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# A survey on Smarandache notions in number theory VI: Smarandache Ceil function

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**Abstract** In this paper we give a survey on recent results on Smarandache Ceil function.

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## §1. Definition and simple properties

For any fixed positive integer  $k$  and any positive integer  $n$ , the famous Smarandache ceil function  $S_k(n)$  is defined as follows:

$$S_k(n) = \min \{m \in \mathbb{N} : n \mid m^k\}. \quad (1.1)$$

Many people had studied elementary properties of  $S_k(n)$ , and obtained some interesting results.

**Z. Xu [18].** Define  $\Omega(n) = \Omega(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_r$ . Let  $k$  be a given positive integer. Then for any real number  $x \geq 3$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Omega(S_k(n)) = x \ln \ln x + Ax + O\left(\frac{x}{\ln x}\right),$$

where  $A = \gamma + \sum_p \left(\ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) + \frac{1}{p}\right)$ ,  $\gamma$  is the Euler constant and  $\sum_p$  denotes the sum over all the primes.

**J. Li [8].** Define  $\Omega(n) = \Omega(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_r$ . Let  $k$  be a given positive integer. Then for any integer  $n \geq 3$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\Omega(S_k(n!)) = \frac{n}{k}(\ln \ln n + C) + O\left(\frac{n}{\ln n}\right),$$

where  $C$  is a computable constant.

**Y. Wang [15].** Let  $k$  be a fixed positive integer, then for any integer  $n \geq 3$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\ln(S_k(n!)) = \frac{n \ln n}{k} + O(n).$$

## §2. Mean values of the Smarandache Ceil function

**L. Ding [1].** Let  $x \geq 2$ , for any fixed positive integer  $k$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(n) = \frac{x^2 \zeta(2k-1)}{2} \prod_p \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{p(p+1)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^{2k-3}} \right) \right] + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\prod_p$  denotes the product over all prime  $p$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

**C. Wu [16].** 1) For any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$  and any positive integer  $n$ , let  $a_k(n)$  denote the  $k$ -th power complements of  $n$ . Then we have

$$(S_k(n))^k = a_k(n) \cdot n.$$

2) Let  $k$  be a fixed positive integer. For any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(n) = \frac{\zeta(2k-1)}{2} x^2 \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2+p} - \frac{1}{p^{2k-1}+p^{2k-2}} \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon > 0$  is any fixed positive number.

**X. Wang [13].** For any real number  $x \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{S_2(n)} = \frac{3 \ln^2 x}{2\pi^2} + A_1 \ln x + A_2 + O\left(x^{-\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are two computable constants,  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive integer.

**Y. Wang [14].** 1) For any real number  $\alpha > 1$  and integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{S_k^\alpha(n)} = \frac{2^\alpha - k - 1}{2^\alpha + k - 1} \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{k}{p^\alpha - 1} \right),$$

where  $\prod_p$  denotes the product over all prime  $p$ .

2) For any positive integer  $n$ , the dual function of  $S_k(n)$  is defined as  $\overline{S}_k(n) = \max \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m^k \mid n\}$ . For any real number  $\alpha > 1$  and integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\overline{S}_k(n)}{n^\alpha} &= \frac{\zeta(\alpha)\zeta(k\alpha-1)}{\zeta(k\alpha)}, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \overline{S}_k(n)}{n^\alpha} &= \frac{\zeta(\alpha)\zeta(k\alpha-1)}{\zeta(k\alpha)} \left[ \frac{(2^\alpha-1)(2^{k\alpha-1}-1)}{2^{\alpha-2}(2^{k\alpha}-1)} - 1 \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function.

**D. Ren [12].** Let  $d(n)$  denote the Dirichlet divisor function, and let  $k$  be a given positive integer with  $k \geq 2$ . Then for any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(S_k(n)) = \frac{6\zeta(k)x \ln x}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^k + p^{k-1}} \right) + Cx + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $C$  is a computable constant, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

**X. He and J. Guo [7].** 1) Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\sigma_\alpha(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha$ . Then for any real number  $x \geq 2$ , and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_\alpha(S_k(n)) = \frac{6x^{\alpha+1} \zeta(\alpha+1) \zeta(k(\alpha+1) - \alpha)}{(\alpha+1)\pi^2} R(\alpha+1) + O\left(x^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} + \varepsilon\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number, and

$$R(\alpha+1) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{k(\alpha+1)-\alpha} - p^{(k-1)(\alpha+1)}}\right).$$

2) Let  $d(n)$  denote the Dirichlet divisor function. Then for any real number  $x \geq 1$ , and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(S_k(n)) = \frac{6\zeta(k)x \ln x}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^k + p^{k-1}}\right) + Cx + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $C$  is a computable constant, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

**L. Zhang, M. Lv and W. Zhai [20].** Let  $d_3(n)$  denote the Piltz divisor function of dimensional 3, then for any real number  $x \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d_3(S_k(n)) = xP_{2,k}(\log x) + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-c\delta(x)}\right),$$

where  $P_{2,k}(\log x)$  is a polynomial of degree 2 in  $\log x$ ,  $\delta(x) = \log^{\frac{3}{5}} x (\log \log x)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$ ,  $c > 0$  is an absolute constant.

**Y. Zhang, H. Liu and P. Zhao [21].** Let  $d(n)$  denote the Dirichlet divisor function,  $S_k(n)$  denote the Smarandache ceil function, then for any real number  $\frac{1}{4} < \theta < \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $x^{\theta+2\varepsilon} \leq y \leq x$ , we have

$$\sum_{x < n \leq x+y} d(S_k(n)) = H(x+y) - H(x) + O\left(yx^{-\frac{5}{2}} + x^{\theta+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $H(x) = t_1 x \log x + t_2 x$ ,  $\varepsilon$  denotes a fixed but sufficiently small positive constant.

**Q. Feng and R. Wang [4].** For any positive integer  $n$ , we define

$$a_k(n) = \left[ n^{\frac{1}{k}} \right], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Let  $\zeta(s)$  be the Riemann zeta function,  $X$  be any positive number, and

$$g(s) = \prod_p (1 + p^{1-s} - p^{1-ks} - p^{-s}).$$

1) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_k(n)) = \frac{1}{k} \zeta(k-1) g(1) x + O\left(x^{1-\frac{1}{2k}+X}\right).$$

2) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k \leq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_k(n)) = \frac{k}{k^2 - k + 2} \zeta\left(\frac{2}{k}\right) g\left(\frac{2}{k}\right) x^{\frac{k^2 - k + 2}{k^2}} + O\left(x^{\frac{k^2 - k + 2}{k^2} + X}\right).$$

**Q. Feng, J. Guo and R. Wang [5].** For any positive integer  $n$  and any natural number  $m$ , we define

$$a_m(n) = \max\{i^m : i^m \leq n, i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

1) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $n, m, k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m, t \geq 2$ ,  $k = tm + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_m(n)) &= \frac{m}{m+1} x^{1+\frac{1}{m}} \zeta(2t-1) \zeta((2t-1)m+2) \\ &\quad \times \prod_p \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{p(p+1)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^{2t-3}} + \frac{1}{p^{(2t-1)m-1}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{2t}} \right) \right) \right] + O\left(x^{1+\frac{1}{2m}+\varepsilon}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number.

2) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $n, m, k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m = 2$ ,  $t \geq 2$ ,  $k = 2t + 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_m(n)) = \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} \zeta(4t) \prod_p \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{p(p+1)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^{2t-1}} + \frac{1}{p^{2(t-1)}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{2t}} \right) \right) \right] + O\left(x^{\frac{5}{4}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number.

3) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $n, m, k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m, t \geq 2$ ,  $k = tm$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_m(n)) = \frac{m}{m+1} x^{1+\frac{1}{m}} \zeta(2t-1) \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{p^{2t} + p^3}{p^{2t+2} + p^{2t+1}} \right) + O\left(x^{1+\frac{1}{2m}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number.

4) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $n, m, k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m, t \geq 2$ ,  $m = kt$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(a_m(n)) = \frac{m}{m+1} x^{1+\frac{t}{m}} + O\left(x^{1+\frac{t}{2m}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number.

**J. Xu [17].** For any fixed positive integer  $k$  and any integer  $n$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} c_k(n) &= \min\{m^k : m^k \geq n, m \in \mathbb{N}^+\}, \\ d_k(n) &= \max\{m^k : m^k \leq n, m \in \mathbb{N}^+\}. \end{aligned}$$

For any real number  $x > 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(c_k(n)) = \frac{x^2}{2} + O\left(x^{\frac{2k-1}{k}}\right), \quad \sum_{n \leq x} S_k(d_k(n)) = \frac{x^2}{2} + O\left(x^{\frac{2k-1}{k}}\right).$$

**L. Qi and Y. Zhao [11].** Let  $k \geq 2$ ,  $m \geq 1$  be two positive integers. For any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi^m(S_k(n)) = \frac{6\zeta(m+1)\zeta(k(m+1)-m)R(m+1)x^{m+1}}{\pi^2(m+1)} + O\left(x^{m+\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$



where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varphi(n)$  is the Euler function,  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number, and

$$R(m+1) = \prod_p \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1+p} \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^{k(m+1)-m}} + \frac{1}{p^{m-1}} - \frac{1}{p^{(k-1)(m+1)-m}} - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{k(m+1)}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)^m \right) \right].$$

**E. Lv [10].** Define

$$U(1) = 1, \quad U(n) = \prod_{p|n} p.$$

Let  $k \geq 2$  be a fixed positive integer. For any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} (S_k(n) - U(n))^2 &= \frac{2\zeta(3)\zeta(3k-2)x^3}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1+p^{5-3k}}{p^2+p^3} \right) + \frac{2\zeta(3)x^3}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2+p^3} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{4\zeta(3)\zeta(3k-1)x^3}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{p-p^2-p^4-p^{3k}}{p^{3k+3}+p^{3k+2}} \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{5}{2}+\varepsilon}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon > 0$  is any positive real number.

**Y. Xue and L. Gao [19].** Define

$$U(1) = 1, \quad U(n) = \prod_{p|n} p.$$

Let  $k \geq 2$  be a fixed positive integer. For any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} (S_k(n) + U(n))^3 &= \frac{3\zeta(4)\zeta(4k-3)x^4}{2\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1+p^{7-4k}}{p^3+p^4} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{9\zeta(4)\zeta(4k-2)x^4}{2\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1+p^{3-4k}+p^{6-4k}-p^{2-4k}}{p^3+p^4} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{9\zeta(4)\zeta(4k-1)x^4}{2\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1+p^{5-4k}-p^{1-4k}+p^{3-4k}}{p^3+p^4} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{3\zeta(4)x^4}{2\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^3+p^4} \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{7}{2}+\varepsilon}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\varepsilon$  is any positive real number.

### §3. The dual function of the Smarandache Ceil function

For any positive integer  $n$  and any fixed positive integer  $k$ , the dual function of  $S_k(n)$  is defined as follows:

$$\overline{S}_k(n) = \max \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : m^k \mid n \}.$$

**J. Guo and Y. He [6].** 1) Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\sigma_\alpha(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha$ . Then for any real number  $x \geq 1$  and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_\alpha(\overline{S}_k(n)) = \begin{cases} \frac{k\zeta\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{k}\right)}{\alpha+1} x^{\frac{\alpha+1}{k}} + O\left(x^{\frac{\alpha+1}{2k}+\varepsilon}\right), & \text{if } \alpha > k-1, \\ \zeta(k-\alpha)x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right), & \text{if } \alpha \leq k-1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

2) Let  $d(n)$  denote the Dirichlet divisor function. Then for any real number  $x \geq 1$  and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(\overline{S}_k(n)) = \zeta(k)x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

**Y. Lu [9].** Let  $d(n)$  denote the Dirichlet divisor function, and let  $k \geq 2$  be a fixed integer. Then for any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} d(\overline{S}_1(n)) &= x \ln x + (2\gamma - 1)x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right), \\ \sum_{n \leq x} d(\overline{S}_k(n)) &= \zeta(k)x + \zeta\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)x^{\frac{1}{k}} + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{k+1}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler constant, and  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function.

**L. Ding [2].** 1) Let  $x \geq 2$ , for any fixed positive integer  $k > 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \overline{S}_k(n) = \frac{\zeta(k-1)}{\zeta(k)}x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

2) For  $k = 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \overline{S}_2(n) = x \left( \frac{3}{\pi^2} \ln x + C \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{4}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $C$  is a computable constant, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

**Q. Feng and J. Guo [3].** For any positive integer  $n$  and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we define

$$c_k(n) = \min \{m \in \mathbb{N} : nm = t^k, t \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

1) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} S_k(n)c_k(n) &= \frac{6}{(k+1)\pi^2} x^{k+1} \zeta(k+2) \zeta(k^2+k-1) \\ &\quad \times \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{k-1}(p+1)} \left( \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p^{k^2-1}} \right) \right) + O\left(x^{k+\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

2) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} S_k(c_k(n)) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{R(2)}{(p+1)(p^2-2)} \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number, and

$$R(2) = 1 - \frac{1}{p^{2(k-2)}} + \left( p^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{2(k-1)}} \right) + p^3 - p \right) \frac{1}{p^{2k-1}}.$$

3) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \overline{S}_k(n) c_k(n) = \frac{6}{k\pi^2} x^k \zeta(k+1) \zeta(k^2-1) \\ \times \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^k(p+1)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p^{k^2-k-1}} - \frac{1}{p^{k^2-1}} \right) \right) + O\left(x^{k+\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function, and  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number.

4) For any real number  $x \geq 1$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \overline{S}_k(c_k(n)) = x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon}\right),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is any fixed positive number

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# A survey on Smarandache notions in number theory VII: Smarandache multiplicative function

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**Abstract** In this paper we give a survey on recent results on Smarandache multiplicative function.

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## §1. Definition and the mean value properties of the Smarandache multiplicative function

For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $f(n)$  is called a Smarandache multiplicative function if  $f(ab) = \max(f(a), f(b))$ ,  $(a, b) = 1$ , and if  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , then

$$f(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{f(p_i^{\alpha_i})\}, \quad (1.1)$$

for any prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $\alpha$ ,  $f(n)$  is a new Smarandache multiplicative function if  $f(p^\alpha) = \alpha p$ . That is

$$f(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{f(p_i^{\alpha_i})\} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{\alpha_i p_i\}.$$

**J. Ma [11].** For any real number  $x \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x}\right).$$

**Y. Liu, P. Gao [10].** A new arithmetical function  $P_d(n)$  is defined as

$$P_d(n) = \prod_{d|n} d = n^{\frac{d(n)}{2}},$$

where  $d(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1$  is the Dirichlet divisor function. For any real number  $x \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(P_d(n)) = \frac{\pi^4}{72} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + C \cdot \frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^3 x}\right),$$

where  $C = \frac{5\pi^4}{288} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d(n) \ln n}{n^2}$  is a constant.

**X. Zhang [24].** For any integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $n$  is named as a simple number if the product of all proper divisors of  $n$  is no more than  $n$ . Now let  $A$  be a simple number set, that is  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, \dots\}$ . For any real number  $x \geq 2$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in A}} f(n) = D_1 \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + D_2 \frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x} + \frac{2x}{\ln x} + \frac{9x^{2/3}}{2 \ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^3 x}\right),$$

where  $D_1, D_2$  are computable constants.

**W. Xiong [19].** Let  $OF(N)$  denotes the number of all integers  $1 \leq k \leq n$  such that  $f(n)$  is odd,  $EF(n)$  denotes the number of all integer  $1 \leq k \leq n$  such that  $f(n)$  is even. For any positive integer  $n > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\frac{EF(n)}{OF(n)} = O\left(\frac{1}{\ln n}\right).$$

From the formula above, it can be immediately deduced the following

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{EF(n)}{OF(n)} = 0.$$

**J. Li [6].** For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{N} \\ f(n) \leq x}} = e^c \frac{x}{\ln x} + O\left(\frac{x(\ln \ln x)^2}{\ln^2 x}\right),$$

where  $c = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{n(n+1)}$  is a constant.

**Z. Feng [1].** A natural number  $n$  is of the  $k$ -full number if for any prime  $p$ ,  $p \mid n$  implies  $p^k \mid n$ . Let  $A_k$  be a simple number set, for any real number  $x \geq 2$  we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in A_k}} f(n) = C_1 \frac{x^2}{\ln x} + C_2 \frac{x^2}{\ln^2 x} + \frac{2x}{\ln x} + \frac{9x^{2/3}}{2 \ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^3 x}\right),$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are computable constants.

**Y. Men [12].** Let  $Smd(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} \frac{1}{f(d)}$ , for any real number  $x \geq 1$ , when  $n \neq 1, 24$ , we have

(1). If  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s} p$ ,  $p_1^{\alpha_1} < p_2^{\alpha_2} < \cdots < p_s^{\alpha_s} < p$ , and  $p, p_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, s)$  are primes, then  $Smd(n)$  is not a positive integer;

(2). If  $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s, p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_s, p_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, s)$  are primes, then  $Smd(n)$  is not a positive integer.

**R. Guo and X. Zhao [2].** 1. For any real number  $x \geq 1$  and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) f(n) = x^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\ln^{i-1} x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^k x}\right),$$

where  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Mangoldt function,  $c_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$  are computable constants and  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

2. For any real number  $x \geq 1$  and any fixed positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)S(n) = x^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\ln^{i-1} x} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\ln^k x}\right),$$

where  $S(n)$  is the famous Smarandache function,  $S(n) = \min\{m : m \in \mathbb{N}, n \mid m!\}$ ,  $c_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$  are computable constants and  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

For any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , an arithmetical function  $h(n)$  is defined as follows

$$(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow h(mn) = \max\{h(m), h(n)\}.$$

If  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , defining

$$h(1) = 1, h(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_i + 1} \right\}, \tag{1.2}$$

then  $h(n)$  is also a Smarandache multiplicative function.

**J. Zhang and P. Zhang [22].** 1. For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} h(n) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot x + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}}).$$

2. For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \left( h(n) - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{36} \cdot \frac{\zeta(\frac{3}{2})}{\zeta(3)} \cdot \sqrt{x} + O(x^{\frac{1}{3}}),$$

where  $\zeta(n)$  is the Riemann Zeta-function.

The Smarandache multiplicative function  $g(n)$  can also be defined as follows

$$g(1) = 0, (m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow g(mn) = \min\{g(m), g(n)\}. \tag{1.3}$$

If  $n = p_1^{t_1} p_2^{t_2} \cdots p_r^{t_r}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , then

$$g(n) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{f(p_i^{t_i})\}, \tag{1.4}$$

specifically let  $g(p^t) = \min\{t, p\}$ , then  $g(n)$  is a new Smarandache multiplicative function.

**Z. Ren [13].** For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} g(n) = x + \frac{12x^{1/2}}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(p+1)(p^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1)} \right) + \frac{18x^{1/3}}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(p+1)(p^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1)} \right) + O(x^{\frac{1}{4}+X}),$$

where  $X$  is any fixed positive number.

**L. Li [8].** 1. For any positive integer  $n$ , if  $n = p_1^{t_1} p_2^{t_2} \cdots p_r^{t_r}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , let  $\lambda = \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{t_i\}, i = 1, \dots, r$  and

$$F(1) = 1, F(n) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq r} \left\{ \frac{1}{t_i + 1} \right\} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 1}, \tag{1.5}$$

then  $F(n)$  is a Smarandache multiplicative function. For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} F(n) = \frac{1}{\lambda + 1} x + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}}).$$

2. For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \left( F(n) - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{12}{\pi^2} \sqrt{x} + O(x^{\frac{1}{3}}).$$

**T. Zhang [23].** Let  $p$  be a prime and for any positive real number  $m$ ,  $U_m(n)$  is defined as follows

$$U(1) = 1, U_m(p^\alpha) = p^\alpha + m, \quad (1.6)$$

if  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ ,  $U_m(n)$  is defined as  $U_m(n) = U_m(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \cdots U_m(p_k^{\alpha_k})$ . For any real number  $x > 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} U_m(n) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{m}{p(p+1)} \right) + O(x^{\frac{3}{2} + \epsilon}).$$

**X. Wang [18].** Let  $I(n)$  be the multiplicative function such that for any prime  $p$  and any integer  $\alpha \geq 1$ , one has

$$I(p^\alpha) = \frac{p^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1},$$

then we have

$$\sum_{mn \leq x} I(m)I(n) = Cx^3 + O(x^{\frac{5}{2} + \epsilon}),$$

where  $C$  is an explicit constant.

**L. Wang [16].** Let  $N_0 \geq 1$  be a fixed integer and for the multiplicative function  $I(n)$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} I(n) = x^3 \log^{\frac{1}{2}} x \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_0} c_i \log^{-i} x + O(\log^{-N_0-1} x) \right),$$

where  $c_i (i \geq 1)$  are computable constants.

## §2. Some hybrid mean values involving the Smarandache multiplicative function

**Y. Yi [21].** For any prime  $p$  and positive integer  $\alpha$ , the Smarandache multiplicative function  $f(n)$  is defined as  $f(p^\alpha) = \frac{1}{p^\alpha}$ . Let  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , then from the definition of  $f(p^\alpha)$  we have

$$f(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{f(p_i^{\alpha_i})\} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \left\{ p_i^{-\frac{1}{\alpha_i}} \right\}.$$



For any real number  $x \geq 3$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (f(n) - P(n))^2 = \frac{2\zeta(\frac{3}{2})x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3 \ln x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^2 x}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(n)$  denotes the Riemann zeta-function and  $P(n)$  is the greatest prime divisor of  $n$ .

**W. Lu and L. Gao [9].** For any real number  $x \geq 3$  and any real number or complex number  $\alpha$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \delta_\alpha(n) (f(n) - P(n))^2 = \frac{\zeta(\alpha + 3)\zeta(2\alpha + 3)x^{2\alpha+3}}{(2\alpha + 3) \ln x} + \sum_{i=2}^r \frac{c_i \cdot x^{2\alpha+3}}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{2\alpha+3}}{\ln^{r+1} x}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(n)$  denotes the Riemann zeta-function and all  $c_i$  are computable constants.

**H. Shen [14].** For any positive integer  $n$ , if  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , the Smarandache multiplicative function  $V(n)$  is defined as follows

$$V(1) = 1, V(n) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{\alpha_i p_i\}. \tag{2.1}$$

For any real number  $x \geq 1$  and any fixed positive integer  $r$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (V(n) - p(n))^2 = x^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{c_i}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\ln^{r+1} x}\right),$$

where  $p(n)$  is the least prime divisor of  $n$  and all  $c_i$  are computable constants.

**H. Liu and W. Cui [3].** Let  $n \geq 1$  is a positive integer, we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} V(n)p(n) = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{x^3 a_i}{\ln^i x} + O\left(\frac{x^3}{\ln^{r+1} x}\right),$$

where all  $a_i (i = 1, \dots, r)$  are computable constants.

### §3. Mean values involving the Smarandache-type multiplicative function

The Smarandache-type multiplicative function  $C_m(n)$  is defined as the  $m$ -th root of the largest  $m$ -th power dividing  $n$ ,  $J_m(n)$  is denoted as  $m$ -th root of the smallest  $m$ -th power divisible by  $n$ .

**H. Liu and J. Gao [5].** 1. For any integer  $m \geq 3$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} C_m(n) = \frac{\zeta(m-1)}{\zeta(m)} x + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}\right).$$

2. For any integer  $m \geq 1$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} J_m(n) = \frac{x^2}{2\zeta(2)} \prod_p \left[ 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{p^{2m}} + \frac{1}{p^3} - \frac{1}{p^{2m+1}} - \frac{1}{p^{2m+2}}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{2m-1}}\right)} \right] + O(x^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon}).$$

**H. Liu and J. Gao [4].** 1. For any integer  $m \geq 3$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)C_m(n) = x + O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right),$$

where  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Mangoldt function.

2. For any integer  $m \geq 2$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) J_m(n) = x^2 + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\log x}\right),$$

The Smarandache-type multiplicative function  $K_m(n)$  is the largest  $m$ -th power-free number dividing  $n$ ,  $L_m(n)$  is denoted as:  $n$  divided by the largest  $m$ -th power-free number dividing  $n$ . That is, if  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  is the prime powers factorization of  $n$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} K_m(n) &= p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} \cdots p_k^{\beta_k}, \\ L_m(n) &= p_1^{\gamma_1} p_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots p_k^{\gamma_k}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_i = \min(\alpha_i, m-1)$ ,  $\gamma_i = \max(0, \alpha_i - m + 1)$

**C. Yang and C. Li [20].** 1. Let  $m \geq 2$  is a given integer, then for any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} K_m(n) = \frac{x^2}{2\zeta(m)} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{(p^m - 1)(p + 1)}\right) + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{2} + \epsilon}\right).$$

2. Let  $m \geq 2$  is a given integer, then for any real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{L_m(n)} = \frac{x}{\zeta(m)} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{(p^m - 1)(p + 1)}\right) + O\left(x^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann Zeta-function.

**J. Wang [15].** The asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{n \leq x} K_m(n) = \frac{x^2}{2\zeta(m)} \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{(p^m - 1)(p + 1)}\right) + O\left(x^{1 + \frac{1}{m}} e^{-c_0 \delta(x)}\right).$$

holds, where  $c_0$  is an absolute positive constant and  $\delta(x) = (\log x)^{3/5} (\log \log x)^{-1/5}$ .

For any fixed positive integer  $n$  with the normal factorization  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), the Smarandache-type multiplicative function  $F_m(n)$ ,  $G_m(n)$  are denoted as

$$F_m(p_i^{\alpha_i}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \alpha_i = mk, \\ p_i^m, & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

and

$$G_m(p_i^{\alpha_i}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \alpha_i = mk, \\ p_i, & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

**J. Li and D. Liu [7].** 1. For any integer  $m \geq 2$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} F_m(n) = \frac{6\zeta(m^2 + m)\zeta(m + 1)R(m + 1)x^{m+1}}{\pi^2} + O\left(x^{m + \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}\right),$$

where  $\epsilon$  be any fixed positive integer, and

$$R(m+1) = \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{m+1} + p^m} - \frac{1}{p^{m^2} + p^{m^2-1}} \right).$$

2. For any integer  $m \geq 2$  and real number  $x \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} G_m(n) = \zeta(2m)R(2)x^2 + O(x^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon}),$$

where

$$R(2) = \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2 + p} - \frac{1}{p^{2m-1} + p^{2m-2}} \right).$$

**M. Wang [17].** 1. For any integer  $m \geq 2$ ,  $A$  be a set without  $m$ -th power factor number, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in A}} F_m(n) = \frac{6\zeta(m+1)x^{m+1}}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{m-1} + p^m} - \frac{1}{p^{m^2} + p^{m^2-1}} \right) + O\left(x^{m+\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon}\right),$$

where  $\epsilon$  be any fixed positive number.

2. For any positive integer  $m \geq 2$ ,  $A$  be a set without  $m$ -th power factor number, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in A}} G_m(n) = x^2 \prod_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2 + p^m} - \frac{1}{p^{2m-1} + p^{2m-2}} \right) + O\left(x^{\frac{3}{2}-\epsilon}\right).$$

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# Fuzzy $e^*$ -open sets in $\hat{S}$ ostak's topological spaces

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**Abstract** We introduce  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed sets in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of  $\hat{S}$ ostak's. Also we introduce  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -interior,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closure and investigate some of their properties.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

$\hat{S}$ ostak [23] introduced the fuzzy topology as an extension of Chang's fuzzy topology [4]. It has been developed in many directions [11, 12, 21]. Weaker forms of fuzzy continuity between fuzzy topological spaces have been considered by many authors [2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 18, 19] using the concepts of fuzzy semi-open sets [2], fuzzy regular open sets [2], fuzzy preopen sets, fuzzy strongly semiopen sets [3], fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open sets [10], fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiopen sets [1], fuzzy  $\delta$ -preopen sets [1], fuzzy semi  $\delta$ -preopen sets [25] and fuzzy  $e$ -open sets [22]. Recently, Bin Shahna [3] introduced and investigated fuzzy strong semi-continuity and fuzzy precontinuity between fuzzy topological spaces, one of which was independent and the other strictly stronger than fuzzy semi-continuity [2]. Ganguly and Saha [9] introduced the notions of fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster points in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of Chang [4]. Kim and Park [14] introduced  $r$ - $\delta$ -cluster points and  $\delta$ -closure operators in fuzzy topological spaces in view of the definition of  $\hat{S}$ ostak. It is a good extension of the notions of Ganguly and Saha [9]. Park et al. [17] introduced the concept of fuzzy semi-preopen sets which is weaker than any of the concepts of fuzzy semi-open or fuzzy preopen sets. Using these concepts he defined and studied fuzzy semi-precontinuous mappings between fuzzy topological spaces in Chang's sense. Sobana et al. [24], defined  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closed sets in a fuzzy topological space in the sense of  $\hat{S}$ ostak. In 2008,

the initiations of  $e^*$ -open sets in topological spaces was introduced by Erdal Ekici [6].

In this paper, we define  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed sets in a fuzzy topological space in the sense of Šostak [23]. Using these concepts, we define and study fuzzy  $e^*$ -interior, fuzzy  $e^*$ -closure and some of their properties.

Throughout this paper, nonempty sets will be denoted by  $X, Y$  etc.,  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $I_0 = (0, 1]$ . For  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}(x) = \alpha$  for all  $x \in X$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t$  for  $t \in I_0$  is an element of  $I^X$

$$\text{such that } x_t(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \notin x. \end{cases}$$

The set of all fuzzy points in  $X$  is denoted by  $Pt(X)$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t \in \lambda$  iff  $t < \lambda(x)$ . A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is quasi-coincident with  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\lambda q \mu$ , if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\lambda(x) + \mu(x) > 1$ . If  $\lambda$  is not quasi-coincident with  $\mu$ , we denoted  $\lambda \bar{q} \mu$ . If  $A \subset X$ , we define the

$$\text{characteristic function } \chi_A \text{ on } X \text{ by } \chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

All other notations and definitions are standard, for all in the fuzzy set theory.

**Lemma 1.1.** [23] *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ . Then*

- (i)  $\lambda q \mu$  iff there exists  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $x_t q \mu$ .
- (ii)  $\lambda q \mu$ , then  $\lambda \wedge \mu \neq \underline{0}$ .
- (iii)  $\lambda \bar{q} \mu$  iff  $\lambda \leq \underline{1} - \mu$ .
- (iv)  $\lambda \leq \mu$  iff  $x_t \in \lambda$  implies  $x_t \in \mu$  iff  $x_t q \lambda$  implies  $x_t q \mu$  implies  $x_t \bar{q} \lambda$ .
- (v)  $x_t \bar{q} \bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} \mu_i$  iff there exists  $i_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $x_t \bar{q} \mu_{i_0}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [23] *A function  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  is called a fuzzy topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (1)  $\tau(\underline{0}) = \tau(\underline{1}) = 1$ ,
- (2)  $\tau(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \mu_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \tau(\mu_i)$ , for any  $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in \Gamma} \subset I^X$ ,
- (3)  $\tau(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) \geq \tau(\mu_1) \wedge \tau(\mu_2)$ , for any  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in I^X$ .

The pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy topological space (for short, *fts*).

**Remark 1.1.** [20] *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space. Then, for each  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\tau_r = \{\mu \in I^X : \tau(\mu) \geq r\}$  is a Chang's fuzzy topology on  $X$ .*

**Theorem 1.1.** [21] *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a *fts*. Then for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  we define an operator  $C_\tau : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  as follows:  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X : \lambda \leq \mu, \tau(\underline{1} - \mu) \geq r\}$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r, s \in I_0$ , the operator  $C_\tau$  satisfies the following conditions: (1)  $C_\tau(\underline{0}, r) = \underline{0}$ , (2)  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ , (3)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee C_\tau(\mu, r) = C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r)$ , (4)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(\lambda, s)$  if  $r \leq s$ , (5)  $C_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .*

**Theorem 1.2.** [21] *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a *fts*. Then for each  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda \in I^X$  we define an operator  $I_\tau : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  as follows:  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{\mu \in I^X : \lambda \geq \mu, \tau(\mu) \geq r\}$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r, s \in I_0$ , the operator  $I_\tau$  satisfies the following conditions: (1)  $I_\tau(\underline{1}, r) = \underline{1}$ , (2)*

$\lambda \geq I_\tau(\lambda, r)$ , (3)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \wedge I_\tau(\mu, r) = I_\tau(\lambda \wedge \mu, r)$ , (4)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq I_\tau(\lambda, s)$  if  $s \leq r$ , (5)  $I_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = I_\tau(\lambda, r)$ , (6)  $I_\tau(\underline{1} - \lambda, r) = \underline{1} - C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  and  $C_\tau(\underline{1} - \lambda, r) = \underline{1} - I_\tau(\lambda, r)$

**Definition 1.2.** [15] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $x_t \in P_t(X)$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -open  $Q_\tau$ -neighbourhood of  $x_t$  if  $x_t q \mu$  with  $\tau(\mu) \geq r$ .

(ii)  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -open  $R_\tau$ -neighbourhood of  $x_t$  if  $x_t q \mu$  with  $\mu = I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ .

We denote  $Q_\tau(x_t, r) = \{\mu \in I^X : x_t q \mu, \tau(\mu) \geq r\}$ ,  $R_\tau(x_t, r) = \{\mu \in I^X : x_t q \mu = I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)\}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [15] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $x_t \in P_t(X)$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $x_t$  is called  $r$ - $\tau$  cluster point of  $\lambda$  if for every  $\mu \in Q_\tau(x_t, r)$ , we have  $\mu q \lambda$ .

(ii)  $x_t$  is called  $r$ - $\delta$  cluster point of  $\lambda$  if for every  $\mu \in R_\tau(x_t, r)$ , we have  $\mu q \lambda$ .

(iii) An  $\delta$ -closure operator is a mapping  $D_\tau : I^X \times I \rightarrow I^X$  defined as follows:  $\delta$ - $C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  or  $D_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{x_t \in P_t(X) : x_t \text{ is } r\text{-}\delta\text{-cluster point of } \lambda\}$

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space. For  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy semiopen (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy semi-closed) [16] set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

(ii)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy preopen (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy preclosed) [13] set if  $\lambda \leq I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

(iii)  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed [13] iff  $\lambda = D_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(iv) The complement of  $r$ -fuzzy semiopen (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy preopen,  $r$ -fuzzy semi-preopen and  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed) is  $r$ -fuzzy semi-closed (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy preclosed,  $r$ -fuzzy semi-preclosed and  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -open).

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space.  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiopen (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiclosed) [24] set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(\delta$ - $I_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $I_\tau(\delta$ - $C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

(ii)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -preopen (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -preclosed) [24] set if  $\lambda \leq I_\tau(\delta$ - $C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $C_\tau(\delta$ - $I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

(iii)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closed) [24] set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(\delta$ - $I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta$ - $C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $C_\tau(\delta$ - $I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta$ - $C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

(iv)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed) set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$  (resp.  $I_\tau(C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

**Definition 1.6.** [24] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space.  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $eI_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-feo set}\}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -interior of  $\lambda$ .

(ii)  $eC_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-fe}^*o \text{ set}\}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closure of  $\lambda$ .



## §2. $r$ -fuzzy $e^*$ -open sets

We introduce the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space. For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed) set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$  (resp.  $I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \leq \lambda$ ).

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space.  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

(i)  $e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in I^X : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-fe}^*o \text{ set} \}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -interior of  $\lambda$ .

(ii)  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{ \mu \in I^X : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-fe}^*c \text{ set} \}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closure of  $\lambda$ .

Obviously,  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is the smallest  $r$ -fe $^*$ c set which contains  $\lambda$ , and  $e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is the largest  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set which is contained in  $\lambda$ . Also  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r)$  for any  $r$ -fe $^*$ c set  $\lambda$  and  $e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r)$  for any  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set  $\lambda$ .

Hence we have

$$I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \delta s I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \beta I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^* I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq (\lambda, r).$$

$$(\lambda, r) \leq e^* C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \beta C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \delta s C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r).$$

and

$$I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \delta p I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \beta I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^* I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq (\lambda, r).$$

$$(\lambda, r) \leq e^* C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \beta C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \delta p C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r).$$

**Lemma 2.1.** The following hold for a subset  $\lambda$  of a fts  $X$ .

(i)  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ c.

(ii)  $1 - e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = e^*I_\tau(1 - (\lambda, r))$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** The following holds for a subset  $\lambda$  of a fts  $X$ .

(i)  $(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o  $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \wedge C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(ii)  $(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ c  $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(iii)  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(iv)  $e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \wedge C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be  $r$ -fe $^*$ o. Then  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ . We obtain

$$(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \wedge C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r).$$

Conversely, let  $(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \wedge C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ . We have

$$(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \wedge C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r).$$

$$\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r).$$

Hence  $(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o.

(ii) Taking complements, proof is similar to (i).

(iii) Since  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*c$ , we have,

$$I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \leq I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r).$$

Hence,  $(\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ . On the other way, since

$$\begin{aligned} I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), r), r), r) \\ &= I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda \vee \delta I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), r), r), r) \\ &= I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee \delta I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), r), r) \\ &= I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), r), r) \\ &= I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \\ &\leq (\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r), \end{aligned}$$

then  $(\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*c$  containing  $\lambda$  and hence

$$e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq (\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r).$$

Thus, we obtain  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = (\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(iv) Similar to the proof of (iii). □

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\lambda$  be a subset of a fts  $X$ . Then the following hold*

(i)  $e^*C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(ii)  $\delta I_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = I_\tau(C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(iii)  $e^*I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = \delta C_\tau(e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r)$ .

(iv)  $e^*I_\tau(eC_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = \delta sI_\tau(\delta sC_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \wedge \delta pC_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(v)  $e^*C_\tau(eI_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = \delta sC_\tau(\delta sI_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee \delta pI_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(vi)  $eC_\tau(e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = \delta sI_\tau(\delta sC_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \wedge \delta pC_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(vii)  $eI_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = \delta sC_\tau(\delta sI_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee \delta pI_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

*Proof.* The Proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.15 in [7]. □

**Remark 2.1.** *From the above definitions it is clear that the following implications are true for  $r \in I_0$ .*

$r$ -fuzzy open

$r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$  semi open

$r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$  pre open

$r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open

$r$ -fuzzy  $\beta$  open

$r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open

where  $r$ -fo,  $r$ -f $\delta$ so,  $r$ -f $\delta$ sc,  $r$ -f $\delta$ po,  $r$ -f $\delta$ pc,  $r$ -feo,  $r$ -fec,  $r$ -f $\beta$ o,  $r$ -f $\beta$ c,  $r$ -fe $^*$ o,  $r$ -fe $^*$ c are abbreviated by  $r$ -fuzzy open,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiopen,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiclosed,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -preopen,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -preclosed,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closed,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\beta$ -open,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed respectively.

From the above definitions, it is clear that every  $r$ -f $\delta$ po is  $r$ -feo and every  $r$ -f $\delta$ so is  $r$ -feo. Also, it is clear that every  $r$ -feo set is  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set and  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set. Also, every  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set. The converses need not be true in general.

The converses of the above implications are not true as the following examples show:

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X = \{a, b\}$  defined as follows

$$\lambda_1(a) = 0.2, \lambda_1(b) = 0.1;$$

$$\lambda_2(a) = 0.3, \lambda_2(b) = 0.5;$$

$$\lambda_3(a) = 0.7, \lambda_3(b) = 0.7;$$

$$\lambda_4(a) = 0.2, \lambda_4(b) = 0.8.$$

Then  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  defined as

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\lambda_4$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -f $\beta$ o but  $\lambda_4$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  defined as follows

$$\lambda(a) = 0.4, \lambda(b) = 0.5, \lambda(c) = 0.5;$$

$$\mu(a) = 0.4, \mu(b) = 0.5, \mu(c) = 0.4.$$

Then  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  defined as

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set but  $\mu$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -f $\delta$ so set.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  defined as follows

$$\lambda(a) = 0.5, \lambda(b) = 0.3, \lambda(c) = 0.2;$$

$$\mu(a) = 0.5, \mu(b) = 0.4, \mu(c) = 0.4.$$

Then  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  defined as

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set but  $\mu$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -f $\delta$ po set.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $\lambda, \mu$  and  $\omega$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  defined as follows

$$\lambda(a) = 0.3, \lambda(b) = 0.5, \lambda(c) = 0.2;$$

$$\mu(a) = 0.4, \mu(b) = 0.5, \mu(c) = 0.5;$$

$$\omega(a) = 0.7, \omega(b) = 0.4, \omega(c) = 0.8.$$

Then  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  defined as

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \mu, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\omega$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fe\*o set but  $\omega$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -f $\beta$ o set.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be fuzzy subsets of  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  defined as follows

$$\lambda(a) = 0.4, \lambda(b) = 0.5, \lambda(c) = 0.2;$$

$$\mu(a) = 0.5, \mu(b) = 0.4, \mu(c) = 0.7.$$

Then  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  defined as

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fe\*o set but  $\mu$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fe o set. Also  $\mu$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open set.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts and  $r \in I_0$ .

- (i) Any union of  $r$ -fe\*o sets is an  $r$ -fe\*o set.
- (ii) Any intersection of  $r$ -fe\*c sets is an  $r$ -fe\*c set.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\{\lambda_\alpha : \alpha \in \Gamma\}$  be a family of  $r$ -fe\*o sets.

$$\text{For each } \alpha \in \Gamma, \lambda_\alpha \leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\lambda_\alpha, r), r), r).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \lambda_\alpha &\leq \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\lambda_\alpha, r), r), r) \\ &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\bigvee \lambda_\alpha, r), r), r). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Similar to the proof of (i). □

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ . then,

- (i) If  $\tau(\mu) \geq r$ , where  $\mu$  is a crisp subset and  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -fe\*o set, then  $\lambda \wedge \mu$  is an  $r$ -fe\*o set.
- (ii) If  $\tau(1 - \mu) \geq r$ , where  $\mu$  is a crisp subset and  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -fe\*c set, then  $\lambda \vee \mu$  is an  $r$ -fe\*c set.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be  $r$ -fe\*o and  $\mu \in I^X$  with  $\tau(\mu) \geq r$  which is a crisp subset. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \wedge \mu &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \wedge \mu \\ &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\lambda \wedge \mu, r), r), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda \wedge \mu$  is  $r$ -fe\*o.

(ii) Similar to the proof of (i). □

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts,  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .

- (i) If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe\*o with  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ po.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe\*c with  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ pc.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set and  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta - C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \\ &\leq I_\tau(\delta - C_\tau(\lambda, r), r).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -f $\delta$ po set of  $X$ .

(ii) is similar to (i). □

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts, For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .*

(i)  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o iff  $1 - \lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ c.

(ii) If  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set.

(iii)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is an  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set.

(iv)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is an  $r$ -fe $^*$ c set.

*Proof.* (i) and (ii) are trivial.

(iii) From the Definition of  $I_\tau$  of Theorem 1.2 and Definition 1.1(3), since  $\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r)) \geq r$ , by

(ii)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is an  $r$ -fe $^*$ o set.

(iv) Since  $1 - C_\tau(\lambda, r) = I_\tau(1 - \lambda, r)$ , from Theorem 1.2 (6), by (iii) we have  $\tau(1 - C_\tau(\lambda, r)) \geq r$ . Hence  $1 - C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o. By (i)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is an  $r$ -fe $^*$ c set. □

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Let  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .*

(i)  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ o iff  $\lambda = e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(ii)  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*$ c iff  $\lambda = e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Let  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ , the following statements hold:*

(i)  $e^*C_\tau(0, r) = 0$  and  $e^*I_\tau(1, r) = 1$ .

(ii)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \lambda \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(iii)  $\lambda \leq \mu \Rightarrow e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*I_\tau(\mu, r)$  and  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\mu, r)$ .

(iv)  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee e^*C_\tau(\mu, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r)$ .

(v)  $e^*C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  and  $e^*I_\tau(e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(vi)  $C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = e^*C_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

*Proof.* (i) It is trivial from the Definitions of  $e^*C_\tau$  and  $e^*I_\tau$ .

(ii) and (iii) can be easily proved from Theorem 2.6.

(iv) Since  $\lambda \leq \lambda \vee \mu$ , by the definition of  $e^*C_\tau$ , we have

$$e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r).$$

Similarly,  $e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r)$ . Hence,

$$e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee e^*C_\tau(\mu, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r).$$

(v) It is trivial from Theorem 2.7.

(vi) From Theorem 2.6 (iv), and Theorem 2.7 (ii),  $e^*C_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ . We only show that  $C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ . Since  $\lambda \leq e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ ,  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ . Suppose that  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) < C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ . There exist  $x \in X$  and  $\mu \in I^X$  with  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $\tau(1 - \mu) \geq r$  such that  $C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)(x) > \mu(x) \geq C_\tau(\lambda, r)(x)$ . On the other hand, since  $\mu = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ ,  $\lambda \leq \mu$  implies

$$e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq e^*C_\tau(\mu, r) = e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \mu.$$

Thus  $C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \mu$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $C_\tau(e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$  we have*

(i)  $e^*I_\tau(1 - \lambda, r) = 1 - (e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r))$ .

(ii)  $e^*C_\tau(1 - \lambda, r) = 1 - (e^*I_\tau(\lambda, r))$ .

*Proof.* (i) For all  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - (e^*C_\tau(\lambda, r)) &= 1 - \bigwedge\{\mu : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is } r\text{-fe}^*o\} \\ &= \bigvee\{1 - \mu : 1 - \mu \leq 1 - \lambda, 1 - \mu \text{ is } r\text{-fe}^*o\} \\ &= e^*I_\tau(1 - \lambda, r). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Similar to the proof of (i).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts,  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .*

(i) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set,  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$  and  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ c then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $o$ .*

(ii) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\beta$ c set,  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  and  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ o then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $c$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set and  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \\ &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \\ &= C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \\ &\leq C_\tau(\delta\text{-}I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee I_\tau(\lambda, r) \\ &= C_\tau(\delta\text{-}I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta\text{-}C_\tau(\lambda, r), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -fe $o$  set of  $X$ .

(ii) is similar to (i).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts,  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .*

(i) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*o$  with  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $o$  set.*

(ii) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $^*c$  with  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$ , then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe $c$  set.*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -fe $^*o$  set and  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta\text{-}C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \\ &= I_\tau(\delta\text{-}C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \\ &\leq C_\tau(\delta\text{-}I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta\text{-}C_\tau(\lambda, r), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -fe $o$  set of  $X$ .

(ii) is similar to (i).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts,  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .*

(i) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe\*o,  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$  and  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ c, then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set.*

(ii) *If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fe\*c  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  and  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\delta$ o, then  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -f $\beta$ c set.*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -fe\*o set and  $\tau(1 - \lambda) \geq r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\leq C_\tau(I_\tau(\delta-C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r). \\ &= C_\tau(I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r), r) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -f $\beta$ o set of  $X$ .

(ii) is similar to (i). □

## Conclusion

In this paper,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed sets are introduced in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of  $\hat{S}$ ostak's. We also introduce  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -interior and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -closure. Moreover, we investigated the relationships between  $r$ -fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets,  $r$ -fuzzy beta open sets,  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open sets,  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -semiopen sets and  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -preopen sets.

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# Somewhat fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -continuous functions

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce and study the concept of somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous functions, somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open functions and Somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open functions in fuzzy ideal topological spaces and obtain some of its basic properties and characterizations. Also we have introduce the concept of somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism, fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces and we have given characterizations of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces.

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## §1. Introduction

In 1945 R. Vaidyanathaswamy [25] introduced the concept of ideal topological spaces. Hayashi [13] defined the local function and studied some topological properties using local function in ideal topological spaces in 1964. Since then many mathematicians like Erdal Ekici et. al. [9], Hatir and Jafari [12], Naseef and Hatir [15] studied various topological concepts in ideal topological spaces. After the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [29] in 1965 and fuzzy topology by Chang [4] in 1968, several researches were conducted on the generalization of the notions of fuzzy sets and fuzzy topology. The hybridization of fuzzy topology and fuzzy ideal theory was initiated by Mahmoud [14] and Sarkar [17] independently in 1997. They ([14], [17]) introduced the concept of fuzzy ideal topological spaces as an extension of fuzzy topological spaces and ideal topological spaces. The concept of fuzzy topology may be relevant to quantum particle physics particularly in connection with string theory and E-infinite theory [5–8]. Hatir and Jafari [12], Naseef and Hatir [15] introduced the concept of fuzzy semi- $I$ -open sets and fuzzy pre- $I$ -open sets in fuzzy ideal topological spaces. Yuksel et. al. [28] introduced and studied fuzzy  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open sets and consequently Gupta and Rajneesh [11] introduced the concept of fuzzy  $\gamma$ - $I$ -open sets in fuzzy ideal topological spaces. In 2003, G. Thangaraj and

G. Balasubramanian [20] introduced the concept of somewhat fuzzy continuous functions and many others [1, 3, 10, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27] have turned their attention to the various concepts of fuzzy topology by considering somewhat fuzzy ideal topological spaces instead of somewhat fuzzy topological spaces. Recently, A. Vadivel and E. Elavarasan [23] introduced and studied the concept of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed sets in fuzzy ideal topological spaces which simultaneously generalizes the concepts of  $I_{rw}$ -closed sets due to A. Vadivel and Mohanrao Navuluri [24] and fuzzy  $rw$ -closed sets due to R. S. Wali [26]. In the present paper, to introduce and study the concept of somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous functions, somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open functions and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open functions in fuzzy ideal topological spaces. Also we have introduced the concept of somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism, fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces and we have given characterizations of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces in fuzzy ideal topological spaces.

## §2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  always means fuzzy topological space in the sense of Chang [4]. For a fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of  $X$ , the fuzzy interior of  $\lambda$  is denoted by  $Int(\lambda)$  and is defined as  $Int(\lambda) = \bigvee \{ \mu | \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy open subset of } X \}$  and the fuzzy closure of  $\lambda$  is denoted by  $Cl(\lambda)$  and is defined as  $Cl(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{ \mu | \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy closed subset of } X \}$ . A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be quasi-coincident with a fuzzy set  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\lambda q \mu$ , if there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $\lambda(x) + \mu(x) > 1$  [12]. A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $Q$ -neighborhood of a fuzzy point  $x_\beta$  if there exists a fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  of  $X$  such that  $x_\beta q \lambda \leq \mu$  [12].

A nonempty collection of fuzzy sets  $I$  of a set  $X$  is called a fuzzy ideal [11, 12] if and only if (i)  $\lambda \in I$  and  $\mu \leq \lambda$ , then  $\mu \in I$ , (ii) if  $\lambda \in I$  and  $\mu \in I$ , then  $\lambda \vee \mu \in I$ . The triple  $(X, \tau, I)$  means a fuzzy ideal topological space with a fuzzy ideal  $I$  and fuzzy topology  $\tau$ . The local function for a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of  $X$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $I$  denoted by  $\lambda^*(\tau, I)$  (briefly  $\lambda^*$ ) in a fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is the union of all fuzzy points  $x_\beta$  such that if  $\mu$  is a  $Q$ -neighborhood of  $x_\beta$  and  $\delta \in I$  then for at least one point  $y \in X$  for which  $\mu(y) + \lambda(y) - 1 > \delta(y)$  [16]. The  $*$ -closure operator of a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  denoted by  $Cl^*(\lambda)$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  defined as  $Cl^*(\lambda) = \lambda \vee \lambda^*$  [16].

**Definition 2.1.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy regular open [2] if  $\lambda = int(cl(\lambda))$ . The complement of a fuzzy regular open set is called fuzzy regular closed.

**Definition 2.2.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy regular semi-open [26] if there is a fuzzy regular open set  $\mu$  such that  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq cl(\mu)$ . The complement of a fuzzy regular semi-open set is called fuzzy regular semi-closed.

**Definition 2.3.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed [23] if  $\lambda^* \leq \mu$ , whenever  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $\mu$  is fuzzy regular semi-open. The complement of a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.

The family of all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed (resp. fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open) subsets of  $(X, \tau, I)$  is denoted by  $FI_{rw}\text{-}C(X)$  (resp.  $FI_{rw}\text{-}O(X)$ ).

The fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closure and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -interior of a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  are respectively, denoted by

$I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda)$  and  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda)$  and is defined as

$$I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = \wedge\{\mu \mid \lambda \leq \mu, \mu \in FI_{rw}\text{-C}(X)\} \text{ and}$$

$$I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = \vee\{\mu \mid \lambda \geq \mu, \mu \in FI_{rw}\text{-O}(X)\}.$$

A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is said to be fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed (resp. fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open) if and only if  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = \lambda$  (resp.  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = \lambda$ ). Clearly,  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda)$  and  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(1 - \lambda) = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [23] A fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}\text{-}T_{1/2}$  if every fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $X$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called fuzzy continuous [4] if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is fuzzy open in  $X$  for every fuzzy open set  $\mu \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called fuzzy open [4] if and only if for any fuzzy open subset  $\lambda$  of  $X$ ,  $f(\lambda) \in \sigma$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous [23] if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $X$  for every fuzzy open set  $\mu \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.8.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute [23] if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $X$  for every fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.9.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called somewhat fuzzy continuous [20] if for every fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ , there exists a fuzzy open set  $\mu \neq 0$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\mu \leq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . That is,  $\text{int}[f^{-1}(\lambda)] \neq 0$ .

**Definition 2.10.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called somewhat fuzzy open [20] if for every fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\lambda \neq 0$ , there exists a fuzzy open set  $\mu \neq 0$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $\mu \leq f(\lambda)$ . That is,  $\text{int}[f(\lambda)] \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** [2] Let  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  be the graph of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then, if  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy set of  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$ ,  $g^{-1}(\lambda \times \mu) = \lambda \wedge f^{-1}(\mu)$ .

### §3. Somewhat fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -continuous functions

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous if for every fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ , there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu \neq 0$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\mu \leq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ .

It is clear that every fuzzy continuous function is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and also every somewhat fuzzy continuous function is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous but the converses is not true as the following example shows.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$  and the fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are defined as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(p) = 0.7$ ,  $\mu(q) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(r) = 0.5$ . Let  $\tau = \{0, 1, \lambda\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \mu\}$  be the fuzzy topology on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Let  $I = \{0\}$  be the fuzzy ideal on  $X$  and  $\lambda^c$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $X$ . Then the mapping  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  defined by  $f(a) = p$ ,  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous but it not fuzzy continuous.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$  and the fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are defined as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(p) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu(q) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(r) = 0.5$ . Let  $\tau = \{0, 1, \lambda\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \mu\}$  be the fuzzy topology on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Let  $I = \{0\}$  be the

fuzzy ideal on  $X$  and  $\lambda^c$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $X$ . Then the mapping  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  defined by  $f(a) = p$ ,  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous but it not somewhat fuzzy continuous.

**Remark 3.1.** The implications contained in the following diagram are true and the reverse implications need not be true.

**Definition 3.2.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense if there exists no fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < 1$  or equivalently  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous surjection and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is somewhat fuzzy continuous, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be any non zero fuzzy open set of  $(Z, \eta)$  and  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Then  $g^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Since  $g$  is somewhat fuzzy continuous, there exists  $\mu \in \sigma$  such that  $0 \neq \mu \leq g^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $0 \neq f^{-1}(\mu) \leq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda))$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous, There exists an fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\delta$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $0 \neq \delta \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ . Therefore, we have  $0 \neq \delta \leq (g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$ . This shows that  $g \circ f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous function and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is fuzzy continuous function, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be any non zero fuzzy open set of  $(Z, \eta)$ , then  $g^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Since  $g$  is fuzzy continuous function,  $g^{-1}(\lambda)$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Suppose that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda)) \neq 0$ . Since by hypothesis,  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous function, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda))$ . But  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$ , which implies that  $\mu \leq (g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Therefore  $(g \circ f)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy closed set of  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 1$ , then there exists a proper fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  of  $X$  such that  $\mu \geq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ .
- (iii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set, then  $f(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy dense set in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and  $\lambda$  is any fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 1$ . Therefore, clearly  $1 - \lambda$  is a fuzzy open set and  $f^{-1}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . But by (i), there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq f^{-1}(1 - \lambda)$ . Therefore,  $1 - \mu \geq 1 - f^{-1}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - (1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Put  $1 - \mu = \delta$ . Clearly,  $\delta$  is a proper fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set such that  $\delta \geq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$  and suppose  $f(\lambda)$  is not fuzzy dense in  $Y$ . Then there exists a fuzzy closed set, say,  $\mu$  such that  $f(\lambda) < \mu < 1$ . Now,  $\mu < 1 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(\mu) \neq 1$ . Then by  $f(\lambda) < \mu < 1$ , there exists a proper fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\delta$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $\delta \geq f^{-1}(\mu)$ . But by (i),  $f^{-1}(\mu) > f^{-1}(f(\lambda)) \geq \lambda$ , that is,  $\delta > \lambda$ . This implies that there exists a proper fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\delta$  such that  $\delta > \lambda$ , which is a contradiction, since  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and suppose  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$  and hence  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Suppose  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 0$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 1 - 0 = 1$ . This means that  $1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$ . By (iii),  $f(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda))$  is a fuzzy dense in  $Y$ . That is,  $\text{Cl}(f(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda))) = 1$ , but  $f(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = f(f^{-1}(1 - \lambda)) \leq 1 - \lambda = 1$ , since  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Since  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy closed and  $f(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) \leq 1 - \lambda$ ,  $\text{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(\lambda))) \leq 1 - \lambda$ . That is,  $1 \leq 1 - \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda \leq 0$  and hence  $\lambda = 0$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Therefore, we must have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) \neq 0$ . This means that, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $0 \neq \mu \leq f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and consequently  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function, where  $X$  is product related to  $Y$ , and  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$ , the graph function of  $f$ . If  $g$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous, then  $f$  is so.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a non-zero fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . Then by Lemma 2.4 of [2], we have  $f^{-1}(\lambda) = 1 \wedge f^{-1}(\lambda) = g^{-1}(1 \times \lambda)$ . Since  $g$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and  $1 \times \lambda$  is a non-zero fuzzy open set in  $X \times Y$ , there exists a non-zero fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  of  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $\mu \leq g^{-1}(1 \times \lambda) = f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . This proves that  $f$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous function.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be any two fuzzy ideal topological spaces. If the function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous, onto and if  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$  for any non-zero fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , then  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 0$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be a non-zero fuzzy set in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$ . Then  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 1 - 0 = 1$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ ,  $f(1 - \lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  [by Theorem]. That is,  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}[f(1 - \lambda)] = 1$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}[1 - f(\lambda)] = 1$ . [since  $f$  is onto]. Therefore we have  $[1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda))] = 1$  which implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 0$ . Hence the proposition.  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.** *A fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called a fuzzy  $D_{I_{rw}}$ -space ( $D$ -space) if for every nonzero fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open (fuzzy open) set in  $X$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense (fuzzy dense) in  $X$ .*

**Proposition 3.3.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $D_{I_{rw}}$ -space, then  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $D$ -space.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a nonzero fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . We want to show that  $\lambda$  is fuzzy dense in  $Y$ . Suppose not, then there exists a fuzzy closed set  $\mu \in Y$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < 1$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\lambda) < f^{-1}(\mu) < f^{-1}(1) = 1$ . Since  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq 0$  and since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\delta \neq 0$  in  $X$  such that  $\delta < f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Hence  $\delta < f^{-1}(\lambda) < f^{-1}(\mu) < I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\mu)) < 1$ . That is,  $\delta < I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(\mu)) < 1$ . This contradicts the fact that  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $D_{I_{rw}}$ -space, hence  $Y$  is a fuzzy D-space.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be any fuzzy ideal topological space and  $(Y, \sigma)$  any fuzzy ideal topological space. If  $\lambda$  is an fuzzy open set in  $X$  and  $f : (\lambda, \tau/\lambda, I/\lambda) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous function such that  $f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $Y$ , then any extension  $F : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  of  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $F^{-1}(\mu) \neq 0$ . Since  $f(\lambda) < Y$  is dense in  $Y$  and  $\mu \wedge f(\lambda) \neq 0$ , it follows that  $F^{-1}(\mu) \wedge \lambda \neq 0$ . That is  $f^{-1}(\mu) \wedge \lambda \neq 0$ . Hence by hypothesis on  $f$ , there exists an fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\delta$  in  $\lambda$  such that  $\delta \neq 0$  and  $\delta < f^{-1}(\mu) < F^{-1}(\mu)$  which implies  $F$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, J)$  be any two fuzzy ideal topological spaces,  $X = \lambda \vee \mu$  where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open subsets of  $X$  and  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  be a function such that  $f/\lambda$  and  $f/\mu$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous. Then  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be any fuzzy open set in  $(Y, \sigma, J)$  such that  $f^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$ . Then  $(f/\lambda)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$  or  $(f/\mu)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$  or both  $(f/\lambda)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$  and  $(f/\mu)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$ .

Case (1) Suppose  $(f/\lambda)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$ . Since  $f/\lambda$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous, there exists an fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\gamma \leq \lambda$  such that  $\gamma \neq 0$  and  $\gamma \leq (f/\lambda)^{-1}(\delta) \leq f^{-1}(\delta)$ . Since  $\gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $X$ ,  $\gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.

Case (2) the proof is similar with Case (1).

Case (3) Suppose  $(f/\lambda)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$  and  $(f/\mu)^{-1}(\delta) \neq 0$ . This follows from both the Cases (1) and (2). Thus  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

## §4. Fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -Weakly Equivalent Topologies

**Definition 4.1.** *Let  $X$  be a set and  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be topologies for  $X$ . Then  $\tau$  is said to be fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -weakly equivalent to  $\sigma$  provided that if a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then there is an fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \sigma)$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq \lambda$  and a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \sigma)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then there is an fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq \lambda$ .*

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, I)$  be a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous surjective function and let  $\sigma_2$  be a fuzzy topology for  $Y$ . If  $\sigma_2$  is weakly equivalent to  $\sigma_1$ , then the function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_2)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma_2$  is weakly equivalent to  $\sigma_1$ , the identity function  $i : (Y, \sigma_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_2)$  is somewhat continuous. Therefore, by Theorem ,  $f = f \circ i : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_2)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a somewhat fuzzy continuous function and let  $\tau_2$  be a fuzzy topology for  $X$ . If  $\tau_2$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -weakly equivalent to  $\tau_1$ , then the function  $f : (X, \tau_2, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Since  $\tau_2$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -weakly equivalent to  $\tau_1$ , the identity function  $i : (X, \tau_2, I) \rightarrow (X, \tau_1, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous. Therefore, by Theorem ,  $f = f \circ i : (X, \tau_2, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.  $\square$

## §5. Somewhat fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -open function

**Definition 5.1.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is called somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open if and only if for any fuzzy open set  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  implies that there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq f(\lambda)$ .*

It is clear that every fuzzy open function is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and also every somewhat fuzzy open function is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open but the converses is not true as it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 5.1.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$  and the fuzzy sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are defined as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(p) = 0.7$ ,  $\mu(q) = 0.8$ ,  $\mu(r) = 0.9$ . Let  $\tau = \{0, 1, \lambda\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \mu\}$  be the fuzzy topology on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Let  $I = \{0\}$  be the fuzzy ideal on  $X$ ,  $\lambda^c$  and  $\mu^c$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then the mapping  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  defined by  $f(a) = p$ ,  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open but not fuzzy open.*

**Example 5.2.** *In Example . Then the mapping  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open but not somewhat fuzzy open.*

**Remark 5.1.** *The implications contained in the above diagram are true and the reverse implications need not be true.*

**Proposition 5.1.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is fuzzy open function and  $g : (Y, \sigma, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open functions, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.*

*Proof.* Clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be any two fuzzy ideal topological spaces. If the function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and if  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$  for any non-zero fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ , then  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 0$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be a nonzero fuzzy set in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$ . Then  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 1 - 0 = 1$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1$ . Since the function  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ ,  $f^{-1}(1 - \lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . That is,  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(1 - \lambda)) = 1$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}[1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)] = 1$ . Therefore  $[1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda))] = 1$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 0$ . Hence the proposition.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *For a surjective function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy closed set in  $X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq 1$ , then there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $\mu \neq 1$  and  $\mu > f(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy closed set in  $X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq 1$ . Then  $1 - \lambda$  is a fuzzy open set such that  $f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\gamma$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $\gamma \neq 0$  and  $\gamma \leq f(1 - \lambda)$ . Now  $1 - \gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $Y$  such that  $1 - \gamma \neq 1$  and  $\gamma < f(1 - \lambda)$ . Put  $1 - \gamma = \mu$ . Then  $\mu > 1 - f(1 - \lambda) = f(\lambda)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open of  $X$  such that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy closed and  $1 - \lambda \neq 1$ ,  $f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda) \neq 1$ . Hence by hypothesis, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $\mu \neq 1$  and  $\mu > f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda)$ , that is,  $f(\lambda) > 1 - \mu$  and let  $1 - \mu = \delta$ . Clearly,  $\delta$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set of  $Y$  such that  $\delta < f(\lambda)$  and  $\delta \neq 0$ . Hence  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** *For a surjective function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set of  $(Y, \tau, I)$ . We must to show that  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Suppose not, then there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(\mu) < \mu < 1$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and  $1 - \mu$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\gamma$  in  $Y$  such that  $\gamma < f(1 - \mu)$  and  $\gamma < 1 - f(\mu)$ . From  $f^{-1}(\lambda) < \mu < 1$ , we have  $\lambda < f(\mu) < 1$ . Then  $\gamma < 1 - f(\mu) < 1 - \lambda$ . That is,  $\lambda < 1 - \gamma < 1$ . Since  $1 - \gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $Y$ , this implies that  $\lambda$  is not a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense, which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  must be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , where  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $Y$ . We want to show that  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$  is fuzzy open and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . We have to show that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) \neq 0$ . Suppose not, then  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 0$  whenever  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - f(\lambda)) = 1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 1 - 0 = 1$ . That is,  $1 - f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $Y$ . Therefore by assumption  $f^{-1}(1 - f(\lambda))$



is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $X$ . Therefore,  $1 = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(1 - f(\lambda))) = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - \lambda$ . This shows that  $\lambda = 0$ , which is a contradiction and so  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

## §6. Somewhat fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open function

**Definition 6.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is called somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open if and only if for any fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  implies that there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\mu$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $\mu \neq 0$  and  $\mu \leq f(\lambda)$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I)$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open functions, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open.

*Proof.* Clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.1.** For a surjective function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq 1$ , then there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $\mu \neq 1$  and  $\mu > f(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq 1$ . Then  $1 - \lambda$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set such that  $f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\gamma$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $\gamma \neq 0$  and  $\gamma \leq f(1 - \lambda)$ . Now  $1 - \gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $Y$  such that  $1 - \gamma \neq 1$  and  $\gamma < f(1 - \lambda)$ . Put  $1 - \gamma = \mu$ . Then  $\gamma > 1 - f(1 - \lambda) = f(\lambda)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open of  $X$  such that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed and  $1 - \lambda \neq 1$ ,  $f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda) \neq 1$ . Hence by hypothesis, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $\mu \neq 1$  and  $\mu > f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda)$ , that is,  $f(\lambda) > 1 - \mu$  and let  $1 - \mu = \delta$ . Clearly,  $\delta$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set of  $Y$  such that  $\delta < f(\lambda)$  and  $\delta \neq 0$ . Hence  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** For a surjective function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute open.
- (ii) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense and fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set of  $(Y, \tau, I)$ . We must to show that  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Suppose not, then there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(\mu) < \mu < 1$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and  $1 - \mu$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open, there exists a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set  $\gamma$  in  $Y$  such that  $\gamma < f(1 - \mu)$  and  $\gamma < 1 - f(\mu)$ . From  $f^{-1}(\lambda) < \mu < 1$ , we have  $\lambda < f(\mu) < 1$ . Then  $\gamma < 1 - f(\mu) < 1 - \lambda$ . That is,  $\lambda < 1 - \gamma < 1$ . Since  $1 - \gamma$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set in  $Y$ , this implies that  $\lambda$  is not a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense, which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  must be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $X$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , where  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $Y$ . We want to show that  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$  and a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . We have to show that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) \neq 0$ . Suppose not, then  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 0$  whenever  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - f(\lambda)) = 1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 1 - 0 = 1$ . That is,  $1 - f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $Y$ . Therefore by assumption  $f^{-1}(1 - f(\lambda))$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $X$ . Therefore,  $1 = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(1 - f(\lambda))) = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1 - \lambda$ . This shows that  $\lambda = 0$ , which is a contradiction and so  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

## §7. Somewhat fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism

**Definition 7.1.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is called somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous.

**Definition 7.2.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is called somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}^*$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 7.1.** Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  be a bijective mapping. Then the following are equivalent

(i)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism.

(ii)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map.

(iii)  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed map.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let  $f$  be somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism. Then  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous. To prove that  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map, let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open set in  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous,  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $Y$ . Therefore  $f(\lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Let  $f$  be somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous map. To prove that  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous. Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open set in  $X$ . Then  $f(\lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $Y$  since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map. Now  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Therefore  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous. Hence  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) Let  $f$  be somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map. To prove that  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed map. Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy closed set in  $X$ . Then  $1 - \mu$  is fuzzy open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map,  $f(1 - \mu)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Now  $f(1 - \mu) = 1 - f(\mu)$ . Therefore  $f(\mu)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let  $f$  be somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed map. To prove that  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open map. Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open set in  $X$ . Then  $1 - \lambda$  is a fuzzy closed set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed map,  $f(1 - \lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed in  $Y$ . Now  $f(1 - \lambda) = 1 - f(\lambda)$ . Therefore  $f(\lambda)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.2.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  be a bijective function. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -\*homeomorphism.*
- (ii)  *$f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -\*open.*
- (iii)  *$f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolute and somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -\*closed.*

*Proof.* Similar by above Theorem . □

**Theorem 7.3.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism and  $g : (Y, \sigma, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism and  $Y$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ - $T_{1/2}$  space, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -homeomorphism.*

*Proof.* Clear. □

**Theorem 7.4.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ ,  $g : (Y, \sigma, I) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I)$  are somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -\*homeomorphism then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -\*homeomorphism.*

*Proof.* Clear. □

## §8. Fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -resolvable and fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces

**Definition 8.1.** *A fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable if there exists a non-zero fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1$ . Otherwise  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.*

**Theorem 8.1.** *A fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space if and only if  $(X, \tau, I)$  has a pair of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space. Suppose that for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$ , we have  $\lambda_i \not\leq 1 - \lambda_j$ . Then we have  $\lambda_i > 1 - \lambda_j$  for some  $i$  and  $j$ . Then, we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_i) > I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_j)$  which implies that  $1 > I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_j)$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_j) \neq 1$ . Also  $\lambda_j > 1 - \lambda_i$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_j) > I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i)$  which implies that  $1 > I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i)$ . Then  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i) \neq 1$ . Hence  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_i) = 1$ , but  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i) \neq 1$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_i$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , which is a contradiction to  $(X, \tau, I)$  being a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space. Therefore  $(X, \tau, I)$  has a pair of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2$ .

Conversely, suppose that the fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  has a pair of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2$ . We want to show that  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable. Suppose that  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space. Then for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_i$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i) \neq 1$ . In particular  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_2) \neq 1$  implies that there exist a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -closed set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $(1 - \lambda_2) < \mu < 1$ . Then  $\lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2 < \mu < 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 < \mu < 1$ , which is a contradiction to  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_1) = 1$ . Hence our assumption that  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space, is wrong. Hence  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space. □

**Proposition 8.1.** *A fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space if  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{i=n} \lambda_i = 1$  where  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_i) = 0$ .*

*Proof.*  $\bigvee_{i=1}^{i=n} \lambda_i = 1$  where  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_i) = 0$ , implies that  $1 - \bigvee_{i=1}^{i=n} \lambda_i = 0$ . Then we have  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{i=n} (1 - \lambda_i) = 0$ . Then there must be at least two non-zero disjoint fuzzy sets  $1 - \lambda_i, 1 - \lambda_j$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Hence  $(1 - \lambda_i) + (1 - \lambda_j) \leq 1$ . Therefore  $(1 - \lambda_i) \leq \lambda_j$  which implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i) \leq I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_j)$ . But  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_i) = 0$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_i) = 1$ . Hence  $1 \leq I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_j)$  which implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_j) = 1$ . Also  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_j) = 0$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_j) = 1$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau, I)$  has a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set  $\lambda_j$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_j) = 1$ . Hence  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable space.  $\square$

**Proposition 8.2.** *If  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable if and only if  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable, for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) \neq 1$ . Then  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 1$  implies that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$ .

Conversely let  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$  for each fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Suppose that  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable. Then there exists a non-zero fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda) = 1$ . Then we have  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 1$  and therefore  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.  $\square$

## §9. Functions and fuzzy $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable spaces

**Definition 9.1.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is said to be weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open if for each  $I_{rw}$ -dense fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  with  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$ , we have that  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is also a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $(X, \tau, I)$ .*

The above definition leads to a characterization of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space as follows:

**Theorem 9.1.** *The following statements are equivalent for a fuzzy ideal topological space  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ .*

- (1)  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable
- (2) For every fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , every weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  be a weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open function from a fuzzy ideal topological spaces  $(X, \tau, I)$  to a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space,  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  has a pair of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \not\leq 1 - \lambda_2$ . Now  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$  and  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_2) \neq 0$ . For, if  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_1) = 0$  then,  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_1) = 0$ . Now  $\lambda_1 > 1 - \lambda_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 > 1 - \lambda_1$ . Therefore  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_2) > I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_1)$ . In other words  $1 - I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_2) < 1 - I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_1) = 0$ . Then  $1 < I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_2)$  implies  $1 < 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$ . Similarly we can have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda_2) \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open,  $f^{-1}(\lambda_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(\lambda_2)$  are fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Therefore by Theorem ,  $f$  is somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that fuzzy ideal topological space  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -resolvable. This means that there exists a pair of fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that  $\lambda_1 \leq 1 - \lambda_2$ . Let  $X = Y$  and  $\tau = \{0, 1, \lambda_1\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  to be the identity function. Then  $f$  is not somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open, since  $f^{-1}(\lambda_2)$  is not a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $(Y, \tau, I)$ . For,  $f^{-1}(\lambda_2) = \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_2 \leq 1 - \lambda_1 \neq 1$ . Then  $\lambda_2 \leq 1 - \lambda_1 \Rightarrow I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_2) \leq I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(1 - \lambda_1)$ . Since  $1 - \lambda_1$  is fuzzy closed and hence  $I_{rw}$ -closed in  $(Y, \tau, I)$ ,  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda_2) \neq 1$ . That is,  $\lambda_2$  is not a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set. We shall now show that  $f$  is weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\lambda) = \lambda$ . We have to show that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}[f^{-1}(\lambda)] = I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = 1$  in  $(Y, \tau, I)$ . Now  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_1$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense implies that  $\lambda \not\leq 1 - \lambda_1$ . Therefore  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = 1$ . That is,  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(Y, \tau, I)$ . This proves that  $f$  is weakly somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open. Hence (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 9.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be any two fuzzy ideal topological spaces. Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  be a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -open function. If  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space, then  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be an arbitrary fuzzy set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = 1$ . We claim that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Assume the contrary. That is,  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$ . Then by Proposition , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 0$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Now  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ , then by Theorem , we have  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Therefore for the fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense that  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$ , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\lambda)) \neq 0$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , which is a contradiction. [since  $(X, \tau, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable, by Proposition ,  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\mu) \neq 0$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  ]. Hence we must have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ . Hence by Proposition ,  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.  $\square$

**Theorem 9.3.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be any two fuzzy ideal topological spaces and  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  be a somewhat fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -continuous and onto function. If  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space, then  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be an arbitrary fuzzy set in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $I_{rw}\text{-Cl}(\lambda) = 1$ . We claim that  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Assume the contrary. That is,  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) = 0$ . Then by Proposition , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) = 0$ . Now  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , then by Theorem , we have  $f(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ . Therefore for the fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense set  $f(\lambda)$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ , we have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(f(\lambda)) \neq 0$ , which is a contradiction. [since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable,  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\mu) \neq 0$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\mu$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I)$ ]. Therefore we must have  $I_{rw}\text{-Int}(\lambda) \neq 0$  for all fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -dense sets  $\lambda$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Hence by Proposition , the fuzzy ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a fuzzy  $I_{rw}$ -irresolvable space.  $\square$

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# The mean value of $\tau_3^{(e)}(n)$ with a negative $r$ -th power

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**Abstract** Many scholars are interested in researching the divisor problem, and they have obtained a large number of good results. However, there are many problems have not been solved. In this paper we shall study the mean value of the exponential divisor function involving a negative  $r$ -th power by the convolution method.

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## §1. Introduction

Let  $n > 1$  be an integer. The integer  $d = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{b_i}$  is called an exponential divisor of  $n = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{a_i}$ , if  $b_i | a_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ , notation:  $d|_e n$ . By convention  $1|_e 1$ .

Let  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$  denote the number of exponential divisors of  $n$ . The function  $\tau^{(e)}$  is called the exponential divisor function. Similarly to the generalization of  $d_k(n)$  from  $d(n)$ , we define the function  $\tau_k^{(e)}(n)$ :

$$\tau_k^{(e)}(n) = \prod_{p_i^{a_i} || n} d_k(a_i), k \geq 2, \quad (1)$$

Obviously when  $k = 2$ , that is  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$ .  $\tau_3^{(e)}(n)$  is obviously a multiplicative function.

Throughout this paper,  $\epsilon$  always denotes a fixed but sufficiently small positive constant.

J.Wu [1] got the following result:

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau^{(e)}(n) = A(x) + Bx^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(x^{\frac{2}{9}} \log x), \quad (2)$$

where

$$A = \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{d(a) - d(a-1)}{p^a}\right),$$

$$B = \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{a=5}^{\infty} \frac{d(a) - d(a-1) - d(a-2) + d(a-3)}{p^{\frac{a}{2}}}\right).$$

M.V.Subbarao [3] also proved for some positive integer  $r$ :

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau^{(e)}(n))^r \sim A_r x, \quad (3)$$



where

$$A_r = \prod_p \left( 1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{(d(a))^r - (d(a-1))^r}{p^a} \right).$$

László Tóth [4] improved the result (3) and established a more precise asymptotic formula for the  $r$ -th power of the function  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$ :

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau^{(e)}(n))^r = A_r x + x^{\frac{1}{2}} P_{2r-2}(\log x) + O(x^{u_r+\epsilon}). \quad (4)$$

Jing Huang and Ping Song [7] also proved that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^r = A_r x + x^{\frac{1}{2}} R_{3r-2}(\log x) + O(x_r^b + \epsilon), \quad (5)$$

where  $b_r = \frac{1}{3-\alpha_{3r-1}}$  (see [7], Lemma 2.2),  $R_{3r-2}(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $3^r - 2$  and

$$A_r = \prod_p \left( 1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{(d_3(a))^r - (d_3(a-1))^r}{p^a} \right).$$

In this paper, we shall study the mean value of the exponential divisor function involving a negative  $r$ -th power of the function  $\tau_3^{(e)}(n)$  by the convolution method, where  $r > 1$  is an integer.

**Theorem 1.1.** *For every integer  $r > 1$  and  $N \geq 1$ , then we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^{-r} = C_r x + x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-2} \left( \sum_{j=0}^N d_j(r) \log^{-j} x + O(\log^{-N-1} x) \right), \quad (6)$$

where  $d_0(r), d_1(r), \dots, d_N(r)$  are computable constants, and

$$C_r := \prod_p \left( 1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{(d_3(a))^{-r} - (d_3(a-1))^{(-r)}}{p^a} \right).$$

## §2. Preliminaries

In order to prove our theorem, we define for an arbitrary complex number  $z$  the general divisor function  $d_z(n)$  by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_z(n) n^{-s} = \zeta^z(s) = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-z}, \operatorname{Res} > 1, \quad (7)$$

where a branch of  $\zeta^z(s)$  is defined by

$$\zeta^z(s) = \exp\{z \log \zeta(s)\} = \exp\left(-z \sum_p \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-1} p^{-js}\right), \operatorname{Res} > 1. \quad (8)$$

The definition shows that  $d_z(n)$  is multiplicative function of  $n$  which generalizes  $d_k(n)$ . The divisor function  $d_k(n)$  ( $k \geq 2$  a fixed integer) may be defined by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_k(n)n^{-s} = \zeta^k(s) = \prod_p (1 - p^{-s})^{-k}, \text{Res} > 1. \quad (9)$$

The proof of the Theorem 1.1 is based on the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose  $s$  is a complex number for with  $\text{Res} > 1$ ,  $r \geq 1$  is a fixed integer, then*

$$F(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^{-r}}{n^s} = \zeta(s)\zeta^{3^{-r}-1}(2s)G(s, r), \quad (10)$$

where the Dirichlet series  $G(s, r) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{n^s}$  is absolutely convergent for  $\text{Res} > \frac{1}{4}$ .

*Proof.* By the Euler product formula, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(p))^{-r}}{p^s} + \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(p^2))^{-r}}{p^{2s}} + \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(p^3))^{-r}}{p^{3s}} + \dots\right) \\ &= \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{(d_3^{(e)}(1))^{-r}}{p^s} + \frac{(d_3^{(e)}(2))^{-r}}{p^{2s}} + \frac{(d_3^{(e)}(3))^{-r}}{p^{3s}} + \frac{(d_3^{(e)}(4))^{-r}}{p^{4s}} + \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(p^5))^{-r}}{p^{5s}} + \dots\right) \\ &= \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^s} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{2s}} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{3s}} + \frac{6^{-r}}{p^{4s}} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{5s}} + \dots\right) \\ &= \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^s} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{2s}} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{3s}} + \frac{6^{-r}}{p^{4s}} + \frac{3^{-r}}{p^{5s}} + \dots\right) \\ &= \zeta(s) \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{3^{-r} - 1}{p^{2s}} + \frac{6^{-r} - 3^{-r}}{p^{4s}} + \frac{3^{-r} - 6^{-r}}{p^{5s}} + \dots\right) \\ &= \zeta(s)\zeta^{3^{-r}-1}(2s)G(s, r), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where the infinite series

$$G(s, r) = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^{2s}}\right)^{3^{-r}-1} \left(1 + \frac{3^{-r} - 1}{p^{2s}} + \frac{6^{-r} - 3^{-r}}{p^{4s}} + \frac{3^{-r} - 6^{-r}}{p^{5s}} + \dots\right).$$

Write  $G(s, r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{n^s}$ . It is absolutely convergent for  $\text{Res} > \frac{1}{4}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A > 0$  be arbitrary but fixed real number, and let  $N_1 \geq 1$  be an arbitrary but fixed integer. If  $|z| \leq A$ , then uniformly in  $z$*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} d_z(n) &= C_1(z)x \log^{z-1} x + C_2(z)x \log^{z-2} x + \dots \\ &\quad + C_{N_1}(z)x \log^{z-N_1} x + O(x \log^{\text{Re}z-N_1-1} x), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $C_j(z) = \frac{B_j(z)}{\Gamma(z-j-1)}$ , ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, N_1$ ) and each  $B_j(z)$  is regular for  $|z| \leq A$ .

*Proof.* See Ivić [2], Theorem 14.9.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A > 0$  be arbitrary but fixed real number, and let  $M \geq 1$  be an arbitrary but fixed integer. If  $|z| \leq A$ , then uniformly in  $z$*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{mn^2 \leq x} d_z(n) = & \zeta^z(2)x + x^{\frac{1}{2}}(K_1(z) \log^{z-1} x + K_2(z) \log^{z-2} x + \dots \\ & + K_M(z) \log^{z-M} x) + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{\operatorname{Re} z - M - 1} x), \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where the functions  $K_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$ ) are regular in  $|z| \leq A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $1 \leq y \leq x$  is a parameter to be determined later. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{mn^2 \leq x} d_z(n) &= \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n) \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{n^2}} 1 + \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sum_{n^2 \leq \frac{x}{m}} d_z(n) - \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n) \\ &= \sum_1 + \sum_2 - \sum_3, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n) \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{n^2}} 1 \\ \sum_2 &= \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sum_{n^2 \leq \frac{x}{m}} d_z(n) \\ \sum_3 &= \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\sum_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= \sum_{n \leq y} d_x(n) \left[ \frac{x}{n^2} \right] \\ &= x \sum_{n \leq y} \frac{d_z(n)}{n^2} + O\left( \sum_{n \leq y} |d_z(n)| \right). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

We see that  $|d_z(n)| \leq d_k(n)$ , if  $k = [A] + 1$  and  $|z| \leq A$ . If we use the weak asymptotic formula (see, Ivić[2])

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d_k(n) = x P_{k-1}(\log x) + O(x^{\frac{k}{k+1}}), \quad (16)$$

the error term in  $\sum_1$  is bounded by  $O(y \log^{k-1} y)$ .

So by lemma 2.2 and the partial summation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_z(n)}{n^2} - x \sum_{n > y} \frac{d_z(n)}{n^2} + O(y \log^{k-1} y) \\ &= \zeta^z(2)x + \frac{x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \log^{z-j} y + \frac{2x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (z-j) C_j(z) \log^{z-j-1} y \\ &\quad + \frac{2x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (z-j)(z-j-1) C_j(z) \log^{z-j-2} y + \dots \\ &\quad + O\left( \frac{x}{y} \log^{\operatorname{Re} z - N_1 - 1} y \right) + O(y \log^{k-1} y). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Using Lemma 2.2, it is seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_3 &= \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n) \\
&= \sum_{n \leq y} d_z(n) \left( \frac{x}{y^2} + O(1) \right) \\
&= \frac{x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \log^{z-j} y + O\left( \frac{x}{y} \log^{Rez-N_1-1} y \right) + O(y \log^{k-1} y).
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

By similar computation, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_2 &= \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \sqrt{\frac{x}{m}} \log^{z-j} \left( \frac{x}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + O\left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{m}} \log^{Rez-L-1} \left( \frac{x}{m} \right) \right) \right] \\
&= \sqrt{x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \log^{z-j} \left( \frac{x}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + O\left( \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} \sqrt{\frac{x}{m}} \log^{Rez-N_1-1} \left( \frac{x}{m} \right) \right) \\
&= \sqrt{x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{z-j} \log^{z-j} x \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\log m}{\log x} \right)^{z-j} \\
&\quad + O\left( \sqrt{x} \log^{Rez-N_1-1} x \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\
&= \sum_{2,1} + O\left( \frac{x}{y} \log^{Rez-N_1-1} x \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where we define

$$\sum_{2,1} = \sqrt{x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{z-j} \log^{z-j} x \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\log m}{\log x} \right)^{z-j}.$$

Using Taylor formula and foregoing method, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{2,1} &= \sqrt{x} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} C_j(z) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{z-j} \log^{z-j} x \sum_{m \leq \frac{x}{y^2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - (z-j) \frac{\log m}{\log x} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(z-j)(z-j-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{\log m}{\log x} \right)^2 + \dots \right) \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} K_j(z) \log^{z-j} x - \frac{2x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (z-j) C_j(z) \log^{z-j-1} y \\
&\quad - \frac{2x}{y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (z-j)(z-j-1) C_j(z) \log^{z-j-2} y + \dots \\
&\quad + O(y \log^{Rez-1} y) + O\left( \frac{x}{y} \log^{Rez-N_1-1} y \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where  $K_1(z), K_2(z), \dots, K_M(z)$  are regular functions.

So by choosing  $y = \sqrt{x} \log^C(x)$ ,  $C = Rez - M - k$  and  $N_1 = 2M + k - Rez$  completes the proof of the Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

### §3. Prove of Theorem 1.1.

Now we go on with the proof of our main Theorem.

*Proof.* Combining Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^{-r} &= \sum_{n_1 n_2^2 n_3 \leq x} d_z(n_2) g(n_3) \\
&= \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) \sum_{n_1 n_2^2 \leq x/n_3} d_z(n_2) \\
&= \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) \left[ \zeta^z(2) \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right) + \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^M K_j(z) \log^{z-j} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + O\left(\left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{Re z - M - 1} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)\right) \right] \\
&= x \zeta^z(2) \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-1} + x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^M K_j \log^{z-j} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right) \\
&\quad + O\left(\sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{Re z - M - 1} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)\right) \\
&= S_1(x) + S_2(x) + O(S_3(x)),
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1(x) &= x \zeta^z(2) \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-1}, \\
S_2(x) &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^M K_j \log^{z-j} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right), \\
S_3(x) &= \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{Re z - M - 1} \left(\frac{x}{n_3}\right),
\end{aligned}$$

and we choose  $z = 3^{-r} - 1$ .

Then we just need to calculate the three sums separately.

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1(x) &= x \zeta^{3^{-r}-1}(2) \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-1} \\
&= x \zeta^z(2) \sum_{n_3=1}^{\infty} g(n_3) n_3^{-1} - x \zeta^z(2) \sum_{n_3 > x} g(n_3) n_3^{-1} \\
&= C_r(x) + O(x^{\frac{1}{4}+\epsilon})
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Analogously to  $\sum_{2,1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S_2(x) &= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^M K_j \log^{3^{-r}-1-j} \left( \frac{x}{n_3} \right) \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^M K_j \log^{3^{-r}-1-j} x \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\log n_3}{\log x} \right)^{3^{-r}-1-j} \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-2} x \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} E_j(r) \log^{-j} x + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-M-2} x) \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-2} x \sum_{j=0}^N d_j(r) \log^{-j} x + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-N-3} x),
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where  $E_1(r), E_2(r), \dots, E_N(r)$  are computable constants depending on  $r$ , and we set  $N = M - 1$ .

Similarly, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
S_3(x) &= \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) \left( \frac{x}{n_3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{\text{Re}z-M-1} \left( \frac{x}{n_3} \right) \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{\text{Re}z-M-1} x \sum_{n_3 \leq x} g(n_3) n_3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{\log n_3}{\log x} \right)^{\text{Re}z-M-1} \\
&\ll x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-M-2} x \\
&= x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{3^{-r}-N-3} x.
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Hence, the Theorem 1.1 is proved by (21)-(23).  $\square$

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# The mean value of $\tau^{(e)}(n)$ over cube-full numbers

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**Abstract** Let  $n > 1$  be an integer, the function  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$  denote the exponential divisor function. In this paper, we will study the mean value of  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$  over cube-full numbers, that is

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \text{ is cube-full}}} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2 = \sum_{n \leq x} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2 f_3(n).$$

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

An integer  $n = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{a_i}$  is called  $k$ -full number if all the exponents  $a_1 \geq k, a_2 \geq k, \dots, a_s \geq k$ . when  $k = 3$ ,  $n$  is called cube-full integer, i.e.

$$f_3(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is cube-full,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Many scholars are interested in researching the divisor problem and have obtained a large number of good results. But there are many problems hasn't been solved. For example, F.Smarandache gave some unsolved problems in his book *Only problems, Not solutions!* [6], and one problem is that, a number  $n$  is called simple number if the product of its proper divisors is less than or equal to  $n$ . Generally speaking,  $n = p$ , or  $n = p^2$ , or  $n = p^3$ , or  $pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. The properties of this simple number sequence has't been studied yet. And other problems are introduced in this book, such as proper divisor products sequence and the largest exponent (of power  $p$ ) which divides  $n$ , where  $p \geq 2$  is an integer.

In the definition of exponential divisor: suppose  $n > 1$  is an integer, and  $n = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{a_i}$ . If  $d = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{b_i}$  satisfies  $b_i | a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , then  $d$  is called an exponential divisor of  $n$ , notation  $d |_e n$ . By convention  $1 |_e 1$ .

J.Wu [4] improved the above result got the following result:

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \tau^{(e)}(n) = A(x) + Bx^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(x^{\frac{2}{9}} \log x),$$



where

$$A = \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{d(a) - d(a-1)}{p^a}\right),$$

$$B = \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{a=5}^{\infty} \frac{d(a) - d(a-1) - d(a-2) + d(a-3)}{p^{\frac{a}{2}}}\right).$$

M.V.Subbarao [2] also proved for some positive integer  $r$ ,

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau^{(e)}(n))^r \sim A_r x,$$

where

$$A_r = \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_{a=2}^{\infty} \frac{(d(a))^r - (d(a-1))^r}{p^a}\right)$$

L.Toth [3] proved

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\tau^{(e)}(n))^r = A_r(x) + x^{\frac{1}{2}} P_{2r-2}(\log x) + O(x^{u_r+\varepsilon})$$

where  $P_{2r-2}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree  $2r - 2$  in  $t$ ,  $u_r = \frac{2^{r+1}-1}{2^{r+1}+1}$ .

Similarly to the generalization of  $d_k(n)$  from  $d(n)$ , we define the function  $\tau_k^{(e)}(n)$ :

$$\tau_k^{(e)}(n) = \prod_{p_i^{a_i} || n} d_k(a_i), k \geq 2,$$

Obviously when  $k = 2$ , that is  $\tau^{(e)}(n)$ .  $\tau_3^{(e)}(n)$  is obviously a multiplicative function. In this paper we investigate the case  $k = 3$ , i.e. the properties of the functions  $\tau_3^{(e)}(n)$ .

In this paper, we will study the asymptotic formula for the mean value of the function  $(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2$  over cube-full numbers.

**Theorem 1.1.** *We have the asymptotic formula*

$$\sum_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \text{ is cube-full}}} (\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2 = x^{\frac{1}{3}} Q_{8,1}(\log x) + x^{\frac{1}{4}} Q_{35,2}(\log x) + O(x^{\sigma_0+\varepsilon})$$

where  $Q_{8,1}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 8 in  $t$ ,  $Q_{35,2}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 35 in  $t$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \frac{3530376}{14646528} = 0.241038422 \dots$ .

**Notation** Through out this paper,  $\varepsilon$  always denotes a fixed but sufficiently small positive constant.

## §2. Some lemmas

In the section, we give some lemmas which will be used in the proof of our theorem. Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3, and Lemma 2.4 can be found in [5], [7], and [1].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let*

$$\tau_3^{(e)}(n) = \prod_{p_i^{a_i} \parallel n} d_3(a_i),$$

then we have

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \text{ is cube-full}}}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2}{n^s} = \zeta^9(3s)\zeta^{36}(4s)G(s),$$

where the infinite series  $G(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{n^s}$  is absolutely convergent for  $\Re s > \frac{1}{5}$ .

*Proof.* By Euler's product formula, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \text{ is cube-full}}}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2}{n^s} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2 f_3(n)}{n^s} \\ &= \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{d_3^2(1)f_3(p)}{p^s} + \frac{d_3^2(2)f_3(p^2)}{p^{2s}} + \frac{d_3^2(3)f_3(p^3)}{p^{3s}} + \frac{d_3^2(4)f_3(p^4)}{p^{4s}} + \frac{d_3^2(5)f_3(p^5)}{p^{5s}} + \dots \right) \\ &= \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{d_3^2(3)}{p^{3s}} + \frac{d_3^2(4)}{p^{4s}} + \frac{d_3^2(5)}{p^{5s}} + \dots \right) \\ &= \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{3^2}{p^{3s}} + \frac{6^2}{p^{4s}} + \frac{3^2}{p^{5s}} + \dots \right) \\ &= \zeta^9(3s) \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{36}{p^{4s}} + \frac{9}{p^{5s}} + \dots \right) \\ &= \zeta^9(3s)\zeta^{36}(4s) \prod_p \left( 1 + \frac{9}{p^{5s}} + \dots \right) \\ &= \zeta^9(3s)\zeta^{36}(4s)G(s) \end{aligned}$$

where the infinite series  $G(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{n^s}$  is absolutely convergent for  $\Re s > \frac{1}{5}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose  $f(m)$ ,  $g(n)$  are arithmetical functions such that*

$$\sum_{m \leq x} f(m) = \sum_{j=1}^J x_j^{\alpha_j} P_j(\log x) + O(x^\alpha), \quad \sum_{n \leq x} |g(n)| = O(x^\beta),$$

where  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_J > \alpha > \beta > 0$ ,  $P_j(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$ , if  $h(n) = \sum_{n=md} f(m)g(d)$ , then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} h(n) = \sum_{j=1}^J x^{\alpha_j} Q_j(\log x) + O(x^\alpha),$$

where  $Q_j(t)$   $j = 1, \dots, J$  is a polynomial in  $t$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 1$ ,  $t \geq t_0 \geq 2$ , we have

$$\zeta(\sigma + it) \ll t^{\frac{1-\sigma}{3}} \log t.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma < 1$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{4}{3-4\sigma}, & \frac{1}{2} < \sigma \leq \frac{5}{8}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{10}{5-6\sigma}, & \frac{5}{8} < \sigma \leq \frac{35}{54}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{19}{6-6\sigma}, & \frac{35}{54} < \sigma \leq \frac{41}{60}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{2112}{859-948\sigma}, & \frac{41}{60} < \sigma \leq \frac{3}{4}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{12408}{4537-4890\sigma}, & \frac{3}{4} < \sigma \leq \frac{5}{6}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{4324}{1031-1044\sigma}, & \frac{5}{6} < \sigma \leq \frac{7}{8}, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{98}{31-32\sigma}, & \frac{7}{8} < \sigma \leq 0.91591, \\ m(\sigma) &\geq \frac{24\sigma-9}{(4\sigma-1)(1-\sigma)}, & 0.91591 < \sigma \leq 1-\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.5.**

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(\underbrace{3, \dots, 3}_9, \underbrace{4, \dots, 4}_{36}; n) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} P_{8,1}(\log x) + x^{\frac{1}{4}} P_{35,2}(\log x) + O(x^{\sigma_0 + \varepsilon})$$

where  $P_{8,1}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 8 in  $t$ ,  $P_{35,2}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 35 in  $t$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \frac{3530376}{14646528} = 0.241038422\dots$ .

*Proof.* By the Perron's formula, we have

$$S(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \delta(n) d(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{b-iT}^{b+iT} \zeta^9(3s) \zeta^{36}(4s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds + O\left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{3} + \varepsilon}}{T}\right)$$

where  $b = \frac{1}{3} + \varepsilon$ ,  $T = x^c$ ,  $c$  is a very large number of fixed numbers,  $\frac{1}{5} < \sigma_0 < \frac{1}{4}$ . According to the Residue theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x) &= x^{\frac{1}{3}} P_{8,1}(\log x) + x^{\frac{1}{4}} P_{35,2}(\log x) + I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + O(1), \\ I_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{b-iT}^{\sigma_0-iT} \zeta^9(3s) \zeta^{36}(4s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds, \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma_0-it}^{\sigma_0+it} \zeta^9(3s) \zeta^{36}(4s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds, \\ I_3 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma_0+iT}^{b+iT} \zeta^9(3s) \zeta^{36}(4s) \frac{x^s}{s} ds. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I_1, I_3$ , since  $\sigma_0 > \frac{14}{57} + \delta$ , ( $s = \sigma + iT$ ), and from Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 + I_3 &\leq \int_{\sigma_0}^{\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^9 |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36} x^\sigma T^{-1} d\sigma \\
&\ll T^{-1} \left( \int_{\sigma_0}^{\frac{1}{4}} + \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{3}} + \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} \right) |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^9 |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36} x^\sigma d\sigma \\
&\ll T^{-1+\varepsilon} \int_{\sigma_0}^{\frac{1}{4}} T^{\frac{9(1-3\sigma)}{3} + \frac{36(1-4\sigma)}{3}} x^\sigma d\sigma + T^{-1+\varepsilon} \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{3}} T^{\frac{9(1-3\sigma)}{3}} x^\sigma d\sigma \\
&\quad + T^{-1+\varepsilon} \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} x^\sigma d\sigma \\
&\ll x^{\frac{1}{5}} T^{-\delta+\varepsilon} + x^{\frac{1}{4}} T^{-\frac{1}{4}+\varepsilon} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} T^{-1+\varepsilon} + x^{\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} T^{-1+\varepsilon} \\
&\ll x^{\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} T^{-\delta+\varepsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is very small normal number,  $\delta > \varepsilon$ .

$$I_2 \ll x^{\sigma_0} \left( 1 + \int_1^T |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^9 |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36} t^{-1} dt \right).$$

According to the partial integral formula, we have

$$I_4 = \int_1^T |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^9 |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36} dt \ll T^{1+\varepsilon}.$$

If  $p_i \geq 0$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are real numbers, and  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ , by Hölder inequality, we have

$$I_4 \leq \left( \int_1^T |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^{9p_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left( \int_1^T |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36p_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}}.$$

So we have to prove

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_1^T |\zeta(3\sigma + i3T)|^{9p_1} dt &\ll T^{1+\varepsilon}, \\
\int_1^T |\zeta(4\sigma + i4T)|^{36p_2} dt &\ll T^{1+\varepsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $m(3\sigma_0) = 9p_1$ ,  $m(4\sigma_0) = 36p_2$ , since  $\frac{9}{m(3\sigma_0)} + \frac{36}{m(4\sigma_0)} = 1$ , and from Lemma 2.4, we have  $\sigma_0 = \frac{3530376}{14646528} = 0.241038422 \dots$ .  $\square$

### §3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

*Proof.* Let

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta^9(3s)\zeta^{36}(4s)G(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^s}, \quad \Re s > 1, \\
\zeta^9(3s)\zeta^{36}(4s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d(3, \dots, 3, 4 \dots, 4; n)}{n^s},
\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$f(n) = \sum_{n=md} d(\underbrace{3, \dots, 3}_9, \underbrace{4, \dots, 4}_{36}; m)g(d) \quad (1)$$

From Lemma 2.1, we have  $G(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{n^s}$  is absolutely convergent for  $\Re s > \frac{1}{5}$ , and then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} |g(n)| \ll x^{\frac{1}{5} + \varepsilon}. \quad (2)$$

From Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\sum_{m \leq x} d(\underbrace{3, \dots, 3}_9, \underbrace{4, \dots, 4}_{36}; m) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} P_{8,1}(\log x) + x^{\frac{1}{4}} P_{35,2}(\log x) + O(x^{\sigma_0 + \varepsilon}), \quad (3)$$

where  $P_{8,1}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 8 in  $t$ ,  $P_{35,2}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 35 in  $t$ , Combining (1), (2) and (3), and applying lemma 2.2, we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} Q_{8,1}(\log x) + x^{\frac{1}{4}} Q_{35,2}(\log x) + O(x^{\sigma_0 + \varepsilon})$$

where  $Q_{8,1}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 8 in  $t$ ,  $Q_{35,2}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree 35 in  $t$ , From lemma 2.1, we have

$$(\tau_3^{(e)}(n))^2 f_3(n) = \sum_{n=md} d(\underbrace{3, \dots, 3}_9, \underbrace{4, \dots, 4}_{36}; m)g(d) = f(n)$$

Then we complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.  $\square$

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# On the second order involute of a spacelike curve with timelike binormal in $IL^3$ .

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**Abstract** We have already defined and worked on the second order involute curve of a unit speed curve in  $IL^3$ . In this paper, we consider the second order involute of a spacelike curve with timelike binormal in  $IL^3$ . There are three kinds of casual caharacteristics of the second order involute curve. All Frenet apparatus of their are examined in terms of Frenet apparatus of the curve  $\alpha$ .

**Keywords** Lorentz metric, involute curve, second order involute curve

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

Basic properties of involute-evolute curves are very famous studies in differential geometry. In [5], [6] and [7] the second order involute curves, the second order Mannheim partner curve and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order Bertrand mate curves in Euclidean 3-space are examined, respectively. In Lorentz space there are two kind of non-null curve, which are timelike and spacelike. The involutes of the spacelike Curve with a timelike binormal spacelike binormal are examined in [1] and [2], respectively. In this study we will work on the second order involute curves in of a spacelike curve with timelike binormal in Lorentz 3-space.

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = -x_1y_2 + x_2y_2 + x_3y_3 \quad (1)$$

is known Lorentz metric with index one, and  $\{IR^3, \langle, \rangle\}$  is 3-dimensional Lorentz space with notation  $IL^3$ . For  $X \in IL^3$  the casual characteristics of any vector  $X$ , are if  $\langle X, X \rangle > 0$ ,  $X$  is spacelike vector, if  $\langle X, X \rangle < 0$ ,  $X$  is timelike vector, if  $\langle X, X \rangle = 0$ ,  $X$  is lightlike or null vector.  $\|X\| = \sqrt{|\langle X, X \rangle|}$  is norm of  $X$ , [9]. Vectorel product of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$X \wedge Y = (x_3y_2 - x_2y_3, x_1y_3 - x_3y_1, x_1y_2 - x_2y_1). \quad (2)$$

Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^3$  be the  $C^2$ - class differentiable unit speed curve denote by  $\{T, N, B\}$  the moving Frenet frame. For an arbitrary curve  $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}^3$ , with first and second curvature,  $\kappa$  and

$\tau$  respectively. Differential curve with Frenet frame, if tangent vector  $T$  is timelike (spacelike) vector is called timelike (spacelike) curve.

- **Frenet formulae of a timelike curve are**

$$T' = \kappa N, \quad N' = \kappa T - \tau B, \quad B' = \tau N \quad (3)$$

and

$$T \wedge N = -B, \quad N \wedge B = T, \quad B \wedge T = -N.$$

Darboux vector is

$$W = \tau T - \kappa B, \quad \|W\| = \kappa^2 - \tau^2$$

see in [9]. For any unit speed curve  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^3$ , the vector  $W$  is called Darboux vector defined by [3]  $W = \tau T + \kappa B$ . If we consider the normalization of the unit Darboux vector  $C = \frac{W}{\|W\|}$ , we can write. Let the angle between Darboux vector and binormal vector of first timelike curve be  $\varphi$  and since  $B$  is spacelike,

If  $|\kappa| > |\tau|$  then,  $W$  is spacelike vector and

$$\kappa = \|W\| \cosh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \sinh \varphi$$

If  $|\kappa| < |\tau|$  then,  $W$  is timelike vector and

$$\kappa = \|W\| \sinh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \cosh \varphi$$

- **Frenet formulae of spacelike curve with timelike binormal are**

$$T' = \kappa N, \quad N' = -\kappa T + \tau B, \quad B' = \tau N \quad (4)$$

and

$$T \wedge N = B, \quad N \wedge B = -T, \quad B \wedge T = N.$$

Darboux vector is  $W = \tau T - \kappa B$ , see in [9]. Since  $B$  is timelike;

if  $|\kappa| < |\tau|$  then  $W$  is spacelike vector

$$\kappa = \|W\| \sinh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \cosh \varphi, \quad \|W\|^2 = \tau^2 - \kappa^2.$$

If  $|\kappa| > |\tau|$  then  $W$  is timelike vector

$$\kappa = \|W\| \cosh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \sinh \varphi, \quad \|W\|^2 = \kappa^2 - \tau^2$$

see in [9].

- **Frenet formulae of a spacelike curve with timelike normal vector**

$$T' = \kappa N, \quad N' = \kappa T + \tau B, \quad B' = \tau N \quad (5)$$

and

$$T \wedge N = -B, \quad N \wedge B = -T, \quad B \wedge T = N.$$

Darboux vector is  $W = -\tau T + \kappa B$ . Since  $B$  is spacelike,

If  $|\kappa| < |\tau|$  then is  $W$  timelike vector and

$$\kappa = \|W\| \sinh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \cosh \varphi$$

If  $|\kappa| > |\tau|$  then  $W$  is spacelike vector then is timelike vector

$$\kappa = \|W\| \cosh \varphi, \quad \tau = \|W\| \sinh \varphi.$$

The involute of a given curve is a well-known concept in Euclidean 3 – space. We can say that evolute and involute is a method of deriving a new curve based on a given curve. The involute of the curve is called sometimes *the evolvent*. Involvents play a part in the construction of gears. The evolute is the locus of the centers of tangent circles of the given planar curve [8]. Here, we will work on the second order involute of *spacelike* evolute curve with timelike binormal. Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow IL^3$  be a *spacelike* evolute curve with timelike binormal. If tangent vector of the curve  $\alpha_1 : I \rightarrow IL^3$  is perpendicular to tangent vector of the curve  $\alpha : I \rightarrow IL^3$ , then  $\alpha_1 : I \rightarrow IL^3$  is the involute curve of spacelike curve  $\alpha$ , and we have the equation,

$$\alpha_1(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda(s)T(s), \quad \lambda(s) = c - s, \quad [4] \quad (6)$$

where  $c = \text{constant}$ . Also  $\langle T, T_1 \rangle = 0$  and  $T_1 = N$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** Frenet-Serret apparatus  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  of involute curve  $\alpha_1$  of a *spacelike* evolute curve  $\alpha$ , with timelike binormal, are given based on the Frenet-Serret apparatus  $\{T, N, B, \kappa, \tau\}$  of evolute curve are

$$T_1 = N, \quad N_1 = \frac{-\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B, \quad B_1 = \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B. \quad (7)$$

The curvatures of curve  $\alpha$  and the involute  $\alpha_1$ , respectively are

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|}, \quad \tau_1 = \frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa|\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}, \quad \epsilon_0 = \begin{cases} +1 & N_1 \text{ is space like} \\ -1 & N_1 \text{ is time like} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

see in [1].

**Theorem 1.2.** Frenet-Serret apparatus  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  of involute curve  $\alpha_1$  of a spacelike evolute curve  $\alpha$ , with spacelike binormal, are given based on the Frenet-Serret apparatus  $\{T, N, B, \kappa, \tau\}$  of evolute curve are

$$T_1 = N, \quad N_1 = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}T - \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}B, \quad B_1 = \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}T - \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}B. \quad (9)$$

The curvatures of curve  $\alpha$  and the involute,  $\alpha_1$ , respectively, are

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}{|(k-s)\kappa|}, \quad \tau_1 = \frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(k-s)\kappa|\sqrt{\kappa^2 + \tau^2}}. \quad (10)$$



## §2. Second order involute of a spacelike curve with timelike binormal

Let  $\alpha_2(s)$  be the involute of the curve  $\alpha_1(s)$ .  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  and  $\{T_2, N_2, B_2, \kappa_2, \tau_2\}$  are collectively Frenet-Serret apparatus of the curve  $\alpha_1$  and the involute  $\alpha_2$ , respectively.  $\alpha_1$  has the parametrization with arclength  $s_1$  as the involute curve of  $\alpha(s)$ .  $\alpha_2(s) = \alpha_1(s) + \lambda_1 T_1(s)$  is the parametrization of second order involute curve. Hence, we can write

$$\alpha_2(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda(s)T(s) + \lambda_1(s)N(s) \tag{11}$$

where it is given in terms of Frenet apparatus of evolute  $\alpha$ , also  $\lambda_2$  is constant.

$$\langle T_1, T_2 \rangle = 0 \text{ and } T_2 = N_1$$

see in [5].

**Theorem 2.1.** Involute and second involute curve of a *spacelike* evolute curve with *timelike* normal  $N$  or *timelike* binormal  $B$ , has the casual characteristics as in the following forms. Let  $\{T, N, B, \kappa, \tau\}$ ,  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  and  $\{T_2, N_2, B_2, \kappa_2, \tau_2\}$  are collectively Frenet apparatus of the evolute curve  $\alpha$ , the involute  $\alpha_1$  and the second order involute  $\alpha_2$ , respectively.

<i>evolute</i>	<i>involute</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> involute</i>	
	<i>sst</i>	$\langle$	<i>sst</i>
		$\rightarrow$	<i>sts</i>
<i>sst</i>	<i>sts</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>tss</i>

(12)

*Proof.* For a *spacelike* evolute curve with *timelike* binormal and *spacelike* principal normal, hence

<i>T spacelike</i>	<i>N spacelike</i>	<i>B timelike</i>
<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>t</i>

(13)

Since  $\langle T, T_1 \rangle = 0$  and  $T_1 = N$  (*spacelike*),  $T_2$  must be *spacelike*. Hence the involute of a spacelike curve with *timelike* binormal is always spacelike curve. So normal  $N_1$  or binormal  $B_1$  must be *timelike*, as in the following way,

<i>Tangent T<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>Normal N<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>Binormal B<sub>1</sub></i>
<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>t</i>
<i>s</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>s</i>

(14)

and *spacelike* involute with *timelike* binormal  $B_1$ , there are the following forms;

<i>evolute</i>	<i>involute</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> involute</i>	
	<i>sst</i>	$\langle$	<i>sst</i>
		$\rightarrow$	<i>sts</i>

(15)

For a *spacelike* evolute curve with *timelike* normal  $N$ , binormal  $B$  is *spacelike*.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \text{spacelike} & N \text{ timelike} & B \text{ spacelike} \\ & s & t & s \end{array} \quad (16)$$

Since  $\langle T, T_1 \rangle = 0$  and  $T_1 = N$  (*timelike*). It is trivial that  $T_1$  must be *timelike*. The involute of a spacelike curve with *timelike* normal is always *timelike* curve.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_1 & \text{timelike} & N_1 \text{ spacelike} & B_1 \text{ spacelike} \\ & t & s & s \end{array} \quad (17)$$

Hence a *spacelike* evolute curve with *timelike* normal  $N$ , has the casual characteristics as in the following form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{evolute} & & \text{involute} \\ sts \rightarrow & & tss \end{array}$$

as a result, we have the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Frenet apparatus of *second order involute*  $\alpha_2$  of a curve  $\alpha$  can be given in terms of Frenet apparatus of  $\alpha$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= \frac{-\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} T + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} B \\ N_2 &= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|}}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} N + \frac{\frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|} (-\tau T + \kappa B)}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}, \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ spacelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ timelike} \end{cases} \\ B_2 &= \frac{\frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} N + \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|} (-\tau T + \kappa B)}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}, \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ timelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ spacelike} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{evolute} & \text{involute} & 2^{\text{nd}} \text{involute} \\ sst & sst & < \begin{array}{l} sst \\ sts \end{array} \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Since for  $T_1$  spacelike,  $N_1$  spacelike,  $B_1$  timelike and  $T_2$  spacelike,  $N_2$  timelike,  $B_2$  spacelike we have already

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= N_1 \\
N_2 &= \frac{-\kappa_1}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} T_1 + \frac{\tau_1}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} B_1 \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa_1| > |\tau_1|, \text{ then } N_2 \text{ spacelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa_1| < |\tau_1|, \text{ then } N_2 \text{ timelike} \end{cases} \\
B_2 &= \frac{-\tau_1}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} T_1 + \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} B_1, \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa_1| > |\tau_1|, \text{ then } B_2 \text{ timelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa_1| < |\tau_1|, \text{ then } B_2 \text{ spacelike} \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= \frac{-\kappa T + \tau B}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} \\
N_2 &= \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|}}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} N + \frac{\frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|} (-\tau T + \kappa B)}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|} \sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ spacelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ timelike} \end{cases} \\
B_2 &= \frac{-\frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}} N + \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|} (-\tau T + \kappa B)}{\sqrt{|\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|} \sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}, \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ timelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ spacelike} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2 &= \left( \frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{(\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau)^2}{|(c-s)\kappa|^2 |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|^2} - \frac{|\kappa^2 - \tau^2|}{|(c-s)\kappa|^2} \\
&= \frac{(\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau)^2 - |\kappa^2 - \tau^2|^3}{|(c-s)\kappa|^2 |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The curvatures of curves , respectively, are

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{\epsilon_1 \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 - \tau_1^2}}{|(c_1 - s)\kappa_1|}, \quad \tau_2 = \frac{\kappa_1 \tau_1' - \kappa_1' \tau_1}{|(c_1 - s)\kappa_1| |\tau_1^2 - \kappa_1^2|}, \quad \epsilon_1 = \begin{cases} +1, & N_2 \text{ is space like} \\ -1, & N_2 \text{ is time like} \end{cases} \tag{19}$$

□

**Theorem 2.3.** Frenet-Serret apparatus  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  of involute curve  $\alpha_1$ , are given based on the Frenet apparatus  $\{T, N, B, \kappa, \tau\}$  of evolute curve  $\alpha$ ;

$$\begin{cases} T_2 = \frac{-\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B \\ N_2 = \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}}N - \frac{\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B \\ B_2 = \frac{-\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}}N - \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B, \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{evolute} & \text{involute} & 2^{\text{nd}}\text{involute} \\ sst & sts & \rightarrow tss. \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Frenet apparatus  $\{T_1, N_1, B_1, \kappa_1, \tau_1\}$  of involute curve  $\alpha_1$ , are given then [8] based on the Frenet apparatus  $\{T, N, B, \kappa, \tau\}$  of evolute curve  $\alpha$ ; for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{evolute} & \text{involute} & \\ sst & sts & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} T_1 = N, \\ N_1 = \frac{-\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B, & \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ spacelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } N_1 \text{ timelike} \end{cases} \\ B_1 = \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}}B, & \begin{cases} \text{if } |\kappa| > |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ timelike} \\ \text{if } |\kappa| < |\tau|, \text{ then } B_1 \text{ spacelike.} \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

The curvatures of curve  $\alpha$  and the involute  $\alpha_1$ , respectively are

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|}, \quad \tau_1 = \frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa||\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}, \quad \epsilon_0 = \begin{cases} +1, & N_1 \text{ is space like} \\ -1, & N_1 \text{ is time like} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2 &= \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \tau^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau}{|(c-s)\kappa||\tau^2 - \kappa^2|} \right)^2, \\ \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2} &= \frac{\sqrt{|\kappa^2 - \tau^2|^3 + (\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau)^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa||\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}. \end{aligned}$$

For

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{involute} & 2^{\text{nd}} \text{involute} & \\ sts & tss. & \end{array}$$

Since

$$T_2 = N_1, N_2 = \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} T_1 - \frac{\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} B_1, B_2 = \frac{-\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} T_1 - \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} B_1,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= \frac{-\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} T + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} B, \\ N_2 &= \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} N - \frac{\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} B, \\ B_2 &= \frac{-\tau_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} N - \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}} \frac{-\tau}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} T + \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{|\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}} B. \end{aligned}$$

The curvatures of the second order curve  $\alpha_2$  based on the involute  $\alpha_1$ , respectively are

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{\sqrt{|\kappa^2 - \tau^2|^3 + (\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau)^2}}{|(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2| (m-s)\kappa_1}, \tau_2 = \frac{(\kappa_1\tau_1' - \kappa_1'\tau_1) |(c-s)\kappa| |\tau^2 - \kappa^2|}{|(m-s)\kappa_1| \sqrt{|\kappa^2 - \tau^2|^3 + (\kappa\tau' - \kappa'\tau)^2}}.$$

Since  $\kappa_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}}{|(m-s)\kappa_1|}$  and  $\tau_2 = \frac{\kappa_1\tau_1' - \kappa_1'\tau_1}{|(m-s)\kappa_1| \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \tau_1^2}}$  it is trivial.  $\square$

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# On several types of generalized regular fuzzy continuous functions

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce the concept of slightly regular fuzzy continuous, slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous and somewhat slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous functions in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of Šostak's. Several interesting properties and characterizations are introduced and discussed. Furthermore, the relationship among the new concepts are introduced and established with some interesting counter examples.

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## §1. Introduction

Kubiak [11] and Šostak [18] introduced the fundamental concept of a fuzzy topological structure, as an extension of both crisp topology and fuzzy topology [3], in the sense that not only the objects are fuzzified, but also the axiomatics. In [19, 20], Šostak gave some rules and showed how such an extension can be realized. Chattopadhyay et al., [5] have redefined the same concept under the name gradation of openness. A general approach to the study of topological type structures on fuzzy power sets was developed in [7–9, 11, 12]. Balasubramanian and Sundaram [1] gave the concept of generalized fuzzy closed sets in Chang's fuzzy topology as an extension of generalized closed sets of Levine [13] in topological spaces.

Jin Han Park and Jin Keun Park [16] introduced weaker form of generalized fuzzy closed set and generalized fuzzy continuous mappings i.e, regular generalized fuzzy closed set and generalizations of fuzzy continuous functions. Bhattacharya and Chakraborty [2] introduced another generalization of fuzzy closed set i.e, generalized regular fuzzy closed set which is the stronger form of the previous two generalizations. Recently, Vadivel and Elavarasan [23] introduced the concepts of  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy closed sets in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of Šostak.

In 1980, Jain [10] introduced the notion of slightly continuous functions. Recently, Nour [14] defined slightly semicontinuous functions as a weak form of slightly continuity and investigated its properties. On the other hand, Takashi Noiri [15] introduced the concept of slightly  $\beta$ -continuous functions. In 2004, Ekici and Caldas [6] introduced the notion of slightly  $\gamma$ -continuity (slightly  $b$ -continuity). After that slightly fuzzy  $\omega$ -continuous functions and slightly fuzzy continuous functions are introduced by Sudha et al. [21,22]. Recently, [23] introduced the concepts of  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy closed sets, generalized regular fuzzy continuous functions and generalized regular fuzzy irresolute functions and investigate interrelation between them.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of slightly regular fuzzy continuous, slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous and somewhat slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous functions in fuzzy topological spaces in the sense of Šostak's. Several interesting properties and characterizations are introduced and discussed. Furthermore, the relationship among the new concepts are introduced and established with some interesting counter examples.

## §2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $I_0 = (0, 1]$ . For  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}(x) = \lambda$  for all  $x \in X$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $t \in I_0$ , a fuzzy point  $x_t$  is defined by

$$x_t(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$$

Let  $Pt(X)$  be the family of all fuzzy points in  $X$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t \in \lambda$  iff  $t < \lambda(x)$ . All other notations and definitions are standard, for all in the fuzzy set theory.

**Definition 2.1.** [18] A function  $\tau : I^X \rightarrow I$  is called a fuzzy topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$(O1) \quad \tau(\bar{0}) = \tau(\bar{1}) = 1,$$

$$(O2) \quad \tau(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \mu_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \tau(\mu_i), \text{ for any } \{\mu_i\}_{i \in \Gamma} \subset I^X,$$

$$(O3) \quad \tau(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) \geq \tau(\mu_1) \wedge \tau(\mu_2), \text{ for any } \mu_1, \mu_2 \in I^X.$$

The pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy topological space (for short, fts). A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy open ( $r$ -fo, for short) if  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$ . A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy closed ( $r$ -fc, for short) set iff  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is an  $r$ -fo set.

**Theorem 2.1.** [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ , we define an operator  $C_\tau : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  as follows:  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X : \lambda \leq \mu, \tau(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r\}$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r, s \in I_0$ , the operator  $C_\tau$  satisfies the following statements:

$$(C1) \quad C_\tau(\bar{0}, r) = \bar{0},$$

$$(C2) \quad \lambda \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r),$$

$$(C3) \quad C_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee C_\tau(\mu, r) = C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r),$$

(C4)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq C_\tau(\lambda, s)$  if  $r \leq s$ ,

(C5)  $C_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ , we define an operator  $I_\tau : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  as follows:  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in I^X : \mu \leq \lambda, \tau(\mu) \geq r \}$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r, s \in I_0$ , the operator  $I_\tau$  satisfies the following statements:

(I1)  $I_\tau(\bar{1}, r) = \bar{1}$ ,

(I2)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \lambda$ ,

(I3)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \wedge I_\tau(\mu, r) = I_\tau(\lambda \wedge \mu, r)$ ,

(I4)  $I_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq I_\tau(\lambda, s)$  if  $s \leq r$ ,

(I5)  $I_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = I_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

(I6)  $I_\tau(\bar{1} - \lambda, r) = \bar{1} - C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  and  $C_\tau(\bar{1} - \lambda, r) = \bar{1} - I_\tau(\lambda, r)$

**Definition 2.2.** [17] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts,  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then

(1) a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy regular open (for short,  $r$ -fro) if  $\lambda = I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ .

(2) a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy regular closed (for short,  $r$ -frc) if  $\lambda = C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ .

(3) a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy regular clopen (for short,  $r$ -frco) set iff  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -frc set and  $r$ -fro set.

**Definition 2.3.** [23] Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $f$  is called:

(1) fuzzy regular continuous (for short, fr-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -fro set in  $I^X$  for each  $\lambda \in I^Y$  with  $\sigma(\lambda) \geq r$ .

(2) fuzzy regular open (for short, fr-open) if  $f(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -fro set in  $I^Y$  for each  $\lambda \in I^X$  with  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$ .

(3) fuzzy regular closed (for short, fr-closed) if  $f(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -frc set in  $I^Y$  for each  $\lambda \in I^X$  with  $\tau(\bar{1} - \lambda) \geq r$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [23] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .

(1) The  $r$ -fuzzy regular closure of  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $RC_\tau(\lambda, r)$ , and is defined by  $RC_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is } r\text{-frc} \}$ .

(2) The  $r$ -fuzzy regular interior of  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $RI_\tau(\lambda, r)$ , and is defined by  $RI_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is } r\text{-fro} \}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [23] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For any  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .

(1) A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy closed (for short,  $r$ -grfrc) set if  $RC_\tau(\lambda, r) \leq \mu$ , whenever  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $\tau(\mu) \geq r$ .



- (2) A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy open (for short,  $r$ -grfo) set if  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is  $r$ -grfc.
- (3) A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy clopen (for short,  $r$ -grfco) set iff  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -grfc set and  $r$ -grfo set.

**Definition 2.6.** [23] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .

- (1) The  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy closure of  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $GRC_\tau(\lambda, r)$  and is defined by  $GRC_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \lambda \leq \mu, \mu \text{ is } r\text{-grfc} \}$ .
- (2) The  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy interior of  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $GRI_\tau(\lambda, r)$  and is defined by  $GRI_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \lambda \geq \mu, \mu \text{ is } r\text{-grfo} \}$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [23] Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be a fts's. Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be a function.

- (1)  $f$  is called generalized regular fuzzy continuous (for short, grf-continuous) iff  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is  $r$ -grfc for each  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  with  $\eta(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r$ .
- (2)  $f$  is called generalized regular fuzzy open (for short, grf-open) iff  $f(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -grfo for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  with  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$ .
- (3)  $f$  is called generalized regular fuzzy closed (for short, grf-closed) iff  $f(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -grfc for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  with  $\tau(\bar{1} - \lambda) \geq r$ .
- (4) generalized regular fuzzy irresolute (grfi, for short) if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $r$ -grfc set, for each  $r$ -grfc set  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [22] Let  $(D, \geq)$  be a directed set. Let  $X$  be an ordinary set and  $f$  be the collection of all fuzzy points in  $X$ . The function  $S : D \rightarrow f$  is called a fuzzy net in  $X$ . In other words, a fuzzy net is a pair  $(S, \geq)$  such that  $S$  is a function  $:D \rightarrow f$  and  $\geq$  direct the domain of  $S$ . For  $n \in D$ ,  $S(n)$  is often denoted by  $S_n$  and hence a net  $S$  is often denoted by  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$ .

### §3. Slightly regular fuzzy continuous functions

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  is called slightly regular fuzzy continuous (srfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$  and  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -frco set and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists  $r$ -fro set  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. For the function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is srfc function.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -fro set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -frco set.
- (3)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frc set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -frco set.

(4)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frc set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -frc set.

(5) For each fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  and for every fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  which converges to  $\lambda$ , the fuzzy net  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is eventually in each  $r$ -frc set  $\mu$  with  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -frc set and let  $\lambda \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq f^{-1}(\nu)$ . Since  $\nu$  is an  $r$ -frc set with  $f(\lambda) \leq \nu$ . By (1), there exists  $r$ -frc set  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $f(\mu) \leq \nu$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frc set.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -frc set, then  $\bar{1} - \nu$  is  $r$ -frc. By (2),  $f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \nu) = \bar{1} - f^{-1}(\nu)$  is  $r$ -frc set in  $X$ , thus  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is  $r$ -frc set in  $X$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): It is obvious from (2) and (3).

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5): Let  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  be a fuzzy net converges to the  $r$ -frc set  $\lambda \in I^X$  and let  $\mu \in I^Y$  be an  $r$ -frc set such that  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ . By using (3), there exist an  $r$ -frc set  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ . Since the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  converges to  $\lambda$ ,  $S_n \leq \lambda \leq \nu$ . Now  $S_n \leq \lambda \leq \nu$ . Thus  $f(S_n) \leq f(\nu) \leq \mu$ . Hence  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is eventually in each  $r$ -frc set  $\mu$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Suppose that  $f$  is not srfc function. Then for every  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -frc set and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there does not exist  $r$ -frc set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ . Hence  $f(S_n) \leq \mu$ . That is, the fuzzy net  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is not eventually in an  $r$ -frc set  $\mu$  with  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $f$  is srfc function.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1)$ ,  $(Y, \tau_2)$  and  $(Z, \tau_3)$  be fts's. For the function  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Z, \tau_3)$ , the following statements are satisfied:

(1) If  $f$  and  $g$  are srfc functions, then so is  $g \circ f$ .

(2) If  $f$  is a surjective fuzzy regular irresolute, fuzzy regular open function and  $g$  be any function, then  $g \circ f$  is srfc function iff  $g$  is srfc.

*Proof.* (1): Clear.

(2): Suppose that  $g \circ f$  is srfc function,  $\lambda \in I^Z$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -frc set. By using Proposition (2),  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$  is an  $r$ -frc set in  $I^X$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy regular open,  $g^{-1}(\lambda) = f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda)))$  is an  $r$ -frc set. Therefore by Proposition,  $g$  is srfc function.

Conversely, let  $\nu \in I^Z$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  an  $r$ -frc set. Since  $g$  is srfc function,  $g^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frc set in  $I^Y$  and  $f$  is fuzzy regular irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\nu)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frc set in  $I^X$ . Therefore by Proposition,  $g \circ f$  is srfc function.  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an  $r$ -fuzzy regular connected iff  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  are the only fuzzy sets which are both  $r$ -frc and  $r$ -frc.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be a function. If  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -fuzzy regular connected, then  $f$  is srfc function.

*Proof.* Let  $(Y, \eta)$  be an  $r$ -fuzzy regular connected space. Then  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  are the only  $r$ -frc sets. Since  $f^{-1}(\bar{0})$  and  $f^{-1}(\bar{1})$  are both  $r$ -frc in  $I^X$ . Hence by Proposition,  $f$  is srfc function.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be srfc function. If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $r$ -fuzzy regular connected, then so is  $(Y, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(Y, \eta)$  be an  $r$ -fuzzy regular disconnected space and  $\nu \in I^Y - \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$  be an  $r$ -frco set. Since  $f$  is srfc function,  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -frco set which is contradiction. Hence  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -fuzzy regular connected.  $\square$

## §4. Slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous functions

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  is called:

- (1) almost  $*$ -generalized regular fuzzy continuous ( $a^*$ -grfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq I_\eta(C_\eta(\mu, r), r)$ .
- (2)  $\theta^*$ -generalized regular fuzzy continuous ( $\theta^*$ -grfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(C_\tau(\nu, r)) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$ .
- (3) weakly $*$ -generalized regular fuzzy continuous ( $w^*$ -grfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$ .
- (4) slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous (sgrfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -frco set and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ .

**Remark 4.1.**

- (1) Every  $a^*$ -grfc function is  $\theta^*$ -grfc function.
- (2) Every  $\theta^*$ -grfc function is sgrfc (resp.  $w^*$ -grfc) function.
- (3) Every sgrfc function is  $w^*$ -grfc function.

The above Definition and Remark show the following implication is true but the reverse implication is not true in general.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be the identity function. Define  $\lambda, \delta \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$  as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\delta(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(c) = 0.5$ . We define a fuzzy topologies  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

For  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is  $\theta*$ -grfc function but not  $a*$ -grfc, because  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\delta \in I^X$  and  $\lambda \leq \delta$  such that  $f(C_\tau(\delta, r)) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$  but  $f(\delta) \not\leq I_\eta(C_\eta(\mu, r), r)$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be the identity function. Define  $\lambda, \delta \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$  as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu(b) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\delta(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(c) = 0.5$ . We define a fuzzy topologies  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

For  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is  $w*$ -grfc function but not  $\theta*$ -grfc, because  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\delta \in I^X$  and  $\lambda \leq \delta$  such that  $f(\delta) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$  but  $f(C_\tau(\delta, r)) \not\leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$ .

**Example 4.3.** In Example ,  $f$  is sgrfc function but not  $\theta*$ -grfc.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be the identity function. Define  $\lambda, \delta \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$  as follows:  $\lambda(a) = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\delta(a) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(b) = 0.4$ ,  $\delta(c) = 0.5$ . We define a fuzzy topologies  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

For  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is  $w*$ grfc function but not sgrfc, because  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\delta \in I^X$  and  $\lambda \leq \delta$  such that  $f(\delta) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$  but  $\mu$  is not  $r$ -frco.

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. For the function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is sgrfc function.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -grfco set.
- (3)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfc set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -grfco set.
- (4)  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfco set for each  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -grfco set.
- (5) For each fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  and for every fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  with converges to  $\lambda$ , the fuzzy net  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is eventually in each  $r$ -grfco set  $\mu$  with  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -grfco set and let  $\lambda \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq f^{-1}(\nu)$ . Since  $\nu$  is an  $r$ -grfco set with  $f(\lambda) \leq \nu$ . By (1), there exists  $\mu \in I^X$  such that  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -grfo,  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $f(\mu) \leq \nu$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $\nu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu$  is  $r$ -grfco set, then  $\bar{1} - \nu$  is  $r$ -grfco. By (2),  $f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \nu) = \bar{1} - f^{-1}(\nu)$  is  $r$ -grfo set in  $X$ , thus  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is  $r$ -grfc set in  $X$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): It is obvious from (2) and (3).

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5): Let  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  be a fuzzy net converges to the  $r$ -grfco set  $\lambda \in I^X$  and let  $\mu \in I^Y$  be an  $r$ -grfco set such that  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ . By using (3), there exist an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ . Since the fuzzy net  $\{S_n : n \in D\}$  converges to  $\lambda$ ,  $S_n \leq \lambda \leq \nu$ . Thus  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is eventually in each  $r$ -grfco set  $\mu$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Suppose that  $f$  is not sgrfc function. Then for every  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -grfo set and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there does not exist  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$ . Hence  $f(S_n) \leq \mu$ . That is the fuzzy net  $\{f(S_n) : n \in D\}$  is not eventually in an  $r$ -grfco set  $\mu$  with  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $f$  is sgrfc function.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1)$ ,  $(Y, \tau_2)$  and  $(Z, \tau_3)$  be fts's. For the function  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Z, \tau_3)$ , the following statements are satisfied:*

- (1) *If  $f$  and  $g$  are sgrfc functions, then so is  $g \circ f$ .*
- (2) *If  $f$  is a surjective grfi, grfo function and  $g$  be any function, then  $g \circ f$  is sgrfc function iff  $g$  is sgrfc.*

*Proof.* (1): is clear.

(2): Suppose that  $g \circ f$  is sgrfc function,  $\lambda \in I^Z$  is an  $r$ -grfco set. By using Proposition (2),  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\nu)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set in  $I^X$ . Since  $f$  is grfo,  $g^{-1}(\lambda) = f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda)))$  is an  $r$ -grfo set. Therefore by Proposition ,  $g$  is sgrfc function.

Conversely, let  $\nu \in I^Z$  be an  $r$ -grfco set where  $r \in I_0$ . Since  $g$  is sgrfc function,  $g^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set  $\in I^Y$  and  $f$  is grfi function,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\nu)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set  $\in I^X$ . Therefore by Proposition ,  $g \circ f$  is sgrfc function.  $\square$

**Definition 4.2.** *A fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy connected iff  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  are the only fuzzy sets which are both  $r$ -grfo and  $r$ -grfc.*

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be a function. If  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy connected, then  $f$  is sgrfc function.*

*Proof.* Let  $(Y, \eta)$  be an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy connected space. Then  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1}$  are the only  $r$ -grfco sets. Since  $f^{-1}(\bar{0})$  and  $f^{-1}(\bar{1})$  are both  $r$ -grfo in  $I^X$ . Hence by Proposition ,  $f$  is sgrfc function.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be sgrfc function. If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy connected, then so is  $(Y, \eta)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(Y, \eta)$  be an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy disconnected space and  $\nu \in I^Y - \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$  be an  $r$ -grfco set. Since  $f^{-1}(\nu)$  is an  $r$ -grfco set which is contradiction. Hence  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy connected.  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.** *A fts  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy extremely disconnected if  $GRC_\tau(\lambda, r)$  is an  $r$ -grfo set for each  $\lambda \in I^X, r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -grfo set.*

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be sgrfc function and  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy extremely disconnected, then  $f$  is  $a^*$ grfc function.*

*Proof.*  $\lambda \in I^X, \mu \in I^Y, r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are  $r$ -grfo sets. Since  $(Y, \eta)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy extremely disconnected,  $GRC_\eta(\mu, r)$  is an  $r$ -grfco set. Now,  $f(\lambda) \leq GRC_\eta(\mu, r)$  and since  $f$  is sgrfc function, there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $f(\nu) \leq C_\eta(\mu, r)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is a\*grfc function.  $\square$

## §5. Somewhat slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous and open functions

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  is called somewhat slightly generalized regular fuzzy continuous (swsgrfc, for short) if for each  $\lambda \in I^X, \mu \in I^Y$  and  $r \in I_0$  such that  $f^{-1}(\mu) \neq \bar{0}$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \nu \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and  $\nu \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ .

**Remark 5.1.**

- (1) Every srf-continuous function is sgrfc-continuous.
- (2) Every srf-continuous (resp. sgrfc-continuous) function is swsgrfc-continuous.

The above Definitions , (4), and Remark show the following implication is true but the reverse implication is not true in general.

**Example 5.1.** In Example , for  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is sgrfc function but not srfc, because  $\lambda \in I^X, \mu \in I^Y, r \in I_0$ , such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\delta \in I^X$  and  $\lambda \leq \delta$  such that  $f(\delta) \leq \mu$  but  $\delta$  is not  $r$ -fro set.

**Example 5.2.** In Example , for  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is swsgrfc function but not sgrfc, because  $\lambda \in I^X, \mu \in I^Y, r \in I_0$  such that  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ , there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\delta \in I^X$  and  $\lambda \leq \delta$  such that  $f(\delta) \leq \mu$  but  $\mu$  is not  $r$ -frco.

**Example 5.3.** In Example ,  $f$  is swsgrfc function but not srfc.

**Definition 5.2.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy dense (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy regular dense) set if there exists no  $r$ -grfc (resp.  $r$ -frco) set  $\mu \in I^X, r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < \bar{1}$ .

**Example 5.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ . Define  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  as follows:  $\mu(a) = 0.9, \mu(b) = 0.9$ . We define a fuzzy topology  $\tau$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } \lambda = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So, if  $\lambda(a) = 0.9$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.8$ , then there exists no  $1/3$ -grfc set  $\mu$  in  $I^X$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < \bar{1}$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $1/3$ -generalized regular fuzzy dense set in  $I^X$ .

**Example 5.5.** In Example , if  $\lambda(a) = 0.8$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.9$ , then there exists no  $1/3$ -frco set  $\mu$  in  $I^X$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < \bar{1}$ . Therefore,  $\lambda$  is an  $1/3$ -fuzzy regular dense set in  $I^X$ .

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For a fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ ,  $I_r^r$  and  $C_r^r$  are defined as follows:

- (1)  $I_r^r = \bigvee \{\mu \in I^X \mid \mu \leq \lambda \text{ and } \mu \text{ is } r\text{-frco}\}$ ,
- (2)  $C_r^r = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X \mid \lambda \leq \mu \text{ and } \mu \text{ is } r\text{-frco}\}$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be any function. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is swsgrfc function.
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -frco set such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\lambda \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  then there exists an  $r$ -grfc set  $\mu \leq \bar{1} - \nu \in I^X$  such that  $\mu \geq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ .
- (3) If  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy dense set in  $I^X$ , then  $f(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -fuzzy regular dense set in  $I^Y$  such that every  $r$ -frco set  $\mu \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Suppose  $f$  is swsgrfc function, and let  $\lambda$  be any  $r$ -frco set in  $I^X$  such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\lambda \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Then,  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is  $r$ -frco in  $I^Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \lambda) \neq \bar{0}$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \bar{1} - \lambda$ . Then by the hypothesis, there exists an  $r$ -grfc set  $\bar{0} \neq \alpha \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\nu \leq \alpha$  and  $\alpha \leq f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \lambda)$ . That is,  $\bar{1} - \alpha$  is an  $r$ -grfc set and  $\bar{1} - \alpha \geq \bar{1} - f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \lambda) = f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Put  $\bar{1} - \alpha = \mu$ . Then  $\mu$  is an  $r$ -grfc set in  $I^X$  such that  $\mu \geq f^{-1}(\lambda)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy dense set in  $I^X$ , and suppose that  $f(\lambda)$  is not a fuzzy regular dense set in  $I^Y$ , such that each  $r$ -frco set  $\mu \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Then, there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\alpha \in I^Y$  such that  $f(\lambda) < \alpha < \bar{1}$ , since  $\alpha < \bar{1}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\alpha) \neq \bar{1}$ .

Now,  $\alpha$  is an  $r$ -frco set such that  $f^{-1}(\alpha) \neq \bar{1}$  and  $f(\bar{1} - \nu) \geq \alpha$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Then by the hypothesis, there exists an  $r$ -grfc set  $\gamma \leq \bar{1} - \nu \in I^X$  such that  $\gamma \geq f^{-1}(\alpha)$ . But  $f^{-1}(\alpha) > f^{-1}(f(\lambda)) = \lambda$ . That is,  $\gamma \geq \lambda$ . Therefore, there exists an  $r$ -grfc set  $\gamma \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\gamma \geq \lambda$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f(\lambda)$  is an  $r$ -fuzzy regular dense set in  $I^Y$  such that  $\gamma \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$  and  $r$ -frco set  $\gamma \in I^Y$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -frco set such that  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \neq \bar{0}$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \lambda$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Then,  $\lambda \neq \bar{0}$ . Now, suppose that  $\nu \leq \alpha$  and  $GRI_\tau(f^{-1}(\lambda), r) = \bar{0} \in I^X$ . Then,  $GRC_\tau(\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda), r) = \bar{1} \in I^X$ .

That is,  $\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is an  $r$ -generalized regular fuzzy dense in  $I^X$ . Then by (3),  $f(\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda))$  is an  $r$ -fuzzy regular dense set such that there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\mu \leq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . But  $f(\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = f(f^{-1}(\bar{1} - \lambda)) \leq \bar{1} - \lambda < \bar{1}$ , since  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is an  $r$ -frco and  $f(\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda)) \leq \bar{1} - \lambda$ ,  $RC_\tau(f(\bar{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda)), r) \leq \bar{1} - \lambda$ . That is,  $\bar{1} - \lambda \geq \bar{1} \Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{0}$ , which is a contradiction, since  $\lambda \neq \bar{0}$ . Therefore,  $\nu \leq \alpha$  and  $GRI_\tau(f^{-1}(\lambda), r) \neq \bar{0}$ . So  $f$  is swsgrfc.  $\square$

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  is called

- (1) *slightly generalized regular fuzzy open (briefly, sgrfo) if for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\lambda \in I^X$  and each  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ,  $f(\lambda)$  is an  $r$ -frco set in  $I^Y$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq f(\mu)$ ,*
- (2) *somewhat generalized regular fuzzy open (briefly, swgrfo) if for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  there exists an  $r$ -grfo set in  $\bar{0} \neq \mu \in I^Y$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq \mu$ ,*
- (3) *somewhat slightly generalized regular fuzzy open (briefly, swsgrfo) if for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \lambda \in I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  and for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ , there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \mu \in I^Y$ ,  $\mu \leq f(\nu)$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq \mu$ .*

That is,  $I_\tau^r(f(\lambda), r) \neq \bar{0}$ , and there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\mu$  such that  $f(\nu) \geq \mu$  and  $\lambda \leq \nu$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ .

**Remark 5.2.** *Every sgrfo (resp. swgrfo) function is swsgrfo function but the converse is not true in general as shown by the following example.*

**Example 5.6.** *In Example ,  $f$  is swsgrfo function but not sgrfo, since for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\lambda \in I^X$  and each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$ ,  $f(\lambda)$  is not  $r$ -frco in  $I^Y$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq f(\nu)$ .*

**Example 5.7.** *Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be the function. Define  $\lambda, \lambda_1, \nu \in I^X$ ,  $\lambda_2, \mu \in I^Y$  as follows:  $\lambda_1(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1(b) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\lambda_2(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_2(b) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_2(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\lambda(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\mu(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu(b) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\nu(a) = 0.7$ ,  $\nu(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\nu(c) = 0.5$ ;  $\delta(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\delta(b) = 0.6$ ,  $\delta(c) = 0.6$ . We define a fuzzy topologies  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  as follows:*

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $r = 1/2$ , then  $f$  is swsgrfo function but not swgrfo, because for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$  for each  $\nu \in I^X$ , there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \mu \in I^Y$ ,  $\mu \leq f(\nu)$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq \mu$  but for each  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \lambda \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$  there exists an  $r$ -grfo set  $\bar{0} \neq \delta \in I^Y$ , such that  $f(\lambda) \not\geq \mu$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau_1)$ ,  $(Y, \tau_2)$  and  $(Z, \tau_3)$  be fts's. If  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$  and  $g : (Y, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Z, \tau_3)$  are swsgrfo functions, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Z, \tau_3)$  are swsgrfo function.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{0} \neq \lambda \in I^X$  be an  $r$ -grfo set  $r \in I_0$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Since  $f$  is swsgrfo, then there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \nu \in I^Y$ , and  $f(\mu) \geq \nu$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq \nu$ .

Now,  $GRI_{\tau_2}(f(\lambda), r)$  is an  $r$ -grfo in  $I^Y$  such that  $GRI_{\tau_2}(f(\lambda), r) \neq \bar{0}$ ,  $GRI_{\tau_2}(f(\lambda), r) \leq f(\mu)$ , for each  $f(\mu) \in I^Y$ .

Since  $g$  is swsgrfo, then there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \gamma \in I^Z$  and  $\gamma \leq g(f(\mu))$  such that  $\gamma \leq g(GRI_{\tau_2}(f(\lambda), r))$ . But  $g(GRI_{\tau_2}(f(\lambda), r)) \leq g(f(\lambda))$ . Thus, there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \gamma \in I^Z$  and  $(g \circ f)(\mu) \geq \gamma$ , such that  $(g \circ f)(\lambda) \geq \gamma$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is swsgrfo.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be fts's, and let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  be a bijective function. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$f$  is swsgrfo function.*



(2) If  $\lambda$  is an  $r$ -grfc set in  $I^X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\lambda \geq \nu$  for each  $\nu \in I^X$ , then there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $\mu \neq \bar{1}$  and  $f(\nu) \leq \mu$  such that  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) let  $\lambda$  be an  $r$ -grfc set in  $I^X$  such that  $f(\lambda) \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\lambda \geq \nu$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Then,  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is an  $r$ -grfo set in  $I^X$  such that  $f(\bar{1} - \lambda) \neq \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{1} - \lambda \leq \bar{1} - \nu$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ . So  $\bar{1} - \lambda \neq \bar{0}$ . Since  $f$  is a swsgrfo, then there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\bar{0} \neq \delta \in I^Y$  and  $f(\bar{1} - \nu) \geq \delta$  such that  $f(\bar{1} - \lambda) \geq \delta$ .

Now,  $\bar{1} - \delta$  is an  $r$ -frco set in  $I^Y$  such that  $\bar{1} - \delta \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\bar{1} - \delta \geq f(\nu)$  such that  $\bar{1} - \delta \geq f(\lambda)$ . Take  $\bar{1} - \delta = \mu$ , so (2) is proved.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $\lambda \neq \bar{0}$  be any  $r$ -grfo set in  $I^X$  such that  $\lambda \leq \nu$ , for each  $\nu \in I^X$ . Then,  $\bar{1} - \lambda$  is an  $r$ -grfc set in  $I^X$  such that  $\bar{1} - \lambda \neq \bar{1}$  and  $\bar{1} - \lambda \geq \bar{1} - \nu$  for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,  $r \in I_0$ . Now,  $f(\bar{1} - \lambda) = \bar{1} - f(\lambda) \neq \bar{1}$ . For, if  $\bar{1} - f(\lambda) = \bar{1}$ , then  $f(\lambda) = \bar{0} \Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{0}$ .

Hence by the hypothesis, there exists an  $r$ -frco set  $\mu \in I^Y$ ,  $\bar{1} \neq \mu \geq f(\bar{1} - \nu)$ , such that  $f(\bar{1} - \lambda) \leq \mu$ . That is  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{1} - \mu \leq f(\nu)$ , such that  $\bar{1} - \mu \leq f(\lambda)$ . Let  $\bar{1} - \mu = \gamma$ . Then,  $\gamma \neq \bar{0}$  is an  $r$ -frco set in  $I^Y$  such that  $f(\nu) \geq \gamma$  and  $f(\lambda) \geq \gamma$ . Therefore,  $f$  is swsgrfo function.  $\square$

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# On fuzzy upper and lower $e$ -continuous multifunctions

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy upper and fuzzy lower  $e$ -continuous multifunction, fuzzy upper and fuzzy lower  $e$ -irresolute multifunction on fuzzy topological spaces in  $\hat{S}$ ostak sense. Several characterizations and properties of these fuzzy upper (resp. fuzzy lower)  $e$ -continuous, fuzzy upper (resp. lower)  $e$ -irresolute multifunctions are presented and their mutual relationships are established in  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces. Later, composition and union between these multifunctions have been studied.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

Kubiak [15] and  $\hat{S}$ ostak [23] introduced the notion of (L-)fuzzy topological space as a generalization of L-topological spaces (originally called (L-) fuzzy topological spaces by Chang [6] and Goguen [8]). It is the grade of openness of an L-fuzzy set. A general approach to the study of topological type structures on fuzzy powersets was developed in [ [9]- [11], [15], [16], [23]- [25]].

Berge [5] introduced the concept multimapping  $F : X \multimap Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces and Popa [21,22] introduced the notion of irresolute multimapping. After Chang introduced the concept of fuzzy topology [6], continuity of multifunctions in fuzzy topological spaces have been defined and studied by many authors from different view points (eg. see [3], [4], [18]-[20]). Tsiportkova et al., [27,28] introduced the continuity of fuzzy multivalued mappings in the Chang's fuzzy topology [6]. Later, Abbas et al., [1] introduced the concepts of fuzzy upper and fuzzy lower semi-continuous multifunctions in L-fuzzy topological spaces. Recently, Sobana [26] and Vadivel [29] introduced  $r$ -feo sets ( $r$ -fec) sets, fuzzy  $e$ -continuity, fuzzy  $e$ -openness, fuzzy

$e$ -closedness and  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -irresolute in a smooth topological space.

In this paper, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy upper and fuzzy lower  $e$ -continuous multifunction, fuzzy upper and fuzzy lower  $e$ -irresolute multifunction on fuzzy topological spaces in  $\hat{S}$ ostak sense. Several characterizations and properties of these multifunctions are presented and their mutual relationships are established in  $L$ -fuzzy topological spaces. Later, composition and union between these multifunctions have been studied.

Throughout this paper, nonempty sets will be denoted by  $X$ ,  $Y$  etc.,  $L = [0, 1]$  and  $L_0 = (0, 1]$ . The family of all fuzzy sets in  $X$  is denoted by  $L^X$ . The complement of an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is denoted by  $\lambda^c$ . This symbol  $\multimap$  for a multifunction.

For  $\alpha \in L$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}(x) = \alpha$  for all  $x \in X$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t$  for  $t \in L_0$  is an element of  $L^X$  such that  $x_t(y) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } y = x \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$  The family of all fuzzy points in  $X$  is denoted by  $Pt(X)$ . A fuzzy point  $x_t \in \lambda$  iff  $t \leq \lambda(x)$ .

All other notations are standard notations of  $L$ -fuzzy set theory.

**Definition 1.1.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$ , then  $F$  is called a fuzzy multifunction (FM, for short) if and only if  $F(x) \in L^Y$  for each  $x \in X$ . The degree of membership of  $y$  in  $F(x)$  is denoted by  $F(x)(y) = G_F(x, y)$  for any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . The domain of  $F$ , denoted by  $\text{domain}(F)$  and the range of  $F$ , denoted by  $\text{rng}(F)$ , for any  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ , are defined by :

$$\text{dom}(F)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} G_F(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rng}(F)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} G_F(x, y).$$

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM. Then  $F$  is called:

- (i) Normalized iff for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $G_F(x, y_0) = \bar{1}$ .
- (ii) A crisp iff  $G_F(x, y) = \bar{1}$  for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM. Then

- (i) The image of  $\lambda \in L^X$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $F(\lambda) \in L^Y$  defined by

$$F(\lambda)(y) = \bigvee_{x \in X} [G_F(x, y) \wedge \lambda(x)].$$

- (ii) The lower inverse of  $\mu \in L^Y$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $F^l(\mu) \in L^X$  defined by

$$F^l(\mu)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} [G_F(x, y) \wedge \mu(y)].$$

- (iii) The upper inverse of  $\mu \in L^Y$  is an  $L$ -fuzzy set  $F^u(\mu) \in L^X$  defined by

$$F^u(\mu)(x) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} [G_F^c(x, y) \vee \mu(y)].$$

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM. Then

- (i)  $F(\lambda_1) \leq F(\lambda_2)$  if  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ .

- (ii)  $F^l(\mu_1) \leq F^l(\mu_2)$  and  $F^u(\mu_1) \leq F^u(\mu_2)$ , if  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$ .
- (iii)  $F^u(\mu) \leq F^l(\mu)$ , if  $F$  is normalized.
- (iv)  $(F(\lambda))^c \leq F(\lambda^c)$ , if  $F$  is surjective.
- (v)  $(F^l(\mu))^c \leq F^l(\mu^c)$ , if  $F$  is normalized.
- (vi)  $F^l(\bar{1} - \mu) = \bar{1} - F^u(\mu)$  and  $F^u(\bar{1} - \mu) = \bar{1} - F^l(\mu)$ .
- (vii)  $F(F^u(\mu)) \leq \mu$  if  $F$  is a crisp.
- (viii)  $F^u(F(\lambda)) \geq \lambda$  if  $F$  is a crisp.

**Definition 1.4.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM. Then the composition  $H \circ F$  is defined by

$$((H \circ F)(x))(z) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} [G_F(x, y) \wedge G_H(y, z)].$$

**Theorem 1.2.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be FM. Then we have the following

- (i)  $(H \circ F) = F(H)$ .
- (ii)  $(H \circ F)^u = F^u(H^u)$ .
- (iii)  $(H \circ F)^l = F^l(H^l)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** [1] Let  $F_i : X \multimap Y$  be a FM. Then we have the following

- (i)  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)(\lambda) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} F_i(\lambda)$ .
- (ii)  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^l(\mu) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} F_i^l(\mu)$ .
- (iii)  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^u(\mu) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} F_i^u(\mu)$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [11, 15, 17, 23] An  $L$ -fuzzy topological space ( $L$ -fts, in short) is a pair  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  is a mapping satisfying the following properties.

- (1)  $\tau(\bar{0}) = \tau(\bar{1}) = 1$ ,
- (2)  $\tau(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) \geq \tau(\mu_1) \wedge \tau(\mu_2)$ , for any  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in I^X$ .
- (3)  $\tau(\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \mu_i) \geq \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} \tau(\mu_i)$ , for any  $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in \Gamma} \subset I^X$ ,

Then  $\tau$  is called an  $L$ -fuzzy topology on  $X$ . For every  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\tau(\lambda)$  is called the degree of openness of the  $L$ -fuzzy set  $\lambda$ .

A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$  is said to be continuous with respect to  $L$ -fuzzy topologies  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  iff  $\tau(f^{-1}(\mu)) \geq \eta(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** [7, 13, 14, 17] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $L$ -fts. Then for each  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $r \in L_0$ , we define  $L$ -fuzzy operators  $C_\tau$  and  $I_\tau : L^X \times L_0 \rightarrow L^X$  as follows:

$$C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{ \mu \in L^X : \lambda \leq \mu, \tau(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r \}.$$

$$I_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in L^X : \lambda \geq \mu, \tau(\mu) \geq r \}.$$

For  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$  and  $r, s \in L_0$ , the operator  $C_\tau$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $C_\tau(\bar{0}, r) = \bar{0}$ ,
- (2)  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ ,
- (3)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) \vee C_\tau(\mu, r) = C_\tau(\lambda \vee \mu, r)$ ,
- (4)  $C_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) = C_\tau(\lambda, r)$ ,
- (5)  $C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \lambda$  iff  $\tau(\lambda^c) \geq r$ .
- (6)  $C_\tau(\lambda^c, r) = (I_\tau(\lambda, r))^c$  and  $I_\tau(\lambda^c, r) = (C_\tau(\lambda, r))^c$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two L-fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $F$  is called:

- (i) Fuzzy upper semi continuous (or Fuzzy upper) (in short, FUS (or FU)-continuous) at a L-fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ , there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \wedge \text{dom}(F) \leq F^u(\mu)$ .  $F$  is FU-continuous iff it is FU-continuous at every  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy lower semi continuous (or Fuzzy lower) (in short, FLS (or FL)-continuous) at a L-fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ , there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ .  $F$  is FL-continuous iff it is FL-continuous at every  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ .
- (iii) Fuzzy continuous if it is FU-continuous and FL-continuous.

**Theorem 1.5.** [1] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a fuzzy multifunction between two L-fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ . Then we have the following

- (1)  $F$  is FL-continuous iff  $\tau(F^l(\mu)) \geq \eta(\mu)$ .
- (2) If  $F$  is normalized, then  $F$  is FU-continuous iff  $\tau(F^u(\mu)) \geq \eta(\mu)$ .
- (3)  $F$  is FL-continuous iff  $\tau(\bar{1} - F^u(\mu)) \geq \eta(\bar{1} - \mu)$ .
- (4) If  $F$  is normalized, then  $F$  is FU-continuous iff  $\tau(\bar{1} - F^l(\mu)) \geq \eta(\bar{1} - \mu)$ .

**Remark 1.1** [4, 30] Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$  be a fts's. The fuzzy sets of the form  $\lambda \times \mu$  with  $\tau(\lambda) \geq r$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  form a basis for the product fuzzy topology  $\tau \times \eta$  on  $X \times Y$ , where for any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,  $(\lambda \times \mu)(x, y) = \min\{\lambda(x), \mu(y)\}$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [4, 19] Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . The graph fuzzy multifunction  $G_f : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  of  $F$  is defined as  $G_f(x) = x_1 \times F(x)$ , for every  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8.** [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. For  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy regular open (for short,  $r$ -fro) (resp.  $r$ -fuzzy regular closed (for short,  $r$ -frc)) if  $\lambda = I_\tau(C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$  (resp.  $\lambda = C_\tau(I_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ ).

**Definition 1.9.** [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $x_t \in P_t(X)$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

- (i)  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -open  $Q_\tau$ -neighbourhood of  $x_t$  if  $x_t q \mu$  with  $\tau(\mu) \geq r$ .
- (ii)  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -open  $R_\tau$ -neighbourhood of  $x_t$  if  $x_t q \mu$  with  $\mu = I_\tau(C_\tau(\mu, r), r)$ .

We denoted

$$Q_\tau(x_t, r) = \{\mu \in I^X : x_t q \mu, \tau(\mu) \geq r\},$$

$$R_\tau(x_t, r) = \{\mu \in I^X : x_t q \mu, \mu = I_\tau(C_\tau(\mu, r), r)\}.$$

**Definition 1.10.** [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. Then for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $x_t \in P_t(X)$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,

- (i)  $x_t$  is called  $r$ - $\tau$  cluster point of  $\lambda$  if for every  $\mu \in Q_\tau(x_t, r)$ , we have  $\mu q \lambda$ .
- (ii)  $x_t$  is called  $r$ - $\delta$  cluster point of  $\lambda$  if for every  $\mu \in R_\tau(x_t, r)$ , we have  $\mu q \lambda$ .
- (iii) An  $\delta$ -closure operator is a mapping  $DC_\tau : I^X \times I \rightarrow I^X$  defined as follows:  
 $\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  or  $DC_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{x_t \in P_t(X) : x_t \text{ is } r\text{-}\delta\text{-cluster point of } \lambda\}$ .  
 Equivalently,  $\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-frc set}\}$  and  
 $\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-fro set}\}$ .

**Definition 1.11.** [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space. For  $\lambda \in I^X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed iff  $\lambda = \delta C_\tau(\lambda, r)$  or  $DC_\tau(\lambda, r)$ .

**Definition 1.12.** [26] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a an  $L$ -fts. Then for each  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$ ,  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $\lambda$  is called

- (1)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -open (briefly,  $r$ -feo) set if  $\lambda \leq C_\tau(\delta_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r)$ .
- (2)  $\lambda$  is called an  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closed (briefly,  $r$ -fec) set if  $C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\lambda, r), r) \leq \lambda$ .

**Definition 1.13.** [26] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $L$ -fts. Then for each  $\lambda, \mu \in L^X$ ,  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $\lambda$  is called

- (i)  $eI_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigvee \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-feo set}\}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -interior of  $\lambda$ .
- (ii)  $eC_\tau(\lambda, r) = \bigwedge \{\mu \in I^X : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a } r\text{-fec set}\}$  is called the  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -closure of  $\lambda$ .

## §2. Fuzzy upper and lower $e$ -continuous multifunctions

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $F : X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a FM between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $F$  is called:

- (i) Fuzzy upper  $e$ -continuous (FUE-continuous, in short) at any  $L$ -fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  there exists  $r$ -feo set,  $\lambda \in L^X$  and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \wedge \text{dom}(F) \leq F^u(\mu)$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy lower  $e$ -continuous (FLE-continuous, in short) at any  $L$ -fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  there exists  $r$ -feo set,  $\lambda \in L^X$  and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ .
- (iii) FUE-continuous (resp. FLE-continuous) iff it is FUE-continuous (resp. FLE-continuous) at every  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ .

**Remark 2.1** Let  $F$  be a FM between two L-fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . For the mapping  $F : X \multimap Y$ , the following statements are valid:

- (1)  $FU$ -continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $FUe$ -continuous.
- (2)  $FL$ -continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $FLe$ -continuous.

The converse of the above Remark 2.1 need not be true as shown by the following examples.

**Example 2.1** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.8$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = 0.8$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = \bar{1}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = 0.7$ , and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = 0.9$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda_1(x_1) = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda_1(x_2) = 0.1$  and  $\lambda_2(x_1) = 0.7$ ,  $\lambda_2(x_2) = 0.7$  and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu(y_1) = 0.7$ ,  $\mu(y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $\mu(y_3) = 0.8$ . We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define L-fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , as  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open in  $Y$  and  $F^u(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set in  $X$ . Then  $F : X \multimap Y$  is  $FUe$ -continuous. But  $F$  is not  $FU$ -continuous, because  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open in  $Y$  and  $F^u(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open set in  $X$ .

**Example 2.2** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.2$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = \bar{1}$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = \bar{0}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = 0.5$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = \bar{0}$ , and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = 0.3$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda_1(x_1) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda_1(x_2) = 0.3$ ;  $\lambda_2(x_1) = 0.9$ ,  $\lambda_2(x_2) = 0.5$  and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu(y_1) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $\mu(y_3) = \bar{0}$ . We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define L-fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , as  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open set in  $Y$  and  $F^l(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set in  $X$ . Then  $F : X \multimap Y$  is  $FLe$ -continuous. But  $F$  is not  $FL$ -continuous, because  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open in  $Y$  and  $F^l(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open set in  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.1** If  $F$  is normalized, then  $F$  is  $FUe$ -continuous at an L-fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo set and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^u(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two L-fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set, for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ .



(iii)  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec set, for any  $\eta(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r$ .

(iv)  $eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(C_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

(v)  $C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \leq F^u(C_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ ,  $\mu \in L^Y$ ,  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  then, there exist  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo set and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$  and hence  $x_t \in eI_\tau(F^l(\mu), r)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $F^l(\mu) \leq eI_\tau(F^l(\mu), r)$ . Thus  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r$  hence by (ii),  $F^l(\bar{1} - \mu) = \bar{1} - F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo. Then  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  hence by (iii),  $F^u(C_\eta(\mu, r))$  is  $r$ -fec. Then we obtain

$$eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(C_\eta(\mu, r)).$$

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  hence by (iv), we obtain

$$C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \leq eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(C_\eta(\mu, r)).$$

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ ,  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ , hence by (v), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{1} - F^l(\mu) &= F^u(\bar{1} - \mu) \\ &\geq C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\bar{1} - \mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\bar{1} - \mu), r), r) \\ &= C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\bar{1} - F^l(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\bar{1} - F^l(\mu), r), r) \\ &= \bar{1} - [C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r)] \\ F^l(\mu) &\leq C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ ,  $\mu \in L^Y$ ,  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ , with  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  we have by (ii),  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo-set. Let  $F^l(\mu) = \lambda$  (say), then there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo-set and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ . Thus  $F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM and normalized between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.

(ii)  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set, for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ .

(iii)  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec set, for any  $\eta(\bar{1} - \mu) \geq r$ .

(iv)  $eC_\tau(F^l(\mu), r) \leq F^l(C_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

(v)  $C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \leq F^l(C_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ . Then we have the following:

(i) If  $F$  is normalized, then  $F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous at  $x_t$  iff  $x_t \in r$ -feo set of  $F^u(\mu)$ , for each  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$ .

(ii)  $F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous at  $x_t$  iff  $x_t \in r$ -feo set of  $F^l(\mu)$ , for each  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  and  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$ .

**Remark 2.2** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ . Then we will show that if  $F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous and not normalized then  $x_t \notin r$ -feo set of  $F^u(\mu)$ , for each  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ , by the following example.

**Example 2.3** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.1$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = 0.6$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = \bar{0}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = 0.7$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = \bar{0}$ , and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = 0.7$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda_1(x_1) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1(x_2) = 0.5$  and  $\lambda_2(x_1) = 0.6$ ,  $\lambda_2(x_2) = 0.6$  and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu(y_1) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(y_2) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu(y_3) = 0.6$ . We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define  $L$ -fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . Since  $\text{dom}(F)(x) = \bigvee_{y \in Y} G_F(x, y)$ , i.e.  $x_{0.6}^1 \in \text{dom}(F)$  and  $x_{0.7}^2 \in \text{dom}(F)$ . From Definition 2.3, we have

$$F^u(0.6)(x_1) = 0.6, \quad F^u(\bar{0})(x_1) = 0.4, \quad F^u(\bar{1})(x_1) = \bar{1}$$

$$F^u(0.6)(x_2) = 0.6, \quad F^u(\bar{0})(x_2) = 0.3, \quad F^u(\bar{1})(x_2) = \bar{1}.$$

For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , as  $\mu$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -fuzzy open in  $Y$  and  $F^u(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set in  $X$ . Then

(i)  $F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.

(ii)  $F$  is not normalized.

(iii) The fuzzy point  $x_t$  with  $x_{0.7}^2 \notin \lambda_2$  where  $F^u(\mu) = \lambda_2$  is  $r$ -feo set and  $\eta(\mu) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  be a family of  $FLe$ -continuous between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^l(\mu) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (F_i^l(\mu))$  by, Theorem 1.3 (ii). Since  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  is a family of  $FLe$ -continuous between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ , then  $F_i^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ . Then we have  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^l(\mu) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (F_i^l(\mu))$  is  $r$ -feo for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  be a family of normalized  $FUE$ -continuous between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then

$$(F_1 \cup F_2)^u(\mu) = F_1^u(\mu) \wedge F_2^u(\mu)$$

by, Theorem 1.3 (iii). Since  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  is a family of normalized  $FUE$ -continuous between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ , then  $(F_i^u(\mu))$  if  $r$ -feo, for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then for each  $\mu \in L^Y$ , we have  $(F_1 \cup F_2)^u(\mu) = F_1^u(\mu) \wedge F_2^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set for any  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$ . Hence  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 2.2** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact iff every family in  $\{\mu : \mu \text{ is } r\text{-feo}, \mu \in L^X \text{ and } r \in L\}$  covering  $\lambda$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $F$  is called fuzzy  $e$ -compact valued iff  $F(x_t)$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact for each  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ .

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a crisp FUE-continuous and  $e$ -compact valued between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then the direct image of a  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact in  $X$  under  $F$  is also  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact set in  $X$  and  $\{\gamma_i : \gamma_i \text{ is } r\text{-feo set in } Y, i \in \Gamma\}$  be a family of covering of  $F(\lambda)$ . i.e.  $F(\lambda) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i$ . Since  $\lambda = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t$ , we have

$$F(\lambda) = F\left(\bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t\right) = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i.$$

It follows that for each  $x_t \in \lambda$ ,  $F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i$ . Since  $F$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact valued, then there exists finite subset  $\Gamma_{x_t}$  of  $\Gamma$  such that  $F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{n \in \Gamma_{x_t}} \gamma_n = \gamma_{x_t}$ . By Theorem 1.1 (viii), we have

$$x_t \leq F^u(F(x_t)) \leq F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) \text{ and } \lambda = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} F^u(\gamma_{x_t}).$$

Since,  $\eta(\gamma_{x_t}) \geq r$ , then from Theorem 2.2, we have  $F^u(\gamma_{x_t})$  is  $r$ -feo-set. Hence  $\{F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) : F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) \text{ is } r\text{-feo-set}, x_t \in \lambda\}$  is a family covering the set  $\lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact, then there exists finite index set  $N$  such that  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})$ . From Theorem 1.1 (vii), we have

$$F(\lambda) \leq F\left(\bigvee_{n \in N} F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})\right) = \bigvee_{n \in N} F(F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})) \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} \gamma_{x_{t_n}}.$$

Then  $F(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact. □

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three fts's. Then we have the following:

(i) If  $F$  and  $H$  are normalized, FUE-continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is FUE-continuous.

(ii) If  $F$  and  $H$  are FLe-continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is FLe-continuous.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $F$  and  $H$  are normalized, FUE-continuous and  $\nu \in L^Z$ . Then from Theorem 1.2, we have  $(H \circ F)^u(\nu) = F^u(H^u(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo with  $\nu(H^u(\nu)) \geq \delta(\nu)$ . Thus  $H \circ F$  is FUE-continuous.

(ii) Similar of (i). □

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three L-fts's. If  $F$  is FLe-continuous and  $H$  is FL-continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is FLe-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\nu \in L^Z$ ,  $\delta(\nu) \geq r$ . Since  $H$  is FL-continuous, then by Theorem 1.5,  $H^l(\nu)$  is  $r$ -fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . Also,  $F$  is FLe-irresolute implies  $F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $X$ . Hence, we have  $(H \circ F)^l(\nu) = F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo. Thus  $H \circ F$  is FLe-continuous. □

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three L-fts's. If  $F$  and  $H$  are normalized,  $F$  is FUE-continuous and  $H$  is FUE-continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is FUE-continuous.

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 2.7.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . If  $G_f$  is FLe-continuous, then  $F$  is FLe-continuous.

*Proof.* For the fuzzy sets  $\rho \in L^X$ ,  $\tau(\rho) \geq r$ ,  $\nu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\nu) \geq r$ , we take,  $(\rho \times$

$$\nu)(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \notin \rho, \\ \nu(y), & \text{if } x \in \rho. \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ ,  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\eta(\mu) \geq r$  with  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$ , then we have  $x_t \in G_f^l(X \times \mu)$  and  $\eta(X \times \mu) \geq r$ . Since  $G_f$  is FLe-continuous, it follows that there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq G_f^l(X \times \mu)$ . From here, we obtain that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ . Thus  $F$  is FLe-continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . If  $G_f$  is FUE-continuous, then  $F$  is FUE-continuous.

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 2.9.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X_i, \tau_i)$  be L-fts's ( $i \in I$ ). If a FM  $F : X \multimap \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is FLe-continuous (where  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is the product space), then  $P_i \circ F$  is FLe-continuous for each  $i \in I$ , where  $P_i : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_i$  is the projection multifunction which is defined by  $P_i(x_i) = \{x_i\}$  for each  $i \in I$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu_{i_0} \in L^{X_{i_0}}$  and  $\tau_i(\mu_{i_0}) \geq r$ . Then

$$(P_{i_0} \circ F)^l(\mu_{i_0}) = F^l(P_{i_0}^l(\mu_{i_0})) = F^l(\mu_{i_0} \times \prod_{i \neq i_0} X_i).$$

Since  $F$  is FLe-continuous and  $\tau_i(\mu_{i_0} \times \prod_{i \neq i_0} X_i) \geq r$ , it follows that  $F^l(\mu_{i_0} \times \prod_{i \neq i_0} X_i)$  is  $r$ -feo set. Then  $P_i \circ F$  is an FLe-continuous.  $\square$

We state the following result without proof in view of the above theorem.

**Theorem 2.12** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X_i, \tau_i)$  be L-fts's ( $i \in I$ ). If a FM  $F : X \multimap \prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is FUE-continuous (where  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is the product space), then  $P_i \circ F$  is FUE-continuous for each  $i \in I$ , where  $P_i : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_i$  is the projection multifunction which is defined by  $P_i(x_i) = \{x_i\}$  for each  $i \in I$ .

**Theorem 2.13** Let  $(X_i, \tau_i)$  and  $(Y_i, \eta_i)$  be L-fts's and  $F_i : X_i \multimap Y_i$  be a FM for each  $i \in I$ . Suppose that  $F : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \multimap \prod_{i \in I} Y_i$  is defined by  $F(x_i) = \prod_{i \in I} F_i(x_i)$ . If  $F$  is FLe-continuous, then  $F_i$  is FLe-continuous for each  $i \in I$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu_i \in L^{Y_i}$  and  $\eta_i(\mu_i) \geq r$ . Then  $\eta_i(\mu_i \times \prod_{j \neq i} Y_j) \geq r$ . Since  $F$  is FLe-continuous, it follows that  $F^l(\mu_i \times \prod_{j \neq i} Y_j) = F^l(\mu_i) \times \prod_{j \neq i} X_j$  is  $r$ -feo. Consequently, we obtain that  $F^l(\mu_i)$  is  $r$ -feo for each  $i \in I$ . Thus,  $F_i$  is FLe-continuous.  $\square$

We state the following result without proof in view of above theorem.

**Theorem 2.14** Let  $(X_i, \tau_i)$  and  $(Y_i, \eta_i)$  be  $L$ -fts's and  $F_i : X_i \multimap Y_i$  be a FM for each  $i \in I$ . Suppose that  $F : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \multimap \prod_{i \in I} Y_i$  is defined by  $F(x_i) = \prod_{i \in I} F_i(x_i)$ . If  $F$  is  $FUe$ -continuous, then  $F_i$  is  $FUe$ -continuous for each  $i \in I$ .

### §3. Fuzzy upper and lower $e$ -irresolute multifunctions

**Definition 3.1** Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $r \in L_0$ . Then  $F$  is called:

- (i) Fuzzy upper  $e$ -irresolute ( $FUe$ -irresolute, in short) at an  $L$ -fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo, there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \wedge \text{dom}(F) \leq F^u(\mu)$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy lower  $e$ -irresolute ( $FLe$ -irresolute, in short) at an  $L$ -fuzzy point  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo, there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ .
- (iii)  $FUe$ -irresolute (resp.  $FLe$ -irresolute) iff it is  $FUe$ -irresolute (resp.  $FLe$ -irresolute) at every  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ .

**Example 3.1** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.1$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = \bar{1}$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = \bar{0}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = 0.5$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = \bar{0}$ , and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = \bar{1}$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda(x_1) = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda(x_2) = 0.5$ :  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu_1(y_1) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_1(y_2) = 0.5$ ,  $\mu_1(y_3) = 0.5$  and  $\mu_2(y_1) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu_2(y_2) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu_2(y_3) = 0.4$ . We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define  $L$ -fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute and  $FLe$ -irresolute.

**Proposition 3.1**  $F$  is normalized implies  $F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute at  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$  iff  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$  for each  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo, there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^u(\mu)$ .

**Remark 3.1** Let  $F$  be a FM between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . For the mapping  $F : X \multimap Y$ , the following statements are valid:

- (1)  $FUe$ -irresolute  $\Rightarrow$   $FUe$ -continuous.
- (2)  $FLe$ -irresolute  $\Rightarrow$   $FLe$ -continuous.

In general, the converse of Remark 3.1 need not be true from the following examples.

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.8$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = 0.8$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = \bar{1}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = 0.7$ ,

and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = 0.9$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda_1(x_1) = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda_1(x_2) = 0.1$ ;  $\lambda_2(x_1) = 0.1$ ,  $\lambda_2(x_2) = 0.2$  and  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu_1(y_1) = 0.7$ ,  $\mu_1(y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $\mu_1(y_3) = 0.8$  and  $\mu_2(y_1) = 0.3$ ,  $\mu_2(y_2) = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_2(y_3) = 0.2$  We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define  $L$ -fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $F : X \dashv\circ Y$  is  $FUE$ -continuous but not  $FUE$ -irresolute because  $\mu_2$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo in  $(Y, \eta)$ ,  $F^u(\mu_2) = \lambda_2$  is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  and  $F : X \dashv\circ Y$  be a FM defined by  $G_F(x_1, y_1) = 0.2$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_2) = \bar{1}$ ,  $G_F(x_1, y_3) = \bar{0}$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_1) = 0.5$ ,  $G_F(x_2, y_2) = \bar{0}$ , and  $G_F(x_2, y_3) = 0.3$ . Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $X$  be defined as  $\lambda_1(x_1) = 0.4$ ,  $\lambda_1(x_2) = 0.3$ ;  $\lambda_2(x_1) = 0.2$ ,  $\lambda_2(x_2) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be a fuzzy subsets of  $Y$  defined as  $\mu_1(y_1) = 0.6$ ,  $\mu_1(y_2) = 0.9$ ,  $\mu_1(y_3) = \bar{0}$ ;  $\mu_2(y_1) = 0.4$ ,  $\mu_2(y_2) = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_2(y_3) = \bar{1}$ . We assume that  $\bar{1} = 1$  and  $\bar{0} = 0$ . Define  $L$ -fuzzy topologies  $\tau : L^X \rightarrow L$  and  $\eta : L^Y \rightarrow L$  as follows:

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \lambda = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \lambda_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \eta(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \bar{0} \text{ or } \bar{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = \mu_1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

are fuzzy topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $F : X \dashv\circ Y$  is  $FLe$ -continuous but not  $FLe$ -irresolute because  $\mu_2$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo in  $(Y, \eta)$ ,  $F^l(\mu_2) = \lambda_2$ , is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ -feo set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $F : X \dashv\circ Y$  be a FM between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.
- (ii)  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set, for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo.
- (iii)  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec set, for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -fec.
- (iv)  $eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(eC_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .
- (v)  $C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \leq F^u(eC_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ ,  $\mu \in L^Y$ ,  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  then, there exist  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo set and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$  thus  $x_t \in eI_\tau(F^l(\mu), r)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $F^l(\mu) \leq eI_\tau(F^l(\mu), r)$ . Thus  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -fec. Hence by (ii),  $F^l(\bar{1} - \mu) = \bar{1} - F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo. Then  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  hence by (iii),  $F^u(eC_\eta(\mu, r))$  is  $r$ -fec. Then we obtain

$$eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(eC_\eta(\mu, r)).$$

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  hence by (iv), we obtain

$$C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\mu), r), r) \leq eC_\tau(F^u(\mu), r) \leq F^u(eC_\eta(\mu, r)).$$

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo. Hence by (v), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{1} - F^l(\mu) &= F^u(\bar{1} - \mu) \\ &\geq C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^u(\bar{1} - \mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^u(\bar{1} - \mu), r), r) \\ &= C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(\bar{1} - F^l(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(\bar{1} - F^l(\mu), r), r) \\ &= \bar{1} - [C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r)] \\ F^l(\mu) &\leq C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \vee I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $x_t \in \text{dom}(F)$ ,  $\mu \in L^Y$  and  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo, with  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$  we have by (ii),  $F^l(\mu) = \lambda(\text{say})$  is  $r$ -feo, then there exists  $\lambda \in L^X$ ,  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -feo-set and  $x_t \in \lambda$  such that  $\lambda \leq F^l(\mu)$ . Thus  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM and normalized between two  $L$ -fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute.

(ii)  $F^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo set, for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo.

(iii)  $F^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -fec set,  $\mu$  is  $r$ -fec.

(iv)  $eC_\tau(F^l(\mu), r) \leq F^l(eC_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

(v)  $C_\tau(\delta I_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \wedge I_\tau(\delta C_\tau(F^l(\mu), r), r) \leq F^l(eC_\eta(\mu, r))$ , for any  $\mu \in L^Y$ .

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a FM between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $\mu \in L^Y$ . Then we have the following:

(i) If  $F$  is normalized, then  $F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute at a fuzzy point  $x_t$  iff  $x_t \in r$ -feo set of  $F^u(\mu)$ , for each  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in F^u(\mu)$ .

(ii)  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute at a fuzzy point  $x_t$  iff  $x_t \in r$ -feo set of  $F^l(\mu)$ , for each  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo and  $x_t \in F^l(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  be a family of  $FLe$ -irresolute between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^l(\mu) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (F_i^l(\mu))$  by, Theorem 1.3 (ii). Since  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  is a family of  $FLe$ -irresolute between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ , then  $F_i^l(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo. Then we have  $(\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i)^l(\mu) = \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} (F_i^l(\mu))$  is  $r$ -feo for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo. Hence  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} F_i$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  be a family of normalized  $FUe$ -irresolute between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then  $F_1 \bigcup F_2$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in L^Y$ , then

$$(F_1 \cup F_2)^u(\mu) = F_1^u(\mu) \wedge F_2^u(\mu)$$

by, Theorem 1.3 (iii). Since  $\{F_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  is a family of normalized  $FUe$ -irresolute between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ , then  $F_i^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo, for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo, for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then for each  $\mu \in L^Y$ , we have  $(F_1 \cup F_2)^u(\mu) = F_1^u(\mu) \wedge F_2^u(\mu)$  is  $r$ -feo, for any  $\mu$  is  $r$ -feo set. Hence  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  be a crisp  $FUe$ -irresolute and  $e$ -compact valued between two fts's  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \eta)$ . Then the direct image of a  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact in  $X$  under  $F$  is also  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact set in  $X$  and  $\{\gamma_i : \gamma_i \text{ is } r\text{-feo set in } Y, i \in \Gamma\}$  be a family of covering of  $F(\lambda)$ . i.e.  $F(\lambda) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i$ . Since  $\lambda = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t$ , we have

$$F(\lambda) = F\left(\bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t\right) = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i.$$

It follows that for each  $x_t \in \lambda$ ,  $F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} \gamma_i$ . Since  $F$  is fuzzy  $e$ -compact valued, then there exists finite subset  $\Gamma_{x_t}$  of  $\Gamma$  such that  $F(x_t) \leq \bigvee_{n \in \Gamma_{x_t}} \gamma_n = \gamma_{x_t}$ . By Theorem 1.1 (viii), we have,

$$x_t \leq F^u(F(x_t)) \leq F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) \text{ and } \lambda = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} x_t = \bigvee_{x_t \in \lambda} F^u(\gamma_{x_t}).$$

Since,  $\gamma_{x_t}$  is  $r$ -feo, then from Theorem 2.2, we have  $F^u(\gamma_{x_t})$  is  $r$ -feo. Hence  $\{F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) : F^u(\gamma_{x_t}) \text{ is } r\text{-feo, } x_t \in \lambda\}$  is a family covering the set  $\lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact, then there exists finite index set  $N$  such that  $\lambda \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})$ . From Theorem 1.1 (vii), we have

$$F(\lambda) \leq F\left(\bigvee_{n \in N} F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})\right) = \bigvee_{n \in N} F(F^u(\gamma_{x_{t_n}})) \leq \bigvee_{n \in N} \gamma_{x_{t_n}}.$$

Then  $F(\lambda)$  is  $r$ -fuzzy  $e$ -compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three L-fts's. If  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute and  $H$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.*

*Proof.* Let  $\nu \in L^Z$ ,  $\nu$  is  $r$ -feo. Since  $H$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute, then by Theorem 3.1,  $H^l(\nu)$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $Y$ . Also,  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute implies  $F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $X$ . Hence, we have  $(H \circ F)^l(\nu) = F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo. Thus  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three L-fts's. If  $F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute and  $H$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FUe$ -irresolute.*

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 3.6.  $\square$



**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three  $L$ -fts's. If  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute and  $H$  is  $FLe$ -continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\nu \in L^Z$ ,  $\delta(\nu) \geq r$ . Since  $H$  is  $FLe$ -continuous, then by Theorem 2.1,  $H^l(\nu)$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $Y$ . Also,  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute implies  $F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $X$ . Hence, we have  $(H \circ F)^l(\nu) = F^l(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo. Thus  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three  $L$ -fts's. If  $F$  and  $H$  are normalized,  $F$  is  $FUE$ -irresolute and  $H$  is  $FUE$ -continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* This can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three  $L$ -fts's. If  $F$  is normalized and  $FUE$ -irresolute and  $H$  is  $FLe$ -continuous, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\nu \in L^Z$ ,  $\delta(\nu) \geq r$ . Since  $H$  is  $FLe$ -continuous, then from Theorem 2.1,  $H^l(\nu)$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $Y$ . Also,  $F$  is normalized and  $FUE$ -irresolute implies  $F^u(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $X$  by, Theorem 3.2. Hence, we have  $(H \circ F)^u(\nu) = F^u(H^l(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo. Thus  $H \circ F$  is  $FUE$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $H : Y \multimap Z$  be two FM's and let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \eta)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  be three  $L$ -fts's. If  $H$  is normalized and  $FUE$ -continuous,  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute, then  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\nu \in L^Z$ ,  $\delta(\nu) \geq r$ . Since  $H$  is  $FUE$ -continuous, then  $H^u(\nu)$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $Y$ . Also,  $F$  is  $FLe$ -irresolute implies  $F^l(H^u(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo set in  $X$  by, Theorem 3.1. Hence, we have  $(H \circ F)^l(\nu) = F^l(H^u(\nu))$  is  $r$ -feo. Thus  $H \circ F$  is  $FLe$ -continuous.  $\square$

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# An integral representation of a subclass of analytic functions

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**Abstract** In the present paper, we study the class  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  given as

$$R_p(\gamma, \alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}_p : \Re \left( (1 - \alpha) \frac{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}{z^p} + \alpha \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda)f(z)}{z^p} \right) > \gamma, z \in \mathbb{E} \right\}.$$

We find the integral representation of  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)$  as a sufficient condition for  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  to be a member of the class  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$ . The results of some known classes in this direction appear as particular cases of our main result.

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## §1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of functions  $f$ , analytic in the open disk  $\mathbb{E} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  has the Taylor series expansion

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$

analytic and multivalent in the open disk  $\mathbb{E}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , define a multiplier transformation  $I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)$ , as follows:

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k + \lambda}{p + \lambda} \right)^n a_k z^k, \quad (\lambda \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}),$$

The special case  $I_1(n, 0)$  of the above defined operator is the well-known Sălăgean [9] derivative operator  $D^n$ , defined for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  as given below:

$$D^n f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k.$$

Singh et al. [11], Krzyz [5] and Chichra [2] studied the class  $R(\beta)$ ,  $\beta < 1$ , defined as:

$$R(\beta) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re(f'(z) + z f''(z)) > \beta, z \in \mathbb{E}\},$$

where  $\beta$  is given by

$$\beta_{\mathcal{S}} = \inf\{\beta : R(\beta) \subset \mathcal{S}\}$$

and

$$\beta_{\mathcal{S}^*} = \inf\{\beta : R(\beta) \subset \mathcal{S}^*\}.$$

Later on, Singh et al. [12] showed that  $\beta_{\mathcal{S}^*} \leq -\frac{1}{4}$  which was further improved by Ali [1]. Gao [3] and Silverman [10] proved independently and obtained  $\beta_{\mathcal{S}^*} \leq \frac{6-\pi^2}{24-\pi^2}$ . In 2007, Gao et al. [4] studied the following subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$R(\beta, \alpha) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re(f'(z) + \alpha z f''(z)) > \beta, z \in \mathbb{E}\},$$

where  $\beta < 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . They determined the extreme points of  $R(\beta, \alpha)$  and obtain sharp bounds for  $\Re(f'(z))$  and  $\Re(f(z)/z)$ . They also determined the number  $\beta(\alpha)$  such that  $R(\beta, \alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}^*$ , for certain fixed number  $\alpha$  in  $[1, \infty)$ . Recently, Wang et al. [13] studied the class  $Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  defined as:

$$Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re[\alpha(f(z)/z) + \beta f'(z)] > \gamma, (\alpha, \beta) > 0, 0 \leq \gamma < \alpha + \beta \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{E}\}.$$

They provided the extreme points and radius of univalence for the members of this class. In the present paper, we study the following subclass  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  of  $\mathcal{A}_p$  involving multivalent functions:

$$R_p(\gamma, \alpha) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A}_p : \Re \left( (1-\alpha) \frac{I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)}{z^p} + \alpha \frac{I_p(n+1, \lambda) f(z)}{z^p} \right) > \gamma, z \in \mathbb{E} \right\},$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha \leq 1$ .

## §2. Main Result

**Theorem 2.1** *A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is in  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  if and only if  $I_p(n, \lambda) f(z)$  can be expressed as*

$$I_p(n, \lambda) f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left[ (2\gamma - 1)z^p + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+p}}{m\beta + 1} \right] d\mu(x) \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu(x)$  is the probability measure defined on the  $X = \{x : |x| = 1\}$ . For fixed  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ ,  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  and the probability measures  $\{\mu\}$  defined on  $X$  are one-to-one by the expression (1).

*Proof.* Let  $u(z) = \frac{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}{z^p}$ .

Differentiating logarithmically, we have :

$$\frac{zu'(z)}{u(z)} = \frac{z(I_p(n, \lambda)f(z))'}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} - p. \quad (2)$$

In the view of relation

$$zI_p'(n, \lambda)f(z) = (p + \lambda)I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z) - \lambda I_p(n, \lambda)f(z),$$

(2) becomes

$$\frac{zu'(z)}{(p + \lambda)u(z)} + 1 = \frac{I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z)}{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)} = u(z) + \frac{1}{p + \lambda}zu'(z).$$

Now

$$(1 - \alpha)\frac{I_p(n, \lambda)f(z)}{z^p} + \alpha\frac{I_p(n + 1, \lambda)f(z)}{z^p} = u(z) + \beta zu'(z), \quad (3)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{p + \lambda}$ . Since  $f \in R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$ , therefore

$$\Re(u(z) + \beta zu'(z)) > \gamma.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the normalized class of analytic functions which have positive real part. Therefore  $f \in R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\frac{u(z) + \beta zu'(z) - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} \in \mathcal{P}, \quad u(0) = 1.$$

By Herglotz expression of functions in  $\mathcal{P}$ , we have

$$\frac{u(z) + \beta zu'(z) - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} = \int_{|x|=1} \frac{1 + xz}{1 - xz} d\mu(x),$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{\beta}u(z) + zu'(z) = \frac{1}{\beta} \int_{|x|=1} \frac{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)xz}{1 - xz} d\mu(x).$$

Therefore

$$z^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} \int_0^z \left( \frac{1}{\beta}u(\zeta) + \zeta u'(\zeta) \right) \zeta^{\frac{1}{\beta}-1} d\zeta = \frac{1}{\beta} \int_{|x|=1} \left( z^{-\frac{1}{\beta}} \int_0^z \frac{1 + (1 - 2\gamma)x\zeta}{1 - x\zeta} \zeta^{\frac{1}{\beta}-1} d\zeta \right) d\mu(x)$$

i.e.

$$u(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1) + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xz)^m}{m\beta + 1} \right) d\mu(x),$$

which is equivalent to

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1)z^p + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+p}}{m\beta + 1} \right) d\mu(x),$$

Since the probability measures  $\{\mu\}$  and the class  $\mathcal{P}$  as well as class  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  are one-to-one, so the second part of the theorem is true and can be proved by deduction. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2** *The extreme points of the class  $R_p(\gamma, \alpha)$  are*

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f_x(z) = (2\gamma - 1)z^p + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+p}}{m\beta + 1}, \quad |x| = 1. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* Using the notation  $I_p(n, \lambda)f_x(z)$ , equation (1) can be written as

$$I_p(n, \lambda)f_\mu(z) = \int_{|x|=1} I_p(n, \lambda)f_x(z) d\mu(x).$$

By Theorem 2.1, the map  $\mu \rightarrow f_\mu$  is one-to-one, so the proof follows.  $\square$

For  $p = 1$  and  $n = 0 = \lambda$  in the Theorem 2.1, we get:

**Corollary 2.3** *For  $f \in R_1(\gamma, \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha \leq 1$ ,*

$$\Re \left( (1 - \beta) \frac{f(z)}{z} + \beta f'(z) \right) > \gamma, \quad \beta = \alpha.$$

therefore

$$I_1(0, 0)f(z) = f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1)z + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+1}}{m\beta + 1} \right) d\mu(x).$$

For  $\alpha = 1 - \beta$ , the above expression obtained by Wang et al. [13]. Saitoh [8] and Owa [6, 7] discussed the related properties of  $Q(1 - \beta, \beta, \gamma) = R_1(\gamma, 1 - \beta)$ .

Selecting  $p = 1 = n$  and  $\lambda = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.4** *If  $f \in R_1(\gamma, \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha \leq 1$ , satisfies*

$$\Re \left( (1 - \alpha) \frac{I_1(1, 0)f(z)}{z} + \alpha \frac{I_1(2, 0)f(z)}{z} \right) = \Re(f'(z) + \beta f''(z)) > \gamma,$$

where  $\beta = \alpha > 0$ , then

$$I_1(1, 0)f(z) = zf'(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1)z + (2 - 2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+1}}{m\beta + 1} \right) d\mu(x)$$

which on further simplification gives

$$f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1)z + (2 - 2\gamma)\bar{x} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xz)^{m+1}}{(m+1)(m\beta + 1)} \right) d\mu(x).$$

This result was obtained by Gao et al. [4]. If we select  $\beta = 1$  in the above result, we get:

**Corollary 2.5** *If  $f \in R_1(\gamma, 1)$ , where  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then*

$$f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma - 1)z + (2 - 2\gamma)\bar{x} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xz)^{m+1}}{(m+1)^2} \right) d\mu(x)$$

$$= \int_{|x|=1} \left( \int_0^z \frac{(2\gamma-1)\zeta + (2\gamma-2)\bar{x} \log(1-x\zeta)}{\zeta} d\zeta \right) d\mu(x),$$

this result was also obtained by Silverman [10].

Selecting  $p = 1$ ,  $n = 2$  and  $\lambda = 0$ , we get the following result from Theorem 2.1:

**Corollary 2.6** If  $f \in R_1(\gamma, \alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha \leq 1$ , satisfies

$$\Re \left( (1-\alpha) \frac{I_1(2, 0)f(z)}{z} + \alpha \frac{I_1(3, 0)f(z)}{z} \right) = \Re(f'(z) + (1+2\beta)zf''(z) + \beta z^2 f'''(z)) > \gamma,$$

where  $\beta = \alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then

$$I_1(2, 0)f(z) = zf'(z) + z^2 f''(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma-1)z + (2-2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+1}}{m\beta+1} \right) d\mu(x)$$

Further, we get

$$zf'(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma-1)z + (2-2\gamma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m z^{m+1}}{(m+1)(m\beta+1)} \right) d\mu(x).$$

Hence

$$f(z) = \int_{|x|=1} \left( (2\gamma-1)z + (2-2\gamma)\bar{x} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xz)^{m+1}}{(m+1)^2(m\beta+1)} \right) d\mu(x). \quad (5)$$

**Corollary 2.7** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\Re(f'(z) + (1+2\beta)zf''(z) + \beta z^2 f'''(z)) > \gamma,$$

where  $\beta > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then extreme points of this class are given by (5) as

$$f_x(z) = (2\gamma-1)z + (2-2\gamma)\bar{x} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xz)^{m+1}}{(m+1)^2(m\beta+1)}, \quad |x| = 1. \quad (6)$$

**Corollary 2.8** If  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\Re(f'(z) + (1+2\beta)zf''(z) + \beta z^2 f'''(z)) > \gamma,$$

where  $\beta > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{2(1-\gamma)}{m^2(\beta(m-1)+1)}, \quad m \geq 2.$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* The coefficient bounds are maximized at an extreme point. Thus from (6),  $f_x(z)$  can be expressed as

$$f_x(z) = z + 2(1-\gamma) \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1} z^m}{m^2(\beta(m-1)+1)}, \quad |x| = 1.$$

and hence the result follows.  $\square$



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