

## Strongly Connectedness in Closure Space

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**Abstract:** A Čech closure space  $(X, u)$  is a set  $X$  with Čech closure operator  $u: P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  where  $P(X)$  is a power set of  $X$ , which satisfies  $u \phi = \phi$ ,  $A \subseteq uA$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $u(A \cup B) = uA \cup uB$ , for all  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Many properties which hold in topological space hold in closure space as well. A topological space  $X$  is strongly connected if and only if it is not a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed set. If  $X$  is strongly connected, and  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ , then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$ . We further extend the concept of strongly connectedness in closure space.

The aim of this paper is to introduce and study the concept of **strongly connectedness in closure space**.

### 1. Introduction:

Čech closure space was introduced by Čech E. [1] in 1963. The modern notion of connectedness was proposed by Jordan (1893) and Schoenflies, and put on firm footing by Riesz [7] with the use of subspace topology. Many mathematicians such as Eissa D. Habil, Khalid A. Elzenati [4], Eissa D. Habil [5], Stadler B.M.R. and Stadler P.F. [6] have extended various concepts of strongly connectedness in topological space.

In this paper, we introduce **strongly connectedness in closure space** and study some of their properties.

### 2. Preliminaries:

**Definition 2.1**[2]:- An operator  $u: P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  defined on the power set  $P(X)$  of a set  $X$  satisfying the axioms:

1.  $u \phi = \phi$ ,
2.  $A \subseteq uA$ , for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,
3.  $u(A \cup B) = uA \cup uB$ , for all  $A, B \subseteq X$ .

is called a Čech closure operator and the pair  $(X, u)$  is a Čech closure space.

**Definition 2.2** [8]:- A closure space  $(X, u)$  is connected if and only if there exists a continuous function from  $X$  to the discrete space  $\{0, 1\}$  is constant. A subset  $A$  in a closure space  $(X, u)$  is said to be connected if  $A$  with the subspace topology is a connected space.

**Definition 2.3**[3]: A topological space  $X$  is strongly connected if and only if it is not a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed set.

If  $X$  is strongly connected, and  $E_i$ 's are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ , then

$$X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$$

### 3. Strongly connectedness in closure space:

**Definition 3.1:** A connected closure space  $(X, u)$  is said to be strongly connected if and only if it cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets.

In connected closure space  $(X, u)$ , let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are two nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2$ .

In strongly connected closure space  $(X, u)$ ,  $E_i, s$  are nonempty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  then  $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,

Define a closure function  $u: P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  such that

$u\{a\} = \{a, b\}, u\{b\} = u\{c\} = u\{b, c\} = \{b, c\}, u\{a, b\} = u\{a, c\} = u(X) = X, u(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $(X, u)$  is a closure space.

Define a continuous function  $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f\{a\} = f\{b\} = f\{c\} = f\{a, b\} = f\{a, c\} = f\{b, c\} = 1, f\{\emptyset\} = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $(X, u)$  is a connected closure space.

Here  $(X, u)$  is strongly connected closure space because we cannot find nonempty disjoint closed subsets  $E_i$ 's of  $X$  such that  $X = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

**Definition 3.3:-** A connected closure space  $(X, u)$  is said to be strongly disconnected if and only if it can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets.

**Theorem 3.4:-** A continuous image of a strongly connected closure space is strongly connected closure space.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, u)$  is a strongly connected closure space. Suppose  $f(X)$  is not strongly connected closure space then by definition it can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets. Since  $f$  is continuous and the inverse image of closed set is still closed, so that  $X$  can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets. Hence  $(X, u)$  is a strongly disconnected closure space which is a contradiction. Therefore  $f(X)$  is strongly connected closure space.

**Definition 3.5[9]:-** Let  $(Z, u)$  be a closure space with more than one point. A closure space  $(X, u)$  is called  $z$ -connected closure space if and only if any continuous map from  $X$  to  $Z$  is constant.

**Theorem 3.6:-** A connected closure space  $(X, u)$  is strongly connected if and only if it is  $z$ -connected closure space.

**Proof: - Necessary condition:** Suppose  $(X, u)$  is strongly connected closure space.

Let  $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\} = Z$  be any continuous map. By proposition 3.4,  $f(X)$  is strongly connected. The only strongly connected subsets of  $Z$  are the one point spaces. Hence  $f$  is constant; i.e.  $X$  is  $z$ -connected closure space.

**Sufficient condition:** Suppose connected closure space  $(X, u)$  is  $z$ -connected. If possible let  $(X, u)$  is not strongly connected closure space so that  $X$  can be expressed as a disjoint union of countably many but more than one closed sets i. e.  $X = \bigcup E_i$ . Then define a function  $f: X \rightarrow Z = \{0, 1\}$  by taking  $f(x) = i$  whenever  $x \in E_i$ . This  $f$  is continuous but not constant. Hence  $X$  is not  $z$ -connected closure space which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $X$  is strongly connected closure space.

From the above theorem, strongly connected closure space is a special case of  $z$ -connectedness in closure space. Thus all the properties proved for  $z$ -connected closure space are applicable to strongly connected closure space.

**Theorem 3.7:-** A strongly connected closure space is connected. But converse is not true as the following example shows.

**Example 3.8:-** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and define  $u: P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as follows

$u(\emptyset) = \emptyset, u\{a\} = \{a\}, u\{b\} = \{b\}, u\{c\} = \{c\}, u\{a, b\} = u\{a, c\} = u\{b, c\} = u\{X\} = X$ . Hence  $(X, u)$  is a closure space.

We define a function  $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $f\{a\} = f\{b\} = f\{c\} = f\{a, b\} = f\{a, c\} = f\{c, a\} = f\{X\} = X, f\{\emptyset\} = 0$ .

Hence  $f$  is constant so that  $(X, u)$  is a connected closure space. However,  $X$  is not strongly connected because there exists pair wise semi separated sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$  such that

$$X = \{a\} \cup \{b\} \cup \{c\}.$$

**Theorem 3.9:-** The union of any family of strongly connected subsets of strongly connected closure space with a common point is strongly connected closure space.

**Proof:-** Let  $(X, u)$  is a strongly connected closure space. Let each  $\{E_i: i \in \Lambda\}$  is strongly connected subset of strongly connected closure space  $(X, u)$  and common point is  $y_0$ . Let  $C = \{U E_i: E_i \subseteq X\}, y_0 \in \cap E_i$ . For any continuous function  $f: C \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $i_a: E_i \rightarrow C$  be the inclusion function. Each  $E_i$  is strongly connected, so that  $f \circ i_a: E_i \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is continuous and constant and  $\cap E_i \neq \emptyset$ , so there exists a  $y_0$  such that  $y_0 \in \cap E_i$ , i. e.  $f \circ i_a$  is constant and equal to  $f(y_0)$ . Therefore  $f$  is constant and  $\cup E_i$  is strongly connected.

**Theorem 3.10:-** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of a strongly connected closure space  $(X, u)$  such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , where  $\bar{A}$  is the closure of  $A$ . If  $A$  is strongly connected, then  $B$  is strongly connected in closure space

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