# Chapter 5

# A characterization of the category FCS

### 5.1 Introduction

Manes [24] (see also [25], p. 155) gave a characterization (up to an isomorphism) of the category **TOP** of topological spaces and continuous maps, in a suitable class of categories satisfying certain conditions, with the help of the Sierpinski space which is a Sierpinski object in the category **TOP**. Srivastava [39] defined fuzzy Sierpinski space and proved that it is a Sierpinski object in the category **FTOP** of fuzzy topological spaces (in the sense of Chang [10]) and fuzzy continuous maps and using it, obtained an analogous characterization of the category **FTOP**. Subsequently, Srivastava and Srivastava [38] defined fuzzy Sierpinski space for the class of Lowen's stratified fuzzy topological spaces [22] and obtained a similar characterization for the category **SFTOP** of stratified fuzzy topological spaces and fuzzy continuous maps. Singh and Srivastava [30] obtained a characterization of the category Q-**TOP** of Q-topological spaces and Q-continuous maps, using Q-Sierpinski space introduced in [36].

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Srivastava et al. [40] had defined a fuzzy closure space and studied the category **FCS** of fuzzy closure spaces and fuzzy closure preserving maps.

In this chapter, we have introduced the Sierpinski fuzzy closure space and shown that it is a Sierpinski object in the category **FCS** of fuzzy closure spaces. Further, we have given a characterization (up to an isomorphism) of the category **FCS**, using the Sierpinski fuzzy closure space, which is similar to the characterization of the category **TOP** given by Manes [24].

# 5.2 The category FCS

The following definition is from Manes [24] (see also [30]).

**Definition 5.2.1.** A category C of sets with structures is a concrete category  $(\mathbf{C}, F)$  over the category Set, such that

- 1. a class  $\mathbf{C}(X)$  of '**C**-structures' is assigned to every set X, which is in oneto-one correspondence with the 'fibre'  $\{A \in Ob(\mathbf{C}) \mid F(A) = X\}$  of X; thus each **C**-object A can be identified with a pair (X, s) (and called a 'set with a structure'), where F(A) = X and  $s \in \mathbf{C}(X)$ ,
- 2. given a bijection  $f : F(A) \to F(B)$  and  $p \in \mathbf{C}(Y)$ , there exists a unique  $s \in \mathbf{C}(X)$  such that  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a **C**-isomorphism.

**Definition 5.2.2.** [3] An **isomorphism** of the categories **C**, **D** of sets with structure is given by bijections  $\Psi_X : \mathbf{C}(X) \to \mathbf{D}(X)$  with the property that for all sin  $\mathbf{C}(X)$ , p in  $\mathbf{C}(Y)$  and maps  $f : X \to Y$ , we have that  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a **C**-morphism if and only if  $f : (X, \Psi_X(s)) \to (Y, \Psi_Y(p))$  is a **D**-morphism.

**Definition 5.2.3.** ([1], [24]) Let  $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{C}, F)$  be a category of sets with structure.

- 1. A source  $\{f_j : (X, s) \to (X_j, s_j) \mid j \in J\}$  in **C** is **initial** if whenever we have a **C**-structured set (Y, p) and  $f : Y \to X$  is a function such that  $f_j \circ f : (Y, p) \to (X_j, s_j)$  is a **C**-morphism for each j, then  $f : (Y, p) \to (X, s)$  is a **C**-morphism.
- 2. Given a *F*-structured source  $\{f_j : X \to F(X_j, s_j) \mid j \in J\}$ , if there exists *s* in  $\mathbf{C}(X)$  such that the source  $\{f_j : (X, s) \to (X_j, s_j) \mid j \in J\}$  in **C** is

initial, then  $\{f_j : (X, s) \to (X_j, s_j) \mid j \in J\}$  is called an **initial lift** of the *F*-structured source  $\{f_j : X \to F(X_j, s_j) \mid j \in J\}$ .

We mention here that the unit closed interval [0, 1] will be denoted by I and for any fuzzy set u in X, u' will denote the complement of u.

The following definitions and propositions in this section are from Srivastava et al. [40].

**Definition 5.2.4.** Let X be a set. A map  $c : I^X \to I^X$  is called a **fuzzy closure** operation on X if for all  $u, v \in I^X, a \in I$ :

- 1.  $u \leq c(u)$ ,
- 2.  $u \le v \Rightarrow c(u) \le c(v)$ ,
- 3. c(u) = c(c(u)),
- 4.  $c(f_a) = f_a$ , where  $f_a : X \to I$  is such that  $f_a(x) = a$ , for every  $x \in X$ .

The pair (X, c) is called a **fuzzy closure space** and fuzzy sets  $v \in I^X$  such that c(v) = v, are called *c*-closed fuzzy sets in X. Let  $(X_1, c_1)$  and  $(X_2, c_2)$  be two fuzzy closure spaces and  $\gamma : X_1 \to X_2$  be a map. Then  $\gamma : (X_1, c_1) \to (X_2, c_2)$  is called fuzzy closure preserving if  $\gamma(c_1(v)) \leq c_2(\gamma(v))$  for every  $v \in I^{X_1}$ .

A family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq I^X$  is called a **Moore family** if it is closed under infima and contains all constant fuzzy sets.

**Proposition 5.2.5.** Let (X, c) be a fuzzy closure space. Then the family of all *c*-closed fuzzy sets of (X, c) is a Moore family.

**Proposition 5.2.6.** If  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq I^X$  is a Moore family then the mapping  $c_{\mathcal{F}} : I^X \to I^X$ , defined by  $c_{\mathcal{F}}(v) = \inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u \text{ and } u \in \mathcal{F}\}$ , is a fuzzy closure operation on X and a fuzzy set  $v \in I^X$  is  $c_{\mathcal{F}}$ -closed if and only if  $v \in \mathcal{F}$ .

 $c_{\mathcal{F}}$  will be called as the fuzzy closure operation on X induced by the Moore family  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proposition 5.2.7.** Let  $(X_1, c_1)$  and  $(X_2, c_2)$  be two fuzzy closure spaces and  $\gamma : X_1 \to X_2$  be a mapping. Then  $\gamma : (X_1, c_1) \to (X_2, c_2)$  is fuzzy closure preserving if and only if  $\gamma^{-1}(v)$  is  $c_1$ -closed for every  $c_2$ -closed fuzzy set  $v \in I^{X_2}$ .

**FCS** will denote the category of fuzzy closure spaces and fuzzy closure preserving maps. **FCS** is a category of sets with structure, with the functor  $U : \mathbf{FCS} \rightarrow$ **Set** given by  $U((X_1, c_1) \xrightarrow{f} (X_2, c_2)) = X_1 \xrightarrow{f} X_2$ .

## 5.3 Sierpinski fuzzy closure space

**Proposition 5.3.1.** Let (X, c) be a fuzzy closure space. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the family of all *c*-closed fuzzy sets. Then  $c = c_{\mathcal{F}}$ , where  $c_{\mathcal{F}} : I^X \to I^X$  defined by  $c_{\mathcal{F}}(v) = \inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u \text{ and } u \in \mathcal{F}\}$ , for every  $v \in I^X$ .

Proof. First we note that from Proposition 5.2.5,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Moore family, and so from Proposition 5.2.6,  $c_{\mathcal{F}}$  is a fuzzy closure operation on the set X. Let  $v \in I^X$ . Then  $c_{\mathcal{F}}(v) = \inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u, u \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Now since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Moore family,  $c(\inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u, u \in \mathcal{F}\}) = \inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u, u \in \mathcal{F}\}$ , i.e.,  $c(c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)) = c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)$ . Now as  $v \leq c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)$ , this implies that  $c(v) \leq c(c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)) = c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)$ . So we have  $c(v) \leq c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)$ . Also since  $v \leq c(v)$  and c(v) is c-closed fuzzy set,  $c_{\mathcal{F}}(v) \leq c(v)$ . Thus  $c(v) = c_{\mathcal{F}}(v)$ , for every  $v \in I^X$  and therefore  $c = c_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

Let  $S \subseteq I^X$ . Consider the family  $B \cup \{f_a \mid a \in I\} \cup \{v \cap f_a \mid a \in I, v \in B\}$ , where  $B = \{v \mid v \text{ is an arbitrary intersection of the complements of members of <math>S\}$  and for each  $a \in I$ ,  $f_a : X \to I$  is defined as,  $f_a(x) = a$ , for every  $x \in X$ . Then this is a Moore family and we denote it by  $\langle S \rangle$  and  $c_{\langle S \rangle}$  will denote the fuzzy closure operation on X induced by the Moore family  $\langle S \rangle$ . Note that if  $S \subseteq I^X$  is closed under suprema and contains all constant fuzzy sets, then  $\langle S \rangle$  is precisely the set consisting of the complements of all fuzzy sets in S.

**Proposition 5.3.2.** Let  $(X_1, c_1)$  and  $(X_2, c_2)$  be two fuzzy closure spaces. Let  $c_2 = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ , where  $S \subseteq I^{X_2}$  and  $g: X_1 \to X_2$  be a map. Then  $g: (X_1, c_1) \to (X_2, c_2)$  is fuzzy closure preserving if and only if  $g^{-1}(u')$  is  $c_1$ -closed, for every  $u \in S$ .

*Proof.* We first note that  $\langle S \rangle = B \cup \{f_a \mid a \in I\} \cup \{v \cap f_a \mid a \in I, v \in B\}$ , where  $B = \{v \mid v \text{ is an arbitrary intersection of the complements of members of } S\}$ . A fuzzy

set  $w \in I^{X_2}$  is  $c_{\langle S \rangle}$ -closed if and only if  $w \in \langle S \rangle$ . Clearly if  $g : (X_1, c_1) \to (X_2, c_2)$ is fuzzy closure preserving, then  $g^{-1}(u')$  is  $c_1$ -closed, for every  $u \in S$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $g^{-1}(u')$  is  $c_1$ -closed, for every  $u \in S$ . Let  $v \in B$ and assume that  $v = \cap \{u'_j \mid j \in J\}$ ,  $u_j \in S$ , for every  $j \in J$ . Then  $g^{-1}(v) = g^{-1}(\cap u'_j) = \cap g^{-1}(u'_j)$ . Now since  $g^{-1}(u'_j)$  is  $c_1$ -closed for every  $j \in J$  and the set of all  $c_1$ -closed fuzzy sets is closed under infima,  $g^{-1}(v) = \cap g^{-1}(u'_j)$  is  $c_1$ -closed fuzzy set. Also since  $g^{-1}(f_a)$  is a constant fuzzy set in  $X_1$ , for every  $a \in I$  and each constant fuzzy set in  $X_1$  is  $c_1$ -closed,  $g^{-1}(f_a)$  is  $c_1$ -closed, for every  $a \in I$ . Now let  $v \in B$  and  $a \in I$ . Then  $g^{-1}(v \cap f_a) = g^{-1}(v) \cap g^{-1}(f_a)$  is  $c_1$ -closed. Hence  $g^{-1}(w)$  is  $c_1$ -closed for every  $w \in \langle S \rangle$ , i.e.,  $g^{-1}(w)$  is  $c_1$ -closed fuzzy set for every  $c_{\langle S \rangle}$ -closed fuzzy set  $w \in I^{X_2}$ . Therefore by Proposition 5.2.7,  $g: (X_1, c_1) \to (X_2, c_2)$  is fuzzy closure preserving.

In ([40], Proposition 2.5), the authors have proved that the category FCS has initial structures. In the following proposition, we give another description of the initial structures.

**Proposition 5.3.3.** A source  $\{f_j : (X, c) \to (X_j, c_j) \mid j \in J\}$  in the category **FCS** is initial if and only if  $c = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ , where  $S = \{f_j^{-1}(u') \mid u \in F_j, j \in J\}$  and  $F_j$  is the family of all  $c_j$ -closed fuzzy sets.

Proof. Let F be the family of all c-closed fuzzy sets. First suppose that the source  $\{f_j : (X,c) \to (X_j,c_j) \mid j \in J\}$  is initial. Now from Proposition 5.3.1, to show that  $c = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ , it is sufficient to show that  $F = \langle S \rangle$ . Since each  $f_j$  is fuzzy closure preserving, by Proposition 5.2.7,  $f_j^{-1}(u) \in F$  for every  $u \in F_j$ ,  $j \in J$ , i.e.,  $(f_j^{-1}(u'))' = f_j^{-1}(u) \in F$ , for every  $u \in F_j$ ,  $j \in J$ . Note that  $\langle S \rangle = B \cup \{f_a \mid a \in I\} \cup \{v \cap f_a \mid a \in I, v \in B\}$ , where  $B = \{v \mid v \text{ is an arbitrary intersection of the complements of members of <math>S\}$ . Now since  $w' \in F$ , for every  $w \in S$  and F is a Moore family,  $\langle S \rangle \subseteq F$ . Now by Proposition 5.2.7, the map  $f_j \circ id_X : (X, c_{\langle S \rangle}) \to (X_j, c_j) \text{ is fuzzy closure preserving for each <math>j \in J$  and the source  $\{f_j : (X, c) \to (X_j, c_j) \mid j \in J\}$  is initial, so  $id_X : (X, c_{\langle S \rangle}) \to (X, c)$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Then from Proposition 5.2.7,  $id_X^{-1}(w) = w \in \langle S \rangle$ , for every  $w \in F$ , which implies that  $F \subseteq \langle S \rangle$ . Therefore  $F = \langle S \rangle$ .

Conversely, assume that  $c = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ . Let  $(Y, c_Y)$  be a fuzzy closure space and  $g: Y \to X$  be a map such that  $f_j \circ g: (Y, c_Y) \to (X_j, c_j)$  is fuzzy closure preserving

for each j. Then to show that  $g: (Y, c_Y) \to (X, c)$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Let  $j \in J, u \in F_j$ . Note that  $(f_j^{-1}(u'))' = f_j^{-1}(u)$ . Now  $g^{-1}(f_j^{-1}(u)) = (g^{-1} \circ f_j^{-1})(u) = (f_j \circ g)^{-1}(u)$  is  $c_Y$ -closed, as  $f_j \circ g: (Y, c_Y) \to (X_j, c_j)$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Hence  $g^{-1}(w')$  is  $c_Y$ -closed, for every  $w \in S$ . Thus by Proposition 5.3.2,  $g: (Y, c_Y) \to (X, c)$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Therefore the source  $\{f_j: (X, c) \to (X_j, c_j) \mid j \in J\}$  is initial.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 5.3.4.** The fuzzy closure space  $(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$  will be called as the **Sierpinski fuzzy closure space**.

**Theorem 5.3.5.**  $(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$  is a Sierpinski object in the category **FCS**.

Proof. Let (X, c) be a fuzzy closure space and  $S = \{f \mid f : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}})\}$  is fuzzy closure preserving}. Let  $c_1$  be any other fuzzy closure operation on the set X such that  $f : (X, c_1) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}})$  is fuzzy closure preserving, for every  $f \in S$ . Let F and  $F_1$  be the family of all c-closed and  $c_1$ -closed fuzzy sets respectively. From Proposition 5.3.2, we note that a map  $f : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}})$  is fuzzy closure preserving if and only if f' belongs to F. Let  $u \in F$ . Then  $u' : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}}))$ is fuzzy closure preserving. So,  $u' \in S$  and hence  $u' : (X, c_1) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}}))$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Then  $(u')' = u \in F_1$  and thus  $F \subseteq F_1$ . If we take  $c_1 = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ , then  $F \subseteq \langle S \rangle$ . Also since  $f : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}}))$  is fuzzy closure preserving map, for every  $f \in S$ ,  $f' \in F$  for every  $f \in S$  and since the family of all c-closed fuzzy sets is closed under infima and contains all constant fuzzy sets,  $\langle S \rangle \subseteq F$ . Hence  $F = \langle S \rangle$ . Thus  $c = c_F = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ . Hence using Proposition 5.3.3, S is an initial source in **FCS**. Therefore  $(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}}))$  is a Sierpinski object in the category **FCS**.

#### 5.4 Characterization of FCS

**Theorem 5.4.1.** Let  $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{C}, F)$  be a category of sets with structure. Then  $\mathbf{C}$  is isomorphic to the category **FCS** if and only if there exists a **C**-structured set (I, r) in **C** with underlying set I = [0, 1], satisfying the following conditions:

- 1. Every F-structured source  $\{f_j : X \to F(I, r) \mid j \in J\}$  has an initial lift.
- 2. The map sup :  $(I, r)^T \to (I, r)$  is a **C**-morphism, for every set  $T \neq \emptyset$ . (Here  $(I, r)^T = (I^T, r_0)$ , where  $r_0 \in \mathbf{C}(I^T)$  such that,  $\{p_t : (I^T, r_0) \to (I, r) \mid$

 $t \in T$  is the initial lift of the *F*-structured source  $\{p_t : I^T \to F(I, r) \mid t \in T\}, p_t : I^T \to F(I, r)$  are projection maps).

3. (I, r) is a Sierpinski object in **C**.

Let (X, s) be a **C**-structured set, we say that  $g \in I^X$  is open in (X, s) if  $g: (X, s) \to (I, r)$  is a *C*-morphism. A family  $\{g_j \mid j \in J\} \subseteq I^X$  with each  $g_j$  open in (X, s) is called a subbase of (X, s) if the source  $\{g_j: (X, s) \to (I, r) \mid j \in J\}$  in **C** is initial.

- 4. If  $\zeta$  is a subbase of (X, s) and  $g \in I^X$  is open in (X, s), then  $g' \in \langle S \rangle$ , where  $S = \{f^{-1}(u') \mid f \in \zeta, u \in \langle \{id_I\} \rangle\}$
- 5. Given any set X and  $s \in C(X)$ , the map  $f_a : (X, s) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism, for every  $a \in I$ .

*Proof.* First we show that the category FCS satisfies the conditions (1)-(5).

(1) Every U-structured source  $\{f_j : X \to U(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}\rangle}) \mid j \in J\}$  has the unique initial lift  $\{f_j : (X, c_{\langle S \rangle}) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}\rangle}) \mid j \in J\}$ , where  $c_{\langle S \rangle}$  is the fuzzy closure operation on the set X such that  $\mathcal{S} = \{f_j^{-1}(u') \mid u \in \langle \{id_I\}\rangle, j \in J\}$ .

(2) Let  $T \not(\neq \emptyset)$  be a set. To show that the map  $\sup : (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})^T \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Note that  $(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})^T = (I^T, c_{\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle})$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \{p_t^{-1}(u') \mid u \in \langle \{id_I\} \rangle, t \in T\}$  and  $p_t$  are projections  $I^T \to I$ , for every  $t \in T$ . Let  $f \in I^T$  and consider  $\sup(f) = \sup\{f(t) \mid t \in T\} = \sup\{p_t(f) \mid t \in T\} = (\cup\{p_t \mid t \in T\})(f)$ . This implies that  $\sup = \cup\{p_t \mid t \in T\}$  and so  $(\sup)' = \cap\{p'_t \mid t \in T\}$ . Now since  $(id_I)' \in \langle \{id_I\} \rangle, \ p_t^{-1}(((id_I)')') = p_t^{-1}(id_I) = p_t \in \mathcal{F}$ , for every  $t \in T$  and so  $p'_t \in \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle$ , Therefore from Proposition 5.3.2, the map  $\sup : (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})^T \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$  is fuzzy closure preserving.

(3) By Theorem 5.3.5,  $(I, c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$  is a Sierpinski object in the category **FCS**.

(4) Let  $g \in I^X$  be open in (X, c), i.e.,  $g : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}\rangle})$  is fuzzy closure preserving. This implies that g' is c-closed. Now since  $\zeta$  is a subbase of (X, c), the source  $\{f : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}\rangle}) \mid f \in \zeta\}$  is initial. Then by Proposition 5.3.3,  $c = c_{\langle S \rangle}$ , where  $S = \{f^{-1}(u') \mid f \in \zeta, u \in \langle \{id_I\}\rangle\}$ . Now since g' is c-closed,  $g' \in \langle S \rangle$ .

(5) Let  $a \in I$  and (X, c) be a fuzzy closure space. Then the map  $f_a : (X, c) \to (I, c_{\langle \{id_I\}\rangle})$  is fuzzy closure preserving as  $f_a^{-1}((id_I)') = (f_a)'$  is a constant fuzzy set in X and hence c-closed.

Let X be a set and S(X) denote the collection of all fuzzy closure operations on X. Now suppose that **C** is isomorphic to **FCS**. Then for each set X there exists a bijection  $\Psi_X : C(X) \to S(X)$  with the property that for all s in C(X), p in C(Y) and maps  $f : X \to Y$ , we have that  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a **C**-morphism if and only if  $f : (X, \Psi_X(s)) \to (Y, \Psi_Y(p))$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Let  $r = \Psi_I^{-1}(c_{\langle \{id_I\} \rangle})$ . Then (I, r) is a Sierpinski object in **C** and satisfies the conditions (1)-(5).

Conversely, let  $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{C}, F)$  be a category of sets with structure and assume that there exist a C-structured set (I, r) in the category C with underlying set I = [0, 1], satisfying the conditions (1)-(5). Now we have to show that C is isomorphic to the category **FCS**. Define a map  $\Psi_X : C(X) \to S(X)$  such that  $\Psi_X(s) = c_{\mathcal{F}_s}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_s = \{h' \mid h : (X,s) \to (I,r) \text{ is a } C \text{-morphism}\}$  and  $c_{\mathcal{F}_s} : I^X \to I^X$  is defined as  $c_{\mathcal{F}_s}(v) = \inf\{u \in I^X \mid v \leq u \text{ and } u \in \mathcal{F}_s\}$ . Then by the condition (5), all the constant fuzzy sets belong to  $\mathcal{F}_s$ . Now let  $\{h_t : X \to I \mid t \in T\}$  be a family such that  $h_t: (X,s) \to (I,r)$  is a C-morphism, for every  $t \in T$ . Define  $\gamma: X \to I^T$  as  $\gamma(x)(t) = h_t(x)$ . Then  $p_t \circ \gamma = h_t$ , for every  $t \in T$ . Now since the source  $\{p_t : (I^T, r_0) \to (I, r) \mid t \in T\}$  is initial and  $p_t \circ \gamma = h_t : (X, s) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism, for every  $t \in T, \gamma : (X, s) \to (I^T, r_0)$  is a C-morphism. Now consider  $t \in T$ )(x). This implies that  $\cup \{h_t \mid t \in T\} = \sup \circ \gamma$  and since  $\gamma : (X, s) \to T$  $(I^T, r_0)$  and sup :  $(I^T, r_0) \to (I, r)$  are C-morphisms,  $\cup h_t : (X, s) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism. Hence  $(\cup \{h_t \mid t \in T\})' = \cap \{h'_t \mid t \in T\} \in \mathcal{F}_s$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F}_s$  is a Moore family and hence from Proposition 5.2.6,  $c_{\mathcal{F}_s}$  is a fuzzy closure operation on the set X.

Now we show that the map  $\Psi_X$  is a bijection. Let  $s_1, s_2 \in C(X)$  such that  $\Psi_X(s_1) = \Psi_X(s_2)$ , i.e.,  $c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_1}} = c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_2}}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_{s_1} = \{h' \mid h : (X, s_1) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism} and  $\mathcal{F}_{s_2} = \{h' \mid h : (X, s_2) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism}. Then since  $\mathcal{F}_{s_1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{s_2}$  are precisely the family of all  $c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_1}}$ -closed and  $c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_2}}$ -closed fuzzy sets respectively and  $c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_1}} = c_{\mathcal{F}_{s_2}}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{s_1} = \mathcal{F}_{s_2}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{F}_{s_1} = \mathcal{F}_{s_2} = \mathcal{F}$ . Now since (I, r) is a Sierpinski object in  $\mathbf{C}$ , the source  $\mathcal{S} = \{h : (X, s_1) \to (I, r) : h' \in \mathcal{F}\}$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  is initial. We note that the map  $h \circ id_X : (X, s_2) \to (I, r)$  is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism for every  $h \in \mathcal{S}$  and the source  $\mathcal{S} = \{h : (X, s_1) \to (I, r) : h' \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is initial, so  $id_X : (X, s_2) \to (X, s_1)$  is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism. Similarly  $id_X^{-1} = id_X : (X, s_1) \to (X, s_2)$  is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism. We also note that  $id_X : (X, s_1) \to (X, s_1)$  is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism. Hence by the definition of a category of sets with structure,  $s_1 = s_2$ .

Now let  $c \in S(X)$ , i.e., c is a fuzzy closure operation on X and suppose that  $\mathcal{F} = \{h_k \mid k \in K\}$  be the family of all c-closed fuzzy sets. Then the F-structured source  $\{h'_k : X \to F(I, r) \mid k \in K\}$  will have an initial lift, say  $\{h'_k : (X, s) \to (I, r) \mid k \in K\}$ . Then clearly all maps  $h'_k : (X, s) \to (I, r), k \in K$  are C-morphisms. This implies that  $h_k = (h'_k)' \in \mathcal{F}_s$ , for every  $k \in K$  and so  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_s$ . Now let  $f \in \mathcal{F}_s$ , i.e.,  $f' : (X, s) \to (I, r) \mid k \in K\}$  is a C-morphism. This implies that f' is open in (X, s). Since  $\{h'_k : (X, s) \to (I, r) \mid k \in K\}$  is an initial source,  $\{h'_k \mid k \in K\}$  is a subbase for (X, s). So  $f = (f')' \in \langle S \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{S} = \{(h'_k)^{-1}(u') \mid u \in \langle \{id_I\} \rangle, k \in K\}$ . Note that  $\langle S \rangle = \langle \{h'_k \mid k \in K\} \rangle$ . Now since  $\{h_k \mid k \in K\}$  is the family of all c-closed fuzzy sets, it is closed under infima and contains all constant fuzzy sets. So the family  $\{h'_k \mid k \in K\}$  is closed under suprema and contains all constant fuzzy sets. Hence  $\langle S \rangle = \langle \{h'_k \mid k \in K\} \rangle = \{h_k \mid k \in K\}$ . Thus  $f \in \{h_k \mid k \in K\} = \mathcal{F}$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  and hence  $\mathcal{F}_s = \mathcal{F}$ . So,  $c = c_{\mathcal{F}_s} = \Psi_X(s)$ . Therefore the map  $\Psi_X : C(X) \to S(X)$  is a bijection.

Now it remains to show that a map  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a C-morphism if and only if  $f : (X, c_{\mathcal{F}_s}) \to (Y, c_{\mathcal{F}_p})$  is fuzzy closure preserving. First suppose that  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a C-morphism and let  $u \in \mathcal{F}_p$ , i.e.,  $u' : (Y, p) \to (I, r)$  is a C-morphism. Then  $u' \circ f : (X, s) \to (I, r)$  will be a C-morphism. Note that  $u' \circ f = f^{-1}(u')$ . So,  $f^{-1}(u') : (X, s) \to (I, r)$  is C-morphism. Thus  $f^{-1}(u) =$  $(f^{-1}(u'))' \in \mathcal{F}_s$ . Therefore the map  $f : (X, c_{\mathcal{F}_s}) \to (Y, c_{\mathcal{F}_p})$  is fuzzy closure preserving. Conversely, let  $f : (X, c_{\mathcal{F}_s}) \to (Y, c_{\mathcal{F}_p})$  be fuzzy closure preserving, i.e., for every  $u \in \mathcal{F}_p$ ,  $f^{-1}(u) \in \mathcal{F}_s$ . This means that for every  $u \in \mathcal{F}_p$ ,  $u' \circ f : (X, s) \to$ (I, r) is a C-morphism. Now since  $\{u' : (Y, p) \to (I, r) \mid u \in \mathcal{F}_p\}$  is an initial source,  $f : (X, s) \to (Y, p)$  is a C-morphism.

#### 5.5 Conclusion

Srivastava et al. [40] introduced and studied the category **FCS** of fuzzy closure spaces and fuzzy closure preserving maps. In this chapter, we have introduced the Sierpinski fuzzy closure space and proved that it is a Sierpinski object in the category **FCS**. Further, we have given a characterization of the category **FCS** with the help of the Sierpinski fuzzy closure space.