

## Covering dimension of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** The main purpose of this paper is to introduce and study the concept of covering dimension and zero dimensionality in the intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Main results are obtained.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

After introducing the fuzzy sets by Zadeh [24] in 1965 and fuzzy topology by Chang [11] in 1967, several studies have been conducted on the generalizations of the notions of fuzzy sets and fuzzy topology. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [4, 5] as a generalization of fuzzy sets. In the last 20 years various concepts of fuzzy mathematics have been extended for intuitionistic fuzzy sets. In 1997 Coker [12] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Recently many fuzzy topological concepts such as, fuzzy compactness [14], fuzzy connectedness [23], separation axioms [7], fuzzy metric spaces [22], fuzzy continuity [16] fuzzy multifunctions [17] have been generalized for intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Some authors have studied the developments of dimension theory in fuzzy topological spaces. Adnadjovic [1, 2] introduced the concept of generalized fuzzy spaces (GF spaces) and defined two dimension functions,  $F-ind$  and  $F-Ind$ . Later, Cuchillo and Tarres [15] extended them into fuzzy topological spaces in the case of zero dimensionality. Ajmal and Kohli [3] have studied the concept of covering dimension in fuzzy topological spaces, in [8] T Baiju and Sunil Jacob John studied the covering dimension of fuzzy topological space by using concept of Q-covering [9], and in [10] they studied the covering dimension of normality in  $L$ -topological spaces (for further studies, see [20, 21]). However, all these studies have been carried out

in the fuzzy topological spaces and in  $L$ -topological spaces. In the present paper, we have introduced and investigated the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy covering dimension of intuitionistic fuzzy topological space, in view of the definition of Chang [11] and study some of their properties.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1** ([4, 5]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A$  (IFS for short) in  $X$  is an object having the form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  where the functions  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow I$  and  $\gamma_A : X \rightarrow I$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of non-membership (namely  $\gamma_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$ , respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Obviously**, every fuzzy set  $A = \{ \langle \mu_A(x), x \rangle : x \in X \}$  on  $X$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set of the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

**Definition 2.2** ([6]). Let  $X$  be a non-empty set, and consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ,  $B = \{ \langle x, \mu_B(x), \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  and let  $\{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be an arbitrary family of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$ . Then

- (a)  $A \subseteq B$  if  $[\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x) \text{ and } \gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)], \forall x \in X$
- (b)  $A = B$  if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$
- (c)  $A^c = \{ \langle x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$
- (d)  $\cap A_\lambda = \{ \langle x, \wedge \mu_{A_\lambda}(x), \vee \gamma_{A_\lambda}(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ , in particular  
 $A \cap B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x), \gamma_A(x) \vee \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$
- (e)  $\cup A_\lambda = \{ \langle x, \vee \mu_{A_\lambda}(x), \wedge \gamma_{A_\lambda}(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ , in particular  
 $A \cup B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x), \gamma_A(x) \wedge \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$
- (f)  $0_X = \{ \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle : x \in X \}$  and  $1_X = \{ \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle : x \in X \}$

**Definition 2.3** ([13]). Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy point (IFP for short) of nonempty set  $X$  is an IFS of  $X$  defined by

$$x_{(\alpha, \beta)}(y) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } x = y \\ (0, 1) & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $x$  is called the support of  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are called the value and non-value of  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  respectively.

Clearly an intuitionistic fuzzy point can be represented by an ordered pair of fuzzy point as follows:

$$x_{(\alpha, \beta)} = (x_\alpha, 1 - x_{1-\beta})$$

In IFP  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is said to belong to an IFS  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  denoted by  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in A$ , if  $\alpha \leq \mu_A(x)$  and  $\beta \geq \gamma_A(x)$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([6]). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two nonempty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then

- (a) If  $B = \{ \langle y, \mu_B(y), \gamma_B(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$ , then the preimage of  $B$  under  $f$  denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$  is the IFS in  $X$  defined by

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{ \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B)(x), f^{-1}(\gamma_B)(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$$

(b) If  $A = \{ \langle x, \lambda_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$ , then the image of  $A$  under  $f$  denoted by  $f(A)$  is the intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$  defined by

$$f(A) = \{ \langle y, f(\lambda_A)(y), 1 - f(1 - \nu_A)(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$$

Where,

$$f(\lambda_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \{ \lambda_A(x) \} & \text{if } f^{-1}(x) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

$$1 - f(1 - \nu_A)(y) = \begin{cases} \inf_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \{ \lambda_A(x) \} & \text{if } f^{-1}(x) \neq \emptyset, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

**Definition 2.5** ([12]). An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT for short) on a non-empty set  $X$  is a family of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$  satisfy the following axioms:

(T1)  $0_X, 1_X \in \tau$

(T2) If  $A_1, A_2 \in \tau$ , then  $A_1 \cap A_2 \in \tau$ .

(T3) If  $A_\lambda \in \tau$  for each  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda$ , then  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \in \tau$ .

In this case the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS for short) and each intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $\tau$  is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open sets (IFOSs for short) of  $X$ , and the complement an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCSs for short).

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and let  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ,  $B = \{ \langle x, \mu_B(x), \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  be IFSS on  $X$  defined by

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x - 1 & , \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases},$$

$$\gamma_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1 - x) & , \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_B(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ 2 - 4x & , \quad \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & , \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases},$$

$$\gamma_B(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ 4x - 1 & , \quad \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & , \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, B, A \cup B\}$  is an IFTS on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** An intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $X$  is said to be clopen if it is intuitionistic fuzzy closed and open.

**Definition 2.8** ([12]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy interior and intuitionistic fuzzy closure of  $A$  are defined by

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

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

**Definition 2.9** ([14]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \varphi)$  be intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (1) Continuous if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $X$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $B$  in  $Y$ , or equivalently,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $X$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,
- (2) Open if  $f(A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $Y$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $A$  in  $X$ ,
- (3) Closed if  $f(A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,
- (4) A homeomorphism if  $f$  is bijective, continuous, and open.

**Definition 2.10** ([13]). Two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  said to be quasi-coincident  $AqB$  if and only if there exists an element  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > \gamma_B(x)$  or  $\gamma_A(x) < \mu_B(x)$ . In this, case  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be quasi-coincident at  $x$ .

Otherwise  $A$  is not quasi-coincident with  $B$ , denote  $A\bar{q}B$  and.  $A\bar{q}B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B^c$ .

**Remark 2.11.** If  $AqB$ , we have that  $A \cap B \neq 0_X$ . ( $\mu_A q \mu_B$  implies that  $\mu_A \wedge \mu_B \neq 0_X$ , then  $A \cap B \neq 0_X$ ).

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A family  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of IFS in  $X$  is said to be quasi-coincident family if there exists,  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu_{U_\alpha}(x) > \gamma_{U_\beta}(x)$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ .

A family  $\{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  is not quasi-coincident that is for every  $x \in X$ , there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ . Such that

$$\mu_{U_\alpha}(x) \leq \gamma_{U_\beta}(x)$$

**Definition 2.13** ([12]). A family  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  where  $U_\lambda = \langle x, \mu_{U_\lambda}, \gamma_{U_\lambda} \rangle, (\lambda \in \Lambda)$  of IFOS in IFTS  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover (or intuitionistic covering for short) of IFS  $A$  if and only if  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$ .

A sub cover of an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $\mathbf{U}$  of  $A$  is a subfamily of  $\mathbf{U}$ , which is still an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $A$ .

**Definition 2.14.** A family  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of IFOSs in IFTS  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $\mathbf{X}$  if and only if  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda = 1_X$ , and

a collection  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  where  $\mathbf{V}_\alpha = \langle x, \mu_{V_\alpha}, \gamma_{V_\alpha} \rangle, (\alpha \in \Delta)$  is said to be intuitionistic fuzzy refinement of  $\mathbf{U}$  if  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} V_\alpha = 1_X$ , and each  $V_\alpha$  is contained in some members  $U_\lambda$  of  $\mathbf{U}$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $Y$  be IFS in IFTS  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$  then the set of restriction  $\tau_Y = \{U|Y : U \in \tau\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy topology on  $Y$ , and  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy subspace of IFTS.  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$ .

### 3. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY COVERING DIMENSION

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A family  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of IFSs in  $X$  is said to be of order  $n(n > -1)$  written  $ord_{If}\mathbf{U} = n$ , if  $n$  is the greatest integer such that there exists a quasi-coincident subfamily of  $\mathbf{U}$  having  $n + 1$  elements.

**Remark 3.2.** From the above definition if  $ord_{\text{IF}} \mathbf{U} = n$  then for each  $n + 2$  distinct indexes  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{n+2} \in \Lambda$  we have  $U_{\lambda_1} \cap U_{\lambda_2} \cap \dots \cap U_{\lambda_{n+2}} = \emptyset$ , then it is non quasi-coincident, in particular if  $ord_{\text{IF}} \mathbf{U} = -1$ , then  $\mathbf{U}$  consists of the empty IFS and  $ord_{\text{IF}} \mathbf{U} = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{U}$  consist of pairwise disjoint IFSs which are not all empty. (For ordinary case see [18])

**Definition 3.3.** The covering dimension of a IFTS  $X = (X, \tau)$  denoted  $dim_{\text{IF}}(X)$  is the least integer  $n$  such that every finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  has a finite open refinement of order not exceeding  $n$  or  $+\infty$  if there exists no such integer.

Thus it follows that  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) = -1$  if and only if  $X = \emptyset$  and  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n$  if every finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  has a finite open refinement of order  $\leq n$ . We have  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) = n$  if it is true that  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n$ , but it is false that  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n - 1$ .

Finally  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) = +\infty$  if for every positive integer  $n$  it is false that  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n$ .

**Remark 3.4.** The notion of covering dimension of a IFTS  $X$  is an *intuitionistic fuzzy* topological invariant. Moreover, the covering dimension of a topological space is  $n$  if and only if the covering dimension of its characteristic IFTS is  $n$ .

The following theorem is an important result in this paper.

**Theorem 3.5.** *The following statements are equivalent for IFTS  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$*

- (1)  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n$ .
- (2) *For every finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  there exists a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  of order less than or equal to  $n$  and  $\eta_i \leq U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .*
- (3) *If  $\{U_1, \dots, U_{n+2}\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  then there exists a non- quasi-coincident intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{n+2}\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  such that  $\eta_i \leq U_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n + 2$*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $dim_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n$  and let  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ . Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement of  $\mathbf{U}$  such that  $ord_{\text{IF}}(\mathbf{V}) \leq n$ , if  $V \in \mathbf{V}$ , then  $V \subseteq U_i$ , for some  $i$ , let each  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  be associated with one IFSs  $U_i$  containing it. Let  $\eta_i$  be the union of all those members of  $\mathbf{V}$  thus associated with  $U_i$ . Then each  $\eta_i$  is an IFOS and  $\eta_i \leq U_i$ .

Let  $\mathbf{N} = \{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k\}$ , we want to show that  $ord_{\text{IF}} \mathbf{N} \leq n$ , that is, every quasi-coincident subfamily of  $\mathbf{N}$  contains at most  $n + 1$  members.

Suppose if possible, there exists a quasi-coincident subfamily  $N_i$  of  $\mathbf{N}$  containing  $(n + 2)$  members. Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that

$$\mu_{\eta_\alpha}(x) + \mu_{\eta_\beta}(x) > 1, \text{ i.e. } \mu_{\eta_\alpha}(x) > \gamma_{\eta_\beta}(x)$$

for every pair  $\eta_\alpha, \eta_\beta \in N_i$ .

Now, since

$$\eta_\sigma = \bigcup \{V_{i_\sigma} \in \mathbf{V} : V_{i_\sigma} \subseteq U_i, \text{ as associated in the construction of } \eta_\sigma\},$$

( $\sigma = \alpha, \beta$ ), and since  $\mathbf{V}$  is a finite cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  and

$$\mu_{\eta_\beta}(x) = \max\{\mu_{V_{1_\beta}}(x), \dots, \mu_{V_{s_\beta}}(x)\}$$

Choose  $V_{k_\alpha}$  and  $V_{t_\beta}$  such that

$$\mu_{\eta_\alpha}(x) = \mu_{V_{k_\alpha}}(x) \text{ and } \mu_{\eta_\beta}(x) = \mu_{V_{t_\beta}}(x).$$

Clearly  $V_{k_\alpha}$  and  $V_{t_\beta}$  quasi-coincident at  $x$ .

In this way we obtain corresponding to every quasi-coincident pair  $\eta_\alpha, \eta_\beta$  at  $x$ , a pair  $V_{i_\alpha}$  and  $V_{j_\beta}$  of  $V$ 's which are distinct in themselves as well as distinct from others and quasi-coincident at  $x$ .

The collection of all these members of  $\mathbf{V}$  chosen above constitute a quasi-coincident subfamily of  $\mathbf{V}$  having  $n + 2$  members.

This is contradiction to the fact that  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{V}) \leq n$ . Thus  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{V}) \leq n$ .

The statement (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are trivial.

To complete the proof, we will show that (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). To this end. Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a IFTS. satisfying (3), and let  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ . Assume that  $k > n + 1$ .

Let  $\delta_i = U_i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n + 1$ .

And let  $\delta_{n+2} = \bigcup_{i=n+2}^k U_i$ . Clearly,  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n+2}\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ .

By hypothesis, there exists an open cover  $\mathbf{N} = \{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{n+2}\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  such that  $\eta_i \leq \delta_i$  for each  $i$ , and  $\mathbf{N}$  is non-quasi-coincident family.

Define intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $V_i = U_i$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n + 1$ , and  $V_i = U_i \cap \eta_{n+2}$  if  $i > n + 1$

Then  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$  is intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  such that  $V_i \subseteq U_i$ , for each  $i$  and the subfamily  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{n+2}\}$  of  $v$  is non-quasi-coincident.

If there is a subset  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\{1, \dots, K\}$  having  $n + 2$  elements such that the family  $\{V_j : j \in B\}$  is quasi-coincident, then let the members of  $v$  be renumbered to give a family  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_K\}$  such that the subfamily  $\{p_1, \dots, p_{n+2}\}$  is quasi-coincident.

By applying above construction to  $P$ , we obtain an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $V' = \{V'_1, \dots, V'_k\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  such that  $V'_i \subseteq P_i$  and the subfamily  $\{V'_1, \dots, V'_{n+2}\}$  is non-quasi-coincident. Clearly, if  $C$  is a subset of  $\{1, \dots, K\}$  with  $n + 2$  elements such that the family  $\{p_i : i \in C\}$  is non-quasi-coincident, then so is the family  $\{V'_i : i \in C\}$ . Thus by a finite number of repetitions of this process we obtain an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $\mathbf{W} = \{W_1, \dots, W_K\}$  of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  such that  $W_i \leq U_i$  for each  $i$  and  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{W}) \leq n$ .  $\square$

The following proposition follows directly from Theorem 3.5.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $Y = (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a intuitionistic closed fuzzy subspace of IFTS  $X = (X, \tau)$ . Then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(Y) \leq \dim_{\text{If}}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Y$  is an intuitionistic closed fuzzy subspace of  $X$ ,  $\mu_Y$  is a intuitionistic closed fuzzy set in  $X$ . We must show that if  $\dim_{\text{If}}(X) \leq n$ , then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(Y) \leq n$ . Clearly if  $\dim_{\text{If}}(X) = -1$  then  $X = \emptyset$  and hence  $Y = \emptyset$ , then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) = -1$ , and if  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = \infty$ , then the theorem is obvious. Suppose that  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) \leq n < \infty$ , and let  $U^Y = \{U_1^Y, \dots, U_n^Y\}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{Y}}$ . Then  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_K, Y^c\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , and so  $\mathbf{U}$  has an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement  $V$  such that  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{V}) \leq n$ , let  $\mathbf{V}^Y = \{V|Y : v \in V\}$ , we claim that  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}V^Y \leq n$ . Let  $\{V_{i_1}^Y, \dots, V_{i_{n+2}}^Y\}$  be a subfamily of  $V^Y$ , since  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}v \leq n$ , and since  $\{V_{i_1}, \dots, V_{i_{n+2}}\}$  is a subfamily of  $v$  having  $n + 2$  members which is non-quasi-coincident. That is for each  $x \in X$  and in particular for each  $x \in Y$

there exists subscripts  $i_q$  and  $i_r$  such that

$$\mu_{V_{i_q}}(x) + \mu_{V_{i_r}}(x) \leq 1 \text{ i.e. } \mu_{V_{i_q}}(x) \leq \gamma_{V_{i_r}}(x).$$

This in turn implies that every subfamily of  $v^Y$  having  $n + 2$  members is non-quasi-coincident and hence  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}} V^Y \leq n$ . Thus  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) \leq \dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X})$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** The condition that  $Y$  is closed is necessary for this theorem to hold, as well as in classical topological space (see Pears [18]).

We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $X = (X, \tau)$  and  $Y = (Y, \sigma)$  are two IFTS, and  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy homeomorphism between them, then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(X) = \dim_{\text{If}}(Y)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an IF-home. And  $U$  is a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{Y}}$ , then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , also if  $A$  is a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  then  $f(A)$  is a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{Y}}$ . (See. 2.4)

The case  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = \infty$  follows directly

Now, clearly if  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = -1$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  is IF homeomorphic to  $\mathbf{X}$  then  $Y = \emptyset$  and  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) = -1$ , since as the only IFTS  $X$  homeomorphic to the empty IFTS. is itself, and as the only IFTS, with covering dimension  $-1$  is the empty IFTS.

Let  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = n$  and let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be IFTS. homeomorphic to  $\mathbf{X}$  then clearly  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) \geq n$ . To show that  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) \leq n$ .

Let  $A$  be a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , since  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy homeomorphism then  $f^{-1}(U) = A$  for a finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover  $U$  of  $1_{\tilde{Y}}$ .

As  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = n$ , then there is an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}} B \leq n$ , as  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy homeomorphism then  $B = f^{-1}(W)$ ,  $\mathbf{W}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement of  $\mathbf{U}$ , and the order of  $B$  is homeomorphic to the order of  $\mathbf{W}$  then  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}} W \leq n$  and hence  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) \leq n = \dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X})$ , as  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) \geq n = \dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X})$ , it follows that  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = \dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y})$ .  $\square$

#### 4. ZERO DIMENSIONAL IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

Many authors studied zero- dimensionality in fuzzy topological spaces such as L.Pujate and A.B.Šostak[19], they used precisely the definition for a zero dimensional Chang's space, that is, a Chang's space is zero dimensional if there is a base for the space consisting of clopen fuzzy sets, we study this concepts for covering dimension in IFTS. According to covering dimension of IFTS, we introduced some results about zero-dimensional in Ifts as follows.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $X = (X, \tau)$  be a IFTS, then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(X) = 0$  if and only if every finite intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  has a refinement consisting of disjoint crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy sets.*

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) By Remark (3.2) if  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  is a disjoint crisp intuitionistic clopen cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  then  $\text{order}_{\text{If}} \mathbf{U} = 0$  and hence  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) let  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a finite *intuitionistic* fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , since  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$  there exists a finite *intuitionistic* fuzzy open refinement  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$  of  $\mathbf{U}$  such that  $\text{ord}_{\text{f}}V = 0$ , it follows that every pair of elements of  $\mathbf{V}$  are non-quasi-coincident. Now, we show that each member of  $\mathbf{V}$  is crisp *intuitionistic* clopen fuzzy set, let  $V_i \in \mathbf{V}$  then  $V_i$  is non-quasi-coincident with the union of remaining members of  $\mathbf{V}$  which is an *intuitionistic* fuzzy open set, since  $V$  is also *intuitionistic* fuzzy cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$  i.e.  $V_i \cup (\bigcup_{i \neq j} V_j) = 1_{\tilde{X}}$ , and since for each  $i$ ,  $V_i$  is non-quasi-

coincident with  $\bigcup_{i \neq j} V_j$ , we have  $V_i \cap (\bigcup_{i \neq j} V_j) = 0$ , for each  $i$ .

Hence  $V_i + \bigcup_{i \neq j} V_j = 1_{\tilde{X}}$ , by definition each  $V_i = 1_{\tilde{X}} - \bigcup_{i \neq j} V_j$  is crisp and clopen intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $\mathbf{X}$  and by Remark (3.2) the members of  $\mathbf{V}$  are pairwise disjoint.  $\square$

For a singleton space, we prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.2.** *If  $X = \{x\}$  is singleton space and  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$  is an IFTS Then  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{U\}$  be a singleton family of *intuitionistic* fuzzy open sets which is cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , there is an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement of  $U$  which is  $U$ , then  $U = 1_{\tilde{X}}$  but the  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}\{U\} = 0$  it follows that  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ .  $\square$

Now, we give and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *A closed subspace  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y, \tau_Y)$  of zero dimensional IFTS  $\mathbf{X} = (X, \tau)$  is also zero-dimensional.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{U}^Y = \{U_1^Y, \dots, U_n^Y\}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{Y}}$ , then  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_n, Y^C\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , by Proposition (4.1)  $\mathbf{U}$  has an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement  $\mathbf{V}$  consisting of disjoint crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy sets such that  $\text{ord}_{\text{f}}\mathbf{V} = 0$ , let  $\mathbf{V}^Y = \{V|Y, V \in \mathbf{V}\}$  we claim that  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}V^Y = 0$ , since  $\mathbf{V}$  consisting of disjoint crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy sets, this implies that  $V^Y$  consisting of disjoint crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy set, since  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}\mathbf{V} = 0$  and  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ , then by Proposition (4.2) we get  $\text{ord}_{\text{If}}V^Y = 0$  and  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{Y}) = 0$ .  $\square$

In the final of this section we prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.4.** *If  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ , then for every pair  $A_1, A_2$  of disjoint intuitionistic closed fuzzy sets, there exist crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  such that  $A_1 \subseteq B_1, A_2 \subseteq B_2$  and  $B_1 + B_2 = 1_{\tilde{X}}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A_1, A_2$  be a pair of disjoint intuitionistic closed fuzzy sets in  $\mathbf{X}$ , then  $\{A_1^c, A_2^c\}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover of  $1_{\tilde{X}}$ , since  $\dim_{\text{If}}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$  by Proposition (4.1) the cover  $\{A_1^c, A_2^c\}$  has an intuitionistic fuzzy open refinement  $\{B_1, B_2\}$  consisting of crisp clopen intuitionistic fuzzy sets, such that  $B_1 \cap B_2 = 0_{\tilde{X}}$ , and  $B_1 + B_2 = 1_{\tilde{X}}$ , thus  $B_1 \subseteq A_2^c, B_2 \subseteq A_1^c$ , this implies that  $A_2 \subseteq B_1^c = B_2$  and  $A_1 \subseteq B_2^c = B_1$  i.e.  $A_1 \subseteq B_1$  and  $A_2 \subseteq B_2$ .  $\square$



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