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S_β -COMPACTNESS IN L -TOPOLOGICAL SPACES *

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Abstract

In this paper, the notion of S_β -compactness is introduced in L -topological spaces by means of open β_α -cover. It is a generalization of Lowen's strong compactness, but it is different from Wang's strong compactness. Ultra-compactness implies S_β -compactness. S_β -compactness implies fuzzy compactness. But in general N -compactness and Wang's strong compactness need not imply S_β -compactness.

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1. Introduction

The concept of compactness in $[0, 1]$ -set theory was first introduced by C.L. Chang in terms of open cover [1]. Goguen was the first to point out a deficiency in Chang's compactness theory by showing that the Tychonoff Theorem is false [5]. Since Chang's compactness has some limitations, Gantner, Steinlage and Warren introduced α -compactness [3], Lowen introduced fuzzy compactness, strong compactness and ultra-compactness [10, 11], Liu introduced Q-compactness [8], Li introduced strong Q-compactness [7] which is equivalent to strong fuzzy compactness in [11], and Wang and Zhao introduced N-compactness [16, 18]. In 1988, fuzzy compactness, strong compactness and ultra-compactness were generalized to general L -fuzzy subset by Wang in [17] (These can also be seen in [9]).

Recently in [14] Shi introduced a new notion of fuzzy compactness by means of β_a -cover and Q_a -cover, which is called S^* -compactness. For an L -topological space, Ultra compactness implies S^* -compactness and S^* -compactness implies fuzzy compactness in the sense of [17]. When $L = [0, 1]$, strong compactness implies S^* -compactness. But when $L \neq [0, 1]$, we don't know whether N-compactness and strong compactness imply S^* -compactness.

In this paper, we shall present a new definition of fuzzy compactness in L -topological spaces by means of β_a -cover, which is called S_β -compactness. S_β -compactness is a generalization of strong compactness in [11], but it is different from Wang's strong compactness in [9, 17]. Ultra-compactness implies S_β -compactness. S_β -compactness implies S^* -compactness, hence it implies fuzzy compactness. But in general N-compactness and Wang's strong compactness need not imply S_β -compactness.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper $(L, \vee, \wedge, ')$ is a completely distributive de Morgan algebra, X is a nonempty set, L^X is the set of all L -fuzzy sets on X . The smallest element and the largest element in L^X are denoted respectively by $\underline{0}$ and $\underline{1}$. An L -fuzzy set is briefly written as an L -set. We often don't differ a crisp subset A of X and its character function χ_A .

An element a in L is said to be prime if $a \geq b \wedge c$ implies $a \geq b$ or $a \geq c$. An element a in L is said to be co-prime if a' is prime [4]. The set of nonunit prime elements in L is denoted by $P(L)$. The set of nonzero co-prime elements in L is denoted by $M(L)$. The set of nonzero co-prime

elements in L^X is denoted by $M(L^X)$.

The binary relation \prec in L is defined as follows: for $a, b \in L$, $a \prec b$ if and only if for every subset $D \subseteq L$, the relation $b \leq \sup D$ always implies the existence of $d \in D$ with $a \leq d$ [2]. In a completely distributive de Morgan algebra L , each member b is a sup of $\{a \in L \mid a \prec b\}$. In the sense of [9, 17], $\{a \in L \mid a \prec b\}$ is called the greatest minimal family of b , in symbol $\beta(b)$. Moreover for $b \in L$, define $\alpha(b) = \{a \in L \mid a' \prec b'\}$ and $\alpha^*(b) = \alpha(b) \cap P(L)$.

For $a \in L$ and $A \in L^X$, we use the following notations in [13].

$$\begin{aligned} A_{[a]} &= \{x \in X \mid A(x) \geq a\}, & A_{(a)} &= \{x \in X \mid a \in \beta(A(x))\}, \\ A^{[a]} &= \{x \in X \mid a \notin \alpha(A(x))\}, & A^{(a)} &= \{x \in X \mid A(x) \not\leq a\}. \end{aligned}$$

An L -topological space (or L -space for short) is a pair (X, \mathcal{T}) , where \mathcal{T} is a subfamily of L^X which contains $\underline{0}, \underline{1}$ and is closed for any suprema and finite infima. \mathcal{T} is called an L -topology on X . Members of \mathcal{T} are called open L -sets and their complements are called closed L -sets.

Definition 2.1 ([9, 17]). For a topological space (X, τ) , let $\omega_L(\tau)$ denote the family of all lower semi-continuous maps from (X, τ) to L , i.e., $\omega_L(\tau) = \{A \in L^X \mid A^{(a)} \in \tau, a \in L\}$. Then $\omega_L(\tau)$ is an L -topology on X , in this case, $(X, \omega_L(\tau))$ is called topologically generated by (X, τ) .

Definition 2.2 ([9, 17]). An L -space (X, \mathcal{T}) is called weak induced if $\forall a \in L, \forall A \in \mathcal{T}$, it follows that $A^{(a)} \in [\mathcal{T}]$, where $[\mathcal{T}]$ denotes the topology formed by all crisp sets in \mathcal{T} .

Lemma 2.3 ([14]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a weakly induced L -space, $a \in L, A \in \mathcal{T}$. Then $A_{(a)}$ is an open set in $[\mathcal{T}]$.

Definition 2.4 ([9, 17]). An L -space (X, \mathcal{T}) is called ultra-compact if $\iota_L(\mathcal{T})$ is compact, where $\iota_L(\mathcal{T})$ is the topology generated by $\{A^{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{T}, a \in L\}$.

In [16], Wang introduced the notion of N -compactness in $[0,1]$ -topological spaces by means of α -nets. Zhao [18] generalized the notion of N -compactness to L -fuzzy set theory in terms of a - R -neighborhood family and a^- - R -neighborhood family as follows:

Definition 2.5 ([18]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $a \in M(L)$ and $G \in L^X$. A family $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{T}'$ is called an a - R -neighborhood family of G if for any $x \in X$ with $G(x) \geq a$, there exists a $B \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $B(x) \not\leq a$. \mathcal{P} is called an a^- - R -neighborhood family of G if there exists $b \in \beta^*(a)$ such that \mathcal{P} is b - R -neighborhood family of G .

It is obvious that \mathcal{P} is an a - R -neighborhood family of G if and only if \mathcal{P}' is an open a - Q -cover of G in [9].

Definition 2.6 ([18]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $A \in L^X$. A is called N -compact if for every $a \in M(L)$, every a - R -neighborhood family of G has a finite subfamily which is an a^- - R -neighborhood family of G .

Definition 2.7 ([15]). A net S with index set D is also denoted by $\{S(n) \mid n \in D\}$ or $\{S(n)\}_{n \in D}$. For $G \in L^X$, a net S is said to quasi-coincide with G if $\forall n \in D, S(n) \not\leq G'$.

Definition 2.8 ([9, 17]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$. G is called strongly compact if for every $a \in M(L)$, every constant a -net in G has a cluster point in G with height a .

Definition 2.9. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $a \in L \setminus \{1\}$ and $G \in L^X$. A subfamily \mathcal{U} of L^X is said to be an a -shading of G if for any $x \in X$ with $G(x) \geq a'$, there exists an $A \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $A(x) \not\leq a$.

The notion of a -shading in Definition 2.9 is a generalization of the corresponding notion in [6, 17].

Theorem 2.10 ([17]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$. Then G is strongly compact if and only if for every $a \in P(L)$, every open a -shading of G has a finite subfamily which is an a -shading of G .

Definition 2.11 ([14]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $a \in M(L)$ and $G \in L^X$. A subfamily \mathcal{U} of L^X is called a β_a -cover of G if for any $x \in X$, it follows that $a \in \beta \left(G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(x) \right)$.

Definition 2.12. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $a \in L \setminus \{0\}$ and $G \in L^X$. A subfamily \mathcal{U} of L^X is called a Q_a -cover of G if for any $x \in X$ with $G(x) \not\leq a'$, it follows that $\bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(x) \geq a$.

It is obvious that for $a \in M(L)$, the notion of Q_a -cover in Definition 2.12 is a generalization of Q_a -open cover in [15].

Definition 2.13 ([9, 17]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$. G is called fuzzy compact if for any $a \in M(L)$ and for any $b \in \beta^*(a)$, every constant a -net in G has a cluster point in G with height b .

Theorem 2.14 ([15]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$. Then G is fuzzy compact if and only if for all $a \in M(L)$, for all $b \in \beta^*(a)$, each open Q_a -cover Φ of G has a finite subfamily \mathcal{B} such that \mathcal{B} is an open Q_b -cover of G .

Definition 2.15 ([14]). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$. Then G is S^* -compact if and only if for all $a \in M(L)$, each open β_a -cover Φ of G has a finite subfamily \mathcal{B} such that \mathcal{B} is an open Q_a -cover of G .

3. S_β -compactness

Definition 3.1. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space and $G \in L^X$. Then G is called S_β -compact if for each $a \in M(L)$, each open β_a -cover of G has a finite subfamily which is still an open β_a -cover of G . (X, \mathcal{T}) is called S_β -compact if $\underline{1}$ is S_β -compact.

When $L = [0, 1]$, \mathcal{U} is an open β_a -cover of X if and only if \mathcal{U} is an open a -shading of X in the sense of [3]. Therefore S_β -compactness is a generalization of strong compactness in [11].

The following two theorems are obvious.

Theorem 3.2. An L -set with finite support is S_β -compact.

Theorem 3.3. In an L -space (X, \mathcal{T}) with a finite L -topology \mathcal{T} , each L -set is S_β -compact.

Theorem 3.4. *If G is S_β -compact and H is closed, then $G \wedge H$ is S_β -compact.*

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{U} is an open β_a -cover of $G \wedge H$. Then $\mathcal{U} \cup \{H'\}$ is an open β_a -cover of G . By S_β -compactness of G we know that $\mathcal{U} \cup \{H'\}$ has a finite subfamily \mathcal{V} which is an open β_a -cover of G . Take $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{V} \setminus \{H'\}$. Then \mathcal{W} is a finite open β_a -cover of $G \wedge H$. This shows that $G \wedge H$ is S_β -compact.

Theorem 3.5. *Let (X, \mathcal{T}_1) , (Y, \mathcal{T}_2) be two L -spaces, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a set map and G be S_β -compact in (X, \mathcal{T}_1) . If $f_L^\rightarrow : L^X \rightarrow L^Y$ is continuous and for any $y \in Y$, there exists $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ such that $f_L^\rightarrow(G)(y) = G(x)$, then $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$ is S_β -compact in (Y, \mathcal{T}_2) .*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ be an open β_a -cover of $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$. Then for any $y \in Y$, we have that $a \in \beta \left(f_L^\rightarrow(G)'(y) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(y) \right)$. Hence for any $x \in X$, $a \in \beta \left(G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} f_L^\leftarrow(A)(x) \right)$. This shows that $f_L^\leftarrow(\mathcal{U}) = \{f_L^\leftarrow(A) \mid A \in \mathcal{U}\}$ is an open β_a -cover of G . By S_β -compactness of G we know that \mathcal{U} has a finite subfamily \mathcal{V} such that $f_L^\leftarrow(\mathcal{V})$ is an open β_a -cover of G . For any $y \in Y$, take $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ such that $f_L^\rightarrow(G)(y) = G(x)$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} a &\in \beta \left(G'(x) \vee \left(\bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} f_L^\leftarrow(A)(x) \right) \right) = \beta \left(G'(x) \vee \left(\bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} A(f(x)) \right) \right) \\ &= \beta \left(f_L^\rightarrow(G)'(y) \vee \left(\bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} A(y) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that \mathcal{V} is an open β_a -cover of $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$. Therefore $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$ is S_β -compact.

Theorem 3.6. *If (X, \mathcal{T}) is a weakly induced L -space, then $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ is compact if and only if (X, \mathcal{T}) is S_β -compact.*

Proof. Necessity. Let $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ be compact. For $a \in M(L)$, let \mathcal{U} be an open β_a -cover of $\underline{1}$ in (X, \mathcal{T}) . Then by Lemma 2.3 we know that $\{A_{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{U}\}$ is an open cover of $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$. By compactness of $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$, there exists a finite subfamily \mathcal{V} of \mathcal{U} such that $\mathcal{V}_{(a)} = \{A_{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{V}\}$ is

an open cover of $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$. Obviously \mathcal{V} is an open β_a -cover of $\underline{1}$ in (X, \mathcal{T}) . This shows that (X, \mathcal{T}) is S_β -compact.

Sufficiency. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be S_β -compact and \mathcal{U} be an open cover of X in $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$. Then for any $a \in \beta^*(1)$, \mathcal{U} is an open β_a -cover of $\underline{1}$ in (X, \mathcal{T}) . By S_β -compactness of (X, \mathcal{T}) , \mathcal{U} has a finite subfamily \mathcal{V} which is an open β_a -cover. Obviously \mathcal{V} is an open cover of $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$. This shows that $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ is compact.

Corollary 3.7. *For a topological space (X, τ) , $(X, \omega_L(\tau))$ is S_β -compact if and only if (X, τ) is compact.*

4. The Tychonoff Theorem

Lemma 4.1. *Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space and for any $b, c \in L$, $\beta(b \wedge c) = \beta(b) \cap \beta(c)$. Then for each $a \in L$, $(X, \mathcal{T}_{(a)})$ is a topological space, where $\mathcal{T}_{(a)} = \{A_{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{T}\}$.*

Proof. This can be proved from the following fact.

$$(A \wedge B)_{(a)} = A_{(a)} \cap B_{(a)}, \left(\bigvee_{i \in \Omega} A_i \right)_{(a)} = \bigcup_{i \in \Omega} (A_i)_{(a)}.$$

Theorem 4.2. *Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be an L -space, $G \in L^X$ and for any $b, c \in L$, $\beta(b \wedge c) = \beta(b) \cap \beta(c)$. Then G is S_β -compact if and only if for each $a \in M(L)$, $G^{[a]}$ is compact in $(X, \mathcal{T}_{(a)})$.*

Proof. This can be shown from the following fact.

A subfamily \mathcal{U} of \mathcal{T} is an open β_a -cover of G if and only if for any $x \in X$, it follows that $a \in \beta \left(G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(x) \right)$ if and only if for each $a \in M(L)$, $a \notin \beta(G'(x))$ implies $a \in \beta \left(\bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(x) \right)$ if and only if for each $a \in M(L)$, $a' \notin \alpha(G(x))$ implies $a \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{U}} \beta(A(x))$ if and only if for each $a \in M(L)$, $x \in G^{[a']}$ implies $x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A_{(a)}$ if and only if for each $a \in M(L)$, $G^{[a']} \subset \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A_{(a)}$. \square

The proof of the following two lemmas is easy.

Lemma 4.3. *Suppose that for any $a, b \in L$, $\beta(a \wedge b) = \beta(a) \wedge \beta(b)$. If (X, \mathcal{T}) is the product of $\{(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)\}_{i \in \Omega}$, then for each $a \in L$, $\mathcal{T}_{(a)} = \prod_{i \in \Omega} (\mathcal{T}_i)_{(a)}$.*

Lemma 4.4. *Let $X = \prod_{i \in \Omega} X_i, G = \prod_{i \in \Omega} G_i$, where $G_i \in L^{X_i}$. Then for each $a \in L$, $G^{[a]} = \prod_{i \in \Omega} (G_i)^{[a]}$.*

By Theorem 4.2, Lemma 4.3 and Lemma 4.4 we can obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 4.5. *Suppose that for any $a, b \in L$, $\beta(a \wedge b) = \beta(a) \wedge \beta(b)$. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be the product of $\{(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)\}_{i \in \Omega}$. If for each $i \in \Omega$, G_i is S_β -compact in (X_i, \mathcal{T}_i) , then $G = \prod_{i \in \Omega} G_i$ is S_β -compact in (X, \mathcal{T}) .*

The following example shows that $\beta(b \wedge c) = \beta(b) \wedge \beta(c)$ cannot be omitted in Theorem 4.5.

Example 4.6. *Let $X = Y$ be the set of all natural numbers and let $L = [0, 1/3] \cup \{a, b\} \cup [2/3, 1]$, where a, b are incomparable and $1/3 = a \wedge b, 2/3 = a \vee b$. For each $e \in L$ with $e \neq a, b$, define $e' = 1 - e$, and $a' = b, b' = a$. Then L is a completely distributive de Morgan algebra, and*

$$M(L) = (0, 1/3] \cup \{a, b\} \cup (2/3, 1],$$

$$\beta(a \wedge b) = \beta(1/3) = [0, 1/3] \neq [0, 1/3] = \beta(a) \cap \beta(b).$$

For each $n \in X$, define $S_{2n}, S_{2n+1} \in L^X$ as follows:

$$S_{2n}(y) = \begin{cases} a, & y = 2n; \\ b, & y \neq 2n, \end{cases} \quad S_{2n+1}(y) = \begin{cases} b, & y = 2n + 1; \\ a, & y \neq 2n + 1. \end{cases}$$

Let \mathcal{T}_1 be the L -topology on X generated by $\mathcal{A} = \{S_n \mid n \in X\}$, and let \mathcal{T}_2 be the L -topology on Y generated by $\{C_b, C_a\}$, where C_a and C_b are respectively the constant L -sets on Y with value a and b . It is easy to prove that each β_a -open cover of X consisting of members of \mathcal{A} has a finite subfamily which is an open β_a -cover of X and each β_b -open cover of X consisting of members of \mathcal{A} has a finite subfamily which is a β_b -open cover of X . Moreover it is easy to prove that for all $e \in [0, 1/3]$, each β_e -open

cover of X consisting of members of \mathcal{A} has a finite subfamily which is a β_e -open cover of X . This implies that (X, \mathcal{T}_1) is S_β -compact. Obviously (Y, \mathcal{T}_2) is also S_β -compact. But $(X \times Y, \mathcal{T}_1 \times \mathcal{T}_2)$ is not S_β -compact. In fact, it is easy to see that

$$\{P_2^-(C_a), P_2^-(C_b)\} \cup \{P_1^-(S_n) \mid n \in X\}$$

is a base of $\mathcal{T}_1 \times \mathcal{T}_2$ and

$$\{P_2^-(C_a) \wedge P_1^-(S_{2n}) \mid n \in X\} \cup \{P_2^-(C_b) \wedge P_1^-(S_{2n+1}) \mid n \in X\}$$

is a $\beta_{1/3}$ -open cover of $X \times Y$, but it has no finite subfamily which is a $\beta_{1/3}$ -open cover of $X \times Y$.

Corollary 4.7. *Suppose that for any $a, b \in L$, $\beta(a \wedge b) = \beta(a) \wedge \beta(b)$. Then the product of $\{(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)\}_{i \in \Omega}$ is S_β -compact if and only if for each $i \in \Omega$, (X_i, \mathcal{T}_i) is S_β -compact.*

Proof can be obtain from Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 4.5.

5. S_β -compactness characterized by nets

Definition 5.1. *Let $\{S(n) \mid n \in D\}$ be a net in (X, \mathcal{T}) and $e \in M(L^X)$. e is called a β -cluster point of S , if for all $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $e \in \beta(U)$, S is frequently in $\beta(U)$. e is a β -limit point of S , if for all $U \in \mathcal{T}$ with $e \in \beta(U)$, S is eventually in $\beta(U)$, in this case we also say that S β -converges to e , denoted by $S \xrightarrow{\beta} e$.*

Theorem 5.2. *An L -set G is S_β -compact in (X, \mathcal{T}) if and only if $\forall a \in M(L)$, each constant a -net $\{S(n)\}_{n \in D}$ which is not in $\beta^*(G')$ has a β -cluster point $x_a \notin \beta^*(G')$.*

Proof. Suppose that G is S_β -compact. For $a \in M(L)$, let $\{S(n) \mid n \in D\}$ be a constant a -net which is not in $\beta^*(G')$. Suppose that S has no β -cluster point x_a which is not in $\beta^*(G')$. Then for each $x_a \notin \beta^*(G')$, there exist an open L -set U_x with $x_a \in \beta^*(U_x)$ and $n_x \in D$ such that $\forall n \geq n_x, S(n) \notin \beta^*(U_x)$. Take $\Phi = \{U_x \mid x_a \notin \beta^*(G')\}$, then Φ is an open β_a -cover of G . Since G is S_β -compact, Φ has a finite subfamily

$\Psi = \{U_{x^i} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ which is a β_a -open cover of G . Since D is a directed set, there exists $n_0 \in D$ such that $n_0 \geq n_{x^i}$ for each $i \leq k$. Thus we can obtain that $\forall n \geq n_0, S(n) \notin \beta \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^k U_{x^i} \right)$. This contradicts that Ψ is an open β_a -cover of G . Therefore S has at least a β -cluster point $x_a \notin \beta^*(G')$.

Conversely suppose that $\forall a \in M(L)$, each constant a -net which is not in $\beta^*(G')$ has a β -cluster point $x_a \notin \beta^*(G')$. We now prove that G is S_β -compact. Let Φ be an open β_a -cover of G . If none of finite subfamilies of Φ is an open β_a -cover of G , then for each finite subfamily Ψ of Φ , there exists $S(\Psi) \in M(L^X)$ with height a such that $S(\Psi) \notin \beta(G' \vee \bigvee \Psi)$.

Take

$$S = \{S(\Psi) \mid \Psi \text{ is a finite subfamily of } \Phi\}.$$

S is a constant a -net which is not in $\beta^*(G')$. Let x_a be a β -cluster point of S and $x_a \notin \beta^*(G')$. Then for each finite subfamily Ψ of Φ we have that $x_a \notin \beta(\bigvee \Psi)$, in particular, $x_a \notin \beta^*(B)$ for each $B \in \Phi$. But since Φ is an open β_a -cover of G , we know that there exists $B \in \Phi$ such that $x_a \in \beta(B)$, this is a contradiction. So G is S_β -compact.

Corollary 5.3. (X, \mathcal{T}) is S_β -compact if and only if $\forall a \in M(L)$, each constant a -net has a β -cluster point x_a with height a .

6. A comparison of different compactness

Theorem 6.1. If (X, \mathcal{T}) is an ultra-compact L -space, then it is S_β -compact.

Proof. By ultra-compactness of (X, \mathcal{T}) we know that $(X, \iota(\mathcal{T}))$ is compact. This implies $(X, \omega_L \circ \iota_L(\mathcal{T}))$ is S_β -compact from Corollary 3.7. Further from $\omega_L \circ \iota_L(\mathcal{T}) \supseteq \mathcal{T}$ we can obtain the proof.

Theorem 6.2. S_β -compactness implies S^* -compactness, hence fuzzy compactness.

Proof. Let G be S_β -compact in (X, \mathcal{T}) and \mathcal{U} be an open β_a -cover of G . Then \mathcal{U} has a finite subfamily \mathcal{V} which forms an open β_b -cover of G , of course \mathcal{V} is also an open Q_b -cover of G . Therefore G is S^* -compact.

The following example shows that N-compactness in [17, 18] need not imply S_β -compactness, hence strong compactness in [9, 17] need not imply S_β -compactness.

Example 6.3. In Example 4.6, we have proved that $X \times Y$ is not S_β -compact. To prove that it is N -compact, we only need to prove that X, Y are N -compact.

(i) For $a \in M(L)$, let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ and \mathcal{F} be a closed a - R -neighborhood family of X . Then for each $x \in X$, there exists $A \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A(x) \not\leq a$. In particular, for $2, 4 \in X$, there exists $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A(2) \not\leq a, B(4) \not\leq a$. In this case, we have that $A(2) = b$ and $B(4) = b$. This implies that $\{A, B\}$ is an a^- - R -neighborhood family of X . Analogously we can prove that each closed b - R -neighborhood family of X has a finite subfamily which is a b^- - R -neighborhood family of X .

(ii) Let $e \in M(L)$ and $e \neq a, b$. We need only consider $e > \frac{2}{3}$. Let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ and \mathcal{F} be a closed e - R -neighborhood family of X . Then for $1, 2 \in X$, there exists $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A(1) \not\leq e, B(2) \not\leq e$. In this case, $\{A, B\}$ is an e^- - R -neighborhood family of X .

By (i), (ii) and the Alexander Subbase Theorem for N -compactness, we know that (X, \mathcal{T}_1) is N -compact. N -compactness of (Y, \mathcal{T}_2) is obvious. Therefore $X \times Y$ is N -compact.

When $L = [0, 1]$, since S_β -compactness is equivalent to strong compactness, we know that S_β -compactness need not imply N -compactness and S^* -compactness need not imply S_β -compactness (see Example 6.4 in [14]). Moreover we don't know whether S_β -compactness implies strong compactness. We leave it as an open problem.

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