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## Fuzzy Multifunctions in Intuitionistic Fuzzy Topological Spaces

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to construct the basic concepts of fuzzy multifunctions in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces developed by Coker [6,7].

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#### 1. Introduction

After the introduction of the concept of fuzzy set by Zadeh [12], the idea of "intuitionistic fuzzy set" was first given by K. Atanassov:

**Definition 1.1.** [1,2,3,4] Let X be a nonempty set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS for short) A is an object having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$$

where the functions  $\mu_A: X \to I$  and  $\gamma_A: X \to I$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of nonmembership (namely  $\gamma_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to the set A, respectively, and  $0 \le \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \le 1$  for each  $x \in X$ . For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the symbol  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  for the IFS  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [3,4,6,7,9] Let X be a nonempty set, the IFS's A, B be in the forms  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$ ,  $B = \{\langle x, \mu_B(x), \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$  and let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary family of IFS's in X. Then

- (a)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $\mu_A(x) \le \mu_B(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \ge \gamma_B(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (b) A = B iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ ;
- (c)  $\overline{A} = \{\langle x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$ ;
- (d)  $\cap A_i = \{\langle x, \wedge \mu_{A_i}(x), \vee \gamma_{A_i}(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$ ;  $\cup A_i = \{\langle x, \vee \mu_{A_i}(x), \wedge \gamma_{A_i}(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$ ;
- (e)  $0_{\sim} = \{ \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle : x \in X \}$  and  $1_{\sim} = \{ \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle : x \in X \}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** ([6,7,10], cf. [5]) An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT for short) on a nonempty set X is a family  $\tau$  of IFS's in X containing  $0_{\sim}$ ,  $1_{\sim}$ , and closed under finite infima and arbitrary suprema. In this case the pair  $(X,\tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS for short) and any IFS in  $\tau$  is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open set (IFOS for short) in X.

**Remark 1.4.** [6,7] Let  $(X,\tau)$  be an IFTS.

- (a)  $\tau_1 = \{ \mu_G : G \in \tau \}$  is a fuzzy topological space on X in Chang's sense.
- (b)  $\tau_2^* = \{ \gamma_G : G \in \tau \}$  is the family of all fuzzy closed sets of the fuzzy topological space  $\tau_2 = \{ 1 \gamma_G : G \in \tau \}$  on X in Chang's sense.

**Definition 1.5.** [6,7] The complement  $\overline{A}$  of an IFOS A in an IFTS  $(X,\tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCS for short) in X.

**Definition 1.6.** [6,7] Let  $(X,\tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \lambda_A \rangle$  be an IFS in X. Then the fuzzy interior and fuzzy closure of A are defined by

 $cl(A) = \bigcap \{K : K \text{ is an IFCS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\},$ 

 $int(A) = \bigcup \{G : G \text{ is an IFOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$ 

**Proposition 1.7.** [6,7] For any IFS A in  $(X,\tau)$  we have

(a)  $cl(\overline{A}) = \overline{int(A)}$ ,

(b)  $int(\overline{A}) = \overline{cl(A)}$ .

**Definition 1.8.** [10] An IFS A in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a) an intuitionistic fuzzy regularly open (closed) set (IFROS (IFRCS) for short), iff int(cl(A)) = A (cl(int(A)) = A),
- (b) an intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen set, iff there exists an IFOS B in X such that  $B \subseteq A \subseteq cl(B)$ .

**Definition 1.9.** [8] Let X be a nonempty set, c a fixed element in X and  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ ,  $\beta \in [0,1)$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . The IFS  $c(\alpha,\beta) = \langle x,c_{\alpha},1-c_{1-\beta}\rangle$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy point (IFP for short) in X. An IFP  $c(\alpha,\beta)$  is said to be q-coincident with A (denoted by  $c(\alpha,\beta)_q A$ ), if  $\alpha > \gamma_A(c)$  or  $\beta < \mu_A(c)$ .

Notice that,  $c(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq A$  iff  $c(\alpha, \beta)q\overline{A}$  and  $c(\alpha, \beta)q$  A iff  $c(\alpha, \beta) \not\subseteq \overline{A}$  [8].

**Definition 1.10.** [8] Let X be a nonempty set; A, B two IFS's in X. A is said to be q-coincident with B (denoted by  $A_qB$ ), if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(c) > \gamma_B(x)$  or  $\gamma_A(c) < \mu_B(x)$ .

Notice that,  $A_q B$  iff  $A \not\subseteq \overline{B}$  and  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A_q \overline{B}$ . [8].

### 2. Fuzzy multifunctions in IFTS's

**Definition 2.1.** (cf. [11]) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ordinary topological space and  $(Y, \Phi)$  be an IFTS. Then  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be a fuzzy multifunction iff F(x) is an IFS in Y for each  $x \in X$ .

In this paper, from this point on,  $F: X \to Y$  will always denote a fuzzy multifunction.

**Definition 2.2.** (cf. [11]) For a given  $F: X \to Y$  and an IFS B in Y, we define the upper inverse and lower inverse of B under F, respectively, as follows:

$$F^+(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq B\} \text{ and } F^-(B) = \{x \in X : F(x)_a B\}$$

**Proposition 2.3.** ([cf. [11]) For a given  $F: X \to Y$  and an IFS B in Y, we have

(a)  $X \setminus F^+(B) = F^-(\overline{B}),$ 

(b)  $X \setminus F^-(B) = F^+(\overline{B})$ .

**Definition 2.4.** (cf. [11]) A fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be

- (a) fuzzy upper semicontinuous (f.u.s.c. for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for each IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an open A0 by A1 by A2 such that A3 constant A4 for each A5 by A5 for each A6 constant A6 for each A7 for each A8 for each A8 for each A8 for each A9 for
  - (b) fuzzy upper semicontinuous on X iff F is fuzzy upper semicontinuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ ,
- (c) fuzzy lower semicontinuous (f.l.s.c. for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for each IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an open U of  $X_0$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(V)$  (i.e.  $F(x)_q V$  for each  $x \in U$ ),
- (d) fuzzy lower semicontinuous on X iff F is fuzzy lower semicontinuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ . **Proposition 2.5.** (cf. [11]) (a)  $F: X \to Y$  is f.u.s.c. on X iff  $F^+(V)$  is an open set in X for each IFOS V in Y.
  - (b)  $F: X \to Y$  is f.l.s.c. on X iff  $F^-(V)$  is an open set in X for each IFOS V in Y.

Now we want to express fuzzy upper (and lower) semicontinuity of F in terms of the projections of F onto the component multifunctions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  defined by

$$F_1: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \Phi_1), F_1(x) = \mu_{F(x)}$$
 and  $F_2: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \Phi_2), F_2(x) = 1 - \gamma_{F(x)}.$ 

**Proposition 2.6.** If both the multifunctions  $F_1:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_1)$  and  $F_2:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_2)$  are f.u.s.c. at  $x_0\in X$ , then  $F:X\to Y$  is f.u.s.c. at  $x_0\in X$ .

Corollary 2.7. If both the multifunctions  $F_1:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_1)$  and  $F_2:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_2)$  are f.u.s.c. on X, then  $F:X\to Y$  is f.u.s.c. on X.

**Definition 2.8.** (cf. [11]) A fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  said to be

- (a) fuzzy upper almost continuous (f.u.a.c. for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for each IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^+(V)$ , there exists an open  $nbh\ U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $U \subseteq F^+(int(cl(V)))$  (i.e.  $F(x) \subseteq int(cl(V))$  for each  $x \in U$ ),
- (b) fuzzy upper almost continuous on X iff F is fuzzy upper almost continuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ ,
- (c) fuzzy lower almost continuous (f.l.a.c. for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for each IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^-(V)$ , there exists an open nbh U of  $x_0$  such that  $U \subseteq F^-(int(cl(V)))$  (i.e.  $F(x)_q int(cl(V))$  for each  $x \in U$ ),
- (d) fuzzy lower almost continuous on X iff F is fuzzy lower almost continuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** (cf. [11]) The following are equivalent to each other:

- (a)  $F: X \to Y$  is f.u.a.c. on X.
- (b)  $F^+(V) \subseteq int(F^+(int(cl(V))))$  for each IFOS V in Y.
- (c)  $F^+(V)$  is open for each IFROS V in Y.
- (d)  $F^+(int(cl(V)))$  is open in X for each IFOS V in Y.
- (e)  $F^-(V) \subseteq cl(F^-(cl(int(V))))$  for each IFCS V in Y.
- (f)  $F^-(V)$  is closed for each IFRCS V in Y.

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- (b)  $F^-(V) \subseteq int(F^-(int(cl(V))))$  for each IFOS V in Y.
- (c)  $F^-(V)$  is open in X for each IFROS V in Y.
- (d)  $F^-(int(cl(V)))$  is open in X for each IFOS V in Y.
- (e)  $F^+(V) \subseteq cl(F^+(cl(int(V))))$  for each IFCS V in Y.
- (f)  $F^+(V)$  is closed for each IFRCS V in Y.

**Proposition 2.11.** (cf. [11]) A fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is f.l.a.c. (f.u.a.c.) on X iff for any intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen set A in Y,  $cl(F^+(A)) \subseteq F^+(cl(A))$  (respectively,  $cl(F^-(A)) \subseteq F^-(cl(A))$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** If both the multifunctions  $F_1:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_1)$  and  $F_2:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_2)$  are f.u.a.c. at  $x_0\in X$ , then  $F:X\to Y$  is f.u.a.c. at  $x_0\in X$ .

**Definition 2.13.** (cf. [11]) A fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is said to be

- (a) fuzzy upper weakly continuous (f.u.w.c. for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for every IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^+(V)$  there exists an open  $nbh\ U$  of  $x_0$  in X such that  $U \subseteq F^+(cl(V))$  (i.e.  $F(x) \subseteq cl(U)$  for each  $x \in U$ ),
- (b) fuzzy upper weakly continuous on X iff F is fuzzy upper weakly continuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ ,
- (c) fuzzy lower weakly continuous (f.l.w.c., for short) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  iff for every IFOS V in Y satisfying  $x_0 \in F^-(cl(V))$  there exists an open nbh U of  $x_0$  in X such that  $U \subseteq F^-(cl(V))$  (i.e.  $F(x)_q \ cl(V)$  for each  $x \in U$ ),
- (d) fuzzy lower weakly continuous on X iff F is fuzzy lower weakly continuous at each  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Proposition 2.14.** If both the fuzzy multifunctions  $F_1:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_1)$  and  $F_2:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_2)$  are f.u.w.c. at  $x_0\in X$ , then  $F:X\to Y$  is f.u.w.c. at  $x_0\in X$ .

Corollary 2.15. If both the multifunctions  $F_1:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_1)$  and  $F_2:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\Phi_2)$  are f.u.w.c. on X, then  $F:X\to Y$  is f.u.w.c. on X.

**Proposition 2.16.** (cf. [11])  $F :\to Y$  is f.l.w.c. (f.u.w.c.) iff for every IFOS V in Y,  $F^-(V) \subseteq int(F^-(cl(V)))$  [respectively,  $F^+(V) \subseteq int(F^+(cl(V)))$ ].

**Proposition 2.17.** (cf. [11]) If a fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is f.u.w.c. (f.l.w.c.) on X, then  $cl(F^-(V)) \subseteq F^-(cl(V))$  [respectively,  $cl(F^+(V)) \subseteq F^+(cl(V))$ ], for any IFOS V in Y. Notice that the following implication diagram is observed. For a fuzzy multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ :

F is f.l.s.c. (f.u.s.c.) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 F is f.l.a.c. (f.u.a.c.)  $\Rightarrow$  F is f.l.w.c. (f.u.w.c.)

It is also possible to find examples showing that none of the above implications is reversible, in general.

3. Fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed sets and fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed sets in IFTS's

**Definition 3.1.** (cf. [11]) An intuitionistic fuzzy point  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  in an IFTS X is said to be a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of an IFS A in X iff each intuitionistic fuzzy regularly open q-nbh of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is q-coincident with A. The union of all fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster points of A is called the fuzzy  $\delta$ -closure of A and is denoted by  $[A]_{\delta}$ . An IFS A will be called fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed iff  $A = [A]_{\delta}$ . The complement of a fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed set is said to be fuzzy  $\delta$ -open.

**Definition 3.2.** (cf. [11]) An intuitionistic fuzzy point  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  in an IFTS X is said to be a fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster point of an IFS A iff for each intuitionistic fuzzy open q-nbh V of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$ , cl(V) is q-coincident with A. The union of all  $\theta$ -cluster points of A is called the fuzzy  $\theta$ -closure of A and is denoted by  $[A]_{\theta}$ . An IFS A will be called fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed iff  $A = [A]_{\theta}$ . The complement of a fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed set is said to be fuzzy  $\theta$ -open.

**Proposition 3.3.** (cf. [11]) An IFP  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is contained in cl(A) iff each q-nbh of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is q-coincident with A.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let A be an IFS in an IFTS X.

- (a) If an IFP  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is contained in cl(A), then  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of A.
- (b) If an IFP  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is a  $\delta$ -cluster point of A, then  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is a fuzzy  $\theta$ -closure point of A.

Example 3.5. Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and

$$U_1 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{5}, \frac{b}{4})), (\frac{a}{4}, \frac{b}{4}) \rangle$$
 and  $U_2 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{2}), (\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{2}) \rangle$ .

Then the family  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, U_1, U_2, U_1 \cap U_2, U_1 \cup U_2\}$  is an IFTS on X, let us consider the IFS A given by  $A = \langle x, (\frac{a}{4}, \frac{b}{4}), (\frac{a}{5}, \frac{b}{4}) \rangle$  and consider the IFP b(.4, .2). The only intuitionistic fuzzy regularly open q-nbhs of b(.4, .2) are  $U_2$  and  $1_{\sim}$ , and each of them is q-coincident with A. Thus b(.4, .2) is a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of A. Now the IFS  $U_1$  is an IFO q-nbh of b(.4, .2), but it is not q-coincident with A. Thus b(0.4, 0.2) is not contained cl(A).

Example 3.6. Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $U_1 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.4}, \frac{b}{.3}), (\frac{a}{.6}, \frac{b}{.4}) \rangle$  and  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, U_1\}$ . Let us now consider the IFP b(.5, .2) and the IFS  $A = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.5}, \frac{b}{.3}), (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.3}) \rangle$ . We have  $cl(U_1) = \overline{U_1}_q A$  for the only intuitionistic fuzzy open q-nbh  $U_1$  of b(.5, .2). Hence b(.5, .2) is a fuzzy  $\theta$ -cluster point of A. Since  $U_1$  is an IFROS such that  $b(.5, .2)_q U_1$ , then  $U_1$  is not q-coincident with A. Thus b(.5, .2) is not a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of A.

**Proposition 3.7.** For a fuzzy lower almost continuous multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  and for any IFS B in Y, if  $x \in cl(F^+(B))$  and  $c(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq F(x)$ , then  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is a fuzzy  $\delta$ -cluster point of B.

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