

## Fuzzy $\alpha\psi$ -closed sets

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, a new class of set called fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set is introduced and its properties are studied. As an application of this set we also introduce the notions  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuity,  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute mappings and  $F\alpha\psi$ -connectedness and we establish some fundamental properties of these fuzzy mappings.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy set and fuzzy set operations were first introduced by Zadeh in his classical paper [11]. Subsequently several authors have applied various basic concepts from general topology to fuzzy sets and developed the theory of fuzzy topological spaces. Pu and Liu [7] introduced the concept of quasi-coincidence and quasi-neighbourhoods by which the extensions of functions in fuzzy settings can very interestingly and effectively be carried out.

The aim of this paper is to introduce the notion of fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set in topological space. Moreover, as applications, we introduce  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuity,  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute mappings and  $F\alpha\psi$ -connectedness.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $X$  means a fuzzy topological space (briefly, fts) in Chang's [3] sense. For a fuzzy set  $A$  of a fuzzy topological space  $X$ , the notion  $cl(A)$ ,  $int(A)$  and  $1 - A$  denote the closure, the interior and the complement of  $A$  respectively. By  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  we will mean the fuzzy sets with constant membership function 0 (zero function) and 1 (unit function) respectively. The following definitions are useful in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1.** A fuzzy set  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

1. a fuzzy semi-open (briefly,  $Fs$ -open) set [1, 4] if  $A \leq cl(int(A))$  and a fuzzy semi-closed (briefly,  $Fs$ -closed) set if  $int(cl(A)) \leq A$ .
2. a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open (briefly,  $F\alpha$ -open) set [2] if  $A \leq int(cl(int(A)))$  and a fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly,  $F\alpha$ -closed) set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \leq A$ .
3. a fuzzy pre-open (briefly,  $Fp$ -open) set [2] if  $A \leq int(cl(A))$  and a fuzzy pre-closed (briefly,  $Fp$ -closed) set if  $cl(int(A)) \leq A$ .
4. a fuzzy semi pre-open (briefly,  $Fsp$ -open) set [10] if  $A \leq cl(int(cl(A)))$  and a fuzzy semi pre-closed (briefly,  $Fsp$ -closed) set if  $int(cl(int(A))) \leq A$ . By  $FSO(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $F\alpha O(X, \tau)$ ,  $FPO(X, \tau)$ ,  $FSPO(X, \tau)$ ,) we denote the family of all  $Fs$ -open (resp.  $F\alpha$ -open,  $Fp$ -open,  $Fsp$ -open) sets of fts  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

1. a Fuzzy generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly  $Fg\alpha$ -closed) set [9] if  $\alpha cl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is  $F\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $Fg\alpha$ -closed set is called  $Fg\alpha$ -open set.
2. a Fuzzy generalized pre-closed (briefly  $Fgp$ -closed) set [6] if  $pcl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is  $F$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $Fgp$ -closed set is called  $Fgp$ -open set.
3. a Fuzzy generalized semi-pre closed (briefly  $Fgsp$ -closed) set [8] if  $spcl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is fuzzy open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $gsp$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $gsp$ -open set.
4. a fuzzy semi-generalized closed (briefly  $Fsg$ -closed) set [5] if  $scl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is fuzzy semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $sg$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $sg$ -open set.
5. a fuzzy  $\psi$ -closed (briefly  $F\psi$ -closed) set, if  $scl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is  $Fsg$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $\psi$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $\psi$ -open set.

**Definition 2.3** ([7]). A fuzzy point  $x_p \in A$  is said to be quasi-coincident with the fuzzy set  $A$  denoted by  $x_p q A$  if and only if  $p + A(x) > 1$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  is quasi-coincident with a fuzzy set  $B$  denoted by  $A q B$  if and only if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $A(x) + B(x) > 1$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are not quasi-coincident then we write  $A \bar{q} B$ . Note that  $A < B \iff A \bar{q} (1 - B)$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([7]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy semi-connected (briefly,  $Fs$ -connected) if and only if the only fuzzy sets which are both  $Fs$ -open and  $Fs$ -closed are  $0_X$  and  $1_X$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([3]). Let  $f$  be a mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy set of  $X$  and  $B$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$ , then

- (i)  $f(A)$  is a fuzzy set of  $Y$ , where

$$f(A) = \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} A(x), \text{ if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ = 0, \text{ otherwise, for every } y \in Y$$

- (ii)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy set of  $X$ , where  $f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(1 - B) = 1 - f^{-1}(B)$ .

### 3. ON FUZZY $\alpha\psi$ -CLOSED SETS

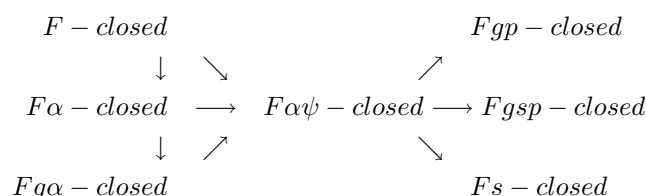
**Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -closed (briefly,  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed) set if  $\psi cl(A) \leq H$  whenever  $A \leq H$  and  $H$  is  $F\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set is called fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -open set.

By  $F\alpha\psi C(X, \tau)$ , we denote the family of all fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -closed sets of fts  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Every fuzzy-closed,  $F\alpha$ -closed,  $Fg\alpha$ -closed sets are  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed and every  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set is  $Fs$ -closed,  $Fgp$ -closed and  $Fgsp$ -closed.

*Proof.* It is Obvious. □

From the above discussion we introduce the following diagram



The converse of the above theorem is not true in general by the following necessary counter example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$  and fuzzy sets  $A, B, E, H, K, L$  be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(a) &= 0.1, A(b) = 0.2 \\
 B(a) &= 0.2, B(b) = 0.4 \\
 K(a) &= 0.1, K(b) = 0.2 \\
 L(a) &= 0.3, L(b) = 0.7 \\
 E(x) &= 0.1, E(y) = 0.2, E(z) = 0.7 \\
 H(x) &= 0.1, H(y) = 0.4, H(z) = 0.7
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tau = \{0, L, 1\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0, H, 1\}$  and  $\gamma = \{0, E, 1\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $Fgsp$ -closed in  $(Y, \gamma)$  but not  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed.  $B$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  but not  $F\alpha$ -closed.  $K$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  but not  $Fs$ -closed.  $E$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $Fg\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts and let  $A \in I^X$ . If  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set and  $A \leq B \leq \psi cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be a  $F\alpha$ -open set such that  $B \leq H$ . Since  $A \leq B$ , then  $A \leq H$ . But  $A$  is  $\alpha\psi$ -closed, so  $\psi cl(A) \leq H$ . Since  $B \leq \psi cl(A)$ . Since  $\psi cl(B) \leq \psi cl(A)$  and hence  $\psi cl(B) \leq H$ . Therefore  $B$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set. □

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $A$  be  $F\alpha\psi$ -open in  $X$  and  $\psi int(A) \leq B \leq A$ , then  $B$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open in  $X$  and  $\psi int(A) \leq B \leq A$ . Then  $1 - A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed and  $1 - A \leq 1 - B \leq \psi cl(1 - A)$ . Then  $1 - A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set by theorem 3.4. Hence  $B$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $X$ . □

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fts. A fuzzy set  $A \in I^X$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set if and only if  $B \leq \psi\text{int}(A)$  whenever  $B$  is  $F\alpha$ -closed set and  $B \leq A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set and let  $B$  be  $F\alpha$ -closed set such that  $B \leq A$ . Then  $(1 - A) \leq (1 - B)$  and hence  $\psi\text{cl}(1 - A) \leq (1 - B)$ , since  $(1 - A)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed. But  $\psi\text{cl}(1 - A) = 1 - (\psi\text{int}(A))$ , thus  $B \leq \psi\text{int}(A)$ .

Conversely, suppose that the condition is satisfied, then  $(1 - (\psi\text{int}(A))) \leq (1 - B)$  whenever  $(1 - B)$  is  $F\alpha$ -open set and  $(1 - A) \leq (1 - B)$ . This implies that  $\psi\text{cl}(1 - A) \leq (1 - B) = H$  where  $H$  is  $F\alpha$ -open set and  $(1 - A) \leq H$ . Therefore  $(1 - A)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set and hence  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** A fuzzy set  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed if and only if  $A\bar{q}E$  implies  $\psi\text{cl}(A)\bar{q}E$ , for every  $F\alpha$ -closed set  $E$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be a  $F\alpha$ -closed set of  $X$  and  $A\bar{q}E$ . Then  $A \leq (1 - E)$  and  $(1 - E)$  is  $F\alpha$ -open in  $X$ , which implies that  $\psi\text{cl}(A) \leq (1 - E)$  as  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed. Hence  $\psi\text{cl}(A)\bar{q}E$ .

Conversely, let  $H$  be  $F\alpha$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $A \leq H$ . Then  $A\bar{q}(1 - H)$  and  $(1 - H)$  is  $F\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ . By hypothesis,  $\psi\text{cl}(A)\bar{q}(1 - H)$  implies  $\psi\text{cl}(A) \leq H$ . Hence  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $A$  be  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x_p$  be a fuzzy point of  $X$  such that  $x_p\bar{q}\psi\text{cl}(A)$  then  $\psi\text{cl}(x_p)qA$ .

*Proof.* If  $\psi\text{cl}(x_p)\bar{q}A$  then  $A \leq 1 - \psi\text{cl}(x_p)$  and so  $\psi\text{cl}(A) \leq 1 - \psi\text{cl}(x_p) \leq 1 - x_p$  because  $1 - \psi\text{cl}(x_p)$  is  $F\alpha$ -open and  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $x_p\bar{q}\psi\text{cl}(A)$  is a contradiction.  $\square$

#### 4. ON FUZZY $\alpha\psi$ -CONTINUOUS AND FUZZY $\alpha\psi$ -IRRESOLUTE MAPPINGS

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -continuous (briefly,  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every fuzzy closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function from a fts  $(X, \tau)$  into a fts  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is  $\alpha\psi$ -continuous;
- (ii) the inverse image of each open fuzzy set in  $Y$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $X$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious, because  $f^{-1}(1 - H) = 1 - f^{-1}(H)$  for each fuzzy open set  $H$  of  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** For  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements hold:

- (i)  $f(\alpha\psi\text{cl}(A)) \leq \text{cl}(f(A))$ , for every fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ;
- (ii)  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))$ , for every fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $\text{cl}(f(A))$  is fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  and  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$  is  $\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $X$ . Now, since  $A \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . So,  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(A) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . Therefore,  $f(\alpha\psi\text{cl}(A)) \leq \text{cl}(f(A))$ .

(ii) Replacing  $A$  by  $B$  in (i), we get  $f(\alpha\psi\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \leq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \leq \text{cl}(B)$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.4.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -irresolute (briefly,  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Every  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute map is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Since every closed fuzzy set is  $\alpha\psi$  closed, then it is proved that  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous. The converse of the above theorem need not be true in general by the following example.  $\square$

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{x, y\}$ . The fuzzy set  $A$  is defined as:  $A(a) = 0.3$  and  $A(b) = 0.7$ . Let  $\tau = \{0, A, 1\}$  and  $\sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Then the mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is defined by  $f(a) = x$  and  $f(b) = y$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous but not  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute

**Theorem 4.7.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous then for each fuzzy point  $x_p$  of  $X$  and each  $A \in \sigma$  such that  $f(x_p) \in A$ , there exists a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $x_p \in B$  and  $f(B) \leq A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_p$  be fuzzy point of  $X$  and  $A \in \sigma$  such that  $f(x_p) \in A$ . Put  $B = f^{-1}(A)$ . Then by hypothesis  $B$  is a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $x_p \in B$  and  $f(B) = f(f^{-1}(A)) \leq A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous, then for each fuzzy point  $x_p$  of  $X$  and each  $A \in \sigma$  such that  $f(x_p)qA$ , there exists a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $x_pqB$  and  $f(B) \leq A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_p \in X$  and  $A \in \sigma$  such that  $f(x_p)qA$ . Put  $B = f^{-1}(A)$ . Then by hypothesis  $B$  is a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $x_pqB$  and  $f(B) = f(f^{-1}(A)) \leq A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions, then

- (i)  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous, if  $g$  is fuzzy continuous and  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $g \circ f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous, if  $g$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous and  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* It is Obvious  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  are both  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute mappings, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $H$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $Z$ , then  $g^{-1}(H)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open in  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(H))$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open in  $X$ , since  $g$  and  $f$  are  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute. Thus,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(H) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(H))$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open and therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a mapping from a fts  $(X, \tau)$  into a fts  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute;
- (ii) the inverse image of each  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $Y$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $X$ .

*Proof.* It is Obvious  $\square$

## 5. FUZZY $\alpha\psi$ -CONNECTEDNESS

**Definition 5.1.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $\alpha\psi$ -connected (briefly,  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected) if and only if the only fuzzy sets which are both  $F\alpha\psi$ -open and  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed are  $0_X$  and  $1_X$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and a fuzzy topology  $\tau = \{0, 1, A\}$ , where  $A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is such that  $A(a) = 1$ ,  $A(b) = A(c) = 0$ . Then it is clear that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected.

**Theorem 5.3.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected if and only if  $X$  has no non zero  $F\alpha\psi$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B = 1_X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected. If  $X$  has two non zero  $F\alpha\psi$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B = 1_X$ , then  $A$  is proper  $F\alpha\psi$ -open and  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set of  $X$ . Hence,  $X$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, which is a contradiction.

Conversely, If  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, then it has a proper fuzzy set  $A$  of  $X$  which is both  $F\alpha\psi$ -open and  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed. So  $B = 1 - A$ , is a  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $A + B = 1_X$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.4.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous surjective and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, then  $(Y, \sigma)$  is fuzzy connected.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected and  $Y$  is not fuzzy connected. As  $Y$  is not fuzzy connected, then there exists a proper fuzzy set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $V \neq 0_Y$ ,  $V \neq 1_Y$  and  $V$  is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed set. Since,  $f$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both  $F\alpha\psi$ -open and  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed set of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \neq 0_X$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \neq 1_X$ . Hence,  $X$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.5.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -irresolute surjective and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, then  $(Y, \sigma)$  is so.

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of the above theorem.  $\square$

**Definition 5.6.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  if there is no  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $E$  in  $X$  such that  $A \leq E$  and  $E\bar{q}B$ .

**Theorem 5.7.** If a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  if and only if there is no  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $E$  in  $X$  such that  $A \leq E \leq 1 - B$ .

*Proof.* It is Obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.8.** If a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are non zero.

*Proof.* If  $A = 0$ , then  $A$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open in  $X$  such that  $A \leq A$  and  $A\bar{q}B$ . Hence  $X$  cannot be  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.9.** If a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A \leq A_1$  and  $B \leq B_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between fuzzy sets  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ . Then, there is a  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $E$  in  $X$  such that  $A_1 \leq E$  and  $E\bar{q}B_1$ . Clearly,  $A \leq E$ . Now we claim that  $E\bar{q}B$ . If  $EqB$ , then there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $E(x) + B(x) > 1$ . Therefore,  $E(x) + B_1(x) > E(x) + B(x) > 1$  and  $EqB_1$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space,  $A$  and  $B$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$ . If  $AqB$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between  $A$  and  $B$ .*

*Proof.* If  $E$  is any  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $A \leq E$ , then  $AqB$  implies  $EqB$ . Converse of the above theorem need not be true by the following example.  $\square$

**Example 5.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ . Fuzzy sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $H$  on  $X$  are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} A(a) &= 0.3, \quad A(b) = 0.5; \\ B(a) &= 0.4, \quad B(b) = 0.5; \\ H(a) &= 0.5, \quad H(b) = 0.7. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $I = \{0, H, 1\}$  be fuzzy topology on  $X$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between  $A$  and  $B$  but  $A\bar{q}B$ .

**Theorem 5.12.** *A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected if and only if it is  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between every pair of its non zero fuzzy sets.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any pair of non zero fuzzy sets  $X$ . Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . Then there is a  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set  $E$  in  $X$  such that  $A \leq E$  and  $E\bar{q}B$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are non zero, it follows that  $E$  is proper  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed,  $F\alpha\psi$ -open set of  $X$ . This implies that is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected.

Conversely, if suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected. Then there exists a proper fuzzy set  $E$  of  $X$  which is both  $F\alpha\psi$ -closed and  $F\alpha\psi$ -open. Consequently,  $X$  is not  $F\alpha\psi$ -connected between  $E$  and  $1 - E$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

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