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# Fuzzy soft separation axioms based on fuzzy $\beta$ -open soft sets

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ABSTRACT. Many scientists have studied and improved the soft set theory, which is initiated by Molodtsov [34] and easily applied to many problems having uncertainties from social life. In the present paper, we continue the study on fuzzy soft topological spaces and investigate the properties of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (closed) soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior (closure), fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous (open) soft functions and fuzzy  $\beta$ -separation axioms which are important for further research on fuzzy soft topology. In particular we study the relationship between fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft closure. Moreover, we study the properties of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular spaces and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal spaces. We hope that the findings in this paper will help researcher enhance and promote the further study on fuzzy soft topology to carry out a general framework for their applications in practical life.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In real life situation, the problems in economics, engineering, social sciences, medical science etc. do not always involve crisp data. So, we cannot successfully use the traditional classical methods because of various types of uncertainties presented in these problems. To exceed these uncertainties, some kinds of theories were given like theory of fuzzy set, intuitionistic fuzzy set, rough set, bipolar fuzzy set, i.e. which we can use as mathematical tools for dealings with uncertainties. But, all these theories have their inherent difficulties. The reason for these difficulties Molodtsov [34] initiated the concept of soft set theory as a new mathematical tool for dealing with uncertainties which is free from the above difficulties. In [34, 35], Molodtsov successfully applied the soft theory in several directions, such as smoothness of functions, game theory, operations research, Riemann integration, Perron integration, probability, theory of measurement, and so on. After presentation of the operations of soft sets [32], the properties and applications of soft set theory have been studied increasingly [6, 28, 35]. Xiao et al.[44] and Pei and Miao [38] discussed the relationship between soft sets and information systems. They showed that soft sets are a class of special information systems. In recent years, many interesting applications of soft set theory have been expanded by embedding the ideas of fuzzy sets [4, 5, 7, 9, 16, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 47]. To develop soft set theory, the operations of the soft sets are redefined and a uni-int decision making method was constructed by using these new operations [10].

Recently, in 2011, Shabir and Naz [41] initiated the study of soft topological spaces. They defined soft topology as a collection  $\tau$  of soft sets over X. Consequently, they defined basic notions of soft topological spaces such as open soft and closed soft sets, soft subspace, soft closure, soft nbd of a point, soft separation axioms, soft regular spaces and soft normal spaces and established their several properties. Min in [43] investigate some properties of these soft separation axioms. In [17], Kandil et. al. introduced some soft operations such as semi open soft, pre open soft,  $\alpha$ -open soft and  $\beta$ -open soft and investigated their properties in detail. Kandil et al. [25] introduced the notion of soft semi separation axioms, which extended in [13]. The notion of soft ideal was initiated for the first time by Kandil et al. [21]. They also introduced the concept of soft local function. These concepts are discussed with a view to find new soft topologies from the original one, called soft topological spaces with soft ideal  $(X, \tau, E, I)$ . Applications to various fields were further investigated by Kandil et al. [18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27]. The notion of supra soft topological spaces was initiated for the first time by El-sheikh and Abd El-latif [14]. They also introduced new different types of subsets of supra soft topological spaces and study the relations between them in detail. The notion of b-open soft sets was initiated for the first time by El-sheikh and Abd El-latif [12], which is extended in [1, 19]. Maji et. al. [30] initiated the study involving both fuzzy sets and soft sets. In [8] the notion of fuzzy soft set was introduced as a fuzzy generalization of soft sets and some basic properties of fuzzy soft sets are discussed in detail. Then, many scientists such as X. Yang et. al. [45], improved the concept of fuzziness of soft sets. In [2, 3] Karal and Ahmed defined the notion of a mapping on classes of (fuzzy) soft sets, which is a fundamental important in (fuzzy) soft set theory, to improve this work and they studied properties of fuzzy soft images and fuzzy soft inverse images of fuzzy soft sets. Chang [11] introduced the concept of fuzzy topology on a set X by axiomatizing a collection  $\mathfrak{T}$  of fuzzy subsets of X. Tanay et.al. [42] introduced the definition of fuzzy soft topology over a subset of the initial universe set while Roy and Samanta [39] gave the definition f fuzzy soft topology over the initial universe set. Some fuzzy soft topological properties based on fuzzy semi open soft sets namely, fuzzy semi open soft sets, fuzzy semi closed soft sets, fuzzy semi soft interior, fuzzy semi soft closure fuzzy semi separation axioms and fuzzy soft semi connectedness, were introduced by Kandil et. al. in [16, 26].

The purpose of our paper, is to introduce some new concepts in fuzzy soft topological spaces, such as fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft closure and fuzzy  $\beta$ -separation axioms. To facilitate our discussion, we first review some background on soft set and fuzzy soft set. In section 3, we gave the notion of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft closure and study various properties and notions related to these structures. In section 4, we introduce the notion of fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft function in fuzzy soft topological spaces and study its basic properties. In section 5, we introduce the notions of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -separation axioms in fuzzy soft topological spaces and study some of its basic properties. Finally, some conclusions are pointed out in Section 6.

## 2. Preliminaries

From the literature, we recall the following definitions and results for the development of soft set theory and fuzzy soft set theory, which will be needed in this paper.

**Definition 2.1** ([46]). A fuzzy set A in a non-empty set X is characterized by a membership function  $\mu_A : X \longrightarrow [0, 1] = I$  whose value  $\mu_A(x)$  represents the "degree of membership" of x in A for  $x \in X$ .

Let  $I^X$  denotes the family of all fuzzy sets on X. If  $A, B \in I^X$ . Then some basic set operations for fuzzy sets are given by Zadeh [46], as follows :

- (1)  $A \leq B \iff \mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x) \ \forall x \in X.$
- (2)  $A = B \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x) \forall x \in X.$
- (3)  $C = A \lor B \Leftrightarrow \mu_C(x) = \mu_A(x) \lor \mu_B(x) \forall x \in X.$
- (4)  $D = A \land B \Leftrightarrow \mu_D(x) = \mu_A(x) \land \mu_B(x) \forall x \in X.$
- (5)  $M = A' \Leftrightarrow \mu_M(x) = 1 \mu_A(x) \forall x \in X.$

**Definition 2.2** ([34]). Let X be an initial universe and E be a set of parameters. Let P(X) denote the power set of X and A be a non-empty subset of E. A pair (F, A) denoted by  $F_A$  is called a soft set over X, where F is a mapping given by  $F: A \to P(X)$ . In other words, a soft set over X is a parametrized family of subsets of the universe X. For a particular  $e \in A$ , F(e) may be considered the set of e-approximate elements of the soft set (F, A) and if  $e \notin A$ , then  $F(e) = \phi$  i.e

 $F_A = \{F(e) : e \in A \subseteq E, F : A \to P(X)\}$ . The family of all these soft sets over X denoted by  $SS(X)_A$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([30]). Let  $A \subseteq E$ . A pair (f, A), denoted by  $f_A$ , is called a fuzzy soft set over X, where f is a mapping given by  $f : A \to I^X$  defined by  $f_A(e) = \mu_{f_A}^e$  where  $\mu_{f_A}^e = \overline{0}$  if  $e \notin A$  and  $\mu_{f_A}^e \neq \overline{0}$  if  $e \in A$  where  $\overline{0}(e) = 0 \forall x \in X$ . The family of all these fuzzy soft sets over X denoted by  $FSS(X)_A$ .

**Proposition 2.1** ([5]). Every fuzzy set may be considered a soft set.

**Definition 2.4** ([40]). The complement of a fuzzy soft set (f, A), denoted by (f, A)', is defined by  $(f, A)' = (f', A), f'_A : E \to I^X$  is a mapping given by  $\mu^e_{f'_A} = \overline{1} - \mu^e_{f_A} \forall e \in A$  where  $\overline{1}(e) = 1 \forall x \in X$ . Clearly  $(f'_A)' = f_A$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([32]). A fuzzy soft set  $f_A$  over X is said to be a NULL fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{0}_A$ , if for all  $e \in A$ ,  $f_A(e) = \overline{0}$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([32]). A fuzzy soft set  $f_A$  over X is said to be an absolute fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{1}_A$ , if for all  $e \in A$ ,  $f_A(e) = \overline{1}$ . Clearly we have  $(\tilde{1}_A)' = \tilde{0}_A$  and  $(\tilde{0}_A)' = \tilde{1}_A.$ 

**Definition 2.7** ([40]). Let  $f_A$ ,  $g_B \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then,  $f_A$  is fuzzy soft subset of  $g_B$ , denoted by  $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $\mu_{f_A}^e \subseteq \mu_{g_B}^e \ \forall \ e \in A$ , i.e.  $\mu_{f_A}^e(x) \le \mu_{g_B}^e(x) \ \forall \ x \in A$ X and  $\forall e \in A$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([40]). The union of two fuzzy soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  over the common universe X is also a fuzzy soft set  $h_C$ , where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $e \in C$ ,  $h_C(e) = \mu_{h_c}^e = \mu_{f_A}^e \lor \mu_{g_B}^e \forall e \in C.$  Here, we write  $h_C = f_A \sqcup g_B.$ 

**Definition 2.9** ([40]). The intersection of two fuzzy soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  over the common universe X is also a fuzzy soft set  $h_C$ , where  $C = A \cap B$  and for all  $e \in C$ ,  $h_C(e) = \mu_{h_c}^e = \mu_{f_A}^e \land \mu_{g_B}^e \ \forall e \in C.$  Here, we write  $h_C = f_A \sqcap g_B.$ 

**Theorem 2.1** ([4]). Let  $\{(f, A)_j : j \in J\} \subseteq FSS(X)_E$ . Then the following statements hold :

- (1)  $[\sqcup_{j \in J}(f, A)_j]' = \sqcap_{j \in J}(f, A)'_j.$ (2)  $[\sqcap_{j \in J}(f, A)_j]' = \sqcup_{j \in J}(f, A)'_j.$

**Definition 2.10** ([40]). Let  $\mathfrak{T}$  be a collection of fuzzy soft sets over a universe X with a fixed set of parameters E, then  $\mathfrak{T}$  is called a fuzzy soft topology on X if

- (1)  $\tilde{1}_E, \tilde{0}_E \in \mathfrak{T}$ , where  $\tilde{0}_E(e) = \overline{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}_E(e) = \overline{1}, \forall e \in E$ .
- (2) The union of any members of  $\mathfrak{T}$ , belongs to  $\mathfrak{T}$ .
- (3) The intersection of any two members of  $\mathfrak{T}$ , belongs to  $\mathfrak{T}$ .

The triplet  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is called a fuzzy soft topological space over X. Also, each member of  $\mathfrak{T}$  is called a fuzzy open soft in  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ . We denote the set of all fuzzy open soft sets by  $FOS(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ , or FOS(X).

**Definition 2.11** ([40]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. A fuzzy soft set  $f_A$  over X is said to be fuzzy closed soft set in X, if its relative complement  $f'_A$  is fuzzy open soft set. We denote the set of all fuzzy closed soft sets by  $FCS(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ or FCS(X).

**Definition 2.12** ([37]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in$  $FSS(X)_E$ . The fuzzy soft closure of  $f_A$ , denoted by  $Fcl(f_A)$  is the intersection of all fuzzy closed soft super sets of  $f_A$ . i.e.,

 $Fcl(f_A) = \sqcap \{h_D : h_D \text{ is fuzzy closed soft set and } f_A \sqsubseteq h_D \}.$ 

The fuzzy soft interior of  $g_B$ , denoted by  $Fint(g_B)$  is the fuzzy soft union of all fuzzy open soft subsets of  $q_B$ .i.e.,

 $Fint(g_B) = \sqcup \{h_D : h_D \text{ is fuzzy open soft set and } h_D \sqsubseteq g_B\}.$ 

**Definition 2.13** ([29]). The fuzzy soft set  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$  is called fuzzy soft point if there exist  $x \in X$  and  $e \in E$  such that  $\mu_{f_A}^e(x) = \alpha \ (0 < \alpha \leq 1)$  and  $\mu_{f_A}^e(y) = \overline{0}$ for each  $y \in X - \{x\}$ , and this fuzzy soft point is denoted by  $x^e_{\alpha}$  or  $f_e$ .

**Definition 2.14** ([29]). The fuzzy soft point  $x^e_{\alpha}$  is said to be belonging to the fuzzy soft set (g, A), denoted by  $x^e_{\alpha} \tilde{\in} (g, A)$ , if for the element  $e \in A$ ,  $\alpha \leq \mu^e_{g_A}(x)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([29]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_e$  be a fuzzy soft point. Then, the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $f_e \tilde{\in} g_A$ , then  $f_e \tilde{\notin} g'_A$ .
- (2)  $f_e \tilde{\in} g_A \Rightarrow f'_e \tilde{\in} g'_A$ .
- (3) Every non-null fuzzy soft set  $f_A$  can be expressed as the union of all the fuzzy soft points belonging to  $f_A$ .

**Definition 2.15** ([29]). A fuzzy soft set  $g_B$  in a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is called a fuzzy soft neighborhood of the fuzzy soft point  $x^e_{\alpha}$  if there exists a fuzzy open soft set  $h_C$  such that  $x^e_{\alpha} \in h_C \sqsubseteq g_B$ . A fuzzy soft set  $g_B$  in a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is called a fuzzy soft neighborhood of the soft set  $f_A$  if there exists a fuzzy open soft set  $h_C$  such that  $f_A \sqsubseteq h_C \sqsubseteq g_B$ . The fuzzy soft neighborhood system of the fuzzy soft point  $x^e_{\alpha}$ , denoted by  $N_{\mathfrak{T}}(x^e_{\alpha})$ , is the family of all its fuzzy soft neighborhoods.

**Definition 2.16** ([29]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $Y \subseteq X$ . Let  $h_E^Y$  be a fuzzy soft set over (Y, E) such that  $h_E^Y : E \to I^Y$  such that  $h_E^Y(e) = \mu_{h_E^Y}^e$ .

 $\mu^e_{h^Y_E}(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1, \; x \in Y, \\ 0, \; x \not\in Y. \end{array} \right.$ 

Let  $\mathfrak{T}_Y = \{h_E^Y \sqcap g_B : g_B \in \mathfrak{T}\}$ , then the fuzzy soft topology  $\mathfrak{T}_Y$  on (Y, E) is called fuzzy soft subspace topology for (Y, E) and  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is called fuzzy soft subspace of  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ . If  $h_E^Y \in \mathfrak{T}$  (resp.  $h_E^Y \in \mathfrak{T}'$ ), then  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is called fuzzy open (resp. closed) soft subspace of  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ .

**Definition 2.17** ([37]). Let  $FSS(X)_E$  and  $FSS(Y)_K$  be families of fuzzy soft sets over X and Y, respectively. Let  $u: X \to Y$  and  $p: E \to K$  be mappings. Then, the map  $f_{pu}$  is called a fuzzy soft mapping from X to Y and denoted by  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$  such that,

- (1) If  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then, the image of  $f_A$  under the fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{pu}$  is the fuzzy soft set over Y defined by  $f_{pu}(f_A)$ , where  $\forall k \in p(E), \forall y \in Y$ ,  $f_{pu}(f_A)(k)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{u(x)=y} [\forall_{p(e)=k}(f_A(e))](x) & \text{if } x \in u^{-1}(y), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- (2) If  $g_B \in FSS(Y)_K$ , then the pre-image of  $g_B$  under the fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{pu}$  is the fuzzy soft set over X defined by  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B)$ , where  $\forall e \in p^{-1}(K), \forall x \in X,$  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B)(e)(x) = \begin{cases} g_B(p(e))(u(x)) & for \ p(e) \in B, \\ 0 & otherwise. \end{cases}$

The fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{pu}$  is called surjective (resp. injective) if p and u are surjective (resp. injective), also it is said to be constant if p and u are constant.

**Definition 2.18** ([37]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$  and  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu} : FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$  be a fuzzy soft mapping. Then,  $f_{pu}$  is called

- (1) Fuzzy continuous soft if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B) \in \mathfrak{T}_1 \,\forall \, (g_B) \in \mathfrak{T}_2$ .
- (2) Fuzzy open soft if  $f_{pu}(g_A) \in \mathfrak{T}_2 \forall (g_A) \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ .

**Theorem 2.3** ([2]). Let  $FSS(X)_E$  and  $FSS(Y)_K$  be two families of fuzzy soft sets. For the fuzzy soft function  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$ , the following statements hold,

- (1)  $f_{pu}^{-1}((g,B)') = (f_{pu}^{-1}(g,B))' \forall (g,B) \in FSS(Y)_K.$ (2)  $f_{pu}(f_{pu}^{-1}((g,B))) \sqsubseteq (g,B) \forall (g,B) \in FSS(Y)_K.$  If  $f_{pu}$  is surjective, then the equality holds.
- (3)  $(f, A) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(f_{pu}((f, A))) \forall (f, A) \in FSS(X)_E$ . If  $f_{pu}$  is injective, then the equality holds.
- (4)  $f_{pu}(\tilde{0}_E) = \tilde{0}_K$ ,  $f_{pu}(\tilde{1}_E) \subseteq \tilde{1}_K$ . If  $f_{pu}$  is surjective, then the equality holds.
- (5)  $f_{pu}^{-1}(\tilde{1}_K) = \tilde{1}_E$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(\tilde{0}_K) = \tilde{0}_E$ .
- (6) If  $(f, A) \sqsubseteq (g, A)$ , then  $f_{pu}(f, A) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}(g, A)$ .
- (7) If  $(f,B) \sqsubseteq (g,B)$ , then  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f,B) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(g,B) \forall (f,B), (g,B) \in FSS(Y)_K$ . (8)  $f_{pu}^{-1}(\sqcup_{j \in J}(f,B)_j) = \sqcup_{j \in J}f_{pu}^{-1}(f,B)_j$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(\sqcap_{j \in J}(f,B)_j) = \sqcap_{j \in J}f_{pu}^{-1}(f,B)_j$ ,  $\forall (f, B)_i \in FSS(Y)_K.$
- (9)  $f_{pu}(\sqcup_{j\in J}(f,A)_j) = \sqcup_{j\in J}f_{pu}(f,A)_j$  and  $f_{pu}(\sqcap_{j\in J}(f,A)_j) \sqsubseteq \sqcap_{j\in J}f_{pu}(f,A)_j$  $\forall (f, A)_j \in FSS(X)_E$ . If  $f_{pu}$  is injective, then the equality holds.

**Definition 2.19** ([17]). Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space and  $F_A \in SS(X)_E$ . If  $F_A \subseteq cl(int(cl(F_A)))$ , then  $F_A$  is called  $\beta$ -open soft set. We denote the set of all  $\beta$ -open soft sets by  $\beta OS(X, \tau, E)$ , or  $\beta OS(X)$  and the set of all  $\beta$ -closed soft sets by  $\beta CS(X, \tau, E)$ , or  $\beta CS(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.4** ([26]). Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in$  $FSS(X)_E$ . Then

- (1)  $f_A \in FSOS(X)$  if and only if  $Fcl(f_A) = Fcl(Fint(f_A))$ .
- (2) If  $q_B \in \mathfrak{T}$ , then  $q_B \sqcap Fcl(f_A) \sqsubset Fcl(q_B \sqcap q_B)$ .

**Definition 2.20** ([26]). Two fuzzy soft points  $f_e = x_{\alpha}^e$  and  $g_e = y_{\beta}^e$  are said to be distinct if and only if  $x \neq y$ .

## 3. Fuzzy $\beta$ -open (closed) soft sets

Various generalizations of closed and open soft sets in soft topological spaces were studied by Kandil et al. [17], but for fuzzy soft topological spaces such generalization have not been studied so far. In this section, we move one step forward to introduce fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets and study various properties and notions related to these structures.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . If  $f_A \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl(f_A)))$ , then  $f_A$  is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set. We denote the set of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets by  $F\beta OS(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ , or  $F\beta OS(X)$  and the set of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets by  $F\beta CS(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ , or  $F\beta CS(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in F\beta OS(X)$ . Then

- (1) Arbitrary fuzzy soft union of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft.
- (2) Arbitrary fuzzy soft intersection of fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft.

Proof. (1) Let 
$$\{(f, A)_j : j \in J\} \subseteq F\beta OS(X)$$
. Then,  $\forall j \in J$ ,  
 $(f, A)_j \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl(f, A)_j))$ . It follows that  
 $\sqcup_j(f, A)_j \sqsubseteq \sqcup_j(Fcl(Fint(Fcl(f, A)_j)))$   
 $= Fcl(\sqcup_jFint(f, A)_j) \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(\sqcup_jFcl(f, A)_j))$   
 $= Fcl(Fint(Fcl(\sqcup_j(f, A)_j)))$ .  
Thus  $\sqcup_j(f, A)_j \in F\beta OS(X) \forall j \in J$ .  
(2) By a similar way.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then,  $f_A \in F\beta OS(X)$  if and only if  $Fcl(f_A) = Fcl(Fint(Fcl(f_A)))$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.

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**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space,  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ and  $f_e \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then

- (1)  $f_e$  is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -interior soft point of  $f_A$  if  $\exists g_B \in F\beta OS(X)$  such that  $f_e \tilde{\in} g_B \sqsubseteq f_A$ . The set of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -interior soft points of  $f_A$  is called the fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior of  $f_A$  and is denoted by  $F\beta int(f_A)$  consequently,  $F\beta int(f_A) = \sqcup \{g_B : g_B \sqsubseteq f_A, g_B \in F\beta OS(X)\}.$
- (2)  $f_e$  is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure soft point of  $f_A$  if  $f_A \sqcap h_C \neq \tilde{0}_E \forall h_D \in F\beta OS(X)$ . The set of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure soft points of  $f_A$  is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft closure of  $f_A$  and denoted by  $F\beta cl(f_A)$ . Consequently,  $F\beta cl(f_A) = \sqcap \{h_D : h_D \in F\beta CS(X), f_A \sqsubseteq h_D\}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A, g_B \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then, the following properties are satisfied for the fuzzy  $\beta$ -interior operator, denoted by  $F\beta$  int.

- (1)  $F\beta int(\tilde{1}_E) = \tilde{1}_E$  and  $F\beta int(\tilde{0}_E)) = \tilde{0}_E$ .
- (2)  $F\beta int(f_A) \sqsubseteq (f_A)$ .
- (3)  $F\beta int(f_A)$  is the largest fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set contained in  $f_A$ .
- (4) If  $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$ , then  $F\beta int(f_A) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(g_B)$ .
- (5)  $F\beta int(F\beta int(f_A)) = F\beta int(f_A).$
- (6)  $F\beta int(f_A) \sqcup F\beta int(g_B) \sqsubseteq F\beta int[(f_A) \sqcup (g_B)].$
- (7)  $F\beta int[(f_A) \sqcap (g_B)] \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_A) \sqcap F\beta int(g_B).$

Proof. Obvious.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A, g_B \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then, the following properties are satisfied for the fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure operator, denoted by  $F\beta cl$ .

- (1)  $F\beta cl(\tilde{1}_E) = \tilde{1}_E$  and  $F\beta cl(\tilde{0}_E) = \tilde{0}_E$ .
- (2)  $(f_A) \sqsubseteq F\beta cl(f_A).$
- (3)  $F\beta cl(f_A)$  is the smallest fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set contains  $f_A$ .
- (4) If  $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$ , then  $F\beta cl(f_A) \sqsubseteq F\beta cl(g_B)$ .
- (5)  $F\beta cl(F\beta cl(f_A)) = F\beta cl(f_A).$
- (6)  $F\beta cl(f_A) \sqcup F\beta cl(g_B) \sqsubseteq F\beta cl[(f_A) \sqcup (g_B)].$

(7) 
$$F\beta cl[(f_A) \sqcap (g_B)] \sqsubseteq F\beta cl(f_A) \sqcap F\beta cl(g_B).$$

*Proof.* It is obvious.

**Remark 3.1.** Note that the family  $\mathfrak{T}_{\beta}$  of all fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets on  $(X,\mathfrak{T}, E)$ forms a fuzzy supra soft topology, which is a collection of fuzzy soft sets contains  $1_E, 0_E$  and closed under arbitrary fuzzy soft union.

Lemma 3.1. Every fuzzy open (resp. closed) soft set in a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (resp. closed) soft.

*Proof.* Let 
$$f_A \in FOS(X)$$
. Then  $Fint(f_A) = f_A$ . Since  $f_A \sqsubseteq Fcl(f_A)$ ,  
 $f_A \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(f_A)) \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl(f_A)))$ . Thus  $f_A \in F\beta OS(X)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** The converse of Lemma 3.1 is not true in general as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $A, B, C, D \subseteq E$  where,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\}, B = \{e_2, e_3\}, C = \{e_1, e_3\} \text{ and } D = \{e_2\}.$ Let  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\tilde{1}_E, \tilde{0}_E, f_{1A}, f_{2B}, f_{3D}, f_{4E}, f_{5B}, f_{6D}\}$  where  $f_{1A}, f_{2B}, f_{3D}, f_{4E}, f_{5B}, f_{6D}$  are fuzzy soft sets over X defined as follows :

$$\begin{split} \mu_{f_{1A}}^{e_1} &= \{a_{0.5}, b_{0.75}, c_{0.4}\}, \ \mu_{f_{1A}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.3}, b_{0.8}, c_{0.7}\}, \\ \mu_{f_{2B}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.4}, b_{0.6}, c_{0.3}\}, \ \mu_{f_{2B}}^{e_3} &= \{a_{0.2}, b_{0.4}, c_{0.45}\}, \\ \mu_{f_{3D}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.3}, b_{0.6}, c_{0.3}\}, \\ \mu_{f_{4E}}^{e_1} &= \{a_{0.5}, b_{0.75}, c_{0.4}\}, \ \mu_{f_{4E}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.4}, b_{0.8}, c_{0.7}\}, \ \mu_{f_{4E}}^{e_3} &= \{a_{0.2}, b_{0.4}, c_{0.45}\}, \\ \mu_{f_{5B}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.3}, b_{0.8}, c_{0.7}\}, \ \mu_{f_{5B}}^{e_3} &= \{a_{0.2}, b_{0.4}, c_{0.45}\}, \\ \mu_{f_{6D}}^{e_2} &= \{a_{0.3}, b_{0.8}, c_{0.7}\}. \end{split}$$

Then,  $\mathfrak{T}$  defines a fuzzy soft topology on X. Thus the fuzzy soft set  $k_E$  where,  $\mu_{k_E}^{e_1} = \{a_{0.4}, b_{0.3}, c_{0.2}\}, \ \mu_{k_E}^{e_2} = \{a_{0.6}, b_{0.9}, c_{0.7}\}, \ \mu_{k_E}^{e_3} = \{a_{0.2}, b_{0.3}, c_{0.1}\}.$ is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set of  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ , but it is not fuzzy open soft.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in FSS(X)$ . Then

(1) 
$$F\beta int(f'_A) = \tilde{1} - [F\beta cl(f_A)].$$

(2)  $F\beta cl(f'_A) = \tilde{1} - [F\beta int(f_A)].$ 

(1) Since  $F\beta cl(f_A) = \sqcap \{h_D : h_D \in F\beta CS(X), f_A \sqsubseteq h_D\},\$  $\tilde{1} - F\beta cl(f_A) = \sqcup \{h'_D : h'_D \in F\beta OS(X), h'_D \sqsubseteq f'_A\} = F\beta int(f'_A).$ Proof.

(2) By a similar way.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space,  $f_A \in FOS(X)$  and  $g_B \in F\beta OS(X)$ . Then  $f_A \sqcap g_B \in F\beta OS(X)$ .

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Proof. Let 
$$f_A \in FOS(X)$$
 and  $g_B \in F\beta OS(X)$ . Then, from Theorem 2.4 (2),  
 $f_A \sqcap g_B \sqsubseteq Fint(f_A) \sqcap Fcl(Fint(Fcl(g_B)))$   
 $\sqsubseteq Fcl[Fint(f_A) \sqcap Fint(Fcl(g_B))]$   
 $= Fcl(Fint[Fint(f_A) \sqcap Fcl(g_B)])$   
 $\sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl[(f_A) \sqcap (g_B)]))).$ 

Thus  $f_A \sqcap g_B \in F\beta OS(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then  $f_A \in F\beta CS(X)$  if and only if  $Fint(Fcl(Fint(f_A))) \sqsubseteq f_A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f_A \in F\beta CS(X)$ . Then  $f'_A$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set. This means that  $f'_A \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl(\tilde{1}_E - f_A))) = \tilde{1}_E - (Fint(Fcl(Fint(f_A))))$ . Thus  $Fint(Fcl(Fint(f_A))) \sqsubseteq f_A$ .

Conversely, let  $Fint(Fcl(Fint(f_A)) \sqsubseteq f_A$ . Then  $\tilde{1}_E - f_A \sqsubseteq Fcl(Fint(Fcl(\tilde{1}_E - f_A)))$ . Thus  $\tilde{1}_E - f_A$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set. So  $f_A$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $f_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . Then  $f_A \in F\beta CS(X)$  if and only if  $f_A = f_A \sqcup Fint(Fcl(Fint(f_A)))$ .

## 4. Fuzzy $\beta$ -continuous soft functions

In [2], Karal et al. defined the notion of a mapping on classes of fuzzy soft sets, which is a fundamental important in fuzzy soft set theory, to improve this work and they studied properties of fuzzy soft images and fuzzy soft inverse images of fuzzy soft sets. Kandil et al. [25] introduced some types of soft function in soft topological spaces. Here, we introduce the notions of fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft function in fuzzy soft topological spaces and study its basic properties.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$ ,  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu} : FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$  be a fuzzy soft function. Then the function  $f_{pu}$  is called :

- (1) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous soft if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B) \in F\beta OS(X) \forall g_B \in \mathfrak{T}_2$ .
- (2) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft if  $f_{pu}(g_A) \in F\beta OS(Y) \forall g_A \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ .
- (3) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft if  $f_{pu}(f_A) \in F\beta CS(Y) \forall f_A \in \mathfrak{T}'_1$ .
- (4) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute soft if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B) \in F\beta OS(X) \forall g_B \in F\beta OS(Y)$ .
- (5) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute open soft if  $f_{pu}(g_A) \in F\beta OS(Y) \forall g_A \in F\beta OS(X)$ .
- (6) Fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute closed soft if  $f_{pu}(f_A) \in F\beta CS(Y) \forall f_A \in F\beta CS(Y)$ .

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $A \subseteq E$  where,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Let  $f_{pu} : (X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E) \to (Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be the constant soft mapping where  $\mathfrak{T}_1$  is the indiscrete fuzzy soft topology and  $\mathfrak{T}_2$  is the discrete fuzzy soft topology such that u(x) = a for each  $x \in X$  and  $p(e) = e_1 \forall e \in E$ . Let  $f_A$  be fuzzy soft set over Y defined as follows :

 $\mu_{f_A}^{e_1} = \{a_{0.3}, b_{0.5}, c_{0.6}\}, \mu_{f_A}^{e_2} = \{a_{0.6}, b_{0.2}, c_{0.5}\}.$ Then,  $f_A \in \mathfrak{T}_2$ . Now, we find  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)$  as follows:  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_1)(a) = f_A(p(e_1))(u(a)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_1)(b) = f_A(p(e_1))(u(b)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_1)(c) = f_A(p(e_1))(u(c)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_2)(a) = f_A(p(e_2))(u(a)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_2)(b) = f_A(p(e_2))(u(b)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_2)(c) = f_A(p(e_2))(u(c)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_3)(a) = f_A(p(e_3))(u(a)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_3)(b) = f_A(p(e_3))(u(b)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$   $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_3)(c) = f_A(p(e_3))(u(c)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)(e_3)(c) = f_A(p(e_3))(u(c)) = f_A(e_1)(a) = 0.3,$ 

Thus  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A) \notin F\beta OS(X)$ . So  $f_{pu}$  is not fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous soft function.

**Theorem 4.1.** Every fuzzy continuous soft function is fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous soft.

*Proof.* It is clear from Lemma 3.1.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$ ,  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu}$  be a soft function such that  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \rightarrow FSS(Y)_K$ . Then the followings are equivalent :

- (1)  $f_{pu}$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous soft function.
- (2)  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \in F\beta CS(X) \ \forall \ h_B \in F\beta S(Y).$
- (3)  $f_{pu}(F\beta cl(g_A) \sqsubseteq Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A)) \forall g_A \in FSS(X)_E.$ (4)  $F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \forall h_B \in FSS(Y)_K.$
- (5)  $f_{pu}^{-1}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \forall h_B \in FSS(Y)_K.$

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $h_B$  be a fuzzy closed soft set over Y. Then Proof.  $h'_B \in FOS(Y)$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h'_B) \in F\beta OS(X)$  by Definition 4.1. Since  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h'_B) = (f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B))'$  from Theorem 2.3,  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \in F\beta CS(X)$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $g_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . From (2) and Theorem 2.3, since  $g_A \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(f_{pu}(g_A)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A))) \in F\beta CS(X),$  $g_A \sqsubseteq F\beta cl(g_A) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A))).$ Thus, from Theorem 2.3,  $f_{pu}(F\beta cl(g_A)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}(f_{mu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A))))) \sqsubseteq Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A))).$ So  $f_{pu}(F\beta cl(g_A)) \sqsubseteq Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(g_A)).$ (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $h_B \in FSS(Y)_K$  and  $g_A = f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)$ . Then, from (3),  $f_{pu}(F\beta clf_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \subseteq Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)))$ . From Theorem 2.3, it follows that  $F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(f_{pu}(F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B))))$  $\sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(f_{pu}(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)))))$  $\sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)).$ 

- Thus  $F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)).$ (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $h_B$  be a fuzzy closed soft set over Y. Then, from (4),  $F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \forall h_B \in FSS(Y)_K$ . But clearly  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \sqsubseteq F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B))$ . This means that  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) = F\beta cl(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B))$ . So  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \in F\beta CS(X)$ .
- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $h_B \in FSS(Y)_K$ . Then  $f_{pu}^{-1}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \in F\beta OS(X)$  from (1). Thus  $f_{pu}^{-1}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) = F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \subseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)).$ So  $f_{pu}^{-1}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)).$

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $h_B$  be a fuzzy open soft set over Y. Then, from (5),  $Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B) = h_B$ 

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_{pu}^{-1}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_2}(h_B)) &= f_{pu}^{-1}((h_B)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)). \text{ But, we have} \\ F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B). \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $F\beta int(f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B)) = f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \in F\beta OS(X)$ . Thus  $f_{pu}$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous soft function.

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**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$  and  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu}$  be a soft function such that  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$ . Then the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $f_{pu}$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft function. (2)  $f_{pu}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)) \forall g_A \in FSS(X)_E.$

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $g_A \in FSS(X)_E$ . Since  $Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A) \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ , Proof.  $f_{pu}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) \in F\beta OS(Y) \ \forall \ g_A \in \mathfrak{T}_1 \ \text{by (1)}.$  It follow that  $f_{pu}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) = F\beta int(f_{pu}Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)).$ Thus  $f_{pu}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)) \forall g_A \in FSS(X)_E.$ (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $g_A \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ . By hypothesis,  $f_{pu}(Fint_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(g_A)) = f_{pu}(g_A) \sqsubseteq F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)) \in F\beta OS(Y).$ But  $F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)) \subseteq f_{pu}(g_A)$ . Thus  $F\beta int(f_{pu}(g_A)) = f_{pu}(g_A)$  $\in F\beta OS(Y) \ \forall \ g_A \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ . So  $f_{pu}$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft function.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \to FSS(Y)_K$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft function. If there exist  $k_D \in FSS(Y)_K$  and  $l_C \in \mathfrak{T}'_1$  such that  $f_{pu}^{-1}(k_D) \sqsubseteq l_C$ , then there exists  $h_B \in F\beta CS(Y)$  such that  $k_D \sqsubseteq h_B$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) \sqsubseteq l_C$ .

Proof. Let  $k_D \in FSS(Y)_K$  and  $l_C \in \mathfrak{T}'_1$  such that  $f_{pu}^{-1}(k_D) \sqsubseteq l_C$ . Then  $f_{pu}(l'_C) \sqsubseteq k'_D$  from Theorem 2.3 where  $l'_C \in \mathfrak{T}_1$ . Since  $f_{pu}$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft function, we have  $f_{pu}(l'_C) \in F\beta OS(Y)$ . Take  $h_B = [f_{pu}(l'_C)]'$ . Thus  $h_B \in F\beta CS(Y)$  such that  $k_D \sqsubseteq h_B$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(h_B) = f_{pu}^{-1}([f_{pu}(l'_C)]') \sqsubseteq f_{pu}^{-1}(k'_D)' = f_{pu}^{-1}(k_D) \sqsubseteq l_C$ . This completes the proof completes the proof.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$  and  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu}$  be a soft function such that  $f_{pu}: FSS(X)_E \rightarrow FSS(Y)_K$ . Then the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $f_{pu}$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft function.
- (2)  $F\beta cl(f_{pu}(h_A)) \sqsubseteq f_{pu}(Fcl_{\mathfrak{T}_1}(h_A)) \forall h_A \in FSS(X)_E.$

*Proof.* It follows immediately from Theorem 4.3.

## 5. Fuzzy soft $\beta$ -separation axioms

Soft separation axioms for soft topological spaces were studied by Shabir and Naz [41]. Kandil et al. [25] introduced and studied the notions of soft  $\beta$ -separation axioms in soft topological spaces. Here, we introduce the notions of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -separation axioms in fuzzy soft topological spaces and study some of its basic properties.

**Definition 5.1.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is said to be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -T<sub>o</sub>-space if for every pair of distinct fuzzy soft points  $f_e, g_e$  there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set containing one of the points but not the other.

Examples 5.1. (1) Let  $X = \{a, b\}, E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the discrete fuzzy soft topology on X. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -T<sub>o</sub>-space.

(2) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the indiscrete fuzzy soft topology on X. Then  $\mathfrak{T}$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_o$ -space.

**Theorem 5.1.** A soft subspace  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  of a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_o$ -space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_o$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h_e, g_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points in (Y, E). Then these fuzzy soft points are also in (X, E). Thus there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_A$  in  $\mathfrak{T}$  containing one of the fuzzy soft points but not the other. So  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_A$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set in  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  containing one of the fuzzy soft points but not the other from Definition 2.16. Hence  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_o$ .

**Definition 5.2.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is said to be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space if for every pair of distinct fuzzy soft points  $f_e, g_e$  there exist fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  such that  $f_e \in f_A, g_e \notin f_A$ ; and  $f_e \notin g_B, g_e \in g_B$ .

**Example 5.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the discrete fuzzy soft topology on X. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space.

**Theorem 5.2.** A fuzzy soft subspace  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  of a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ .

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of Theorem 5.1.

**Theorem 5.3.** If every fuzzy soft point of a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft, then  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f_e$  and  $g_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points of (X, E). By hypothesis,  $f_e$  and  $g_e$  are fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets. Thus  $f'_e$  and  $g'_e$  are distinct fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets where  $f_e \tilde{\in} g'_e$ ,  $g_e \tilde{\notin} g'_e$  and  $f_e \tilde{\notin} f'_e$ ,  $g_e \tilde{\in} f'_e$ . So  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ .

**Definition 5.3.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is said to be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space if for every pair of distinct fuzzy soft points  $f_e, g_e$  there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  such that  $f_e \in f_A$  and  $g_e \in g_B$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the discrete fuzzy soft topology on X. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -T<sub>2</sub>-space.

**Proposition 5.1.** For a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  we have : fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_o$ -space.

- Proof. (1) Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space and let  $f_e, g_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points. Then there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$ such that  $f_e \tilde{\in} f_A$  and  $g_e \tilde{\in} g_B$ . Since  $f_A \sqcap g_B = \tilde{0}_E$ ,  $f_e \tilde{\notin} g_B$  and  $g_e \tilde{\notin} f_A$ . Thus there exist fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  such that  $f_e \tilde{\in} f_A$ ,  $g_e \tilde{\notin} f_A$  and  $f_e \tilde{\notin} g_B$ ,  $g_e \tilde{\in} g_B$ . So  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space.
  - (2) Let (X, ℑ, E) be a fuzzy soft β-T<sub>1</sub>-space and let f<sub>e</sub>, g<sub>e</sub> be two distinct fuzzy soft points. Then there exist fuzzy β-open soft sets f<sub>A</sub> and g<sub>B</sub> such that f<sub>e</sub> ∈̃f<sub>A</sub>, g<sub>e</sub> ∉̃f<sub>A</sub> and f<sub>e</sub> ∉̃g<sub>B</sub>, g<sub>e</sub> ∈̃g<sub>B</sub>. Thus we obtain a fuzzy β-open soft set containing one of the fuzzy soft point but not the other. So (X, ℑ, E) is fuzzy soft β-T<sub>o</sub>-space.

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. If  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space, for every pair of distinct fuzzy soft points  $f_e, g_e$  there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set  $k_A$  such that containing one of the fuzzy soft points  $g_e \in k_A$  but not the other  $f_e \notin k_A$  and  $g_e \notin F \beta cl(k_A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f_e, g_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points. By assumption, there exists disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $b_A$  and  $h_B$  such that  $f_e \in b_A$ ,  $g_e \in h_B$ . Thus  $g_e \in b'_A$  and  $f_e \notin b'_A$  from Theorem 2.2. So  $b'_A$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set containing  $g_e$  but not  $f_e$  and  $f_e \notin F \beta cl(b'_A) = b'_A$ .

**Theorem 5.5.** A fuzzy soft subspace  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $j_e, k_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points in (Y, E). Then these fuzzy soft points are also in (X, E). Thus there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  in  $\mathfrak{T}$  such that  $j_e \in f_A$  and  $k_e \in g_B$ . So  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_A$  and  $h_E^Y \sqcap g_B$  are disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets in  $\mathfrak{T}_Y$  such that  $j_e \in h_E^Y \sqcap f_A$  and  $k_e \in h_E^Y \sqcap g_B$ . Hence  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** If every fuzzy soft point of a fuzzy soft topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft, then  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* It similar to the proof of Theorem 5.3.

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space,  $h_C$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ closed soft set and  $g_e$  be a fuzzy soft point such that  $g_e \notin h_C$ . If there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  such that  $g_e \notin f_S$  and  $g_B \sqsubseteq f_W$ . Then,  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ is called fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular space. A fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular  $T_1$ -space is called a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ -space.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space,  $h_C$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ closed soft set and  $g_e$  be a fuzzy soft point such that  $g_e \notin h_C$ . If  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular space, then there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_A$  such that  $g_e \in f_A$  and  $f_A \sqcap h_C = \tilde{0}_E$ .

*Proof.* Obvious from Definition 5.4.

**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular space and be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $g_B$  such that  $f_e \in g_B$ . Then, there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_S$  such that  $f_e \in f_S$  and  $F\beta cl(f_S) \sqsubseteq g_B$ .

Proof. Let  $g_B$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set containing a fuzzy soft point  $f_e$  in a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ . Then  $g'_B$  is a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft such that  $f_e \notin g'_B f$  from Theorem 2.2. By hypothesis, there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  such that  $f_e \in f_S$  and  $g'_B \subseteq f_W$ . Thus  $f'_W \subseteq g_B$  and  $f_S \subseteq f'_W$ . So  $F\beta cl(f_S) \subseteq f'_W \subseteq g_B$ . Hence we have a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_S$  containing  $f_e$  such that  $F\beta cl(f_S) \subseteq g_B$ .

**Theorem 5.8.** Every fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ -space, in which every fuzzy soft point is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft, is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space.

Proof. Let  $f_e, g_e$  be two distinct fuzzy soft points of a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ -space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$ . By hypothesis,  $g_e$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set and  $f_e \notin g_e$ . From the fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regularity, there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $k_A$  and  $h_B$  such that  $f_e \notin k_A$ and  $g_e \sqsubseteq h_B$ . Thus  $f_e \notin k_A$  and  $g_e \notin h_B$ . So  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_2$ -space.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 5.9.** A fuzzy soft subspace  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  of a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ -space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ .

Proof. By Theorem 5.2,  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_1$ -space. Now, we want to prove that  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -regular space. Let  $k_E$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set in (Y, E) and let  $g_e$  be a fuzzy soft point in (Y, E) such that  $g_e \not\in k_E$ . Then  $k_E = h_E^Y \sqcap g_B$  for some fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set  $g_B$  in (X, E). Thus  $g_e \not\in h_E^Y \sqcap g_B$ . But  $g_e \in h_E^Y$ . So  $g_e \not\in g_B$ . Since  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ , there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  in  $\mathfrak{T}$  such that  $g_e \in f_S$  and  $g_B \sqsubseteq f_W$ . It follows that  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_S$  and  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_W$  are disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets in  $\mathfrak{T}_Y$  such that  $g_e \in h_E^Y \sqcap f_S$  and  $k_E \sqsubseteq h_E^Y \sqcap f_W$ . Hence  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_3$ .

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $h_C, g_B$  be disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets. If there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  such that  $h_C \sqsubseteq f_S, g_B \sqsubseteq f_W$ . Then,  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is called fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space. A fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal  $T_1$ -space is called a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $T_4$ -space.

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. Then the following are equivalent :

- (1)  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space.
- (2) For every fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set  $h_C$  and fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $g_B$  where  $h_C \sqsubseteq g_B$ , there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_S$  such that  $h_C \sqsubseteq f_S$ ,  $F\beta cl(f_S) \sqsubseteq g_B$ .
- Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $h_C$  be a  $\beta$ -closed soft set and let  $g_B$  be a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set such that  $h_C \sqsubseteq g_B$ . Then  $h_C, g'_B$  are disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets. It follows, by (1), there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  such that  $h_C \sqsubseteq f_S, g'_B \sqsubseteq f_W$ . Now,  $f_S \sqsubseteq f'_W$ . Thus  $F\beta cl(f_S) \sqsubseteq F\beta clf'_W = f'_W$ , where  $g_B$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set. Also,  $f'_W \sqsubseteq g_B$ . So  $F\beta cl(f'_S) \sqsubseteq f'_W \sqsubseteq g_B$ . Hence  $h_C \sqsubseteq f_S, F\beta cl(f_S) \sqsubseteq g_B$ .
  - (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $g_A$  and  $g_B$  be disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets. Then  $g_A \sqsubseteq g'_B$ . By hypothesis, there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft set  $f_S$  such that  $g_A \sqsubseteq f_S$ ,  $F\beta cl(f_S) \sqsubseteq g'_B$ . Thus  $g_B \sqsubseteq [F\beta cl(f_S)]', g_A \sqsubseteq f_S$  and  $[F\beta cl(f_S)]' \sqcap f_S = \tilde{0}_E$ , where  $f_S$  and  $[F\beta cl(f_S)]'$  are fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets. So  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space.

**Theorem 5.11.** A fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed fuzzy soft subspace  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  of a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal.

Proof. Let  $g_A$  and  $g_B$  be disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets in  $\mathfrak{T}_Y$ . Then  $g_A = h_E^Y \sqcap f_C$ and  $g_B = h_E^Y \sqcap f_D$  for some fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets  $f_C, f_D$  in (X, E). Thus  $f_C, f_D$  are disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets in  $\mathfrak{T}$ . Since  $(X, \mathfrak{T}, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal, there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $f_S$  and  $f_W$  in  $\mathfrak{T}$  such that  $f_C \sqsubseteq f_S, f_D \sqsubseteq f_W$ . It follows that  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_S$  and  $h_E^Y \sqcap f_W$  are disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets in  $\mathfrak{T}_Y$  such that  $g_A = h_E^Y \sqcap f_C \sqsubseteq h_E^Y \sqcap f_S$  and  $g_B = h_E^Y \sqcap f_D \sqsubseteq h_E^Y \sqcap f_W$ . So  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y, E)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal.

**Theorem 5.12.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$  and  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  be fuzzy soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu} : SS(X)_E \to SS(Y)_K$  be a fuzzy soft function which is bijective, fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute soft and fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute open soft. If  $(X, \mathfrak{T}_1, E)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space, then  $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  is also a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space.

Proof. Let  $f_A, g_B$  be disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets in Y. Since  $f_{pu}$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ irresolute soft,  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B)$  are fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft set in X such that  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A) \sqcap f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B) = f_{pu}^{-1}[f_A \sqcap g_B] = f_{pu}^{-1}[\tilde{0}_K] = \tilde{0}_E$  from Theorem 2.3. By hypothesis, there exist disjoint fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets  $k_C$  and  $h_D$  in X such that  $f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A) \sqsubseteq k_C$  and  $f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq h_D$ . From Theorem 2.3, it follows that

$$f_A = f_{pu}[f_{pu}^{-1}(f_A)] \sqsubseteq f_{pu}(k_C) , g_B = f_{pu}[f_{pu}^{-1}(g_B)] \sqsubseteq f_{pu}(h_D)$$

and

$$f_{pu}(k_C) \sqcap f_{pu}(h_D) = f_{pu}[k_C \sqcap h_D] = f_{pu}[\tilde{0}_E] = \tilde{0}_K$$

Since  $f_{pu}$  is fuzzy  $\beta$ -irresolute open soft function,  $f_{pu}(k_C)$ ,  $f_{pu}(h_D)$  are fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets in Y. So $(Y, \mathfrak{T}_2, K)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -normal space.

## 6. CONCLUSION

Recently, many scientists have studied the soft set theory, which is initiated by Molodtsov [34] and easily applied to many problems having uncertainties from social life. In the present work, we have continued to study the properties of fuzzy soft topological spaces. We introduce the some new concepts in fuzzy soft topological spaces such as fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed soft sets, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft interior, fuzzy  $\beta$ -soft closure and fuzzy  $\beta$ -separation axioms and have established several interesting properties. Since the authors introduced topological structures on fuzzy soft sets [8, 15, 42], so the  $\beta$ -topological properties, which introduced by Kandil et al. [25], is generalized here to the fuzzy soft sets which we hope to be useful in the fuzzy systems. To extend this work, we will study the connectedness and other interesting properties based on fuzzy  $\beta$ -open soft sets. Because there exists compact connections between soft sets and information systems [38, 44], we expect that, the results deducted from the studies on fuzzy soft topological space may improve these kinds of connections. We hope that the findings in this paper will help researcher enhance and promote the further study on fuzzy soft topology to carry out a general framework for their applications in practical life.

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