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**On Soft Generalized Topological Spaces**

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**Abstract** – The main purpose of this paper is to introduce soft generalized topology on a soft set. The definitions of subspace soft generalized topology and soft continuity of soft functions are introduced. Some basic concepts in soft generalized topological spaces are also defined and studied their properties.

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*Soft sets, generalized topology, soft generalized topology, Soft  $\mu$ -closure, soft  $(\mu, \eta)$ -continuous functions.*

**1. Introduction**

Molodtsov [10] in 1999, initiated the concept of soft set theory as a mathematical tool for modeling uncertainties. A soft set is a collection of approximate descriptions of an object. Later other researchers like Maji et al. [8] have further improved the theory of soft sets. Naim Çağman et al. [4] modified the definition of soft sets which is similar to that of Molodtsov. Csaszar [6] in 2002 introduced the concept of generalized topology and also studied some of its basic properties. Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\xi$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\xi$  is called a generalized topology (briefly GT) on  $X$  if and only if  $\emptyset \in \xi$  and  $G_i \in \xi$  for  $i \in J$  implies  $\bigcup_{i \in J} G_i \in \xi$ . In this paper, we begin with the basic definitions and results related to soft set theory which are useful for subsequent sections. Basic notions and concepts of soft generalized topological spaces such as soft basis, subspace soft generalized topology, soft  $\mu$ -interior, soft  $\mu$ -closure, soft  $\mu$ -neighborhood, soft  $\mu$ -limit point, soft  $\mu$ -boundary, soft  $\mu$ -exterior and soft continuity of soft functions are defined and studied their basic properties. We then define soft generalized topology on an initial soft set and see that soft generalized topology gives a parameterized family of generalized topologies on the initial universe.

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## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some definitions and results defined and discussed in [4, 7, 8, 10]. Throughout this paper  $U$  denotes initial universe,  $E$  denotes the set of all possible parameters,  $\mathcal{P}(U)$  is the power set of  $U$  and  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $E$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A soft set  $F_A$  on the universe  $U$  is defined by the set of ordered pairs  $F_A = \{(e, f_A(e)) / e \in E, f_A(e) \in \mathcal{P}(U)\}$ , where  $f_A : E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$  such that  $f_A(e) = \emptyset$  if  $e \notin A$ . Here  $f_A$  is called an approximate function of the soft set  $F_A$ . The value of  $f_A(e)$  may be arbitrary. Some of them may be empty, some may have nonempty intersection. The set of all soft sets over  $U$  with  $E$  as the parameter set will be denoted by  $S(U)_E$  or simply  $S(U)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ . If  $f_A(e) = \emptyset$  for all  $e \in E$ , then  $F_A$  is called an empty soft set, denoted by  $F_\emptyset$ .  $f_A(e) = \emptyset$  means that there is no element in  $U$  related to the parameter  $e$  in  $E$ . Therefore we do not display such elements in the soft sets as it is meaningless to consider such parameters.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ . If  $f_A(e) = U$  for all  $e \in E$ , then  $F_A$  is called an  $A$ -universal soft set, denoted by  $F_{\bar{A}}$ . If  $A = E$ , then the  $A$ -universal soft set is called an universal soft set, denoted by  $F_{\bar{E}}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then  $F_B$  is a soft subset of  $F_A$ , denoted by  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ , if  $f_B(e) \subseteq f_A(e)$ , for all  $e \in E$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then  $F_B$  and  $F_A$  are soft equal, denoted by  $F_B = F_A$ , if  $f_B(e) = f_A(e)$ , for all  $e \in E$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then, the soft union of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$ , denoted by  $F_A \cup F_B$ , is defined by the approximate function  $f_{A \cup B}(e) = f_A(e) \cup f_B(e)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then, the soft intersection of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$ , denoted by  $F_A \cap F_B$ , is defined by the approximate function  $f_{A \cap B}(e) = f_A(e) \cap f_B(e)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then, the soft difference of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$ , denoted by  $F_A \setminus F_B$ , is defined by the approximate function  $f_{A \setminus B}(e) = f_A(e) \setminus f_B(e)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ . Then, the soft complement of  $F_A$ , denoted by  $(F_A)^c$ , is defined by the approximate function  $f_{A^c}(e) = (f_A(e))^c$ , where  $(f_A(e))^c$  is the complement of the set  $f_A(e)$ , that is,  $(f_A(e))^c = U \setminus f_A(e)$  for all  $e \in E$ .

Clearly  $((F_A)^c)^c = F_A$  and  $(F_\emptyset)^c = F_{\bar{E}}$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ . The soft power set of  $F_A$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{P}(F_A)$ , is defined by  $\mathcal{P}(F_A) = \{F_{A_i} / F_{A_i} \subseteq F_A, i \in J \subseteq N\}$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $F_A, F_B, F_C \in S(U)$ . Then,

$$(1) \quad F_A \cup F_A = F_A.$$

- (2)  $F_A \cap F_A = F_A.$
- (3)  $F_A \cup F_\emptyset = F_A.$
- (4)  $F_A \cap F_\emptyset = F_\emptyset.$
- (5)  $F_A \cup F_{\bar{E}} = F_{\bar{E}}.$
- (6)  $F_A \cap F_{\bar{E}} = F_A.$
- (7)  $F_A \cup (F_A)^c = F_{\bar{E}}.$
- (8)  $F_A \cap (F_A)^c = F_\emptyset.$
- (9)  $F_A \cup F_B = F_B \cup F_A.$
- (10)  $F_A \cap F_B = F_B \cap F_A.$
- (11)  $(F_A \cup F_B)^c = (F_A)^c \cap (F_B)^c.$
- (12)  $(F_A \cap F_B)^c = (F_A)^c \cup (F_B)^c.$
- (13)  $(F_A \cup F_B) \cup F_C = F_A \cup (F_B \cup F_C).$
- (14)  $(F_A \cap F_B) \cap F_C = F_A \cap (F_B \cap F_C).$
- (15)  $F_A \cup (F_B \cap F_C) = (F_A \cup F_B) \cap (F_A \cup F_C).$
- (16)  $F_A \cap (F_B \cup F_C) = (F_A \cap F_B) \cup (F_A \cap F_C).$

**Definition 2.12.**[7] Let  $S(U)_E$  and  $S(V)_K$  be the families of all soft sets over  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively. Let  $\varphi : U \rightarrow V$  and  $\chi : E \rightarrow K$  be two mappings. The soft mapping  $\varphi_\chi : S(U)_E \rightarrow S(V)_K$  is defined as:

- (1) Let  $F_A$  be a soft set in  $S(U)_E$ . The image of  $F_A$  under the soft mapping  $\varphi_\chi$  is the soft set over  $V$ , denoted by  $\varphi_\chi(F_A)$  and is defined by  $\varphi_\chi(f_A)(k) = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{e \in \chi^{-1}(k) \cap A} \varphi(f_A(e)), & \text{if } \chi^{-1}(k) \cap A \neq \emptyset; \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  for all  $k \in K$ .
- (2) Let  $G_B$  be a soft set in  $S(V)_K$ . The inverse image of  $G_B$  under the soft mapping  $\varphi_\chi$  is the soft set over  $U$ , denoted by  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_B)$  and is defined by

$$\varphi_\chi^{-1}(g_B)(e) = \begin{cases} \varphi^{-1}(g_B(\chi(e))), & \text{if } \chi(e) \in B; \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 for all  $e \in E$ .

The soft mapping  $\varphi_\chi$  is called injective, if  $\varphi$  and  $\chi$  are injective. The soft mapping  $\varphi_\chi$  is called surjective, if  $\varphi$  and  $\chi$  are surjective.

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $\varphi_\chi : S(U)_E \rightarrow S(V)_K$  and  $\tau_\sigma : S(V)_K \rightarrow S(W)_L$ , then the soft composition of the soft mappings  $\varphi_\chi$  and  $\tau_\sigma$ , denoted by  $\varphi_\chi \circ \tau_\sigma$ , is defined by  $\varphi_\chi \circ \tau_\sigma = (\varphi \circ \tau)_{(\chi \circ \sigma)}$ .

**Theorem 2.14.** [7] Let  $S(U)_E$  and  $S(V)_K$  be the families of all soft sets over  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively. Let  $F_A, F_B, F_{A_i} \in S(U)_E$  and  $G_A, G_B, G_{B_i} \in S(V)_K$ . For a soft mappings  $\varphi_\chi : S(U)_E \rightarrow S(V)_K$  and  $\tau_\sigma : S(V)_K \rightarrow S(W)_L$  the following statements are true:

- (1) If  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ , then  $\varphi_\chi(F_B) \subseteq \varphi_\chi(F_A)$ .
- (2)  $\varphi_\chi(\bigcup_{i \in J} F_{A_i}) = \bigcup_{i \in J} \varphi_\chi(F_{A_i})$ .

- (3)  $\varphi_\chi(\bigcap_{i \in J} F_{A_i}) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in J} \varphi_\chi(F_{A_i})$ , equality holds if  $\varphi_\chi$  is injective.
- (4)  $F_A \subseteq \varphi_\chi^{-1}(\varphi_\chi(F_A))$ , equality holds if  $\varphi_\chi$  is injective.
- (5)  $\varphi_\chi(\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_A)) \subseteq F_A$ , equality holds if  $\varphi_\chi$  is surjective.
- (6) If  $G_B \subseteq G_A$ , then  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_B) \subseteq \varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_A)$ .
- (7)  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}((G_B)^c) = (\varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_B))^c$
- (8)  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in J} G_{B_i}) = \bigcup_{i \in J} \varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_{B_i})$ .
- (9)  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(\bigcap_{i \in J} G_{B_i}) = \bigcap_{i \in J} \varphi_\chi^{-1}(G_{B_i})$ .
- (10)  $(\tau_\sigma \circ \varphi_\chi)^{-1} = \varphi_\chi^{-1} \circ \tau_\sigma^{-1}$ .

### 3. Soft generalized topological spaces

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $F_A \in \mathcal{S}(U)$ . A Soft Generalized Topology (SGT) on  $F_A$ , denoted by  $\mu$  or  $\mu_{F_A}$  is a collection of soft subsets of  $F_A$  having the following properties:

- (1)  $F_\emptyset \in \mu$
- (2)  $\{F_{A_i} \subseteq F_A / i \in J \subseteq N\} \subseteq \mu \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in J} F_{A_i} \in \mu$

The pair  $(F_A, \mu)$  is called a Soft Generalized Topological Space (SGTS)

Observe that  $F_A \in \mu$  must not hold.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $F_A \in \mathcal{S}(U)$  and  $\mu$  be the collection of all possible soft subsets of  $F_A$ , then  $\mu$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ , and is called the discrete SGT on  $F_A$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A soft generalized topology  $\mu$  on  $F_A$  is said to be strong if  $F_A \in \mu$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS. Then, every element of  $\mu$  is called a soft  $\mu$ -open set.

Note: clearly  $F_\emptyset$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(F_A, \mu_1)$  and  $(F_A, \mu_2)$  be SGTS's. Then

- (1) If  $\mu_2 \supseteq \mu_1$ , then  $\mu_2$  is soft finer than  $\mu_1$
- (2) If  $\mu_2 \supset \mu_1$ , then  $\mu_2$  is soft strictly finer than  $\mu_1$
- (3) If either  $\mu_2 \supseteq \mu_1$  or  $\mu_1 \supseteq \mu_2$  then  $\mu_1$  is comparable with  $\mu_2$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $F_A$  be a soft set and  $\{\mu_j\}_{j \in J}$  be an indexed family of SGT's on  $F_A$ . Then  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$  is a SGT on  $F_A$  and each  $\mu_j, j \in J$  is soft finer than  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$ .

**Proof.** Since each  $\mu_j, j \in J$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ , the empty soft set  $F_\emptyset$  belongs to each  $\mu_j, j \in J$  and so  $F_\emptyset \in \bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$ . Let  $\{F_{B_i}\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of soft sets in  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$ . Then each  $F_{B_i}$  belongs to each  $\mu_j$ . But  $\mu_j$ , being a SGT on  $F_A$ , is closed under arbitrary soft unions. So  $\bigcup_{i \in I} F_{B_i} \in \mu_j$  for each  $j \in J$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{i \in I} F_{B_i} \in \bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$ . Hence  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ . Clearly each  $\mu_j, j \in J$  is soft finer than  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \mu_j$ . ■

**Remark 3.7.** Let  $(F_A, \mu_1)$  and  $(F_A, \mu_2)$  be SGTS's on  $F_A$ . Then  $(F_A, \mu_1 \cup \mu_2)$  may not be a SGT on  $F_A$ .

**Example 3.8.** Let  $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$ ,  $A = E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ ,  $F_A = \{(e_1, \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_2, h_3\})\}$ . Let  $(F_A, \mu_1)$  and  $(F_A, \mu_2)$  be two SGTS's on  $F_A$  where  $\mu_1 = \{F_\emptyset, F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}\}$ ,  $\mu_2 = \{F_\emptyset, F_{A_3}, F_{A_4}\}$ , where  $F_{A_1} = \{(e_1, \{h_1, h_2\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_2} = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_3} = \{(e_1, \{h_3, h_4\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_4} = \{(e_1, \{h_3, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_3\})\}$ . Now define  $\mu = \mu_1 \cup \mu_2 = \{F_\emptyset, F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}, F_{A_3}, F_{A_4}\}$ . Then  $F_{A_1} \cup F_{A_3} = \{(e_1, \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\} \notin \mu$ . Hence  $\mu$  is not a SGT on  $F_A$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $F_A$  be a soft set and  $\eta$  be a family of soft subsets of  $F_A$ . Then there exists a unique SGT  $\mu$  on  $F_A$  such that it is the smallest SGT on  $F_A$  containing  $\eta$ .

**Proof.** Consider the collection of all SGT's on  $F_A$  which contains  $\eta$  (as subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(F_A)$ ). This family is non-empty, for the discrete SGT (i.e, the entire power set  $\mathcal{P}(F_A)$ ) surely contains  $\eta$ . Now let  $\mu$  be the intersection of the members of this collection. By theorem 3.6,  $\mu$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ , it contains  $\eta$  and clearly it is the smallest SGT containing  $\eta$ , for any such SGT will be a member of the collection of SGT's just considered and hence soft finer than its intersections viz,  $\mu$ . Uniqueness of  $\mu$  is trivial. ■

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS. A sub family  $\mathfrak{B}$  of  $\mu$  is said to be a soft basis for  $\mu$  if every member of  $\mu$  can be expressed as the soft union of some members of  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mu$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a soft basis for  $\mu$  if and only if for each soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$ , and each  $\alpha \in F_G$ , there exists  $F_B \in \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\alpha \in F_B$  and  $F_B \subseteq F_G$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a soft basis for  $\mu$ . Let  $F_G$  be a soft  $\mu$ -open set and  $\alpha \in F_G$ . Then  $F_G$  can be written as the soft union of some members of  $\mathfrak{B}$ , say,  $F_G = \bigcup_{i \in J} F_{B_i}$  where  $J$  is an index set and  $F_{B_i} \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\forall i$ . Since  $\alpha \in F_G$ , there exists  $j \in J$  such that  $\alpha \in F_{B_j}$ . Take this  $F_{B_j}$  as the set  $F_B$  required in the assertion.

Conversely, suppose that the given condition holds. Let  $F_D$  be a soft  $\mu$ -open set of  $F_A$ . For each  $\alpha \in F_D$ , there exists  $F_{B_\alpha} \in \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\alpha \in F_{B_\alpha}$  and  $F_{B_\alpha} \subseteq F_D$ . Clearly  $F_D = \bigcup_{\alpha \in F_D} F_{B_\alpha}$ . Thus every member of  $\mu$  can be expressed as the soft union of some members of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a soft basis for  $\mu$ . ■

**Theorem 3.12.** Two distinct SGT's can never have the same family of soft subsets as a soft basis for both of them.

**Proof.** Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two SGT's on a soft set  $F_A$  and each have  $\mathfrak{B}$  as a soft basis. If  $F_G \in \mu_1$ , then  $F_G$  can be expressed as the soft union of some members of  $\mathfrak{B}$ ; these members are also members of  $\mu_2$ , since  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mu_2$ . But  $\mu_2$ , being a SGT, is closed under arbitrary soft unions,  $F_G \in \mu_2$ . Thus  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ . Similarly  $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1$  and hence  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ . ■

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $(F_A, \mu_1)$  and  $(F_A, \mu_2)$  be two SGTS's for a soft set  $F_A$  having soft basis  $\mathfrak{B}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{B}_2$  respectively. Then  $\mu_2$  is soft finer than  $\mu_1$  if and only if every member of  $\mathfrak{B}_1$  can be expressed as the soft union of some members of  $\mathfrak{B}_2$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $F_A$  be a soft set and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a family of its soft subsets. Then there exists a SGT on  $F_A$  with  $\mathfrak{B}$  as a soft basis.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{B} = \{F_{B_i} / F_{B_i} \subseteq F_A, i \in J\} \cup F_\emptyset \subseteq \mathcal{P}(F_A)$ . Define  $\mu = \{F_G \subseteq F_A / \forall \alpha \in F_G, \text{ there exists } F_{B_i} \in \mathfrak{B} \text{ such that } \alpha \in F_{B_i} \text{ and } F_{B_i} \subseteq F_G\}$ . i.e.,  $\mu = \{\cup F_{B_i} / F_{B_i} \in \mathfrak{B}\}$ . We assert that  $\mu$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ . Clearly  $F_\emptyset \in \mu$ . Let  $\{F_{H_j}\}_{j \in J} \in \mu$  and assume that  $F_H = \cup_{j \in J} F_{H_j}$ . To show  $F_H \in \mu$ . Now, since each  $F_{H_j} \in \mu, F_{H_j} = \cup_{i \in I} F_{B_{i_j}}, F_{B_{i_j}} \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $F_H = \cup_{j \in J} (\cup_{i \in I} F_{B_{i_j}}) \in \mu$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a SGT on  $F_A$ . By theorem 3.11, it follows that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a soft basis for  $\mu$ . ■

**Definition 3.15.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the collection  $\mu_{F_B} = \{F_D \cap F_B / F_D \in \mu\}$  is called a Subspace Soft Generalized Topology (SSGT) on  $F_B$ . The pair  $(F_B, \mu_{F_B})$  is called a Soft Generalized Topological Subspace (SGTSS) of  $F_A$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then a SSGT on  $F_B$  is a SGT.

**Proof.** Since  $F_\emptyset \in \mu, F_\emptyset \cap F_B = F_\emptyset \in \mu_{F_B}$ . Suppose  $\{F_{G_i}\}_{i \in J} \in \mu_{F_B}$ . Since each  $F_{G_i} \in \mu_{F_B} \Rightarrow F_{G_i} = F_{D_i} \cap F_B$  where  $F_{D_i} \in \mu$ . Now consider  $\cup_{i \in J} F_{G_i} = \cup_{i \in J} (F_{D_i} \cap F_B) = (\cup_{i \in J} F_{D_i}) \cap F_B \in \mu_{F_B}$ , since  $\mu$  is closed under arbitrary soft unions. ■

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS. If  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a soft basis for  $\mu$ , then the collection  $\mathfrak{B}_{F_B} = \{F_{D_i} \cap F_B / F_{D_i} \in \mathfrak{B}, i \in J\}$  is a soft basis for the SSGT  $\mu_{F_B}$  on  $F_B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F_G$  be an arbitrary element of the SSGT on  $F_B$ . Then  $F_G = F_H \cap F_B$  where  $F_H \in \mu$ . Because  $F_H \in \mu, F_H$  can be expressed as the soft union of some elements of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . i.e.,  $F_H = \cup_{F_{D_i} \in \mathfrak{B}} F_{D_i}$ . Therefore  $F_G = (\cup_{F_{D_i} \in \mathfrak{B}} F_{D_i}) \cap F_B = \cup_{F_{D_i} \in \mathfrak{B}} (F_{D_i} \cap F_B)$ . Thus each element of the SSGT  $\mu_{F_B}$  on  $F_B$  is the soft union of members of  $\mathfrak{B}_{F_B}$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{B}_{F_B}$  is a soft basis for the SSGT on  $F_B$ . ■

**Definition 3.18.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the soft  $\mu$ -interior of  $F_B$  denoted by  $(F_B)^\circ$  is defined as the soft union of all soft  $\mu$ -open subsets of  $F_B$ .

Note that  $(F_B)^\circ$  is the largest soft  $\mu$ -open set that is contained in  $F_B$ .

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $F_B$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set if and only if  $F_B = (F_B)^\circ$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $F_B$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set. Then the largest soft  $\mu$ -open set contained in  $F_B$  is  $F_B$  itself. Therefore  $(F_B)^\circ = F_B$ .

Conversely, assume that  $F_B = (F_B)^\circ$ . Since  $(F_B)^\circ$  is the soft union of all soft  $\mu$ -open subsets of  $F_B$  and  $\mu$  is closed under arbitrary soft union,  $(F_B)^\circ$  is soft  $\mu$ -open. If  $(F_B)^\circ = F_B$ , then  $F_B$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set. ■

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $((F_G)^o)^o = (F_G)^o$
- (2)  $F_G \subseteq F_H \Rightarrow (F_G)^o \subseteq (F_H)^o$
- (3)  $(F_G)^o \cap (F_H)^o \supseteq (F_G \cap F_H)^o$
- (4)  $(F_G)^o \cup (F_H)^o \subseteq (F_G \cup F_H)^o$
- (5)  $(F_G)^o \subseteq F_G$

**Proof.**

- (1) Let  $(F_G)^o = F_D$ , then  $F_D \in \mu$  if and only if  $F_D = (F_D)^o$ . Therefore  $((F_G)^o)^o = (F_G)^o$
- (2) Let  $F_G \subseteq F_H$ . Since the soft  $\mu$ -interior of a soft set is the largest soft  $\mu$ -open set contained in that soft set. Therefore  $(F_G)^o \subseteq F_G$  and  $(F_H)^o \subseteq F_H$ . The largest soft  $\mu$ -open set that is contained in  $F_H$  is  $(F_H)^o$ . Hence  $F_G \subseteq F_H \Rightarrow (F_G)^o \subseteq (F_H)^o$ .
- (3)  $F_G \cap F_H \subseteq F_G$  and  $F_G \cap F_H \subseteq F_H$ . Then  $(F_G \cap F_H)^o \subseteq (F_G)^o$  and  $(F_G \cap F_H)^o \subseteq (F_H)^o$ . Therefore  $(F_G \cap F_H)^o \subseteq (F_G)^o \cap (F_H)^o$ .
- (4)  $(F_G)^o \subseteq F_G$  and  $(F_H)^o \subseteq F_H$ . Then  $(F_G)^o \cup (F_H)^o \subseteq F_G \cup F_H$ .  $(F_G \cup F_H)^o$  is the largest soft  $\mu$ -open set that is contained in  $F_G \cup F_H$ . Hence  $(F_G)^o \cup (F_H)^o \subseteq (F_G \cup F_H)^o$ .
- (5) Trivial. ■

**Definition 3.21.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $F_B$  is said to be a soft  $\mu$ -closed set if its soft complement  $(F_B)^c$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.22.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the following conditions hold:

- (1) The universal soft set  $F_{\bar{E}}$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed.
- (2) Arbitrary soft intersections of the soft  $\mu$ -closed sets are soft  $\mu$ -closed.

**Proof.**

- (1)  $(F_{\bar{E}})^c = F_{\emptyset} \in \mu$ . That is, the soft complement of the universal soft set  $F_{\bar{E}}$  is the soft empty set  $F_{\emptyset}$  and  $F_{\emptyset} \in \mu$ . Therefore  $F_{\bar{E}}$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed
- (2)  $\{F_{G_i}\}_{i \in J}$  be a given collection of soft  $\mu$ -closed sets. To show  $\bigcap_{i \in J} F_{G_i}$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed. Now  $(\bigcap_{i \in J} F_{G_i})^c = \bigcup_{i \in J} (F_{G_i})^c \in \mu$ , since each  $F_{G_i}$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed, its soft complement  $(F_{G_i})^c$  is soft  $\mu$ -open. Therefore  $\bigcap_{i \in J} F_{G_i}$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set. ■

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $(F_B, \mu_{F_B})$  a SGTSS of  $F_A$ . Then,

- (1)  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu_{F_B}$ -open if and only if  $F_G = F_H \cap F_B$  for some soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_H$ .
- (2)  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu_{F_B}$ -closed if and only if  $F_G = F_H \cap F_B$  for some soft  $\mu$ -closed set  $F_H$ .

**Proof.**

- (1) Follows from the definition of a SSGT.

(2)  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu_{F_B}$ -closed  $\Leftrightarrow F_G = F_B \setminus F_M$  for some  $F_M \in \mu_{F_B}$ . Now  $F_M \in \mu_{F_B} \Rightarrow F_M = F_D \cap F_B$  for some  $F_D \in \mu$ . Therefore  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu_{F_B}$ -closed  $\Leftrightarrow F_G = F_B \setminus (F_D \cap F_B)$  for some  $F_D \in \mu \Leftrightarrow F_G = F_B \setminus F_D \Leftrightarrow F_G = F_B \cap (F_D)^c \Leftrightarrow F_G = F_B \cap F_H$  where  $F_H = (F_D)^c$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set. Hence  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu_{F_B}$ -closed if and only if  $F_G = F_H \cap F_B$  for some soft  $\mu$ -closed set  $F_H$ . ■

**Definition 3.24.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the soft  $\mu$ -closure of  $F_B$ , denoted by  $c(F_B)$  is defined as the soft intersection of all soft  $\mu$ -closed super sets of  $F_B$ .

Note that  $c(F_B)$  is the smallest soft  $\mu$ -closed set that containing  $F_B$ .

**Theorem 3.25.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ .  $F_B$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set if and only if  $F_B = c(F_B)$ .

**Proof.** The proof is trivial.

**Theorem 3.26.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $(F_B)^o \subseteq F_B \subseteq c(F_B)$

**Proof.** Indeed  $(F_B)^o = \cup \{F_{B_i} / F_{B_i} \in \mu, F_{B_i} \subseteq F_B, i \in J\}$ .

Then  $f_{B_i}(e) \subseteq f_B(e)$  and  $\cup_{i \in J} f_{B_i}(e) \subseteq f_B(e), \forall e \in E$ .

So  $(F_B)^o \subseteq F_B \cdot c(F_B) = \cap \{F_{B_i} / F_{B_i}^c \in \mu, F_B \subseteq F_{B_i}, i \in J\}$ . Then  $f_B(e) \subseteq f_{B_i}(e)$  and

$f_B(e) \subseteq \cap f_{B_i}(e), \forall e \in E$ . So  $F_B \subseteq c(F_B)$ . Hence  $(F_B)^o \subseteq F_B \subseteq c(F_B)$ . ■

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $c(c(F_G)) = c(F_G)$
- (2)  $F_G \subseteq F_H \Rightarrow c(F_G) \subseteq c(F_H)$
- (3)  $c(F_G) \cap c(F_H) \supseteq c(F_G \cap F_H)$
- (4)  $c(F_G) \cup c(F_H) \subseteq c(F_G \cup F_H)$

**Proof.**

- (1) Let  $c(F_G) = F_D$ . Then  $F_D$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set. Therefore  $F_D$  and  $c(F_D)$  are soft equal. i.e,  $F_D = c(F_D)$ . Hence  $c(c(F_G)) = c(F_G)$ .
- (2) Let  $F_G \subseteq F_H$ . By the definition of soft  $\mu$ -closure,  $F_G \subseteq c(F_G)$  and  $F_H \subseteq c(F_H)$  and the smallest soft  $\mu$ -closed set that containing  $F_G$  is  $c(F_G)$ . Hence  $c(F_G) \subseteq c(F_H)$ .
- (3)  $c(F_G)$  and  $c(F_H)$  are soft  $\mu$ -closed sets. So their soft intersection  $c(F_G) \cap c(F_H)$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set. Since  $c(F_G \cap F_H)$  is the smallest soft  $\mu$ -closed set that containing  $F_G \cap F_H$  and  $F_G \cap F_H \subseteq c(F_G) \cap c(F_H)$ ,  $c(F_G) \cap c(F_H) \supseteq c(F_G \cap F_H)$ .
- (4) Since  $F_G \subseteq F_G \cup F_H$  and  $F_H \subseteq F_G \cup F_H$ ,  $c(F_G) \subseteq c(F_G \cup F_H)$  and  $c(F_H) \subseteq c(F_G \cup F_H)$ . Therefore  $c(F_G) \cup c(F_H) \subseteq c(F_G \cup F_H)$ . ■

**Theorem 3.28.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the following hold:



- (1) If  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then every soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$  containing  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$ .
- (2) Supposing the SGT on  $F_A$  is given by a soft basis  $\mathfrak{B}$ . If  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then every soft basis element  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$ .

**Proof.**

- (1) First prove that if  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then every soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$  containing  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$ . It is equivalent to prove that if there exists a soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$  containing  $\alpha$  that does not soft intersect  $F_B$ , then  $\alpha \notin c(F_B)$ . Assume that  $F_G \cap F_B = F_\emptyset$ , where  $F_G \in \mu$ ,  $\alpha \in F_G$ . Then  $(F_G)^c$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set and  $F_B \subseteq (F_G)^c$ . By the definition of soft  $\mu$ -closure,  $c(F_B)$  is the smallest soft  $\mu$ -closed set containing  $F_B$ . Therefore  $c(F_B) \subseteq (F_G)^c$  and therefore  $\alpha$  cannot be in  $c(F_B)$ .
- (2) If  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then every soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$  containing  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$ . i.e. If  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then  $F_G \cap F_B \neq F_\emptyset, \forall F_G \in \mu$ , and  $\alpha \in F_G$ . Since  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu$ -open, it can be expressed as the soft union of some members of the soft basis. So every soft basis element  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$ . ■

**Remark 3.29.** The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

**Theorem 3.30.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B, F_G \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $c((F_B)^c) = ((F_B)^o)^c$
- (2)  $((F_G)^c)^o = (c(F_G))^c$
- (3)  $(F_B)^o = (c((F_B)^c))^c$
- (4)  $c(F_G) = (((F_G)^c)^o)^c$
- (5)  $(F_B \setminus F_G)^o \subseteq (F_B)^o \setminus (F_G)^o$

**Proof.**

- (1)  $(F_B)^o = \cup \{F_{B_i} / F_{B_i} \in \mu, F_{B_i} \subseteq F_B, i \in J\}$ .  $((F_B)^o)^c = \cap \{(F_{B_i})^c / F_{B_i} \in \mu, (F_B)^c \subseteq (F_{B_i})^c, i \in J\} = c((F_B)^c)$ , by the definition of soft  $\mu$ -closure.
- (2) Consider the definitions of soft  $\mu$ -closure and soft  $\mu$ -interior,  $c(F_G) = \cap \{F_{G_i} / (F_{G_i})^c \in \mu, F_G \subseteq F_{G_i}, i \in J\}$ .  $(c(F_G))^c = [\cap \{F_{G_i} / (F_{G_i})^c \in \mu, F_G \subseteq F_{G_i}, i \in J\}]^c = \cup \{(F_{G_i})^c / (F_{G_i})^c \in \mu, (F_{G_i})^c \subseteq (F_G)^c, i \in J\} = ((F_G)^c)^o$ .
- (3) Obtained by taking the soft complements of (1)
- (4) Obtained by taking the soft complements of (2)
- (5)  $(F_B \setminus F_G)^o = (F_B \cap (F_G)^c)^o \subseteq (F_B)^o \cap ((F_G)^c)^o = (F_B)^o \cap (c(F_G))^c \subseteq (F_B)^o \cap ((F_G)^o)^c \subseteq (F_B)^o \setminus (F_G)^o$ . ■

**Definition 3.31.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $\alpha \in F_A$ . If there is a soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_B$  such that  $\alpha \in F_B$ , then  $F_B$  is called a soft  $\mu$ -open neighborhood or soft  $\mu$ -nbd of  $\alpha$ . The set of all soft  $\mu$ -nbds of  $\alpha$ , denoted by  $\psi(\alpha)$ , is called the family of soft  $\mu$ -nbds of  $\alpha$ . i.e.  $\psi(\alpha) = \{F_B / F_B \in \mu, \alpha \in F_B\}$ .

**Theorem 3.32.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1) if  $F_G \in \psi(\alpha)$ , then  $\alpha \in F_G$
- (2) if  $F_G \in \psi(\alpha)$  and  $F_G \subseteq F_H$  where  $F_H \in \mu$ , then  $F_H \in \psi(\alpha)$
- (3)  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open if and only if  $F_G$  contains a soft  $\mu$ -nbd of each of its points.

**Proof.**

- (1) Since  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -nbd of  $\alpha$ ,  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set such that  $\alpha \in F_G$ .
- (2) Assume that  $F_G \subseteq F_H$  and  $F_H \in \mu$ . If  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -nbd of  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha \in F_G \Rightarrow \alpha \in F_H$ . Therefore  $F_H$  is a soft  $\mu$ -nbd of  $\alpha$ .
- (3) Suppose  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu$ -open. Then  $\alpha \in F_G \Rightarrow F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -nbd of each  $\alpha \in F_G$ . Conversely, if each  $\alpha \in F_G$  has a soft  $\mu$ -nbd  $F_{H_\alpha} \subseteq F_G$ , then  $F_G = \{\alpha / \alpha \in F_G\} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in F_G} F_{H_\alpha} \subseteq F_G$ . Or  $F_G = \bigcup_{\alpha \in F_G} F_{H_\alpha}$ . This implies that  $F_G$  is the soft union of soft  $\mu$ -open sets. Thus  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set. ■

**Definition 3.33.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS,  $F_B \subseteq F_A$  and  $\alpha \in F_A$ . If every soft  $\mu$ -nbd of  $\alpha$  soft intersect  $F_B$  in some point other than  $\alpha$  itself, then  $\alpha$  is called soft  $\mu$ -limit point of  $F_B$ . The set of all soft  $\mu$ -limit points of  $F_B$  is denoted by  $(F_B)'$ . In other words, if  $(F_A, \mu)$  is a SGTS,  $F_B, F_G \subseteq F_A$  and  $\alpha \in F_A$ . Then  $\alpha \in (F_B)'$  if and only if  $F_G \cap (F_B \setminus \{\alpha\}) \neq F_\emptyset$  for all  $F_G \in \psi(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 3.34.** If  $\alpha \in c(F_B \setminus \{\alpha\})$ , then by theorem 3.28.(1),  $F_G \cap (F_B \setminus \{\alpha\}) \neq F_\emptyset$  for every soft  $\mu$ -open set  $F_G$  containing  $\alpha$ , which implies  $\alpha \in (F_B)'$ .

**Theorem 3.35.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS,  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $c(F_B) \subseteq F_B \cup (F_B)'$

**Proof.** If  $\alpha \in c(F_B)$ , then either  $\alpha \in F_B$  or  $\alpha \notin F_B$ . First consider  $\alpha \in F_B$ . Then  $\alpha \in F_B \cup (F_B)'$  and hence  $c(F_B) \subseteq F_B \cup (F_B)'$ . Next consider if  $\alpha \notin F_B$ . Then the soft sets  $F_B$  and  $(F_B \setminus \{\alpha\})$  are soft equal. So  $\alpha \in c(F_B) \Rightarrow F_G \cap F_B \neq F_\emptyset, \forall F_G \in \psi(\alpha) \Rightarrow F_G \cap (F_B \setminus \{\alpha\}) \neq F_\emptyset \Rightarrow \alpha \in (F_B)'$ . So  $c(F_B) \subseteq F_B \cup (F_B)'$ . Hence in both case  $c(F_B) \subseteq F_B \cup (F_B)'$ . ■

**Theorem 3.36.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . If  $(F_B)' \subseteq F_B$ , then  $F_B$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(F_B)' \subseteq F_B$ . Then  $F_B = F_B \cup (F_B)'$ . But by the above theorem  $F_B \cup (F_B)' \supseteq c(F_B)$ . Therefore  $F_B \supseteq c(F_B) \Rightarrow F_B = c(F_B)$ . Hence  $F_B$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed. ■

**Theorem 3.37.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $F_G \subseteq F_H \Rightarrow (F_G)' \subseteq (F_H)'$
- (2)  $(F_G \cap F_H)' \subseteq (F_G)' \cap (F_H)'$
- (3)  $(F_G \cup F_H)' \supseteq (F_G)' \cup (F_H)'$

**Proof.**

- (1) Since  $F_G \subseteq F_H$ ,  $(F_G \setminus \{\alpha\}) \subseteq (F_H \setminus \{\alpha\})$ . Suppose  $\alpha \in (F_G)' \Rightarrow F_D \cap (F_G \setminus \{\alpha\}) \neq F_\emptyset, \forall F_D \in \psi(\alpha) \Rightarrow F_D \cap (F_H \setminus \{\alpha\}) \neq F_\emptyset, \forall F_D \in \psi(\alpha) \Rightarrow \alpha \in (F_H)'$ . Hence  $(F_G)' \subseteq (F_H)'$ .
- (2)  $F_G \cap F_H \subseteq F_G$  and  $F_G \cap F_H \subseteq F_H$ . Then  $(F_G \cap F_H)' \subseteq (F_G)'$  and  $(F_G \cap F_H)' \subseteq (F_H)'$ . Therefore  $(F_G \cap F_H)' \subseteq (F_G)' \cap (F_H)'$ .

$$(3) \ c((F_G \cup F_H) \setminus \{\alpha\}) = c((F_G \cup F_H) \cap \{\alpha\}^c) = c((F_G \cap \{\alpha\}^c) \cup (F_H \cap \{\alpha\}^c)) \supseteq c(F_G \cap \{\alpha\}^c) \cup c(F_H \cap \{\alpha\}^c) = c(F_G \setminus \{\alpha\}) \cup c(F_H \setminus \{\alpha\}).$$

Therefore  $\alpha \in [c(F_G \setminus \{\alpha\}) \cup c(F_H \setminus \{\alpha\})] \Rightarrow \alpha \in c((F_G \cup F_H) \setminus \{\alpha\})$ . i.e,  $\alpha \in c(F_G \setminus \{\alpha\})$  or  $\alpha \in c(F_H \setminus \{\alpha\}) \Rightarrow \alpha \in c((F_G \cup F_H) \setminus \{\alpha\})$ . i.e,  $\alpha \in (F_G)'$  or  $\alpha \in (F_H)' \Rightarrow \alpha \in (F_G \cup F_H)' \Rightarrow \alpha \in (F_G)' \cup (F_H)' \Rightarrow \alpha \in (F_G \cup F_H)' \Rightarrow ((F_G)' \cup (F_H)') \subseteq (F_G \cup F_H)'$ . ■

**Definition 3.38.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the soft  $\mu$ -boundary of  $F_B$ , denoted by  $(F_B)^b$ , is defined by  $(F_B)^b = c(F_B) \cap c((F_B)^c)$ .

**Theorem 3.39.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $(F_B)^b \subseteq c(F_B)$
- (2)  $(F_B)^b = c(F_B) \setminus (F_B)^o$

**Proof.**

$$(1) \ (F_B)^b = c(F_B) \cap c((F_B)^c) \Rightarrow (F_B)^b \subseteq c(F_B).$$

$$(2) \ c(F_B) \setminus (F_B)^o = c(F_B) \cap ((F_B)^o)^c = c(F_B) \cap (\bigcup_{\substack{F_{B_i} \subseteq F_B \\ F_{B_i} \in \mu, i \in J}} F_{B_i})^c$$

$$= c(F_B) \cap (\bigcap_{\substack{(F_{B_i})^c \subseteq (F_B)^c \\ F_{B_i} \in \mu, i \in J}} (F_{B_i})^c) = c(F_B) \cap c((F_B)^c) = (F_B)^b. \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 3.40.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then the following hold:

- (1)  $((F_G)^b)^c = (F_G)^o \cup ((F_G)^c)^o$
- (2)  $c(F_G) = F_G \cup (F_G)^b$
- (3)  $(F_G)^o = F_G \setminus (F_G)^b$
- (4)  $(F_G)^b = c(F_G) \cap c((F_G)^c) = c(F_G) \setminus (F_G)^o$

**Proof.**

$$(1) \ (F_G)^o \cup ((F_G)^c)^o = (((F_G)^o)^c)^c \cup (((F_G)^c)^o)^c = [((F_G)^o)^c \cap (((F_G)^c)^o)^c]^c = [c((F_G)^c) \cap c(F_G)]^c = ((F_G)^b)^c, \text{ by theorem 3.30.(1) and (2).} \blacksquare$$

$$(2) \ F_G \cup (F_G)^b = F_G \cup [c(F_G) \cap c((F_G)^c)] = [F_G \cup c(F_G)] \cap [F_G \cup c((F_G)^c)] = c(F_G) \cap [F_G \cup c((F_G)^c)] = c(F_G) \cap F_{\bar{E}} = c(F_G).$$

$$(3) \ F_G \setminus (F_G)^b = F_G \cap ((F_G)^b)^c = F_G \cap [(F_G)^o \cup ((F_G)^c)^o], \text{ by (1)} = [F_G \cap (F_G)^o] \cup [F_G \cap ((F_G)^c)^o] = (F_G)^o \cup F_{\emptyset} = (F_G)^o.$$

$$(4) \ \text{Follows from definition and theorem 3.30.(1).} \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 3.41.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G \subseteq F_A$ . Then the following hold:

- (1)  $(F_G)^b \cap (F_G)^o = F_{\emptyset}$
- (2)  $F_G$  is soft  $\mu$ -open iff  $F_G \cap (F_G)^b = F_{\emptyset}$ .

**Theorem 3.42.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $(F_G)^b = F_\emptyset$  if and only if  $F_G$  is both soft  $\mu$ -open and soft  $\mu$ -closed.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(F_G)^b = F_\emptyset$ .  $(F_G)^b = F_\emptyset \Rightarrow c(F_G) \cap c((F_G)^c) = F_\emptyset \Rightarrow F_G \cap ((F_G)^o)^c = F_\emptyset \Rightarrow F_G \subseteq (F_G)^o$ , by theorem 3.30.(1). This implies that  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set. Again by theorem 3.30.(1),  $(F_G)^b = F_\emptyset \Rightarrow c(F_G) \cap c((F_G)^c) = F_\emptyset \Rightarrow c(F_G) \subseteq (c((F_G)^c))^c = (F_G)^o \subseteq F_G \Rightarrow c(F_G) \subseteq F_G$ . This implies that  $F_G$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set. Conversely assume that  $F_G$  is both soft  $\mu$ -closed and soft  $\mu$ -open. Then  $(F_G)^b = c(F_G) \cap c((F_G)^c) = F_G \cap ((F_G)^o)^c = F_G \cap (F_G)^c = F_\emptyset$ , by theorem 3.30.(1). ■

**Definition 3.43.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then the soft  $\mu$ -exterior of  $F_B$  is denoted by  $(F_B)^e$  and is defined as  $(F_B)^e = ((F_B)^c)^o$ .

Note that the soft  $\mu$ -exterior of  $F_B$  is the largest soft  $\mu$ -open set contained in  $(F_B)^c$ .

**Theorem 3.44.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then,

- (1)  $(F_B)^e = ((F_B)^c)^o$
- (2)  $(F_G \cup F_H)^e \subseteq (F_G)^e \cap (F_H)^e$
- (3)  $(F_G \cap F_H)^e \supseteq (F_G)^e \cup (F_H)^e$

**Proof.**

- (1) Follows from definition
- (2)  $(F_G \cup F_H)^e = ((F_G \cup F_H)^c)^o = ((F_G)^c \cap (F_H)^c)^o \subseteq ((F_G)^c)^o \cap ((F_H)^c)^o = (F_G)^e \cap (F_H)^e$ .
- (3)  $(F_G \cap F_H)^e = ((F_G \cap F_H)^c)^o = ((F_G)^c \cup (F_H)^c)^o = ((F_G)^c \cup (F_H)^c)^o = ((F_G \cap F_H)^c)^o = (F_G \cap F_H)^e$ . ■

**Theorem 3.45.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G, F_H \subseteq F_A$ . Then

- (1)  $((F_G)^b)^c = (F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e$ .
- (2)  $(F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e \cup (F_G)^b = F_{\tilde{E}}$

**Proof.**

- (1) By theorem 3.40.(1),  $((F_G)^b)^c = (F_G)^o \cup ((F_G)^c)^o$ . Also  $(F_G)^o \cup ((F_G)^c)^o = (F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e$ .
- (2) By theorem 3.45(1),  $((F_G)^b)^c = (F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e$ . Therefore  $(F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e \cup (F_G)^b = [(F_G)^o \cup (F_G)^e] \cup (F_G)^b = ((F_G)^b)^c \cup (F_G)^b = F_{\tilde{E}}$ . ■

**Theorem 3.46.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_G \subseteq F_A$ . Then,  $(F_G)^b \cap (F_G)^e = F_\emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.47.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS. Then the collection  $\mu_e = \{f_B(e) \mid \text{there exists } F_B \in \mu \text{ such that } (e, f_B(e)) \in F_B\}$  for each  $e \in E$ , is a generalized topology on  $U$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mu_e = \{f_B(e) / \text{there exists } F_B \in \mu \text{ such that } (e, f_B(e)) \in F_B\}$  for each  $e \in E$ . Clearly  $\emptyset \in \mu_e$ , since  $F_\emptyset \in \mu$ . Now let  $\{f_{B_i}(e)\}_{i \in I}$  be a collection of sets in  $\mu_e$ . Then there exists soft sets  $F_{B_i} \in \mu$ ,  $i \in I$  such that  $(e, f_{B_i}(e)) \in F_{B_i}$ . Since  $\mu$  is a SGT,  $\{F_{B_i}\}_{i \in I} \in \mu \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} F_{B_i} \in \mu$ . i.e.,  $(e, \bigcup_{i \in I} f_{B_i}(e)) \in \bigcup_{i \in I} F_{B_i} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} f_{B_i}(e) \in \mu_e$ . Hence  $\mu_e$  is a GT on U. ■

The above theorem shows that corresponding to each parameter  $e \in E$ , we have a GT  $\mu_e$  on U. Thus a SGT on  $F_A$  gives a parameterized family of GT's on U. The converse of the above theorem does not hold.

**Example 3.48.** Let  $U = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$  and  $F_A = \{(e_1, \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_2, h_3, h_4\})\}$ . Let  $\mu = \{F_\emptyset, F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}, F_{A_3}\}$ , where  $F_{A_1} = \{(e_1, \{h_3\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_2} = \{(e_1, \{h_2, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_2, h_4\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_3} = \{(e_1, \{h_2, h_3, h_4\})\}$ . Then  $\mu$  is not a SGT on  $F_A$ , because  $F_{A_1} \cup F_{A_2} = \{(e_1, \{h_2, h_3, h_4\}), (e_2, \{h_2, h_4\})\} \notin \mu$ . Also  $\mu_{e_1} = \{\emptyset, \{h_3\}, \{h_2, h_4\}, \{h_2, h_3, h_4\}\}$  and  $\mu_{e_2} = \{\emptyset, \{h_2\}, \{h_2, h_4\}\}$  are GT's on U. This example shows that any collection of soft sets need not to be a SGT on  $F_A$ , even if the collection corresponding to each parameter defines a GT on U.

**Theorem 3.49.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  be a SGTS and  $F_B \subseteq F_A$ . Then  $(\mu_{F_B})_e$  is a subspace of the GT  $\mu_e$  for each  $e \in E$ .

**Proof.** If  $(F_A, \mu)$  is a SGTS, then  $\mu_e = \{f_D(e) / \text{there exists } F_D \in \mu \text{ such that } (e, f_D(e)) \in F_D\}$  is a GT on U. Now for any  $e \in E$ ,  $(\mu_{F_B})_e = \{f_G(e) / \text{there exists } F_G \in \mu_{F_B} \text{ such that } (e, f_G(e)) \in F_G\} = \{f_G(e) / \text{there exists } F_H \in \mu \text{ such that } F_G = F_H \cap F_B, (e, f_{H \cap B}(e)) \in F_H \cap F_B\} = \{f_H(e) \cap f_B(e) / f_H(e) \in \mu_e \text{ such that } (e, f_H(e) \cap f_B(e)) \in F_H \cap F_B\}$ . i.e., every element of  $(\mu_{F_B})_e$  is the intersection of an element  $f_H(e)$  in  $\mu_e$  with  $f_B(e)$ . Thus  $(\mu_{F_B})_e$  is a subspace of the GTS  $\mu_e$ . ■

#### 4. Soft continuous functions in SGTS

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  be two SGTS's. A soft function  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  is said to be soft  $(\mu, \eta)$ -continuous (briefly, soft continuous), if for each soft  $\eta$ -open subset  $F_G$  of  $F_B$ , the inverse image  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_G)$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open subset of  $F_A$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Every soft function from a discrete SGTS into any SGTS is soft continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  be two SGTS's. Suppose  $\mu$  is a discrete SGT. Let  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  be a soft function. Then for every soft  $\eta$ -open set  $F_G$  of  $F_B$ , the inverse image  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_G)$  is soft  $\mu$ -open with respect to the discrete SGT  $\mu$  on  $F_A$ . Thus  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. ■

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  be two SGTS's and  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  be a soft function. Suppose the SGT  $\eta$  on  $F_B$  is given by a soft basis  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous if the inverse image of every soft basis element is soft  $\mu$ -open.

**Proof.** Suppose that the inverse image of every soft basis element is soft  $\mu$ -open. Let  $F_G$  be an arbitrary  $\eta$ -open subset of  $F_B$ . Then by the definition of soft basis,  $F_G$  can be written as the soft union of members of the soft basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  of  $\eta$ . i.e,  $F_G = \bigcup_{F_D \in \mathfrak{B}} F_D$ . Then by theorem 2.14.(8),  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_G) = \varphi_\chi^{-1}(\bigcup_{F_D \in \mathfrak{B}} F_D) = \bigcup_{F_D \in \mathfrak{B}} \varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_D) \in \mu$ . Thus  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. ■

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  be two SGTS's and  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  be a soft function. Then  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous if and only if for every soft  $\eta$ -closed subset  $F_H$  of  $F_B$ , the soft set  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed in  $F_A$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. Let  $F_H$  be a soft  $\eta$ -closed set of  $F_B$ . Then  $(F_H)^c \in \eta$ . By hypothesis and theorem 2.14.(7),  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}((F_H)^c) \in \mu$ . i.e,  $[\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)]^c \in \mu$ . Thus  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set of  $F_A$ .

Conversely, assume that for every soft  $\eta$ -closed subset  $F_H$  of  $F_B$ , the soft set  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed in  $F_A$ . Let  $F_G$  be a soft  $\eta$ -open subset of  $F_B$ . Then  $(F_G)^c$  is soft  $\eta$ -closed subset of  $F_B$ . Therefore by hypothesis,  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}((F_G)^c)$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set of  $F_A$ . i.e, by theorem 2.14.(7),  $[\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_G)]^c$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set of  $F_A$ . i.e,  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_G)$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open set of  $F_A$ . Thus  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. ■

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  be two SGTS's and  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  be a soft function. Then  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous if and only if for every soft subset  $F_G$  of  $F_A$ ,  $\varphi_\chi(c(F_G)) \subset c(\varphi_\chi(F_G))$

**Proof.** Assume that  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. Since  $c(\varphi_\chi(F_G))$  is a soft  $\eta$ -closed set in  $F_B$ ,  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(c(\varphi_\chi(F_G)))$  is a soft  $\mu$ -closed set in  $F_A$  containing  $F_G$ . Also  $c(F_G)$  is the smallest soft  $\mu$ -closed set in  $F_A$  containing  $F_G$ . Hence  $c(F_G) \subset \varphi_\chi^{-1}(c(\varphi_\chi(F_G)))$ . Therefore by theorem 2.14.(5),  $\varphi_\chi(c(F_G)) \subset c(\varphi_\chi(F_G))$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(F_A, \mu)$  and  $(F_B, \eta)$  are two SGTS's and  $\varphi_\chi : (F_A, \mu) \rightarrow (F_B, \eta)$  be a soft function. Suppose for every soft subset  $F_G$  of  $F_A$ ,  $\varphi_\chi(c(F_G)) \subset c(\varphi_\chi(F_G))$ . Assume  $F_H$  is a soft  $\eta$ -closed subset of  $F_B$ . To show that  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  is soft  $\mu$ -closed in  $F_A$ , it suffices to show that the soft  $\mu$ -closure of  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  is contained in  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$ . If  $\alpha \in c(\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H))$ , then by hypothesis and by theorem 2.14.(5),  $\varphi_\chi(\alpha) \in \varphi_\chi(c(\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H))) \subset c[\varphi_\chi(\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H))] \subset c(F_H) = F_H$  so that  $\alpha \in \varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$ . Thus  $c(\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)) \subset \varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H)$  as desired. By theorem 4.4.,  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. ■

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $(F_A, \mu)$ ,  $(F_B, \eta)$  and  $(F_C, \lambda)$  be SGTS's. Then the following hold:

- (1) If  $F_G$  is a soft subspace of  $F_A$ , then the soft function  $\varphi_\chi : F_G \rightarrow F_A$  defined by  $\varphi_\chi(\alpha) = \alpha$  is soft continuous.
- (2) If the soft functions  $\varphi_\chi : F_A \rightarrow F_B$  and  $\tau_\sigma : F_B \rightarrow F_C$  are soft continuous, then the soft composite function  $\tau_\sigma \circ \varphi_\chi$  is also soft continuous.

**Proof.**

- (1) Suppose  $F_H$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open subset of  $F_A$ , then  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(F_H) = F_H \cap F_G$  which is soft  $\mu_{F_G}$ -open in  $F_G$ , by definition of the SSGT. Hence  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous.
- (2) If  $F_H$  is a soft  $\lambda$ -open subset of  $F_C$ , then since  $\tau_\sigma$  is soft continuous,  $\tau_\sigma^{-1}(F_H)$  is a soft  $\eta$ -open subset of  $F_B$ . Again as  $\varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous,  $\varphi_\chi^{-1}(\tau_\sigma^{-1}(F_H))$  is a soft  $\mu$ -open subset of  $F_A$ . But we have  $(\tau_\sigma \circ \varphi_\chi)^{-1} = \varphi_\chi^{-1} \circ \tau_\sigma^{-1}$ , by theorem 2.14.(10). So  $(\tau_\sigma \circ \varphi_\chi)^{-1}(F_H)$  is soft  $\mu$ -open subset of  $F_A$  whenever  $F_H$  is soft  $\lambda$ -open subset of  $F_C$ . Hence  $\tau_\sigma \circ \varphi_\chi$  is soft continuous. ■

**5. Conclusion**

In the present work, we introduced the concept of SGTS which is defined on an initial soft set and gave basic definitions and theorems of this concept. We proved that SGT gives a parameterized family of generalized topologies on the initial universe. We hope that the findings in this paper will help researcher enhance and promote the further study on SGT.

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