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## COUNTABLE $S^*$ -COMPACTNESS IN L-SPACES

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### Abstract

*In this paper, the notions of countable  $S^*$ -compactness is introduced in  $L$ -topological spaces based on the notion of  $S^*$ -compactness. An  $S^*$ -compact  $L$ -set is countably  $S^*$ -compact. If  $L = [0, 1]$ , then countable strong compactness implies countable  $S^*$ -compactness and countable  $S^*$ -compactness implies countable  $F$ -compactness, but each inverse is not true. The intersection of a countably  $S^*$ -compact  $L$ -set and a closed  $L$ -set is countably  $S^*$ -compact. The continuous image of a countably  $S^*$ -compact  $L$ -set is countably  $S^*$ -compact. A weakly induced  $L$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact if and only if  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$  is countably compact.*

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of compactness is one of most important concepts in general topology. The concept of compactness in  $[0, 1]$ -fuzzy 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  $\alpha$ -compactness [3], Lowen introduced F-compactness, strong compactness and ultra-compactness [9], Liu introduced Q-compactness [7], Li introduced strong Q-compactness [6] which is equivalent to strong F-compactness in [10], and Wang and Zhao introduced N-compactness [16, 21].

In [15], Shi introduced a new notion of fuzzy compactness in  $L$ -topological spaces, which is called  $S^*$ -compactness. Ultra-compactness implies  $S^*$ -compactness.  $S^*$ -compactness implies F-compactness. If  $L = [0, 1]$ , then strong compactness implies  $S^*$ -compactness.

There has been many papers about countable fuzzy compactness of  $L$ -sets (see [11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20] etc.). They were based on the concepts of N-compactness, Chang's compactness, strong compactness and F-compactness respectively.

In this paper, based on the  $S^*$ -compactness, we shall introduce the notion of countable  $S^*$ -compactness and research its properties.

## 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 by  $\underline{0}$  and  $\underline{1}$ .

An element  $a$  in  $L$  is called prime if  $a \geq b \wedge c$  implies  $a \geq b$  or  $a \geq c$ . An element  $a$  in  $L$  is called co-prime if  $a'$  is a prime element [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 [8, 17],  $\{a \in L \mid a \prec b\}$  is 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 an  $L$ -set  $A \in L^X$ ,  $\beta(A)$  denotes the greatest minimal family of  $A$  and  $\beta^*(A) = \beta(A) \cap M(L^X)$ .

For  $a \in L$  and  $A \in L^X$ , we use the following notations in [15].

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

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  $X$ . Each member of  $\mathcal{T}$  is called an open  $L$ -set and its complement is called a closed  $L$ -set.

**Definition 2.1.** [[8, 17]] For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , let  $\omega_L(\tau)$  denote the family of all lower semi-continuous maps from  $(X, \tau)$  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  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [[8, 17]] An  $L$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called weakly 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.** [[15]] 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.** [[20]] An  $L$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called countably ultra-compact if  $\iota_L(\mathcal{T})$  is countably compact, where  $\iota_L(\mathcal{T})$  is the topology generated by  $\{A^{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{T}, a \in L\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [[11]] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $A \in L^X$ .  $A$  is called countably N-compact if for every  $a \in M(L)$ , every countable  $a$ -R-neighborhood family of  $G$  has a finite subfamily which is an  $a^-$ -R-neighborhood family of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [[19]] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $G \in L^X$ .  $G$  is called countably strong compact if for every  $a \in M(L)$ , every countable  $a$ -R-neighborhood family of  $G$  has a finite subfamily which is an  $a$ -R-neighborhood family of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $a \in L \setminus \{0\}$  and  $G \in L^X$ . A family  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is called a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$  if  $a \leq \bigwedge_{x \in X} \left( G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}} A(x) \right)$ .

It is obvious that for  $a \in M(L)$ , the notion of  $Q_a$ -open cover in Definition 2.7 is the corresponding notion in [15].

**Definition 2.8.** [[12]] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $G \in L^X$ .  $G$  is called countably  $F$ -compact if for any  $a \in M(L)$  and for any  $b \in \beta^*(a)$ , every constant  $a$ -sequence in  $G$  has a cluster point in  $G$  with height  $b$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [[15]] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $a \in M(L)$  and  $G \in L^X$ . A family  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is called a  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$  if for any  $x \in X$ , it follows that  $a \in \beta \left( G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{U}A(x)} \right)$ .

When  $L = [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $a$ -shading of  $\underline{1}$  in the sense of [3].  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}'$  is an  $a'$ -R-neighborhood family of  $G$ .

### 3. Countable $S^*$ -compactness

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space and  $G \in L^X$ . Then  $G$  is called countably  $S^*$ -compact if for any  $a \in M(L)$ , each countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$  has a finite subfamily which is a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$ .  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is said to be countably  $S^*$ -compact if  $\underline{1}$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.

Obviously we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.**  $S^*$ -compactness implies countably  $S^*$ -compactness.

From Theorem 3.2, we know that an  $L$ -set with finite support is  $S^*$ -compact. Moreover in an  $L$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  with a finite  $L$ -topology, each  $L$ -set is  $S^*$ -compact.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset L^X$ ,  $G, H \in L^X$  and  $a \in M(L)$ .

(1)  $H$  is called  $Q_a$ -nonempty in  $G$  if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $G(x) \wedge A(x) \not\leq a'$ .

(2)  $H$  is called weak  $Q_a$ -nonempty in  $G$  if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $a' \notin \alpha(G(x) \wedge A(x))$ .

(3)  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to have a  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$  if  $\bigwedge \mathcal{U}$  is  $Q_a$ -nonempty in  $G$ .

(4)  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to have a weak  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$  if  $\bigwedge \mathcal{U}$  is weak  $Q_a$ -nonempty in  $G$ .

(5) If each finite subfamily of  $\mathcal{A}$  has  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to have finite  $Q_a$ -intersection property in  $G$ .

It is obvious that if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$ , then it also has a weak  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$ .

It is easy to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** For an  $L$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $G \in L^X$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $G$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.
- (2) Each countable family of closed  $L$ -sets with finite  $Q_a$ -intersection property in  $G$  has weakly  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$ .
- (3) For each decreasing sequence  $F_1 \supset F_2 \supset \dots$  of closed  $L$ -sets which are  $Q_a$ -nonempty in  $G$ ,  $\{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  has a weakly  $Q_a$ -nonempty intersection in  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $G$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact and  $H$  is closed, then  $G \wedge H$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G \wedge H$ . Then  $\mathcal{U} \cup \{H'\}$  is a countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$ . By countable  $S^*$ -compactness of  $G$ , we know that  $\mathcal{U} \cup \{H'\}$  has a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  which is a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$ . Take  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{V} \setminus \{H'\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{W}$  is  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G \wedge H$ . This shows that  $G \wedge H$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $G$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1)$  and  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_2)$  is continuous, then  $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact in  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_2)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  be a countable  $\beta_a$ -open 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  $f_L^\leftarrow(\mathcal{V}) = \{f_L^\leftarrow(A) \mid A \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is a countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$ . By countable  $S^*$ -compactness of  $G$ , we know that  $\mathcal{U}$  has a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  such that  $f_L^\leftarrow(\mathcal{V})$  is a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$ . By the following equation we can obtain that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $f(G)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_L^\rightarrow(G)'(y) \vee \left( \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} A(y) \right) &= \left( \bigwedge_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} G'(x) \right) \vee \left( \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} A(y) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \left( G'(x) \vee \left( \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} A(f(x)) \right) \right) \\ &= \bigwedge_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \left( G'(x) \vee \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{V}} f_L^\leftarrow(A)(x) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f_L^\rightarrow(G)$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a weakly induced  $L$ -space, then  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact if and only if  $(X, [T])$  is countably compact.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$  be countably compact. For  $a \in M(L)$ , let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Then by Lemma 2.2,  $\{A_{(a)} \mid A \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is a countable open cover of  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ . By countable compactness of  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ , we know that 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 a  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ , of course it is also a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . This shows that  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact.

Conversely let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be countably  $S^*$ -compact and  $\mathcal{W}$  be a countable open cover of  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ . Then for each  $a \in \beta^*(1)$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$  is a countable  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . By countable  $S^*$ -compactness of  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ , we know that there exists a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{W}$  such that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $\underline{1}$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Obviously  $\mathcal{V}$  is an open cover of  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$ . This shows that  $(X, [\mathcal{T}])$  is compact.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a crisp topological space. Then  $(X, \omega_L(\tau))$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is countably compact.

#### 4. A comparison of different notions of countable compactness

In [13], a characterization of F-compactness was presented by means of  $Q_a$ -open cover. Analogously we can present the characterization of countable F-compactness as follows:

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space,  $G \in L^X$ . Then  $G$  is countably F-compact if and only if for all  $a \in M(L)$ , for all  $b \in \beta^*(a)$ , each countable  $Q_a$ -open cover  $\Phi$  of  $G$  has a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $Q_b$ -open cover of  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Countable  $S^*$ -compactness implies countable F-compactness.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an  $L$ -space and  $G \in L^X$  be countably  $S^*$ -compact. To prove that  $G$  is countably F-compact, suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a countable  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$ . Obviously for any  $b \in \beta^*(a)$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  is a countable  $\beta_b$ -open cover of  $G$ . By countable  $S^*$ -compactness of  $G$  we know that  $\mathcal{U}$  has a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  which is a  $Q_b$ -open cover of  $G$ . By Lemma 4.1 we know that  $G$  is countably F-compact.  $\square$

In general, countable F-compactness needn't imply countable  $S^*$ -compactness. This can be seen from Example 6.2 in [12].

When  $L = [0, 1]$ , since each  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$  is  $Q_a$ -open cover of  $G$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $\beta_a$ -open cover of  $G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $a$ -shading of  $G$ , we can obtain the following:

**Theorem 4.3.** When  $L = [0, 1]$ , countable strong compactness implies countable  $S^*$ -compactness, hence countable  $N$ -compactness implies countable  $S^*$ -compactness.

In general, countable  $S^*$ -compactness needn't imply countable strong compactness. This can be seen from Example 6.4 in [12].

**Theorem 4.4.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a countably ultra-compact  $L$ -space, then it is countably  $S^*$ -compact.

**Proof.** By countable ultra-compactness of  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  we know that  $(X, \iota(\mathcal{T}))$  is countably compact. This shows that  $(X, \omega_L \circ \iota_L(\mathcal{T}))$  is countably  $S^*$ -compact from Corollary 3.8. Further from  $\omega_L \circ \iota_L(\mathcal{T}) \supseteq \mathcal{T}$  we can obtain the proof.  $\square$

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