



On a Coreflective Hull of a Zero-Dimensional Fuzzy Space in C-FTS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we determine the coreflective hull of the fuzzy topological space I_D , where $I_D = ([0,1], \delta_D)$ and $\delta_D = \langle \{id, 1 - id\} \rangle$ in the category of constant-generated fuzzy topological spaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that the category of zero-dimensional T_0 -topological spaces is the epireflective hull of 2_D in **TOP**, where 2_D denotes the two-point discrete space and the category of discrete spaces is the coreflective hull of 2_D in **TOP** (cf. [7]). It is also known that the category of zero-dimensional T_0 -fuzzy topological spaces is the epireflective hull of the fuzzy topological space I_D , where $I_D = (I, \delta_D)$ and $\delta_D = \langle \{id, 1 - id\} \rangle$ in **FTS** (cf. [2]). We cannot expect that the coreflective hull of $C-I_D$ in **C-FTS** would be the category of discrete fuzzy topological spaces as $C-I_D$ is not a discrete fuzzy topological space and also in [12], it is shown that the coreflective hull of $L_D = (L, \delta_D)$ and $\delta_D = \langle \{id, 1 - id\} \rangle$ in **L-TOP**, where L is any complete lattice, is not an L -valued discrete topological space. In this paper, we describe the coreflective hull of the space $C-I_D$ and show that the objects of the coreflective hull of $C-I_D$ are quite close to being discrete fuzzy topological spaces.

2. Preliminaries

For fuzzy topological concepts, we refer [3] but recall a few here, for convenience. Throughout, let I denote the interval $[0, 1]$.

Let X be a non-empty set. A fuzzy set in X is a function from X to $I=[0,1]$. If $t \in I$, then \underline{t} denotes the constant

fuzzy set in X , which takes value t everywhere. In particular, $\underline{0}$ and $\underline{1}$ denote the constant fuzzy sets taking values 0 and 1 respectively.

The complement of μ is the fuzzy set $1 - \mu$, defined as $(1 - \mu)(x) = 1 - \mu(x)$, $\forall x \in X$.

Definition (Chang [3]): A collection δ of fuzzy sets in X with $\underline{0}$ and $\underline{1}$, which is closed under finite meets and arbitrary joins is called a **fuzzy topology** on X and the pair (X, δ) a **fuzzy topological space**.

Definition (Lowen [8]): Let X be a non-empty set. A subset δ of I^X which is closed under arbitrary joins and finite meets and which contains all constant fuzzy sets, is called a fuzzy topology on X .

The members of δ are called open (or δ -open) fuzzy sets in X and their complements are called closed fuzzy sets in X . The smallest (resp. the largest) fuzzy topology on X is called the indiscrete (resp. discrete) fuzzy topology on X .

Definition: A mapping $f : (X, \delta) \rightarrow (X', \delta')$ between fuzzy topological spaces is called **fuzzy continuous** if

$$f^{-1}(\mu) \in \delta, \forall \mu \in \delta' \text{ (where } f^{-1}(\mu) = \mu \circ f \text{)}$$

Let (X, δ) be a fuzzy topological space, Y a set and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a surjective mapping. Then

$$\delta / f = \{ \alpha \in I^Y : f^{-1}(\alpha) \in \delta \}$$

is clearly a fuzzy topology on Y , called the **quotient fuzzy topology** on Y with respect to f , while $(Y, \delta / f)$ is then called the quotient space of (X, δ) with respect to f . The resulting continuous mapping $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (Y, \delta / f)$ is called a **quotient space**.

Definition: A fuzzy topological space (X, δ) is said to be **zero-dimensional** if it has a basis of δ -clopen fuzzy

sets (by clopen fuzzy set in (X, δ) , we mean a fuzzy set, which is both δ -open and δ -closed).

Definition([9]): A fuzzy topological space (X, δ) is said to be T_0 if for all distinct $x, y \in X, \exists \mu \in \delta$ such that $\mu(x) \neq \mu(y)$.

Definition: The fuzzy topology on I , generated by $\{id, 1-id\}$, where id is the identity function, both in the sense of Chang and in the sense of Lowen, will be denoted by δ_D and $C-\delta_D$ respectively. The resulting fuzzy topological spaces will be denoted respectively by $I_D=(I, \delta_S)$ and $C-I_D=(I, C-\delta_S)$ respectively (hence it is clear that $C-I_S$ is generated by $\{(\underline{t} \wedge id) \vee \underline{r}, (\underline{p} \wedge id) \vee \underline{q}; t, r, p, q \in I\}$). Clearly, I_D and $C-I_D$ are zero-dimensional fuzzy topological spaces.

All category-theoretic notions and results used here, but not defined or explained, are fairly standard by now (and can be found in [1]). However, for convenience, we recall some of the categorical notions used in the sequel (subcategories are always assumed to be full and isomorphism-closed).

FTS shall denote the category of fuzzy topological spaces in Chang's sense and continuous functions. **C-FTS** will denote the category of fuzzy topological spaces in Lowen's sense and continuous functions and **C-FTS₀** denotes the full subcategory of **C-FTS** containing all T_0 -fuzzy topological spaces. Of course, **TOP** is just the category of usual topological spaces and continuous maps.

Definition: A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a category **C** is called constant if for each **C-object** Z and each pair of **C-morphisms** $g, h : Z \rightarrow X, f \circ g \neq f \circ h$.

It is known that the constant morphisms in **TOP** are precisely the constant maps (cf. [6]). We note that in **C-FTS**, like **TOP**, there is exactly one fuzzy topology on a single-point set. As a consequence of this, in **C-FTS** also, the constant maps are continuous. But, in contrast to **TOP** and **C-FTS**, in **FTS**, there can be many fuzzy topologies on a single-point set and hence constant maps need not be continuous in **FTS**.

Definition: A category **C** is said to be constant-generated if for each pair (X, Y) of **C-objects**: (i) $C(X, Y) \neq \emptyset$ and (ii) for every distinct pair $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ of **C-morphisms**, there exists a **C-object** Z and a constant **C-morphism** $k : Z \rightarrow X$ such that $g \circ k \neq f \circ k$.

TOP is well-known to be constant-generated (cf. [6]). Like **TOP**, **C-FTS** is also constant-generated; the main reason being the continuity of constant maps in both the categories. We observe that for some pair (X, Y) of **FTS-objects**, we may have $FTS(X, Y) = \emptyset$; in particular,

if (X, δ) is an indiscrete fuzzy space and (Y, Δ) is a discrete fuzzy space in **FTS**, then there does not exist any continuous map from X to Y . So, **FTS** is not constant-generated.

Definition: A subcategory **U** of a category **C** is said to be coreflective in **C** if for each object X in **C**, \exists an object X_U in **U** and an **X-morphism** $c_X : X_U \rightarrow X$ such that for each object A in **U** and each **X-morphism** $f : A \rightarrow X, \exists$ a unique **A-morphism** $f' : A \rightarrow X_U$ such that $f = c_X \circ f'$.

The notions of reflective and coreflective subcategories have been studied by Herrlich and Strecker ([4], [5] and [6]).

We begin with a preliminary examination of the coreflective subcategories of **C-FTS**. We find that the characterization of coreflective subcategories of **C-FTS** is similar to that of the coreflective subcategories of **TOP** ([6]).

We now state the following results from [13] which will be used in the sequel.

Theorem:

1. A subcategory **U** of **C-FTS** is coreflective if and only if it is closed under the formation of coproducts and quotients.
2. In **C-FTS**, the coreflective hull of any $A \in \text{obC-FTS}$ always exists.

Moreover, its objects are precisely the quotients of the coproducts of copies of A .

We proceed to give an internal description of the coproducts in **C-FTS** of copies of any fuzzy topological space, which we shall then use for our main results. Let $(X, \delta) \in \text{obC-FTS}$ and J be some index set. Put $X_j = X \times \{j\}, j \in J$, and denote $\bigcup_{j \in J} X_j$ by X_J . For each $\mu \in \delta$, define $\mu_j : X_j \rightarrow I$ as $\mu_j(x, j) = \mu(x)$ and put $\delta_j = \{\mu_j \mid \mu \in \delta, j \in J\}$. Then δ_j is a fuzzy topology on X_j (and (X_j, δ_j) is homeomorphic to (X, δ)). Let $\delta^+ = \{\nu \in I^{X_j} \mid \nu|_{X_j} \in \delta_j, \forall j \in J\}$. It can be verified that (X_J, δ) is the coproduct of $|J|$ copies of (X, δ) in **C-FTS**.

Let $[X]_{\text{C-FTS}}$ denote the coreflective hull in **C-FTS** of a **C-FTS-object** X .

Proposition 2.1([13]). Let $X = (X, \delta)$ be a **C-FTS-object**. Then $Y = (Y, \Delta)$ is an object of $[X]_{\text{C-FTS}}$ iff \exists a family $\{(Y_j, \Delta_j) \mid j \in J\}$ of fuzzy subspaces of Y such that $Y = \bigcup_{j \in J} Y_j$, each Y_j is a quotient of $(X, \delta), j \in J$, and for each $\mu \in I^Y, \mu$ is open in Y iff each $\mu|_{Y_j}$ is open in $Y_j, j \in J$.

3. The coreflective hull of C-I_D in C-F_{TS}

As C-I_D is not a discrete fuzzy space, one cannot expect that the coreflective hull of C-I_D in C-F_{TS} would be the category of discrete fuzzy spaces. Now, we describe the coreflective hull of the space C-I_D and show that the objects of the coreflective hull of C-I_D are quite close to being discrete fuzzy spaces.

In view of Proposition 2.1, it is clear that we can determine [C-I_D]_{C-F_{TS}}, if we can find all the quotients of C-I_D. This is done through the following result.

Proposition 3.1. A fuzzy topological space (X, δ) is a quotient of C-I_D iff

$|X| \leq |I|$ and $\delta = \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$, where for some partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X,

$\alpha|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is bijective, $\alpha|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\alpha|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$.

Proof: Let (X, δ) be a quotient of C-I_D. Then there exists some quotient map $q : (I, C-\delta_D) \rightarrow (X, \delta)$ in C-F_{TS}. As q is surjective, $|X| \leq |I|$.

We observe that each subbasic open fuzzy set in I is closed and so each open fuzzy set in I is closed also. If $\mu \in \delta$, then $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$ and so $1 - (\mu \circ q) \in C-\delta_D$. But $1 - (\mu \circ q) = (1 - \mu) \circ q$ and so $q^{\leftarrow}(1 - \mu) \in C-\delta_D$, whereby $(1 - \mu) \in \delta$. Thus each $\mu \in \delta$ is closed also. Let $\mu \in \delta$. We note that:

1. If $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = \underline{t}$, then $\mu = \underline{t}, t \in I$.
2. If $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = \text{id}$, then q is a bijection (as $|X| \leq |I|$) and $\mu = q^{-1}$.
3. If $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = 1 - \text{id}$, then q is a bijection and $\mu = 1 - q^{-1}$.
4. If $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = (\underline{t} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{s}$, for some $s, t \in (0, 1)$, then $\mu \circ q|_{[s, t]} = \text{id}|_{[s, t]}$, whereby $q|_{[s, t]}$ is injective and $\mu|_{q([s, t])}$ is injective such that $\mu(q([s, t])) = [s, t]$ and $\mu|_{q([0, s])} = \underline{s}, \mu|_{q([t, 1])} = \underline{t}$.

Consider the case when q is bijective. Then $q^{-1} \in \delta$ (as q is a quotient map and $\text{id} \in C-\delta_D$). Put $\alpha = q^{-1}$. Then α is bijective. By the above argument, $1 - \alpha \in \delta$. We show that $\delta = \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$. As for every subbasic open fuzzy set μ in C-I_D, \exists some $v \in \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$ such that $q^{\leftarrow}(v) = \mu$ and as q^{\leftarrow} is arbitrary join- and arbitrary meet- preserving, for each $\mu \in C-\delta_D$, $\exists v \in \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$ such that $q^{\leftarrow}(v) = \mu$. Hence $\delta = \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$, where α is a bijection on X.

Consider now the case when q is not bijective. Then q cannot be injective.

We have the following cases:

(A) For some pair $s, t \in (0, 1)$, $q|_{[s, t]}$ is injective (then $q|_{[1-s, 1-t]}$ is also injective, as q is a quotient map and every open fuzzy set in C-I_D is closed also).

In this case, by (iv), $\exists \mu \in \delta$ such that $\mu \circ q = (\underline{t} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{s}$, implying that $\mu \circ q|_{[s, t]} = \text{id}|_{[s, t]}$ and so $\mu|_{q([s, t])}$ is injective, $\mu(q([s, t])) = [s, t]$, $\mu|_{q([0, s])} = \underline{s}, \mu|_{q([t, 1])} = \underline{t}$, whereby \exists a partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X such that $\mu|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is a bijection, $\mu|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\mu|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$. As $1 - \mu \circ q = 1 - (\underline{t} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{s}$, i.e., $(1 - \mu) \circ q = (1 - \underline{t} \vee (1 - \text{id})) \vee (1 - \underline{s}) \in C-\delta_D, 1 - \mu \in \delta$. We show that $\delta = \langle \mu, 1 - \mu \rangle$. Let $\beta \in \delta$. Then $\beta \circ q = ((\underline{v} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{u}) \wedge ((1 - \underline{v}) \vee (1 - \text{id})) \wedge (1 - \underline{u})$. Now we consider the following cases:

If $s < 1/2 \leq t$, then $\beta|_{q([u, 1/2])} : q([u, 1/2]) \rightarrow [u, 1/2]$ is a bijection for $u \geq s$, $\beta|_{q([0, u])} = \underline{u}$ and $\beta|_{(1-v, 1]} = 1 - \underline{v}, v \leq t$ $\beta|_{q([1/2, 1-v])} : q([1/2, 1 - v]) \rightarrow [1 - v, 1/2]$, whereby $\beta \in \langle \mu, 1 - \mu \rangle$.

If $t < 1/2$, then $\beta|_{q([u, v])} : q([u, v]) \rightarrow [u, v]$, $\beta|_{[0, u]} = \underline{u}$ and $\beta|_{q([v, 1])} = \underline{v}$, whereby $\beta \in \langle \mu, 1 - \mu \rangle$.

If $1/2 < s$, then $\beta|_{q([1-u, 1-v])} : q([1 - u, 1 - v]) \rightarrow [1 - v, 1 - u]$, $\beta|_{[0, 1-u]} = 1 - \underline{u}$ and $\beta|_{q([1-v, 1])} = 1 - \underline{v}$, whereby $\beta \in \langle \mu, 1 - \mu \rangle$. Similarly the case can be considered if $\beta \circ q = ((\underline{v} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{u}) \vee ((1 - \underline{v}) \vee (1 - \text{id})) \wedge (1 - \underline{u})$.

Hence $\delta = \langle \mu, 1 - \mu \rangle$, where for some partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X and for some pair $s, t \in (0, 1)$, $\mu|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is a bijection, $\mu|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\mu|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$.

(B) For any pair $s, t \in I$, $q|_{[s, t]}$ is not injective.

In this case, $\nexists \beta \in \delta$ such that $\beta \circ q = ((\underline{t} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{s}) \wedge ((1 - \underline{t}) \vee (1 - \text{id})) \wedge (1 - \underline{t})$, unless $s = t$. Hence, $\delta = \{ \underline{t} \mid t \in I \}$.

So if (X, δ) is a quotient of C-I_D, then δ is $\langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$, where for some partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X, $\alpha|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is bijective, $\alpha|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\alpha|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$.

Conversely, let (X, δ) $\in \text{obC-F}_\text{TS}$ such that $|X| \leq |I|$ and $\delta = \langle \alpha, 1 - \alpha \rangle$, where for some partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X, $\alpha|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is bijective, $\alpha|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\alpha|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$. Then clearly for some partition $\{X_4, X_5, X_6\}$ of X, $(1 - \alpha)|_{X_4} : X_4 \rightarrow [1 - t, 1 - s]$ is bijective, $(1 - \alpha)|_{X_5} = 1 - \underline{t}$ and $(1 - \alpha)|_{X_6} = 1 - \underline{s}$.

Let $q : (I, C-\delta_D) \rightarrow (X, \delta)$ be a map such that $q|_{[s, t]}$ and $q|_{[1-t, 1-s]}$ are injective, $q([s, t]) = X_1$ and $q([0, s]) = X_2$, $q([t, 1]) = X_3$ and $q([1-s, 1-t]) = X_4$, $q([1-t, 1]) = X_5$, $q([0, 1-s]) = X_6$. As q^{\leftarrow} is arbitrary join- and arbitrary meet- preserving, it is sufficient to show that for any subbasic open fuzzy set μ in X, $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$. Then for $\mu = \alpha, q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)|_{[s, t]} = \text{id}|_{[s, t]}$ and $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)|_{[0, s]} = \underline{s}, q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)|_{[t, 1]} = \underline{t}$ and so $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = (\underline{t} \wedge \text{id}) \vee \underline{s}$. For $\mu = \underline{t}, t \in I, q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = \underline{t}, t \in I$. For $\mu = 1 - \alpha, q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)|_{[1-s, 1-t]} = 1 - \text{id}|_{[1-s, 1-t]}$ and

$q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)_{(1-t,1]} = 1 - t$, $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu)_{[0,1-s)} = 1 - s$ and so $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = ((1 - s) \wedge (1 - id)) \vee (1 - t)$. For $\mu = \underline{t}$, $t \in I$, $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) = \underline{t}$, $t \in I$. Hence $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$ for each $\mu \in \delta$.

Next, let $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$, for some $\mu \in I^X$. We wish to show that $\mu \in \delta$. As $q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$, $\mu \circ q = ((\underline{v} \wedge id) \vee \underline{u}) \wedge ((1 - \underline{v}) \vee (1 - id)) \wedge (1 - \underline{u})$. Now we consider the following cases:

If $s < 1/2 \leq t$, then $\mu|_{q([u, 1/2])} : q([u, 1/2]) \rightarrow [u, 1/2]$ is a bijection for $u \geq s$, $\mu|_{q([0, u])} = \underline{u}$ and $\mu|_{(1-v, 1]} = 1 - \underline{v}$, $v \leq t$ $\mu|_{q[1/2, 1-v]} : q[1/2, 1 - v] \rightarrow [1 - v, 1/2]$, whereby $\mu \in \delta$.

If $t < 1/2$, then $\mu|_{q([u, v])} : q([u, v]) \rightarrow [u, v]$, $\mu|_{(0, u]} = \underline{u}$ and $\mu|_{q((v, 1])} = \underline{v}$, whereby $\mu \in \delta$.

If $1/2 < s$, then $\mu|_{q([1-u, 1-v])} : q([1-u, 1-v]) \rightarrow [1-v, 1-u]$, $\mu|_{[0, 1-u)} = 1 - \underline{u}$ and $\mu|_{q((1-v, 1])} = 1 - \underline{v}$, whereby $\mu \in \delta$. Similarly the case can be considered if $\mu \circ q = ((\underline{v} \wedge id) \vee \underline{u}) \vee ((1 - \underline{v}) \vee (1 - id)) \wedge (1 - \underline{u})$.

We have thus shown that $\mu \in \delta \Leftrightarrow q^{\leftarrow}(\mu) \in C-\delta_D$, which in turn shows that (X, δ) is a quotient of $(I, C-\delta_D)$.

We now characterize $[C-I_D]_{C-FTS}$, the coreflective hull in **C-FTS** of $C-I_D$.

Theorem 3.1. A fuzzy topological space (X, δ) is an object of $[C-I_D]_{C-FTS}$

if and only if it satisfies the following two conditions:

A. $X = \bigcup_{j \in J} X_j$ for some index set J such that for each $j \in J$, $|X_j| \leq |I|$ and the subspace fuzzy topology δ_j on X_j is $\delta \ll \alpha, 1 - \alpha$, where for some partition $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ of X_j , $\alpha|_{X_1} : X_1 \rightarrow [s, t]$ is bijective, $\alpha|_{X_2} = \underline{s}$ and $\alpha|_{X_3} = \underline{t}$.

B. for each $\mu \in I^X$, $\mu \in \delta$ iff $\mu|_X \in \delta_j$, for each $j \in J$.

Proof: The proof directly follows from Propositions 2.1 and 3.1.

Remark 3.1. In view of the proof of Proposition 3.1 and Theorem 3.1, if $(X, \delta) \in \text{ob}[C-I_D]_{C-FTS}$, then every open fuzzy set in X is closed also.

Theorem 3.2. A topological space (X, T) is an object of the coreflective hull of 2_D in **TOP** if and only if it can be written as the disjoint union of single-point spaces, i.e., iff it is a discrete space.

Proof: If we replace I by $2 = \{0, 1\}$, then Theorem 3.1 takes the following form.

A topological space $(X, T) \in \text{ob}[2_D]_{\text{TOP}}$ if and only if (X, T) satisfies the following properties:

1. $X = \bigcup_{j \in J} X_j$, for some index set J such that for each $j \in J$, $|X_j| \leq 2$ and the subspace (X_j, T_j) is either a single-point space or a discrete space,

2. for each $U \subseteq X$, $U \in T$ if and only if $U \cap X_j \in T_j$, for each $j \in J$.

Since any discrete space can be uniquely written as a coproduct of its single-point subspaces, $(X, T) \in \text{ob}[2_D]_{\text{TOP}}$ iff it can be written as the disjoint union of single-point spaces, i.e., if and only if it is a discrete space.

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