $x \in X$ , there is a  $U \in \cup$  with  $U(x) > \alpha$  [3])

2.2 DEFINITION [7] Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a class of fuzzy topological spaces and let  $X \in \mathbf{K}$ . Then the fuzzy topological game  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  is defined as follows. There are

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two players Player I and Player II. They alternatively choose consecutive terms of the sequence  $(E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots)$  of fuzzy subsets of  $X$ . When each player chooses his term he knows  $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $X$  and their previous choices. A sequence  $(E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots)$  is a play for  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  if it satisfies the following conditions for each  $n \geq 1$ .

1.  $E_n$  is a choice of Player I
2.  $F_n$  is a choice of Player II
3.  $E_n \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}$
4.  $F_n \in \underline{I}^x$
5.  $E_n \vee F_n < F_{n-1}$  where  $F_0 = X$
6.  $E_n \wedge F_n = 0$

Player I wins the play if  $\inf_{n \geq 1} F_n = 0$ . Otherwise Player II wins the game.

2.3 DEFINITION [7] A finite sequence  $(E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots, E_m, F_m)$  is admissible if it satisfies condition (1)–(6) for each  $n \leq m$ .

2.4 DEFINITION [7] Let  $S'$  be a crisp function defined as follows

$$S' : \bigcup_{n \geq 1} (\underline{I}^x)^n \longrightarrow \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}$$

Let  $S_1 = \{X\}$ .  $S_2 = \{F \in \underline{I}^x : (S'(X), F) \text{ is admissible for } G'(\mathbf{K}, X)\}$ . Continuing like this inductively we get  $S_n = \{(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n) : (E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots, E_n, F_n) \text{ is admissible for } G'(\mathbf{K}, X) \text{ where } F_0 = X \text{ and } E_1 = S'(E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots, F_{i-1}) \text{ for each } i \leq n\}$ . Then the restriction  $S$  of  $S'$  to  $\cup_{n \geq 1} S_n$  is called a fuzzy strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$ .

2.5 DEFINITION [7] If Player I wins every play  $(E_1, F_1, E_2, F_2, \dots, E_n, F_n, \dots)$  such that  $E_n = S(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n-1})$ , then we say that  $S$  is a fuzzy winning strategy.

2.6 DEFINITION [7] A function  $S : \underline{I}^x \xrightarrow{\text{into}} \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}$  is called a fuzzy stationary strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  if  $S(F) < F$  for each  $F \in \underline{I}^x$ . We say that  $S$  is a fuzzy stationary winning strategy if he wins every play  $(S(X), F_1, S(F_1), F_2, \dots)$

2.7 RESULT [7] A function  $S : \underline{I}^x \xrightarrow{\text{into}} \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}$  is a fuzzy stationary winning strategy if and only if it satisfies

1. For each  $F \in \underline{I}^x$ ,  $S(F) < F$
2. If  $\{F_n : n \geq 1\}$  satisfies  $S(X) \wedge F_1 = 0$  and  $S(F_n) \wedge F_{n+1} = 0$  for each  $n \geq 1$  then  $\inf_{n \geq 1} F_n = 0$ .

2.8 THEOREM [7] Player I has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  if and only if he has a fuzzy stationary winning strategy in it.

2.9 DEFINITION [2] Let  $f$  be function from a fts  $(X, T)$  to a fts  $(Y, S)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $F$ -continuous if for each  $b \in S$ ,  $f^{-1}(b) \in T$  or equivalently for each closed fuzzy set  $h$  in  $(Y, S)$ ,  $f^{-1}(h)$  is closed in  $(X, T)$ .

2.10 DEFINITION [2] Let  $f$  be function from a fts  $(X, T)$  to a fts  $(Y, S)$ . Then  $f$  is  $F$ -open ( $F$ -closed) iff for each open (closed) fuzzy set  $a$  in  $(X, T)$ ,  $f(a)$  is open (closed) fuzzy set in  $(Y, S)$ .

2.11 THEOREM Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fuzzy topological spaces and  $\mathbf{K}_1$  and  $\mathbf{K}_2$  be two classes of fts such that  $X \in \mathbf{K}_1$  and  $Y \in \mathbf{K}_2$ . If  $f$  is an  $F$ -continuous function from  $X$  on to  $Y$  which maps all  $E \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_1$  to  $f(E) \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_2$  and if Player I has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ , then Player I has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ .

PROOF Let  $S$  be a fuzzy stationary winning strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ . Thus Player I wins every play of the form  $(S(X), F_1, S(F_1), \dots)$ . Now we will define a stationary winning strategy  $t$  for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ . Now consider the play  $(t(Y), P_1, t(P_1), P_2, \dots)$  where  $P_n = t(F_n)$  and  $t : \underline{I}^Y \xrightarrow{\text{into}} \underline{I}^Y \cap \mathbf{K}_2$  is defined by  $t(P_n) = f[S(F_n)]$ . Now  $t$  is a stationary winning strategy for  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } t(F_n) &= f[S(F_n)] \\ &< f(F_n) \\ &= P_n \text{ Therefore } t \text{ is a fuzzy stationary strategy.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } t(P_n) \wedge P_{n+1} &= f[S(F_n)] \wedge f(F_{n+1}) \\ &= f[S(F_n) \wedge F_{n+1}] \\ &= f(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } t(Y) \wedge P_1 &= f[S(X)] \wedge P_1 \\ &= f[S(X)] \wedge f(F_1) \\ &= f[S(X) \wedge F_1] \\ &= f(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows from Result 2.7 that  $\inf_{n \geq 1} F_n = 0$  and hence  $t$  is a stationary winning strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ .

2.12 THEOREM Let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be an  $F$ -continuous  $F$ -closed mapping such that  $f^{-1}(E) \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_1$ , whenever  $E \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_2$ . If Player I has fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ , then Player I has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ .

PROOF Let  $S$  be a fuzzy stationary winning strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ . Therefore Player I wins every play of the form  $(S(Y), F_1, S(F_1), \dots)$ . Now we will define a function  $t : \underline{I}^x \longrightarrow \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_1$  as follows. Now  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$

is  $F$ -closed and hence we take  $P_n = f^{-1}(F_n)$  where  $P_n \in \underline{I}^x$  and  $t(P_n) = f^{-1}[S(F_n)]$  for all  $P_n \in \underline{I}^x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } t(P_n) &= f^{-1}[S(F_n)] \\ &< f^{-1}(F_n) \\ &= P_n \text{ Thus } t \text{ is a fuzzy stationary strategy.} \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the play  $(t(X), P_1, t(P_1), \dots)$

$$\begin{aligned} t(P_n) \wedge P_{n+1} &= f^{-1}[S(F_n)] \wedge P_n \\ &= f^{-1}[S(F_n)] \wedge f^{-1}(F_{n+1}) \\ &= f^{-1}[S(F_n) \wedge F_{n+1}] \\ &= f^{-1}(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } t(X) \wedge P_1 &= f^{-1}[S(X)] \wedge P_1 \\ &= f^{-1}[S(X)] \wedge f^{-1}(F_1) \\ &= f^{-1}[S(X) \wedge F_1] \\ &= f^{-1}(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from Result 2.7 it follows that  $\inf P_n = 0$  and hence  $t$  is a winning strategy also. Thus  $t$  is a fuzzy winning strategy for Player I in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ . This completes the proof.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.11 and Theorem 2.12 we get the following two theorems.

**2.13 THEOREM** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two fts and let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be an  $F$ -continuous function and  $f^{-1}(E) \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_1$  whenever  $E \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_2$ . If Player II has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ , then Player II has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ .

**2.14 THEOREM** Let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be an  $F$ -continuous  $F$ -closed mapping such that  $f^{-1}(E) \in \underline{I}^Y \cap \mathbf{K}_2$  whenever  $E \in \underline{I}^x \cap \mathbf{K}_1$ . If Player II has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_2, Y)$ , then Player II has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}_1, X)$ .

**2.15 DEFINITION [5]** Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ). An  $F$ -closed  $F$ -continuous function  $f$  from a fts  $X$  to a fts  $Y$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -perfect (resp  $\alpha^*$ -perfect) if and only if  $f^{-1}(y)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact (resp  $\alpha^*$ -compact) for each  $y \in Y$ . (See [3])

2.16 DEFINITION A class  $\mathbf{K}$  of fuzzy topological spaces is said to be  $\alpha$ -perfect if  $X \in \mathbf{K}$  is equivalent to  $Y \in \mathbf{K}$ , provided that there exists an  $\alpha$ -perfect map from  $X$  onto  $Y$ .

From Theorems 2.11, 2.12, 2.13 and 2.14 the next theorem follows immediately.

2.17 THEOREM Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be an  $\alpha$ -perfect class of fts. If there is an  $\alpha$ -perfect map from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Then

1. If Player I has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$  then he has the same in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, Y)$ .
2. If Player II has a fuzzy winning strategy in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, X)$ , then he has the same in  $G'(\mathbf{K}, Y)$ .

### 3. METACOMPACTNESS AND MAPPINGS

An approach to fuzzy paracompactness using the concept of  $\alpha$ -shading was introduced by Malghan and Benchalli [4]. The author [6] extended this concept to metacompact spaces and characterization for the same was also obtained.

3.1 DEFINITION [4] A family  $\{a_s : s \in S\}$  of fuzzy sets in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is said to be locally finite if for each  $x$  in  $X$  there exists an open fuzzy set  $g$  with  $g(x) = 1$  such that  $a_s \leq 1 - g$  holds for all but atmost finitely many  $s$  in  $S$ .

3.2 DEFINITION [4] A family  $\{a_s : s \in S\}$  of fuzzy sets in a fts  $(X, T)$  is said to be point finite if for each  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $a_s(x) = 0$  for all but atmost finitely many  $s$  in  $S$  (or equivalently as  $a_s(x) > 0$  for atmost finitely many  $s$  in  $S$ ).

3.3 DEFINITION [3] Let  $(X, T)$  be a fts and  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . A collection  $\cup$  of fuzzy sets is called an  $\alpha$ -shading (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) of  $X$  if for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $g \in \cup$  with  $g(x) > \alpha$  (resp.  $g(x) \geq \alpha$ ).

3.4 DEFINITION [4] Let  $(X, T)$  be a fts and  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\cup$  and  $\vee$  be any two  $\alpha$ -shadings (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) of  $X$ . Then  $\cup$  is a refinement of  $\vee$  ( $\cup < \vee$ ) if for each  $g \in \cup$  there is an  $h \in \vee$  such that  $g \leq h$ .

3.5 DEFINITION [4] A fts  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -paracompact (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -paracompact) if each  $\alpha$ -shading (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets has a locally finite  $\alpha$ -shading (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) refinement by open fuzzy sets.

3.6 DEFINITION [6] A fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -metacompact (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -metacompact) if each  $\alpha$ -shading (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets has a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading (resp.  $\alpha^*$ -shading) refinement by open fuzzy sets.

3.7 DEFINITION [8] A collection  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  of fuzzy subsets of a fts  $X$  is said to be closure preserving if for each  $J \subseteq I$ ,  $cl_X[\vee A_i : i \in J] = \vee[cl_X A_i : i \in J]$

**3.8 RESULT** Let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be an  $F$ -closed  $F$ -continuous mapping, where  $X$  and  $Y$  are fts. If  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a closure preserving family of fuzzy sets in  $X$  then so is  $\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ .

**PROOF** Since  $f$  is  $F$ -continuous, it follows clearly that  $f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) \leq \text{cl } f(U_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Now we have  $U_\alpha \leq \text{cl } U_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Therefore  $f(U_\alpha) \leq f(\text{cl } U_\alpha)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{That is } \text{cl}[f(U_\alpha)] &\leq \text{cl}[f(\text{cl } U_\alpha)]. \\ &= f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) \text{ since } f \text{ is } F\text{-closed} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get  $\text{cl } [f(U_\alpha)] = f(\text{cl } U_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

Now for any collection  $\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ , clearly we have

$$\bigvee_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{cl } [f(U_\alpha)] \leq \text{cl}[\bigvee\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } f(U_\alpha) &\leq \text{cl } [f(U_\alpha)] \\ &= f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have  $\bigvee\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \leq \bigvee\{f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{That is, } \text{cl}[\bigvee\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}] &\leq \text{cl}[\bigvee\{f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}] \\ &= \text{cl } [f[\bigvee\{\text{cl } U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}]] \\ &= \text{cl } [f(\text{cl}[\bigvee\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}])] \text{ since } \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \text{ is closure preserving} \\ &= f(\text{cl } [\bigvee\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}]) \text{ since } F \text{ is } F\text{-closed} \\ &= f(\bigvee\{\text{cl } U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}) \\ &= \bigvee\{f(\text{cl } U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \\ &= \bigvee\{\text{cl } [f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda]\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get,  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{cl}[f(U_\alpha)] \geq \text{cl } [\bigvee\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}]$

And hence we have  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{cl}[f(U_\alpha)] = \text{cl } [\bigvee\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}]$ . This completes the proof.

**3.9 RESULT.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fts and let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be finite to one. If  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a point finite collection of fuzzy sets in  $X$ , then  $\{f(u_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is also a point finite collection in  $Y$ .

**PROOF** Given that  $f$  is onto and finite to one, it follows that for every  $y \in Y$ , we have a finite (support) fuzzy subset  $f^{-1}(y)$  in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Then since  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a point finite collection in  $X$ ,  $U_\alpha(x) > 0$  for at most finitely many  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Now since  $f^{-1}(y)$  is finite, we get a finite sub-collection  $\mathbf{U}_F$  of  $\mathbf{U}$ . Now consider the collection  $\{f(u_F) : u_F \in \mathbf{U}_F\}$ . This is finite and  $f(u_F)(y) > 0$  for all  $u_F \in \mathbf{U}_F$ . Thus  $\{f(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a point finite collection in  $Y$ .

3.10 THEOREM Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fts and let  $f : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be a finite to one  $F$ -open  $F$ -continuous mapping. If  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact then so is  $Y$ .

PROOF Given that  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact, let  $\mathbf{U}$  be an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $Y$  by open fuzzy sets. Since  $f$  is  $F$ -continuous, it follows that  $\mathbf{U}' = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets. Since  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact, it follows that  $\mathbf{U}'$  has a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading refinement by open fuzzy sets say  $\mathbf{V}$ . Now clearly  $\{f(V) : V \in \mathbf{V}\}$  is a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading of  $Y$  and it refines  $\mathbf{U}$  also. Since  $f$  is  $F$ -open,  $f(V)$  is open also. Hence  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact.

3.11 THEOREM Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $F$ -continuous,  $F$ -closed function. If  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact, then  $Y$  is also  $\alpha$ -metacompact.

PROOF Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $Y$  by open fuzzy sets. Then by a characterization of  $\alpha$ -metacompactness [6], it is enough to prove  $\mathbf{U}^F$  has a closure preserving  $\alpha$ -shading refinement by closed fuzzy sets, where  $\mathbf{U}^F$  is the collection of all unions of finite sub-collections from  $\mathbf{U}$ . Now since  $f$  is  $F$ -continuous  $\mathbf{W} = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets. Since  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact, it follows that  $\mathbf{W}^F$  has a closure preserving  $\alpha$ -shading refinement  $\mathbf{F}$  by closed fuzzy sets. Since  $f$  is  $F$ -closed it follows that  $f(F)$  is closed for each  $F \in \mathbf{F}$ . Thus  $\{f(F) : F \in \mathbf{F}\}$  is the required closure preserving  $\alpha$ -shading refinement of  $\mathbf{U}^F$  by closed fuzzy sets.

3.12 DEFINITION [3] A fts  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -compact if every  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets has a finite  $\alpha$ -sub-shading by open fuzzy sets.

3.13 DEFINITION Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fts. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $F$ -open  $\alpha$ -compact if  $f$  is  $F$ -open with  $\alpha$ -compact fibers (where fibers of a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  are the sets  $f^{-1}(y)$  for  $y \in Y$ ).

3.14 DEFINITION Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fts. If  $y \in \text{Int}(f(y))$  whenever  $f^{-1}(y) < U$  where  $y \in Y$  and  $U$  is an open fuzzy set in  $X$ , then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is pseudo  $F$ -open

3.15 DEFINITION Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a collection of fuzzy subsets of a fts  $X$ . We say that  $\mathbf{U}$  is  $\alpha$ -compact finite if  $\{U \in \mathbf{U} : U \wedge K \neq 0\}$  is finite for any  $\alpha$ -compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ .

3.16 LEMMA Locally finite families of fuzzy sets are  $\alpha$ -compact finite.

PROOF Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a locally finite family of fuzzy subsets of a fts  $X$ . Let  $K$  be  $\alpha$ -compact. Since  $\mathbf{U}$  is locally finite, for any  $x \in K$ , we can find an open fuzzy set  $w_x$  such that  $w_x(x) = 1$  and  $U_s \leq 1 \setminus w_x$  holds for all but at most finitely many  $s$ . Now clearly  $\{w_x : x \in K\}$  is a  $1^*$ -shading of  $K$  and since  $K$  is  $\alpha$ -compact we get a finite subshading say  $\{w_{x_1}, w_{x_2}, \dots, w_{x_k}\}$  for some finite  $k$ , where each of  $w_{x_i}$  has non-empty meet with at most finitely many  $U \in \mathbf{U}$ . Hence it follows that  $\{U \in \mathbf{U} : U \wedge K \neq 0\}$  is finite.

3.17 THEOREM If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is  $F$ -continuous pseudo  $F$ -open  $\alpha$ -compact with  $X$   $\alpha$ -paracompact, then  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -metacompact.

PROOF Consider an  $\alpha$ -shading  $\mathbf{U}$  of  $Y$  by open fuzzy sets. Now since  $f$  is  $F$ -continuous and  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact it follows that  $\mathbf{U}' = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by open fuzzy sets. So  $\mathbf{U}'$  has a locally finite  $\alpha$ -shading refinement by open fuzzy sets, say  $\mathbf{V}$ . Now consider  $\mathbf{K} = \{f(V) : V \in \mathbf{V}\}$ . Since  $f$  is  $F$ -open  $\alpha$ -compact and for every  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact, it follows from lemma 3.16 that  $f^{-1}(y)$  has non-empty meet with atmost finitely many members of  $\mathbf{V}$ . Also since every locally finite family is point finite, it follows that  $\mathbf{V}$  is point finite and hence  $\mathbf{K}$  is also point finite. Since  $f$  is pseudo  $F$ -open it follows clearly that  $y \in \text{Int}(st(y, \mathbf{K}))$  for every  $y \in Y$ . [where  $st(x, \mathbf{U}) = \vee\{U \in \mathbf{U} : U(x) > 0\}$ ] Now from the characterization of  $\alpha$ -metacompactness in [6] the proof is complete.

3.18 DEFINITION Let  $X$  be a fts and  $\mathbf{U}$  be any  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ , then for any  $x \in X$ , we define  $\alpha - \text{Ord}(x, \mathbf{U}) = \text{Card}\{U \in \mathbf{U} : U(x) > \alpha\}$ .

3.19 LEMMA Let  $X$  be a fts and  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading by open fuzzy sets. Let  $B_n = \{x \in X : \alpha - \text{Ord}(x, \mathbf{U}) \leq n\}$ . Then  $\{B_n : n \geq 0\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by closed fuzzy sets. If  $n > 0$  and  $F$  is a closed fuzzy set with  $F < B_n$  and  $F \wedge B_{n-1} = 0$ , then  $F$  has a discrete  $\alpha$ -shading by closed fuzzy sets where each member is contained in some  $U \in \mathbf{U}$ .

PROOF For any  $x \in X$  with  $B_n(x) = 0$  for some  $n$ , it follows from the definition of  $B_n$  that there some  $\Lambda' \subset \Lambda$  with  $n+1$  numbers such that  $U_\lambda(x) > \alpha$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda'$ . Now since each  $U_\lambda$  is fuzzy open, so is  $\wedge\{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda'\}$ . This is an open fuzzy neighbourhood of  $x$  disjoint from  $B_n$ . Therefore it follows that  $1 \setminus B_n$  is fuzzy open and so the  $B_n$  are closed fuzzy sets.

Also given that  $\mathbf{U}$  is a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ , there exists atmost finitely many  $U \in \mathbf{U}$  with  $U(x) > \alpha$  for any  $x \in X$ . Then clearly  $B_n(x) > \alpha$  for some  $n$ . Thus  $\{B_n : n \geq 0\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ .

Take  $F$  as in the statement of the Lemma. Let  $\Omega$  be the set of all subsets of  $\Lambda$  which have  $n$  elements and for each  $\gamma \in \Omega$  define  $V_\gamma = \wedge\{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \gamma\}$ . Now clearly  $V_\gamma \wedge F < U_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda$  in  $\gamma$  and the collection  $\{V_\gamma \wedge F : \gamma \in \Omega\}$  is disjoint and hence a discrete  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by closed fuzzy sets.

3.20 COROLLARY Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda < \eta\}$  be a point finite  $\alpha$ -shading of an fts  $X$  by open fuzzy sets and  $X_n = \{x \in X : \alpha - \text{Ord}(x, \mathbf{U}) \leq n\}$  for each  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{X_n : n \geq 1\}$  is a countable  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  by closed fuzzy sets and  $\mathbf{B}_n = \{B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n) : \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots < \lambda_n < \eta\}$  is a discrete clopen  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$  for each  $n \geq 1$  where  $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n) = (\bigwedge_{i \leq n} U_{\lambda_i}) \wedge (X_n \setminus X_{n-1})$ .

PROOF Take  $F = X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$  in Lemma 3.19 and the corollary follows.



3.21 DEFINITION A class of fts  $\mathbf{K}$  is said to be finitely additive if every space in  $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$  with a finite  $\alpha$ -shading by members of  $\mathbf{K}$  belong to  $\mathbf{K}$ .

3.22 DEFINITION [8] A fts  $X$  is  $\mathbf{K}$ -scattered if for every  $0 \neq F \in \underline{I}^X$ , there exists a point  $x \in F$  and a fuzzy neighbourhood  $N$  of  $x$  with  $N(x) > 0$  where  $N < F$  and  $N \in \mathbf{K}$ .

3.23 DEFINITION [8] An  $\alpha$ -disjoint  $\alpha$ -shading  $\{L_\lambda : \lambda < \eta\}$  of a fts is a  $\mathbf{K}$ -scattered partition if for some  $N \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $L_\lambda(x) \leq N(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\forall \{L_\mu : \mu < \eta\}$  is fuzzy open in  $X$  for each  $\lambda < \mu$ .

3.24 THEOREM Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a finitely additive class of fts. If a hereditarily  $\alpha$ -metacompact space  $X$  is  $\mathbf{K}$ -scattered then Player I has a winning strategy in  $G'(DK, X)$ .

PROOF Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $\mathbf{K}$ -scattered,  $X$  has a fuzzy  $\mathbf{K}$ -scattered partition, say  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_\lambda : \lambda < \eta\}$ . Now from proposition 3.11 of [8] it follows that there exists a point finite fuzzy open expansion  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda < \eta\}$  of  $\mathbf{V}$ . Now  $\mathbf{V}$  is a  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{U}$  is also an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$ . Let  $X_n$  and  $B_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  be taken as in corollary 3.20. For each  $F \in \underline{I}^X$ , take  $k(F) = \text{Min}\{k \geq 1 : F \wedge X_k \neq 0\}$  and  $\mathbf{B}(F) = \{B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n) \wedge F : B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_k) \in \mathbf{B}_k \text{ and } k = k(F)\}$  and  $\mathbf{B}(0) = \{0\}$ . Now by corollary 3.20 it follows that each member of  $\mathbf{B}(F)$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$  and  $\mathbf{B}(F)$  is discrete in  $X$ .

We have  $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_k) = \bigwedge_{i \leq k} U_{\lambda_i} \wedge (X_k \setminus X_{k-1})$ . Thus  $B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_k) < \bigvee_{i \leq k} U_{\lambda_i} < \bigvee_{i \leq k} V_{\lambda_i}$ . Also since each  $\mathbf{B}(F)$  is fuzzy closed and  $\mathbf{K}$  is finitely additive.

$$\bigcup \mathbf{B}(F) = \bigcup_{B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_k) \in \mathbf{B}_k} (B(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_k) \wedge F) \text{ where } k = k(F)$$

Also by corollary 3.20,  $\mathbf{B}_k$  is a discrete  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X_k \setminus X_{k-1}$  by closed fuzzy sets. Hence  $(X_k \setminus X_{k-1}) \wedge F \in \mathbf{DK} \cap \underline{I}^X$  where  $k = k(F)$

Now we define a fuzzy stationary winning strategy  $S$  of Player I for  $G'(DK, X)$  as follows

$$S : \underline{I}^X \rightarrow DK \cap \underline{I}^X, \text{ where } S(F) = (X_{k(F)} \setminus X_{k(F)-1}) \wedge F$$

Consider the play  $(S(X), F_1, S(F_1), F_2, \dots)$  of  $G'(DK, X)$ . We have clearly  $S(F_n) < F_n$  and hence  $S$  is stationary. Now we want to prove  $S$  is winning, that is  $\text{Inf}_{n \geq 1} F_n = 0$ . Now since  $\{X_n : n \geq 1\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -shading of  $X$  and  $F_n \wedge X_n = 0$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows that it is enough to prove  $F_n \wedge X_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . We will prove this by induction. Let  $F_n \wedge X_n = 0$  and assume that  $F_n \wedge X_{n+1} \neq 0$ . Therefore by definition of  $k(F_n)$  we get

$k(F_n) = n + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } S(F_n) \wedge F_{n+1} &= ((X_{n+1} \setminus X_n) \wedge F_n) \wedge F_{n+1} \\ &= (X_{n+1} \setminus X_n) \wedge F_{n+1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now clearly  $X_n \wedge F_n = 0$  and  $F_{n+1} < F_n$ . Hence  $F_n \wedge X_{n+1} = 0$ . Therefore it follows that  $F_{n+1} \wedge X_{n+1} = 0$ . Thus the proof is complete by induction.

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