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# FUZZY INTUITIONISTIC ALMOST (r, s)-CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the concepts of fuzzy (r, s)-regular open sets and fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mappings on the intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces in Šostak's sense. Also we investigate the equivalent conditions of the fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuity.

## 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [13]. Chang [3] was the first to introduce the concept of a fuzzy topology on a set X by axiomatizing a collection T of fuzzy subsets of X, where he referred to each member of T as an open set. In his definition of fuzzy topology, fuzziness in the concept of openness of a fuzzy subset was absent. These spaces and its generalizations are later studied by several authors, one of which, developed by Šostak [12], used the idea of degree of openness. This type of generalization of fuzzy topological spaces was later rephrased by Chattopadhyay, Hazra, and Samanta [4], and by Ramadan [11]. Azad [2] introduce the concept of fuzzy regular open sets and fuzzy almost continuous mappings in Chang's fuzzy topology.

As a generalization of fuzzy sets, the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [1]. Recently, Çoker and his colleagues [5, 7, 8] introduced intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces using intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Using the idea of degree of openness and degree of nonopenness, Çoker and M. Demirci [6] defined intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces in Šostak's sense as a generalization of smooth fuzzy topological spaces and intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces.

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## 2. Preliminaries

Let I be the unit interval [0,1] of the real line. A member  $\mu$  of  $I^X$  is called a fuzzy set of X. For any  $\mu \in I^X$ ,  $\mu^c$  denotes the complement  $1 - \mu$ . By  $\tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}$  we denote constant maps on X with value 0 and 1, respectively. All other notations are standard notations of fuzzy set theory.

Let X be a nonempty set. An *intuitionistic fuzzy set* A is an ordered pair

$$A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$$

where the functions  $\mu_A : X \to I$  and  $\gamma_A : X \to I$  denote the degree of membership and the degree of nonmembership, respectively, and  $\mu_A + \gamma_A \leq \tilde{1}$ .

Obviously every fuzzy set  $\mu$  on X is an intuitionistic fuzzy set of the form  $(\mu, \tilde{1} - \mu)$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. [1] Let A and B be intuitionistic fuzzy sets on X. Then

- (1)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $\mu_A \leq \mu_B$  and  $\gamma_A \geq \gamma_B$ .
- (2) A = B iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
- (3)  $A^c = (\gamma_A, \mu_A).$
- (4)  $A \cap B = (\mu_A \wedge \mu_B, \gamma_A \vee \gamma_B).$
- (5)  $A \cup B = (\mu_A \vee \mu_B, \gamma_A \wedge \gamma_B).$
- (6)  $0_{\sim} = (\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}) \text{ and } 1_{\sim} = (\tilde{1}, \tilde{0}).$

Let f be a mapping from a set X to a set Y. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \gamma_A)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of X and  $B = (\mu_B, \gamma_B)$  an intuitionistic fuzzy set of Y. Then:

(1) The image of A under f, denoted by f(A), is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in Y defined by

$$f(A) = (f(\mu_A), \tilde{1} - f(\tilde{1} - \gamma_A)).$$

(2) The inverse image of B under f, denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in X defined by

$$f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(\mu_B), f^{-1}(\gamma_B)).$$

A smooth fuzzy topology on X is a map  $T: I^X \to I$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $T(\tilde{0}) = T(\tilde{1}) = 1.$
- (2)  $T(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) \ge T(\mu_1) \wedge T(\mu_2).$
- (3)  $T(\bigvee \mu_i) \ge \bigwedge T(\mu_i).$

The pair (X, T) is called a smooth fuzzy topological space.

An *intuitionistic fuzzy topology* on X is a family T of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in X which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim} \in T$ .
- (2) If  $A_1, A_2 \in T$ , then  $A_1 \cap A_2 \in T$ .
- (3) If  $A_i \in T$  for all i, then  $\bigcup A_i \in T$ .

The pair (X, T) is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy topological space*.

Let I(X) be a family of all intuitionistic fuzzy sets of X and let  $I \otimes I$ be the set of the pair (r, s) such that  $r, s \in I$  and  $r + s \leq 1$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. [12] Let X be a nonempty set. An *intuitionistic* fuzzy topology in Šostak's sense (SoIFT for short)  $\mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  on X is a map  $\mathcal{T} : I(X) \to I \otimes I(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2 : I(X) \to I)$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $T_1(0_{\sim}) = T_1(1_{\sim}) = 1$  and  $T_2(0_{\sim}) = T_2(1_{\sim}) = 0$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}_1(A \cap B) \ge \mathcal{T}_1(A) \wedge \mathcal{T}_1(B)$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2(A \cap B) \le \mathcal{T}_2(A) \vee \mathcal{T}_2(B)$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}_1(\bigcup A_i) \ge \bigwedge \mathcal{T}_1(A_i) \text{ and } \mathcal{T}_2(\bigcup A_i) \le \bigvee \mathcal{T}_2(A_i).$

The  $(X, \mathcal{T}) = (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  is said to be an *intuitionistic fuzzy topologi*cal space in Šostak's sense (SoIFTS for short). Also, we call  $\mathcal{T}_1(A)$  a gradation of openness of A and  $\mathcal{T}_2(A)$  a gradation of nonopenness of A.

DEFINITION 2.3. [9] Let A be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then A is said to be

- (1) fuzzy (r, s)-open if  $\mathcal{T}_1(A) \ge r$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2(A) \le s$ ,
- (2) fuzzy (r, s)-closed if  $\mathcal{T}_1(A^c) \ge r$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2(A^c) \le s$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. [9] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  be a SoIFTS. For each  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$  and for each  $A \in I(X)$ , the fuzzy (r, s)-closure is defined by

$$cl(A, r, s) = \bigcap \{ B \in I(X) \mid A \subseteq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } (r, s) \text{-closed} \}$$

and the fuzzy (r, s)-interior is defined by

$$int(A, r, s) = \bigcup \{ B \in I(X) \mid A \supseteq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } (r, s) \text{-open} \}.$$

LEMMA 2.5. [9] For an intuitionistic fuzzy set A in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$ and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ , we have:

- (1)  $cl(A, r, s)^c = int(A^c, r, s).$
- (2)  $int(A, r, s)^c = cl(A^c, r, s).$

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space in Šostak's sense. Then it is easy to see that for each  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ , the family  $\mathcal{T}_{(r,s)}$  defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_{(r,s)} = \{ A \in I(X) \mid \mathcal{T}_1(A) \ge r \text{ and } \mathcal{T}_2(A) \le s \}$$

is an intuitionistic fuzzy topology on X.

Let (X,T) be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space and  $(r,s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then the map  $T^{(r,s)} : I(X) \to I \otimes I$  defined by

$$T^{(r.s)}(A) = \begin{cases} (1,0) & \text{if } A = 0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim} \\ (r,s) & \text{if } A \in T - \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}\} \\ (0,1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

becomes an intuitionistic fuzzy topology in Sostak's sense on X.

DEFINITION 2.6. [9] Let A be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then A is said to be

- (1) fuzzy (r, s)-semiopen if there is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set B in X such that  $B \subseteq A \subseteq cl(B, r, s)$ ,
- (2) fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed if there is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set B in X such that  $int(B, r, s) \subseteq A \subseteq B$ .

DEFINITION 2.7. [10] Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  be a SoIFTS. For each  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$  and for each  $A \in I(X)$ , the fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosure is defined by

$$\operatorname{scl}(A, r, s) = \bigcap \{ B \in I(X) \mid A \subseteq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } (r, s) \text{-semiclosed} \}$$

and the fuzzy (r, s)-semiinterior is defined by

sint $(A, r, s) = \bigcup \{ B \in I(X) \mid A \supseteq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } (r, s) \text{-semiopen} \}.$ 

LEMMA 2.8. [10] For an intuitionistic fuzzy set A in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ ,

- (1)  $\operatorname{sint}(A, r, s)^c = \operatorname{scl}(A^c, r, s).$
- (2)  $\operatorname{scl}(A, r, s)^c = \operatorname{sint}(A^c, r, s).$

DEFINITION 2.9. [10] Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (Y, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  be a mapping from a SoIFTS X to a SoIFTS Y and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then f is said to be

(1) a fuzzy (r, s)-continuous mapping if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of X for each fuzzy (r, s)-open set B of Y,

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- (2) a fuzzy (r, s)-semicontinuous mapping if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)semiopen set of X for each fuzzy (r, s)-open set B of Y,
- (3) a fuzzy (r, s)-irresolute mapping if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiopen set of X for each fuzzy (r, s)-semiopen set B of Y.

### **3.** Fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mappings

we define the notions of fuzzy (r, s)-regular open sets and fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed sets, and investigate some of their properties.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let A be an intuitionistic fuzzy set on SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then A is said to be

(1) fuzzy (r, s)-regular open if int(cl(A, r, s), r, s) = A,

(2) fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed if cl(int(A, r, s), r, s) = A.

THEOREM 3.2. Let A be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then A is fuzzy (r, s)-regular open if and only if  $A^c$  is fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed.

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.5.

REMARK 3.3. Clearly, every fuzzy (r, s)-regular open ((r, s)-regular closed) set is fuzzy (r, s)-open ((r, s)-closed). That the converse need not be true is shown by the following example.

EXAMPLE 3.4. Let  $X = \{x, y\}$  and let B be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of X defined as

$$B(x) = (0.3, 0.6), \quad B(y) = (0.5, 0.1).$$

Define  $\mathcal{T}: I(X) \to I \otimes I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}(A) = (\mathcal{T}_1(A), \mathcal{T}_2(A)) = \begin{cases} (1,0) & \text{if } A = 0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) & \text{if } A = B, \\ (0,1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  is a SoIFT on X. Then the intuitionistic fuzzy set B is a fuzzy  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -open set which is not a fuzzy  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -regular open set. Also,  $B^c$  is a fuzzy  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -closed set which is not a fuzzy  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -regular closed set.

THEOREM 3.5. (1) The intersection of two fuzzy (r, s)-regular open sets is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set.

(2) The union of two fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed sets is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set.

*Proof.* (1) Let A and B be any two fuzzy (r, s)-regular open sets in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Then A and B are fuzzy (r, s)-open sets and hence  $\mathcal{T}_1(A \cap B) \geq \mathcal{T}_1(A) \wedge \mathcal{T}_1(B) \geq r$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2(A \cap B) \leq \mathcal{T}_2(A) \vee \mathcal{T}_2(B) \leq s$ . Thus  $A \cap B$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set. Since  $A \cap B \subseteq cl(A \cap B, r, s)$ ,

$$\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A \cap B, r, s), r, s) \supseteq \operatorname{int}(A \cap B, r, s) = A \cap B.$$

Now,  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$  imply

$$\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A \cap B, r, s), r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s) = A$$

and

$$\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A \cap B, r, s), r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(B, r, s), r, s) = B$$

Thus  $\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A \cap B, r, s), r, s) \subseteq A \cap B$ . Therefore

$$\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A \cap B, r, s), r, s) = A \cap B$$

and hence  $A \cap B$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set.

(2) Let A and B be any two fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed sets in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Then A and B are fuzzy (r, s)-closed sets and hence  $A^c$  and  $B^c$  are fuzzy (r, s)-open sets. So,  $\mathcal{T}_1((A \cup B)^c) = \mathcal{T}_1(A^c \cap B^c) \geq \mathcal{T}_1(A^c) \wedge \mathcal{T}_1(B^c) \geq r$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2((A \cup B)^c) = \mathcal{T}_2(A^c \cap B^c) \leq \mathcal{T}_2(A^c) \vee \mathcal{T}_2(B^c) \leq s$ and hence  $(A \cup B)^c$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set. Thus  $A \cup B$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set. Since  $\operatorname{int}(A \cup B, r, s) \subseteq A \cup B$ ,

$$\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A \cup B, r, s), r, s) \supseteq \operatorname{cl}(A \cup B, r, s) = A \cup B.$$

Now,  $A \cup B \supseteq A$  and  $A \cup B \supseteq B$  imply

$$\mathrm{cl}(\mathrm{int}(A\cup B,r,s),r,s)\supseteq\mathrm{cl}(\mathrm{int}(A,r,s),r,s)=A$$

and

 $\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A \cup B, r, s), r, s) \supseteq \operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(B, r, s), r, s) = B.$ 

Thus  $cl(int(A \cup B, r, s), r, s) \subseteq A \cup B$ . Therefore

$$cl(int(A \cup B, r, s), r, s) = A \cup B$$

and hence  $A \cup B$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set.

THEOREM 3.6. (1) The fuzzy (r, s)-closure of a fuzzy (r, s)-open set is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set.

(2) The fuzzy (r, s)-interior of a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set.

*Proof.* (1) Let A be a fuzzy (r, s)-open set in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Then clearly  $\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)$  implies that

$$\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s), r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s) = \operatorname{cl}(A, r, s).$$

Since A is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set, A = int(A, r, s). Also since  $A \subseteq cl(A, r, s)$ ,  $A = int(A, r, s) \subseteq int(cl(A, r, s), r, s)$ . Thus  $cl(A, r, s) \subseteq cl(int(cl(A, r, s), r, s), r, s)$ . Therefore

$$\mathrm{cl}(A,r,s) = \mathrm{cl}(\mathrm{int}(\mathrm{cl}(A,r,s),r,s),r,s)$$

and hence cl(A, r, s) is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set.

(2) Let A be a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set in a SoIFTS  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Then clearly  $cl(int(A, r, s), r, s) \supseteq int(A, r, s)$  implies that

$$\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A, r, s), r, s), r, s) \supseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{int}(A, r, s), r, s) = \operatorname{int}(A, r, s).$$

Since A is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set, A = cl(A, r, s). Also since  $A \supseteq int(A, r, s)$ ,  $A = cl(A, r, s) \supseteq cl(int(A, r, s), r, s)$ . Thus  $int(A, r, s) \subseteq int(cl(int(A, r, s), r, s), r, s)$ . Therefore

$$int(A, r, s) = int(cl(int(A, r, s), r, s), r, s)$$

and hence int(A, r, s) is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set.

We are going to introduce the notions of fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mappings and investigate some of their properties.

DEFINITION 3.7. Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (Y, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  be a mapping from a SoIFTS X to a SoIFTS Y and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then f is called

- (1) a fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mapping if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)open set of X for each fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set A of Y,
- (2) a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping if f(B) is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of Y for each fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set B of X,
- (3) a fuzzy almost (r, s)-closed mapping if f(B) is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set of Y for each fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set B of X.

REMARK 3.8. Clearly a fuzzy (r, s)-continuous mapping is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mapping. That the converse need not be true is shown by the following example.

EXAMPLE 3.9. Let  $X = \{x, y\}$  and let B be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of X defined as

$$B(x) = (0.2, 0.7), \quad B(y) = (0.6, 0.1).$$

Define  $\mathcal{T}: I(X) \to I \otimes I$  and  $\mathcal{U}: I(X) \to I \otimes I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}(A) = (\mathcal{T}_1(A), \mathcal{T}_2(A)) = \begin{cases} (1,0) & \text{if } A = 0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) & \text{if } A = B, \\ (0,1) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}(A) = (\mathcal{U}_1(A), \mathcal{U}_2(A)) = \begin{cases} (1,0) & \text{if } A = 0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim} \\ (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) & \text{if } A = B, \\ (0,1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2)$  and  $(\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  are SoIFTs on X. Then the identity map  $1_X : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (X, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  is a fuzzy almost  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -continuous mapping which is not a fuzzy  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ -continuous mapping.

THEOREM 3.10. Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (Y, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  be a mapping from a SoIFTS X to a SoIFTS Y and  $(r, s) \in I \otimes I$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mapping.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s)), r, s)$  for each fuzzy (r, s)-open set A of Y.
- (3)  $\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A, r, s), r, s)), r, s) \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$  for each fuzzy (r, s)-closed set A of Y.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let f be a fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mapping and A be a fuzzy (r, s)-opens set of Y. Since A is fuzzy (r, s)-open and  $A \subseteq \operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)$ ,

$$A = \operatorname{int}(A, r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s).$$

By Theorem 3.6 (2),  $\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set of Y. Since f is fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous,  $f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s))$ is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of X. Hence

$$f^{-1}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s)) = \operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s)), r, s).$$

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Let A be a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set of Y. Then  $A^c$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of Y. By (2),

$$f^{-1}(A^c) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A^c, r, s), r, s)), r, s).$$

Hence

 $f^{-}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{-1}(A) &= (f^{-1}(A^c))^c \\ &\supseteq (\operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A^c,r,s),r,s)),r,s))^c \\ &= \operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A,r,s),r,s)),r,s). \end{aligned}$$

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let A be a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set of Y. Then A =int(cl(A, r, s), r, s). Since  $A^c$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular closed set of Y,  $A^c$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set of Y. By (3),

$$\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(\operatorname{int}(A^c, r, s), r, s)), r, s) \subseteq f^{-1}(A^c).$$

Hence

$$f^{-1}(A) = (f^{-1}(A^c))^c$$
  

$$\subseteq (cl(f^{-1}(cl(int(A^c, r, s), r, s)), r, s))^c$$
  

$$= int(f^{-1}(int(cl(A, r, s), r, s)), r, s)$$
  

$$= int(f^{-1}(A), r, s)$$
  

$$\subseteq f^{-1}(A).$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(A) = int(f^{-1}(A), r, s)$  and hence  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of X. Therefore f is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-continuous mapping.  $\Box$ 

THEOREM 3.11. Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (Y, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  be a mapping from a SOIFTS X to a SOIFTS Y and  $(r, s) \in I \times I$ . Then f is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping if and only if  $(\operatorname{int}(B, r, s)) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(f(B), r, s)$  for each fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set B of X.

*Proof.* Let f be a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping and B be a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of X. Then

$$\operatorname{int}(B, r, s) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(B, r, s), r, s) \subseteq B.$$

Note that cl(B, r, s) is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set of X. By Theorem 3.6 (2), int(cl(B, r, s), r, s) is a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set of X. Since f is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping, f(int(cl(B, r, s), r, s)) is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of Y. Thus we have

$$f(\operatorname{int}(B, r, s) \subseteq f(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(B, r, s), r, s))$$
  
=  $\operatorname{int}(f(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(B, r, s), r, s)), r, s)$   
 $\subseteq \operatorname{int}(f(B), r, s).$ 

Conversely, let B be a fuzzy (r, s)-regular open set of X. Then B is fuzzy (r, s)-open and hence int(B, r, s) = B. Since int(cl(B, r, s), r, s) = B, B is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of X. So

$$f(B) = f(\operatorname{int}(B, r, s))$$
$$\subseteq \operatorname{int}(f(B)r, s)$$
$$\subseteq f(B).$$

Thus f(B) = int(f(B), r, s) and hence f(B) is a fuzzy (r, s)-open set of Y. Therefore f is a almost (r, s)-open mapping.

THEOREM 3.12. Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2) \to (Y, \mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2)$  be a fuzzy (r, s)-semicontinuous mapping and a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping. Then f is a fuzzy (r, s)-irresolute mapping.

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*Proof.* Let A be a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of Y. Then  $int(cl(A, r, s), r, s) \subseteq A$ . Clearly, cl(A, r, s) is a fuzzy (r, s)-closed set of Y. Since f is a fuzzy (r, s)-semicontinuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(cl(A, r, s))$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of X. So

$$f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)) \supseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)), r, s), r, s))$$
$$\supseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(A), r, s), r, s).$$

Thus we have

$$int(cl(f^{-1}(A), r, s), r, s) = int(int(cl(f^{-1}(A), r, s), r, s), r, s))$$
$$\subseteq int(f^{-1}(cl(A, r, s)), r, s).$$

Note that A is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of Y. Since f is a fuzzy almost (r, s)-open mapping and  $f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s))$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of X,

$$f(\operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)), r, s)) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(ff^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s)), r, s)$$
$$\subseteq \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(A, r, s), r, s)$$
$$\subseteq A.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(A),r,s),r,s) &\subseteq f^{-1}f(\operatorname{int}(\operatorname{cl}(f^{-1}(A),r,s),r,s)) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}f(\operatorname{int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{cl}(A,r,s)),r,s)) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}(A). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a fuzzy (r, s)-semiclosed set of X and hence f is a fuzzy (r, s)-irresolute mapping.

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