

FUZZY SUBSEQUENCES AND LIMIT POINTS

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Abstract

In this paper We introduce the new concepts fuzzy subsequences and limit point of fuzzy sequences in a metric space.

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I. Introduction

In a metric space sequence is an important tool to study many properties. The closure of a set A can be characterized using convergent sequences in A . The continuity of a function from one metric space to another can be characterized using convergent sequences. In the year 1965 Lotfi A.Zadeh [2] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets and fuzzy logic. In the year 1968 C.L.Chang [1] introduced Fuzzy topological spaces.

In the year 2014 We [3] introduced fuzzy sequences in a metric space and studied the properties of convergent fuzzy sequences.

Let X be a non empty set. A fuzzy set A on $N \times X$ is called a fuzzy sequence in X . i.e., $A: N \times X \rightarrow [0,1]$ is called a fuzzy sequence in X .

Let (M,d) be a metric space and let A be a fuzzy sequence on M . Let $\alpha \in (0,1]$. Let $a \in M$. A is said to converge to a at level α if

1. For each $n \in N$, there exists atleast one x in M where $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$

2. Given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in N$ such that $d(x,a) < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq n_0$ and for all x with $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$

ie., given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in N$ such that $n \geq n_0$ and $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$.

We write $A \rightarrow a$.

In the year 2014 We [4] introduced fuzzy nets in a topological space and studied the properties of convergence.

In the same year 2014 We [5] introduced the concept of fuzzification of filters in topological space and studied the properties.

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II. Fuzzy subsequences

Definition: 2.1

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a non empty set X . Let $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers. Define a fuzzy sequence B in X as $B(n,x) = A(n,x)$ if $n = n_k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $= 0$ otherwise. B is called a fuzzy sub sequence of A .

$$B(n,x) = A(n,x) \text{ if } n = n_k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

Definition:2.2

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a non empty set X . Take $(2k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$. Define B in X as $B(n,x) = A(n,x)$ if $n = 2k$ for some k and $B(n,x) = 0$ otherwise. B is called even fuzzy sub sequence of A .

Definition:2.3

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a non empty set X . Take $(2k-1)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$. Define B in X as $B(n,x) = A(n,x)$ if $n = 2k-1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $B(n,x) = 0$ otherwise. B is called odd fuzzy sub sequence of A .

Example:2.4

Let $X = \mathbb{N}$. Consider fuzzy sequence A defined as $A(n,x) = 1/n+x$. Take $(n_k) = (5k)$ consider B defined as $B(n,x) = 1/n+x$ if $n = 5k$ for some k

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

B is a fuzzy subsequence of A .

Definition:2.5

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M . Let B be a fuzzy subsequence given by (n_k) . The subsequence B is said to converge to a at level α if given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$.

Example:2.6

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$. Consider the fuzzy sequence A given by $A(n,x) = 1$ if $x = 1/n$

$$= 1/2 \text{ otherwise}$$

Let $(n_k) = (2k)$ and $\alpha = 3/4$. Consider the subsequence B given by $(2k)$.

Claim : B converges to 0. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k_0 > 1/2\epsilon$. Now let $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$. ie., $A(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$. Therefore $A(n_k, x) = 1$. Hence $x = 1/n_k$. Therefore $x = 1/2k$. now $k \geq k_0$ implies $k > 1/2\epsilon$ which implies $1/k > 2\epsilon$. This gives $1/2k < \epsilon$. Hence $x < \epsilon$. This gives $|x-0| < \epsilon$. Therefore given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,0) < \epsilon$. Hence B converges to 0.

Result:2.7

In the above example B converges at level $\alpha = 3/4$. At the same time A also converges at level $\alpha = 3/4$. We see another example to show that this need not be true always.

Example:2.8

consider \mathbb{R} with usual metric.

Consider the fuzzy sequence A defined as $A(n,x) = 1$ if $n=2k-1$ and $x=n^2$
 $= \frac{1}{2}$ if $n = 2k$ and $x = 1/n^2$
 $= 0$ otherwise

Consider the subsequence B given by $(2k)$ $B(n,x) = \frac{1}{2}$ if $n = 2k$ and $x = 1/n^2$
 $= 0$ otherwise

Claim : B converges to 0 at level $\frac{1}{2}$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k_0 > 1/2(\epsilon)^{1/2}$. Now let $k \geq k_0$ and $B(2k,x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$. $B(2k,x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ gives $x = 1/4k^2$. Now $k \geq k_0$ implies $k > 1/2(\epsilon)^{1/2}$. This implies $1/4k^2 < \epsilon$. Hence $x < \epsilon$. Therefore $d(x,0) < \epsilon$. Hence given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k,x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ implies $d(x,0) < \epsilon$. Therefore B converges to 0 at level $\frac{1}{2}$. But A does not converge to 0 at level $\frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem:2.9

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M. Let B be a fuzzy subsequence of A. If A converges to a at level α then B converges to a at level α .

Proof :

Fuzzy sequence A converges to a at level α . Let B be the fuzzy subsequence of A given by (n_k) .

Now we prove that B converges to a at level α . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Since A converges to a at

level α , there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $n \geq n_0$ and $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Now choose $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n_{k_0} \geq n_0$. Now let $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$. Now $k \geq k_0$ implies $n_k \geq n_{k_0}$ and hence $n_k \geq n_0$. $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$. Now $n_k \geq n_0$ and $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Hence given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k \geq k_0$ and $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Hence B converges to a at level α .

Result:2.10

Converse is not true. This is established by the following example.

Example :2.11

Consider R with usual metric. Consider the fuzzy sequence A given by

$A(n,x) = 1$ if $n = 2k$ and $x = 1/n$
 $= \frac{1}{2}$ if $n = 2k-1, x = n^2$
 $= 0$ otherwise

Consider the subsequence B given by $(2k)$. Now $B(n,x) = 1$ if $n = 2k, x = 1/n$
 $= 0$ otherwise

Take $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$. Clearly B converges to 0 at level α . But A does not converge to 0 at level α .

Theorem:2.12

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M. Let B and C be the even and odd subsequences of A. If B and C converge to the same limit a at level α , then A also converges to a at level α .

Proof :

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A is a fuzzy sequence in metric space M. B and C are even and odd subsequences. Hence $B(n, x) = A(n, x)$ if n is even and $B(n, x) = 0$ if n is odd. Also $C(n, x) = A(n, x)$ if n is odd and $C(n, x) = 0$ if n is even. B and C converge to the same limit a at level α . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Since B converges to a at level α , there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq n_1$ and n is even and $B(n, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x, a) < \epsilon$. Since C converges to a at level α , there exists $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq n_2$ and n is odd and $C(n, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x, a) < \epsilon$. Let $n_0 = \max \{n_1, n_2\}$. Take any $n \geq n_0$. Let $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$. If n is even then $A(n, x) = B(n, x)$. Hence if n is even then $n \geq n_1$ and $B(n, x) \geq \alpha$. This implies $d(x, a) < \epsilon$

If n is odd then $A(n, x) = C(n, x)$. Hence if n is odd then $n \geq n_2$ and $C(n, x) \geq \alpha$. This implies $d(x, a) < \epsilon$. Hence given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $n \geq n_0$ and $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x, a) < \epsilon$. Therefore A converges to a at level α .

Theorem:2.13

A fuzzy sequence in a metric space converges at level α if and only if both the odd subsequence and the even subsequence converge to the same limit at level α .

Proof : Follows from the previous two theorems.

3.Limit point

Definition:3.1

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M. An element $a \in M$ is called a limit point of A at level α if given $\epsilon > 0$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq n_0$ and

1. $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M
2. $d(x, a) < \epsilon$ for all x with $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$.

Example:3.2

Consider R with usual metric. Consider the fuzzy sequence A defined as

$$A(n, x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 2k, x = 1/n \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 2k-1, x = n/n+1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Take $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. We claim that 0 is a limit point of A at level α . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and let $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ be given. Choose $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > 1/2\epsilon$ and $k > n_0$. Take $n = 2k$. Now $A(n, 1/n) = 1$. Therefore $A(n, 1/n) \geq \alpha$. Hence $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ for some x in R. Now $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $A(n, x) = 1$. This implies $x = 1/n$. Now $k > 1/2\epsilon$ implies $2k > 1/\epsilon$ which implies $1/2k < \epsilon$ i.e., $1/n < \epsilon$. Hence $x < \epsilon$. Therefore $|x-0| < \epsilon$. $k > n_0$ implies $2k > n_0$ i.e., $n > n_0$. Therefore given $\epsilon > 0$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq n_0$, $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in R and $A(n, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x, 0) < \epsilon$ therefore 0 is a limit point of A at level α .

Theorem:3.3

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M. $a \in M$ is a limit point of A iff for every open ball $B(a, \epsilon)$ there exists (n_k) a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers such that for each n_k . $A(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and $A(n_k, x) \geq \alpha$ implies $x \in B(a, \epsilon)$.

Proof :

A is a fuzzy sequence in M. Let $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. Let $a \in M$ be a limit point of A. Take $r > 0$ and $1 \in \mathbb{N}$.

By definition of limit point of A, there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n_1 \geq 1$ and $A(n_1, x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast

one x in M and $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < r$. i.e., $x \in B(a,\epsilon)$. Consider $r > 0$ and $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$. By definition of limit point, there exists $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such $n_2 > n_1$, $A(n_2,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and $A(n_2,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < r$. i.e., $x \in B(a,\epsilon)$. Now considering $r > 0$ and $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ by definition of limit point we get n_3 . Thus we get (n_k) a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers such that for each n_k , $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $x \in B(a,\epsilon)$.

Conversely, suppose the given condition is satisfied we claim that a is a limit point of A at level α . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ is given. Choose $n_k \geq n_0$. Let $n = n_k$. Now $n \geq n_0$. $A(n,k)$ implies $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ and hence this is true for atleast one x in M . $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$. This implies $x \in B(a,\epsilon)$. Hence $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Hence given $\epsilon > 0$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \geq n_0$ and 1. $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and 2. $d(x,a) < \epsilon$ for all x with $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$. Therefore a is a limit point of A at level α .

Theorem:3.4

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M . $a \in M$ is a limit point of M iff there exists a subsequence converging to a .

Proof :

A is a fuzzy sequence in metric space M . $a \in M$ is a limit point of A . Take $\epsilon = 1 > 0$ and consider $1 \in \mathbb{N}$. By definition of limit point, there exists $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n_1 \geq 1$ and $A(n_1,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and $A(n_1,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < 1$. Now consider $\epsilon = 1/2 > 0$ and $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$. By definition of limit point there exists $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n_2 > n_1$ and 1. $A(n_2,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M . 2. $A(n_2,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < 1/2$. Proceeding we get a sequence (n_k) . Now (n_k) is a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers with

1. For each n_k , $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and
2. $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < 1/k$. Now consider the subsequence B given by (n_k) . B is defined as $B(n,x) = A(n,x)$ if $n = n_k$ for some k and 0 otherwise.

Claim : B converges to a . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k_0 > 1/\epsilon$. Take any $k \geq k_0$. $B(n_k,x) = A(n_k,x)$. Therefore $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M . $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $A(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$. This implies $d(x,a) < 1/k \leq 1/k_0 < \epsilon$. Hence given $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $k \geq k_0$. 1. $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and 2. $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Hence B converges to a . Therefore we get a subsequence B converging to a .

Conversely, suppose A has a subsequence B converging to a at level α . We claim that a is a limit

point of A at level α . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Since B converges to a , given $\epsilon > 0$, there

exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any $k \geq k_0$ we have 1. $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M and 2. $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$. Choose k such that $n_k \geq n_0$. Put $n = n_k$. Then $A(n,x) = B(n_k,x)$. Hence we have

1. $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$ and hence this is true for atleast one x in M .
 2. $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $B(n_k,x) \geq \alpha$. Hence $d(x,a) < \epsilon$.
- Therefore a is a limit point of A .

Theorem:3.5

Let A be a fuzzy sequence in a metric space M . If A converges to a at level α then a is a limit point of A at level α . i.e., Every limit is a limit point.

Proof :

A is a fuzzy sequence in M . A converges to a at level α . We claim that a is a limit point of A . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and let $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Since A converges to a , there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $n \geq m$

1. $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ for atleast one x in M
2. $A(n,x) \geq \alpha$ implies $d(x,a) < \epsilon$.

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Result:3.6

Converse of the theorem is not true. This is established by the following example.

Example:3.7

Consider $X = \mathbb{R}$ with usual metric. Consider the fuzzy sequence A defined as

$A(n,x) = 1$ if $n = 2k$, $x = n$ and $=1$ if $n = 2k-1$, $x = 1/n$ and $= 0$ otherwise.

Take $\alpha \in (0,1]$ The odd subsequence converges to 0. Hence 0 is a limit point of A . The even subsequence is not convergent. Hence A is not convergent. Hence 0 is not the limit of A . Hence a limit point need not be a limit.

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