

## FUZZY $L$ -CONVERGENCE SPACES

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### Abstract

A notion of ‘fuzzy’ convergence of filters on a set is introduced. We show that the collection of fuzzy  $L$ -limit spaces forms a cartesian closed topological category and obtain an interesting relationship between the notions of ‘fuzzy’ convergence structure and convergence approach spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

The gap between mathematical model and physical reality was one of main concern to many researchers for a long time. K.Menger was the first to consider this problem, consequently introducing the concept of statistical (probabilistic) metric spaces [11]. Since then, probabilistic metric and topological spaces have been studied extensively. In probability, statistics and analysis, many types of convergence was known to be non-topological. In 1989, Florescu [6] initiated a study of ‘probabilistic convergence structures’ based on net convergence. Richardson and Kent [14] introduced a filter formulation of this theory. Herrlich and Zhang [8] studied some categorical properties of probabilistic convergence spaces. On the other hand, R.Lowen [10] introduced a notion of approach space as a generalization of the notions of topological space and metric space and E.Lowen and R.Lowen [9] introduced a notion of convergence approach space understanding convergence spaces and metric spaces as entities of the same kind.

Many researchers studied on the convergence of prefilters or fuzzy filters on a set. (see [4,12]) In this paper we introduce a notion of ‘fuzzy’ convergence of filters on a set as a generalization of probabilistic convergence structure in [8] and obtain some

basic categorical properties. Moreover, we show that the notions of ‘fuzzy’ convergence structure and convergence approach structure are equivalent in a certain case.

## 2. Fuzzy $L$ -limitierung

Let  $L$  be a complete Heyting algebra with a top element 1 and a bottom element 0. For a set  $X$ ,  $F(X)$  is the collection of all filters on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a set. A map  $l : F(X) \times X \rightarrow L$  is called a *fuzzy  $L$ -limitierung* on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $l(\dot{x}, x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (2) if  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ , then  $l(\mathcal{F}, x) \leq l(\mathcal{G}, x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (3) for  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in F(X)$ ,  $l(\mathcal{F}, x) \wedge l(\mathcal{G}, x) \leq l(\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{G}, x)$ .

The pair  $(X, l)$  is called a *fuzzy  $L$ -limit space*.

**Definition 2.2.** A map  $f : (X, l) \rightarrow (Y, m)$  between fuzzy  $L$ -limit spaces is said to be *continuous* if

$$l(\mathcal{F}, x) \leq m(f(\mathcal{F}), f(x))$$

for all  $(\mathcal{F}, x) \in F(X) \times X$ .

We form a category  $\underline{FLim}$  consisting of all fuzzy  $L$ -limit spaces and all continuous maps between them.

**Remark.** 1. If  $L = \{0, 1\}$ , then  $\underline{FLim} = \underline{Lim}$ , the category of limit spaces and continuous maps.

2. If  $L = [0, 1]$ , a fuzzy  $L$ -limit space means a probabilistic limit spaces [4].

**Theorem 2.3.** *The category  $\underline{FLim}$  is topological.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a set and  $(X_\alpha, l_\alpha) \in \underline{FLim}$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Let  $f_\alpha : A \rightarrow (X_\alpha, l_\alpha)$  be a map for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Define  $l : F(X) \times X \rightarrow L$  by  $l(\mathcal{F}, x) = \inf_\lambda l_\alpha(f_\alpha(\mathcal{F}), f_\alpha(x))$ . Then  $l(\dot{x}, x) = 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  in  $f(X)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathcal{F}, x) &= \inf_\lambda l_\alpha(\mathcal{F}, f_\alpha(x)) \\ &\leq \inf_\lambda l_\alpha(f_\alpha(\mathcal{G}), f_\alpha(x)) \\ &= l(\mathcal{G}, x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(X, l) \in \underline{FLim}$ .

Let  $(Z, m) \in \underline{FLlim}$  and  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  be a map. Suppose  $f_\alpha \circ g$  is continuous for all  $x \in \Lambda$ . Then  $m(\mathcal{A}, z) \leq l_\alpha(f_\alpha(g(\mathcal{A})), f_\alpha(g(z)))$  for each  $(\mathcal{A}, z) \in F(Z) \times Z$  and  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Hence  $m(\mathcal{A}, z) \leq l(g(\mathcal{A}), g(z))$ .

We note that the category  $\underline{FLlim}$  satisfies the fibre small condition and it has the terminal separator property.

**Remark 1.** Let  $\{(X_i, l_i)\}_I$  be a family of fuzzy  $L$ -limit spaces. Let  $l : F(\prod_I X_i) \times \prod_I X_i \rightarrow L$  be a map defined by

$$l(\mathcal{H}, (x_i)) = l_i(\prod_i \pi_i(\mathcal{H}), x_i).$$

Then  $l$  is the fuzzy  $L$ -limitierung for the product space  $\prod_I X_i$  in  $\underline{FLlim}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *The category  $\underline{FLlim}$  is cartesian closed.*

*Proof.* For  $(X, l)$  and  $(Y, m)$  in  $\underline{FLlim}$ , let  $C(X, Y)$  be the set of all continuous maps between them. For each  $\mathcal{L} \in F(C(X, Y))$  and  $f \in C(X, Y)$ , let  $u(\mathcal{L}, f) = \sup\{\alpha \in L \mid l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge \alpha \leq m(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \text{ for all } (\mathcal{A}, x) \in F(X) \times X\}$ . Note that  $l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge u(\mathcal{L}, f) \leq m(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}, x))$  for all  $(\mathcal{A}, x) \in F(X) \times X$ . Clearly,  $u(\dot{f}, f) = 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \in F(C(X, Y))$ , then from the formula  $l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge \alpha \leq m(\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \leq m(\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{A}), f(x))$ , it is clear to see that  $u(\mathcal{L}_1, f) \leq u(\mathcal{L}_2, f)$  for all  $f \in C(X, Y)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2 \in F(C(X, Y))$  and  $f \in C(X, Y)$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in L$  satisfying the following

$$l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge \alpha_1 \leq m(\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{A}), f(x))$$

and

$$l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge \alpha_2 \leq m(\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{A}), f(x))$$

for all  $(\mathcal{A}, x) \in F(X) \times X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge (\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2) &\leq m(\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \wedge m(\mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \\ &\leq m(\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{L}_2(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \\ &= m((\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2)(\mathcal{A}), f(x)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(\mathcal{A}, x) \in F(X) \times X$ . Therefore it is easy to check that  $u(\mathcal{L}_1, f) \wedge u(\mathcal{L}_2, f) \leq u(\mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2, f)$ . Therefore  $(C(X, Y), u) \in \underline{FLlim}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H} \in F(X \times C(X, Y))$  and  $k$  be the fuzzy  $L$ -limitierung for the product space  $X \times C(X, Y)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} k(\mathcal{H}, (x, f)) &= l(\pi_1(\mathcal{H}), x) \wedge u(\pi_2(\mathcal{H}), f) \\ &\leq m(\pi_2(\mathcal{H})(\pi_1(\mathcal{A})), f(x)) \\ &\leq m(\text{ev}(\mathcal{H}), f(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{ev} : X \times C(X, Y) \rightarrow Y$  is continuous. Let  $h : (X, l) \times (Z, m) \rightarrow (Y, m)$  be a map in  $\underline{FLLim}$ . Define  $h^* : (Z, m) \rightarrow (C(X, Y), u)$  by  $h^*(z)(x) = h(x, z)$ . Since  $\underline{FLLim}$  has the terminal separator property,  $h^*(z) \in C(X, Y)$  for all  $z \in Z$ . Take any  $(\mathcal{G}, z) \in F(Z) \times Z$  and  $(\mathcal{A}, x) \in F(X) \times X$ . Since  $h$  is continuous,

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathcal{A}, x) \wedge n(\mathcal{G}, z) &\leq m(h(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{G}), h(x, z)) \\ &= m(h^*(\mathcal{G})(\mathcal{A}), h^*(z)(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $n(\mathcal{G}, z) \leq u(h^*(\mathcal{G}), h^*(z))$ . Therefore  $h^*$  is continuous. The uniqueness of such a map  $h^*$  is obvious.

If we take  $L = [0, 1]$ , then we have the following.

**Corollary 2.5.** [8] *The category  $\underline{P-Lim}$  of probabilistic limit spaces is a cartesian closed topological category.*

### 3. Convergence $M$ -approach spaces

Let  $M$  be a complete Heyting algebra.

**Definition 3.1.** A *convergence  $M$ -approach limit*  $\lambda$  on a set  $X$  is a function  $\lambda : \mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow M^X$  satisfying the following conditions:

- A1) For any  $x \in X$ ,  $\lambda(\dot{x})(x) = 0$ .
- A2) If  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ , then  $\lambda(\mathcal{G}) \leq \lambda(\mathcal{F})$ .
- A3) For all  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ ,  $\lambda(\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{G}) \leq \lambda(\mathcal{F}) \vee \lambda(\mathcal{G})$ .

The pair  $(X, \lambda)$  is called a *convergence  $M$ -approach space*.

**Definition 3.2.** A map  $f : (X, \lambda) \rightarrow (Y, \delta)$  between convergence  $M$ -approach space is called a *contraction* if  $\delta(f(\mathcal{F})) \circ f \leq \lambda(\mathcal{F})$ .

We form a category CMAP of all convergence  $M$ -approach spaces and all contractions.

Note that a convergence  $M$ -approach limit  $\lambda$  on a set  $X$  can be considered as a map  $\lambda : \mathcal{F}(X) \times X \rightarrow M$  if we put  $\lambda(\mathcal{F}, x) = \lambda(\mathcal{F})(x)$  for each  $(\mathcal{F}, x) \in \mathcal{F}(X) \times X$ . Hence it is easy to see that the notion of a fuzzy  $L$ -limitierung on a set  $X$  is equivalent to the notion of a convergence  $M$ -approach limit if there is an order-reversing isomorphism between  $L$  and  $M$ . Therefore we have the following.

**Theorem 3.3.** *The category  $\underline{CMAP}$  is isomorphic to the category  $\underline{FLlim}$ , if there is an order-reversing isomorphism between  $M$  and  $L$ .*

Clearly, there are many interesting order-reversing isomorphism between  $[0, \infty]$  and  $[0, 1]$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *[1] The category  $\underline{CAP}$  of convergence approach spaces and the category  $\underline{P-Lim}$  of probabilistic limit spaces are isomorphic.*

**Remarks 1.** The numerical scales  $[0, 1]$  and  $[0, \infty]$  have some interesting relationships. In fact, they generate the notions of fuzzy set and toll set [3]. Min and Park [13] showed that the category of fuzzy sets and the category of toll sets are isomorphic as a topos.

2. We note that the category  $CAP$  is a quasitopos containings the categories  $CONV$ , of convergence spaces, and  $MET$ , of metric spaces as nicely embedded subcategories. (See [9]). On a separate paper we will discuss about whether the categories  $FLlim$  and  $CMAP$  are also quasitopos and some categorical relationships among intersting categories.

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