

FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF FUZZY POINTS AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. The present paper studies new properties of the concept of fuzzy points in the sense of Pu Pao-Ming and Liu Ying-Ming (Definition 2.3, Theorem 3.1). We first prove that, for an arbitrary Chang's fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) , every fuzzy set λ in Y with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$ is decomposed by at most three fuzzy sets: $\lambda = \lambda_1 \vee \lambda_2 \vee \lambda_3$ with $\lambda_i \wedge \lambda_j = 0_Y$ for each distinct integers i and j ($1 \leq i, j \leq 3$) (Theorem 2.10); moreover λ_1 is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) (Theorem 2.9(i)). Especially, if τ_Y is a fuzzy topology, say σ^f (cf. Example II in Section 3) which is induced from an ordinary topology σ of Y , then every fuzzy set λ in Y is decomposed by at most two fuzzy sets: $\lambda = \lambda_1 \vee \lambda_2$ with $\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2 = 0_Y$ (Corollary 3.7(i)); and λ_1 is fuzzy preopen in the fuzzy topological space (Y, σ^f) (Corollary 3.7(ii)). Moreover, every fuzzy point (in the sense of Pu Pao-Ming and Lin Ying-Ming) is fuzzy open or fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, σ^f) (Theorem 3.1). As applications, the results are applied to the case where $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\sigma = \kappa^2$ (=the Khalimsky topology), i.e., $(Y, \sigma) = (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ is the digital plane. So, every digital image ($\neq 0$) on \mathbb{Z}^2 is decomposed by at most two digital images and they have such fuzzy topological properties (Theorem 3.9 in Section 3(III-5)).

1 Introduction and preliminaries In 1965, L.A. Zadeh [29] introduced and investigated the fundamental notion of *fuzzy sets* and fuzzy sets operations. Subsequently several authors applied various basic concepts from general topology to fuzzy sets and developed the theory of Fuzzy topological spaces. In 1968, C.L. Chang [6] introduced and investigated the concept of *fuzzy topological spaces* (cf. Definition 1.1 below). In 1974, K.K. Wong [27, Definition 3.1] introduced and investigated the notion of *fuzzy points* (cf. [27, Theorem 3.1 and p.319]). In 1980, Pu Pao-Ming and Liu Ying-Ming [24, Definition 2.1] redefined the concept of *fuzzy points*; it takes a crisp singleton, equivalently, an ordinary point as a special case. In the present paper, we adopte and use the definition

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of fuzzy points in the sense of Pu Pao-Ming and Lin Ying-Ming [24] (cf. Definition 1.3 below). For a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space, the concept of *fuzzy preopen sets* and *fuzzy preclosed sets* were introduced by A.S. Bin Shahna [2] in 1991.

We recall some terminologies on fuzzy sets: throughout the present paper, let Y be a nonempty set and I be the unit interval $[0, 1]$. For Y, I^Y denotes the collection of all functions from Y into I ; the equality $\lambda = \mu$ in I^Y if and only if $\lambda(x) = \mu(x)$ for every point $x \in Y$. A member λ of I^Y is called a fuzzy set in Y [29]. For $\lambda \in I^Y$ and $\mu \in I^Y$, λ is *contained in* μ , denoted by $\lambda \leq \mu$, if $\lambda(x) \leq \mu(x)$ for every point $x \in Y$. Let $\lambda, \mu \in I^Y$, the following fuzzy sets $\lambda \vee \mu \in I^Y$ and $\lambda \wedge \mu \in I^Y$ are defined by $(\lambda \vee \mu)(x) := \max\{\lambda(x), \mu(x)\}$ for every point $x \in Y$ and $(\lambda \wedge \mu)(x) := \min\{\lambda(x), \mu(x)\}$ for every point $x \in Y$, respectively. The fuzzy sets 0_Y is defined by $0_Y(x) = 0$ for every point $x \in Y$.

The purpose of the present paper is to study decomposition of a given fuzzy set in Y by at most three fuzzy sets using an arbitrary fuzzy topology on Y ; for $\lambda \in I^Y$ with $\lambda \neq 0$, λ is equal to $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is a fuzzy preopen set of the arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) ; and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ etc. hold, (cf. Theorem 2.10 and Theorem 2.9 below). In Section 2 we prove the main results (Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 2.10); some fuzzy topological properties on fuzzy points are used for their proofs. In Section 3, we give three kinds of examples of the decomposition of a fuzzy set; Example I shows the decomposition of a fuzzy set in a finite fuzzy topological space; Example II shows the decomposition of an arbitrary fuzzy set in a specified fuzzy topological space induced from an arbitrary topological space (cf. Theorem 3.1, Corollary 3.7 below); in Example III we apply the results of Section 2 and Example II to decomposition of an arbitrary fuzzy set in a specified fuzzy topological space induced from the digital plane and so we investigate decomposition problem of grey pictures (digital images) on the digital planes (cf. Theorem 3.9 in (III-5), three figures in (III-6, 7) below). We need some concepts and notation in the digital planes (resp. digital line) (cf. (III-9) (resp. (III-10)) to prove Theorem 3.9 in (III-13) below.

In the end of this section, we need more detail and fundamental concepts as follows. For a family of fuzzy sets, $\{\lambda_j | j \in J\}$, the *union* $\bigvee\{\lambda_j | j \in J\}$, and the *intersection*, $\bigwedge\{\lambda_j | j \in J\}$, are defined by

$$\bigvee\{\lambda_j | j \in J\}(x) := \sup\{\lambda_j(x) | j \in J\}, \quad x \in Y;$$

$$\bigwedge\{\lambda_j | j \in J\}(x) := \inf\{\lambda_j(x) | j \in J\}, \quad x \in Y;$$

where J denotes arbitrary index set [6]. The fuzzy set 1_Y is defined by $1_Y(x) = 1$ for every point $x \in Y$. The *complement* λ^c of a fuzzy set λ is defined by $\lambda^c(x) := 1 - \lambda(x)$ for every point $x \in Y$.

Definition 1.1 (C.L. Chang [6, Definition 2.2]) A *fuzzy topological space* [6] is a pair (Y, τ_Y) , where Y is a non-empty set and τ_Y is a *fuzzy topology* on it, i.e., a family τ_Y of fuzzy sets satisfying the following three axioms:

- (1) $0_Y, 1_Y \in \tau_Y$;

(2) If $\lambda, \mu \in \tau_Y$, then $\lambda \wedge \mu \in \tau_Y$;

(3) Let J be an index set. If $\lambda_j \in \tau_Y$ for each $j \in J$, then $\bigvee \{\lambda_j | j \in J\} \in \tau_Y$.

The elements of τ_Y are called *fuzzy open sets* of (X, τ_Y) . A fuzzy set λ is called a *fuzzy closed set* of (Y, τ_Y) if the fuzzy complement $\lambda^c \in \tau_Y$.

Sometimes, the fuzzy topological space of Definition 1.1 is called *Chang's fuzzy topological space*. For a fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^Y$ and a fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) , the fuzzy closure and fuzzy interior of λ are defined by $\text{Cl}(\lambda) := \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^Y | \lambda \leq \mu, \mu^c \in \tau_Y\}$ and $\text{Int}(\lambda) := \bigvee \{\nu \in I^Y | \nu \leq \lambda, \nu \in \tau_Y\}$, respectively.

Definition 1.2 Let (Y, τ_Y) be a fuzzy topological space.

(i) ([26]) A fuzzy set λ is called *fuzzy preopen* (resp. *fuzzy preclosed*) in (Y, τ_Y) , if $\lambda \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\tau_Y))$ (resp. λ^c is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y)).

(ii) A fuzzy set λ is called *fuzzy nowhere dense* in (Y, τ_Y) if $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\lambda)) = 0_Y$ holds.

(iii) ([1, Definition 4.1, Theorem 4.2]) A fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^Y$ is called *fuzzy semi-open* (resp. *fuzzy semi-closed*) in (Y, τ_Y) , if $\lambda \leq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\lambda))$ (resp. λ^c is fuzzy semi-open in (Y, τ_Y)).

Moreover, we recall the following well known definition of *fuzzy points* in Y [24, Definition 2.1] (e.g., [11, p.120]).

Definition 1.3 ([24, Definition 2.1]) A fuzzy set in Y is said to be *fuzzy point* if it takes the value 0 for all $y \in Y$ except one, say $x \in Y$. If its value at x is a ($0 < a \leq 1$), we denote this fuzzy point by x_a , where this point x is called *its support*. Namely, for a point $x \in Y$ and a real number $a \in I$ such that $0 < a \leq 1$, a *fuzzy point* $x_a \in I^Y$ is a fuzzy set defined as, for any point $y \in Y$, $x_a(y) = a$ if $y = x$; $x_a(y) = 0$ if $y \neq x$.

We recall the following concepts on fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^Y$: The set $\{y \in X | \lambda(y) > 0\}$ is called the *support of λ* and it is denoted by $\text{supp}(\lambda)$ (e.g., [24, Definition 1.1]). For examples, for a point $x \in Y$ and a subset A of Y , we have $\text{supp}(x_a) = \{x\}$ and $\text{supp}(\chi_A) = A$, where χ_A is the characteristic function of A defined by $\chi_A(y) := 1$ for every point $y \in A$ and $\chi_A(y) := 0$ for every point $y \notin A$.

2 A decomposition of fuzzy sets from a fuzzy topological space point of view In the present section, we investigate a decomposition theorem of a given fuzzy set λ by three specified fuzzy sets $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$, $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$, where (Y, τ_Y) is an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (cf. Theorem 2.9, Theorem 2.10, Definition 2.6 below). First we show that, in the following example (Y, τ_Y) of Chang's fuzzy topological space, there exists a fuzzy point x_a such that x_a is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) and also x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) .

Example 2.1 The following (Y, τ_Y) is an example of a fuzzy topological space (cf. this space (Y, τ_Y) is given in [25, Example 3.1]). Let $Y := I$ (the unit interval $[0, 1]$) and $\tau_Y := \{0_Y, \mu, \nu, \mu \vee \nu, 1_Y\}$, where $\mu(y) := 0$ for every $y \in Y$

with $0 \leq y \leq 1/2$, $\mu(y) := 2y - 1$ for every $y \in Y$ with $1/2 \leq y \leq 1$; and $\nu(y) := 1$ for every $y \in Y$ with $0 \leq y \leq 1/4$, $\nu(y) := -4y + 2$ for every $y \in Y$ with $1/4 \leq y \leq 1/2$, $\nu(y) := 0$ for every $y \in Y$ with $1/2 \leq y \leq 1$.

(i) For a point $x := 3/4 \in Y$ and a real number $a \in I$ with $1/2 < a \leq 1$, we take a fuzzy point x_a ; then x_a is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) , because $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))(3/4) = \text{Int}(\nu^c)(3/4) = \mu(3/4) = 1/2 \not\geq a = x_a(3/4)$. And so the fuzzy point x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense.

(ii) For a point $x := 3/4 \in Y$ and a real number $b \in I$ with $0 < b \leq 1/2$, we have x_b is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) ; but x_b is fuzzy nowhere dense, because $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_b)) = \text{Int}((\mu \vee \nu)^c) = 0_Y$.

(iii) For a point $x := 1/4 \in Y$ and a real number $d \in I$ with $0 < d \leq 1$, we have x_d is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) ; but x_d is not fuzzy nowhere dense, because $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_d)) = \text{Int}(\mu^c) = \nu$.

Remark 2.2 Example 2.1(i) above shows that it is not true that every fuzzy topological space satisfies the following property:

(*) every fuzzy point is fuzzy preopen or fuzzy nowhere dense in the fuzzy topological space.

However, it is well known that in an arbitrary topological space (Y, σ) every singleton $\{x\}$ is preopen (i.e., $\{x\} \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{x\}))$) or nowhere dense (i.e., $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{x\})) = \emptyset$) in (Y, σ) (Janković-Reilly's lemma [14, Lemma 2], e.g., [5, Lemma 2.4], [4, Observation 3.1(b)]). Thus, by Example 2.1 above, it is shown that a fuzzy version of Janković-Reilly's lemma does not hold for arbitrary fuzzy topological space.

It follows from Remark 2.2 that we can define the following concept of a fuzzy topological space which satisfies the above property (*).

Definition 2.3 A fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) is said to *satisfy the Janković-Reilly condition*, if every fuzzy point x_a in Y is fuzzy preopen or fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , where the point $x \in Y$ and the real number $a \in I$ with $0 < a \leq 1$.

Lemma 2.4 For an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) and a fuzzy point $x_a \in I^Y$, we have the following properties.

- (i) If x_a is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) , then x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense.
- (ii) If x_a is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , then x_a is not fuzzy preopen.

Proof. (i) Since $x_a \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$ holds and $x_a \neq 0_Y$, we have $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a)) \neq 0_Y$, i.e., x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense.

(ii) Suppose the fuzzy point x_a is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) . Then, we have $x_a \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$ and so $x_a = 0_Y$, because x_a is fuzzy nowhere dense. This contradicts the definition of fuzzy points. \square

We need a lemma and some notation below.

Lemma 2.5 Let $\lambda \in I^Y$ be a fuzzy set with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$ and A and B two subsets of $\text{supp}(\lambda)$. Then, the following properties hold.

(i) (cf. [24, Definition 2.2], e.g., [19, Lemma 2.2]) $\lambda = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ holds.

(ii) $\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in A \cup B\} = (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in A\}) \vee (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in B\})$ holds.

(iii) Further to (ii), suppose $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $(\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in A\}) \wedge (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x \in B\}) = 0_Y$. \square

(Notation I): For an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) , we denote the following three families of fuzzy sets as follows (cf. Definition 1.2):

- (1) $FPO(Y, \tau_Y) := \{\lambda \in I^Y \mid \lambda \text{ is fuzzy preopen in } (Y, \tau_Y)\}$;
- (2) $FND(Y, \tau_Y) := \{\lambda \in I^Y \mid \lambda \text{ is fuzzy nowhere dense in } (Y, \tau_Y)\}$;
- (3) $FSO(Y, \tau_Y) := \{\lambda \in I^Y \mid \lambda \text{ is fuzzy semi-open in } (Y, \tau_Y)\}$.

(Notation II): For an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) and a fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^Y$ with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$ (i.e., $\text{supp}(\lambda) \neq \emptyset$), we define three subsets of $\text{supp}(\lambda)$:

- (1) $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y)\}$;
- (2) $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y)\}$;
- (3) $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FPO(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FND(Y, \tau_Y)\}$.

Definition 2.6 Let (Y, τ_Y) be an arbitrary fuzzy topological space and $\lambda \in I^Y$ be a fuzzy set with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$. The following fuzzy sets are well defined:

- (i) $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)} := \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \neq \emptyset$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)} := 0_Y$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} = \emptyset$;
- (ii) $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}ND(Y, \tau_Y)} := \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} \neq \emptyset$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}ND(Y, \tau_Y)} := 0_Y$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} = \emptyset$;
- (iii) $\lambda_{\mathcal{R}EST(Y, \tau_Y)} := \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FPO(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} \neq \emptyset$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{R}EST(Y, \tau_Y)} := 0_Y$ if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} = \emptyset$.

Remark 2.7 Let (Y, τ_Y) be an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (cf. Notations I, II above).

- (i) $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0$ if and only if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} = \emptyset$.
- (ii) $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}ND(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0$ if and only if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} = \emptyset$.
- (iii) $\lambda_{\mathcal{R}EST(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0$ if and only if $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} = \emptyset$.

Proof of (i): (Necessity) Suppose that $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \neq \emptyset$, i.e., there exists a point $z \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$ such that $z_{\lambda(z)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y)$. For the point z we set $\mathcal{A}_z := \{x_{\lambda(x)}(z) \in I \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$. By Definition 2.6 (i), $\sup \mathcal{A}_z = \lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)}(z)$. For any element $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_z$, $\alpha \leq \sup \mathcal{A}_z$. Then, we have $z_{\lambda(z)}(z) \leq \sup \mathcal{A}_z$, because $z_{\lambda(z)}(z) \in \mathcal{A}_z$. Since $0 < \lambda(z) = z_{\lambda(z)}(z)$, we have $0 < \sup \mathcal{A}_z = \lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)}(z)$. We conclude that $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)} \neq 0_Y$ in (Y, τ_Y) .

(Sufficiency) The proof is obtained directly by Definition 2.6 (i).

Proof of (ii) (resp. (iii)): this is proved by the same argument as that in (i) (resp. (iii)) using Definition 2.6 (ii) (resp. (iii)).

The following theorem is a characterization of $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}PO(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}ND(Y, \tau_Y)}$.

Theorem 2.8 Let (Y, τ_Y) be an arbitrary fuzzy topological space and $\lambda \in I^Y$ be a fuzzy point with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$.

(i-1) If $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$.

(i-2) Conversely, if $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$, then $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds.

(ii-1) If $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$.

(ii-2) Conversely, if $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$, then $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds.

(iii) Especially, suppose that (Y, τ_Y) satisfies the Janković-Reilly condition (cf. Definition 2.3).

(iii-1) If $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$, then $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds.

(iii-2) If $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$, then $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds.

Proof. **(i-1)** Assume $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds in (Y, τ_Y) . We recall that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} := \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}(z) = \sup \mathcal{B}_z$, where $z \in Y$ and $\mathcal{B}_z := \{x_{\lambda(x)}(z) \in I \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$. We claim that

(*) $w_{\lambda(w)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y)$ for each point $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$.

Proof of ().* Let $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. Then, by assumption, $\lambda(w) = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}(w) = \sup \mathcal{B}_w$. For any positive real number ε with $0 < \sup \mathcal{B}_w - \varepsilon$, there exists a real number $y \in \mathcal{B}_w$ such that $0 < \sup \mathcal{B}_w - \varepsilon < y \leq \sup \mathcal{B}_w$. Hence, $y = x_{\lambda(x)}(w)$ for some $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$ and $x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y)$. Since $y = x_{\lambda(x)}(w) > 0$, we have $x_{\lambda(x)}(w) = \lambda(x)$ and so $x = w$. Thus, we show (*) above, i.e., $w_{\lambda(w)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y)$ for each point $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. \diamond

Namely, $w_{\lambda(w)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) for each point $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. Using Lemma 2.4 (ii) for each point $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$, $w_{\lambda(w)}$ is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) . By Remark 2.7(i) (resp. (iii)), it is shown that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ (resp. $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ because $w_{\lambda(w)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FND(Y, \tau_Y)$ for each $w \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$) in (Y, τ_Y) .

(i-2) Assume $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$. By Remark 2.7(i) and (iii), respectively, it is obtained that $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(Y, \tau_Y)\} = \emptyset$ and $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FPO(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FND(Y, \tau_Y)\} = \emptyset$. Thus, we have $\text{supp}(\lambda) = \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y)\}$ and so $\lambda = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ (cf. Lemma 2.5(i)).

(ii-1) (ii-2) Their proofs are similar to that of (i-1) and (i-2) above, respectively.

(iii) (iii-1) Assume $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$. By Remark 2.7(i), it is obtained that every fuzzy point $x_{\lambda(x)}$ is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) for each point $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. Since (Y, τ_Y) satisfies the Janković-Reilly condition (cf. Definition 2.3), every fuzzy point $x_{\lambda(x)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) for each point $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$; and so $\{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$. Therefore, using Lemma 2.5(i), we have $\lambda = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$.

$x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$.

(iii-2) The proof is similar to that of (iii-1) above. \square

In the end of this section we shall prove two theorems of main results (cf. Theorem 2.9, Theorem 2.10 below).

Theorem 2.9 For an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) and $\lambda \in I^Y$ a fuzzy set with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$, we have the following properties on $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$, respectively.

(i) $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is fuzzy preopen.

(ii) If the characteristic function χ_B is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , where $B := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in \text{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)\}$.

Proof. (i) If $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \neq 0_Y$, then

$\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} := \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^Y \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in \text{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ is the fuzzy union of fuzzy preopen fuzzy points $x_{\lambda(x)}$ for some points $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$ (cf. Definition 2.6(1)). Then, $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) , because $\text{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)$ is closed under an arbitrary fuzzy union. If $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$, then it is obviously fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) .

(ii) We recall $B = \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{FND}} := \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in \text{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)\}$ (cf. (Notation II)). For the case where $B \neq \emptyset$, it follows from assumption and Definition 2.6(2) that $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)})) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in B\})) \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\bigvee \{\chi_{\{x\}} \mid x \in B\})) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\chi_{\bigcup \{x\} \mid x \in B})) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\chi_B)) = 0_Y$. Namely, we have $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)})) = 0_Y$; and so $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) . For the case where $B = \emptyset$, we have $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} := 0_Y$; and so $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is also fuzzy nowhere dense for the case where $B = \emptyset$. \square

Theorem 2.10 Let (Y, τ_Y) be an arbitrary fuzzy topological space and $\lambda \in I^Y$ a fuzzy set with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$. We have the following properties on λ .

(i) $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ holds.

(ii) $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$.

(iii) Especially, if (Y, τ_Y) satisfies the Janković-Reilly condition (cf. Definition 2.3), then λ has a decomposition: $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ with $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$.

Proof. (i) First, we claim that for an arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y)

(*) $\text{supp}(\lambda) = \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{FPO}} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{FND}} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{REST}}$ holds.

Let $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$ and $x_{\lambda(x)}$ a fuzzy point. We consider the following all cases on the values on $(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(x) \in I$ and $x_{\lambda(x)}(x) \in I$.

Case 1. $x_{\lambda(x)}(x) \leq (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(x)$ in I : for this case we have $x_{\lambda(x)} \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)}))$ in I^Y , because $x_{\lambda(x)}(y) = 0$ for every point $y \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$ with $y \neq x$. Thus, for this case, we have $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \text{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)$ and so $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{FPO}}$.

Case 2. $(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(x) = 0$ in I : for this case for a point $y \in Y$ with $y \neq x$, we consider the following two cases:

Case (2-1). $(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(y) = 0$ for every point $y \in Y$ with $y \neq x$: for this case we have $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})) = 0_Y$, i.e., $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \text{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)$ and so $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{\text{FND}}$.

Case (2-2). $(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(y) \neq 0$ for some point $y \in Y$ with $y \neq x$: for this case, we have $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})) \neq 0_Y$ in I^Y ; and so $x_{\lambda(x)}$ is not fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , i.e., $x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FND(Y, \tau_Y)$. Moreover, at the point y , we have $x_{\lambda(x)}(y) = 0 < (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(y)$; however at the point x for the Case 2, we have $x_{\lambda(x)}(x) \not\leq (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(x) = 0$, because $0 < x_{\lambda(x)}(x) = \lambda(x)$. Thus, for this Case (2-2), $x_{\lambda(x)}$ is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) , i.e., $x \notin FPO(Y, \tau_Y)$. Namely, for the point x where the Case (2-2), we have $x \notin FND(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FPO(Y, \tau_Y)$. i.e., $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}$.

Thus, for the point x in this Case 2, we show that $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}$.

Case 3. $0 < (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})))(x) < x_{\lambda(x)}(x)$ in I : for this case, we have $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)})) \neq 0$ and $x_{\lambda(x)} \not\leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_{\lambda(x)}))$. Namely, $x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FND(Y, \tau_Y) \cup FPO(Y, \tau_Y)$, i.e., $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}$.

By all possible cases above, it is shown that $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}$ holds for any point $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. Namely, we show one of the inequalities of (*): $\text{supp}(\lambda) \subset \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}$. Since the converse implication is obvious, we conclude the proof of the equality (*) for the arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) .

Therefore, by Lemma 2.5 and (*) above, it is concluded that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} \\ &= (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO}\}) \vee (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND}\}) \\ &\vee (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST}\}) = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) By Lemma 2.4 and definitions, it is shown that $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cap \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} = \emptyset$; and so, by Lemma 2.5(iii), it is obtained that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$. It is similarly shown that the other equalities hold, because $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cap \text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} = \emptyset$ and $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{REST} \cap \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} = \emptyset$, respectively.

(iii) Let $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$. Then, it follow from assumption that every fuzzy point $x_{\lambda(x)}$ is fuzzy preopen or fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) , i.e., $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND}$. Namely, we have $\text{supp}(\lambda) = \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} \cup \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND}$.

By Lemma 2.5(ii)(iii) and definitions, it is shown that $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$. \square

3 Examples and applications In the present section, we give some examples on results (cf. Theorem 2.10) of Section 2 above. With respect to the decomposition of a fuzzy set, Example I below shows one for the finite fuzzy topological space of Example 2.1; Example II below shows detailly one for a specific fuzzy topological space (Y, σ^f) which is induced from a topological space (Y, σ) ; in Example III below, some applications for a digital image λ with grey scale $\lambda(x)$ are given; they are done for a fuzzy set on the digital planes and the decomposition of the images is given exactly for the simple fuzzy topological space $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ (cf. Theorem 3.9 in (III-5), (III-10) below). The proof of Theorem 3.9 is done in (III-13) after recalling properties on the digital planes (cf. (III-8,9) below). In (III-6) and (III-7) below, simple illustrations of a decomposition of image λ on \mathbb{Z}^2 with grey scale $\lambda(x)$, where $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, are illustrated.

(Example I).

We consider the fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) in Example 2.1; $Y := I$ and $\tau_Y := \{0_Y, \mu, \nu, \mu \vee \nu, 1_Y\}$ (cf. Example 2.1). By Theorem 2.10, it is obtained that any fuzzy set λ on Y has a decomposition: $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$. For this fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) , we can see the precise forms of them. First, in order to investigate fuzzy topological properties of any fuzzy point on (Y, τ_Y) , we should decompose $(Y \times I) \setminus Y \times \{0\}$ as follows:

$$(Y \times I) \setminus Y \times \{0\} = \bigcup \{(Y \times I)_i \mid i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}\},$$

$$\text{where } (Y \times I)_1 := \{(x, t) \mid 0 \leq x < 3/8, 0 < t \leq -4x + 2, 4x - 1 < t \leq 1\};$$

$$(Y \times I)_2 := \{(x, t) \mid 1/4 \leq x < 1/2, -4x - 1 < t \leq 1, -4x + 2 < t \leq 1\};$$

$$(Y \times I)_3 := \{(x, t) \mid 1/4 \leq x < 1, 0 < t \leq -2x + 2, 0 < t \leq 4x - 1\};$$

$$(Y \times I)_4 := \{(x, t) \mid 1/2 < x < 1, -2x + 2 < t \leq 1, 2x - 1 < t \leq 1\};$$

$$(Y \times I)_5 := \{(x, t) \mid 3/4 \leq x \leq 1, 0 < t \leq 2x - 1, -2x + 2 < t \leq 1\}.$$

Secondly, we have the following properties on a fuzzy point x_a on Y : for a pair $(x, a) \in Y \times I \setminus Y \times \{0\}$,

- if $(x, a) \in (Y \times I)_1 \cup (Y \times I)_5$, then x_a is fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) and so, by Lemma 2.4(i), x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense;
- if $(x, a) \in (Y \times I)_2 \cup (Y \times I)_4$, then x_a is not fuzzy preopen and x_a is not fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) ;
- if $(x, a) \in (Y \times I)_3$, then x_a is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, τ_Y) ; and so, by Lemma 2.4(ii), x_a is not fuzzy preopen in (Y, τ_Y) .

Finally, let λ be a fuzzy set on Y . Then, λ has a decomposition as follows (cf. Theorem 2.10(i)(ii)): $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$. The precise forms are obtained by using above decomposition of $Y \times I \setminus Y \times \{0\}$:

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_a \mid (x, a) \in G(\lambda) \cap ((Y \times I)_1 \cup (Y \times I)_5)\}; \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_a \mid (x, a) \in G(\lambda) \cap (Y \times I)_3\}; \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_a \mid (x, a) \in G(\lambda) \cap ((Y \times I)_2 \cup (Y \times I)_4)\};$$

where $G(\lambda)$ denotes the graph of λ (i.e., $G(\lambda) := \{(x, \lambda(x)) \in Y \times I \mid x \in Y\}$).

In additions, we give two simple examples of fuzzy sets on Y to see the more exact decompositions.

- For example, let $\lambda \in I^Y$ be a fuzzy set defined by $\lambda(x) := 3/4$ for every point $x \in Y$. Then, we have $G(\lambda) \cap (Y \times I)_i \neq \emptyset$ for each integer i with $1 \leq i \leq 5$ and $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{\mathcal{FPO}} = [0, 5/16] \cup [7/8, 1]$, $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{\mathcal{FND}} = [7/16, 5/8]$ and $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{\mathcal{REST}} = (5/16, 7/16) \cup (5/8, 7/8)$, where $[a, b]$ and (c, d) denote a closed interval and an open interval in I for real numbers $a, b, c, d \in I$ with $a < b$ and $c < d$, respectively; and so

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_{3/4} \in I^Y \mid x \in [0, 5/16] \cup [7/8, 1]\}; \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_{3/4} \in I^Y \mid x \in [7/16, 5/8]\}; \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_{3/4} \in I^Y \mid x \in (5/16, 7/16) \cup (5/8, 7/8)\}.$$

This example shows that this fuzzy space (Y, τ_Y) does not satisfy the Janković-Reilly condition.

- For the following example λ , we shows that $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)} = 0_Y$: let $\lambda \in I^Y$ be a fuzzy set on Y defined by $\lambda(x) := 1/2$ for every point $x \in Y$; $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_{1/2} \in I^Y \mid x \in [0, 3/8) \cup (3/4, 1]\}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} = \bigvee \{x_{1/2} \in I^Y \mid x \in [3/8, 3/4]\}$. This example shows that the converse of Theorem 2.10(iii) is not true.

(Example II).

The following fuzzy topological space (Y, σ^f) is a typical example of a fuzzy topological space satisfying the Janković-Reilly condition (cf. Definition 2.3, Theorem 2.10(ii), Theorem 3.1 and its proof below). In the present Example II, for a nonempty set Y , we assume that Y has an ordinary topology, say σ , and on Y we define an induced fuzzy topology, say σ^f , as follows: $\sigma^f := \{\chi_U \mid U \in \sigma\}$. Then, it is obviously shown that σ^f forms a fuzzy topology on Y and following fuzzy topological properties are shown straightforwardly except Theorem 3.1 below. Since σ^f is crisp, there is a bijection between the topology σ and the fuzzy topology σ^f , say $f : \sigma \rightarrow \sigma^f$, which is defined by $f(U) := \chi_U$ for every set $U \in \sigma$. However, the fuzzy topology σ^f has some interesting properties (cf. Theorem 3.1, (3.3) and (3.5) below). Throughout the present Example II, $\text{Cl}(\bullet)$ (resp. $\text{Int}(\bullet)$) denotes the fuzzy closure (resp. fuzzy interior) in this example (Y, σ^f) .

Theorem 3.1 *This example, say (Y, σ^f) , of a fuzzy topological space, satisfies the Janković-Reilly condition (cf. Definition 2.3; the proof is shown in the end of this (Example II)).*

(3.2) *For a fuzzy set λ on Y , $\text{Cl}(\lambda) = \chi_{\text{Cl}(\text{supp}(\lambda))}$ holds in (Y, σ^f) ; and $\text{Int}(\lambda) = \chi_{\text{Int}(\lambda^{-1}(\{1\}))}$ holds in (Y, σ^f) .*

A family $PO(Y, \sigma)$ denotes the family of all preopen subsets of (Y, σ) , i.e., $PO(Y, \sigma) := \{V \subset Y \mid V \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V)) \text{ holds in } (Y, \sigma)\}$.

(3.3) *The following property shows that the function $f : \sigma \rightarrow \sigma^f$ is extended to the family $PO(Y, \sigma)$ by $f_p(E) := \chi_E$ for every $E \in PO(Y, \sigma)$, say $f_p : PO(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow FPO(Y, \sigma^f)$. And, in spite of the bijection of $f : \sigma \rightarrow \sigma^f$ above, we note that the function f_p is not bijective; indeed it is not surjective in general (cf. (III-11) in (Example III) below for the digital plane $(Y, \sigma) = (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$).*

(3.4) (i) *A subset E is preopen in (Y, σ) if and only if χ_E is fuzzy preopen in (Y, σ^f) .*

(ii) *For a subset E of (Y, σ) and a fuzzy set $\lambda_E \in I^Y$ with $E = \text{supp}(\lambda_E)$, E is nowhere dense (resp. preopen) in (Y, σ) if and only if λ_E is fuzzy nowhere dense (resp. fuzzy preopen) in (Y, σ^f) .*

(iii) *Let λ_1 and λ_2 be fuzzy sets such that $\text{supp}(\lambda_1) = \text{supp}(\lambda_2)$. Then, λ_1 is fuzzy nowhere dense (resp. fuzzy preopen) in (Y, σ^f) if and only if λ_2 is fuzzy nowhere dense (resp. fuzzy preopen) in (Y, σ^f) .*

(3.5) *Also, an extended function $f_s : SO(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow FSO(Y, \sigma^f)$ is well defined by $f_s(E) := \chi_E$ for every set $E \in SO(Y, \sigma)$, where $SO(Y, \sigma) := \{U \subset Y \mid U \text{ is semi-open in } (Y, \sigma), \text{ i.e., } V \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(V)) \text{ holds}\}$. The function f_s is not surjective in general (cf. (III-4), (III-12) in (Example III) for the digital plane $(Y, \sigma) = (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ below).*

(3.6) For a fuzzy point x_a , where $x \in Y$ and $a \in I(a \neq 0)$, the following properties holds in (Y, σ^f) .

- (i) Every fuzzy point x_a is fuzzy open or fuzzy preclosed in (Y, σ^f) .
- (ii) A fuzzy point x_a is fuzzy open in (Y, σ^f) if and only if $a = 1$ and $\{x\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .
- (iii) (a) If $a = 1$ and $\{x\}$ is preclosed in (Y, σ) , then x_a is fuzzy preclosed in (Y, σ^f) .
- (b) If $0 < a < 1$ or $\{x\} \notin \sigma$, then x_a is fuzzy preclosed in (Y, σ^f) .
- (iv) Suppose that x_a is fuzzy preclosed in (Y, σ^f) .
 - (a) If $(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(x_a)))(x) = 1$ holds, then $a = 1$ and $\{x\}$ is preclosed in (Y, σ) .
 - (b) If $(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(x_a)))(x) \neq 1$ holds, then $0 < a < 1$ or $\{x\} \notin \sigma$.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We should prove that every fuzzy point in Y is fuzzy preopen or fuzzy nowhere dense in this example (Y, σ^f) of the fuzzy topological space. Let x_a be a fuzzy set on Y . We have the following two cases on a subset $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$ in (Y, σ^f) .

Case 1. $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a)) = 0_Y$: for this case, x_a is fuzzy nowhere dense in (Y, σ^f) .

Case 2. $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a)) \neq 0_Y$: since $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a)) = \chi_{\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{x\})}$ (cf. (3.2)), for this case, we have: (*) there exists a point $y \in Y$ such that $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))(y) = 1$.

We recall definitions in general as follows: for a fuzzy set $\nu \in I^Y$, $\text{Int}(\nu) := \bigvee \{\mu \in I^Y \mid \mu \leq \nu, \mu \text{ is fuzzy open in } (Y, \sigma^f)\}$; for a point $y \in Y$, $\text{Int}(\nu)(y) := \sup\{\mu(y) \in I \mid \mu \in \mathcal{P}_\nu\}$, where $\mathcal{P}_\nu := \{\mu \in I^Y \mid \mu \leq \nu, \mu \text{ is fuzzy open in } (Y, \sigma^f)\}$. Then, for the fuzzy set $\text{Cl}(x_a)$, put $\mathcal{P}_{\text{Cl}(x_a)} := \{\mu \in I^Y \mid \mu \leq \text{Cl}(x_a), \mu \text{ is fuzzy open in } (Y, \sigma^f)\}$. It follows from (*) that $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))(y) = \sup\{\mu(y) \in I \mid \mu \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{Cl}(x_a)}\} = 1$. For any positive real number ε such that $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, there exists a fuzzy set $\mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{Cl}(x_a)}$ such that $1 - \varepsilon < \mu_0(y) \leq 1$. Namely, there exists an open set $U \in \sigma$ such that $\mu_0 = \chi_U \leq \text{Cl}(x_a)$, $\mu_0 \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$ and $1 - \varepsilon < \chi_U(y) \leq 1$. Then, we have that $\chi_U(y) = 1$ because $1 - \varepsilon$ is any positive real number and $\chi_U(y) \in \{0, 1\}$. Thus, we conclude that $\mu_0 = \chi_U \leq \text{Cl}(x_a) = \chi_{\text{Cl}(\{x\})}$ hold in (Y, σ^f) (cf. (3.2)) and $y \in U \in \sigma$ in (Y, σ) . Thus, we have that, in (Y, σ^f) , $\chi_{\{y\}} \leq \chi_U \leq \chi_{\text{Cl}(\{x\})}$. Namely, $y \in \text{Cl}(\{x\})$ holds in (Y, σ) and so $U \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$, i.e., $x \in U$. It is shown that $x_a \leq \chi_{\{x\}} \leq \chi_U = \mu_0 \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$. Therefore, we have that $x_a \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(x_a))$, i.e., x_a is fuzzy preopen in (Y, σ^f) .

Therefore, (Y, σ^f) satisfies the Janković-Reilly condition. \square

Using Theorem 3.1, Theorem 2.10(iii) and Theorem 2.9, we prove the following corollary.

Corollary 3.7 For this example (Y, σ^f) of a fuzzy topological space, we have the following properties.

- (i) Every fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^Y$ with $\lambda \neq 0_Y$ has a decomposition: $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(X, \sigma^f)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(X, \sigma^f)}$ with $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(X, \sigma^f)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(X, \sigma^f)} = 0_Y$.
- (ii) The fuzzy set $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(X, \sigma^f)}$ in (i) is fuzzy preopen in (Y, σ^f) .

Remark 3.8 By using Theorem 3.1 for the fuzzy point $\chi_{\{x\}}$, where $x \in Y$, it is

proved that every singleton is preopen or nowhere dense in a topological space (Y, σ) . This result was shown by Janković and Reilly [14, Lemma 2] and it is called the Janković-Reilly lemma ([14, Lemma 2], eg., [3, p.40]).

(Example III and applications).

We apply results in Section 2 to decompositions of a fuzzy set (grey picture) on the digital plane (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) (cf. Theorem 3.9 in (III-5) below).

(III-1) The 2-dimensional images on a nonempty set Y are investigated mathematically or digitally by regarding Y as \mathbb{Z}^2 or a subset of \mathbb{Z}^2 . In 1990 a topology on \mathbb{Z}^2 convenient for the study of digital images was introduced by Khalimsky, Kopperman and Meyer in [16]. That topology, called the Khalimsky Topology, is one of the most important concepts of the theory called digital topology. It has been studied and used by many persons (cf. (III-8) and (III-9) below); a topological space (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) is called *Khalimsky plane* or *the digital plane*.

(III-2) On the other hand, the concept of grey pictures relates to the concept of fuzzy sets. We recall the concept of *grey pictures* (e.g., [28]). Let $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function and $\mathcal{F}(i, j) := f_{i,j} \geq 0 (f_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R})$ for each $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$. The function \mathcal{F} is called a *digital grey picture* with a grey scale $\{f_{i,j}\}$ and it is denoted by $\mathcal{F} = \{f_{i,j}\}$ (e.g., [28, Definition 1]). Conveniently, it is assumed that $f_{i,j} \neq 0$ only for finite numbers of pairs (i, j) and $f_{i,j} = 0$ for other pairs. We set $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\lambda((i, j)) := f_{i,j}/M$ for each pair $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, where $M := \text{Max}\{f_{i,j} | f_{i,j} \neq 0, (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2\}$. Thus, we have a fuzzy set on Y , $\lambda \in I^Y$, where $Y = \mathbb{Z}^2$. Conversely, with the grey level $\lambda(x)$, the points $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ forms a grey picture; they form an image on $Y = \mathbb{Z}^2$ (cf. a figure in (III-6) below).

(III-3) When we can introduce an arbitrary fuzzy topology τ_Y on $Y = \mathbb{Z}^2$, by Theorem 2.10 in Section 2, it is obtained that every fuzzy set λ on $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$ has a decomposition using at most three fuzzy sets $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$, $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$. As an application, we have that: for an arbitrary fuzzy topology τ_Y on $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$,

(*1) every 2-dimensional digital image (or so called, grey picture) λ has been decomposed by at most three digital images : $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ (cf. Theorem 2.10(i)); and

(*2) the digital image $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is really a fuzzy preopen set in the fuzzy topological space $(Y, \tau_Y) := (\mathbb{Z}^2, \tau_Y)$ (cf. Theorem 2.9(i)); and moreover,

(*3) each two digital images of them are fuzzy disjoint in $I^Y = I^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ (cf. Theorem 2.10(ii)); and so even if we do not know the content of the original digital image λ and we receive separately these three digital images from any ones, we collect them and put together them as one sheet along the x -axis, y -axis and the origin $(0, 0)$ on each three digital images; then we can get the fuzzy set $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(Y, \tau_Y)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{REST}(Y, \tau_Y)}$. By Theorem 2.10(i), it is shown that this fuzzy set is equal to the original digital image λ .

Therefore, using Theorem 2.10 in Section 2, we find a method of decomposition of 2-dimensional digital image using a fuzzy topology and we explain the reasons of the decomposition by purely fuzzy topological tools and we have an

application above on digital images.

(III-4) For a most simple example, as the fuzzy topology τ_Y on $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$, now we consider an induced fuzzy topology $(\kappa^2)^f$ from the Khalimsky topology κ^2 on $Y := \mathbb{Z}^2$. Even though there exists a bijection $f : \kappa^2 \rightarrow (\kappa^2)^f$, the extended function $f_s : SO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2) \rightarrow FSO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ is not bijective; indeed, it is not surjective (cf. (III-12) below and also (III-11) for $PO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$). Thus, $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ can not be identified to the digital plane (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) ; and $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ is a simple example of fuzzy topological space and also the topological properties of (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) influences fuzzy topological ones of $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$; that are nice influences for their studies (cf. (III-5, 6, 7) below). By Theorem 3.1 of (Example II), we have the following property: an arbitrary fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ with $\lambda \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$, has a decomposition by at most two fuzzy sets $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ and $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ (cf. Theorem 3.9(iii) in (III-5) below); and they have exactly the following forms of Theorem 3.9(i)(ii) in (III-5) below.

(III-5) The proof of the following theorem shall be done in (III-13) below, after observing an example of the decomposition of a digital image (fuzzy set) on \mathbb{Z}^2 (cf. (III-6,7) below) and preparing some new terminologies and notation (cf. (III-8,9,10) below).

Theorem 3.9 *Let $\lambda \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ be a fuzzy set with $\lambda \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$. Let $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ be a special fuzzy topological space induced by the digital plane (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) .*

(i) (a) *If $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} \neq \emptyset$, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}\}$; if $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} = \emptyset$, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$.*

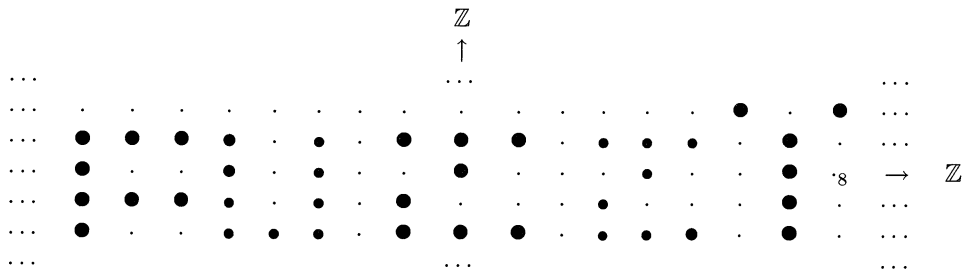
(b) *The fuzzy set $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ is fuzzy preopen in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$.*

(ii) (a) *If $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap ((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}) \neq \emptyset$, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap ((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}})\}$. If $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap ((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}) = \emptyset$, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$.*

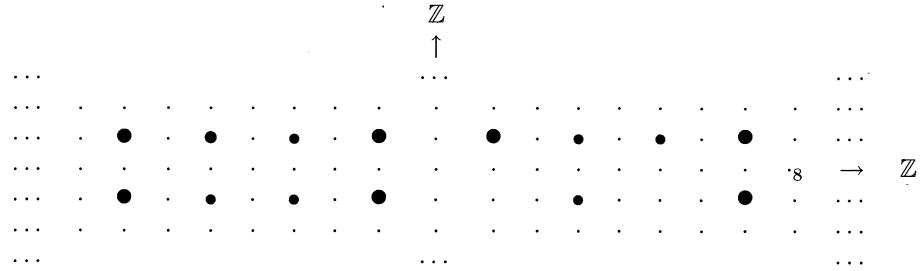
(b) *The fuzzy set $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$.*

(iii) *A fuzzy set λ has a decomposition: $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ with $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ (cf. (i) and (ii) above).*

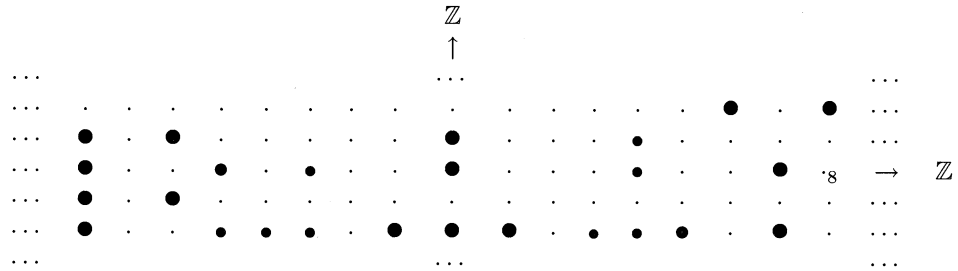
(III-6) For a simple example of digital images, we consider the following one which illustrated by the fuzzy set (image) λ on \mathbb{Z}^2 with some grey scale $\lambda(x)$. With the grey level $\lambda(x)$, the points $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ forms a grey picture; they form an image on X . In the figure, the grey levels are illustrated by \bullet , \bullet , \bullet or \bullet .



(III-7) (1) For the example of digital image of (III-6), say λ , the first fuzzy preopen set $\lambda_{\mathcal{PO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ in Theorem 3.9(i) above is illustrated as follows:



(2) And, the other fuzzy nowhere dense set (image) $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ in Theorem 3.9(ii) is illustrated as follows:



From now we recall the concept of the digital plane and related notation etc (cf. (III-8), (III-9) below); and after them we mention the proof of Theorem 3.9 (cf. (III-12) below).

(III-8) We should first recall the concept of the *digital line* or so-called *Khalimsky line*; it was originally introduced by Khalimsky (see Khalimsky et al.[16] and references there; [15]; e.g., [17, p.905]). We shall recall the following definition of the *digital line*, or so called the *Khalimsky line* (cf. [17, p.908] [18, Definition 2] [13, line -5 - -1 in page 1034] [12, line +1 - +13 after Proposition 2.1 in p.926] [22, Example 4 in Section 2.3] [8, line +2 in p.123] [20, Section 3]); the definition is more direct than the original definition given [16] etc.

- The *digital line* or so-called *Khalimsky line* (\mathbb{Z}, κ) is the set of the integers, \mathbb{Z} , equipped with the topology κ , having $\{\{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\} | m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ as a subbase. The topology κ is called the *digital topology* or the *Khalimsky topology* on \mathbb{Z} . For a point $2m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\{2m\}$ is closed and not open in (\mathbb{Z}, κ) and for a point $2m + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\{2m + 1\}$ is open and not closed in (\mathbb{Z}, κ) , where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. For any open subset V of (\mathbb{Z}, κ) and a point $x \in V$, if $x = 2m$ then there exists the smallest open set $\{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\}$ containing x such that $\{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\} \subset V$, and if $x = 2m + 1$ then there exists the smallest open set $\{2m + 1\}$ containing x such that $\{2m + 1\} \subset V$, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. We recall : a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called the *smallest open set containing* x if $x \in A, A \in \tau$ and $G = A$ holds for any open sets G such that $x \in G$ and $G \subset A$. By [7, Example 4.6], it is shown that (\mathbb{Z}, κ) is a $T_{1/2}$ -topological space; but an induced fuzzy

topological space (\mathbb{Z}, κ^f) is not fuzzy $T_{1/2}$ ([10, Example 4.8]).

(III-9) Next we recall definitions, fundamental properties and notations on the *digital plane*. In the present paper,

- the *digital plane* (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) is the topological product of two copies of the digital line (\mathbb{Z}, κ) (cf. (III-8) above), where $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ and $\kappa^2 = \kappa \times \kappa$ (e.g., [17, p.907 - p.909] [16, p.10 - p.12] [12, line +14 - +16 after Proposition 2.1] [13, p.1035] [21, Section 3] [20, Section 3]). Because of the topology κ^2 , for each point $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, there exists the open set $U(x)$ containing x , it is called, in the present paper, the *smallest open set $U(x)$ containing x* (e.g., [9]; in [9, line -7 in p.38], the set $U(x)$ is called the *basic open neighbourhood of x*); let $m, s \in \mathbb{Z}$,

- $U(x) = \{(2m + 1, 2s + 1)\}$ if $x = (2m + 1, 2s + 1)$;
- $U(x) = \{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\} \times \{2s - 1, 2s, 2s + 1\}$ if $x = (2m, 2s)$;
- $U(x) = \{2m + 1\} \times \{2s - 1, 2s, 2s + 1\}$ if $x = (2m + 1, 2s)$;
- $U(x) = \{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\} \times \{2s + 1\}$ if $x = (2m, 2s + 1)$.

It is well known that $x \in U(x) \subset V$ for a point $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and any open set V containing x . Every singleton $\{(2m, 2s)\}$ is closed in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) and it is not open, where $m, s \in \mathbb{Z}$. Every singleton $\{(2m' + 1, 2s' + 1)\}$ is open in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) and it is not closed, where $m', s' \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have the explicite forms on the closures and interiors of singletons as follows: let $m, s \in \mathbb{Z}$,

- $\text{Cl}(\{(2m, 2m)\}) = \{(2m, 2m)\}$; • $\text{Cl}(\{(2m + 1, 2s + 1)\}) = \{2m, 2m + 1, 2m + 2\} \times \{2s, 2s + 1, 2s + 2\}$; • $\text{Cl}(\{(2m + 1, 2s)\}) = \{2m, 2m + 1, 2m + 2\} \times \{2s\}$; • $\text{Cl}(\{(2m, 2s + 1)\}) = \{2m\} \times \{2s, 2s + 1, 2s + 2\}$; and • $\text{Int}(\{(2m + 1, 2s + 1)\}) = \{(2m + 1, 2s + 1)\}$; • $\text{Int}(\{(2m + 1, 2s)\}) = \text{Int}(\{(2m, 2s + 1)\}) = \text{Int}(\{(2m, 2s)\}) = \emptyset$.

We use the following notation:

- $(\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} := \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \{x\} \text{ is closed in } (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)\} = \{(2m, 2s) \mid m, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$;
- $(\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} := \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \{x\} \text{ is open in } (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)\} = \{(2m + 1, 2s + 1) \mid m, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$;
- $(\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}} := \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus ((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2}) = \{(2m + 1, 2s) \mid m, s \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{(2m, 2s + 1) \mid m, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

(*) For a point $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, $x \in (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2}$ if and only if $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{x\})) = \emptyset$ in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) (i.e., $\{x\}$ is nowhere dense in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2)); moreover, a singleton $\{x\}$ is preopen if and only if $\{x\}$ is open if and only if $x \in (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}$. We have a decomposition of \mathbb{Z}^2 as follows:

- $\mathbb{Z}^2 = (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}$ (a disjoint union); and
- $(\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}$ is a nowhere dense subset of (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) (e.g., [20, Lemma 3.1 for $n = 2$ and $B = \mathbb{Z}^2$], [23, Lemma 6.1 (i)(ii)]); these facts are used in Proof of Theorem 3.9.

(III-10) We define a special fuzzy topology $(\kappa^2)^f$ from κ^2 as follows (cf. (Example II) for σ^f , where σ is a topology):

- Let $(\kappa^2)^f := \{\chi_U \mid U \in \kappa^2\}$; we have a special fuzzy topological space $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ induced by (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) in the sense of (Example II) above. The fuzzy closures and fuzzy interiors of fuzzy sets are well known by (3.2) in (Example II).

(III-11) (cf. (3.3) in (Example II)) We note that the extended function $f_p : PO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2) \rightarrow FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ of $f : \kappa^2 \rightarrow (\kappa^2)^f$ is not surjective. For a singleton $\{y\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$, where $y := (2m + 1, 2s + 1)$ for some integers s and m , we

consider the following fuzzy set $\lambda \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ defined by $\lambda(y) := 1/2, \lambda(x) := 0$ for every point $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ with $x \neq y$. Then, it is shown that $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\lambda)) = \text{Int}(\chi_{\text{Cl}(\{y\})}) = \chi_{\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{y\}))} = \chi_{\{y\}} \geq \lambda$ (cf. (3.2) in (Example II) and (III-9)). Namely, λ is fuzzy preopen in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$, i.e., $\lambda \in FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$. However, we can not find any preopen set V of (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) such that $f_p(V) = \lambda$. Indeed, suppose that there exists a preopen set V with $f_p(V) = \lambda$; then we have $\chi_V = \lambda$. We have a contradiction, because $\chi_V(y) \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\lambda(y) = 1/2 \notin \{0, 1\}$.

(III-12) (cf. (3.5) in (Example II), (III-4)) We note that the extended function $f_s : SO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2) \rightarrow FSO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ of $f : \kappa^2 \rightarrow (\kappa^2)^f$ is not surjective. For a subset $A := \{(2m, 2s), (2m+1, 2s+1)\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$, where $s, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, we consider the following fuzzy set $\lambda_A \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} : \lambda_A((2m+1, 2s+1)) := 1, \lambda_A((2m, 2s)) := 1/2$ and $\lambda_A(x) := 0$ for every point $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ with $x \notin A$. Then, it is shown that $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\lambda_A)) = \text{Cl}(\chi_{\{(2m+1, 2s+1)\}}) = \chi_{\text{Cl}(\{(2m+1, 2s+1)\})} \geq \lambda_A$ (cf. (3.2) in (Example II) and (III-9)). Namely, λ_A is fuzzy semi-open in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$, i.e., $\lambda_A \in FSO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$. However, we can not find any semi-open set U of (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) such that $f_s(U) = \lambda_A$. Indeed, $\chi_U \neq \lambda_A$, because $\chi_U((2m, 2s)) \subset \{0, 1\}$ but $\lambda_A((2m, 2s)) = 1/2$.

(III-13) (Proof of Theorem 3.9 (cf. (III-5) above)):

(i) (a) Suppose $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} \neq \emptyset$. We put $\mathcal{A} := \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f), x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\}$ and $\mathcal{B} := \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}\}$. We claim that $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$. Let $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \mathcal{B}$; then $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}$. Then, $\{x\} \in \kappa^2$ and so $\{x\} \in PO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$. By (3.4)(ii) of (Example II) above, $\{x\} \in PO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ if and only if $x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$. Thus, we have $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$. Conversely, suppose $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \mathcal{A}$; then $\lambda(x) > 0$ and $\{x\} \in PO(\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ (cf. (3.4)(ii) of (Example II) above). Since every preopen singleton $\{x\}$ is open in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) , i.e., $x \in (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}$, we have $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}$; and so $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \mathcal{B}$. Thus, we show $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$. Hence, if $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} \neq \emptyset$, we have $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$ and so $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = \bigvee \mathcal{A} = \bigvee \mathcal{B} = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}\}$. Suppose $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2} = \emptyset$. Then, for each point $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$, we have $x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$, because a singleton of (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) is open if and only if it is preopen. Thus, we have $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FPO} = \emptyset$ (cf. Notation II in Section 2). By Remark 2.7(i), it is obtained that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$.

(b) In general, $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(Y, \tau_Y)}$ is fuzzy preopen in arbitrary fuzzy topological space (Y, τ_Y) (cf. Theorem 2.9(i)).

(ii) We put $E := (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}$. **(a)** Suppose $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E \neq \emptyset$. We put $\mathcal{A} := \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)\}$ and $\mathcal{B} := \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E\}$. We claim that $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$. Let $x_{\lambda(x)} \in \mathcal{B}$; then $x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E$. Then, $\{x\}$ is nowhere dense in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) , because $x \in E$ and so $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{x\})) = \emptyset$ (cf. (III-9) above). Since $\{x\}$ is nowhere dense in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) if and only if $x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ (cf. (3.4)(ii) of (Example II) above), we have the following implication: $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$. By similar argument, it is shown that $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$; and so $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}$. Thus, if $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E \neq \emptyset$, then $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = \bigvee \mathcal{A} = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E\}$. If $\text{supp}(\lambda) \cap E = \emptyset$, then for each point

$x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)$, $x \notin E$ and so $x_{\lambda(x)} \notin FND(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$ (cf. (3.4)(ii) of (Example II) above). Namely, we have $\text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND} = \emptyset$. By Remark 2.7(ii), it is shown that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$.

(b) We put $B := \text{supp}(\lambda)^{FND}$. We first claim that B is nowhere dense in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) . Indeed, using (3.4)(ii) of (Example II) above and the property (*) on singletons in (III-9), we have $B = \{x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \mid \{x\} \text{ is nowhere dense in } (\mathbb{Z}^2, \kappa^2)\} \subset (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}$; and so $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(B)) \subset \text{Int}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2}) \cup \text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}))) \subset \text{Int}[\text{Int}(\text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2}) \cup \text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}))] = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\emptyset \cup \text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}}))) = \emptyset$, because it is shown that $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2})) = \emptyset$ and $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}})) = \emptyset$. Thus, B is nowhere dense in (\mathbb{Z}^2, κ^2) and so χ_B is fuzzy nowhere dense in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$. By using Theorem 2.9(ii) in Section 2, it is shown that $\lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$ is fuzzy nowhere dense in $(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)$.

(iii) The proof follows from Theorem 2.10(iii) and Theorem 3.1.

An alternative proof of (iii): By (i), (ii) above, Lemma 2.5(i)(ii) and a decomposition of \mathbb{Z}^2 (cf. (III-9) above), it is shown that $\lambda = \bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda)\} = (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\kappa^2}\}) \vee (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x \in \text{supp}(\lambda) \cap ((\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\mathcal{F}^2} \cup (\mathbb{Z}^2)_{\text{mix}})\}) = (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FPO(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)\}) \vee (\bigvee \{x_{\lambda(x)} \in I^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \mid x_{\lambda(x)} \in FND(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)\})$. Thus, we conclude that $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)}$. Theorem 2.10(ii) shows $\lambda_{\mathcal{PO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{ND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^f)} = 0_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$. \square

Remark 3.10. When we choose an alternative and convenient topology σ on \mathbb{Z}^2 such that $\sigma \neq \kappa^2$, then using result (Theorem 2.10) of Section 2 and Example II (Corollary 3.7) of Section 3 we can have an alternative decomposition of a given fuzzy set λ on \mathbb{Z}^2 : $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, \sigma^f)} \vee \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, \sigma^f)}$ with $\lambda_{\mathcal{FPO}(\mathbb{Z}^2, \sigma^f)} \wedge \lambda_{\mathcal{FND}(\mathbb{Z}^2, \sigma^f)} = 0$. Moreover, we choose an alternative and computable fuzzy topology $\tau_{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ on \mathbb{Z}^2 such that $\tau_{\mathbb{Z}^2} \neq \sigma^f$ and $\sigma^f \neq (\kappa^2)^f$ and, using result Theorem 2.10 of Section 2, we have an alternative decomposition of a given fuzzy set on \mathbb{Z}^2 . Thus, as applications, we shall have a lot of decompositions of a given 2-dimensional digital image.

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