



*Chapter VIII*

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### FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL ORDERED VECTOR SPACES

#### Definition: 8.1

Let  $E$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  is the space of either the real or the complex numbers. If  $\mu, \rho$  are fuzzy sets in  $E$ , then the fuzzy sets  $\mu \oplus \rho$  and  $\mu \ominus \rho$  are defined by

$$\mu \oplus \rho (x) = \sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \rho(x_2); x = x_1 + x_2\},$$

$$\mu \ominus \rho (x) = \sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \rho(x_2); x = x_1 - x_2\}.$$

Also, for  $t \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $\mu$  a fuzzy set in  $E$ , the fuzzy set  $t\mu$  is defined as follows. If  $t \neq 0$  then  $t\mu(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq 0$  and  $t\mu(0) = \sup_{y \in E} \mu(y)$ . For  $x \in E$  and  $\mu$  a fuzzy set  $x \oplus \mu$  is defined by  $x \oplus \mu(y) = \mu(y-x)$ .

#### Definition: 8.2

A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $E$  is called

- (1) **convex** if  $t\mu \oplus (1-t)\mu \leq \mu$  for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ;
- (2) **balanced** if  $t\mu \leq \mu$  for  $|t| \leq 1$ ;
- (3) **absolutely convex** if it is convex and balanced;
- (4) **absorbing** if  $\sup\{\mu(tx) : t > 0\} = 1$ , for all  $x \in E$ .

#### Definition: 8.3

A fuzzy set  $\mu$ , in a vector space  $E$ , **absorbs** a fuzzy set  $\rho$  if  $\mu(0) > 0$  and for any  $\theta < \mu(0)$  there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $\theta \wedge (t\rho) \leq \mu$ .

**Definition: 8.4**

An absolutely convex absorbing fuzzy set  $\rho$  in  $E$ , is called a **fuzzy semi-norm**. If in addition,  $\inf \{ \rho(tx) \} = 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\rho$  is called a **fuzzy norm**.

**Definition: 8.5**

A **fuzzy linear topology** on a vector space  $E$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  is a fuzzy topology (containing all constant fuzzy sets) such that the two mappings

$$+ : E \times E \rightarrow E, (x, y) \rightarrow x+y,$$

$$\cdot : \mathbb{K} \times E \rightarrow E, (t, x) \rightarrow tx,$$

are continuous where  $\mathbb{K}$  is equipped with the fuzzy topology generated by the usual topology of  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\mathbb{K} \times E$ ,  $E \times E$  have the corresponding product fuzzy topologies.

A Vector space  $E$ , with a fuzzy linear topology, is called a **fuzzy topological vector space**.

**Definition: 8.6**

A fuzzy set  $\mu$ , in a fuzzy topological vector space  $E$ , is called **bounded** if it is absorbed by every neighbourhood of zero.

**Notation: 8.7**

We denote by  $\mathbb{R}$ , the field of real numbers.

**Definition: 8.8**

A vector space  $E$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  ( $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ ) is said to be an **ordered vector space** if an order relation has been given on it such that the following conditions hold:

- 1) if  $x, y \in E$  and  $x \leq y$ , then  $x+z \leq y+z$  for any  $z \in E$ ;
- 2) if  $x, y \in E$  and  $x \leq y$ , then  $tx \leq ty$ , for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \geq 0$

From condition (i) it follows that if  $x \leq y$  and  $z \leq w$ , then  $x+z \leq y+w$ .

**Definition: 8.9**

A fuzzy set  $\mu$ , on an ordered vector space  $E$  is called

- 1) **positive increasing** (resp. **decreasing**) if  $0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\mu(0) \leq \mu(x) \leq \mu(y)$ . (resp.  $\mu(0) \geq \mu(x) \geq \mu(y)$ );
- 2) **positive order-convex** (resp. **order-concave**) if  $0 \leq x \leq y$  implies  $\mu(x) \geq \min\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\}$  (resp.  $\mu(x) \leq \max\{\mu(0), \mu(y)\}$ );
- 3) **absolutely increasing** (resp. **decreasing**) if  $\mu(-x) \leq \mu(x)$  (resp.  $\mu(-x) \geq \mu(x)$ );
- 4) **Absolutely order-convex** (resp. **order-concave**) if, for  $x \geq 0$ ,  $\mu(0) \geq \min\{\mu(-x), \mu(x)\}$  (resp.  $\mu(0) \leq \max\{\mu(-x), \mu(x)\}$ ).

**Definition: 8.10**

A fuzzy set  $\mu$ , on an ordered vector space  $E$ , is called **co-convex** if it is both convex and order-convex.

**Lemma: 8.11**

Let  $\mu_1$  be an absolutely decreasing fuzzy set and  $\mu_2$  be an absolutely increasing fuzzy set in an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then the fuzzy set  $\mu = \mu_1 \wedge \mu_2$  (resp.  $\mu = \mu_1 \vee \mu_2$ ) is absolutely order-convex (resp. order-concave)

**Proof**

Let  $x \geq 0$ . Since  $\mu_1$  is absolutely decreasing and  $\mu_2$  is absolutely increasing, then  $\mu_1(-x) \geq \mu_1(0) \geq \mu_1(x)$  and  $\mu_2(-x) \leq \mu_2(0) \leq \mu_2(x)$ ; hence it follows that  $\mu(0) = \max\{\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)\} \leq \max\{\mu_1(x), \mu_2(-x)\}$ .

But  $\mu_1 \leq \mu$  and  $\mu_2 \leq \mu$ , so that  $\mu(0) \leq \max\{\mu(x), \mu(-x)\}$ . i.e.  $\mu$  is absolutely order-concave. By duality the order-convex case can be proved.

**Theorem: 8.12**

Let  $\{\mu_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$  be an indexed family of fuzzy sets, in an ordered vector space  $E$ , and let  $\mu = \sup_{\alpha \in J} \{\mu_\alpha\}$ . Then if each  $\mu_\alpha$  is absolutely increasing (resp. decreasing), then  $\mu$  is absolutely increasing (resp. decreasing). Also, if each  $\mu_\alpha$  is absolutely order-convex, the same is true for the fuzzy set  $\mu$ .

**Theorem: 8.13**

Let  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  be increasing (resp. decreasing) fuzzy sets on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then  $\mu \oplus \rho$  and  $\mu \ominus \rho$  are increasing (resp. decreasing).

**Proof**

Let  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  be increasing fuzzy sets on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then, for  $x_1 \leq y_1$  and  $x_2 \leq y_2$ ,  $\mu(x_1) \leq \mu(y_1)$  and  $\rho(x_2) \leq \rho(y_2)$  and it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \oplus \rho(x) &= \sup\{\mu(x_1), \rho(x_2) : x = x_1 + x_2\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\mu(y_1), \rho(y_2) : y = y_1 + y_2\} \\ &\leq \mu \oplus \rho(y). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mu \oplus \rho$  is increasing. By duality the decreasing case can be proved and so  $\mu \ominus \rho$ .

**Lemma: 8.14**

If  $\mu$  is an increasing (resp. decreasing) fuzzy set on an ordered vector space  $E$ , then  $x \oplus \rho$  is increasing (resp. decreasing).

### Proof

Let  $y \leq z$ , which implies  $y-x \leq z-x$  for  $x, y, z \in E$ . Then for an increasing fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $E$ . We have  $\mu(y-x) \leq \mu(z-x)$ , which implies  $x \oplus \mu(y) \leq x \oplus \mu(z)$ . The decreasing case can be similarly proved.

### Theorem: 8.15

Let  $\mu, \rho$  be a pair of order-convex fuzzy sets on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then  $\mu \oplus \rho$  and  $\mu \ominus \rho$  are order-convex fuzzy sets.

### Proof

$$\mu(y_1) \geq \min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(z_1) : x_1 \leq y_1 \leq z_1\} \text{ and}$$

$$\rho(y_2) \geq \min\{\rho(x_2), \rho(z_2) : x_2 \leq y_2 \leq z_2\}.$$

Since  $x_1+x_2 \leq y_1+y_2 \leq z_1+z_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \oplus \rho (y) &= \sup\{\mu(y_1) \wedge \rho(y_2) : y = y_1 + y_2\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(z_1)\}, \min\{\rho(x_2), \rho(z_2)\} : \\ &\quad x_1+x_2 \leq y_1+y_2 \leq z_1+z_2\}\} \\ &\geq \sup\{\min\{\min\{\mu(x_1), \rho(x_2)\}, \min\{\mu(z_1), \rho(z_2)\} : \\ &\quad x_1+x_2 \leq y_1+y_2 \leq z_1+z_2\}\} \\ &\geq \min\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \rho(x_2)\}, \sup\{\mu(z_1) \wedge \rho(z_2)\} : \\ &\quad x_1+x_2 \leq y_1+y_2 \leq z_1+z_2\} \\ &\geq \min\{\mu \oplus \rho(x), \mu \oplus \rho(z) : x \leq y \leq z\} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mu \oplus \rho$  is an order-convex fuzzy set in  $E$  and the same is true for  $\mu \ominus \rho$ .

**Lemma: 8.16**

If  $\mu$  be an order-convex fuzzy set on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then fuzzy set  $x \oplus \mu$  is order-convex.

**Proof**

Let  $\mu$  be an order-convex fuzzy set in  $E$ . Then, for  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3$ .

$$\mu(x_2) \geq \min\{\mu(x_1), \mu(x_3)\}$$

But  $x_1 - x \leq x_2 - x \leq x_3 - x$ , so that

$$\mu(x_2 - x) \geq \min\{\mu(x_1 - x), \mu(x_3 - x) : x_1 - x \leq x_2 - x \leq x_3 - x\}.$$

Hence

$$x \oplus \mu(x_2) \geq \min\{x \oplus \mu(x_1), x \oplus \mu(x_3) : x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3\}.$$

i.e.  $x \oplus \mu$  is order-convex.

**Theorem: 8.16**

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set on an ordered vector space  $E$ . If  $\mu$  is increasing (resp. decreasing, order-convex) then so is the fuzzy set  $t\mu$  for  $t > 0, t \in \mathbf{R}$ .

**Remark: 8.17**

It is clear that the constant fuzzy sets are increasing, decreasing and order convex. Also if  $\mu$  is increasing then  $1-\mu$  is decreasing.

**Theorem: 8.18**

The mappings  $d, i : I^E \rightarrow I^E$  satisfy the closure axioms; namely, we have, for  $\mu, \rho \in I^E$ ,

$$(C1) \quad d(0) = 0,$$

$$(C2) \quad \mu \leq d(\mu),$$

$$(C3) \quad d(d(\mu)) = d(\mu),$$

$$(C4) \quad d(\mu \vee \rho) = d(\mu) \vee d(\rho).$$

**Proof**

(C1) and (C2) follow trivially from the definitions.

(C3) follows from

$$\begin{aligned} d(d(\mu))(x) &= \sup\{d(\mu)(y) : y \geq x\} \\ &= \sup\{\sup\{\mu(z) : z \geq y\} : y \geq x\} \\ &= \sup\{\mu(z) : z \geq x\} \\ &= d(\mu)(x) \end{aligned}$$

(C4): Trivially  $d(\mu \vee \rho) \leq d(\mu) \vee d(\rho)$ . For the converse

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mu) \vee d(\rho)(x) &= \{\sup\{\mu(y) : y \geq x\} \vee \{\sup\{\rho(y) : y \geq x\}\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\mu \vee \rho(y) : y \geq x\} \\ &= d(\mu \vee \rho)(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem: 8.19**

Let  $\mu, \rho$  be fuzzy sets on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then, for each  $x \in E$ , we have

$$(1) \quad i(\mu \oplus \rho) = i(\mu) \oplus i(\rho);$$

$$(2) \quad d(\mu \oplus \rho) = d(\mu) \oplus d(\rho);$$

$$(3) \quad c(\mu \oplus \rho) = c(\mu) \oplus c(\rho)$$

And the same is true for  $\mu \oplus \rho$ .

**Proof**

For (i),

$$i(\mu \oplus \rho)(x) = \sup\{\mu \oplus \rho(y) : y \leq x\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup\{\sup\{\mu(y_1) \wedge \rho(y_2) : y = y_1 + y_2\} : y \leq x\} \\
&= \sup\{\min\{\sup\{\mu(y_1) : y_1 \leq x_1\}, \sup\{\rho(y_2) : y_2 \leq x_2\}\}\} \\
&= \sup\{i(\mu)(x_1) \wedge i(\rho)(x_2) : y_1 \leq x_1, y_2 \leq x_2, y_1+y_2 \leq x_1+x_2 = x\} \\
&= i(\mu) \oplus i(\rho)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

(2) Can be, analogously, proved.

As to (3),

$$\begin{aligned}
c(\mu \oplus \rho)(y) &= \sup\{\min\{\mu \oplus \rho(x), \mu \oplus \rho(z)\} : x \leq y \leq z\} \\
&= \sup\{\min\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \rho(x_2) : x = x_1 + x_2\}, \sup\{\mu(z_1) \wedge \rho(z_2) : \\
&\quad z = z_1 + z_2\}\}\} \\
&= \sup\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \rho(x_2) \wedge \mu(z_1) \wedge \rho(z_2) : x = x_1 + x_2, z = z_1 + z_2\} : \\
&\quad x \leq y \leq z\} \\
&= \sup\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \mu(z_1)\} \wedge \{\rho(x_2) \wedge \rho(z_2)\} : x_1 + x_2 \leq y_1 + y_2 \\
&\quad \leq z_1 + z_2\}\} \\
&= \sup\{\sup\{\mu(x_1) \wedge \mu(z_1) : x_1 \leq y_1 \leq z_1\} \wedge \sup\{\rho(x_2) \wedge \rho(z_2) : \\
&\quad x_2 \leq y_2 \leq z_2\}\} \\
&= \sup\{c(\mu)(y_1) \wedge c(\rho)(y_2)\} : y = y_1 + y_2\} \\
&= c(\mu) \oplus c(\rho)(y)
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem: 8.20**

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy sets on an ordered vector space  $E$ . Then for each  $x, y \in E$ , we have

- (1)  $i(x \oplus \rho)(y) = x \oplus i(\mu)(y);$
- (2)  $d(x \oplus \rho)(y) = x \oplus d(\mu)(y);$
- (3)  $c(x \oplus \rho)(y) = x \oplus c(\mu)(y);$

## Proof

$$\begin{aligned}i(x \oplus \mu)(y) &= \sup\{x \oplus \mu(z) : z \leq y\} \\ &= \sup\{\mu(z-x) : z-x \leq y-x\} \\ &= i(\mu)(y-x) \\ &= x \oplus i(\mu)(y).\end{aligned}$$

(2) is immediate analogously.

As to (3),

$$\begin{aligned}c(x \oplus \mu)(y) &= \sup \{ \min(x \oplus \mu)(y_1), (x \oplus \mu)(y_2) \} : y_1 \leq y \leq y_2 \\ &= \sup\{\min\{\mu(y_1-x), \mu(y_2-x)\} : y_1 - x \leq y-x \leq y_2-x\} \\ &= c(\mu)(y-x) \\ &= x \oplus c(\mu)(y).\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem: 8.21

Two ordered vector spaces  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are said to be isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one mapping  $f$  of  $E_1$  onto  $E_2$  such that the following conditions satisfied:

- (1) for any  $x, y \in E$  and numbers  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbf{R}$  we have  $f(t_1x + t_2y) = t_1 f(x) + t_2 f(y)$ ;
- (2) If  $x, y \in E_1$ , then  $x \leq y$  iff  $f(x) \leq f(y)$ .

## Theorem: 8.22

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be an isomorphic pair of ordered vector spaces. Then:

- (1) The inverse image of each increasing, decreasing and order-convex fuzzy set in  $E_2$ , is respectively, increasing, decreasing and order-convex.
- (2) The image of each increasing, decreasing and order-convex fuzzy set in  $E_1$ , is respectively, increasing, decreasing and order-convex.

**Definition: 8.23**

A non-empty subset  $C$  of a vector space  $E$  is called a **cone** if  $tC \subseteq C$  for all scalar  $t > 0$ , ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Clearly, a cone  $C$  in  $E$  determines a transitive and reflexive relation ' $\leq$ ' by

$$x \leq y \text{ if } y - x \in C.$$

**Remark: 8.24**

If  $E$  is an ordered vector space with ' $\leq$ ' as an order relation compatible with the vector structure of  $E$  and if we define

$$C' = \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}.$$

Then  $C'$  is a cone in  $E$  and  $\leq$  is exactly the vector ordering of  $E$  induced by  $C'$ .

**Lemma: 8.25**

Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set on an ordered vector space  $E$  and  $C$  is a cone in  $E$ . Then the order-convex hull of  $\mu$  is

$$c(\mu) = \min\{(C \oplus \mu), (-C \oplus \mu)\}$$

**Proof**

$$\text{Let } \rho(y) = \min\{(C \oplus \mu)(y), (-C \oplus \mu)(y)\}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(y) &= \min\left\{ \sup_{x \in C} \{x \oplus \mu(y)\}, \sup_{x \in C} \{-x \oplus \mu(y)\} \right\} \\ &= \sup\{\min\{\mu(y-x), \mu(y+x)\} : y-x \leq y \leq y+x\} \\ &= c(\mu)(y). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition: 8.26**

Any ordered vector space  $E$  which, at the same time, is a fuzzy topological vector space (with a fuzzy linear topology) is called a **fuzzy topological ordered vector space** if the following condition is satisfied: Given  $\{x_\alpha\}, \{y_\alpha\}$  be two convergent nets in the fuzzy topological vector space  $E$  with  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$  and  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$  such that  $x_\alpha \leq y_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in J$ , then it is true that  $x \leq y$ .

**Theorem: 8.27**

Let  $E$  be an ordered vector space which, at the same time, is a fuzzy topological vector space. In order that  $E$  be a fuzzy topological ordered vector space it is sufficient that a neighbourhood system consisting of order-convex neighbourhood of zero should exist.

**Notation: 8.28**

In an ordered vector space  $E$ , in which a fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$  is also given, we shall say that a fuzzy set, which is bounded with respect to the fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$ , is  $\tau$ -bounded. We shall denote by  $x = \tau\text{-limit}\{x_\alpha\}$  or  $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} x$  the convergence with respect to the fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$ . The phrases ' $\tau$ -closed fuzzy set' ' $\tau$ -continuous function', etc., have an obvious meaning.

**Theorem: 8.29**

Let  $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ ,  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  and  $\{z_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be nets in a fuzzy topological ordered vector  $E$  such that  $x_\alpha \leq y_\alpha \leq z_\alpha$ , for any  $\alpha \in J$ . If  $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$  and  $z_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$ , then  $y_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$ .

**Remark: 8.30**

If  $\mu$  is an order-convex neighbourhood of zero, then there exists an index  $\alpha_0 \in J$  such that  $\mu$  is a neighbourhood of both  $\{x_\alpha\}$  and  $\{z_\alpha\}$  for any  $\alpha \leq \alpha_0$ . From  $x_\alpha \leq y_\alpha \leq z_\alpha$  it follows that  $\mu$  is a neighbourhood of  $y_\alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in J$ .

**Definition: 8.31**

Let  $E$  be an ordered vector space which, at the same time, is a fuzzy topological vector space with the fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$ . Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a set of all the  $\tau$ -neighbourhoods of zero. The fuzzy topology on  $E$ , which has the system  $\{\lambda : \lambda = c(\mu), \mu \in \mathbf{B}\}$  as a neighbourhood system of a neighbourhood of zero, is called a **locally order-convex fuzzy topology associated to  $\tau$** , and is denoted by  $c(\tau)$ .

**Remark: 8.32**

One can show that  $c(\tau) \leq \tau$ ,  $c(c(\tau)) = c(\tau)$  and that from  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$  it follows that  $c(\tau_1) \leq c(\tau_2)$ .

**Definition: 8.33**

A fuzzy topological ordered vector space, in which the fuzzy linear topology admits a neighbourhood system at zero consisting of order-convex fuzzy sets is called **locally order-convex**.

**Theorem: 8.34**

In a fuzzy topological ordered vector space, which is locally order-convex, there exists a neighbourhood system at zero consisting of balanced convex and order-convex fuzzy sets.

**Proof**

If  $\mu$  is any neighbourhood of zero then there exists an order-convex neighbourhood  $\mu_1 \leq \mu$  of zero. There exists also an absolutely convex neighbourhood  $\mu_2$  of zero, such that  $\mu_2 \leq \mu_1$  and  $\mu_2(0) = \mu_1(0)$ . By putting  $\rho = c(\mu_2)$ , we get a neighbourhood of zero which is balanced, convex and order-convex fuzzy set, as one can easily check. But  $\rho \leq \mu_1$ , because  $\mu_1$  is order-convex. It follows that  $\rho \leq \mu$  and the theorem is proved.

**Theorem: 8.35**

Let  $E$  be a fuzzy topological ordered vector space, with locally order-convex fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$ . Let  $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ ,  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be two nets in  $E$  with  $0 \leq x_\alpha \leq y_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J$ . If  $y_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$ , then  $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$ .

**Theorem: 8.36**

Let  $E$  be a fuzzy topological ordered vector space (with  $\tau$  as a fuzzy linear topology). If  $\tau$  is locally order-convex, then the order-convex hull of each  $\tau$ -bounded fuzzy set in  $E$  is  $\tau$ -bounded.

**Proof**

Let  $\mu$  be a  $\tau$ -bounded set in  $E$ , and let  $\lambda$  be a neighbourhood of zero. If the fuzzy linear topology  $\tau$  is locally order-convex, then there exists an order-convex neighbourhood of  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda$  of zero. Since  $\mu$  is absorbed by every neighbourhood of zero, then for every  $\theta < \lambda_1(0)$  there exists  $t > 0$  ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ) such that  $\theta \wedge (t\mu) < \lambda_1$ . It follows that the order-convex hull  $c(\theta \wedge (t\mu)) \leq c(\lambda_1) = \lambda_1$ , which implies  $\theta \wedge (tc(\mu)) \leq \lambda_1$ , i.e.,  $c(\mu)$  is absorbed by  $\lambda_1$  and so by  $\lambda$ , then  $c(\mu)$  is  $\tau$ -bounded fuzzy set in  $E$ .