

## Connectedness in soft Čech Closure Spaces

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**Abstract.** The aim of the present paper is to study the concept of connectedness in Čech closure spaces through the parameterization tool which is introduced by Molodtsov.

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### 1. Introduction

E.Čech [1] introduced the concept of closure spaces and developed some properties of connected spaces in closure spaces. According to him, a subset  $A$  of a closure space  $X$  is said to be connected in  $X$  if  $A$  is not the union of two non-empty Semi-Separated Subsets of  $X$ .

Plastria studied [2] connectedness and local connectedness of simple extensions.

Rao and Gowri [3] studied pairwise connectedness in biČech closure spaces.

Gowri and Jegadeesan [7] studied the concept of connectedness in fuzzy Čech closure spaces.

In 1999, Molodtsov [4] introduced the notion of soft set to deal with problems of incomplete information. Later, he applied this theory to several directions [5] and [6].

In this paper, through the parameterization tool of Molodtsov [4], we introduced and exhibit some results of connectedness in Čech closure spaces.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall the basic definitions of soft Čech closure space.

**Definition 2.1[8].** Let  $X$  be an initial universe set,  $A$  be a set of parameters. Then the function  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  defined from a soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  is called Čech Closure operator if it satisfies the following axioms:

(C1)  $k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A$ .

(C2)  $F_A \subseteq k(F_A)$

(C3)  $k(F_A \cup G_A) = k(F_A) \cup k(G_A)$

Then  $(X, k, A)$  or  $(F_A, k)$  is called a soft Čech closure space.

**Definition 2.2[8].** A soft subset  $U_A$  of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be soft  $k$ -closed (soft closed) if  $k(U_A) = U_A$ .

**Definition 2.3[8].** A soft subset  $U_A$  of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be soft  $k$ -open (soft open) if  $k(U_A^C) = U_A^C$ .

**Definition 2.4[8].** A soft set  $Int(U_A)$  with respect to the closure operator  $k$  is defined as  $Int(U_A) = F_A - k(F_A - U_A) = [k(U_A^C)]^C$ . Here  $U_A^C = F_A - U_A$ .

**Definition 2.5[8].** A soft subset  $U_A$  in a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is called Soft neighbourhood of  $e_F$  if  $e_F \in Int(U_A)$ .

**Definition 2.6[8].** If  $(F_A, k)$  be a soft Čech closure space, then the associate soft topology on  $F_A$  is  $\tau = \{U_A^C : k(U_A) = U_A\}$ .

**Definition 2.7[8].** Let  $(F_A, k)$  be a soft Čech closure space. A soft Čech closure space  $(G_A, k^*)$  is called a soft subspace of  $(F_A, k)$  if  $G_A \subseteq F_A$  and  $k^*(U_A) = k(U_A) \cap G_A$ , for each soft subset  $U_A \subseteq G_A$ .

**Definition 2.8[8].** Let  $(F_A, k)$  and  $(G_B, k^*)$  be two Soft Čech Closure spaces over  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. For  $x \in X$  and  $e: A \rightarrow B$ , a map  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_B, k^*)$  is said to be soft  $e$ -continuous if  $\Phi_{f_e}(k(F, A)) \subseteq k^*\Phi_{f_e}(F, A)$ , for every soft subset  $(F, A) \subseteq SS(X, A)$ .

On the other hand a map  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_B, k^*)$  is said to be soft  $e$ -continuous if and only if  $k\Phi_{f_e}^{-1}(G, B) \subseteq \Phi_{f_e}^{-1}(k^*(G, B))$ , for every soft subset  $(G, B) \subseteq SS(Y, B)$ . Clearly, if  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_B, k^*)$  is said to be soft  $e$ -continuous then  $\Phi_{f_e}^{-1}(U_B)$  is a soft closed subset of  $(F_A, k)$  for every soft closed subset  $U_B$  of  $(G_B, k^*)$ .

### 3. Connectedness in soft Čech closure space

In this section, we introduce soft separated sets and discuss the connectedness in soft Čech closure space.

**Definition 3.1.** Two non-empty soft subsets  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  are said to be soft separated if and only if  $U_A \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cap V_A = \emptyset_A$ .

**Remark 3.2.** In other words, two non-empty  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  are said to be soft separated iff  $(U_A \cap k[V_A]) \cup (k[U_A] \cap V_A) = \emptyset_A$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** In a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$ , every soft subsets of soft separated sets are also soft separated.

**Proof.** Let  $(F_A, k)$  be a soft Čech closure space. Let  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated sets and  $G_A \subset U_A$  and  $H_A \subset V_A$ . Therefore,  $U_A \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cap V_A = \emptyset_A \dots \dots (1)$   
Since,  $G_A \subset U_A \Rightarrow k[G_A] \subset k[U_A] \Rightarrow k[G_A] \cap H_A \subset k[U_A] \cap H_A$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow k[G_A] \cap H_A \subset k[U_A] \cap V_A \\ &\Rightarrow k[G_A] \cap H_A \subset \emptyset_A \dots \dots \text{by (1)} \\ &\Rightarrow k[G_A] \cap H_A = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } H_A \subset V_A &\Rightarrow k[H_A] \subset k[V_A] \Rightarrow k[H_A] \cap G_A \subset k[V_A] \cap G_A \\ &\Rightarrow k[H_A] \cap G_A \subset k[V_A] \cap U_A \\ &\Rightarrow k[H_A] \cap G_A \subset \emptyset_A \dots \dots \text{by (1)} \\ &\Rightarrow k[H_A] \cap G_A = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are also soft separated.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(G_A, k^*)$  be a subspace of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  and let  $U_A, V_A \subset G_A$ , then  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated in  $F_A$  if and only if  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated in  $G_A$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(F_A, k)$  be a soft Čech closure space and  $(G_A, k^*)$  be a subspace of  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $U_A, V_A \subset G_A$ . Assume that,  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated in  $F_A$  implies that  $U_A \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cap V_A = \emptyset_A$ . That is,  $(U_A \cap k[V_A]) \cup (k[U_A] \cap V_A) = \emptyset_A$ . Now,  $(U_A \cap k^*[V_A]) \cup (k^*[U_A] \cap V_A) = (U_A \cap (k[V_A] \cap G_A)) \cup ((k[U_A] \cap G_A) \cap V_A)$   
 $= (U_A \cap G_A \cap k[V_A]) \cup (k[U_A] \cap G_A \cap V_A)$   
 $= (U_A \cap k[V_A]) \cup (k[U_A] \cap V_A)$   
 $= \emptyset_A$ .

Therefore,  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated in  $F_A$  if and only if  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  are soft separated in  $G_A$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be disconnected if it can be written as two disjoint non-empty soft subsets  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  such that  $k[U_A] \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cup k[V_A] = F_A$ .

**Definition 3.6.** A soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be connected if it is not disconnected.

**Example 3.7.** Let the initial universe set  $X = \{u_1, u_2\}$  and  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  be the parameters. Let  $A = \{x_1, x_2\} \subseteq E$  and  $F_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$ .

Then  $P(X_{F_A})$  are,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1A} &= \{(x_1, \{u_1\})\}, F_{2A} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\})\}, F_{3A} = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\})\}, F_{4A} = \{(x_2, \{u_1\})\}, \\ F_{5A} &= \{(x_2, \{u_2\})\}, F_{6A} = \{(x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}, F_{7A} = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_1\})\}, \\ F_{8A} &= \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}, F_{9A} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1\})\}, \\ F_{10A} &= \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}, F_{11A} = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}, \\ F_{12A} &= \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}, F_{13A} = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1\})\}, \\ F_{14A} &= \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}, F_{15A} = F_A, F_{16A} = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= k(F_{2A}) = k(F_{3A}) = F_{3A}, k(F_{4A}) = k(F_{6A}) = F_{6A}, k(F_{5A}) = F_{5A}, \\ k(F_{8A}) &= k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{14A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_{7A}) = k(F_{9A}) = k(F_{11A}) = k(F_{12A}) \\ &= k(F_{13A}) = k(F_A) = F_A, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

Taking,  $U_A = F_{1A}$  and  $V_A = F_{4A}$ ,  $k[U_A] \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cup k[V_A] = F_A$ . Therefore, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is disconnected.

**Example 3.8.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= k(F_{7A}) = k(F_{8A}) = k(F_{11A}) = F_{11A}, k(F_{4A}) = k(F_{5A}) = k(F_{6A}) = F_{6A}, \\ k(F_{2A}) &= F_{10A}, k(F_{9A}) = k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{12A}) = F_{12A}, \\ k(F_{3A}) &= k(F_{13A}) = k(F_{14A}) = k(F_A) = F_A, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

Here, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is connected.

**Remark 3.9.** The following example shows that connectedness in soft Čech closure space does not preserve hereditary property.

**Example 3.10.** In *example 3.8*, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is connected. Consider  $(G_A, k^*)$  be the subspace of  $(F_A, k)$  such that  $G_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1\})\}$ . Taking,  $U_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1\})\}$  and  $V_A = \{(x_1, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $k^*[U_A] \cap k^*[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k^*[U_A] \cup k^*[V_A] = G_A$ . Therefore, the Soft Čech closure subspace  $(G_A, k^*)$  is disconnected.

**Theorem 3.11.** Connectedness in soft topological space  $(F_A, \tau)$  need not imply that the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is connected.

**Proof.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= F_{1A}, k(F_{2A}) = F_{12A}, k(F_{4A}) = F_{4A}, k(F_{5A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_{7A}) = F_{7A}, \\ k(F_{3A}) &= k(F_{6A}) = k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{11A}) = k(F_{12A}) = k(F_{13A}) = k(F_{14A}) = k(F_A) = \\ &= F_A, k(F_{8A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_{9A}) = F_{12A}, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

Here, the two disjoint non empty soft subsets  $U_A = F_{1A}$  and  $V_A = F_{2A}$  satisfies  $k[U_A] \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $k[U_A] \cup k[V_A] = F_A$ . Therefore, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is disconnected. But, its associated soft topological space  $(F_A, \tau)$ , the only non empty soft open and soft closed subset is  $F_A$ . Hence,  $(F_A, \tau)$  is connected.

**Theorem 3.12.** If soft Čech closure space is disconnected such that  $F_A = k[U_A]/k[V_A]$  and let  $G_A$  be a connected soft subset of  $F_A$  then  $G_A$  need not to be holds the following conditions (i)  $G_A \subseteq k[U_A]$  (ii)  $G_A \subseteq k[V_A]$

**Proof.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= k(F_{2A}) = k(F_{3A}) = F_{3A}, k(F_{4A}) = k(F_{6A}) = F_{6A}, k(F_{5A}) = F_{5A}, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A, \\ k(F_{8A}) &= k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{14A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_{7A}) = k(F_{9A}) = k(F_{11A}) = k(F_{12A}) = \\ k(F_{13A}) &= k(F_A) = F_A. \end{aligned}$$

Taking,  $U_A = F_{3A}$  and  $V_A = F_{4A}$  then we get,  $F_A = k[U_A]/k[V_A]$ . Here, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is disconnected. Let  $G_A = F_{7A}$  be the connected soft subset of  $F_A$ . Clearly,  $G_A$  does not lie entirely within either  $k[U_A]$  or  $k[V_A]$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** If the soft topological space  $(F_A, \tau)$  is disconnected then the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is also disconnected.

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**Proof.** Let the soft topological space  $(F_A, \tau)$  is disconnected, implies that it is the union of two disjoint non empty soft subsets  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  such that  $[U_A \cap \tau - cl(V_A)] \cup [\tau - cl(U_A) \cap V_A] = \emptyset_A$ . Since,  $k[U_A] \subset \tau - cl(U_A)$  for every  $U_A \subset F_A$  and  $\tau - cl(U_A) \cap \tau - cl(V_A) = \emptyset_A$  then  $k[U_A] \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$ . Since,  $U_A \cup V_A = F_A$ ,  $U_A \subseteq k[U_A]$  and  $V_A \subseteq k[V_A]$  implies that  $U_A \cup V_A \subseteq k[U_A] \cup k[V_A]$ ,  $F_A \subseteq k[U_A] \cup k[V_A]$ . But,  $k[U_A] \cup k[V_A] \subseteq F_A$ . Therefore,  $k[U_A] \cup k[V_A] = F_A$ . Hence,  $(F_A, k)$  is also disconnected.

**Definition 3.14.** A soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be feebly disconnected if it can be written as two disjoint non-empty soft subsets  $U_A$  and  $V_A$  such that  $U_A \cap k[V_A] = \emptyset_A$  and  $U_A \cup k[V_A] = F_A$ .

**Result 3.15.** Every disconnected soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is feebly disconnected but the following example shows that the converse is not true.

**Example 3.16.** In *example 3.8* Consider,  $F_{2A} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\})\}$  and  $F_{1A} = \{(x_1, \{u_1\})\}$ . Which satisfies the condition  $F_{2A} \cap k[F_{1A}] = \emptyset_A$  and  $F_{2A} \cup k[F_{1A}] = F_A$ . Therefore, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is feebly disconnected. But, the soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is connected.

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $G_A$  be a connected subset of the connected soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$ , then  $(k[G_A], k^*)$  need not be connected.

**Proof.** The above theorem is proved by the following counter example.

**Example 3.18.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= F_{1A}, k(F_{2A}) = k(F_{3A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_{4A}) = k(F_{7A}) = F_{7A}, k(F_{5A}) = F_{6A}, \\ k(F_{6A}) &= k(F_{8A}) = k(F_{11A}) = F_{11A}, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A, \\ k(F_{9A}) &= k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{12A}) = k(F_{13A}) = k(F_{14A}) = k(F_A) = F_A. \end{aligned}$$

The soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is connected. Consider the connected soft subset  $G_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ . Then  $k[G_A] = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$  and  $P(X_{k[G_A]})$  are  $k[G_{1A}] = \{(x_1, \{u_1\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{2A}] = \{(x_2, \{u_1\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{3A}] = \{(x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{4A}] = \{(x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{5A}] = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_1\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{6A}] = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $k[G_{7A}] = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\} = k[G_A]$ ,  $k[G_{8A}] = \emptyset_A$ .

An operator  $k^*: P(X_{k[G_A]}) \rightarrow P(X_{k[G_A]})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{k[G_A]})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k^*(k[G_{1A}]) &= k[G_{1A}], k^*(k[G_{2A}]) = k^*(k[G_{5A}]) = k[G_{5A}], k^*(k[G_{3A}]) = k[G_{4A}], \\ k^*(k[G_{4A}]) &= k^*(k[G_{6A}]) = k^*(k[G_{7A}]) = k[G_A], k^*(k[G_{8A}]) = \emptyset_A. \text{ Taking,} \\ k[G_{1A}] \text{ and } k[G_{3A}], &k^*[k[G_{1A}]] \cap k^*[k[G_{3A}]] = \emptyset_A \text{ and } k^*[k[G_{1A}]] \cup k^*[k[G_{3A}]] = \\ &k[G_A]. \text{ Therefore, } (k[G_A], k^*) \text{ is disconnected.} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.19.** Let  $(F_A, k)$  and  $(G_A, k^*)$  are two Soft Čech closure spaces over  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. For  $x \in X$  and  $e: A \rightarrow B$ , a map  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_A, k^*)$  is said to be morphism if  $\varphi_{fe}(k(U_A)) \subset k^*(\varphi_{fe}(U_A))$ , for every soft subset  $U_A \in SS(X, A)$ .

**Theorem 3.20.** The image of a connected soft Čech closure space under morphism need not be connected.

**Proof.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$k(F_{1A}) = F_{1A}, k(F_{2A}) = k(F_{9A}) = F_{12A}, k(F_{4A}) = F_{4A}, k(F_{5A}) = k(F_{8A}) = F_{14A},$   
 $k(F_{3A}) = k(F_{6A}) = k(F_{10A}) = k(F_{11A}) = k(F_{12A}) = k(F_{13A}) = k(F_{14A}) = k(F_A) =$   
 $F_A, k(F_{7A}) = F_{7A}, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A.$  Then,  $(F_A, k)$  is soft Čech closure space.

Let the initial universe set  $Y = \{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  be the parameters.

Let  $B = \{x_1, x_2\} \subseteq E$  and  $G_B = \{(x_1, \{v_1, v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_1, v_2\})\}$ . Then  $P(X_{G_B})$  are  
 $G_{1B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1\})\}, G_{2B} = \{(x_1, \{v_2\})\}, G_{3B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1, v_2\})\}, G_{4B} = \{(x_2, \{v_1\})\},$   
 $G_{5B} = \{(x_2, \{v_2\})\}, G_{6B} = \{(x_2, \{v_1, v_2\})\}, G_{7B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1\}), (x_2, \{v_1\})\},$   
 $G_{8B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1\}), (x_2, \{v_2\})\}, G_{9B} = \{(x_1, \{v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_1\})\},$   
 $G_{10B} = \{(x_1, \{v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_2\})\}, G_{11B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1\}), (x_2, \{v_1, v_2\})\},$   
 $G_{12B} = \{(x_1, \{v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_1, v_2\})\}, G_{13B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1, v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_1\})\},$   
 $G_{14B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1, v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_2\})\}, G_{15B} = G_A, G_{16B} = \emptyset_A.$

An operator  $k^*: P(X_{G_B}) \rightarrow P(X_{G_B})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{G_B})$  to itself over  $Y$  as follows.

$k^*(G_{1B}) = k^*(G_{5B}) = G_{8B}, k^*(G_{2B}) = G_{3B}, k^*(G_{3B}) = k^*(G_{9B}) = k^*(G_{13B}) = G_{13B},$   
 $k^*(G_{4B}) = G_{4B}, k^*(G_{6B}) = k^*(G_{8B}) = k^*(G_{11B}) = G_{11B}, k^*(G_{7B}) = G_{7B},$   
 $k^*(G_{10B}) = G_{14B}, k^*(G_{12B}) = k^*(G_{14B}) = k^*(G_B) = G_B, k^*(\emptyset_B) = \emptyset_B.$

Here,  $(G_B, k^*)$  is the soft Čech closure space.

Let  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_B, k^*)$  and  $e: A \rightarrow B$  are the map defined in such a way that  $f(u_1) = v_2; f(u_2) = v_1$  and  $e(x_1) = x_2; e(x_2) = x_1$ . Therefore,  $f: (F_A, k) \rightarrow (G_B, k^*)$  is morphism. Taking, the connected soft subset  $F_{12A} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$ , we get the image  $G_{13B} = \{(x_1, \{v_1, v_2\}), (x_2, \{v_1\})\}$ . But  $f(F_{12A}) = G_{13B}$  is disconnected.

Therefore, image of a connected soft Čech closure space under morphism need not be connected.

**Definition 3.20.** Each soft point  $(x, u) \in F_A$  belongs to a unique soft component of  $F_A$ , called the soft component of  $(x, u)$ . A soft component  $E_A$  of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is a maximal soft connected subset of  $F_A$ ; that is,  $E_A$  is soft connected and  $E_A$  is not a proper soft subset of any soft connected subset of  $F_A$ . Clearly,  $E_A$  is non-empty. The central facts about the soft components of a space are contained in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.21.** Let the soft components of a soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  form a partition of  $F_A$ , then every soft connected subset of  $F_A$  is contained in some soft component.

**Proof.** The proof of the theorem shows in the following example.

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**Example 3.22.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= k(F_{5A}) = F_{8A}, k(F_{2A}) = F_{3A}, k(F_{4A}) = F_{4A}, k(F_{7A}) = F_{7A}, \\ k(F_{3A}) &= k(F_{9A}) = k(F_{13A}) = F_{13A}, k(F_{10A}) = F_{14A}, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A, \\ k(F_{6A}) &= k(F_{8A}) = k(F_{11A}) = F_{11A}, k(F_{12A}) = k(F_{14A}) = k(F_A) = F_A. \end{aligned}$$

The soft components of  $F_A$  are  $k(F_{4A})$  and  $k(F_{10A})$ . Any other soft connected subset of  $F_A$ , such as  $\{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$  is contained in  $k(F_{10A})$ .

### 4. Local soft connectedness

In this section, we devoted to study and characterize local soft connectedness in soft Čech closure space.

**Definition 4.1.** A soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is said to be locally soft connected at  $(x, u)$  if for every soft neighbourhood  $U_A$  of  $(x, u)$ , there is a soft connected neighbourhood  $V_A$  of  $(x, u)$  contained in  $U_A$ . If  $F_A$  is locally soft connected at each of its soft points, then  $F_A$  is said to be locally soft connected.

**Example 4.2.** Let us consider the soft subsets of  $F_A$  that are given in *example 3.7*. An operator  $k: P(X_{F_A}) \rightarrow P(X_{F_A})$  is defined from soft power set  $P(X_{F_A})$  to itself over  $X$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} k(F_{1A}) &= F_{1A}, k(F_{2A}) = F_{2A}, k(F_{3A}) = F_{3A}, k(F_{4A}) = F_{4A}, k(F_{5A}) = F_{5A}, k(F_{6A}) = F_{6A}, \\ k(F_{7A}) &= F_{7A}, k(F_{8A}) = F_{8A}, k(F_{9A}) = F_{9A}, k(F_{10A}) = F_{10A}, k(F_{11A}) = F_{11A}, \\ k(F_{12A}) &= F_{12A}, k(F_{13A}) = F_{13A}, k(F_{14A}) = F_{14A}, k(F_A) = F_A, k(\emptyset_A) = \emptyset_A. \end{aligned}$$

For if  $(x, u) \in F_A$ , then  $\{(x, u)\}$  is a soft open connected set containing  $(x, u)$  which is contained in every soft open set containing  $(x, u)$ . Therefore,  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected.

**Result 4.3.** The following example shows that a locally soft connected Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is need not imply soft connectedness.

**Example 4.4.** In *example 4.2*, the discrete soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected but not soft connected.

**Theorem 4.5.** Every soft open subspace of a locally soft connected Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected.

**Proof.** Let  $(G_A, k^*)$  be the soft open subspace of a locally soft connected Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $(y, u) \in G_A$  be arbitrary, then  $(y, u) \in F_A$ . Let  $U_A$  be a soft  $k^*$ -open neighbourhood of  $(y, u)$ , then  $U_A$  be the soft  $k$ -open neighbourhood of  $(y, u)$  in  $F_A$ . Also  $F_A$  is locally soft connected. Hence, there exist soft connected soft  $k$ -open neighbourhood  $V_A$  of  $(y, u)$  such that  $(y, u) \in V_A \subset U_A$ . Consequently,  $(G_A, k^*)$  is locally soft connected at  $(y, u)$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** A soft Čech closure space  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected if and only if the soft components of every soft open subspace of  $F_A$  are soft open in  $F_A$ .

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**Proof.** Let  $(G_A, k^*)$  be a soft open subspace of  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $E_A \subset G_A$  be any component of  $G_A$ , then  $E_A$  is maximal soft connected set in  $(G_A, k^*)$ . Since,  $G_A \subset F_A$ . Then,  $E_A$  is also maximal soft connected in  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $(F_A, k)$  be locally soft connected. It is enough to show that,  $E_A$  is soft open in  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $(y, u) \in E_A$  be arbitrary, then  $(y, u) \in G_A \subset F_A$  or  $(y, u) \in F_A$ . Since,  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected this implies given any soft  $k$ -open neighbourhood  $U_A$  of  $(y, u)$ , there exist soft connected soft  $k$ -open neighbourhood  $V_A$  such that  $(y, u) \in V_A \subset U_A$ .  $(y, u) \in E_A$  is maximal soft connected and  $(y, u) \in V_A$  is soft connected. This implies,  $V_A \subset E_A$ . Thus, given any  $(y, u) \in E_A$ , there exist a soft  $k$ -open neighbourhood  $V_A$  such that  $(y, u) \in V_A \subset E_A$ . This implies,  $E_A$  is soft open in  $(F_A, k)$ . Conversely, Let  $E_A$  be soft open in  $(G_A, k^*)$ , then  $E_A$  is soft open in  $(F_A, k)$ . Let  $(y, u) \in E_A$ . Now,  $(y, u) \in E_A \subset G_A$ , where  $E_A, G_A$  are soft  $k$ -open in  $(F_A, k)$ . Also,  $E_A$  is soft connected. This implies that  $(F_A, k)$  is locally soft connected at  $(y, u)$ . From this the required result follows.

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