

A Note on the Category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$

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We introduce the concepts of a topological universe and the category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ of \mathbf{H} -fuzzy sets and show that $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ satisfies all the conditions of a topological universe except the terminal separator property in theorem 2.4.

0. Introduction

The subject of fuzzy sets as an approach to a mathematical representation of vagueness in every day language was introduced by L.A.Zadeh in 1965[14]. He generalized the idea of the characteristic function of a subset of a set X by defining a fuzzy subset of X as a map from X into $[0,1]$. In [4], J.A. Goguen altered this definition to the case in which $[0,1]$ is replaced by a partially ordered set \mathbf{H} .

There are many other categories, for instance, $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$, $\mathbf{Set}_r(\mathbf{H})$, $\mathbf{Set}_s(\mathbf{H})$ and $\mathbf{Puz}(\mathbf{H})$ introduced in [3,4,9], in connection with fuzzy set theory. However, the category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is the most useful one as the "standard" category, because the category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is very suitable for describing fuzzy sets and maps between them. In particular, the properties of the category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ are interesting for their usefulness in connection with the discussion of concepts and also, more essentially, because of the universal nature of the constructions. Until now, many authors have investigated $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is topos view-point [1,2,3,4,13] We will study $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ in topological universe view-point. The concept of a topological universe was introduced by L.D.Nel [18], which implies a cartesian closed and a concrete quasitopos. The notion of a topological universe has already been put to effective use for several areas of mathematics [11, 12].

In section 1, we introduce basic concepts which are needed in later sections. In section 2, we show that $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ satisfies all the conditions of a topological universe over \mathbf{Set} except one for the terminal separator property does not hold in the category.

1. Preliminaries

In this section, we will introduce some basic definitions which are needed in later section from [4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10].

Definition 1.1 [7] A lattice H is called a *complete Heyting algebra*, if H satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) H is a complete lattice.
- (2) For any $a, b \in H$, the set $\{x \in H \mid x \wedge a \leq b\}$ has a greatest element denoted by $a \rightarrow b$ (called pseudo-complement of a and b), i. e., $x \wedge a \leq b$ if and only if $x \leq (a \rightarrow b)$,

Definition 1.2 [4] Let H be a complete Heyting algebra.

Then the concrete category $\mathbf{Set}(H)$ is defined by: Objects are (X, ν) , called an *H-fuzzy set* (or simply, a *fuzzy set*) on X , where X is any set and ν any map from X to H . A morphism $(X, \nu) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, \eta)$ is a map from X to Y satisfying $\nu(x) \leq \eta \circ f(x)$ for each $x \in X$, where " \leq " means the order induced by the operation " \wedge or \vee " in H . Every $\mathbf{Set}(H)$ -morphism will be called a *Set(H)-map*.

Definition 1.3 [5] Let \mathbf{A} be a concrete category whose objects are structured sets, i. e., pairs (X, ξ) where X is a set and ξ is some structure on X (called an *A-structure* on X).

\mathbf{A} is said to be *topological over Set*, if it satisfies the following condition (The existence of initial structures):

For any set X , any family $((Y_i, \xi_i))_{i \in I}$ of \mathbf{A} -objects, and any family $(f_i: X \rightarrow Y_i)_{i \in I}$ of maps, there exists an \mathbf{A} -structure ξ on X satisfying the followings:

- (1) (X, ξ) is an \mathbf{A} -object.
- (2) For each $i \in I$, $f_i: (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y_i, \xi_i)$ is an \mathbf{A} -morphism.
- (3) If (Z, ρ) is an \mathbf{A} -object and $g: Z \rightarrow X$ is a map such that for each $i \in I$, the map $f_i \circ g: (Z, \rho) \rightarrow (Y_i, \xi_i)$ is an \mathbf{A} -morphism, then $g: (Z, \rho) \rightarrow (X, \xi)$ is an \mathbf{A} -morphism. In this case, ξ is called an *initial A-structure* on X with respect to $(X, (f_i)_{i \in I}, ((Y_i, \xi_i))_{i \in I})$ and the family $(f_i: (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y_i, \xi_i))_{i \in I}$ is called an *initial source*.

We can define the concepts of *cotopological categories*, *final structures* and *final sinks* by reversing of the arrow in the concrete category \mathbf{A} .

Definition 1.4. [8] Let \mathbf{A} be a concrete category.

- (1) The \mathbf{A} -fibre of a set X is the class of all \mathbf{A} -structures on X .
- (2) \mathbf{A} is called *properly fibred over Set* provided that the following conditions hold:
 - (i) (*Fibre-smallness*) For each set X , the \mathbf{A} -fibre of X is a set.
 - (ii) (*Terminal separator property*) If X is a singleton set, then \mathbf{A} -fibre of X has precisely one element.
 - (iii) If ξ and η are \mathbf{A} -structures on a set X such that $1_x: (X, \xi) \rightarrow (X, \eta)$ and $1_x: (X, \eta) \rightarrow (X, \xi)$ are \mathbf{A} -morphisms, then $\xi = \eta$.

Definition 1.6 [10] A category \mathbf{A} is called a *topological universe over Set* provided that the following conditions hold:

- (1) \mathbf{A} is well-structured over Set , i.e. (i) \mathbf{A} is a concrete category; (ii) \mathbf{A} has the fibre smallness condition; (iii) \mathbf{A} has the terminal separator property.
- (2) \mathbf{A} is cotopological over Set .
- (3) Final episinks in \mathbf{A} are preserved by pullbacks, i.e. for any final episink $(g_1: X_1 \rightarrow Y)_\mathbf{A}$ and any \mathbf{A} -morphism $f: W \rightarrow Y$, then the family $(e_\lambda: U_\lambda \rightarrow W)_\mathbf{A}$, obtained by taking the pullback of f and g_1 for each λ , is again a final episink.

2. Main Results

Theorem 2.1. The category $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is topological over Set .

Proof. Let X be any set and $((X_i, \nu_i))_I$ any family of fuzzy sets indexed by a class I . Suppose $(f_i: X \rightarrow X_i)_I$ is a source of maps. Define $\nu: X \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ by $\nu(x) = \bigwedge_I \nu_i \circ f_i(x)$ for each $x \in X$. Then $f_i: (X, \nu) \rightarrow (X_i, \nu_i)$ is a $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map for each $i \in I$. For an arbitrary fuzzy set (Y, μ) , let $g: Y \rightarrow X$ be any map for which $f_i \circ g: (Y, \mu) \rightarrow (X_i, \nu_i)$ is a $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map for all $i \in I$. Then clearly, $\mu \leq \nu_i \circ (f_i \circ g) = (\nu_i \circ f_i) \circ g$ for all $i \in I$ and hence $\mu \leq (\bigwedge_I \nu_i \circ f_i) \circ g = \nu \circ g$. Thus $g: (Y, \mu) \rightarrow (X, \nu)$ is a $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map and hence $(f_i: (X, \nu) \rightarrow (X_i, \nu_i))_I$ is an initial source in $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$. This completes our proof. ///

Examples: (1) *Inverse image of a fuzzy set structure.* Let X be a set, (Y, μ) a fuzzy set, f a mapping of X into Y ; the initial fuzzy set structure ν on X for which $f: (X, \nu) \rightarrow (Y, \mu)$ is a $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map is called the *inverse image* under f of the fuzzy set structure μ of Y . The particular case in which X is a subset of Y and $f: X \rightarrow Y$

is the canonical injection; X , with the inverse image μ_x of μ under f , is then called a *fuzzy subset* of (Y, μ) . In fact, $\mu_x(x) = \mu(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

(2) *Fuzzy product structure.* Let $((X_i, \nu_i))_I$ be any family of fuzzy sets. The initial fuzzy set structure ν on the product set $X = \prod X_i$ with respect to $(pr_i)_{i \in I}$ of projections is called the *product* of the fuzzy set structures of the X_i and denoted by $\nu = \prod \nu_i$; and $(\prod X_i, \prod \nu_i)$ is called the *furry product set* of $((X_i, \nu_i))_I$. In fact, $\prod \nu_i = \bigwedge_I \nu_i \circ pr_i$. In particular, if $I = \{1, 2\}$, then $(\nu_1 \times \nu_2)(x_1, x_2) = \nu_1(x_1) \wedge \nu_2(x_2)$ for all $(x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2$.

It is well-known [8] that a category is topological if and only if it is cotopological. However, we show directly that $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is cotopological.

Theorem 2.2. The category $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is cotopological over \mathbf{Set} .

Proof. Let X be any set and let $((X_i, \nu_i))_I$ be any family of fuzzy sets indexed by a class I . Suppose $(f_i: X_i \rightarrow X)_I$ is a sink of maps. Define $\nu: X \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ by for each $x \in X$, $\nu(x) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{x_i \in f_i^{-1}(x)} \nu_i(x_i)$. Then $f_i: (X_i, \nu_i) \rightarrow (X, \nu)$ is a $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map. For each fuzzy set (Y, μ) , let $g: X \rightarrow Y$ be any map such that $g \circ f_i: (X_i, \nu_i) \rightarrow (Y, \mu)$ is a $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map for all $i \in I$. Take any $x \in X$. Then for each $i \in I$ and each $x_i \in f_i^{-1}(x)$, $\nu_i(x_i) \leq \mu \circ g \circ f_i(x_i) = \mu \circ g(f_i(x_i)) = \mu \circ g(x)$. Thus $\nu(x) \leq \mu \circ g(x)$ and hence $g: (X, \nu) \rightarrow (Y, \mu)$ is a $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map. Therefore $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is cotopological over \mathbf{Set} . ///

Theorem 2.3. Final episinks in $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ are preserved by pullbacks.

Proof. Let $(g_1: (X_1, \nu_1) \rightarrow (Y, \eta))_\lambda$ be any final episink in $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ and $f: (W, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ any $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map. For each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, let $U_1 = \{(\omega, x_1) \in W \times X_1 \mid f(\omega) = g_1(x_1)\}$ and $\rho_1 = (\mu \times \nu_1)|_{U_1 \times U_1}$, where e_1 and p_1 are the usual projections of U_1 . Then for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $e_1: (U_1, \rho_1) \rightarrow (W, \mu)$ and $p_1: (U_1, \rho_1) \rightarrow (X_1, \nu_1)$ are $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -maps and the following diagram is a pullback square in $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (U_1, \rho_1) & \xrightarrow{p_1} & (X_1, \nu_1) \\ e_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow g_1 \\ (W, \mu) & \xrightarrow{f} & (Y, \eta). \end{array}$$

Indeed, $(e_1: (U_1, \rho_1) \rightarrow (W, \mu))_\lambda$ is an episink in $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$: Let $\omega \in W$. Since $(g_1)_\lambda$ is an episink, there exists $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that $g_1(x_1) = f(\omega)$ for some $x_1 \in X_1$. Thus (ω, x_1)

$\in U_\lambda$ and $\omega = e_\lambda(\omega, x_\lambda)$. Hence $(e_\lambda)_A$ is an episink. Moreover, $(e_\lambda)_A$ is final: Let μ^* be the final structure on W with respect to $(e_\lambda)_A$. Then for any $\omega \in W$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\omega) &= \mu(\omega) \wedge \mu(\omega) \\ &\leq \mu(\omega) \wedge \eta \circ f(\omega) \quad (f: (W, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \eta) \text{ is a } \text{Set}(\mathbf{H})\text{-map.}) \\ &= \mu(\omega) \wedge \left[\bigvee_{\lambda \in A} \bigvee_{x_\lambda \in e_{\lambda}^{-1}(f(\omega))} \nu_\lambda(x_\lambda) \right] \quad ((g_\lambda)_A \text{ is final.}) \\ &= \bigvee_{\lambda \in A} \bigvee_{x_\lambda \in e_{\lambda}^{-1}(f(\omega))} [\mu(\omega) \wedge \nu_\lambda(x_\lambda)] \\ &= \bigvee_{\lambda \in A} \bigvee_{(\omega, x_\lambda) \in e_{\lambda}^{-1}(\omega)} [\mu(\omega) \wedge \nu_\lambda(x_\lambda)]. \\ &= \bigvee_{\lambda \in A} \bigvee_{(\omega, x_\lambda) \in e_{\lambda}^{-1}(\omega)} \rho_\lambda(\omega, x_\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu(\omega) \leq \mu^*(\omega)$ for all $\omega \in W$, i.e., $\mu \leq \mu^*$. On the other hand, since $(e_\lambda: (U_\lambda, \rho_\lambda) \rightarrow (W, \mu^*))_A$ is final, $1_W: (W, \mu^*) \rightarrow (W, \mu)$ is a $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ -map and hence $\mu^* \leq \mu$. Hence $\mu = \mu^*$. This completes our proof. ///

The category $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ is not properly fibred over Set . Since, for any singleton set $\{a\}$, the fuzzy set structure ν on $\{a\}$ is not unique. Hence by theorem 2.1 and 2.3, we obtain the following result.

Theorem 2.4. The category $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ satisfies all the conditions of a topological universe over $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ except the terminal separator property.

J.C. Carrega showed [2] that the category $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ satisfies all the properties of a topos except subobject classifier. He obtained exponential objects in $\text{Set}(\mathbf{H})$ as follows: For any fuzzy sets (X, ν) and (Y, η) , let Y^* be the set of all maps from X into Y and define $\rho: Y^* \rightarrow H$ by $\rho(f) = \bigvee \{h \in H \mid \nu(x) \wedge h \leq \eta \circ f(x) \text{ for all } x \in X\}$. Then (Y^*, ρ) is the exponential object for (X, ν) and (Y, η) .

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