

## Minimal and Maximal Soft Open Sets

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce new types of minimal and maximal sets via soft topological spaces namely minimal and maximal soft open sets and their complements. These sets are depended on the soft open sets. Many interested result are presented to reveal some properties of these new sets.

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## 1 Introduction

The phenomena of uncertainty can be emerged in many fields such as economy, social and medical sciences, engineering and so on. To deal with such uncertainties many mathematical tools have been introduced such as probability, fuzzy sets, rough sets and etc. However, these tools have their own limitations. In fact the limitations here always associated with the inadequacy of the parametrization tools. Molodtsov [1] initiated another efficient tool, soft set theory, which is more flexible to deal with uncertainty and to treat some limitation obstacles that other tools suffered to handle them. The theory of the soft set has been being investigating intensively and various applications of this theory have been done in many different fields.

Shabir and Naz [2] introduced the concept of the soft topological space. Heavily investigations were followed to this new kind of topological space and many generalizations depending on the generalizations of soft open and closed sets were introduced as well.

On the other hand, the notation of maximal open sets and minimal open sets were introduced by F. Nakaoka and N. Oda in [3] and [4]. Many generalizations of these concepts have been introduced depending on the various generalizations of the concept of open set. In this paper we introduced the concepts of maximal and minimal soft open sets.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let  $E$  be a set of parameters and  $A$  be a subset of  $E$ , a soft set  $F_A$  on the universe set  $U$  is denoted by the set of ordered pairs:

$$F_A = \{(x, f_A(x)) : x \in E, f_A(x) \in P(U)\}$$

where  $f_A : E \rightarrow P(U)$  such that  $f_A(x) = \emptyset$  if  $x \notin A$ .

$f_A$  is called an approximate function of the soft set  $F_A$ . The value of  $f_A$  may be arbitrary, some of them may be empty, or may have nonempty intersection.

**Remark 2.1.** The set of all soft sets over  $U$  will be denoted by  $S(U)$ .

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**Example 2.1.** Suppose that there are eight cars in the universe  $U = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8\}$  and let  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  is the set of decision parameters such that  $x_1 = \text{new}$ ,  $x_2 = \text{expensive}$ ,  $x_3 = \text{high-tech}$ ,  $x_4 = \text{model}$ ,  $x_5 = \text{interior design}$ . Consider the map  $f_A \equiv \text{cars}(\text{atributes})$ , so  $f_A(x_3)$  means "cars(high-tech)". Thus the functional value of  $f_A(x_3)$  is the set  $\{c \in U : c \text{ is a high-tech}\}$ . Now let  $A = \{x_2, x_3, x_5\}$  and  $f_A(x_2) = \{c_2, c_6\}$ ,  $f_A(x_3) = \{c_1, c_3, c_4\}$  and  $f_A(x_5) = \{c_1, c_7, c_8\}$ . Then the soft set  $F_A = \{(x_2, \{c_2, c_6\}), (x_3, \{c_1, c_3, c_4\}), (x_5, \{c_1, c_7, c_8\})\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [5] Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ , if  $f_A(x) = \emptyset$  for all  $x \in E$ , then  $F_A$  is called an empty set, and denoted by  $F_\emptyset$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  and  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , then  $F_\emptyset = \{(x_1, \emptyset), (x_2, \emptyset), (x_3, \emptyset)\}$

**Definition 2.3.** [5] Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ , if  $f_A(x) = U$  for all  $x \in A$ , then  $F_A$  is called an  $A$ -univers soft set and is denoted by  $F_{\bar{A}}$ .

If  $A = E$ , then  $F_{\bar{E}}$  is called a universe soft set.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $A = \{x_1, x_2\}$ , then  $F_{\bar{A}} = \{(x_1, U), (x_2, U)\}$  and  $F_{\bar{E}} = \{(x_1, U), (x_2, U), (x_3, U)\}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [5] Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then  $F_A$  is a soft subset of  $F_B$  if  $f_A(x) \subseteq f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$  and is denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\subseteq} F_B$ .

If  $F_A \neq F_B$ , then  $F_A$  is a proper soft subset of  $F_B$  and is denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\subset} F_B$ .

**Example 2.4.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_4\}$ ,  $B = \{x_4\}$ ,  $F_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_5\}), (x_4, \{u_2, u_3, u_4\})\}$  and  $F_B = \{(x_4, \{u_2, u_3\})\}$ . It is clear that  $F_B \tilde{\subset} F_A$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [5] Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  are soft equal if  $f_A(x) = f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$  and is denoted by  $F_A = F_B$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [5] Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then the soft union of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  (denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\cup} F_B$ ) is defined by the following:  $F_A \tilde{\cup} F_B = f_A(x) \cup f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $B = \{x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $F_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}$  and  $F_B = \{(x_2, \{u_1, u_3\}), (x_3, \{u_3\})\}$ . Then  $F_A \tilde{\cup} F_B = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, U), (x_3, \{u_3\})\}$

**Definition 2.7.** [5] Let  $F_A, F_B \in S(U)$ . Then the soft intersection of  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  (denoted by  $F_A \tilde{\cap} F_B$ ) is defined by the following:  $F_A \tilde{\cap} F_B = f_A(x) \cap f_B(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ .

**Example 2.6.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_4\}$ ,  $B = \{x_1\}$ ,  $F_A = \{(x_1, \{u_1\}), (x_4, \{u_2, u_3, u_4\})\}$  and  $F_B = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_3\})\}$ . So  $F_A \tilde{\cap} F_B = \{(x_1, \{u_1\})\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [5] Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ . Then the soft complement of  $F_A$  (denoted by  $F_A^c$ ) is defined by the approximate function:  $F_A^c = f_A^c(x)$ , where  $f_A^c(x) = U - f_A(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Example 2.7.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_3\}$  and  $F_A = \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_3, \{u_1, u_3\})\}$ , then  $F_A^c = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_3\}), (x_3, \{u_2\})\}$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [6] Let  $F_A \in S(U)$ .  $\alpha = (x, \{u\})$  is a nonempty soft element of  $F_A$ , denoted by  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_A$  if  $x \in E$  and  $u \in f_A(x)$ .

**Remark 2.2.** The pair  $(x, \emptyset)$ , where  $x \in E$ , is called the empty soft element of  $F_A$ .

**Example 2.8.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and  $A = \{x_2, x_3\}$  and let  $F_A = \{(x_2, \{u_2, u_3\}), (x_3, \{u_1, u_2\})\}$ , then the following are nonempty elements in  $F_A$ :

$\alpha_1 = (x_2, \{u_2\}) \tilde{\in} F_A$ ; since  $u_2 \in f_A(x_2) = \{u_2, u_3\}$

$\alpha_2 = (x_2, \{u_3\}) \tilde{\in} F_A$ ; since  $u_3 \in f_A(x_2) = \{u_2, u_3\}$

$\alpha_3 = (x_3, \{u_1\}) \tilde{\in} F_A$ ; since  $u_1 \in f_A(x_3) = \{u_1, u_2\}$

$\alpha_4 = (x_3, \{u_2\}) \tilde{\in} F_A$ ; since  $u_2 \in f_A(x_3) = \{u_1, u_2\}$

**Definition 2.10.** [2] Let  $F_E \in S(U)$ . A soft topology on  $F_E$ , denoted by  $\tilde{\tau}$ , is a collection of soft subsets of  $F_E$  satisfying the following properties

1.  $F_\Phi, F_E \in \tilde{\tau}$ .
2. If  $\{F_{E_i} \tilde{\subseteq} F_E : i \in I \subseteq \mathbb{N}\} \subset \tilde{\tau}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} F_{E_i} \in \tilde{\tau}$ .
3. If  $\{F_{E_i} \tilde{\subseteq} F_E : 1 \leq i \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \tilde{\tau}$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n F_{E_i} \in \tilde{\tau}$ .

Then  $\tilde{\tau}$  is called a soft topology and the pair  $(F_E, \tilde{\tau})$  is called a soft topological space.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_2\}$ , then  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau}) = \{F_\Phi, F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}, F_{A_3}, F_A\}$  is a soft topological space,

where  $F_{A_1} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_2} = \{(x_1, \{u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_3} = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2\}), (x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  be a soft topological space and  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_A$ . If there is a soft open set  $F_B$  such that  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_B$ , then  $F_B$  is called a soft open neighbourhood ( or soft neighbourhood ) of  $\alpha$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [2] Let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  be a soft topological space and  $F_B \tilde{\subseteq} F_A$ . Then  $F_B$  is said to be a soft closed if  $F_B^c$  is a soft open.

**Definition 2.13.** [2] Let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  be a soft topological space and  $F_B \tilde{\subseteq} F_A$ . Then the soft closure of  $F_B$  is the intersection of all soft closed set that contain  $F_B$  and it is denoted by  $\tilde{\bar{F}}_B$ .

### 3 Minimal and maximal soft open sets

**Definition 3.14.** A proper nonempty soft open subset  $F_K$  of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  is said to be minimal soft open set if any soft open set which is contained in  $F_K$  is  $F_\Phi$  or  $F_K$ .

**Definition 3.15.** A proper nonempty soft open subset  $F_K$  of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  is said to be maximal soft open set if any soft open set which contains  $F_K$  is  $F_A$  or  $F_K$ .

**Example 3.10.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ ,  $E = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , and let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau}) = \{F_\Phi, F_{A_1}, F_{A_2}, F_{A_3}, F_A\}$  be a soft topological space, where  $F_{A_1} = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_3\}), (x_2, \{u_2, u_4\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_2} = \{(x_2, \{u_2\})\}$ ,  $F_{A_3} = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}), (x_2, U), (x_3, \{u_2\})\}$ . Then  $F_{A_2}$  is a minimal soft open set and  $F_{A_3}$  is a maximal soft open set.

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $F_K$  and  $F_H$  be soft open subsets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ , if  $F_K$  is minimal soft open then  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H = F_\Phi$  or  $F_K \tilde{\subseteq} F_H$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H \neq F_\Phi$ , so  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H \tilde{\subseteq} F_H$ . But  $F_H$  is minimal soft open, hence  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H = F_K$ . Therefore  $F_K \tilde{\subseteq} F_H$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $F_K$  and  $F_H$  be minimal soft open subsets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ , then  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H = F_\Phi$  or  $F_K = F_H$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H \neq F_\Phi$ , so  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H \tilde{\subseteq} F_H$ . But  $F_H$  is minimal soft open, hence  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H = F_H$ . Therefore  $F_K \tilde{\subseteq} F_H$ .

By using the same argument, we get  $F_H \tilde{\subseteq} F_K$ . Therefore  $F_K = F_H$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $F_H$  be a minimal soft open set. If  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_H$ , then  $F_H \tilde{\subseteq} F_K$  for any soft open neighbourhood  $F_K$  of  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F_K$  be a soft open neighbourhood of  $\alpha$  and suppose  $F_H \not\tilde{\subseteq} F_K$ , then  $F_H \tilde{\cap} F_K \neq F_\Phi$  and it is proper soft open subset of  $F_H$ . So we get a contradiction of being  $F_H$  is minimal.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $F_K$  be a nonempty finite soft open subset of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then there exists at least one finite minimal soft open set  $F_H$  such that  $F_H \tilde{\subseteq} F_K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F_K$  be a nonempty finite soft open set. If  $F_K$  is minimal then set  $F_K = F_H$ . Otherwise, there exists a soft open set  $F_{K_1}$  such that  $F_\emptyset \neq F_{K_1} \tilde{C} F_K$ . So if  $F_{K_1}$  is minimal then set  $F_H = F_{K_1}$ . Otherwise, there exists  $F_{K_2}$  such that  $F_\emptyset \neq F_{K_2} \tilde{C} F_{K_1} \tilde{C} F_K$ . Now, if  $F_{K_2}$  is minimal then set  $F_H = F_{K_2}$ . Otherwise there exists a finite open soft set  $F_{K_3}$  such that  $F_\emptyset \neq F_{K_3} \tilde{C} F_{K_2} \tilde{C} F_{K_1} \tilde{C} F_K$ . Indeed, since  $F_K$  is finite, so if we continue this process we will reach to a final soft open set, say  $F_{K_n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is of course minimal such that  $F_\emptyset \neq F_{K_n} \tilde{C} F_{K_{n-1}} \tilde{C} \dots \tilde{C} F_{K_2} \tilde{C} F_{K_1} \tilde{C} F_K$ . Set  $F_H = F_{K_n}$  as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $F_K$  and  $F_H$  be soft open subsets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . If  $F_K$  is maximal soft open, then  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H = F_A$  or  $F_H \tilde{C} F_K$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H \neq F_A$ , so  $F_K \tilde{C} F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H$ . But  $F_K$  is maximal soft open, hence  $F_K = F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H$ . Therefore  $F_H \tilde{C} F_K$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $F_K$  and  $F_H$  be maximal soft open sets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ , then  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H = F_A$  or  $F_K = F_H$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H \neq F_A$ , so  $F_H \tilde{C} F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H$  and  $F_K \tilde{C} F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H$ . But  $F_H$  is maximal soft open, hence  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H = F_H$ . Therefore  $F_K \tilde{C} F_H$ .

Using the same argument we get  $F_H \tilde{C} F_K$ . Therefore  $F_K = F_H$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $F_M$  be a proper nonempty cofinite soft open set of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then there exists at least one cofinite maximal soft open set  $F_N$  such that  $F_M \tilde{C} F_N$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F_M$  be a proper nonempty cofinite soft open set. If  $F_M$  is maximal then set  $F_M = F_N$ . Otherwise, there exists a proper soft open set  $F_{N_1}$  such that  $F_M \tilde{C} F_{N_1}$ . So if  $F_{N_1}$  is maximal then set  $F_N = F_{N_1}$ . Otherwise, there exists a proper soft open set  $F_{N_2}$  such that  $F_M \tilde{C} F_{N_1} \tilde{C} F_{N_2}$ . Now, if  $F_{N_2}$  is maximal then set  $F_M = F_{N_2}$ . In fact, since  $F_M$  is cofinite, so if we continue this process we will reach to a cofinal soft open set, say  $F_{N_n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is of course maximal such that  $F_M \tilde{C} F_{N_1} \tilde{C} F_{N_2} \tilde{C} \dots \tilde{C} F_{N_n} \neq F_A$ . Set  $F_N = F_{N_n}$  as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $F_K$  be a maximal soft open subset of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  and  $\alpha \tilde{\notin} F_K$ . Then  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$  for any soft open set  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha \tilde{\notin} F_K$ , then for any  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$ , so we have  $F_H \tilde{\not\subset} F_K$ . Hence by using proposition 3.5, we get  $F_K \tilde{\cup} F_H = F_A$  and this means  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $F_K$  be a maximal soft open subset of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then either the following holds:

1. For each  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_K^{\tilde{C}}$  and soft open set  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$ , we have  $F_H = F_A$ .
2. There exists a soft open set  $F_H$  such that  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$  and  $F_H \tilde{C} F_A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose (1) does not hold, so there exists  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_K^{\tilde{C}}$  and a soft open set  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$  such that  $F_H \tilde{C} F_A$ . So by proposition 3.8 we have that  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** Let  $F_K$  be a maximal soft open subset of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then either the following holds:

1. For each  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_K^{\tilde{C}}$  and each soft open neighbourhood set  $F_H$  containing  $\alpha$ , we have  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$ .
2. There exists a proper soft open set  $F_H$  such that  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} = F_H$

*Proof.* Suppose that (2) does not hold, so by proposition 3.8, we get  $F_K^{\tilde{C}} \tilde{C} F_H$  for each  $\alpha \tilde{\in} F_K^{\tilde{C}}$  and each soft open neighbourhood  $F_H$  of  $\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $F_K$  be a maximal soft open subset of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then  $\tilde{\tilde{F}}_K = F_A$  or  $\tilde{\tilde{F}}_K = F_K$

*Proof.* Let  $F_K$  be a maximal soft open set. By using proposition 3.10, so we have only two cases:

1. From the first condition of proposition 3.10; let  $\alpha \in F_K^c$  and each soft open neighbourhood  $F_H$  of  $\alpha$ , then  $F_K^c \tilde{C} F_H$ . So  $F_K \tilde{\cap} F_H \neq F_\phi$ . i.e.  $\alpha \in \tilde{F}_K$ . Thus  $F_K^c \tilde{C} \tilde{F}_K$ . But  $F_A = F_K \cup F_K^c \tilde{C} F_K \cup \tilde{F}_K = \tilde{F}_K \tilde{C} F_A$ . Consequently we get  $\tilde{F}_K = F_A$ .
2. From the second condition of proposition 3.10; there exists a soft open set  $F_H$  such that  $F_K^c = F_H \neq F_A$ , so  $F_K^c$  is soft open set and thus  $F_K$  is soft closed, i.e.  $\tilde{F}_K = F_K$ .

□

**Definition 3.16.** A proper nonempty soft closed subset  $F_C$  of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  is said to be minimal soft closed set if any soft closed set which is contained in  $F_C$  is  $F_\phi$  or  $F_C$ .

**Definition 3.17.** A proper nonempty soft closed subset  $F_C$  of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  is said to be maximal soft closed set if any soft closed set which contains  $F_C$  is  $F_A$  or  $F_C$ .

**Example 3.11.** Consider example 2.9, then  $F_B = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_3\})\}$  is a minimal soft closed set and  $F_C = \{(x_1, \{u_1, u_3\}), (x_2, \{u_1, u_3\})\}$  is a maximal soft closed set.

**Proposition 3.12.** Let  $F_C$  and  $F_D$  be soft closed sets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ .

1. If  $F_C$  is minimal, then  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D = F_\phi$  or  $F_C \tilde{C} F_D$ .
2. If  $F_C$  and  $F_D$  are minimal, then  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D = F_\phi$  or  $F_C = F_D$ .
3. If  $F_C$  is maximal, then  $F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D = F_A$  or  $F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ .
4. If  $F_C$  and  $F_D$  are maximal, then  $F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D = F_A$  or  $F_C = F_D$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D \neq F_\phi$ , so  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ . But  $F_C$  is minimal soft closed, hence  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D = F_C$ . Therefore  $F_C \tilde{C} F_D$ .

(2) Suppose that  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D \neq F_\phi$ , so  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ . But  $F_D$  is minimal soft closed, hence  $F_C \tilde{\cap} F_D = F_D$ . Therefore  $F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ . But from (1) we have  $F_C \tilde{C} F_D$ . Therefore  $F_C = F_D$ .

(3) Suppose that  $F_D \tilde{\cup} F_C \neq F_A$ , so  $F_C \tilde{C} F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D$ . But  $F_C$  is maximal soft closed, hence  $F_C = F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D$ . Therefore  $F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ .

(4) Suppose that  $F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D \neq F_A$ , so  $F_D \tilde{C} F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D$  and  $F_C \tilde{C} F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D$ . But  $F_D$  is maximal soft closed, hence  $F_C \tilde{\cup} F_D = F_D$ . Therefore  $F_C \tilde{C} F_D$ .

Using the same argument, we get  $F_D \tilde{C} F_C$ . Therefore  $F_C = F_D$ . □

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  be a soft topological space. If  $F_K$  is a proper maximal soft open subset of  $F_A$ , then  $F_K^c$  is a minimal soft closed set.

*Proof.* Suppose  $F_K^c$  is not minimal soft closed set, so there exists a soft closed set  $F_C$  such that  $F_\phi \neq F_C \tilde{C} F_K^c$ . Hence  $F_K \tilde{C} F_C \tilde{C} F_A$ . This means that  $F_K$  is not maximal which is contradicting of being  $F_K$  is maximal. □

**Proposition 3.14.** Let  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$  be a soft topological space. If  $F_K$  be a proper minimal soft open subset of  $F_A$  then  $F_K^c$  is a maximal soft closed set.

*Proof.* Suppose  $F_K^c$  is not maximal soft closed set, so there exists a soft closed set  $F_C$  such that  $F_K^c \tilde{C} F_C \tilde{C} F_A$ . Hence  $F_\phi \neq F_C \tilde{C} F_K$ . This means that  $F_K$  is not minimal which is contradicting of being  $F_K$  is minimal. □

**Proposition 3.15.** Let  $F_C$  and  $\{F_{D_\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be minimal soft closed subsets of a soft topological space  $(F_A, \tilde{\tau})$ . If  $F_C \neq F_{D_\lambda}$  for each  $\lambda$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} F_{D_\lambda}) \tilde{\cap} F_C = F_\phi$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} F_{D_\lambda}) \tilde{\cap} F_C \neq F_\phi$ , so there exist some  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $F_{D_{\lambda_0}} \tilde{\cap} F_C \neq F_\phi$ . But  $F_C$  and  $F_{D_{\lambda_0}}$  are minimal so by 3.12 we get  $F_C = F_{D_{\lambda_0}}$  which is a contradiction. □

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