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## FUZZY PRE-CLOSURE (INTERIOR) OPERATORS AND FUZZY PRE-CONTINUITY IN SO-TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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## **ABSTRACT**

In the present paper, we introduce fuzzy pre-open (closed) sets, fuzzy pre-closure (interior) operators and fuzzy pre-continuity in Sostak fuzzy topological space. Also we investigate their significant characteristic properties.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [9] and later Chang [1] defined fuzzy topological spaces. Sostak [8] introduced a new fuzzy topological space exploiting the idea of partial openness of fuzzy sets. This generalized fuzzy topological space was later rephrased by Chattopadhyay *et.al.* [2], Ramadan [6] etc.

The concepts of fuzzy strong preopen sets and strong pre continuity (see [4]), fuzzy preopen sets and fuzzy precontinuity (see [7]) etc. have been introduced in case of classical fuzzy topological spaces introduced by Chang [1]. In the present paper, we introduce fuzzy preopen (closed) sets, fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closure and  $\rho$ -pre interior operators and fuzzy pre continuity in the Sostak fuzzy topological space redefined by Chattopdhyay [2]. We denote this generalized fuzzy topological space as So-fuzzy topological space for brevity of notation. We investigate significant characteristic properties of fuzzy pre open (closed) sets and also the  $\rho$ -pre closure (interior) operators. Further we establish interesting properties of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous mappings.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let X be a non-empty set and  $I \equiv [0,1]$  be the unit closed interval of real line. Let  $I^X$  denote the set of all fuzzy sets on X. A fuzzy set A on X is a mapping  $A: X \to I$ , where for any  $x \in X$ , A(x) denotes the degree of membership of element x in fuzzy set A. The null fuzzy set A and whole fuzzy set A are the constant mappings from A to A0 and A1 respectively.

A family  $\tau$  of fuzzy sets on X is called a fuzzy topology (see [1]) on X if (i) 0 and 1 belong to  $\tau$ , (ii) Any union of members of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ , (iii) a finite intersection of members of  $\tau$  is in  $\tau$ . The system consisting of X equipped with fuzzy topology  $\tau$  defined on it is called a fuzzy topological space and is denoted as  $(X, \tau)$ . Now we define the So-fuzzy topological space (see [2], [8]).

A So-fuzzy topology on a non-empty set X is a family  $\tau$  of fuzzy sets on X satisfying the following axioms with respect to a mapping  $\tau: I^X \to I$ ,

- (i)  $\tau(0) = \tau(1) = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $\tau(A \cap B) \ge \tau(A) \wedge \tau(B)$ ; for any  $A, B \in I^X$ ;
- (iii)  $\tau(\bigcup_{i \in I} A) \ge \bigwedge_{i \in I} \tau(A_i)$ , for any arbitrary family  $\{A_i : i \in I\} \subseteq I^X$ .

The system  $(X, \tau)$  is called So-fuzzy topological space and the real number  $\tau(A)$  is called the degree (or grade) of openness of fuzzy set A. We note that

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**Proposition 2.1:** Let X be a non-empty set. Then the map  $\tau: I^X \to I$  given by  $\tau(0) = 1$  and  $\tau(A) = \inf \{A(x) : x \in \text{supp } A\}$  if  $A \neq 0$ , satisfies the axioms of gradation of openness.

If  $(X,\tau)$  is a So-fuzzy topological space, then we observe that (see [2]) for any  $\rho \in [0,1]$ , the family  $\tau_{\rho} \equiv \{A \in I^X : \tau(A) \geq \rho\}$  is actually a fuzzy topology in sense of Chang [1] and it is called  $\rho$ -level fuzzy topology on X with respect to the gradation of openness  $\tau$ . All fuzzy sets belonging to  $\tau_{\rho}$  are called fuzzy- $\rho$ -open sets and their complements are called fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed sets.

For any fuzzy set A, the interior and closure of A with respect to  $\tau_{\rho}$  are defined as follows:

$$Int_{\rho}(A) = \bigcup \{G \in I^X : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \in \tau_{\rho}\}$$
  
$$Cl_{\rho}(A) = \bigcap \{K \in I^X : A \subseteq K \text{ and } K^c \in \tau_{\rho}\}$$

**Proposition 2.2:** Clearly we observe that

- (i)  $Int_{\rho}(A) = A \text{ iff } A \text{ is fuzzy-}\rho\text{-open set; and}$
- (ii)  $Cl_{\rho}(A) = A$  iff A is fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set.

## 3. Fuzzy-\rho-Pre open (Closed) Sets

In this section, we define fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open sets and fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed sets in So-fuzzy topological space and investigate their properties.

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and  $A \in I^X$  be a fuzzy set. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ , a fuzzy set A is said to be a

- (i) Fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X iff  $A \subseteq Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(A))$
- (ii) Fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X iff  $A \supseteq Cl_{\rho}(Int_{\rho}(A))$

Clearly fuzzy sets 0 and 1 are both trivially fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre open as well as fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closed sets in X.

**Proposition 3.1:** *In a So-fuzzy topological space, for any*  $\rho \in I$ *,* 

- (i) Every fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set;
- (ii) Every fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set.

But converse of these may not be true in general.

## **Proof:**

(i) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and A be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set on X, so that  $\tau(A) \ge \rho$ . Since  $Int_{\rho}(A) = A$  (Proposition 2.1) and  $A \subseteq Cl_{\rho}(A)$ , we have  $Int_{\rho}(A) \subseteq Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(A))$ , so that  $Int_{\rho}(A) = A \subseteq Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(A))$ . Hence  $A \subseteq Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(A))$ .

Thus A is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X.

(ii) Let A be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set in So-fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , so that  $\tau(A^c) \ge \rho$  and  $A = Cl_{\rho}(A)$ . Also  $Int_{\rho}(A) \subseteq A$ , it follows  $Cl_{\rho}(Int_{\rho}(A)) \subseteq Cl_{\rho}(A) = A$ . Hence A is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set.

The fact that converse of (i) and (ii) may not be true in general can be shown through the following example.

**Example 3.1:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $A, B, C, D, E, F \in I^X$  be fuzzy sets defined as follows:

$$A = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.3)\}$$
 
$$B = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.5)\}$$
 
$$C = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.5)\}$$
 
$$E = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.4)\}$$
 
$$F = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.6)\}$$

Define a map  $\tau: I^X \to I$  as follows:

$$\tau(F) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } F = 0, 1 \\ 0.3, & \text{if } F = A, D \\ 0.4, & \text{if } F = B \\ 0.5 & \text{if } F = C \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $\rho = 0.1$ . We see that fuzzy set E is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set because  $Cl_{\rho}(E) = B^{c}$  and  $Int_{\rho}(B^{c}) = C$ . Hence  $Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(E)) = C \supseteq E$ . Thus E is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set, but it is not a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set (because  $\tau(E) = 0 > 0.1$ ).

Similarly we observe that fuzzy set F is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set because  $Cl_{\rho}(Int_{\rho}(F)) = Cl_{\rho}(B) = C^{c} \subseteq F$ . Thus F is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set. But it is not a fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ ,

- a) Any union of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open sets is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set;
- b) Any intersection of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed sets is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set.

#### **Proof:**

(a) Let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary collection of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open sets in So-fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then for each  $i \in J$ , we have  $A_i \subseteq Int_{\rho}(Cl_{\rho}(A_i))$ . Hence

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} Int_{\rho} \left( Cl_{\rho}(A_i) \right) \subseteq Int_{\rho} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} Cl_{\rho}(A_i) \right) \subseteq Int_{\rho} \left( Cl_{\rho} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \right) \right)$$

Thus  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set.

(b) Let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary collection of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed sets in So-fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then for each  $i \in J$ , we have  $A_i \supseteq Cl_{\rho}(Int_{\rho}(A_i))$ .

Hence 
$$\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i \supseteq \bigcap_{i \in J} Cl_{\rho} \left( Int_{\rho}(A_i) \right) \supseteq Cl_{\rho} \left( Int_{\rho}(\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i) \right)$$

Thus  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_{i \in I}$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set.

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and  $A \in I^X$  be a fuzzy set. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ , fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre interior and fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closure of fuzzy set A denoted as P- $int_{\rho}(A)$  and P- $cl_{\rho}(A)$  are defined as follows:

$$P$$
-int $_{\rho}(A) = \bigcup \{G \in I^X : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-pre open set in } X\}$   
 $P$ -cl $_{\rho}(A) = \bigcap \{K \in I^X : K \supseteq A \text{ and } K \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-pre closed set in } X\}$ 

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and  $A \in I^X$  be a fuzzy set. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ ,

- (i)  $P cl_0(1 A) = 1 P int_0(A)$
- (ii) P- $int_{\rho}(1 A) = 1 P$ - $cl_{\rho}(A)$

#### **Proof:**

(i) Suppose  $\{G_i\}_{i\in J}$  is the family of all fuzzy- $\rho$ -preopen sets in X contained in A. Then  $P\text{-}int_{\rho}(A) = \bigcup_{i\in J} G_i = 1 - \bigcap_{i\in J} G_i^c$ 

Since  $G_i \subseteq A$ , we have  $G_i^c \supseteq A^c$ ,  $\forall i \in J$ . Thus  $\{G_i^c\}_{i \in J}$  is the collection of all fuzzy- $\rho$ -preclosed sets containing  $A^c$ .

Hence 
$$\bigcap_{i \in I} G_i^c = P - cl_{\rho}(A^c) = P - cl_{\rho}(1 - A)$$
.

Thus 
$$P$$
- $int_{\rho}(A) = 1 - P$ - $cl_{\rho}(1 - A)$ 

Hence P- $cl_{\rho}(1-A) = 1 - P$ - $int_{\rho}(A)$ . This proves (i).

(ii) can be proved in a similar manner.

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ , a fuzzy set  $A \in I^X$  is a

- a) Fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set iff P-int $_{\rho}(A) = A$ ;
- b) Fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set iff P- $cl_{\rho}(A) = A$ .

#### Proof

(a) Let A be fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Let  $\{G_i\}_{i\in J}$  be the family of all fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre open sets which are contained in A. Since each  $G_i \subseteq A$ ,  $i \in J$ , we have  $\bigcup_{i \in J} G_i \subseteq A$ . Therefore

$$P-int_{\rho} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \{G_i \in I^X : G_i \subseteq A \text{ and } G_i \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-preopen set }\} \subseteq A$$

$$(3.3.1)$$

Since  $A\subseteq A$  and A is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -preopen set in X, hence  $A\in\{G_i\}_{i\in J}$ . Therefore

$$A \subseteq \cup_{i \in J} G_i \equiv P - int_{\rho}(A) \tag{3.3.2}$$

From equations (3.3.1) and (3.3.2),  $A = P - int_o(A)$ .

Conversely; suppose A is a fuzzy set in So-fuzzy topological space 
$$(X, \tau)$$
 such that  $A = P - int_{\rho}(A)$ . Then  $A = P - int_{\rho}(A) = \bigcup \{G_i \in I^X : G_i \subseteq A \text{ and } G_i \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-pre open set }\}$  (3.3.3)

Since any union of fuzzy- $\rho$ -preopen sets is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -preopen set, in view of (3.3.3), set A is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -preopen set in X.

(b) This can be proved in a similar manner.

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ , the following properties hold for fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closure:

- (i)  $P cl_o(0) = 0$
- (ii) P- $cl_o(A)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X
- (iii)  $P cl_o(A) \subseteq P cl_o(B)$ , if  $A \subseteq B$
- (iv)  $P cl_o(P cl_o(A)) = P cl_o(A)$
- (v)  $P cl_o(A \cup B) \supseteq P cl_o(A) \cup P cl_o(B)$
- (vi)  $P cl_o(A \cap B) \le P cl_o(A) \cap P cl_o(B)$

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and A, B be fuzzy sets on X. Let  $\rho \in I$ .

- (i) In view of Definition 3.2,
  - $P-cl_{\rho}(0) = \bigcap \{K_i \in I^X : K_i \supseteq 0 \text{ and } K_i \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-pre closed set in } X\}$

We know 0 is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set. Thus 0 is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set containing 0. Hence  $0 \in \{K_i\}_{i \in J}$ . Therefore  $\bigcap_{i \in J} K_i = 0$ . Thus P- $cl_o(0) = 0$ .

- (ii) By definition,  $P cl_{\rho}(A)$  is the intersection of all fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed sets containing A and in view of Theorem 3.1, any intersection of fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed sets is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set. Thus  $P cl_{\rho}(A)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X.
- (iii) Let A and B be two fuzzy sets in X such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Consider the collection  $\{K_i\}_{i \in J}$  such that  $K_i$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closed set and contains A for each  $i \in J$ ; so that P- $cl_{\rho}(A) = \bigcap_{i \in J} \{K_i\}$ . Now consider P- $cl_{\rho}(B)$ . We know that P- $cl_{\rho}(B) = \bigcap_{l \in J} \{F_l : F_l \supseteq B \text{ and } F_l \text{ is a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-pre closed set in } X\}$

Since  $B \supseteq A$ ,  $F_l \supseteq A$ ,  $\forall l \in L$ . Therefore  $\cap_{l \in L} F_l \supseteq B \supseteq A$ . Thus  $P - cl_{\rho}(B)$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closed set in X, which contains A. Therefore  $P - cl_{\rho}(B) \in \{K_i\}_{i \in I}$ .

Hence  $\cap_{i \in I} K_i \subseteq P - cl_{\rho}(B)$ .

Thus P- $cl_{\rho}(A) \subseteq P$ - $cl_{\rho}(B)$ . This proves (iii).

- (iv) We know by (ii) that for every A in  $I^X$ ,  $P-cl_{\rho}(A)$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -preclosed set in X. Therefore in view of Theorem 3.3 (b), we conclude that  $P-cl_{\rho}(P-cl_{\rho}(A)) = P-cl_{\rho}(A)$ .
- (v) In view of (iii), we know that if  $P \subseteq Q$  in X, then  $P cl_{\rho}(P) \subseteq P cl_{\rho}(Q)$ . Now  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  and  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ . Therefore  $P cl_{\rho}(A \cup B) \supseteq P cl_{\rho}(A)$  and  $P cl_{\rho}(A \cup B) \supseteq P cl_{\rho}(B)$ . Hence  $P cl_{\rho}(A \cup B) \supseteq P cl_{\rho}(A) \cup P cl_{\rho}(B)$
- (vi) Since  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ . We have  $P cl_{\rho}(A \cap B) \subseteq P cl_{\rho}(A)$  and  $P cl_{\rho}(A \cap B) \subseteq P cl_{\rho}(B)$

Therefore, P- $cl_{\rho}(A \cap B) \subseteq P$ - $cl_{\rho}(A) \cap P$ - $cl_{\rho}(B)$ .

Similarly we have the following:

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a So-fuzzy topological space and  $A, B \in I^X$  be fuzzy sets. Then for any  $\rho \in I$ ,

- (i)  $P int_o(1) = 1$
- (ii) P-int $_{\rho}(A)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X
- (iii) P- $int_{\rho}(A) \subseteq P$ - $int_{\rho}(B)$ , if  $A \subseteq B$
- (iv) P- $int_{\rho}(P$ - $int_{\rho}(A)) = P$ - $int_{\rho}(A)$
- (v) P- $int_{\rho}(A \cup B) \supseteq P$ - $int_{\rho}(A) \cup P$ - $int_{\rho}(B)$
- (vi) P- $int_{\rho}(A \cap B) \subseteq P$ - $int_{\rho}(A) \cap P$ - $int_{\rho}(B)$

## 4. Fuzzy-ρ-Pre Continuous Map

In this section, we define a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map from one So-fuzzy topological space to another and investigate its characteristic properties. We know fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map is defined (see [2]) as follows:

**Definition 4.1:** Let  $(X,\tau)$  and  $(Y,\sigma)$  be two So-fuzzy topological spaces. A map  $f:X\to Y$  is said to fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map if  $\tau(f^{-1}(B)) \ge \sigma(B)$ , for each fuzzy set  $B \in I^Y$  such that  $\sigma(B) \ge \rho$ .

Now we define fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map as follow:

**Definition 4.2:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two So-fuzzy topological spaces. A map f from X to Y is called a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map iff  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set for any fuzzy set  $B \in I^Y$  such that  $\sigma(B) \ge \rho$ .

**Proposition 4.1:** Every fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map, but converse may not be true.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two So-fuzzy topological spaces and  $f: X \to Y$  be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map. Suppose  $B \in I^Y$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in Y, so that  $\sigma(B) \ge \rho$ . Then  $\tau(f^{-1}(B)) \ge \sigma(B) \ge \rho$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in X. Since every fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Thus f is a fuzzy-o-pre continuous map.

But converse of this may not be true in general. This can be exemplified as follows:

**Example 4.1:** Let 
$$X = \{a, b\}$$
,  $Y = \{u, v\}$  and  $A, B, C, D \in I^X$ ,  $\in I^Y$  be fuzzy sets defined as follows:  $A = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 0.2)\}$   $B = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.6)\}$   $C = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 0.6)\}$   $D = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.2)\}$   $E = \{(u, 0.8), (v, 0.7)\}$ 

We define fuzzy topologies  $\tau: I^X \to I$  and  $\sigma: I^Y \to I$  as follows:

$$\tau(F) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } F = 0, 1 \\ 0.2, & \text{if } F = A, D \\ 0.5, & \text{if } F = B \\ 0.6 & \text{if } F = C \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(F) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } F = 0, 1\\ 0.7, & \text{if } F = E\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\sigma(F) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } F = 0,1 \\ 0.7, & \text{if } F = E \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  Consider a map  $f: (X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  defined as f(a) = u, f(b) = v. Suppose  $\rho = 0.1$ . We see that  $Cl_{\rho} \big( f^{-1}(E) \big) = 1$ and  $Int_o(Cl_o(f^{-1}(E))) = 1$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(E) \subseteq Int_o(Cl_o(f^{-1}(E)))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(E)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set. Similarly  $f^{-1}(0) \equiv 0$  and  $f^{-1}(1) \equiv 1$  are also fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open sets. Thus f is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map. But f is not a fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map because we observe that  $f^{-1}(E) = \{(a, 0.8), (b, 0.7)\}$  and  $\tau(f^{-1}(E)) = 0 \ge \sigma(E) \equiv 0.7$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** Let  $(X,\tau)$  and  $(Y,\sigma)$  be two So-fuzzy topological spaces and  $\rho \in I$  be a real number. If  $f:X \to Y$  be a mapping such that  $\tau^*(f^{-1}(B)) \ge \rho$ , for each  $B \in I^Y$  with  $\sigma^*(B) \ge \rho$ , then f is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map.

**Proof:** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  be a map such that  $\tau^*(f^{-1}(B)) \ge \rho$ , for each  $B \in I^Y$  for which  $\sigma^*(B) \ge \rho$ . Since  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$  and  $\tau^*(f^{-1}(B)) = \tau((f^{-1}(B))^c) = \tau(f^{-1}(B^c)) \ge \rho$ , we conclude that  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in X. Since every fuzzy  $\rho$ -open set is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre open set,  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Further  $\sigma(B^c)$  =  $\sigma^*(B) \ge \rho$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X for each  $B^c \in I^Y$  such that  $\sigma(B^c) \ge \rho$ . Therefore f is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map.

Let  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  be a map from one So-fuzzy topological space to another. Then for any  $\rho\in I$ , Theorem 4.3: following statements are equivalent:

- a) f is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map;
- b)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set for each fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set B in Y;
- c)  $Cl_{\rho}(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\rho}(B))$ , for each fuzzy set B in Y;
- d)  $f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(A)\right)\right) \subseteq Cl_{\rho}(f(A))$ , for each fuzzy set A in X.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two So-fuzzy topological spaces. We will prove this theorem in following steps:

- (i)  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ : Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map for any  $\rho \in I$ . Let B be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set in Y. Then  $B^c$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in Y so that  $\sigma(B^c) \ge \rho$ . Since f is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -continuous map, we find that  $f^{-1}(B^c)$ is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Therefore  $(f^{-1}(B^c))^c = f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X for each  $B \in I^Y$ which is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -closed set. Thus  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ .
- (ii) (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a map such that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closed set in X if B is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -closed set in Y. Let C be any fuzzy  $\rho$ -open in Y. Then  $C^c$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -closed set in Y. Therefore by (b),  $f^{-1}(C^c)$  is a fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre closed set in X. Therefore  $(f^{-1}(C^c))^c \equiv f^{-1}(C)$  is fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Thus if C is fuzzy  $\rho$ -open set in Y, then  $f^{-1}(C)$  is fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Hence map  $f: X \to Y$  is fuzzy  $\rho$ -pre continuous map.
- (iii) (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Let B be a fuzzy set in Y, then  $Cl_{\rho}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set in Y and hence by (b),  $f^{-1}(Cl_{\rho}(B))$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X. Therefore by definition,  $f^{-1}\left(Cl_{\rho}(B)\right) \supseteq Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}\left(f^{-1}\left(Cl_{\rho}(B)\right)\right)\right) \supseteq Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}\left(f^{-1}\left(Cl_{\rho}(B)\right)\right)\right)$  $Cl_o(Int_o(f^{-1}(B)))$ , because  $B \subseteq Cl_o(B)$ . Thus  $Cl_o(Int_o(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_o(B))$ .
- (iv)  $(c) \Rightarrow (d)$ : Let  $A \in I^X$  be any fuzzy set, then  $f(A) \in I^Y$ . Now by (c),

$$Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(f(A)))\right) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\rho}(f(A)))$$

It implies 
$$Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(A)\right)\subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\rho}(f(A))).$$
 Now 
$$Cl_{\rho}(f(A))\supseteq f\left(f^{-1}\left(Cl_{\rho}(f(A))\right)\right)$$
 Therefore 
$$f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(A)\right)\right)\subseteq f\left(f^{-1}\left(Cl_{\rho}(f(A))\right)\right)\subseteq Cl_{\rho}(f(A))$$
 Hence 
$$f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(A)\right)\right)\subseteq Cl_{\rho}(f(A)) \text{ for each } A \text{ in } X.$$
 (v) 
$$(d)\Rightarrow (b)\text{: Let } B\in I^{Y} \text{ be a fuzzy-}\rho\text{-closed set, then } f^{-1}(B)\in I^{X}. \text{ Now from (d) we have } f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(B))\right)\right)\subseteq Cl_{\rho}\left(f(f^{-1}(B))\right)\subseteq Cl_{\rho}(B)=B.$$
 Thus 
$$f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(B))\right)\right)\subseteq B$$
 Therefore 
$$f^{-1}(f\left(Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(B))\right)\right)\subseteq f^{-1}(B)$$
 It implies 
$$Cl_{\rho}\left(Int_{\rho}(f^{-1}(B))\right)\subseteq f^{-1}(B).$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre closed set in X for each fuzzy- $\rho$ -closed set B in Y.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 4.4:** Let  $(X,\tau)$ ,  $(Y,\sigma)$  and  $(Z,\delta)$  be three So-fuzzy topological spaces and let  $\rho \in I$  be any real number. If  $f: X \to Y$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map and  $g: Y \to Z$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \delta)$  are So-fuzzy topological spaces and suppose  $f: X \to Y$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map and  $g: Y \to Z$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous map. Let C be a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in Z so that  $\delta(C) \ge \rho$ , then  $\sigma(g^{-1}(C)) \ge \delta(C) \ge \rho$ , because g is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -continuous mapping. Thus  $g^{-1}(C)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -open set in Y.

Since f is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map, we get that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(C))$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Now  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(C)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(C)$ . Hence  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(C)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X,

Now  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \delta)$  is a map and we have derived that for any fuzzy $\rho$ -open set C in Z, fuzzy set  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(C)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre open set in X. Hence  $(g \circ f)$  is a fuzzy- $\rho$ -pre continuous map.

## CONCLUSION

In the present paper, we have defined fuzzy pre open (closed) sets, fuzzy pre-closure (interior) operators and fuzzy pre-continuity in Sostak fuzzy topological space. The concepts is introduced as extensions of concepts of fuzzy preopen sets introduced in [7]. Several significant results have been obtained.

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