# Fuzzy closure spaces and fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces

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#### **ABSTRACT**

We will define a fuzzy quasi-proximity space and give some examples of it. We show that the family M(X, C) of all fuzzy quasi-proximities on X which induce C is nonempty. Moreover, we will study the relationship between the category of fuzzy closure spaces and that of fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

A.S. Mashhour and M.H. Ghanim [9] introduced fuzzy closure spaces as a generalization of closure spaces. On the other hand, A. Kandil and M.E. El-Shafee[4] introduced the concept of fuzzy proximity spaces and investigated some properties of them.

In this paper, we define a fuzzy quasi-proximity space in a sense of [4]. It is weaker than the definition of A.K. Katsaras and C.G. Petalas [6]. We give some examples of fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces. We show that the family M(X, C) of all fuzzy quasi-proximities on X which induce C is nonempty. Moreover, we study the relationship between the category of fuzzy closure spaces and that of fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces.

Throughout this paper, I denotes the unit interval. A member  $\mu$  of  $I^X$  is called a fuzzy set.  $\widetilde{0}$  and  $\widetilde{1}$  denote constant fuzzy sets taking the values 0 and 1 on X, respectively. A fuzzy point  $x_t$  for  $0 \le t \le 1$  is an element of  $I^X$  such that

$$x_t(y) = \begin{cases} t, & \text{if } y = x, \\ 0, & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$$

A fuzzy point  $x_i \in \lambda$  iff  $t \le \lambda(x)$ . For  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in I^X$ , the fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is *quasi-coincident* with  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\lambda q$   $\mu$ , if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\lambda(x) + \mu(x) > 1$ . If  $\lambda$  is not quasi-coincident with  $\mu$ , we denote  $\lambda \overline{q}$   $\mu$ . All other notations and definitions are standard in fuzzy set theory.

**Lemma 1.1 [4,8]** For  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\mu_i \in I^X$ , we have the following properties.

- (1) If  $\lambda q \mu$ , then  $\lambda \wedge \mu \neq \widetilde{0}$ .
- (2)  $\lambda \ \overline{q} \ \mu \ \text{iff } \lambda \leq \widetilde{1} \mu.$
- (3)  $\lambda \leq \mu$  iff  $x_t \neq \lambda$  implies  $x_t \neq \mu$  iff  $x_t \neq \mu$  implies  $x_t \neq \lambda$ .

(4)  $x_i q \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \mu_i$  iff there exists  $i_0 \in \Gamma$  such that  $x_i q \mu_{i_0}$ . (5) If  $f : X \to Y$  is a function and  $\lambda q \mu$ , then  $f(\lambda) q$   $f(\mu)$ .

**Definition 1.2 [2]** A subset T of  $I^X$  is called a *fuzzy topology* on X if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (O1)  $\tilde{0}$ ,  $\tilde{1} \in T$ .
- (O2) If  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in T$ , then  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 \in T$ .
- (O3) If  $\mu_i \in T$  for each  $i \in \Gamma$ , then  $\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \mu_i \in T$ . The pair (X, T) is called a *fuzzy topological* space.

Let  $(X, T_1)$  and  $(Y, T_2)$  be fuzzy topological spaces. A function  $f: (X, T_1) \to (Y, T_2)$  is called *fuzzy continuous* if  $f^{-1}(\mu) \in T_1$  for all  $\mu \in T_2$ .

**Definition 1.3 [9]** A function  $C: I^X \to I^X$  is called a *fuzzy closure operator* on X if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (C1)  $C(0) = \tilde{0}$ .
- (C2)  $C(\lambda) \ge \lambda$ , for all  $\lambda \in I^X$ .
- (C3)  $C(\lambda \vee \mu) = C(\lambda) \vee C(\mu)$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ .

The pair (X, C) is called *fuzzy closure space*.

A fuzzy closure space (X, C) is called *topological* provided that

(C4) 
$$C(C(\lambda)) = C(\lambda)$$
, for all  $\lambda \in I^X$ .

Let  $(X, C_1)$  and  $(Y, C_2)$  be fuzzy closure spaces. A function  $f: (X, C_1) \to (Y, C_2)$  is called a *fuzzy closure map* (for short C-map) if  $f(C_1(\lambda)) \leq C_2(f(\lambda))$ , for all  $\lambda \in f^X$ .

**Theorem 1.4 [8]** Let (X, T) be a fuzzy topological space. We define an operator  $C_T: I^X \to I^X$  as follows: for each  $\lambda \subseteq I^X$ ,

$$C_{T}(\lambda) = \wedge \{\mu \mid \mu \geq \lambda, \ \widetilde{1} - \mu \in T\}.$$

Then  $(X, C_T)$  is a topological fuzzy closure space.

**Theorem 1.5 [8]** Let (X, C) be a fuzzy closure space. Define  $T_C$  on X by

$$T_C = \{\widetilde{1} - \lambda \mid C(\lambda) = \lambda\}.$$

Then:

- (1)  $T_C$  is a fuzzy topology on X.
- (2)  $C = C_{T_C}$  iff (X, C) is topological.

# 2. Fuzzy quasi-proximity and fuzzy topological space

From the definition of A. Kandil *et al.*[4], we can define a fuzzy quasi-proximity.

**Definition 2.1.** A binary relation  $\delta$  on  $I^X$  is said to be a *fuzzy quasi-proximity* on X if it satisfies the following conditions: for  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\rho \in I^X$ ,

(FQP1)  $(\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}) \notin \delta$  and  $(\tilde{1}, \tilde{0}) \notin \delta$ .

(FQP2)  $(\lambda \lor \rho, \mu) \in \delta$  iff  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta$  or  $(\rho, \mu) \in \delta$  and  $(\mu, \lambda \lor \rho) \in \delta$  iff  $(\mu, \lambda) \in \delta$  or  $(\mu, \rho) \in \delta$ . (FQP3) If  $(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta$ , then  $\lambda \overline{g} \mu$ .

The pair  $(X, \delta)$  is called a *fuzzy quasi-proximity space*.

A fuzzy quasi-proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  is called a *fuzzy* proximity space if it satisfies:

(FP) If 
$$(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta$$
 for  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ , then  $(\mu, \lambda) \in \delta$ .

Let  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  be fuzzy quasi-proximities on X. We say  $\delta_2$  is finer than  $\delta_1(\delta_1$  is *coarser* than  $\delta_2$ ) if  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta_2$  implies  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta_1$ .

**Remark 1.** Let  $(X, \delta)$  be a fuzzy quasi-proximity space.

- (1) If  $(\lambda, \nu) \in \delta$  and  $\lambda \leq \mu$ , then, by (FQP2), we have  $(\mu, \nu) \in \delta$ .
- (2) We define a binary relation  $\delta^1$  on  $I^X$  if for any  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta^1$  iff  $(\mu, \lambda) \in \delta$ . Then  $(X, \delta^1)$  is a fuzzy quasi-proximity space.

**Theorem 2.2 [4]** Let  $(X, \delta)$  be a fuzzy quasi-proximity space. For each  $\lambda \in I^X$ , we define operators  $C_{\delta}$ ,  $C^* : I^X \to I^X$  as follows:

$$C_{\delta}(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{\widetilde{1} - \rho \mid (\rho, \lambda) \notin \delta\}.$$

and

$$xqC^*(\lambda)$$
 iff  $(x_i, \lambda) \subseteq \delta$ .

Then:

- (1)  $C_{\delta} = C^*$ .
- (2)  $(X, C_{\delta})$  is a fuzzy closure space.

**Example 1.** For any  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in I^X$ , we define binary relations  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  on  $I^X$  by

$$(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta_0 \text{ iff } \lambda = \widetilde{0} \text{ or } \mu = \widetilde{0}$$

and

$$(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta_1 \text{ iff } \lambda \stackrel{-}{q} \mu.$$

Then  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  are fuzzy proximities on X.

We can obtain  $C_{\delta_0}$  and  $C_{\delta_1}$  from Theorem 2.2 as follows:

$$C_{\delta_0}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 and  $C_{\delta_1}(\lambda) = \lambda$ .

From Theorem 1.5,  $T_{C\delta_0} = \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}\}$  and  $T_{C\delta_1} = I^X$  are fuzzy topologies on X.

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$  be a set. Define a binary relation  $\delta$  on  $I^X$  as follows:

$$(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta$$
 if  $\lambda = \tilde{0}$  or  $\mu = \tilde{0}$ , if  $\lambda \leq \chi_{\{x\}}$ ,  $\mu \leq \chi_{\{y,z\}}$ 

where  $\chi$  is a characteristic function. Then  $(X, \delta)$  is a fuzzy quasi-proximity space from the followings:

(FQP1) and (FQP3) are immediate from the definition of  $\delta$ .

(FQP2) Since  $\lambda \vee \rho \leq \chi_{(p;z)}$  iff  $\lambda \leq \chi_{(p;z)}$  and  $\rho \leq \chi_{(p;z)}$ , we have  $(\mu, \lambda \vee \rho) \notin \delta$  iff  $(\mu, \lambda) \notin \delta$  and  $(\mu, \rho) \notin \delta$ . Similarly,  $(\lambda \vee \rho, \mu) \notin \delta$  iff  $(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta$  and  $(\rho, \mu) \notin \delta$ .

Since  $(\chi_{(x)}, \chi_{(x,z)}) \notin \delta$ , but  $(\chi_{(x,z)}, \chi_{(x)}) \subseteq \delta$ , then  $\delta$  is not a fuzzy proximity on X. From Remark 1(2),  $\delta^{-1}$  is defined as follows:

$$(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta^{-1} \begin{cases} \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0} \text{ or } \mu = \tilde{0} \\ \text{if } \lambda \leq \chi_{\{y,z\}}, & \mu \leq \chi_{\{x\}}. \end{cases}$$

We can obtain  $C_{\delta}$  and  $C_{\delta^{-1}}$  from Theorem 2.2 as follows:

$$C_{\delta}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{y,z\}}, & \text{if } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_{\{y,z\}}, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$C_{\delta^{-1}}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{x\}}, & \text{if } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_{\{x\}}, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From Theorem 1.5,  $T_{C_{\delta}} = \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \chi_{\{x\}}\}$  and  $T_{C_{\delta}-1} = \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \chi_{\{y,z\}}\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\delta$  be a fuzzy quasi-proximity and C a fuzzy closure operator on X. A fuzzy quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on X is said to be *compatible* with C if  $C_{\delta} = C$ .

Let M(X, C) be the family of all fuzzy quasi-proximities on X compatible with a given fuzzy closure space (X, C).

**Theorem 2.4.** Let (X, C) be a fuzzy closure space. We define a binary relation  $\delta_C$  on as follows: for  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu \in I^X$   $(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta_C$  iff  $\lambda \neq C(\mu)$ .

Then:

(1)  $\delta_C \subseteq M(X, C)$ .

(2) For any fuzzy quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on X,  $\delta_{c_\delta}$  is finer than  $\delta$ .

**Proof.** (1) First, we show that  $\delta_C$  is a fuzzy quasi-proximity on X.

(FQP1) It is trivial.

(FQP2) We have it from the following:

 $(\mu, \lambda \vee \rho) \subseteq \delta_C \text{ iff } \mu \in C(\lambda \vee \rho)$ 

iff  $\mu q C(\lambda)$  or  $\mu q C(\rho)$  (by Lemma 1.1(4))

iff  $(\mu, \lambda) \in \delta_C$  or  $(\mu, \rho) \in \delta_C$ .

Similarly,  $(\mu \lor \lambda, \rho) \in \delta_{\mathcal{C}}$  iff  $(\mu, \rho) \in \delta_{\mathcal{C}}$  or  $(\mu, \lambda) \in \delta_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

(FQP3) If  $(\mu, \lambda) \notin \delta_c$ , then  $\mu \overline{q} C(\lambda)$ . Hence  $\mu \overline{q} \lambda$ . Finally, since

$$x_{iq}C(\lambda) \Leftrightarrow (x_i, \lambda) \notin \delta_C$$
  
 $\Leftrightarrow x_{iq}C_{\delta_C}(\lambda),$ 

by Lemma 1.1 (3), we have  $C = C_{\delta C}$ .

(2) Since 
$$C_{\delta}(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{ 1 - \rho \mid (\rho, \lambda) \notin \delta \}$$
, we have  $(\mu, \lambda) \notin \delta \implies C_{\delta}(\lambda) \le 1 - \mu \implies \mu \overline{q} C_{\delta}(\lambda) \implies (\mu, \lambda) \notin \delta_{C_{\delta}}$ 

Hence  $\delta_{C_{\delta}}$  is finer than  $\delta$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$  be a set. Define  $C : I^X \to I^X$  as follows:

$$C(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{x,y\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = x_t, \\ \chi_{\{z\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = z_s, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then C is a fuzzy closure space such that  $\widetilde{1} = C(C(x_t)) \neq C(x_t) = \chi_{\{x_t, y_t\}}$ .

We obtain  $\delta_C$  from Theorem 2.4 as follows:

$$(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta_C$$
 if  $\lambda = \tilde{0}$  or  $\mu = \tilde{0}$ , if  $\lambda = z_s$ ,  $\mu = x_t$ , if  $\lambda \leq \chi_{\{x,y\}}$ ,  $\mu = z_s$ .

From Theorem 2.2, we have

$$C_{\delta_C}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{x,y\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = x_t, \\ \chi_{\{z\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = z_s, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\delta_C \in M(X, C)$ .

**Example 4.** Let N be a natural number set. Define a quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on N by

$$(\lambda,\mu) \notin \delta \begin{cases} \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0} \quad \text{or } \mu = \tilde{0}, \\ \text{if there exist nonempty finite subsets} \\ F_1, F_2 \text{ of N such that } \lambda \leq \chi_{F_1}, \mu \leq \chi_{F_2}. \end{cases}$$

If there exists a nonempty finite subset F of N such that  $0 \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F$ , then  $C_\delta(\lambda) = \chi_{F_2}$ , where  $F_2$  is the minimal nonempty finite set satisfying  $0 \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F$  from the following (A) and (B).

(A) For  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are nonempty disjoint finite subsets of N and  $0 \neq \mu \leq \chi_{F_1}$ ,

$$C_{\delta}(\lambda) = \wedge \{\widehat{1} - \mu | (\mu, \lambda) \notin \delta \}$$

$$= \wedge \{\widehat{1} - \chi_{F_1} \mid (\chi_{F_1}, \lambda) \notin \delta \}$$

$$= \wedge \{\chi_{F_1^c} \mid (\chi_{F_1}, \lambda) \notin \delta \}$$

$$\geq \chi_{F_2}.$$

(B) We will show that  $C_{\delta}(\lambda) \leq \chi_{F_2}$ . We only show that  $x \notin F_2$  implies  $C_{\delta}(\lambda) = 0$ . For each  $x \notin F_2$ , we have  $(\chi_{\{x\}}, \lambda) \notin \delta$ . Hence  $C_{\delta}(\lambda) \leq \chi_{\{x\}}c$ . It implies  $C_{\delta}(\lambda)(x) = 0$ . We obtain

$$C_{\delta}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if} \quad \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{F_2}, & \text{if there exists a nonempty finite} \\ & \text{set } F \text{ such that } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F \text{ and } F_2 \text{ is} \\ & \text{the minimal set satisfying } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\delta_{C_{\delta}}$  is defined from Theorem 2.4 as follows:

$$(\lambda,\mu) \notin \delta_{C_{\widehat{\delta}}} \begin{cases} \text{if} & \lambda = \widetilde{0} \text{ or } \mu = \widetilde{0}, \\ \text{if there eixist a nonempty finite} \\ \text{subset } F \text{ such that } \lambda \leq \chi_{F^{C}}, \mu \leq \chi_{F^{C}} \end{cases}$$

For each  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are nonempty disjoint finite

subsets of N such that

$$\tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_{F_1}, \tilde{0} \neq \mu \leq \chi_{F_2}$$

 $(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta$  implies  $(\lambda, \mu) \notin \delta_{C\delta}$ . On the other hand,  $(\chi_{\{2\}^c}, \chi_{\{2\}}) \notin \delta_{C\delta}$  but  $(\chi_{\{2\}^c}, \chi_{\{2\}}) \in \delta$ . Hence  $\delta_{C\delta}$  is strictly finer than  $\delta$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, \delta_1)$  and  $(Y, \delta_2)$  be fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces. A function  $f:(X, \delta_1) \to (Y, \delta_2)$ is a fuzzy quasi-proximity map (P-map for short) if  $(f(\mu),$  $f(v) \in \delta_1$ , for each  $(\mu, v) \in \delta_1$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, \delta_1)$  and  $(Y, \delta_2)$  be fuzzy quasiproximity spaces. If  $f:(X, \delta_1) \to (Y, \delta_2)$  is a P-map, then:

- (1)  $f: (X, C_{\delta_1}) \rightarrow (Y, C_{\delta_2})$  is a C-map.
- (2)  $C_{\delta_1}(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\delta_2}(\mu))$ , for each  $\mu \in I^Y$ .
- $(3) f: (X, T_{C\delta_1}) \rightarrow (Y, T_{C\delta_2})$  is a fuzzy continuous map.

**Proof.** (1) Let  $y_i q f(C_{\delta_1}(\lambda))$ , that is,  $f(C_{\delta_1}(\lambda))(y) +$ t > 1. Then there exists  $x \in X$  with  $x \in f^{-1}(\{y\})$  such that  $f(C_{\delta_1}(\lambda))(y) + t \ge C_{\delta_1}(\lambda)(x) + t > 1$ , that is,  $x_i q C_{\delta_1}(\lambda)$ . Since

$$x_{\mathcal{A}}C_{\delta_1}(\lambda) \Rightarrow (x_t, \lambda) \in \delta_1$$
(since  $f$  is a P-map,)  $\Rightarrow (f(x_t), f(\lambda)) \in \delta_2$ 

$$\Rightarrow (f(x_t), = y_t)qC_{\delta_2}(f(\lambda)),$$

by Lemma 1.1(3), we have  $f(C_{\delta_1}(\lambda)) \leq C_{\delta_2}(f(\lambda))$ .

(2) Since

$$\forall x_{i}qC_{\delta_{1}}(f^{-1}(\mu)) \Rightarrow (x_{i}, f^{-1}(\mu)) \in \delta_{1}$$
(since  $f$  is a P-map and  $f(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq \mu$ ,)
$$\Rightarrow (f(x_{i}), \mu) \in \delta_{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x)_{i}qC_{\delta_{2}}(\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{i}qf^{-1}(C_{\delta_{2}}(\mu)),$$

then  $C_{\delta_1}(f^{-1}(\mu)) \le f^{-1}(C_{\delta_2}(\mu))$ .

(3) If  $\mu \in T_{(\delta_2)}$ , by Theorem 1.5, we have  $C_{\delta_2}(\widetilde{1} - \mu) =$  $1 - \mu$ . From (2), we have

$$C_{\delta_1}(f^{-1}(\tilde{1}-\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\delta_2}(\tilde{1}-\mu)) = f^{-1}(\tilde{1}-\mu).$$

Since  $f^{-1}(\tilde{1}-\mu) = \tilde{1}-f^{-1}(\mu)$ , by (C2) of Definition 1.3, we have  $C_{\delta_1}(\tilde{1}-f^{-1}(\mu)) = \tilde{1}-f^{-1}(\mu)$ 

$$C_{\delta_1}(1-f^{-1}(\mu)) = 1-f^{-1}(\mu)$$

Hence  $f^{\dagger}(\mu) \in T_{C\delta_1}$ .

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$  be a set. Define fuzzy quasi-proximities  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  on X as follows:

$$(\lambda,\mu) \notin \delta_1$$
 if  $\lambda = \tilde{0}$  or  $\mu = \tilde{0}$ , if  $\lambda \leq \chi_{\{x,y\}}$ ,  $\mu = z_s$ .

and

$$(\lambda,\mu) \notin \delta_2 \begin{cases} \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0} \text{ or } \mu = \tilde{0}, \\ \text{if } \lambda = z_s, \ \mu = x_t, \\ \text{if } \lambda \leq \chi_{\{x,y\}}, \ \mu = z_s. \end{cases}$$

We can obtain  $C_{\delta_1}$  and  $C_{\delta_2}$  from Theorem 2.2 as follows:

$$C_{\delta_1}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{z\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = z_s, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$C_{\delta_2}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{\{x,y\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = x_t, \\ \chi_{\{z\}}, & \text{if } \lambda = z_s, \\ \tilde{1}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The identity function  $id_X: (X, \delta_1) \rightarrow (X, \delta_2)$  is not a Pmap because  $(z_s, x_l) \in \delta_1$  but  $(z_s, x_l) \notin \delta_2$ . Since 1 = $C_{\delta_1}(x_i) \le C_{\delta_2}(x_i) = \chi_{\{x, y\}}, id_X$  is not a C-map. On the other hand, since  $T_{C\delta_1} = T_{C\delta_2} = \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \chi_{\{x,y\}}\}$  from Theorem 1.5,  $id_X: (X, T_{C\delta_1}) \rightarrow (Y, T_{C\delta_2})$  is fuzzy continuous.

**Example 6.** Let N be a natural number set. Define  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  as follows:

$$(\lambda,\mu) \notin \delta_1 \begin{cases} \text{if } \lambda = \hat{0} \quad \text{or } \mu = \hat{0}, \\ \text{if there exist nonempty finite subsets} \\ F_1, F_2 \text{ of } N \text{ such that } \lambda \leq \chi_{F_1}, \mu \leq \chi_{F_2}. \end{cases}$$

$$(\lambda,\mu) \neq \delta_2$$
 if  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\mu = 0$ , if there exist nonempty finite subsets  $F$  such that  $\lambda \leq \chi_{F^c}, \mu \leq \chi_{F^c}$ .

From Example 4, we obtain  $C_{\delta_1} = C_{\delta_2}$  as follows:

$$C_{\delta 1}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \tilde{0}, & \text{if } \lambda = \tilde{0}, \\ \chi_{F_2}, & \text{if there exists a nonempty finite} \\ & \text{set } F \text{ such that } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F \text{ and } F_2 \text{ is} \\ & \text{the minimal set satisfying } \tilde{0} \neq \lambda \leq \chi_F \end{cases}$$

Hence  $T_{C\delta_1} = T_{C\delta_2}$ . The identity function  $id_N$ : (N,  $\delta_1$ )  $\rightarrow (N, \delta_2)$  is not a P-map. But  $id_N: (N, T_{C\delta_1}) \rightarrow (N, T_{C\delta_2})$ 

is fuzzy continuous and  $id_N: (N, {}_{C\delta_1}) \rightarrow (N, {}_{C\delta_2})$  is a C-map.  $\square$ 

Let **FC** be the category of fuzzy closure spaces and C-maps and **FQProx** the category of fuzzy quasi-proximity spaces and P-maps. From Theorem 2.5, we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** Define  $F : \mathbf{FQProx} \to \mathbf{FC}$  by  $F(X, \delta) = (X, C_{\delta})$  and F(f) = f. Then F is a functor.

**Theorem 2.7.** Define  $G: \mathbf{FC} \rightarrow \mathbf{FQProx}$  by  $G(X, C) = (X, \delta_C)$  and G(f) = f. Then G is a functor.

**Proof.** Let (X, C) be a fuzzy closure space. From Theorem 2.4,  $(X, \delta_C)$  is a fuzzy quasi-proximity space. If  $f: (X, C_1) \rightarrow (Y, C_2)$  is a C-map, then  $f: (X, \delta_{C_1}) \rightarrow (Y, \delta_{C_2})$  is a P-map from the following:

$$(\lambda, \mu) \in \delta_{C_1} \Rightarrow \lambda q C_1(\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\lambda)q f(C_1(\mu)) \quad \text{(by Lemma 1.1(5))}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\lambda)q C_2(f(\mu))$$

$$(\text{because } f(C_1(\mu)) \le C_2(f(\mu)))$$

$$\Rightarrow (f(\lambda), f(\mu)) \in \delta_{C_2}. \quad \Box$$

**Theorem 2.8.** A functor  $G : FC \rightarrow FQProx$  is a left adjoint of the functor F.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, C) \in \mathbf{FC}$ . Since  $F \circ G(C) = C_{\delta_C} = C$  from Theorem 2.4, the identity map  $id_X : (X, C) \to (X, F \circ G(C))$  is a C-map. For each  $(Y, \delta)$  and each C-map  $f: (X, C) \to F(Y, \delta)$  in **FC**, by Theorem 2.7,  $G(f): G(X, C) \to G \circ F(Y, \delta)$  is a P-map, that is,  $f: (X, \delta_C) \to (Y, \delta_{C\delta})$  is a P-map. Since  $\delta_{C\delta}$  is finer than  $\delta$  from Theorem 2.4,  $id_Y: (Y, \delta_{C\delta}) \to (Y, \delta)$  is a P-map. Hence  $f: (X, \delta_C) \to (Y, \delta)$  is a P-map with  $f = F(f) \circ id_X$ . Therefore  $id_X$  is a F-universal map for (X, C).  $\square$ 

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