

## Fuzzy totally $e$ -continuous functions

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, fuzzy  $e$ -open sets and fuzzy  $e$ -closed sets are used to define and investigate a new class of functions called fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous functions. Relationships between the new class and other classes of functions are established.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy has invaded almost all branches of mathematics with the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [14] of 1965. The theory of fuzzy topological spaces was introduced and developed by Chang [5]. Since then many fuzzy topologists have extended various notions in classical topology to fuzzy topological spaces. In classical topology the class of totally continuous functions was introduced in [9] and as a consequence of this  $e$ -open sets and  $e$ -continuous was introduced and studied in [7]. The fuzzyfied concept of the totally continuous function is introduced as perfectly fuzzy continuous functions and studied along with other functions in [3]. In 2014 Seenivasan [13] introduced the concept of fuzzy  $e$ -continuity and fuzzy  $e$ -open sets in fuzzy topological space. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous functions and investigated its basic properties.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are always mean fuzzy topological spaces. The class of all fuzzy sets on a universe  $X$  will be denoted by  $I^X$ . A fuzzy topology on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $\delta$  of fuzzy subsets of  $X$  which satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i)  $0, 1 \in \delta$ ,
- (ii) If  $g, h \in \delta$ , their  $g \wedge h \in \delta$ ,

(iii)  $f_i \in \delta$  for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\bigvee_{i \in I} f_i \in \delta$ .

The pair  $(X, \delta)$  is called a fuzzy topological space [5]. Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy subset of a space  $X$ . The fuzzy closure of  $\lambda$ , fuzzy interior of  $\lambda$ , fuzzy  $\delta$ -closure of  $\lambda$  and the fuzzy  $\delta$ -interior of  $\lambda$  are denoted by  $Cl(\lambda)$ ,  $Int(\lambda)$ ,  $Cl_\delta(\lambda)$  and  $Int_\delta(\lambda)$  respectively. A fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of space  $X$  is called fuzzy regular open [2] (resp. fuzzy regular closed) if  $\lambda = Int(Cl(\lambda))$  (resp.  $\lambda = Cl(Int(\lambda))$ ). Now  $Cl(\lambda)$  and  $Int(\lambda)$  are defined as follows  $Cl(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{\mu : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is fuzzy closed in } X\}$  and  $Int(\lambda) = \bigvee \{\mu : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is fuzzy open in } X\}$ . The fuzzy  $\delta$ -interior of a fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of  $X$  is the union of all fuzzy regular open sets contained in  $\lambda$ . A fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  is called fuzzy  $\delta$ -open [10] if  $\lambda = Int_\delta(\lambda)$ . The complement of fuzzy  $\delta$ -open set is called fuzzy  $\delta$ -closed (i.e.,  $\lambda = Cl_\delta(\lambda)$ ).

**Definition 2.1** ([11]). A fuzzy set in  $X$  is called a fuzzy point iff it takes the value 0 for all  $y \in X$  except one, say,  $x \in X$ . If its value at  $x$  is  $\lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda \leq 1$ ) we denote this fuzzy point by  $x_\lambda$ , where the point  $x$  is called its support.

**Definition 2.2** ([11]). The fuzzy point  $x_\lambda$  is said to be contained in a fuzzy set  $A$ , or to belong to  $A$ , denoted by  $x_\lambda \in A$ , iff  $\lambda \leq A(x)$ . Evidently, every fuzzy set  $A$  can be expressed as the union of all the fuzzy points which belong to  $A$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([13]). A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy topological space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -open if  $\lambda \leq Cl(Int_\delta \lambda) \vee Int(Cl_\delta \lambda)$ , where  $Cl(\lambda) = \bigwedge \{\mu : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is fuzzy closed in } X\}$  and  $Int(\lambda) = \bigvee \{\mu : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is fuzzy open in } X\}$ . If  $\lambda$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open, then  $1 - \lambda$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed.

**Definition 2.4** ([13]). Let  $X$  be a fuzzy topological space and  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy set in  $X$ . The fuzzy  $e$ -closure of  $\lambda$  in  $X$  is denoted by  $eCl(\lambda)$  defined as follows:  $eCl(\mu) = \bigwedge \{\lambda : \lambda \geq \mu, \lambda \text{ is a fuzzy } e\text{-closed set of } X\}$ . Similarly we can define  $eInt(\lambda)$ .

**Remark 2.5.** For a fuzzy set  $\lambda$  of  $X$ ,  $1 - eInt(\lambda) = eCl(1 - \lambda)$ .

**Theorem 2.6** ([13]). In a fuzzy topological space  $X$ ,  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -closed (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -open) if and only if  $\lambda = eCl(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\lambda = eInt(\lambda)$ ).

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two fuzzy topological spaces. Let  $\lambda \in I^X$ ,  $\mu \in I^Y$ . Then  $f(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy subset of  $Y$ , defined by  $f(\lambda) : Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$f(\lambda)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x \in f^{-1}(\{y\})} \lambda(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(\{y\}) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{if } f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \phi. \end{cases}$$

and  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy subset of  $X$ , defined by  $f^{-1}(\mu)(x) = \mu(f(x))$ .

**Definition 2.8.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy totally continuous [4] (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -continuous [13]) if the inverse image of every fuzzy open set in  $Y$  is a fuzzy Clopen (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -open) set in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.9** ([12]). A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is called fuzzy  $T_0$ -space if for any pair of distinct fuzzy points  $x_t$  and  $x_s$ , there exist a fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  such that  $x_t \in \lambda$  and  $x_s \notin \lambda$  or  $x_t \notin \lambda$  and  $x_s \in \lambda$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([12]). A fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $T_2$  (= fuzzy Hausdorff) if for each pair of fuzzy points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  such that  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $X$  such that  $x_\alpha \in \lambda$  and  $y_\beta \in \mu$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([8]). A collection  $\mu$  of fuzzy sets in a fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be cover of a fuzzy set  $\eta$  of  $X$  if  $(\bigvee_{A \in \mu} A)(x) = 1$ , for every  $x \in s(\eta)$ . A fuzzy cover  $\mu$  of a fuzzy set  $\eta$  in a fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be have a finite subcover if there exists a finite subcollection  $\rho = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  of  $\mu$  such that  $(\bigvee_{j=1}^n A_j)(x) \geq \eta(x)$ , for every  $x \in s(\eta)$ , where  $s(\eta)$  denotes the support of a fuzzy set  $\eta$ .

**Definition 2.12** ([1]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy Lindelöf, if for each family  $\mathcal{B} \subset \tau$  and for each  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \mathcal{B}} \lambda \geq \alpha$ , there exist for each  $\epsilon \in (0, \alpha]$  a countable subset  $\mathcal{B}_0$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \mathcal{B}_0} \lambda \geq \alpha - \epsilon$ .

**Definition 2.13** ([13]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ - $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  such that  $x \in U_1$  and  $y \in U_2$ ,  $x \notin U_2$  and  $y \notin U_1$ .

**Definition 2.14** ([13]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ - $T_2$  (i.e., fuzzy  $e$ -Hausdorff) if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists disjoint fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

**Definition 2.15** ([13]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -regular if for each closed set  $F$  of  $X$  and each  $x \in X - F$ , there exists disjoint fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \leq V$ .

**Definition 2.16** ([13]). A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -normal if for every two disjoint fuzzy closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist two disjoint fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \leq U$  and  $B \leq V$  and  $U \wedge V = 0$ .

### 3. FUZZY TOTALLY $e$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTION

We have introduced the following definition

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous if the inverse image of every fuzzy open set in  $Y$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen (that is, fuzzy  $e$ -open and fuzzy  $e$ -closed) set in  $X$ .

It is clear that every fuzzy totally continuous function is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous and every fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function is fuzzy  $e$ -continuous.

However, none of the above implications are reversible as shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q\}$   $\tau = \{0, 1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  and  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \delta\}$  where  $\alpha = \frac{0.5}{a} + \frac{0}{b} + \frac{0}{c}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{0}{a} + \frac{0.5}{b} + \frac{0}{c}$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{0.5}{a} + \frac{0.5}{b} + \frac{0}{c}$  and  $\delta = \frac{0.5}{p} + \frac{0}{q}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as follows:  $f(a) = p$ ,  $f(b) = f(c) = q$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous. However, it is not fuzzy totally continuous, since for the fuzzy open set  $\delta$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\delta) = \alpha$ , which is not fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $I$  defined as

$$\mu_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x - 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_2(x) = \mu_3(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ -4x + 2 & \text{if } \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $\tau_1 = \{0, 1, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_1 \vee \mu_2\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0, 1, \mu_3\}$  are fuzzy topologies on  $I$ . Let  $f : (I, \tau_1) \rightarrow (I, \tau_2)$  be defined by  $f(x) = x$  for each  $x \in I$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous but not fuzzy totally continuous, since for the fuzzy open set  $\mu_3$  of  $(I, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu_3) = \mu_3$ , is fuzzy open in  $(I, \tau_1)$  but not fuzzy closed in  $(I, \tau_1)$ .

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, 1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\}$  and  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \lambda\}$  where  $\alpha = \frac{0.3}{a} + \frac{0.4}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.5}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.5}{b} + \frac{0.4}{c}$ ,  $\delta = \frac{0.3}{a} + \frac{0.4}{b} + \frac{0.4}{c}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.9}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be the identity function. Clearly  $f$  is fuzzy  $e$ -continuous but not fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, since for the fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\lambda) = \lambda$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  but not fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $I$  in Example 3.3. Consider fuzzy topologies  $\tau_1 = \{0, 1, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_1 \vee \mu_2\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0, 1, \mu_1 \vee \mu_2\}$  are fuzzy topologies on  $I$ . Let  $f : (I, \tau_1) \rightarrow (I, \tau_2)$  be defined by  $f(x) = x$  for each  $x \in I$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy  $e$ -continuous but not fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, since for the fuzzy open set  $\mu_1 \vee \mu_2$  of  $(I, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu_1 \vee \mu_2) = \mu_1 \vee \mu_2$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1)$  but not fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ .

**Definition 3.6.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen whenever  $\lambda \in I^Y$ .

It is evident that every strongly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous function is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous. However, the converse is not true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0, 1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\}$  and  $\sigma = \{0, 1, \lambda\}$  where  $\alpha = \frac{0.4}{a} + \frac{0.6}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.4}{b} + \frac{0.4}{c}$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.6}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ ,  $\delta = \frac{0.4}{a} + \frac{0.4}{b} + \frac{0.4}{c}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{0.4}{a} + \frac{0.5}{b} + \frac{0.5}{c}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous but not strongly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous, since for the fuzzy set  $\mu = \frac{0.6}{a} + \frac{0.4}{b} + \frac{0.4}{c} \in I^Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu) = \mu$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  but not fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Recall that a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a discrete fuzzy topological space if  $\tau = I^X$ .

**Example 3.8.** Let  $I = [0, 1]$  and  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $I$  in Example 3.3. Consider fuzzy topologies  $\tau_1 = \{0, 1, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_1 \vee \mu_2\}$   $\tau_2 = \{0, 1, \mu_3\}$  are topologies on  $I$ . Let  $f : (I, \tau_1) \rightarrow (I, \tau_2)$  be defined by  $f(x) = x$  for each  $x \in I$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous but not strongly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous, since for the fuzzy set  $\mu_1 \vee \mu_2$  in  $(I, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mu_1 \vee \mu_2) = \mu_1 \vee \mu_2$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1)$  but not fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Every fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function onto a discrete fuzzy topological space is strongly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Obvious. □

**Definition 3.10.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -connected if there does not exist fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda + \mu = 1$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $\mu \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** *If  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function from a fuzzy  $e$ -connected space  $X$  into any fuzzy topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is indiscrete fuzzy topological space.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $Y$  is not indiscrete. Then  $Y$  has a proper ( $\neq 0$  and  $\neq 1$ ) fuzzy open set  $\lambda$  (say). Then by hypothesis on  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a proper fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen subset of  $X$ , which is a contradiction to the assumption that  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -connected. □

**Definition 3.12.** A fuzzy topological space  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_2$  if for any pair of distinct fuzzy points  $x_t$  and  $x_s$ , there exist fuzzy  $e$ -open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $x_t \in \lambda$ ,  $x_s \in \mu$  and  $eCl(\lambda) \leq 1 - eCl(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be an injective fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function. If  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_0$ , then  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_t$  and  $y_s$  be any two distinct fuzzy points of  $X$ . Then  $f(x_t) \neq f(y_s)$ . Since  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_0$ , there exists a fuzzy open set say  $\lambda$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_t) \in \lambda$  and  $f(y_s) \notin \lambda$ . This mean  $x_t \in f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and  $y_s \notin f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set of  $X$ . Also  $x_t \in f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and  $y_s \in 1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Now put  $\mu = 1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\lambda) = eCl(f^{-1}(\lambda))$  and  $eCl(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = eCl(\mu) = 1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)$  (since  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed) and  $eCl(f^{-1}(\lambda)) = f^{-1}(\lambda) = 1 - eCl(1 - f^{-1}(\lambda)) = 1 - eCl(\mu) \leq 1 - eCl(\mu)$ . □

**Theorem 3.14.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is fuzzy continuous,  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function.*

*Proof.* Obvious. □

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $p_i : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_i (i = 1, 2)$  be the projection of  $X_1 \times X_2$  on  $X_i$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, then  $p_i \circ f$  is also fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* This follows directly from Theorem 3.14 □

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $f : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  be a function. If the graph  $g : X_1 \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  of  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, then  $f$  is also fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* This follows directly from Theorem 3.15 □

**Definition 3.17** ([13]). A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be a fuzzy  $e$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open in  $X$  for every fuzzy  $e$ -open set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy  $e$ -irresolute and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -continuous function.*

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

**Definition 3.19.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy totally  $e$ -open if the image of every fuzzy open subset of  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.20.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy open and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -open, then  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -open.

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$

**Definition 3.21.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy almost  $e$ -open if the image of every fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen subset of  $X$  is fuzzy open subset of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.22.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an onto fuzzy almost  $e$ -open and fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a function such that  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, then  $g$  is fuzzy continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open subset of  $Z$ . Then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen subset of  $X$ . But  $f(g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda) = g^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy open subset of  $Y$ . Hence,  $g$  is fuzzy continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.23.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function and  $A$  is fuzzy open crisp subset of  $X$ , then  $f_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is also fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open subset of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen in  $X$ . Now,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen in  $X$  and  $A$  is a fuzzy open crisp subset of a fuzzy topological space  $X$ , then  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \cap A$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set in  $A$ . But,  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \cap A = f_A^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set in  $A$ . Hence  $f_A$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 3.24.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called slightly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $X$  for every fuzzy Clopen set  $\lambda$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.25.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -irresolute and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is slightly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is slightly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be any fuzzy clopen set of  $Z$ . Then by hypothesis on  $g$ ,  $g^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed in  $Y$ . Now  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\lambda))$  and therefore by hypothesis on  $f$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\lambda)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -closed. This proves that  $g \circ f$  is slightly fuzzy  $e$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 3.26.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be:

- (i) fuzzy mildly  $e$ -compact if every fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover;
- (ii) fuzzy mildly countably  $e$ -compact if every fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen countably cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover;
- (iii) fuzzy mildly  $e$ -Lindelöf if every cover of  $X$  by fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen sets has a countable subcover;
- (iv) fuzzy compact [6] if every fuzzy open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover;
- (v) fuzzy countably compact [6] if every countable fuzzy open covering of  $X$  contains a finite subcollection that covers  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous surjective function. Then the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $X$  is a fuzzy mildly  $e$ -compact, then  $Y$  is fuzzy compact.
- (ii) If  $X$  is a fuzzy mildly  $e$ -Lindelöf, then  $Y$  is fuzzy Lindelöf.
- (iii) If  $X$  is a fuzzy mildly countably  $e$ -compact, then  $Y$  is fuzzy countably compact.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\{\lambda_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any fuzzy open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy mildly  $e$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $\bigvee \{f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\} = 1$ . Thus, we have  $\bigvee \{\lambda_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\} = 1$  and  $Y$  is fuzzy compact.

The other proofs are similarly.  $\square$

**Definition 3.28.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $T_1$  [12] (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_1$ ) if for each pair of distinct fuzzy points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  of  $X$  there exist fuzzy open (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen) sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  containing  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$ , respectively such that  $y_\beta \notin \lambda$  and  $x_\alpha \notin \mu$ .

**Theorem 3.29.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous injective function and  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_1$ , then  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_1$ . For any two distinct fuzzy points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  in  $X$ , there exist fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_\alpha) \in \lambda$ ,  $f(y_\beta) \notin \lambda$ ,  $f(x_\alpha) \notin \mu$  and  $f(y_\beta) \in \mu$ . Then  $x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(\lambda)$ ,  $y_\beta \notin f^{-1}(\lambda)$ ,  $x_\alpha \notin f^{-1}(\mu)$  and  $y_\beta \in f^{-1}(\mu)$ . This shows that  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.30.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_2$  (= fuzzy  $e$ -co-Hausdorff) if for each pair of fuzzy points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  such that  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $X$  such that  $x_\alpha \in \lambda$  and  $y_\beta \in \mu$ .

**Theorem 3.31.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous injective function and  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_2$ , then  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is fuzzy  $T_2$  space. For any pair of distinct fuzzy points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  in  $X$ , there exists disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_\alpha) \in \lambda$  and  $f(y_\beta) \in \mu$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous function, we have  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  are fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen sets in  $X$  containing  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$ , respectively. By definition  $f^{-1}(\lambda) \wedge f^{-1}(\mu) = f^{-1}(\lambda \wedge \mu) = f^{-1}(0) = 0$ , and hence  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co- $T_2$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.32.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is called fuzzy regular (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -co-regular) if for each fuzzy open (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen) set  $\lambda$  and each fuzzy point  $x_\alpha \notin \lambda$ , there exist disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $x_\alpha \in \rho$ .

**Definition 3.33.** A fuzzy space  $X$  is called fuzzy normal (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -co-normal) if for every pair of disjoint fuzzy open (resp. fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen) set  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\mu$  and  $\eta$  such that  $\lambda_1 \leq \mu$  and  $\lambda_2 \leq \eta$ .

**Theorem 3.34.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous injective fuzzy open function and  $X$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -co-regular space, then  $Y$  is fuzzy regular.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open set of  $Y$  and a fuzzy point  $y_\beta \notin \lambda$ . Take  $y_\beta = f(x_\alpha)$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set of  $X$ . Take  $\mu = f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . We have  $x_\alpha \notin \mu$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co-regular, there exist disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\eta$  and  $\rho$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu \leq \eta$  and  $x_\alpha \in \rho$ . We obtain that

$\lambda = f(\mu) \leq f(\eta)$  and  $y_\beta = f(x_\alpha) \in f(\rho)$  such that  $f(\eta)$  and  $f(\rho)$  are disjoint fuzzy open sets of  $Y$ . This shows that  $Y$  is fuzzy regular.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.35.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous injective fuzzy open function and  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co-normal space, then  $Y$  is fuzzy normal.*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be disjoint fuzzy open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(\lambda_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(\lambda_2)$  are fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen sets in  $X$ . Let  $\beta = f^{-1}(\lambda_1)$  and  $\mu = f^{-1}(\lambda_2)$ . We have  $\beta \wedge \mu = 0$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ -co-normal, there exist disjoint fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  such that  $\beta \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \leq \rho$ . We obtain that  $\lambda_1 = f(\beta) \leq f(\lambda)$  and  $\lambda_2 = f(\mu) \leq f(\rho)$  such that  $f(\lambda)$  and  $f(\rho)$  are disjoint fuzzy open sets. Thus,  $Y$  is fuzzy normal.  $\square$

**Definition 3.36.** A graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy co- $e$ -closed if for each  $(x_\alpha, y_\beta) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$ , there exist a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  containing  $x_\alpha$  and a fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  containing  $y_\beta$  such that  $f(\lambda) \wedge \mu = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.37.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous and  $Y$  is fuzzy Hausdorff, then  $G(f)$  is fuzzy co- $e$ -closed in  $X \times Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(x_\alpha, y_\beta) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$ , then  $f(x_\alpha) \neq y_\beta$ . Since  $Y$  is fuzzy Hausdorff, there exist fuzzy open sets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $Y$  with  $f(x_\alpha) \in \lambda$  and  $y_\beta \in \mu$  such that  $\lambda \wedge \mu = 0$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy totally  $e$ -continuous, there exists a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set  $\eta$  in  $X$  containing  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(\eta) \leq \lambda$ . Therefore, we obtain  $y_\beta \in \mu$  and  $f(\eta) \wedge \mu = 0$ . This shows that  $G(f)$  is fuzzy co- $e$ -closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.38.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  has a fuzzy co- $e$ -closed graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is injective, then  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . Then, we have  $(x_\alpha, f(y_\beta)) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$ . By definition of fuzzy co- $e$ -closed graph, there exist a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  and a fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $x_\alpha \in \lambda$ ,  $f(y_\beta) \in \mu$  and  $f(\lambda) \wedge \mu = 0$ ; hence  $\lambda \wedge f^{-1}(\mu) = 0$ . Therefore, we have  $y_\beta \notin \lambda$ . This implies that  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.39.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  has a fuzzy co- $e$ -closed graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is injective fuzzy  $e$ -continuous, then  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . Then, we have  $(x_\alpha, f(y_\beta)) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$ . By definition of fuzzy co- $e$ -closed graph, there exist a fuzzy  $e$ -Clopen set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  and a fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $x_\alpha \in \lambda$ ,  $f(y_\beta) \in \mu$  and  $f(\lambda) \wedge \mu = 0$ ; since  $f$  is fuzzy  $e$ -continuous then  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is fuzzy  $e$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(\mu)(y_\beta) = \mu(f(y_\beta))$  and  $\lambda \wedge f^{-1}(\mu) = 0$ . Hence  $X$  is fuzzy  $e$ - $T_2$ .  $\square$

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