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APPLICATIONS OF GENERALIZED CLOSED SETS
DEFINED USING THE FUZZY CLOSURE OF THE
 α -INTERIOR

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Abstract. In this paper, a new type of fuzzy generalized closed set is defined via fuzzy α -open sets, called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set. Complements of $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets, called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets form a family that is not a topology. Using this new type of generalized closed sets, the corresponding open functions and closed function are introduced and studied. A new separation property generalizing the T_2 -property of fuzzy topological space is shown to be invariant to bijective $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open functions. Many examples are given, to illustrate the new concepts and to distinguish these from known related concepts.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [2, 3], generalized version of fuzzy closed set is introduced and studied. After that different types of fuzzy generalized version of closed sets have been investigated.

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In this paper taking fuzzy α -open set [6] as a basic tool, we introduce and study $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set. We have shown that fg -closed sets [3] and $fswg$ -closed sets [5] are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets, but the reverse implications are not necessarily true, in general. The notions of fuzzy open function [11] and fuzzy closed function [11] have been introduced by C.K. Wong. Here we introduce the notions of $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function and $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function and characterize each of these properties in several ways. We also establish the mutual relationships of three classes of generalized open functions, namely $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open, fg -open [3] and $fswg$ -open functions [5]. Also, we study the mutual relationships of three classes of generalized closed functions, namely $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed, fg -closed [3] and $fswg$ -closed functions. [5]. The notion of fuzzy T_2 -space was introduced in [8]. In this paper, we introduce the class of $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -spaces, that is strictly larger than the class of fuzzy T_2 -spaces.

After introducing a new type of generalized version of fuzzy closed set, we introduce and discuss new types of generalized version of fuzzy open and fuzzy closed functions and also a new type of separation axiom is introduced. Some applications of these new classes of functions are established here. Next our aim is to introduce generalized version of fuzzy continuous-like functions using $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets as a basic tool. With this idea, our aim is to introduce new types of generalized version of fuzzy separation axioms and compactness.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) or simply by X we shall mean a fuzzy topological space (fts, for short) in the sense of Chang [7]. A fuzzy set A is a function from a non-empty set X into the closed interval $I = [0, 1]$, i.e., $A \in I^X$ [12]. The support of a fuzzy set A , denoted by $suppA$ and is defined by $suppA = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$ [12]. The fuzzy set with the singleton support $\{x\} \subseteq X$ and the value t ($0 < t \leq 1$) will be denoted by x_t . 0_X and 1_X are the constant fuzzy sets taking values 0 and 1 respectively in X . The complement of a fuzzy set A in X is denoted by $1_X \setminus A$ and is defined by $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$, for each $x \in X$ [12].

For any two fuzzy sets A, B in X , $A \leq B$ means $A(x) \leq B(x)$, for all $x \in X$ [12] while AqB means A is quasi-coincident (q-coincident, for short) with B , if there exists $x \in X$ such that $A(x) + B(x) > 1$ [10]. The negation of these two statements will be denoted by $A \not\leq B$ and AqB respectively. For a fuzzy point x_t and a fuzzy set A , $x_t \in A$ means $A(x) \geq t$, i.e., $x_t \leq A$.

For a fuzzy set A , clA and $intA$ will stand for fuzzy closure [7] and fuzzy interior [7] of A respectively. A fuzzy set A is called a fuzzy neighborhood (fuzzy nbd, for short) of a fuzzy point x_t if there exists a fuzzy open set U in X such that $x_t \in U \leq A$ [10]. If, in addition, A is fuzzy open, then A is called fuzzy open nbd of x_t [10]. A fuzzy set A is called a fuzzy quasi neighborhood (fuzzy q -nbd, for short) [10] of a fuzzy point x_t in an fts X if there is a fuzzy open set U in X such that $x_t q U \leq A$. If, in addition, A is fuzzy open, then A is called fuzzy open q -nbd [10] of x_t .

A fuzzy set A in X is called

- (1) fuzzy regular open [1] if $A = int(clA)$
- (2) fuzzy semiopen [1] if $A \leq cl(intA)$
- (3) fuzzy α -open [6] if $A \leq int(cl(intA))$.

The complement of a fuzzy α -open set is called fuzzy α -closed [6]. The intersection (resp., union) of all fuzzy α -closed (resp., fuzzy α -open) sets containing (resp., contained in) a fuzzy set A is called fuzzy α -closure [6] (resp., fuzzy α -interior [6]) of A , to be denoted by $\alpha - clA$ (resp., $\alpha - intA$). The collection of all fuzzy regular open (resp. fuzzy semiopen, fuzzy α -open) sets in an fts X is denoted by $FRO(X)$ (resp., $FSO(X)$, $F\alpha O(X)$) and that of fuzzy α -closed sets is denoted by $F\alpha C(X)$.

3. SOME PROPERTIES OF $fg\alpha^\theta$ -CLOSED SETS

In this section we first introduce the notion of $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set and establish some of its properties. Then establish the mutual relationships of this newly defined class of sets with the classes of sets defined in [2, 3, 4].

Definition 3.1. Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A \in I^X$. Then A is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X if $cl(\alpha - intA) \leq U$ whenever $A \leq U \in \tau$.

The complements of $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets are called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets.

The collection of all $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open) sets in an fts X is denoted by $FG\alpha^\theta C(X)$ (resp., $FG\alpha^\theta O(X)$).

Remark 3.2. The union and the intersection of two $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets may not be so, as it is seen from the following example.

Example 3.3. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ where $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4$. Then (X, τ) is an fts. Here $F\alpha O(X) = \tau$. Now consider the fuzzy sets B and C defined by $B(a) = 0.6, B(b) = 0.4, C(a) = C(b) = 0.5$. Clearly B and C are

$fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets in (X, τ) . Let $D = B \wedge C$. Then $D = A \leq A \in \tau$. But $cl(\alpha - intD) = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq A \Rightarrow D$ is not $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X . Now consider two fuzzy sets E and F defined by $E(a) = 0, E(b) = 0.4, F(a) = 0.5, F(b) = 0$. Then clearly $E, F \in FG\alpha^\theta C(X)$ because $cl(\alpha - intE) = cl(\alpha - intF) = 0_X$. Let $G = E \vee F$. Now $G = A \leq A \in \tau$. But $cl(\alpha - intG) = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq A \Rightarrow G \notin FG\alpha^\theta C(X)$.

Note 3.4. So we can conclude that the family of all $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets in an fts (X, τ) does not form a fuzzy topology.

Theorem 3.5. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A, B \in I^X$. If $A \leq B \leq cl(\alpha - intA)$ and A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X , then B is also $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X .*

Proof. Let $U \in \tau$ be such that $B \leq U$. Then by hypothesis, $A \leq B \leq U$. As A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X , $cl(\alpha - intA) \leq U$. Then $cl(\alpha - intA) \leq cl(\alpha - intB) \leq cl(\alpha - int(cl(\alpha - intA))) \leq cl(\alpha - intA) \leq U \Rightarrow B$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X .

Theorem 3.6. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A, B \in I^X$. If $int(\alpha - clA) \leq B \leq A$ and A is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X , then B is also $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X .*

Proof. $int(\alpha - clA) \leq B \leq A \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus A \leq 1_X \setminus B \leq 1_X \setminus int(\alpha - clA) = cl(\alpha - int(1_X \setminus A))$ where $1_X \setminus A$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X . By Theorem 3.5, $1_X \setminus B$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in $X \Rightarrow B$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X .

Theorem 3.7. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and A be a fuzzy set in X . Then A is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X if and only if $K \leq int(\alpha - clA)$ whenever $K \leq A$ and K is a fuzzy closed set in (X, τ) .*

Proof. Let A be an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X and $K \leq A$ where K is a fuzzy closed set in (X, τ) . Then $1_X \setminus A \leq 1_X \setminus K$ where $1_X \setminus A$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X and $1_X \setminus K$ is fuzzy open set in (X, τ) . By hypothesis, $cl(\alpha - int(1_X \setminus A)) \leq 1_X \setminus K \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus int(\alpha - clA) \leq 1_X \setminus K \Rightarrow K \leq int(\alpha - clA)$.

Conversely, let $K \leq int(\alpha - clA)$ whenever $K \leq A, K \in \tau^c$. Then $1_X \setminus A \leq 1_X \setminus K$ where $1_X \setminus K \in \tau$. By hypothesis, $1_X \setminus int(\alpha - clA) \leq 1_X \setminus K \Rightarrow cl(\alpha - int(1_X \setminus A)) \leq 1_X \setminus K \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus A$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X and so A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X .

Theorem 3.8. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A, B \in I^X$. If A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X and B is fuzzy closed set in (X, τ) with AqB . Then $cl(\alpha - intA)qB$.*

Proof. By hypothesis, $AqB \Rightarrow A \leq 1_X \setminus B \in \tau \Rightarrow cl(\alpha - intA) \leq 1_X \setminus B \Rightarrow cl(\alpha - intA)qB$.

Now we recall the following definitions from [2, 3, 4] for ready references.

Definition 3.9. Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A \in I^X$. Then A is called

- (i) fg -closed set [2, 3] if $clA \leq U$ whenever $A \leq U \in \tau$, the complement of fg -closed set is called fg -open,
- (ii) $fswg$ -closed set [4] if $cl(intA) \leq U$ whenever $A \leq U \in FSO(X)$, the complement of $fswg$ -closed set is called $fswg$ -open.

Remark 3.10. Fuzzy α -closed sets, $fswg$ -closed sets, fg -closed sets are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets. But the reverse implications are not necessarily true, as it is seen from the next example.

Example 3.11. The property of a set being $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed does not imply any of the following properties : fuzzy α -closed, fg -closed, $fswg$ -closed

Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ where $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4$. Then (X, τ) is an fts. Then $F\alpha O(X) = \tau$. Consider the fuzzy set B defined by $B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.3$. Then $B \leq A \in \tau$. Now $cl(\alpha - intB) = 0_X < A \Rightarrow B$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X , but $clB = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq A \Rightarrow B$ is not fg -closed set in X . Consider the fuzzy set C defined by $C(a) = C(b) = 0.5$. Then clearly C is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X . But $C \leq C \in FSO(X)$ and $cl(intC) = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq C \Rightarrow C$ is not $fswg$ -closed set in X . We see that $cl(int(clC)) = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq C \Rightarrow C$ is not fuzzy α -closed set in X .

Definition 3.12. A fts (X, τ) is called $fT_{g\alpha^\theta}$ -space if every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X is fuzzy closed set in X .

Note 3.13. In $fT_{g\alpha^\theta}$ -space, $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set is fuzzy α -closed, fg -closed, $fswg$ -closed.

Now we introduce a new type of generalized version of a neighborhood system in an fts.

Definition 3.14. Let (X, τ) be an fts and x_t , a fuzzy point in X . A fuzzy set A is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -neighborhood ($fg\alpha^\theta$ -nbd, for short) of x_t ,

if there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set U in X such that $x_t \in U \leq A$. If, in addition, A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X , then A is called an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open nbd of x_t .

Definition 3.15. Let (X, τ) be an fts and x_t , a fuzzy point in X . A fuzzy set A is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -quasi neighborhood ($fg\alpha^\theta$ - q -nbd, for short) of x_t if there is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set U in X such that $x_t q U \leq A$. If, in addition, A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X , then A is called an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd of x_t .

Note 3.16. (i) It is clear from definitions that every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open nbd of each of its points. But every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -nbd of x_t may not be an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set containing x_t follows from the next example.

(ii) Also every fuzzy open nbd (resp., fuzzy open q -nbd) of a fuzzy point x_t is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open nbd (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd) of x_t . But the converses are not necessarily true, in general, as it seen from the next example.

Example 3.17. Consider Example 3.3 and the fuzzy point $a_{0.4}$ and the fuzzy set S , defined by $S(a) = 0.5, S(b) = 0.6$. Here S is not an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X . Also $a_{0.4} \in S$. Now consider the fuzzy set B defined by $B(a) = 0.5 = B(b)$. Then B is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X containing $a_{0.4}$. So $a_{0.4} \in B \leq S$ implies that S is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -nbd of $a_{0.4}$.

Next consider the fuzzy point $a_{0.6}$. Then $a_{0.6} q B \leq S \Rightarrow S$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ - q -nbd of $a_{0.6}$. Again consider the fuzzy set C defined by $C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.3$. Then as $1_X \setminus C$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X , C is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X . So C is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd of $a_{0.6}$, but not a fuzzy open q -nbd of $a_{0.6}$.

4. $fg\alpha^\theta$ -OPEN FUNCTIONS AND $fg\alpha^\theta$ -CLOSED FUNCTIONS

In this section, we introduce a new type of generalized version of closure-like operator which is seen to be an idempotent operator. Then, using this operator as a basic tool, two types of functions are introduced and characterized.

Definition 4.1. Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A \in I^X$. Then $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closure and $fg\alpha^\theta$ -interior of A , denoted by $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$ and $fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$, are defined as follows:

$$fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) = \bigwedge \{F : A \leq F, F \text{ is } fg\alpha^\theta\text{-closed set in } X\},$$

$$fg\alpha^\theta int(A) = \bigvee \{G : G \leq A, G \text{ is } fg\alpha^\theta\text{-open set in } X\}.$$

Remark 4.2. It is clear from definition that for any $A \in I^X$, $A \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \leq clA$. If A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in an fts X , then $A = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. Similarly, $intA \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(A) \leq A$. If A is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in an fts X , then $A = fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$. It follows from Remark 3.2 that $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$ (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$) may not be $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open) set in an fts X .

Theorem 4.3. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A \in I^X$. Then for a fuzzy point x_t in X , $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$ if and only if every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd U of x_t , UqA .*

Proof. Let $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$ for any fuzzy set A in an fts X and F be any $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd of x_t . Then $x_tqF \Rightarrow x_t \notin 1_X \setminus F$ which is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X . Then by Definition 4.1, $A \not\leq 1_X \setminus F$ and so there exists $y \in X$ such that $A(y) > 1 - F(y)$. Hence AqF . Conversely, let for every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd F of x_t , FqA . Assume by contrary that $x_t \notin fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. Then by Definition 4.1, there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set U in X with $A \leq U$, $x_t \notin U$. Then $x_tq(1_X \setminus U)$ which being $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd of x_t . By assumption, $(1_X \setminus U)qA$. Hence $(1_X \setminus A)qA$, which is absurd.

Theorem 4.4. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A, B \in I^X$. Then the following statements are true:*

- (i) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(0_X) = 0_X$,
- (ii) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X) = 1_X$,
- (iii) $A \leq B \Rightarrow fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$,
- (iv) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A \vee B) = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \vee fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$,
- (v) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A \wedge B) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \wedge fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$, equality does not hold, in general, as follows from Example 3.3,
- (vi) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)) = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$.

Proof. (i), (ii) and (iii) are obvious.
 (iv) From (iii), $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \vee fg\alpha^\theta cl(B) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(A \vee B)$.
 To prove the converse, let $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(A \vee B)$. Then by Theorem 4.3, for any $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set U in X with x_tqU , $Uq(A \vee B) \Rightarrow$ there

exists $y \in X$ such that $U(y) + \max\{A(y), B(y)\} > 1 \Rightarrow$ either $U(y) + A(y) > 1$ or $U(y) + B(y) > 1$ implies that either UqA or UqB . So either $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$ or $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$. Hence $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta gcl(A) \vee fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$.

(v) Follows from (iii).

(vi) As $A \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$, for any $A \in I^X$, $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(fg\alpha^\theta cl(A))$ (by (iii)).

Conversely, let $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)) = fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)$ where $B = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. Let U be any $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X with $x_t q U$. Then UqB implies that there exists $y \in X$ such that $U(y) + B(y) > 1$. Let $B(y) = s$. Then $y_s q U$ and $y_s \in B = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. So UqA implies that $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. Hence $fg\alpha^\theta cl(fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$. Consequently, $fg\alpha^\theta cl(fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)) = fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$.

Theorem 4.5. *Let (X, τ) be an fts and $A \in I^X$. Then the following statements hold:*

- (i) $fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A) = 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$
- (ii) $fg\alpha^\theta int(1_X \setminus A) = 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$.

Proof (i). Let $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A)$ for a fuzzy set A in an fts (X, τ) . It is about assuming by contrary, that $x_t \notin 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$. Then $1 - (fg\alpha^\theta int(A))(x) < t$. So $[fg\alpha^\theta int(A)](x) + t > 1$ implies that $fg\alpha^\theta int(A)qx_t$. So there exists at least one $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set $F \leq A$ with $x_t q F$ and so $x_t q A$. As $x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A)$, $Fq(1_X \setminus A)$ Then $Aq(1_X \setminus A)$, which is absurd. Hence

$$fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A) \leq 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(A) \dots (1)$$

Conversely, let $x_t \in 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(A)$. Then $1 - [(fg\alpha^\theta int(A))(x)] \geq t$. So $x_t q (fg\alpha^\theta int(A))$. So $x_t q F$ for every $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set F contained in A ... (2).

Let U be any $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in X such that $1_X \setminus A \leq U$. Then $1_X \setminus U \leq A$. Now $1_X \setminus U$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in X contained in A . By (2), $x_t q (1_X \setminus U)$ implies that $x_t \in U \Rightarrow x_t \in fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A)$ and so

$$1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(A) \leq fg\alpha^\theta cl(1_X \setminus A) \dots (3)$$

Combining (1) and (3), (i) follows.

(ii) Putting $1_X \setminus A$ for A in (i), we get $fg\alpha^\theta cl(A) = 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta int(1_X \setminus A)$. Hence $fg\alpha^\theta int(1_X \setminus A) = 1_X \setminus fg\alpha^\theta cl(A)$.

Now we introduce a new type of fuzzy open-like function.

Definition 4.6. A function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function if $h(U)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y for every fuzzy open set U in X .

Theorem 4.7. For a bijective function $h : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) h is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open,
- (ii) $h(intA) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(A))$, for all $A \in I^X$,
- (iii) for each fuzzy point x_t in X and each fuzzy open set U in X containing x_t , there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set V in Y containing $h(x_t)$ such that $V \leq h(U)$.

Proof (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $A \in I^X$. Then $intA$ is a fuzzy open set in X . By (i), $h(intA)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Since $h(intA) \leq h(A)$ and $fg\alpha^\theta int(h(A))$ is the union of all $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets contained in $h(A)$, we have $h(intA) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(A))$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let U be any fuzzy open set in X . Then $h(U) = h(intU) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(U))$ (by (ii)) $\Rightarrow h(U)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in $Y \Rightarrow h$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let x_t be a fuzzy point in X , and U , a fuzzy open set in X such that $x_t \in U$. Then $h(x_t) \in h(U) = h(intU) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(U))$ (by (ii)). Then $h(U)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Let $V = h(U)$. Then $h(x_t) \in V$ and $V \leq h(U)$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Let U be any fuzzy open set in X and y_t , any fuzzy point in $h(U)$, i.e., $y_t \in h(U)$. Then there exists a unique $x \in X$ such that $h(x) = y$ (as h is bijective). Then $[h(U)](y) \geq t \Rightarrow U(h^{-1}(y)) \geq t \Rightarrow U(x) \geq t \Rightarrow x_t \in U$. By (iii), there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set V in Y such that $h(x_t) \in V$ and $V \leq h(U)$. Then $h(x_t) \in V = fg\alpha^\theta int(V) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(U))$. Since y_t is taken arbitrarily and $h(U)$ is the union of all fuzzy points in $h(U)$, $h(U) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(h(U))$ implies that $h(U)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y and hence h is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function.

Theorem 4.8. If $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open, bijective function, then the following statements are true:

- (i) for each fuzzy point x_t in X and each fuzzy open q -nbd U of x_t in X , there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd V of $h(x_t)$ in Y such that $V \leq h(U)$,
- (ii) $h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)) \leq cl(h^{-1}(B))$, for all $B \in I^Y$.

Proof (i). Let x_t be a fuzzy point in X and U be any fuzzy open q -nbd of x_t in X . Then $x_t q U = \text{int} U$ implies that $h(x_t) q h(\text{int} U) \leq fg\alpha^\theta \text{int}(h(U))$ (by Theorem 4.7 (i) \Rightarrow (ii)) and so there exists at least one $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd V of $h(x_t)$ in Y with $V \leq h(U)$.

(ii) Let x_t be any fuzzy point in X such that $x_t \notin cl(h^{-1}(B))$ for any $B \in I^Y$. Then there exists a fuzzy open q -nbd U of x_t in X such that $U q h^{-1}(B)$. Now

$$h(x_t) q h(U) \dots (1)$$

where $h(U)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Now $h^{-1}(B) \leq 1_X \setminus U$ which is a fuzzy closed set in X . So $B \leq h(1_X \setminus U)$ (as h is injective) $\leq 1_Y \setminus h(U)$. So $B q h(U)$. Let $V = 1_Y \setminus h(U)$. Then $B \leq V$ which is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y . We claim that $h(x_t) \notin V$. It is about assuming by contrary, that $h(x_t) \in V = 1_Y \setminus h(U)$. Then $1 - [h(U)](h(x_t)) \geq t$ implies that $h(U) q h(x_t)$, contradicting (1). So $h(x_t) \notin V \Rightarrow h(x_t) \notin fg\alpha^\theta cl(B) \Rightarrow x_t \notin h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)) \Rightarrow h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta cl(B)) \leq cl(h^{-1}(B))$.

Theorem 4.9. *An injective function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open if and only if for each $B \in I^Y$ and F , a fuzzy closed set in X with $h^{-1}(B) \leq F$, there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set V in Y such that $B \leq V$ and $h^{-1}(V) \leq F$.*

Proof. Let $B \in I^Y$ and F , a fuzzy closed set in X with $h^{-1}(B) \leq F$. Then $1_X \setminus h^{-1}(B) \geq 1_X \setminus F$ where $1_X \setminus F$ is a fuzzy open set in X implies that $h(1_X \setminus F) \leq h(1_X \setminus h^{-1}(B)) \leq 1_Y \setminus B$ (as h is injective) where $h(1_X \setminus F)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Let $V = 1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus F)$. Then V is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y such that $B \leq V$. Now $h^{-1}(V) = h^{-1}(1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus F)) = 1_X \setminus h^{-1}(h(1_X \setminus F)) \leq F$.

Conversely, let F be a fuzzy open set in X . Then $1_X \setminus F$ is a fuzzy closed set in X . We have to show that $h(F)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Now $h^{-1}(1_Y \setminus h(F)) \leq 1_X \setminus F$ (as h is injective). By assumption, there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set V in Y such that

$$1_Y \setminus h(F) \leq V \dots (1)$$

and $h^{-1}(V) \leq 1_X \setminus F$. Therefore, $F \leq 1_X \setminus h^{-1}(V)$ implies that

$$h(F) \leq h(1_X \setminus h^{-1}(V)) \leq 1_Y \setminus V \dots (2)$$

(as h is injective). Combining (1) and (2), $h(F) = 1_Y \setminus V$ which is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y . Hence h is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function.

Definition 4.10. A function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function if $h(A)$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y for each fuzzy closed set A in X .

Theorem 4.11. A bijective function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function if and only if $fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(A)) \leq h(clA)$, for all $A \in I^X$.

Proof. Let us suppose that $h : X \rightarrow Y$ be an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function and $A \in I^X$. Then $h(cl(A))$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y . Since $h(A) \leq h(clA)$ and $fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(A))$ is the intersection of all $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed sets in Y containing $h(A)$, we have $fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(A)) \leq h(clA)$.

Conversely, let for any $A \in I^X$, $fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(A)) \leq h(clA)$. Let U be any fuzzy closed set in X . Then $h(U) = h(clU) \geq fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(U))$ implies that $h(U)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y . Hence h is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function.

Theorem 4.12. If $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed bijective function, then the following statements hold:

- (i) for each fuzzy point x_t in X and each fuzzy closed set U in X with $x_t q U$, there exists an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set V in Y with $h(x_t) q V$ such that $V \geq h(U)$,
- (ii) $h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta int(B)) \geq int(h^{-1}(B))$, for all $B \in I^Y$.

Proof (i). Let x_t be a fuzzy point in X and U be any fuzzy closed set in X with $x_t q U = clU$ implies that $h(x_t) q h(clU) \geq fg\alpha^\theta cl(h(U))$ (by Theorem 4.11) $\Rightarrow h(x_t) q V$ for some $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set V in Y with $V \geq h(U)$.

(ii). Let $B \in I^Y$ and x_t be any fuzzy point in X such that $x_t \in int(h^{-1}(B))$. Then there exists a fuzzy open set U in X with $U \leq h^{-1}(B)$ such that $x_t \in U$. Then $1_X \setminus U \geq 1_X \setminus h^{-1}(B)$ and so $h(1_X \setminus U) \geq h(1_X \setminus h^{-1}(B))$ where $h(1_X \setminus U)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in Y . Let $V = 1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus U)$. Then V is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in Y and $V = 1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus U) \leq 1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus h^{-1}(B)) \leq 1_Y \setminus (1_Y \setminus B) = B$ (as h is injective). Now $U(x) \geq t$ implies that $x_t q (1_X \setminus U)$. Then $h(x_t) q h(1_X \setminus U)$. So $h(x_t) \leq 1_Y \setminus h(1_X \setminus U) = V$ implies that $h(x_t) \in V = fg\alpha^\theta int(V) \leq fg\alpha^\theta int(B) \Rightarrow x_t \in h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta int(B))$. Since x_t is taken arbitrarily, $int(h^{-1}(B)) \leq h^{-1}(fg\alpha^\theta int(B))$, for all $B \in I^Y$.

Note 4.13. The composition of two $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open)

functions need not be so, as it seen from the following example.

Example 4.14. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, C\}$, $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X\}$, $\tau_3 = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ where $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.6$. Then (X, τ_1) , (X, τ_2) and (X, τ_3) are fts's. Consider two identity functions $i_1 : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$ and $i_2 : (X, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_3)$. Clearly i_1 and i_2 are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed functions. Let $i_3 = i_2 \circ i_1 : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_3)$. We claim that i_3 is not $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function. Now $(1_X \setminus C) \in \tau_1^c, i_3(1_X \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus C \leq A \in \tau_3$. But $cl_{\tau_3} int_{\tau_3}(1_X \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq A$ implies that $1_X \setminus C$ is not $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in (X, τ_3) . Hence i_3 is not $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function.

Similarly we can show that the composition of two $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open functions may not be so.

Now we recall some definitions from [3, 5, 11] for ready references.

Definition 4.15. Let $h : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$ be a function. Then h is called

- (i) fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) function [11] if $h(U)$ is fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set in Y for every fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set U in X ,
- (ii) fg -closed (resp., fg -open) function [3] if $h(A)$ is fg -closed set in Y for every fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set U in X ,
- (iii) $fswg$ -closed (resp., $fswg$ -open) function [5] if $h(U)$ is $fswg$ -closed (resp., $fswg$ -open) set in Y for every fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set U in X .

Remark 4.16. It is clear from definitions that

- (i) fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open), fg -closed (resp., fg -open) functions are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open) function, but not conversely follow from the next examples,
- (ii) $f\alpha^\theta g$ -closed (resp., $f\alpha^\theta g$ -open) function is $fswg$ -closed (resp., $fswg$ -open) function, but not conversely, as follows from the next example.

Example 4.17. A $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function is not necessarily a fuzzy closed function, fg -closed function

Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, B\}$, $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ where $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.6, B(a) = 0.5 = B(b)$. Then (X, τ_1) and (X, τ_2) are fts's. Consider the identity function $i : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$. Here $B \in \tau_1^c, i(B) = B \leq A \in \tau_2$. Then $cl_{\tau_2} int_{\tau_2} B = 0_X < A$. So B is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in (X, τ_1) implies that i is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function. But as $B \notin \tau_2^c, i$ is not fuzzy closed function. Again, $B \leq A \in \tau_2$, but

$cl_{\tau_2}B = 1_X \not\leq A$ which shows that B is not fg -closed set in (X, τ_2) . Hence i is not fg -closed function.

Example 4.18. A $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function is not necessarily an $fswg$ -closed function

Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, B\}$, $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$ where $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, B(a) = B(b) = 0.5$. Then (X, τ_1) and (X, τ_2) are fts's. Consider the identity function $i : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$. Here $B \in \tau_1^c, i(B) = B < 1_X \in \tau_2$ only and so B is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed set in (X, τ_2) which proves that i is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed function. Now $B \leq B \in FSO(X, \tau_2)$. Then $cl_{\tau_2}int_{\tau_2}B = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq B$ and so B is not $fswg$ -closed set in (X, τ_2) . Hence i is not $fswg$ -closed function.

In a similar manner we can construct counterexamples for $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open functions.

Theorem 4.19. If $h_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ is fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) function and $h_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open) function, then $h_2 \circ h_1 : X \rightarrow Z$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -closed (resp., $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open) function.

Proof. Obvious.

5. $fg\alpha^\theta$ -OPEN FUNCTIONS AND SEPARATION PROPERTIES

In this section we first introduce the notion of $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space, the class of which is strictly larger than that of fuzzy T_2 -space and then establish some applications of $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open functions.

We first recall the definition and theorem from [8, 9] for ready references.

Definition 5.1 [8]. An fts (X, τ) is called fuzzy T_2 -space if for any two distinct fuzzy points x_α and y_β ; when $x \neq y$, there exist fuzzy open sets U_1, U_2, V_1, V_2 such that $x_\alpha \in U_1, y_\beta qV_1, U_1 qV_1$ and $x_\alpha qU_2, y_\beta \in V_2, U_2 qV_2$; when $x = y$ and $\alpha < \beta$ (say), there exist fuzzy open sets U and V in X such that $x_\alpha \in U, y_\beta qV$ and $U qV$.

Theorem 5.2 [9]. An fts (X, τ) is fuzzy T_2 -space if and only if for any two distinct fuzzy points x_α and y_β in X ; when $x \neq y$, there exist fuzzy open sets U, V in X such that $x_\alpha qU, y_\beta qV$ and $U qV$; when $x = y$ and $\alpha < \beta$ (say), x_α has a fuzzy open nbd U and y_β has a fuzzy open q -nbd V such that $U qV$.

Now we introduce the following concept.

Definition 5.3. An fts (X, τ) is called $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space if for any two distinct fuzzy points x_t and y_s in X the following hold:

(1) If $x \neq y$, then there exist $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets U, V in X such that $x_t q U$, $y_s q V$ and $U q V$;

(2) If $x = y$ and $t < s$ (say), then x_t has an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open nbd U and y_s has an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd V such that $U q V$.

Remark 5.4. Clearly, every fuzzy T_2 -space is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space, but the converse is not necessarily true, as follows from the next example.

Example 5.5. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X\}$. Then (X, τ) is an fts. Clearly (X, τ) is not a fuzzy T_2 -space. Here every fuzzy set in (X, τ) is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open set in (X, τ) . Clearly it is $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space.

Theorem 5.6. *If a bijective function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function from a fuzzy T_2 -space X onto an fts Y , then Y is $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space.*

Proof. Let z_t and w_s be two fuzzy points in Y . Since h is bijective, there exist unique x, y in X such that $h(x) = z, h(y) = w$, i.e., $h(x_t) = z_t, h(y_s) = w_s$.

Case I. Suppose $z \neq w$. Then $x \neq y$. Since X is fuzzy T_2 -space, there exist fuzzy open sets U, V in X such that $x_t q U, y_s q V$ and $U q V$. Then $h(x_t) (= z_t) q h(U), h(y_s) (= w_s) q h(V)$ and $h(U) q h(V)$ where $h(U)$ and $h(V)$ are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets in Y as h is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function [Indeed, $h(U) q h(V)$ so that there exists $p \in Y$ such that $[h(U)](p) + [h(V)](p) > 1$ and so $U(h^{-1}(p)) + V(h^{-1}(p)) > 1$ where $h^{-1}(p) \in X$ which shows that $U q V$, a contradiction].

Case II. Suppose $z = w$ and $t < s$ (say). Then $x = y$ and $t < s$. Since X is fuzzy T_2 -space, there exist a fuzzy open nbd U of x_t and a fuzzy open q -nbd V of y_s such that $U q V$. Then $h(x_t) \in h(U), h(y_s) q h(V)$ and $h(U) q h(V)$ where $h(U), h(V)$ are $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open sets in Y , i.e., $h(U)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open nbd of z_t , $h(V)$ is an $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open q -nbd of w_s and $h(U) q h(V)$. Consequently, Y is $fg\alpha^\theta$ - T_2 -space.

Similarly we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 5.7. *If a bijective function $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is $fg\alpha^\theta$ -open function from a fuzzy T_2 -space X onto an $fT_{g\alpha^\theta}$ -space Y , then Y is fuzzy T_2 -space.*

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