

## FUZZY $r$ -CONTINUOUS AND FUZZY $r$ -SEMICONTINUOUS MAPS

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce a new notion of fuzzy  $r$ -interior which is an extension of Chang's fuzzy interior. Using fuzzy  $r$ -interior, we define fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets and fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous maps which are generalizations of fuzzy semiopen sets and fuzzy semicontinuous maps in Chang's fuzzy topology, respectively. Some basic properties of fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets and fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous maps are investigated.

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**1. Introduction.** Chang [2] introduced fuzzy topological spaces. Some authors [3, 5, 6, 7, 8] introduced other definitions of fuzzy topology as generalizations of Chang's fuzzy topology.

In this note, we introduce a new notion of fuzzy  $r$ -interior in a similar method by which Chattopadhyay and Samanta [4] introduced the notion of fuzzy closure. It determines a fuzzy topology and it is an extension of Chang's fuzzy interior.

Using fuzzy  $r$ -interior, we define fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets and fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous maps which are generalizations of fuzzy semiopen sets and fuzzy semicontinuous maps in Chang's fuzzy topology, respectively. Some basic properties of fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets and fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous maps are investigated.

**2. Preliminaries.** In this note, let  $I$  denote the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  of the real line and  $I_0 = (0, 1]$ . A member  $\mu$  of  $I^X$  is called a fuzzy subset 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 notation are standard notation of fuzzy set theory.

Recall that a *Chang's fuzzy topology* (see [2]) on  $X$  is a family  $T$  of fuzzy sets in  $X$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $\tilde{0}, \tilde{1} \in T$ ;
- (2) if  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in T$ , then  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 \in T$ ;
- (3) if  $\mu_i \in T$  for each  $i$ , then  $\bigvee \mu_i \in T$ .

The pair  $(X, T)$  is called a *Chang's fuzzy topological space*.

Hence a Chang's fuzzy topology on  $X$  can be regarded as a map  $T : I^X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  which satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1)  $T(\tilde{0}) = T(\tilde{1}) = 1$ ;
- (2) if  $T(\mu_1) = T(\mu_2) = 1$ , then  $T(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) = 1$ ;
- (3) if  $T(\mu_i) = 1$  for each  $i$ , then  $T(\bigvee \mu_i) = 1$ .

But fuzziness in the concept of openness of a fuzzy subset is absent in the above Chang's definition of fuzzy topology. So for fuzzifying the openness of a fuzzy subset, some authors [3, 5, 6] gave other definitions of fuzzy topology.

**DEFINITION 2.1** (see [3, 7, 8]). A *fuzzy topology* on  $X$  is a map  $\mathcal{T} : I^X \rightarrow I$  which satisfies the following properties:

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

The pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a *fuzzy topological space*.

**DEFINITION 2.2** (see [3]). A *family of closed sets* in  $X$  is a map  $\mathcal{F} : I^X \rightarrow I$  satisfying the following properties:

- (1)  $\mathcal{F}(\tilde{0}) = \mathcal{F}(\tilde{1}) = 1$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{F}(\mu_1 \vee \mu_2) \geq \mathcal{F}(\mu_1) \wedge \mathcal{F}(\mu_2)$ ,
- (3)  $\mathcal{F}(\bigwedge \mu_i) \geq \bigwedge \mathcal{F}(\mu_i)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a fuzzy topology on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}} : I^X \rightarrow I$  a map defined by  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mu) = \mathcal{T}(\mu^c)$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a family of closed sets in  $X$ . Also, let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of closed sets in  $X$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}} : I^X \rightarrow I$  a map defined by  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mu) = \mathcal{F}(\mu^c)$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}}$  is a fuzzy topology on  $X$ .

The notions of fuzzy semiopen, semiclosed sets and the weaker forms of fuzzy continuity which are related to our discussion, can be found in [1, 9].

**DEFINITION 2.3** (see [4]). Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space. For each  $r \in I_0$  and for each  $\mu \in I^X$ , the *fuzzy  $r$ -closure* is defined by

$$\text{cl}(\mu, r) = \bigwedge \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \mu \leq \rho, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\rho) \geq r \}. \quad (2.1)$$

From now on, for  $r \in I_0$  we will call  $\mu$  a *fuzzy  $r$ -open set* of  $X$  if  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) \geq r$ ,  $\mu$  a *fuzzy  $r$ -closed set* of  $X$  if  $\mathcal{F}(\mu) \geq r$ . Note that  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $r$ -closed if and only if  $\mu = \text{cl}(\mu, r)$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space. For an  $r$ -cut  $\mathcal{T}_r = \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mathcal{T}(\mu) \geq r \}$ , it is obvious that  $(X, \mathcal{T}_r)$  is a Chang's fuzzy topological space for all  $r \in I_0$ .

**3. Fuzzy  $r$ -interior.** Now, we are going to define the fuzzy interior operator in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ .

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space. For each  $\mu \in I^X$  and each  $r \in I_0$ , the *fuzzy  $r$ -interior of  $\mu$*  is defined as follows:

$$\text{int}(\mu, r) = \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \rho, \mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq r \}. \quad (3.1)$$

The operator  $\text{int} : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  is called the *fuzzy interior operator* in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ .

Obviously,  $\text{int}(\mu, r)$  is the greatest fuzzy  $r$ -open set which is contained in  $\mu$  and  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \mu$  for any fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\mu$ . Moreover, we have the following results.

**THEOREM 3.2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $\text{int} : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  the fuzzy interior operator in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Then for  $\mu, \rho \in I^X$  and  $r, s \in I_0$ ,

- (1)  $\text{int}(\tilde{0}, r) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $\text{int}(\tilde{1}, r) = \tilde{1}$ ,
- (2)  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \leq \mu$ ,
- (3)  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \geq \text{int}(\mu, s)$  if  $r \leq s$ ,
- (4)  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) = \text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)$ ,
- (5)  $\text{int}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) = \text{int}(\mu, r)$ ,
- (6) if  $r = \bigvee \{ s \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\mu, s) = \mu \}$ , then  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \mu$ .

**PROOF.** (1), (2), and (5) are obvious. (3) Let  $r \leq s$ . Then every fuzzy  $s$ -open set is also fuzzy  $r$ -open. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{int}(\mu, r) &= \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \rho, \mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq r \} \\ &\geq \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \rho, \mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq s \} \\ &= \text{int}(\mu, s). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

(4) Since  $\mu \wedge \rho \leq \mu$  and  $\mu \wedge \rho \leq \rho$ ,  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) \leq \text{int}(\mu, r)$  and  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) \leq \text{int}(\rho, r)$ . Thus  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) \leq \text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)$ . Conversely, it is clear that  $\mu \wedge \rho \geq \text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)$ . Also,

$$\mathcal{T}(\text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)) \geq \mathcal{T}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) \wedge \mathcal{T}(\text{int}(\rho, r)) \geq r \wedge r = r. \quad (3.3)$$

So, by the definition of fuzzy  $r$ -interior,  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) \geq \text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)$ . Hence  $\text{int}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) = \text{int}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{int}(\rho, r)$ .

(6) Note that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) \geq r$  if and only if  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \mu$ . Suppose that  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \neq \mu$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < r$  and hence there is an  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < \alpha < r$ . Since  $r = \bigvee \{ s \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\mu, s) = \mu \}$ , there is an  $s \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < \alpha < s \leq r$  and  $\text{int}(\mu, s) = \mu$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < s$ ,  $\text{int}(\mu, s) \neq \mu$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** Let  $\text{int} : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  be a map satisfying (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of [Theorem 3.2](#). Let  $\mathcal{T} : I^X \rightarrow I$  be a map defined by

$$\mathcal{T}(\mu) = \bigvee \{ r \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\mu, r) = \mu \}. \quad (3.4)$$

Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a fuzzy topology on  $X$  such that  $\text{int} = \text{int}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

**PROOF.** (i) By (1),  $\mathcal{T}(\tilde{0}) = 1 = \mathcal{T}(\tilde{1})$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) < \mathcal{T}(\mu_1) \wedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_2)$ . Then there is an  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) < \alpha < \mathcal{T}(\mu_1) \wedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_2)$ . So, there are  $s_1, s_2 \in I$  such that  $\alpha < s_i \leq \mathcal{T}(\mu_i)$  and  $\text{int}(\mu_i, s_i) = \mu_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $s = s_1 \wedge s_2$ . Then  $\text{int}(\mu_i, s) \geq \text{int}(\mu_i, s_i) = \mu_i$  and hence  $\text{int}(\mu_i, s) = \mu_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . By (4),  $\text{int}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2, s) = \text{int}(\mu_1, s) \wedge \text{int}(\mu_2, s) = \mu_1 \wedge \mu_2$ . Thus

$$\alpha > \mathcal{T}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) = \bigvee \{ r \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2, r) = \mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 \} \geq s = s_1 \wedge s_2 > \alpha. \quad (3.5)$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{T}(\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2) \geq \mathcal{T}(\mu_1) \wedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_2)$ .

(iii) Suppose  $\mathcal{T}(\bigvee \mu_i) < \bigwedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_i)$ . Then there is an  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\bigvee \mu_i) < \alpha < \bigwedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_i)$ . So for each  $i$ , there is an  $s_i \in I$  such that  $\alpha < s_i \leq \mathcal{T}(\mu_i)$  and  $\text{int}(\mu_i, s_i) = \mu_i$ . Let  $s = \bigwedge s_i$ . Then  $\text{int}(\mu_i, s) \geq \text{int}(\mu_i, s_i) = \mu_i$  and hence  $\text{int}(\bigvee \mu_i, s) \geq \text{int}(\mu_i, s) = \mu_i$  for each  $i$ . Thus  $\text{int}(\bigvee \mu_i, s) \geq \bigvee \mu_i$  and hence  $\text{int}(\bigvee \mu_i, s) = \bigvee \mu_i$ . Hence

$$\alpha > \mathcal{T}(\bigvee \mu_i) \geq s \geq \alpha. \quad (3.6)$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{T}(\bigvee \mu_i) \geq \bigwedge \mathcal{T}(\mu_i)$ .

Next we will show that  $\text{int} = \text{int}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Note that for  $s \leq r$ ,

$$\text{int}(\mu, r) = \text{int}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) \leq \text{int}(\text{int}(\mu, r), s) \leq \text{int}(\mu, r). \quad (3.7)$$

So  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \text{int}(\text{int}(\mu, r), s)$  for  $s \leq r$  and  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \leq \mu$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{int}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mu, r) &= \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq r \} \\ &= \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \bigvee \{ s \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\rho, s) = \rho \} \geq r \} \\ &= \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \text{int}(\rho, s) = \rho \text{ for } s \leq r \} \\ &\geq \text{int}(\mu, r). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

On the other hand, let  $\rho \leq \mu$  and  $\text{int}(\rho, s) = \rho$  for  $s \leq r$ . Then by (6),  $\rho = \text{int}(\rho, r) \leq \text{int}(\mu, r)$ . Thus

$$\text{int}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mu, r) = \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \text{int}(\rho, s) = \rho \text{ for } s \leq r \} \leq \text{int}(\mu, r). \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore,  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mu, r) = \text{int}(\mu, r)$ . Hence the theorem follows.  $\square$

If  $\text{int} : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  is a fuzzy interior operator on  $X$ , then for each  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\text{int}_r : I^X \rightarrow I^X$  defined by

$$\text{int}_r(\mu) = \text{int}(\mu, r) \quad (3.10)$$

is a Chang's fuzzy interior operator on  $X$ .

Fuzzy  $r$ -interior is an extension of the Chang's fuzzy interior.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *An operator  $\text{int} : I^X \times I_0 \rightarrow I^X$  is a fuzzy interior for the fuzzy topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  if and only if for any  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\text{int}_r : I^X \rightarrow I^X$  is a Chang's fuzzy interior for the Chang's fuzzy topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T}_r)$ .*

**PROOF.**  $(\Rightarrow)$ . This direction  $(\Rightarrow)$  is obvious.

$(\Leftarrow)$ . (1), (2), (4), and (5) are obvious.

(3) Let  $r \leq s$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}_r \supseteq \mathcal{T}_s$  and hence  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \text{int}_r(\mu) = \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \rho \in \mathcal{T}_r \} \geq \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \rho \in \mathcal{T}_s \} = \text{int}_s(\mu) = \text{int}(\mu, s)$ .

(6) Suppose that  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \neq \mu$ . Then  $\text{int}_r(\mu) = \text{int}(\mu, r) \neq \mu$ . So  $\mu \notin \mathcal{T}_r$  and hence  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < r$ . Thus there is an  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < \alpha < r$ . Since  $r = \bigvee \{ s \in I_0 \mid \text{int}(\mu, s) = \mu \}$ , there is an  $s \in I_0$  such that  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < \alpha < s \leq r$  and  $\text{int}(\mu, s) = \text{int}_s(\mu) = \mu$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}(\mu) < s$ ,  $\mu \notin \mathcal{T}_s$  and hence  $\text{int}_s(\mu) \neq \mu$ . It is a contradiction.  $\square$

For a family  $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  of fuzzy sets in a fuzzy topological space  $X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,  $\bigvee \text{cl}(\mu_i, r) \leq \text{cl}(\bigvee \mu_i, r)$ , and the equality holds when  $\Gamma$  is a finite set. Similarly  $\bigwedge \text{int}(\mu_i, r) \geq \text{int}(\bigwedge \mu_i, r)$  and  $\bigwedge \text{int}(\mu_i, r) = \text{int}(\bigwedge \mu_i, r)$  for a finite set  $\Gamma$ .

**THEOREM 3.5.** *For a fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a fuzzy topological space  $X$  and  $r \in I_0$ ,*

$$(1) \text{int}(\mu, r)^c = \text{cl}(\mu^c, r).$$

$$(2) \text{cl}(\mu, r)^c = \text{int}(\mu^c, r).$$

**PROOF.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{int}(\mu, r)^c &= \left( \bigvee \{ \rho \in I^X \mid \rho \leq \mu, \mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq r \} \right)^c \\ &= \bigwedge \{ \rho^c \in I^X \mid \rho^c \geq \mu^c, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\rho^c) \geq r \} \\ &= \text{cl}(\mu^c, r). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Similarly we can show (2).  $\square$

#### 4. Fuzzy $r$ -semiopen sets

**DEFINITION 4.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $\mu$  is said to be

- (1) *fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen* if there is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\rho$  in  $X$  such that  $\rho \leq \mu \leq \text{cl}(\rho, r)$ ,
- (2) *fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed* if there is a fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $\rho$  in  $X$  such that  $\text{int}(\rho, r) \leq \mu \leq \rho$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set.
- (2)  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed set.
- (3)  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) \geq \mu$ .
- (4)  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\mu^c, r), r) \leq \mu^c$ .

**PROOF.** (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2). The proof follows from [Theorem 3.5](#).

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set of  $X$ . Then there is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\rho$  in  $X$  such that  $\rho \leq \mu \leq \text{cl}(\rho, r)$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}(\rho) \geq r$  and  $\mu \geq \rho$ ,  $\text{int}(\mu, r) \geq \rho$ . Hence  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) \geq \text{cl}(\rho, r) \geq \mu$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) \geq \mu$  and take  $\rho = \text{int}(\mu, r)$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) \geq r$ ,  $\rho$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set. Also,  $\rho = \text{int}(\mu, r) \leq \mu \leq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\mu, r), r) = \text{cl}(\rho, r)$ . Hence  $\mu$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set.

(2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4). The proof is similar to the proof of (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3). □

**THEOREM 4.3.** (1) Any union of fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen.  
 (2) Any intersection of fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed sets is fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed.

**PROOF.** (1) Let  $\{\mu_i\}$  be a collection of fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets. Then for each  $i$ , there is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\rho_i$  such that  $\rho_i \leq \mu_i \leq \text{cl}(\rho_i, r)$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}(\bigvee \rho_i) \geq \bigwedge \mathcal{T}(\rho_i) \geq r$ ,  $\bigvee \rho_i$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set. Moreover,

$$\bigvee \rho_i \leq \bigvee \mu_i \leq \bigvee \text{cl}(\rho_i, r) \leq \text{cl}\left(\bigvee \rho_i, r\right). \quad (4.1)$$

Hence  $\bigvee \mu_i$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set.

(2) It follows from (1) using [Theorem 4.2](#). □

**DEFINITION 4.4.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space. For each  $r \in I_0$  and for each  $\mu \in I^X$ , the *fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosure* is defined by

$$\text{scl}(\mu, r) = \bigwedge \{\rho \in I^X \mid \mu \leq \rho, \rho \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-semiclosed}\} \quad (4.2)$$

and the *fuzzy  $r$ -semi-interior* is defined by

$$\text{sint}(\mu, r) = \bigvee \{\rho \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \rho, \rho \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-semiopen}\}. \quad (4.3)$$

Obviously  $\text{scl}(\mu, r)$  is the smallest fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed set which contains  $\mu$  and  $\text{sint}(\mu, r)$  is the greatest fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set which is contained in  $\mu$ . Also,  $\text{scl}(\mu, r) = \mu$  for any fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed set  $\mu$  and  $\text{sint}(\mu, r) = \mu$  for any fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set  $\mu$ . Moreover, we have

$$\text{int}(\mu, r) \leq \text{sint}(\mu, r) \leq \mu \leq \text{scl}(\mu, r) \leq \text{cl}(\mu, r). \quad (4.4)$$

Also, we have the following results:

- (1)  $\text{scl}(\tilde{0}, r) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $\text{scl}(\tilde{1}, r) = \tilde{1}$ ,  $\text{sint}(\tilde{0}, r) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $\text{sint}(\tilde{1}, r) = \tilde{1}$ .
- (2)  $\text{scl}(\mu, r) \geq \mu$ ,  $\text{sint}(\mu, r) \leq \mu$ .
- (3)  $\text{scl}(\mu \vee \rho, r) \geq \text{scl}(\mu, r) \vee \text{scl}(\rho, r)$ ,  $\text{sint}(\mu \wedge \rho, r) \leq \text{sint}(\mu, r) \wedge \text{sint}(\rho, r)$ .
- (4)  $\text{scl}(\text{scl}(\mu, r), r) = \text{scl}(\mu, r)$ ,  $\text{sint}(\text{sint}(\mu, r), r) = \text{sint}(\mu, r)$ .

**REMARK 4.5.** It is obvious that every fuzzy  $r$ -open ( $r$ -closed) set is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed). The converse does not hold as in [Example 4.6](#). It also shows that the intersection (union) of any two fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed) sets need not be fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed). Even the intersection (union) of a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed) set with a fuzzy  $r$ -open ( $r$ -closed) set may fail to be fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed).

**EXAMPLE 4.6.** Let  $X = I$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(x) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2x - 1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1; \end{cases} \\ \mu_2(x) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4}, \\ -4x + 2, & \text{if } \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1; \end{cases} \\ \mu_3(x) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4}, \\ \frac{1}{3}(4x - 1), & \text{if } \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Define  $\mathcal{T} : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \mu = \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_1 \vee \mu_2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

Then clearly  $\mathcal{T}$  is a fuzzy topology on  $X$ .

(1) Note that  $\text{cl}(\mu_1, 1/2) = \mu_2^c$ . Since  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_3 \leq \text{cl}(\mu_1, 1/2)$  and  $\mu_1$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -open set,  $\mu_3$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen set. But  $\mu_3$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -open set, because  $\mathcal{T}(\mu_3) = 0$ .

(2) In view of [Theorem 4.2](#),  $\mu_3^c$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiclosed set which is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -closed set.

(3) Note that  $\mu_2$  is fuzzy  $1/2$ -open and hence fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen. Since  $\tilde{0}$  is the only fuzzy  $1/2$ -open set contained in  $\mu_2 \wedge \mu_3$  and  $\text{cl}(\tilde{0}, 1/2) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $\mu_2 \wedge \mu_3$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen set.

(4) Clearly  $\mu_2^c$  and  $\mu_3^c$  are fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiclosed sets, but  $\mu_2^c \vee \mu_3^c = (\mu_2 \wedge \mu_3)^c$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiclosed set.

The next two theorems show the relation between  $r$ -semiopenness and semiopenness.

**THEOREM 4.7.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed) in  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  if and only if  $\mu$  is fuzzy semiopen (semiclosed) in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_r)$ .*

**PROOF.** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

Let  $(X, T)$  be a Chang's fuzzy topological space and  $r \in I_0$ . Recall [3] that a fuzzy topology  $T^r : I^X \rightarrow I$  is defined by

$$T^r(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \\ r & \text{if } \mu \in T - \{\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in a Chang's fuzzy topological space  $(X, T)$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy semiopen (semiclosed) in  $(X, T)$  if and only if  $\mu$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen ( $r$ -semiclosed) in  $(X, T^r)$ .*

**PROOF.** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

## 5. Fuzzy $r$ -continuous and fuzzy $r$ -semicontinuous maps

**DEFINITION 5.1.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a map from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $f$  is called

- (1) a *fuzzy  $r$ -continuous* map if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set of  $X$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ , or equivalently,  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -closed set of  $X$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ ,
- (2) a *fuzzy  $r$ -open* map if  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -open set of  $Y$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\mu$  of  $X$ ,
- (3) a *fuzzy  $r$ -closed* map if  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -closed set of  $Y$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $\mu$  of  $X$ ,
- (4) a *fuzzy  $r$ -homeomorphism* if  $f$  is bijective, fuzzy  $r$ -continuous and fuzzy  $r$ -open.

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a map and  $r \in I_0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -continuous map.
- (2)  $f(\text{cl}(\rho, r)) \leq \text{cl}(f(\rho), r)$  for each fuzzy set  $\rho$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu), r) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\mu, r))$  for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) \leq \text{int}(f^{-1}(\mu), r)$  for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ .

**PROOF.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $f$  be fuzzy  $r$ -continuous and  $\rho$  any fuzzy set of  $X$ . Since  $\text{cl}(f(\rho), r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -closed of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(\rho), r))$  is fuzzy  $r$ -closed of  $X$ . Thus

$$\text{cl}(\rho, r) \leq \text{cl}(f^{-1}f(\rho), r) \leq \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(\rho), r)), r) = f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(\rho), r)). \quad (5.1)$$

Hence

$$f(\text{cl}(\rho, r)) \leq f f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(\rho), r)) \leq \text{cl}(f(\rho), r). \quad (5.2)$$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy set of  $Y$ . By (2),

$$f(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu), r)) \leq \text{cl}(ff^{-1}(\mu), r) \leq \text{cl}(\mu, r). \quad (5.3)$$

Thus

$$\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu), r) \leq f^{-1}f(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu), r)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\mu, r)). \quad (5.4)$$

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy set of  $Y$ . Then  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$ . By (3),

$$\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu)^c, r) = \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu^c), r) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\mu^c, r)). \quad (5.5)$$

By [Theorem 3.5](#),

$$f^{-1}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) = f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\mu^c, r))^c \leq \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\mu^c), r)^c = \text{int}(f^{-1}(\mu), r). \quad (5.6)$$

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $\mu$  be any fuzzy  $r$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then  $\text{int}(\mu, r) = \mu$ . By (4),

$$f^{-1}(\mu) = f^{-1}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) \leq \text{int}(f^{-1}(\mu), r) \leq f^{-1}(\mu). \quad (5.7)$$

So  $f^{-1}(\mu) = \text{int}(f^{-1}(\mu), r)$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -open of  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -continuous.  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.3.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ ,  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  and  $(Z, \mathcal{V})$  be three fuzzy topological spaces and  $r \in I_0$ . If  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  and  $g : (Y, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{V})$  are fuzzy  $r$ -continuous ( $r$ -open,  $r$ -closed) maps, then so is  $g \circ f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{V})$ .

**PROOF.** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

**DEFINITION 5.4.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a map from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $f$  is called

- (1) a *fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous* map if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set of  $X$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ , or equivalently,  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed set of  $X$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ ,
- (2) a *fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen* map if  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set of  $Y$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $\mu$  of  $X$ ,
- (3) a *fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed* map if  $f(\mu)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed set of  $Y$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $\mu$  of  $X$ .

**THEOREM 5.5.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a map and  $r \in I_0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous map.
- (2)  $f(\text{scl}(\rho, r)) \leq \text{cl}(f(\rho), r)$  for each fuzzy set  $\rho$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $\text{scl}(f^{-1}(\mu), r) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\mu, r))$  for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\mu, r)) \leq \text{sint}(f^{-1}(\mu), r)$  for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  of  $Y$ .

**PROOF.** The proof is similar to [Theorem 5.2](#).  $\square$

**REMARK 5.6.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  and  $g : (Y, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{V})$  be maps and  $r \in I_0$ . Then the following statements are true.

- (1) If  $f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous and  $g$  is fuzzy  $r$ -continuous then  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous.  
 (2) If  $f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -open and  $g$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen then  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen.  
 (3) If  $f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -closed and  $g$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed then  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed.

**REMARK 5.7.** In view of [Remark 4.5](#), a fuzzy  $r$ -continuous ( $r$ -open,  $r$ -closed, resp.) map is also a fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous ( $r$ -semiopen,  $r$ -semiclosed, resp.) map for each  $r \in I_0$ . The converse does not hold as in the following example.

**EXAMPLE 5.8.** (1) A fuzzy  $r$ -semicontinuous map need not be a fuzzy  $r$ -continuous map.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a fuzzy topological space as described in [Example 4.6](#) and let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T})$  be defined by  $f(x) = x/2$ . Note that  $f^{-1}(\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu_1) = \tilde{0}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mu_2) = \mu_1^c = f^{-1}(\mu_1 \vee \mu_2)$ . Since  $\text{cl}(\mu_2, 1/2) = \mu_1^c$ ,  $\mu_1^c$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen set and hence  $f$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semicontinuous map. On the other hand,  $\mathcal{T}(f^{-1}(\mu_2)) = \mathcal{T}(\mu_1^c) = 0 < 1/2$ , and hence  $f^{-1}(\mu_2)$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -open set. Thus  $f$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -continuous map.

- (2) A fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen map need not be a fuzzy  $r$ -open map.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be as in (1). Define  $\mathcal{T}_1 : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}_1(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \mu = \mu_3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (5.8)$$

Consider the map  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T})$  defined by  $f(x) = x$ . Then  $f(\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $f(\tilde{1}) = \tilde{1}$  and  $f(\mu_3) = \mu_3$  are fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen sets of  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and hence  $f$  is a fuzzy  $1/2$ -semiopen map. On the other hand,  $\mathcal{T}(f(\mu_3)) = \mathcal{T}(\mu_3) = 0 < 1/2$ , and hence  $f(\mu_3)$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -open set. Thus  $f$  is not a fuzzy  $1/2$ -open map.

- (3) A fuzzy  $r$ -open (hence  $r$ -semiopen) map need not be a fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed map.

Let  $X = I$  and  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\lambda$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= 1 - x; \\ \rho(x) &= \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1; \end{cases} \\ \lambda(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Define  $\mathcal{T}_1 : I^X \rightarrow I$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2 : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}_1(\nu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \nu = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \nu = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{T}_2(\nu) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \nu = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \lambda, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \nu = \rho, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (5.10)$$

Then clearly  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are fuzzy topologies on  $X$ . Consider the map  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_2)$  defined by  $f(x) = x/2$ . It is easy to see that  $f(\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $f(\mu) = \rho$  and  $f(\tilde{1}) = \lambda$ . Thus  $f$  is a fuzzy 1/2-open map and hence a fuzzy 1/2-semiopen map. On the other hand, because the only fuzzy 1/2-closed set containing  $\lambda$  is  $\tilde{1}$ ,  $\lambda = f(\tilde{1})$  is not a fuzzy 1/2-semiclosed set of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Thus  $f$  is not a fuzzy 1/2-semiclosed map.

(4) A fuzzy  $r$ -closed (hence  $r$ -semiclosed) map need not be a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen map.

Let  $X = I$  and  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\lambda$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x) &= 1 - x; \\ \rho(x) &= \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1; \end{cases} \\ \lambda(x) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

Define  $\mathcal{T}_1 : I^X \rightarrow I$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2 : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{T}_1(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } v = \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{T}_2(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v = \tilde{0}, \tilde{1}, \lambda, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } v = \rho, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{5.12}$$

Then clearly  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  are fuzzy topologies on  $X$ . Consider the map  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_2)$  defined by  $f(x) = x/2$ . It is easy to see that  $f(\tilde{0}) = \tilde{0}$ ,  $f(\mu^c) = \rho^c$  and  $f(\tilde{1}) = \lambda^c$ . Thus  $f$  is a fuzzy 1/2-closed map and hence a fuzzy 1/2-semiclosed map. On the other hand, the only fuzzy 1/2-open set contained in  $\lambda^c$  is  $\tilde{0}$ , hence  $\lambda^c = f(\tilde{1})$  is not a fuzzy 1/2-semiopen set of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_2)$ . Thus  $f$  is not a fuzzy 1/2-semiopen map.

The next two theorems show that a fuzzy continuous (open, closed, semicontinuous, semiopen, semiclosed, resp.) map is a special case of a fuzzy  $r$ -continuous ( $r$ -open,  $r$ -closed,  $r$ -semicontinuous,  $r$ -semiopen,  $r$ -semiclosed, resp.) map.

**THEOREM 5.9.** *Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a map from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another fuzzy topological space  $Y$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy  $r$ -continuous ( $r$ -open,  $r$ -closed,  $r$ -semicontinuous,  $r$ -semiopen,  $r$ -semiclosed, resp.) if and only if  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_r) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{U}_r)$  is fuzzy continuous (open, closed, semicontinuous, semiopen, semiclosed, resp.).*

**PROOF.** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.10.** *Let  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, U)$  be a map from a Chang's fuzzy topological space  $X$  to another Chang's fuzzy topological space  $Y$  and  $r \in I_0$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy continuous (open, closed, semicontinuous, semiopen, semiclosed, resp.) if and only if  $f : (X, T^r) \rightarrow (Y, U^r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -continuous ( $r$ -open,  $r$ -closed,  $r$ -semicontinuous,  $r$ -semiopen,  $r$ -semiclosed, resp.).*

**PROOF.** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

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